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Capt Sheppard -

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Maj Duncan - Historical Section

Was afraid of the pale green not making enough image, as I mentioned when you brought these in.

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

STATISTICAL REPORT OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED 9 FEBRUARY 1945

<u>AGGT</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Group I - - - - 2	19 years - - - - 38
Group II - - - -16	20 years - - - - 5
Group III - - - -31	21 years - - - - 10
Group IV - - - -29	22 years - - - - 1
Group V - - - - 3	23 years - - - - 2
Unknown - - - - 1	24 years - - - - 4
	25 years - - - - 12
	26 years - - - - 3
	27 years - - - - 1
	28 years - - - - 2
	29 years - - - - 3
	30 years - - - - 1
NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING	<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>
20 weeks - - - - 7	Unqualified - - - 4
21 weeks - - - -15	M-1 - - - - -78
22 weeks - - - -11	O-3 - - - - -1
23 weeks - - - - 9	LMG - - - - - 8
24 weeks - - - -12	HMG - - - - -12
25 weeks - - - - 6	
26 weeks - - - - 8	
27 weeks - - - - 7	
28 weeks - - - - 2	
29 weeks - - - - 0	
33 weeks - - - - 1	
36 weeks - - - - 1	
40 weeks - - - - 1	
46 weeks - - - - 1	
260 weeks - - - - 1	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED 19 FEBRUARY 1945

<u>AGCT</u>		<u>NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	
Group I	1	20 weeks	10
Group II	24	21 weeks	2
Group III	57	22 weeks	7
Group IV	69	23 weeks	2
Group V	11	24 weeks	1
Unknown	1	32 weeks	1
		46 weeks	18
		53 weeks	1
		58 weeks	2
		62 weeks	2
		67 weeks	4
		70 weeks	5
		75 weeks	2
		80 weeks	1
		82 weeks	1
		84 weeks	4
		90 weeks	3
		93 weeks	4
		96 weeks	8
		100 weeks	2
		102 weeks	3
		106 weeks	14
		112 weeks	6
		116 weeks	20
		122 weeks	10
		127 weeks	5
		133 weeks	6
		137 weeks	3
		145 weeks	3
		147 weeks	2
		149 weeks	1
		156 weeks	2
		162 weeks	1
		180 weeks	2
		208 weeks	2
		230 weeks	1
		260 weeks	1
		350 weeks	1
		Unknown	1

<u>AGE</u>	
19 years	18
20 years	15
21 years	11
22 years	18
23 years	16
24 years	21
25 years	12
26 years	10
27 years	12
28 years	6
29 years	8
30 years	5
31 years	4
32 years	5
33 years	2
34 years	0
35 years	0
36 years	1

<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	
Unqualified	1
M-1	163
Carbine	17
LMG	12

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AWARDS AND DECORATION REPORT

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals. Authority of Award: Section I, General Orders Number 17, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 24 January 1945.

ALBERT H. CUMMINGS, O1 299 379, First Lieutenant, Company "C", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 26 September 1944, near Remirement, France. When elements of his battalion were subjected to intense crossfire from well concealed enemy machine gun positions, Lieutenant Cummings, with complete disregard for personal safety, advanced ahead of his company toward the source of the withering fire in an attempt to silence the enemy guns. Firing three clips of .45 calibre pistol ammunition into the first enemy position, he then seized a rifle and destroyed three of the enemy. Then, leading his men in an assault on the remaining gun emplacements, he effected the destruction of three machine guns. As a result of his intrepid action a large number of the enemy were either killed or captured during the engagement. Lieutenant Cummings' leadership and extraordinary heroism reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. He was killed in a subsequent action. Next of Kin: Mrs A. B. Cummings (Mother), 510 North Georgia Avenue, Mason City, Iowa.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual. Authority of Award: Section II, General Orders Number 10, dated 16 January 1945.

JOHN M. HALL, 16 156 896, Staff Sergeant, Company "K", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 28 August 1944, near Allex, France. While leading his squad, under cover of darkness, in an attack on an enemy roadblock, Sergeant Hall advanced toward a house which was occupied by enemy troops. As the squad approached the house, it was subjected to intense fire from two machine guns which were located within the building. Immediately dispersing his squad, Sergeant Hall worked around to the right flank and moved to the rear of the house. Keeping close to the wall, he

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crept to the front of the building and, signaling to his men to cease firing, hurled three grenades through a window, destroying three enemy gunners and causing the remainder to withdraw in confusion. By his courageous leadership and extraordinary heroism, Sergeant Hall eliminated a strong enemy roadblock and enabled his battalion to seize its objective. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry in action:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
(Awarded on GO # 38, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 February 1945).				
Pvt.	HILBURN BUNCH	34833437	Ranger, Georgia	13 Dec 1944

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

(Awarded on GO # 23, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 February 1945).				
Capt.	RICHARD A. SELKIRK	01293661	Albany, N.Y.	30 Nov 1944
Pvt.	LEWIS E. ORR	35762550	Morgantown, W. Va.	27 Sep 1944

(Awarded on GO # 29, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 13 February 1945).

Pfc.	HOWARD L. PERKINS	35925992	Clairsville, Ohio	30 Nov 1944
Pvt.	LOUIS WEISS	33902815	Baltimore, Md.	9 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 38, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 February 1945).

Pfc.	TRUMAN L. KILLINGSWORTH	37501740	Greenfield, Mo.	13 Dec 1944
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster

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in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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(Awarded on GO # 23, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 February 1945).

1st Lt.	ALBERT G. KUDZIA	01306287	Kalamazoo, Mich.	29 Sep 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 29, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 13 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	JESSE J. DOERING	37485118	Dallas, So. Dak.	9 Dec 1944
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S/Sgt.	JOHN YBARBO	38026352	Victoria, Texas	25 Nov 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 37, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	14194309	Poplarville, Miss.	14 Dec 1944
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

(Awarded on GO # 21, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 February 1945).

Lt. Col.	WARD GILLETE	018883	U. S. Military Acad.	7 Nov 1944
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1st Lt.	FRED S. ROSSLOW	01313134	Spokane, Wash.	10 Nov 1944
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S/Sgt.	DALTON THOMAS	20804431	Brownwood, Texas	12 Dec 1944
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Sgt.	DONALD W. BLAKEBOROUGH	31069898	Monson, Mass.	15 Nov 1944
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Sgt.	FREDERICK R. NEWMAN	39200675	Port Townsend, Wash.	15 Nov 1944
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Sgt.	GLEN F. DAVIS	34713666	Clifton, Tenn.	26 Nov 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 22, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 February 1945).

Pvt.	ANDREW RUSNAK	33670600	Springdale, Penn.	8 Oct 1944
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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
Pfc.	JOSEPH P. JORDAN	39705522	Los Angeles, Calif.	7 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ALBERT GROKATIS	31025149	Worcester, Mass.	9 Nov 1944
Pfc.	RICHARD J. BOGGS	33767618	Altoona, Pa.	1 Dec 1944
Tec. 5	THOMAS G. HAMMOND	33515586	Newburg, Pa.	3 Dec 1944
Sgt.	RALPH W. EBERSOLE	33764733	Bedford, Pa.	26 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO# 23, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 February 1945).

Pfc.	VORISE MILLER	38484250	Lafayette, La.	1 Dec 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 25, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 8 February 1945).

Sgt.	EMILE DE LEAU	35227927	Baline, Ohio	29 Nov 1944
Pfc.	WALLACE W. KITE	37626848	Hurdland, Mo.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	GEORGE E. NETTLETON	37634443	Risco, Mo.	13 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 30, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 15 February 1945).

Capt.	RUSSELL S. KIDDER, JR.	0407165	Buffalo, N. Y.	16 Aug 1944
1st Lt.	JOHN T. LACHENMEYER	01293072	Norristown, Pa.	1 Dec 1944
S/Sgt.	ALLEN PHILLIPS	35258124	Shelbyville, Ky.	10 Nov 1944
S/Sgt.	SAM H. GINGLES	38051357	Houston, Texas	25 Sep 1944
Sgt.	ROBERT C. BAILEY	35775806	Baltimore, Md.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	HENRY D. PHILBECK	36900589	Urbana, Ill.	12 Dec 1944
Sgt.	CLINTON R. JAMES	34049245	Pope, Miss.	16 Sep 1944
Pfc.	SIDNEY L. OLIVER	34801557	Calera, Ala.	12 Dec 1944

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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(Awarded on GO # 35, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 February 1945).

Tec. 5	BERNARD FISHSTEIN	32814825	Brooklyn, N. Y.	9 Oct 1944
Pfc.	PAUL C. MONTGOMERY	35277207	Cleveland, Ohio	12 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 42, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	ROY E. NELSON	36752493	Chicago, Ill.	6 Dec 1944
Sgt.	RALPH J. CARTWRIGHT	33588321	Philadelphia, Pa.	6 Dec 1944
Sgt.	CHARLES W. LEADINGHAM	33715052	Monaca, Pa.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	RICHARD L. CALLIHAM	35779670	Greenup, Ky.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	DANIEL C. CAMPBELL	33885577	Monaca, Pa.	6 Dec 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL) MISSING IN ACTION

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

(Awarded on GO # 50, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

Pfc.	ALOYSIUS A. BONSTINGL, JR.	33668540	Pittsburgh, Pa.	21 Sep 44
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

(Awarded on GO # 40, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 20 February 1945).

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
Sgt.	FRANK CANGELOSI	38051062	Stanford, Ky.	26 Sep 1944

(Awarded on GO # 45, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 23 February 1945).

Pvt.	CLAUDE R. HOWELL	36973219	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	6 Dec 1944
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL)

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

(Awarded on GO # 32, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	EDWARD C. DAHLGREN	31261623	Caribou, Maine	8 Oct 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 44, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 22 February 1945).

Cpl.	LORAIN F. HAAS	36055289	New Baden, Ill.	11 Sep 1944
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Pfc.	BRANDON J. FAYNE	42010373	Kearny, N. J.	11 Sep 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 47, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 25 February 1945).

Pfc.	GERALD U. DEVINS	32943892	Plattsburgh, N. Y.	6 Dec 1944
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Pfc.	HOWARD H. NIX	20810981	Timpson, Texas	6 Dec 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 50, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

Tec. 4	ANTON JOCKICH	35277069	Cleveland, Ohio	9 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 51, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	14194309	Poplarville, Miss.	6 Dec 1944
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze

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Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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(Awarded on GO # 32, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 February 1945).

Pfc.	JAMES NELSON	34890551	Winston Salem, N. C.	8 Oct 1944
Pfc.	CLYDE E. DUCKER	36886380	Detroit, Mich.	8 Oct 1944
Pfc.	HAROLD W. TREAKLE	33526054	Craddock, Va.	8 Oct 1944
Pfc.	GEORGE E. KIDWELL	33454523	Arlington, Va.	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	WILLIAM D. LILLY	39711111	Independence, Mo.	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	FRANK L. THOMPSON, SR.	38591879	Joplin, Mo.	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	WILLIAM P. HENDERSON	33710304	Pitcairn, Pa.	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	GEORGE L. MARANDA	32892883	Brooklyn, N. Y.	8 Oct 1944

(Awarded on GO # 40, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 20 February 1945).

Pfc.	ORVILLE S. DUSTHIMER	35277340	Newark, Ohio	18 Aug 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 41, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	HENRY V. TYSON	33510151	York, Pa.	9 Jan 1945
Pvt.	ENOCH N. ENSLEY	34884108	Nashville, Tenn.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JOE A. GONZALES	38579689	Santa Fe, N. Mex.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JAMES PELLERITO	32967770	New York, N. Y.	9 Jan 1945

(Awarded on GO # 44, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 22 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	JOHN F. SCHNELLER	36055228	Springfield, Ill.	26 Nov 1944
Sgt.	ERNEST J. SACCOCIA	31069836	East Bridgewater, Mass	26 Nov 1944

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
Sgt.	JAMES V. THOMAS	38051044	Texas City, Texas	2 Dec 1944
Tec. 5	WILLARD R. CRAWFORD	36052577	Peoria, Ill.	11 Sep 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT J. GAMBREL	35235427	Fort Hayes, Ohio	24 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 50, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	MICHAEL J. KENNELLY	33317477	Philadelphia, Pa.	9 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 51, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

Pfc.	EARL E. WOODARD	36409894	Ionia, Mich.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	ERNEST L. HARPER	35848454	Trout, W. Va.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JOSEPH E. ARLEDGE	35418005	Hillsboro, Ohio	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	WILLIAM H. DAVIS	33947120	Johnstown, Pa.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JAMES D. TANOS	13200366	Philadelphia, Pa.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	CHARLES M. RAGO	42065549	Brooklyn, N. Y.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JOSEPH G. GASCONI	42136742	Brooklyn, N. Y.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	GLEN E. BURTON	35779690	Louise, Ky.	12 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 52, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 February 1945).

S/Sgt.	RAUL F. LOPEZ	38026106	McAllen, Texas	27 Sep 1944
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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for
period from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, inclusive.

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

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

COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION

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

COMMANDING OFFICER, 2ND BATTALION

Lt. Col. MARVIN J. COYLE, 018602. Entered the Military Academy
from the United States at
Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 3RD BATTALION

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

COMMANDING OFFICER, MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Major SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, 0350478. Entered the Service from
Chicago, Illinois

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Captain ERWIN SANIGA, 01311688. Entered the Service from Ells-
worth, Pennsylvania.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for
period from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, inclusive,
continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, CANNON COMPANY

Captain HOWARD I. FORE, 01289062. Entered the Service from
Monroeville, Ala. Trfd to
Hq Co as Communications Off.
on 18 Feb 45.

1st Lt. CLARENCE H. BRANDENBURG, 01291404. Entered the Service from
Port Huron, Mich. Assumed
command on 18 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMPANY

1st Lt. MURRAY P. CANADY, 0410448. Entered the Service from Ballinger,
Texas.

Captain WILLIAM L. GOTCHER, 0403593. Entered the Service from Voss,
Texas. Rejoined Company and
assumed command on 2 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Captain VERNON M. SCOTT, 0407156. Entered the Service from Brown-
wood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 1ST BN

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

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY A

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

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY B

Captain DEWEY W. MANN, 01290782. Entered the Service from Cunard, W. Va. Duty to TD to USA, 13 Feb 45.

1st Lt. WILLIAM O. REPKE, 01692527. Entered the Service from Newark, N. J. Assumed command on 13 Feb 45.

1st Lt. DAVID W. SISCO, 01297603. Entered the service from Newport, Vermont. Joined Company and assumed command on 16 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C

Captain ORVAL O. SAUNDERS, 01285314. Entered the Service from Libby, Montana. Trfd to Hq 1st Bn as Bn S 3 on 4 Feb 45.

1st Lt. NATHANIEL KAPLAN, 01297047. Entered the Service from Camden, N. J. Assumed command on 4 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY D

1st Lt. ALBERT R. BURR, 01293715. Entered the Service from Riverside, California.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 2D BN

1st Lt. OTTO H. FICK, 0347944. Entered the Service from Miller, South Dakota.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E

1st Lt. WELDEN M. GREEN, 01299734. Entered the Service from Thatcher, Ariz. Duty to TD to US 24 Feb 45.

1st Lt. ROGER S. ENSIGN, 01823135. Entered the Service from Duluth, Minn. Designated Commanding Officer 25 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY F

Captain GLENN A. GOFF, 01284130. Entered the Service from De Sota, Mo. Duty to Sk, Hosp 2 Feb 45.

1st Lt. KENNETH L. IVEY, 01310847. Entered the Service from Susquehanna, Pa. Assumed command on 2 Feb 45.

Captain GLENN A. GOFF, 01284130. Entered the Service from De Sota, Mo. Rejoined Company and assumed command on 6 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY G

Captain CARL P. MATNEY, 0407621. Entered the Service from Vernon, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY H

1st Lt. EUGENE G. HETMANSKI, 01309554. Entered the Service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

Captain EDMUND C. SULLIVAN, 0422338. Entered the Service from Waterbury, Conn. Joined Co and assumed command on 18 Feb 45.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for
period from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, inclusive,
continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 3D BN

Captain ALBERT F. FISHER, 0425629. Entered the Service from
Electra, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY I

1st Lt. ALBAN E. REID, JR., 01308752. Entered the Service from
New Haven, Connecticut.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY K

Captain ALBERT G. KUDZIA, 01306287. Entered the Service from
Kalamazoo, Michigan. Duty
to TD to USA 24 Feb 45.

1st Lt. EUGENE R. HAMMOND, 01310835. Entered the Service from
Kenosha, Wisconsin. Assumed
command on 25 Feb 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

Captain JAMES R. CROCKER, 01289051. Entered the Service from
Petaluma, California.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY M

Captain ROBERT G. MATTOX, 0313543. Entered the Service from Holly-
wood, California.

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FROM: 010000A Feb 1945

142 Inf

TO : 012400A Feb 1945

Organization:

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 1 Feb 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TITLE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0010	1			CO called G-3 and reported that left Co made contact and is in fire fight.	
0020		2			300 radio - monitored - Co G on objective "A". Co E moving in.	
0021		3			CO 2nd Bn called. Co G on objective "A". Co E moving in. Little resistance, scattered firing.	
	0022	4			CO reported above to G-3, also that Engrs are starting to build bridge.	
0220		5			300 radio - monitored - Co G working on obj "B".	
	0125	6			G-2 given situation.	
	0150	7			Maj Elligood, 132 FA Bn, given situation.	
0200		8			3rd Bn 315 Inf OP at 087195 reported gun flashes at 78 mils, 357 mils, and 384 mils. These guns firing into BISCHWILLER. Reported to G-2.	
	0212	9			S-3 315 Inf given situation. They have no report of their Co making raid in north end of OBERHOFFEN.	
	0215	10			G-3 given situation.	
0220		11			300 radio - opposition to Co F very little.	
	0225	12			CO warned Maj Elligood, 132 FA Bn, not to fire on OBERHOFFEN N and W of RJ at 094214 because of Co of 315 Inf there. Fire permissible in woods to N.	
0230		13			300 radio - Co E held up following Co F.	
0230		14			Phone line still out to Co L.	
0230		15			315 Inf OP at 087194. At 43 mils (10 secs boom to boom) heavy artillery going over town at 0215A. 8 to 10 rounds.	

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Date: 1 Feb 1945

TIME	OUT	S. R. TIME NO. DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0235		16		Engr Ln O reports bridge coming along all right but some light mortar falling around site.	
0235		17		Maj Elligood, 132 FA, reports no fire fell on requested target at 090209, which is in 315 Inf sector.	
	0240	18		Exec O talked with 2nd Bn Exec O. Line to CO 2nd Bn is out. Had received information that Co G had taken both objectives and Co F was on its first. Will try to call again.	
0245		19		2nd Bn reports that F and G Cos are in town. Co E following F and taking out MGs. This is not clear according to plan. CO asked to find out if Co F was now going for objective "D".	
	0250	20		S-2 given situation.	
0300		21		CO 2nd Bn called. MG opposition in S right end of town. Co E being sent around to take out dug-in MGs which are too close to use artillery. CO told CO 2nd Bn to use Co F on Co E mission now. The town is ours, but MGs block S entrance to town.	
	0305	22		CO called CO 2nd Bn. Wondered if Co F could move a platoon S on objective "C" where enemy strong point is. This is what he is doing now.	
0325		23		315 Inf checked to find out location of Co entering town on N. Ans: No word has been received from that Co as to location or progress, but they are still presumed to be there.	
	0325	24		G-2 given situation by CO.	
	0330	25		CO 2nd Bn warned about status of 315 Inf Co in town to N. Col Lynch ordered CO 2nd Bn to send a 3-man recon patrol to SCHIRRHAIN. Use road only as guide. Believes enemy has pulled out and left only a few men as a thin shell.	

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IN	OUT					
0430		26			300 radio - monitored - From CO 2nd Bn to CO Co F: Are you meeting any resistance?" CO Co F to CO 2nd Bn: "Now meeting resistance."	
	0500	27			Capt Terrell checked with S-2 315th Inf on progress of their unit in OBERHOFFEN. They state they have no word of unit since it left. Capt Terrell stated if contact could be made with them to notify this Hq and we would send a patrol from S of town to contact them.	
0502		28			Maj Petri, Engrs, states he estimates SE bridge to be finished by 0730A and N bridge at 1000A.	
	0505	29			Capt Terrell notified CO 2nd Bn of 315th Inf and bridges. CO 2nd Bn states Co F moving slowly and collecting some PWs.	
0506		30			300 radio - monitored - Co F moving slowly, still meeting resistance and collecting PWs. CO 2nd Bn to CO Co F: Continue on.	
	0525	31			G-2 given situation.	
0530		32			CO 2nd Bn phoned, states Co F still progressing. Co G receiving small arms fire every 15 minutes regularly from 102202.	
0532		33			S-2 315th Inf states just heard from their patrol. Had trouble at RR station, got to CG easting. Also received fire from S along river bed. Enemy in cellars vicinity RR station, had small arms and grenade fight but unable to get PWs. All of their Co now back from town.	
	0538	34			Above information given to CO 2nd Bn.	
	0600	35			S-2 315 Inf notified that we are firing artillery from RR station S to 090208.	

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	0600	36			Div Arty given OK to fire concentration (RR station to 090208).	
	0608	37			CO 636 TD Bn given situation.	
	0615	38			Situation given G-3.	
0620		39			CG 36 Div phoned Col Lynch. Gen Asked situation and Col Lynch stated had complete Bn in town and resistance becoming stiffer. May have to feed more troops over during morning. Arty was very scattered.	
	0635	40			G-3 given situation.	
	0645	41			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn. Co G has just called for Arty and 4.2 mortar fire on counterattack coming from vicinity 094208. Cos F and E have not made contact but still pushing. Col Lynch stated it was urgent that they make contact so armor can get through. CO 2nd Bn states enemy shelling N bridge site with approximately 170mm, about 9 rounds fell.	
	0655	42			Capt Terrell notified S-3 1st Bn that Col Lynch ordered one Co to feed and be on one hour alert to move and be attached to 2nd Bn. Time of alert will decrease after feeding. Co G now receiving counter-attack. Believe enemy is panzer unit.	
0700		43			Engr report 80 feet of steel and 60 feet decking in. Time est now 0800A. Shelling by enemy. No obstacle as shells are landing short of bridge site.	
0708		44			300 radio - monitored: Co F still moving but no contact with Co E as yet.	
	0710	45			CO talked to CO 2nd Bn and ordered Co E to push W tower river and then S instead of trailing Co F.	
0715		46			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and was given situation.	

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0720	47		CO ordered tank officer to keep 1 platoon alert in preparation to cross bridge immediately after completion.	
0730	48		CO phoned CO 2nd Bn. Have 1 Co of 1st Bn alerted to move and take over defense of E edge of town as soon as you have it clear. They will also take over the position now held by platoon of Co G vicinity 100201. Platoon of tanks alerted to move to you for offensive action. 2nd Bn not to push on N as troops are too few. CCB can take care of RR after relieving you.	
0730	49		300 radio - monitored - CO 2nd Bn to CO Co G: How are you doing on counterattack? CO Co G to CO 2nd Bn: Enemy tank too close to 2nd Plat on objective "A". Need armor.	
0730	50		S-2 phoned Regt Medicos and notified Ass't surgeon to send Lt Wadleigh, IPW, to BISCHWILLER as he is needed.	
0735	51		CO checked with Capt Lyke, Arty Ltn O, on artillery information coming over radio. Capt Lyke states only called for specific concentrations. CO ordered the Capt to check and see why artillery not firing on enemy tank reported by Co G.	
0739	52		CO checked with Maj Newell, Div, on air missions for today. The Major states only in woods along RHINE. CO requested missions on road from OBERHOFFEN to SCHIRRHAIN as it is a likely armor approach. Maj Newell states he will get a tactical reconnaissance made. CO states fine, we will have nothing beyond OBERHOFFEN.	
0743	53		CO phoned CO 132 FA and requested a cub plane observe road E of OBERHOFFEN so artillery can fire on any enemy armor that might attempt to enter town. CO 132 FA stated he would do his best.	

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IN	OUT					
0745		54			300 radio - monitored - CO 2nd Bn to CO Co G: Tell Co E in your area to move vicinity 096197.	
	0750	55			S-3 talked to Lt Anderson, Co B 755 Tk Bn. The tank Co expects to be closed in BISCHWILLER by 1000A. Capt Hunley notified him the platoon of tanks here in town had been alerted to move to OBERHOFFEN for offensive action.	
0754		56			300 radio - monitored - CO Co F to CO 2nd Bn: Enemy tank entering town. Request tank. Time 0745A CO Co F to CO 2nd Bn: Co G has withdrawn from objective "A".	
0755		57			CO 2nd Bn phoned Col Lynch and states enemy tank entering town. Arty is firing. Col Lynch ordered troops not to give up, but take shelter in buildings and bazooka the tank. More infantry will come over and armor will be over as soon as bridge is complete.	
	0804	58			S-3 notified 141 Inf Hq that we were pulling our AT guns vicinity HANHOFFEN.	
0805		59			300 radio - monitored - CO 2nd Bn to CO Co G: Col orders hang on. Take care of tank with bazooka. CO Co G to CO 2nd Bn: Have lost comm with platoon on objective "A". Have plenty to do here. CO 2nd Bn to CO Co F: Take care of tank with bazooka.	
0808		60			300 radio - monitored - CO 2nd Bn to Co F: Move S with part of your force, taking our resistance.	
	0819	61			CO 1st Bn given situation by Lt Col Gillette.	
	0820	62			G03 given situation.	
0835		63			Capt Orcutt, Div Air O, phoned and states getting fighter-bombers over road to SCHIRRHAIN. If no activity on road will try and block RJ vicinity 118222.	

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IN	OUT				
0840		64		300 radio - monitored - CO Co F to Want artillery at 100200. Urgent.	CO 2nd Bn:
	0850	65		Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn and stated Engr report N bridge will be complete in one hour. Has S busted? Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn - smoking it now and will close afterwards. Enemy tank has entered town. Col Lynch ordered an attempt be made to see if Co F is in contact with Plat of Co G.	
0855		66		Gen Stack arrived at CP and was given situation by Col Lynch.	
0902		67		CO 2nd Bn to Col Lynch: A column of enemy (Approx 50) at 085192 moving in toward BISCHWILLER. Enemy in small bunches and carrying no white flags.	
	0905	68		Col Lynch phoned S-3 3rd Bn 315th Inf and notified them of above. Requested they notify this Hq on details.	
0907		69		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and was given the situation.	
0910		70		3rd Bn 315 Inf reports that their troops are receiving direct fire from vicinity of church at 094204.	
0910		71		Exec C received a call from 315 Inf. Troops ap- proaching their outpost are friendly. 20-30 of them from 36th Div. A Sgt came after them to take them back. Probably ours. 2nd Bn notified.	
	0915	72		1st Bn notified to alert one Co for possible movement to assist 2nd Bn.	
0915		73		Lt Lustman, Div Ln C, brought operations instruct- ions from Div.	
0915		74		300 radio - monitored - Co G coordinates reported at 095203.	

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	0917	75	CO 1st Bn notified to report to Col Lynch at CP.	
0918		76	CO 2nd Bn states firing of smoke mission now in progress. Co F at 097197. 2nd Bn notified of direct fire weapon that 315 Inf reported.	
0920		77	Estimate on completion of Bailey bridge into OBERHOFEN now 1100A.	
0925		78	Radio - CO 2nd Bn to Co G: Do you know where all of your platoons are? Ans: We have comm with all but one which we know was on obj "A" at daybreak.	
0925		79	Co L reports that PWs being brought in on W bank of river were being fired on by Co E mortars. Firing stopped by Co L.	
0927		80	I & R OPs # 1 095184; # 2 088193.	
0930		81	CO 1st Bn reported to Col Lynch.	
	0935	82	S-2 315 Inf given situation.	
0935		83	CO 2nd Bn reports 2nd Plat of Co F was fired on by our own troops as they crossed river with PWs being brought in. Co E has one platoon S edge of town.	
0935		84	Maj Petrie, Engrs, reports bridge will be completed about 1000A (treadway).	
0945		85	CO 2nd Bn reports seeing troops moving on E side of river toward footbridge. Can't make out who they are. At approximately 100185. Co L outpost notified to be on alert.	
0947		86	IPW reports 25 PWs from 22 PGR.	
0948		87	Radio: Co G to CO 2nd Bn: We are in contact with enemy. Have been counterattacked up until last few minutes. It is quiet at present.	

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IN	OUT					
	0951	88			CO to CO 2nd Bn. Is bottleneck at S end of town removed? Ans: Yes. Co E moving into town. One Plat of Co F dispersed. Col Lynch: 10 men from Co F straggling back to footbridge. CO 2nd Bn: Two enemy tanks hit Co F platoon. Co G is all right	
	1000	89			Col Lynch to CO 2nd Bn: Are tanks doing anything? CO 2nd Bn: Can't tell nor hear. Co E going in all right. Col Lynch: Don't start attacking until armor can be brought on bailey bridge to be finished at 1100A. But if enemy becomes active will send tanks over treadway. Obj A must be regained. Locate tanks, smoke them, then blast into them with our tanks.	
1002		90			CG called Col Lynch: Understand bridge (treadway is open). Is armor now going over? Ans: No. Gave situation. Waiting for Bailey because of covered approach unless enemy becomes active. CG planning to attack with 141 Inf on S tomorrow. Woods N of GAMBESHEIM in our hands now. What time do you want CCB in? Ans: After 1st Bn jumps. Not this afternoon. CCB relieve 2nd Bn after 1st Bn jumps. 2nd Bn then return to BISCHWILLER as planned.	
1010		91			Maj Petrie, Engr, discussed bridge needs for attack of tonight. Boats to be on call for crossing at DRUSENHEIM.	
1013		92			132 FA FDC reports 155 FA now firing on woods at 115168. How long today can they fire? Ans: Until dark as far as we are concerned.	
1020		93			Radio: Co E to Co 2nd Bn: Co E is in town.	
1023		94			CO 315, Inf reports they have two platoons of Co F and one of Co G coming into their lines at factory at 088194. More coming in. Wants someone to take care of them. CO 2nd Bn notified and told to send an officer from rear CP to get them back as quickly as possible.	

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	1030	95			
1031		96			
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1035		98			
	1045	99			
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	1054	101			
1105		102			
	1106	103			
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IN	OUT					
1150		107			Capt Crocker, Co L, reports that his right platoon says that the tanks pulled up to within 400 yards from bridge. At the time of the shelling the Engrs report that the bridge has'nt been completed yet. Sending a man down to check, also the tank officer is going down.	
	1158	108			Col Lynch called CO 2nd Bn. Col Coyle reports that both E and F are at the "Y". Col Lynch asked if he got message about pulling Co G back and set up a defense. Capt Crocker reports that his runner bot back and reports that the bridge is in. Col Lynch ordered to send a message to the tank officer that the tanks are needed, also to watch for a white camouflaged tank in the southern end of town.	
1200		109			CO Co B 753 Tk Bn came to CP and reports platoon of tanks moving to cross bridge.	
1212		110			68th Armd Inf Exec O states their CP at 092190. Bn closed in.	
1216		111			Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, states Plat of tanks in OBERHOFFEN and have contacted the infantry.	
1218		112			CO 2nd Bn states tanks are there and did'nt draw any fire on way over. Part of Co G has gotten back.	
1220		113			300 radio - monitored: CO Co G states enemy tanks behind them. Impossible to withdraw. Co badly disorganized.	
	1222	114			S-3 notified Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, to alert another platoon of tanks to move across.	
	1224	115			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn and ordered platoon of tanks work with Co E and part of Co F to Co G on W road. As soon as they are started Co B with another platoon of tanks will come over and clear E road.	

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1225		116			Gen Dahlquist phoned and was given situation by S-3	
	1228	117			S-3 checked with CO of Co A 83 Cml Bn to see if he was still smoking area. CO stated yes. Two platoons firing both smoke and HE at vicinity 101-200. Have plenty of smoke.	
	1230	118			G-3 given situation.	
	1232	119			CO talked to CO 2nd Bn and ordered 2nd Bn work out left end of town and Co B attached to Bn will work out right end. Capt Gaff, CO Co F, is at 2nd Bn fwd collecting all stragglers and will take them up as provisional unit. Co B can cross at bridge site and move into town using buildings as cover.	
1234		120			300 radio - monitored: CO Co G to CO 2nd Bn: Situation good. Enemy tanks on the run as our tanks are moving close.	
1235		121			Engr Ln 0 reports Bailey bridge complete. Enemy artillery did not score a hit.	
	1240	122			Co B 753 Tk Bn notified bridge is in and tanks can cross at that site instead of S site. You will receive further instructions from CO 2nd Bn..	
1244		123			Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch.	
1244		124			300 radio - monitored: CO Co G to CO 2nd Bn: Enemy tanks moving back. Can you do something?	
	1247	125			CO 142 to CO 2nd Bn: Send message to Co G and ask if American tanks have arrived.	
1250		126			300 radio sent above message directly to Co G. American tanks have not arrived.	
	1253	127			132 FA S-3 given situation.	

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	1255	128			4.2 mortars given permission to fire at request of Co G vicinity 087210.	
1300		129			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1301		130			CO 1st Bn left CP.	
1307		131			300 radio states nothing to report.	
1316		132			CO CCB 14th Armd came to CP to confer with Gen Dahlquist and Col Lynch.	
1318		133			Capt Lyke, Arty Ln C with 3rd Bn, states 501 FA displaces at 1500A, be ready to fire 1800A. 155 FA ready to fire. 133 FA moving 2 Btrys at present.	
1320		134			Msg from Co G to CO 2nd Bn: The situation is no organization. One Plat cut off, other under control. CP isolated by its self. One or two more tanks on objective A and B. Another tank moving up.	
1322		135			315th Inf S-2 reports their TDs can observe figures (white uniforms) moving about vicinity 0921.	
1328		136			CO 2nd Bn states he is with Co E and one platoon Co F. Two enemy tanks have us blocked.	
	1334	137			CO 142 to CO 2nd Bn: Is there room for another infantry Co and platoon of tanks? Ans: Manuvering tanks now. Will inform you when need other plat.	
	1337	138			Col Lynch ordered CO 132 FA to fire on white uniformed movement that was reported vic 0921.	
	1340	139			CO CCB left CP.	
	1400	140			S-2 143 Inf given situation.	
1400		141			G-3 states 117 Rcn reports bridges at 107143 and 085117 in tact.	

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1423		142		CO CCB states they will jump off at 1430A.	
	1432	143		Col Lynch talked to CO 2nd Bn and ordered the enemy tank be smoked, then run up one of our tanks and shoot the enemy tank. Co G situation no change.	
	1432	144		G-3 given situation.	
	1436	145		Col Lynch ordered CO 2nd Bn to push on 150 yards and then there will be room for 1st Bn which I will send to finish job.	
	1454	146		CO phoned CO 315 Inf and requested a patrol be sent to 094203 to determine if any enemy in that vicinity. We have a Co in that vicinity that has been in position since late last night. If no enemy can withdraw through your lines. CO 315 Inf states he will send a patrol out immediately.	
	1456	147		CO 142 Inf granted CO Co A 636 TD Bn permission to fire ten rounds per gun until 1600A vicinity ROHRWILLER, and in woods to E and NE.	
	1458	148		CO phoned CO Co L and asked if he could observe the Co of armor infantry moving across river. Capt Crocker states yes, they passed about 5 minutes ago and lead men should be at bridge site. CO ordered he keep them under observation and report results to S-2.	
1500		149		CO 2nd Bn reports that five more PWs walked into his CP.	
1510		150		CCB crossed bridge and have called for two smoke missions.	
1521		151		315 Inf reports there is no activity between their front lines to point 094203.	
1530		152		CCB reports that tanks can fire on edge of town.	

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	1544	153			Col Lynch called CO 315 Inf and said he just got report from 3rd Bn 315 Inf about no activity. Would like a patrol sent out.	
1550		154			3rd Bn 315 Inf Arty OP reports 1 Co enemy were picked up working toward edge of woods. Were without tanks but having weapons, wearing white capes. Possibly setting up defensive position as they are dropping some here and there as they work up to edge of woods NE toward main road 097206.	
1552		155			Gen Dahlquist called. 14th Armd to send an officer to contact CO 3rd Bn 142 for relief of some of their outposts.	
	1600	156			S-3 checked with our Arty OP. 2nd Bn notified 3rd Bn 315th Inf that troops seen in white capes are not our men.	
1600		157			I & R OP reports white phosphorus shells landing at 091104. Asked to check coordinates.	
1604		158			I & R OP reports enemy tank firing into town from 098209.	
1607		159			GCB reports they picked up troop movement at 097206. Everything is going along smoothly. Are beyond objective "A".	
	1610	160			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn. Co G reports pressure lessened. CO 2nd Bn was ordered to go ahead and move Co G back to road junction. Will be a blocking force when 1st Bn passes through them.	
	1620	161			Gen Dahlquist phoned GCB and asked about situation. CO GCB reports they are going ahead smoothly.	
	1630	162			Col Lynch ordered Exec O to call 2nd Bn regards to resupplying tonight, to hold up traffic over bridge tonight. Portion of 2nd Bn will move back to BISCHWILLER tonight. Also that Co G will remain in 1st Bn reserve.	

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	1645	163			Lt Col Gillette phoned above to 2nd Bn Exec O.	
1700		164			I & R OP reports seeing two white tanks going N from "Y" junction out of OBERHOFFEN. Then returning with white-clad infantry. CO 2nd Bn notified.	
1701		165			315 Inf reports seeing two white tanks with Inf. Are they ours? Ans: Being check.	
	1705	166			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1710	167			Col Lynch gave situation to CO CCB.	
	1720	168			CO 132 FA was given situation and plan for tonight. One Co of 1st Bn to pass through 2nd Bn. Another to flank on right. The 3rd Co to wait at insane asylum until room is cleared for them tonight. Col Lynch would like roads leading into OBERHOFFEN on N to be interdicted, conc 13 and 14. Cml mortars to take care of # 13. Cn Co may be used. CO 132 FA said we will have to use basic load.	
	1725	169			Col Lynch ordered Cml Mortars to place 150 rounds at one per minute on 101201, for about two hours period. Lt Col Gillette notified Co A 83rd Cml Bn.	
1730		170			S-3 1st Bn reports running into Germans while at head of 1st Bn column at about 098194. CO 1st Bn will be in to talk to CO. CO 2nd Bn notified. This is behind Co 2nd Bn. Capt Goff has been ordered to clean this out.	
	1735	171			S-2 to S-2 315 Inf. 2nd Bn has observed large enemy patrol along W bank of river.	
1740		172			CO 2nd Bn reports receiving shelling from tanks in woods to north. Capt Goff says his men have not drawn fire from reported Germans behind 2nd Bn.	

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Place: CP BISCHWILLER

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IN	OUT					
1745		173			CG called Col Lynch. Big attack is off for tonight. 142 Inf job is to clear up or control OBERHOFFEN situation tonight. Use 3rd Bn if needed.	
1750		174			CO 1st Bn called. Co A is moving up despite shelling and tank fire. Col Lynch said to send second Co around by way of footbridge. CO 3rd Bn notified his Bn on alert status prepared to enter fight for OBERHOFFEN.	
	1755	175			S-3 checked with tank Ltn'0 on situation of tank platoon in OBERHOFFEN. They have comm with them. They say things are "rough". Two tanks are operating.	
1800		176			4.2 Cml mortars reported firing missions as assigned.	
	1823	177			CO Co A 83 Cml Bn notified 3rd Bn attack off and notified that Col Lynch ordered platoon back in previous position.	
1835		178			Maj Newell, G-3 section, phoned and requests Maj Petri, CO 111 Engr, phone their office if he comes to this Hq.	
1843		179			CO 2nd Bn phoned and Co A has contacted 2nd Bn. Foot bridges and large bridges not covered by guard.	
1845		180			Gen Dahlquist phoned and suggested the lights be turned on as it was so dark. Col Lynch stated as soon as the Cos closed in a little tighter he would have them turned on.	
	1850	181			S-3 phoned S-2 2nd Bn and asked if he had any stragglers around the rear CP. Lt Wick states he didn't.	
	1854	182			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn. Lt Col Coyle states CO Co G can only account for 6 men. Did have one plat and equivalent of another counting MG etc. (Cont'd)	

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		182	(Cont'd)	CO ordered him to check further. CO 1st Bn now at 2nd Bn Pwd. He states the troops are short of intersection. Co A has moved out to objective. As soon as Co A pushes forward will establish a defense from intersection to S with Co B. CO asked CO 1st Bn to let him know when he wanted searchlights.	
	1900	183		S-3 notified S-3 3rd Bn that bridges were unguarded and Bn was to establish 4-man post on each.	
1905		184		Tank Officer from 68th Armd Inf came to CP and received permission from Lt Col Gillette to send 7-man patrol to get a wounded man from knocked out tank vicinity 104196. 2nd Bn notified.	
	1915	185		S-3 notified CO 2nd Bn to reorganize Cos on that side of river. Check shortages and submit them to this Hq. Supply train will wait here until you are ready for it. Bn to be prepared to take over obj. successively after taken by 1st Bn. TDs will be sent for support. AT Co will remain attached and will move over on order as TDs. CO 2nd Bn requested CO AT Co and TD officer notified.	
	1923	186		G-2 given situation and location of enemy mortar locations reported by PW.	
	1925	187		CO Co A 83 Cml Mortars notified to fire 150 rounds of HE at RJ 101201 from now until midnight and 100 rounds from 0500A to 0700A.	
1927		188		Lt Anderson, CO B 753 Tk Bn, states tanks located at 099193.	
	1928	189		S-4 notified to give 2nd Bn a change of socks for tonight. S-4 states they were issued a change of light and heavy socks this afternoon.	
	1930	190		Exec O notified Exec O 2nd Bn of above information.	

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	1940	191			Situation given G-3.	
2014		192			Gen Dahlquist phoned CO about situation. Gen ordered that we keep contact with enemy tanks and drive them out. Col Lynch states he is having entrances interdicted by Arty to prevent enemy from coming in.	
	2016	193			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn. Bn not quite to "Y". Co C 15 minutes ago at vicinity 102193. Will hit town with two platoons abreast. Have taken off snow suits. Can hear tanks milling around N end of town. Co E not moving and head of Co A has passed through forward elements of the Co. Have platoon of tanks with Bn.. Co A has met some MG fire from american weapons. Our troops talked to the MGunner who stated they were GIs but continued to fire. Col Minor ordered the MG taken out by fire and grenades.	
	2021	194			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist. Gave him above information. Col Lynch expects 1st Bn to get to 197 northing tonight.	
2022		195			300 radio - monitored: Co G to CO 2nd Bn: Standing by, no contact.	
	2030	196			S-3 checked above message with S-3 2nd Bn. Capt Matney and command group vicinity 097200 laying low. Sent out 6 men to try and find way out, but did not prove successful. All quiet around him, but platoon that is near him he has not contacted them.	
	2038	197			S-3 checked with CO Co A 83 Cml Bn on concentration at 101201. Ordered him not to fire short of that point. CO of 4.2 mortars checking and will notify this Hq of details.	
	2045	198			S-3 notified CO 1st Bn to consider any American Tanks found in town may be enemy operated. One has been reported to be in town. Co A receiving some small arms fire vicinity "I" junction.	

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2048		199			S-4 2nd Bn phoned for permission to take supplies to Bn. Col Lynch ordered he hold up until midnight then phone this Hq for information.	
	2050	200			G-2 given situation.	
2053		201			300 radio - monitored: Co C to CO 1st Bn: Moving to town.	
2055		202			CO 2nd Bn phoned Col Lynch and requested permission to feed hot meals tonight after Cos organized. Col Lynch told him he could take the hot meals across.	
2100		203			CO Co A S3 Cml Mortars states they are firing on correct concentration. No error has been made.	
	2118	204			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 2nd Bn. Co F and part of Co G assembled in insane asylum. Co H one building back of that. Co E expected back in about 1/2 hour.	
	2124	205			Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn. Co A in fire fight and just short of "Y". Co C ready to assault town and and undiscovered.	
	2125	206			Exec O gave situation to G-3.	
	2130	207			CO called CO 1st Bn and ordered Co C to continue on across town to W. leaving road blocked until Co B can work up right road and take over. CO 1st Bn states Co A has had two men killed from the american MG, but should have gun knocked out shortly.	
2140		208			I & R OP reports 4 rounds heavy artillery fell in that vicinity, coming from 90°. Due east.	
2230		209			CO 1st Bn reports Co C has come on two enemy tanks and are maneuvering to knock them out. Little artillery (heavy) falling throughout town.	
	2250	210			Exec O gave situation to G-3.	

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2255		211			CO 2nd Bn states Co E back. Elements of Co G that are cut off state will break up into small groups and attempt to get out.	
2312		212			CO 1st Bn reports Co C fired grenades at tanks and have driven them out of town. In a small arms fight now. Sending tanks out around to Co A.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 197

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
011200A Feb '45

FROM: 311200A Jan. 1945
TO : 011200A Feb. 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No definite front line. Regt in attack.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: 1st Bn BISCHWILLER; 2nd Bn in attack; 3rd Bn BISCHWILLER.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 315th Inf - held defensive line. Made company sized raid on north end of OBERHOFFEN during early evening. Withdrew before daylight.
 - b. 141 Inf - held defensive line on right.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, warm and rain.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 2nd Bn crossed MODER river beginning at 311200A to attack OBERHOFFEN. G and F Cos leading worked into town from the east and reached objectives by 0245A meeting little resistance. An enemy strong point on S end of town resisted until cleared at 0950A by Co E which then secured S entrance. After daylight two enemy tanks counter-attacked and caused dispersion of some of our forces in northern and central positions of town. Four (4) of our tanks crossed completed treadway bridge at 1200A to support 2nd Bn. Situation at end of period was critical but with our armor across balance was expected to turn favorably. Co B alerted to move to to assist 2nd Bn on order.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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IN	OUT					
0025		1			CO 1st Bn called that Co C has platoon enemy bottled up and is working on them. Co A is now at the big "Y". Both Cos A and C have their tanks with them.	
	0050	2			Capt Terrell gave situation to G-3.	
0110		3			Lt Arnold reports that he is sending four PWs back. They were captured by our Co A.	
0115		4			Col Reese, Div, reports that a PW captured by 79th Inf states that he is out of 21 Regt. The boundary line of their unit is at the 0224 grid, also the 47 Div is to the west.	
0130		5			CO 1st Bn reports that he has 10 PWs who state 30 EM and two officers left DRUSENHEIM at 1730A and 2030A, also that there are 200 more on their way. Twelve panther tanks were also coming. Out of the 2nd and 13th Cos. G-2 notified.	
0145		6			Lt Peters reports that 11 PWs arrived at the PW cage.	
0230		7			300 radio - nothing to report.	
0245		8			CO 1st Bn called. Co C and A generally on line 099198-097196. Will push on at 0715A. Requested platoon TDS be sent so as to reach OBERNHOFEN before daylight. Have captured 37 PWs so far. Have radio contact with Co G. Capt Orcutt, Div, given this information.	
	0300	9			S-3 called Capt Groom, TD Bn. Have Plat TDS prepared to go to OBERNHOFEN. Will alert platoon and will notify us when they are ready to go. CO 1st Bn notified.	
0315		10			Lt Polk, 315 Inf, called. Was given situation.	

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0330		11			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reports: PWs taken were from 11th Co 21 Regt; 2nd and 7th Cos 22 Regt. Strength of Cos 80/90. PWs saw 3 tanks in OBERHOFFEN and 2 NE of town. 1st Bn notified.	
0402		12			TD officer stopped at CP. S-3 gave him instructions for moving to OBERHOFFEN.	
	0430	13			G-3 given situation.	
	0435	14			143 Inf given situation.	
	0445	15			CO wants a Bn of Arty to support each Co as it works up to main roads in OBERHOFFEN, a rolling barrage. Capt Hearn, 132 FA, notified.	
0445		16			CCB shell report: 30 rounds medium arty fell between 0430-0435. Gun flash at CP at 086194 - 85 degrees. Fell at CP at CP at 096187 - 45 degrees. G-3 ntfd.	
	0455	17			CO 142 to CO 1st Bn: Tell CO Co G to withdraw to you	
	0535	18			CO gave situation to CG.	
	0555	19			CO talked with Capt Bennet, FA Ln 0 with 1st Bn, about Arty barrages to precede attack of each Co up two roads. Arty now shooting at enemy tanks at 100199. Tanks have not moved.	
	0630	20			CO instructed CO 1st Bn to advance along back side of houses rather than roads. Co B possibly through center of town to clean out that portion.	
	0650	21			S-2 notified Co A 636 TD Bn to have remaining 3 TDs on 45 minute alert prepared to move to OBERHOFFEN. The platoon of TDs are still in position on the right flank.	
0653		22			CO AT Co phoned for definity details on his Co. Was told to stand by.	

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IN	OUT					
	0655	23			CO talked to CO 2nd Bn. AT Co not attached to Bn until Bn actually takes over right side of town. Bn AT Plat to go in position vicinity of "Y". One Co on way to take position at "Y" from 1st Bn. One Plat of AT Co to be attached when Bn ready to block NE road. CO 2nd Bn states casualties of Co F approximately 27, but several are MIA which may put number smaller or larger. CO stated he believed a large number would be found in the buildings next few days.	
	0700	24			S-2 notified CO AT Co that his Co was not attached to 2nd Bn and would send Plat to the 2nd Bn only on orders of this Hq.	
	0700	25			CO called CG. If enemy should use reported 12 tanks assembled in SCHIRRHHEIM Col Lynch believes they will come either down main road or possibly around east flank in mass attack. Wants air mission ready to strike in-mass-attack and CCB available for tank attack similar to yesterday. Our TDs and AT gu are ready and in position to cover E flank.	
	0725	26			CO ordered 2nd Bn to take over guarding of bridges which 3rd Bn now maintains.	
	0735	27			CO gave situation to CO of CCB. Warned him of enemy tanks.	
	0745	28			S-3 called S-3 2nd Bn to ask about Capt Matney, CO Co G. Capt Matney came back this morning with 61 men. Rest of CP group was ordered to break up into small groups and work their way back.	
	0756	29			Exec O checked with CO 2nd Bn on present strength. Casualties: E 25, F 27, G 60 (est), H 4, Hq 3. Present on line: E 120, F 113, G 80.	
0808		30			Capt Lyke, Arty Ln O, reports Co C had fired on enemy tanks and possibly two tanks vicinity 101201. Co A has just called for Bn of five volleys.	

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IN	OUT					
	0826	31			CO notified CO Co A 836 TD Bn to send the remaining TDs to 2nd Bn as soon as could get them ready. An adjustment will be made later as expect to send 3rd Bn over also.	
	0828	32			CO called CO 2nd Bn. Sending a plat of TDs over to b be attached to 2nd Bn with mission to guard right flank.	
	0842	33			G-3 given situation.	
0846		34			CO 1st Bn to Col Lynch: Have two tanks knocked out. Our 76mm guns fired ten rounds and scored hits but shells only bounced off. Two enemy tanks on road and one on each flank. One on right at 103199. Co C at 099198. Have PW from 5th Co 21. PGR. Inf not so difficult as enemy tanks. Co A still progressing. Co B not committed yet.	
	0845	35			Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Co A progressing. Co C 099198. Now have two tanks knocked out. Ten tanks left in town. Gen Dahlquist to Col Lynch: Corps Comdr has ordered the other attack continued tonight. Will give you as much armor as needed. Can use 143 TDs if needed. Town must be cleared today. Use complete Co of tanks at once. Col Lynch stated he didn't believe this RCT could continue tonight with two Bns on phase 2 and CG stated we must. Col Lynch suggested CCB be used for Phase 2 and CG stated that they are to be used only on OBERHOFFEN.	
	0915	36			Col Lynch to CO 1st Bn: Must clean town out today as Gen has ordered Phase 2 continued for tonight. Will send for more armor so use your tanks on right flank. Send TDs with Co B and commit them in center of town. 2nd Bn is defending your rear and right flank. CO 1st Bn states enemy tank on right flank has left. Bazooka teams are now working to get enemy tanks. Enemy Inf now moving in on Co C.	

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	0927	37			Col Lynch to CO 2nd Bn: Study Regt order for Phase 2 and be prepared to take over 1st Bn mission. The attack E is definitely on for tonight. Attachments not certain but will ask for same as had planned for 1st Bn.	
0929		38			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, states 16 more PWs from 7th Co. Now have identified: 2,3,6 and 7 Cps 22 PGR. 11 Co 21 PGR. 1st Repl Co.	
0931		39			Arty Ln O reports Co C firing (round per min per Btry) on enemy tanks moving towards our troops.	
	0934	40			S-3 gave enemy counterattack information to G-3.	
0936		41			Gen Dahlquist to Col Lynch: Have ordered CCB to attack with two tank Cos and one Inf Co by way of 103193, then cut road 104205 and circle town working S. CCB CO to coordinate with CO 142 Inf. Col Lynch states he will arrange details with CO CCB.	
	0945	42			Col Lynch to CO CCB: Gen informed me of order given you. Will coordinate with you on boundary, no fire line, etc. CO CCB to Col Lynch: Request that when we get abreast of your troops both units put forth extra effort forward at same time. Will phone details later.	
	1000	43			G-2 given situation.	
1015		44			Gen Dahlquist to CO: Have you got plans and details with CO CCB? 143rd with 3rd Bn 142 RCT attached will make attack tonight. Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: No, CO CCB told me to give him a few minutes to make plans and then he would call back. Believe enemy has pulled a lot of his force from DRESENHEIM - ROHRWILLER area to meet our attack here.	

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	1030	45			Col Lynch left for CCB CP to talk to their CO.	
1100		46			Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, reports that 12 men from Co G worked their way back this morning from the upper part of town. Are at Co G kitchen in BISCHWILLER. Don't know the route that they took back.	
1102		47			Gen Stack arrived at CP.	
	1115	48			S-2 phoned CO 1st Bn. CO 1st Bn reports that Co A is just about on their objective, hitting a lot of infantry. Co B is moving up in the center of town to the road junction. Co C held up just below road junction by tanks and infantry. Getting a task force of two tanks and two TDs to go around the right through the open. Moving Co F up to the "Y" now. Would like another Co from 2nd Bn to be able to put them at 097199.	
1120		49			Col Lynch arrived back to CP.	
	1128	50			CO called CO 1st Bn and gave him plan that the CCB is going to do at 1130 A. To go ahead with your task force. To start it at the same time as the CCB. They will be on this task force with Co A with two tanks at 094203.	
	1135	51			CO called CO 2nd Bn and ordered him to move E Co up to where Co F now is. Then move Co F up to 095199.	
1140		52			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. What is situation? Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Co A now at 094203. Co C still in fire fight. The task force going to right flank of Co C held up for CCB attack. Ten PWs just coming in. 12 men just got back from Co G. Will check on CCB and let you know if they have jumped.	
	1150	53			CO to CO CCB: Held up task force so it would jump with you. Our envelopment to be shallow.	

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1155		54			Bridge outpost reports CCB crossing bridge.	
	1200	55			Exec O gave situation to G-3.	
1200		56			Arty intercept: Firing on two enemy tanks parked on road 103207.	
	1215	57			Col Lynch to CO 1st Bn: How is everything? Col Minor: Co A is at 094204 and in stiff fight, against enemy armor. Co B almost on objective. Co C has two houses beyond RJ at 099198. One enemy tank believed knocked out by 155 FA and rest are still there. CCB has my Co locations and everything is set. Col Lynch ordered Plat of 2nd Bn TDs to go to Co A immediately. Plat of AT guns will be sent to RJ 095199. 1st Bn to continue on to NW through the town.	
1218		58			2nd Bn phoned and will have guide pick up AT guns at bridge. Guns to be put in position at 095194.	
	1220	59			S-2 notified CO AT Co to send Plat of three guns to 2nd Bn immediately. Will go in position at 095199.	
1230		60			CO 1st Bn called CO and states enemy planes bombing and strafing Co C. Damage very bad. 6 planes.	
	1234	61			CO to Maj Young, Div: Six planes bombing and strafing Co C. Damage heavy.	
1239		62			CO 1st Bn phoned Col Lynch and states planes are ours, 16 planes in all.	
	1242	63			Col Lynch to Maj Young, Div. The planes are ours and there were 16 of them. Maj young states will get busy on them.	
1314		64			300 radio - monitored: CO Co B to CO 1st Bn: Enemy tank approaching us.	
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1315		65			I&R CP reports 14 tanks and two half-tracks with troops vicinity SE bridge. Tanks not moving. Enemy just mortared area.	
	1315	66			Gen Stack left CP.	
	1316	67			CO to CO 1st Bn: Does Co A know of friendly tank attack?	
1320		68			Div Arty phoned and requested a complete list of our CPs.	
1320		69			CCB phoned and asked if church steeple was ours in OBERHOFFEN.	
1322		70			G-3 phoned and states bridge guard reports 15 tanks and 3 AT guns have crossed N bridge.	
1325		71			CCB notified our troops vicinity church and request no artillery be fired.	
	1330	72			G-3 given situation.	
1344		73			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1346		74			Gen Hess came to CP.	
	1355	75			Col Lynch to Lt Wadleigh, IPW: Have you any new information from PWs since 0900A? Lt Wadleigh: PWs were from 2,6,7 Cos 21 PGR and 11 Co 22 PGR. Came from SESSENHEIM, DRUSENHEIM area yesterday afternoon. Believe 6th Co had had mission of holding OBERHOFFEN.	
1400		76			Div G-3 reports 6 unidentified planes now flying over OBERHOFFEN.	
1402		77			300 radio - monitored: Ln 0 to 142: Friendly tank attack at 1350.	
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	1402	78			CO to CO 1st Bn: What is location of CCB tanks?	
1405		79			CCB CO to Col Lynch: Does phase line we talked about still hold: Col Lynch states yes. Where are your tanks: CO CCB: Now about to cross road running NE from OBERHOFFEN. Wire comm out at present, but have staff officer out to get word.	
1415		80			CO 1st Bn to CO: Co A has 3 tanks and 2 TDs. Are having stiff fire fight vicinity church. Co B is disorganized because of enemy tanks. Have ordered the CO to reorganize and hold objective. Have 2 TDs with them. Co C about ready to turn and will use them to relieve pressure on Co B. All Cos have had heavy casualties. Need litter bearers and have had 1 medico jeep knocked out. Can hear firing in N of town, may be CCB. Col Lynch stated he wanted a check made on Co A using armor. Make sure they use it.	
1425		81			300 radio - monitored: Co A 09402040, B 098202, C 09951980.	
1433		82			CO CCB reports platoon of tanks now at 103205. Col Lynch gave location of our forward elements. CO CCB suggested coordinating point be discontinued. Col Lynch gave OK and states it is now everybody gun for the destination.	
	1435	83			S-3 gave S-2 CCB location of our troops. One Plat of CCB at 103205.	
	1437	84			Lt Col Gillette left for PW cage.	
1440		85			Gen Stack came to CP.	
	1445	86			S-3 gave troop dispositions and situation to G-2, for them to pass on to G-3.	
	1450	87			Col Lynch called CO CCB. Gen Dahlquist wants him to report to this CP to discuss plans.	

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IN	OUT					
1454	1454	88			Capt Terrell phoned (Ln with CCB) Tanks lined up E to W vicinity 100197. Firing into woods to N. Other Co of tanks going around right flank of these and up to their objective.	
1455		89			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
1505		90			OP reports our tanks on road vicinity 104185.	
1508		91			Maj Elligood, 132 FA, reports receiving message from observer with Co A (via Ln O). Co A two Plats 100 yards S of church at 094204, stopped by MGs on right flank.	
	1510	92			CO called CO 1st Bn. Co C received strong counter-attack and Co fell back about 75 yards. Knocked out one German tank and hit another.	
	1520	93			S-3 talked with CO 2nd Bn. Given situation and told that 2nd Bn would continue with present mission.	
	1530	94			Col Gillette called CO 1st Bn. Said medicos on way to evacuate 1st Bn litter cases. They have 12.	
1533		95			CCB called. Cannot cross canal at phase line 3. Want permission to go to N end of town, think they can find a by-pass there. CO CCB is on his way to CCB forward CP and will give instructions when he arrives there.	
	1540	96			S-2 gave 315th Inf situation.	
1541		97			300 radio: I & R outpost reports enemy MGs firing into N end of OBERHOFFEN at 1330A.	
	1545	98			CO ordered Co F to send combat patrol to contact Co A.	
	1546	99			S-3 gave G-3 situation.	

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	1550	100			CO Co F ordered (less one platoon and AT) to contact Co A, clearing enemy between Cos A and F. Plat to stay on position to hold present it.	
1555	1555	101			S-3 called Co B 753 Tk Bn. Two tanks OK and ready to go. Have 12 operational tanks and 3 non-op.	
	1600	102			Gen Hes, Stack, and Dahlquist left CP.	
	1615	103			CO called CO 2nd Bn. Inf Bn of CCB will relieve 2nd Bn tonight. 2nd Bn to return to original position in BISCHWILLER and resupply and prepare for a possible move later tonight. Co F to remain where it is if still involved. AT Plat to stay with Co F. CCB officer will make arrangements for relief.	
	1620	104			S-3 notified CO AT Co of above relief.	
	1628	105			CO called CO 1st Bn that tank Co now attached to 1st Bn will be attached to 3rd Bn. CCA will replace this tank support. Also, CCA will replace tanks when other reliefs are made. Gen ordered that attack be continued after dark. Co F, if still involved, will remain under control of 1st Bn.	
	1637	106			2nd Bn notified that AT Plat will revert back to control of CO AT Co after relief of 2nd Bn by CCB.	
	1658	107			CO gave situation to CO CCB. Their forward elements are in a stiff fight and receiving artillery, tank and small arms fire. Having trouble with terrain but pushing infantry out to front of armor. Advance will be slower.	
1700		108			Gen Dahlquist to Col Lynch: What is the situation? Col Lynch: Co A, B, and C have knocked out a tank each. Co B has regained ground and on original objective. Have taken 130 PWs in last 24 hours. Gave the Gen the situation on CCB.	

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	1720	109	-		Col Lynch talked to CO 1st Bn. Co C will move on up to 101201 tonight. There is still one enemy tank in that vicinity. Col Lynch states he will notify CCB of Co C so they will not fire on it. 17 tanks of CCB lined up on right road and are halted.	
1730		110			CO 2nd Bn called Col Lynch. Radio message from Co F states they have made physical contact with Co A. CO Co F is NBC and is being evacuated.	
	1740	111			Col Lynch phoned CO CCB. Notified him of Co C going to move up to 101201. 17 tanks now on road by Co C CP. CO CCB states he had a report that his troops were crossing the main NE road and in fire fight. Going to continue on NW tonight.	
	1745	112			G-2 given situation.	
	1755	113			G-3 given situation.	
1800		114			Radio intercept: Co A reports 5 enemy tanks, 8 MGs, and 100 infantry to front and right rear.	
1930		115			CO AT Co reports that his 2 platoons are in position.	
	1945	116			CO 3rd Bn informed Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, that the foot bridges have been washed out.	
2000		117			The situation of Co A is 094204. Enemy tanks and infantry still to their rear as reported.	
2005		118			CO 3rd Bn reports Bn crossing trestleway through water above bridge. Footbridges have been washed out and river has risen about a foot and a half in last hour.	
	2005	119			Div notified of above. G-3 given situation.	
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2030		120			Col Reese, G-2, called. Officer PW that gave information of enemy large scale attack for 6 Feb stated that plans concerning this attack were located in dugout at 102208. CCB given information.	
2030		121			CCB reports Co B 753 Tk Bn relieved.	
2035		122			Chief of Staff, 36 Div, came to CP. Was given sit.	
	2045	123			CO AT Co given mission of protecting bridges. Increase guard on bailey bridge to 6 men.	
2045		124			CG called Col Lynch. Col Lynch is to be in command of all troops in OBERHOFEN area until relief is complete. CCB Cos not to be committed in attack unless enemy attacks.	
2055		125			CO 143 Inf reported to Chief of Staff that their advance elements had reached stream at 116164, having difficulty with rising water there.	
2110		126			Lt Anderson, Exec O, Co B 753 Tk Bn, inquired about status of tank Co as attached to 3rd Bn in attack tonight. S-3: It is the same. Relief of your Co is reported complete by CCB. Lt Anderson: I do not know. Our tanks and crews in poor shape for mission tonight.	
2120		127			CO 132 FA came to CP.	
	2130	128			G-2 given situation.	
2135		129			Regt Surg reported 26 WIAs evacuated since midnight last night.	
2150		130			Co B 753 Tk Bn being relieved and returning to assembly area.	
	2155	131			S-3 to Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn: Have arrangements been made for relief of Cos E and G by CCB? Ans: Yes. Relief has not started yet, but should be (Cont'd)	

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		131	(Cont'd)		soon as platoon leaders have taken CCB guides to platoon areas. Situation now quiet.	
2205		132			Lt Col Reese, G-2, called. Stated that officer PW story about big enemy attack has changed several times and is not much credited by interrogators.	
2215		133			Lt Frostina, Engr Ln O, returned from bridge site. Treadway bridge is 14 inches under water, but should hold.	
2225		134			Radio report from 1st Bn: Co B is at objective, Co C will be there very shortly, Co A in same sit.	
2245		135			CO 2nd Bn estimates relief will be completed at 2300A. All is quiet. No artillery being received.	
2305		136			CO AT Co has completed changes.	
2310		137			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, gave situation to Col Lynch. Co C now 75 yds from RJ to NE of OBERHOFFEN. Had been to RJ tonight, but was forced back again by enemy tank. Enemy tank survived direct hit by 155mm shell. Co B at RJ 098201 has cleaned houses to E and contacted Co C. Co A in NW about to continue mission to clear houses 300 yds to obj. Col Lynch wants them to clean to next RJ, form a strong point and stop for the night. Plat of Co F in position at RJ 095201, 2nd Plat Co F behind and 3rd following. Co F attached to 1st Bn. Extra tanks from Co of armored Bn to be sent to Co F so that each Co has armor. In the morning relief by Armd units to be progressive. Co C first. Then Co C will assist Co A in NW of OBERHOFFEN. Co B next to become reserve. After Co A is relieved possibly elements of 315 Inf will garrison town. Maj Lowery plans to use mines on NE road to block tanks.	
	2320	138			CG given situation by CO. Suggest 315 Inf garrison NW section of OBERHOFFEN after we have cleared it. Co B 753 Tpk Bn now relieved. Relief of 2nd Bn not completed.	

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IN	OUT					
	0005	1			S-3 143 Inf given situation. 1st Bn 143 Inf on right of 3rd Bn 142 Inf, on outskirts of ROHRWILLER and receiving some fire. 2nd Bn 143 Inf, S of MODER River, has reached 130169 without trouble.	
0030		2			Radio intercept: We are moving to obj.	
0045		3			CO AT Co phoned and states debris piling up against Bailey bridge. Reported by guards. Tried to notify Engrs but could not succeed.	
	0100	4			S-2 notified Ass't S-3 111 Engr of above.	
0200		5			2nd Bn relief complete.	
0224		6			I & R Report: Some fire coming out of ROHRWILLER.	
0300		7			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports that there are 20 PWs at the 3rd Bn aid station.	
0315		8			CO 2nd Bn reports that the relief is completed except for Co F.	
0325		9			CO 1st Bn reports that Co C is on their objective.	
0420		10			Lt Wadleigh, IPW: 11 PWs received from 1st Bn; 2 from 11 Co 21 Regt, 9 from 10 Co 21 Regt. 10 Co is new identification, strength 80/90. Co arrived in OBERHOFFEN night 1/2 Feb and was committed 2 Feb - rifle Co with 9 MGs. PW observed 10 SPs in woods at 205104. Yesterday 5 tiger tanks were in OBERHOFFEN.	
	0550	11			315th Inf given situation.	
0630		12			143 Inf reports enemy AT gun at 137183.	
0645		13			143 Inf called. They received message from 3rd Bn 142 Inf: "Am organizing objective 5".	

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0647		14			1st Bn called. Co B having some trouble with Germans infiltrating in small numbers. Receiving mortar fire. More details when known.	
	0655	15			G-3 given situation.	
	0710	16			S-3 talked to S-3 143 Inf. Engrs still working on bridge in ROHRWILLER. Will now hold 2½ ton trucks but not tanks. Two bridges to SE were intact. One Plat of 2nd Bn fighting at 138161 with remainder of Bn moving S on main road from ROHRWILLER to HERRLISHEIM. 141 Bn fighting on SE outskirts of HERRLISHEIM in attempt to get in town.	
	0730	17			G-3 given situation.	
	0750	18			Col Lynch talked to CO CCB. After discussing the situation of troop dispositions of both units the CO CCB stated he would phone more details later.	
	0805	19			CO 142 Inf to CO 1st Bn via 300 radio: What is your situation?	
	0820	20			Col Lynch phoned CO 132 FA and requested an artillery radio be sent to CP for obtaining information.	
0827		21			CO Cn Co phoned and states Cn Co observer with 3rd Bn has called for fire on enemy tank vicinity 138182. Lt Col Gillette stated he would check and give OK to fire shortly.	
	0831	22			Exec 0 called Cn Co and said to fire mission. CO Cn Co states observer just reported the enemy tank getting very close.	
	0834	23			S-3 phoned Co B 753 Tk Bn and checked to see if tanks had joined 3rd Bn. Lt Anderson stated tanks still waiting in ROHRWILLER. Will check for details.	

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	0855	24			Exec O phoned S-4 and ordered a complete set of clothing be sent 3rd Bn. S-4 stated he did not have woolens available, but would sent for them. Can have clothing to them in approx 3 to 4 hours.	
0900		25			CO 132 FA Bn states radio intercept: Cos C and B on objective. Co A at church and beginning attack north now. Co A has fired on ahouse to front and scored 4 direct hits.	
0903		26			CO 1st Bn to Col Lynch: Cos B and C on objective. Co C still cleaning out a few houses. Co A got a small counterattack last night at dark but broke it up. Co now 4 houses S of church and were to attack but don't know if they have jumped off. Have ordered his 5 tanks and 2 TDS form two columns and push N. Co A using 1 platoon of Co F in the attack. Another platoon of only 12 men left at 095203. Col Lynch ordered CO 1st Bn get in contact with CCB troops and see if they can contact patrols from 1st Bn CP to Co C.	
0912		27			Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, reports armor in contact with 3rd Bn. Bn now receiving a counter-atk	
0925		28			Arty reports observer with 3rd Bn calling for defensive fires. Have asked for fire on infantry target vicinity 142167. Will send another observer to 3rd Bn to replace the observer wounded.	
	0930	29			S-3 checked Arty on above target. Being fired by 133 FA.	
0933		30			Gen Stack came to CP.	
0934		31			Intercept of 3rd Bn to 143 Inf: Enemy tanks at 128185.	
	0945	32			Col Lynch to CO 143 Inf: Have some information. Col Denholm: Worried about situation to N. 100 men of Co K and 2 Plats of Co L have (Cont'd)	

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		32	(Cont'd)		come to BISCHWILLER. They are now turned around and going back. Am sending one of my reserve Cos to help remainder of your 3rd Bn. Have not contacted the Bn CO, but the S-3 has been to my 1st Bn CP several times. The threat seems to be a counter attack of 100 enemy and 4 tanks. Am sending the armor of 3rd Bn up to engage the enemy. Still clearing houses in ROHRWILLER as are a few snipers in basements.	
0947		33			S-3 3rd Bn phoned. Now at 1st Bn 143 Inf CP. CO 3rd Bn was at 128173 an hour ago. Had CP building shot down by enemy tank fire and do not know where CP is now set up.	
	0952	34			Lt Col Gillette left for Regt straggler point near SE bridge site.	
	1005	35			G-3 given situation.	
	1008	36			Col Lynch to CP 1st Bn: Has anything happened during last hour? Ans: Nothing except Co B observed some troops believed to be American in front of them. Ordered all troops in American uniform in front of them shot. Co C has the houses cleared at RJ except a few to NE that extend to woods. Col Lynch ordered they clear those and then pull about half way back and organize strong Co defense. All men in American uniform carrying rifles to be shot.	
	1012	37			G-2 given situation. G-2 states PWs from ROHRWILLER are from 5 Co 22 PGR.	
1015		38			S-3 2nd Bn asked if Co F were being relieved today. Ans: Not for a while. Eventually all 142 will be relieved by CCB.	
	1020	39			Col Lynch gave situation to CG.	

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	1025	40			Gen Stack talked with Gen Dahlquist. Plan to relieve 1st Bn 142 Inf starting at noon. 1st Bn will then get a night's rest and be available for tomorrow. Do not intend to clean out remainder of NW section of OBERHOFFEN as we would surrender this to enemy anyhow.	
1050		41			Message via Arty radio: Co A begins advance. Extends along road at 095203.	
1055		42			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1105		43			LOGAN BERRY (Corps Arty) called to inquire if shelling on bridge site had stopped. They had placed counter-battery on enemy. Ans: Shelling has stopped.	
1110		44			Lt Col Snow, CO 155 FA Bn, came to CP.	
1115		45			Gen Stack came to CP.	
1115		46			CO 1st Bn to Col Lynch: CP reports of infantry coming into lines on right was wrong. They are Co K streaming back to BISCHWILLER. Col Lynch: Co A to stop pushing and hold at HJ strongpoint. CCB to make relief of 1st Bn beginning at noon. Cos C and B to be relieved where they are. Line on W to be organized where Plat of Co F is back of cemetery. Co A will pull back after this line is organized. 1st Bn then to return to BISCHWILLER and have full night's sleep, hot supper, change of clothing. TDS attached to 1st Bn will return also.	
1120		47			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports 3rd Bn reorganizing.	
	1130	48			Situation given to Maj Newell, G-3.	
1145		49			Maj Ressigac, S-3 143 Inf, has report that Capt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn 142 Inf, was killed by MG from enemy tank while in ROHRWILLER. (Cont'd)	

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		49	(Cont'd)		Co K in ROHRWILLER. Believes Co I in trouble in south part of woods.	
	1200	50			S-2 called S-4. Col Lynch ordered hot meals for 1st Bn units tonight.	
1212		51			300 radio reports: I & 2d Plat Co I on half of objective # 5. Co K on obj. Four enemy tanks and infantry on main road at 134181. We are attacking. 1200A. We are receiving an attack from the N 1210A.	
1227		52			CO 2nd Bn called and was given the situation. Reports that Co G went in with 131 men on line and now has 103.	
1255		53			I & R 300 radio: Enemy MG firing N of church.	
1300		54			CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and states that Co C is being relieved and so far 1 Plat has been relieved. Co A going along fairly good, have picked up two men from 2nd Bn. Meeting some small arms fire. Have 12 PWs.	
1330		55			Lt Peters reports total PWs to date 183. 1st Bn 126, 2nd Bn 34, 3rd Bn 22.	
1343		56			A-Plat of tanks moving our and Co I at 138172. Reported by Lt Anderson, 753. Tk Bn.	
1400		57			CO 143 Inf called Col Lynch and gave him situation. CO 3rd Bn 142 Inf doesn't want them to attack as he feels that there is some of his Bn still in woods. Col Lynch states that it is best to go on with the attack as the Germans might build themselves up.	
1420		58			CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and states that Co C is relieved and that Co B is being relieved now. Co A reports 10 to 15 enemy 200 yards NW of church. Tanks are firing on them.	

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	1430	59			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
1430		60			300 radio reports: From 3rd Bn - Now have four tanks. Organizing for all around defense.	
	1442	61			S-3 called S-3 143 Inf who states that they are going ahead with the attack with Co K plus what is left of Co L, also one Co from 1st Bn 143 Inf. Capt Hunley gave the above information about tanks to S-3 143 Inf.	
1455		62			Lt Lustman, Div Ln C, reports 3rd Bn 141 Inf is withdrawing and assembling in WEYERSHEIM. 2nd Bn 143 Inf (less) vicinity 133163.	
1455		63			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1500	64			Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Relief continuing without interference with enemy. Co C relieved and Co B almost complete. Co A still killing Germans. Believe entire relief can be completed by dark. Believe enemy has withdrawn armor to DRUSENHEIM. Gen Dahlquist: Better hold on to NW edge of OBERHOFFEN. In my mind now to turn ROHRWILLER and woods to NE over to you and use 3rd Bn 143 Inf to try and seize HEERLISHEIM. You may have to commit both Bns. Col Lynch: That is my plan. Will pull 3rd Bn to BISCHWILLER.	
	1505	65			Col Lynch called 2nd Bn and requested CO 2nd Bn come to this Hq.	
1502		66			CO 2nd Bn came to CP.	
1515		67			CO CCB to Col Lynch: The relief of your Cos is nearly complete, will have a two Co front and one in reserve. Col Lynch: Co A is still fighting and will pull back through your forces tonight. Are the five tanks in S end of OBERHOFFEN yours? CO CCB: Yes, they are part of my reserve force.	

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1530		68			S-3 CCB states they are ready to effect relief as of 1515A, but our elements are heavily engaged.	
	1540	69			G-3 given situation.	
	1544	70			Exec O notified Maj Rosenberg, Regt Surg, that Lt Hinkey of Co I now at Regt Hq Co and claims to have a paralyzed arm and has been getting it treated by medics. Col Lynch has ordered him to take treatments for 3 or 4 days and to report to Col of his progress. If his treatments are satisfactory by that time will assign him to Co B.	
1550		71			155 FA OP reports approximately 100 men vicinity 130191. Can they be ours. Capt Hanley: No, can't possibly be. Capt Moser 155 FA: Alright, I am going to work that area over. Might be a counterattack forming.	
	1557	72			S-3 phoned Capt Gann G-3 section: Will you check and see if can get an OK to disengage Co A as soon as possible. Capt Gann: Will check and call you.	
1607		73			CO 1st Bn to Col Lynch: Co A still fighting, are up to RS east of church. Have shot everything up vicinity church. Have the enemy strongpoint at the RS knocked out and think enemy will fall back after they realize the strong point is gone. The tank Co is doing a fine job. Doughboys find MG and tanks move up and knock them out. Taking no PWs. Col Lynch: Prepare to disengage Co A at dusk as believe enemy will not bounce back as rapidly as now after pressure is lessened. Checking on Div now to see if they really want us to withdraw or hold on to it.	
	1612	74			Col Lynch called CO CCB. Troops now relieved by CCB troops. Your tank Co did a fine job. Co A still fighting. Checking with my Div to see when to disengage Co A. CO CCB: Will work with you on any job to be cleared.	

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	1615	75			Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Do you want us to hold the NW part of town? CCB is now in position and completely relieved by elements not engaged. Gen Dahlquist: Have them keep fighting till dark and then pull them back.	
	1621	76			CO 142 Inf to CO 1st Bn: Move Cos A and F at dark.	
	1625	77			CO 2nd Bn left CP.	
1630		78			Message cleared to CO 1st Bn.	
1650		79			Wire in to 3rd Bn through 143 Inf.	
1710		80			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. To go ahead with the relief and plan on relieving 3rd Bn with your 2nd Bn to establish a line on the 184 easting.	
	1723	81			Col Lynch called CO 2nd Bn in regards to relief of 3rd Bn. The 143 Inf are attacking to restore the woods tonight. After which the 2nd Bn will relieve the 3rd Bn which will be before daylight. Set up a line generally along the 183 easting, but a strong point at 1417 grid to cover the E and S. Outpost with a reinforced squad at 138177. 3rd Co in reserve in ROHRWILLER. On the right the 143 Inf has a strongpoint at 130167. Also to put one platoon on the road leading out of the woods, one platoon in the neck of woods at 130183, one platoon in reserve. Two platoons of tanks with N Co and one Plat with S Co.	
1745		82			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch to have the CCB put out AT mines in all approaches.	
	1747	83			Col Lynch called CO CCB in regards to above inf.	
1755		84			CO 1st Bn phoned that Co B has been relieved. Co A is starting to pull back, Co F relieved except one Plat. Expect them all to be out within the next hour and a half.	

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

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 3 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1840	85			Lt Col Gillette left for 143 Inf CP.	
1845		86			CO 2nd Bn called S-2 who gave him situation. Co F has returned to Bn.	
	1920	87			Div given situation.	
1930		88			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, called: There will be one or probably two OIs out tonight. Our Plat Co L 132176, Co I 137172.	
1930		89			Approximately 10 rounds Arty fell vic CP. (Heavy)	
2000A		90			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
	2017	91			CO called Gen Dahlquist. Told that Lt Col Gillette went to 143 Inf CP. Was told that our Co K reached edge of woods on right side of road, but that for some unknown reason elements of 143 Inf on left of road failed to jump off. So Co K was pulled back to original position. CG said Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf, was responsible for restoring situation. CG will call back.	
	2025	92			Msg to 1st Bn: Is relief completed?	
	2045	93			CO called CO 2nd Bn. Bn will take over 3rd Bn positions sometime tonight. Bn will not move out before 2300A. Co F will not go out until tomorrow night. CO will ask CO 143 Inf to furnish a Co for reserve until tomorrow night when Co F will be rested.	
	2105	94			Exec O called CO 132 FA asking about Arty observers.	
	2120	95			S-3 called Cml Mortar Bn. Div ordered 1 Plat detached from 142 Inf and attached to 141 Inf. Mortar Co has details about moving the platoon. Remaining platoon will move to 102185 in morning.	
2145		96			Capt Orcutt, Div, called asking about our 3rd Bn. S-3 gave him situation.	

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FROM: 030000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 032400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 3 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2155	97			Exec O gave G-2 Arty report.	
	2200	98			S-2 called 1st Bn. Bn relief completed.	
2210		99			CO 2nd Bn reported hole in treadway bridge. Wants Engrs to fix it.	
	2212	100			Col Gillette called 143 Inf. Their 1st Bn ordered at 0915A to attack to 186 northing and clearing it by 2400A. Msg received by 143 CP: 115 men from I, 15 from L, 1 Plat K, 1 Plat HMGs, 40 men Hq Co - 135175 to 140172. Four medium tanks also with this group. Additional two Cos of 110 men are reported ready to extend position to left starting approximate 2215A. Msg received 0845A. Capt Lyke reported 3rd Bn CP 134174.	
2240		101			CO 1st Bn reported Bn all closed in.	
	2245	102			CO called CO 2nd Bn. Bn to be ready to move out anytime after 2400A.	
2310		103			Div called: At 2400A tonight CO 142 is responsible for defense of BISCHWILLER.	
	2330	104			CO talked with CO 143 Inf. Told him that our 2nd Bn was going to start troops to make relief of 3rd Bn. CO 143 Inf said he will have a Co on call as reserve until tomorrow night when our Co F will be available.	
	2335	105			S-3 sent message to AT Co: Send trucks to 2nd Bn, to transport troops to relieve 3rd Bn.	
	2340	106			Exec O called CO 2nd Bn. We will sent AT trucks with your own trucks, will shuttle troops, detruck W end of town at RJ, go to 3d Bn CP 128175 with Fwd party, make arrangements for relief of Co I. Trucks return immediately. If 2d Co of 2d Bn cannot relieve balance of 3rd Bn troops can remain in town. Told that 1 Co 143 to be res. Tanks revert from 3rd to 2nd Bn. 3d Bn troops to walk back. (12 trucks).	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 198

Hq 142 RCT
GP BISCHWILLER
031200A Feb '45

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

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

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- a. 79th Div - 315th Inf holding original MLR along W bank of MODER RIVER with right flank on northern edge of BISCHWILLER.
- b. 36th Div - 143 Inf assembled in BISCHWILLER during early hours of period prepared to attack E towards ROHRWILLER at 1900A. At 1900A attack launched and at close of period had cleared ROHRWILLER and continuing their attack SE to HERRLISHEIM and NE towards DRUSENHEIM in conjunction with 3rd Bn 142 RCT.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warmer, with heavy mist. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. RCT continued attack in OBERHOFEN against stiffening enemy infantry and armor. During heavy enemy arty and tank fire 1st Bn advanced to N outskirts of town clearing and occupying assigned objectives. At close of period Co A vicinity 094204, Co B 096200, and Co C 101201. GCB beginning relief of 1st Bn at 1200A. 2nd Bn reorganized after hard fight against enemy tanks and assembled in BISCHWILLER. Co F blocked enemy attempt to infiltrate between Co A and B during night. 3rd Bn attached to 143 Inf jumped off at 1900A on attack to clear woods NE of ROHRWILLER. Co K and L greatly disorganized during latter part of night by enemy tanks which moved from vicinity DRUSENHEIM to stem their attack. At end of period Bn completely reorganized and all Cos securely held their objectives protecting ROHRWILLER from enemy counterattacks in direction of DRUSENHEIM.
- b. GCB attacking on a flanking movement to NE and then NW of OBERHOFEN succeeded in getting 2 tank Cos and 1 Inf Co to NE outskirts of town where terrain and relentless enemy tank and arty fire checked their drive. At close of period complete force in OBERHOFEN ready to begin relief of 1st Bn 142 RCT.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Reinfats in need of training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See par. 5 a, b.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

UNIT JOURNAL
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FROM: 040000A Feb. 1945

142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb. 1945

Organization:

Place:

CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date:

4 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0030	1			S-3 asked 2nd Bn if they had a Cn Co observer. Ans: Yes.	
0035		2			G-3 called. Wants to know when 2nd Bn leaves.	
	0040	3			S-3 notified Lt Forester, Co A 83 Cml Bn, that platoon of chemical mortars now supporting 3rd Bn will support 2nd Bn.	
	0100	4			ATCo trucks leaving for 2nd Bn.	
0	0115	5			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn Exec O, notified that party from 2nd Bn is on way to contact them.	
0117		6			AT Co trucks arrived at 2nd Bn.	
	0215	7			Situation given to S-3 143 Inf.	
0225		8			CO 2nd Bn called Col Lynch: Troops now here in ROHRWILLER. I am at 3rd Bn CP. Co G moving out. Will move Co E out after 143 Inf moves off at 0300A. Hear they are not moving at 2400A but at 0300A. Troops received no shelling so far. Enemy seems to be shelling ROHRWILLER only. 143 Inf to have artillery preparation in woods before jumping off so probably will start a fire works.	
0325		9			Maj Spitter, ExSc O 2nd Bn, called S-3. Last elements moving out for relief. Cos E and G are gone and Co H and Hq moving now.	
0420		10			Capt Fisher reports that the relief has started.	
	1510	11			Maj Newell, Div, given situation.	
0520		12			CO 2nd Bn phoned that Co E is in town with him and that 143 Inf started to attack but have not progres- sed very far. Our 3rd Bn has started on their way back. Receiving artillery in ROHRWILLER, estimated to be 105mm. Co G relieved Co I.	

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FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Feb 1945.

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0610	13			G-2 given situation.	
	0632	14			Capt Terrell called Maj Newell, Div. Reports that 3rd Bn closed in BISCHWILLER at 0630A. Maj Newell reports that 143 Inf jumped off at 0300A and met enemy MG and small arms fire. Going to start again at daylight.	
	0720	15			Capt Terrell called Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn. Asked if Co E is going to be used on this attack this morning. Ans: No. Also if they have jumped off yet. Ans: No.	
0837		16			Maj Spitter, Exec O 2nd Bn, reports that his CP is at 128176.	
	0850	17			CO called CO 2nd Bn. To advance forward and take the right objective that Col Lynch talked with him about. Attack with Co G less one Plat, and also four tanks. CO 2nd Bn reports that he has only 9 tanks. To set up an all around defense with a platoon of infantry and four tanks after taking the objective vicinity 137182.	
	0915	18			Capt Hunley left for Co B 753 Tk Bn.	
0919		19			CO 1st Bn came to CP.	
	0922	20			CO gave CO 143 Inf the details on 2nd Bn 142 RCT. CO 143 stated he was still holding bridgehead vicinity 130167 with 60 men from AT Co and Co L. Suggest a contact point between our two RCTs be vicinity 136170. Will contact you by patrol. Col Lynch agreed on the contact point.	
0943		21			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
0945		22 1/2			Exec O CCB phoned and requested the Bailey bridge on NE edge of BISCHWILLER be contact point between them and 142 RCT. Lt Col Gillette, Exec O 142 Inf, stated just Ln officer contact was all that is necessary. What do you have in town here? Col Lucas	

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FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0958	23			S-2 instructed I & R OP to be sure and give complete shell reports on all artillery observed.	
1000		24			G-2 phoned and requested we return as many copies of OBERHOFFEN blow-up as possible by Div Ln C. Have arranged with 143 Inf to give 142 Inf credit for the 60 PWs taken by 3rd Bn 142 RCT.	
1014		25			S-3 returned to CP.	
1015		26			G-2 states 143 Inf sent 1 Co and cleared woods to 129185. This morning at 1000A one Plat of 142 Inf will clear to 137184.	
	1015	27			CO 1st Bn left CP.	
	1020	28			Lt Col Gillette to Maj Ressijac 143 Inf: How has your attack progressed? Maj Ressijac: Co B has cleared woods to 128183 extending to 133180. Knocked out four MG nests and encountered no armor. Co B has four tanks in support. Reports can hear armor moving down DRUSENHEIM - ROHRWILLER road.	
	1025	29			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1028	30			S-3 to Capt Bellonte: Have you jumped off? Capt Bellonte: May have been delayed as one TD was slow in arriving. Line out and trying to contact them by radio. However, they were ready before 1000A and were instructed to move at 1000A.	
1100		31			Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, came to CP.	
1100		32			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1108		33			Gen Hess came to CP.	
1210		34			Maj Robinson, 573 Tk Bn, to S-3: Has G-3 called you in regards to Co C relieving Co B: Capt Hunley: No, we have talked of relieving Co B with Co A 636 Tks. Will let you know details later.	

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FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Feb 1945.

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1140	35			Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, left CP.	
	1215	36			Gen Dahlquist and Gen Hess left CP.	
1230		37			S-3 of 2nd Bn reports situation: Plat of Co G made contact with Co of 143 Inf on N side of road. Plat is now working E astride road on north side to clearing at exit of road from woods. Chased one enemy tank from woods. Plat has had some casualties, killed and wounded. A wounded German states there are five tanks somewhere in the woods.	
	1235	38			Situation given to Maj Newell, G-3.	
1245		39			Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, called. They found 12th Armd Div SOIs, etc, in a captured German Volkswagon. Will give material to S-2.	
	1315	40			S-3 called S-3 2nd Bn to ask if they had received three more tanks which were ordered sent to them this morning. Ans: No. But can use them as two of our tanks have been knocked out by four German tanks. Inf has reached edge of woods. Tanks may have been hit by enemy tanks at outskirts of DRUSENHEIM.	
	1320	41			CO called CO 143 Inf: On night 143 Inf at 123183. Two tanks with our 2nd Bn reported to be knocked out. TDs being sent to 2nd Bn. Not sure that these are our tanks on may be old tanks knocked out.	
	1335	42			S-3 asked CO 2nd Bn if they wanted to smoke western edge of DRUSENHEIM. Ans: No. Troops digging in without much trouble now. Ready to take over from 143 Inf. Co E will move out to that sector.	
1345		43			Lt Peters reported PW total from noon 03 Jan to noon 04 Jan: 10 1st Bn, 3 3rd Bn.	

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FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Organization: _____

Place: _____

CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: _____

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1346	44			Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Just talked to CO 143 Inf and he states his troops have reached their objective and both units are digging in. Before CO 143 Inf and I shift any troops, what is the final setup? Gen Dahlquist: Have a new mission but have not received the Corps OI. CO 143 Inf to be responsible for BISCHWILLER - ROHRWILLER sector and 142 Inf to have OBERHOFFEN NW to left boundary of 314 Inf. 2nd Bn 142 Inf to remain vicinity ROHRWILLER so as to give 143 Inf CO a chance to complete the drying of his troops. Will leave the Arm'd Bn in OBERHOFFEN for a couple of days. This shift of sectors to start tomorrow. Col Lynch: Will call CO 143 Inf of this matter.	
	1350	45			CO to CO 143 Inf: Just talked to the Gen and he has received a new mission. You are to be responsible for BISCHWILLER - ROHRWILLER sector and I am to take over sector on our left. My 2nd Bn to remain at ROHRWILLER for your disposal. Do you need Co F at ROHRWILLER as reserve? Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf: No, I have a Co in ROHRWILLER that I can use to counterattack with in any direction. Will be OK to leave Co F in BISCHWILLER.	
1400		46			Capt Moser, 155 FA, states their CP in BISCHWILLER has picked approximately 40 men with long overcoats moving S into woods at 130190. 14 Arm'd is firing on them and I have cleared with 143 Inf. Have a concentration I can fire at that coord. Is it OK? S-2: It is OK with us as our troops are not that far N.	
1410		47			G-3 reports Co B 753 Tk Bn has lost 3 tanks now. How is the resistance? S-3: Very heavy, but only know of two tanks lost.	
1443		48			Maj Young, G-3, phoned and 142 RCT will effect relief of 315 Inf tomorrow night. Sector will be from OBERHOFFEN left to KALTENHOUS exclusive. 2nd Bn will remain with 143 Inf until (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		48	(Cont'd)		tomorrow night. Can put troops in BISCHWILLER Unit in OBERHOFFEN will remain attached to 142 Inf until the 2nd Bn returns. 315th Inf CP in WEITERUCH.	
	1518	49			CO 2nd Bn called CO and was given the situation. Col Lynch reports that they will remain under 143 Inf control for at least another day and night. CO 2nd Bn said that Co G received 13 casualties from shelling in woods. Also plans on relieving Co G tonight with Co F and then Co G will move back to ROHRWILLER.	
1620		50			The new limiting point is 054234, brought down by Lt Lustman, Div Ln C.	
	1622	51			CO called S-4s assistance, Mr Sidick. If they are sending a change of socks to the 2nd Bn tonight. Ans: Yes.	
1700		52			Lt Forrester, Co A 83 Cml Bn, called. Plat that went to 141 Inf coming back. Would like to know fire priorities we have in mind?	
	1800	53			S-3 told CO Co A 83 Cml Bn to put the platoon of 4.2 mortars back in original position vicinity BISCHWILLER.	
1818		54			Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, reports Co G is relieving Co B tonight. The CO of Co C is down making arrangements for relief now. S-3 told Lt Anderson to drop by this Hq and he would give him the new details on shifting of troops.	
1825		55			CO AT Co reports about 15 large explosions have occurred at 094730 this evening. There is a ball of fire and then the concussion. No shrapnel or dirt flying anywhere. Thought might be tellermines with 8 day time fuse. Do you or the Engrs know anything about them? S-2: No, but will check immediately.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 040000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Feb 1945

Place: 4 Feb 1945

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: CP BISCHWILLER

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2100 1845	56			Maj Newell, Div, given latest situation.	
2015		57			Maj Young, G-3, phoned Capt Hunley and asked us where we were going to put our CP. Said that we could have it in GRIES for part of it will be in our sector. Capt Hunley asked Col Lynch and was informed that it would remain here at the present location. Maj Young also reports that the new NW part of BISCHWILLER is also in our sector and that we could put a Bn in there if we wish.	
	2100	58			CO phoned CO 3rd Bn. Put out 3 outposts along the eastern edge of BISCHWILLER. From the bridge where AT Co is guarding to HANHOFFEN. About a squad at each outpost. At daybreak bring them in.	
2145		59			133 FA called Capt Terrell that they are going to fire across the RHINE River in area around GRAUELBAUM and LICHTENAU. Going to start in about 15 minutes. Would like to know if the shelling has let up in ROHRWILLER. If it hasn't they will change to another target.	
	2150	60			Capt Terrell called Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, in regards to the above information. Reports that they received SP fire from the N and also Arty from the east.	
2315		61			S-3 315th Inf phoned and gave patrol report. Patrol left at 2030A and returned 2230A. It was 6-man patrol and crossed river in rubber boats, went along RR by underpass to RR station 089211, encountered no enemy, came back via underpass and went to factory building 086211 where they saw about a squad of Germans in factory. Were not fired on nor did they receive any artillery fire.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 199

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
041200A Feb '45

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

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

- a. 79th Div - 315th Inf holding MLR on W bank of the MODER River.
- b. 36th Div - 143rd Inf continuing 1st Bn attack in conjunction with 2nd Bn 142 RCT vicinity woods NE ROHRWILLER.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain and cold. Visibility poor, 600 to 2000 yards at 1100A.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

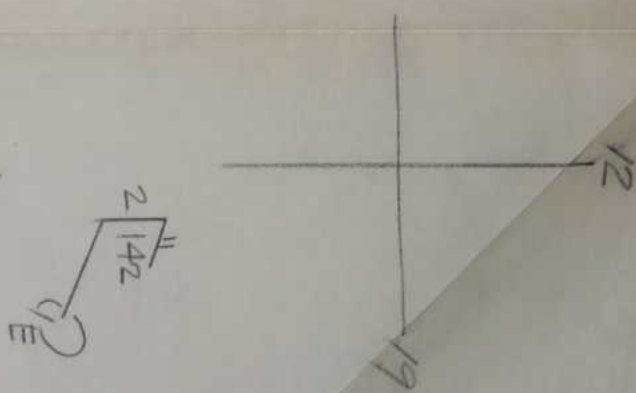
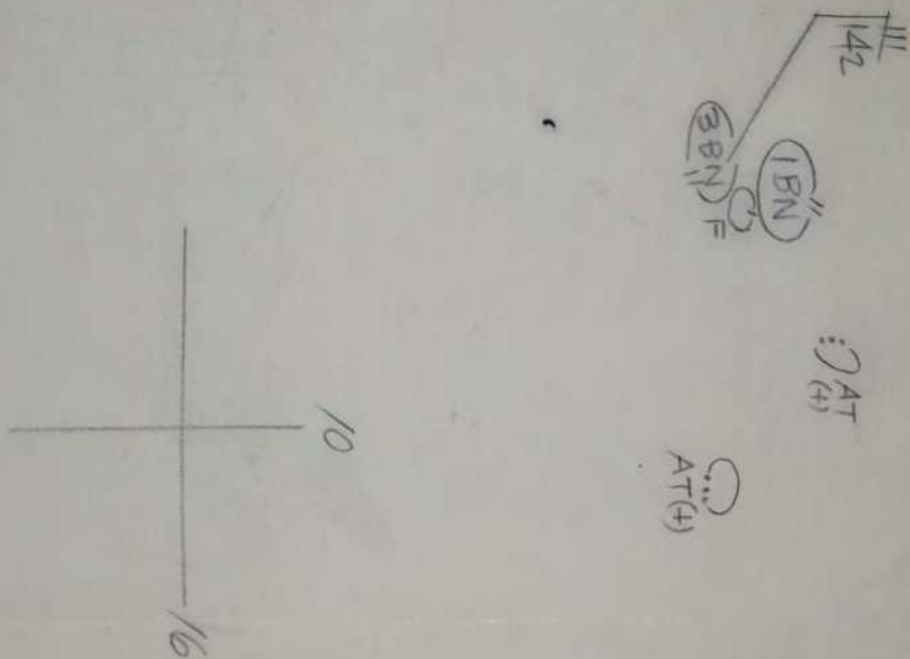
- a. RCT less 1st Bn assembled in Div reserve vicinity BISCHWILLER.
- b. Relief of 1st Bn by GCB completed at 2200A and Bn closed in BISCHWILLER at 2240A.
- c. 2nd Bn moved by motor from BISCHWILLER to ROHRWILLER and completed relief of 3rd Bn at 0520A. 3rd Bn closed in BISCHWILLER at 0645A.
- d. 1 Plat Co G with four (4) medium tanks in support moved N from 138170 through woods at 1000A to clear area of enemy. At close of period platoon had reached 137182 and were digging in when enemy tank knocked out two (2) of our tanks.
- e. AT Co continuing to secure two bridges over MODER River E of BISCHWILLER.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a.b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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LOCATIONS OF TROOPS
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 38, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 050000A Feb. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 052400A Feb. 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 5 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0130		1			Lt Lustman brought Div CI # 147.	
0405		2			Lt Fick, S-1 2nd Bn, reports shelling has slackened. Co F completed the relief of Co G without inter- ference. Have put out AT mines at 129185 and 138183.	
	0530	3			G-2 given situation.	
	0600	4			G-3 given situation.	
0700		5			Lt Fick, S-1 2nd Bn, states Co F completed relief of Co G at 2000A. Co G now in ROHRWILLER. Co E has had a few casualties from artillery. Has called for a litter squad.	
	0845	6			S-3 called CO 3rd Bn. Col Lynch would like to see him in regard to the relief tonight.	
0900		7			CO 3rd Bn came to CP. Left at 0910A.	
	0915	8			Col Lynch left for 315th Inf CP in WEITBRUCH.	
	0924	9			S-3 left for 315th Inf CP in WEITBRUCH.	
0930		10			Maj Young, G-3, phoned and states 2nd Bn 142 Inf will be relieved from 143 RCT during daylight tomorrow. The unit now in OBERHOFEN will remain until the night of 7 Feb when elements of 142 RCT will relieve them. After 36th Div has taken command of sector there will be another shift of troops to obtain Div reserve.	
1005		11			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1015	12			CO called CO 143 Inf: What do you plan for 2nd Bn while they are under your command? Col Denholm: Leave them in position and begin relief tomorrow at 1300A. Col Lynch: Don't believe they can stand it. 3rd Bn just got out in time to prevent trench foot. If necessary will furnish (Cont'd)	

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

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 5 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		12	(Cont'd)		another Bn to make relief tonight. If they are not relieved tonight will be almost 48 hours in woods for them. Col Denholm: Gen Stack is here. Will talk matter over with him. Have to think about it myself. Col Lynch: Do that, and mention to the Gen what I have stated.	
	1018	13			CO to CO 143 Inf: Co F relieved Co G last night and by them warming their feet today believe they can relieve Co E and yet cause no damage to them tonight. Col Denholm: Will suggest this to CO 2nd Bn 142 Inf.	
1024		14			S-3 returned to CP.	
	1045	15			CO left for CCB CP.	
1055		16			Gen Stack came to CP. Left at 1057 for CCB.	
	1110	17			Exec O left for movie area.	
1115		18			S-3 111 Engr Bn came to CP and received instructions from S-3 for Engr defense in new Regt sector.	
	1125	19			G-2 given situation.	
	1127	20			S-3 notified S-3 315 Inf that their AT Co would not be relieved in position as this Regt did not intend to have any AT guns in that area.	
1135		21			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1140		22			1st Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1	1150	23			S-3 to S-3 143 Inf: Boundary as I have it is a little N of Bailey bridge. What is your set-up for tie in? S-3 143: Going to overlay a little. 1 Plat a little N of bridge about 19 northing. Will have a 60mm mortar also. Would like for you to tie in by fire.	

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Place: CP BISCHWILLER

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	1158	24			S-3 to Capt Groom, 636 TDs: Just want to catch you up on the situation. One Plat will be attached to 3rd Bn tonight. Two Plats to go to OBERHOFFEN with 1st Bn when they relieve CCB.	
1315		25			Line in to 68th AIB.	
1500	1500	26			CO called CO 2nd Bn who states that he is pulling his armor back to ROHRWILLER, also leaving one Plat from each Co in the woods to outpost. Also relieving Co E with Co G.	
	1515	27			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1520		28			2nd Bn reports Co L moving now a platoon at a time. Will notify this Hq when Co clears.	
1525		29			I & R OP reports approximately 25 rounds of estimated 150mm artillery fell at 095185 from azimuth of 45 to 50 degrees. Shelling was from 1500A to 1508A.	
	1530	30			S-2 notified Div Arty CBO of above shell report.	
1544		31			I & R OP reports the shelling hit house at 097185 and set off a pile of 4.2 WP mortar shells. Knocked out one AT Co jeep and 3 or 4 Cml jeeps. Lt Evans Regtl AT Co, now trying to put fire out with sand.	
1550		32			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1615	33			S-2 left for 315th Inf CP in WEITBRUCH.	
1725		34			S-2 returned	
1745		35			Capt Groom, TDs, called. Plat of TDs going to 3rd Bn just left. The Plat that was on ROHRWILLER road has been relieved and is assembled in BISCHWILLER.	
	1755	36			G-2 given situation. Also G-3.	

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IN	OUT					
	1810	37			S-3 called Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn. Capt Fisher expects his right Co (I) to be in position by 2030A. Engrs are going to place wire from right platoon of right Co to creek opposite OBERHOFEN.	
1825		38			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, said their right Co is in position. A guide will be at 3rd Bn rear CP to show Engrs route (Capt Gillispi). Guide to be ready in an hour.	
1830		39			Capt Groom, TDs, said Plat TDs with 3rd Bn are in position in KALTENHOUSE.	
	1845	40			G-3 given situation: 1st Bn in BISCHWILLER, 3rd Bn relieving 1st Bn 315th Inf, 68 AIB no change.	
1925		41			S-4 now located at 029170. They have phone to rear.	
	1930	42			CO called CO 68 AIB: Got as far as church. Stopped by AW, mortar and artillery fire. Col Lynch said it was his understanding that 68th was to clear out rest of town to RR track. CO 68th said he was told to just keep steady pressure on enemy, but not to make all out effort.	
	1940	43			CO to CG: Asked about above. Gen said 68th to take rest of town to RR track tomorrow. 68th to be relieved after tomorrow night. CG says believes OFFENDORF and HERRLISHEIM will be cleared tonight, if so, CO 142 Inf will take over BISCHWILLER area.	
	1950	44			CO called CO 68 AIB: Gave him above information. To use tanks and our artillery in attack. Also coordinate MG fire from our 3rd Bn on Germans during attack. Jump off at 0830A.	
2015		45			CO 2nd Bn called Exec O. Said he had word from 143 Inf that the French had occupied OFFENDORF. 143 Inf is sending a combat patrol to HERRLISHEIM.	

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IN	OUT					
	2017	46			S-3 talked to Capt Bellamy, S-3 111 Engr Bn, about foot bridges. Believe they can be put vicinity 098185. Some AP mines are in between the two Cos that should be taken out.	
2020		47			A Co phoned and states there is a suspicious couple in vicinity 097184. They do not live there but seem to visit from house to house. Each time there is any activity by our troops in that area they receive a shelling. In one house there is a telephone exchange which seems to have all wires cut however, there seems to be one phone that buzzes. Believe there is some set-up in that vicinity of communicating with the enemy. Would like to have a CIC man investigate.	
	2025	48			S-2 gave above information to Div CIC and they will have a man report to this Hq first thing tomorrow morning.	
	2028	49			S-3 to S-3 132 FA Bn. Can you have a cub up over OBERHOFFEN area tomorrow at 0830A and have comm set so to be in contact with the ground FO with the unit fighting in the town. They seem to be receiving some mortar and flat trajectory fire from NE of town. Maj Elligood: Yes, will have a cub up, but will be in comm with ground FO part of time and Div Arty remainder of time.	
	2033	50			S-3 notified Exec O of 68 AIB of the above plan.	
2050		51			C0 3rd Bn phoned and relief is completed as of 2045.	
	2055	52			S-3 talked to 68 AIB on signals of their position. Will fire one tracer in arc every 15 minutes to indicate their positions, then 3rd Bn will fire into houses across river or at enemy if seen. Will report progress to this Hq every 15 minutes also	

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IN	OUT					
	2100	53			S-3 notified CO 3rd Bn of above information. Col Lynch has OKd the firing of 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Col Simpson will contact Co I CO right away. He has 3 50-cal MGs in position and believe he has 5,000 rounds on position. (5,000 rounds with 30 Cal MG).	
	2115	54			G-3 given situation and notified that 3rd Bn relief was completed.	
	2120	55			G-2 given situation.	
2150		56			Engrs arrived at Regt CP and left for 3rd Bn CO I guided by Capt Gillespie.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 200

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
051200A Feb '45

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 79th Div - 315th Inf held MLR on W bank of MODER River during period.
 - b. 36th Div - 143rd Inf with 2nd Bn 142 RCT attached held ROHRWILLER, woods to NE and bridgeheads to SE during period.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain and cold. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT less 2nd Bn remained in BISCHWILLER in Div reserve.
 - b. 2nd Bn attached to 143 RCT cleared woods to NE of ROHRWILLER of enemy. Co F relieved Co G on position at 2000A and Co G returned to ROHRWILLER as Bn reserve. Co E relieved Co B 143 Inf vicinity 130180 during early part of period.
 - c. Co E suffered several casualties during night 04-05 Feb due to enemy artillery.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraphs 5.a.b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 6 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
0140		1			Lt Sorrells, 2nd Bn 142 Inf, reports that 143 Inf walked into HERRLISHEIM without meeting resistance.	
0310		2			Capt Chase, 68 AIB, reports all quiet.	
0311		3			Lt Wadleigh, IPW: One PW captured by Co K was a RTU returning to his unit, 6 Co 22 Regt. Got lost attempting to find his unit and walked into K Co outpost.	
0510		4			68 AIB reports vehicles heard in woods N of OBERHOFFEN. 20 rounds WP artillery placed on them. Enemy patrol in woods to NE but nothing has come of it yet.	
	0545	5			G-3 given situation.	
	0600	6			G-2 given situation.	
0750		7			68 AIB reports quiet in OBERHOFFEN during night. Two Germans who came out of house moved down this morning. Will inform you when we jump off.	
0835		8			68 AIB reports that they jumped off at 0830A and also the air OP picked up a mortar position. Firing counter-battery on them.	
0850		9			Gen Dahlquist phoned CO and was given situation. Gen Dahlquist said that there will be a new CI out today.	
	0900	10			S-3 phoned 68 AIB and notified them 142 AT Co would take over area from "Y" S to Bailey bridge. Will save you some troops.	
0902		11			CO AT Co came to CP and received instructions for defense of sector 098196 X to 096187.	
0907		12			68 AIB reports they are now up to corner opposite church and receiving small arms fire from church.	

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IN	OUT					
	0909	13			S-3 to Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn. 68 AIB is up to church and receiving small arms fire from church. Can you see any of their signals. Capt Fisher will check with CP immediately.	
	0910	14			Situation given G-2.	
	0911	15			S-3 checked with 132 FA to see if the air OP fired on any enemy gun positions (mortar). Capt Hearn, FDC, reports no, but fired on 3-gun battery vicinity 131228, area well covered.	
0912		16			G-3 phoned and new OI is coming out. Responsibility of BISCHWILLER passes to GO 142 Inf at 1300A. Plans in couple of days. May give you KALTENHOUSE.	
0912		17			68 AIB reports one force has cleared church taking 8 PWs. Now continuing NE on road that connects with SCHIRRHAIN - OBERHOFFEN road. Will send PWs through your cage.	
0916		18			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports they can see church and surrounding area. Have not seen any tracers. Still observing.	
0930		19			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports artillery falling on Co I OP. Believe it is ours. Capt Lyke, Arty Ln Co, is checking.	
0935		20			3rd Bn reports tracer just went up NE of church. Going to fire a few bursts into town now. Arty has lifted.	
0957		21			68 AIB reports they have advanced NE and NW 50 yds beyond church and receiving a small amount of small arms fire. - There were only 6 PWs from a replacement division who state their Co is 60-man strong and 1/2 of them moved into town and 1/2 stayed in woods NE of town. Were told they came to town to reinforce troops already there. The 30 men were disposed around square N of church.	

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IN	OUT					
1000		22			G-2 phoned and requests two PWs be sent direct to the Div PW cage.	
1030		23			Lt Wadleigh, IPW: PWs state that the 10th SS was relieved at 1915A last night by the 257 VGD 466 Regt. PWs out of 5,6,7 Cos. Are second-rate troops. Estimate 100 men in the three Cos. Are in vicinity of church. Have no tanks, but have 3 75mm AT guns. At 0130 saw 3 guns firing vicinity 123225, believe to be 105 or 150mm.	
	1040	24			S-3 left CP.	
1056		25			155 FA phoned Capt Terrell that the 3rd Bn rec'd some friendly fire in the Co Korea vicinity 075213 at 1045A.	
	1105	26			Capt Terrell phoned Capt Like, and he states that shelling has stopped and now coming from the direction SW of Co K. Believe that it is 141 Inf registering in for defensive fires.	
1115		27			Capt Hearn, 132 FA Bn, reports that an OP in BISCHWILLER observed enemy infantry vicinity 143214. Also can observe 4 or 5 dugouts, not covered, and can see them going from one to another.	
1130		28			S-3 315 Inf phoned that they are pulling out of WEITBRUCH and that they will no longer be responsible for the defense of the town.	
1150		29			I & R OP (096186) phoned that about 5 rounds fell vicinity 103183 between 1130A and 1145A, coming from 40-45 degrees. One round every five minutes.	
1200		30			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1208		31			Gen Dahlquist and Capt Seaman, Gen's Aide, came to CP.	

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IN	OUT					
1225		32			Capt Brooks, 40th Engrs, asked what was being done about Bailey bridge guards since AT Co is pulling out today.	
	1315	33			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn.	
	1317	34			I & R Plat notified to guard Bailey and treadway bridges with platoon less four men now operating an OP. Pul all automatic weapons available on defense of bridges. Mission not only to give warning of enemy approaching, but to hold enemy off until help arrives.	
	1430	35			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
1430		36			CO 2nd Bn reports that 2nd Bn has closed in except for A ¹ Plat.	
1445	1445	37			CO 3rd Bn called S-3. Co I spotted a MG 089208, would like to get a clearance to fire mortars and 50 Cal.	
	1447	38			S-2 called S-2 68 AIB in regards to the above.	
1448		39			68 AIB phoned and gave clearance. CO 3rd Bn notified	
1450		40			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1500		41			Lt Lustman, Div Ln C, brought new DI # 149.	
1505		42			S-2 68 AIB phoned that they ran into another minefield and also sniper fire.	
1550		43			S-2 68 AIB reported spotting German tank at 100209.	
1555		44			S-3 68 AIB called. Left elements havn't moved much, now at 09332040, still moving. Center elements at 09382047. Right elements 09452054. Elements on right meeting heavy sniper fire. Center not hot. Left heavy sniper fire. Received some artillery across street from church. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		44	(Cont'd)		Enemy interdicting street north of "Y" left fork - time fuse - not very effective. Flat trajectory, 3 rounds 75mm, received at 09801929, firing from RJ out of KALTENHOUSE or from RR station.	
1600		45			CP reports 4 rounds, approximately 170 Cal, fell vicinity 104183. Azimuth 40 or 45 degrees from OP at 095185. G-2 notified.	
1610		46			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP and Col Lynch and Lt Col Gillette accompanied the Gen to ceremony area.	
	1615	47			S-3 called 3rd Bn to check if any of their observers can observe 100209, point where 68 AIB spotted enemy tank. Will check and let us know. 3rd Bn called back, they cannot observe this area.	
	1635	48			S-3 called Exec O 68 AIB, told him that Col Lynch wants two contact patrols go cross country and contact 143 Inf on right. 143 Inf will likewise sent two patrols to contact 68 AIB to OBERHOFFEN at contact point at "Y". Times later. 68 AIB has 7 more PWs.	
	1700	49			S-3 phoned S-3 143 Inf in regard to contact patrols. The unit in OBERHOFFEN going to send their patrols at 2100A and 0300A. Capt Hanley asked as to where to contact 143 Inf. Informed to contact at 125179 Co K. 143 Inf S-3 reports that theirs will leave at 1700A and 2400A and contact at "Y" in OBERHOFFEN.	
	1710	50			S-3 phoned 68 AIB and told them that 143 Inf are sending their patrols at 1700A and 2400. To send yours at 2100A and 0300A to Co K 143 Inf vic 125179.	
1740		51			CO 3rd Bn phoned that there is an enemy tank at 092208 firing into Co I position, would like a clearance. S-2 called 68 AIB and they said OK. S-2 informed CO 3rd Bn to fire at tank.	

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IN	OUT					
1745		52			S-2 315th Inf asked permission to turn searchlights on over KALTENHOUSE tonight. Approved.	
1755		53			S-3 143 Inf called. Their contact patrol will probable not meet ours before 1930 as they are moving across country.	
1830		54			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, called. His TDs will go into position tomorrow at dawn. 141 Inf does not want movement in their sector tonight because of something else coming off.	
	1840	55			Col Lynch called CO 68 AIB. 68 AIB has reached junction at 093206 and is stopping for the night. Will use a fresh company in the morning.	
	1845	56			GO ordered AT Co to maintain continuous contact patrol to 68 AIB to north during night.	
1910		57			Maj Townsend, Exec O 68 AIB, called and asked if sound and flash set-up could be had. S-2 checked with Div Arty who said request would have to be made with Corps. This will be done.	
1925		58			S-2 68 AIB reports his OP in BISCHWILLER water tower sighten very bright light in woods N of ROHRWILLER, about 3000 yds to E. Light lasted 15 seconds.	
1940		59			S-3 3rd Bn called to ask if unit in OBERHOFFEN had been notified of 3rd Bn Recon patrol at about 2030-2130A. Ans: No, but Capt Hunley will notify.	
	1942	60			AT Co notified of contact points between 143 Inf and 68 AIB which will pass near AT positions. CO AT Co said patrols of 68 AIB will check through AT Co CP.	
	1945	61			68 AIB notified of 3rd Bn recon patrol in front of KALTENHOUSE. Asked not to put harassing fires near there from 2030 to 2130. 68 AIB would like to place	

fires there until 2045. 3rd Bn notified.

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IN	OUT					
	2020	62			CIC given information by S-2 of suspicious persons in BISCHWILLER which 68 AIB have reported and wants investigated.	
2030		63			Maj Young, G-3, reports about 60 enemy have crossed river near GAMBSHEIM tonight.	
2030		64			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reported 4 more PWs from 6th Co, 466 Regt. Had nothing of value.	
	2055	65			S-3 asked G-3 if CCB had cleared GRIES today as planned. Capt Orcutt said he thought so, but would check.	
	2100	66			S-3 3rd Bn notified to move Bn to GRIES tomorrow morning.	
2110		67			Exec O, 68 AIB, asked to have searchlights turned on. Capt Hunley checked with Div. G-3. 141 Inf is staging a raid and wants lights off until 2200A. 68 AIB informed. Would like one beam directed at 091212.	
	2125	68			S-3 asked Exec O, 68 AIB, what time they were jumping off in the morning. Ans: Soon after daylight Will notify exactly when in the morning.	
2155		69			Co K reports seeing a white flare go up over CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
2210		70			141 Inf reports that their raiding party that was to cross stream in rubber boats failed because of swift flow and boats got out of control. One boat got away with 3 men and drifted downstream. Do not believe it could have gone behind blown RR bridge. Wants our units alerted for 3 men.	
	2212	71			3rd Bn notified of above. 68 AIB notified.	
2310		72			141 Inf reports 3 men have come in all right. One boat missing.	

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Organization: _____

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IN	OUT					
2315½		73			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reports receiving 2 more PWs from 6th Co 466 Regt.	
	2330	74			G-2 given situation.	
2355		75			68 AIB reports quiet in sector. Contact patrol made contact with enemy 4 houses beyond check point 4.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 201

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
061200A Feb. '45

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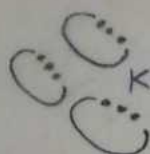
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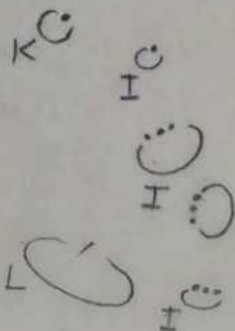
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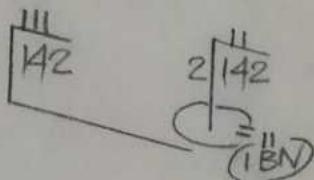
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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 79th Div - 315th Inf relieved on position by 3rd Bn 142 RCT at 2045A.
 - b. 36th Div - 143 Inf continuing to organize positions vic ROHRWILLER.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain and warmer. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT less 2nd Bn remained vicinity BISCHWILLER.
 - b. 3rd Bn began movement to 315th Inf sector at 1400A preparatory to relief. Bn completed relief of 315th Inf at 2045A. 2nd Bn remained attached to 143 RCT. 1st Bn assembled in BISCHWILLER.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory. Unit in need of training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraphs 5a, b.

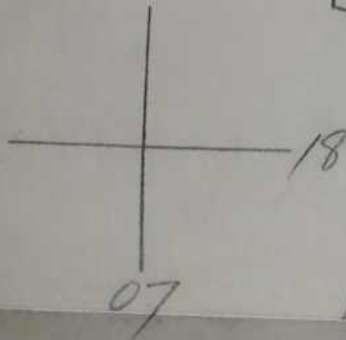
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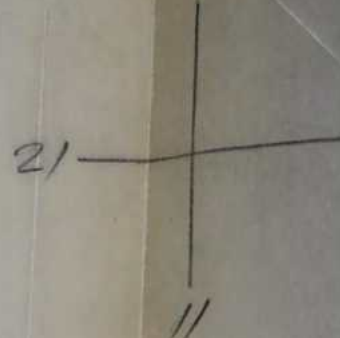
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IN	OUT					
0210		1			68 AIB reports 143 Inf contact patrol made contact at 0130A.	
0310		2			68 AIB reports that there is enemy activity vicinity 090209, firing a mortar concentration on that point.	
0355		3			68 AIB reports that everything is quiet. G-3 given situation.	
0430		4			IPW reports on 3 PWs: 1 from 8 Co 466 Regt and 2 from 3 Co 466 Regt. 8 Co located vicinity their Bn CP at 098211; strength 40/50; 1 LMG Plat of 3 guns, 1 HMG Plat of 3 guns, 1 Inf How Plat (75s) of 3 guns, 1 mortar Plat of 4 guns. PW saw 5 or 6 tanks of 10 SS in woods N of RR at 212 northing. Saw Arty N of road, 217 northing in 0921 Grid, 1 gun at approximately 098217. 3 Co located vicinity 090208; strength 40/50; 4 MGs; some bazookas. Their entire Bn in this vicinity. PWs were sent to contact 2nd Bn E of them. RR station mined, also RR east of station.	
	0500	5			G-2 given situation.	
0515		6			68 AIB reports all quiet.	
	0710	7			Col Lynch left for PARIS.	
0730		8			143 Inf reports a friendly minefield vicinity 129186. 150 yards wide and extending to the east.	
0825		9			68 AIB reports they will jump off at 0830A with same mission as yesterday. Receiving scattered rounds of artillery from due N. Now firing Co A 83 Cml Bn on target ULK.	
0900		10			Received Div OI # 150 dtd 062200A.	
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FROM: 070000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 7 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1100		11			300 radio intercept: 68 AIB 100 yards beyond check point # 3 at 094206. G-3 given situation.	
1130		12			68 AIB phoned that their right elements are at 093207, meeting small arms fire. Elements on the left are not meeting any resistance.	
1145		13			Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1153A.	
1200		14			68 AIB reports they have reached E-W line 093207 and are held up by sniper fire. Enemy AT gun on left street just got one of our tanks. Are maneuvering to knock it out.	
1230	1230	15			Lt Peters, Regt MP Plat Ldr, instructed to set up 4-man post on each bridge this afternoon relieving Regt I & R Platoon by 1700A.	
	1245	16			Regt I & R Plat Ldr told to set up three outposts around BISCHWILLER by 1730A. Posts to operate at night and responsibility is to keep enemy from entering town from S-SE. Regt I observation post to be disbanded.	
	1317	17			Capt Hunley left for WEITBRUCH.	
1340		18			Exec O, 68 AIB, requested that Hvy Wpns Co of relieving Bn meet his Hvy Wpns Co CO this afternoon. 1st Bn notified.	
1340		19			IPW reports 10 PWs received. All from 466 Regt; 5 HqCo, 2 6th Co, 1 8th Co, 2 14th Co. Div notified.	
1355		20			Mr Sidick, Asst S-4, called. Targets have been delivered to Lt Sorrells, 2nd Bn. Lt Sorrells to check on condition and report to Mr Sidick. Will have wrapping paper if not target paper.	
1405		21			Exec O, 3rd Bn, reports Co I still receiving tank fire from approximately 107212. Wants 68 AIB to do something about it if they can fire into it. 68 AIB notified.	

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IN	OUT					
1420		22			Exec O, 68 AIB, reports his advance elements are at 09202074 to 09302085. Receiving considerable bazooka fire. Houses extend along RR all the way to CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
1435		23			CO 3rd Bn came to CP.	
1440		24			Exec O, 68 AIB, reported that one of 2 PWS just taken had said that a counter-attack was pending.	
1450		25			Capt Grdom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, called. TDs will go in at 1600A. Two with each of A, B, and AT Cos.	
1545		26			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1607		27			S-2 3rd Bn reports Co I just received 40 rounds of SP and mortar, approx 107212.	
	1627	28			G-3 given situation.	
1710		29			Gen Stack to Lt Col Gillette: How are things going? Col Gillette: Fine, sir. 68th AIB has cleared majority of houses. Not sure if got AT gun or SP which knocked out our tank. Don't believe tank burned. Gen Stack: Push on out tomorrow so we can establish a line straight across. Col Gillette: Yes, sir. 1st Bn now starting relief. Armor is first.	
1715		30			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, phoned and stated several duds including a 250 pound bomb near building across from their rear CP. Requested a bomb disposal officer investigate.	
1740		31			S-2 arranged with S-2 141 Inf for our 3rd Bn patrols to operate recon patrols at 1900A and 0100A to 084211 and 081215 respectively.	
	1745	32			S-3 arranged with S-3 143 Inf for 1st Bn to send contact patrol at 0300A. 143 Inf will send contact patrols to our 1st Bn at 1900A and 0200A.	

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IN	OUT					
1800		33			CO 1st Bn to Lt Col Gillette: 68 AIB armor has cleared town. My foot troops are moving to relieve their elements now. Col Gillette: Want you to push forward at 0830A and clear remainder of houses to 093208, then will have a Co from 3rd Bn push through you to railroad station. You may have to give them some of your reserve. Not definite, but may give them a platoon of your armor and move another platoon from here to you. Col Minor: Yes, sir. Have two Plats of TDs in OBERHOFFEN and 1 platoon in BISCHWILLER. AT Co plus Bn AT Plat defending right fork of town. 1st Bn CP about 400 yards forward of 68th AIB. Capt Hunley, S-3, notified CO 1st Bn of time, route and place for contact between 143 Inf and 1st Bn. Also of 3rd Bn patrols via RR station.	
1805		34			S-4 states target frames now in 2nd Bn A & P leaders hands. Paper not available as yet.	
	1810	35			S-3 notified Arty (132 FA) and 4.2 mortars of 3rd Bn patrols operating N of OBERHOFFEN.	
1820		36			CO 2nd Bn called. S-3 told him showers open at 0830A to 1030A for 2nd Bn tomorrow. The two hours for showering will be made up in training during the 2 hours free time 9 Feb. (see TM # 2). S-3 called Mr Sidick, S-4 section, who said showers at 064176 will be set for use by 2nd Bn at 0830A tomorrow. CO 2nd Bn notified...	
	1840	37			Lt Col Gillette called CO 68 AIB. All is going well with 68 AIB. One tank knocked out by enemy bazooka. Receiving SP fire from woods to NE. Heavy resistance encountered. Armor has been relieved. Inf will be relieved within 1 or 2 hours. 68 AIB reached vicinity 094207.	
1850		38			Capt Orcutt, Div, called. S-3 gave him information on 68 AIB. Also about progress on relief of 68th by our 1st Bn. Armor and 1 Co Inf already relieved.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 7 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
	1855	39			SECRET	
					<p>Lt Col Gillette to CO 3rd Bn: Situation of 68 AIB given to Lt Col Simpson. Told 1st Bn would push another 100 yds or so to end of buildings tomorrow morning, which will take about an hour. After this mission is completed a task force (ROBERT TASK FORCE, Maj Roberts, Comdg) consisting of L Co of 3rd Bn, 1 Plat tanks, and 1 squad of Engrs, will push through 1st Bn and clear out road to intersection of road and RR. Task Force foot troops will move out, crossing BISCHWILLER bridge at 0830A and close in OBERHOFFEN by 0900A. The Plat of tanks now with 1st Bn will remain in position. One Plat of 1st Bn reserve Co will be used as Task Force reserve. Coordinate with TDS in KALTENHOUSE for cross fire on road between KALTENHOUSE and OBERHOFFEN. Also coordinate with Co K for crossfire support, target indicated by tracers. When mission is completed, organize for defense. Also organize strongpoint at RR and road Jct with 2 platoons. Outpost along RR, also road, and maintain contact with 1st Bn. Have FO with Task Force.</p>	
	1940	40			<p>Lt Col Gillette called CO 1st Bn and gave him above plan. Co C platoon will be reserve for Task Force. CO 1st Bn said AT relief completed and also Cos A and B.</p>	
1940		41			<p>Lt Lustman, Div:Ln O, brought in Div OI # 151. Passwords: 7-8 Barr-Vino; 8-9 Mast-Congo; 9-10 Alfa-Fox.</p>	
1947		42			<p>Capt Groom, 636 TDs, reported to CP. Was given instructions for tomorrow's plan.</p>	
	1955	43			<p>S-3 called 111 Engrs. One squad of Engrs report at 1st Bn CP at 0900A tomorrow. Squad be prepared to remove mines. Report to Maj Roberts.</p>	
	2000	44			<p>Lt Col Gillette gave tank officer plan for tomorrow.</p>	
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IN	OUT					
	2010	45			Lt Col Gillette called CO 3rd Bn. Told that 1st Bn Co C Plat will be the reserve for Task Force. Also that Engr, TD, and Tank officers were given instructions. TDs at KALTENHOUSE will give support, but will not fire S of RR unless enemy tank appears.	
2015		46			Capt Orcutt, Div, called. Searchlight being turned on over road N of WEITBRUCH. S-3 told him we do not want lights over OBERHOFFEN.	
	2030	47			Lt Col Gillette called CO 132 FA giving him plan for tomorrow. Due to ARTY ammo shortage with ARTY Bn, Col asked how much would be available for mission. Lt Col Green will check and call back.	
	2040	48			S-3 called 1st Bn. Cml Mortar officer with 1st Bn will go with Task Force when they pass through.	
	2043	49			S-3 called Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn. Told that 1st Bn has Cml Mortar Ln 0 and when Task Force passes through 1st Bn Cml Ln 0 will join Task Force and give mortar support. Told that all COs of units of Task Force would report to him at 0800A at 1st Bn CP.	
2047		50			143 Inf called saying they observed 2 white and 1 amber flare at 112193. Wondered about their patrol to our 1st Bn that went route vicinity that area.	
	2048	51			S-3 called 1st Bn. 143 Inf patrol just reported at 1st Bn 142 Inf. The patrol observed the flares, but said they were fired from N edge of OBERHOFFEN. S-3 called 143 Inf and gave them this information.	
	2100	52			Ln 0, 111 Engr Bn, given instructions for mission and also about constructing defenses after completion of mission tomorrow.	
	2104	53			S-3 called S-3 68 AIB. Asked that they give our 1st Bn overlay of mine field locations. S-3 68 AIB said they gave 1st Bn S-3 all locations.	

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Date: 7 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2125	54			G-2 given situation.	
2135		55			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reported that relief is completed. Div notified.	
2210		56			CO 132 FA Bn arrived at CP.	
2215		57			Div called. They received a teletype message from Seventh Army: "Everybody be alert and apprehend 2½ ton truck, war department # 4150427, bumper markings # 28XS47X." Capt Terrell notified all units.	
2305		58			CO 3rd Bn called and gave patrol report. Co K patrol, left 1900 returned 2250A. Left Co positions E along RR embankment, crossed highway at 085210' to within 50 yards of RR station, remained there one hour, observed no movement but heard one man coughing in RR station, then went to factory at 086211, then due N to 085014, remained there 1 hour, while there observed 5 Germans walking SW on main road, all had helmets and rifles but no packs. Did not see or hear any tracked vehicles. Patrol returned over same route. Gave this report to G-3.	
2315		59			Mr Sidick, Ass't S-3, called. They have wrapping paper which they drew tonight and have black paint, so will have targets.	
	2350	60			CO 132 FA Bn left CP.	
	2400	61			G-3 given situation.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 202

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
071200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 061200A Feb. 1945
TO : 071200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 141st Inf on left - completed relief of 314th Inf during first part of period. Remainder of period spent in familiarization and reorganization of MLR.
 - b. 143rd Inf on right - continued to hold MLR BISCHWILLER - ROHRWILLER - HERRLISHEIM - OFFENDORF.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and rain. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT, with 68 AIB attached, held MLR with one Bn during period.
 - b. 2nd Bn relieved by elements of 143rd Inf and closed in BISCHWILLER at 1430A. At 070900 Bn began movement to GRIES where a three day period of limited training will be followed.
 - c. 1st Bn remained in BISCHWILLER in Regt reserve.
 - d. 3rd Bn - no change.
 - e. 68 AIB continued to clear town of OBERHOFFEN. At close of period forward elements were vicinity 093207 and were meeting stiffening resistance.
 - f. Other units - no change.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory - RCT in need of training for junior officers and NCO's.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a.b.c.

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

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: GP BISCHWILLER
Date: 8 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0215	1			G-3 given situation.	
0225		2			Radio Msg: 1st Bn firing mortars. 20 rounds on concentration # 2. Target not stated.	
0330		3			3rd Bn Patrol report: Patrol of Co K, led by Sgt Groom: Left 0100A and returned at 0300A. When passing through outpost heard tank fire from CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN into OBERHOFFEN. Estimated tank to be at 088220. Patrol crossed river below bridge by rubber boat. Went by road to point 25 yards from 1st house. Heard considerable movement, like sound of men moving in rubble, coming from about the 3rd house. Heard enemy heavy mortar fire from about 084220 into OBERHOFFEN. A building was burning at 081216. Patrol not fired on. No vehicles heard. Saw or heard no small arms firing. G-2 notified.	
	0530	4			G-2 given situation.	
	0600	5			G-3 given situation.	
	0830	6			S-3 gave G-3 situation.	
	0904	7			Lt Col Gillette called CO 1st Bn in regard to the attack. CO 1st Bn reports of receiving some self-propelled and artillery fire last night. Also that Co L in position ready to go when they stop. Attack jumped off.	
0932		8			Maj Roberts reports that Engrs had not arrived yet.	
	0940	9			S-3 checked with CO 1st Bn if Plat of Engrs had arrived at their CP. CO 1st Bn reports that Co A is pushing on out, receiving mortar and small arms fire.	
	0944	10			S-3 checked with Lt Powers, Engr Bn, on Plat of Engrs.	

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IN	OUT					
	0954	11			S-3 gave G-3 situation.	
1010		12			Capt Saunders, S-3 1st Bn, reports Co A has just about reached their objective and meeting nothing but mortar fire.	
1108		13			S-3 143 Inf phoned and states a SP or tank N of OBERHOFFEN fired four rounds of Lt caliber artillery into vicinity 103185.	
	1115	14			G-3 given situation.	
	1118	15			300 radio message to 1st Bn: Report your situation.	
	1124	16			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn CP.	
	1127	17			S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn: Tomorrow afternoon at 1615A S-4 will hold a meeting for all Co officers on "How to Save Company Property". Meeting will be held in town hall of GRIES.	
1130		18			1st Bn reports they are vicinity 093207.5. One tank knocked out by self propelled gun. Advance slowed by smallarms, mortar, and SP fire.	
	1134	19			G-3 given situation.	
	1136	20			G-2 given situation.	
1144		21			132 FA Bn reports firing on enemy tank vicinity 099209. OP in BISCHWILLER reports activity along road vicinity 141201. Adjusting 155 FA on it now. Also firing on what is believed to be their CP in edge of woods along road.	
1146		22			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports Engrs that were to arrive at 0900 for ROBERTS TASK FORCE had not arrived.	
	1149	23			S-3 called CO 111 Engr on whereabouts of Engrs.	

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IN	OUT					
1150		24			Maj Petrie, Engrs, stated he would make further check and see what had happened.	
1200		25			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1202		26			Col Albright, Div Chief of Staff, came to CP.	
	1215	27			Col Albright left for Div.	
1235		28			Lt Powers, Engrs, called. The squad that was to report to Maj Roberts this morning is now on its way. Will stop at this CP and we will give them direction.	
	1245	29			S-2 gave Lt Johnson, 1st Bn, patrol orders for tonight: #1, recon, obj 118222; #2, combat, obj 099218; #3, recon, obj 086221.	
	1300	30			Capt Hunley left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1326		31			1st Bn reports one squad of Co C and 6 AT men working NE along road from 100200, advanced 100 yards and received direct fire from SP vicinity 103204. Putting artillery on target.	
	1345	32			Lt Col Gillette called CO 1st Bn who states Co A is nine houses beyond the RJ. Receiving mortar and self propelled fire, also small arms from houses to their front. Working tanks around so that they can fire into these houses. Have two tanks and TDs of which one tank has been knocked out. It has been replaced.	
	1350	33			Lt Col Gillette left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1426		34			G-2 reports that 30th Brg, W of HAGENAU, reports seeing a black parachute drop at 1030A. To be alert for paratroopers.	
1430		35			1st Bn reports 1 squad of Co C and 6 AT Co men working NE along road have pushed out and that they have an outpost.	

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Organization:

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IN	OUT					
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1530		36			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1535		37			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1545	38			Lt Col Gillette called CO 1st Bn. Bn unable to advance due to heavy MG, SP, and mortar fire. Ordered to continue until 1700A and if no progress will have Co L make night attack.	
	1600	39			G-3 given situation.	
	1605	40			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn.	
1630		41			Maj Petrie, Engrs, arrived at CP. Left at 1645 A.	
1700		42			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1715	43			Lt Col Gillette gave situation to Gen Stack. Gen OK'd night attack.	
1814		44			CO 3rd Bn phoned Lt Col Gillette for CO 1st Bn who states they are receiving a counter attack, don't know what strength. Col Gillette ordered Col Simpson to hold up on his attack.	
1833		45			CO 3rd Bn phoned Lt Col Gillette for Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, who is forward of present CP. States some enemy infiltrated behind Co A leading platoon and support platoon. Sending two platoons from Co C up. It is an undetermined C/A, strength unknown.	
	1842	46			S-3 phoned G-3 and gave him the situation, also requested that searchlights be turned on over OBERHOFFEN.	
1845		47			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, phoned Capt Hunley that the enemy came around the left Plat of Co A.	
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Place: CP BISCHWILLER
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IN	OUT					
	1930	48			S-3 phoned S-3 143 Inf in regard to contact patrols. Agreed on same points as last night and also same times.	
	1941	49			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, in regard to contact patrols. Capt Saunders says that he has them all set up for tonight.	
2030		50			CO Cn Co phoned and asked if it is alright to do some harassing firing at 10472094.	
	2035	51			Capt Terrell checked with 1st Bn. Whether their patrols are out yet and if and when they go to call the duty officer so that he can stop any artillery fires.	
2045		52			3rd Bn reports that two white flares and 2 rifle shots were heard and see over CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
2020		53			1st Bn reports that they have lost about eight houses and it is estimated about 50 enemy constitute strength of counterattack, they got in behind Co A platoon.	
2119		54			3rd Bn S-3 phoned patrol report: Co K left at 1900A and returned at 2110A. It was a 5-man patrol, followed the left embankment of RR, then crossed RR and went to within 300 yards of RR station, listened for an hour and 15 minutes. Saw and heard nothing. As white and red flares went up over CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN patrol was on its way back.	
2120		55			1st Bn reports 143 Inf contact patrol made contact at 2100A.	
	2230	56			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 1st Bn. CO 1st Bn reports that they have taken back 2 of the houses and that there are several houses on fire which makes it difficult to operate. Still receiving small arms and self propelled fire from (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		56	(Cont'd)		woods, believe that there are 3 located in woods and 2 in vicinity of CAMP D'OBERHOFEN. Lt Col Gillette ordered them to hold up for the rest of the night and to jump off at 0600A in the morning. Also that Co L will hold up for the night.	
	2235	57			Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Roberts at Co A CP that CO 1st Bn is going to hold up for the night, that they are to jump off at 0800A in the morning. You are to get some rest for the night and the same plans will still be in effect when Co A reaches their objective.	
2237		58			143 S-3 reports that 1st Bn contact patrol made contact with their Co K.	
2247		59			Engr Ln O reports that Engrs put in both wire and AT, vicinity 1020 grid.	
2300		60			Maj Roberts called and reports that he is checking out of the net with his radio, for he has phone communications.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 203

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
081200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 071200A Feb. 1945
TO : 081200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 141st Inf on left - continued to hold MLR along W bank of MODER River.
 - b. 143rd Inf on right - continued to hold MBR ROHRWILLER - HERRLISHEIM - OFFENDORF with only light patrol contact.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy to fair. Visibility poor to very good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defensive line from SE edge of KALTENHOUSE to BISCHWILLER. 1st Bn relieved 68th AIB in OBERHOPFEN during night and Co A pushed forward in NW edge of town at 0830A meeting heavy mortar, small arms and SP fire. At close of period had reached approximately 09302075. 2nd Bn in GRIES doing limited training. 3rd Bn holding line KALTENHOUSE - BISCHWILLER. Co L moved during morning to OBERHOPFEN prepared to pass through Co A and continue mission of clearing town of ENEMY. Upon completion of mission Co L to set up defense vicinity RR station. Regtl AT Co attached to 1st Bn and defending right fork of OBERHOPFEN road.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory - RCT in need of training for junior officers and NCO's.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a. RCT continued to hold MLR with only light patrol contact during night. 1st Bn attack in OBERHOPFEN succeeded in clearing approximately 500 yards of enemy held buildings.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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0015		1			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reports two patrols out. Combat patrol to NW corner of CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN left at 0010. Recon patrol to SHERRLISHEIM left at 0030A.	
	0018	2			Capt Terrell called Arty FDC, Capt Hearn, and gave him patrol information as indicated above.	
0030		3			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, called. Co A captured 2 PWs in their area. From 58th Bn. Both Austrians who say Germans wouldn't associate with them. Am sending them back to cage.	
0120		4			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, called: Two PWs from 5th Co 466 Regt, mission of small counter-attack was to retake group of houses vicinity 090209. PWs joined Co a few days ago. Strength of Cos 15/20. Co had 1 casualty. Observed no tanks. Morale low.	
0230		5			1st Bn patrol report. Recon patrol went up right fork, went about 150 to 200 yards towards woods when they heard Germans, tried to go around but heard Germans throughout woods. Patrol returned at 0210A. Combat patrol left area and entered woods vicinity 909204, penetrated woods about 15 yards and received MG and rifle fire, left woods and tried to go around to left and was fired there also.	
0250		6			1st Bn called: Patrol 143 Inf made contact. No activity encountered.	
	0310	7			G-3 given situation.	
0320		8			Lt Johnson, 3rd Bn, called. Patrol to CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN reached point 081213. Went to 3rd house where they observed and listened from 0130A to 0230A. Heard Germans moving around. Also heard tracked vehicles and truck movement in camp. Patrol left at 0100A and returned at 0300A.	
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0415		9			143 Inf reports a fire burning in BISCHWILLER, in center of town. Capt Hunley left to check it.	
	0435	10			G-3 notified of fire. Asked to get fire fighting equipment if possible. Given situation.	
0500		11			1st Bn reports patrol made contact with 143 Inf. Everything quiet.	
	0540	12			Capt Hunley obtained permission from Capt Henry, Div MPs, to use Div MP detail at scene of fire.	
	0605	13			G-2 given situation.	
0610		14			CO 1st Bn reports he is going to attack at daylight with two platoons of Co C and two Plats of Co A.	
0810		15			CO 1st Bn reports attack progressing, striking minefields and booby traps. Co A beyond where original line was yesterday. Co C platoon in houses on right. Receiving self-propelled fire from woods to north. 5 PWs so far.	
	0812	16			S-3 checked with CO 132 FA Bn to see if cub plane was up. Not yet, but will be soon.	
	0815	17			G-3 given situation. 143 Inf to try to take DRUSENHEIM this morning.	
0825		18			Maj Roberts, Roberts Task Force, states squad of Engrs have disappeared and he is almost ready to jump off. Capt Hunley: Will check with Engr Ln O.	
	0830	19			Capt Hunley to CO 1st Bn: Have checked with Ln O and squad of Engrs are supposed to have remained near Co L last night.	
	0840	20			Capt Hunley left for OBERHOFFEN.	
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0842		21			Maj Roberts states Engrs have been found near 1st Bn CP.	
0922		22			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	0934	23			Lt Col Gillette phoned S-2 3rd Bn and ordered they have observers in Bn CP watch RR station NW of OBERHOFFEN and vicinity around station, watch for enemy self-propelled that is firing straight down road from NW into town.	
	0950	24			S-2 gave PW information to G-2.	
0958		25			155 FA Bn reports forward observer in tower at BISCHWILLER states he can observe an enemy tank vicinity 095213 firing into OBERHOFFEN. Firing on it now. CO 1st Bn notified.	
	1005	26			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn CP.	
1025		27			Gen Stack arrived at CP and was guided down to 1st Bn.	
1030		28			Capt Seeman, Div, called. We are going to lose our Cml mortars.	
1105		29			Capt Quast, 132 FA S-2, reports that one of his OPs in KALTENHOUSE observed enemy troops, about one company, at 085211 coming SE. Firing on them.	
1125		30			Lt Col Gillette arrived back to CP.	
	1130	31			Lt Col Gillette called Maj Young, G-3, in regards to the 4.2 mortars which we are to lose at 1200A today. Asked that we get to keep them for we are to make an attack and also that the artillery ammunition is limited.	
1130		32			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reports that the fire in BISCHWILLER was started in the attic of one house by spontaneous combustion and not shelling. (Cont'd)	

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					So far there is damage caused to four houses, but the fire is under control. Also there were no soldiers living in the house in which fire started.	
	1130	33			Lt Col Gillette checked with Engr Ln 0 in regard to rubber boats. Was informed that boats are at MARIENTHAL.	
1140		34			Capt Hunley returned.	
1150		35			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, requests a bombing mission. From RR and road intersection along the railroad into the woods; A line 500 yards NE along the woods; and CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN. Maj Lowery reports that about an hour ago they received a counter-attack of estimated 60 to 30 men. Holding what we have. CO AT reports his CP to front observed unknown number of enemy troops milling around. Fired cCannon and mortars.	
	1200	36			G-3 given situation.	
	1310	37			G-3, Maj Young, given situation.	
1315		38			Capt Seaman, G-3 section, called. Plat of 4.2 mortars that now is with 142 Inf to go to 143 Inf. Div had arranged to borrow another platoon for a 36-hour period which will report to this Hq this afternoon.	
	1320	39			CO 3rd Bn left CP.	
1322		40			Capt Orcutt, Div, checked with Capt Hunley on point of bombing mission. It is where RR enters woods at 097212. Given location of our troops in OBERHOFFEN.	
1325		41			Capt Weston, G-2 section, asked if reports of heavy artillery concentrations on OBERHOFFEN were true. Ans: No more today than usual.	
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1330		42			S-4 talked with CO about scarcity of 81mm ammo. Cannot be had. Suggests observers use variety of support weapons.	
	1330	43			S-2 left for 3rd Bn.	
1335		44			CO of attached Plat of Co A 83 Cml Mortar Bn was asked to leave fire data and a man to stay with incoming mortar platoon.	
	1340	45			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn.	
1340		46			IPW reports: Two PWs from 14 Co 466 Regt (Atchd to 6th Co). PW states 6 men left in Co (less one platoon) attachto 6th Co. Have 1-3 bazookas. Mission to hold present line. Counter-attack of last night was to establish old positions. Heard tanks N of dam. One reserve platoon vicinity SCHIRRHAIN.	
1345		47			CO 1st Bn called: Reports counter-attack stopped. Bn now lacks 3 houses on right road, 4 or 5 on left of completing job where Bn will assume defense.	
1350		48			S-3 2nd Bn called. Targets are about ready to be picked up. Does not believe it advisable to do tank - infantry training because of soggy ground.	
1350	1350	49			132 FA Bn notified to have CO meet with CO 142 Inf 1500A at this CP.	
1425		50			G-3 called. Planes are on the way. 1st Bn notified.	
1445		51			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
1450		52			Div OI # 152 received.	
1455		53			S-2 1st Bn called. Reports from FO indicate planes did a good job on requested mission.	
1455		53			CO 132 FA Bn came to CP.	

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	1500	54			TG sent to Div G-3.	
1550		55			Lt Arnold, 3rd Bn, reports they are receiving a heavy shelling.	
1620		56			S-2 returned to CP.	
	1628	57			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 1st Bn: How are things going: Col Minor: Had them jump off again. Doing OK now on right but those of left not progressing. Getting a lot of artillery. Col Gillette: Co I and Co L will proceed as planned. Move your TDS in camouflaged positions tonight prepared to fire at targets after daylight tomorrow.	
	1630	58			Capt Hunley to Capt Seaman, Div G-s section: Thought I was to get some mortars. Capt Seaman: You are. orders have been issued and we have talked to G-3 45th Div. The Plat is moving and should close in your area by dark. The CO should report to your CP soon.	
1650		59			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports they have 7 PWs and believe a few more coming. Have all except last house on right but have not moved on left. The bombing was exactly where we wanted it. If attack tomorrow doesn't work will phone in some more missions.	
1655		60			CO of Co C 83 Cml Bn talked to Capt Hunley. Plat now on road, don't believe they can get in position by daylight. What is our job? Capt Hunley: Take over same mission as Co A platoon had. Send observer to 1st Bn at OBERHOFFEN. Use Co A fire data so you will not have to register fires. Capt Smith: Will do my best to have them in position by daylight.	
1718		61			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, called. Wants two trucks for PWs. Have captured a Bn CO.	

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	1720	62			Lt Peters, Hq Co, notified of PW detail. 1st Bn will furnish guard detail.	
1722		63			CO 1st Bn called. He is sending the Capt PW down with jeep. Other PWs will be picked up by PW detail.	
	1730	64			Div given information on 1st Bn situation.	
	1745	65			S-2 gave artillery CBC shelling report. Fire came from CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN and was estimated at 2 Btrys. Shelled area 094203. Also other shell reports.	
1740		66			3rd Bn OP reported 3 enemy crossed RR on road to OBERHOFFEN.	
1750		67			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, called. PWs taken were bottled up in last four houses on right hand road. All PWs came out of one house, still a lot of enemy in other three houses. Bn will maintain same contact patrols.	
1755		68			CO 3rd Bn called. Was given 1st Bn situation. S-3 informed CO 3rd Bn that he will have 4.2 mortars by dawn. (In support).	
1800		69			CO 1st Bn reports Co A getting another counter-attack on left. Still fighting on right trying to get last houses.	
1810		70			Capt Groom, TD officer, phoned Lt Col Gillette. Found satisfactory positions along road from GRIES to WEITBRUCH. Is that OK? Can get to BISCHWILLER in 10 minutes if necessary. Will have direct communications from 132 FDC in GRIES and fire through them. Will not be able to register until early tomorrow morning. Col Gillette: That is fine. Would like you to fire harassing fire in woods NE of OBERHOFFEN and also in CAMP D'OBERHOFFED tonight. How is your ammunition supply? Capt Groom: Have 300 rounds I can fire and also have (Cont'd)	

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		70	(Cont'd)		50 HE and 50 AP. No limit according to my S-4 and have checked on amount can draw in a pinch. Will get in touch with artillery and fire your requests.	
	1820	71			Lt Col Gillette to CO 3rd Bn: What time do you want lights on? CO 3rd Bn: Anytime is OK. Col Gillette: Will have them turned on now and believe they will help your patrols. Moon doesn't come up until 0630A.	
	1830	72			S-2 go Capt Saunders, 1st Bn. Send a patrol to vicinity RJ 118222 staying to right of road. Observe and listen for 30 minutes, then return. Patrol to go to vicinity 106212 if possible.	
	1840	73			Lt Col Gillette talked to CO 1st Bn. A fresh platoon of Co C now relieving the platoon on right. Counterattack taken care of. Co A has 11 men left in one platoon. A lot of activity in front of Co B and AT Co. Would like to have bombing mission at CAMP D'OBERHOFEN tomorrow. Also 2 or 3 flights to strafe woods. Col Gillette: Send a squad raid of the fresh platoon to rear of houses on right and get them cleaned out. Will request air mission for you. Send your patrols deep to the east tonite. Get armor in position by 2100 or 2200A so there will be no movement latter part of night. Lights will be on tonight.	
1840		74			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, reports: 117 Can Trp A 055235 to 062228; trp C 071217 to 076215; 36 Rcn 062226 to 070218. Co G 141 relieving Co G 143 Inf and Co E relieving Cos A and B 143 Inf. Co C 143 Inf still fighting pillbox 165162 and water works at 148172.	
	1843	75			S-3 talked to G-3 and requested lights be turned on now. Also gave them situation.	

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	1900	76			S-3 called Capt Orcutt, Div. More air missions tomorrow. Finish CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN; then strafe woods NE of OBERHOFFEN. Be sure and give woods a good working over.	
1905		77			3rd Bn CP reports heard tank moving N vicinity 084212. Small arms exploding believed to be ammunition dump vicinity 093218.	
1943		78			S-3 3rd Bn reports they are pulling the AT Plat out from Co I and moving it to BISCHWILLER where it will be handy.	
	2005	79			S-3 phoned S-4 and requested targets be left in area as another Bn would be out in one or two days. Need as much ammunition for other Bns as 2nd Bn had. S-4 states have no more paper available for targets. Rockets scarce. 2nd Bn finished bathing this eve.	
2025		80			S-3 1st Bn reports Plat of Co C got all of the houses, then enemy threw 75 to 100 man counter-attack from two houses on right and pushed Plat back out of 6 houses. Plat down to 20 men before relieved by another Plat of Co C. Attack occurred about 1900A. New Plat of Co C to jump off at 2200A to retake the houses. G-3 notified. Estimated to have killed 20 enemy. G-2 notified.	
2035		81			CO 3rd Bn states Bn CP reports enemy white parachute flare over area vicinity 073212. Supposedly shot from vicinity RR station. S-2 gave CO 3rd Bn the 1st Bn situation.	
2054		82			CO Co A 83 Cml Bn phoned and Co C will go in near Insane Asylum along main road. Will use concentration numbers we are using. Will send observer to Co A immediately. Doubt if he is ready to actually fire at dawn.	

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2103		83			CO 1st Bn to Lt Col Gillette: Enemy very active to front of both Cos. Also one house burning on each road. Suggest I do not pull raid at 2200A as planned. Lt Col Gillette: OK, coordinate with Roberts Task Force and jump at time you hear small arms fire from RR station. If no small arms fire is heard jump at 0530A.	
2115		84			Capt Groom, 636 TD Bn, states his 3 TDs in position vicinity 046172. Will fire approximately 100 rounds tonight in woods NE of OBERHOPFEN as harassing fire tonight.	
2145		85			S-3 1st Bn states no change. Receiving some artillery and mortar fire.	
2230		86			CO 3rd Bn states Engr O on recon of bridge site was fired on from building N of blown RR bridge vicinity 071211. Don't believe can attempt to build bridge and cross it with surprise. Col Gillette: Build foot bridge behind debris at S bridge site using part of reserve platoon from Co I as security. Establish outpost on RR bed near blown bridge at N site. Engr officer stated he could build bridge using rubber boats in 2½ hours. Could put planks across debris at N site in 1 hour.	
	2345	87			G-3 given situation.	

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.

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3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

- a. 141st Inf on left - relieved by 117th Can Rcn Sq.
- b. 143rd Inf on right - continued to hold and improve MLR preparing to be relieved on afternoon 9 Feb b6 141 RCT.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Light rain or drizzle latter part of period restricting visibility from one (1) to two (2) miles.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. RCT continued to hold MLR W and E of MODER River with 1st Bn continuing attack to clear OBERHOPFEN.
- b. Enemy launched counterattack of approximately 15-20 man strength against forward elements of 1st Bn at 1900A which was beaten off without loss of much ground. At close of period 1st Bn receiving another enemy counter-attack of undetermined strength.
- c. Other elements - no change.
- d. Patrols E of MODER River found very little enemy activity.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory. RCT still in need of training for junior officers and NCO's.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a.b. and c. and d. RCT continued to hold defensive line and to clear enemy from NW edge of OBERHOPFEN.

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0030		1			1st Bn listening post patrol reports: Went to 108209 where they listened for about 45 minutes, heard enemy moving around. Believe to be moving into position. Also it was no great number. Heard no vehicular movement.	
0037		2			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reports Co A has 2 PWs.	
0130		3			IPW reports 2 PWs are out of 257 Fusilier Co. Mission to counter-attack at 1830A.	
	0510	4			CO called CO 3rd Bn. So far all quiet. One white flare went up on German side. One patrol reached to within 50 or 60 yards of RR station, heard Germans talking and moving around. Co I jumped off at 0430A.	
0520		5			1st Bn reports that Co B contact patrol reports 143 Inf had already jumped off when they got there.	
0530		6			Maj Roberts called: We are jumping off - Co L. Capt Terrell notified CO 3rd Bn. Enemy shooting more flares.	
	0550	7			G-2 given situation.	
	0620	8			Capt Seeman given situation.	
0635		9			CO 3rd Bn reports hearing firing. Sounds like coming from right of five road junctions. Co L made contact immediately after jump off.	
0645		10			CO 3rd Bn reports 1 casualty in Co L. Co I closing in on houses by RR station.	
	0700	11			G-3 given situation.	
0700		12			CO 3rd Bn called. Co I entered first house around RR station without resistance, then received MG fire. Bridge is in. G-3 notified.	

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	0713	13			S-3 called Co A 83 Cml Bn. Plat of Cml mortars are in position at Insance Asylum. Ln O with 1st B n. Plat will be in direct support of 1st Bn also, but will support 3rd Bn also. Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, notified. Also report hearing considerable activity vicinity DRUSENHEIM.	
	0745	14			S-3 gave Maj Newell situation.	
	0800	15			Lt Col Gillette to CO 3rd Bn: How are things going? Col Simpson: Co I is in houses. Have radio contact but no wire. Sent CO Co I message to push advance. Don't know if they are in RR station. Leaving a platoon at RR to take care of any counterattack. Other platoon of Co I ready to cross anytime. Bridge is secured by fire from Co K. Co L is meeting stiff resistance. Lt Col Gillette: Keep them moving and get area cleared and organized for defense as early as possible	
0816		16			CO 1st Bn phoned and states 4.2 mortars have no smoke. Claim to have given it to 143 Inf. We need smoke very bad, can we get it? Capt Terrell: Will check immediately and notify you of results.	
0825		17			Lt Forrester, Co A 83 Cml Bn, reports he has enough WP to furnish Plat of Co C 2 hours of smoking (600 to 700 rounds) and also have enough left for 2 hours of smoking for 143 Inf, however, permission will have to be obtained from 143 Inf before using WP for Co C platoon.	
0830		18			CO 3rd Bn reports Co I has established their outposts. Have 20 PWs. Co L had advanced 200 yards with stiff resistance.	
	0832	19			CO 2nd Bn given situation.	
0835		20			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports a tank knocked out by mine on right road. Could we get Engrs? Receiving SP fire, beleived can be neutralized by our armor.	

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	0840	21			Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Gentile, 143 Inf: Could we arrange to get about 600 rounds of smoke from Co A. They have enough for 4 hours of smoking or 1200 rounds. We have none at all and understand you also have smoke generators. Maj Gentile: Will be OK. Will call CO Co A on matter.	
	0832	22			Capt Hunley called Co C Plat and notified them to pick up their WP shells.	
	0845	23			S-3 arranged with CO AT Co for AT Co mine detectors be loaded to Engrs.	
0847		24			CO 1st Bn requested air mission on woods as soon as possible.	
0848		25			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, states Co L getting hit by SP from edge of woods. Enemy can see Co L men as th they go from house to house.	
	0850	26			Capt Terrell talked to Plat Ldr of Co C 83 Cml Bn on WP ammunition. Requested they notify this Hq as soon as are ready to fire. Lt Boyd, Co C 83 Cml, can get 600 rounds. Sending for it now. Getting observer ready to report to 1st Bn.	
	0850	27			Lt Col Gillette left for Co K OP.	
	0906	28			S-3 talked to Maj Baker, Div Air C, and requested air missions be hurried up. G-3 given situation.	
0907		29			CO 3rd Bn states a message from Co I says they are moving down main road toward Co L.	
	0910	30			S-3 phoned CO 1st Bn. Air bases are closed this morning. Will try to get planes up later in morning. Our mission has priority except one for 143 Inf. Col Minor: Plat of Co C has had to withdraw from one house because MG and SP fire was so heavy from woods.	

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	0940	31			S-3 called Exec O, 3rd Bn, to ask for loan of Engrs to 1st Bn for mine sweeping. Ans: 4 or 5 can go to 1st Bn. 1st Bn notified and told where to get them.	
	0940	32			G-3, Capt Orcutt, given situation. 143 Inf having tough time at DRUSENHEIM. Co L had to pull out of SE part of town to reorganize. Co E in W part of town, but doubt if it can be held.	
0950		33			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
	1000	34			Lt Col Gillette warned Co A 636 TD Bn to TD at KALTENHOUSE alert to fire on any enemy tanks coming out of CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
1000		35			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1010		36			CO Co C 83 Cml Bn states Co A WP dump is under direct tank fire and truck cannot get to it. Will try means to do so however.	
	1035	37			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1042		38			CO 3rd Bn reports that the outpost at the factory building was forced to withdraw. Co I still has the RR station.	
1045		39			CO 1st Bn called Lt Col Gillette. Reports that he has 9 men left out of 28 in platoon. Just got through receiving a barrage which they receive every now and then. Consists of artillery, SP, MG fire coming from woods. one tank knocked out, have three left. CO 1st Bn is trying to maneuver TD around in attempt to knock down houses. Also going to try to burn last few houses. Lt Col Gillette ordered he push the TD out in open and fire around 15 ounds into woods then pull back and move to a new position and fire again.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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IN	OUT					
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1100		40			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reports that Co C received a volumn of fire from woods. Co C burning all houses and pulling back to cross roads. Co C received heavy casualties.	
1145		41			CO 2nd Bn called Lt Col Gillette and asked about situation which was given him by Lt Col Gillette. Also Col Gillette informed him that he plans on relieving 1st Bn with 2nd Bn sometime after dark. Will call later for further details.	
1150		42			IPW reports: PW states 1st Bn 466 Regt was relieved last night by 2nd Bn 477 Regt. Then 1st Bn 466 moved over and replaced 2nd Bn 466 Regt.	
1200		43			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports that 35 to 40 enemy are running from factory buildings N toward CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN. Firing artillery on them now.	
1225		44			CO 3rd Bn reports front line of Co I vicinity 085213 to 090208. Artillery, mortars, and cannon fired on enemy running from factory with good results. Do not know for sure if we have factory building.	
1245		45			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reports that the TD spotted some American soldiers moving toward factory.	
1248		46			Gen Hess arrived at CP. Left at 1300A.	
1310		47			CO 1st Bn called. They are back across clearing and have defense set up. Bringing another platoon of Co C up and will attack with 2 Platoons of Co C within next hour. Also that Co L has moved up to vicinity 092207.	
1330		48			3rd Bn OP reports 5 rounds of 105 or 150mm fell vicinity foot bridge 083208 at 1315A. Estimates it came from NE of HAGUENAU. Fell between 080213 and 082210. Div Arty notified (CBO).	
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	1340	49			Exec O phoned CO 3rd Bn: What is situation? Col Simpson: We do have factory. Co L has had 12 casualties with 1 KIA. Don't know exactly what Co I is doing. Col Gillette: Send Staff officer to contact Co I if you don't get any word within one hour.	
	1400	50			Exec O phoned CO 1st Bn: Have CO 2nd Bn come by Regt CP for information. There will be some changes in defense. Part of AT Co is to be relieved.	
1415		51			CO 2nd Bn came to CP.	
1424		52			S-3 returned to CP.	
	1450	53			CO 2nd Bn left CP.	
	1455	54			S-2 left for 2nd Bn.	
1458		55			Lt Peters reports an unexploded bomb on E bank of river near Bailey bridge. Exec O ordered him to have it marked with tape.	
	1458	56			G-3 given situation. Co E 141 Inf working along W banks of RHINE River and receiving SP fire from E of river and from main road S of DRUSENHEIM. Co G following them up and occupying positions. Co E on SW edge of town. Roadblock vicinity 150170 now removed and armor can get to them.	
	1510	57			S-3 phoned CO AT Co in regards to being relieved tonight. Capt Scott suggests CO 1st Bn be questioned about strength needed to hold area. Enemy has been very active. There is a 75 yard gap between Co B and AT Co which is covered by patrols every 30 minutes. S-3 stated he would call him back.	
	1520	58			Exec O talked with CO 3rd Bn and ordered Co I & L shoot flares to mark their positions for each other. Co I reports receiving direct tank fire from E	

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IN	OUT					
	1536	59			S-3 called Co B 111 Engrs and requested AT mines and wire be installed around Co I vicinity RR. AT mines to have priority. Engrs to cross river at same place as Co I. There will be one squad of Engrs available for work tonight.	
	1545	60			G-2 given situation.	
	1550	61			CO AT Co told that AT Co will have to remain in position another 24 hours.	
	1600	62			Lt Col Gillette left CP.	
1605		63			Two Plats of Co C have taken 43 more PWs. Will burn houses down. S-3 1st Bn.	
	1620	64			G-3 given situation.	
1625		65			132 FA Bn OP in BISCHWILLER reports sighting 3 Germans digging in at 137203 at 1620A.	
1630		66			Co B 111 Engrs asked for additional help of 12 or 14 men to carry mines for Engrs with 3rd Bn tonight.	
	1645	67			S-3 talked with CO 3rd Bn. Cos I & L have not linked up as yet and it is not likely they will this afternoon. Co I will have to be supplied by hand-carry tonight. Have 10 more PWs, more with Co I which they are holding to handle 8 or 10 american litter cases. Co I still under fire from woods. Cannot move around in daylight. CO 3rd Bn will provide help for Engrs. 3rd Bn CP will be in BISCHWILLER.	
1700		68			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1725	69			S-3 called S-3 143 Inf. Contact patrols to be same as last night.	

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IN	OUT					
1730		70			CO 1st Bn asked to have road at 095205 mined and wired. Capt Hunley said it would have to wait until tomorrow night as Engrs are not available. Road has been mined with daisy-chain but CO 1st Bn wants a permanent minefield.	
1745		71			CO 3rd Bn called CO 142 Inf: Co I has had 15 to 20 casualties. Now hold 5 houses on right and 3 on left of road. Report of Co I reaching 090 grid wrong. They never have been that far. Received a tremendous barrage a short while ago. Have 21 additional PWs. One squad of Res platoon of Co K to be attached to Co I tonight. Co L to send patrol to try to contact Co I after dark.	
1750		72			Flash Msg: Enemy infantry advancing toward factory. Artillery being directed on them.	
	1750	73			G-2 given situation.	
1820		74			CO 3rd Bn reports Co I receiving a counterattack. Have been firing artillery 15 to 20 minutes. May have gotten on them early enough to break it up. CO 3rd Bn asked about 4.2 mortar platoon. S-3 told him of platoon in support of 1st Bn. CO 3rd Bn will contact him in the morning.	
	1830	75			CO 142 warned CO 3rd Bn to make all possible effort to keep wire line in to Co I tonight.	
1900		76			CO 3rd Bn reports enemy counterattack of 50 to 60 men drove in outpost and gained factory again. Will get Cn Co to fire on it now and wait until morning before trying to retake it. Will use TDS in support then.	
1905		77			CO 2nd Bn came to CP. Left at 1925A.	
	1945	78			CO 142 talked with CO 3rd Bn. Asked if Co L had been able to knock down road block with tanks. Ans: Has breached holes in walls, but (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		78	(Cont'd)		have not taken out enemy who continue to stop our infantry with bazooka fire. Will have to withdraw men for another try of tank fire. Co I has stopped enemy attack and should be able to hold positions along RR for the night. Prisoners have started back.	
	1955	79			CO 142 Inf called Ln 0 ef Engrs S-4. Shower 1st Bn with exchange of clothing for tomorrow. 400 rounds of 81mm received today.	
	2010	80			S-3 called Ln 0 Engrs: CO wants underpass of RR mined tonight, but factory area is in enemy hands now.	
	2015	81			G-2 given situation.	
2040		82			CO 3rd Bn called CO 142. States PWs are on way back. PWs say there is to be a large scale counter-attack in the morning with tanks.	
	2105	83			CO 142 Inf phoned CO 1st Bn: How is relief. CO 1st Bn: Co F now relieving Co A and G. We have all houses. Burned last two houses. Expect relief to be made by 2400A.	
	2115	84			CO 142 Inf to CO 3rd Bn: It is imperative that Co I and Co L join tonight to be able and get armor up main road. Have Co L ready to jump by 2230A. Have a Staff Officer direct the attack. Alert Co K for movement to Co Is present position. Will send a Co from 1st Bn to take over Co Ks position. CO 3rd Bn: Can have Co K moving in 30 minutes after issuing orders to move. Sending squad of support platoon over now before attack begins. Maj Roberts will take charge of attack. All quiet at Co I at present.	
	2125	85			Lt Col Gillette to CO 1st Bn: Have given orders for Co K to be alerted for movement across river tonight. One Co from hour Bn to (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		86	(Cont'd)		relieve Co K. What Co will you send? CO 1st Bn: Will send Co B as it has not been in the fight. Co A has had heavy casualties. Lt Col Gillette: Send a staff officer to Co K immediately so you will have somebody available to guide Co B in pos.	
2140		86			Received Div OI # 153, 101800A Feb.	
	2145	87			CO 142 Inf told CO 3rd Bn not to commit more than one Plat of Co B without his permission.	
2310		88			Lt Peters, Hq Co, reports MP outpost on Bailey bridge heard movement within factory nearby. Investigated and fired a few shots there but drew no return fire. Will be alert.	
	2330	89			Lt Col Gillette told CO 3rd Bn to start Co L on attack now as they are ready. Co I will not be ready before 2400A.	
2335		90			CO 132 FA Bn says he is having artillery and observers standing by after 0500A in the morning to be alert for any counter-attack.	
2340		91			CO 1st Bn reports relief now complete and command being turned over to CO 2nd Bn. Co B on way to KALTENHOUSE. 3rd Bn S-3 notified. Co B attached to 3rd Bn until released.	
2345		92			S-3 143 Inf reports 141 Inf 1st Bn has completed relief of 143 Inf and is now on our right.	
	2400	93			Div G-3, Capt. Orcutt, given situation: Notified of relief.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 205

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
101200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 091200A Feb. 1945
TO : 101200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

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- a. 117th Rcn on left - held MLR on W bank of MODER River with only light patrol contact.
- b. 143rd Inf on right - relieved on position by elements of 141 RCT. Launched an attack against DRUSENHEIM during early morning of 10 Feb. At close of period engaged in a very stiff fight in both N and S ends of town.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, fog and mist. Visibility poor, 300 to 500 yards.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn continued attack in NW end of OBERHOFFEN against intense small arms, SP, mortar and artillery fire. Casualties were very heavy, however, our troops continued pressure on the enemy until a Bn CO and Staff and approximately 48 men were forced to surrender about dusk on 9 Feb. At dusk enemy counter-attacked forcing our troops to withdraw from about 6 houses on E side of town where all around defense was set up for the night.
 - b. 3rd Bn continued pressure on enemy on morning 10 Feb by Co L (reinf) attacking NW through Co A towards RR station. Co I crossed MODER River on foot bridge vic 083209 at 0430A and attacked at 0500A. After fierce fire fights and intense enemy artillery and SP concentrations Co I captured approximately 20 PWs and cleared factory building and RR station of enemy, set up outposts to protect rear against enemy counterattacks and pushed SE on main road to meet Co L. At close of period 3rd Bn still engaged in fierce house to house fighting with only approximately 200 yard gap existing between companies.
 - c. 2nd Bn remained in GRIES throughout period continuing limited training.

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6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of training and lacks trained junior officers and NCOs.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a.b. and c.
RCT continued to exert pressure on enemy in NW end of OBERHOFFEN. Pierce street fighting hampered by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, SP fire continued at close of period.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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IN	OUT					
0125		1			Msg: CO 3rd Bn to CO Co I: Co L moving toward you.	
	0130	2			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 3rd Bn: How are things? CO 3rd Bn: Both Cos moving forward. Co L has advanced across open on right and taken 1 house. (approximately 100 yards). Lt Col Gillette: Keep them moving and give me a report within next hour.	
0150		3			Radio Flash: CO 3rd Bn to CO Co I: Everyone will indicate position by flare in 15 minutes. You will do likewise.	
0205		4			Radio intercepts: CO 3rd Bn to Co I: Co L advanced 100 yards. Have you taken anymore houses? Where are your guides that were to meet ration detail at bridge? Mortar barrage of harassing fire you called for is on the way.	
0220		5			IPW report: 3 PWs from 257 Fus Co. CO told them tomorrow or following day a counterattack of their Co of infantry plus more support by 6 SPs (75mm) 3 of which were seen at 090223. A Plat of American Armcd cars also to be in attack. Armored cars supposed to be in SOUFFLENHEIM. Two tanks seen vicinity 105214 for 2 days. 257th Co with 6 MGs got into factory and then were ordered to return along RR to woods. Sent a 4-man patrol to see if RR was clear and 3 were captured and one escaped..	
	0230	6			CO 3rd Bn notified of PW information. Co L has taken 3 houses on each side of street. Co I moving not much advance, resistance heavy.	
	0234	7			CO 2nd Bn notified of PW information.	
0350		8			Radio intercept: CO 3rd Bn to Co I. Report situation, has ammunition arrived yet?.	
0403		9			Maj Roberts phoned that he cannot find squad of Engr that are attached to him. They are not at the place where they were put. Request some Engrs right away.	

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0407		10			Radio intercept: CO 3rd Bn to Co I: Did AP Plat arrive yet? Have you made any advance. Press attack and join Co L as soon as possible.	
0410		11			Radio intercept: CO 3rd Bn to Co I: Indicate by flare your position in 15 minutes.	
	0410	12			S-3 phoned Capt Carey, 111 Engr Co B CO, in regards to Maj Robert's Engrs. At present they are out laying mines somewhere. Maj Roberts has been notified.	
0500		13			Ln O of Engrs reports that the mine field is in. Also ran into enemy mine field at RR station.	
0505		14			Radio intercept: Is your litter squad to the bridge. What progress are you making toward Co L? (Msg CO 3rd Bn to Co I)	
0510		15			I & R OP reports everything is quiet.	
	0520	16			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 3rd Bn. CO 3rd Bn states that Co L is progressing. Col Gillette ordered to try to make contact before daylight and also to be on alert for possible counter-attack that may come at daylight.	
0615		17			CO 3rd Bn called Lt Col Gillette: Have taken 6 more houses, and in a few minutes going to assault with bazookas. The 2 Cos are within a few hundred yards of each other. Co L gave a little ground and they have a patrol out to contact Co I. CO 3rd Bn ordered Capt Crocker, CO Co L, to get back what he lost. All resupplied and Co I received some casualties. Armor is with Capt Crocker now.	
	0645	18			Lt Col Gillette called Co A TD Bn in KALTENHOUSE to have an observer out to be on alert to observe over factory building and vicinity. Also to fire about 30 or 40 rds as soon as they can see the outline of the buildings.	

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IN	OUT					
0645		19			CO 3rd Bn phoned that 40 to 50 rounds fell in OBERHOFFEN and also they do not have any troops N of railroad.	
0730		20			Radio intercept: Alert Cn Co observer for counter-attack and defensive fires. CP 3rd Bn to Co I: Counterattack breaking up in front, friendly troops at 093208. Four men going out from Co L on way to Co I.	
0745		21			Radio intercept: Maj Roberts, Roberts Task Force, to CO 142 Inf: Enemy tank and infantry outside my CP, need help immediately.	
	0747	22			CO 142 Inf to CO 2nd Bn: Received report that 3rd Bn Hq needed help, enemy tank and infantry outside CP. Report your situation.	
0747		23			132 FA Bn reports they have fired about 300 to 350 rounds at enemy activity (supposedly a counter-attack) in front of 2nd Bn. Situation of enemy has quieted down now according to one of our observers.	
	0748	24			Lt Col Gillette ordered CO 3rd Bn to check with Co I and see about their situation. CO 3rd Bn states about 5 minutes ago got message from Maj Roberts saying Co L still pushing forward.	
	0750	25			Lt Col Gillette ordered CO Co A 636 TD Bn to check with vehicles in OBERHOFFEN on situation. Notify him of radio intercept.	
0755		26			CO Co A 83 Cml states his guns are in position to fire. Do not have observer with 1st Bn yet.	
0757		27			Radio intercept: Maj Roberts in OBERHOFFEN: Cos E and F fell back to our CP before attack. Need help.	
0758		28			Capt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn, reports TDs in OBERHOFFEN state all quiet.	

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0800		29			Arty intercept: About A Co of Inf running from woods to factory building. Fire medium with delayed fuse.	
	0800	30			S-3 left for 2nd Bn CP.	
	0801	31			CO 3rd Bn to Co L: Can friendly tank get down main road to cut off enemy tank and Inf?	
0802		32			CO 2nd Bn to CO 142: Out of contact with left flank Co.	
	0804	33			CO 142 to CO 2nd Bn: Maj Roberts reports enemy infiltration with tanks at his CP. Investigate.	
0810		34			Capt Broom, TD Officer, states his Plat reports Co E having small enemy counterattack. No ground lost. Enemy tank and SP in woods to north. Lt Col Gillette ordered that he observe between CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN and factory for enemy. Shell area.	
0835		35			3rd Bn states Co I continuing advance. Sending one squad around to right to contact Co L. Co L to hold what they have and send 2 squads to attack enemy armored car and infantry at my CP. Approximately 30 men from Co F and E fell back to my CP before attack and can hold out.	
	0835	36			Lt Col Gillette called Maj Baker, Div Air Officer, and requested air mission on CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN and woods N of OBERHOFFEN.	
0840		36			Maj Baker, Div Air O, reports flight on way. Have Arty observers observe smoke and let us know where it is hitting so targets will be marked properly.	
	0843	37			Lt Col Gillette notified Maj Brickenhoff to have smoke layed in quadrangle at CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN and along edge (SW) woods N of OBERHOFFEN at 090215, along RR running parallel to 21 N. Alert observers to observe smoke so targets can be marked.	

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	0848	38			CO 3rd Bn notified of air mission. to observe smoke.	Arty observers
0852		39			Gen Dahlquist given situation. Be sure and use armor. Enemy must be cleared out.	
	0855	40			S-3 called from 2nd Bn CP. Everything seems to be under control. Tank officer still trying to contact his tanks. There has been a slight infiltration between Cos E and F but CO of Co E says he can handle the situation. Checking on a report of two tanks leaving town towards woods to the east. Have not contacted Co L as yet. Col Gillette: Air mission is over head now. Have CO 2nd Bn personally check and get armor working.	
0858		41			S-4 phoned and exchange of clothing will be ready shortly after first group showers.	
0913		42			Flight of planes for requested air mission overhead. Another flight to follow.	
0917		43			Radio intercept: Co L to 3rd Bn Ho: Same position last reported and right not clear. Reported enemy tanks to my rear in town. Am trying to check it now.	
0920	0920	44			CO 142 Inf asked situation of 2nd Bn: Still all quiet around odr tanks and TPs. Enemy infantry penetrated around Co E near cemetery which are being cleared out now. All quiet with Co F to N. No knowledge of enemy tanks in town. CO 142 Inf told CO 2nd Bn to send staff officer to Maj Roberts at his CP.	
0923		45			S-3 called from 2nd Bn CP. AT Co reported seeing 30 enemy leaving town for woods. Fighting is reported by Arty Obs around church to N. No tanks (enemy) in town that he knows of.	
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0925		46			CO ATCo called. Reports fired mortars and MGs on enemy moving from town toward woods. Called for Cn Co fire and it was late.	
	0927	47			CO 142 called CO Cn Co and told him to check with CO AT Co on above.	
0935		48			CO 3rd Bn reports plane bombing and strafing had good coverage on target. Wants more of it.	
	0940	49			CO 142 asked Exec O, 2nd Bn, to get a report on effects of bombing and strafing.	
	0941	50			Div Air Officer notified that results of plane mission was very good. Want more.	
0945		51			CO 3rd Bn reports planes just completed strafing CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
0945		52			Gen Stack came to CP	
0950		53			CO 2nd Bn reports left Plat of Co E fell back under enemy pressure at 096204. Support Plat of Co E and Co G being sent to the area. Co F reports quiet. Two tanks may be in edge of town.	
	0955	54			CO 142 Inf gave situation to CG.	
0955		55			Radio intercept: 3rd Bn to 2nd Bn: Tell 2nd Bn to get bazooka team with one squad rifleman for protection to knock out SP facing Co E CP at 094204.	
1010		56			CO 3rd Bn reports Co I had heavy casualties. Called for litter bearers. CO 142: Take Capt Lyke, Arty Ln O, and get precision Arty adjustments on houses between Cos I and L. Have Co L push on forward to Co I as support Plat of Co E and part of Co G are moving to clear infiltration.	
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1015		57			Capt Willeford, Regt Ammo O, states he has 400 rounds 81mm Lt. What is breakdown? CO 142: Split even half and half to 2nd and 3rd Bns.	
1018		58			CO 3rd Bn states Maj Roberts sent radio message that two enemy SPs were in jog of road vicinity 094203.	
	1020	59			CO 142 notified Capt Groom, TD officer, to check with his TDs on two enemy SPs reported to be at 094203.	
	1024	60			S-2 checked with 117 Rcn to see if they had any additional information on enemy leaving factory vicinity 086212. 117 Rcn stated they would check with Trp C and call back.	
	1027	61			CO 142 ordered CO 3rd Bn to send a patrol from Co K or Co I to factory and see if enemy is still there. CO 3rd Bn: Will send patrol from Co K. Radio message from Co I states they are still moving toward Co L.	
1040		62			CO 3rd Bn states radio message from Co I reports forward elements at 092208.	
1045		63			CO 2nd Bn states 4 PWs state 2 Cos with 3 SPs came in at daylight. Co G has 12 PWs.	
	1055	64			G-3 given situation.	
1100		65			117 Can reports TDs fired into factory at same time our TDs fired. No MGs were fired at Germans by our people. However, there was MG fire believed to have come from 142 troops.	
1115		66			132 FA states Corps reports observing tanks at 093208, 092208 and 096205. Lt Col Gillette: Anything E of last row of houses is not ours.	

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FROM: 110000A Feb. 1945
TO : 112400A Feb. 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 11 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1118		67			2nd Bn reports Capt Hunley left their CP at 1030A for Co L.	
	1121	68			CO to Maj Roberts: Is Regt S-3 there. Report situation.	
	1125	69			G-2 given situation.	
	1126	70			Lt Col Gillette requested Lt Edmundson, S-2 3rd Bn, inquire of Maj Roberts of Regt S-3 had arrived at his CP.	
1135		71			CO 2nd Bn states he has heard from CO Co E and he reports he has contact with all of Co E. Enemy tank reported at E side of town. Our armor moving to knock it out.	
1137		72			S-3 returned to CP. Did not reach Maj Roberts. Enemy has apparently cut entire town from 095205 to church. Had 13 PWs at time he left town.	
1145		73			3rd Bn reports a message from Co L. States they are now moving. Lt Col Gillette ordered they check that no enemy is to their rear.	
1148		74			Capt Groom, TD Officer, states he just got a report from his platoon leader that there was two pieces of enemy armor at 096204. Checking on it now.	
	1150	75			G-2 given situation.	
	1220	76			CO gave situation to CO 1st Bn.	
1225		77			CO 2nd Bn phoned Lt Col Gillette that Co L and G have met. Co E moving along right road. Radio intercept: Co I at 091207. Enemy coming down road to reinforce at 095205. Co L continuing to move.	
1300		78			CO 2nd Bn to CO 142: CO AT Co observes enemy coming down road. GCo observer did not observe this, he also has a better view. Has more PWs including 1 O.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 11 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1312		79			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, phoned. 13 PWs are on way in. There will be 14 more later.	
	1315	80			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 2nd Bn who states that they are progressing slowly.	
	1330	81			CO called 3rd Bn. Capt Curtis reports that there are 10 enemy 150 yards to right of RR station waving a white flag. 3rd Bn S-3 reports that CO 3rd Bn reports that Co I is at 092208. Trying to get him again on the radio. Lt Col Gillette ordered Lt Edmundson to go out and contact CO 3rd Bn, get his plans and also to tell him gap definitely has to be closed this afternoon. Use all artillery that you need. Close gap today. Also get this information back as quickly as possible.	
1350		82			Col Redse, Div: Reports enemy moving W along RR track (092211) toward station.	
	1355	83			S-3 called 141 Inf. 141 Inf to send contact patrol at 1800A and 2400A, contact point Co G. We will send contact patrols to 141 Inf at 2100A and 0300A, contact point Co G.	
	1400	84			Lt Col Gillette to CO 3rd Bn: Was told 10 houses between Cos I and L occupied by enemy. Co I strength low. One Plat of Co K to assist Co I and combined effort of Cos I and L and Plat of K to clean out houses.	
	1410	85			CO 142 to CP 3rd Bn: Instruct Maj Roberts to have Co L push out immediately. Houses must be cleared out without delay. Co L to report every half hour.	
	1412	86			CO to CO 2nd Bn: Ordered to start clearing situation immediately. TDs to move at once.	
	1415	87			Gen Dahlquist to Gen Stack: Was given situation. Gen Dahlquist said to have armor knock down houses between Cos I and L. Also make arrangements for	

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Organization: _____
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 11 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		87	(Cont'd)		defense so that Germans cannot get back into town again.	
	1425	88			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn.	
1430		89			IPW reports that Co of 25 men, Engls, were fighting as Infantry in support of SPs.	
	1440	90			CO 3rd Bn to CO 2nd Bn: Co E moving. Co G working on SP, Co about 150 yards E of church.	
	1445	91			Lt Col Gillette ordered Tank Officer to have tanks move up to knock out SP gun.	
1455		92			CO 3rd Bn to CO 142: Co I and L have made contact. Cleaning out last houses. If Co L hasn't used all Plats one plat to return to vicinity of church. Co L to remain where they are. Was ordered to organize air-tite defense for tonight.	
1510		93			Capt Hunley returned.	
1520		94			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
1530		95			CO 3rd Bn called CO 142: Will Co I go to KALTENHOUSE after being relieved? Ans: Yes. They will and Co B will remain there also.	
1540		96			CO 3rd Bn reports patrol could not get to factory. Firing on enemy in cave on N side of RR with 50 Cal. Have inflicted casualties. Cos I and L mopping up area now. Have 10 PWs.	
1545		97			Exec O of 2nd Bn reports Plat of Co E has advanced up eastern street and took 40 PWs. Plat of Co F at end of right street is having a counterattack. Details later.	
	1555	98			Lt Col Gillette notified CO 3rd Bn that Plat of Co F was receiving a counterattack. Have Co L assist in movement and fire.	

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TO : 112400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

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Date: 11 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
1557		99			Radio intercept: Co F to CO 2nd Bn: Estimate about 50 enemy, MGs attached, coming toward us burning the houses.	
1605		100			CO 2nd Bn to CO 142 Inf that the SP is pulling back and that there is 13 enemy around it. Alerted all TDs and tanks to fire on it.	
1607		101			Intercept: Co F to Co H: Want mortar fire vicinity 096211. MG firing on their left.	
1615		102			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1620		103			Maj Spitler phoned that Co E captured the Bn CO of 1st Bn 455 Regt 457 Div. Rank of Major.	
1621		104			CO 3rd Bn reports that Co E has 26 PWs.	
1627		105			Maj Roberts called Lt Col Gillette and reports that the SP backed out and believe it to be knocked out by our Co E or Co G.	
1635		106			CO 2nd Bn to CO 142 reports that SP has definitely been knocked out. Lt Col Gillette ordered gasoline to be poured on them and burned. Also to have Co F retake these houses and clean the area out before dark.	
1645		107			Gen Stack left for Div.	
1655		108			S-3 notified S-3 111 Engr Bn that Gen Stack has granted permission for 142 Inf to have a Plat of Engrs tonight.	
1700		109			Lt Col Gillette talked to Maj Roberts: Co L did help Co F on counter-attack and it was broken up. Gave boundary between Bns to Lt Ivey. Two tanks to be with Co L and two with Co F. Co L will have a Plat at 0925-208; Plat 090208 and Plat behind the one at 090208 for support.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

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Date: 11 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
	1710	110			CO 142 Inf to CO 3rd Bn: Meet me at 2nd Bn CP as soon as possible. CO 3rd Bn stated he had personally given tonight's instructions to Lt Reid, CO Co I.	
	1730	110			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn CP.	
	1735	111			Capt Groom and Capt Clark, COs of TDs and Tks respectively, notified to meet Lt Col Gillette at 2nd Bn CP within 20 minutes to discuss defense plans for OBERHOFFEN.	
	1740	112			S-3 notified S-3 2nd Bn that Engrs would be working there tonight, give them guides and there will be marked on Engr Map the areas to be mined and priority of work.	
	1745	113			G-2 given situation.	
	1755	114			S-3 gave situation to CO 1st Bn.	
	1800	115			132 FA FDC given situation.	
1818		116			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1836	117			G-3 given situation. Requested lights be turned on over OBERHOFFEN.	
	1840	118			Engr O given details of mine fields and wire to be put in tonight.	
	1900	119			4.2 mortars given permission to fire harassing fires for 3rd Bn vicinity CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN tonight.	
	1905	120			S-3 2nd Bn notified that priority job for Engrs was main road NE from church. Engrs will arrive about 2200A.	
	1910	121			CO 3rd Bn notified of Engrs laying mines and wire tonight.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 11 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1920	122			S-3 called 2nd Bn: CO 142 wants to know how many casualties Co E had.	
1925		123			CO 2nd Bn to CO 142: Co F in position.	
1940		124			Maj Spitler called: Co E casualties: BC 4, NBC 2, KIA 2, MIA 12.	
	1947	125			G-2 given situation.	
1955		126			Capt Wren, Div, called. A PW from an Arty unit reports that a heavy Arty gun is to be moved into this area, perhaps a RR gun. Give shell reports on this gun. S-2 gave Div our situation.	
2020		127			3rd Bn reports patrol from 141 Inf made contact OK. Also, Lt Ivy burned 2 SPs and 1 tank that were knocked out.	
	2025	128			CO 142 called CO 2nd Bn: Is everything quiet? Ans: Yes. Be sure to outpost and be on alert.	
2045		129			2nd Bn reported a couple civilians picked up at their outpost at 105195. Are sending them in.	
2215		130			CO 2nd Bn to S-2: Wants Engrs to sweep mines along section of road. Engr Ln C notified. Engrs that are going to 3rd Bn will do this sweeping.	
2240		131			300 radio: From Co L "Our 2nd Plat receiving C/A. Being broken up at present by artillery."	
2255		132			Div reports: PWs state road mined between 107213 and 109215. Also trees felled between these points, mines beneath trees.	
2320		133			300 radio: Co K to 3rd Bn Hq: "Estimate 15 enemy in factory, request artillery."	
2330		134			2nd Bn contact patrol to 141 Inf at 0900A returned. No activity.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 11 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
2335		135			3rd Bn reports Co K in position at	2325A.
2350		136			Lt Forrester, Cml mortars, called. Requested to be prepared to support 2nd and 3rd Bns.	
2400		137			CO 2nd Bn called. They have captured a radio operator with radio and a number of code books.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 206

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
111200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 101200A Feb. 1945
TO : 111200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

a. 117 Can on left - continued to hold MLR on W bank of MODER River.

b. 141st Inf on right - held RÖHRWILLER and W bank of RHINE and continued relief of 143 Inf elements SW of DRUSENHEIM.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain and snow to fair. Visibility poor to very good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

a. 1st Bn relieved on position by 2nd Bn during darkness, relief being completed by 2330A. 1st Bn, less Co B, moved to GRIES as Regt reserve to do limited training. Co B moved to KALTENHOUSE prepared to occupy positions of Co K.

b. 3rd Bn continued attack in NW OBERHOFFEN against severe S/A, mortar, artillery and SP fire. House to house fighting continued throughout entire period. Factory building at 086213 exchanged hands several times with enemy still occupying it at close of period.

c. At dawn 11 Feb enemy, estimated to be two companies of infantry and three SPs, made counterattack against our troops at 095205 and succeeded in splitting the town W to church. At close of period 2nd Bn engaged with enemy to clear town.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Unit in need of reinforcements and training.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. See paragraphs 5.a, b and c.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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JOURNAL

FROM: 120000A Feb 1945

142 Inf

TO : 122400A Feb 1945

Organization:

CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50;000

Place:

12 Feb. 1945

Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0015		1			Engr squad arrived at CP.	
0030		2			Capt Lyke reports first elements of Co I now arriving at Co K positions.	
	0035	3			Engr squad left.	
0100		4			Capt Clark, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, called. 4 Tanks with 2nd Bn in position. 3rd Bn tanks are getting up to them soon as Engrs sweep road. Two to be with Co K. One with Co L. One tank hit a mine.	
0105		5			Lt Edmundson, 3rd Bn, reports Engrs now working on mine removal. 23 AT mines lifted from road at 092208.	
0130		6			Radio intercept: CO 3rd Bn to Co K: 2 tanks coming to you by road.	
0135		7			Co K receiving quite a bit of SP and mortar fire.	
0145		8			Radio: CO 3rd Bn to Co K: Have you received tanks? Ans: No. We need them. Enemy is infiltrating now.	
0200		9			Lt Edmundson, 3rd Bn, called. Some small arms fire in Co K sector. Enemy attempting to infiltrate in K, L and F Co sectors but not getting in.	
0202		10			Lt Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn, reports enemy patrol out in front of line of outposts about 200 yards from Bailey bridge. Sending out a combat patrol from Co G. MP post notified of this.	
	0215	11			G-3 given situation.	
0300		12			2nd Bn reports that Co G patrol along line of outposts made no contact, heard no firing close in but some at distance in direction of ROHRWILLER. 141 Inf notified that enemy patrol may still be in	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 122400A Feb 1945

Place: CP BISCHWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 12 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0315		13			Radio: Co K to CO 3rd Bn: Have not received tanks yet but will attack factory at 0615A as planned.	
	0325	14			G-3, Capt Ganutt, asked by S-3 to notify unit on our left of 3rd Bn raid on factory at 0615. Given situation.	
0355		15			Radio intercept: Co I to CO 3rd Bn: Tanks to be used on factory tomorrow have arrived.	
	0615	16			G-3 given situation.	
0712		17			CO 2nd Bn reports all quiet.	
0727		18			CO 3rd Bn states all quiet. Tanks arrived and are in position. The raid started at 0630A. Should be back soon. Instructed them to leave a 6-man outpost there if they took factory.	
0740		19			S-3 3rd Bn states Co L received some mortar fire and suffered one KIA. 4 enemy came from woods toward Co L position vicinity 094208 laying telephone wire and Co L captured them.	
0744		20			S-3 2nd Bn reports they are having difficulty in getting 4.2 mortars to fire concentrations registered for them. Request S-3 check.	
	0747	21			Capt Hunley left for 4.2 mortar CP. Returned at 0800A.	
0830		22			S-3 2nd Bn reports that everything is quiet.	
0835		23			S-3 3rd Bn reports that they are firing on a house vicinity 092212 believed to be some tanks around there. Also have 1 PW.	
0930		24			Intercept: Co K to CO 3rd Bn: Patrol reached objective. Received some casualties. Want Co I to get them.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 12 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0935		25			CO 3rd Bn phoned Lt Col Gillette that Co K has an outpost in position at the factory. Received 3 casualties. Captured 22 PWs. One man from Co L killed by mortar fire this morning.	
	0955	26			G-3 given situation.	
1000		27			Intercept: Co K to CO 3rd Bn: Enemy has retaken factory. Low on ammunition. Plan to retake it again.	
1005		28			CO 3rd Bn reports that estimate 25 enemy retook factory. Going to place Arty on the factory. Plan on attacking within an hour.	
	1023	29			S-3 phoned Capt Groom, TDs, to move the 3 TDs that are in direct firing position and to put them back in same position. In firing position, firing N and NE. Intercept: CO 3rd Bn to Co K: Arty will be laid. Intercept: Co M to Co K: Enemy in station.	
1050		30			Intercept: Co K to CO 3rd Bn: Getting a lot of Arty and mortar fire.	
	1100	31			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 3rd Bn in regards to intercept message that the enemy is in station. It is the first that he heard of it. Will check it.	
1118		32			CO 3rd Bn reports that they are laying a barrage down on the factory preparing to assault. Also that it is hard for troops to stay on the 1st floor of the railroad station on account of SP and mortar fire. Believe to be no threat. The enemy did the same yesterday. The 22 PWs are on their way down, using them to carry casualties.	
1200		33			CO 3rd Bn reports a nice fire burning in factory. Still working on RR station. Believe situation will be cleared shortly.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 12 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1335	34			S-3 left for 2nd, 3rd, then 1st Bn CPs.	
1340		35			CO 3rd Bn reports RR station now burning. Lt Col Gillette: Have men with automatic weapons remain in station if possible for observation down RR. - Capt Fisher states PWs are now in hands of MPs and on way to PW cage.	
	1348	36			Lt Col Gillette left for Co K OP, then 3rd Bn rear CP.	
1430		37			Gen Dahlquist called. Wants to meet COs of 141, 142, and 143 Infs at 142 CP at 1500A.	
1455		38			Lt Col Gillette returned. CO 143 Inf and CO 141 Inf arrived for CGs meeting.	
	1500	39			CO 142 Inf asked situation of CO 3rd Bn. Quiet now at Co K. CO 3rd Bn does not believe it advisable to try to hold RR station but we can cover it as well by fire and keep enemy from it.	
1505		40			CG arrived for meeting.	
1510		41			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reports last group of PWs from HELDMAN Bn.	
1530		42			Div Ln 0 reports that 117 Rcn sighted an enemy SP at 079204 at 1210A. This was taken under fire and has since been silent. 141 Inf sending a patrol to take out MG at 167166.	
1550		43			CO AT Co reports that 3 enemy came in with safe-conduct passes and say that a larger group of them plan to come in tonight around 1800A.	
	1605	44			S-3 called S-3 2nd Bn asking about Arty concentration just heard coming in. CO 2nd Bn said KALTENHOUSE was receiving it.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 12 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
	1630	45			G-3 given situation.	
	1640	46			G-2 given situation.	
	1643	47			Gen Dahlquist, Col Owens, and Lt Col Denholm left CP.	
	1645	48			S-3 notified S-3 2nd Bn that Engrs would be working tonight.	
	1648	49			Lt Col Gillette phoned 2nd and 3rd Bns and requested names of enlisted men who knocked out the enemy SPs in OBERHOFFEN yesterday so decoration recommendations could be submitted.	
	1705	50			Lt Col Gillette left CP. Returned 1730A.	
1720		51			Maj Roberts to S-3: Is there anything new? Ans: No.	
	1730	52			Lt Col Gillette called Co A tank Bn: Capt Sorenson to call Lt Col Gillette.	
	1745	53			G-2 given situation.	
1758		54			Co B 753 Tk Bn states they will start relief of Co A at dark. Vehicles in OBERHOFFEN now.	
1800		55			Co A 636 TD Bn report they have the TDs in position as directed.	
	1910	56			Lt Col Gillette told CO 2nd Bn to not begin shift of troops until notified from this Hq: Might be able to start at 1930A	
2045		57			CO 2nd Bn reports that relief is completed and all are in position. Reports no activity.	
2215		58			S-3 2nd Bn reports 2 tanks hit mines vic 093208, in same vicinity where 1 was disabled last night. Would like Engrs sweep road again. Engrs reported it clear last night.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 12 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2320	59			S-3 called CO Co A 753 Tk Bn in regards to tank relief. Informed that 2 tanks with Co K pulled out before the relieving tanks arrived. Informed that on the way out one tank went to left of knocked out tank and hit a mine, the other tank went around the other side and also hit a mine. The two relieving tanks are on this side of the knocked out tanks. Capt Sorenson isup checking on this now.	
2230		60			CO 2nd Bn reports they are sending after Engr Sgt in front of Co E.	
2238		61			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co L has closed out at 2300A. Patrol ordered out same time. Engr O checked out at 2230A and went down where tanks were knocked out and poked around for mines. Co K reports they have 1 tank with them.	
2235		62			Patrol report from 2nd Bn: Went nearly to SHIR-RHEIM, reached point at 114214. Observed nothing and heard no activity. Going to send the patrol out at 0100 again.	
	2245	63			S-3 phoned Maj Roberts that Lt Col Gillette wants a report everytime Co L patrol comes back from tour.	
2315		64			S-3 2nd Bn reports Engrs on way to where tanks were knocked out to sweep for mines.	
2321		65			Capt Sorenson reports first tank was knocked out around 1920A.	
2340		66			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol that left at 2210 and returned at 2325 left Co K positions and went along RR, keeping S, to vic 092212 where there are several box-cars and two houses. Heard digging in and considerable movement around box cars. Going to send patrol back at 0100A.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 207

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
121200A Feb. 1945

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TO : 121200A Feb. 1945

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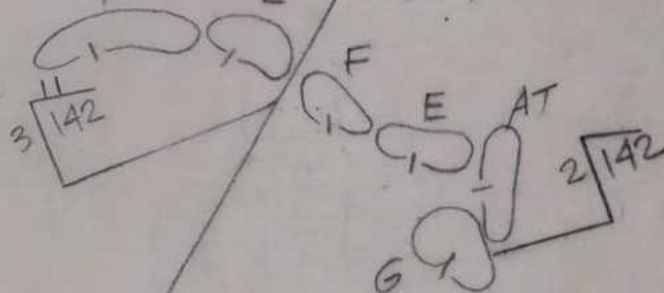
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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 117 Cav on left - continued to hold defense line W of MODER River.
 - b. 141 RCT on right - continued to hold ROHRWILLER - HERRLISHEIM - OFFENDORF.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Rain. Visibility poor, 300 to 600 yards.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn remained in GRIES doing limited training. 2nd and 3rd Bns continued pressure on enemy in OBER-HOFFEN. At 1455A 3rd Bn cleared NW end of town and began reorganizing for all around defense.
 - b. Enemy counterattack that was launched against town early yesterday was repulsed with very heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. Over 200 PWs taken and two SPs knocked out during the afternoon. At 0630A 12 Feb Co K raided factory vicinity 086212 which resulted in capturing 22 PWs and establishment of 6-man outpost by troops. About 1000A enemy forced our outpost back and reoccupied the factory. At close of period the factory was burning from our artillery fire and a fire fight was developing vicinity RR station where a small group of enemy had infiltrated.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of reinforcements and training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. See paragraphs 5.a. and b.

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IN	OUT					
0001		1			Sgt from 111 Engrs reported in that there is no wire here in BISCHWILLER. Capt Hunley called Lt Pwers in regards to it. Informed to send the Sgt and his detail down to BIETLENHEIM to pick up wire.	
0001		2			Capt Gillespie reports that the Engrs are working to clear path for Co B tanks. One Co B tank reached position with Co K before Co A tanks hit mines on way out.	
0025		3			Maj Roberts reports that the relief of Co I by Co L has been completed, as of 0015A.	
0010		4			Co I patrol reports - first run completed. Time required was 3 hours. All quiet.	
0030		5			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, phoned that the 5 PWs that were expected came into our lines. One is at 2nd Bn Aid Station. Out of 4th Co which is attached to 1st Co 466 Regt. 1st Bn is in defensive position along edge of woods 090216 to 103204.	
0035		6			S-3 3rd Bn reports both tanks are in position at Co K.	
0045		7			Capt Sorenson, Tk Co, reports that relief is complete, that the 4 tanks are in position.	
	0050	8			G-2 given situation.	
0130		9			CO 2nd Bn phoned that the tanks are in position and the Engrs found some more wire. Having them put it in.	
0235		10			3rd Bn patrol report. Left at 0100A returning at 0230A. Went along RR E till the underpass where they spotted some enemy and fired on them, vicinity 097211.	
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0300		11			Co L patrol to Co I returned. Nothing encountered on the way. Point of departure is 071211.	
0425		12			2nd Bn Co E patrol left 0100A to go toward SCHIRRHHEIM. Reached point 117216. Heard nothing at all from town or woods to west. However, a strong S wind blowing which would not carry sound toward the patrol. Patrol returned at 0400A.	
	0600	13			G-2 given situation.	
	0610	14			Capt Terrell called 3rd Bn. All quiet in sector during night except for enemy, thought to be a patrol that approached Co K along RR. Enemy was fired on. Arty very light.	
	0615	15			Capt Terrell called 2nd Bn. All quiet in sector during night. No artillery reported.	
	0620	16			G-3 given situation.	
	0810	17			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 2nd Bn and requested investigation of Co Comdr and Plat Ldrs of Co where enemy armor and infantry succeeded in getting through be completed early this morning as he planned to visit 2nd Bn CP and discuss the details with him shortly.	
	0823	18			S-3 notified S-4 that arrangements were completed with 1st Bn for lecture today at 1615A for all Co officers at town hall in GRIES.	
	0849	19			S-3 arranged with S-2 132 FA for safe conduct passes to be shot vicinity CAMP D' OBERHOFFEN, SCHIRRHHEIM and woods NE of OBERHOFFEN.	
	0937	20			G-3 given situation.	
	0944	21			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn CP.	
	0948	22			S-3 left for 111 Engns in BEETLENHEIM.	

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0953		23			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left for 2nd and 3rd Bn CPs at 0955A.	
1110		24			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1115		25			Lt Col Gillette phoned from 2nd Bn CP to check on situation.	
	1120	26			G-2 given situation.	
	1130	27			S-3 talked to CO 111 Engr n and requested foot bridge vicinity Co K inspected and main road in OBERHOFFEN swept for mines.	
1133		28			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1140		29			Capt Hearn, 132 FA Bn, states they fired 5 shells of safe-conduct passes on RCT front this morning.	
	1240	30			S-2 notified S-3 2nd Bn that Arty shot safe-conduct passes into German positions. Troops to be alert for any enemy who may come into our lines. CO 3rd Bn notified also.	
	1300	31			S-3 called CO 3rd Bn: Foot bridge to remain. Engrs will sweep road late this afternoon or tonite.	
1300		32			Engr representative was given instructions about mine sweeping, inspection of foot bridge, etc.	
	1305	33			S-3 to Capt Belomy, 2nd Bn: Have you situation on defenses; wire, mines, trip flares, etc? Ans: Am preparing overlay now, will give you copy when completed.	
	1310	34			Lt Col Gillette to CG: Gave him situation, also talked to the Gen about decorations for men who knocked out SP and tank with bazookas in OBERHOFFEN.	
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1325		35			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, phoned and states he has blocked BISCHWILLER - KALTENHOUSE road and established 2 man post at each end. Traffic to go by way of MARIENTHAL. Capt Hunley OKd the matter.	
	1330	36			Lt Col Gillette to Maj Young: When is 143 Inf to relieve us? Maj Young: Plans now are for the night of 15 Feb. Have OI ready and will be out by tomorrow morning. Depends on other plans, may not be a relief.	
	1345	37			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn CP in GRIES.	
	1430	38			Capt Sullivan gave patrol reports to 2ndBn for tonight. Send three recon patrols.	
1530		39			War Correspondents from 6th Army Group, Stars and Stripes, and New York Times came to CP to get information on the battle for OBERHOFFEN and factory building N of town.	
1540		40			S-2 3rd Bn reports planes bombed and strafed CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
	1545	41			War Correspondents left CP.	
1555		42			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1620		43			CO 3rd Bn reports that at 2000A a combat patrol would leave to check underpass, then throw a few grenades in it and proceed to woods. At 0600A in the morning a 4 or 5 man patrol will go to factory and check the area. Planes did bomb and strafe the CAMP. Seemed to have scored a hit on something as a large cloud of smoke was observed. S-3 notified him to send a recon patrol to vicinity 094217 tonight. CO 3rd Bn states it will probably leave about 1900A.	

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	1635	44			Lt Col Gillette phoned S-2 3rd Bn and ordered a recon patrol be sent to factory at dusk. Leave two men there to warn us of enemy moving into occupy it.	
1640		45			Engr Officer checked in and was given instructions for laying of mines vicinity OBERHOFFEN tonight.	
	1650	46			Engr officer left for OBERHOFFEN.	
1750	1750	47			CO 3rd Bn called S-2 that 6 rounds of 120mm mortar believed coming from E-NE falling on road vicinity 3rdBn CP.	
	1810	48			Engr officer left for 2nd Bn CP in OBERHOFFEN. Given instructions to extend the main belt. S-3 2nd Bn notified of a above.	
	1845	49			S-3 checked with CO AT Co on location of AP mines. They are 100 yards beyond the V with wire to the front of them and outposts beyond the wire.	
	1852	50			S-3 phoned G-3 and requested lights be turned on over usual area tonight.	
1915		51			Capt Jones, 132 FA, reports CP in BISCHWILLER observed approximately 40 enemy moving on road towards SCHIRRHAIN this afternoon. Placed arty on them.	
1922		52			Co L reports patrol left at 1800A to cover area from KALTENHOUSE to BISCHWILLER and returning up edge of river to platoon positions along RR vicinity 076208	
1935		53			CO 3rd Bn reports 1 man seriously wounded in a shelling about 15 minutes ago. Seemed to be a SP from vicinity 104219. Radio message from Co K stated they have 4 PWs and approximately 25 PWs are dug in around factory.	

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	1944	54			S-2 notified Div CBO of above shelling. Also of our patrol with mission to go to vicinity 104216 leaving at about 2000A.	
2000		55			Col Lynch returned to CP from PARIS.	
2055		56			CO 3rd Bn reports Co F states there is an enemy truck firing from vicinity 098205. Putting Arty on it.	
2110		57			Lt Forester, Co A 83 Cml Bn, states he now has 1000 rounds of HE and 4000 rounds of WP. Going to return some WP in order to draw more HE. Since loading of trucks has been reduced, ammunition expenditure is also reduced. If situation becomes critical will probably call on us for trucks, to haul ammunition.	
	2120	58			G-2 given situation. 1-1043	
2130		59			CO 3rd Bn states the combat patrol encountered MG, SA, and mortar fire vicinity 092212 and returned. No casualties reported.	
2150		60			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, reports 4 PWs picked up by Co K were from 2nd Co HELMAN Bn in position at triangle between RR and factory. Stated they had not eaten for 3 days and that there were 3 more there that our patrol missed. CO 3rd Bn notified of above. G-2 also notified.	
2205		61			3rd Bn reports routing patrol of Co L to south has returned to Co positions with nothing to report.	
2300		62			S-2 3rd Bn reports Co K receiving some SP fire and MG fire from vicinity RR as result of fire fight started by patrol. Co L is firing their MGs towards factory area. Will notify this Hq of developments.	
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2314		63			CO 2nd Bn reports contact patrol from Co G to ROHRWILLER just returned and reports all quiet.	
2320		64			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports routing patrol returned with no activity to report except a few white flares vicinity RR station.	
2350		65			S-3 2nd Bn reports patrol left at 2130A and reached vicinity 098209 and were fired on. Were about 50 yards from woods and 75 yards from RR. Could hear mortars firing from N of RR and then seemed to be landing vicinity Co K. Patrol from Co G left at 2000A for 110213 and reached point 104206. Heard enemy moving about and saw one enemy smoking a cigarette. Heard a light vehicle possibly a jeep leaving that vicinity and going towards SCHIRRHAIN.	
2400		66			3rd Bn reports things quieted down except about one round of SP or light artillery falls every 5 minutes on the hour.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 208

Hq 142 RCT
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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 117th Cav on left - held MLR west of MODER River.
 - b. 141st Inf on right - held line ROHRWILLER - HERRLISHEIM - OFFENDORF.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Misty and cloudy. Visibility very poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued to hold MLR BISCHWILLER - OBERHOFFEN, then NW across MODER River to southern edge of KALTENHOUSE.
 - b. 1st Bn remained in GRIES as Regt reserve and continued limited training.
 - c. 2nd and 3rd Bns sent patrols to front during night finding the enemy very much on the alert. A recon patrol from 2nd Bn succeeded in reaching vicinity 117216 and after approximately 30 minutes listening and observing returned with no enemy activity to report.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of reinforcements and training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5.a, b. and c. RCT continued to hold OBERHOFFEN reorganizing and improving positions. Engrs continued work of constructing barbed wire entanglements and laying of AT mine fields.

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0045		1			CO 2nd Bn reports that contact patrol from ROHRWILLER reports all quiet.	
	0140	2			G-2 given situation.	
0148		3			CO 2nd Bn reports patrol observed along edge of woods, all of which is outposted, not many troops. Remained in position for 45 minutes, observed no traffic movement. Canals are partly filled with water. No obstacle to troops, but is a tank obstacle. This patrol was to start from 102201, go NE through the canal system at point 113208, turn W, move into woods at 107210.	
0300		4			CO 2nd Bn reports routine patrol from Co L to the S returned to Co position, nothing to report. Also, outpost heard enemy digging in W of factory. Co K position has been receiving SP fire during the night.	
	0630	5			G-2 given situation.	
082-		6			Received Div OI # 154, 131930A Feb.	
	0855	7			S-3 left for 2nd Bn.	
0910		8			S-3 111 Engr Bn phoned for a guide to assist salvage crews in picking up AP mines that were laid between BISCHWILLER and WEYERSHEIM when this RCT held that defensive line.	
0910		9			Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 RCT, came to CP to make arrangements for relief of 142 RCT.	
	0920	10			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn and notified him that CO 143 Inf was on way to his CP to look over the terrain.	
	0922	11			Msg Center notified to send 2nd Bn runner to this CP to guide CO 143 RCT to 2nd Bn forward CP.	

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0924		12			S-3 returned to CP.	
0925		13			Capt Groom, CO CoA 636 TD Bn phoned for permission to fire a few rounds at factory in 20 to 30 minutes. S-3 granted permission and stated he would notify 3rd Bn.	
	0927	14			CO 3rd Bn notified of above. CO 3rd Bn stated a few Germans started out of factory and Co L fired 50 Cal at them. They might have been ready to surrender.	
0930		15			Capt Willeford, Regt Ammo O, phoned and requested information on breakdown of 57mm AT HE: 1st Bn now has 56 rds, 2nd Bn 68 rds, 3rd Bn 8 rds. AT Co 40 to 50 rds. Have enough to make a breakdown of 24 rounds per gun for each. S-3 stated that was OK.	
	0933	16			CO 143 Inf left for 2nd Bn Fwd CP.	
0945		17			S-2 143 Inf phoned and requested our copies of Air photos for this sector. Would like a blow up for this afternoon.	
	0947	18			S-2 phoned S-3 2nd Bn and ordered the blow-up of OBERHOFFEN be given to S-3 143 ICT who is now at the Bn CP.	
	0958	19			S-3 checked with Capt Scott, CO AT Co, in regards to HE shells. Will 24 rounds HE per gun cut down on your basic load of AP? Capt Scott: Not much. Now carrying 70rds AP. The HE will cut basic load to 58 rounds per gun.	
	1010	20			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn CP in GRIES.	
	1035	21			Lt Col Gillette called Maj Spitler, 2nd Bn, and ordered a letter be submitted to Bn and in turn to Regt endorsed by Co CO of Co E stating what precautions were taken against trenchfoot.	

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	1040	22			Col Lynch left for Bns.	
1050		23			Maj Young arrived at CP.	
1125		24			Evacuation of inmates of Insane Asylum in the NE edge of BISCHWILLER is completed.	
1130		25			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, phoned that the enemy arty fired last night. Estimated to 420mm shells. 15 rounds fell between 0015A and 0216A. Believed to be firing from 31,5000 yards vicinity 155374.	
	1132	26			Maj Young left CP.	
1135		27			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1137	28			G-2 given situation. Sending a combat patrol to the factory this afternoon.	
1137		29			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	1150	30			Col Lynch phoned G-3 in regards to a couple of Flak Wagons for a job tonight. Would like the officer in charge be at this Hq at 1330A.	
1210		31			CO 2nd Bn asked about patrols for tonight. S-2 will call them back to you.	
	1250	32			Lt Col Gillette phoned Mr Snyder and stated the ceremony for awarding Silver Star to EM of Co L would be held at KALTENHOUSE at 1500A. Gen will go directly to ceremony.	
	1257	33			Lt Col Gillette phoned S-4. Gave him details of planned move. Showers to move to NIEDERS.	
	1304	34			S-3 phoned S-4 in regards to trucks for moving the Regt. Trucks to be furnished by Serv Co for moving of 1st Bn at 1730A, then trucks return to BISCHWILLER for trans of 2nd Bn. Also will need 5 trucks to move Co K from BISCHWILLER to WEITBRUCH. Div G-4 has offered to furnish additional transportation.	

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	1305	35			Lt Col Gillette notified Lt Peters that Hq Co would move tomorrow evening and Col Lynch with a small group would move on morning of 16 Feb.	
	1310	36			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist. Suggest meeting you at 117 Cav CP in MARIENTHAL. Gen stated OK he would meet him there at 1500A.	
1334		37			Officer from 443 AAA came to CP and was given following instructions by Regt S-3. Flak wagons to go in position in SE edge of KALTENHOUSE and cover area from left end of factory to RJ 082214 with 50 Cal and 37mm fire (thoroughly) for 5 minutes, then withdraw. Officer of 443 AAA states he will be in position by 1900A and will begin firing at 1915A sharp.	
	1345	38			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn, then MARIENTHAL and KALTENHOUSE.	
	1400	39			S-2 phoned G-2 following patrol information: 2nd Bn (1) combat patrol to woods east of road at 110209. 3rd Bn (1) Combat patrol to woods at point where RR enters forest 098211; (2) Combat patrol to Hwy and forest at 090216.	
	1407	40			S-3 phoned S-4 in regards to space for troops in WEITBRUCH. Mr Sidick, Asst S-4, stated that he considered the town filled to capacity.	
	1415	41			S-3 phoned S-3 143 Inf for information of troop capacity in NIEDERS. S-3 143 Inf stated he did not know anything about the town except that it would billet a Bn.	
1500		42			An MP came to CP and reported enemy has observation on road over treadway bridge. He requested that traffic be stopped coming out of ROHRWILLER over this bridge. S-2 called Div giving them this information. Several vehicles have been knocked out.	

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	1540	43			S-3 called CO AT Co. Take up all AP and grenades when you leave.	
1555		44			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1555	45			Lt Col Gillette called Capt Seaman, Div, in regard if ROTTELSHEIM and KRIEGSHEIM are included in our area.	
	1615	46			Capt Saniga, CO Hq Co, left to look for CP in ROTTELSHEIM, also BIRCKWALD for a separate Co.	
	1648	47			Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Spitler, 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn to put a guard in fork of road in OBERHOFFEN to stop all traffic, each vehicle is to be sent back to CO 2nd Bn to get a pass to go over to BISCHWILLER because the bridge is under observation and the enemy is firing on same. There will be an MP from our Regt MP Plat on this side of the bridge to stop all traffic going to OBERHOFFEN. Then will be given a pass by this Hq.	
	1650	48			Lt Col Gillette phoned Lt Peters, MP Plat Ldr, that traffic over BISCHWILLER and OBERHOFFEN bridge will be limited up until 1800A hours until further orders.	
1740		49			3rd Bn reports 4 rounds of estimated 170mm landed in their area 15 minutes ago.	
	1750	50			S-3 notified Co A 83 Cml Bn and S-4 of need for passes to cross bailey bridge to and from OBERHOFFEN. S-4 notified to get paper for targets by tomorrow night. S-4 stated he was getting 20 trucks from Div for movement.	
	1800	51			Co B 753 Tk Bn notified to get pass before crossing bridge into OBERHOFFEN or from there to BISCHWILLER.	

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1810		52			G-2 phoned requesting this Hq report any shelling in area tonight. Corps states the shells that landed in BRUMATH last night apparently came from vicinity 3428 (RASTADT). Will be Beaufighters. over area tonight to pick up any gun flashes.	
1830		53			CO 3rd Bn reports that 4 rounds of heavy caliber artillery fell at about 087207. Not able to get azimuth, but believe it from direction of CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.	
	1835	54			117 Rcn was checked. They have been getting some 120mm mortar fire on left.	
	1850	55			Lt Col Gillette called S-4 and asked status of 81mm mortar ammo. S-4 reports Regt has nearly 600 rounds with basic load at each Bn.	
1905		56			Div Cml C called. Asked what effect smoking of bridge area had. We have had no report.	
1920		57			CO 3rd Bn reports that Flak Wagons now firing are on target.	
1925		58			I & R OP reports that enemy machine guns are returning fire.	
1935		59			Maj Puck, Div PM, reports treadway bridge still being fired on, about 1 round every 5 minutes. Suggests it not be used until this changes.	
1950		60			CO 3rd Bn called. Co K received 10 rounds heavy calibre artillery on their positions at 088208. 350 degrees azimuth. Div CB notified.	
2000		61			S-4 reports 81mm ammo status as follows: 1st Bn 200, 2nd Bn 200, 3rd Bn 332. S-4 178. Showers to be ready by tomorrow afternoon.	
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2100		62			CO 2nd Bn reports heavy arty concs seem to be falling in 101 AB Div sector. Asked if we knew what it was. S-3 will call Div.	
	2110	63			S-3 called Div PM to check on routes for tomorrow's move. PM believes all will be OK, but will have to make arrangement to block one-way road from BISCHWILLER to MARIENTHAL. Will call again in morning.	
2112		64			G-3 states 101 A/B reports they are receiving 120mm concentration in SCHWIGHAUSEN area.	
2120		65			Div PM called. Will be alright to use routes as planned. Want to know time on use of BISCHWILLER - MARIENTHAL road.	
2130		66			CO Cn Co called. Co K observer is calling for concentration X35 and 304. Capt Hanley said not to fire concentration 304 as that may be in a reserve platoon area. CO Cn Co did not know why these were being called for. S-3 called S-3 3rd Bn, asked Co Ks situation. A Plat drew MG fire and flares near RR. Observer may have called wrong concentration. No details available on patrol as yet as wire line is out.	
2205		67			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, called. Co K patrol to N encountered minefield at 088210. This was a hasty mine field with box-type AP mines. One brought back by patrol. Co K patrol E along RR met MG fire coming from 091212. More details later when wire to Co K comes in.	
2220		68			Lt from Cml Co came to CP. Has mission of smoking bridge tomorrow with smoke generator.	
2230		69			2nd Bn patrol to 110209 got to within 100/150 yds of outpost previously located when enemy flares went up. Heard motorcycle sound in woods. Patrol left 2000A, returned at 2220A.	

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

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 14 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2250	70			G-3 given situation.	
2235		71			Co G contact patrol to 141 Inf returned. All quiet.	
2300		72			CO 2nd Bn called and asked for searchlights. S-2 requested searchlights be put over OBERHOFFEN.	
2355		73			Co K patrol to 090216 came to minefield at 088212. AT box-mines hastily laid. Patrol did not go around but listened and heard nothing. Left 1930A, returned 2100A. Co K patrol to 098211 received MG fire from 091212. Also a number of flares. Patrol returned fire and withdrew. Left 1930A returned 2100A. A K Co patrol to go to RR station at 0600A.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 209

Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
141200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 131200A Feb. 1945
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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Pverlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 117 Cav on left - continued to hold defense line W of MODER River.
 - b. 141 RCT on right - continued to hold ROHRWILLER, HERRLISHEIM, OPPENDORF.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy to fair. Visibility 2 to 2 miles increasing to 5 miles during latter part of period.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn remained in GRIES conducting limited training.
 - b. 2nd and 3rd Bns continued to hold OBERHOFFEN with light patrol contact and harassing SP, mortar and artillery fire from enemy.
 - c. Co K patrol to factory vicinity 096212 captured 4 PWs from 2nd Co HELDMAN Bn.
 - d. Our planes bombed and strafed CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN at 1630A with good results.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of reinforcements and training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5.a,b,c. and d.

JOHN B. HUNLEY
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
CP BISCHWILLER
141700A Feb. '45

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2. a. RCT 142: (Atchd: Cd B 111 Med Bn)

- (1) Will be relieved in position by 143 RCT, relief to be completed by 152400A Feb. 45.
- (2) Upon being relieved assembles WEITBRUCH (R-0317), BERNOLSHEIM (Q-9917) and NEIDERSCHAEFFELSHEIM (R-0019) (hereafter to be called "NEIDERS" by all concerned in this regiment).
- (3) Initiates reorganization, rehabilitation, and small unit training (with limitations).

3. a. 1st Bn:

- (1) Moves from present bivouac area, starting 151730A Feb. 1945, to BERNOLSHEIM (Q-9917).
- (2) Sends quartering party to new area morning of 15 Feb.
 - (a) Makes arrangements to move into area now occupied by 1st Bn 143 Inf.
- (3) Serv Co to furnish sixteen (16) to twenty (20) trucks for troop movement, to be delivered to GRIES not later than 151630A.

b. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Upon being relieved assembles BISCHWILLER vicinity R-089188, entrucks and moves to NEIDERS (R-0019).
- (2) Sends quartering party to new area morning of 15 Feb. 1945.
 - (a) Makes arrangements to move into area now occupied by 3rd Bn 143 Inf.
- (3) Serv Co to furnish sixteen (16) to twenty (20) trucks for troop movement, to be delivered to 2nd Bn assy area in BISCHWILLER not later than 152000A.

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- (2) Makes arrangements to furnish troop trans as indicated below:

UNIT	MIN. NO. TRKS	TO BE DELIVERED TO	TIME (15 Feb)
1st Bn	16 to 20	GILES (R-0317)	1630
2nd Bn	16 to 20	BISCHWILLER (R-0818)	2000
3rd Bn	5	BISCHWILLER (R-CP)	2000
Hq Co	3	BISCHWILLER	1630

h. Co B 111 Med Bn:

- (1) Upon being relieved moves without delay to WEITBRUCH (R-0317).
- (2) Sends representative with 3rd Bn quartermaster party morning of 15 Feb.

i. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Remains in position - attached to 143 RCT.

j. Co A 636 TD Bn: upon being relieved reverts to control of CO 636 TD Bn.

k. Plat Co A 83rd Cml Wpns Bn: remains in pos - supports RCT 143.

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- (1) Kitchens will move under direction of Regt S-4.
 - (2) Units will leave one (1) Inf officer and one (1) FA officer per Bn and one (1) NCO per front line platoon with relieving units until 161200A.
 - (3) Bns and separate Cos will report arrival in new area.
 - (4) For routes of motor movement (see annex # 1).

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5. a. (1) Regt CP in ROTTELSHEIM (R-9817).

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 15 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0030	1			Patrol reports given to G-2.	
0050		2			Contact patrol, Co E 141 Inf contacted Co G 142 Inf, all quiet.	
0215		3			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co K received 4 rounds of heavy artillery, first artillery for some time. Enemy seems to be trying to jam 300 radios. Interruptions of unknown origin.	
0320		4			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports routine patrol from Co L returned and reports no activity.	
	0630	5			G-2 given information on patrol.	
0705		6			Co K patrol left 0600, returned 0645. Went to factory, fired grenades into it and checked all around it, encountered nothing.	
0755		7			Capt Fisher, S-3 443 AAA, states Flak Wagons fired 35 rounds 37-mm and 3,000 rounds .50 Cal last night. Received 4 rounds of mortar fire at end of firing. No damage to our guns.	
	0830	8			Lt Col Gillette left for new Regt assembly area.	
0840		9			Capt Seaman, General's aide, phoned and states the Gen desires that we contact Div I & E officer for some film that he is anxious for our troops to see while in training. Film is according to TM # 4, Hq 7th Army. Div will send a buck slip of film available By Div Ln O.	
0850		10			S-2 3rd Bn phoned and was granted permission to trade ammunition with unit relieving them. Have no mortar ammunition in OBERHOFFEN with them.	
	0850	11			S-2 notified Bn S-2 to turn in air photos of OBERHOFFEN as early as possible, through message center, today in order to have them available for unit relieving us.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 15 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0857		12			CO 3rd Bn reports he sent some men to factory and took 2 PWs who state they were outposts and that there was 15 to 20 enemy dug in to the rear of the factory. Going to place mortar on them.	
	0925	13			S-3 notified S-3 2nd Bn that until tonight routes as specified will have to be used. Bn convoy may use BISCHWILLER-MARIENTHAL road tonight according to a certain time schedule.	
0935		14			S-3 obtained clearance from Div TCO to use BISCHWILLER-MARIENTHAL westbound between 2100A and 2300A.	
	0937	15			S-3 called S-3 143 Inf to ask what time they would start relief. Ans: Some of it this afternoon. Rest after dark. Should be clear by 2300A.	
	0938	16			S-3 notified S-3 2nd Bn of road clearance and time relief should begin.	
	0940	17			S-3 notified S-3 143 Inf of restriction and pass necessary to cross OBERHOFFEN bridge.	
	0950	18			S-3 asked S-3 111 Engrs for personnel to put up targets and mark them. Engrs will put them up but we will have to mark them as they cannot spare men from work on roads.	
0955		19			Capt Quast, 132 FA, called. Said smoke on bridge sites was interfering with observation of OPs.	
1000		20			Div Arty called to ask if anything unusual was going on at 0821 as they had report of firing there. Ans: We have no report of any unusual activity.	
1020		21			Ammo officer asked if we wanted any more 57-mm HE. Have 24 rounds per gun now. S-3 said he thought not unless ammo O wanted to build up a reserve.	

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FROM: 150000A Feb 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO: 152400A Feb 1945 Place: CP BISCHWILLER
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 15 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1040		22			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1042		23			OI # 126 received. (143)	
	1050	24			AT Co notified to send their quartering party to WAHLENHEIM. Cn Co notified to send their quartering party to WEITBRUCH.	
1050		25			S-3 2nd Bn phoned that CO 2nd Bn wishes the bridge be smoked from 1530A until dark.	
1050		26			Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1155A.	
	1245	27			S-3 left for new Regt area to select ranges and training areas.	
	1325	28			Lt Col Gillette phoned 2nd Bn 143 Inf in regard to relieving 142 RCT MP on bridges and I & R Plat on LP. They will make physical relief of MP before 1800A and I & R Plat is finished effective now.	
1340		29			Received Div OI # 155, 151100A Feb.	
1355		30			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, states Co I is relieved and will start moving to WEITBRUCH shortly.	
1400		31			Col Merrill, Div CW0, phoned. Smoke generators will be on at 1530A.	
1412		32			Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1455A.	
	1505	33			Lt Col Gillette called 3rd Bn and notified them the Bn would shower tomorrow beginning at 0830A and using Bn transportation. Showers are in S edge of "NIEDERS".	
	1520	34			3rd Bn notified to have Arty Ln 0 and FOs return to 132 FACP after Bn is relieved. Regt Arty Ln 0 notified to return to 132 FA Bn CP tomorrow morning.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 15 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1525	35			2nd Bn notified to send Arty Ln O and FOs to 132 FABn CP upon completion of relief.	
1526		36			3rd Bn reports Co L is relieved and will be moving to new area shortly.	
	1540	37			G-2 given situation.	
	1545	38			G-3 given situation.	
1547		39			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1630	40			All COs notified that there will be a meeting at 0900A tomorrow morning at ROTTELSHEIM; subject: Training.	
	1705	41			S-2 phoned S-3 2nd Bn to send out screening patrol at 1900A tonight to vicinity 098204.	
	1735	42			Lt Col Gillette left for Regt (Fwd) CP in ROTTELSHEIM.	
	1750	43			Capt Sullivan left for new CP.	
	1815	44			G-3 given situation.	
1823		45			2nd Bn reports Co G relief completed.	
1825		46			Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports 1st Bn closed in BERNOLSHEIM at 1815A.	
	1840	47			Capt Hunley notified 3rd Bn that tomorrow would be spent with showers, property check, and cleaning of equipment.	
	1930	48			G-3 given situation.	
2045		49			Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, states relief completed but Co F has not entirely cleared OBERHOFFEN.	
	2052	50			G-3 given situation.	

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Organization: _____
Place: CP BISCHWILLER
Date: 15 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2230		51			4th Bn 143. Inf reports relief of Co K 142 RCT complete. Will not be moved for approximately 45 minutes.	
	2237	52			S-3 notified G-3 that relief of RCT was completed.	
2240		53			S-3 143 Inf phoned and stated they have completed relief and now taking responsibility of sector.	
2245		54			CO 3rd Bn phoned and states relief is completed but Co K not out of OBERHOFFEN. Will notify this Hq when Co K leaves BISCHWILLER.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 210

Hq 142 Inf
CP BISCHWILLER
151200A Feb. 1945

FROM: 141200A Feb. 1945
TO : 151200A Feb. 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 117th Cav on left - held defense line with only light patrol contact.
 - b. 141 RCT on right - held ROHRWILLER, HERNLISHEIM, OFFENDORF.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility 5 to 10 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn remained in GRIES conducting limited training. 2nd and 3rd Bns continued to hold OBERHOFFEN with patrol clashes and harassing artillery, SP and mortar fire.
 - b. Patrol to factory captured 2 PWs from HEIDMAN Bn.
 - c. A section from 443 AAA fired 35 rds 37mm and 3000 rds 50 Cal at 1915A into enemy positions between factory and RJ at CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of reinforcements and training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5.a, b. and c.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 160000A Feb 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Date: 16 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0755	1			Capt Hunley left for Fwd CP. Arrived at 0855A.	
	0810	2			Col Lynch left for Fwd CP. Arrived at 0905A.	
0910		3			Col Lynch held meeting on training with all COs.	
	0940	4			S-3 left to arrange targets for Bn ranges. Returned 1000A.	
	1010	5			Lt Col Gillette left CP. Returned at 1025A.	
	1040	6			Lt Col Gillette left for S-1 in WAHLENHEIM. Returned at 1125A.	
	1110	7			Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1135A.	
	1310	8			Lt Col Gillette left for 3rd Bn and showers.	
	1345	9			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn, AT, 2nd, 3rd.	
	1400	10			Capt Hunley left to check ranges.	
1440		11			S-2 143 Inf state they hear friendly S/A fire about 1000 yards to front of area where Co K 142 patrol was to go last night. Arrangements had been made for the patrol to return through the right Co of 4th Bn 143 RCT and the patrol never did check in. Request information as to if patrol returned and if they didn't will try to send troops to assist it.	
	1442	12			Checked with S-3 3rd Bn and he stated he did not know if patrol had returned. Will make a check with Co K and then notify this Hq.	
1555		13			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1600		14			3rd Bn reports that the Co K patrol returned and every man was accounted for. S-2 143 Inf notified.	
1630		15			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	

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142 Inf
Organization: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Place: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Date: 16 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1645		16			CO 2nd Bn. states they will fire on range Sunday/afternoon. Marksmanship (dry run) tomorrow.	
1723		17			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1750	18			Col Lynch left CP.	
2030		19			Capt Seaman, G-3, called. Corps has made available a 3-man officer team to give talks on Security, Enemy interrogation methods, How to escape, etc. This team can be had by request. Usually give 1 1/2 hour period talk.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 211

Hq 142 Inf
CP ROTTELSHEIM
161200A Feb. '45

FROM: 151200A Feb. 1945
TO : 161200A Feb. 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 117th Cav on left - held MLR with only light patrol contact.
 - b. 141st Inf on right - held ROHRWILLER, HERRLISHEIM, OFFENDORF with light patrol contact.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair to cloudy. Visibility good to poor - 6 miles in afternoon to 2 miles during latter part of period.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held OBERHOFFEN with very little enemy activity.
 - b. 143 RCT began the relief of 142 RCT during afternoon and had completed relief by 2315A.
 - c. 142 RCT began moving to new assembly areas immediately upon completion of relief. Closed in new assembly areas by 2400A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. REGT CT in need of training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5.a.b. and c.
RCT in new areas - BERNOLDSHEIM, WAHLENHEIM, ROTTELSHEIM, NIEDENSCHAEFFOLSHEIM, and WEITBRUCH. Reorganizing and training.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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142 Inf
Organization: CP RUTTELSHEIM
Place:
Date: 17 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0810	1			S-2 left for Pillbox area.	
	0815	2			Capt Hunley went over schedule of training for today with G-3 section.	
	0820	3			Capt Hunley called 2nd Bn for today's training schedule: 0800-1000 R/Cos, Plat problem, attack and defense; Co H, gun drill. 1000-1100 all Cos, Review of past actions. 1100-1115 all Cos, Calisthenics. 1115-1130 all Cos, COD. 1300-1500 R/Cos, Day rcn patrols; Co H, Technique of fire. 1500-1600 all Cos, Marksmanship (dry run).	
	0950	4			Capt Hunley left for Engrs and 3rd Bn.	
0900		5			S-3 1st Bn called. Would like to schedule range firing to include all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning.	
0945		6			Capt Orcutt, Div G-3 section, came to CP. Would like training schedule. Went to 2nd Bn.	
	0950	7			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn.	
1005		8			Lt Sorrells, 2nd Bn, called. Wants to know how many target facings he will get.	
1015		9			Capt Sullivan returned.	
1017		10			Gen Dahlquist visited CP.	
	1028	11			Lt Col Gillette phoned 2nd Bn CP and arranged for a guide to take Gen Dahlquist to Co H training area.	
	1030	12			Gen Dahlquist left for 2nd Bn CP in "NIEDERS".	
1040		13			Maj Wren, G-2, called. Div is going to make experiments with firing of bazookas and AT launcher in the area. Would like about 8/10 experienced men to fire grenades, bazookas for Monday morning	

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Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 17 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1040	14			Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, and requested a check be made on letters concerning tank action and trenchfoot status of Co L.	
1045		15			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1055	16			Capt Hunley checked with Capt Gavin, G-3 section, as to when the training films are available as we would like to use one this afternoon. Capt Gavin stated films would not be available for a few days.	
	1130	17			Col Gillette left to inspect area.	
1140		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1155		19			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1200		20			Capt Curry, Engrs, phoned and states they have 12 targets frames ready and will leave them at 3rd Bn range.	
1330		21			G-3 called. Said 143 Inf Bn in GRIES would be firing flares as a part of their training tonight, between 1900A and 2100A. 3rd Bn notified. All quiet on Div front.	
	1400	22			Col Lynch left for Div CP and 3rd Bn. Returned at 1635A.	
	1600	23			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn. Returned at 1645A.	
2035		24			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, phoned and gave advance warning of order to be published in Div bulletin tomorrow: "There will be no more hunting or unauthorized firing of weapons in the Div area".	
	2100	25			1st Bn, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, Hq Co, AT Co, Cn Co, Serv Co, notified of above order.	

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FROM: 180000A Feb 1945
TO: 182400A Feb 1945
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Date: 18 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0845	1			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist in regards to reinforcements this Regt received. Gen Dahlquist stated orders were now being cut to send them back.	
0940		2			Maj Wilson, Div SSO, phoned and they now have two films available for training purposes. Can be picked up anytime. "Fire and movement" "Wise guy"	
1120		3			Maj Wren, G-2 section, phoned Capt Hunley and requested 3 men to fire AT grenades and 3 men to fire bazookas or 3 men to fire both. Men to bring weapons and be at bridge vicinity 087119 by 0900A 19 Feb. Capt Hunley stated he would have the men there.	
	1155	4			Lt Col Gillette notified CO 3rd Bn that there be a ceremony tomorrow afternoon at retreat. Awards will be presented by the Gen. Uniform: Field jackets, ODS, weapons and belts.	
	1200	5			Col Gillette notified CO 2nd Bn that a ceremony would be held for presentation of awards Tuesday at retreat. Uniform: Same as for 3rd Bn.	
	1325	6			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP. Returned 1618A	
	1330	7			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn CP. Returned 1604A.	
	1440	8			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned 1600A.	
	1535	9			Capt Terrell left for 1st and 2nd Bns.	
	1615	10			Capt Hunley notified S-3 3rd Bn of the demonstration tomorrow held by Div. Ordered 1 bazooka team per Co be loaded on 1½ ton truck with staff officer in charge be sent to 087119 by 0900A tomorrow. Actual firing held vicinity 093114. Permission given Bn S-3 to fire condemned ammo into a pit. Bn bazooka firing to go ahead as scheduled on the 2 M-IV tanks SE of KURTZENHOUSEN.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 18 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1632	11			S-3 notified 2nd Bn of Div firing demonstration. Ordered 1 bazooka team per Co with officer in charge. In case group does not arrive at meeting point (087119), the actual event is to be held vicinity 093114.	
	1645	12			Lt Col Gillette arranged with Div G-1 for the 75-MM and 1 Off (reinforcements) to be picked up by 2 2½-ton trucks furnished by Div at 142 Serv Co at 0900A tomorrow. The total to be returned are those now being held under guard at Serv Co less 34 officially AWOL. S-1 notified of above.	
	1850	13			CO AT Co given information about bazooka firing demonstration tomorrow.	
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FROM: 190000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 192400A Feb 1945

Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 19 Feb 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TITLE DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0735	1			Capt Sullivan and Capt Terrell left for Pillbox demonstration, 2nd Bn.	
	0815	2			Capt Hunley gave ammo allowance for Pillbox exercise to 1st Bn: 2 clips per rifleman, 18 bazooka rounds, 60 AT rifle grenades (30 WP), 40 rounds BAR.	
	0835	3			Capt Hunley left for Pillbox area. Returned 1120A.	
	0905	4			Col Lynch left for Div & 3rd Bn. Returned 1210A.	
	0910	5			Lt Col Gillette left for 3d Bn. Returned 1200A.	
1120		6			Capt Sullivan and Capt Terrell returned.	
1220		7			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, called. He has a request from (arty unit) to use a rock quarry at 975160 for a small arms range. Wants to know if that would interfere with our training. At 1320A Capt Hunley gave permission for use of area to G-3. Providing unit informs us when and how long they will be firing.	
	1330	8			Capt Terrell and Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn range and Pillbox area.	
	1405	9			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn. Returned at 1525A.	
1430		10			Maj Young, G-3, came to CP. Left at 1520A.	
1530		11			SCATTER (X) 3 called. They will use range at 975160 every day for 7 days, from 0900-1600. Will have guards posted.	
	1545	12			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn. Returned at 1717A.	
	1555	13			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned at 1715A.	
	1920	14			2nd Bn notified by S-3 that an additional allowance of 4,000 rds MG ammo was available to them.	

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FROM: 200000A Feb 1945
TO : 202400A Feb 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 20 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0750	1			Capt Terrell left for Pillbox area. Returned 1040A	
	0815	2			C0 2nd Bn notified that ceremony scheduled for today would be postponed until tomorrow.	
	0817	3			Lt Col Gillette notified S-1 that ceremony for 2nd Bn was postponed. Also gave S-1 breakdown on rest camp for U.K.	
	0900	4			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn.	
	0920	5			Col Lynch phoned Maj Petrie, Engrs, and requested road from BRUMATH to WEITERUCH be opened to 2-way light traffic. Suggested MPs be instructed to let 2-way deep traffic through because of staff supervision necessary for training of units of 142 RCT now billeted in WEITERUCH. Maj Petrie stated he would look into the matter and notify this Hq of results.	
0900		6			Capt Marcum returned to duty from hospital and assigned assistant S-3 of Regt Hq.	
	0958	7			Col Lynch left for Bn areas. Returned 1050A.	
	1100	8			Capt Terrell notified S-1 1st Bn to have Lt Rosenberg report to C0 142 Inf at 1630A today. Notified S-1 3rd Bn to have Lt Glatzmeyer report to C0 142 Inf at 1630A.	
	1120	9			Col Lynch left for Strassburg, Task Force CHEVION (DIA). Will be back about 1500A.	
1200		10			143 Inf called about using range area vicinity BRUMATH for problem. S-3 gave them permission to use it tomorrow.	
	1225	11			Lt Shapiro notified to prepare 3rd Bn range this afternoon. 3rd Bn to receive extra set of 20 facings. Black paper to be picked up at this Hq.	

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FROM: 200000A Feb 1945
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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 20 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1320	12			Capt Marcum left for Bn areas.	
1325		13			S-3 111 Engrs to Capt Hunley: Army has a mine instruction team of 1 officer and several NCO's. Have all type of mines available and lecture is about 2 hours in length. Can hold class of approximately 100 men. Team can be available to Regt for a period of 2 to 3 days. Would you like to have them. Capt Hunley: Estimate it will take approximately 6 days to complete regiment. Can they be available for this long? When I am notified of time team will arrive will break down time allotment to Bns. Capt Hunley arranged with the Engr S-3 to draw igniters from Engr S-4. Mines; M-2, M-3 and hand grenade booby traps to be drawn from ASP.	
1445		14			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, reports 4 enemy P-51s strafed WEYERSHEIM-GAMBSHEIM road. Damage unknown.	
1448		15			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1510	16			Lt Col Gillette notified Mr Snyder to report to this Hq to discuss Officer's Efficiency Reports. Lt Yevics notified to have Lt Fick, Capt Cornelius, Capt Fisher, Lt Knutson attend school for court-martials tomorrow.	
1535		17			Capt Orcutt, Ass't G-3, phoned: 36th Div to complete relief of 101 A/B by 270000A Feb 45. Unless plans change 142 RCT will probably go in to relieve elements of 101 A/B the afternoon and night of 26 Feb 45. OI will come out tomorrow. Rcn of positions can be started now as plenty of time is available.	
1545		18			Maj Young, G-3 to Capt Hunley: As it now stands 142 RCT to be prepared to make relief of elements 101 A/B night 25/26 Feb, however, may be postponed until night of 27 Feb. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 20 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
		18	(Cont'd)		<p>SECRET</p> <p>Trying to get it postponed as long as possible so as to give you a full ten days in training. You make reconnaissance of positions and a written order will be published confirming all details.</p> <p>Capt Marcum returned to CP.</p> <p>Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned 2140A.</p> <p>Received Div OI, 202100A, Feb 1945</p>	
1700		19				
	1835	20				
2140		21				
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TO : 212400A Feb 1945
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142 Inf
Organization: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Place: _____
Date: 21 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0845	1			Capt Hunley notified S-3 2nd Bn that 143 RCT reinforcement school would use their range for a problem today. S-3 2nd Bn stated time (3-hours) allotted for Bn CO on TM # 4 would be 1-hour a day patrolling and 2 hours night patrolling.	
	0830	2			S-3 3rd Bn asked about 2-hour period of range firing allotted on new schedule. Troops have completed firing. S-3 suggested substituting something else.	
	1005	3			Lt Col Gillette left for 3rd Bn. Returned 1220A.	
1030		4			Capt Garrnet, G-3 section, called. AT shells, believed from our AT range, are landing in MINVER-SHEIM. CO AT Co told to cease fire.	
1035		5			CO 1st Bn came to CP.	
1040		6			CO AT Co reports firing stopped. Will have to look for another place to fire Bn AT guns.	
	1045	7			Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1155A.	
1050		8			CO 636 TD Bn and CO Co A 636 TD Bn came to CP.	
1340		9			Maj Young, G-3, phoned Capt Marcum in regards to where the CP will be set up so that they can have the Signal Co lay a wire. Informed that it will be at UHLWILLER.	
	1342	10			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn area. Returned 1525A.	
1455		11			CO Co A 636 TD Bn phoned and will assemble Co of tank destroyers in KREIGSHEIM and NEIDERS after being relieved tonight.	
1458		12			CO Co B 83 Cml came to CP to check on instructions for their platoon attached to 142 RCT. S-3 instructed him to report in again in next day or two and final instructions as to placing of fire will be given him.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 21 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1500	13			Capt Terrell left for 501st Para Inf Regt CP.	
	1528	14			Col Lynch to Gen Dahlquist: Will meet you on this side of NIEDERS where ceremony is to be held. A small band will be there.	
	1605	15			Capt Hunley left to check ranges.	
	1610	16			Col Lynch left for ceremony at 2nd Bn in NIEDERS. Returned at 1700A.	
1725		17			Capt Terrell returned.	
2100		18			S-3 111 Engrs phoned that the officer instructor on mines will set up Friday morning at 1000A, also stay with us on Sat. Asked as to where to send him and his crew. Capt Hunley informed him to set up at 1st Bn in BERNOLSHEIM.	
	2125	19			Capt Hunley phoned S-3 111 Engrs that Col Lynch wants this mine demonstration done all in one day. To set up in BERNOLSHEIM and give it to the personnel of the AP Plats of the 1st Bn and AT Co Mine Plat at 1000A hours, Fri morning. In the afternoon at 1500A hours to set up in NIEDERS and give it to the personnel of AP Plats of both 2nd and 3rd Bns. On some future date give it to the reserve Bn personnel.	
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CAPT. TERRELL

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Hq 142 RCT
CP ROTTLESHEIM
21 Feb. 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS: **SECRET**

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

1. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co B 111 Med Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn
Co A 636 TD Bn
1 Plat Co B 83 Cml Wpus Bn

- (1) Prepares to relieve elements of 101st A/B Div in zone (Q-939272 - R-006246) (see overlay) after-noon and night 25 Feb. 45, relief to be completed 260600A Feb. 45.

2. a. 1st Bn:

Atchd:

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

- (1) Prepares to relieve elements of 501st and 502nd Parcht Inf Regt in designated zone (see overlay).

b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

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

- (1) Prepares to relieve elements of 501st Parcht Inf Regt and the 327th Gl1 Inf Regt in designated zone (see overlay).

c. 3rd Bn:

- (1) Prepares to occupy Regtl reserve position in area NEIDERALT DORF (Q-9423), KEFFENDORF (Q-9522), BERTHEIM (Q-9521).
(2) Reconnoiters for billeting area 24 Feb. 45.

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d. AT Co:

- (1) Prepares to relieve elements of 501st Parach Inf Regt in designated zone (see overlay), using one (1) 57-mm gun plat, balance of Co as Inf.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Reconnoiters for positions in area OHLUNGEN (Q-9723), UHLWILLER (Q-9524), 24 Feb. 45.

f. Co A 636 TD Bn (less detachments):

- (1) Prepares to occupy Regtl reserve positions at OHLUNGEN (Q-9723).

g. Co B 753 Tk Bn (less detachments):

- (1) Prepares to occupy Regtl reserve positions at OHLUNGEN (Q-9723).

h. Sv Co:

- (1) Reconnoiters, 24 Feb. 1945, WITTERSHEIM (Q-9420), HUTTENDORF (Q-9322), MINVERSHEIM (Q-9120) area to accommodate Sv Co, S-4, and showers.

i. Co B 111 Med Bn:

- (1) Prepares to occupy KEFTENDORF (Q-9522), coordinating with 3rd Bn 142d Inf.
- (2) Reconnoiters for billeting area 24 Feb. 1945.

x. (1) Relieving Bns will employ two (2) Cos in line, one (1) in reserve. Reserve Cos, however, may be used to furnish outposts or flank contact patrols.

- (2) Relieving Bns will employ all automatic and AT weapons.

- (3) Frontline units will maintain day observation posts along front. At night they will maintain outposts, and listening posts, with contact patrols between every two hours.

- (4) Patrolling will be executed according to Regtl directives.

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- (5) Bn Comdrs and AT Co Comdr will, from map study, submit plans of sector occupation in overlay form to this Hq not later than 221800A Feb. 45. This plan will include, approximate locations and:
- (a) Platoon defense areas.
 - (b) Separate squad outposts.
 - (c) Night listening posts.
 - (d) Routes of night contact patrols.
 - (e) Bn MGs and AT guns.
 - (f) Bn reserve Cos.
 - (g) Bn CPs.
- (6) Comdrs of relieving units will make reconnaissance to complete plans and arrangements for relief 24 Feb. 1945.

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220000A Feb. 1945 JOURNAL 142 Inf
FROM: 222400A Feb. 1945 Organization: GP ROTTELSHEIM
TO : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Place: 22 Feb 1945
MAP : Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0840		1a			Capt Seaman, Div G-3, phoned: Would like for you to leave ranges intact when you move out so other units in Div can use them. Will have some made and stored then when you come out again you can get them. Capt Hunley: What about our reserve Bn training? Will need 20 targets for them? Now have 20 targets on each of the three ranges. Capt Seaman: Will try to arrange for you to keep 20 for your reserve Bn.	
0850		2a			CO AT Go to Capt Hunley: Have found another AT range. It is in the 8913 GS firing due S with a range of approximately 700 yards. Completed my Co firing on the other range, but Bn AT Plat has not fired. Capt Hunley: Will have to get clearance from Div on range. Capt Scott: How much bazooka ammo do I get? Does my entire Co fire on range? Do we hold any ground across river in new sector? Capt Hunley: You will get 2 rounds of ammunition per bazooka. Your entire Co will fire on the range. No ground is held across the river in the new sector.	
0905		3a			Capt Seaman to Capt Hunley: You may keep 20 targets for reserve Bn. The range S of ROTTELSHEIM will be assigned to 141st and the one S of KREIGSHHEIM to Div Arty. Will arrange with them so they will not be lost and will be available for you when you come out of line again. Also the Army team giving lectures on escape of prisoners, etc, will be available for next two days if you can work them in.	
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FROM: 220000A Feb. 1945
TO : 222400A Feb. 1945
MAP : FRANCE: 1:50,000

Organization: 142 ^{inf}
Place: CP ROLLELSHEIM
Date: 22 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0908	1			CO 3rd Bn to Capt Hunley: Do you want my Bn to occupy the three towns named on OI? Do you want me to submit any plans? Ans: You will occupy the three towns. Probably a Co in each. No plans submitted is required by you.	
	0910	2			Capt Marcum left for 1, 2, 3rd Bn areas to recon for MG ranges.	
0915		3			CO Co A 636 TD Bn came to CP and stated he has 10 TDs in KRIEGSHEIM. One TD in indirect firing position for 133 FA between GRIES and BISCHWILLER which will be released today. One TD in repair which will be in working order today. Total of 12 TDs.	
	0948	4			Col Lynch left CP.	
	0954	5			It Col Gillette left for STRASBOURG.	
	1125	6			Capt Hunley notified CO 1st Bn of demonstration crew from Army going to be at Bn area tomorrow morning to give lecture to a class of 50 or 60 (Bn A & P Plat and other key personnel). A building will be necessary for lecture if at all possible.	
	1150	7			Capt Hunley to Capt Seaman: Would like to get clearance on AT range S of KINGSHEIM vicinity 8913 GS? Firing point is 894129 and impact area is 895123. Capt Seaman: Will check with 141 RCT and call you back.	
1155		8			CO AT Co to Capt Hunley: Error in range location. Firing point 890128 with impact area vicinity 890122.	
	1158	9			Capt Hunley to Capt Seaman: Have a change in range, firing point 890128, impact area 890122. Capt Seaman: 141 RCT has assigned area to one of their Bns as training area. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 22 Feb 1945

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IN	OUT					
		9	(Cont'd)		SECRET	
1200		10			Suggest you use range vicinity ROHR. Fire from WOELFENHEIM - ROHR road to area vicinity 850086 to 854095. Road should be blocked however at AVENHEIM and at CR 840077. It is OK to fire on this range tomorrow morning.	
	1200	11			Col Lynch returned.	
1315		12			Capt Hunley notified CO AT Co of above suggestions of AT range by Div.	
	1345	13			Capt Marcum returned.	
	1355	14			Capt Maecum called Sgt Koval, Hq Co, to make 150 silhouette MG field targets.	
	1405	15			Capt Marcum called Capt Saunders if MG field target range could be made where Pillbox area is. Ans: Yes, would be good area.	
	1420	16			Capt Marcum left for area where MG range is to be. Two I & R Plat men taken along and shown where targets are to be erected tomorrow.	
1517		17			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
					Capt Gann, Div, called. Wants to know if we could accomodate group who lecture on: "What to do if captured; enemy interrogation process; etc.", tomorrow morning. Ans: Will let you know when we have open time.	
1530		18			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, arrived at CP. Brought OI # 157.	
1540		19			Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1550A.	
1542		20			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
1605		21			Col Lynch returned.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Date: 22 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1610	22			Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned 1644.	
1655		23			Capt Marcum returned.	
1900		24			CO Co B 83 Cml Co to Capt Hunley: What are my instructions? Capt Hunley: Col would like you to split platoon and we would furnish extra communications. Capt Stone: Will stop in tomorrow to get complete details.	
	1940	25			Capt Hunley to Capt Orcutt, Div: Do you know of anybody with some German weapons? I can get for reinforcement school? Capt Orcutt: Check with Col Green, Div Ord Officer. He collected some at one time. Also 143 RCT might have some. What about the intelligence lecture from Army? Can you use them on afternoon 24th? Capt Hunley: OK. Will check on lecture for tomorrow morning and call you back.	
	1948	26			Capt Hunley to S-3 2nd Bn: Col desires the following changes of your troops after studying your overlay. Move your Bn CP and reserve Co back to OULUNGEN and your outposts back this side of MODER River.	
2010		27			Capt Orcutt, Div G-3, phoned and requested 4 copies of training schedules instead of 3. Corps is now calling for one.	
	2015	28			Capt Hunley to Capt Seaman: Would like the Army intelligence lecture for reinforcements tomorrow morning at KRAUTWILLER. Will call you back on definite time.	
	2020	29			Capt Hunley to Maj Spitler: Army counter-intelligence team is available tomorrow morning. What time can you take care of them? Maj Spitler: Have arranged for 2 Plats to shower at 0800A so 1030A to 1130A will be suitable. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTELSHEIM
Date: 22 Feb 1945

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		29	(Cont'd)		SECRET	
	2135	30			Capt Hunley: That will be fine. Will have them report to you at RSO. You look for an area tomorrow morning. Will obtain a P.A. system for you.	
	2140	31			Capt Hunley arranged with Capt Beasley for P.A. system at counter-intelligence lecture tomorrow.	
2143		32			Capt Hunley notified Capt Seaman that lecture was scheduled for 1030A and that a P.A. system had been arranged for.	
					GO Co A 636 TD states he is taking his platoon commanders to new area tomorrow morning to look over positions of armor with 101 A/B and will stop by this Hq for any further instructions.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 23 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0845	1			Col Lynch left for Div CP and S-4	Returned 1140A.
	0900	2			Capt Terrell left for 141 CP and reinforcement training school. Returned 1145A.	
	0930	3			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned 1130A.	
	1000	4			Bns and AT Co notified to have COs meet with Col Lynch at 1630A at Regt CP.	
	1000	5			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn and reinforcement training school. Returned 1145A.	
1035		6			Changes in 3rd Bn schedule for 24 Feb: 0930-1030 Basic battle drill; 1330-1430 Org of Inf Regt.	
1050		7			Lt Col Green came to CP. Left at 1120A.	
	1200	8			Lt Col Gillette notified 1st and 2nd Bns to send a MG NCO for instructor to report to Lt Ward at Reinf School by 1430A. The NCO Sgt previously sent was a mortar man and will be returned to his Co. 3rd Bn notified to send an additional MG NCO for instructor at school. To report to Lt Ward at KRAUTWILLER by 1430A.	
1245		9			S-3 2nd Bn reports hand grenade area will be at 001183.	
	1310	10			Col Lynch left: Returned 1635A.	
	1325	11			Lt Col Gillette left for AT Co. Returned 1540A.	
	1415	12			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn range. Returned 1540A.	
	1430	13			Capt Terrell left for 327 Regt CP. Returned 1600A.	
1638		14			CO held meeting of Bn COs and CO ATCo.	
	1900	15			Capt Hunley checked with S-3 111 Engr to see if they could replace our 40 targets to be left behind. They do have 20 targets complete with cloth for 142 RCT. S-3 of Engrs given permission to use 3d Bn range 25 Feb. S-3 requested 30 'X3' targets for MG manipulating firing for 25 Feb.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: GP ROTTLESHEIM
 Date: 23 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1905	16			S-2 of each Bn notified to be at this Hq for a meeting at 0900A 24 Feb.	
	1945	17			Bns notified that one lensatic compass from each of rifle Cos is to be sent to this Hq for use at reinforcement Trg School. To be here by 0900A in morning.	
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FROM: 240000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A Feb 1945

Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 24 Feb 1945.

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0900		1			S-2 held meeting of Bn S-2s in regards to the coming operation.	
	1000	2			Lt Col Gillette left for reinforcement training school, S-4 and then 3rd Bn.	
	1050	3			Capt Terrell called 111 Engrs requesting six rubber boats to be kept on hand in new positions. To be picked up by S-4.	
1130		4			Col Lynch returned.	
	1135	5			Capt Hunley to Capt Seaman, Div: Would like to use one of the two ranges I am leaving behind for reinforcement school on 28 Feb. Capt Seaman: Will schedule you for the entire day and as it now stands will probably be ranges between KRIEGSHEIM and BRUMATH. Will let you know details later.	
	1200	6			Lt Col Gillette to Capt Willeford, ammo officer: Check reinforcements for change of underwear and prophylactics. When you move leave them a vehicle to use for hauling water and rations.	
	1205	7			Lt Col Gillette to Maj Rosenberg: Send an officer to KRAUTWILLER to take care of sick-call for reinforcements. Sick call to be held in evening.	
1300		8			Capt Seaman, Div, called Capt Hunley in regard to the range that the reinforcements are going to use. It will be vicinity 992153..	
	1320	9			Lt Col Gillette left for Cn Co and 3rd Bn.	
	1345	10			Capt Terrell to Maj Wren: Would like to get P.A. system from psychological Warfare sometime after 27 Feb. Understand Arty is getting about 15 rounds of leaflets to fire in next day or so. That will just about cover our Regtl front. Maj Wren: Will probably have P.A. system by 28 Feb.	

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FROM: 240000A Feb 1945
TO: 242400A Feb 1945
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 24 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1355	11			Col Lynch left for 101 A/B Div CP. Will return about 1600A. Returned 1550A.	
	1357	12			Capt Terrell notified 2nd Bn clerk to have Lt Green CO Co E report to this Hq for a conference with Col Lynch at 1615A.	
	1510	13			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn. Returned 1635A.	
1515		14			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
1615		15			Lt Green reported to CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
	1930	16			Capt Hunley to 1st Sgt of AT Co: CO has ordered that Capt Scott designate a point 3 miles from destination of Co for entrucking troops. The march is designed for exercise as Co will be confined to fox-holes for several days upon going in the line.	
	1953	17			Capt Hunley to Lt Powers 11 Engr: When will the 3' X 5" targets be ready: Lt Powers: Should be finished by tomorrow afternoon. Will call you after dinner tomorrow. Capt Hunley: Will try to pick them up when they are finished.	
	2000	18			Capt Hunley to Maj Spitler: Will probably have 30 frames and 20 1000" targets finished shortly after dinner tomorrow. Maj Spitler requested a bugler for retreat formations and Capt Hunley referred him to Lt Col Gillette.	
	2000	19			Capt Terrell phoned Ass't G-2 requesting permission to turn in some extra maps of western front now on hand for which we have no further use or available space. Maj Wren stated if we brought them to the Div Engrs they would dispose of them for us.	

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Hq 142 RCT
CP ROTTELSHEIM, Fr.
24 Feb. 1945

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Maps: FRANCE 1/25,000, Sheets: HAGUENAU XXXVIII-14, 5&6, 7&8
BRUMATH XXXVIII-15, 1&2, 3&4

1. a. See current intelligence reports, Intelligence notes, Hq, 142 Inf, 221200A Feb. '45.

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2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co B 111 Med Pl.
Co B 753 Tk Pn
Co A 636 TD Bn

Supporting:

1 Plat Co B S3 Cml Wpns Bn

- (1) Relieves elements of 101st A/B Div in zone Q-939272-R-006246 afternoon and night 25 Feb. 45, relief to be completed 260300A Feb. 45.

- (2) Relief to be effected in accordance with instructions contained in "Operations Instructions" Hq, 142d RCT, 21 Feb. 1945.

3. a. 1st Bn:

Atchd:

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

- (1) Moves from present area, starting 251330A Feb. 45, to assy area at DAUENDORF (Q-9425), relieves elements of 501st and 502nd Parach Inf Regts, as much of relief as possible taking place during daylight.

- (2) Movement to DAUENDORF will be by foot except for Hvy Wpns and Bn train. For foot and motor routes (see overlay, annex # 1)

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b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

1 Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
1 Plat Co E 753 Tk Bn

- (1) Moves from present area, starting 251400A Feb. 45, to assy area at OHLUNGEN (Q-3723), relieves elements 501st Parach Inf Regt and 327th Gln Inf Regt, as much of relief as possible taking place during daylight.
- (2) Movement to OHLUNGEN will be by foot except for Hvy Wpns and Bn train. For foot and motor routes (see overlay, annex # 1). Where two routes are indicated, it is intended that units use routes which are most convenient to their zone of occupation.

c. 3rd Bn:

- (1) Moves from present area, starting 260800A Feb. 45, to Regt reserve position NEIDERALTDORF (Q-9423), BERTHEIM (Q-9521), HUTTENDORF (Q-9322) area. Continues unit training in accordance with current schedule.
- (2) Movement to new area will be by foot except for Hvy Wpns and Bn train. For foot and motor routes (see overlay, annex # 1).

d. AT Co:

- (1) Moves from present area, starting 251400A Feb. 45, to assy area at UHLWILLER (Q-9524), relieves elements 501st Parach Inf Regt, starting at dusk. For foot and motor route (see overlay, annex # 1).

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Occupies reconnoitered positions vic OHLUNGEN, by dark Feb. 25.
- (2) FO parties to 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, and AT Co, not later than 251800A Feb. 45.

f. 132 FA Bn:

- (1) Remain present position, in direct support of Regt.
- (2) FO and Ln O parties to 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, and FO party to AT Co, not later than 251800A Feb. 45.

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g. One (1) Plat Co B 83 Cml Wpns Bn:

- (1) Occupies reconnoitered positions vic UHLWILLER (Q-9524) by dark 23 Feb.
- (2) One sec supports 1st Bn, one (1) sec supports AT Co.

h. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Atchs one (1) Plat to 1st Bn and one (1) Plat to 2nd Bn effective 251200A Feb.
- (2) Plat atchd to 1st Bn moves to DAUENDORF under control CO 1st Bn.
- (3) Co B (less one plat) moves to OHLUNGEN (Q-9723) closing at 251700A Feb.
- (4) Plat atchd to 2nd Bn moves from OHLUNGEN on call of CO 2nd Bn.

i. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Relieves elements 807th TD Bn in zone (Q-939272 - R-006246) night of 24 Feb. 45.
- (2) Atchs one (1) Plat to 1st Bn and one (1) Plat to 2nd Bn effective 251200A Feb. 45.
- (3) Plats atchd to Bns will, on order of Bn COs, be shifted to new positions afternoon and evening of 25 Feb. 45.

j. Hq Co 142 Inf:

- (1) Moves from present area to UHLWILLER (Q-9524), closing by 261000A Feb. 45.

k. Co B 111 Med Bn:

- (1) Moves from present area to KEFFENDORF (Q-9522), closing at 252000A Feb. For route (see overlay, annex # 1).

- x.
- (1) Relieved units will turn over to relieving unit all extra ammo, all maps and photos of sector, complete records of mine and trip flare fields, and will leave one (1) officer per Bn, and one (1) NCO per front line Co. This personnel will be released by units RCT 142 by 261500A Feb. 45.
 - (2) Units moving to new area by foot will maintain a five (5) minute interval between Cos.

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- (3) Transport (except necessary carriers and trains) and kitchens will remain in present areas and move on call of unit COs not earlier than 260300A Feb. 45.

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5. Regt CP in UHLWILLER (Q-9524).

- a. Advance CP - closes 251830A Feb. 45. Remainder closes 261000A Feb. 45.

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JOURNAL

FROM: 250000A Feb. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A Feb. 1945

Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 25 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0730	1			Capt Marcum left for Div rear to join group re- turning to U.S. on TD.	
	0815	2			Capt Hunley checked with CO ATCo, to be sure he understood the instruction previously given the 1st Sgt.	
	0845	3			Lt Col Gillette left for 501st Parach Inf CP in KEFFENDORF.	
0900		4			Maj Petrie, CO 111 Engr Bn, phoned and discussed future Engr work with Capt Hunley for defense of the Regt front.	
0915		5			S-3 2nd Bn reports Co E will be in reserve and Co G on left with Co F on right. The Bn will have 7 HMG's as 1 HMG is at reinforcement school.	
0918		6			S-3 1st Bn stated Co A would be in reserve and Co B on left with Co C on right.	
	0925	7			Capt Hunley left for Reinforcement School and HUTTENDORF - KEFFENDORF.	
	0935	8			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn in NIEDERS. Returned at 1030A.	
1037		9			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1040		10			Lt Ewers phoned that the targets will be ready this afternoon. Send a truck to 9411 where there will be a man waiting to turn over the 50 targets to us.	
	1330	11			S-3 2nd Bn notified that if they don't clear RJ 946216 by 2000A they would have to wait until after 2100A.	
1350		12			S-3 111 Engrs requested an Inf officer instructor for a period of 3 days starting 27 Feb. Targets will be ready to pick up within next hour.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ROTTLESHEIM
Date: 25 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	ASSIGNMENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1355	13			Col Lynch left to check units moving to new area.	
1440		14			Col Reese, Div G-2, phoned and stated there was considerable enemy patrol activity to the Div front. The enemy states they are to take PWs and if fail will have to attack to make effort to take PWs. There is also a considerable amount of disersion on Div front.	
	1420	15			Lt Col Gillette left to check movement of AT Co. Returned at 1615A.	
1500		16			Col Lynch returned.	
	1515	17			Capt Hunley notified Lt Ward of Reinforcement School to look vicinity 970165 for 1000" range. Will try to get permission from Div to use range S of WEITBRUCH from Tues through Fri.	
	1630	18			Capt Hunley arranged with G-3 for Reinf School to use range S of KRIEGSHEIM for 2 Mar 45, in addition to using the range on 28 Feb. 1945.	
1720		19			(CP 142 RCT now at UHLWILLER) Lt Anderson, Co B 753 Tk Bn: We have closed in at 1600A, can be reached through 2nd Bn.	
	1740	20			Capt Terrell to CO AT Co: Co closed and in position. Some mortar fire falling on left flank along river bank.	
1745		21			Col Lynch arrived at Fwd CP.	
	1755	22			Capt Terrell to CO Cn Co: How are you coming along. CO Cn Co: In position, am registering.	
1755		23			Line in to 132 FA Bn and 636 TD Bn.	
1757		24			Capt Hunley arrived at Fwd CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 25 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1920		25			S-3 2nd Bn phoned that everyone is in position; listening post and OP. Have contact with AT Co and also on the right with 143 Inf. Asked about wire and AT mines put out in front of their area vicinity road leading into factory area. Capt Hunley informed him that he is going to check with Engrs.	
	1927	26			Capt Hunley called S-3 143 Inf in regard to contact patrols at vicinity 005245 at least once every hour, if not, physical contact.	
	1945	27			Capt Hunley gave situation to G-3.	
	1951	28			Capt Hunley called S-4 in regards to 1st Bn who want 3 truck loads of lumber for dugouts.	
2010		29			83 Cml phoned that they are in position. Capt Hunley informed him to register the first thing in the morning in front of AT Co.	
	2115	30			S-3 phoned S-4, not to use road between UHLWILLER and 946216 between hours 0800-0930.	
2130		31			Capt Saunders reports that relief is completed, have physical contact with 68th Inf Co B on left. Sending patrols from Co C to AT Co every half hour and AT Co sending one on the hour.	
	2133	32			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and gave him situation. Gen states that no patrolling will be done for the next few nights.	
	2143	33			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Orcutt and gave him sit.	
	2151	34			Capt Terrell phoned 501 and 502 Inf that relief is completed and that we are assuming responsibility.	
	2200	35			Col Lynch phoned G-3 101 Div that relief is complet	
2205		36			OP # 2 at 006242 reports MG burst at 020. Other-	

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Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
25 Feb. 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. While RCT 142 is holding defense line in zone Q-939272 - R-006246 the reserve Cos of front line Bns, as well as the reserve Bn, will reconnoiter routes and formulate counter-attack plans as directed below.

a. 1st Bn (DAUENDORF sector):

- (1) In case of enemy penetration on Bn or AT Co (center) fronts, the reserve Co at DAUENDORF will be prepared to:

Plan (1): C/A direction of BOIS DE HERRENWALD and town of NEUBOURG.

Plan (2): Move to SE, C/A from vic UHLWILLER NE to BOIS DE UHLWILLER.

b. 2nd Bn (SCHWEIGHAUSEN sector):

- (1) In case of enemy penetration on Bn or AT Co (center) fronts, the reserve Co at OHLUNGEN will be prepared to:

Plan (3): Move to NE vicinity (Q-985245) and then C/A NW through BOIS DE OHLUNGEN.

Plan (4): C/A to Bns right flank, enveloping SCHWEIGHAUSEN to the right.

c. 3rd Bn (Regtl res area BERSTHEIM - HUTTENDORF - NEIDER-ALTDORF):

- (1) In case of enemy penetration on Regt front, Bn will be prepared to:

Plan (A): C/A N towards UHLWILLER or through BOIS DE UHLWILLER, at same time enveloping to left with one (1) Co.

Plan (B): C/A N through BOIS DE OHLUNGEN, at same time enveloping to the right with one (1) Co.

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Hq 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Feb 1945

Organization:

CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Place:

26 Feb 1945

Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0050		1			OP at DAUENDORF: Nothing to report.	
0150		2			Lt Garrett: Co C has 3 PWs, taken vic 965264. Was 3-man patrol that was sent across to listen and observe in our sector. Crossed river at approximately 963269. Reported to Div at 0215A.	
	0220	3			3 PWs sent back to ROTTLESHEIM for interrogation.	
	0230	4			Capt Terrell called 2nd Bn. All quiet in 2nd Bn sector. Capt Terrell notified Lt Thompson that patrols scheduled for night 26 Feb were cancelled.	
0231		5			OP at DAUENDORF: All quiet.	
0350		6			IPW states PWs from 5th Co 115 Regt 47 Div. Moral very low and Co had been in position for two to three weeks. No replacements have been received since coming to this sector from DUREN. Were sent as a 3-man patrol with mission to enter NEUBOURG and listen. Co strength approximately 35 to 40 men with 6 squads of 1 LMG each. Also stated if we placed any arty for considerable length of time on their positions believed entire unit would surrender. In position vicinity 975274 extending to E to N and S road.	
0405		7			I & R OP # 2 reports still MG fire vicinity factory N of river from vicinity 006242. Also a great deal of noise around factory which sounds like digging and emplacing of iron bars.	
0425		8			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0600		9			OP # 2 all quiet.	
	0610	10			G#2 given situation.	
0615		11			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

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Date: 26 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0730	12			CO 1st Bn notified to release elements of 501st as soon as convenient.	
	0735	13			S-3 notified CO 3rd Bn to have an officer (good instructor) ready to go to Engrs for a period of 3 days. After Bn has moved will phone remainder of details.	
0834		14			Col Reese phoned that Gen Dahlquist does not want any patrolling tonight or tomorrow night.	
	0845	15			Capt Terrell left for 1st Bn, the 2nd Bn.	
	0900	16			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn and AT Co. Ret 1024A.	
	0925	17			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Powers in regard to road repair. Would like roads from WINTERSHAUSEN - UHLWILLER - DAUENDORF - OHLUNGEN filled and fixed. Asked about mines and was informed that there is no wire on hand and very few mines. Inf will put in defensive wire.	
	0930	18			Capt Hunley informed S-3 1st Bn that Inf would be required to lay defensive wire.	
0945		19			Capt Fisher, S-1 3rd Bn, phoned stating 3rd Bn closing out of WEITBRUCH.	
0950		20			CO AT Co reports enemy has build corduroy road vicinity 975263. Observed them working last night and fired mortars from Co H on them.	
0952		21			Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left CP for 2nd Bn in OHLUNGEN at 1008A.	
1015		22			Maj Elligood, FA, states they have 40 rounds of propaganda leaflets, would like an area to fire them in.	
1018		23			Lt Col Gillette arrived at Fwd CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 26 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1055	24			Lt Col Gillette notified CO 2nd Bn of following: T-patches to be sewn on shirt and jacket by tomorrow night. Each man to have 4 grenades, 3 bandoleers of ammunition on position, 10 boxes per MG and hard rations issued to platoon leader as platoon reserve pile. 12 extra shirts will be issued by S-4 for patrols.	
	1105	25			Capt Terrell left for 2nd Bn.	
	1110	26			Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1630A.	
	1114	27			Lt Col Gillette notified S-4 to issue Bns 12 shirts for patrol purposes. Also of issuance of 4 grenades, 3 bandoleers and 10 boxes of ammo per MG.	
	1115	28			Lt Col Gillette notified 3rd Bn to have T-patches sewn on shirts and jackets of all men by tomorrow night.	
	1115	29			Capt Hunley notified S-3 1st Bn that patrols would not wear T-patches and S-4 would issued 12 additional shirts for patrol purposes.	
1230		30			G-2 phoned that 14 Armd Air OP saw 20 enemy with white helmets scattered vicinity 940284.	
1240		31			S-3 of 2nd Bn phoned that the strongpoint between Co G and F is being reinforced with 1 LMG squad.	
	1300	32			Capt Hunley phoned CO AT Co in regards to the 4.2 observer. Informed that he has arrived and in position.	
	1400	33			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn. Returned at 1510A.	
	1445	34			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st and 2nd Bn. Ret. 1610A.	
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Place: CP UHLWILLER
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1618		35			S-3 1st Bn reports Co C sent a squad out and occupied mill at 960268. Going to mine and booby trap it. Enemy seen digging in vicinity 968269 and mortar was placed on them.	
1620		36			S-2 1st Bn reports about 20 rounds of light artillery fell 945263 from 1515A till 1600A. Believed to be coming from vicinity 960323 (GRIESBACH). Fired 2 rounds of counter battery and guns have been silenced.	
1632		37			S-3 2nd Bn reports they placed Arty on factory area vicinity 004254 and caused a large explosion. Black smoke is now billowing up the valley. Believed have hit an ammo dump.	
1635		38			OP # 2 reports all quiet.	
1825		39			Lt Arnold, 1st Bn, reports enemy fired 6 rounds smoke vicinity 953274. Time 1815A.	
1900		40			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, reports enemy digging in along edge of woods 963272 - 973267 line. Arty placed on enemy at 963272 position and mortar on group at 973267.	
1930		41			G-3 reports that 143 Inf will be firing flares intermittently during the night.	
1955		42			S-2 1st Bn reports sighting pink flare at 957274 at 1950A.	
	2025	43			Lt Col Gilled called S-4. S-4 is closed in with PO and SSO. Sv Co also in. Showers ready. Notified to shower 3rd Bn on 28th with change of clothing.	
2040		44			S-3 1st Bn reports a string of american mines laid on secondary road at 938271. Will leave them there.	

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Date: 26 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2145	45			S-2 gave G-2 situation.	
2220		46			S-2 1st Bn reports enemy white flare seen at 942273. No action followed.	
2250		47			S-2 1st Bn reports another flare seen same vicinity as above coords. Still no action resulting.	
2255		48			I & R Plat at DAUENDORF reports all quiet for past two hours except for flares noted above.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 212

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
26 Feb. 1945

FROM: 251200A Feb. 1945
TO : 261200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 14th Arm'd Div holding MLR on S side of MODER River.
 - b. Right flank - 143 Inf, holding MLR HAGUENAU - KALTENHOUSE.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and warm.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. At 251330A RCT began moving from training areas vicinity ROTTELSHEIM, WEITBRUCH, BERNOLSHEIM, NIEDERSCHAEFFHOLSHEIM to DAUENDORF, UHLWILLER, OHLUNGEN, HUTTENDORF, BERTHEIM to effect relief of 501st PI, 502nd PI and 327th GII 101st A/B Div. Relief completed by 252200A Feb. '45.
 - b. Co C captured 3-man enemy patrol vicinity NEUBOURG about 252400A. PWs from 5th Co XI15th Regt 47th Div.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a. and b.

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270000A Feb 1945 142 Inf
FROM: 272800A Feb 1945 Organization: CP UHLWILLER
TO : Place:
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 27 Feb 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0030		1			1st Bn reports that at 2340A a MG burst went off in front of Co B. Also about 20 minutes ago 2 air bursts high above the town went off. Have their wire and mines in. Received two casualties from a mine that went off while laying. One man out of A&P Platoon of Co C.	
0035		2			I & R Platoon OP at DAUENDORF reports all quiet except for flares that go up every now and then.	
0245		3			I & R OP at DAUENDORF REPORTS all quiet.	
0340		4			OP # 1 reports: MG bursts W of mill, enemy and American. Also BAR fire. Lasted about 1/2 hour. All quiet now.	
	0355	5			Capt Terrell checked with 1st Bn. Small arms fire is to left of 1st Bn.	
0500		6			OP # 1 reports 18 rounds rockets fell in woods to the north - 30° from their OP.	
0500		7			Lt Quinn, 1st Bn: Co C reports enemy flare, followed by tracers to right and left of their positions; after tracers, received considerable mortar fire between tracer targets. No report of damage.	
0630		8			OP # 1. A few flares, otherwise quiet.	
	0845	9			Lt Col Gillette left to check the area. Ret. 0930A.	
0915		10			CO AT Co: Night quiet.	
0932		11			CO 3rd Bn came to CP, stopped in on his way for ren of the counter-attack plan. Reports that there are 3 cases of measles in his town of BERSTHEIM.	
	0935	12			Lt Col Gillette called Regt Surg to check the 3 towns that 3d Bn is in for measles.	

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FROM: 270000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 272800A Feb 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 27 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0937	13			Lt Col Gillette left for reinforcement training area, then 3rd Bn.	
	0940	14			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
	1015	15			Capt Terrell to Lt Arnoldt, 2nd Bn: Was there any sign of enemy patrolling last night? Ans: None. Night very quiet except for a little activity vicinity factory area 002255.	
	1020	16			Capt Terrell to Lt Arnold, 1st Bn: Was there any enemy patrol activity last night? Ans: No, very quiet night.	
	1035	17			Capt Terrell to Lt Peters, Hq Co: Establish two traffic check posts; one at CR 955247, one at CR 957245. Mission: check all vehicles, unit and time passing post. Also challenge traffic and stop any civilians coming out of town, sending them back. Traffic check reports to this Hq about 1200A.	
1040		18			OP # 1: Nothing to report except that enemy MG firing at "cub" observer. Approximate location of MG - 942282. "Cub" directing Arty on this point.	
1055		19			Col Lynch returned.	
	1055	20			Capt Hunley to S-3 111 Engr: What is your status on rubber boats? S-4 111 Engrs: Unless situation changes, I can leave you have about 15 10-man boats. (These for training for 3 or 4 days after 2nd March).	
1115		21			Gen Stack arrived at CP. Conferred with Col Lynch regarding a raid in our sector.	
1115		22			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, arrived at CP. Left 1140A.	

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FROM: 270000A Feb 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 272400A Feb 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 27 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1150	23			Gen Stack left CP.	
1205		24			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
1320		25			CO AT Co: Request road vicinity 965255 be repaired.	
	1324	26			Capt Terrell to S-3 2nd Bn: Request crossing at 983258 be investigated and all details reported to this Hq.	
	1347	27			Capt Terrell called CO AT Co to investigate along his front for any possible bridges or crossings. Details to be reported to this Hq.	
1350		28			S-3 2nd Bn reports that there is a plank bridge 12 inches wide, 16 to 18 ft long. It is believed to be booby trapped. Won't be able to tell the depth or width until dusk tonight. Also will check for booby traps.	
1410		29			CO AT Co phoned Capt Terrell. There is a plank bridge of a couple boards just 100 yds E of the mill. Also, at 979260 there is another partial bridge with the planks on this side of the river. All that needs be done is to lay planks across.	
	1412	30			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
1530		31			Maj Elligood, 132 FA, phoned and stated they have 10 rounds 257th VGD and 7 rounds 47 VGD prop-aganda leaflets. Request an area to fire them in. Lot # E-13-14. Capt Terrell told him he would check with Div on composition of leaflets and call him back.	
	1535	32			Capt Terrell phoned G-2: What is text of prop-aganda leaflets E-13? Col Reese: It is a leaflet directed to 47th VGD.	
	1550	33			Capt Terrell to Capt Quast, 132 FA: Fire the shells at 003254, 990253, 979260, 982263, 972267, 963272, and 950277.	

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FROM: 270000A Feb 1945
TO : 272400A Feb 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 27 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1610		34			Col Lynch returned.	
1625		35			S-3 1st Bn states Co C just reported a small amount of enemy movement vicinity 961273.	
1628		36			CO AT Co reports 4 Rds HE and 1 Rd smoke identified as friendly arty fell short and landed in right platoon area of AT Co.	
	1640	37			Capt Hunley left for 132 FA CP in HUTTENDORF. Returned at 1730A.	
	1950	38			Capt Terrell to CO 3rd Bn: What time are your rcn parties to go forward? Will arrange for guides. CO 3rd Bn: Rcn party will be at 2nd Bn CP at 0800A. Would like guide from AT Co meet me there.	
	1952	39			Capt Terrell notified CO AT Co to have a guide meet 3rd Bn rcn party at 2nd Bn CP at 0800A tomorrow.	
	1955	40			Capt Hunley requested Engr S-3 have men work on road to AT Co vicinity 966255.	
	1958	41			Capt Terrell notified S-3 2nd Bn to have guide ready to guide 3rd Bn rcn party to Co G at 0800A tomorrow. S-3 2nd Bn reported Co G fired mortars on enemy felling trees and moving about vicinity 985261 and 987261.	
	1900	42			Capt Terrell reported above enemy information to G-2 and checked on photos to cover area across river along 98 grid.	
1907		43			CO 3rd Bn phoned Col Lynch. Would like support from all units along front with 50 Cal MGs if necessary. Request permission for Lt Hammond, Co K, to use cub plane and fly over objective tomorrow. Col Lynch: Will arrange for support from other units it is alright for the officer to use cub plane tomorrow.	

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142 Inf
Organization: _____
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 27 Feb 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
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1930		44			Div Arty phoned and stated that officer from 3rd Bn 142 RCT to make air ren tomorrow should be at "fwd strip" at 1100A to meet the pilot, Lt Bibb. S-3 3rd Bn notified of this at 1935A.	
2025		45			Maj Elligood, 132 FA Bn, states the harassing mission for tonight is complete. At 998251 4 amber flares went up after artillery had stopped. One air burst was obtained over factory district N of SCHWEIGHAUSEN.	
2050		46			1st Bn reports 2 man LP at 938271 observed enemy movement to front and fired mortars on them. Might have been laying mines. At vic 948276 two enemy seen moving into dugout or shack.	
2100		47			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
2140		48			CO AT Co reports hearing tank motors and infantry noises vicinity 985267. Firing artillery, Cn, and 4.2 mortars on area now. G-3 notified.	
2155		49			OP # 1 reports hearing an enemy tank vicinity 960274. G-2 notified.	
2210		50			S-3 111 Engrs states there are some Engrs working on stretch of road as requested. Will work until job is complete or run off. Searchlights are over that area and if we request they be turned off please notify the Engr Hq.	
2230		51			S-2 1st Bn reports Co B heard enemy armor moving E along road parallel to RR on N side of MODER River. Could also hear commands as if given by Plat Sgt to get men lined out. White flare went up N of NEUBOURG and vicinity 935275.	
2305		52			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
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No. 213

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
27 Feb. 1945

FROM: 261200A Feb. 1945

TO : 271200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 14th Armd Div - no change.
 - b. Right flank - 143rd RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and warm. Visibility restricting, 1 mile or less.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held MLR W of MODER River without making physical contact with the enemy.
 - b. At 1600A Arty fired on factory district vicinity 003255 causing a large explosion followed by billowing smoke.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a. and b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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From: 261800A
To : 271800A
Hq 142 Inf
271900A Feb. 1945

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Line: South edge of woods N of MODER River.
b. Defensive Organization: PW states AP mines vic 966272.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General Summary.

(1) 142 Inf: With exception of MG bursts along the front, there was little activity. Artillery landing in the area showed a marked increase with approx 100 rounds of this in 1st Bn sector. Enemy groups were reported digging in at edge of woods 963272 and 973267. At 1040A eny MG fired on cub plane from approx 942282.

Shell Report: 1st Bn 2nd Bn AT
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: The enemy will probably continue patrol activities. He may have received reinforcements in the sector around 965270.

4. WEATHER AND ALMANAC: 28 Feb. - Partly cloudy throughout day with shower activity in Vosges area during afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles at dawn, improving to 3-5 miles after 1100A. Wind W, 6-8 mph. Minimum temp 35°.

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Feb. 28	0713	1812	1939	0815
Mar. 1	0710	1814	2042	0834

5. NOTES ON 47 VGD: ...:

a. Organization and Strength. The 47 VG Div embraces the 103, 104 and 115 VGRs, each having two Bns and a 13 (Inf How) and 14 (AT) Co. It is reported to have a 3-Bn arty regt, probably numbered 147. The Div's auxiliary units are believed likewise to be numbered 147. Interrogation of PWs indicate that the tendency throughout the Div seems to be to maintain an average Co strength of 50 men. Casualties have been very light due to lack of activity along the Div front. Replacements of one or two men per Co were received with regularity, whenever needed. The effective combat strength of the Div is estimated at 1500.

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Feb 1945

142 Inf

TO : 282400A Feb 1945

Organization:

CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Place:

28 Feb 1945

Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0045		1			S-2 1st Bn reports that LP of Co B at 945274 heard activity to front. Estimates 30 Germans between river and wood line on enemy side. Our arty and TD flares placed on the area. Believe enemy scattered with all quiet now. This action within last half hour. Co B is sending out a patrol to check to river on our side.	
0055		2			I & R OP reports all quiet except for friendly shelling noted above.	
0245		3			CO AT Co called. Considerable enemy motor movement heard during night to his front. More than normal. Could be attack force.	
	0310	4			Capt Hunley asked 2nd Bn to check on reports of excess enemy activity. Co G heard tracked vehicle believed on road paralleling river. One vehicle heard at a time.	
0500		5			I & R OP reports all quiet.	
	0601	6			Maj Wren, G-2, given situation.	
	0635	7			Maj Young, G-3, given situation.	
	0810	8			Capt Terrell notified Lt Peters to have TCP check direction of traffic and organization from which sent by on road from here to DAUENDORF.	
	0820	9			Lt Col Gillette notified 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, and AT Co to reduce traffic on forward roads.	
	0825	10			Capt Hunley left to find river crossing area for Bn problem.	
	0830	11			G-2 notified that 3rd Bn raid will be at 2000A hours tomorrow.	
0925		12			Div OI # 159 received.	

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FROM: 280000A Feb 1945
TO: 282400A Feb 1945
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 28 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0925	13			3rd Bn notified that trucks to transport Cos not used in raid if needed would be delivered to Bn before supper tonight.	
	0930	14			Cn Co notified to send 6 prime movers to 3rd Bn.	
0930		15			I & R OP reports that 2 rounds, est 120mm, mortar fell to left of mill at 941273. Believed coming from MERTZWILLER.	
0950		16			1st Bn reports Co B has reported enemy movement vicinity 937276 and vehicular traffic 952277.	
	0955	17			Col Lynch left CP. Returned 1150A.	
1000		18			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP. Left at 1015A.	
	1045	19			Capt Terrell gave situation to Lt Edmiston, 3rd Bn S-2.	
	1145	20			Capt Terrell gave situation to G-2.	
	1315	21			Col Lynch phoned S-4 and ordered them to get 4 planks 2" X 4" 14' long and nail together to make 2 planks. Have them delivered to AT Co rear tonight.	
1410		22			Col Merrill Div CWO, requested that one man from each Bn AP Plat report to Div CP at 1215A 2 Mar to mak go to DETTWILLER to a Flamethrower exhibition at 14th Armd Div CP. The flamethrower is the F-2 model, portable type. Trans to DETTWILLER will be furnished by Div. Capt Terrell: Will let you know details later.	
	1412	23			Lt Col Gillette left for AT Co Fwd CP. Ret 1520A.	
1500		24			The planks are on way to AT Co. Also the thermite grenades have been picked up by 3rd Bn.	
	1535	25			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	

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TO : 282400A Feb 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

142 Inf
Organization: CP UHLWILLER
Place: 28 Feb 1945
Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1547	26			Lt Col Gillette left for S-4. Returned 1700A.	
1648		27			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1648		28			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, arrived at CP. Brought OI # 160.	
	1700	29			Capt Hunley notified Plat Ldr of Cml Co Plat to report to Col Lynch at 1830A at this Hq.	
	1730	30			Div given situation.	
1840		31			CCB S-3 phoned and requested our troops now vicinity RJ 938272 move 200 yards to E at 2015A and stay clear of RJ until 2035A.	
1840		32			Plat Ldr of Co B 83 Cml Bn conferred with Col.	
	1845	33			Col Gillette to Lt Edmiston, S-2 3rd Bn: Did your trucks (9 from AT Co and 6 from Cn Co) arrive? Ans: Yes, sir, they have arrived.	
	1900	34			Capt Terrell called Div and requested a check be made on heavy artillery preparation to the left of our sector.	
	1910	35			Col Lynch talked to Col Gillespi, CO CCB 14th AD. Your request to move my troops 200 yds E from 2015A to 2035A, what are your plans? Col Gillespie We are firing a secret weapon well out to front of the RJ, but was only taking precautions for a short found. Col Lynch: Will have troops stay in fox holes for that period.	
	1920	36			Col Lynch notified CO 1st Bn to have troops remain in foxholes or under cover during period 2015A to 2035A as CCB 14th AD are to fire a secret weapon and have requested we clear RJ 938272.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 28 Feb 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1925		37			Capt Orcutt, Ass't Div G-3, requested the order of 3rd Bn training schedule for tomorrow be phoned to them as soon as possible. Capt Hunley gave him the situation.	
1927		38			Ass't G-2 phoned and arty preparation was our artillery preceding a propaganda broadcast by 42nd Div.	
2000		39			OP # 1 reports all quiet. Town of METZGOR, 025248 now burning from our arty fire.	
	2010	40			G-3 given 3rd Bn training schedule for tomorrow.	
2047		41			CO 2nd Bn: We have a PW taken in Co F sector. Capt Terrell: How did Co F get PW? Ans: PW states he was part of patrol who came down road to bridge N of SCHWEIGHAUSEN; when discovered bridge was out, officer leader left PW there and said he would be back later. PW crossed river and surrendered. Co F arranging surprise for officer when he returns.	
	2120	42			Div given situation.	
2130		43			CO 2nd Bn reports Co G received 12 rounds of est 105mm vicinity 988254.	
	2155	44			G-2 given situation.	
	2255	45			Capt Terrell to G-2: PW from 5th Co 103 Regt. He was in factory area vic 003255 for a long time and did not have much information. His Regt, (or part) he beleived, was relieved by 115 Regt last night. CO 2nd Bn was also given this info.	
2320		46			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, requested lights for Co C. Div contacted and lights will be turned on shortly. Capt Cornelius notified.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 28 Feb. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2325		47			I & R OP heard 3 vehicles enter factory area, vehicles heard in 5 min intervals. One heard leaving area. Time 2310 to 2325.	
2345		48			OP # 1: Hear tracked vehicle approximately 2000A to 2500 yards at 5°. Arty now firing in that vicinity.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 214

Hq 142 RCT
GP UHLWILLER, Fr.
28 Feb. 1945

FROM: 271200A Feb. 1945
TO : 281200A Feb. 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - GCB, 14th Armad Div - no change.
 - b. Right flank - 143d RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted to 500 yards by haze, clearing to 3 miles by end of period.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held MLR along W bank of MODER River without physical contact with enemy.
 - b. No patrol activity in sector. Considerable enemy movement of armor and infantry on E bank of MODER River. Artillery very light with a few rounds 91mm vicinity 957267 and 938268.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a. and b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
26 Feb. 1946

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS: Confirming Oral Orders

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Maps: FRANCE 1/25,000, Sheet XXVIII-14, 8-6-7-8

1. "K" Co will raid in the German lines as shown on overlay with the mission of seizing prisoners and capturing the Company CP believed located at obj 3, night of 1-2 March.

"K" Co will move by motor to OHLUNGEN afternoon 1 March, meets guides from AT and G Co at 2nd Bn CP, early supper at OHLUNGEN, moves to jump-off area in assy position, arriving before dark, crosses MODER River starting at 2000A hours, accomplishes mission with speed, returns over reverse routes, billeting at OHLUNGEN.

2. 132 FA fires deceptive harassing fires along Regimental front nights of 26 Feb and 1 Mar and prepares to fire disengaging fires night of 1 Mar from 2015A until called for or cancelled.

3. One Plat Co B 83 Cal Bn:

Prepares to fire smoke on call of "K" Co after 2015A, 1 Mar for 15 min, rate of 2 rds per min at each flank for first 5 min, 1 round per min at each flank thereafter.

4. 2nd Bn assists by:

Furnishing guide to jump-off area. Firing MGs, 60mm mortars at area "X" and "Y" on call.

5. AT Co assists by:

Furnishing guide to jump-off area. Firing MGs at area "Z" on call.

6. Communications and observation:

I & R OPs 1 and 2 observe and report flares by telephone to this Hq.

3rd Bn SCR 300 radio to H Co for dir control of H Co mortars.

Regt SCR 300 radio operate on 3rd Bn frequency.

All Bn OPs observe toward Co K zone of action - report by normal communications.

Pyrotechnics:

One pound of WP from 132 FA signifies the last arty round at 2015A 1 Mar. Assault must move in fast.

White Flare:

- a. 2nd Bn MGs and 60mm mortars, 1 Btry of 132 FA neutralizing fire fifteen minutes on Area "X".

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- b. On Co fire neutralizing fire 15 minutes on "Y".
- c. AT Co MGs and 1 Btry 132 FA neutralizing fires fifteen minutes on area "Z".
- d. 1 Btry 132 FA neutralizing fire on area "W".

Note: These fires will be called for by voice codeword "white".
Note: These fires will be called for only in event surprise is lost in the assault, therefore if not called for between 2015A and 2030A they will not be required.

Green Flare:

Same fires as called for by white flare or codeword "white" plus smoke by one Plat Co B 83 Cal Bn on areas "X" and "Z".

Note: These fires used to assist withdrawal; may also be called for by code word "green".

Red Flare:

Same fires as for Green flare except:

- 132 FA fires area "L".
- 155 FA fires area "K".
- 242 FA fires area "R".

Note: These fires used to assist withdrawal, if disengagement is difficult; may also be called for by code word "red".

7. Miscellaneous Administrative:

Trucks used to transport K remain at OHLUNGEN, move E Co to HUTTENDORF morning 2 Mar (daylight) remain with E Co at HUTTENDORF. S-4 deliver complete change of clothing (outer and inner) to K Co at OHLUNGEN by dark 1 Mar. S-4 deliver 12 thermite grenades to "E" Co at HUTTENDORF by noon 1 Mar.
Ammo: 3 Frag, 1 WP grenade per rifleman.
1 belt, 1 bandoleer per rifleman.

MODER crossing points to be marked with white cloth by crossing unit. Combat boots to be worn by all on raid.

8. Operations of Co K are under control CO 3rd Bn.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 271800A
To : 281800A
Hq 142 Inf
281900A Feb. 1945

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

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.
 - a. Front Line: No change.
 - b. Units in contact: No change.

2. GENERAL SUMMARY:

The enemy was unusually active from 271800A to 281200A over the entire sector. Tank and other vehicular movement was reported north of the MODER River on the east and west road that parallels the river. At 1930A 2nd Bn fired on enemy felling trees in vicinity 985261 and 987261. At 2030A 1st Bn fired on enemy working in vicinity 938274. At 2230A Co B Listening Post heard tanks moving east along road and sounds of voices as if commands were being given. At 0045A Co B Listening Post at 945274 heard other activity to front about 30 yards inside woods. At about 0300A hours vehicular movement was heard again in front of AT and 2nd Bn sectors. Later enemy was seen cutting trees in several positions along front. About 40 rounds of artillery fell in Regimental sector during period.

Shell Report:	<u>1st Bn</u>	<u>2nd Bn</u>	<u>AT</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

It is possible that the enemy effected a relief in the sector during darkness. Otherwise no change.

4. WEATHER AND ALMANAC:

a. Forecast for Mar 1: Overcast to broken clouds becoming scattered after 1300A. Light rain showers until 1300A. Visibility 2-4 miles at dawn improving to 8-10 miles by 1100A. Wind W, 6-8 mph. Colder with minimum temp 35°.

b. Almanac -	Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
	Mar 1	0710	1814	2042	0834
	Mar 2	0708	1816	2146	0854

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Capt., 142nd Inf.

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