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PAGE NO. 3 FROM 1255A TO 2335 PLACE Engwiller

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
1315		Baker calls for one litter squad. HMR
1340		Pagen Red reports enemy SP at 94.9-33.9
1430		Charlie calls for one litter squad. Capt. Kerker returns from Regiment with details on possible move to Uberach. Since Col. Cooper's evacuation Major Murphy has been Bn.CO and Capt. Kerker is now Bn. Ex. Off., Lt. McCarthy is CO of Dog with Lt. Dinges as Ex. Off.
1545		OP called to say bombing mission was successful with the exception of one bomb that dropped at rear of Hill 260.
1550		Battalion move has been called off for today and Bn. is to assemble around Engwiller.
1600		Battalion received two new Officers: 1st Lt. Harry F. Patat Jr. who goes to Able and 2nd Lt. Raymond Neifosh who goes to Baker.
1630		The 2nd Bn. of the 179th is to relieve Able and Baker and possibly Charlie tonight.
1640		Able has left positions and is now bivouaced in Engwiller.
1815		Charlie has 13 POW's.
2055		Baker reports that they are completely relieved by Baker of the 179th. ELK
2115		Charlie has 26 total PW's including two wounded.
2140		Baker closed into billets in Engwiller.
2335		Passport Blue reports shooting to their left toward Charlie. Charlie is investigating. ELK Pagen Easyis now relieving Charlie.

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PAGE NO. 4 FROM 0040A TO 2400 PLACE Gumbrechtshoffen and Engwiller 5 December 44

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
			Dog Company is all in billets in Engwiller. ELK
	0040		Charlie closed in and being billeted in Engwiller. WMB
	0145		Reported to Passport.
	0200		Reported to Passport.
	0400		Col. Dulaney visited the CP.
	1115		Able, Baker and Charlie had showers and a change of clothing.
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	0925		Baker is alerted to move to 95.8-27.6 on call.
	1000		Baker to move at 1300 to bivouac area at 95.6-27.5, S of Mertzwiller, as reserve Company for 2nd Bn. Baker's kitchen will accompany them.
			General Frederick is now our Division Commander.
	1300		Baker leaves Engwiller to take up positions and road-block at 95.8-27.6.
	1400		Baker is in position and under Regimental control until further development.
	1645		Baker platoon at 96.1-28.4. Outposts are at the following points: 96.7-27.2, 96.7-27.3, 96.7-27.5, 96.6-28.0, and 96.9-28.4.
	1830		Baker's 81mm tube is hit by long range arty., a replacement tube was ordered from Dog. AR
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	0830		Baker reports all quiet during the night. OG
	1030		Baker is to be relieved sometime this PM., one Officer and one NCO per platoon is to remain until the evening of 8 Dec. 44.
	1100		A&P Platoon laid 20 Anti-Tank mines at 96.4-27.3, near Baker's positions.
	1330		One platoon of Dog of the 3rd Chemicals is now supporting Baker, will send liaison Officer to CP when relieved from present position. OG
	1400		Charlie returns to Engwiller from rest area at Glider School
	PM		Capt. Hollerich returns to Bn. from hospital.
	2030		Baker relief completed by 103rd(Easy Co. 410th Inf.) Div.
	2200		Baker closed in billets in Engwiller.(Including Dog attachments).
	2220		Report to Regiment.
			8 December 44
	1000		Cannon Platoon is now in Bn. assembly area in Engwiller.
	PM		Capt. Grow goes to Dog as CO, Capt. Hollerich is to be S-3, Capt. Kerker is to be Ex. Off.
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	1500		Advance party leaves for new area at Gumbrechtshoffen.
	1700		Battalion CP and Bn. moved to Gumbrechtshoffen-Niederbrom.
	1755		Baker and Charlie close in.
	1800		Hq. Co., Able and Dog close in.
	1920		Patrols from Able and Charlie leave to reconnoiter for possible crossing over creek for tomorrow's attack.
	1930		Two flak wagons attached to Bn. for supporting fire.
	2330		Patrols from Able and Charlie return from recon. Located dog over main creek at 94.4-33.5 or 6 and crossing site at 94.4-33.3 or 4 and heard voices to right of this point. Patrols received no fire.
			Two rounds mortar(approx. 81mm)fell in Bn. area, one near Bn. CP.
	2400		Reported to Regiment.

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PAGE NO. 5 FROM 0200A TO 1600 PLACE Gumbrechtshoffen

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	0200	Reported to Regiment. AR
	0300	Reported to Regiment.
	0430	Able and Charlie close present CP's.
	0530	Two foot bridges are in for Charlie, Able took two with them. Everything progressing okay so far.
	0550	Report to Regiment.
	0630	Able reports in, have about five houses in S end of Gundershoffen. Are now meeting some resistance.
	0640	Major Murphy calls for tanks to move forward to W end of Gundershoffen.
	0705	4.2's ordered to fire concentration 6 and 7.
	0715	Enemy tank is firing at Able's crossing from az. of 1450 mills, 6 to 8 sec. 171st notified.
	0720	Wireman(Pvt. Servas) is hit in shoulder.
	0735	Charlie has some houses between Check-point 1 and 2.
	0840	Column of friendly troops(103rd) seen by Capt. Hollerich at 95.2-33.7 going E. Column of two's.
		Bn. forward CP in W fringe of Gundershoffen.
	0845	King hits mine field S of Niederbrom.
		4.2's ordered to cease fire on their concentration which are near the column of friendly troops.
	0930	Charlie reports near Check-point 4 in Gundershoffen.
		Love platoon just W of Reichshoffen.
		Fifty enemy leaving E out of Reichshoffen.
	0945	171st firing at enemy tank and Inf. on Hill 260.
		Flak wagon on our 1st phase line firing upon 3rd Bn.
	1000	The 45th Rcn. patrol going to Easy/411th Inf. arrived at CP.
	1050	Easy patrol going to Able leaves Bn. CP.
	1115	Platoon of Baker mounted on two tanks on way to cross stream at factory S of Reichshoffen to attack Gundershoffen from N. Chemicals are smoking their route.
		Charlie is at point H.
	1130	Able took 25 PW's, Charlie 5, are on way back.
	1200	Tanks with platoon of Baker cross river at Check-point 2 moving toward town.
	1205	Mine-sweepers left to sweep road between Reichshoffen and Gundershoffen.
	1210	Sighted approx. 100 enemy leaving town up draw near cemetery, are firing arty. and 4.2 on them.
	1225	Liaison from 411th reports Fox of the 411th is at 95.7-34.0.
	1230	Most forward elements are at 96.2-34.1 on Hill 245. Mine-sweepers caught up with Baker platoon and tanks, they are pulling mines on edge of town on road(S edge of Reichshoffen).
	1235	Charlie and the 103rd make contact E of town.
	1245	Lt. Kenny's platoon(Baker) to cross stream and advance to Hill 260.
		Able is to clean out to bridge.
		Before dawn, A&P platoon carried wooden bridges and layed them across la-Zinzel-du Nord creek for Able and Charlie to cross.
	1320	Charlie is going across country from Gundershoffen to 95.2-35.6. Able jumping off from Gundershoffen to 94.3-35.4
	1325	Baker's 1st platoon reported 25 prisoners captured and are continuing S into Gundershoffen.
	1430	Forward CP moved to Gumbrechtshoffen.
	1440	Able forward elements just passing cemetery at 94.6-35.1. Friendly elements quite aways ahead of them.
	1505	Forward elements of Charlie is at 95.3-35.3.
	1600	Able is at check-point 6(96.7-36.0), Charlie at 96.6-35.7.

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PAGE NO. 6 FROM 1624 TO 1900 PLACE Gumbrechtshoffen, and Gundershoffen and Reichshoffen

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
1624			Forward elements of Charlie at Check-point 5(97.0-35.6) going into positions. Are to maintain contact with units on right at 97.1-35.0.
1645			Able to contact Blue at 97.0-37.2 every two hours starting at 2000.
1650			Bridge across creek is in.
1800			Bn. CP moved to Gundershoffen, N end of town.
1900			Item contacted Able.
2100			Baker patrol contacts Charlie.
2300			Able all quiet. RPB
2305			Charlie line is in.
2400			Able reports all quiet.
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0050			Able and Charlie report all quiet.
0100			Line to Passport is shorted.
0130			Able and Charlie report all quiet.
0200			Able and Charlie report all quiet.
0300			Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet.
0400			Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet.
0525			Passport line in.HMR
0645			Baker taking off.
0800			Able and Baker are moving out.
0940			Able is check-point 3(98.2-38.3), Baker at check-point 1 (97.5-37.2). Bn. CP moved to Reichshoffen
1120			Baker is in position ready to jump. Receiving SP fire, reported to Regiment. AR
1130			2nd Bn. wants to jump off at 1130, 6 notified by radio.
1132			Able calls for litter.
1145			Baker calls for litter. Baker forward observer firing at tank at 99.8-37.8. Regiment notified. AR
1150			Baker litter squad cancelled.
1205			Friendly arty. falling behind check-point 2, Major reported and Regiment notified.
1210			2nd Bn. jumped at 1130, receiving s/a, mortar and SP fire.
1215			We lateral line to 2nd Bn. now.
1225			Able wants another litter squad.
1226			Able wants another litter squad.
1230			Able wants two litter squads. Four in all.
1240			Able calls for four more litter squads(eight in all).
1245			Air OP firing at enemy 3 gun battery at 99.2-41.0.
1310			Baker calls for another litter.
1330			2nd Bn. has two tanks in N end of Froeschwiller.
1345			Capt. Sedberry of Able and Lt. Ross hit. on Capt. Sedberry was killed and Lt. Ross was wounded, also Lt. Whalen.
1410			Baker has elements in Froeschwiller at church. Lt. Rhodes is now in command of Able.
1500			Two litter squads for Able.
1505			Baker is at check-point 8(98.9-38.5)
1530			Col. Cooper returns to Bn.
1550			Froeschwiller cleared, all of Baker is in town.
1720			Battalion closing in at Froeschwiller with Baker built up around town.
1800			Battalion SP closed in Froeschwiller. HMR
1805			Able and Charlie are in Froeschwiller.
1840			Two man contact patrol from Charlie to Woerth returns with 17 PW's. No contact made with 103rd in Woerth.
1900			Lt. Nicholson ordered to take over Able as CO.

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PAGE NO. 7 FROM 2000A TO 2320 PLACE Froeschwiller and
Woerth, Goersdorf.

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	2000			A one squad patrol from Charlie sent to Woerth to contact 1st Platoon of Charlie and Easy companies of the 411th Inf.
	2330			Baker contact patrol reports in from Woerth.
	2345			Charlie patrol reports in. 1st bridge in Woerth blown. Engineers are trying to repair it tonight, condition of 2nd bridge is unknown, later patrols to attain further information on bridges. JRT
				12 December 44
	0250			Baker reports all quiet.
	0410			Baker all quiet.
	0414			Baker patrol reports in, contact made with Easy of the 411th Inf.
	0550			Negative report to Regiment.
	0635			Mine clearing squad starts sweeping road to Woerth.
	0755			Charlie is moving out.
	0730			Plastic mines found on road at 00.4-37.7. HMR
	0900			Three prisoners were captured in Froeschwiller by A&P.
	0905			Approx. 20 enemy troops observed at 02.5-38.9. Cannon firing at them.
	0907			Two more prisoners captured just E of Froeschwiller by Major Murphy.
	0935			Charlie is at 01.3-37.8 receiving mortar fire.
	0940			Charlie is still moving.
	1025			Charlie is at check-point 3. Pinned down by MG fire.
	1100			Baker is moving to Woerth.
	1105			Our Engrs. will put bridge in at Woerth.
	1145			Enemy tank spotted at 03.2-39.2, on road E of Goersdorf.
	1205			Three enemy tanks at CP 5, Goersdorf, seen by Charlie. AR
	1210			The 411th are preparing bridge in Woerth instead of the 120th Engrs.
	1215			Tank hit and is moving out of town, also foot troos.
	1300			Charlie on edge of town(Goersdorf).
	1330			Bn. CP moved to Woerth.
	1420			Charlie is now on Mill 199.5. George of the 180th is at 00.7-39.4. Fox is at 00.4-40.2
	1445			Charlie is moving into town. Baker leaves Woerth. A platoon of Able is on way to contact 2nd Bn. Rest of Able is moving to Woerth and Goersdorf.
	1515			Charlie is in 2/3 of Goersdorf, no resistance. Company is now moving into rest of town to set up defensives. Bridges are in to Woerth.
	1700			Bn. CP is at Goersdorf. Baker is to leave Liebfrankenber Castle for obj. Charlie is setting up defensive around Goersdorf.
	1720			Baker has left obj. for castle.
	1725			Charlie patrol to 2nd Bn. 411th returned, contacted II/411th who are holding up at Mitschdorf.
	1725			Two men from Charlie platoon sent to contact George of the 180th, picked up two PW's at about 01.8-39.7. Platoon is continuing on mission.
	1815			Able patrol to G/180th contacted George in position near 01.3-39.7.
	1830			Charlie patrol to G/180th got 3 PW's, contacted George and they are in the same positions. Patrol fired at enemy patrol and returned with 1 PW.
	2150			Charlie outpost is at 01.7-39.9, reported in position by 2nd Bn.
	2300			Everything is quiet.
	2320			Capt. Sandlin called and said 3rd Bn. will not go thru us but the 103rd Div. will take over this sector.

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PAGE NO. 8 FROM 2325A TO 1340 PLACE Goersdorf and Lembach
and Wingen.

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	2325			The 103rd liaison reports that the 2nd Bn. 411th Inf. is continuing attack to Lompertsloch.
				13 December 44
	0010			Able, Baker and Charlie negative.
	0015			Report to Regiment, negative.
	0115			Charlie patrol returned and did not make contact with 411th, unable to locate any troops.
				Capt. Sandlin called and said that the Ex. Off. of the 411th White will be here withing one hour to work out details on todays operation.
1	0230			Message sent to Love, CO to stand by until they hear from Col. Duval.
	0315			Baker notified of change of plans. HMR Mine-sweepers will not have to sweep between Goersdorf and Mitschdofr.
	0345			Charlie report quiet.
	0830			Baker is on obj. - Platoon on Hill 462.5(Wassensbeiner) and a squad at the hairpin curve. Love in Goersdorf under our control. 3rd Bn.(L) is in Langensoultzbach. Regimental is to move to Langensoultzbach. 2nd Bn. 411th Inf. is to take over our sector this AM.
	1010			Baker patrol went to road at 04.8-40.6 and contacted CO of the 411th Inf. who told patrol his troops had already passed that point. Patrol returning to road at 04.2-40.9 and will stay.
	1045			Charlie ordered to move to Helienbruck, just S of Lembach. 2nd Bn. is in Lembach.
	1200			Thirteen PW's were picked up by L.O. men from Post.
	1300			Charlie is in position at (03.5-43.8). Rest of the Bn. was ordered to move to Lembach.
	1600			Hq. Co. and Able leave Goersdorf for new area.
	1630			Bn. CP moves in Lembach.
	1810			Baker leaves Goersdorf for Helienbruck(S of Lembach).
	1830			Four rounds of estimated 88mm fell at CP.
	1835			Hq. and Able close in at Lembach. 3rd Bn. has Wingen.
	1850			Dog closes in at Lembach. HMR
	1920			Bn. closed in at Lembach. Reported to Passport.
	2200			One platoon of Baker to go to Hill 468.4(04.6-47.9), tomorrow to protect flank of Blue(left). Will leave at 0500. Lt Neifosh is in charge.
				14 December 44
	0400			Baker reports all quiet.
	0430			Baker platoon leaves for Lembach. Baker left for their new positions.
	0915			Rest of Baker alerted to join Baker platoon with section of MG's and section of 81's. Under 3rd Bn. control.
	0940			Rest of Bn. alerted to move to Wingen. Baker platoon lost 300 radio and two LMG's in withdrawal from Hill 468(04.8-47.9).
	1130			First Bn. closed in on Wingen. Baker is near CP 4.
	1230			Baker platoon left Wingen on way back to Company.
	1310			Baker in on Hill 468(04.6-47.9) and are sending on platoon on to Hill 445(05.5-48.6) from there will send a patrol to Love road-block.
	1340			Baker ordered to relieve Love's RB with one platoon and put rest of Company on Hill 366(06.3-48.7). Baker's RB to push up road and contact Able/157 when the latter gets there.

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PAGE NO. 9 FROM 1410A TO 2030 PLACE Wingen and Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
		Love RB is in fight.
	1410	King has crossed the German Border.
	1425	Wire section left to lay a wire to Baker.
	1515	Lt. Bias reports in. Baker killed 20 to 25 enemy including 1 Lt. Baker platoon aid-man was captured. Company is in position. (Baker took 2 PW's).
	1705	Lt. Searles called and said a patrol from Poison was going to 04.5-50.5 at 0700A on 16 Dec. 44 Notified Lt. Bias about patrol. MAP
	2240	
		15 December 44
	0300	Baker reports all quiet. AR
	0415	Baker reports all quiet.
	0750	Able and Charlie are leaving Wingen.
	0815	The 157th I&R reconnoitered to RJ at 05.7-50.0, 15 mines on roads. Didn't continue on.
	0815	Able is 200 yards past Baker RB.
	0825	Able is at 05.6-49.7, are consolidating positions until mines are removed and will then move on. Reported to Regt.
	0930	Able is past check-point 1. Are leaving tank at this point and reconnoitering for possible trails to move them on. Reported on Passport.
	1000	CP reports RB at 05.7-50.0 consisting of fallen trees, shu mines with trip wires, but not manned.
	1010	First Company of First Battalion to cross German Border was Able and they are now on 2A(05.7-50.9), 1 squad is on 3A.
	1015	Mines are cleared from 05.7-49.9 and tanks are moving into woods.
	1045	Charlie is sending patrol up creek on right flank of Baker.
	1130	Baker has crossed German Border. Block at 05.7-50.0 cleared by our A&P platoon, 8 mines found on trail.
	1140	"S" mines removed at RB.
	1230	Item of the 3rd Bn. 180th is in Bobenthol, have contact with people on right.
	1315	Forward CP moved to 05.7-50.8 in Staakwald, Lembach. Charlie has contact with Love by patrol.
	1335	Love at 07.4-51.2. Baker is short of CP 7. A platoon of Able is on way to CP 14. 45th Ren. Co. platoon ordered to patrol E to Bobenthall then NW to NiederSchettenbach.
	1400	Baker on CP 7 and 8, their obj.
	1415	45th Ren. platoon leaves CP.
	1520	45th Ren. platoon is at 0713-51.5. Charlie leaves with Maj. Murphy for Baker. Baker to send patrol to hill NW of Nieder Schattenbach, and occupy hill with whole Company after. Tanks will go around to left in road to Baker. Baker to put guide on road to stop them.
		Item/157 is in Nothweiler.
	2030	Baker is leaving present positions for new obj. Bn. CP is in Nothweiler, Germany. Baker has a platoon at 06.7-54.2 and also at 07.2-53.8. Baker patrol on way to 07.6-54.9, platoon will take up positions on this hill. There is about 200 yards of trees felled on road at Baker's positions. Enemy patrol of about 5 men was in Baker's positions- no fire was exchanged and patrol withdrew. Bridge at Baker is out.

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PAGE NO. 10 FROM 2030A TO 0745 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	2030		Charlie has platoon which cuts road at 06.2-53.8. Platoon at 06.4-52.9. Platoon at 06.9-53.1. Able has platoon at 07.4-53.3, platoon at 07.9-53.2, and a platoon at 08.5-53.1. Item at Able's right, is being shelled by an SP gun, and and have been in a fire fight.
	2235		Charlie contacted Able by patrol and will do so by patrol all night.
16 December 44			
	0005		Baker patrol to RJ is back, received s/a fire from RJ at blown bridge and 4 rounds of small mortar. Baker will send out another patrol in AM. Reported to Regiment.
	0055		Able, Baker and Charlie report quiet. Reported to Regt. No activity in Companies during night.
	0750		Baker is to jump with one platoon, building up base of fire with remainder of Company and 50 cal.
	1025		Baker observed enemy dug in across stream(creek).
	1055		Baker patrol is to try and cross creek.
	1130		Able is now at 05.9-53.3, Charlie is at 07.5-53.8. Baker is drawing s/a fire from right flank across creek.
	1150		First three men of Baker patrol was fired at by s/a, in trying to cross bridge. One is back to Company with a hit on his helmet.
	1330		Charlie is being shifted over to Baker's right flank.
	1410		Baker is firing arty. at 50 to 75 enemy Inf. in Nieder-Schlettenbach.
	1450		Charlie is to send patrols to 07.4-54.1 and 08.1-53.8.
	1515		Charlie patrol is starting for Nieder-Schlettenbach, after a short arty. preparation.
	1555		Other patrol of Charlie is starting out.
	1645		Charlie patrol to town was fired on. Charlie is now shelling town and will later send a patrol across.
	1700		Charlie is to jump at 2330.
	1710		Charlie OP is being shelled by enemy tank.
			Poison White is to send patrol to contact Baker at 2230.
	2000		Charlie is sending patrol at 2000 to try and find a crossing E of town.
	2030		Town of Nothweiler received about 30 rounds arty. est. 105.
	2300		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet.
	2315		Charlie patrol returned. Not much information. Heard movement in town. Creek is about 20 feet wide at point selected for crossing. Are sending another patrol. Reported to Passport.
	2330		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet.
	2350		OP reports all quiet.
	2400		Checked with Poison White - they are to jump at 2430.
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	0001		Companies report all quiet.
	0100		OP reports all quiet. HFT
	0130		Report to Regiment.
			Poison White has not moved out, as yet.
	0230		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet.
	0300		OP reports all quiet.
	0305		Pioneers leave with bridges to go to Charlie.
	0345		OP reports all quiet.
	0605		Baker has a patrol starting across creek.
	0710		Two flak wagons have been picked up by Red OP coming from 360° and 10° - azimuth taken from OP.
	0745		Foot bridges are completed by A&P and Charlie has started across stream.

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PAGE NO. 11 FROM 0800A TO 0600 PLACE Nothweller

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	0800	Baker has 5 man patrol across blown bridge in Church. Baker platoon trying to cross was fired upon.
	0815	Baker has platoon across (and 5 men), fighting. Charlie in Nieder Schlettenbach fighting. Poison has troops across in Bundenthal.
	0830	Charlie may have 6 PW's.
	0835	Baker platoon across stream is receiving mortar fire.
	0855	Tank or 88mm in Pill-box N of town is firing at Able.
	0910	Able has one litter casualty (Chas. Leeper).
	0920	Able calls for another aid man, (one they had went back for exhaustion).
	0935	Charlie has approx. 18 PW's. Charlie reports that town is cleared.
	1000	Charlie is firing arty. at 50 Inf. at 08.6-54.5.
	1100	King got another Pill-box and 6 PW's. Charlie received arty. and mortar fire in town.
	1155	Charlie is receiving sniper and mortar fire.
	1300	The 157 Engrs. with our TD's leave to clear out RB at Baker. TD's to cover Engrs. tank dozer. 81's and 4.2's will screen hill NE of Nieder-Schlettenbach (Charlie's town) where there is a pill-box.
	1350	OP reports pill-box at 07.5-54.2 with comm. trench running W. Arty. has six hits on pill-box.
	1405	Enemy is counter-attacking Charlie with approx. two Co.'s Arty. is firing defensive fires.
	1530	Main force is coming from NW where s/a is heaviest.
	1535	Charlie is firing arty. on A/W at 07.7-54.7.
	1540	Planes bombed and strafed town of Bundenthal.
	1550	TD's are firing on pill-box.
	1630	Arty. is firing 8 in. howitzer on pill-boxes on hill back of town.
	1640	Tank dozer is clearing road-block, was damaged and another one was sent for.
	1805	Able is starting across creek.
	1900	Baker has started to cross, Able is preparing to cross.
	1930	Capt. Kerker called Pass Charlie to see when they would start work on bridge.
	1945	Baker has one platoon and section of MG's across creek.
	2130	Red OP reports all quiet. WMB
	2145	Another platoon of Baker is across creek and going into position.
	2200	Able has encountered heavy barb wire entanglements.
	2230	Baker fired on by sentry at pill-box.
	2235	14 PW's brought to CP from Charlie.
		18 December 44
	0040	Baker patrol is being fired on with MG and rifle fire from pill-box. HFT
	0050	Reported to Regiment.
	0105	Baker patrol was driven back. Lt. Bias is firing on pill-boxes and trenches with mortars.
	0120	Reported to Regiment.
	0200	Baker patrol to Able is pinned down 100 yards before Church.
	0235	Red OP reports arty. fire from N.
	0300	Reported to Regiment.
		Able has a platoon to Church.
	0515	Able has cleared the town going into position.
	0530	2nd Platoon of Baker and section of HMG's are going across creek.
	0600	Mortar fire is falling on bridge where MG's are crossing.

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PAGE NO. 12 FROM 0650A TO 1205 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	0650	Able is pulling back into town to build up with Charlie. Were unable to get through barbed wire near the Church. One platoon of Baker is coming back across creek.
	0745	Able - 6 men injured.
	0750	Concentration 10(08.3-54.7) and concentration 11(07.9-54.5) is being fired(arty.).
	0755	Able - all platoons are back in town.
	0800	Maj. Murphy asked for 8 or 10 bangalors and wire cutters.
	0915	Another tank dozer damaged so RB is still not cleared.
	1000	Able calls for one litter squad.
	1050	Bangalors sent to Baker.
	Nite.	Baker and Able on right attacked pill-boxes but made no progress as s/a fire and grenades from pill-boxes and trenches prevented bangalors teams from breaching wire to get to pill-boxes.
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	1115	Arty. firing 155's on Church believed to be a strong-point.
	1235	Baker is firing mediums on pill-boxes at 07.7-54.3.
	1305	Six rounds of approx. 105 fell on Red OP. RPB
	1400	Some arty. and mortars fire on Able and Charlie in Nieder-Schlettenbach.
	1415	3rd Bn. has 32 PW's of 2nd/245th Regiment and killed 15 enemy on our right.
	1500	Baker to smoke pill-box so that bull dozer may resume clearing RB.
	1600	RB is cleared.
	1655	Two PW's walked into Charlie's town. Eleven more trying to get into town. Charlie is putting mortar fire behind.
	1815	Baker suspects counter-attack. Enemy firing rifle grenades. Enemy closing around house.
	1850	Baker is directing arty. fire around house their platoon is in. 50 cal. are also firing.
	1905	Ration detail returned and everyone is OK.
	1930	Phone is out.
	2300	Wire is now fixed to forward CP.
	2340	Baker has men in Church firing mortars at personnel near house Baker is in. HFT
20 December 44		
	0020	Zone firing for Baker on a SP or tank.
	0030	Three rounds of approx. 155 came in from N of Schlettenbach on forward CP. HFT
	0035	2nd Platoon of Baker has moved out.
	0110	Baker phone is out. It is being checked. HFT
	0120	Able is to wait and follow Baker when they get thru.
	0330	Able, less one platoon is to pull back to old positions before daylight. One platoon of Able is attached to Charlie in town.
	0610	Able is in position on S side of creek.
	0845	Lt. Miller in charge of 155 SP gun left with Lt. Stam and Capt. Grow to look over firing positions to fire on enemy pill-boxes.
	1030	Maj. Fry reports to Bn. as Ex. Off.
	1045	4.2's are smoking area around enemy pill-boxes to cover movement, 155 going into position.
	1115	155 SP is firing on pill-box, affect as yet is unknown.
	1140	Charlie is getting s/a of undetermined strength.
	1145	155 SP got two direct hits on pill-box before target was obliterated by smoke.
	1205	Charlie reported receiving heavy MG fire.

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PAGE NO. 13 FROM 1250A TO 1850 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	1250		Pill-box SP fired at believed to be damaged enough to make it ineffective.
	1330		Able observed a red flag, believed to be enemy medics, just E of town.
	1335		Post is firing on enemy with red flag.
	1420		Able calls for one litter squad (Sgt. Jeter from Dog).
	1600		Charlie reports 2 litters cases (?) and 1 PW.
	1730		Units of the 938 F.O. Bn. is taking over Red OP.
	1815		Baker and Charlie move back to S side of creek and go into defensive positions tying in with 157 on left and 2nd Bn. on right.
	1940		Able platoon is back across the creek and also the mortar platoon. OP received 4 rounds of 88 fire and 2 rounds of 105 fell in Nothweiler. Baker is to put a 4 man outpost at 063.5-54.2.
	2040		All of Charlie is back across creek.
	2130		Baker platoon is back across creek. Bn. closed in. Reported to Regiment.
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	0200		Baker reports small arms and hand grenades at house they had across the creek.
	0345		C/157 patrol checked in at Baker, everything OK.
	0400		Reported to Passport.
	0430		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Baker patrol contacted C/157.
	AM		Lt. Scott assumes command of Able.
	0800		A&P platoon digging in the forward CP.
	1730		CP caved in. Maj. Murphy injured in leg and back by timber. S/Sgt. Bahnsen slightly injured. Both were evacuated. Maj. Fry commands Bn., Capt. Kerker is Ex. Off.
	1830		Tank Fire on CP town, estimated 30 rounds, 88 mm.
	1900		Baker ordered to send a contact patrol to W and contact Poison, at 2100 and 0300, Able send a patrol to E along S side of valley, to approx. 08.7-53.4, 2100 and 0300.
	2125		Baker and Poison Baker will alternate nightly contact patrols Baker will contact Poison Baker tonight and Poison Baker will contact Baker tomorrow night. Patrols will contact at 2400, 0300 and 0600.
	2200		Able reports all quiet in sector and patrol to right flank found things quiet.
22 December 44			
	0015		Four rounds of approx. 150 hit to left of Nothweiler.
	0020		Companies report negative.
	0055		Ten rounds of mixed AP and HE approx. 150mm landed around Nothweiler, 8 to 9 seconds flight. HFT
	0115		Arty. is to fire on enemy gun positions, report at 0200 if enemy gun is still firing.
	0220		Contact patrol from Regiment reaches Able.
	0630		Approx. 20 rounds of 105 fell in Nothweiler. HMR
	0900		Enemy morning barrage killed 7 mules and wounded 2. Able and Charlie are to exchange positions today.
	1245		I&R platoon is in position on Able's right under Bn. control. OP observes 3 motorcycles, 2 horsedrawn wagons, one large truck and about 6 Inf. at 07.1-57.0. Arty. is being put on it.
	1820		Charlie relief of Able is complete.
	1950		Enemy vehicles seen and heard coming into Nieder-Schlettenbach Baker reserve platoon is in position on left flank of Co.

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PAGE NO. 14 FROM 2025A TO 1020 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
2025			Three rounds of enemy arty. fell in Nothweiler.
2037			Seven rounds of enemy arty. fell in Nothweiler.
2255			Baker and Charlie report quiet. Reported to Regiment.
2220			Nothweiler to be interdicted tonight with 88mm fire.
2305			Two rounds of 88mm fell at Nothweiler.
2330			Two more rounds at Nothweiler.
2340			Two more rounds at Nothweiler.
2355			Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
2400			Two more rounds at Nothweiler.
23 December 44			
0100			Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
0200			Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Red Rear.
0300			Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Nothweiler is still being interdicted.
0405			Baker and Charlie all quiet.
0420			Reported to Regiment.
0500			Baker and Charlie all quiet.
0510			Reported to Regiment.
0600			Baker and Charlie report all quiet., Reported to Regiment.
0700			Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
1100			About 30 enemy Inf. are making a counter-attack at Church in front of Baker. Arty. concentration 35 and mortars are being put on them.
1200			Charlie is sending a patrol to right to locate Fox squad and find OP to fire for 2ndBn. Reported to Regiment.
1215			Charlie right platoon is receiving plunging MG fire from pill-box in front of Baker. Reported to Regiment.
1345			Several rounds of heavy mortar fell on Nothweiler. Reported this to Regiment.
1600			Charlie right platoon has 3 WIA(1 of which is a possible KIA) from enemy MG fire from pill-box in front of Baker. Also receiving arty. fire, about 15 or 20 rounds. Reported to Regiment.
1750			Companies were notified about the enemy patrols on Div. fight last night. Chemical platoon Officer said his platoon would probably be detached in AM. Dog notified. The 157 has put a line into our switchboard.
2025			I&R hears voices and foot movement forward and to right of them on road.
2120			Charlie patrol to Fox leaves.
2245			Charlie patrol has passed I&R platoon. Charlie is sending a small listening post to right. Charlie patrol contacted Fox - no enemy activity noted.
24 December 44			
0200			Baker hears vehicle by Church. Charlie reports quiet.
0300			Baker and Charlie report quiet.
0400			Baker and Charlie report quiet.
0500			Baker and Charlie report quiet.
0600			Baker and Charlie report quiet. Reported to Regiment.
0700			Baker and Charlie report quiet. Reported to Regiment.
0745			Chemical platoon leaves Bn.
1005			Enemy patrol crossed a footbridge on I&R's right flank. I&R fired MG on them. Patrol withdrew across creek.
1020			Enemy Inf. digging in at 08.6-53.9. Charlie is firing arty. on them.

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PAGE NO. 15 FROM 1150A TO 0500 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	1150		Enemy patrol tried to come in on Charlie's left flank, two men WIA. Enemy has infiltrated Charlie left flank platoon area. Enemy patrol fired one white flare upon reaching obj. Eight enemy infiltrated between Charlie platoons left center. Reported this to Baker and Regiment.
	1250		Able patrol leaves to patrol over in rear of Charlie left flank. Reported to Regiment.
	1255		Red OP observed about 20 enemy Inf. digging in at 07.7-56.2, fired on them with cannon platoon. The enemy was dispersed.
	1300		Enemy 4 man patrol approached Baker right platoon. Baker shot 2, other 2 escaped. Reported to Regiment.
	1330		Baker has 1 PW. Reported to Regiment.
	1415		Seven enemy going S from 07.7-56.2, Cannon is firing at them. Red OP sees about 20 enemy going W from 07.1-57.0. Arty. is being put on them. Reported to Regiment.
	1425		Able patrol contacted 50 cal. on Baker's right flank and Charlie CP, no enemy activity in area.
	1440		A man in Charlie was KIA from an enemy patrol hand-grenade.
	1430		50 cal. PW is from the 3rd Co. --Regt., 245th Div., was one of 7 man patrol who crossed at Baker's bridge to find 2 lost comrades.
	1500		Enemy 8 man patrol on Charlie's right flank. Enemy in open field in front of I&R.
	1525		Lt. Peterson, Able/83rd Chemicals reported to CP. His left section will fire for I&R.
	1545		Forty rounds of 105 hit at 07.8-53.7.
			Enemy(1 or 2) on hill above and to rear of I&R, pinning platoon down with rifle fire. Reported to Regiment.
	1555		Enemy MG and mortar fire on Charlie's front.
	1600		Enemy MG from pill-box at 08.2-59.0 firing at Charlie. Our tanks were ordered up to firing position.
	1625		OP 6 is firing arty. on estimated 20 enemy Inf. at 07.9-54.0. Reported to Regiment.
			Tonight Able is to station a patrol in draw at Charlie's mortars and patrol to I&R all night.
	1845		Able patrol to rear of I&R reports no enemy activity noted in area. Reported to Regiment.
	2150		Able patrol contacted 2nd's 57's. Notified the 2nd Bn. Two white flares and vertical flares in front of Bn. across stream. Notified the 2nd.
	2245		Forty-one rounds of arty. fell on Nothweiler in 3 min. time. Reported to Regiment.
	2345		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Regt.
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	0045		A&P completed laying mines in Charlie's front.
	0100		Baker reports 14 man patrol near blown out bridge to their front. Firing 81's at bridge. Reported to Regiment.
	0110		Baker 60's are firing.
	0130		Baker reports a German patrol driven off after a fire-fight with outpost and 60 and 81 fire. Reported to Regiment.
	0200		Able and Baker report all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0300		Able and Baker report all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0400		Able, Baker and Charlie report all quiet. Reported to Regt.
	0500		Able reports quiet. Reported to Regiment.
			Charlie heard grenade. German patrol had tripped A&P's phosphorus grenade booby trap. White notified. WH Reported to Regiment.
			At 08.37-53.73, there is a German foot bridge. Regiment was notified.

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PAGE NO. 16 FROM 1610A TO 2310 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	1610			Charlie is pulling their phone. Charlie is pulling into draw across road from forward CP, at 05.6-53.25, after having been relieved by Fox/180th. Reported to Regiment. Bn. had a turkey dinner this noon. Sector has been quiet all day. German counter-offensive to the N has subsided. 102nd air-borne is cut off but having good time slaughtering Germans. Do not wish to make contact with main line.
	2300			Baker reports all quiet.
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	0100			Baker reports all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0200			Baker reports all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0300			Baker reports all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0305			German planes are headed for our sector, Regiment notified.
	0400			Baker reports all quiet. Reported to Regiment.
	0415			Eight parachutists seen dropped between Neiderbrom and Oberbrom.
	0500			Companies report all quiet from 0500 to 0700. Regiment notified.
	0915			Bn. OP is moving to Beissen Hill.
	1015			Able moves toward new position.
	1300			Able and Charlie are in new positions.
	1440			Poison Blue relief is completed.
	1600			Bn. forward CP moved back to Nothweiler.
	1740			Baker gets three rounds of direct fire on left flank of Company.
	1835			Baker received 4 rounds of heavy mortar on road. Baker reports hearing dog growling on right rear.
	2150			Able reports contact patrol from 157 contacts their left platoon. HFT
	2230			Scattered tank fire fell in Nothweiler at approx. 5 min intervals. Five rounds up to 2300. HFT
	2300			Able reports vehicle noises to their front.
				Baker and Charlie all quiet.
	2305			Reported to Regiment. HFT
	2330			AA reports number of enemy planes flying low, none in our area. Have alerted motor pool. HFT
	2356			Red OP reports low flying plane overhead in Able vicinity
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	0100			All quiet at Able, Baker and Charlie. Reported to Regiment.
	0200			All quiet at Able, Baker and Charlie. Reported to Regiment.
	0300			All quiet at Able, Baker and Charlie. Reported to Regiment.
	0400			All quiet at Able, Baker and Charlie. Reported to Regiment.
	0610			All quiet at Able, Baker and Charlie. Reported to Regiment.
	1245			Red OP reports all quiet, no movement.
	1715			OP reports heavy arty. fire on them.
	1720			Able reports heavy arty. fire on them(3 rounds).
	1725			OP reports medium arty., 15 rounds from approx. 80° and it about 105. heavy velocity from about 30° 15 rounds.
				Able reports one round of 88mm from the N fell near Co. CP.
	2020			Tankers in Gross Humburg were fired upon by about 10 man enemy patrol. Charlie is sending out squad patrol to aid tankers to handle them. Notified Regiment.
				Red OP reports quiet.
	2010			A&P have made RE of felled trees and mines at 04.3-53.7 at Able. Engrs. to prepare filled in tank ditch for demolition tonight.
	2300			All quiet, no word as yet on Charlie patrol to tanks. Regiment notified.
	2310			Charlie patrol returns. Contacted tanks and searched area around tanks but no enemy could be
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				located.

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PAGE NO. 17 FROM 2400A TO 1355 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	2400			All Companies report quiet. Regiment notified. WH 28 December 44
	0115			Companies all quiet. JRT
	0120			Reported to Regiment.
	0150			Able reports s/a fire to left flank.
	0200			Called Poison Red, about contact patrol - said patrol returned without making contact, no more patrol to be sent during night. Regiment reports Poison has received three attacks since 2100, have captured several German prisoners. Most of this action in Poison White and Blue sectors
	0300			Reported all quiet to Regiment.
	0505			Reported all quiet to Regiment.
	1200			Charlie is sending a patrol out in front of Able. Able is notified.
	1215			One PW surrendered to Able.
	1950			Charlie reports noises at approx. vic. of 05.5-54.3.
	1955			Able reports noise like horse drawn vehicle in vic. of road at 04.2-54.5. Fired arty.
	1958			Red OP reports s/a fire vic. Able left flank(Able is firing at noise in vic. of 03.8-53.5).
	2015			Charlie reports noises(rattling equipment) in valley vic. of 05.8-54.2.
	2025			A&P platoon removed mines(2 AP and flare) in front of Passport White. One AP mine had been detonated.
	2035			White Bn. is sending patrol E to W in front of Fox. Baker is notified.
	2045			AT ditch cratered on road at 07.0-54.1.
	2110			Poison Baker 4 man patrol reported in to Red CP.
	2144			Red OP reports: Able left flank, MG fire.
	2145			Able reports Engr. patrol coming down left side of road.
	2236			Red OP: 15 rounds of 88mm in vic. of 04.2-53.3.
	2245			Able reports arty. approx. 4 rounds, 155mm is hitting about 200 yards behind 3rd platoon. It is coming from a great distance.
	2300			Everything is quiet. HFT 29 December 44
	0100			OP received some rounds of heavy arty. Line shorted, called arty.
	0115			Reported to Regiment. HFT
	0245			Able and Charlie report hearing s/a fire to their front. Unable to identify it.
	0300			Reported to Regiment.
	0400			All quiet, reported to Regiment.
	0500			All quiet.
	0600			All quiet, reported to Regiment.
	0700			OP reports all quiet. Charlie patrol to ridge forward of them leaves, Able and Baker notified. Tank relief(Radish) complete.
	1130			OP reports seeing several enemy in vic. of 05.3-54.4 near AT ditch, attempting to put arty. fire on them.
	1145			OP reports 8 enemy, 1 vehicle in vic. of 04.7-57.3.
	1240			OP reports approx. 30 enemy on road coming into Barenbach from N. Engaged by arty. fire.
	1340			About 8 or 10 rounds of approx. 105mm arty. fell between Able CP and Nothweiler, coming from the N.
	1355			Red OP reports that they observe an estimated 200 enemy Inf. at 04.3-60.5, arty. zoner fixed with good affect.

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PAGE NO. 18 FROM 1910A TO _____ PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
1910			Red OP: MG fire in Able's left sector,
1930			Able reports MG fire was enemy MG from vic. 04.2-54.7. It was spraying Able left platoon area. Arty. and mortar concentrations placed on enemy MG.
2255			All quiet at companies. Report to Passport all quiet.
2300			Companies all quiet.
2400			Report to Passport, all quiet.
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0100			All quiet from 0100 to 0510, no shelling, reported to Regiment. WEH
1200			Charlie patrol leaves for ridge forward of them. Able and Baker are notified.
1445			The 157 contact patrol arrived at Able.
1850			Able: 1 enemy walked towards left flank platoon to within 40 yards, fired on by carbine, enemy turned and began to slowly walk away, a hand grenade was thrown at him which hastened his retreat, mortar fire was placed on woods to which enemy withdrew.
1925			Red OP reports s/a fire on Able's left flank. WEH
1930			Able: 2 enemy riflemen in vic. 03.7-53.8 firing into left flank platoon, answering with mortar fire.
1935			Baker: observe an est. 6 enemy climbing out of trench in vic. of 07.0-54.4, fired several burst of MG at them, enemy promptly climbed back into trench.
1950			Red OP: 25 rounds est. 88mm in vic. 04.1-53.3. Est. SP gun firing in vic. of Bundenthal.
1952			Able: 30 rounds est. 88mm in vic. 04.1-53.3
2000			Reported to Regimental S-2.
2017			Red OP: 3 rounds (1 dud) est. 170mm in vic. 04.1-53.4
2018			Able; 9 rounds est. 170mm in vic. 04.1-53.4
2020			Red OP: Enemy MG firing at Able left flank. MG firing from vic. 04.1-54.7.
2050			Reported to Regimental S-2.
2025			Able: can hear a RR train in direction of Bundenthal.
2026			Report to Regimental S-2.
2250			Red OP, all quiet.
2335			Reported to Regiment.
31 December 44			
0115			All is quiet from 0115 to 0300.
0340			Amber flare in back of Charlie, reported to Regiment. AR
0500			One round of arty. on Baker. Able and Charlie quiet. Reported to Regiment. AR
0600			All companies and OP report quiet. Reported to Regiment HFT
1105			25 enemy approaching Bruchweiler from N, Red OP, reports arty. being layed on them. Reported to Regiment. AR
1225			Able; contact patrol from Poison Charlie contacted Able left platoon, no enemy observed. Reported to Regiment.
1324			About 30 enemy went from S (From Rumbach to Bundenthal) into house at lower edge of Bruchweiler, 0418-56.6 (house is near RR) at 1200, Red OP fired 105 and 155 at house (building) RR tracks believed damaged by our arty. at the same time. Reported to Regiment.
1345			Regimental S-2 reports that at 1150, 75 enemy at 05.3-55.6 plus 2 mules and 2 motorcycles and at 1140 6 enemy at 05.0-58.6, 5 horse drawn vehicles at 04.6-57.3, observed 2 enemy digging emplacement at 04.5-54.6, and pill-box at 04.2-54.6 100 yards E of road, apparently unoccupied and roofs of Rumbach; patrol returned without incident. Reported to Regiment.
			*Able patrol 54.4.
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PAGE NO. 19 FROM 1530A TO 2300 PLACE Nothweiler

NO.	TIME IN OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	1530	Red OP reports arty. falling on house in N edge of Bruchweiler. The OP had observed enemy movement around house before shelling, also reports seeing a small column of smoke in vic. of 04.5-54.8. Reported to Regiment.
	1645	Baker reports Germans are sniping at our men that show themselves in daylight, since leaves have fallen from the trees that did not offer concealment. Reported to Regt.
	1835	Red OP reports all quiet. HFT
	1850	Baker reports hearing train in vic. of Bundenthal and wagon in vic. of Nieder Schlettenbach. Reported to Regiment.
	2025	Charlie's 2nd platoon reports hearing a gasoline engine in front of them. They believe it is a 2 cylinder stationary engine. Reported to Regiment.
	2110	OP reports all quiet. HFT
	2300	Charlie patrol reports back. Drew MG fire when they got about 500 yards forward of present position. Could see lights in Bundenthal and could hear stationary gasoline engine and also train in town. Report made to Regiment. WH

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