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1 Feb. 45

PAGE NO. 1 FROM AM TO 2105 PLACE NE WIMMENAU

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
		AM		Bn. staff reconnoiters 3rd Bn. positions to relieve them at 1700 today.
1730				Lt. Pardi from s-2 to Ex. O. of Charlie. Capt. Schroeder from Regt. s-3 to Bn. Ex. O.
1830				50 cal. and 81's are in position in 3rd Bn. area
1900				Baker relief of Item complete.
				Charlie relief of Love complete.
				Bn. CP moved to 3rd Bn. CP on western end of le Kirschberg Hill.
1910				Item combat patrol clears Red lines.
1911				Able relief of King complete. Completes Bn. relief.
2015				Changes of LMG positions reported to Maj. Quello. WEH
2055				Able reports all patrols back. Companies notified.
2105				Charlie has physical contact on right with Walrus Blue.
2140				Able has physical contact on left with AT platoon.
2150				All Co.'s notified of increased enemy activity.
2253				4.2's notified to interdict #43 on RJ in town.
2345				Able contacted tanks and TD okay in town.
				Able contacted AT platoon on their left.
				Reported quiet to Regt., MG fire in Georges sector.
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0200				All companies, AT and OP report all quiet, reported to Regt.
0235				George notified of our patrols.
				George identified the enemy they killed tonight as of the 1st Co., 12th Regt., 6th Mtn. SS Div.
0245				All is quiet from 0245 to 0545.
0545				Able reports patrol returned and found no enemy activity.
0700				Companies, AT OP report quiet. Charlie patrol has not returned. RN
0735				Charlie patrol returned, reported seeing no enemy activity and spotted two dead Germans.
1233				Charlie patrol firing s/a, no return fire yet.
AM				Officers of Item/157 visited Bn. in view of relieving us.
1445				Charlie's patrol reports back, 1 NCO shot, still laying in German part of town.
1505				81mm (5rounds) fell on Charlie right platoon as Charlie's machine guns were firing on enemy in house in east end of Reipertswiller.
1535				Charlie reports personnel at 81.3-36.8, believed to be enemy, checking with Walrus Blue.
1545				Ass't patrol leader, Co. C patrol, reports group of approx. 7 enemy with m/pistols and rifles in among last three houses at E end of Reipertswiller. Patrol leader was killed by rifle fire, enemy used rifles and grenades. Charlie patrol killed 2 enemy.
1645				Our tanks shot down houses that held up Charlie's patrol. Baker patrol (1630) going to evacuate patrol leader if wounded.
1730				Patrol on way back, OP heard s/a in vic. of this patrol.
1735				Patrol back. Found patrol leader dead and 2 dead Germans who were killed by our patrol. He died of s/a chest wound.
1745				Regt. order relief: 1 Off. per Bn. and 1 NCO per platoon will remain with relieving unit for 24 hrs. Regt. will have trans. spotted at 1700 hrs the following evening to transport above personnel to join units. Trans. at Regt. CP at Wimmenau.
1745				Baker all quiet.
2045				Baker reports all quiet.
2105				All quiet reported to Regt.

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NO.	TIME	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
2120	IN	Arty. OP at 80.4-36.7, reports 1 white flare burned for 20 sec. approx. 2000 yds. out from OP at 6400 m.
2130	OUT	Arty. OP at 80.2-37.2 reports 1 white flare 2125 and 1 white flare at 2130 6400m, from OP at about 3000 yd range.
2145		Company B all quiet.
		Company C all quiet.
		Company A all quiet.
2145		Arty. OP at 80.4-36.7 reports white flare at 1100m, 3000 yds.
2215		Arty OP at 802.-37.2 reports white flare at 6400m, 3000 yds
		Co. A, #8 patrol returns.
		Outpost at 79.4-37.9
		Enemy defense line along 385 ridge line.
2212		Amber-78.8-36.5-345°-2000yds.
2221		" " " " "
2250		Companies report all quiet. HMR
2300		Charlie patrol returns, contacted enemy at 79.4-37.9, no fighting. HMR
2350		All is quiet.
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0035		Baker reports 1 white flare, az. 35° at 0025 AM.
0040		All is quiet from 0040 to 0519. JRT
0630		Able reports one shell (arty) landed in second platoon area
		Reported to Regt. RN
0650		Companies all report quiet. Reported to Regt.
1620		Regt. AT platoon relief completed. Told Regt.
1655		Relief of OP 4 and 6 complete.
1800		81mm relief complete.
1801		Poison Baker arrives at Passport Baker.
1820		Poison Able arrives at Reippertswiller.
1830		Red OP relief complete.
1840		Baker relief complete.
1945		Relief of AT platoon by Poison Able complete.
2005		Relief of Able and Charlie complete. Completes relief of Bn. Both Able and Charlie patrols are out.
2130		Bn. loaded and ready to move out.
2145		Bn. troops moving out to new area.
		Patrols back. Made contact and returned. Patrol reports made to Regt. and also movement of troops reported.
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0100		Bn. closes in at Schoenburg.
1330		Lt. Greno of tanks checked with us regarding relief of his security post.
1530		Representatives of Co. problems report to CP.
1800		Security posts manned by Able, checked by s-2 for knowledge of proper orders.
PM		S-3 makes training schedules for week, (6-9 Feb.).
		5 Feb. 45
AM		Bn. rests and cleans equipment.
PM		Movies
		6 Feb. 45
		Bn. took showers
		Movies at night.
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		Squad and platoon problems. Night combat patrol.
		Movies.

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PAGE NO. 3 FROM AM TO AM 23 Feb. PLACE Schreensburg and Blainville

TIME NO.	IN	OUT	ACTIVITIES	DATE
			MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.	
AM			Bn. receives gin ration (US gin). Squad and platoon and night combat patrol problems. Training films.	
PM			Movies.	9 Feb. 45
PM			Stage show Dance for Officers in Phalsburg.	10 Feb. 45
			Usual training going on. No movies because machine broke.	11 Feb. 45
			Today Church services and there was no training going on. Movies at night.	12 Feb. 45
			Usual training.	13 Feb. 45
			Bn. ordered to relieve 2nd Bn. 179 tomorrow.	14 Feb. 45
AM 1200			Advance detail sets up CP in Kohlhutte, N of Wimmenay. Relief called off. Advance detail returns to Schreensburg. Training plans resume.	15 Feb. 45
			Training, movies at night.	16 Feb. 45
0830			Advance party leaves for new area. Training, movies at night.	17 Feb. 45
			Training, elements of relieving unit arrives.	18 Feb. 45
0948 1500 1900			Bn. starts move to Bainsville*. Bn. closes in at Bainsville. S-3 notifies companies of tomorrow's dental inspection.	19 Feb. 45
			No training, general clean up. Preparation for start of training schedule. Movies at night.	20 Feb. 45
AM PM			S-3 makes up training schedule for week (21-28 Feb.) Lt. Brinke returns from hospital. Lt. Col. Hufft joins Bn. as Bn. CO.	21 Feb. 45
			Usual training going on. Lt. Teichmann goes to Regt. as LO.	22 Feb. 45
AM			Gas school for all gas NCO's at Moyan. Arty. obs. school for one man from each Co.	23 Feb. 45
AM			Training films. Engr. school for A&P platoon. Arty. school for 4 men per company.	

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PAGE NO. 4 FROM 24 Feb. 45 TO 28 Feb. 45 PLACE Blainville

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				Range firing.	
				Services were held today and there is a movie in the evening.	25 Feb. 45
					26 Feb. 45
				Range firing.	
					27 Feb. 45
				Plans are made for a dance for Hq. Co. Dance is to be at St. Nicolas.	
				Usual training is also going on today.	
1900				Lt. Col. Hufft and Lt. Col. Eshenburger G*3 witness Capt. Schroeder's company night attack problem.	
					28 Feb. 45
				Usual training going on.	