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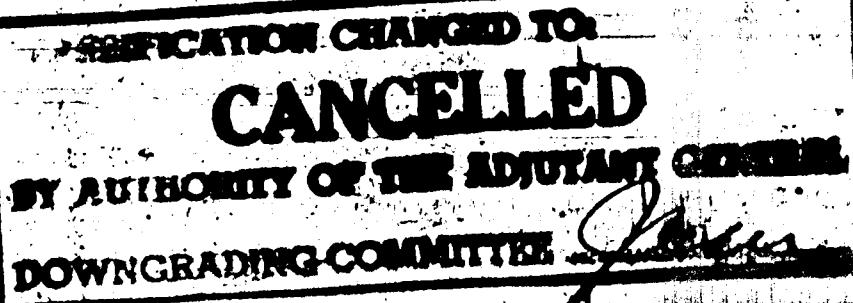
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37TH TANK BATTALION

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SEVENTH TANK BATTALION  
APO 254, U. S. Army

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7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: After Action Report for December.

"TO" : Commanding General, 4th Armd Div., APO 254, U. S. Army.  
Att: MAJOR SPIRES.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

**CANCELLED**

1 DECEMBER AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER

Battalion located at Mitterheim, Division Reserve under control of Combat Command Reserve.

2 DECEMBER 1944

Orders from Combat Command Reserve alerted the Battalion at 0300 to be prepared to move on order to vicinity of Mackwiller. Orders came to move out at 1000. Route of march - Mitterheim, Fenetrange, Niederstinzel, Wolfkirchen, to Burbach. Battalion assembled in vicinity 555355.

3 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion remained in the same assembly area. Orders came to alert one medium company to assist in clearing Sarre Union. Sarre Union had been counterattacked by several enemy tanks with infantry earlier. "A" Company moved to vicinity 510345 after dark prepared to move on Sarre Union at first light.

The remainder of the Battalion was alerted to be prepared to move on order after 0730 4 December 1944.

4 DECEMBER 1944

"A" Company moved into Sarre Union supported by 26th Infantry Division. Reported mission complete at 0845. One enemy tank (abandoned) and one sniper killed.

Battalion now in Combat Command "A". Orders came to be prepared to move northeast through Task Force O'DORN (35th Tk Bn and 53rd Inf) after they had established a bridgehead over the river at Damfessel - Order of March in the Battalion: Co "A", Co "B", Co "C" and Co "D".

Battalion was alerted to move on its mission at 1115. The mission was to march northeast and secure the high ground vicinity Singling, Rohrbach-les-Hitics, and Binning. These towns were fortified towns in the Maginot Line.

The attack was carried out with the 37th Tank Battalion leading, infantry and artillery support was coordinated in the beginning. On reaching an area just south of Singling the tanks were out of support of artillery fire. Most of the artillery had attempted to displace forward so as a result not enough fire could be obtained. This was due in most part to the fact that only one very poor road was open. The Battalion consolidated their position 1000 yards south of Singling.

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Ltr, Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

6 DECEMBER 1944

Orders were received to assault Bining and Rohrbach while CCB took Singling. The force encountered enemy pillboxes and direct anti-tank and tank fire. Most of the enemy resistance was encountered from Singling and the high ground about the town which hit our exposed flank. CCB had not yet come up to attack Singling so it was decided to take this objective before proceeding on to our own. This was accomplished after overcoming stiff enemy resistance. In the meanwhile the 1st bn, 328th Inf, 26th Division (which had been attached to us) was inclined to move into Bining with "D" Co in support. This too was accomplished against heavy enemy opposition and the force occupied and outposted the town that night. By the time CCB had come up and relieved the force in Singling it was too dark for further action so the battalion (less D Co) assembled in the same position held yesterday.

Orders came from Combat Command "A" to hold fast and repel any Counter-attacks until we are relieved by the 12th Armd. Div.

7 DECEMBER 1944

During the morning tank force in Bining repulsed several enemy counter-attacks. Battalion ordered to move at 2100 to a vicinity 555355.

8 DECEMBER 1944

All elements were closed in bivouac by 0600 and at 0900 orders were received to proceed to vicinity of Mittersheim.

9 - 12 DECEMBER 1944

No enemy activity was encountered during this period. All time was spent in recuperation and maintenance.

The disposition of troops in the Division are as follows:

Combat Command "A"	Combat Command "B"	Combat Command Reserve	Division Trains
35th Tank Bn	8th Tank Bn	37th Tank Bn	126th Ord (Hq)
51st Armd Inf Bn	10th Armd Inf Bn	53rd Armd Inf Bn	46th Med (Hq)
B/704 TD Bn	C/704 TD Bn	A/704 TD Bn	144th Sig Co
B/489 AAA Bn	A/489 AAA Bn	489 AAA Hq	3804 Gas Co
A/46 Med Bn	B/46 Med Bn		444 Trk Co
A/126 Ord Bn	B/126 Ord Bn		C/489 AAA Bn

1st Plat-16th PH

13 DECEMBER 1944

At 1500, orders were issued from CCR to alert one medium tank company. This company was to march to Achen to support the 87th Infantry Division. "A" Company received orders from the 87th Division that led them to believe they would be committed the following day.

14 DECEMBER 1944

"A" Company moved out at 0800 for area vicinity of Achen. Remainder of the battalion still in the area of Mittersheim carrying on with training.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

15 DECEMBER 1944

At 1300, orders were received from the Battalion Commander to alert the remainder of the battalion and prepare immediately to move forward in support of the 87th Division. Battalion moved out at 1545 under command of the Executive Officer to vicinity 570460 1/2 mi NE Oermingen. Orders were issued to be prepared to move at 0715 in the morning. Order of March- Rec, Hq, Hq Co, D, B, C.

16 DECEMBER 1944

Head of column moved out at 0715 and arrived in assembly area 615543 2 mi NE of Woelfling.

"C" Company was to relieve "A" Company and be attached to the 347th Infantry Regiment. "B" Company was attached to the 345th Infantry Regiment.

Small arms mortar and artillery fire were met by our units but advancing elements continued to proceed forward slowly. Penetrations were made into Germany Proper. The first in the battalion was "A" Company in command of Lt. Walters.

17 DECEMBER 1944

First word was received of enemy penetrations to the north (Belgium and Luxembourg).

Several anti-tank guns were found in position and destroyed. Penetrations were made into Germany Proper by the remaining companies of the battalion.

Heavy artillery and mortar fire being met by our heading elements. The supporting infantry experienced heavy small arms and machine gun fire on same sectors.

Tanks were reported and seen in this sector and several were engaged at long range.

18 DECEMBER 1944

Companies still in the same general area. Considerable difficulty was experienced in resupplying the tanks due to artillery fire and the mud.

Reconnaissance platoon still doing the liaison work between the companies and battalion headquarters.

Several enemy planes were seen in the area. Intense anti-aircraft fire prevented them from strafing or doing any accurate observation.

The battalion holding high ground just north and east of Nieder Gailbach.

Not much change in the situation is contemplated. The enemy appears to be fighting a stiff delaying action.

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Ltr. Hq. 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

19 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion still holding same ground as previous day. Enemy fire consisted of artillery and mortar fire. Nature of terrain and mud prevented any extensive cross-country maneuvering.

Orders were received that the Battalion would be relieved from attachment to the 87th Inf. Div. and return to Mittersheim and from there to a destination, unknown as yet, in Belgium. The mission was to counter-attack, from the south, the German salient in the Ardennes.

Orders were received as to the route of march, time of departure. Route of March - Fenestrage, Behestraff, Morhange, Pont a Mousson, Arnaville, Conflans, Longwy. Time of Departure - 0830.

The Division now under III Corps control. 37th Tank Bn in "CCR".

20 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion moved out at 0830, arrived in assembly area ½ mile South Meix-le-Tige, Belgium at 2330. Service Co. closed at 0700, 22 Dec 1944.

DISTRIBUTION

"CCA"	"CCE"	"CCR"	DIV. TRAINS
35th Tk Bn	8th Tk Bn	37th Tk Bn	A & B of 25th Cav
51st Inf Bn	10th Inf Bn	53rd Inf Bn	Flat/704th TD
66th FA Bn	22nd FA Bn	C/704th TD S.P.	Hq Div Arty
274th FA Bn	253rd FA Bn	24th Engrs A & B	94th FA Bn
A/704th TD Bn, S.P.	B/704th TD Bn S.P.	995th Engrs A & B	126th Ord Bn
A/25th Cav	B/25th Cav	489th -A, B, C, ½ D	46th Med Bn
E/489th AAA Bn	A/489th AAA Bn		114th Sig Co
A/24th Engr Bn	B/24th Engr Bn		3804 Gas Sup Co
A/46th Med Bn	B/46th Med Bn		444th Truck Co
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			1 Plat/16th FH

Orders received from "CCR" to proceed north through Arlon to C/R 2 kilometers N. Arlon. Be prepared to move North on order from there. Battalion moved out at 0715 and closed in assembly area (P609249) at 1330.

21 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion remained in assembly at Meix-le-Tige. Maintenance of vehicles was necessary. Rehabilitation was begun immediately.

22 DECEMBER 1944

Vicinity C/R 2 miles N. Arlon. Orders received from Hq "CCR" to move out to N. at 0600. Mission to contact enemy elements reported in vicinity Flatebourgoff to destroy all enemy elements and proceed northward.

Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

23 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion moved out at 0600. Order of March: B/37, B/53, 99, 59, D/37 will remain. Route of March - Perle, Holts to Flatsbourghoff. Radio silence until 0730. Battalion went into an assembly area 1½ kilometers South of Flatsbourghoff. Assault and mortar platoons established OPs and registered.

First enemy contact gained just south of Flatsbourghoff by Co "B" in the form of mortar, small arms and direct AT fire. Enemy infantry was seen with white helmets and capes. Orders were issued for the attack by Bn CO, tanks to advance cross country with infantry mounted on tanks and the remainder in half-tracks. Artillery preparations were laid on woods and possible AT positions.

Attack was launched and objectives were taken, orders were issued to proceed on toward Bigonville. Before Bigonville could be reached it was too dark so the elements outposted the high ground North of Flatsbourghoff. Losses - 2 medium tanks destroyed; 1 Officer and 3 EM KIA.

Enemy losses: 2 SP, 75mm, 1 German operated Sherman tank; estimated 30 enemy dead.

Orders received from Hq CCR to launch an attack on Bigonville at first light.

24 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion with Inf and Arty support to attack Bigonville at 0800. Resistance was met immediately on entering the town in the form of small arms, artillery, bazookas, and direct AT fire. The attack progressed slowly and by nightfall the high ground to the north and east of the village had been taken and outposted. Infantry succeeded in cleaning out most of the town.

Enemy casualties were unknown dead. 428 prisoners (paratroopers, some being women), 39 American EM and 3 Officers who were prisoners were rescued, also 2 40-mm Bofors. AA guns, 1 2½ ton truck, 1 1½ ton truck, 2 ½ ton trucks, 1 water trailer were retaken.

The battalion held defensive positions on the high ground and awaited orders.

Orders received from CCR were to move at 1230 from our present position to the Division's left flank.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

25 DECEMBER 1944

The head of the column moved out from an area SW of HERCHEUZ at 1230, after having completed a thirty (30) mile night march from BIGONVILLE. The composition of the column was as follows:

D/37

B/53

1 Sqd. Eng. (Halftrack)

C/704

A/37

A/53

C/37

C/53

B/37

94th FA to support from present location

The immediate plan of action was as follows:

According to S-2 information VAUX LES ROSIERES had very few enemy in it. PETITE ROSIERES was known to contain more enemy. D/37, B/53, Eng, and C/704 were to continue through VAUX LES ROSIERES in column, and without halt. At PETITE ROSIERES, D/37 would continue to march and take up a position on the high ground NE of the village. Their position to be supplemented by C/704. Captain McMahon, Bn S-2, was in command of this group. B/53 was to clear the town out, which they did, taking sixty-five (65) prisoners.

The remainder of the column was to turn E in PETITE ROSIERES and proceed toward NIVES, and CORREVILLE. The first element to turn here was A/37; this company assisted by A/53 cleared NIVES. As this was going on C/37 plus C/53 proceeded to CORREVILLE and cleared that town. This was completed by 1430. Artillery support on these towns was provided on call by the 94th FA. These fires were pre-arranged.

It was reported by Lt. Boggess, CO Company "C", that the bridge just out of CORREVILLE on the road to REMOVILLE had been blown, producing a large crater. The bulldozer was ordered forward and proceeded to fill the crater with a large stone wall that was nearby. The tanks of C/37 and A/37 overwatched this operation. This was completed at approximately 1515 and C/37 plus C/53 proceeded to high ground W of REMOVILLE and overlooking the town. A/37 plus A/53 proceeded into REMOVILLE on the road, all guns firing and supported by direct fire from C/37. As A/37 and A/53 proceeded to clear the town, C/37 and C/53 moved down and along the W edge of town. While this was going on B/37 took up a position on high ground about one (1) kilometer N of CORREVILLE, this to cover to the NE. After REMOVILLE was cleared, the town was outposted and A and B/37 exchanged positions, and C/37 took up a position N of the town. There was no artillery fire on this town due to the proximity of CCB on the E flank. Over three hundred (300) prisoners were taken from the town. The command spent the night of 25-26 December in these positions.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

26 DECEMBER 1944

At 0925, the artillery opened up on REMICHAMPAGNE, and the BOIS De COHET. Simultaneously as the tanks and infantry started moving N, and the artillery was pouring it on, the P-47s started to bomb and strafe. The BOIS de COHET was given good doing over. The coordination of tanks, infantry, artillery, and air was to perfection. Planes came over tanks at antenna altitude and strafed to the front. The combination of artillery and planes took care of the BOIS de COHET, which was the unknown quantity.

In the attack on REMICHAMPAGNE B/37 and B/53 paralleled the NS road from REMOVILLE to REMICHAMPAGNE and swung over and into REMICHAMPAGNE from the S. C/37 plus C/53 moved to the W of the town covering the town, and were ready to support with direct fire. Artillery fire was kept on the town as long as possible and then supplanted by direct fire from C/37. When REMICHAMPAGNE was cleared up, B/37 and B/53 moved to a position just SW of CLOCHIMONT, and overlooking that town. Artillery fire was put on CLOCHIMONT, C/37 and C/53 moved to a position about one (1) kilometer NW of REMICHAMPAGNE to cover in direction of SIRET and VILLEROUX. At approximately 1500 and continuing for almost an hour, hundreds of C-47s came over and flew to BASTOGNE dropping supplies to the garrison there.

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Upon reaching B/37's position, the orders were given by Colonel Abrams. They were as follows:

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Due to the heavy artillery fire two tanks were unable to find their way through town. One infantry halftrack got forward into the tank column. One halftrack suffered a direct hit in the town. None of the tanks were fired upon by the enemy in the town, although there was considerable ineffective anti-tank fire as the column approached the town.

As the force left ASSENOIS it was composed as follows: Lt. Boggess' tank, Lt. Wrolson's tank, another tank, a break in the column of approximately 300 yards, an infantry halftrack, another tank and the S-3's tank. All went well as the force proceeded on, firing 30 calibre machine guns into the woods on both sides of the road.

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27 - 28 DECEMBER 1944

The edges to the woods NORTH of ASSENOIS as requested were cleared by 0300, December 27, 1944; the road was safe for passage of all types of vehicles. This task was performed against strong enemy opposition and in an heavily wooded area.

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28 DECEMBER, 1944

Bombers were over again at 0500 this morning. The day broke cloudy and did not look good as far as air support for troops in Bastogne.

C/37 received small arms fire from woods to their Southeast at 1000. "B" Company was alerted to aid the 53rd in cleaning out some woods between the road up which we had advanced and the main road just North of Assenois. Fog was heavy making visibility almost nil. No enemy were found in the woods.

Rec Platoon went to Assenois in search of a suitable Battalion CP.

A platoon of the 467th AAA Battalion was attached to the 37th for support against air attack. Plans were made to open fire on enemy planes tonight.

Lt. Col. Abrams has gone to Division to see the Commanding General.

"A" and "B" Companies were still in position keeping open the supply routes.

29 DECEMBER, 1944

At 0030, a call came from the 101st Airborne to be alert for a possible push from the North and Northeast. Captain Lamison was called to the 101st Airborne Division CP at 0500. At 0530, Lt. North went to CCR as Liaison Officer. Captain Lamison returned with word that we were to move to the vicinity of Clochimont, 515522.

At 1900, Bastogne was bombed and strafed by an unknown number of enemy planes. A number of near hits were scored on our Battalion area. Major Bautz's tank was nearly hit. A direct hit was scored on "B" Company's kitchen truck. One man was seriously injured. The Battalion cooperated with the anti-aircraft platoon in firing on the planes.

The area was bombed about six (6) times during the night. The last five attacks were lighter than the first. In the course of the night, three (3) enemy planes were downed.

Orders were received to move to Clochimont at 0900, tomorrow morning.

30 DECEMBER, 1944

The Battalion area was again bombed heavily at 0710, but no serious damage resulted.

At 0900, the Battalion moved out for Clochimont and arrived there at 0945. The order of march was Hq Co, D, A, B, C, and Service elements.

A Company Commanders meeting was held. Counterattacks made during the night had been repulsed. We were to be ready to move at anytime in the event of an attack on either flank. Reports indicated that enemy in U. S. uniforms are infiltrating through our lines.

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Ltr, Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945, cont'd;

30 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)

Colonel Blanchard of CCR brought orders at 1545 for us to move to the vicinity of Chaumont, 518488, to be in position in case of an attack from the flank.

The Battalion moved out at 1620. The order of march was Rch, Hq, Inf, HQ Co, A, B, and C. The Battalion arrived at the assembly area at 1700.

31 DECEMBER, 1944

For a change, the night was quiet as was this morning. During the night enemy aircraft strafed our bivouac area; however, no damage resulted.

For the Battalion Commander:

Otay C. Moon  
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1st Lt., Inf,  
Adjutant.

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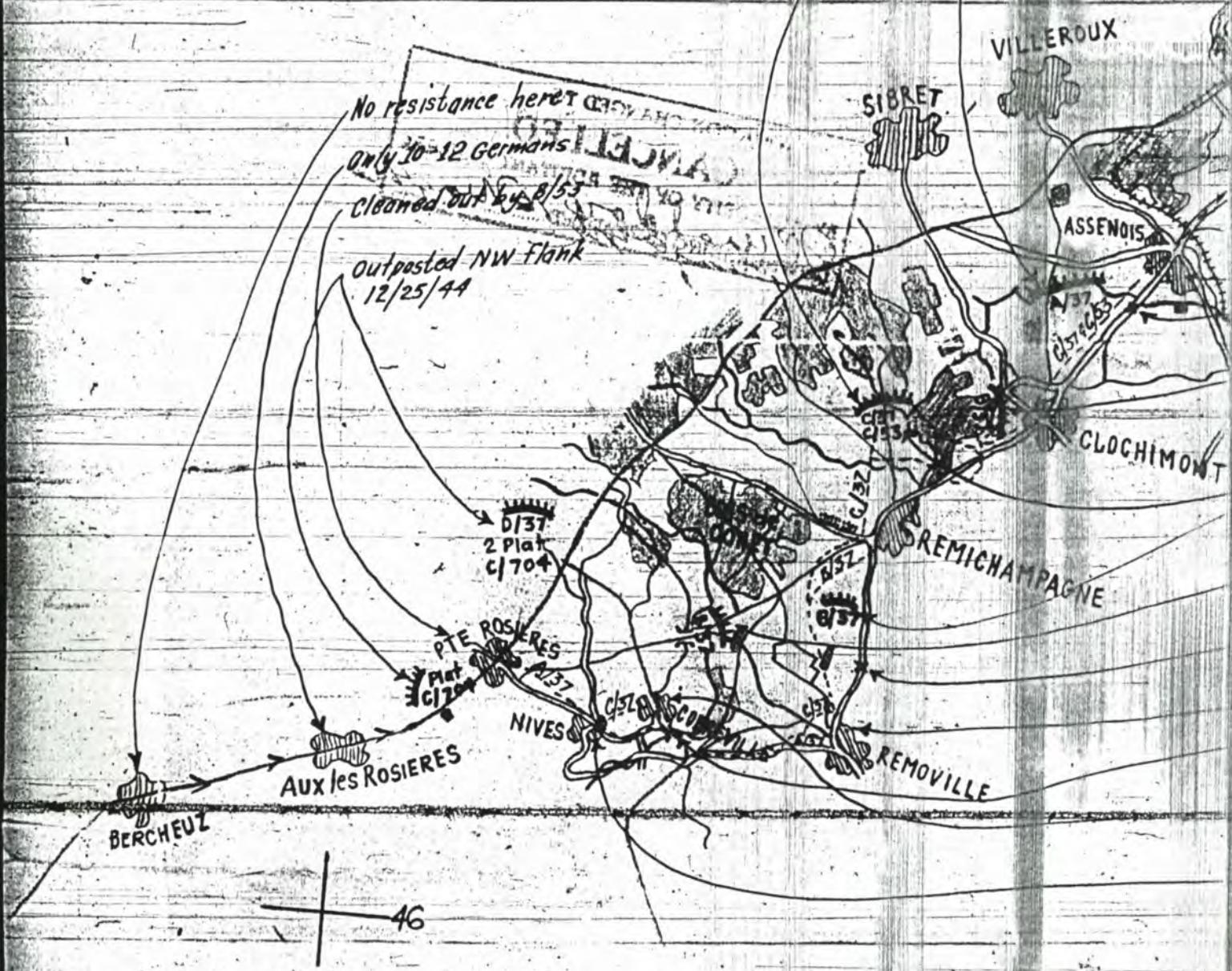
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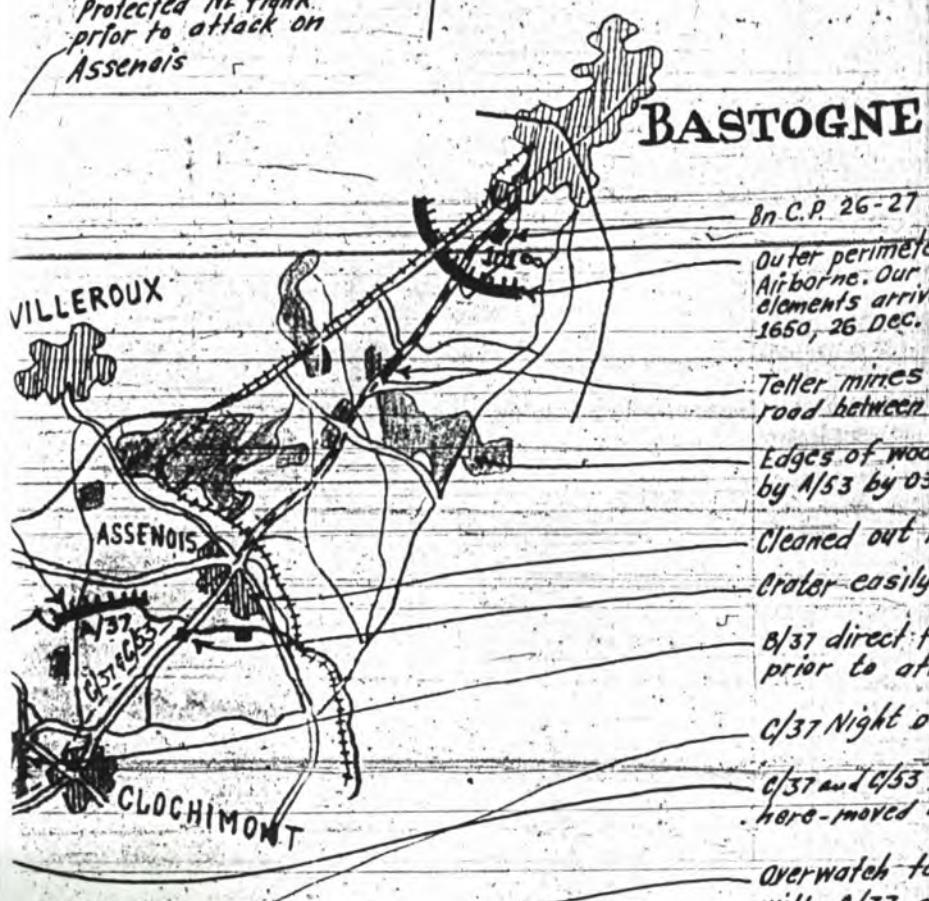
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## BASTOGNE

Bn. C.P. 26-27 Dec.

Outer perimeter 101<sup>st</sup>  
Airborne. Our leading  
elements arrived here  
1650, 26 Dec.

Teller mines thrown in  
road between vehicles

Edges of woods cleared  
by A/53 by 0300, 27 Dec.

Cleaned out by B/53  
Crater easily by-passed

B/37 direct fire on Clochimont  
prior to attack.

C/37 Night of 25-26 Dec.

C/37 and C/53 received orders  
here - moved out 1620, 12/26/44

Overwatch to NE, changed places  
with A/37 at 1800, 12/25/44

Crater in road by-passed  
to the west.

Cleaned out by A/37 and C/53  
12/25/44 at 1800

Bridge blown, large crater  
filled by bulldozer. And C/37  
overwatching 12/25/44 at 1630

Cleaned out by C/37 and C/53  
12/25/44, 1400

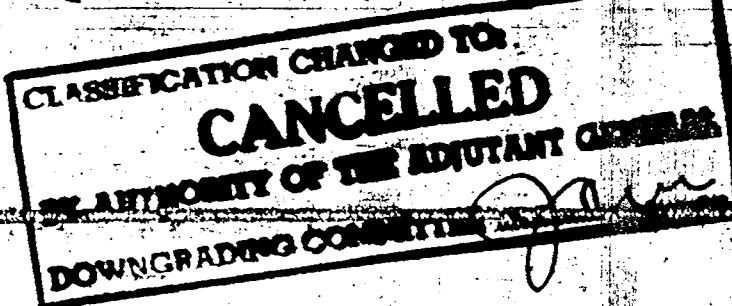
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A/53 at 12/25/44

Positions  
held over-  
night 25-26  
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37<sup>th</sup> TANK BN

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TEE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	
		1045		C.O., "CCR" arrived to discuss with our C.O. the protection of rear areas by units in Res Comd - Things talked about - Protection of bridges - Also about keeping civilians from entering or leaving town.	CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: <b>CANCELLED</b> BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL PENNINGBRADING, 15 NOV 44
		1700		C.O. has gone to Division.	
		1800		C.O. returned from Div, reported the advance for today has not gained much ground. They are being held up by 15 Tanks in vicinity of Hill 318, 574375. Receiving AT and Arty fire from woods N of Saar Union. Companies spent the day training new and old men to function together. Red Cross Clubmobiles paid us a visit; was located at Co "D" area. The Bn received a typhus shot today. Mr. Lubrano and T/Sgt McGuire spent the day with us, taking PTA's. Plans on returning to Adm Cen tomorrow morning.	
				1st Lt. Holmes jd the Bn today and was asgd to Hq Co. No move anticipated until day after tomorrow.	

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3 December 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. W.S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	SOURCE MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
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			0030	Received word that we would move to Weyen.	
			0800	Route of march Fenestrage, Barendorff, Hershland and Weyen.	
			0630	Bn C.O. has gone to Div to a meeting at Berg.	
			0715	Received message from "CCR" to remain in place until further notice. Bn C.O. returned, gave plans and orders. Bn in "CCR" direct support to "CCA", under control of "CCB" for this operation. We move out at 1000 for Burback, then to area vicinity of Mackwiller. Bn bivouacked at 555355.	
			2400	Message from C.O. Often to C.O. 37th Tk Bn to take cmd of "CCA" first light in the A.M.	

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3 December 1944

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6 December 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. W.S.	TIDE MSGD SIGNEE	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
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				0730 C.O. left to take comd of "CCA".		
				1000 C.O. relieved from "CCA" and returned to 37th Tk Bn.		
				1415 Reports Mackwiller has been taken by 71st. Minefield S & E of town. They are marking it. Word received of a counter-attack vicinity of Saar Union. Also that we are to send 1 Medium Tank Co ("A") plus 1-TD Plat pick up guides at Pisdorf who will lead Co "A" to their position. C.O. 37th Tk Bn and Co "A" have gone to Pisdorf to meet guides from 26th Inf Div. Rest of Bn ready to move on notice.		
				1700 Bn C.O. returned and placed Lt. Walters in an assembly area near Pisdorf. No guides were met.		
				1710 Bn C.O. has gone to "CCA". 1900 Bn C.O. returned and gave orders to be ready to move on orders anytime after 0730 4 Dec/44. Co "A" to move 0700 with Inf and clean up Saar Union.		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. S. S.	MESSAGE		
			Co "A" with 26th Inf moved into Saar Union.		
0845			Reported 1 in abandoned tank, killed 1 sniper.		
1100			Bn C.O. has gone to "CCA". Co "B" moved to Hill 318 relieving Co "A" 35th. 1 Plat of Co "C" moved to vicinity of 580389.		
1200			Bn C.O. returned from "CCA" with plans and orders. Plans show we are in "CCA" with 35th Tk Bn & 53rd Inf. "CCB" consists of 10th Inf, 51st Inf & 8th Tk Bn. "CCB" will be on our left flank. 35th moved out to clear out Domfessel and make a bridgehead across stream. 37th Tk Bn to pass thru them and continue. Order of March for 37th, Co's A,B,C,D. Bn Hqs to remain at present location until ordered up.		

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5 December 1944

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. S.	TEE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
			0800	Co "C" moved out to vicinity of 555388. Arty fired concentration at 0530. Rest of Co's be ready to move at 1115.		
			1115	Companies moved out on mission.		
			1300	Head of column passed thru 35th.		
			1315	Crosses Phase Line #1. (Rd Döhlingen to Butten). Message Bn C.O. to Trover 2 enemy tanks, 1 AT Gun at vicinity Döhlingen.		
			1330	Called for Arty preparation of Schmittviller.		
			1345	Msg fr Bn C.O. to higher Hqs - crossed Phase Line #2 (Trail Schmitt- viller - Ralling) received direct fire fr Left Flank - Have drpd Capt Hays with Maj Alanis to clean out. Msg Bn C.O. to all C.O.'s - 2 enemy vehicles moving in on right flank.		
			1435	Msg to 7 to Cook (Arty) put concen- tration on Roheback - Bining - Schmitt- viller.		
			1445	Msg fr "CCA" to Bn C.O. - What is your situation?		
			1455	Msg fr Bn C.O. to "CCA" - At 2000		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. W.S.	TIRE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				yds S of Phase Line #3 (Road Achen to Bining - Received some direct and indirect fired - Have been received direct fire all the way up. Msg C.O. to Cook - Preparation on Bining and Schmittviller - Also fire today has been unsatisfactory - not hitting target and not receiving when called for.		
		1535		Msg fr C.O. 35th to our Bn C.O. - Give me your situation also I'm send- ing up Co "B" of TD's to your position.		
		1550		Msg fr "CCA" to C.O. 37th - Consol- idate where you are. Bn Hqs moved to vicinity ½ mi NE Schmittviller.		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	TIME-SERIAL U. W.S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
		0730		37th, 51st, Co B 704th TD and 1 Bn of 328 moved out to attack Bining - Rohrback - Task force encounters enemy pillboxes, direct mortar and Arty fire.		
		1500		Bn Hqs moved due to enemy arty fire Tanks move to posn, posn they orig- inally held.		
		1700		Bn Hqs moves to vicinity S of Schmittviller.		
		1930		Received word to hold fast - keep what we have and repel enemy counter attacks until we are relieved by 12th AD.		

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8 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TEE	SOURCE	ACTION	
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Capt Lamison arrived with orders  
for our relief. Each Company to guide  
outfits of 12th AD to their posn and  
then assemble in vicinity of Schmitt-  
viller. We move at 2100 tonight.

O.M. DABC Hq (Bn S-3) Track to remain  
until next day until all outfits of  
the 12th AD are in posn.

1100 Bn starts moving out.

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Training schedule published for  
the next few days. Also overlay of  
firing range. P.M. - 5 EM and 1 Off  
(Capt Hays) left on furlough and  
leave for the USA.

1645 Visited by Gen. Gaffey - Effective  
today the 37th Tk Bn is in "CCR".  
Capt McMahon aptd S-2.

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FROM 11 December 1944

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN																																
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				<p>Capt Lamison visited "CCR" and returned at 0945 with the following information. The following are in the different Combat Commands as shown:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>"CCA"</th> <th>"CCB"</th> <th>"CCR"</th> <th>Tns</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>35th</td> <td>8th</td> <td>37th</td> <td>126th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51st</td> <td>10th</td> <td>53rd</td> <td>46th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B/704</td> <td>C/704</td> <td>A/704</td> <td>144th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B/489</td> <td>A/489</td> <td>489 Hq</td> <td>3804</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A/46th</td> <td>B/46th</td> <td></td> <td>444th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A/126</td> <td>B/126</td> <td></td> <td>C/489</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>16th P H</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	"CCA"	"CCB"	"CCR"	Tns	35th	8th	37th	126th	51st	10th	53rd	46th	B/704	C/704	A/704	144th	B/489	A/489	489 Hq	3804	A/46th	B/46th		444th	A/126	B/126		C/489				16th P H	
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1120				Visited by Col. Blanchard, "CCR" CO. Talked about Tng Schedule - Also Tank status - Had dinner with the Col.																																	
1215				Gen. Patton stopped by - Visited Sv Co Mess - Picture was taken of Col. & Maj Bautz talking to him.																																	
1630				<p>Meeting of all Officers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re: Co "A" having 1st Capt Spenner and Lt. White wounded and Lt. Walters taking comd of Co "A". Also C.O. read order on promotion of Lt. Walters fr 2nd Lt to 1st Lt. Then pinning 1st Lt. Bars on him.</li> </ol>																																	

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TO 12 December 1944

TIME	TITLE SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. S.	MSG SIGNER	MESSAGE
				2. Issue of socks daily has been started. A Clean pair of socks for a dirty pair.
				3. Lt. Marston is trying to get steel wool for the cleaning of pots and pans and mess gear.
				4. Parking on road prohibited.
				5. Officers will not drive vehicles.
				6. Showers and Laundry on 13 Dec/44 for the Bn. Clean underwear & socks will be given for dirty ones at the showers if you want them.
				7. It appears that we will be here for at least five more days.
				8. At present we are in "CCR". There is no present plan for movement of Div. The Div. to be held in Corp Reserve until there is a break thru, situation on the 4th and 26th Div. Front is critical. Said all enemy reserve have been committed.
				10. Russians have made a double break thru in vic of Budapest.



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TIME	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. S.	MSG SIGNER	MESSAGE
			AM	<p>Visited by Lt. Col. Gillis (Ex O "CCR"), talked with Col. and then Capt Dwight took him out to the range to watch the firing. He told Capt. Dwight that only a favorable report would be submitted to his C.O. Companies continued training. Movies again tonight.</p>

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TO 14 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TIME	SOURCE	ACTION	
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	LIC/SIGNER	MESSAGE	TAKEN

			AM	Companies turned in laundry. Also had showers.		
			PM	Col. interviewed by War Correspondent.		
			1600	Co Comdrs meeting. Capt Dwight gave the Western Front Situation.		
			1730	Movies for all (especially Officers) shown by a Capt from the Air Corp(Div Air Support Party) showing the P47's strafing etc.		
			1500	Telephone Msg from Lt Col Gillis (Ex O "CCR") to alert 1 Co. Bn C.O. and Co Comdr to report to Gen Gaffey at 1600.		
			1745	Col. returned. Co "A" to support 87th Inf Div. Reason - Their Tk Bn have all but 5 Tks in maintenance. The Col. & Co Comdrs to go to Achen to get instructions tomorrow morning. If while they are gone and msg rec'd from Div that the road is clear. Co "A" with 2nd in comd to march Co. to Achen. Rcn to post guides S-1 Track to go and act as relay.		

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14 December 1944

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15 December 1944

TIME	TIME SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	D. U. S. MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TYPE

		0800	Col. & Lt. Walters (Co "A" Comdr) left for Co A CP near Achen.	
		1100	Visited by Gen. Gaffey - Talked with Major Beutz about getting Tanks out of mud.	
		1145	Col. returned.	
		1300	Co "A" moved out.	
		1400	Red Cross Doughnut Truck arrived.	
		1530	Visited by Gen. ("CCAA-CG")	
		1620	Msg from Co "A". In assembly area at 1620.	
		1730	Lt. Cook (C.O. Co "B") reports that a phone in a booth by a range guard along the RR track was in working condition. It rang and the range guard listened and the persons speak- spoke German. Capt. Dwight said he would report it to G-2 in the morning.	
		1755	Msg rec'd from Co "A" finally de- ciphered at 2115 - Msg to Coord. 627560 at 0730 15 Dec/44. Looks like they are going to commit us. No fur- ther information available.	

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FROM: 15 December 1944

TO: 16 December 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. N.S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
			0800	Col. left for Co "A" to find out situation.	
			1100	Visited by Major and Capt. from 94th FA Bn. Talked with Maj Bautz about firing.	
			1300	Meeting of Companies; were given Order of March - "D", Bn Hq, Hq Co, "C", and Sv Co. Route of March - Fenstrange, Drisdorf, Saar Union, Omerage, Kilthausan, Achen, Miclice, w/Bn Comd Group.	
			1310	Capt Lamison from "CCR". Msg from Chief of Staff. Col. to dis 1315 Bn Co. to 87th Inf CP Alert Bn.	
			1500	Rec'd word from C.O. to move out. Word was given out to companies to move out at 1545. Head of Col. moved out at 1545. Arrived at Fenstrange 1610. Riederstingel 1620. Pisdorf 1635. Sarre Wir den 1710. Saar Union 1720. Oermingen 1755. Assembly area 1/2 NE Oermingen 570460 at 1800.	
			1830	Co Comds meeting. Were given plans for tomorrow and summary of the front.	

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15 December 1944

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16 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
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Ready to move at 0715. Order of

March - Rcn, Ha, Hq Co, D, B, C.

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FROM 16 December 1944

TO 17 December 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT U. S.	SERIAL NUMBER MESSAGE	SOURCE MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
		0715 Head of column moved out arrived at Kalknissen 0725. Achen 0735, Woelfling 0750. Arrived at assembly area 615543. 2 mi NE of Woelfling. Co "C" to relieve Co "A" attached to 347th Inf Regt, Co "B" to go to 345.		
	1310	Lt. Walter's tank knocked out. He was evacuated Lt. Whitehill reports there are 6 Tiger Tanks at 607648. Inf is trying to chase them out of woods. Capt. Dwight to Liaison with 3rd Bn 347th. Report Capt McMahon with 2nd Bn 345th.		
	1450	Co "C" in position 650520. Capt Lamison returned with the following information and Arty fired on 6 Tanks along road 6306147, 648612. Unknown number of mortars firing from Mitterheim, rec'd small arms fire and scattered Arty rounds leading to Obergailbach mined. Also path leading NE. 12th A.D. G-2 Reports from civilian Valley east of Mecklshain and Seyweiler is a trap.		

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TIME	TILE SERIAL	TRE	SOURCE	ACTION
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			Arty posn in or near, also advance up valley disastrous as ridges flanking valley are covered with gun posn dug in etc.	
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	1620		Co "B" in posn.	
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	1730		Capt Leach returned to the Bn. Lt Cook reported crossing stream.	
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TIME	CUT	U.	W.S.	MSGD/signed	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION
1010					Capt Lamison returned with the following information. Paratroops landed NW of VIII Corps Hqs(vic. of Achen) last night estimated in 50 to 90 carrier planes. P.W. Statement to Master (Believed 2nd AD) an all out effort to gain objective. St. Vith in Belgium. Deep penetrations were made of 3000 to 4000 yds taking the town of Echstornack and Borgdosh. Eleven Divisions identified and 500 to 700 tanks, 12th SS Panzer Div, 116 Panzer Div, 2 Panzer Div, 5 Panzer Div, 18th Inf, 66th Inf, 25th Inf, 560th Inf, 352nd Inf, 276th Inf, 212th Inf.		
					Co "B" lost tank by mines. Lt. Ihlo has gone to retrieve it.		
1440					1 Me109 passed over our CP and flew off to the west. Rec'd heavy fire from us.		
1530					Co "A" moved out to position with Co B. Capt Dwight in comd of Co A & B.		
0800					7-3 to Cook one 88 reported in Ger-		

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TO 18 December 1944

TIME	TYPE	SERIAL	TIME	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	MSG SIGNED	MESSAGE
					sheim. Cook to 7-3. Received one round from town to our right when moving into position.
	0805				7-3 to Cook. 88 reported by church in Gersheim. Cook to 7-3 - Fired on by AT Gun when moving believe it's in house, will fire on it.
		0810			7-3 to Trover - Cook is to your left front.
		0828			McMahon to Trover - Have you moved out yet. Yes, as yet no resistance.
		0830			7-3 to Cook - Gersheim in our hands.
		0835			Cook to 7-3 - Nothing much in town Shot up some buildings, have run into bottle-neck because of terrain. Should we sit tight and support from here?
		0837			7-3 to Cook - C.O. of this Bn will be down to see you.
		0845			3 to 7 - 3 wants information on Cook's progress. 7-3 to 3. Cook has not crossed stream. He is in pond, will fire on town to his right.

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
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0850				7-3 to Cook - This Hq wants you to lay fire on town to your right. Have it layed down for 5 minutes, make last round WP. They will move up while you're firing. Will enter town when they see WP. About 10 rds per Veh. Will notify you when to begin.	
0900				Cook to 7-3 - Made foot Rcn of stream, we can carry out orders any way.	
0902				7-3 to Cook - Do you see anything of a hvy weapons company behind you?	
0905				McMahon to Trover - Are you still moving? And have you passed thru friendly troops? Trover to McMahon - Still moving haven't passed thru yet.	
0906				3 to 7 - Tell 5 that none of the plans I gave him last night have started yet.	
0944				7-3 to Cook - They want to move in at 1000. Start firing at 0900.	
1000				1-8 to Trover - What time did you jump off this morning? How far did you advance. What opposition are you encountering?	

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TIME	TILE	SERIAL	TIRE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	CUT	U.	W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE
1015					7-8 to 7 - Going down to 7-3 for awhile be back in 45 minutes.
					1016 7-8 to Trover. - How are you getting along? Much firing going on? Trover to C.O. - Trover not here, lots of arty fire coming in. Leach to C.O.- objective being entered by friendly troops. Cook will attempt crossing now.
					1030 Leach to C.O. - Run into mines.
					1105 C.O. to McMahon - What progress are they making-advance of 1 mi - Resistance light.
					1125 Harris to C.O. - Expect General at this Hqs. He would like to see you. Okay I will be there.
					1130 Wrolson to McMahon - Situation here hasn't changed. We are waiting for C.O. to return. McMahon to Wrolson - Are you meeting any resistance? No, we are still waiting and under cover.
					1215 - Trover to McMahon -- First came back from up front. Leading Company pinned down by machine gun fire. I

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TIME	TIME SERIAL	THE IN OUT U.S.A. MSGD SIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
			am going to try and get up there & take them under fire.		
	1217		Trover to McMahon - leading elements located 655620.		
	1308		Leach to 7-3 - Bridge nearly com- pleted. Won't be able to move out for awhile.		
	1400		7-3 to Leach - How are you doing? Preparing to cross bridge now.		
	1420		McMahon to Trover - What is the situation? Wrolson to McMahon - Preparing to lead attack on.		
	1422		7-3 to Leach - On the move slowly, all across.		
	1430		2-7 wants Wrolson to reply. C.O. tried calling, no results.		
	1442		7-8 to Trover - Give location of where you started from this A.M.		
	1448		7-3 - 7 - Dwight reached Hq where we are working and is moving forward.		
	1455		3 to 7 - Have Co A ready to move when I get back.		
	1456		Trover to 1-8 - we are located between 335442, Enemy arty falling.		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U.T.Z.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TYPE
		1458	McMahon to Trover -- How much Arty		
			falling? Quite a few rounds.		
		1521	McMahon to Trover - Coordinates are impossible location for you. Leach		
			to Trover - we have been receiving fire from our right flank. Think it is you.		
		1522	7 to White Will.		
		1525	3 to White Will - Are you ready to move? Yes, moving now.		
		1527	Cook to 7-3.		
		1534	Trover to Leach - Don't fire on two tanks until we reach our objective, we are near Siavers.		
		1540	Leach to Trover - Give us your location in relations to ours.		
		1542	3 to Leach - Open fire on them, you have been wasting 15 minutes, take them under fire.		
		1545	Trover to Leach - We are SW of that town. 7-18 inform 1-8 that sugar will be up soon. Will hold sugar until I find sugar.		
		1546	2 to 7 - Trover going to 459. Is		

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FILE IN	TILE SERIAL CUT	TITLE U. S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				engaged at present.		
	1548			Trover to Leach - Are you in town spelled Seyweiller? No we are in town beginning with Wal.		
	1550			3 to Leach - I am going up with Walter's unit. Want to contact White's Unit?		
	1605			Bn C.O. to Dwight - Bring back Co "A" to this area. 7-3 relayed message to Dwight.		
	1610			7-3 to Dwight - Can we use the sugar with you for Leach? Yes, that's who its for. McMahon to Trover - Find out what situation is and let me know. 1-8 to McMahon - 18 waiting to stop sugar.		
	1615			Trover to McMahon - Still fighting and don't know where we will be. 2 enemy tanks at 650615 might have a hard time gassing up.		
	1630			7-3 to Sugar - If guide is there have him contact Leach.		
	1640			1-8 to 7-3 - Trover, is sugar going to area he was in last night. I don't		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	TIME SERIAL U. S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				know but 7 will know. 7 to 1-8 to 7-3-Yes, Sugar is on it's way to that area.		
		1655		Trover reports he don't think it advisable to re-supply tonight. Due to his position being under heavy arty fire and in addition enemy tanks are in his vicinity. He says he has plenty of ammo & rations, un-til the morning.		
		1725		7-3 - 7 - The persuader with baker is coming back with that unit. He has something wrong.		
		1800		7-3 - 7 - Regt C.O. wants our C.O. to report to him if possible.		
		1815		Bautz to Leach - Request situation. Contacted C.O. of Inf made hasty plans for out-posting town. Plans not good. But good for tonight.		
		1825		McMahon to Trover - Did you receive your Sugar? McMahon to 1-8 - Trover cannot use Sugar tonight, wants it in the morning.		
		2030		Rec'd msg there would be friendly		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	TITLE SERIAL U. S. W. S.	THE MSG DESIGNER	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
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planes in vicinity. Length of time  
unknown.

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TIME IN	TIME SERIAL OUT	TITLE U. S.	TITLE MSG DESIGNER	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION KEY
	0600			Leach to 7-3, to 7. Guide from White contacted Leach at 0500		
	0900			7-3 to 7. Leach wants a retriver to where he is.		
	0910			Bautz to Leach. Retriver on the way. (Ho Co.).		
	0945			Chandler to Wrolson. Col. wants to see the CO at this CP.		
	0950			1 ME109 in our area, flying from East to West, flying at about 1000 feet.		
	1035			Trover to Mac. Moving back. Will give you situation and location after refueling.		
	1040			Mac to Trover. When will you be ready for resupply and where will you be?		
	1045			Trover to Mac. I'll be where I left Mattingly and take over from there. Be there at 1200 and leave transpor- tation there to bring to area.		
	1046			Leach to Trover. Do you have any ve- hicles on left side of woods where you are operating.		
	1046			Trover to Leach. No, I'm moving back. You can't see me.		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U.	N.S.	MSGDSIGNED	TAKEN
		1140	18 to Trover's operator-	I am on the way with your sugar to where you dropped me yesterday morning.	
		1141	Trover's operator to Mattingly-	We are coming right over now.	
		1143	Mattingly to CO-	We have run into artillery fire on top of the hill with the trains.	
		1144	Dwight to Mattingly-	Will you be able to make it OK?	
		1144	Mattingly to Dwight-	Yes, we are taking a new route.	
		1335	78 to 7- CO	taking a run down to where Leach is.	
		1415	3 to 73-	Have you heard anything from Leach? No, not for the last two hours. Our CO is with Leach	
		1455	18 to Trover-	Have your Maintenance Officer here with his peep. Be at the area where you get off the road as soon as I can locate him.	
		1515	Mattingly to Trover's operator-	My peep is out with broken oil pan. Will have your Maintenance peep tow it back. I want to take the other peep out with me.	

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			It has no radio and I don't know your location anyway.		
	1517		Trover's operator to Mattingly- Stand by while I check with CO.		
	1518		Harris to Mattingly- Take your peep back and have Karsen take your place. Leave the other peep where it is.		
	1519		Mattingly to 7- Tell Karsen I will meet him where he brought me the night before last and then guide him to my position.		
	1523		Mattingly to 7- Tell Karsen to let me know when he starts out so I can let these people know.		
	1540		Mac to Trover- Have you finished with sugar yet?		
	1540		Trover to Mac- Yes, they are on the way back.		
	1545		18 to 16- We have a guide at the place you were to meet us.		
	1550		2 to 7- Did Dwight get that message to Donahue?		
	1550		7 to 2- Donahue will call me soon and I'll give it to him.		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	THE	SEARCHED	APPROVED
IN	OUT	U. W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	
			1550	2 to 7- There are two tanks firing into that area. Donahue and that unit will receive that direct fire. That's why I want to inform him.	
			1555	16 to Trover- Section that was there has maintenance trouble and I'm taking his place. What do you want me to do? Do you want me to remain in the same place?	
			1600	Wrolson to 16- Trover says to remain where you are.	
			1600	16 to Wrolson- Do you want continual radio contact all the time?	
			1605	Wrolson to 16- Keep radio contact until otherwise informed.	
			16 to 73-	I have come here to replace Mattingly. I have to stay in contact with the CO here. The other section is here. Shall I keep them here with me overnight? I'll send them back in the morning.	
			73 to 16-	Keep them as long as you need them.	
			3 to Donahue-	Do you have any word of the unit with you?	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. S.	TYPE MSG DESIGNATED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				Donahue to 3- Those vehicles arrived back a few minutes ago and had no trouble.		
	1605			3 to Donahue- Have your other people moved to Leach yet and are you coming here tonight?		
	1605			Donahue to 3- They left an hour ago. We'll wait until the men eat before moving. It's only over the ridge.		
	1610			73 to Leach- Sugar to you just passed my position. Should get to you in 30 minutes.		
	1615			73 to Leach- I have one of Voltz's vehicles here in case you need it.		
	1650			Trover to 3- Inform HQ that we're buttoned in for the night. Situation unchanged.		
	1700			Leach to 73- Sugar vehicles are on the way back now.		
	1812			73 to Leach- Has Leach the situation. The Battalion Commander has the plans. My vehicle will stay where it is, so I can inform you of any switches.		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TELE.	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U. S. MSGRS COMM	MESSAGE		X
		1813	Leach to 73- I'm in contact with that CO and am making plans. My radio will stay open.		
		1930	Mac to 7- Have some information but have no transportation to get to you.		
		1930	Dwight to Mac- The only way I can get to you is to take a vehicle down there.		
		1931	Mac to Dwight- My information isn't too important. Charley stays in the same run tomorrow. Other than that everything is normal.		
		1931	Dwight to Mac- I'll let you know if I'll come down to you		
		2140	Harris to Leach- Same situation as Purple Heart Valley. Be on the alert. If anything comes up during the night give us a call. You can get most of the information from that Bn CO.		
			plying with the orders he has		
		2230	Mac to 7- Have important information Can you arrange transportation?		

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TIME	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE
				0640	Ralston to Chandler- Tell Trover I have some information for him and will give it to him at first light.
				0810	Harris to Leach- How did everything go last night.
				0811	Leach's operator to Harris- Everything went fine. We heard some vehicles, up to our front and fired some rounds where we thought they were.
				0811	Harris to Leach's operator- There was a report from another source that there were tanks up around Gershiem.
				0800	Lamison brought word that we are relieved and move out at 1300 to Mittenshiem.
				0845	5 to Trover- Instructions to move to familiar road junction. Guide will meet you enroute.
				0847	Wrolson to Trover- Ask CO if he is coming to see CO I am working with or if I should see him.
				0849	Trover to Wrolson- Tell that CO that we have received orders to move back to that general area.

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TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	CUT	U. S.	MSG SIGNER	(MESSAGE)	
			0905	Wrolson to Trover- Leave your vehicle in place until further orders.  Trover to 5- I notified the Unit Commander I'm attached to that I'm to move out.	
			0905	5 to Trover- Tell that unit they are 12 hours behind time. You are to obey our orders.	
			0925	9 to 7- I have a message for HQS of unit we're attached. Will you relay?	
			0925	7 to 9- No, we are out of the net.	
			1025	Trover to 5- I'm at the crossroads and there's no guide.	
			1025	Trover to 5- The guide just showed up.	
			1026	Trover to 7- Sgt. Roberts is here but there's no guide. Do you want Roberts to take me into you?	
			1026	7 to Trover- That is correct.	
			1030	Major Pellegram brought word that we are in Division Reserve, and also the route of march.	
			1040	Trover to 7- We have reached assembly area.	
			1050	Trover to 7- Sending a messenger to your CP. Let me know when he arrives	

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TIME IN	TITLE CUT	SERIAL U.	TIME MSGDSIGN	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION
			1055	78 to 7- Checking in.		
			1130	Leach to 5- CO here told me to stand fast here.		
			1130	5 to Leach- I have contacted that 6 and you are to move out.  Route of March; Woefling, Achen, Sarre Union.		
				Order of March; HQ, D, A, B, C, SV to move out at 1300 from their position and proceed to Mittersheim.		
			1205	7-3 to 7- 7-3 can't do Leach any good.  CO to 7-3 - Stick to mission and don't clutter the air.		
			1255	78 to 5- Take over the net.		
			1300	Weisweiller.		
			1330	Achen.		
			1345	7 dropped out of column because of maintenance trouble.		
			1400	7 down - in		
			1400	Kelhausen.		
			1404	Oermingen		
			1435	Sarre-Union		
			1440	Sarre-Werden		
			1445	Pisdorf		

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TIME IN	TYPE CUT	SERIAL U. S.	TYPE MESSAGE	SOURCE	NOTES TAKEN
		1500	Niederstenil		
		1510	Fenestrangle		
		1530	Mittersheim		
		1700	Company Commanders' meeting. We  leave at 0830 or thereafter. Order of march: Hq, Hq Co, D, A, B, C, SV. 1 gas truck with each company. Nets open at 0815.  Company peeps with Reconnaissance.  Kitchen.  4th AD in 3rd Corps. 3rd Army.  CCA AND CCB have gone forward. It is believed the Germans are using all their reserves for this counterattack. Medical companies to organize into 2 platoons. Use men - that they have - to man tanks that they have.		
			No rations tomorrow.  Feed B rations whenever possible.  Take everything that don't run.  Cavalry and CCR proceed us. Keep road clear.  24th Eng. leave tonight at 2300 on		

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TIME	TIME SERIAL	TYPE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	CUT U.S. MSGDSIGNER	MESSAGE		

704 leaves 0730 - 20th on Route A

from present location of Cutting.

25th Cav. and 16th Field Hospital and

CCR Hqs. leave their present location

of Niederstingel at 0730 on route B.

37th leaves their present location

after CCR Hqs clears Mittersheim on

Route A. Radio to a minimum.

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TIME IN	TILE SERIAL CUT: U. S.	TITLE ENCODED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>20 DECEMBER, 1944</u>					
0855			Loudrefing		
0905			Vic of Cutting		
0911			Domnom-les-Dieux		
0937			Benestroff		
0950			Bermering		
1030			Morhange		
1040			Baronville		
1100			Destry (Halt)		
1113			Brulange		
1117			Arraincourt		
1135			Vatimont		
1140			Han-sur-Neid.		
1155			Bechy		
1200			Luppy		
1215			7 to 3 - Passed check point 2		
1217			Buchy		
1225			Vigny		
1255			Column moving out refacing		
1355			Head of column moving out Lesmenils		
1415			Pont-a-Mousson		
1425			Vandieres		
1425			Pagny-sur-Moselle		
1450			Arnaville		

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TO: 21 December, 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT: U. M.S., MSG DESIGNED	TITLE MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
1500		Bayonville		
1505		Onville		
1532		Chambley		
1545		Puxieux		
1550		Mars-la-Tour		
1610		Halted and checked lights		
1639		Moved out		
1640		Jarny		
1655		Conflains		
1705		Abbeville		
1740		Narroy Le See		
1925		Liaxy		
2330		Head of column arrived at assembly area 1/4 mile South of Meix-Le-Tige, Belgium.		
1500		CO has gone to CCR.		
		Dist. of troops in each CC.		
		CCA            CCB            CCR		
		35            8            37		25 (-) A/F Flett C/704
		51            10            53		89 Div Arty
		66            22            704-A,B, Plat C		25 (-)
		274            253            24-A,B, 995 Attach		41 (-)
		A/704            B/704            489 -A,B,C,1/23		304
		A/25            B/25		44
		B/489            A/489		C/489
		A/24            B/24		Plat 167-Hop
		A/46            B/46		
		A/126            B/126		

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TIME	FILE SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U.M.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE
1630				<p>Cd Comdrs meeting. We will move tomorrow. Rumor that paratroops have landed, 15 miles from here. Check security. Watch out for fires. Capt. McMahon gave a brief description of our immediate front. Who and what the enemy are and what they are trying to do.</p>
1845				<p>Meeting Co Comdrs and Staff. Lux. front was held by 3 American Divs. Having wide spaces. The en attack has been in small groups, especially at night.</p> <p>At 0600, 5 or 6 miles of Arlon, CCA (Right), CCB (Left) 26th Inf, 80th Div attacked North. Destroy all elements and proceed North - no objective. CC "R", 37, 53rd Inf Plat, 94, moves to vic Wolkrange, P6017. Rcn to port guides. Order of March: D, Hq, Hq Co, A, B C, move at 0730 - Rcn moves out 0725. Training remain where they are. We are to be prepared to move from that assembly area on short notice. Hereafter, double sentry post. Roads and trails to be covered by 1 or 2</p>

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TIME TILE SERIAL TIME SOURCE ACTION  
IN CUT U. I.W.S. MSGD SIGNER MESSAGE TAKEN

21 DECEMBER, 1944

tanks. Outpost from tk sect. towards  
enemy about 50 to 75 yards' with telephone.

Challenge no. In case of an tank call tank.

They will wait until very close range before opening fire. In event they cannot identify a tank, spot light will be used to identify it. Outpost to be double.

The Battalion when in assembly area

will go into a quadrangle formation with

CP in center. Mortar and Assault will

always be laid for defense fire. E

have American uniforms and identify

themselves by not wearing a steel helmet.

10. The following table shows the number of hours worked by each employee.

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and your weeds. Keep them off your lawn.

them and clog our roads.

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came around don't fire unless the first round will be a sure hit. Men to be alert for aircraft.

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TIME IN	TIME CUT U.S. W.S.	TIME LNGDS/LGHNU	SOURCE MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
			<u>22 DECEMBER, 1944</u>	
0730			Head of column moved out from assembly area 1/4 mile South of Meix-Le-Tige.	
0755			Arrived at Udange.	
0800			Arrived at Wolkrange. Assembly area 610180, 1/4 mile Northeast of Wolkrange.	
1155			CO has gone to CCR for a meeting.	
			CO returned from CCR. We are to move at once to crossroad, from there we will receive additional information. Order of March: B, Rcn, Plat of 53, A, Hq, Hq Co, D, C.	
1230			Head of column moved out.	
1245			Arrived at Wolfringen.	
1255			Udange	
1328			Arlon	
1337			Quardvents - Assembly area (P609249).	
1400			Capt. Lamison arrived with situation of CCB, CCA. They are meeting no enemy. Our Rcn made a Rcn of roads, bridges, and troops.	
1915			CO returned from CCR with the following information. CCA (Martialange) putting in bridge. Rec. arty fire. Cav troop receiving	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U.N.I.S.	TITLE MSGDSTNMEU	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				<p style="text-align: center;"><u>22 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'd)</u></p> <p>artillery and mortar fire. No orders for tomorrow. CCR to clean Bigonville so CCA can carry on. 37th less two companies to continue on. 12 Corp on our right. Friendly mine fields at 625298, 630292, 633264. III Corps advances N on St. Vith at H from D day. 4 AD attacks on Corps Order on D day and overcomes and destroys all enemy resistance encountered in zone. CCA moves from present position during night D-1 to attack position N of Arlon. Attack on order at 3 hour, overcome and destroy enemy in zone. Maintain contact with 26th Div on right. CCB from present position assists in screening movement of CCA and Arty units into attacking position. Attack on order and destroy enemy in zone. CCR follows CCA, prepare to reinforce CCA or CCB or renal counterattack on either flank. 25 Oct 44 when relieved by elements of Cav with 26's assembly in Area 5. Protect W flank of Division during attack. Maintain contact with CCB and with elements of 8 Corps when gained.</p>		

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TIME IN	TIME SERIAL OUT : U. W. S.	TITLE MSG SIGNATURE	SOURCE MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
			<u>22 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
			4 AD arty, 253, and 274 (105 SP) will be placed to support initial phase of attack.	
			66 and 274 attached to CCA. 22 and 253 attached to CCB, and 94 in direct support of CCR and general support of Division.	
			No traffic allowed on roads in 4 AD area and on main road leading N of Arlon without approval of higher headquarters.	
			CO was called to CCR.  (Rec following messages)	
			We are waiting for friendly elements to arrive and will support them when they arrive.	
			10 PW from 8 Co, 15th Paratroops, Witry P47563 PW states elements of company in woods 6 Kil. East of Witry. PW's were on Patrol.	
			PW Element Commandant PW on patrol 1740.	
			4 Tiger tks attacking Vaux Rosi Eres P4548 from Southeast 1720A.	
1728			En Small arms, machine gun, and rocket or bazooka fire from vicinity 566387. En force	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	TIME SERIAL U. T.S.	THE MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION
			<u>22 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
			estimated at 30-to-50 Inf believed to be cut off and presenting stiff opposition 1820A. Council reports 30 tanks vic of Arsdorff(64 P). CO returned from CCR.		
			<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0005			Co Comdrs meeting. 26th Inf rpts 30-40 tks plus trucks near Arsdorf. PW also states same. 26th Div rpts 10 tks in woods Fora Darshdorf.		
			CCA front receiving mortar, rocket, small arms fire.		
			CCB - No enemy activity.		
			Tomorrow CCA and CCB continues on.		
			CCR attacks town and takes high ground of Bigonville. 66th or 94th supports.		
			IP 1st rd junction North of us on main rd.		
			Move at 0600. "B" Company leads move.		
			Order of March: B/37, B/53, (37)-, 53 (-), D/37 remains here. Move up main road to road leading into Pearle, to Holtz, then to Flatzbourhoff. Rcn Platoon leaves at 0500. Go over same route and then send		

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TIME	TYPE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. S. S.	MESSAGE		
<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
			messenger back to meet column and give report on route.		
			Cav of CCA in Flatzbourhoff.		
			Order of March is Bn Hq, Hq Co, A, C, When "B" crosses IP pick up B/53 and contact cavalry in Flatzbourhoff, then push on through woods and block road coming in from the East.		
			Maint tracks with Bn. Hq.		
			Mortar and assault guns move up road and take OP and prepare to fire outside of town and down draw.		
			A & C Co. will stop along road.		
			Fwd Observer from 94th with A Co.		
			Capt. Cook, 94th, with Bn Hq.		
			Radio silence until 0730.		
0730			Nets opened.		
			<del>Leach held up</del>		
0800			CO to Leach -- What is the hold up?		
			Leach - Road temporarily closed.		
0810			Leach met guides and turning at point he was supposed to.		

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TIME	TILE SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	CUT	U. C. S.	MESSAGE	
<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>				
0815			Arrived at La Follie	
0823			What is the matter up there?	
			Going down steep grade, can't move too fast.	
0840			Cook to Abe - Giles is with Leach, I will relay any transmissions.	
0850			Abe to Leach - What's holding you up?	
			Leach - Traffic and road but we're moving now.	
0930			3 to 6 - All of Whitehill through.	
0930			73 to 6 - Leach is at my position. He can move forward if he wants.	
0930			3 to Trover - If you have any steel tracks stay outside of town and fall in at rear.	
0932			Leach to Abe - We are moving now.	
0933			10 to Abe - Now have my vehicle back with me.	
0934			73 to 6 - Unit connected to main road 1 kilometer N of CP-37.	
0948			6 to Leach - Are you moving?	
			Leach to 6 - Yes.	
1000			Abe to Leach - Get grousers on at 1st opportunity.	

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TIME IN	TIME SERIAL OUT	TIME U. W.S. I. MSGD SIGNING	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
1005			3 to 7 - Get Message to Higher Hq. Met no enemy yet. Have seen fresh tracks of 1 enemy tank. Some of our people are in that area.		
1010			Smoke up woods to right.		
1030			Bautz to Whitehill - Move off road  and wait for the doughs.		
1035			CO to Cook, CO to Whitehill - Put on Grousers. 3 relayed to Trover.		
1055			2 to Whitehill - Put on Grousers.		
1100			Enemy activity 598398.		
1120			CO to 3 - How are things going. Arty and mortar coming from North.  Do you have the road cut?		
1130			Air reports enemy infantry going in woods with white capes near town of Check Point  32. Could we put some artillery in there?  They're firing direct fire in there.		
1135			Put artillery North Grid 40, West of town  in woods.		
1140			CO to 10 - Is that position clear to go into position? Anything coming in there?  No it's all over.		

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TIME IN	TIME SERIAL OUT	TITLE U. W.S.	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
1143			Dwight to Bautz - How about getting arty in woods. Inf in small groups.  Bautz to Dwight - Use that you have. Air rpts en CP at Flatzbourhoff.		
1145			Dwight reports enemy wearing white capes.		
1147			Dwight to Leach - Use Inf you have up there.		
1150			10 - The other units are here with me.  I will put them to use.		
1151			3 to 7 - Cook rpts 1 Sherman and 1 SP coming from the North towards our position. They are getting in position to take them under fire.		
1200			CO to 3 - Get plane to watch vehicles for you.		
1205			3 to Leach - Have you any information on the left flank?		
1206			3 to CO - 2 pos Arm. 596-395 by plane.		
1208			CO to 3 - Are they in position to take the arm. under fire? Is the woods clear to your right? I think so. Inf will not go into the woods to my front.		

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IN	CUT	U. M. S. MESSAGE	MESSAGE	
<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>				
1210			3 to CO - One tk hit by direct fire.	
1214			3 to Leach - Give me direction of fire that hit tank.	
1220			10 to 3 - Rpt large arty pc to my direct front about 2000 yards.	
1221			3 to CO - Doughs move to rear too much.	
1222			3 to CO - GI said his CO told him to take off. They are streaming past me.	
1225			3 to 73 - Pick up Rcn and bring them here.	
1225			3 to Leach - I'm pecking away at one on the hill. Is that one you knocked out? It is smoking. It was knocked out. There's a H/T beyond that tank believed to be knocked out.  Dwight - I will get air on that H/T.	
1230			Dwight - there are 2 more tks N of his point.	
1232			3 to Bautz - Dough boys on our left are moving up again, but ones on right are not.	
1237			Leach to 3 - En personnel moving back towards the town. Snipers are active on our left.	
1240			3 to Bautz - What about smoke on edge of woods to help D, B, get up there.	
			Bautz - We are preparing to fire on that position.	

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<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
<p>3 to Bautz - Quite a few men with capes are running into woods, about 20 or 25. We are about to fire them. Let us know effect.</p> <p>Dwight to Leach - I can see a bunch of white people in that woods. We are bringing fire on them. Leach that is very good.</p> <p>The coordinates on that woods is 595-390. Inf is this side of the RR. I cannot see that firing.</p> <p>Whitehill - Inf we are to work with are here. We are standing by for orders.</p> <p>Dwight to Leach - Is it possible to get by that vehicle up there. I don't know. there is an SP and H/T after that.</p> <p>Bautz to Dwight. Did you see that round.</p> <p>Short 100, right 200. Another to the right.</p> <p>Bautz to 3 - On the way. That's good. That's making them move.</p> <p>Artillery too short. Increase range 200 yards.</p> <p>Leach to 3 - They are leaving woods.</p> <p>3 to 7 - Good. Increase it 200 more.</p>					
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<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
1302				3 to 7 - That was a good one. (neaming arty).	
1303				Bautz to 3 - On the way. En heading back towards the town.	
1304				Bautz to 3 - Do you see anything? No most of them have left the woods. Lerch to 3 - I think I see German aircraft.	
				Bautz to Whitehill and Trover - CO report to CP. Bring Inf Co. Comdr.	
1330				Inf picked up civilian coming through woods. On the CO's order, A & C & Inf moves out to assault Rigonville.	
1355				Bautz to 3 - Have plane check and see if those 2 tks are still near that crossroad.	
				3 to Bautz - Plane can't see tanks, but there's an SP and Personnel in the town. Are taking them under fire.	
1402				CO to Whitehill - 2 en tks previously reported	
1410				Dwight to Bautz - There are at least 2 SP's in that town, 1 by the church, 1 painted white. Bautz to Whitehill - Did you get the last message? (Yes).	

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<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
1420			CO to Whitehill - Move out on mission. CO to Trover - Whitehill moving out, you follow.		
1425			Dwight to Whitehill - As you come up this hill in the woods there is Inf and in town two (2) or three (3) SP guns.		
1426			Dwight to Trover - As Whitehill goes over the dough boys on the left ought to stick their nose over hill and help them out. I'm going to put HE in woods when Inf moves up.		
1430			Dwight to Whitehill - What was that puff of smoke? My left track knocked off. You'd better get on another vehicle.		
1435			Leach to Dwight - Cook just saw a couple of trucks move into edge of town.		
1442			CO to Giles - Are you going to be able to contact Whitehill to bring down fire?		
1445			Jacques to Abe - Keller's mission complete.		
1446			Giles to CO - Just got stopped by mines.		
1447			3 to CO - There's mines across this road. They will have to do like Leach did.		
1448			7 to CO - We can take care of that fire mission.		
			CO - I'll take care of it.		
1450			3 to 78 - It's good enough for the engineers to work up here.		

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73 to 7 - Did you get that message? Yes,  
will take care of it.

1451 10 to 7 - Engr's have gone forward already.

1515 3 to 7 - Whitehill's Retriever can pull out  
the vehicle now.

1535 7 to CO - Just North of where tks were knocked  
out is a concrete house and Jerries are  
running from woods into house.

1540 CO to Trover - Whitehill received bazooka  
fire from woods. We will take woods under  
fire and you will proceed into town.

1542 CO to 3 - What was your message about  
concrete house?

1542 Msg from 7 to CO - I sent that message.

1543 Trover to CO - will have to swing to left  
of Whitehill. Can't get down draw.

1545 CO to Leach - Take town under fire w/  
anything you have in position.

1546 7 to 73 - Is CO there? Ans. No. Can you  
contact him by radio? Ans. No.

1600 CO to Leach - Do you see me? I'm with "A" Co.  
Yes I see you now.

1605 Leach to CO - My left flank observes troops in  
woods. Yes there are troops over there. Are  
you coming over to see me? Ans. Yes.

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					<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1600					Hello 5 - Tell CO we are carrying out the instructions delivered by 3.	
					CO - Roger on your message.	
1600					Moved to new assembly area. Arrived at P 593-384 1/2 miles Southeast of Flatzbourhof.	
					Co's A, B, and C remained where they were.	
1700					Leach's flank reports observing 3 SP's. His flank observer couldn't bring fire on them with his radio.	
1810					About 50 rounds of 20 and 40mm fire came over our area. Seemed to be coming from the North. At first, appeared to be flares.	
					He traveled a distance of about 14 kilometers.	
					Captain Trover was killed in action.	
2005					Rec message from CCR for CO to report there at once.	
					<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944</u>	
0815					CO to 7 - Can't see smoke.	
0816					CO to 7 - Stop smoke, no good.	
0820					CO to 7 - Fire falling 200 yards short.	
0821					CO to 7 - Not to high up we are at base of hill.	
0822					CO to 7 - WP 500 yards short.	
0823					McMahon to Whitehill - Have you run into anything?	
0825					CO to Leach - Let's move in there. Move in.	
0826					CO to 7 - Have Engineers check road.	

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			<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
0826			CO to 7 - Lift artillery fire.		
0827			Keller to 6 - I am on the right, will move left and follow unit to town.		
0833			McMahon to Whitehill - Move out.		
			CO to Jacques - Have him report to me, I want to show him what his troops are doing.		
0835			CO to Cook - Stop all artillery fire.		
0840			Leach to 6 - Lot of sniping. Hold right there.		
0840			CO to Whitehill - Fire on the buildings.		
0843			2 to 3 - Doughs won't go through artillery fire.		
0849			CO to Leach - Move to West and pick up some Inf.		
0848			CO to 2 - Still some Inf Whitehill can use here.		
0900			2 to Whitehill - Make Inf come with you.		
0901			2 to CO - Inf won't move. Plat went into first bldg and won't move.		
0904			Jacques to Abe - Trying to find you.		
0905			3 to Whitehill - Your firing on our Inf.		
0906			3 to Whitehill - Got them coming now.		
0910			2 to Whitehill - Move your left flank up even.		
			2 to Whitehill - Meet at edge of town on high ground, after cleaning up town.		
0925			CO to Whitehill - What is your situation? Inf slowly catching up.		

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			<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
0926			CO to Leach - I have a report here that unit with us is receiving fire from high ground West of him. Leach will take care of that.	
0928			McMahon to Whitehill - Your unit here. That on the left of town isn't doing anything. Whitehill - I can't do a thing until I can get up there.	
0929			CO to Whitehill & 2 - I'm going to send Leach on high ground North of town, skirting the town. Have Whitehill leave a few vehicles on this side of town to cover.	
0930			McMahon to Whitehill - Move that unit on left of town up some more.	
0932			McMahon to Whitehill - This unit hasn't moved very far. Get them up there.	
0931			Dwight to Leach - Do you have that Plat skirting the town. Yes.	
0931			CO to 3 - Can you hear what he is saying? No.	
0932			CO to 3 - Will you get over and contact Leach?	
			Keep me informed.	
0935			McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming along? Going thru town now, Inf following.	
0940			Dwight to Leach - Where are you located now? West side of town. Dwight - You have three	

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
0945				vehicles on the South side of town. Dwight to Leach - Turn around. McMahon to Whitehill - Don't forget to leave a unit on this end of town.		
0950				3 to CO - We are N of town now.		
0942				CO to 3 - On that position of that company up there. I want to get by that on to high ground.		
				3 to Leach - Did you hear that?		
0945				CO to 3 - They look like cement bldgs, do you think there is anything in them. McMahon to Whitehill - Have part of your unit on this end of town go up to road.		
1000				CO to 2 - I can see those tanks on the South of town. They are not doing any good there. May do him more good where he's at.		
1000				Leach to 3 - I just got hit in the arm.		
				Dwight to CO - We are on that ground now.		
1001				McMahon to Whitehill - Are you going to move unit on this side of town with you?		
1002				Leach to Dwight - Is that smoke up in front of you? Yes. McMahon to Whitehill - How are you doing? Moving along as fast as we can, it is getting hot. Snipers are getting hot! Our planes		

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<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>					
				fired on us.	
1010				CO to 3 - Did they do any damage up there? (Bomber planes). I used two red flares, I guess they recognized us.	
1013				Whitehill to McMahon - I cannot get Inf moving to clear out bazookas.	
1015				McMahon to Whitehill - See if you can send some of your vehicles down side roads. The streets are narrow.	
				2 to CO - Whitehill can't go any farther without Inf. CO is there. Anyway I can't get Inf up there. Use concrete fuse.	
				McMahon to Whitehill. - The situation is if I fire on one side I can't fire at the other all at the same time. I have gotten some Inf on the move.	
1020				Lamison to 7 - Was that friendly or enemy planes firing up there? That was our planes. See if you can straighten that out.	
1025				McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming now?	
				We are moving now behind the bldgs. I finally got the Inf to move.	
1030				3 to Whitehill - Are you shooting up on this high ground? No, I'm not, I'm being held up	

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1031				by bazooka fire. One of our tanks have been hit Dwight said.  Dwight to Leach - That's bazooka fire isn't it? Yes, I think it is.	
1035				Dwight to Leach - OK Leach that should hold it for a while, let's get Whitehill through now.	
1038				McMahon to Whitehill - Are you moving now?	
1039				Whitehill to McMahon - No, still being held up by bazookas.  McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming	
1044				now?  Whitehill to McMahon - About the same, we haven't got those bazooka's yet. Inf working on them.	
1049				Dwight to Whitehill - How are you coming?  Whitehill to Dwight - I can't get the Inf to	
				CO to 3 - Do you have anything to report? 3 to CO - Fired on by bazookas. I tk hit. CO to 3 - You take charge, I'm going back. 3 to CO - Only 5 of us up here.	

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
				CO to 3 - Soon as he gets through I want to put him up there. You take care of that.	
				Dwight to Leach - That guy was firing at you from the house.	
				Dwight to CO - 2 tanks and Inf approaching town.	
1100				CO to Dwight. They must be enemy.	
				McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming?	
				Leach to 7 - I fired at what I thought were tanks, but turned out to be haystacks.	
1129				Whitehill to McMahon - Passing the church now, still bazooka men around, don't see our Inf.	
				McMahon to Whitehill - Only Inf I see are the ones going back.	
1132				Whitehill to McMahon - Progressing along, need more Inf.	
				McMahon to Whitehill - You'll have to just use what you got.	
				Whitehill to McMahon - It will be a slow process.	
				McMahon to Whitehill - Use HE on those bldgs.	
1143				En clm Lorhead heading Southeast.	
				CO to 3 & 2 - Voltz's people are at the entrances to town if you need them.	

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1151			<p align="center"><u>24 DECEMBER, 1944. (CONT'D)</u></p> <p>Mcmahon to Whitehill - If I was you I would move more out of town.</p> <p>Mcmahon - We have cleared the town now. Inf is cleaning it up now.</p> <p>3 to 2 - The town is not clear yet. There is still firing.</p> <p>2 to 3 - I said the Inf was cleaning it up. Whitehill to 2 - I have a man with a broken foot. Where are the Medics?</p> <p>2 to CO - Don't run that peep up here yet, the town isn't clear yet.</p> <p>2 to 3 - I'm going to have Whitehill send one unit up around those buildings.</p> <p>2 to 3 - I wouldn't fire too much into that town. Our doughs are in there and God knows what will happen if they get pinned down.</p>	
1209			<p>Mcmahon to Whitehill - Where did that shell come from?</p> <p>Whitehill to Mcmahon - I don't know but they are playing hell.</p> <p>Mcmahon to Whitehill - Could you identify what that was that hit the tank.</p> <p>Whitehill to Mcmahon - I think It's Bazookas.</p>	

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
				2 to 3 - Do you know of any frd. traps in the building in this end of town.	
				3 to 2 - No.	
				2 to 3 - I just saw a man run into a bldg. I couldn't identify him.	
				3 to 2 - Probably enemy.	
1215				McMahon to Whitehill - How is that unit doing?	
1220				McMahon to Dwight - Would it be OK to fire flanking fire into that town.	
1225				McMahon to Whitehill - 50 cal. will set them on fire as well as incendiary.	
1228				McMahon to Whitehill - Blow holes into buildings and shoot 50's into the holes.	
1230				McMahon to Whitehill - Fire HE into bldg then cease fire and move on up with doughs.	
1234				McMahon to Dwight - 4 or 5 Germans walked over to that haystack.	
1234				Dwight to McMahon - I know, I saw one waving a white flag.	
1240				Sharkey 16 to McMahon - Nothing to report now.	
1250				Dwight to Whitehill - How are you making out	

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1250				Whitehill to Dwight - My unit and Inf are moving into village.	
1250				Dwight to McMahon - I see a flag from that building.	
1250				McMahon to Dwight - It's a German Med. Van.	
1255				Dwight to McMahon - There may be civilians too.	
1300				McMahon to Dwight - No, it's a medic with a bunch of Germans. They are coming out now.	
1300				Dwight to Whitehill - It should be easier now. I just took about 50 of them.	
1300				McMahon to Dwight - I won't search them now. The doughs will do it.	
				Dwight to McMahon - If you want to talk to them, it's OK.	
1300				McMahon to Dwight - I'll talk to the officers.	
1300				Dwight to McMahon - You keep me covered, I'll talk to them.	
1305				Dwight to Whitehill via McMahon - How are you coming along?	
1306				McMahon to Dwight - They're coming along OK now.	
<del>Moving east through the town</del>					
1307				Dwight to Bautz - Inf complaining, anymore Inf we can send through town to make a second mop up.	
1308				Bautz to Dwight - I'll try to get some.	
1310				Bautz to Dwight - No, those people you have there will have to do the job. We can't get more Inf.	

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1310				Lamison to Bautz - Want status of en action on right flank.		
1311				Jacques to Abe - My "A" has come to other side covering roads in that sector.		
1312				Abe to Jacques - Need more men to follow through town.		
1312				Jacques to Abe - Yes, I'll send them up with your "C".		
1313				Abe to Dwight - Have you anything on high ground?		
1315				Dwight to Abe - Yes, tanks, we can see for about 5 miles.		
1315				2 to 7 - We are up here too.		
1315				7 to 3 - Leave "A" there to cover N. Pull back to cover West. Plan same as when started this morning.		
1320				Abe to Lamison - No activity on right flank at 611-430. Plane rpts en trying to destroy bridge.		
1340				3 - Get someone to see if they can get the rest of Leach's outfit up here.		
				Whitehill to Dwight - Coming OK. Smoke from the barn is holding us up.		

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1450				Dwight to Whitehill - Tell the Inf we have these PW's and 3 American Officers.  3 to 7 - First element thru the town.  One of 10 vehicles hit a mine, will blow me up some.  CO to Bautz - There are 2 - 40mm towed guns in this town. Send something down to tow them out for CP defense.	
1451				McMahon to 7 - Also in town there is 1 jeep, 1 GMC, and 1 Trailer.	
1455				3 to Bautz - Can't contact plane. See if you can and if they have changed channels.	
1456				Cook to 3 - The persuaders are on my BN Channel. I can contact them if you wish.	
1600				10 - All those weapons are laid and registered, 1-1/2 hours ago.	
1605				3 to 7 - The doughs that are supposed to be here haven't arrived yet. There are things that have to be done before dark.	
1610				Redacted	
1855				town so we can organize things before dark.  Bautz to 3 - The matter will be taken care of.	
1900				CO - Assemble all commanders. Am coming in at once.  HNN - Have "A" Co report to this CP at once.	

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					<p><u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u></p> <p>NYC - Have "B" Co report to this CP at once.</p> <p>YIN - Have "C" Co report to this CP at once.</p> <p>CO returned from CCR with following information.</p> <p>We move tonight at 1230. About thirty miles.</p> <p>30 PW's taken today.</p>			
1910								
1945					<p>Order of March for Bns: C, 'B, Hq, Hq Co &amp; "A".</p> <p>Being relieved by Engineers tonight. Reserve Comd moving to West flank tonight. Clear out enemy and relieve 101st Airborne. Cross IP at 0100.</p> <p>Res Comd, Rcn D/37, B/53, Res Comd, 37-, 53-, 1 Battalion of 155. Bns: A, B, Hq, Hq Co, C. Co Maint. march with companies. Bn will halt 0230, 0450, 0650. Rate of march: 8 miles per hour.</p> <p>Nets open at 0100. Cross country at Pearle to avoid curves in road. Co's to start moving at 1200 from there present location. Route of march: Bigonville, Platzbourhof, Pearle, cross country to Monscheid, Neuperic, La Follie, Halt, turn right at cross road and Check Point 1, Heimstert, May-lay-lay, Check Pt. 2, Leglise, Offaing, right fork to Longlier, Molinfuing.</p>			

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				<u>25 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
				Head of column moved out at 1230 from assembly area, crossed IP at 0100. Capt. Dwight's tank hit a mine. The Battalion took Vaux-les-Rosieres, Pte Rosieres, Nives, Sure, Min De Rosieres. Co's outposting towns and high ground. Assembly area P156-438.	
				Destroyed 2 tks, 1 cargo truck, 1 trailer, 1 enemy jeep, killed 100.	
				D Company and "A" Co remains in place. "C" Co. take position at Hill 430. B Co. comes out of town to the East of town on high ground and assault the town.	
1515				Those troops with red panels are ours. Engineers with four bridging trucks will be at Removille, Clochimont, Sibert. C Co. to lead to Clochimont. "C" Co to move at 0800. Maximum priority we can get.	
2410				LCR - 5 en guns rptd at 523543. En tks at 49 105.	

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TIME IN	TIME SERIAL CUT, U. M.S.   MSGDASH R.E.	THE MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
		<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0945		<p>"D" Co rpts enemy active throughout night.          CO to Leach - Is that your arty falling in that town?            Leach - Yes.            C Co to CO - Troops observed going into woods.            CO - Those trps must be enemy.            CO to 7 &amp; CO to Leach - I saw some enemy 1 kilometer of cross road.</p>		
1050		<p>Bn Hq moved out.</p>		
1100				
1115		<p>CO to Leach - Rpt en moving towards you. Be on lookout for them.</p>		
1120		<p>Boggess to CO - Rpt 6 AT guns at left front.</p>		
1130		<p>Msg from Dwight to 7 - Get 47's to work this area.            2 on AT guns at 465507. Inf dug in from 465511 to 470511.</p>		
1135		<p>Same msg rptd to higher headquarters. Also want to know when they will work this.</p>		
1155		<p>Msg fr Higher Hq - Does Object know about the target?</p>		
1200		<p>If Abe needs information about units on his right have him contact McCalley.</p>		
1200		<p>Msg 7 to Donahue - Promise air on the target.</p>		
1210		<p>Leach to CO - Is CCE firing close to us? Do they know we are here at concentration 8? Ans. Yes they do.</p>		

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1215			Msg from Higher Headquarters - Stand by.		
1220			Re: Your air request - you will get it as soon as it's in the area.		
1225			Msg from Higher Hqs. 55 BM CB DA IQ ID CH CG JG EG LJ HM AF FH KF 0900. Switch on - Pg Cage in VAUX.		
1255			Msg Leach to 7 for CO - Getting direct fire from direction of GCE, not far over our head. Also some snipers - Would like to get some doughboys up here.		
1300			Msg CO to Leach - Whitehill on way to pass through. Just hold		
			Leach - I'm running short of HE and 30 cal. It will be a good field of fire for Whitehill. Germans infiltrating back.		
1302			Abe to Jacques - Make sure you send that outfit in rear of Whitehill - Also en infiltrating in towards Leach.		
1310			Tom to Abe - Air rpts veh, med tks, and lights near Sibret. Are they yours? Ans. No.		
1313			Cohen to Abe - Wait.		
1315			3 to Leach - Where is arty landing? Ans. Right edge of Chk Pt 8. Landing between me and town.		

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1316			Cohen to Abe - Msg from 53. En coming through in some force there. Can you give me some coordinates? Ans. Near Northing.		
1320			Jacques to Dwight - Msg has been delivered to Leach.		
1335			Abe fr Cohen Operator - It is necessary to display panels right away - If any question call Cohen.		
1335			7 to Leach - Check on panels.		
1336			3 to 5 - Those people have been taking a good look today (meaning Air Corps).		
1337			Msg fr Higher Hqs - Air-knocked out tanks at Sibret and are working up that way.		
1343			Whitchill to Leach - What is the situation up there? Ans. It's pretty quiet up there. Deploy behind me.		
1345			3 to Whitchill - You're almost where I am. You're going the wrong way, I'll straighten you out.		
1347			7 to 2 - Request further information on situation. Ans. Inf along edge of woods. 2 hvy cal guns taken under fire but not destroyed.		
			7 - Did Air work that area over? Ans. No.		
1355			3 to Leach - One of your tanks is moving up on wrong road. Try and catch him.		

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			<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1355			Baum - Give me your disposition. Have you people cleaned "C" town, when you do that where too?		
			Bautz - We will move to Northern.		
1348			Msg fr. Higher Hqs - KMTDG MMFZL ZPCM! YUCNY XWQG TBCOZ WMOZ WZLZ TMDZ BPKH! FXXTC YLTH, XQG U VDZK QR		
1400			2 to 6 - Rpt that large number of ch have moved into town at coordinates 459-538. Also 2 tks were observed going into that town. "A" Co has knocked out 1 H/T (Bautz - Can you tell the no. of H/T's). Ans. - 2 tks, 15 H/T's.		
1405			2 to 7 - Those vehicles are ch troops, they are in the town.		
1405			7 to 30 - There are 2 tks, 15 H/T, at 45.-538. Leach to Whitehill - Come right up the column and defilade behind me.		
			Baum to 7 - That's the town you are in now.		
			B to Baum - That doesn't make sense to me because we are in a couple of them. Send it up by Liaison Officer.		
1425			Jacques to Abe - Just got word on Cohen's position. He's going into that patch of woods to right of Leach. Also "A" Co up to Leach now.		

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1445			Baum to Bautz - Give disposition of your troops in regards to Charley town. We are going to move South of Charley town.		
1439			Bautz to Baum - There is no change in the disposition of our troops in Charley town. Bautz to CCR - In regards about message you sent before, about using town for bases. Do you mean this town.		
1455			Jacques to 3 - Cohen's forces are almost through the woods. Good thing. Also my "A" Company hasn't jumped off yet because of bazooka fire, but they are taking care of it. They are at the edge of woods to Leach's front.		
			CCR to Bautz - Did you have message for me?		
			Baum to 7 - Inf rpts the Roger town is N of the town we took this morning.		
			Bautz to CCR - That msg doesn't mean a thing to us.		
			CCR to 7 - The places above where you are now.		
1511			Co to 2 - Alert those 2 Co's up there for movement. You are in command. Get everything well in hand over there, it's the push!		
1520			P-47's flew over our position and dropped		

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		<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1530		supplies to the 101st Airborne. Dwight to Whitehill - Move out. Dwight to CO - Give the Inf 20 minutes to mount up and get his men together. Don't move until you have things together.		
1545		CO to Whitehill - What is your situation? I have moved North of town on high ground now. Are you meeting any resistance?		
		3 to 3 - Concentration 9. We can get 4 units, 3 small and one big on 15 minutes notice.		
1547		CO to Whitehill - What are you running into. Looks like direct fire. Can you tell where it is coming from? I'd like to know that.		
1550		CO to 3 - Msg for Cook - I'd like to put stuff along the edge of the woods Northeast of Creek Pt. 15.		
1555		3 to Doggett - We are moving out at once.		
1557		CCR - 5 AF guns at 506-540.		
		Fautz - Can you get air on them?		
1600		3 to 3 - Art by plane 506-540 East of Sibret along main road.		
1610		CO to 3 - Are you ready to go? Ans. Yes.		
1615		Leach to CO - Jerrics in blitz and they are working them over now.		
1620		Abe to Baum - Why aren't they pushing up there?		

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			<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1621			The Reserves are doing the whole thing. Leach to CO - Have you been able to investigate it? Ans. Yes. This looks like a Jerry vehicle with an 88 camouflaged. Put a 105 into it and destroy it.	
1624			CO to "A" Co - Can you see that town there? Ans. Yes. Can you observe any activity in it? Ans. No.	
1625			Abe to Baum - I want to tell you we are moving on. So don't shoot on us. You rear troops are liable to shoot on us.	
1626			CO to 7 - Get that ready, tell Cook (34th).	
1630			7 to "C" - Make sure your people are ready.	
1631			Young to Abe - Our FC would like to know where your leading elements are. Ans. We are on high ground by crossroads. You rear elements reflect our supply line.	
1634			CO to Cook through 7 - Can I get concentrations on a minutes notice? Ans. Yes.	
1635			Bogness to CO - Request concentration.	
1636			CO to 7 - 9, Play it soft and sweet. CO to 7 - Raise arty 300.	
1640			CO to 7 - Raise arty 400 more. Blanchard to Bautz - We are going to do it tonight. Get everything together. I want to meet Abe and Jacques at JP 74 in about 45 minutes.	

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			Bautz - Can I meet you?		
			Blanchard - Yes.		
1645			Doughue to 7 - Is 3 there with you now?		
			Should I leave that part of my outfit out there?		
1650			3 to Boggess - How are you doing?		
1651			CC to 7 - Can we get a liaison plane to those people over there?		
1650			326th Engineers rescued.		
1650			CC to 7 to Higher Headquarters - We have contacted unit required.		
1653			Boggess to 3 - Have reached objective.		
			3 to Boggess - Consolidate.		
1655			3 to Boggess - You have a tank back up here make him move.		
1657			Those people up North have been contacted at 1645.		
1655			Blanchard to Bautz - Find Assembly area for whole command in area Abe went to.		
1700			Was that physical contact or Abe personally?		
			<del>Was that physical contact</del>		
1701			CC to 7 - Send Msg. Msg - pick assembly area for entire command.		
			Abe to 7 - The whole road is ablaze. There is fighting going on.		

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1703		3 to 30 - We are here but no Inf. Party at CP. It was pretty heavy. Met a Captain and set up an outer defense for town, and I'll go ahead and put our people in position. There must of been tanks that got lost back in that town.		
1705		Barts to Blanchard - The whole place and roads are ablaze. If G-4 brings supplies up to place we talked about it will be best.		
1710		3 to 30 - At edge of woods there's inflammables on the ground. I got a couple tanks through. I think it's okay now.		
1725		30 to 7 - Msg for Micker He - Everyone should attack, get off their high horse. Have everyone attack, gun.		
1730		30 to 3 - There's an assault gun stuck up.		
		7 to Beach - Are you ready to take your supplies? (OK).		
1750		30 to Witchill - I'm through here myself. I'm going forward to make contact with this unit.		
1755		Msg for Micker He - Do the necessary and anything you can to that town, anything that walks, vehicles, planes, etc.		
		30 to 7 - The line they gave us was correct.		
		Dorshue to 7 - Town at 450-550 - 1 en tk and 30 on W/C N of town - estimated 15 - 20 more tks.		

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IN	CUT	DISCUSSION	MESSAGE		
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			This town also has a CP of a Panzer Bn. This information gained from PW taken from W/T knocked out by this unit. Notify 2 that the Big Boys that were with us are no more.		
			CC to Whitehill - Town between us and you is cleared. We're trying to clear that route now.		
			CC to M - Ck-Pt 9 clear and secure.		
1855			CC to Jacques - Bring them all together. It would be good to leave "A" Co there also.		
			3 to Donahue - Can you use your observer on that road there?		
			Donahue to 2 - Arrangements are being made now to bring interdiction fire on that Jct now for a period of 2 hours. We still hear movement there. Some flare just went up.		
			2 to Donahue - Use that observer and keep us informed.		
			Received word from CCR to be ready to move forward on order.		
			RECORDED IN JOURNAL AND FORWARDED TO HQ forward Order of March: D/37, Hq Trks, Res Comd, 40 Med. Supply trks, Hq & Hq/53, 94 - 165-(704 Hq) A/53, B/37, FA/37, S/53, move to vic of Bastogne. Heavy tanks moving S from Sibret. D Co lost tank in action.		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIALIZED U. S. MSGDS/PMEU	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
2400			<p><u>27 DECEMBER, 1944</u></p> <p>Leved out from assembly area Removille at 0500. Arrived at assembly area at 0700. Route of March: Removille, Remichampagne, Closchimont, Pastogne, CP 548571. 3d Co lost 3 trucks through enemy action.</p> <p>The town of Pastogne was bombed.</p>		
0500			<p><u>28 DECEMBER, 1944</u></p> <p>Bombers were over again. Major Parker, Col. Jacques, visited our CP today. CCB, CCA, still trying to make contact. (1) The following msg was received: 9th AD holds Sibret and Villenoux and clearing woods NW of Assenois. CCB clearing woods S and E of that town. CCA attacking North and are SE of Salvacourt. (2) CCB Burnon, 8th &amp; 10th, Assenois, 22 FA, Grindure, 253 FA, Chmont, 776 FA (155 H) Burnon, CCA, Weisenbach, 1st FA, Wei Div Fwd, Rodange, 274 FA, Strainchamps.</p> <p>An AAA Plt. was attached to the Battalion today.</p> <p>Plans were made to open fire on enemy planes tonight if they can be recognized. Also plan to send out tonight.</p> <p>CC has gone to Division to see Commanding General.</p> <p>A &amp; B Co's are still in position protecting and keeping open our supply route.</p>		

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IN.	CUT, U. (M.S.)	MESSAGE		
		<u>28 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
		All other units are slowly advancing. Enemy Personnel, vehicle and weapon losses for period 26 & 27 December: 2. Cuirassier trks, 7 AT guns, 2 Arty pcs 75 or over, 1 Personnel carrier, 3 passenger cars, 30 killed, 10 wounded.		
		A "D" Co tank ran over a mine about 0600 today.		
		<u>29 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0001		Received word from 101st Airborne that an enemy column is on the road going South from the N.		
0700		CCR sent same message.		
0815		A & B Co. left from their assembly area where they were keeping the road open. Joined the Sn. at this location, Bastogne.		
1510		Message received, hasty friendly mine field located one five zero yards each side of road at 511549, 12 yards wide.		
		All damaged on trks will be destroyed wherever found to prevent recovery.		
-1500		A Lt. Col., 3rd Armd Bn, and Lt. from 10th AD visited the Battalion today.		
		Captain Lamison brought word that we are to move to vic of Clochimont, 515522.		

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			<u>29 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1900			Bn planes bombed Bastogne and were met with a hot reception.  Company Commander's meeting. Move to Clochimont at 0900, 30 December. Order of March: Hq, Hq Co, D, A, B, C, Sv.  Planes were active bombing throughout the night.  "B" Company kitchen was destroyed by a direct hit.  A total of three planes were shot down.	
			<u>30 DECEMBER, 1944</u>	
0700			Bn planes again bombed Bastogne causing a few casualties.	
0900			Bn moved out from Bastogne, arrived at Aspencis 0920, Clochimont at 0945.	
1030			Company Commander's meeting. CO gave the situation. The enemy counterattacked during the night and were repulsed. We are to be ready to move at any time in case of an attack on either flank.	
1230			Received following message from CCR. Reports indicate men in US uniforms are infiltrating through our lines. Request identification to identify themselves.	
1455			A Lt. Col. from FA Bn of the 6th AD visited our CP.	
1545			Col. Blanchard, CO CCR, brought orders for us to move to vicinity of Chaumont, 518483, to be in position in case of an attack from that flank.	

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		<u>30 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1550		Company Commander's meeting. We were out at 1600 to vicinity of Chauvain. Order of March: Rcn, D, Hq, Hq Co, A, B, C. Route: Clochirput, Grandrus. Chauvain, arrived at assembly area 1700.		
2055		Rec following message. R.C.P.M. cargo at Romichampsie.		
		<u>31 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0600		Nothing happened during night.		
0650		Received following message: Activity of small arms and arty fire Viller-la-Bonne-Eau, starting 0520A. CCR.		
0955		Received following message: 4 persuaders on road to Chk Pt 103. Can you have guides pick them up at CP 113. (Sv Cots).		
1030		Major Scottie visited our CP.		
1500		The Battalion received three new tanks with different suspension system and new track.		
1630		A Major from 25th Cav visited CP today.		
1600		Received following message from Sv Co, 37th: 5 Off, 11 EM arrived at this CP, 1400.		
1615		Officers and EM replacements arrived at this CP. One of them used to be in the 37th Armd Regt at Pine Camp.		
2100		EM aircraft strafed around our bivouac area during the night. No damage done.		

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