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1 February 1945.Unit Journal for the Month of January 1945208th Day  
(187th day in France)1 Jan 45 - Monday (24 days in Germany)Flatten

0900 - All class A agent O's are to report to Regt for money to pay the troops. Pay day to-day! Quite a bit of ey air activity can be observed & heard over the CP, all of our anti-aircraft weapons open up on them!

1100 - Trps will be able to enjoy showers to-day & companies are told to use their kitchen trucks to transport men to shower point. Lt. Elwell rpts that 2 ey planes were shot down by our anti-aircraft units.

1400 - Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses latest situation with Bn CO.

1630 - Division Commander visits CP & discusses latest situation with Bn CO and staff.

1700 - 3 EM from the Bn are to leave their organizations for at least 90 days to go home on a 30 day furlo, to-morrow mng.

2235 - An intercepted radio message from K so plt reports - a 3 man German patrol was engaged. One PW captured & is on way to L company. The remainder of the night passed uneventfully. The weather to-day was clear & cold. 4 letter companies are still in Germany! K company has now a plt in Dreisbach. See Field Message #2, Hq 358th Inf dtd 31 Dec 44.

209th Day  
(188th day in France)2 Jan 45 - Tuesday (24 days in Germany)Flatten

0330 - L company rpts green flare fired behind CP. Later call said it was in 2nd Bn area.

1045 - Regt'l CO presents 18 Bronze Stars to members of the Bn; Capt. Jaffray & Lt. Rudes being among them.

1130 - Ey planes are active in vie of Bn CP and our AAA units open up on them.

1400 - 33 men from the Bn will go to Div rest camp to-morrow at 0930. All companies are to submit company histories per order of Bn CO to be kept with the "n files. The nite passed uneventfully, altho MG fire & S/A fire was rptd but not in our zone. Other than that, nothing. Weather to-day was another beautiful clear day but also cold. At 1015, L company's left plt rptd finding their phone wire cut in 10 places and tracks in the snow of a 3 man patrol, presumably German and at 1500, L company OP reported seeing a 6 man ey party carry a boat down to the river, cross the river and stretch what was apparently a rope across the Saar, re-cross the river and enter pillbox at 156922.

210th Day  
(189th day in France)3 Jan 45 - Wednesday (24 days in Germany)Flatten

0930 - Last night passed uneventfully, companies reporting all quiet. The 33 men from the Bn leave for the rest camp, plus 2 Officers. See Memo from Bn dtd 3 Jan 45 to all companies. Each Officer & EM of the Bn is to be issued a pamphlet entitled "Tough Ombres" which narrates the deeds of the Division since D-Day. Men will be able to send pamphlets home if so desired.

2315 - L company reports mortar fire coming in on their right platoon's OP and coming from 203970 & was of 120mm caliber. The night passed uneventfully and our patrol activity cont'd as usual. Bn was issued 10 new capes and snow suits for the use of our patrols. The weather to-day was once again cold and hazy with occasional light snow flurries. Companies remained in same positions.

211th Day  
(190th day in France)4 Jan 45 - Thursday (24 days in Germany)Flatten

0800 - Bn remains in same positions; no change.

1130 - Bn CO of 2nd Bn visits CP & converses with Bn CO.

1230 - Col. Clarke, visits CP & discusses latest situation with Bn CO & staff. See Memo from Bn dtd 4 Jan 45 - Subject: "Changes in Aircraft

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Markings." The day passed uneventfully. However, the Bn will, once again send 33 men to Div rest camp and a cigarette ration of 5 packs per man was issued to the men as well as candy, gum, toilet & shaving articles. The troops also enjoyed their first taste of ice cream since our arrival on this continent on D plus 2. Companies supplied the milk, sugar, eggs & etc necessary to make the ice cream which was made in Thionville. At 1300 L co rptd hearing a tank at 187978. Their outposts rptd 2 or 3 tanks in vis of 183979 firing across Saar into it's sector on right.

2100 - OP rptd a boat splashing in the river. I company supplied a long range patrol which left from Droisbach just after dark. They are to remain out all day & tomorrow & return sometime tomorrow night. Weather to-day was cold, hazy with intermittent snow flurries, changing into heavy snow late at night. Night passed uneventfully but L co did report tanks or vehicles near 178983.

212th Day  
 (191st day in France)

5 Jan 45 - Friday (24 days in Germany)

Flatten

0800 - Bn remains in same positions; no change. During the day, arty fell intermittently into Schwemlingen & was either an SP gun or a 150mm. At 1025, Arty fwd Observer rptd troops moving around Besseringen. An ey patrol at 147928 forced a reconn patrol back at 2300 last nite & again at 0300 this morning.

2000 - L co rptd one amber flare fired from Besseringen & one man walking around church with flashlight in same town. Flare went up 20 feet & went out immediately. Vehicles were heard at 2300 btwn 177982 & 179983. At 1930, a company commanders meeting was held at Bn CP discussing future plans. Showers were once again available to the troops. At 0800, the patrol ret'd and rptd to the S-2. Weather today was cold, hazy & clearing in the afternoon. The night passed uneventfully. Sgt. Perley, Personnel Sgt Major, visited the Bn & discussed administrative matters with all 1st Sgts of the Bn and the Bn Sgt Major.

213th Day  
 (192nd day in France)

6 Jan 45 - Saturday (24 days in Germany)

Flatten

0800 - Bn remains in same position; No change.

1000 - Bn alerted to move upon an hour's notice. Movement will be by motor and a long one. Troops may not be billeted and in all probability will have to sleep outdoors. Bn S-1 is to leave at 1300 for Regt with a quartering party. All unit identification will be removed or covered at once; shoulder patches, helmets, vehicles, CP signs & etc. All company commanders are to report to Bn CO for instructions.

1700 - Bn is awaiting complete relief by the 94th Inf Div and, all during the afternoon, various Officers of the 94th have visited the CP & have been briefed by the Bn CO and Bn staff on our present situation, plans & etc. We are now in the 3rd Corps & movement is contemplated to further north. K rations are to be issued to the troops for tomorrow. However, relief may not be effected by the 94th until tomorrow morning; at best, by midnight to-night.

1915 - Bn CP fwd echelon moves to new location at Kirshnaumen which will be the assembly area for the Bn upon completion of relief by the 94th Div., 301st Regt., 3rd Bn.. Each company CO will brief the CO's of the 94th upon assuming our positions. Movement by motor.

2000 - See March Table from Regt dtd 6 Jan 45. Bn CP fwd echelon arrives at new location. All troops are billeted adequately & those to come will also be billeted upon arrival. Distance covered by motor was approx 8 Km. The weather for to-day was cold & somewhat hazy, clearing in the afternoon for about 2 or 3 hours.

214th Day  
 (193rd day in France)

7 Jan 45 - Sunday (24 days in Germany)

Kirshnaumen

0700 - See March Order from Regt dtd 7 Jan 45. Also see Message #1 from Bn dtd 7 Jan 45. Bn S-1 leaves for Koenigsmacker with quartering party.  
 0900 - Companies I, K & M arrive at new location. L company is still in process of being relv'd. Bn rear CP arrives at new location.



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1130 - Bn entrucks or vehicles to move to new location & Bn CP closes out  
 1158 - Bn starts movement to new location.  
 1630 - Bn ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ arrives at new location at Lannen, Luxembourg.  
 The motor movement was cold and very dull, altho the trps showed great interest when approaching Luxembourg & passing thru it. Trps are adequately billeted. Motor movement was approx 50 miles.  
 1800 - Bn awaiting further orders. Weather today was very cold, hazy and snowing fairly hard. Bad day for fighting. A movement is contemplated early tomorrow mng. M company is billeted in Nagem.

215th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)

8 Jan 45 - Monday (1st day in Luxembourg)

Lannen

0930 - Bn S-1 leaves Gp for ne location with a quartering party.  
 1000 - Bn S-3 states Bn will move on our organic transportation & troops will be shuttled.  
 1400 - Bn S-1 returns saying that there isn't room enough for the Bn to be billeted in new location & permission is to be requested from Regt for the Bn to remain in our present location.  
 1430 - Word is passed on that we will remain in our present location until tomorrow morning. Bn S-1 is to leave & post necessary personnel in bldgs that we are to occupy tomorrow. Men will remain overnight in new location we are moving to, tomorrow.  
 1945 - Weather today was cold, snowing very hard at intervals. Bad day for fighting. Type "B" rations will be used starting tomorrow's breakfast. We are now in Div reserve & Bn reserve.

216th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)

9 Jan 45 - Tuesday (2nd day in Luxembourg)

Lannen

0820 - Bn S-1 leaves GP for new location with quartering party.  
 1030 - Companies will be moved by motor to new location, one at a time on the Bn's organic transportation in order of I, K, L, M and Hq.  
 1400 - Bn CP fwd ech moves to new location.  
 1615 - Bn CP rear ech arrives at new location at Rambrouch (643385) All companies are adequately billeted in the town, i.e., all but M company which is billeted in town of Arsdorf.  
 1715 - Regt'l S-3 visits new GP & converses with Bn CO & Bn staff on the latest situation and states we may be committed in a day or two. Also the fact that 357 & 359 have run into fairly heavy ey artillery & mortar fire but otherwise, very, very little resistance. Col RANDOLPH, 712th Tank Commander, has been reported KIA by ey artillery fire. Bn is awaiting further orders.  
 1830 - Catholic church services will be held tomorrow mng at 0830 in bldg directly opposite 2nd Bn Aid Station. Protestant services will be held in the same place at 1000. Weather today was cold & hazy with occasional snow flurries.

10 January 45 - Wednesday 217th Day

Rambrouch (642385)

(193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (3rd day in Luxembourg)

0900 - Bn CO, S-3 & S-1 leave GP to go on reconnaissance.  
 1100 - Troops are issued cigarette ration of 8 packs per man, sandy gum & miscellaneous toilet articles. Each company is issued an ample supply of the "7" battle orders handed down from Lt. Gen. BRADLEY & which deals with correlations with the German people & etc. All men of the Bn are required to memorize the "7" fundamentals.  
 1600 - Bn S-1 states Bn will move to new location tomorrow at 0730. Bn receives re-inforcements. Lt. REINEL is now a 1st Lt.  
 2300 - See March Order & Time Table from Regt dtd 10 Jan 45. Also see March Order from Bn dtd 10 Jan 45. Weather today was cold & hazy, clearing for a few hours in the afternoon.



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218th Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)

11 January 45 - Thursday (4th day in Luxembourg) Rambrouch (643385)

0730 - Bn sets out on foot to move to new location.  
1200 - Bn arrives at new location at Bavigne. Troops were shuttled by motor for approximately 3/4 of a mile and then set out on foot again arriving at new location. The town of Bavigne is about 400 yards away from us and directly to the front. Bn S-2 reports that the Germans are retreating on all fronts & all roads leading out of Bastogne are jammed with enemy vehicles, troops & etc.. Bn is preparing to move to new location upon notice. Bn CO calls all company commanders & briefs them concerning today's attack. See FM from Regt dtd 11 Jan 45 for details.  
1230 - Bn S-2 has found a bldg in Bavigne to be used for a CP & a fwd ech has moved there.  
1600 - Bn rear closes out & moves to new location.  
1725 - Bn rear arrives at new location at Bavigne. Movement was very, very slow & on foot. Bn is now awaiting further orders. Reports concerning 357 and 359 have been very favorable & PsW are rptd to being taken by the 100's. Weather today was very cold & quite hazy in the morning, clearing in the afternoon. Troops dug in for the night & ey arty fell during the night. See overlay for positions of the Bn.

219th Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)

12 Jan 45 - Friday (5th day in Luxembourg) Bavigne

0700 - See FO #3 from Regt dtd 11 Jan 45.  
0820 - Bn CP & Bn move to new location.  
1535 - Bn & Bn CP arrive at new location at Sonlez (636538) Movement was by foot & very, very long & dull. Bn is preparing to move to new location. Bn S-3 & Tank O leave CP to go on reconnaissance for a supply route & etc.  
1730 - Bn S-3 & Tank O returns & say our 2nd Bn has run into fairly heavy enemy resistance just this side of Bras. Bn line companies are in Belgium while Bn CP is still in Luxembourg. Regt. informs Bn of a possible enemy counter-attack of Division strength.  
1830 - Lt. Taylor visits CP with new from Regt & gives it to Bn staff. Wire comm is to be tried to be had with the companies.  
1900 - Capt BRYAN converses with Bn CO & tells him that Regt'l CO wants to push the attack & that the Bn has equipment ready to go to the troops if attack is pushed. Bn CO is to converse with Regt'l CO by phone.  
2140 - A report has come in that a strong ey combat patrol has shot up an ambulance & a jeep in vic of Bras.  
1015 - Report has come in that a 30 man ey patrol was given mission of securing cross road near ck pt 73 & holding it until tomorrow mng. Their mission failed as 10 were captured, 10 killed or wounded & the remaining 10 unknown. Bn will continue same mission & it is believed they will attack at 0400 to foil any ey e/a.. Weather today was cold & fairly clear. ~~Too~~ <sup>VERY</sup> cold to fight. Troops moved to general vicinity of Bras on the SE edge where they've dug in for the night, employing an all around defense. See overlay for positions of the Bn.

220th Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)

13 Jan 45 - Saturday (6th day in Luxembourg) Sonlez (636538)

0730 - Bn attks. We didn't attk @ 0400 because the 2nd Bn was bogged down and the attack postponed until 0730. Mission for to-day is to take the Div. objective & consolidate it. Orders for to-day are verbal.  
0945 - We now have 2 companies across the main road or highway leading into Bastogne. Progress is fairly good & troops are meeting a bit of s/a fire.  
1100 - Lt TAYLOR visits CP & states that Div. objective has been extended to the NE.. Enemy movement can be seen @ ck pt 101.  
1117 - We are now back where we started from. We were too far on our right & pulled back to starting point to start all over again.



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- 1305 - Capt BRYAN reports back to C.P. from the Bn O.P. & gives the Bn staff latest positions of our companies. Also says we have had 2 tanks knocked out that were attached to the 2nd Bn and that troops are receiving some sniper fire.
- 1325 - Capt BRYAN converses with Regt'l CO by phone & tells him that our troops are receiving quite a bit of s/a & arty fire and give him our present location. An unconfirmed report had come in that the bldgs in our zone are now clear. As soon as report is confirmed, Bn S-1 will leave to set up a new C.P.
- 1340 - A major from a chemical mortar Bn visits CP & converses with Capt BRYAN regarding the disposition of his guns.
- 1345 - An enemy mortar position is located 500 yards of check point 98 & Capt BOVARD is told to place a lot of Arty fire upon it.
- 1415 - Bn S-3 leaves CP to check positions & Bn S-1 leaves to go on recon for a new location.
- 1430 - Enemy aircraft activity can be seen & heard off to our right rear.
- 1500 - Word has come in thru Arty phone that I company has taken their objective.
- 1520 - 7 men return to duty from hospital.
- 1560 - Bn S-3 rpts back to C.P. & rpts that we are now on the Bn's objective. Also that we have suffered quite a few casualties, that are now being evacuated, & that we are receiving quite a bit of flat trajectory & high velocity fire. F Company on our ~~right~~ is tied in on our ~~right~~. Bn is digging in & preparing to repel any e/a that is expected to come. Bn will establish a fwd C.P.. 2nd Bn is in general vicinity of check point 98 around 500 yds East of check point 98..
- 1605 - Enemy arm'd cars, tanks & vehicles are rpt'd to be @ or near concn 106.
- 1615 - Enemy tanks rpt'd @ 106 & heading SW., also @ check point 113.
- 1645 - Enemy counter attack is expected from the N as an enemy tank column has been observed @ Neiderwampach & heading SW.
- 1705 - Bn S-3 returns with latest situation & location of companies. So far to-day I company has taken 45 PsW. "C" rations will be issued for tomorrow. **CAPT. BRYAN**
- 1715 - Bn S-5 & Lt CROTTY leave Bn C.P. for the fwd C.P. & will remain the Bn's PsW for to-day, total 66. Lt FLEMING has been hit, but not too bad, & Lt CROTTY slightly nicked in the buttock. See FM #4 from Regt dated '13 Jan 45 @ 1500. PsW now total 70.
- 1855 - Lt TAYLOR visits C.P. & gives us the latest situation. Lt MARRON has ~~also~~ been ~~hit~~. 6 wounded PsW have been evacuated thru our aid sta bringing to-days total, so far, to 76. Bn CO returns to C.P. & converses with Regt'l CO over phone, giving him our latest situation & etc.
- 1915 - 2nd Bn is to tie in with us @ ck pt. 101.
- 1935 - The night passed uneventfully & the troops dug in, employing an all around defense. Bn CO & staff planned & plotted method of attack for tomorrow. Weather to-day was cold & clear, fighting conditions hampered by the cold. Enemy arty cont'd to fall in the Bn sector. PsW for to-day totaled 80. See overlay for positions of Bn.

## 221st Day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

14 Jan 45 - Sunday (7th day in Luxembourg)

Sonlez (636538)

- 1230 - L company patrol ret'd & could not locate quarry but were all around it from description. Saw no enemy activity or enemy. I company patrol has not, as yet, contacted 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn report themselves at ck. pt. 10 One unidentified plane is circling area & he strafed something way off to the W of fwd C.P.
- 0400 - Still no contact with 2nd Bn; second patrol still out, 2nd Bn rpts some enemy MG fire near ck. pt. 101. Our mission for to-day: consolidate objective. Patrol to RR track with view of mopping up any small groups of enemy S of RR.
- 0545 - Capt COLLIER reports patrol contacted enemy some place as last time
- 0900 - Bn is still trying to contact 2nd Bn.
- 0940 - We are in the process of making contact with the 2nd Bn. Some GI's are observed in vicinity of ck. pt. 98 & are believed to be elements of the 2nd Bn. German PsW can also be observed.



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1037 - Bn CO leaves f Bn O.P.. Eng 0 rpts to S-3 & receives instructions for blowing up obstacles & etc. Lt JONES, A & P Officer, also rpts to C.P. for instructions in blowing up enemy obstacles. *excc*

1110 - Bn CP is preparing to move to new location and Bn S-3 & Lt CROTTY return to Bn C.P. Enemy equipment captured since we have been committed: one 75mm- SB, one 105, 1-83, one 75mm, 2 - 2 towed rocket launchers, one 1½ ton truck, two ½ tracks and a minimum of 5 wagons.

1400 - Bn jumps off but are halted temporarily by aircraft bombing - strafing & our own planes at taht. One bomb landing to the right rear of Bn rear CP about 250 yards.

1600 - Bn S-1 is going to establish a fwd CP at Bras & if possible, set up the entire CP @ Bras.

1620 - Bn CP will move to new location & Bn fwd ech leaves for new CP.

1645 - Bn CP closes out & moves to new location.

1715 - Bn CP arrives @ new location @ Bras (629553) Belgium.

1900 - Companies have stopped & dug in in the woods S of RR track & are on high ground commanding the RR tracks. They will employ an all around defense. Weather to-day was fairly warm & clear. A good day for the Air Force to operate. See FM #5 from Regt dtd 14 2200 Jan 45.

2000 - Our mission for to-morrow is to seize objective "A" the town of Niderwampach. To-days PsW totalled about 10. See overlay for positions of Bn.

## 222nd day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

(7 days in Luxembourg)

(2 days in Belgium)

15 Jan 45 - Monday

Bras, Belgium (629553)

0830 - K company moved up abreast of I company & ran into a fire fight with the Jerries before they could get abreast of I company. Co E, of 357 did not have contact with K, consequently K had to tackle the Jerries.

0850 - I & K have jumped off. I on the left & K on the right. The 2nd Bn of 357 did not clear woods in their sector last night but moved thru 358 sector behind L company, which left a pocket of Jerries. Consequently, 1st Bn of 358, in moving to Assy area to right rear of L co. ran into Jerries & suffered a few casualties. This leaves our right rear still exposed to the enemy isolated there. Regt is to get 3rd Bn of 357 to clear out the woods.

0910 - Troops are now engaged in a bitter fire fight in vic. of B 17 & a lot of Arty is to placed upon it. Bn CP is alerted to move upon notice.

0930 - Bn CO rpts that we are moving ahead slowly & that on our left flank a big fire fight is going on & requests knowledge as to what unit it may be

0947 - Enemy tanks & vehicles are rpted to be @ 6555.

1100 - Trps are having a great deal of trouble from B17 & Arty Officer, Capt BOVARD increases fire on it. 4.2's are also to fire on it & to keep firing until told to stop. A & P squad goes fwd to evacuate the wounded. Capt SHORTRIDGE has been wounded and evacuated. Ey SP gun has raised hell with the trps. All cooks are to help evacuate the wounded also.

1125 - L company has stated moving forward & need s/a ammo.

1133 - Regt is going to fire 642-582. Bn CO has radio comm with I, K and M. Bn CO & Lt REINEL state we have suffered quite a few casualties so far today.

1155 - Gen BIXBY, Arty CO, has given us permission to fire as much Arty as we want to.

1240 - Bn Exec 0 calls for more ambulances thru Regt.

1250 - In vic. of 634566 or ek pt 113 enemy tanks have been located by a Piper Cub.

1300 - I co moved over to the right to let F co come into the woods. L co on right tying into I in the draw. K co is back around check point 101. Bn CO is 100 yds fwd from where I co started their attack this mng but a little to the right. Bn S-3 gives these latest positions to Regt'l S-3.

1420 - Lt TAYLOR visits C.P. with latest situation. Lt CARRAWAY has been wounded. The enemy has conter - attacked while we were attacking. Lt DI GERANAMO is wounded & evacuated.

1510 - An ey CP with 300 Germans is rptd to be in the center tunnel.



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1545 - Col BOSWELL visits CP & converses with Lt. JUDS.  
 1550 - Inf & tanks of the 6th Arm'd Div. are moving across our left front.  
 1553 - 3 companies of ey inf are moving down toward ch pt 310.  
 1700 - Bn CO returns to CP with latest situation & positions of the companies.  
 1740 - F co is to be withdrawn under cover of darkness, giving I co more space to cover & permitting them to tie in with G co. Companies have stopped for the night, will dig in & employ an all around defense. The night passed rather uneventfully, altho the ey cont'd to shell the Bn zone thru-out the night. Weather today was clear & fairly warm, a fairly good day for ground forces. Troops were issued K rations for tomorrow. Lts. MARRON & HATCH were killed today. See overlay for positions of the Bn.

223rd Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (7 days in Luxembourg)

16 Jan 45 - Tuesday (3rd day in Belgium) Bras (629553)

0800 - See FM #6 from Regt dtd 152200 Jan 45. Capt. COLLIER is to be evacuated with trench foot & Lt. MURPHY will assume command. Lt. BOESS is now in command of K company.  
 0945 - I & L company patrols advanced 500 yards & found no trace of the enemy. They will now patrol to the railroad tracks.  
 1040 - Regt'l CO orders Bn to pivot on our right, swing around & tie in with K & I. K co will immediately supply a patrol to the railroad tracks. As soon as I co patrol returns, they are to report to Bn S-3. I co will supply another patrol to the N side of railroad tracks & contact 2nd Bn, tying in with them on objective A.  
 1100 - L co patrol rpts they were fired upon by MG's & burp guns in the open draw. Bn CO leaves for OP.  
 1210 - Mass evacuation of ey troops from Bourey is rpt'd & they are heading for Longvilly. A great deal of arty fs being placed on them. At 1500 today, Col. MASON & his Bn will be attached to Regt. to help us clean out the Jerries. Regt'l CO wants I co to be up in woods, K co along railroad tracks & tie in with I co. L co will then follow up.  
 1345 - Regt'l CO visits CP & discusses latest situation with Bn staff.  
 1410 - Regt'l CO leaves for OP to contact Bn CO.  
 1458 - 1st & 2nd Bn's will have priority on all arty until the Bn jumps off. Since our arrival here, we have taken 4 88's & 1 75mm gun.  
 1520 - Regt'l CO visits CP again, returning from OP and discusses plan of attack of Bn once again. Troops jumped off at 1512. Bn has developed a rest camp for troops which will enable the men to enjoy a night's rest, warmth, hot food & the Bn Surgeon will examine their feet, taking precaution against trench foot. Men will return to their respective units early the next morning and about 40 men per night will be able to enjoy it. Bn rest camp is located in Sonlez, the town we left a few days ago.  
 1550 - Word has been rec'd that a PW stated that they rec'd orders to withdraw from the tunnel last night.  
 1645 - 2nd Bn is at check point 17 & are going into the tunnels now. Our troops will stop at check point 14 & will tie in with 3rd Bn of 357. All companies are informed of 2nd Bn entering tunnels.  
 1740 - L co is on the objective.  
 2000 - K co patrol brings in 10 PsW that they have taken from tunnel. All Jerries were asleep & are fwd to Regt. Night passed uneventfully altho the ey c/a 1st Bn sector. Ey arty cont'd to fall during the night. Weather today was fairly warm & clear. Lt. HILL evacuated with trench foot. Total PsW for the day were 13. See Overlay for positions of Bn.

224th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (7 days in Luxembourg)

17 Jan 45 - Wednesday (4th day in Belgium) Bras (629553)

0900 - Mission for today: clean out woods to the E & consolidate positions and the troops attack. Bn S-1 leaves to reconnoiter for a new CP location. See FM #7 from Regt dtd 162200 Jan 45.



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1000 - Troops have r into arty & mortar fire, no s/a.  
 1100 - Col. MASON rpts his unit is on their objective.  
 1120 - Bn fwd echelon prepares to move to new location in immediate vicinity of railroad station.  
 1150 - Bn fwd ech moves to new location.  
 1300 - " " " arrives at new location at railroad station at Schimpach at Luxembourg.  
 1345 - L co is on their objective & digging in. K co is still moving forward.  
 1425 - Report is received that infantry & armor are c/a E co.  
 1800 - Bn CP closes out & moves back to old location at Bras, Belgium (629-553) K & L companies spent the night in the tunnels & I company in woods just outside of tunnels. We are now in Regt'l reserve. The night passed uneventfully altho the 1st Bn was heavily c/a by ey tanks & infantry. Weather today was cold & heavily overcast with occasional snow flurries. Lt. GATEWOOD evacuated - sick. See overlay for positions of Bn.

225th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (7 days in Luxembourg)

18 Jan 45 - Thursday (5th day in Belgium) Bras (629553)

1030 - Maj Gen VAN FLEET visits CP & discusses latest situation with Bn CO.  
 Casualties from 1 Jan 45 to 17 Jan 45:

<u>Jan 2:</u>	<u>Jan 14:</u>
L co - 1 (sk)	I co - 8 (1SWA; 1 LWA; 3 tr ft; 2 fr bite)
<u>Jan 3:</u>	K co - 10 (2 LWA; 5 tr ft; 1 BE; 1 sk; 1 NBC)
I co - 1 (NBI)	L co - 2 (sk)
<u>Jan 4:</u>	M co - 1 (tr ft)
I co - 2 (sk)	<u>Jan 15:</u>
<u>Jan 7:</u>	I co - 23 (2 SWA; 10 LWA; 2 fr bite; 6 tr ft)
K co - 1 (sk)	K co - 20 (4 SWA; 10 LWA; 1 fr bite; 3 sk; 1 tr ft; 1 BE)
<u>Jan 9:</u>	L co - 17 (2 SWA; 11 LWA; 1 BE; 1 fr bite; 1 sk; 1 KIA; 1 tr ft)
L co - 1 (sk)	M co - 6 (1 LWA; 2 tr ft; 1 fr bite; 1 SWA; 1 BE)
<u>Jan 10:</u>	Med - 1 (LWA)
M co - 1 (sk)	Hq co - 2 (1 LWA; 1 sk)
I co - 1 (sk)	
<u>Jan 13:</u>	
I co - 17 (12 LWA; 2 SWA; 1 BC; 2 sk)	
K co - 17 (2 SWA; 11 LWA; 1 tr ft; 1 BE; 2 fr bite)	
L co - 10 (9 LWA; 1 sk)	
M co - 8 (7 LWA; 1 sk)	
Med - 1 (LWA)	
<u>Jan 16:</u>	<u>Jan 17:</u>
I co - 10 (All tr ft)	I co - 8 (1 SWA; 7 LWA)
K co - 8 ( " " " )	K co - 8 (1 SWA; 2 LWA; 5 tr ft)
L co - 4 ( " " " )	L co - 1 (sk)
	M co - 2 (1 tr ft; 1 sk)

1900 - The day passed uneventfully, the troops spending the day cleaning & trying to make themselves as comfortable as possible. Pyramidal tents were issued to the companies for use of the troops. At about 1500, the Bn staff went on a reconn for a new area & location in the 2nd Bn area, whom we shall relieve tomorrow night. Hot chow was given to the Bn & type B rations are to be given to the troops tomorrow. Weather today was cold, very dark & windy with snow squalls; definitely no day for fighting. 7 EM and 1 Officer are to go to Paris tomorrow. See Overlay for positions of Bn.

226th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (7 days in Luxembourg)

19 Jan 45 - Friday (6th day in Belgium) Bras (629553)

1300 - Bn prepares to move to new location.  
 1330 - L co moves into new defensive positions. 4 letter companies are to be shuttled to new positions by Bn organic transportation in the order of L, K, I, M and Hq. with attached units.



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1700 - Bn CP closes out & moves to new location.  
 1730 - Bn CP arrives at new location at Niederwampach, Luxembourg (643585)  
 During the afternoon, Bn CO discussed plans for the disposition of the Bn & said he would place L co between ch pts B17 & B 19 if the enemy has abandoned the high ground in front. Troops are adequately billeted in the town with the exception of L co & a part of K which were located on hill near ch pt 17 & K near Champach.  
 2330 - 1st Bn rpts no ey at B 35 or 665586.  
 2340 - L co patrol rpts no ey at 659573. Did not cover woods 7-8-11 so Bn sent another patrol out to check that.  
 2350 - I co patrol went to B9 & found no ey. Got lost & went to Oberwampach & were sent out again to accomplish original mission. Weather today was cold, windy & dark in the morning, clearing by mid-afternoon. K rations were issued to the troops for tomorrow. Lt. SCHELLIN evacuated with trench foot. See overlay for positions of the Bn.

## 227th Day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

(6 days in Belgium)

20 Jan 45 - Saturday (8th day in Luxembourg) Niederwampach (643585)

0930 - Bn CO & S-3 leave to go on recon & check positions of companies. The night passed uneventfully & patrols of I, K & L reported - No enemy, altho 359 rptd hearing ey vehicles moving in vic of 667-625.  
 1030 - Regt'l CO visits CP & discusses situation with Bn CO and staff & the disposition of L company.  
 1135 - L co is in position & moving fwd of their check points. Lt. Taylor visits CP with latest situation.  
 1400 - Lt. Elwell is wounded by ey arty & evacuated. Troops are under fairly heavy ey arty & mortar fire.  
 1500 - The companies are to pull back into positions they were at this morning.  
 2300 - The remainder of the day passed uneventfully. Bn CO discussed plan of atk for tomorrow & the weather for today was cold, hazy & windy. Patrols to be sent out as designated by Bn Co & S-2 & are to report upon return. Type C rations issued. All 1st Sgts & Bn Sgt Major went to Personnel today to clear their administrative matters. Lt. MURPHY evacuated with trench foot. See overlay for positions of the Bn.

## 228th Day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

(6 days in Belgium)

21 Jan 45 - Sunday (9th day in Luxembourg) Niederwampach (643-585)

0300 - See Bn FO #2 dtd 210300 Jan 45. See FM #8 fr Regt dtd 201200 Jan 45 & FM #8 (corrected) from Regt dtd 201200 Jan 45.  
 0800 - Bn CO leaves CP for OP.  
 0900 - Bn CO reports a small quantity of s/a fire in vic of ch pt 38.\*  
 0915 - 359 is on ch pt 81 & still moving without ey opposition. A Ln 0 from 26th Div., 328th Inf Regt reports to CP & discusses situation with Lt. Clark, the Bn S-3.  
 1000 - K co reports vic of ch pt 50 clear of enemy and are on phase line 1.  
 1011 - L co is now on phase line 1 and Regt'l CO visits CP & is given latest situation and states Bn will push on to next objective.  
 1130 - K co patrol is beyond phase line 2 & are on their way to phase line 1.  
 1135 - I co was alerted & told to move to ch pt 36 at once & be prepared to follow K co into Derenbach.  
 1200 - Lt. CROTTY leaves CP to establish a fwd CP at new location at Oberwampach. Bn CP is alerted to move upon notice. K co is in Derenbach, L co is S of Derenbach & I co at ch pt 36.  
 1300 - We are in the process of being pinched out by the 26th Div & the 359 & K co is on their way to town of Schwartz.  
 1400 - Bn CP closes out & moves to new location.  
 1500 - " " arrives at new location at Derenbach (678589)  
 1600 - Regt'l S-3 visits CP & discusses latest situation with Bn CO. Bn consolidates positions & await further orders. Hot food is to be served to the troops tomorrow morning, 10 in 1 rations.



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2230 - Word has come in from Regt that Bn will move to Bastogne tomorrow mng to rest, receive re-inforcements & a period of reorganization. The night passed uneventfully & Bn prepared for movement, which will be by motor. Weather today was clear and fairly warm. A cigarette ration of 8 packs per man was issued plus candy, gum and pipe tobacco & misc toilet articles. See Overlay for position of the Bn.

229th Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)  
(6 days in Belgium)

22 Jan 45 - Monday (10th day in Luxembourg) Derenbach (678589)

0800 - Bn is ready to move to new location and await QM transportation.

0830 - Lt. GROTTY leaves CP with quartering party.

0930 - Bn moves by foot to assembly area where troops entruck & move to new location by motor. Distance covered by foot approx 4 Km.

1130 - Bn arrives at new location at Bastogne, Belgium and billeted in a Catholic High School. Troops are adequately billeted & will spend the rest of the day making themselves as comfortable as possible.

1700 - Catholic church services will be held tomorrow mng at 0930 and Protestant church services will be held at 1500. Type B rations will be fed to the troops tomorrow. 2 Officers and 5 EM went to Paris on a 48 hour pass. Bn received 46 re-inforcements. Sgt. Pemberton of M co was today commissioned a 2nd Lt. 2 Officers re-inforcements were also rec'd. Weather was clear & cool. See Overlay for positions of the Bn.

230th Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)  
(10 days in Luxembourg)

23 Jan 45 - Tuesday (8th day in Belgium) Bastogne

0800 - Casualties & etc from Jan 18 to Jan 22:

Jan 18:

Co I - 1 (tr ft)  
Co K - 2 ( " " )  
Co L - 3 ( 2 tr ft; 1 sk )  
Co M - 2 (tr ft)

Jan 19:

Co I - 1 (tr Ft)  
Co K - 1 (tr ft)  
Co M - 1 (tr ft)

Jan 21:

Co K - 1 (tr ft)  
Co L - 1 (tr Ft)

Jan 20:

Hq Co - 1 (LWA)  
Co I - 2 (1 LWA; 1 tr ft)  
Co K - 3 (1 tr ft; 2 sk)  
Co L - 1 (sk)  
Co M - 1 (LWA)

Jan 23:

Co I - 1 (sk)  
Co K - 1 (tr ft)  
Co L - 5 (2 tr ft; 3 sk)  
Co M - 2 (1 sk; 1 fr bite)

1700 - Bn receives 193 re-inforcements. 2 Officers & 10 EM from the Regt are to be chosen and sent home on a 30 day furlo. Weather today was clear and cold.

231st Day  
(193 days in France)  
(24 days in Germany)  
(10 days in Luxembourg)

24 Jan 45 - Wednesday (9th day in Belgium) Bastogne

1100 - Bn receives 33 re-inforcements - 30 EM & 3 O's.

1700 - During the day, a continuous movie was enjoyed by the troops as well as showers, BX rations, the regular weekly supply of cigarettes, candy, gum and etc. Ice cream will be given to the troops at 1830, to-night and a movement of the Bn is contemplated for tomorrow. All companies told to be ready to move upon notice. Weather today was clear & cold in the morning, turning fairly warm in the afternoon. Casualties & evacuations for today:

Co I - 1 (sk)  
Co K - 1 (sk)  
Co L - 2 (1 sk; 1 fr bite)



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232nd Day

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 (24 days in Germany)  
 (10 days in Luxembourg)

25 Jan 45 - Thursday (10th day in Belgium) Bastogne

1100 - 4 Letter companies are to be issued shoe-pacs today.  
 1800 - Troops once again enjoyed movies & showers during the day & Bn is still awaiting movement orders.  
 2000 - Bn sent 10 EM and 2 Officer are sent to Paris on pass. Weather today was clear & cold. Awards were presented to 14 EM of the Bn today by the Regt'l CO at Regt.

233rd Day

(193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (10 days in Luxembourg)

26 Jan 45 - Friday (11th day in Belgium) Bastogne

0800 - See Warning Order from Bn dtd 26 Jan 45, see FM #3 from Bn dtd 260500 Jan 45 & March Table. 14 more awards are to be presented at Bn today by Regt'l CO.  
 1000 - Presentation of above awards is postponed due to movement.  
 1145 - Troops entruck on QM transportation and await movement.  
 1205 - Bn moves. See FM #9 from Regt dtd 260200 Jan 45 & March Table.  
 1315 - Troops de-truck & move by foot to Wilwerdange. Motor movement was approx 20 miles & movement by foot to present location was approx 4 miles. We are in Luxembourg once again.  
 1600 - Capt BRYAN is to go to "Orientation & Indoctrination" school in Paris for approx 10 days. Since our arrival here, Bn CO & Bn staff have & are still discussing plans for possible attack tomorrow.  
 2100 - The night passed uneventfully. Weather today was cold & clear in the morning, changing into haze & snow late in the afternoon. Lt. RUGH, Ass't Bn S-3, went on a reconn & contacted 17th Airborne CP, coming back with their latest situation & etc. We are now in the VIII Corps. See Overlay for positions of the Bn.

234th Day

(193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (11 days in Belgium)

27 Jan 45 - Saturday (12th day in Luxembourg) Wilwerdange

0700 - See FM #10 from Regt dtd 261800 Jan 45 & also FM #1 from Bn dtd 26 Jan 45.  
 0900 - Bn CP prepares to move to new location and the Bn S-2 & S-3 have already gone forward to establish a forward CP.  
 0927 - A Ln O from 90th Reconn visits CP & requests our latest situation and positions.  
 1220 - Bn rear CP closes out & moves to new location foot.  
 1440 - " " " arrives at new location at Beller (823752). At approx 1330, troops ran into a very small amount of s/a fire & opposition so small, it's hardly worth mentioning. Troops are now on way to objective C.  
 1415 - A Lt. Col. from the 274th FA Armd unit visits CP & states his unit is to support the 344th FA Bn.  
 1515 - Troops are on objective C & met with very, very, little enemy resistance that was fairly well dug in. Progress is slow because of snow and hills & troops are slowly progressing toward obj D. Tanks attached to Bn are sent to Bn CO. Major FRAVEY states the Germans are now fighting a delaying action until we hit the Siegfried line, which is about 8 Km away. Two bulldozers are on the way to clear the roads which are completely snowed under, open a supply route for the troops. It is planned to send patrols to or across the Our river to reconnoiter for a crossing site.  
 1620 - A patrol ldr from the 87th Inf Div comes into Bn CP & says he was sent just to contact us. He is given our present location of companies & the expected objective by tonight.  
 1630 - 2 newspaper correspondents visit CP & will spend the nite with the Bn & all day tomorrow, looking for material for their papers; a Mr. Sheehan & a Mr. La Verne.  
 1635 - I co is at 257A & L co is just south of 251 & are going to move to objective D.  
 1730 - Bn CO is to report to Regt for a conference with Regt'l CO



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1815 - Bn S-3 returns & says we have the town and that the enemy with tanks & infantry but were beaten off. Total PsW for to-day - 4. See Overlay for positions of the Bn.. Weather to-day was cold and clear.

235th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (11 days in Belgium)

28 Jan 45 - Sunday (13th day in Luxembourg) Bailer (823752)

0800 - Word is rec'd from Regt that we are to vacate all bldgs except the Bn CP & deploy Hq Co into the woods on our left. To-day we are to patrol extensively on this side of the Our river.  
 0900 - Bn S-1 leaves CP to reconnoiter for a new area.  
 0930 - Officers from the 1st Bn visit CP in regard to available space in town for their troops as they are moving into this town.  
 1015 - Bn MP's are to go to Laseheid to control civilians there. 1 company is holding the town.  
 1020 - I co & L co are notified that 2nd Bn will be working on ch pts 249 to 250 to 258.  
 1023 - L co has 16 PsW, six are wounded & request evacuation.  
 1400 - Bn fwd CP moves to new location.  
 1515 - " " " arrives at new location at Richtenberg & in Belgium once again.  
 1630 - Bn fwd CP moves to new location at Laseheid because of the impossibility to get vehicles to the Bn due to the heavy snow fall.  
 1705 - Bn fwd CP arrives at new location where Bn CP is already established by Bn rear CP in Belgium.  
 2100 - Bn CO, all company commanders & Bn staff discuss plans for an attack across the Our river early tomorrow morning. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Weather today was fairly warm and clear in the morning changing into high winds & cold with snow flurries in the late afternoon & a heavy snow fall at night.

236th Day  
 (193 days in France)  
 (24 days in Germany)  
 (13 days in Luxembourg)

29 Jan 45 - Monday (13th day in Belgium) Laseheid

0600 - The bulldozer snow plow is to plow roads leading to the troops & 2 truck loads of equipment will be sent to troops.  
 0630 - Trucks will not be able to get pre-arranged equipment to troops & will have to be hand carried to the troops. Arty is to smoke concern pt 272 and troops prepare to attack at 0830.  
 0730 - Bn CO states troops are receiving tank & arty fire.  
 0845 - Major FALVEY reports that a PW from Oberhausen stated that SS troops are in front of us.  
 0905 - Attack has been postponed until 0930.  
 1010 - Patrols of a friendly unit are in vicinity of concern pt 272.  
 1025 - 2nd Bn is not across the Our river & are under s/a fire.  
 1115 - Our line to the CP is out once again. At present our communications by radio are out due to the natural elements & the valley the radio is trying to operate in. Even our radio relay station doesn't help! Our wire communications are in one minute and out the next due to heavy vehicular traffic.  
 1410 - Bn prepares to attack after a 3 minute Arty barrage of smoke shells to start immediately. All communications are in & now functioning properly.  
 1420 - " On the way " is given by the Arty. 2nd Bn is now crossing river with 1st Bn right behind them & we are to continue with our original mission.  
 1434 - Troops have jumped off into the attack.  
 1445 - I co is now crossing river & engaged in a fairly heavy fire fight, L co is to follow up.  
 1453 - Time burst Arty is to be fired on enemy infantry at 872778.  
 1455 - Arty to be placed on 870772 where enemy inf & MG are located. Regt'l CO stopped troops from crossing of the river and Bn will await further orders.  
 1605 - T/D O attached to Bn reports to CP with one plt, saying his other plt will be up tomorrow.



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1710 - Bn S-1 is to go to town of Staubach to establish a new CP location.  
 1820 - Bn CO returns with latest situation & discusses plans & movement. See FM #1 from Regt dtd 292100 Jan 45.  
 2300 - See overlay for positions of the Bn. Weather for today was cold and hazy with occasional snow flurries.

237th Day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

(13 days in Luxembourg)

30 Jan 45 - Tuesday (14th day in Belgium)Lascheid

0750 - Bn prepares to move to new location.  
 0800 - Bn S-1 leaves for new area.  
 0830 - Bn fwd CP moves to new location by foot.  
 1015 - " " " arrives at new location at Staubach and Bn CO discusses & stresses to all company commanders proposal for a new movement & for the attack. Earlier this morning, L co lost one jeep at the bridge site in this town. All vehicles are ordered out of town by Regt'l CO.  
 1215 - K co is at ck point 270.  
 1330 - K co is at ck point 323. No opposition as yet. I co is released.  
 1440 - 4 PsW taken by K co.. All civilians have been apprehended & evacuated.  
 1600 - A bulldozer now at Bn CP is to plough a road leading to next town for our route of supply and movement.  
 1705 - Bn CO is at check pt 323 & says the companies have moved down into the valley. Report has come in thru Arty Ln 0 that 1st Bn is being counter attacked by approx 200 enemy & word is immediately relayed to Bn CO at CP.  
 1800 - Bn CP prepares to move to new location or establish a forward CP.  
 1810 - K co calls for 2 litters.  
 1930 - Bn fwd CP moves to new location, a rear CP remaining.  
 2130 - Regt'l CO visits CP & gives Lt. CROTTY our objective for today & tomorrow.  
 2300 - Troops have halted for the night between ck points 37 to 39, employing an all around defense. Weather today was cold and hazy with occasional snow flurries during the day, changing into sleet & rain late at night. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Supplies were hand carried to the troops by cooks, A&P plt and GRO squad.

238th Day

(193 days in France)

(24 days in Germany)

(13 days in Luxembourg)

31 Jan 45 - Wednesday (15th day in Belgium)Staubach

0800 - Bn rear CP prepares to move to new location.  
 ✓ 0830 - " " " moves to new location at Diepert.  
 ✓ 0915 - " " " arrives at new location at Diepert (879768). Troops have jumped off to seize phase line C, today's mission.  
 1000 - Enemy reported at check point 266 and at 893765.  
 ✓ 1020 - Regt'l CO visits CP & discusses latest situation. Troops report terrain is very difficult & progress slow but no enemy opposition.  
 1033 - Troops are approaching check point 38.  
 1200 - K company calls for Arty on ck pts 86 & 87 but Arty Ln 0 can't get clearance on it as 1st Bn claims they have troops in that area.  
 ✓ 1243 - K co calls for litter bearers. Ey MG fire is reported coming from vic of ck pt 36, mingled with rifle fire. Also some MG fire coming from a bit S of check point 86 and that our Arty has knocked out 4 Ey SP guns. K company takes 2 PsW  
 1455 - L company takes an ey 1st Lt. as a PW.

Casualties and etc from 25 Jan up to 30 Jan 45:

Jan 25:Jan 26:Jan 27:

Co I - 3 (sk)

Co I - 1 (sk)

Co K - 2 (1 sk; 1 LWA)

Co M - 1 (sk)

Co K - 2 (1 sk; 1 fr bite)

Co L - 8 (4sk; 1 fr bite; 3 SWA)

Co L - 1 (sk)

Co M - 2 (sk)

Jan 28:

Co I - 6 (1 sk; 2 fr bite; 3 LWA)

Jan 29:

Co I - 5 (1 sk; 3 LWA; 1 SWA)

Co K - 1 (NBC)

Co K - 12 (6 LWA; 5 SWA; 1 BE)

Co L - 2 (1 sk; 1 SWA)

Co L - 1 (old wound)



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Jan 30:

Co I - 2 (sk)  
 Co K - 5 (2 sk; 2 LWA; 1 SWA)  
 Co L - 4 (sk)  
 Co M - 2 (1 sk; 1 LWA)

Jan 31:

Hq Co - 2 (sk)  
 Co I - 2 (1 sk; 1 NBC)  
 Co K - 5 (1 sk; 1 fr bite; 2 LWA; 1 SWA)  
 Co L - 2 (1 BE; 1 LWA)  
 Co M - 4 (LWA)

5 more PsW taken by K co, all wounded, including 1 ey captain.

1535 - K co is on eh pts 86 to 87 & L co 87, almost to 39. As soon as I co hits eh pt 39, an advance CP will be established at eh pt 39.

1610 - Troops are on the objective & are consolidating their positions, employing an all around defense.

2300 - See Bn Overlay for positions of Bn. Weather today was very poor, especially for fighting; somewhat warm, icy & a slight drizzle of rain during the entire day, making it very slippery. Bn CO, Bn staff & all CO's planned for the attack tomorrow.

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