

LISTING OF INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC FOR APRIL 1945

<u>TIME</u> <u>IN</u> <u>OUT</u>	<u>SER</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>TIME</u> <u>DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
	1	010650	Unit moved out for Wolkshausen, encountered more bazooka fire, by-passed town and moved toward Geukonigshofen
	2	010925	McLaughlin sighted one tank and knocked it out vicinity south of Hohestedt
	3	011100	Point moving in on Gohensfurt. Bridge at river believed to be in good condition, one tank sighted on other side of the river, fire brought on tank knocked it out
	4	011035	Bridge center span blown as unit entered town
	5	011055	Clayton reported that center span of bridge is blown but can be repaired. Supports are still good. One Mark V tank fired on and knocked out
	6	011300	Clayton's bulldozer with two light tanks knocked out another tank
	7	011425	Co B ordered to attack by surprise the town of Berkthret with one platoon of infantry. Town found heavily occupied, due to lack of knowledge, little accomplished. Three light tanks were knocked out, 3 casualties, 5 infantry casualties
	8	011600	CP set up in Conensfurt, bridge guard established security outposts. Patrols set up
1100	1	020600	Usual duties around CP
	2	021100	Message received from Ex Off, CC-B stating info received that there is evidence of a Panzer Grenadier Div in general vicinity at Staldorf, Coord 6010
	3	022005	Co commanders meeting. CC cautions unit commanders of looting by personnel. Unit alerted to move after 2400 on 15 minutes notice.
	1	031120	CO called meeting of all officers to discuss plans for crossing and assault on Wurzburg
0800	2	030400	Operations Instructions were issued by CC-B with overlay. Unit alerted to move at 1400
1445	3	031445	Orders changed, route and objective changed. Unit to cross river and proceed to Zeubelried going into assembly area at that point facing north, then unit to turn south and secure bridge at Marktbret.
	4	031600	All of force over bridge except Hq and trains. Tanks are definitely canalized and unable to move over hill due to enemy dug in position. Artillery laying time fire over enemy dug in out on hill
	5	031800	Force still unable to negotiate positions on hill. CO calls CC-B and informs him that he must pull back to proximity of bridge and was planning on leaving Hq Section on other side of bridge, but higher hq says to move entire unit over

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
6	031915	McConnel removing dud bomb from road. Clayton reports unable to move until McConnel clears
7	031935	CO CC-B appears in area to talk to Field
8	031941	Command Section crosses bridge
9	032100	CO requests to pull back and consolidate positions. CP set up for night. One tank from Company A stuck; TRVs sent to take care of tank. Outpost posted
1	040200	Enemy patrols infiltrated into Cohensfurt, two peeps destroyed belonging to B/119 with enemy grenades
2	040400	Infantry Co B/56 attached to Force Fields for operations on Erlach
3	040700	Point moved out for Erlach, meeting slight resistance
4	041100	Hq and Hq Trains still in Kl. Ochsenfurt waiting orders to move forward behind main force
5	041500	Unit moving over hill to assembly area
6	041600	Tail of column hit by MG fire, turned and went back. Heavy artillery fire coming in from front landing in woods. MG fire received on S-2 track
7	041635	Jenks right AG lays three rounds HE heavy time fire landing in woods to right along edge
8	041640	Air OP reports enemy leaving Zeubelried and Erlach
9	041650	Wilson reports halftrack in our rear column hit. Lt McConnell killed and one man, several men injured. One reconnaissance peep hit by MG fire, three men hurt badly
10	041705	Lead tank of point got tube shot off by AT. CO urges to move into defilade to bring fire on ATs
11	041725	Air OP reports light tank leaving town from north. Clayton trying to spot it. Three tanks spotted in woods at 695250
12	041759	Tanks reported moving toward us. Field calls Cook to guard halftracks. McLaughlin called forward. Clayton moving around woods to left. Mac coming around to move to north
13	041810	Mac knocked out AT gun
14	041815	Force Field leading elements at 685258, reported to CC-B
15	042155	Unit taken Erlach moved into assembly area for night. Five enemy tanks, three 88s knocked out during afternoon and early evening, few PWs. 4 th Infantry Div doughs with one company 70 Tank Battalion moved up and took Zeuberied. Reconnaissance Platoon: 3 men wounded in peep, Sgt Phillips, Pvt Boone and Pvt Greenan
1	050600	Unit commanders meeting at CO-s tank
2	050715	Ten planes attacked forward elements by strafing and bombs. Command section with halftracks in rear of column strafed. Observation plane overhead also attacked by one plane
3	050830	No resistance being encountered at Kitzengen
4	050845	Clayton reports roadblock at railroad underpass; Engineers to demolish. Air OP reports road bridge slightly damaged, railroad bridge is blown
5	050940	Unit moving into Kitzengen. Clayton reports one bazooka found and number of snipers encountered
6	051200	Bridgehead secured by Force Field. CO CC-B informed of situation by Field
7	051245	70 th Tank Battalion, A Co and Infantry Battalion moved into town
8	051315	CO CC-B orders to turn over bridgehead to other force and prepare to move in any direction
9	05-----	Approximately 30 PWs taken up to 1300. Artillery and mortar firing to east side of river
10	051350	French laborers say German soldiers had been removing uniforms for civilian clothes and were leaving their posts
11	051600	Unit in Kitzengen preparing to send flying column to Vesthies. One hundred thirty enemy reported entering town from east
12	051630	Point of Mac reports WP falling south of Westheim. Air OP reports same. CO cautions Mac not to fire on friendly troops

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
13	051635	CC-A entering Rottendorf
14	051640	Friendly troops firing on Westheim
15	051725	Unit moved into position outside Westheim. Group of Russians and Poles came out of town and announced there were no enemy or opposition in the town
16	051730	CO CC-B orders to move out to Biebelreid and back to Kitzengen and flush out whatever force can find
17	051800	Unit moving through Biebelried toward Reppeindorf thence to Kitzengen. Fifty PWs taken with no opposition. Unit ordered to rest in Kitzengen for night and proceed on original plan in morning
1	060630	Company commanders meeting for preparation of move
2	060900	Unit resupplied and refueled
3	060930	Force moved out on mission
4	061000	Unit meeting no resistance in Nichelfeld. Mac exploiting to Obrienbriet. Foster sighted and knocked out one tank
5	061115	Markt Bret reported cleared and occupied by Div, ordered no firing into town. Force Field ordered to move north and exploit town of Hohenfeld and Marktstaf for presence of enemy
6	061120	Unit turning about preparation for move to north
7	061200	Orders to move to Hohenfeld and Marktstaf changed, to return to Kitzengen
8	061300	CC-B orders to move to Mainbernheim and clean out any opposition force might encounter
9	061425	Unit in Mainbernheim, no opposition, no prisoners. Small task force sent to town of Iphofen and found town unoccupied by enemy troops. Norton reports location at 820257.
10	06-----	Force confirms one Mark IV tank and one halftrack knocked out by Jenks and Foster, in addition to the five tanks on 4 April
11	061600	Major Field awarded Silver Star
1	07-----	Unit in Mainbernheim. No activities
1	080800	Unit in Mainbernheim, consolidating and performing maintenance
1	090800	Patrol and outpost instituted during night, no unusual activity noted
2	092400	No unusual activities, usual patrols and duties were carried out throughout day
1	090800	No unusual activity in area
2	091000	Sixty-one reinforcements received
3	091515	Unit alerted to move (verbal orders)
4	091730	Company commanders meeting held to discuss plans of order of movement
5	091830	Point moved out for objective
6	091945	Clayton reports receiving lot of fire
7	091945	Nearing Klein Langheim. Lt La France seriously wounded by artillery fire on tank. Tank was covered by other tanks and withdrawn to vicinity of CO
8	092000	CO calling artillery for fire on town. Clayton reports that fire being received from opposite side of creek
9	092045	Parsons firing into town
10	092300	Clayton fires rocket into town at Wagon column where FC desired fire
11	092400	Unit holding line, tail of column moved into closed position with Company A w/Inf halftracks
1	100200	Garvey bringing up rocket launcher of Co A, hit mine which had been laid after column passed, also reported that the enemy had bazooka positions along entire road behind our advance and that he would not be able to come forward until daylight
2	100830	Clayton reports tank hit in gun shield, gunner wounded badly (same tank Lt LaFrance was hit in)
3	100900	One tank from Clayton hit; medics called, no info on circumstances

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
4	100915	Fire of some kind landing to right front of Sgt Burke's tank (Co D) who is on rear flank guard
5	101000	Same fire coming to assembly area, just light and harassing. Mortar platoon firing smoke to cover Clayton's withdrawal
6	101100	Situation unchanged. Field withdrawing to higher ground in order to develop situation
7	101105	Norton reports hospital in town Stadt Schworbach, 250 wounded patients and staff of 50 officers and nurses
8	101150	Capt Shipe ordered 50 rounds 81mm WP and 60 rounds 4.5 rocket
9	101315	Norton entering vicinity of town of Klein Langheim from north, vehicle seen moving in
10	101430	PW reports location of trains of opposing force, also states force numbers 300
11	101630	Seagull minor calls for Air to attack trains
12	101640	Task Force Norton moving out on new objective, town of Castel. Task Force Field is to block to the north and secure Norton's move
13	101700	Norton moved into Castel. CC-B and TF Field to move into Castel for night, refuel and resupply. Outposts posted and security established for night
1	110715	TF Norton moved out for objective. TF Field to remain in assembly area until Norton clears
2	111020	Unit in assembly area, two PWs brought in by Pvt Grabowski after running battle
3	111140	Point reports firing on four enemy on side of hill
4	111250	Jenks sighted two 20mm guns at railroad station in Schienfeld, requested fire on gun
5	111255	One tank sighted in Markt Bibert by Mac. Point received two rounds of AT. Foster reports lots of enemy in town. Clayton ordered up and Force trying to develop situation
6	111300	PW captured, says there are dug-in positions northeast of town and that there are two tanks deployed, also they have artillery support
7	111315	Mortar platoon firing
8	111315	Medics called for Co A. Dough boys hit, considerable fire being received
9	111330	Automatic weapons fire being received in town
10	111340	Six prisoners taken, information received that there are 250 dug in on other side of town. Air OP states he can see signs in Altenheusan designation a battalion Hq. Some AT fire being received. Enemy supposedly well armed with Panzer Faust. PW states that he was told that 50 tanks were moved through the town last night; he did not see them
11	111530	CO requests Air support in woods south of town. Warns Air Corps to not drop eggs on Markt Bibert as he is now ready to move doughs in
12	111545	Air Liaison Officer requests accurate coordinates and assures CO of immediate action
13	111700	Task Force Field moved into Markt Bibert. Security posted. Unit preparing to spend night
14	111800	Maj Comfort, Lt Cook with two light tanks captured one panther tank and crew intact
15	112400	No unusual activities noted
1	120630	CO holds company commanders meeting in preparation for move
2	120830	Norton Force moves into town following point through. CO reports significant zag trenches and dug-in positions outside town in pairs to southeast
3	120850	Clayton knocked out one tank at 0830. CO calls CC-B and confirms knocking out four tanks in past 24 hours. PW reports that there is one Panzer Regiment present in this area. Field offered captured Panther tank to Ordnance but Co D had destroyed it before he had the chance to get answer. Air OP reports that there is evidence of several tanks, some of them evidently Panthers
4	120940	PW states 59 tanks of large size went through Sugenheim for unknown destination; information passed on to higher Hq
5	121000	Unit advancing to Krautoschein. Order: move into assembly area at that point before jumping off to new objective

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
6	121015	knocked out one Mark IV tank and took 5 prisoners after unit had passed through - near tank that Clayton had knocked out previously
7	121020	CO CC-B instructs Field to pull into Krautosheim and consolidate until Norton could be moved in to secure all around protection. Also to look over terrain to be negotiated on route to new objective
8	121020	One staff car knocked out by Clayton at edge of Krautosheim. Air OP reports one staff car, one light tank and two track vehicles at crossroads out of Krautosheim. Clayton is in center of town but has not seen any vehicles
9	121030	Co D reports knocking out AT gun
10	12-----	CC-R situation: 7799 – Red Infantry; 770023 Red Tanks
11	121035	Report that German General in area, name Von Bonn. CP apparently in K. Infantry ordered by Field to look town over well for staff officers
12	121115	Cook with D Co ordered on reconnaissance mission to Ingelstadt
13	121135	Cook reports artillery falling in Markt Nordheim, also tank apparently camouflaged at edge of town
14	121200	Cook reports horse drawn vehicles leaving town of Rottanheim, taking to hills
15	121205	Mac states that he can bring fire on column reported by Cook. Field says do so
16	121205	Clayton states he has knocked out one AT gun and observed a column leaving Berolsheim. Field requests Air OP to observe and call time fire on them. Clayton reports three more trucks knocked out and one Mark IV tank
17	121215	Cook reports he has knocked out one vehicle and sights friendly troops entering town of Ingolstadt, will swing around to get more krauts
18	121300	Air force attack town on request, Herboltsheim, to counter enemy evacuating from town
19	12-----	Cook took 25 PWs, killed five and wrecked one horse drawn column. One AT gun which was believed to be a tank before at Ingolstadt
20	121500	Unit point (Clayton) moved into Markt Nordheim, encountered no resistance. White flag hanging from church steeple
21	121525	Clayton reports that civilian stated that both bridges are mined, he is using prisoners to take down bridge
22	121530	Approximately 30 PWs taken in town
23	121600	Unit in town; CP set up
24	122400	No unusual activities
1	130800	Overlay received for small task forces to occupy town in vicinity
2	131000	Lt Cook with small task force occupied town of Humprectsus, reported that he had received no resistance, encountered mine in two blocks of town
3	131100	CO to CC-B. Company commanders meeting called
4	131230	CO gave orders for task forces formation and info for commanders to work on task forces were as follows: Task Force Clayton, one platoon tanks plus two tanks, one platoon infantry, objective Rudiebronn 95108; Task Force McLaughlin, Co A plus one platoon infantry, objective Hermecteau 9210; Task Force Trusley, one platoon tanks plus C/56, objective Mulesheim; Task Force Cook, Co D plus two tanks C Co plus one platoon of C/56, mission to hold Herboltsheim in reserve. Mission of all forces: reconnaissance in force if objectives are free of enemy, to occupy, if town is in force by enemy, get on high ground and hold what ground they have. Task Force Comfort: Battalion Hq plus Mortar Platoon and Assault guns to move to Krautosheim and set up CP. One Medic peep per force. Medic aid station at CP. Infantry broken down as follows: 2 nd Platoon – McLaughlin; 4 th Platoon – Clayton; 3 rd Platoon – Cook; 1 st Platoon – Cook

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
5	131315	Task Forces moved out for objectives
6	131415	Battalion Hq with Mortar and AG moved to Krautosheim. CP set up; no unusual activities
1	140830	Unit ordered to move to Uplstadt
2	141300	Task Forces relieved of missions and unit consolidated with Hq to move and secure bridgehead at Dietersheim; initial move to Hasenlohe
3	141415	Moved from assembly area Uhlstadt, order of march: A, one platoon infantry, AG, C/56, C/714, Hq and Hq, D
4	141515	Point has reached town of Dietersheim. Town is flying white flag, both bridges are intact and not mined. Point tank has crossed first bridge but second bridge not strong enough to cross tanks; bridge to be reinforced
5	141535	Jenks reports receiving direct fire on his position, round of HE landed about 10 yards from his tank
6	141600	Artillery fire received on center of column. Command half tract and trains moved back to defilade. Air OP trying to locate gun positions
7	141615	Field requests Engineers to bring up two spans of Treadway to bridge site as bridge had collapsed. Col Bromely with CO at bridge site
8	142000	Remainder of Force Field crossed bridge at Dietersheim. Orders from CC-B: establish bridgehead and post security for night. McLaughlin to hold high ground to northeast of town with C/56 and Clayton with B/56 to remain in southeast of town. CC-B to remain in Unter Nesselbach with Norton's force. CO to CC-B
9	142100	One peep hit two mines, Engineers to sweep in morning
10	142240	Mortar fire falling on force elements on outposts. Jenks observed mortar on side hill, fire adjusted with artillery and believed to have knocked out guns. No fire heard remainder of night
11	142300	Operations Instructions received for 15 April with overlay
1	150400	Co A reports heavy vehicle movement to direct front of Co C. Also reports tanks in vicinity (southeast)
2	150500	Two PWs walked through lines, interned by Co A
3	150530	Company commanders meeting, operations instructions given with order of march, overlay and instructions attached
4	150730	Considerable SA fire received from dense woods, one half track hit mine. Artillery scattered and harassing, roadblock believed before bridge
5	151015	PW states approx. 1000 men in vicinity of Beerbach and Rossbach. Field Force now entering Unter Rossbach. Light artillery and mortar reported at 071089
6	151040	Point moving into Ober Rossbach
7	151055	McL reports receiving mortar or light artillery
8	151100	McL reports knocking out one truck with ammo and food, one Ub Model Peep
9	151155	McL reports point destroying another truck at east side of woods
10	151300	Force Field ordered to move into assembly area at Hermusnauses. CO directs McL to hold high ground east of town, also CC directs reconnaissance to main highway and await Norton Force reaching objective
11	15-----	Polish soldier reports that three 105mm are in woods to rear of force. Cook with platoon of lights reconnoitered woods and found previous location of guns, at same time rear column was hit by sniper and SA fire. Cook is holding hot fire on woods while column clears. Co C Rocket Commander was hit, also Co A first sergeant
12	151500	Intense artillery fire being received in town of Herusnauses. Lt Cook evacuated with head wound received from sniper while covering rear of column into town

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
13	151600	Company and platoon commanders called to CP, intense artillery still coming in on southeast side of town
14	151805	Unit ordered to move to Mosbach, town has been supposedly cleared by 56 th
15	152000	CO CC-B decided force should stay in Schellart as Mosbach was not big enough
16	152100	Companies outposted for night, no unusual activity
17	152200	Movement order received
1	160800	Unit preparing for movement
2	161000	Unit point has sighted Markt Erlbach. Higher Hq states not to waste any time clearing M-E, to go through as quickly as possible
3	161025	Air OP reports that bridges at Adelsdorf out. Engineers survey to estimate repairs necessary
4	161220	Air burst and ground fire received on rear positions and tanks of Co A
5	161500	Patrol of Co D encountered mine field, one tank damaged
6	161555	Bridge complete and CO ordered Trusley to move out
7	161720	Clayton entered Birch Fernbach with orders to outpost for night. CO CC-B decided to make dash for next objective in order to secure bridge for tomorrow's objective
8	161800	Intense artillery fire being received between Eberndorf and Kircheimbach; vehicle observed. Calling for artillery support to try to locate guns
9	162000	Force ordered to spend night at present location. Clayton found gun in woods, large caliber, one airplane, number of horses and wagons still hitched up. McL saw what resembled a hangar and supply dump and now destroying them
10	162020	Clayton reports destroying two 170mm guns and number of crated bombs at airfield
11	162300	Some machine gun fire received by outposts, artillery fired into area on call
1	170545	Company commanders meeting and order for day's movement given. Unit jumped off 0700 with Co A as point 0745. McL reports locating tank in shed, also sighted two more tanks at great range
2	170800	Point moving to Gross Habersdorf, many Krauts observed in the town. Infantry ordered to move up into town with tanks
3	171000	Three tanks knocked out at intervals in vicinity of Gross Habersdorf, one locomotive, two boxcars, one staff car, three trucks destroyed
4	171230	Wilson has bridge in condition, column moving
5	171300	Minefield encountered, engineers moved the mines and column moved forward slowly. Lead tank of McL hit by Panzer Faust. FO trying to locate guns who are firing into bridge site, also laying time fire up around column, firing ceased but Air OP trying to locate. Dethloff observed four or five Krauts in apparent CP and fired on them; they dispersed but apparently were not hit
6	171315	Bridge gave way directly in front of Jenks but engineers reinforcing, can soon move remainder of Force over
7	171500	Force moving but running into considerable small arms fire and Panzer Faust
8	171600	No change in situation. Clayton moving on to Bonhoff, he can see into town but can't notice anything that might indicate enemy in town
9	171700	Unit still moving slowly, rear of column moving
10	171820	Clayton has high ground overlooking Heilbronn. Norton Force emerging from woods at 8825 approx 2,000 yards northwest (?) of Clayton's position, both forces are aware of each other's presence. CO informs CC-B of trouble in getting through, numerous mines have been laid and obstacles such as craters and blown bridge
11	172200	In assembly area, no unusual activities
1	180900	Unit in assembly area in Heilbronn, alerted to move at 1115

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
2	180930	Schoolhouse in Heilbronn yielded number of 20mm gun barrels, tank sights, periscope lenses, medical supplies and x-ray equipment
3	181240	Leading elements encountered mines vicinity 1286; Engineers platoon sweeping area
4	181300	Forward elements knocked out one towed 75mm AT gun
5	181320	Forward elements receiving direct AT fire and HE, one round of AP over Command halftrack
6	181400	Leading elements moving through woods toward Wustendorf. Progress slow as road by-pass limited to number of vehicles
7	181630	Unit jumps off for final drive into Ansbach
8	181700	Clayton reports knocking out three 88s at 082842. Enemy very thick in bunkers and foxholes
9	181730	Clayton reports he has destroyed three 88s, one 105 Howitzer; 200 PWs taken up to this time
10	181800	Combat patrol with Trusley moving into town are receiving a bit of time fire
11	181830	Col Bromley orders that we remain in present position until he has cleared suitable route into town
12	181900	Trusley reports roadblock is hastily constructed but he can remove it
13	182000	Unit moving into Ansbach. CP established for night. Entire division elements moving in
1	191000	Order received to move to Feuchtwangen, route of march on overlay
2	191600	Remainder of unit moving out. McLaughlin on point with one squad of Engineers, one platoon infantry; to move out to objective as flying task force. Order of march for rear elements: Co C plus one platoon infantry Command Section (tanks) C/56 Assault Gun Platoon Engineers Co D
		Services to remain in Ansbach
3	191600	Rate of march very fast. Road conditions poor. Second bridge at Herridon fell through and was by-passed
4	192040	Bridge at Ober-Schonbronn fell through. AP fire being received vicinity Ober-Schonbronn. Unit turned back and by-passed to northeast over bridge at Boskaus. Co A on point, continuing on to Aichan. Apparent minefield being investigated by Co A
5	192100	Remainder of unit clearing bridge at Bockaus. Artillery (HE and smoke) laid at Ober-Schonbronn to screen unit as pass executed
6	192120	Lucky round from artillery hit ammo dump which exploded in vicinity Ober-Schonbronn
7	192140	Force closed into assembly area at Aichen, local security set up. Fourteen PWs taken during day's operation
8	192200	Company commanders meeting called with orders issued for next day's operation
1	200600	Force moving to support TFN in Feuchtwangen
2	200700	Force moving to high ground east of Feuchtwangen
3	200730	Clayton and McLaughlin in position overlooking the town; some activity being observed
4	200800	McLaughlin fired on enemy trying to infiltrate into town along road. No contact made at 0730 with CC-R who is supposed to move into and occupy town. Force ordered to fire only south of grid line 67
5	200920	Permission granted to move in and attack town as CC-R held up. TFN and TFF ordered to take town. CC-R ordered to observe no fire line. TFN to move into town, TFF to send force to protect south flank of town
6	201220	TFF entered town and established CP. Outposts of tanks plus infantry set up west of railroad

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
7	201600	Three rounds of AP received in vicinity of Co A tanks. No information of where rounds came from. Combat patrol of one platoon light tanks plus squad of infantry under Lt Turley encountered roadblock and cleared same. No resistance met. Total of 12 PWs taken during day's operations
1	210800	Unit in assembly area in Feuchtwangen. No unusual activities
2	212100	Received order for march and movement to vicinity of Zobingen (see OI and overlay)
3	212200	Order received to extend objective to Bopfingen. Unit alerted to move 220630
4	212300	No PWs taken during day's operations
1	220630	Force moved out for objective
2	221020	March uneventful. Rate of march very fast. Bopfingen reached and ordered to move on to the town of Ohmenheim
3	221100	Unit still moving. All trains still with unit to remain until situation develops
4	221600	Unit moving into Steinheim. CP established for night, security outposted, patrols instituted
5	222300	No unusual activities. Total of 129 PWs taken during day's operations
1	230730	Unit attached to CC-A and ordered to proceed at once to Dilligen and pass through bridgehead to Holzheim
2	231000	Clayton knocked out two 88s beyond bridge on route to Holzheim
3	231200	Unit closed in at Holzheim
4	231400	CP established, patrols instituted
5	231600	Clayton on patrol released 600 Allied PWs plus 20 American PWs (see overlay)
6	232300	No unusual enemy activities. Sixty-seven PWs taken during day's operations, 11 AT guns destroyed. Estimate of enemy killed: 101
1	240800	Unit in assembly area at Holzheim
2	241400	Unit ordered to move to Weisingen. Closed into Weisingen at 1500, CP established and order received to move to vicinity Aislingen thus to Gundemmingen on order
3	241500	Co D patrol out to vicinity Scheppach
4	242000	Unit moved to Gundemmingen. CP established for night. Patrol from Co D reports bridges at railroad and autobahn south of Burgeu intact but mined (see overlay of patrol). One plane, enemy, crashed with three bodies in it reported by patrol
5	242230	Patrols returned
6	242300	Total PWs taken during day's operations: 9
1	250400	Company commanders meeting. Orders issued for jump off
2	250630	TFF moving out for objective
3	250730	Point reports moving into Remshart, observed Krauts running around town; doughs dismounted to enter town
4	250900	McLaughlin reports point pushed through town Remshart, encountered large number of enemy in draw (see overlay). Several enemy surrendering, plan to push on through draw with Trusley's doughs cleaning up
5	251119	Approx 200 PWs taken. Nebelwarfer fire being received, believed to be coming from vicinity Gunzberg. Air mission requested on Gunzberg. Air OP report artillery fired on guns that were believed to be firing on rear elements and guaranteed that guns were knocked out
6	251200	Bridge on autobahn reported blown
7	251230	Six explosions observed vicinity Gunzberg, apparently bridges or dumps being blown. Air OP will try to observe
8	251310	CO informs CC-B that PWs and civilians state that town of Offingen is Hq of two battalions and that there are several hundred enemy there

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
9	251330	Situation growing rather hot as situation develops further
10	251400	Infantry trying to work into Offingen, meeting stiff small arms fire and burp gun fire from woods to right
11	251600	Situation develops into house-to-house fighting. Infantry withdrawn to favorable positions
12	251610	Co D/56 th Infantry to move up from Limbach to help attack town
13	251730	Artillery working over woods before infantry moves in, also AG plus Mortar plus Co C Rocket tank laying intense barrage in with artillery
14	251730	Norton's force moved into Hortheusson
15	251830	Infantry of Co C and Co D/56 moving in coordination on objective, receiving intense SA and hand grenades
16	251900	CO D/56 reaches objective, calling for C/56 to move up to protect left flank
17	251930	Col Bromely extends his congratulations to D/56 for a job well done
18	252000	Force pulling back to Rottenbach for night and consolidation
19	252200	In assembly area, CP established, security posted, counter attack expected. PWs taken during day's operation: 441
20	252400	Unknown artillery coming in around town
1	260020	Federal (63 rd Infantry) is fighting against stiff opposition north part of G-town and in ESE Lei.
2	260200	Force in assembly area, Rottenbach, unknown artillery coming in
3	260300	Enemy plane flying over very low. SA fire heard from direction of Hortheusen
4	260700	Patrol instituted to direction Offingen
5	260700	Civilian reports Offingen clear of enemy. Patrol from D/56 sent to investigate, plus platoon B/714
6	260830	Patrol from C/56 with platoon of D/714 to be sent in direction of Reisenberg
7	260830	Two 81mm mortars destroyed, also a quantity of Panzerfausts
8	260900	One platoon infantry C/56 plus one platoon C/714 sent to Borgau to clean out enemy that had infiltrated. Artillery being laid in vicinity Borgau
9	260930	Counter-attack developing against 63 rd Infantry vicinity Leipheim, Gunzberg. Force alerted to move to Gunzberg to wipe out counter-attack
10	260956	Trusley's patrol to Reisenburg recalled
11	261003	Civilian reports SS troops approaching Offingen
12	261030	Offingen patrol reports seeing six SS troops from OP. Obs Plane going up to observe. A few troops seen in woods
13	261050	Belgiums and Poles report three batteries small artillery in Gunzberg. Also lot of AckAck 39 or 40 mm. At 0700 SS troops left Offingen to get 50 other SS troops
14	261110	Orders changed, to remain in present position and clear out Offingen. Plans to move Trusley northwest to railroad and pivot to right and work toward Blair who is going through town. McLaughlin in general support to northwest. Clayton to move through with Blair. Taylor to contact 63 rd Infantry at Gunzberg and maintain liaison with that unit
15	261130	Blair reports reaching railroad and could see Danube, only saw few enemy
16	261135	Blair reports has cleared town and is outposting along railroad, also has 15 or 20 PWs
17	2611142	Turley with patrol cleared roadblock and reports bridge leading to Gudemmingen has a crater just this side of bridge
18	261145	Boone on way to contact Blair with OI on coordinated attack. Blair to contact both Cook and Boone
19	261200	Boone contacted friendly forces on high ground north of our positions. 63 rd Infantry one battalion moving on Offingen. Boone made arrangements to coordinate movement of both forces. Objective of 63 rd was to secure high ground north of railroad. Another battalion is moving

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
		through woods toward Offingen. Boone contacted Blair and Cook and notified them of the situation.
20	261205	Friendly troops moving in from west. Hold position in Offingen until they arrive, then bring D back
21	261215	Officer from 63 rd reported into CP and informed CO of his mission and relative positions, also stated that his unit had thrown the artillery which had been received during night and had planned on laying down heavy barrage before moving into town which we now occupy
22	261200	Col Bromely at CP, gives new movements orders. Force to proceed to Gunzberg
23	261320	Clayton reports clearing Gunzberg
24	261330	CO CC-B directs main body halt just west of railroad and point to proceed cautiously to Leipheim
25	261330	Clayton reports his lead elements are in Leipheim. Reports that he has contacted friendly troops who have been counterattacked twice during the night and once this morning
26	261500	Unit halted in Gunzberg
27	261600	Unit turned around and returned on route as before through Rottenbach and thus to Burgau
28	261630	Capt Zabrowski, CC-B met resistance on west side of town as he was entering. Enemy had infiltrated patrols through during night, also large numbers were in woods south of main highway
29	261830	CP established in Burgau after artillery and tanks had succeeded in clearing enemy from town and woods
30	262200	Total PWs taken during day's operations: 31
1	270700	Order received from CC-B to be prepared to march at 1000 (see overlay and OI)
2	270900	Company commanders meeting held and OI and march order given to companies
3	271020	Order to move at 1030 received
4	271050	Column halted at tail to 63 rd Infantry Division column moving in the same direction
5	271130	Column moving very slowly. CC-B informs CO that bridge at Zietmanshausen is out and CC-B is repairing same, that is the possible hold-up
6	271140	Destination changed. Unit to proceed to Heltinfingen. CC calls Exec Officer McLaughlin, Clayton to command tank for instructions
7	271300	No resistance being met, trip uneventful
8	271730	Closed in Langeringen, CP established
9	272000	Patrol of three light tanks under Lt Pagnotti, plus one squad of infantry sent out to contact CC-A at Landsberg. Liaison effected with 253 Infantry CP at Schwebmunchen (at 2040)
10	272100	Negative reports from all outposts
11	272135	D Co reports no radio contact with patrol. Will call on first contact
12	272200	Negative reports from all outposts. No contact with patrol to CC-A
13	272300	Negative reports from all outposts. No contact with patrol to CC-A
14	272315	Cook says no contact with patrol to CC-A. CC-B LO called, says no bridgehead made. Will try to contact patrol to CC-A if communications available, says CC-A at Landsberg
15	272400	Negative reports from all outposts
1	280007	D Co patrol to CC-A returned, made contact
2	280020	D Co patrol leader reported at CP. Lt Pagnetti reports: 25 American PWs released at Bamardergen (2548), one German PW taken at Bamerdergen (2548), no enemy contacts enroute, friendly troops contacted at Suchloe (2342), 19 th Engineers (7 A), 90 th Reconnaissance Squadron (10 AD), CC-A 12 AD contacted at Sendsberg (3443). Patrol leader returned with CC-A OI for 28 April 45. Copy made of OI for TPF. Original sent to CC-B with patrol leader
3	280050	Trusley reports 3 PWs

<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>TIME DATED</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
4	280050	Patrol leader departed for CC-B with OI and four PWs, American PWs taken to C/56 for billets. Overlay and roster of American PWs sent to CC-A (? – illegible...)
5	280800	Unit on one hour alert
6	280915	Combat patrol sent out to reconnoiter the route to bridgeheads
7	281050	S-4 reports mail clerk ran into 9 kayoed US trucks at 0950 at southern edge Groscaitingen (259619). One HE believed to come from direction of woods northwest at 2063 fired at him. Information released to CC-B at 1050
8	281200	Patrols returned. See overlay and operations report
9	281145	25 PWs captured by B Co patrol, turned over to CC-B PW cage
10	281500	Unit alerted to move in compliance with OI issued at 1430
11	281700	No unusual activities, awaiting order for movement
12	281830	CO to CC-B for meeting
13	282100	Company commanders meeting. Unit will not move before morning
14	282200	43 PWs captured during operations of 27 and 28 April
1	290900	Alert to move
2	291100	Unit moving out for objective
3	291500	Moving at good rate of speed, no unusual events
4	291630	Moved out of assembly area for objective
5	291730	Route of march slightly changed (see overlay)
6	292000	One ME 109 shot down by Co D
7	292300	Force ordered to hold up in Weilheim for night
8	292400	CP established, force billeted for night at Weilheim. Twelve PWs taken during day's operations
1	300600	Force still in assembly area at Weilheim awaiting orders to move
2	300800	Force ordered to move on original route after Engineers clear
3	300830	Point moved out, nothing reported
4	300915	Rear of column cleared Weilheim
5	301015	Column halted on highway. Reported task force has encountered light resistance
6	301100	Reported 5,000 SS troops stationed at school in Bad Tolz
7	301200	Unit closed into town of Habach. CP established. No unusual activities
8	301600	CO to CC-B, returned with orders for movement by infiltration to town of Surnheim to await further operating instructions
9	301800	Unit closed into town of Sindelsdorf. CP set. Security posted
10	302100	CO returned from CC-B with operations instructions for one day. Company commanders meeting called and following instructions issued: CC-B to jump off and establish bridgehead at 728095, then move to and seize the town of Mochel. B/119 to put in Bailey Bridge. C/714 move to north of bridge site, approx. vicinity of the east sweep of river. C/56 in assembly position west of river to act as reserve of TFF. TFF to pass through bridgehead to Mochel with Mochel as objective. Order of crossing: A plus one infantry platoon, Command Section, C/56, AG, Mortar, C/714, B/714. Battalion C to remain in present position until order to move. Execute on order
11	302200	No unusual incidents, PWs taken during day's operation: 14
1	010500	C/714 preparing to move to blocking area
2	010800	Bailey Bridge swept away, unit ordered to remain in present position
3	011100	CO meeting. Task Force commanders issued verbal operating instructions
4	011120	Enemy information at present, nil
5	011300	Unit ordered to proceed on objective
6	011400	Co C in Benediktbuern. Command Section, Co A, C/56, TFN occupying Benediktbuern

SER NO.	TIME DATED	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC</u>
7	011600	Orders received to proceed to Bad Tolz, following TFN, objective Meisbach. CO states no possible movement by this unit tonight. CP established in Benediktbuern, CP guard set up, security posted. Possible counterattack by SS troops expected
8	012200	No unusual incidents. Fourteen PWs taken during day's operations
1	020800	No unusual activities during night. Unit in assembly area with outposts still on duty
2	021200	Six Yugoslavian partisans came into town with 50 PWs
3	021400	Unit informed that it will remain in present location indefinitely
4	021800	No unusual activities
5	022000	No unusual activities