

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

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	1	010000	Battalion located in Eckwersheim, France, alerted to be ready to counterattack any enemy attack in vicinity north of Strassbourg. Battalion conducting training consisting of tank-infantry team in attack of town, maintenance of vehicles and weapons and equipment	
	2	012400	Warning Order received from CC-B by L/O to be prepared to move by 0800. Details later	
	3	090900	Operations Instructions received from CC-B, Division to move to assembly area vicinity Selestat, France	
	4	021100	Order received, be prepared to move by 1800	
	5	021200	L/O at CP with order to cross IP at 1500 with route of march, overlay	
	6	021350	S-3 leaves to coordinate movement	
	7	021400	Battalion moves out, march without incident, closed in town of Epfigh, France at 2245	
	8	022245	CO to meeting at CC-B	
	9	022400	CO returns from CC-B. CC-B broke down into task forces, task force Field, task force Boone, task force Norton. B/714 to go to TF Norton, A/714 to go to TF Boone, Battalion to march south to assembly area north of Colmar, prepared to exploit to south. Route of march pointed out on map. TF Field to follow TF Norton. TF Field consists of Hq – Hq Co, C/714 – C/56. TF Boone – A/714, A/56. TF Norton – 56 (-) plus B/714	
	1	030300	March to assembly area without incident	
	2	030600	Battalion in assembly area, received orders to move south into Colmar	
	3	030730	Reconnaissance Platoon reports small arms firing and snipers in Colmar	
	4	030800	Company commanders meeting at RJ 1 1/3 miles north of Colmar	
	5	030900	Battalion enters Colmar, moves to south of town across railroad. Friendly infantry at canal in firefight	
	6	030930	CO moves AG and Mortar platoon into firing position at railroad tracks, bridge across canal is out. Bridge site received heavy mortar and artillery fire	
	7	031210	Cerice panels to be displayed on all vehicles	
	8	031220	Two enemy tanks between me and objective	
	9	031230	Jenks, move your fire 200 yards to right	

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	10	031235	Parsons, put mortar fire on road south of bridge, walk it south on road	
	11	031305	Message from S-3 (CC-B): PW taken by friendly force on your left, states that his unit had orders to withdraw. Push forward vigorously	
	12	031310	CO (Field force) asks for engineers	
	13	031312	S-3, CC-B asks if more air support is needed	
	14	031314	CO (Field force) replies NO	
	15	031315	Overlay to location of advance CP sent to CC-B	
	16	031420	Have laborers you requested arrived? They did not come from our point. L/O bringing details	
	17	031600	AT gun captured, bridgehead established, no resistance present	
	18	031920	Have outfit dig in to hold bridgehead. My outfit in close support this side canal; have coordinated with artillery officer for defense plan, also mortar on general support of defense but do not figure in close defense. Clayton replies to question of S-3 as to what action is taking place	
	1	042400	Heavy artillery fire received south side of Colmar	
	2	040330	Artillery fire about 3 yards every 15 minutes all night, increasing around 0300 to about 1 round per minute	
	3	040530	CC-B: Civilian reports enemy CP unidentified unit at 7389344, ammo dump at 73503469, one battery artillery at 74463479	
	4	040700	Message from C/714: We have had quite a bit of action during night and doughs fired at by either artillery or AT guns. Seven artillery pieces or AT guns on road 500 yards south of bridge. We have fired at them with artillery. Something has been digging in quite a bit in front of our positions. (Relayed to Hq)	
	5	040730	Artillery observes peep with Sv Co, have it sent up to me	
	6	040745	C/714: Dave has casualties, send something up for them	Med
	7	040740	Medics to send up transport for evacuation	
	8	040755	L/O at CP with info, Norton's force on our left to be passed through by Boone's force in attack on Soundhoffen, support from woods, then Field's force to attack toward St Croix. Jenks, fire on road approx. 400 yards south of bridge, walk your fire down road. I will adjust for you, start firing, be sure it is out	

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0830	9	040815	400 yards. Fire one round of white phosphorus so I can adjust. Jenks, are you ready to fire? First round on the way. Hold fire, artillery concentration being laid in same area	
			Message from CC-B: AT gun located at 743392 in woods near railroad and road junction	
	10	040830	Boone's force is delayed at crossroad by AT fire, one tank and AT gun knocked out	
	11	040830	Boone to move in on AT gun and fire	
	12	040920	Enemy reconnaissance vehicle 300 yards north of St Croia, fire WP and I will adjust. CC-B at ditch this side of objective near railroad. CC-B to Boone: have you estimate of enemy strength on other side of road? Boone's infantry at this time, double envelopment of AT gun – have drawn small arms fire from south of railroad, has stopped envelopment force. Coordinate on AT ditch – 75253840-275903871	
	13	041015	C/714 message to Jenks: report up to me where we were before. Same message to Parsons	
	14	041135	CC-B: If our 6 is there, tell him to report to Big 6	
	15	041210	Send more vehicles for evacuation up to Dave. Your mission now to move to woods	
	16	041303	AG platoon leader and Co D called to report to Advance CP	
	17	041312	Force Boone reports AT gun knocked out at 743-392. 40 PW taken, can't get their tank over railroad tracks, doughs have advanced beyond – Boone called CC-B for Engineers to clear minefield so their force can exploit	
	18	041320	C/56 to CO: Dave will move as soon as possible	
	19	041330	Dave is ready to move. He doesn't think his right platoon is strong enough, so he is pulling two from right to drive them into creek. CO to CC-B: How about Norton? Tie in his right with your left along road. Thirteen yellow legs in vicinity of bridge, yes on north side not quite up to railroad	
	20	041351	Dave has met sizeable force on his right. He is trying to outflank them	
	21	041351	32 PWs taken by D/92. We're moving, receiving considerable resistance about 100 yards beyond our original position	
	22	041359	Dave jumped off, pretty slow going	
	23	041401	CO to CC-B: Dave moved out on right and is circling to remove obstacle; progress slow	

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	24	041406	Dave called for aid, CO called to come up to pick up PWs	
	25	041440	Mortars in south edge of Colmar woods	S T M
	26	041500	Coordinate – 71343738 to 72223631 – location of mortars	S M
	27	041506	CO orders AG to fire on position of mortars	
	28	041513	Jenks to fire searching fire for two minutes. On the situation at present	
	29	041539	We are working the shells in. Norton has reached railroad and is doing well	
	30	041550	Jenks fired 60 rounds on mortar positions	
	31	041640	CC-B to 3: On relief, you revert to control Field	
	32	041738	CO calls S-3 to contact CO C/714 and C/56 and have them report to CO tank	
	33	041748	No friendly troops in area (734-382) intercepted	
	34	041759	Pillbox located at 734-382, enemy still occupy	
	35	041800	Norton's task force on objective	
	36	041811	Have kitchen start making coffee, outfit will be soon there	
	37	041826	CC-B to CO: The people who are coming will be somewhat delayed, Boone is on his way to you	
	38	041838	The people are now on their way	
	39	041840	PW states two enemy AA at 72453865, 75 mm howitzer at 72393788. CP of 1 st Battalion of 198 Security Regiment at 71643840	
	40	042125	Two or three captives in Herrlisheim, rest of Battalion in Herrlisheim. Two-thirds Herrlisheim in our hands	
	41	042220	L/O from CC-B: to have all vehicles refueled and loaded with all ammo they can carry – CC-B to be notified as soon as accomplished	
	42	042300	CO calls company commanders meeting at rear CP	
	43	042340	Have CO A/56 return to forward CP, hold his outfit from going beyond forward CP	
	1	050020	CO called S-3 CC-B, checked on unit to relieve us	
	2	050100	CO checked with Exec Off and found that some of the relief element has moved in	
	3	050240	S-3 called Exec Off to get reconnaissance platoon relieved for new mission	
	4	050244	CO checked with Exec Off to find out how much longer it will be before we're relieved	

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	5	050245	S-2 checked with 56 Infantry as to when they expect to move out	
	6	050246	Exec Off to CO: Relief will be completed in about 45 mins	
	7	050355	S-3 checks with Exec Off to find out how much longer until relieved	
	8	050423	Exec Off orders reconnaissance platoon to come back to CP	
	9	050426	CO calls CO C/Co to get his company up to appointed spot so that they can refuel	
	10	050430	S-3 calls Clayton: Leave recovery vehicle with disabled tank and have it pulled to our Sv Park. Pull rest of company up to prearranged spot	
	11	050600	Preparations for movement completed. 56 Inf first elements moving out	
	12	050630	B/714 advance guard moves out following CC-B; for route and order, see FO #6	
	13	050750	Crossed checkpoint halt	
	14	050758	Crossed checkpoint A	
	15	050815	Column halted on road	
	16	050820	CO to go to S-3, CC-B, 1000 yards south of checkpoint C	
	17	050820	Objective taken by CC-A and junction made with French Army. All resistance at objective ceases	
	18	051100	Have secured objective, bridges OK. Secure bridges, stand by and await orders	
	19	051230	Air reports on bridges from north to south; first in, second out, third in, fourth out	
	20	051400	Message from Harrington: Do you know of friendly troops moving north to St Croix? Answer: No, but it may be CC-R or French	
	21	051406	We are not building bridge, we have bridge half ways between D and C, awaiting clearance through French	
	22	051415	Force assembling in assembly area north and east of O	
	23	051416	All vehicles in assembly area will be faced west	
	24	051420	Harrington's location 719-351	
	25	051430	Make main effort at northern bridge, CO directs attack immediately	
	26	051600	Boone's force moves out	
	27	051630	Boone's force received small arms fire	
	28	051645	Boone passing through Field	
	29	051705	(B/714) Norton's paddlefeet are behind me, shall I send them on up?	

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	30	051707	CO/714, yes, send them up, they will pass through and keep going	
	31	051720	Jenks, come up on my right; D/714, come up on left	
	32	051722	CO/714 to Boone: There are friendly troops in town. CO to C/714: move into town	
	33	051722	C/714 to CO: Knows that he & I have been in there on foot	
	34	051745:	CC-B to B/714: Are you in position to go into town? CO/714: Yes, am in position, not quite ready to go into town	
	35	051820	Boone: I am well into town, bridge is blown, my flank is exposed, friendly force on my left, I am receiving mortar fire	
	36	051945	CO/714: Norton is coming in with you, his mission is changed	
	37	051948	Clayton is in second town, met friendly foreign officer there, advised to give foreign troops interior of town. He has about 200 with him. CO/714 to Boone: Have them to go either town	
	38	051950	Road is blocked, uncertain as to when we can come thru there	
	39	051955	Norton is clearing out remaining enemy. B will continue on to crossroads	
	40	051957	S-3 to CO: CP is set up where planned	
	41	052000	S-2 met friendly Infantry, said they would be moving north and south of us to the east	
	42	052001	Boone wants to know what is the situation with French. French are infiltrating. CC-B claims all friendly troops have occupied all on our side of creek	
	43	052005	D/92 is wanted by CC-B. Boone wants to know how about evacuating wounded	
	44	052025	Norton takes command of troops in town, Wilson, reconnoiter for bridge site. Norton establishes bridgehead immediately	
	45	052027	Friendly infantry coming in from north	
	46	052100	Disregard message of 2025	
	47	052120	The plan we outlined earlier has been changed, someone else is going to do the job; your company will remain with Norton. Boone to CC-B: What is my status now? CC-B to Boone: You revert to Battalion control	
	48	052230	C/714 to stay with Norton, Boone & B/714 to return to Force Field – CO/714 asks CC-B for doughs. D/92 (1 platoon) has not shown up as yet	
	49	052310	Friendly boats enroute for infantry, post guides for them	

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	1	060715	CO to Leehman: There are about 25 Germans in woods back of you, take positions	
	2	060730	Bring up rations, coffee, water and fuel	
	3	060730	CP Guard reports 14 enemy walking down road in patrol formation	
	4	060730	Reconnaissance Platoon: 4 peeps readied for movement, take off after enemy	
	5	060830	Reconnaissance Platoon returned, no results on enemy	
	6	060835	Engineers ready for second phase of mission, doughs not in position	
	7	060820	Have your dozer tank report to Wilson at bridge site	
1025	8	060635	Wilson has started to put in his bridge, seems to be no krauts around	
	9	061045	S-4 is enroute to CO with stuff ordered. Road jam may cause delay	
	10	061215	Enemy vehicles reported 778-243, 798-272; road block 768-256	
	11	061220	Infantry has two units across, Wilson waiting for bailey bridge. CO/714 to make reconnaissance to north	
	12	061227	CO going north for possible move. Unit to stay in position until further orders	
	13	061335	CO arrived at this CP, Maj Avery arrived at this CP, to confer with CO	
	14	061400	Exec called B and D and AG to report his CP	
	15	061735	Message from higher hq says not to send any of our units across river, friendly infantry to take care of our mission	
	16	061830	CP location to be moved to Oberheim, near bridge site. Commanding track only to be moved	
	17	061900	Moved out, distance traveled four miles, closed at 2010	
	18	062130	L/O reports to CP with info that mission has changed, that new mission is to move west and guard Vosges Pass. If you wish to move tonight, you may. If you do move, you will move to town of Herrlisheim. Send your answer by radio. Yes, if you wish to move tonight, No, if you do not wish to move tonight	
	19	062200	Answer to CC-B: No	
	20	062230	L/O and S-3 checked progress on bridge for CO CC-B	
	21	062345	L/O and S-3 returned from bridge site, bridge has center span to put in and also two-span bridge across canal yet to be built	
	22	062400	Message received to be ready to move at 070830	
	1	070800	Overlay and order of new mission received. A Co DS to 28 Inf Div, crosses Ill River	

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		2	070800	CC meeting at CP, instructions issued on movement	
		3	070930	Battalion CP moves to crossroads	
		4	071030	Battalion CP crosses IP enroute to Herrlisheim and Obermorshweire	
		5	071200	Billet plans and confused order from CC-B hold Battalion on road from 1200 to 1400	
		6	071430	Battalion closed at 1430, D Co in Obermorshweire, Hqs, B, C, and Sv in Herrlisheim	
1800		7	071750	All personnel must be alert to the possible presence of enemy agents and stragglers in this area. Report any suspicious personnel or incidents to this Hqs immediately	T
1713		8	071120	(indecipherable) processing PWs ...at 6945345, all PWs will be forwarded to this point	S M
1915		9	071915	CC-B to 714: Report hourly by FM, telephone, or by patrols stopping here	S T
1940		10	071920	CC-B to 714: Search immediately your unit for presence of 2 1/2 ton truck, 6x6, truck bumper markings: 285474, War D SPAR, 7 men, No 4150427, report to S-2 by 080800A Feb 45	T
2055		11	072055	072055A report to CC-B negative	H
		12	072125	Negative report on message of 71920 from D/714	
		13	072148	Hqs, Sv, A, B Companies report negative on msg of 71920	
2345		14	072325	Division CP opened 1530A at Wintzenheim V663418	M
		1	081000	Company commanders meeting	
		2	081100	Staff officers meeting called	
1045		3	081007	Communication is reestablished, make hourly report on patrol by radio	
		4	081200	Major Boone left for Herrlisheim (different town from CP location)	
		5	081500	Lt Col Clow, Exec O CC-B, visited the CP	
		1	091100	L/O from CC-B with info that bridge over Lou River is thought mined	
		2	091200	S-2 checked bridge and found it heavily mined	
		3	091330	S-2 CC-B notified and requested to send Engineers	
		4	091300	A Co reverted to Battalion command	
		5	091300	Guards posted on the bridge in question	
1405		6	091405	CC-B can't get in touch with Engineers have has no peep, send peep to get Engineers	
		7	091413	Bridge has been taken care of	

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	8	091630	Company commanders meeting for contemplated move at 2230; 56 th , CC-B and 714 to march in serials	
	9	091735	Move postponed until after daylight tomorrow, two hour alert status effective then	
	1	101345	Word received that move is contemplated after 1715, route of march change received	
	2	101600	Company commanders meeting	
	3	101815	Battalion moved from Herrlisheim	
	4	101830	Crossed IP, coordinate 686687, crossroads No 1	
	1	110900	Battalion closed in, CP set up at Sites De Charbonnages, France; distance traveled 114 miles	
	2	111300	Received overlay, Hqs CC-B, disposition of friendly troops	M S T
	3	111300	Reconnaissance Platoon attached to 56 th Inf to set up reconnaissance screen with CPs at Bambiderstroff, Marbefontaine, Bouchepon and Zimming. Established contact with CC-A at Bambiderstroff and 26 th Division at Marbefontaine	
1100	1	121100	Received overlay of enemy situation at 120930	
	2	121400	Received G-2 Report # 20	
	3	121600	S-2 made reconnaissance and sent overlay to CC-B	
	1	130900	Lt Heath reconnoitered firing ranges and sent overlay to CC-B	
	2	131300	Lt MacDougal, Pvt Bartelt, Lt LaFrance, Capt Clayton, 1 st Sgt Shelton, Sgt Lindquist, Lt Kresge awarded Bronze Star	
	1	141400	Cpl Oakes, Sgt Okoniewski, 2 nd Lt Kettler received Bronze Star	

(Period from 14th February to 1st March included training of troops, night reconnaissance patrols stressed)