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1800 - The remainder of the day passed uneventfully. Companies still patrol extensively and will continue during the night. Patrols during the night reported all quiet and no contact with the enemy. Weather today was warm, cloudy and very wet with a slight drizzle during the entire day and night. Casualties and evacuations for today:

Co I - 4 (3 Sk: 1 frost bite)
 Co K - 3 (2 trench foot: 1 frost bite)
 Co L - 2 (1 frost bite: 1 SK)
 Co M - 1 (SK)

See Overlay for positions of the Battalion.

241st Day

4 Feb 45 - Sunday (19th Day in Belgium) Diepert (897-768)

0800 - See Plan "A" from Regt dtd 4 Feb 45. Bn prepares to move to new location at Wilwerdange and on our own organic transportation. Bn S-1 leaves with quartering party.

1000 - All Company Commanders are summoned to CP and are instructed by the Bn CO. Each CO will brief Officers of the 11th Armored Division which is relieving us. During the entire morning, various O's from the 11th Arm have visited the CP and were given our positions, plans, patrol reports and etc.

1100 - Companies will be shuttled to new location by Bn A/T vehicles and organic transportation and L Company leaves for new location.

1530 - Bn CP closes out and moves to new location.

1630 - " " arrives at new location at Wilwerdange (775-727). Motor distance covered was approx 13 or 14 miles and we are once again in Luxembourg. Bn awaits further orders and troops are adequately billeted.

1800 - Capt. Bryan returns from school in Paris. Weather today was warm and very dark with an all day light rain. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Evacuations for today:

Co L - 1 (SK)

242nd Day

5 Feb 45 - Monday (15th day in Luxembourg) Wilwerdange (775-727)

1030 - Bn receives a warning order from Regt to be prepared to move to new location. Movement will be by motor, using organic transportation and QM trucks and will commence at 1400.

1430 - Bn closes out and moves to new location by motor.

2400 - Bn arrives at new location at Bleialf, Germany. Troops moved by foot for approx 5 miles to present location and the entire movement was very, very dull, cold and wet with vehicles time and time again getting stuck in the ditches and mud due to poor visibility. All roads were jammed with vehicles helping to make the movement very slow and tedious. Weather today was cold, very wet with visibility very poor. See Overlay for the positions of the Bn. Evacuations for today:

Co K - 1 (SK)

243rd Day

6 Feb 45 - Tuesday (25th Day in Germany) Bleialf (966-830)

0800 - See FO 32 from Regt dtd 6 Feb 45.

1400 - Regt's Exec O visits CP and discusses latest situation with Bn CO and staff. Lt. Rugh is assigned as CO of I Company.

1800 - During the day, various unit O's visited the CP and were briefed concerning our present situation and proposed plans. Bn CO and S-1 left CP to establish a forward CP at Brandscheid. I Company moved in vic of Brandscheid, a bit to the left. K and L Companies will also move to vic of Brandscheid under cover of darkness. Bn CO and Staff planned and plotted for a contemplated attack tomorrow.

~~1830~~ 1930 - See FM 2 from Bn dtd 6 Feb 45. Weather today was warm and fairly clear. Night passed uneventfully and troops prepared for the pre-dawn attack tomorrow. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Evacuations for today:

Co I - 2 (1 NBC: 1 LWA)
 Co L - 1 (NBC)
 Co M - 1 (BE)

244th Day

7 Feb 45 - Wednesday (26th Day in Germany) Bleialf (966-830)

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0700 - Troops begin to attack. Lt. Dorsett is the Ass't S-3.
 0930 - Troops have advanced about 400 yards, are receiving quite a bit of heavy Artillery and Lt. Boese has been seriously wounded by a land mine. Our positions are now about 500 yards SW of phase line B or ch pt 331. Capt. Bryan calls Regt and asks if they want troops to stop there and await for the unit on our right. "Push ahead!" is the answer. Lt. ~~Rabowski~~ of L Company is evacuated - BE.
 1000 - Troops are now on phase line B.
 1025 - " " about 200 yards NE of check point 331.
 1230 - " " now on objective C.
 1330 - Now that troops are on their objective, it's planned for them to swing to the right toward the 2nd Bn objective.
 1420 - Some enemy mortars have been located at 993792 and Artillery fire is to be placed upon it. 2 very strong enemy counter attacks are reported by the 4th Division in town of Steinmahler and Neidermehler; Tanks, Infantry, SP guns and etc..
 1610 - We are to send Col. Wallace of the 2nd Bn 2 T/D's.
 1625 - Enemy c/a came from the N, around ch pt 241 and has been stopped.
 2000 - I Company sends out a strong combat patrol to seize objective, hill 412 and are to report as soon as they have accomplished mission. The night passed uneventfully. I Company was unable to secure the objective due to extreme darkness and difficult terrain and reported back at about 0200. K Company took one PsW in their area. Weather today was fairly warm and hazy all day, clearing but for a few hours in the afternoon. See Overlay for positions of Bn.. Bn CO and Staff planned and plotted tomorrow's attack and Bn received cigarette and candy ration today.

245th Day

8 Feb 45 - Thursday (27th Day in Germany)Bleialf (966-830)

0830 - Troops begin the attack.
 1345 - Troops have advanced about 2500 yards so far and are meeting with small arms and Artillery fire. No casualties reported as yet. Bn is employing a circling movement around woods to gain the objective and have run into very little infantry resistance.
 1425 - Bn receives 50 re-inforcements.
 1500 - Troops are just SE of check point 328. Bn CP prepares to move to new location and a rear CP will be maintained.
 1515 - Movement has been postponed until tomorrow morning.
 1600 - 2 O's and 15 EM are to go to Paris tomorrow. Troops are almost to their objective - check point 421. So far today, progress has been rather slow and dull, the terrain making progress much more difficult than the enemy resistance, which up to present has been very, very, little.
 2000 - See FM 3 from Bn dtd 8 Feb 45. At 1830 Bn CO and S-3 returned to CP with latest situation and positions of troops. K Company moved abreast of I Company for the night, L Company still being in reserve. See Overlay for positions of the Bn.. Weather today was warm, wet, fairly clear and muddy.

246th Day

9 Feb 45 - Friday (28th Day in Germany)Bleialf (966-830)

0630 - Bn prepares to move to new location and Bn CO and S-3 leave for the CP.
 0730 - Bn attacks under a 30 minute Artillery and Mortar barrage.
 0930 - Bn CP closes out and moves to new location.
 1030 - " " arrives at new location in an enemy pillbox at (995819). Troops have reached objective 1 and are headed for 2. Tank O reports to Capt. Bryan who tells him how to dispose his tanks. Capt. Bryan requests 2nd Bn to mop up after us on our objective 1. It is planned for troops to be on objective 4 by tonight.
 1115 - Capt. Bryan converses with 2nd Bn over phone requesting if road to check point 221 is clear so that we may get our tanks up to the troops. Road is not completely clear of mines but is in process of being cleared. As soon as it is, we'll be notified.
 1140 - A Lt C from the 12th Inf, 4th Div visits CP and gives us his latest situation and boundaries. Our 1st Bn is moving in on our right. Enemy opposition is very little but there are a lot of mines and we've just 1 T/D's.

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12255 - OP calls and says to stop firing at 353 as L company may be there or in the vicinity.

1250 - L co reports that they are 200 yards N of 351. Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses situation in general with Capt Bryan. Troops are now S of 348.

1400 - Troops are approaching 349 and L Company is down to the creek and are running into a bit of mortar fire. Bn CP prepares to move to new location.

1545 - Troops report receiving flat trajectory fire and it is assumed to be an enemy tank and troops are on 351.

1715 - Bn CP closes out and moves to new location at Brandscheid.

1735 - " " arrives at new location at Brandscheid (977-809) Brig. Gen. ERNEST visits CP and briefly discusses situation.

2000 - Bn CO and S-3 return to CP with latest situation and positions of the Companies and Bn CO plans for tomorrow's attack with the Staff. Companies stopped for the night at: I at 998785: K at 995783: and L at 997787 employing an all around defense. The night passed uneventfully and weather today was cold, wet and very muddy with heavy snow flurries throughout the day. See Overlay for positions of the Bn..

247th Day

(977809)

10 Feb 45 - Saturday (29th day in Germany)

Brandscheid

0800 - Bn CO and S-3 leave for OP prior to attack. Orders for today are oral from Regt: See Overlay from Regt dtd 9 Feb 45..

0900 - Bn attacks under Artillery and mortar fire.

0910 - Troops have run into quite a bit of mortar fire. Troops are on hill S of 350 and are receiving MG and mortar fire. Tanks are being brought upon the flanks to remedy situation.

0950 - K Company is reported by Artillery In O to be at 426 and Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses latest situation with Capt. Bryan.

1017 - I Company and tanks are to move to 363 and K and T/D's are to remain at 426.

1040 - K Company calls for litter bearers.

1200 - An enemy tank is reported at 369. Troops have run into tank, artillery and mortar fire.

1335 - Regt'l CO visits CP again and discusses latest situation. Lt. Rakowski is reported wounded this morning and L company is now without any Officers, all but for Lt. Morgan. Casualties and evacuations from 7 Feb to 9 Feb:

Feb 7:

Hq Co - 1 (LWA)

Co I - 6 (2 LWA: 3 SK: 1 BE)

Co K - 19 (3 SWA: 11 LWA: 2 SK: 1 BE: 1 BI: 1 NBC)

Co L - 2 (1 LWA: 1 BE)

Co M - 2 (1 LWA: 1 SK)

Feb 8:

Co I - 1 (SK)

Co K - 3 (1 trench foot: 1 BI: 1 SK)

Co L - 2 (1 trench foot: 1 SK)

Feb 9:

Co I - 2 (LWA)

Co K - 7 (1 KIA: 2 SWA: 2 LWA: 2 SK)

Co M - 2 (LWA)

1425 - B Company reports an enemy c/a with infantry and tanks at 368 and that it's under control.

1500 - 2nd Bn is now entering Watzzerath and requests all fire on it stopped.

1515 - Arty fwd Observer reports to CP and says troops are on hill and dug in.

2000 - Troops remained on the hill, dug in and employed an all around defense and Bn CO and S-3 are still at the OP. 2nd Bn didn't enter Watzzerath as reported at 1500. Bn is awaiting further orders. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Weather today was warm and fairly clear. I Company stopped at 002769 to 003773: K Company at 003773 to 005776: L Company at 997783. A patrol was sent to "feel out" Watzzerath and found considerable amount of small arms fire. Casualties and evacuations for today:

Co I - 17 (14 LWA: 1 SWA: 1 SK)

Co K - 11 (1 SWA: 6 LWA: 4 SK)

Co L - 11 (8 LWA: 1 BI: 1 SK: 1 trench foot)

Co M - 9 (8 LWA: 1 SK)

248th Day

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11 Feb 45 - Sunday (30th Day in Germany)

Brandscheid

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0930 - I Company is to supply a strong combat patrol to try to enter town of Watzerath and find best possible way for troops to attack and enter the town. Regt'l ADJ visits CP and discusses our present status with Bn CO and staff. A Bn radio school will be conducted today to better acquaint radio operators from the 4 letter companies with correct radio procedure. L Company is also supplying a patrol to Watzerath by way of check point 36. Our mission for today is to take the town of Watzerath.

1010 - Bn CO and S-3 leave CP for OP and before leaving, Bn CO states that one platoon of K Company may have to fill in gap when I Company jumps off.

1205 - Bn CO and S-3 return to CP and say we have the town and that it's impossible for our tanks to get into the town without being knocked out. Artillery Ln 0 is at his OP shooting arty at enemy pulling out. Lt. Taylor visits CP and tells Bn CO of future plans. Bn awaits further orders and troops are in process of cleaning out a few remaining snipers left in the woods. I Company jumped off at 1000. Enemy that left Watzerath have gone to check points 370 and 364. We are patrolling between 353 and 363.

1530 - Word has just been received that we will be relieved after darkness. I Company takes 9 PsW and Bn will be put in pillboxes for the night. L Company will commence moving to pillboxes immediately. Bn CP will remain at present location and 1st Bn is relieving us.

2400 - The night passed uneventfully and 1st Bn still continued to relieve the troops. I Company being completely relieved about 0200 and also took 8 PsW. Entire Bn is alerted to move tomorrow morning and awaits further orders. Weather today was warm and rainy during the entire day. See Overlay for positions of the Bn and FM 33 from Regt dtd 11 Feb 45. Casualties and evacuations today:

Co I - 3 (1 SK: 2 LWA)
Co K - 1 (LWA)
Co L - 1 (SK)
Co M - 3 (LWA)

249th Day

(977809)

12 Feb 45 - Monday (31st Day in Germany) Brandscheid

0900 - Bn S-1 leaves CP with quartering party. Movement will commence around 1200 or any time thereafter.

1830 - Bn CP closes out and moves to new location.

2000 - " " arrives at new location at Habscheid (952777) The entire day passed uneventfully, the Companies moving all day to new location by foot and organic transportation. "B" rations are to be fed to the men commencing tomorrow morning.

2400 - The night passed uneventfully and Bn CO and Staff discussed disposition of the troops and etc.. Weather today was windy, fairly warm and a slight rain during most of the day. See Overlay for positions of the Bn.. See Memorandum from Regt dtd 12 Feb 45.

250th Day

13 Feb 45 - Tuesday (32nd Day in Germany) Habscheid (952777)

1010 - Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses our present status, also stresses Field Sanitation. See Memo from Bn dtd 13 Feb 45. Bn will once again operate a Bn rest camp. A fwd CP is established at 968771. See Memo from Regt dtd 13 Feb 45.

2400 - The day and night passed uneventfully and troops continued to improve defensive positions. Enemy in 4 pillboxes at 982758 cont'd to resist capture and enemy cont'd to shell our positions. Patrols sent to 987758 and 978748 reported both areas clear of the enemy. Weather today was fairly warm and cloudy. See Overlay for positions of the Bn..

251st Day

14 Feb 45 - Wednesday (33rd day in Germany) Habscheid (952777)

0800 - Bn remains in same positions - I Co between 974755 and 980758; K Co in Bn reserve in pillboxes vic of 966771; and L Co between 980758 and 986764.

1000 - Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses our positions and etc.

Personnel and evacuations from 11 Feb to 13 Feb:

Feb 11:	Feb 12:	Feb 13:
Co I - 3 (1 SK: 2 LWA)	Co K - 2 (1 SK: 1 tr ft)	Co W - 3 (1SK: 1 Tr Ft)
Co K - 1 (LWA)	Co L - 1 (SK)	1 NBC - SIW
Co L - 1 (SK)		Co M - 1 (SK)
Co M - 3 (LWA)		

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2400 - The day and night passed uneventfully and a patrol left at 1000 to probe for enemy positions and etc.. Lt. Orsett relv'd as ASS't S-3 and assumes duty as Bn Trans O., Lt. Bird trfd to 2nd Bn Hq Co.. Weather today was very warm and clear. See Overlay for positions of Bn..

252nd Day

15 Feb 45 - Thursday (34th Day in Germany)

Habscheid (952777)

0800 - Casualties and evacuations yesterday:

Feb 14:

Co I - 1 (trench foot)
 Co K - 1 (SK)
 Co L - 1 (SK)

1400 - Major Falvey, Regt'l S-2, visits CP and discusses enemy situation with Bn CO as well as our own.

2400 - The day passed uneventfully. During the day however, the Bn zone was shelled by the enemy and patrols cont'd to operate extensively. Troops received a cigarette and candy ration and were able to see a movie entitled "It Happened To-Morrow." Troops will be able to see the movie again tomorrow. Weather today was another beautiful day - warm and clear and the troops were relieved by our 2nd Bn, relief commencing at about 1600 and continuing through the night and into the morning about 0200 or 0230. Evacuations for today:

Co K - 3 (SK)

See Overlay for positions of the Bn..

252nd Day

16 Feb 45 - Friday (35th Day in Germany)

Habscheid (952777)

0800 - See FO 34 from Regt dated 16 Feb 45. Protestant church services will be held at 1000 and Catholic services at 1320.

1200 - 32 Bronze Stars are to be presented to men of the Bn today and Capt Jaffray and Lt's Rise and Jones are among the 32. Capt Bryan is to be presented with the Croix de Guerre today at 1330 at Regiment. M Company mortar and MG sections are to take positions with 1st Bn to support them in supporting fires.

1600 - Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses latest situation and is also to present above Bronze Star awards. 2 EM of the Bn also received Silver Stars.

2400 - The remainder of the day passed uneventfully as well as the night although the Bn received occasional enemy artillery fire and patrols cont'd.. Bn is taking this defensive position opportunity and catching up on administrative details. Weather today was fairly warm and clear. Evacuations for today: Co M - 1 (SK) See Overlay for positions of Bn.

254th Day

17 Feb 45 - Saturday (36th Day in Germany)

Habscheid (952777)

0800 - Both Catholic and Protestant church services are to be held today: Protestant at 1000 and Catholic at 1100.

1400 - 2 newspaper correspondents visit CP looking for stories of individuals from Texas. Both represent a Texas paper. 2 O's and 15 EM from the Bn are to go to Paris tomorrow.

2400 - The remainder of the day passed uneventfully as well as the night. Patrols cont'd and enemy shelling in the Bn zone also cont'd.. Troops were able to enjoy movies - "Bathing Beauty". Weather today was cold and very cloudy with a heavy mist all day. See Overlay for positions of the Bn. Evacuations for today:

Hq Co - 2 (SLD)
 Co I - 1 (SLD)
 Co L - 1 (SLD)

255th Day

18 Feb 45 - Sunday (37th Day in Germany)

Habscheid (952777)

0800 - Bn is alerted to move upon notice and S-1 prepares to go on reconnaissance for a new location.

0915 - PSW taken by 2nd Bn were from KG Bellig, 5th Co., 752nd Regt., 326 VCD; 6th Co., same Regt; KG Nechter, Hq Co., 753rd Regt.. Estimated strength of Division is 1500.

1020 - Major Stotler called and told us to feed chow at 1100 and be prepared to move at 1200.

0900 - The 2 Officers and 15 EM from the Bn leave for Paris.

1100 - Recon party of S-3 and all Company Commanders left to study possible LD area for this afternoon's attack.

1115 - S-1 returned from reconnaissance and reported Hollnich is completely taken by 357 and there is no room for a CP there. So recon is being initiated for a possible CP at 967756, where there are supposed to be 2 houses.

1215 - S-1 set out to set up a forward CP at Zu Renbusch. Companies are to move out at 1230. PsW taken by 2nd Bn were from KG Nechter (between conc 369379) SS from KG Bellig (between conc 379377) and 12 from KG Reutche. Estimated strength of all 3 companies totalled 240 men. Officers have no maps of the area. Morale is fairly low but men must be pushed before they will surrender. See Regt'l FO 34 dated 16 Feb 45 for attack order.

1245 - Bn Exec, S-3 and advance party left to set up a forward CP and get the companies in position. The companies started marching from Habscheid at 1230. Tentative plan calls for K and L companies in the assault with I in Bn reserve.

1300 - PW reported Anti-Personnel mine field in vic conc 213. FM mines reported at 979757 by another PsW. Capt Bryan, Bn Exec is now in charge of the Bn as Lt Col Spivey is ill and consequently unable to lead the troops.

1440 - Bn S-2 and rest of the Operations section move to forward CP.

1430 - K and L Companies jump off in the attack. By 1500, 2 pillboxes had been taken and 25 PsW were taken. Lt Col Spivey was evacuated today and is suffering from pneumonia.

1525 - K company requests 2 litter bearer teams. A road block at con 209 is now holding up movement of our tanks. Block consists of a number of steel poles. Engrs are requested to help to remove them.

1545 - L Company reports arty fire coming from conc 207.

1640 - PW reports 2 inf howitzers firing from 972732. Also reported 60 Germans in Masthorn plus those drifting back.

1700 - Positions of companies is new: K at 207, L at 208 and I still at 210. PW reported ten 150mm howitzers at 020725.

1800 - Bn CO decided to hold up on present line and send patrols into Masthorn. Approaching darkness makes an attack impossible.

1850 - L Company reported horse drawn vehicles vic Masthorn.

1930 A K Company patrol reported considerable enemy movement in town, including horse drawn vehicles and talking by the troops.

1950 - By Regt'l order the companies buttoned up for the night as follows: I Co in vic of 208, K Co in vic of 207 and L Co about 500 yards SE of 376.

2300 - Patrols reported Masthorn still occupied and still hear horse drawn movement.

256th Day
 (38th day in Germany)

Zu Renbusch (965755)

19 Feb 45 - Monday

0630 - Companies jumped off with K and L in the assault and I protecting the Bn's right flank.

0725 - K company is now in Masthorn and entered the town without any resistance and picked up 3 PsW.

0805 - L company is now also in Masthorn and still no resistance.

0905 - L company reported there are 2 houses between 215 and 399 and that when they drew out that way, they drew MG fire, and are also receiving a considerable amount of artillery and nebelwerfer fire. Regt directed us to patrol to 403 using light tanks and to tie in with 2nd Bn at 215.

1030 - OP reports receiving mortar and s/a fire from 246-397.

1230 - Capt Bryan returned from Masthorn and said we now seem to be fairly well settled. However, there is still considerable artillery fire falling in the town.

1250 - A strong I company patrol is now moving down to pillbox at 973736. Eight civilians in Masthorn are being evacuated by the Bn MP's.

1540 - I Company patrol returned after taking pillbox and 13 PsW, including 1 Officer. However, an enemy minefield and booby traps caused some casualties amongst the patrol.

1615 - Regt'l order directed us to move entire Bn to Heckhuscheid. Our Bn is to be relieved by G Company, 2nd Bn. We will probably remain there tomorrow.

1700 - Lt Rudes went to Masthorn to arrange relief with an officer from the 2nd Bn.

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1800 - Bulk of forward CP group moved back to Habscheid.

2000 - Relief of ~~all~~ companies completed and most of the Bn is now back in Habscheid.

2100 - Some men from the hospital report back to duty. During the afternoon, medium bombers and P47's were active in the area just east of Masthorn.

257th Day

(39th day in Germany)

Habscheid20 Feb 45 - Tuesday

0800 - All Companies fed "B" rations for breakfast consisting of oranges, hot-cakes, oatmeal, bacon and coffee.

1000 - S-3 left for Regt to get poop on today's activities.

1125 - Lt Clark returned and said we are to remain here today and possibly tomorrow. We may also have showers and movies.

1430 - An orientation meeting was held in the Bn CP of all Officers by Capt. Shipe. He discussed the war in Europe. 34 re-inforcements and men returning from the hospitals were assigned to the Bn today. Classes for line company wire men and radio men were held during the day. Movies were shown to all companies and PX rations were distributed to all men.

258th Day

21st Feb 45 - Wednesday (40th day in Germany)Zu Neider Uttfleld

0830 - 1st Company left for showers. Between now and noon, all of the Bn is to be run through the showers.

1245 - Companies continued showering till 1215, when all the companies were finished. Regt'l verbal order directed the Bn to move immediately to assembly area vic Binscheid and then attack to seize and secure Halenbach and Hickeshausen before dark. This involves moving some 12 miles and then attacking two towns with an unknown number of pillboxes in the area. No opportunity for a reconnaissance was provided.

1400 - Companies are now moving out using organic transportation to shuttle on. I and L companies are to be the assault with K in reserve.

1800 - I and L Co's kept on moving, passed Binscheid on the left and moved into position to assault Hickeshausen and Halenbach from the N.

1900 - I company has now taken Hickeshausen and rounded up 30 PsW. K Company is to move up into Binscheid and relieve A Company and 90th Rcn Troops. Bn CP moved up to some farm buildings one Km N of Binscheid. See Plan "A" from Regt dated 21 Feb 45. Also see FM from Bn issued early this morning.

1905 - Regt'l verbal order directed us to move tomorrow to take the town of Lichtenborn.

2020 - Arty forward Observer says that the enemy was forming for a counter attack in the woods just S of Hickeshausen and arty fire dispersed them.

2025 - Radio - L Company reported mission completed.

2030 - 12 rounds of 120mm mortar fell in Binscheid, causing 6 casualties.

2145 - Capt. Bryan said that I Co now has 50 PsW and L Co 25. Lt Col Bealke sent his commendation to Capt Bryan and the Bn Staff for the smooth way in which this operation worked out. He said that the CG also added his commendation. I Co also knocked out 4 pillboxes in the course of today's operations. Some high velocity and mortar fire harassed our troops in both Hickeshausen and Binscheid.

2300 - Regt'l verbal order directed us to move tomorrow at 0645 to the town of Arzfeld.

259th Day

22 Feb 45 - Thursday (41st Day in Germany)Arzfeld (956667)

0615 - CP party left for the Companies. I on the right and L on the left are to move out at 0645 to take Arzfeld.

0645 - I and L Companies both checked out. PW report - 10 Tanks are at 974670 and 975666.

0700 - L Company reports enemy tanks in woods at concen 127.

0730 - Capt Bryan called and said his left flank was giving him trouble. There are 2 tanks and some infantry at 127. K Company is now on it's way and will protect the Bn right flank and I Company is having a hot fire fight.

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0735 - I Company is on phase line A is report over radio.
 0750 - I Co is on 148 and trying to contact Company.
 0815 I Company is now moving past 148 and L Co is now S of that point
 0840 - Arty fire requested at 160, 161, 162 and 189.
 0930 - Bn CP moved up to Binscheid. Artillery forward observer re-
 ports I Co is now 400 yards S of 149.
 0940 - Artillery requested on 189, 190 and 168.
 1020 - Bn Co requests fire lifted from objective. Also directs K Co
 to move up to 168 - 149.
 1050 - I Co reported on objective in town of Arzfeld.
 1115 - L Company reported SE of check point 164.
 1135 - Op receiving fire from check point 193. Capt. Jaffray left
 on a quartering party to Halenbach at 0930 to set up a CP there.
 1200 - Capt Bryan said that the attack on Arzfeld was a Benning sol-
 ution and said he had a large number of PsW and 4 litter casualties.
 1215 - Bn CP moved up to Halenbach. K Co reported in at 148.
 1455 - Regt directed us to patrol S and SE until we contacted enemy.
 1530 - Bn CO returned to CP and said we had taken 121 PsW. The att-
 ack this morning completely disorganized the Jerries who fled and left
 his mortars set up, MG's, an intact half track and a good deal of other
 equipment.
 1535 - Regt'l verbal order directed us to attack at 1600 to seize
 objective 3. Most of the PsW taken were quite young. There are also a
 considerable number of young male civilians in town. Four Lieuts were in-
 cluded in the PsW.
 1545 - Lt Clark left for Arzfeld to orient the Company Commanders on
 the coming attack. PW report - At 99156735 are three 150mm Howitzers; 1
 993664 are two 150mm Howitzers.
 1620 - Capt Jaffray and Capt Bryan left for Arzfeld.
 1730 - I Company jumped off.
 1740 - L Company moved out and K Co closed in at Arzfeld. Bn CP moved
 to Arzfeld at 956667.
 1840 - OP is now at 211 and can't see either L or I Companies. OP
 is now moving to 212.
 1845 - L Co is now 300 yards SE of 190.
 1905 - I Co is now on 212, it's part of objective 3. The Air Corps
 was very active in fron of the Bn just before they jumped. P47's kept
 strafing vehicles vic of 212 to 214.
 2055 - L Co is now on it's part of objective 3, the town of Wind-
 hausen. Before midnight, 20 more PsW were taken, including an Artillery
 Captain. See FO 35 from Regt dated 22 Feb 45.

260th Day (993637)
 23 Feb 45 - Friday (42nd day in Germany) Kraut scheid

0130 - See Regt'l FO 35 dtd 22 Feb 45.
 0700 - K Co moved out to clear woods S of Arzfeld.
 0815 - OP party left for L Company.
 0900 - K Company is now 200 yards N of 214.
 0915 - L Co brought in 12 PsW.
 1025 - I and L Companies are now moving out and intend going on gen-
 eral line 233-235-236-237 while K Co is going to move on tanks along the
 road 192-195-218.
 1130 - Bn CP moved up to Windhausen. K Co is now 200 yards N of 217
 and I is S of 215.
 1150 - K Co now has taken Krautscheid.
 1200 - Regt'l order - Consolidate objective 5 till further orders. K
 Company says do not fire at 219.
 1230 - Enemy tanks reported coming up from the SW.
 1320 - OP reports 1 tank and 2 SP guns knocked out and some 80 or 90
 PsW taken.
 1500 - Regt'l order directed us to hold up in Krautscheid.
 1600 - Bn CP is now closed in Krautscheid - about 100 yards from the
 front lines. At 1300, Regt'l order directed us to take objective 7 and
 8 but a shortage of communication prevented us from doing that today.
 The Air Force was very active during the afternoon and started fires in 2
 nearby towns. Observation from here is almost unlimited in every directi-
 on. Extremely poor road conditions are hindering our supply and communication.
 Bn A/T Officer, while setting up his guns had to argue with some Germans
 to get into position. Results: 2 PsW, 6 dead Germans, two lo5's and one
 Ford V-8.

Authority NND 735017By JW NARA Date 12-10-00Feb 22:

Hq Co - 2 (1 LWA: 1 SWA,
 Co I - 7 (1 SLD: 5 LWA: 1 SWA)
 Co L - 7 (2 SLD: 5 LWA)
 Co M - 2 (LWA)

Feb 24:

Co K - 2 (LWA)
 Co L - 1 (SLD)

Feb 25:

Co I - 1 (NBC)

1400 - Word has been received that the Bn has been cited for their extraordinary heroism displayed in the Forest de Mont Castre battle last July. Refer to General Order No. 167 Hq 90th Inf Div dtd 24 Feb 45..

2100 - The remainder of the day passed uneventfully. Troops were able to enjoy movies and spent the day cleaning their equipment and personal selves. Regt'l CO visited CP and stated that the Bn would stand a formal ceremony for the Unit Citation.

264th Day27 Feb 45 - Tuesday (46th day in Germany)Reiff

0800 - Bn will have a careful ordnance check of all weapons and troops will be able to enjoy showers during the entire day.

2400 - See Bn Administrative Order No. 1 dated 27 Feb 45. The day and night passed uneventfully. Troops received a PX ration, a liquor ration, enjoyed movies. Evacuations for today:

Co I - 1 (SLD)
 Co M - 1 (SLD)

265th Day28 Feb 45 - Wednesday (47th Day in Germany)Reiff

0900 - Bn Sgt Major and all 1st Sergeants leave for Personnel to straighten administrative matters.

1400 - All Officers leave for Regt to attend a ~~dinner~~ ^{party}, given for Colonel BEALKE, in esteem of his recent promotion.

2400 - The remainder of the day and the night passed uneventfully and the Bn has issued a training schedule to start to-morrow which includes Close Order Drill, inspections, specialist training. Movies will be shown tomorrow to the troops and a Red Cross Clubmobile unit will also be enjoyed.

F-I-N-E