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1 January 1945

- 1015 Regt has been alerted for possible move today.
 1200 Order has been received for regiment to move to a new assembly area, at 1500, 12 km to the east.
 1400 Non-organic trucks will be late in arriving and move will be delayed.
 1645 CP closed out for new location at Trou de Ferrieres.
 1900 CP closed into new location at Trou de Ferrieres VP 5001. Move was made only by 329th Inf and Co A, 308th Med Bn. Other CT attachments will arrive tomorrow.

2 January 1945

- 1530 The following units have been attached to the Regt: Co C, 87th Cml Bn; 322nd FA Bn; 324th FA Bn; Co A, plat Co D, rcn plat, 774th Tk Bn; Co A, with Rcn Plat, 629th TD Bn (SP); Co A, 308th Engr Bn; Co A, 308th MD Bn; 429th QM Trk Co.
 1845 3rd Armd Div with 330th Inf atchd, attacks tomorrow at 0830. CT 329 follows 3rd Armd to clean up by-passed enemy pockets. Atchmts are being broken down to Bns as follows: To 1st Bn - A-T Co; Co A (-), 629th TD Bn; Co A, 774th Tk Bn; Co C (-), 87th Cml Bn; Co A (-), 308th Engr Bn; To 2nd Bn - 2nd Plat (w/rcn elements), Co A, 629th TD Bn; one squad, regtl mines plat; 2nd Plat, Co A 308th Engr Bn; 1st Plat, Co C, 87th Cml Bn; 1st Plat, Cn Co, 329th Inf: To 3rd Bn - 3rd Plat (w/rcn elements), Co A, 629th TD Bn; one plat, Co D, 774th Tk Bn; one rcn plat, 774th Tk Bn; one squad, regtl mines plat; 3rd Plat, Co A, 308th Engrs Bn; 3rd Plat, Cn Co, 329th Inf; 3rd Plat, Co C, 87th Cml Bn. 1st Bn will be in regtl reserve and will be prepared to protect the left flank of the Div. 2nd Bn & 3rd Bns will be prepared to move at 0830 in their respective zones of action tomorrow. (See FO #1, Hq 329th Inf, 2 Jan 45)

3 January 1945

- 1000 3rd Armd jumped off at 0830.
 1250 CCB 2nd Armd fwd elements at (544882) (530885) and (520869) contacted dug-in infantry with bazookas. Report 1025 (Lt Magill).
 1300 Armor made some progress after jumping off this morning but rear areas are clogged with vehicles. Movement of our attachments has been delayed due to slippery roads and large number of units on the roads.
 1645 CT 329 will relieve 504th Inf Regt of 82nd AB Div in its present sector before darkness tonight.
 1515 Regt will move to effect relief of 504th Regt with attachments as already broken down to Bns.
 1600 CP will move to new location vicinity of Trou de Bra, this evening.
 1650 2nd Bn started moving at 1630.
 1730 Forward command group is only element of CP which will move to new location this evening. Other elements will move tomorrow morning.
 1830 New CP location will be at Trou de Bra (VP 573960).

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- 0930 CP closed out for new location at Trou de Bra.
 1045 CP closed into new location at Trou de Bra.
 1055 1st and 2nd Bns completed their reliefs without much trouble but 2nd Bn did not complete their relief until 0415 hrs this morning. This was due to the fact that unit being relieved was slow in furnishing guides to 2nd Bn.
 1115 Bns are organizing their positions this morning. 3rd Bn is on the left.

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1115 1st Bn in the center and 2nd Bn on the right.
1145 An order has been received from Div to relieve a Bn of the 36th Armd Regt of 3rd Armd Div. This Bn occupies positions about 2500 yds to the front of 3rd Bn to SE.
1815 Relief of Bn of 36th Armd Regt by Co I was completed at 1800.

5, 6, and 7 January 1945

Capt Bunch made a rcn for a new CP location. Operations and command group will move forward 8 Jan 45. Regt will maintain a forward and rear CP. 2nd and 3rd Bns are moving into forward assembly areas in preparation for attack 8 Jan 45 on regtl order. 3rd Bn is to sieze initially Petite Langlir (P 6583). 2nd Bn is to assist 3rd Bn in their attack. (See FO #2 - 329th Inf - 7 Jan 45)

8 January 1945

0850 Forward CP moved to VP 622893 Lierneux, Belgium.
1125 Gen Ferenbaugh visited CP and discussed operations with Col Crabill.
1150 Gen Ferenbaugh left CP.
1305 Col Crabill left CP for 3rd Bn, he is to meet General Macon at Omaha CP at 1530.
1405 Col Crabill returned to CP.
1420 Gen Macon visited CP.
1430 Gen Macon left CP.
1630 3rd Bn less attachments d osed in to forward assembly area at 0920 CP located at 626879 (Verleumont). Received notice that the attack would go off at 1000 tomorrow.
1730 H hour for atk 9 Jan 45 will not be 0830 but will be announced by this Hq and will not be earlier than 1000. Get as many people under cover as possible.
2100 Continue rcn and execution of plans to maximum amount possible. (CG 83d Inf Div)
Radio silence is lefted upon contact with the enemy (CG 83d Inf Div)

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1000 General Macon came to CP.
1030 All previous password msgs void.
1035 General Macon directs that we do everything possible to prevent roads from becoming blocked with traffic.
1045 Col Crabill left CP to visit Bns.
1100 General Macon left CP.
1105 3rd Bn will jump off in the attack at 1130. 2nd Bn will jump off at 1215.
1125 General Macon returned to CP.
1237 Crossed LD on time (CO 3rd Bn)
1400 Capt Bunch is making a rcn for a new CP this afternoon.
1700 General Macon left CP.
1745 TF Doane of CCA 3rd Armd Div will remain in Provedroux Peter 6885 and will patrol to west make contact with TF Dogat CRP 670845 as soon as possible. Continue contact at point until further notice (CG 83d Inf Div)
1855 Col Crabill returned to CP.
1935 PW's taken today state that the enemy has planned an attack for tomorrow morning.
2030 Regt will attack at 0800 tomorrow. 2nd and 3rd Bns will be in the attack with 1st Bn in regtl reserve. Initial objective will be town of Petite Langlir. (See FO #3 - Hq CT 329 - 9 Jan 45) 1st Bn will move to Sart at 0900.

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1050 Forward command group of CP is preparing to move to new location. A rear CP will be maintained.

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1051 Lt Bremer reports that 2 enemy tks were observed at 652837 going NE at 1015.
 1115 Forward CP group left for new location at Sart. Rear CP will move tomorrow.
 1300 It has been reported that Lt Col Speedie, comdg 3rd Bn, was wounded this morning. Major White has taken over command of the Bn. Lt Col Speedie was not badly wounded and it is thought he will be back in 10 or 15 days.
 1600 Co E is on PL 5. Co F has taken farmhouses on the outskirts of Langlir.
 1615 Lt Col Cook came to CP.
 1630 Lt Col Cook left CP.
 1645 1 Co of 1st Bn is being sent to 2nd Bn.
 1720 2nd Bn reports they are sending up 46 PW's.
 1730 3rd Bn was directed to attempt to get into Petite Langlir tonight. If they get in tonight they are to set up their TD's and tanks in the town for A-T protection and also put in mines. It is reported that Co K has been pretty badly hit today. Capt Sylvester was hit and evacuated this morning.
 1740 2nd Bn reports several enemy patrols working on the left of Co E.
 1815 Co I has run into a strong enemy pocket at the edge of the woods at 657840 but are mopping them up. They are almost out of the woods now but are pretty well disorganized and are receiving heavy arty. They are going to try to get into the town but if they are unable to do so they will dig in at the edge of the woods.
 1840 3rd Bn had decided to take up defensive positions for the night as they are not moving ahead and are pretty badly disorganized.
 1915 + General Macon came to CP. He directs that we put heavy arty on Petite Langlir during the night and prepare to continue our attack tomorrow.
 1925 + PW's taken late this afternoon state that enemy units to our front launched an attack against us at 1105 today. This attack was broken up by our intense arty fire which was supporting our attack that jumped off at 1100. Due to enemy casualties caused by heavy harassing fire during last night, an engr company and a signal company were put on the line at 0500 as infantry replacements. The group of 46 PW's taken this afternoon was from these 2 companies. They also state that the 9th SS Div Comdr, 20th SS Regt Comdr, and the Comdr of the 3rd Bn, 20th SS Regt, were wounded by arty fire either last night or this morning. The Div Comdr came to the front to personally supervise the attack.
 1935 General Macon left CP.
 1950 It has been planned for 3rd Bn to reorganize tomorrow morning and resume the attack towards Petite Langlir. They are being given another platoon of tanks and will be assisted in the attack by Co F. 1st Bn will start moving at 0800 to the left of 2nd Bn.

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0845 Major Bagley left CP to go to Bns to observe the attack at 0900.
 0850 1st Bn started their move up to the left of 2nd Bn at 0800.
 0910 3rd Bn jumped off on time at 0900.
 0912 TP communication with 2nd Bn is out.
 0940 3rd Bn reports their tanks have not been able to get started this morning due to the cold. Col Crabill instructed Maj White to give the tank platoon leader a direct order to get the tanks going to support the attack and if he did not comply he wants him relieved. 3rd Bn is being held up by S/A fire from Petite Langlir and need the tanks badly.
 0950 2nd Bn did not jump off until 0930 due to several enemy patrols which were cleaned up by Co E. They have 3 enemy tanks on their left flank. Co F jumped off on time at 0900 and have taken 5 prisoners. The PW's report that there are about a dozen tanks and 200 infantrymen in Petite Langlir.
 1010 2nd Bn reports that Co F is not making progress because of very deep snow. They have stopped and are supporting 3rd Bn with fire only.
 1015 3rd Bn now has most of their tanks started.
 1020 We might be able to get some air support this afternoon.

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1050 3rd Bn reports a large pocket of resistance behind Co I. Co I is being used to reduce it.

1110 2nd Bn has been directed to get Co F's tanks over to help I and L Co's.

1125 Co C has crossed the Langlir-Ronce River. A second company is following them across.

1126 X 330th Inf reverts to control 3rd Armd Div 0800, 11 Jan. Bdy between 3rd Armd Div and 83d Div effective 0800 11 Jan RJ 629837 - 630820 - 633811 (CG 83d Div)

1215 Co E is running into heavy S/A fire coming from their front.

1225 3 of our tanks and 1 TD have been knocked out while approaching the town from the NW over open ground.

1235 General Macon directs that we put in a serenade in the woods in front of Co E and also to bring arty fire on the enemy tank which can be observed in front of 3rd Bn.

1240 1 plat of tanks from Co B, 774th Tk Bn reported in at 3rd Bn CP. Major White was directed to take them up to forward firing positions but not expose them in the open. He was also instructed to try to knock out the enemy tks in his sector with arty fire, using one gun to pin point the target. Cml mortars are going to bring WP on these tanks.

1250 2nd Bn was directed move the whole Bn across the river. B and C Co's are both across the river.

1320 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3rd Bn.

1335 It has been reported by the arty that enemy tanks, infantry and some civilians were observed leaving Petite Langlir.

1435 Msg was received from Div that 1 Plat Co B, 629th TD Bn is attached to CT 329 upon arrival.

1440 2nd Bn CP is being shelled quite heavily.

1455 Col Crabill and Major Bagley returned to CP.

1520 Plat of light tks from Co D, 774th Tk Bn detached from 2nd Bn and attached to 1st Bn.

1540 E and G Co's are advancing slowly along the S of the river against S/A fire.

1550 3rd Bn reports that I and K Co's have been receiving heavy arty fire and have had many casualties today.

1610 General Macon wants us to assault the town again in a coordinated attack with 331st Inf. Col Crabill suggests that it be a night attack and has put up to Maj White before making a decision.

1615 Co F is going to cross the river and join up with G and E Co's.

1630 Co E is on PL 8.

1710 Co E on PL 9.

1715 It has been decided to make a night attack tonight not earlier than 2100.

1750 A Lt from the Engrs, accompanied by a small patrol, searching for a route down to the river when they observed approx 100 enemy in an open field on our flank. Arty fire is being brought on them.

1825 1 sqd of the Regtl mines plat is to report to 1st Bn CP at 0800 tomorrow.

1845 An enemy patrol attempted to secure the cross-road at 671838 that is being guarded by elements of Co A. The enemy patrol was fired on and dispersed.

1855 The attack tonight will go off at 2200.

2030 3rd Bn will attack at 2200 to take Petite Langlir. Co F and one Bn of 331st will also attack towards the town. The attack will be supported by arty on Petite Langlir.

2204 3rd Bn jumped off on time at 2200.

2229 K and L Co's have been pinned down by MG fire coming from enemy tks in the woods just outside of Petite Langlir.

2245 The MG fire against K and L Co's has ceased. K Co is being reorganized in an effort to push on into town.

2305 Co G is reported to be making good progress.

2335 331st has been meeting no resistance and is progressing rapidly.

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12 January 1945

- 0730 During last night elements of 331st Inf got into Petite Langlir and Langlir. The enemy forces in the town are now cut off. It has not yet been confirmed that the town is clear of enemy. Our 3rd Bn was unable to make progress as there were enemy tks to its front bringing fire on them. Also 3rd Bn was far under strength due to quite heavy casualties yesterday and they were badly disorganized. A 30 man enemy patrol came in between A and B Co's last night. A and B Co's were engaged with this patrol most of the night. A PW from this patrol is reported to be an SS man and he stated there were 40 more enemy on the North side of the river. Efforts will be made this morning to clean up our sector and permit the armor to pass through G Co reached the cross roads at Chapel last night and are holding the cross roads.
- 0915 *X* 3rd Bn was directed continue on their mission and attempt to get to Petite Langlir. Although elements of the 331st are in the town, there is still enemy between 3rd Bn and the town. There are approx 3 enemy tanks in front of 3rd Bn.
- 0925 Lt Col French left CP to go to 3rd Bn. He is going to coordinate the movement between 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 1010 *X* 331st reports that Petite Langlir is now clear of enemy. 3rd Bn was directed to go on into town and relieve elements of 331st there 331st is sending out a patrol to determine if there is any enemy between 3rd Bn and the town. As soon as our sector is clear, the armor is going to pass through and push on ahead.
- 1030 Lt Col French returned to CP.
- 1115 3rd Bn is going to shift to the right and push into Petite Langlir by a different approach in order to avoid crossing the open field to their front. This field is covered by fire from enemy tks and 3rd Bn sustained heavy casualties yesterday trying to approach the town that way.
- 1218 Major Bagley left CP to go to Bns.
- 1225 Co F will jump off towards Petite Langlir at 1300.
- 1350 2nd Bn jumped off at 1340. They were delayed because communication with 3rd Bn went out shortly before 1300 when they were to jump off.
- 1410 K and L Co's have entered Petit Langlir and I Co is following them in.
- 1515 Lt Magill reports that there is a tank battle taking place on the road between Petite Langlir and Ottre. He was told that 10 German tks were participating.
- 1540 Capt Brandt reported into CP stating that bridge was in at Petite Langlir as of 1530 built by 23rd Engrs.
- 1600 *X* At 1600 our Blue Bn took responsibility of Petite Langlir from Blue Bn 331st at 1600. By 1700 our Blue had completely relieved 3rd Bn, 331st.
- 1710 Col Crabill informed Major Sharpe that Blackstone wants Col Neilson to depart from Langlir immediately to continue on his mission to 646806. Also to establish contact with C Co.
- 1758 Both B and C Co will patrol the main highway into Langlir first thing in the morning to establish a supply route for 1st Bn.
- 1800 A Co 774th Tk Bn plat of 2nd Bn will go to 331st and plat with 1st Bn given to 2nd Bn.
- 1802 Regt'l wire team is going to lay lines into the town of Petite Langlir to 3rd Bn. This is going to be our main supply route and has already been swept of mines.
- 1820 Report came in that firing was going on in vicinity of 2nd Bn CO 2nd Bn has been contacted and reports that there is no firing, although there is a little arty fire. General also orders G Co to move out and try and contact C Co and F Co will jump off first thing in the morning. Tks and TD's have not arrived at 2nd Bn as yet due to heavy traffic on the bridge. Col Crabill orders all other traffic stopped in order that the tks and TDs can get across the bridge.
- 1830 F Co will have to be on their position 0600 in the morning. Support by one Tk and 1 TD. Road is going to be blocked.
- 2030 General Macon called and directed that Mine sweepers and A-T Guns be placed on the two prominent roads coming in from the East, tonight. General Macon feels

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2030 that there may be a possible tk attack from that direction. Coordinates 673635 - 671823.

2035 Major Bagley, Col Cook, Major Sharpe had a conference call and decided that Major Sharpe's TDs, plus A-T guns, Regtl Mines Plat, put at the base of the roads in case of attack by tks. Major Bagley also wants 2 plats of A-T guns to cross the river in order that they can sweep the roads with their fire and also to block the roads at the base.

2130 Armor passing through our regiment tomorrow. The armor infantry will start to move at 0500. Their tanks at 0700. They will pass through our bridgeheads about 0800. Notify forward elements to keep roads open and assist in anyway. (CG 83d Inf Div)

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0730 F Co reached its objective at 0545 capturing 50 prisoners.

0800 1 Co of 3rd Bn will relieve A Co of 1st Bn. A Co will back up B and C companies. (Reserve for B and C Co and protection on their main supply route) Tanks of A Co will revert to control of 3rd Bn.

0845 Lt Bremer CO of A-T Co reported to Col Crabill and gave him disposition of his A-T guns. A-T Co CP is now located in Sart.

0900 Col Crabill wants to move Regtl CP some time this afternoon in vicinity of Langlir or Petite Langlir.

0905 Major Callaghan reports that for this particular mission the 329 CT has captured approx 230 prisoners.

0910 Capt Bunch has left for the town of Langlir to find a suitable location for a Regtl CP.

0920 An F Co patrol captured 11 prisoners and were cut off from their Co by approx 200 enemy by passed by the patrol in foxholes. The F Co patrol reported to C Co 2nd Bn and they were given a patrol from E Co and tks and are now cleaning out the woods. Approx strength of F Co patrol was 4 or 5 men.

0935 An enemy truck full of enemy came up to F Co trying to capture their positions. The truck was shot up and all the enemy captured. (Truck was identified as 331st)

0946 3rd Bn reports many cases of frozen feet. L Co especially has been hit hard. Only one officer remains and that is Capt McCoy and his feet are very bad. Col suggests that Capt Gray, 3rd Bn Surgeon, establish an aid station in a suitable building to take care of these cases.

0950 I Co of 3rd Bn is going to take up the positions of A Co. 3rd Bn will alternate their companies there so that one Co wont be there to long in one spot.

1030 Capt Bunch returned and reports that there are no houses in Langlir and also Petite Langlir. The most he could find were barns. Houses were very few.

1052 F Co will be relieved by 331st Inf about noon today.

1100 Patrols of B Co have contacted enemy in the swamp in their sector. 675823 - 670823 will be the new Div Bdy effective at noon today.

1130 We are getting another platoon of light tks and they will be attached to 2nd Bn.

1310 Rcn trp is attached to us as of 13 Jan 45 to 2nd Bn.

1315 3rd Bn will remain in Petite Langlir until further orders. I Co will be also relieved as soon as 331st completes their relief. So they will also have to be billeted in 3rd Bn area.

1330 We have been cut out of Langlir and part of Petite Langlir by the new boundary. This area has gone to the armor.

1400 Col Crabill has decided not to move Regtl CP today.

1410 The rcn Trp is being placed in the tk positions in I Co's area.

1606 C Co has advanced up to the road block. There they met stiff resistance by entrenched Inf. B Co advanced about 500 or 600 yards and have reached a clearing in the woods.

1642 Col Crabill instructed Maj Sharpe to prepare and make plans for a push to edge of woods tomorrow. Overlay on way down.

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1730 G Co relieved I Co. I Co returned to Petite Langlir.
1800 Plat of A Co returned to their Co after patrol mission with Engrs. Co L of 331st relieved Plat of E and F Co and they returned to Langlir.

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1000 Co G of 2nd Bn and B and C Co's of 1st Bn jumped off. C Co hit enemy strong point. B and G Co's have not met any resistance.
1105 B Co 400 yards from LD has run into resistance C Co got off in wrong sector and is starting over. Just over LD at 1100
1130 Patrol from G Co ran into enemy 67808385 and spotted fires at 68408390.
1145 G-3 called up Maj Bagley and told him to prepare to move the Regtl CP to Petite Langlir.
1202 Col Crabill returned to CP after visiting Bn's.
1315 Report from Blackboy Arty Liaison O states that Blackboy Red is slightly beyond PLB.
1405 B and C Co's now at PLA.
1540 C Co on PLA; B Co - PLB; G Co - PLA; Rcn Trp half way between PLA and PLB. E Co following G Co.
1545 4 or 5 unidentified planes dropped 8 bombs on Petite Langlir. Lt Col French was injured by arty shrapnel and evacuated.
1540 Gen Collins 7th Corps CO came into CP to check positions of our troops.
1600 G Co now 400 yards past PLB.
1620 Gen Collins left CP.
1635 Gen Macon came into CP giving specific instructions to send out patrols to Bovigney.
1700 C Co on their objective, B Co just short of theirs. G Co about 400 yards from theirs.
1705 Maj Bagley gave instructions to Capt Gaudio to pull up F Co to clearing near stream.
1710 Gen Macon and Col Crabill left CP to go to Aid Station to visit Col French.
1720 B, C, G Co's on their objectives, E Co just short of theirs. G Co to exploit to Bovigney.
1800 E Co reached their objective.
1845 Forward CP opened. Col Crabill, Major Bagley, Major Orr, Capt Bradenhoff makes up the fwd group.
1850 E and G called stating they were ready to jump off after Arty had laid a TOT
E Co has as objective the clearing of the remaining of the NE corner of the woods.
G Co will go to town of Honyelez.
2145 G Co reported in town of Honyelez.
2150 G and B Co's reported in Honyelez.
2200 Patrol from C Co advanced 500 yards out of woods heading for Bovigney received heavy MG fire and 20mm.

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0800 2 plats of tanks will assist C Co and 1 plat of tanks with B Co in attacking Bovigney.
0805 Blackjack rear alerted to move up to the fwd CP at Petite Langlir sometime today. Co E was given orders to clear the tip of the woods out. Co's A, B, and C sent out patrols to vicinity of Bovigney.
1020 Bn closed in at designated area at 1000.
1025 E Co sent out patrol to clear out enemy at 689842 will continue to objective after this is accomplished.
1030 F Co reported crossing stream at 683840.
1100 Patrols of A and C Co's which were sent to Bovigney were repulsed by Mortar, 20mm MG fire.
1145 Patrol of B Co which was sent out from Honyelez to Bovigney took 8 PW's and

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1145 encountered tanks. Tanks believed to be withdrawing to Bovigny.
1155 2 elements of F Co are now in Honyelez and E Co has advanced 500 yards, taking 5 PW's and still advancing.
1220 Gen Farenbaugh came to CP called Gen Macon and Col Crabill made up plans for attack on Bovigny - 331 takes Courtil.
1245 Rear CP closed in at 1245 at Petite Langlir.
1400 A and C jumped off B is ready.
1410 Gen Macon reported into CP.
1410 B jumped off at 1410. C Co was pinned down by 20mm and MG fire at edge of woods. Enemy tank in small patch to front of them. It knocked out one of our tanks. Crew got out safely.
1430 Col Crabill has been with Red Bn since 0930 reported he is at Red OP. Gen Macon left CP.
1530 B Co reported in Bovigny by air OP.
1605 E Co on objective. Col Crabill returned to CP.
1615 En tks and Inf reported by Arty at 70808256.
1640 Report that B Co was hit by counterattack on flank and driven back into original position on edge of woods. Col Crabill ordered them to get back into Honyelez No progress for A and C Co.
1645 A ll of F Co now in town of Honyelez they report woods to front of them full of enemy assembling.
1730 Col Crabill gave Red three instructions to pull back A and C to original positions and button up for night. Pull up TD's for Tank protection.
1800 PW report from 75th Div reports concentration of 45 tanks and Inf at area 2 miles S of Bech. Confirming previous reports of F Co.
1830 Col Crabill left for Div returned at 2015. Plans are to prepare for counter-attack and then attack Bovigny.
2000 E Co made contact with 75th Div. B Co now in Honyelez. Took 3 TD's in with them.
2145 Col Cook came in to get tomorrow plans of defense and attack and change in bdy's left at 2200.

16 January 1945

0840 Col Cook, Major Sharpe, Major White reported into CP to discuss plans for to-day's attacks. Attack will be coordinated with 331. Company "B" attached to 2nd Bn for this operation. Maneuver same as yesterday except for change in boundaries (See overlay)
1050 Colonel Crabill gave orders to 1st and 2nd Bn's to send out 4 men patrols each to Bovigny.
1240 Attack for to-day called off.
1250 3rd Bn to send a company to fill in gap created by change in bdys. New bdry good at H hour.
1340 Colonel Crabill left CP to visit OP's of Bns.
1430 36 rds of arty (105's) fell in area from RJ to Bridge and field across. 2 vehicles knocked out, 5 casualties 8 more rds of arty fell in vicinity.
1520 Colonel Crabill returned to CP. Suggested a night attack to Div.
1535 6 more rds of arty in vicinity.
1600 No night attack everything called-off for tonight.
2200 B Company left Bovigny and occupied positions on right flank of A Company and left of I Company.
2330 Gen Macon came to CP had a discussion with Major Sharpe on situation in Honyelez. Gave us new regtl right bdry.
2400 Gen Macon left regtl CP.

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17 January 1945

0600 Company A relieved Company I.
 0755 3rd Bn completed relief of 1st Bn 331st Inf on the right. Due to extension in sector received the night before Company I on left, Company L on right and Company K in reserve.
 1200 331st Inf jumped off with the Armor.
 1320 6 Tanks reported in patch ^{NE} of 331st Inf now in town of Courtil.
 1330 Colonel Crabill left CP headed for 3rd Bn.
 1410 Arty fired TOT on counterattack in 331st Inf's sector at 693805.
 1530 Col Crabill returned from 1st Bn.

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1400 Company G sent out 2 man patrols towards Courtil reached outskirts and were fired on by direct fire. Patrol returned to Company.
 1830 Co's I and L sent out 4 men patrols each to Courtil ran into enemy outpost extending SE at 693812 then SW to woods at 690808. Also MG nest at 689809.
 1830 I & R plat sent out two patrols. No 1 patrol to Western part of Cierreux found house unoccupied. No 2 patrol went to railroad. Found road block on road front of woods from Company "E".
 1700 Gen Farenbaugh came in to see Col Crabill. Left at 1730.

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0530 Company L sent out patrol ran into same enemy OP as yesterday 300 to 500 yds. from woods. Returned.
 1100 Company A sent out patrol to Bovigny found it unoccupied.
 1310 Company A sent another patrol to Bovigny to check. A Company to move into Bovigny with TD'S and A-T.
 1315 Company I's patrol also had reached Bovigny. Cannot stay there so will send out another patrol to Courtil.
 1515 Gen Farenbaugh came into CP discussed location of units. Col Crabill informed him he was moving A and F Co's, 2 TD's, into Bovigny. Gen Farenbaugh left at 1530.
 1730 Company A closed in at Bovigny.
 1945 Company L closed in at Bovigny.
 2015 Company E closed in at Honeylez.
 2030 Company F closed in at Courtil.

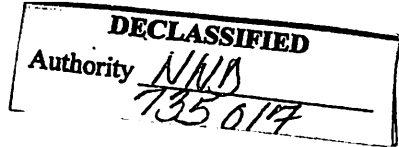
20 January 1945

0815 Received word of possible relief on 21st or 22nd of January.
 0930 Col Walthour left CP to go to Bovigny. Col Walthour now working with our Regt. Returned at 1110.
 1100 Staff O's from 333rd of 84th Div came to CP for our positions prior to the relief.
 1130 Gen Farenbaugh came to CP. Left CP at 1145.
 1200 Received overlay showing the Regt's goose egg denoting our rear future area. CP flag is at Bomal.
 1200 I & R plat sent out terrain and road rcn patrols to the front this morning.
 1300 Completed relief of Blackboy.

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21 January 1945

0830 I & R crossed PLA.
0900 Advance party left for new area.
1200 Tohogne was selected as Regimental CP for new area K 003396.

22 January 1945

0930 Regt started movement to new area.
1345 Regt closed in new area at Tohogne, Belgium.
1645 A Bn Comdrs meeting was held at 1500 and plans were made for training.

23 January 1945

1730 Further plans were made for training today. The troops spent the day in care and cleaning of equipment. The Bns have been given areas of responsibility with the regtl area and are setting up road blocks to prevent infiltration of enemy paratroops which might be landed. During the present period the troops are being furnished with entertainment and will be given an opportunity to bathe. 325 reinforcements were received today and assigned to the Bns.

24 January 1945

1800 Further inspections of clothing, equipment, and ordnance were held today. Training schedules have been made for 25, 26 and 27 January. 94 more reinforcements were received today which brings the regt to within a bout 200 of authorized strength.

25 January 1945

1745 Gen Macon visited the Regt this morning and decorated 36 members of the regt, who have distinguished themselves in combat. 3 Silver Stars and 33 Bronze Stars were presented. Training was continued by all units during the day.

26, 27, & 28 January 1945

During this period, except on Sunday, the 28th, training has been continued by all units. Main subjects being covered are: woods fighting; village fighting; tank fighting; and marching fire. 20 Officer and 155 EM reinforcements have been received during these 3 days.

29, 30, & 31 January 1945

Regiment is still in rest period. Training has been continued during this period. 74 more reinforcements have been received and the regiment is now up to strength. Since our arrival in this rest period, quotas have been sent regularly to Paris and to the Rest Center at Verviers.