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Date 31 Dec 44 JOURNAL 318th Inf S-1

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29 Nov 44	43	1838	Alba		Alba closed in at 1835.
		1845	White		Check on new position at 1845.
		1950			Do not have a rpt of physical contact with Blago.
29 Nov 44		2030			Red has contact on left with Hagedorn & right with Hagedorn.
		1450			Increasing fire in R.M. Sec Cn, 500 yds from pos.
		1502			CG arrives at CP.
		1507			CG leaves CP.
		1532			Det CG arrives at CP.
1 Dec 44		1050			Det CG leaves CP.
		1100			CG arrives at CP.
		1325			CG leaves CP.
		1940			Jet propelled plane flew over Regt area heading East.
2 Dec 44		1200			B on line - A in res.
3 Dec 44		0215	Red		CO holds comms meeting.
		1130	2d Bn		B'Co Relieved by 3d Bn Int.
		0300			Approx 40 rd of arty fell in 3d Bn area.
		1135	OP		FO #75, 74, 318th Inf, issued 030000 Dec 44.
					80 rd of arty fell in Harrisville.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: **CANCELED**

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3 Dec 44		1140		G-3	Both to Dir the falling of fire in all areas and they landed in the middle.
		1315		BW 54 ATC 414	Not: F:CP H-Ho 4R 15 0730 04 DEC 44
		1440	2Lbn		2Lbn completed move at 1440
		1520			ant CG arrive at CP.
		1537			ant CG leave CP.
					Both to Dir the notified H-Ho 4R 0730
4 Dec		0730	2Lbn		4th jumped off on time
		0730	1st Bn		1st Bn jumped off on time
		0730	may James		John pass.
		0730			2d Bn jumped off on time.
		0754	OP		No shelling, other jumped with the
		0800	OP		While loading elements at 11014.
		0806	at 108		CP at 108.
		0820	OP		First elements of 1st Bn at 108.
		0826	OP		2d Bn at 11.
		0829	at 108		2d Bn at 104 - 184 - no resistance.
		0838	2Lbn		2Lbn at 186 - 181 - 189.
		0845	2Lbn		2Lbn receiving light small arms fire.

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4 Dec 44		1038	TD Lr		All TDs (60) arrived.
		1130			2Lbn on light ground S of objective
		1138		G-3	Both to Dir of above.
		1155	at 108		While 2nd CP at 108.
		1220	1st Bn		2d Bn on objective - pits to Dir.
		1320	at 108		Con objective - removing men to others.
		1325	at 108		B & C both on objective and digging in.
		1309	2Lbn		While men CP being in 2nd Bn.
		1410			ant CG arrive at CP.
		1425			ant CG leave CP.
		1445			2Lbn closed in CP to the bridge.
		1639			Final CP reports at 1639.
		1510		CO 2d Bn	Dir to you sent out and 2d Bn of TDs and/or tanks up delay at following points 378-665 firing N 387-601 firing N and NE 373-587 firing NE 391-589 firing E-377-575 firing NW 376-578
		1815		CO 2d Bn	2d Bn 6 elements at tanks in N-S of 1st Bn. 545 - probably TDs of movement. 2nd Bn - tanks at 1st Bn. 2nd Bn - tanks at 1st Bn. 2nd Bn - tanks at 1st Bn.

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4 Dec 44		Cont from previous page			G-2 looks for some possible Ch from Hollinger (McKibbin).
5 Dec 44		2200	Chas		22 hrs - direct fire injure.
		2305			Intw. arty in all Bn sectors.
		1140	2d Bn		Get 70th 2d Bn roll.
		1140	2d Bn		Pl blocks established by 2d Bn.
		1517	arty		G-2 70th 2d Bn joined 2d Bn at Hollinger.
		2125	1st Bn		a contact patrol sent from the 1st Bn to contact elements of the 4th Cav Group on our left flank, have not back to the 1st Bn with descriptions of these elements. This patrol in the first element of the 1st Bn Div to enter Germany during the past 24 hrs.
6 Dec 44		1350			Bn. sent from each unit (2d Bn) to get immediate to CP and get to the commandant.
7 Dec 44		1700			3rd Bn moved to preparing to send and train. Cloud in approx 1700.
8 Dec 44					
15 Dec		1830			all units alerted to have battle line party ready to move out tomorrow on call.

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16 Dec 44					Received Div FO #
18 Dec 44					During periods 8-17 Dec the Regt conducted training and maneuvers given past.
		1000			CP moved to the the the and opened.
		1400	6-3		G-3 report that we receive elements to move into and out of the the the .
		1525			Act C-5 arrived at CP.
		1540			Act C-5 leaves CP.
		1615			CA, 91st Chemical Mortar Bn attached - the the the in at CP.
		2125		00319	25 Car at 066852/0668584-0668567/0668565 have contact with 87 Div Bn at 0668576 & Chn 2d Bn 819 at 0668565/No gneing activity. All details arranged for our relief by the the the unit.
		2130			All 2d of 3184 attached units moved to the the the .
		2130			Remain in place - no relief of 25th Cav prepare for movement on 19th by tanks. M-1 the the the for unit movement.
A Dec		1400	5-3		CP the the the out of the the the and moved the the the in order to the the the .

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20 Dec 44					Message from Portage to Ruffdange per Dir order and Blue occupy Ruffdange with machine to hold at all cost.
21 Dec 44		0430			Rec'd Dir 70#23, dated 210030A Dec 44,
		0930			Unit Comd meeting held at 0830 and plans made for movement in accordance with Dir 70#23,
		1000			Dir 70#23 received.
		1220			All units back in previous position.
		1330	G-5		Dir FO#23 released valid again. Original plan to be carried out.
		1640			Telephone communications to Combat Gth Army moved in.
		1700			CP closed at Munich.
		1900			CO held meeting of Combs and representatives of 1stth unit and discussed overlay for attack.
22 Dec		0000			Red jumped off on line.
		0727	Red		Red has cleared I.P.
		0735			White has cleared I.P. at 0700.
		0815			Blue has cleared I.P. at 0815.

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22 Dec 44		0820		1220	Message to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bn giving them the location of Munich.
		0830	Red		Red is are through Colmar.
		0840			Tanks have cleared Berg and are waiting for foot troops.
		0845	Red		Request coordination, are you moving? Adv operations?
		0850	Blue		Leading elms of 1stth unit 014808.
		0908		TD2	Get location of your leading elms.
		0935			CO leaves CP to go forward.
	1	0904	White		Leading elms at Nucle of Colmar.
	2	0914	Blue		Position same as last plot.
	3	0957			Leading elms at clock point 240, No resistance.
		0938	Red		Leading elms entering Etellbruck.
	4	0935	Red		Leading elms at clock point 278.
		1033	Red		Operations in Etellbruck - 2 AT guns - One lost.
		1040			Red F.M.G. #1 700800A Dec 44.
		1210			CP move forward and opened at Colmar.
	5	1130	Red		Red back at San Francisco contact with 1stth unit. Red Daily to adv. 1stth unit with 1stth unit for 1stth unit.

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22 Dec 44	6	1035	IR		White flag through 6th Dn over to Havelka. Had not understood about G-1 and G-2.
		1530			arty falling in on Colmar.
		1620			Enemy arty places a TOT on Colmar.
		1645	2nd 6		Enemy Concentration on right flank.
		1630			Havelka has out.
		1730			Red in Elizabeth.
		1803			1st Bn to consolidate town for the night. 2d Bn to consolidate high ground NW of town. 3d Bn in reserve.
23 Dec 44		0808			3d Bn moving out.
		0610			2d Bn & 3d Bn - jumped off at 0600.
		0705			1st Bn jumped off at 0700.
		0655	2d Bn		H7401 is location of Fla - E moving.
		0750	2d Bn		E at 808403 - F at 808403.
		0710			E & F just about to stop - meeting SA fire.
		0925			E & F on obj.

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23 Dec 44		0953	2d Bn		2d Bn is moving.
		1000	IR		2d Bn has run into along in tracks and pillbox - 2d Bn CO has ordered to fire. Bayonet and move forward.
		1025	2d Bn		take the light Platoon. Platoon 2 move as per map to in yellow clear. Light ridge and continue to take crossing over. Work as much as possible and move on to the other side of the road.
		1037	IR		2d Bn moving up to assist a Co.
		1335	2d Bn		2d Bn see enemy coming into Eltzbach from the North.
		1400	White 6		Union your 2d Bn receiving CA's from NE at H 38945 and H 78750.
		1418		6-3	0900 situation to 6-3.
		1422	6-2		3 AT guns, 3 arty guns & 3 AA guns at Eltzbach, 8440.
		1437	6-2		28 enemy tanks approaching Nieder-Paulen (2840).

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23 Dec		1435			1 Plt TD is ordered to detail themselves and move to cover me at 792380r (McNishar)
		1445		Artillerie	Propose bridge at 015359 for demolition immediately, is not taking bridge until further orders are given.
		1455			CG arrives at CP.
		1510	CG		General order to stop attacking Hillbrook.
		1512	Artillerie		F & G have moved out.
		1534		Artillerie	B & C have come out of town at dark under protection of both batteries.
		1541			CG leaves CP.
		1627			Art CG arrives at CP.
		1655			Art CG leaves CP.
24 Dec		0815		Co 318	Tanks and Tractor Control for 1 Bn in mission of containing Elgaboth from SW continue 1 Co on high ground NW of town - ascertain if anything in Warden. Effect sleep of non-combatants with concentration. Soldiers moving to vicinity outside of Toulon (McNishar)

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24 Dec		0825		Co 318	Get here personally this AM. Elgaboth will coordinate with you and all your 1 Bn in mission containing SW Elgaboth. You will move to building over in vicinity your present location ascertain Elgaboth. Tanks & Tractor to Elgaboth inform them relief to be effected by name. (McNishar)
		0915		Co 318	Both Plts White and Blue of Messrs being CA at Hope you will have Miller and 1 Plt Hummer attached to you. Be prepared to counter attack that direction from Hope otherwise continue as ordered. (McNishar)
		0922		Miller	Move your Co up to the top of Hillbrook to vicinity Toulon (Hope) you are attached to Elgaboth who has mission to be prepared to counter attack enemy forces attacking Hillbrook (Hope) report to Elgaboth to report Toulon. (McNishar)
		0935		Hope	Move your Co down Hillbrook (via road 317) and to remain with 3 Bn 318 to Hillbrook to vicinity Toulon (Hope) you are attached to Elgaboth 2 Bn 318. The report from you to him the w/o delay. Elgaboth has mission to be prepared to counter attack enemy attacking 2 Bn 319 in Hillbrook (Hope). (McNishar)

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24 Dec 44		1300			Order received from Div for mtg and move 1st & 2d Bns to 4th and Div	
25 Dec 44		0030			Opened CP in Boudville.	
26 Dec 44					1st Bn with CCA & 2d Bn with CCB attacked towards Bastogne.	
26 Dec 44					Continued attack and arrived at a point which made it possible for armor to get through to Bastogne.	
27 Dec 44		0430			1st Bn leading a 4-man patrol was able to reach Bastogne and return.	
28 Dec 44					Bn + armor continued adv. to Bastogne.	
28 Dec 44					Bn continued attack.	
29 Dec 44					Bn returned to fight control and moved back to Div sector.	
		1545			Opened in armor.	
		1730			1st Bn closed in.	
					2d Bn closed in.	

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29 Dec 44		0955	1st Bn		Div state that higher up state that all enemy tanks that are abandoned be destroyed so as not to be used as a pillbox or salient.	
		1315			Line in to Red Devil.	
		1454			CG arrive at CP.	
		1512			CG leave CP.	
		1705			Asst CG arrive at CP.	
		1730			Asst CG leave CP.	
		1715	1st Bn		1st Bn ordered to move to Schipin without delay. (Mickler) (Bn in 1st Bn)	
		1905			Co C, 166 Engineer Officer got into CP. In 1st Bn is present at the CP.	
		1930	atg Bn		Enemy troops & fresh concentration being fired on by 1st Bn located at 813413.	
31 Dec		2115	5-2		Report new fresh movement along Dinkel - established rd. sharp turn.	
		2200			2d Bn relieving 80th Recn. 1st Bn moving on to Sharcon.	
		0530	5-3		FG relieved 80th Bn at 0545.	