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In	Time		S. r. No.	Date	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
	Out					
	0600		292		Ammo report for period 0600, 31 Jan 45 to 0600, 1 Feb 45: No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98 489	S
	0800		293		Day spent in cleaning and servicing equipment of personnel and organization.	S
	2400		294		Weather mild. No casualties.	

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Time	Ser.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, e tc.	Action
In	Out	No.	Taken
0001 - 0600	295	Negative Report	
	0600	296	
		A memo report for period 0600, 1 Feb to 0600 2 Feb, 1945: No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,489	S
	0800	297	
		The whole day was free for personnel to use for care of equipment or recreation.	S
	2400	298	
		Weather: Warmer, cloudy. No casualties.	S

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Time	Out	Re. V. No.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, e. c.	Action Taken
			(Day & Date)	
0001	0600	299	Negative Report.	/S
	0600	300	Ammo report for period 0600, 2 Feb to 0600, 3 Feb 45: No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,489	
	0900	301	Medical inspection of Bn.	T
	1000	302	Remainder of day for care and cleaning of materiel.	S
	2400	303	Weather: Continued warm, clear. No casualties.	S

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Time	Seq. No.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, e to	Action Taken
In	Out	(Day & Date)	
0001 - 0600	304	Negative Report.	S
	305	A mmo Report for period 0600, 3 Feb to 0600, 4 Feb 45: No ammo expended. Grand Total: 98,489	S
	306	Buzz bombs went over town.	DA
	307	Catholic Mass for the men of the Bn in the Village Church.	T
	308	PX rations distributed.	T
	309	3 Buzz bombs heard going over town.	DA
	310	Weather: Cloudy, continued warmer. No casualties.	S

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Time	Se r.	Time	Incidents, Messages, Orders, e tc.	Action
In	Out	No.	(Day & Date)	Taken
0001 - 0600	311		Negative Report.	S
0730	312		CSMO to Bn.	T
1130	313		Bn displaced. Travelled 32 miles.	S
1250	314		Crossed the border into Germany at town of Tuddern.	S
1405	315		Arrived at town of Braunsrath, Germany, Coord. 8120 - 7460. CP set up in basement of brick house. British occupied same house as an FDC. They displaced during the night and following morning.	DA
1625	316		Btry A began registering but could not finish because of darkness.	S
2000	317		Bn in 9th Army, XVI Corps.	S
2025	318		Bn tried unsuccessfully to register.	S
2400	319		No casualties. Weather: Mild, rain & mud.	S

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Time		No.	Notes	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Date & Time)	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0600	320		A mmo Report: 5 M48, 8 M54. Total 13 rounds. Grand Total: 98,502 .	S
	1115	321		Tried to register but it was too ha zy for observation.	S
	1145	322		Colonel Belden visited the CP.	S
	1530	323		Registered the Bn.	S
	1850	324		Communications to batteries and 4 other lines out for about half an hour. The British had pushed over a wall and accidentally cut these lines.	S
	1900	325		692 FA reinforcing our fires.	S
	2400	326		Weather: Continued mild, cloudy. No casualties.	S

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Time	Out	Ser. No.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, &c. (Day & Date)	Action Taken
	0600	327	Ammunition report for period 0600, 6 Feb to 0600, 7 Feb 45: 49 M48. Grand Total: 98,551	S
	0955	328	CO left on Rcn	S
	1830	329	Btries were informed to have Normal Parties ready to leave at 0900 tomorrow.	S
	2120	330	Btries informed that a small German patrol broke through our lines somewhere between our position and 2nd Bn lines.	T
	2230	331	Unidentified plane overhead.	DA
	2400	332	No casualties. Weather: rain.	S

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Time		S. r. No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day & Date)	Action Taken
In	Out				
		332	0001	No fired during the night. Overhead planes not identified.	S
		333	0600	Ammo report for period 0600, 7 Feb 45 to 0600 8 Feb 45. No rounds expended. Grand Total 98, 551.	S
		334	0800	CO left on recon.	S
		335	0800	692 FA was relieved from reinforcing our fires.	S
		336	1305	Propaganda shells were fired.	DA
		337	1645	Several enemy shells were heard falling at an undetermined distance from CP.	S
		338	1730	BCs ordered to meet at 0830 tomorrow.	S
		339	1900	Bn checked on serviceability of gas masks, etc.	D
		340	2000	Hq Btry alerted for move of part of men and equipment at 0930 tomorrow.	S
		341	2200	Planes overhead during the night.	S
		342	2400	No casualties. Weather, clear.	S

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In	Out				
		343	0600	Artillery fire and bombing to North during the night.	S
		344	0600	Ammo report for period 0600 8 Feb 45 to 0600, 9 Feb 45. 42 M48 Total. Grand Total: 98593	DA
		345	0930	Part of Bn displaced to go to new position. One gun from B Btry and Fwd FD, Radio and Survey sections displaced.	DA
		346	1015	Fwd party arrived in town of Erpen after traveling 3 miles. Fd and CP set up in house in town.	DA
		347	1030	Bn was paid.	S
		348	1400	A Btry fired mission at enemy flak battery at DA request.	DA
		349	1535	B Btry, forward, registered.	DA
		350	1730	Bn notified that part of Bn that remained in old position would not move, and the fwd party would return to this position.	S
		351	2000	Fwd party of Bn returned.	DA
		352	2100	Flares and bombing seen to North.	S
		353	2130	DA notified us to have two officers and eight enlisted men ready to leave on Paris passes at seven o'clock in the morning.	S
		354	2400	No casualties. Weather, rain and cold.	

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Time		Ser. No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
		355	0600	Ammo report for period 0600, 9 Feb 45 to 0600 10 Feb 45. 22 M54 62 M48 Total: 84 Grand Total: 98677	DA
		356	0600	Personnel leaving on Paris passes reported to CP and then left for Div Arty.	S
		357	20005	Flares and bombs seen to North of our position	S
		358	2400	No casualties. Weather, rain.	

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Time		Seri- No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day & Date)	Action Taken
In	Out				
		359	0600	Ammo report for period 0600 10 Feb. 45 to 0600 11 Feb 45. No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98677	DA
		360	1115	Protestant services were held.	S
		361	1300	Catholic services were held.	S
		362	1600	Bn notified that two men were to receive furl- oughs to London.	S
		363	1800	Several volleys of shells landed at an azimuth of 400.	S
		364	2145	Guards reported bright lights to west of our position. May be flares.	S
		365	2400	No casualties. Weather, rain.	

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In	Out				
		366	0600	Ammo report for period 0600 11 Feb 45 to 0600 12 Feb 45. 15 M48 Total. Grand Total: 98692	DA
		367	0800	BCs to meet at CP at 0900 this morning.	S
		368	0930	Bn will displace at 1315.	S
		369	1300	Bn displaced and moved to new position in town of Erpen after traveling 3 miles. CP and FD set up in stone house.	DA
		370	1400	Batteries laid and ready to fire.	S
		371	2000	Interdictory fires started for night.	DA
		372	2130	Guard reported seeing flares at an undetermined range due north of us.	S
		373	2330	Buzz bomb went almost directly over CP traveling west.	S
		374	2400	No casualties. Weather, mild, windy, rain.	

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In	Out				
		375	0515	Buzz bomb went over.	S
		376	0545	Inf called for fire. An outpost was surrounded by enemy.	DA
		377	0600	Ammunition Report for 24 hr period ending 0600, 13 Feb 45: 19 M48 Grand Total: 98,711	DA
		378	1100	C Btry had CP #2 Registration.	DA
		379	2025	Buzz bomb went over.	S
		380	2345	Some incoming shells landed at an undetermined distance from the CP.	DA
		381	2400	No casualties. Weather: cloudy.	S

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In	Out				
		382	0455	Several enemy shells landed at an undetermined distance from the CP.	DA
		383	0600	Ammunition report for the 24 hr period ending 0600, 14 Feb 45: 81 M48 12 M57 93 Total	
				Grand Total: 98,804	DA
		384	2100	Buzz bomb went over.	S
		385	2230	Considerable air activity overhead, identified as friendly.	S
		386	2400	No casualties. Weather: Mild, clear.	S

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In	Out				
		387	0600	Ammunition Report for 24 hr period ending 0600, 15 Feb 45: 7 M48 Grand Total: 98,811.	DA
		388	0715	Enemy air bomb passed overhead.	S
		389	1900	Men of Bn received "shots" for Tetanus and Typhoid.	S
		390	1340	Lt Col Burba, 8th Armored Div Arty, visited CP, and left for C Btry to inspect the guns.	S
		391	2400	No casualties. Weather: cloudy, cooler.	S

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Time		Ser. No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day & Date)	Action Taken
In	Out				
0300	0400	392		Four buzz-bombs went over at a very low altitude during the hour.	S
	0600	393		Ammunition Report for the 24 hr period ending 0600, 16 Feb 45: No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,811.	DA
	0930	394		15% of men left on 12 hr pass to Maastricht.	S
	1300	395		Col Billings and Lt Col Fenn of 202 FA Gp visited CP.	S
	1530	396		Men of Bn rec'd one bottle of Coca-Cola per man. This was the first time in the ETO.	T
	1900	397		Flares seen to East of our position.	DA
	2400	398		No casualties. Weather: Clear.	S

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In	Out				
	0600	399		Ammunition Report for 24 hr period ending 0600, 17 Feb 45: 20 M48 Grand Total: 98,831	DA
	0800	400		15% of men in Bn left on pass to Brussels.	T
	1000	401		CO left for Inf.	S
	1300	402		Four film showings today for men of Bn.	T
	1400	403		Btries notified of Protestant services to be held in this town tomorrow at 1100.	T
	2020	404		Jury reports gun flash seen at thes coordinates: 812 - 790 40° 818 - 795 35°	DA
	2400	405		No casualties. Weather: Mild, showers.	S

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In	Out				
	0600	406		Ammunition Report for 24 hr period ending 0600, DA 18 Feb 45: 16 M48 rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,847.	
	0800	407		Men left on pass to Maastricht.	T
	1100	408		Protestant Services held in town.	T
	2400	409		Weather: Fog, mild. No casualties.	S

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To	Out				
	0600	410		Ammunition Report for 24 hr period ending 0600, 19 Feb 45: No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,847	DA
	1230	411		Red Cross Clubmobile began serving coffee and donuts to men of the Bn.	T
	1340	412		We fired on Enemy Inf in the open.	DA
	1425	413		Registered all btries on CP #2 by Air OP.	DA
	1500	414		Movies presented for men of the Bn.	T
	2400	415		No casualties. Weather: Mild.	S

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Time		Ser. No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, e tc: (Day & Date)	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0600	416		Ammunition report for 24 hr period ending 0600, 20 Feb 45: 8 M57 27 M48 35 Total rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,882.	DA
	1200	417		Btries were informed that there would be moving pictures at 1300 and 1500.	T
	1500	418		Men of Bn saw film showing.	T
	1800	419		Ration of beer issued to men.	T
	2400	420		No casualties. Weather: rain.	S

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In	Out				
	0600	421		Ammo report for period 0600, 20 Feb 45 to 0600, 21 Feb 45; No rounds expended. Grand Total: 98,882	S
	0630	422		Men left on pass to Brussels. CO left for London	S
	1000	423		LnO #1 reported that enemy patrol was fired upon by C Co outpost. One of the enemy was killed, and the patrol retreated.	D
	1300	424		Men of Bn left on bath detail.	S
	1300	425		Special Service "Jeep Show" performed for Bn	S
	1800	426		Beer ration issued to Bn	S
	1900	427		H and I fires were started for the night.	D
	2000	428		B Btry reported flares to East and Southeast of their position.	S
	2400	429		No casualties. Weather: rain.	S

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In	Out				
	0600	430		Ammo report for period 0600, 21 Feb 45 to 0600 22 Feb 45: 5 M57, 50 M48, Total: 55 rounds. Grand Total: 98937.	D
	2000	431		Plans made for new action	D
	2045	432		En air activity reported to North. Flares being dropped.	D
	2200	433		Fifty-nine "Prep" fires given to batteries to be fired from 0255 to 0930, 22 Feb 45.	S
	2400	434		No casualties. Weather: mild.	S

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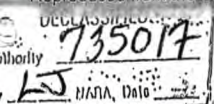
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In	Out				
	0245	435		Bn commenced firing Prep fires for "Jump-off". Enemy commenced shelling in return.	D
	0430	436		Report received that division on our right, 84th Inf, crossed the Roer River	S
	0600	437		A mmo report for period, 0600, 22 Feb 45 to 0600, 23 Feb 45: 371 M48 1 M57 12 Pozit, Total 384. Grand Total: 99321	D
	0925	438		Plane reported that he spotted a number of en guns. 161st FA Bn was adjusted on them.	S
	1400	439		Major Finn, Ex O, with party, left on rcn.	D
	1800	440		H and I fires were set up for night.	D
	1950	441		En planes seen to North	S
	2400	442		H and I fires continued during the night. No casualties. Weather: mild.	S



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0500	443			H and I fires continued.	D
0600	444			Ammo report for period 0600, 23 Feb 45 to 0600 24 Feb 45: 369 M48, 2 M57, Total 371 rounds. Grand Total: 99692	D
0830	445			Fwd party, fire direction, wire and radio sections, moved to new position in town of Poselen.	D
0900	446			Fwd party arrived in town of Poselen after traveling 3 miles. CP and FDC set up in house. En mortar shells landing in town at time.	D
1000	447			En shell landed several hundred yards east of rear CP	D
1030	448			Enemy shells landed in vicinity of rear CP. Unknown vehicle was burning near the crossroads between our forward and rear CPs.	D
1055	449			En shells fired over our CP	D
1100	450			B Btry reported en time fire on road near their position.	D
1100	451			Batteries and atchd AA were ordered to stop moving their vehicles to new position until further notice.	S
1140	452			Batteries in forward position were registered.	D
1515	453			En shell landed 100 yards to left of C Btry near #4 gun position.	D
1518	454			B Btry reported that one of their buildings was bracketed by en shells about 30 yds on each side of building.	D
1525	455			A Btry reported a casualty from en shelling.	D
1531	456			En shell landed 300 yards in front of B Btry #3 gun.	D

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	1710	457		(Day and date) Rest of rear position arrived at new position. The following casualties were suffered when rear Bn position was shelled while they remained in the town of Erpen: KIA Lt Ben F Mills S/Sgt Pete Boese Pvt Johnnie Jeffcoat Pvt Joseph Ruse Sgt Vaughn Parker WIA Evacuated 2d Lt John L. Kaufman Pvt Wayne Joiner Pfc Joe S. Garcia Cpl Joseph C. Williams	D D
	2000	458		Batteries laid on normal barrage	D
	2400	459		Nine (9) casualties. Weather: mild.	

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In	Out				
	0540	473		(Day and date) Prep fires begun for Inf	D
	0600	474		Ammo report for period 0600 26 Feb 45 to 0600 27 Feb 45: 1183 M48 17 M57 105 Pozit. Total 1305 Grand Total: 101,599	D
	1010	475		TOT fired on town of Myhl	D
	1200	476		Donald R. Sels, A Btry, left for Division rest camp, Santa Fe Chatto, for period of 48 hours. Two EM also left for Div rr to have a furlough in the UK.	S
	1315	477		C.S. M. O	D
	1500	478		Bn moved to new position	D
	1620	479		Bn crossed Roer River at town of Hilfarth	S
	1640	480		Bn arrived at new position in town of Eschenbroch Germany, Coor (943-763), after traveling 8.7 miles, and FD and CP was set up in group of farm buildings. D	
	1645	481		Communications set up.	
	1715	482		C Btry laid and ready to fire.	D
	1745	483		Defensive fires recd from Inf.	D
	1805	484		Bn registered	D
	2330	485		Bn began H and I missions for the night.	D
	2400	486		No casualties. Weather: mild, partly cloudy.	

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0530	487	Prep fires begun for Inf.	D
0600	488	Ammo report for period 0600, 27 Feb to 0600 28 Feb 45: 744 M48, 236 M54, 14 M57, 78 Pozit, Total: 1072 rds. Grand Total: 102 669	D
0830	489	Some more prep fires were fired for Inf	D
1130	490	Lt Wright reported that while on recon with Cpl Grissom driving his jeep, their vehicle struck a mine at Coor (923-788), 200 yds east of Myhl. Lt Wright was evacuated, and Cpl Grissom was treated at aid station.	S
1200	491	BCs alerted for recon.	S
1410	492	Bn received BSMO	D
1510	493	Bn displaced.	D
1700	494	Bn arrived at new position in town of Wildemrath after traveling 6 miles. FDC and CP set up in large stone building in town.	D
1745	495	Btries laid and ready to fire.	D
1745	496	Bn commenced to register.	D
1830	497	Normal barrages recd from Inf.	S
2230	498	H and I fires begun for night.	D
2400	499	Two casualties. Weather, clear.	