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FROM: 0001, 1 Mar 45
 TO : 2400, 1 Mar 45
 HQ 68TH ARMD INF BN
 SAESSOLSHEIM, FRANCE
 011800 March 45

No. 71

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: XXXX
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Saessolsheim and Ingenheim, France.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: XXXX
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
 Weather: Generally clear.
 Visibility: Good
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 Unit remained in assembly area. Performed maintenance of vehicles and wpns and outposted the towns.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXXX

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Type Vehicle	Operationally Fit	UNDER REPAIR		Lost During Period
			Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	
Hq Co-68	M4 (105)	2	0	0	0

F. H. WALLS,
 Maj, Inf
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HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
A.P.O. 446 U.S. ARMY

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 6 MARCH 45

TIME	SUBJECT	AREA	CO'S	UNIFORM	INSTR	REMARKS
0830-0900	Police of Area	Asgd	All	B	Plat Ldrs	
0900-1000	Dismounted Road March	Sec	All	B	Plat Ldrs	See atchd overlay
(0900-1100)	Radio School (SCR 300 & 535)	Bn CP	Sec Bn CP	B	Comm O & asst's	3 men ea plat will attend (Hq, A, B, C).
1000-1030	Map Reading	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	Use current Fr 1:25,000 maps.
1030-1130	Use of Compass at Night	Plat	All (-)	B	Plat Ldrs	
(1030-1130)	Gunnery & Crew Drill AG Plat, 81mm Mort Plat, Bn Pl (M3 Plat stress in- direct fire)	Hq Co	Hq Co Plats	B	Plat Ldrs	
1130-1200	Military Courtesy & Bearing (Stress saluting)	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	
1300-1400	Use of Binoculars	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	
1400-1500	Maint of Wps & Vehicles	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	
1500-1600	Athletics	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	

- NOTES: 1. Road March will be in columns of two (2) with separate company formations. Each company will have one man preceding the company column by 75 yds and one man following the company column by 75 yds for traffic control.
2. 1,000 and 6,000 mi. vehicle checks being completed.

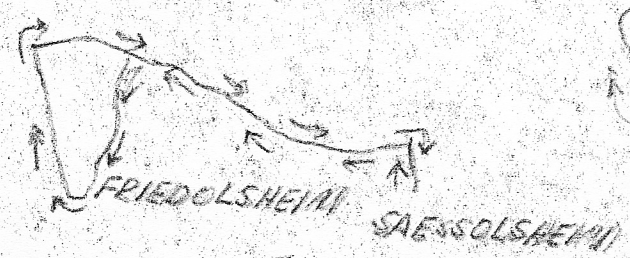
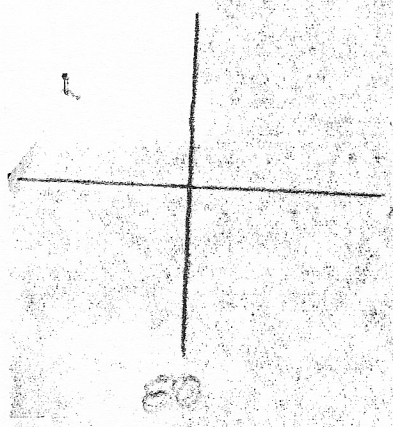
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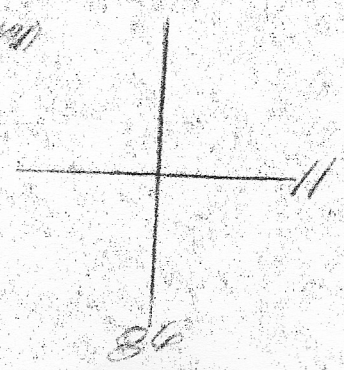
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1st Lt., Inf.,
Adjutant.

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HQ, 68TH AIB 6 FEB 45
OVERLAY - ROUTE OF
ROAD MARCH
MAP - FRANCE 1:50,000
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ROAD MARCH FOR
HQ. B, C, SERV. &
MEDICS



Co C, 68th Armd Inf Bn

HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
14TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO 446
United States Army.

Date 7 March 1949

PATROL RECORD

PATROL NO: 2 LEADER _____ NO. MEN _____

NUMBER OF WPNS BY TYPE: _____

MISSION: _____

ROUTE (ON OVERLAY): _____

TIME OUT: _____

TIME EXPECTED IN: _____

TIME IN: _____

BRIEFED AT: _____

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS: _____

RESULTS: Patrol heard small amount of movement and talking in sand pit vic (915285). Found unoccupied fox hole along E side of trail at crucifix vic (92202826). Foxhole approx 4 ft. deep and 3 ft in diameter. Could hear vehicles moving in BITSCHHOFFEN. Vehicles would stop moving when "artificial moonlight" was turned on. Members of patrol felt searchlights helped a great deal. Patrol returned at 2250.

HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
A.P.O. 446 U.S. ARMY

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Sniper Training.

TO : Commanding Officer, CG#A", 14th Armad Div.

1. Lt Luby is designated as Sniper Officer in charge of all training.
2. There are three (3) sniper rifles per line company (A, B, C) or a total of nine (9) per battalion. Each of the above mentioned companies have three (3) men per sniper rifle. Two men will work at a time, one at the sniper post, one observing, while the third man will act as relief. Each man will fire at least 10 rds per day.
3. Instruction will consist of mental attitude, camouflage discipline, selection of positions, and appropriate targets, range firing and zeroing of rifles. See overlay for present sniper positions.

For the Battalion Commander:

F. H. WALLS,
Major, Infantry
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Auth: CO, OCA, 14 AD
 Init: /s/ J.G.M.
 Date: 8 Mar 45

Hq OCA, 14 AD
 APO 446, U S Army
 8 March 45

COORDINATED FIRE PLAN FOR 8 MARCH 1945

<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WEAPON</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
H minus 60 to H minus 30	Tank Co indirect fire Assault Guns	B (registration) 1 gun per plat B (registration) 1 gun per plat	1 Co 25 Tk Bn 62 AIB 68 AIB 25 Tk Bn
	Mortars 60 & 81mm	A (Registration)	68 AIB
	Mortars 60 & 81mm	C (Registration)	62 AIB
	MG's indirect fire	A (Registration)	68 AIB
H hour	Tk Co	B (2 rds per gun)	1 Co 25 Tk Bn
	Assault Guns	B (2 rds per gun)	62, 68, 25
	Mortars 60 & 81mm	A (2 rds per mortar)	68 HE only
	Mortars 60 & 81mm	C (2 rds per mortar)	62 HE only
	Indirect fire MG	A (100 rds per gun)	68
	105mm How	Gundershoffen Griesbach (957323)	Div Arty TOT (3 Btrys FA) (4 Btrys FA)

H-hour 1330

KARLSTAD
 Colonel
 Comdg.

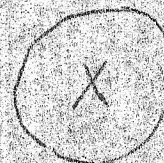
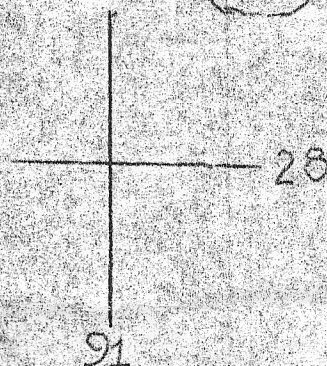
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/s/ Montgomery
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OVERLAY

Map: HAGUENAU 12546

Scale: 1/25,000

COORDINATED FIRE PLAN

Date: 8 MARCH 45

HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMED INF BN.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "B"
14TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO 446
UNITED STATES ARMY

11 March 1945

Date _____

8 (Revised) PATROL RECORD

PATROL NUMBER: Lt Hood

PATROL LEADER: 1-1/2 platoons (Co B)

NUMBER OF MEN: 4 BAR's, 2 IM's, 15 SM's, balance M1's and Carbines,

NUMBER OF WPNS BY TYPE: 2 hand grenades per man.

No change.
MISSION: _____

See overlay.
ROUTE (ON OVERLAY): _____

No change.
TIME OUT: _____

No change.
TIME EXPECTED IN: _____

No change.
TIME IN: _____

No change.
BRIEFED AT: _____

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS: _____

RESULTS: _____

OFFICIAL:

EDWARDS
Omdg.

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~~HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMD INF BN~~
~~HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMD INF BN~~
~~17TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO SF 11~~
 UNITED STATES ARMY

Date 11 March 1945

PATROL RECORD

PATROL NUMBER: 10

PATROL LEADER: _____

NUMBER OF MEN: _____

NUMBER OF VPNS BY TYPE: _____

MISSION: _____

ROUTE (ON OVERLAY): _____

TIME OUT: 1900, 11 March 45

TIME EXPECTED IN: _____

TIME IN: 2210, 11 March 45

BRIEFED AT: _____

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS: _____

RESULTS: Patrol proceeded along route to OR (908287) and NW along road to (904289).

Patrol heard clanging of ey mess equipment and one ey coughing especially hard
vic (90452911). Patrol was not fired on. On return when patrol was at (90852836)
observed one flare from same vic as they had previously heard coughin and mess
gear. Patrol returned 2210.

OFFICIAL:

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EDWARDS
 Omdg.

HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMD INF BN.
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 14TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO 446
 UNITED STATES ARMY

Date 11 March 45

PATROL RECORD

PATROL NUMBER: B (Revised)

PATROL LEADER: _____

NUMBER OF MEN: _____

NUMBER OF WPNS BY TYPE: _____

MISSION: _____

ROUTE (ON OVERLAY): _____

TIME OUT: _____

TIME EXPECTED IN: _____

TIME IN: _____

BRIEFED AT: _____

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS: _____

RESULTS: ~~Patrol left at 0600 and proceeded along prescribed route. Found 3 un-~~
 occupied foxholes on S side of road between (907287) and OR. When scouts reached
 position approx 75 yds SE of place where powerline crosses road vic (906288) they
 received 3 or 4 bursts MG and burp gun fire from vic (906288). Patrol took cover
 and returned fire. Saw 5 ey leave positions and move NW over crest of hill.
 Patrol fired on 3 ey and one fell to ground. About two minutes after above action,
 patrol received approx 12 - 15 rounds lt mortar fire. Patrol ldr called for WP
 on crest of hill. Between time WP was called for and time it fell, patrol receiv-
 ed more automatic SAF and approx 20 rds lt mortar. When WP fell on crest and NW
 of crest, ey SAF stopped. During lull in SAF our MG sqd ldr was maneuvering his
 MG sqd in position to fire to the NW. The sqd received MG fire from SW edge of
 BITSOHHOFFEN. LMG sqd leader placed one LMG in position vic (906286) to fire to
 NW and placed one LMG in position vic (908285) and opened fire on ey MG positions
 in SW edge of town. Between our LMG fire and the WP smoke which had drifted into
 the W edge of town, the two ey MG's ceased firing. Patrol began withdrawal and
 during the withdrawal received occasional SAF and continuous lt mortar fire. As
 patrol was nearing N edge of LA WALCK, several groups of 3 or 4 rds each of 81mm

Results (Contd)

mortar fell along N edge of town and also several groups of 3 or 4 rds each of 105mm arty, in addition to the continuous lt mortar fire. Flash of mortar observed vic (904294). Estimate 100 - 125 lt and hvy mortar received during the action. Patrol returned at 0815. Casualties - our troop: 3; ey: 1.

EDWARDS
Cmdg.

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HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
A.P.O. 446 U.S. ARMY

12 March 1945

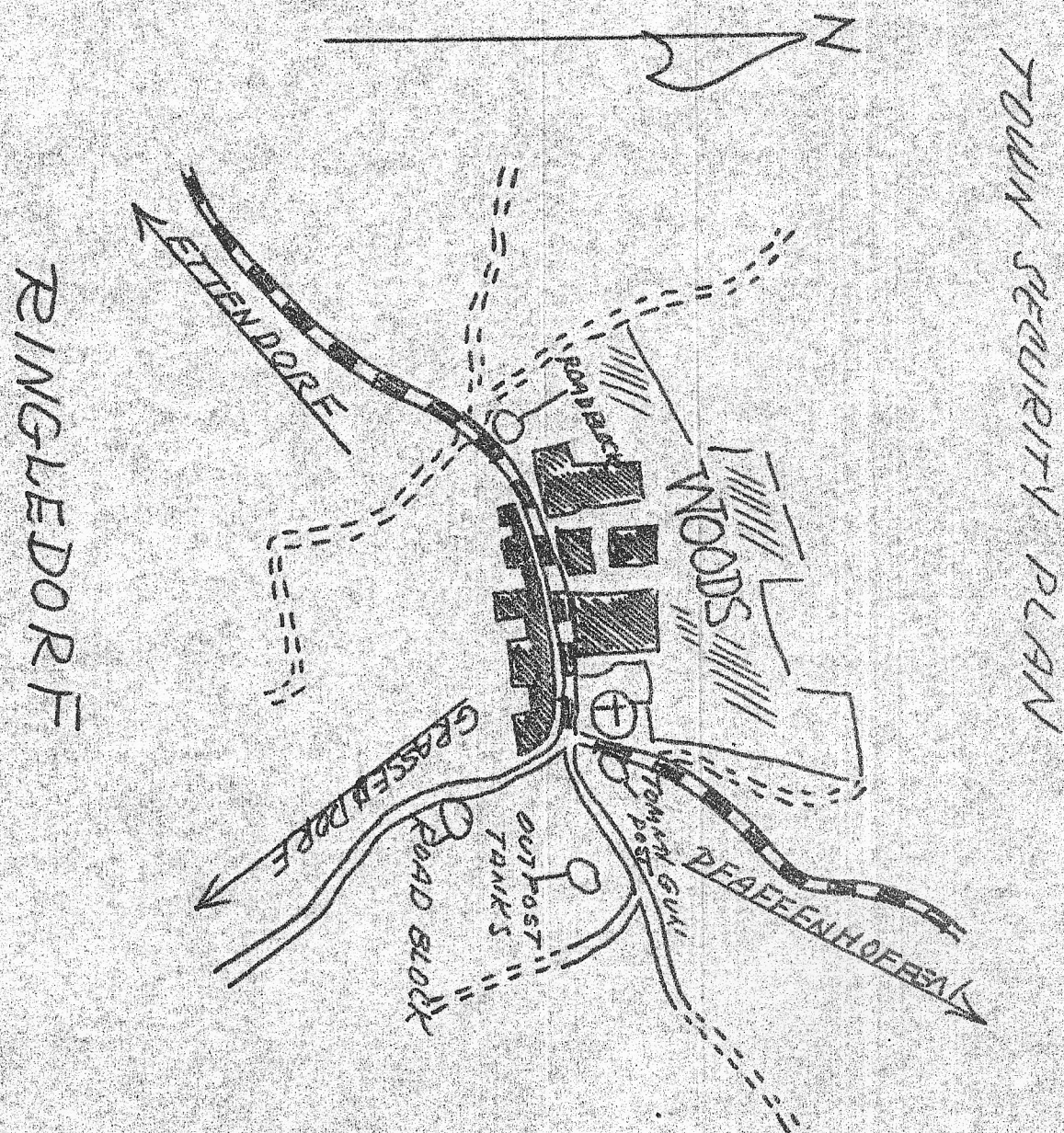
DEFENSE PLAN OF RINGELDORF

1. Coordinates of CP -- Q908252.
2. Overlay of town (1:25,000) and sketch, attached.
3. Alert Signal, continuous blase of vehicular horn, telephone and runner.
4. Total number of men and weapons available for defense:

	68				Assault Gun			
	Hq 68	Hq Co	C-25	Sv-68	Plt, Hq Co. 47	B-68	Total	
Officers	2	2	4	1	1	0	10	
Enlisted Men	20	55	60	12	27	5	179	
Tanks, medium	0	3	9	0	3	0	15	
Pistols, Cal 45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Carbines	17	38	17	8	7	1	88	
SMG, M3	4	13	47	4	20	1	89	
Rifles, M1	0	6	0	1	1	3	11	
Bazooka	0	5	1	0	2	1	9	
50 cal MG (Mtd on trk)	1	13	9	4	5	1	33	
50 cal MG (Mtd on trk)	0	8	18	0	11	0	37	
Tank M-5 (37mm mtd)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	

5. Location of civilian check points--See overlay.
6. Reserve rallying points--on receipt of alert signal:
 - a. Crew served and vehicular weapons will be manned by designated personnel.
 - b. Tank crews report to vehicles.
 - c. All officers report to CP.
7. Communication Facilities: Telephone, messenger.
8. Nearest radio in command net: Hq-68 radio, 506-508; Hq Co-68, 508; Hq Co-47, 508; C-25, 508.

R. H. TOWNSEND,
Major, Infantry
Executive Officer.



3-5 REPORT

FROM: 0001, 18 Mar 45
TO : 2400, 18 Mar 45
HQ 68TH ARMD INF BN
SALMBACH, FRANCE
182200 March 1945

No. 88

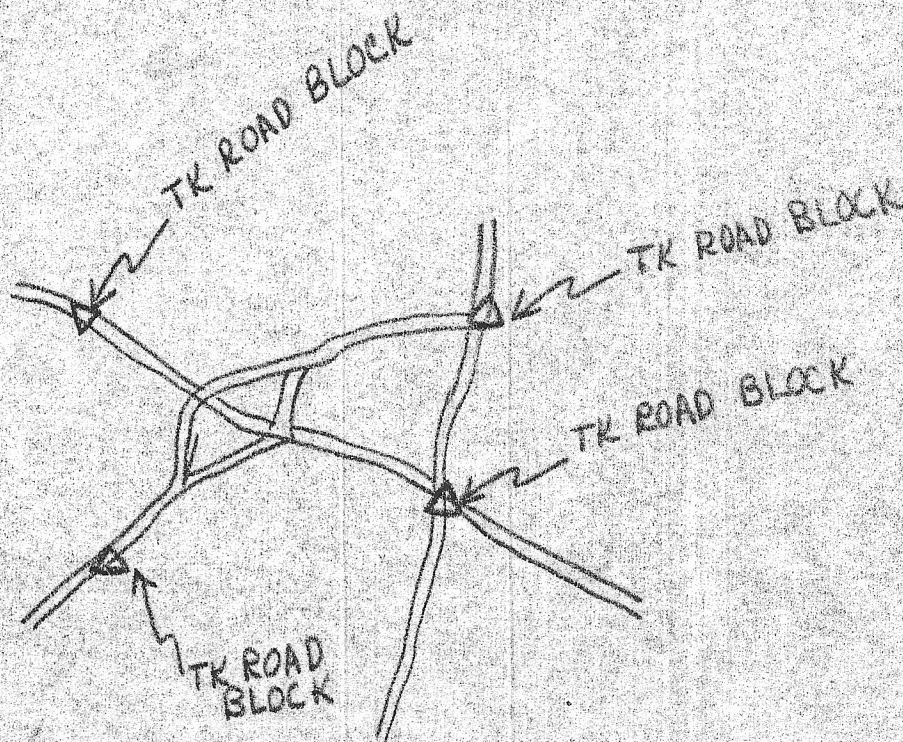
Map: France 1:100,000 Sheet V2

1. OUR FRONT LINES: North edge of Salmbach.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Salmbach, France
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
25 Tk Bn on left.
3d DIA on right.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
Weather: Partly cloudy and cool.
Visibility: Fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
68 and attachments launched atk on axis SURBOURG - RIETERSHOFFEN - NIEDERROEDERN - OBERLAUTERBACH - SALMBACH, beginning at 0337. Proceeded along route shown on overlay, meeting no ay resistance. Held up considerably by blown out bridge at (229338). Captured Salmbach and completed mopping up of town at 1905. Outpost- ing town with the end infantry (See sketch at end); preparing to probe a di- rected. Night patrols reconnoitering roads and bridges.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Launched atk and succeeded in driving to and capturing SALMBACH.

F. H. WILLS,
Major, Infantry
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TOWN SECURITY PLAN

SALMBACK



NOTE:

NOT TO SCALE

MTD PATROL TO CHECK
TK OUTPOSTS ONCE
EVERY HALF HOUR

S-3 REPORT

FROM: 0001, 19 March 45
TO : 2400, 19 March 45
HQ 35th INF BN
SCHWEIGHOFEN, GERMANY
192200 March 1945

No. 89

Map: France 1:100,000 Sheet V2

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Schweighofen, Germany.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Schweighofen, Germany.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
25th Tk Bn on left.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
Weather: Clear.
Visibility: Excellent.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

68 relieved of responsibility in SALMBACH sector by 3d DIA at 1510.
Unit and attachments began motor march (see overlay attached) from
SALMBACH at 1745. Unit and attachments closed in SCHWEIGHOFEN at
2135. Maintaining contact with 25 Tk Bn and elements of 36 Inf Div.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Relieved of responsibility SALMBACH sector;
closed in SCHWEIGHOFEN 2135.

F. H. WALLS,
Major, Infantry
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HQ 68TH ARMD INF BN
200400 March 1945

Patrol Report

Patrol No. 1

Patrol No. 1 left SCHWEIGHOFEN at 0200, using route 500 yds S of main road in a Northeasterly direction to KAPSWeyer. Upon arrival at KAPSWeyer patrol checked a few houses and no signs of enemy were found. Fresh tank tracks were observed S of town. About No. 6 Type wire cable was observed stretched between the houses. Heard squeaking that sounded like a H/T moving in a NE direction. Observed about 30 men moving N West; believed to be 36th Div patrol. Gun flashes were observed directly N of town. Position of guns believed to be from 3 to 5 km (N of KAPSWeyer). Patrol returned to CP, using a different route which was parallel to main road approx 50 yds S. Fresh foxholes were observed. Patrol returned at 0320.

Patrol No. 2

Patrol No. 2 left Schweighofen at 0200, using route 500 yds N of main road NE; direction of KAPSWeyer. Patrol reached vic (209501) and observed no activity whatsoever. Patrol returned 0400.

HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
A.P.O. 446
U.S. ARMY

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 20 JANUARY 45

TIME	SUBJECT	AREA	GO'S	UNIT/ORG	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
0830-0900	Police of Area	GO	All	B	Plat Ldrs	Hosts to be selected by
0900-1000	Disarmed Cross-country Road	See	All	B	Plat Ldrs	GO Company
1000-1100	March Basic Instruction on Mines & Booby Traps	Reps	All	B	Plat Ldrs	Use NO Temporarily 21-27 "Don't Get Killed by Mine & Booby Traps"
1100-1130	Military Courtesy	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	Stems saluting & military bearing.
1200-1400	Security	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	Stems current directives & incl responsibility & duties of guards.
1400-1500	Maintenance of Mines & Vehicles	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	All individual weapons will be inspected.
1500-1600	Weapons Inspection	Plat	All	B	Plat Ldrs	

- NOTES:
1. Gas ovens and vehicle tanks will be checked daily to see they are full at all times.
 2. GO officers preparing plans for coordinated attack on villages or pillboxes to be used in future training, which will include every preparation plans and supporting weapons of the GO.
 3. Patrols guarding pillboxes to prevent unauthorized entrance.
 4. Security and outposting of town on 24-hr. basis.
 5. Maintenance of vehicles, including 1,000 and 6,000 checks by BN Mech. Re-equipping vehicles with tools and equipment destroyed during last operations.
 6. Three platoons being used for policing area assigned, including pillboxes.

By order of 1st Col EDWARD:

F. H. WILSON,
Major, 68th Armored Inf Bn,
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OFFICIAL:
Lt. D. SHINER,
Adjutant,
1st Lt., 68th Armored Inf Bn,