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 Unit Journal
 Headquarters First Battalion, 409th Infantry
 From: 010001 B May 1945
 To : 012400 B May 1945
 Place: Klais, Germany

Time : In	: Out	Serial: No.	Time : Dated :	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action
		1	0001	Journal Opened	
0300		2	0300	Bridge material arrived. Engineers began work on bridge and filling crater in road	Regt.
	0448	3	0448	CO 1st Bn to all Attached Units Prepare to move out. Bridge nearly complete	Radio
	0515	4	0515	Red 6 to Attached Units Move Out	Radio
		5	0525	CP at Klais closed	
	0842	6	0842	Head of Bn column reached Mittenwald. Held up temporarily while artillery moves into new position to support attack on Scharnitz	Regt.
	0930	7	0930	Bn moved out of Mittenwald to Scharnitz	Regt.
		8	1005	Bn crossed German Border into Austria CP at Scharnitz opened	
		9	1015	Tanks knocked out one (1) AT Gun	
	1025	10	1025	Red 3 to Fancy 3 Reached river at Scharnitz. Co. "C" crossing river	Phone Regt.
		11	1055	Receipt for 25 PWs to PW Cage	
		12	1125	Fame 38, Fancy 6, 5, and 3 arrived at CP	
		13	1230	Co. "A" crossing river. Bridge blown also road blocks in edge of town	Regt.
		14	1250	Fame 38 left CP	
		15	1510	Fancy 6, 5 and 3 left CP	
1608		16	1608	Red 6 to Red 5 Town almost cleared	Radio
		17	1720	Rear CP closed and is on move to Scharnitz	
		18	1800	CP at Scharnitz opened	

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1840		19	1840	Red 6 to All Companies and Attached Units 3n will move with attachments to Seefeld to capture town. CP will remain in Scharnitz temporarily	
		20	2130	, Scharnitz occupied and cleared	
2200		21	2200	Red 6 to Red 5 Move CP to Seefeld	Radio
		22	2215	CP at Scharnitz closed	
		23	2245	Column (organics) held up by craters in road at approximately (6367). Engineers comint to clear craters	Regt.
		24	2400	Journal Closed	

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From: 020001 B May 1945

To : 022400 B May 1945

Place: Seefeld, Austria

Time : In	Out	Serial: No.	Time : Dated :	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action
		1	0001	Journal Opened	
		2	0100	All transportation still held up by crater in road at (6367) Engineers bringing up bull dozer	
0200		3	0200	Red 28 to Red 5 Send your radio (300) to OP. Theirs has gone out	Radio
		4	0700	Crater almost filled. Will be opened within 30 minutes	
		5	0740	Road opened. Tanks and TDs and organics began crossing to Seefeld	
		6	0850	Bn began attacking again. Transportation still moving into town	
1000		7	1000	382nd FA to Red 5 Civilians report 2 - 75mm guns placed inside of houses at approximately 635-616. Approximately 100 men dug in a long ridge (6362) (6461) and about 50 men in positions vicinity (613613) (621602) also numerous 150 mm, 88s and <u>Mortars</u>	Phone OP
		8	1020	Bn reached Auland at 0940, reorganized to prepare for continuation of attack on Reith	
1225		9	1225	Fancy 2 to Red 6 Civilians report mines 10 kilometers south of road blocks (623666). I estimate it to be Zirl	Radio
1728		10	1728	Red 10 to Red 5 Red 6 wants CP moved to Reith	Phone
		11	1800	CP at Seefeld closed. Motors will remain in Seefeld until further orders	

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		12	1825	CP opened at Auland, Austria		
1830		13	1830	Fancy 2 to Red 6 Major West, G-2, 103d Div. will pass through your lines tonight under a flag of truce to meet German Commander to discuss surrender of all German troops in Innsbruck and Vic.	Phone	T
		14	1843	Town of Reith completely occupied		
		15	2045	Bn will remain in Reith for the night outposting high ground to east and west		
		16	2330	Major, West, G-2, 103d Div. returned through Bn outpost from meeting with German Troop Commander concerning surrender of Innsbruck and vicinity German commander able to surrender only troops in Innsbruck. Remainder of troops chose to fight		
2331		17	2331	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 3 May 1945 Swing - High	M	CO T S-
2359		18	2359	Fancy 6 to Red 6 Your Bn will continue attack immediately to Zirl with all present attachments where possible. Reconnaissance and reports from civilian sources show road blocks and craters just out of Reith & Leithen. Engineers are ready on call to clear any roads necessary. On reaching Zirl your mission will be to seize river front from (642589) (671581) securing a bridgehead across the river if a bridge is left and to block east-west road at (635594) and at (671581)	Phone	T
		19	2400	Journal Closed		

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From: 030001 3 May 1945

To : 03400 3 May 1945

Place: Auland, Austria

Time : In :	Serial: Cut :	Time : No. :	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. Dated :	Action Taken
	1	0001	Journal Opened	
0008	2	0008	Red 6 to Red 3 We are to continue attack immediately however it will be necessary to clear road blocks and fill craters before going on. We will wait in our present position to allow engineers time to bring up bull dozer and clear abatis and fill in craters. Co. "A" will send out a patrol to go out road Reith-Leithen to feel out enemy strength and also protect engineers. Order of March will be 3, 3, and A	Phone T
0015	3	0015	Red 3 to all Companies and Attached Units Meeting of Company COs and Unit Leaders attached Units at CP immediately for orders	Phone T
0018	4	0018	Red 6 to Fall Able 6 Have gotten orders to continue attack but armor and organic vehicles are held up by abatis and craters in road. I will need a tank dozer or bull dozer to clear the roads before I can go out. Can you assist me?	Phone
0630	5	0630	Road opened for foot troops. Bn began attack on Leithen without tanks or TDs. Armor will join as soon as road blocks are completely cleared	Regt.
	6	0700	CP at Auland, Austria closed	
	7	0720	CP at Reith, Austria opened	
0755	8	0755	Red 5 to Red 1 Move CP forward to Leithen. Bn cleared it at 0730. Send Red 35 for organics to come to Leithen also. Send Armor forward to join Bn.	Phone Red 35
	9	0800	CP in Reith closed	
	10	0820	CP in Leithen opened	
0930	11	0930	Bn encountered road blocks and craters at 648599 to 650592. Engineers sent forward to clear. Armor held up, also encountering SA and AW fire	

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		12	1200	Bn still held up by abatis and craters. Suffering heavy casualties from mines and snipers around road blocks	
1530		13	1530	Road blocks and craters cleared. Bn moving on into Zirl. Armor and organics will move forward immediately	Regt.
		14	1545	CP at Leithen closed	
		15	1630	CP at Zirl opened. Bn continuing attack to Innsbruck	
		16	1730	Bn just out of Zirl, encountering sniper fire	
		17	1815	Red 6 to Red 5 Move CP to small inn at approximately 1 1/2 miles out of Zirl	Phone
		18	1845	Red 1 to Red 5 Inn which Red 6 spoke of is no good for CP. Suggest CP remain in present location until we are informed that Innsbruck is cleared	Oral
1905		19	1905	Innsbruck entered and taken by 1st Bn 409th Inf. Col. Thersel and Capt. Clifford met by gualitier who escorted them to office to surrender city to them	Regt.
		20	2115	CP at Zirl closed. CP group enroute to Innsbruck	
		21	2215	CP opened at Innsbruck Miss Jackson, War Correspondant, arrived with CP group.	
		22	2400	Journal Closed	

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 Place: Innsbruck, Austria

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		1	0001	Journal Opened		
0900		2	0900	Fancy 2 to Red 2 All PWs in town will be collected today in a Bn DP. A Regimental DP will be established today to receive them from your DP	Phone	T
1000		3	1000	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 4 May 1945 White - Card	M	CO T S-2
		4	1100	Red 5 left CP to check Bn Area		
1500		5	1500	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 5 May 1945 Third - Base	M	CO T S-2
		6	1520	Red 5 returned to CP		
		7	1600	Red 6 left CP for Company "A"		
		8	1810	Red 6 returned to CP		
1920		9	1920	Red 4 to Red 3 Kitchens have arrived and are now released to companies	Phone	
1945		10	1945	Fancy 3 to Red 3 Light Line - headlights may be used within the city. Vehicles traveling on roads south and east can use only blackout lights Curfew in Innsbruck for Officers and Enlisted Men is 2300. It will be strictly enforced and checked by MPs. Violations will be reported to Rest.	Phone	T
		11	2400	Journal Closed		

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		1	0001	Journal Opened	
0850		2	0850	Fancy 3 to Red 3 Phone Visit by High Ranking officers ex- pected by Regiment at noon today	
1000		3	1000	Receipt for 164 PWs to PW Cage	
		4	1400	Red 6 and Red 5 left CP for Bn Area	
1408		5	1408	Fancy 3 to Red 3 Phone When the German representative passed through our lines from Inn- sbruck the other day, someone took his pistol. The Division commander desires that this weapon be returned	T
1440		6	1440	Fancy 2 to Red 3 Phone CIC men are now at the Regt'l CP and report that civilians say there are 100-200 SS troops in Fritzens. Send an officer to Regiment to accompany the CIC men to investigate	
1450		7	1450	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 6 May 1945 Service - Postal	M CO S-2 T
1500		8	1500	Fancy 6 arrived at CP Ordered Bn to cleanout resistance spot occupied by SS troops in Vicinity of Hall	
		9	1730	Red 6 and Red 5 returned to CP	
		10	1740	Red 3 with task force composed of Co.s "A" and "B" (less 1 Platoon) 5 tanks, 2 rocket tanks, 2 TDs (towed) 1 MG Platoon and 1 mortar section left to clean out resistance	
		11	1815	Red 6 left CP for Fancy	

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1850	12	1850	Fancy 5 to Red 5 ATWX just received from 7th Army Hqs. reads: All enemy troops of Army Group "G" facing 7th Army troops will surrend- er as of 061200 May 45. All American troops will remain in position. Have group that went to Hall return immed- iately	Phone Task Forc
	13	1907	Red 6 returned to CP	
	14	2050	Red 3 and Task force returned to CP	
	15	2400	Journal Closed	

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		1	0001	Journal Opened		
0953		2	0953	Fancy 6 to Red 6 FO # 17	M	
0958		3	0958	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 7 May 1945 Twist - Turn	M	CO T S-2
		4	1210	Fatal Red 6 and 1 arrived at CP		
		5	1240	Fatal Red 6 and 1 left CP		
		6	1355	Fame 6 arrived at CP		
		7	1410	Fame 6 left CP		
		8	1445	Red 5 and Red 1 left CP for Hall location of New Bn CP		
		9	1515	Forward CP opened in Hall, Austria		
1530		10	1530	AT Company to Red 3 Trucks will report to you at 1600	Phone	
	1545	11	1545	Red 3 to Companies "A" & "B" Trucks will report to your Co.s to carry as many men as possible. When you are finished return trucks to Bn immediately to shuttle other companies	Phone	
		12	1558	Red 3 to Company "D" Company "D" leaving at 1600	Phone	
		13	1755	CP at Innsbruck closed		
2225		14	2225	Red 3 to Fancy 3 Bn closed in Hall, Austria at 1930	Radio	
		15	2400	Journal Closed		

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		1	0001	Journal Opened		
0825		2	0825	Fancy 6 to Red 6 Bn will select a suitable place within area for ceremonies. Report location and Brief description by 1600 B	Phone	T
		3	0914	Red 5 left CP to check Bn. Area		
1010		4	1010	Red 6 to Fancy 6 Site for Ceremonies, Double Street with Park 1 block South of Bn CP in Hall	Phone	Regt.
1220		5	1220	Red 3 to A&P Platoon Leader Send mine detectors and A&P platoon removal squad to Co. "C" Vicinity Absam to remove mines		
1330		6	1330	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Passwords for 7-8 May 1945 7 May --- Tweed - Suit 8 May --- Castle- Morrow	M	CO S-: T
1820		7	1820	Red 3 to Fancy 3 Plan for Security of Area	M	Regt.
1855		8	1855	Fancy 3 to Red 3 1st Bn Combat Team will stage a foot parade in Innsbruck, 9 May 45. Uniform: Shirts, Belts, Bayonets on rifle. 12 man front with men sized and in order of weapons. Practice parade will be held 8 May. Notify Regt of place in order to let Div Band.	Phone	T
1915		9	1915	Fancy 2 to Red 2 A report will be submitted of all food supplies and stores in your area Report by coordinate and types of food	Phone	T
		10	2400	Journal Closed		

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		1	0001	Journal Opened			
		2	0700	Red 6 left CP for Co. "B"			
		3	1140	Red 6 returned to CP			
		4	1235	Red 6 left CP for Fame CP			
		5	1400	Major Samplh, 614th TD arrived at CP to investigate crimes reported committed by 614th TD			
1530		6	1530	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 9 May 1945 Twain - Mark	M	CC T	S-2
1548		7	1548	Fancy 2 to Red 2 No DPs will be evacuated except on orders from this Headquarters		Phone	
		8	1550	Red 6 returned to CP			
		9	1935	Red 3 and Opns. Sgt. left CP for Fancy CP			
		10	2045	Red 3 and Opns. Sgt. returned to CP			
		11	2400	Journal Closed			

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		1	0001	Journal Opened		
0800		2	0800	Red 3 to A&P Platoon Leader Phone Mark route from RP for vehicles out of Innsbruck		
		3	0940	Red 5 and Red 3 left CP for Inns- bruck to check route of parade		
0945		4	0945	Red 3 to All Companies Phone No pouches will be worn on carbine stocks for Parade	T	
		5	1000	Major Samplh, Ex. Off. 614th TDs arrived at CP		
		6	1010	7 new Officers assigned to Bn. Interviewed by Red 6 and assigned to companies		
		7	1100	Major Samplh left CP		
		8	1133	Red 5 and Red 3 returned to CP		
		9	1410	Bn staff left CP for Parade grounds		
1545		10	1545	Major Biemdirk, Div. Arty. reports that Artillery would like to fire service firing in zone (8264)(8564) (8566)(8266) Reports that Ware Houses at (842628) filled with supplies. No guard on establishment at present	CO	S-3
1648		11	1648	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Password for 10 May 45 Shady - Bright	M CO T	S-2
		12	1745	Bn staff returned to CP		
		13	1830	Red 6 left CP for Co. "D"		

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2210		14	2210	Fancy 3 to Red 3 Send one NCO to Regt'l CP who will go with Capt. Moore to act as a guide for your Bn. to a castle in the Regt'l Area. Guide will return to Bn to bring up a group of 30 men and 1 officer. One group at 1000 at the castle and one at 1500. Furnish your own transportation. No one will go except at these hours	Phone A&P
2215		15	2215	Red 3 to All Companies and A&P A&P send one NCO to Regiment to act as guide for Bn on tour. A & C companies will send 15 men each to be at Bn CP by 0915. B & D at 1415	T
		16	2230	Red 6 returned to CP	
		17	2400	Journal Closed	

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		1	0001	Journal Opened	
		2	0830	Red 3 left CP for Companies	
0840		3	0840	Red 3 to B & D Companies Have 10% of Automatic weapons ready for Ordnance Inspection	Phone
		4	0850	Fame 6 with Aide arrived at CP to inspect Billets and to Commend the Battalion Commander on the fine appearance of the Bn in the parade	
		5	0910	Red 5 left CP for Co.s B & D	
		6	0920	Red 3 returned to CP	
		7	0950	Fame 6 left CP	
		8	1030	Red 6 left CP for Co. "A"	
1050		9	1050	Fancy 2 to CO 1st Bn Passwo rd for 11 May 45 Pigeon - Hole	M CO T S-2
		10	1100	Fancy 3 arrived at CP to inspect B & C Companies training	
		11	1120	Red 5 returned to CP	
		12	1140	Fancy 3 left CP	
1237		13	1237	Fancy 2 to Red 2 No more prisoners will be taken ex- cept Gestapo, SS, and high ranking officers	Phone T
		14	1428	Factory 24-1 arrived at CP	
		15	1450	Factory 24-1 left CP	

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1530		16	1530	Red 3 to Fancy 3 30 loads (2½ T. Truck) Dynamite and HE Mortar Ammo. at 865640. 3 loads small arms, 3 loads S.A. Ammo. mines and Nitro-Glycerine at 859637 and 1 1000 lb. bomb in D Company sector. Request removal by bomb disposal squad	Phone	Regt.
1730		17	1730	Fancy 3 to Red 3 Pick up all civilians on streets after curfew	Phone	T
		18	1910	Red 6 left CP for Co. "A"		
		19	2020	Red 2 left CP to check Bn Area for civilians on streets		
2030		20	2030	Red AT Platoon Leader to Red 2 Soldiers from 614th TDs trying to break into Brewery in Hall, Austria	Phone	
		21	2030	Red 2 returned to CP		
	2035	22	2035	Red 2 to Fancy 2 and CO 614th TDs Notified of above message		
2240		23	2240	Fancy 3 to Red 2 One officer designated as Athletic officer will report to Reg't at 1600 tomorrow to meet Lt. Paterson who is Regt'l Athletic officer.	Phone	Co. "B"
		24	2115	Red 6 returned to CP		
		25	2400	Journal Closed		