

Unit

CT 409

0001, 1 May 45

2400, 1 May 45

Scharnitz, Austria

0005	1	From 1st Bn: Was 3d Bn put on the road block N of Klais; if not, when will they do so?
0015	2	To 1st Bn: 3d will place road block as soon as bridge is completed
0125	3	From 1st Bn: No bridge material as yet
0130	4	From 1st Bn: The Hq of a unit conducting research with weapons
0235	5	Tanks have been relieved; Calvary will establish road blocks; calvary, engr plat and engr hq will arrive Blue CP approx 0315
0245	6	From 1st Bn: Bridge material has arrived
0300	7	From 1st Bn: Is transportation for PW's on the way yet?
0320	8	Material being unloaded; estimated time of completion 0500.
0325	9	To 1st Bn: Form PW pool at present location
0445	10	1st Bn says troops have been to edge of Mittenwald; rd to town swept; dozer on way to fill crater
0520	11	1st Bn says: Crater has been filled in; rcn now in Mittenwald; will rot shortly
0535	12	Rcn has rotd edge of Mittenwald w/o meeting any resistance

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0545	13	1st Bn says we are moving; no resistance in Mittenwald; rotd by rcn
0605	14	To Fame 3: Rcن rpts no resistance in Mittenwald as of 0600
0645	15	To Fame 3: One AT gun and small arms fire located in Scharnitz; am pushing against it
0915	16	To 2d Bn: Head of 3d Bn vic Gerald; rcن also have entered Scharnitz
1030	17	1st Bn cleaned out opposition in Scharnitz
1210	18	To 2d and 3d Bns: Men will not talk to or fraternize with civilians or PW's of any kind at any time
1237	19	2d Bn says: Head of column at (662790)
1359	20	3d Bn says: Rcن returned; receiving MG fire at (628748); also large landslide completely blocking rd for more than 60 yds
1445	21	Fame 3: Scharnitz taken; engrs working on road block and bridge; crater at (628738) previously rptd is a landslide 50 to 60 ft long
1450	22	C Co in Scharnitz; everything under control; A Co has a Co of Krauts surrounded
1505	23	To Fame 3: Scharnitz completely cleared; engrs now working on road block and bridge N edge of town
1525	24	CG says: Have a rpt that rd at Scharnitz is under tunnelled and 12 bombs set to blow; exact location on rd unknown; get info to engrs supporting
1747	25	Scharnitz taken; engineers working on road block and bridge

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1930	26	CP opened in Scharnitz
1930	27	Fancy 6 says: Start maintenance on Ford; notify me when Factory is in position
1955	28	Bridge is going in good so far; estimate later; have three more tanks for 1st Bn; have them send guide when bridge is open
2000	29	Ordered 3d Bn to clear out snipers around Scharnitz at once; watch local security; rpt when clean-up is completed
2025	30	To Fancy 6: Bridge will be in in about one hour; where is 1st Bn; do you want 3d Bn on the rd; do you need engr's?
2045	31	To Fancy 6: Loud speaker here; should I send it to 1st Bn when bridge is in?
2055	32	Head of 1st Bn estimated at (705656); do not want 3d Bn on loud until further instructions; I am at tail of 1st Bn; check to see that one platoon of engr's is with 1st Bn; do not want more unless instructed but have them set; I want wire down the rd tonite
2115	33	Arty is in position; TD's have security instructions, so does 3d Bn
2117	34	Have speaker rpt to 1st Bn CP
2118	35	From Fancy 6: Have Blue on 45-minute alert tonite
2123	36	1st Bn head one mile from Seefeld; Bn is on foot meeting no opposition
2235	37	1st Bn says small arms fire just outside Seefeld
2240	38	Prisoner rpt says rd block (638820) defended by 120 NCO's from school; 200 more NCO's to defend Mittenwald from N and S
2253	39	To Fancy 6: Bridge is open; 1st Bn transporta-

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I have told them to prepare; to 1st Bn: Advance
your Bn no further than Leithen (630605) until
further orders; secure the road from Leithen to
and including the bridge at (652590)

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0001, 2 May 45

2400, 2 May 45

Seefeld, Austria

0002	1	Rcn troops have reached the 2d bridge and found it to be okay
0117	2	Rcn radio is in Seefeld trying to work his way to the head of the column
0245	3	1st Bn says 2 large craters N edge of Seefeld; Bn closed in Seefeld and remaining until craters are filled
0300	4	A and C Cos took Seefeld several hours ago; mild opposition $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N of Seefeld; prisoners in rd; bull dozer has broken a track; all traffic held up at this pt; sug maintenance for bull dozer
0300	5	1st Bn billeted in Seefeld; Bn CP on N end of town
0810	6	Div says we can requisition all the sheets we want from the civilians for putting the men in white
0835	7	To Fancy 6: Ganaway on way for dozer
0840	8	CP in Seefeld; 1st Bn waiting on road for craters to be filled
0845	9	To Bn 6's: White sheets can be requisitioned but no operations will be delayed awaiting same
0850	10	If any of 1st Bn armor is still in your town, Move them up behind Red; tank dozer now back in operation; get the treadway up behind Red; this is important

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0855	11	To Fancy 6: Checked on treadway last night; can't be used; am holding traffic; how far S did Red patrols get?
0935	12	To Fancy 6: Trying to locate two rocket tanks now; when I find them I will send them on tail of 1st Bn
0950	13	Civilians rpt two German cos going from the Inn valley to Reish
1000	14	Maj Elliott advises the resistance elms in the town of Seefeld be contacted at once; there are rptd several high-ranking Nazis in town
1020	15	Ordered 2d Bn to take care of situation in above message
1030	16	To Fancy 6: Have one rocket tank; it is on tail of 1st Bn; it will report to Tank Co CO
1045	17	Get Factory on rd at 1050; caution all again on vehicle dispersion
1055	18	Have laundry full of bed sheets; does 1st Bn want any; how many?
1119	19	Get sheets together and have available
1245	20	To 1st Bn: Civilians rpt about 3 MG's and Panzerfausts are emplaced near the chapel on the highest ground between Auland and Reith; about 12 MG's and Panzerfausts are emplaced near junc of RR and rd between Auland and Reith; bombs are dug in from chapel to church in Reith; two cos moved from Zirl NW between 5 and 6 this morning.
1310	21	Div is waiting route surrender of Innsbruck; I will let them move 384 FA behind 928 to fire convincers on Innsbruck
1310	22	Civilians rpt mined rd 10K S of road block (623666) on steep down grade

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1320	23	Because of jammed bridge 384 FA is sending only two pieces
1355	24	From 1st Bn: A Co in Auland; town secure; tanks and troops are reconnoitering southern route out; two AT guns located S of village; impossible to hold tanks until guns are knocked out
1420	25	Where do antitank trucks go; I have them empty
1430	26	To Fame 3; Have one co in Auland; reconnoitered route S
1440	27	To CO AT Co: Leave AT vehicles there or ret them to the Co
2010	28	Rcn patrols rpt very deep crater at houses at (560627); engr estimates tank dozer will take $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr to fill; no vehicle can possibly get by
2011	29	Message to Rcn Patrol: Button up until dozer gets there; pull rcn car back so it can traverse its gun
2012	30	To Engrs: Send bull dozer to 2d Bn CP; for your info, Reith has been secured

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2400, 3 May 45

Seefeld, Austria

Zirl, Austria

0001	1	Div ordered the 1st Bn to keep on moving thru Reith SE; vehicles and tanks held up by big crater just S of Reith
0640	2	1st Bn has reached (642600)
0715	3	Patrol reports firing has ceased in Telfs but it is not known yet whether the town is ours
0800	4	From IPW: 3 civilians from town of Hatting came to us and told us that the following places had been shelled last night and are still being shelled by our artillery although all soldiers left last night out of these places: Flourling (5660), Polling (5859), Hatting (5958) and In-sing (6158); there is a Russian General with about 350 to 400 Russian and German troops in Zirl; they are armed with bazookas and MG's; bridge in Zirl (648581) is loaded to be blasted; sometime ago mines were brought to Zirl; they are supposed to be laid on the stretch from Reith to Zirl; bridge at Telfs (5262) across Inn River is ready to be blasted; saw 12 pcs of lt arty at Voels (7156); lt arty with muzzles pointing towards Innsbruck; some arty in position between Zirl and Unter Peifuss on the Inn River; there is a very good road from Moesern (5862) to Telfs; mountains are supposed to be fairly empty there; bridge at east end of Zirl (658585) is supposed to be clear
0845	5	B and C cos are working way down across country to Zirl; some MG fire along the RR; tanks are firing on it; 2d Bn is as far as Leith following behind the 1st Bn; as soon as Zirl is taken face the Bn towards Innsbruck; sending balance of 2d Bn

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0845 5 (Cont'd) down to Telfs; will leave guard there and move down the valley towards Zirl; working on five craters down by Reith; tanks and bulldozer itself stuck; believe it is a major road building problem

0915 6 F Co in Telfs; no communication; bridge intact; dozer stuck at crater; F Co drawing considerable SA fire; armored car held by crater

1012 7 Armd vehicles vic RR bridge (57650572) are being engaged by our tanks with 1st Bn; 1st also ran into AP mines

1030 8 Two cos now working their way into the edge of the road; bridge across Inn River at Zirl is out

1050 9 Dozer with 2d Bn has thrown a track and will be out an indefinite time; another large crater further down the rd

1155 10 Div ordered us to motorize one Bn as soon as we can get an E-W rd and send it E to contact XXI Corps; Corps bdry at (0472)

1200 11 Head of 2d Bn at (559628)

1240 12 From Fame 3: CG wants us to motorize one Bn as soon as we can get on main E-W Rd in Inn Valley; they are to go E until they contact XXI Corps; Corps E bdry is where rd crosses (0472) grid; we can ride one co on one plat of tanks; if AT Co arrives soon enough we can use their transportation; otherwise we will have to use our Sv Co; need Lt Wade to send him back and locate AT Co; may be at Mittenwald now; 1st Bn has to be informed that the Rcn troop reverts to 411th Inf probably as soon as we reach main E-W rd; suspect they go thru as motorized; we keep two 614 TD's rcn plats; get this word to Capt Durand and send him and CO of the 614th TD Rcn back to see me; Durand is supposed to be prepared to assemble and join Fatima; I told Col Thomas that we needed and were using their radios; we are going on foot to Innsbruck even though roads behind us are not repaired.

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1405	13	Fame wants 103 Ron to assemble and be available to 411
1420	14	Requested Div atch some AFA to us to go w/3d Bn; Fame gave us one btry to rot at once
1503	15	2d Bn to be approaching Zirl from SE shortly
1511	16	XXI Corps situation: 141st of 36th at Bad Tolz; 142d further W; CCA of 12 AD to E
1625	17	Rd is open for mtrs to Zirl; CP moving fwd; 1st in Zirl receiving mortar fire
1700	18	2d Bn at (590602); 1st at (672582)
1800	19	1st Bn down rd to Innsbruck at (695)
1845	20	From 1st Bn: We have cleared our positions at crater and are moving fwd
1855	21	Craters completely filled in; 1st meeting increased resistance
1945	22	From Red 6: Innsbruck has been declared open city
2000	23	Fancy 6 says we now have Innsbruck

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0001, 4 May 45

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Innsbruck, Austria

0030	1	3d Bn to Fancy: head of column $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of H24 (Weer 9563) at 2355
0045	2	Rptd above to Fame 3, Capt Young
0050	3	To all units: Two representatives of Resserling are attempting to contact allied forces; there is no way of identifying them but should anyone indicate they are Kesserling's representatives they will be brought to this Hq immediately
0050	4	Periodic rpt to Fame: 1st Bn E to Innsbruck; 2d Bn from Seefeld to Zelf, then turned E down rd and followed 1st Bn to Innsbruck; 3d Bn at Weer (9563) at 2335, no resistance encountered; CP in Seefeld
0205	5	3d Bn to Fancy: Task Force 5K E of H24, time 040200
0245	6	Rptd above to Fame
0325	7	From Task Force: 1500 yds from obj, meeting no resistance
0327	8	Rptd above to Fame 3
0522	9	Ten guards left at (88561 0) 0534
0600	10	Reached our obj and are securing positions; have bypassed many pockets of ey equipment and pers; at 040530B
0935	11	From 3d Bn: Request information from guards at bridge (885910) as to last information they had of engineers left to destroy demolitions and anti-tank guns; strafed a short time ago by ME-109's

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1010	12	From 3d Bn: Request information of progress of 214 and probable time of contact; we are in Maurach
1030	13	Have gotten from many sources information concerning surrender of Austrian and Italian Command troops; request more information regarding same
1035	14	To CO 3d Bn: You will probably be contacted by elements of the 12 AD; their present position is not known; will send you all of the info as soon as can get
1240	15	To CO 3d Bn: No formal surrender of Austrian Command troops announced; until such time our operations and capture of PW's procedure is same
1300	16	To 3d Bn: Using one platoon of tanks and a minimum of one platoon of Inf plus whatever HW you consider necessary you are to reconnoiter from your present position E of the Inn River valley until obstacles or any resistance stops them; they will record all contact with allied troops giving complete details of the meeting; the party will include both a German and Russian interpreter; the group is to leave as soon as possible and maintain contact by taking an additional 193 radio.
1910	17	From 3d Bn: Task Force now 4 miles E of LD
2100	18	From 3d Bn: One tank out because of eng trouble; are entering Kundl at 2035
2345	19	From 3d Bn: Civilians report SS troops estimated in thousands to be in area; civilian reports also indicate an attack tonight
2345	20	Phoned G-3 Periodic Rpt: Regt closed into Innsbruck; 3d Bn and its task force reached Maurach capturing many prisoners; patrol of Inf and tanks continued on and at 2035 had reached Kundl; AT Co moved from Seefeld to Innsbruck

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CT 409

0001, 5 May 45

2400, 5 May 45

Innsbruck, Austria

0040	1	From 3d Bn: Contact made with named unit at Worgl; Request permission to remain here tonight
0045	2	To Patrol: Hold up at Worgl until further notice
0105	3	Notified Fame that Patrol made contact at Worgl at 2200
0131	4	To CO 3d Bn: Check security measures against SS atk indicated by civilian rpts; notify this Hq immediately of further developments
0203	5	Contact w/3d Bn by radio lost
0300	6	From 3d Bn: Results of enemy shelling at 1400 yesterday: 3 KIA, 3 WIA
0310	7	From 3d Bn (050205): Contact with 12 mission; request permission Rcn remain there tonite
0320	8	From 3d Bn: Attached G and L Co, Bn Cp, Cannon Co, Engr Plat, CWS Plat, location NOUCHI; I Co location Galtern; K Co location Maurach
0640	9	Radio intercept from 36th indicates ey activities in Worgl; their unit requesting reinf
0645	10	Sent msg to Blue asking if they were having any contact w/ey
0750	11	To 3d Bn: Rpt location by coordinates
0800	12	Blue reports no contact w/ey at R-0750

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Unit Journal, CT 409, 5 May 45 (Cont'd)

0820	13	Fame 5 to Fancy 6: Have troops dressed properly, snappy and stress saluting
0855	14	To Fancy 8 from Fame: Pull back rcn elms of 3d Bn; help Patal going into town SE of 3d Bn.
0900	15	To CO, 3d Bn: Having accomplished its mission, it is directed that your rcn patrol be drawn back to the Bn.
1100	16	From 3d Bn Patrol: Contacted elements of 10AD, 12 AD and 36 Inf Div; notified Fame
1300	17	Lt Edwards to Fame: Blue Bn to move into Schwaz (0068)
1740	18	Lights in entire division area; no lights at bridge at Scharnitz from 2200-2400
1900	19	From Fame 6: 7th Army SIAM urgent message to be broadcast over 7th Army radio sta every 15 minutes until 2000 hrs, thereafter every 3 hr; all troops of German Army Gp G which opposes 7th US Army have been ordered by their commander to surrender at 1200 hrs tomorrow 6 May; fwd units of 7th Army are directed to remain in place and cease further combat at once; by command of Lt-Gen Patch
1915	20	Above msg to units
2100	21	Red Div OI 91 and overlays
2115	22	Phoned periodic rpt to Div: Regt remained in assembly areas vic Innsbruck; 3d Bn moved from vic Maurach (0572) to vic Schwaz (0068) closing in new area as period closed; rcn elms of 3d Bn returned to their parent organizations after accomplishing their mission of contacting elms of XXI Corps
2200	23	Issued FO 17

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CT 409

0001, 6 May 45

2400, 6 May 45

Innsbruck, Austria

Vomp, Austria

0830	1	To 3d Bn: You are to maintain contact with elms XXI Corps by continuous jeep patrolling between your present position and their fwd elms; keep us notified of time and place of all contacts
0945	2	To 3d Bn: When order designating occupation area arrives you may begin at once; put CWS Co near center of regt area to facilitate maintenance by CWS Bn Hq
1430	3	CP displaced to vic Vomp, Austria (973685)
1900	4	White and Blue Bns closed in new area
2200	5	To Blue and White 3: Select and rpt on an area suitable for ceremonies tomorrow; location and description due to Fancy 1600 7 May
2250	6	1st Bn closed in area at 1930
2355	7	Maj Lambert, Fame 15, relieved us of responsibility for guarding gualisters home in Hall; notified 2d Bn

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0001, 7 May 45

2400, 7 May 45

Vomp, Austria

0315	1	Fame 3 called for location of 83d Cml Bn; still in Innsbruck but is moving to vic Vomp 7 May
0820	2	Lt Edwards to Blue: Send $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck to Div Motor Pool to pick up Red Cross girls and doughnuts
0900	3	War ends officially 0001 9 May 45 in ETO
1345	4	To Red and White 3: Overlay showing patrol route, road blocks, number of our men on the blocks and strength and frequency of patrols due to Fancy by 1800
1710	5	To Blue 5, White 3, Red 3: Clamp down on rd guards and have all traffic of DP's stopped immediately
2320	6	Regt continued to secure and police assigned areas in accordance with OI 91, Hq 103d Inf Div; 83 Cml Mort Bn moved to vic Vomp
2325	7	If a civilian does not state that he is a soldier or cannot be proven to be a soldier, he is not to be sent thru PW channels but sent to CIC
2345	8	Instructions for Parade from Div: Parade 20 jeeps each with weapons mounted and one jeep with HW Co's CO in front; do not carry BAR's; 8 HMG's, six 81MM's, 3 LMG's in left jeep rifle co; 3 60MM in rt jeep in back; with trailers; no tops; windshields down and fastened with covers; cannon no covers; weapons between knees; rt hand above left; men with pistols arms folded right above left

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CT 409

0001, 8 May 45

2400, 9 May 45

Vomp, Austria

1100	1	Fancy 5 ordered Lt Haynes to get trolley car in operation with operators
1400	2	Lt Eddens wants guideons and bearers to report to him at reviewing stand at 1430; have vehicles of Cn Co to rpt with guideons at 1000
1435	3	Lt Haynes called and said trolley car was dangerous and should not be in operation; Fancy 5 gave us permission to stop same
1715	4	Capt Potter called Lt Holbrook, Sgt Meuney and Lt Kepler told them to rpt prior to 2000 ea day the number of DP's they had ea day, also location of hospitals and food supplies located that day

9 May 45

1000	1	Fancy 6 and 5 inspected training of 2d and 3d Bns
1630	2	Red Bn and Cannon Co in V-E Day Parade in Innsbruck; normal training carried on
1800	3	Received telegram from Capt Terranova that Col Lloyd would be back in about a week and he would wait and bring him back

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0001 10 May 45

2400 10 May 45

Vomp, Austria

1000	1	Had visit by Fame 6
1015	2	S-3 inspected tng of 2d and 3d Bns
1130	3	Fame 5 notified Fancy 3 there would be a unit cmdrs meeting at 1600 at Div
1530	4	Col Strange left for Div to attend unit cmdrs meeting
1900	5	Col Strange returned, called a meeting of Bn CO's, Sep Co CO's, special staff and atchd unit CO's for 1400 11 May 45

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