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**BISCHWILLER, FRANCE**  
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1. The key bridges on the River Sauer are the only natural obstacles in the advance of the enemy. They must be destroyed in order to delay and canalize the enemy advance.
2. The 274th Infantry will name one (1) officer to be assigned to each bridge as Demolition Officer. Bridges requiring officers are as indicated in par VI. He will insure that bridge is blown on time schedule indicated in par VII or to keep from falling into hands of enemy. He will effect destruction of bridge if in danger of seizure even though the Outpost has not yet passed back.
3. Outposts on crossing bridges will inform demolition crews upon which demolitions will be accomplished on time schedule. Outposts should be withdrawn just prior to indicated demolition time.
4. A & P Platoon members or trained demolition men will be specifically assigned to each bridge. They will become familiar with demolition plans and methods of firing when relieving Engineers.
5. The Engineers will upon being relieved report to vicinity Bischwiller and begin preparations for 2nd phase.
6. The following bridges are responsibility of Infantry to fire:
  - a. Bridges #3,4,6,9,10,11,12, & 15. Three (3) enlisted men (demolition crew) and suggest six (6) enlisted men guard.
  - b. Bridge #13 - three (3) enlisted men (demolition crew). A guard detail in force will be required. It is Not contemplated destroying this bridge in phase I of withdrawal. It is one of key bridges and must be destroyed to keep from falling into the hands of the enemy.
7. Firing Instructions:
  - a. All bridges will be blown to keep from falling into the hands of the enemy. Bridges 3,4, & 6 will be blown simultaneously at 031600 with artillery fire to cover blasts. Bridges 9,10,11,12, & 15 will be blown at 031800. Bridge 13 will not be destroyed except to keep out of enemy hands. It will not be allowed to fall into enemy hands intact.
8. A report will be submitted to Commanding General TF HERREN upon completion of withdrawal indicating thereon the bridges destroyed and results obtained.

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