

HEADQUARTERS 329TH INFANTRY

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Date	Time In	Time Out	Message												
1	1600 1545 1900	1320	Col Crabill to Div (G-3 periodic report and overlay) Col Crabill returned to C.P. (G-2 periodic report) Payment for troops will be picked up tomorrow at 0800 at Adm Center by Co Comdrs Meeting all co comdrs and staff officers (Overlay #1 to accompany outline plan)												
2	1500		Troops receive monthly pay Meeting of all co comdrs and staff officers. Received notice that corps commander would visit C.P. on 3 Jul 44 Change #1 to outline plan #1												
3	1100 1430 1605	1525	Maj Gen Collins and Maj Gen Macon visited C.P. and talked to all regtl staff and bn comdrs. Lt. Col. Mackenzie (G-1) and Lt. Col. Woolums (IG) visited C.P. Capt Bagley left C.P. to go on a reconnaissance Capt Bagley returned to C.P. Slidex Key List for 4, 5, 6, July respectively												
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	1430	1615	Lt Stout to 330th Infantry Lt Reeder reported in												
	1615	1618	Lt Reeder returned to Div Col Crabill went to 330th Inf and 331st Inf												
	1500		You may remove guard from Locks (397868) at once. Co on security in Carentan will remain on that mission and will be used to protect the Div CP. Further instructions later. Bn now position S of Carentan may be moved under cover of darkness tonight to the assembly area of the Div Reserve (Signed Macon-Hering)												
		1915	Lt Stout returned to CP Capt Bagley to rear echelon (G-2 periodic report)												
		1915	Lt Reeder returned to Div												
		2015	Lt Stout to 331st Inf Lt Reeder returned to CP												
		2016	Division attack order issued. 330th & 331st are attacking with 329th less 2nd Bn in reserve. 2nd Bn operates under Div control. Overlay showing plan of attack & attached order.												
		2045	Lt Reeder to Div (See F.O.#3, H2, 83d Inf Div)												
	0200		C.O. went to front lines												
	0435		Artillery barrage started preparatory to attack by Div.												
	0445		2nd Bn jumped off in attack												
	0640		Col Crabill returned to C.P. 2nd Phase Line (33958150) crossed by 2nd Bn. 2 prisoners captured.												
	0700		Col Crabill left CP to go to Div. Will operate from there.												
	0805		Lt Watson (3d Bn L.O.) reported in.												
	0830		Lt. Teuke (1st Bn L.O.) reported in.												

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4 0845 Lt Reeder returned to C.P.
0845 Lt Raikos to 330th - Returned 0920
0925 Lt Raikos to 330th
0950 Lt Reeder to Div
1000 Unofficial reports states that 2nd Bn is being held up at 334814 to 336805. Unofficial reports indicate heavy casualties in Co. F including Lt Stahley and Lt Jacobson killed.
1012 Maj Holt returned from front called Col Crabill at War Room and says the going is rough. Capt Randall is hit and Lt Col Bowen was hit. G Co. has not been committed. They need Artillery if they can get it.
1032 Lt Raikos returned
1050 30 Evacuated and 35 wounded
1100 Lt Reeder returned to CP
1120 Capt Bagley called G-1 about casualties
1125 One prisoner captured
1145 Lt Reeder left CP
1235 Telephone communication with 2nd Bn. Later cut off.
1430 Col Crabill returned to CP. Gen Ferenbaugh came into CP
1445 Gen Collins, Gen Macon came into CP.
1445 Straggler line established along Hwy 3 west from Carentan to route stragglers from units cut off on front who are now infiltrating back through the lines.
1500 General Hodges came into CP (1st Army Deputy Comdr)
1550 Unofficial report states Co. E completely wiped out, 70 men from Co. F infiltrated back.
1610 (G-2) Prisoner captured 334810. Unable to be evacuated. Identified by Co to be from 13th Co. 914th Regt. Unknown whether Inf or Abty. More likely the former (S-2)
1550 (Tele) 70 or 80 men left in Co. F, Co. E total loss. Co. H, 1 MG Plat and 1 mortar squad left. Co. G lost 15 men, last co. not committed.
1600 Co. E and Co. F forced back to this side of swamp. Co. E practically wiped out. Co F reduced to about 50 effectives most of them without arms and equipment. Co. G now in position on this side of draw-suffered about 20 casualties. Have remnants of mines platoon and Hq Co as reserves. Bn Hq casualties heavy. Co. H has only one plat left. Other plat in outpost position (Col Bowen)
1625 Major Holt left for Div CP
1625 Col Crabill left CP to 2nd Bn CP
1700 Capt Bagley left CP to round up any remnants of 2nd Bn who may have infiltrated back.
1730 Lt Stout returned to CP from 330th Inf
1755 Col Crabill returned to CP
1820 Major Holt returned to CP
1830 Capt Bagley returned to CP
1830 Lt Reeder returned to CP
1905 Lt Reeder to Div
2010 3d Bn closed into new assembly area 1930 - T362823.
2035 CP closed out 2035
2035 Location of new CP 359826
2217 Lt Reeder went back to Div
2227 Col Crabill went back to Div
2230 Contact by wire with 2nd Bn reveals that they last contact with 331st on left. 2nd Bn contacted Div and Div stated they would have 331st regain contact. 2nd Bn unable to send out patrols due to heavy 88 mm fire.
2359 Effective strength Officers-152 EM 2817
Prisoners of war during 24 hour period-3

IN	OUT	
0630		Bn comdrs and staff of 1st & 3d Bn assembled at Regtl CP for attach order. See F.O.#4, 83d Inf Div.
0953	0900	Col Crabill and Capt Bagley left for new CP (CO, 3d Bn to CO 329th) CP location meter west rear AA effective tank. Send line here farm building. Crossed LD at 0900
0930		Major Heickle from G-3 visited CP
1052	1000	Major Heickle left CP (CO 1st Bn to CO 329th) Bn closed assembly area T374816 at 1030
1100	(Telephone)	Blackjack White estimated strength of F & E Cos at 70 each G Co has 20 casualties. Hq co 2d Bn has 11 casualties. H Co. part of 1 play missing. Will advise later as to strength. Stragglers still infiltrating back from front.
1100	1100	Major Holt and Capt Callaghan left for new CP
1130		3d Bn held up by strong enemy forces at 359803. Are trying to neutralize by automatic wps and mortars. Blackstone directs that the attack be pushed. All artillery needed will be supplied in order to speed up attack.
		S-3 reports from new CP that the 3d Bn was temporarily held up by a mine field but that has now been cleared and they are pushing forward.
1257	1200	Closed out CP at 359826. New CP located at 379816
1300		Message from 3d Bn states advancing very slowly (1241)
1400		Major Heickle (Div L.O.) reported into CP
		Front lines extend from 364809 to 366807. Left flank goes little more south. Exact location not definite. Aid Station 370812 (CO 3d Bn)
1435		Col Crabill returned to CP
1455		More ammunition, more litter bearers, communication our front lines company enemy 362806 to 364802. Co K intact approx 365801 to 368800. Co I now passing through Co L to take lead. (CO 3d Bn) (1446)
1500		Section I passed through L, attack renewed at 1400. Front line at 361806. Advancing 1430 (CO 3d Bn)
1500		Lt Reeder returned from Div
1530		Col Crabill to 3d Bn
	1530	Lt Reeder to Div
1740		Lt Reeder returned to CP
1752		(CG 83d to CO 329th) Troops in field bivouac will pay particular attention to camouflage and camouflage discipline. Maximum use of hedgerows will be made for camouflage and movement of vehicles and personnel.
1745		3d Bn has reached its objective.
1840		Col Crabill returned to CP
1900		2nd Bn reports casualties during 24 hour period ending 2359 4 July 44 as follows: 15 Killed, 77 wounded, 100 missing in action. 2nd Bn Med Section, 5 wounded, 1 missing in action. 2nd Bn Aid Station located at 349821.
1930		Objective Taken (CO 3d Bn)
1930		Rt flank 350793, left flank 353785 (CO 3d Bn)
	2055	Lt Reeder to Div
2110		CP located at 3688 8075 (1st Bn)
	2110	Lt Raikos out to 330th Inf.
2112		3d Bn CP located at 355791
2155		Lt Raikos returned to CP
2158		2nd Bn CP located at 347822
2200		Capt White (3d Bn S-1) made way back to CP. Stated that counter-attack from flank had cut off the entire 3d Bn and that they were in urgent need of medical supplies and ammunition.

	IN	OUT
5	2200	Receiving heavy counter-attack-need ammo. Request 1st Bn move up immediately.
	2400	Repelling enemy on 3d Bn left. Counter-attack with whole Bn committed. Enemy attacking out rear. Need help. Keep our arty off area behind 3d Bn. Arty may be from 330th Inf. (CO 1st Bn) 1st Bn unable to move up to support of 3d Bn. due to heavy counter-attack on the flank between the two Bns. All efforts to move ammo to 3d Bn failed.
6	0105	We continue attack early tomorrow afternoon. Find your two Bns (CG)
	0700	Col Crabill left CP to go to 1st Bn to attempt to lead tanks bearing ammo to the 3d Bn.
	0715	Lt Stout to Div rear echelon
	0845	Request assistance-priority medical supplies, ammo, litter bearers, tanks, tank destroyers, infantry.
	0845	Div reld Lt Col Bowen from 2nd Bn and placed Major Howard in command. Lt Col Bowen to work at Div Hq
	0900	Lt Reeder in from Div. - CG must be furnished more definite information concerning disposition and location of troops.
	0930	Strength(effective) of the regt as of 2359 5 July 44 fixed at 140 officers, 5 W.O. and 2804 enlisted men.
	0900	Chap Heuer to collecting station and then to 3d Bn area if he is able to get through.
	0900	L.O. from 331st Inf reported that the 4th Inf was advancing along Carentan-Terriers Hwy behind the 331st Inf and were going to make a passage of lines and attack at 0930.
	1030	Lt Roe with regtl mines platoon intact returned to the regtl CP
	1030	G-2 report covering period 050001 to 052400.
	1045	Password and replay 071200 to 102100, Scotch Thistle
	1045	Information from Col Crabill that he made it through with ammo to 3d Bn.
	1115	Capt Bagley left CP with half a squad to pick up stragglers and form a patrol and work down line of advance in order to be in contact with 1st Bn and determine their position.
	1140	Lt Reeder returned to Div
	1148	Lt Col Rhyne from Div visited CP
	1150	Lt Stout returned to CP
	1215	Tank attack being launched against left flank (CO 1st Bn)
	1215	5 Tanks in attack.
	1215	Lt Col Rhyne left CP.
	1225 (I&R Plat)	Request TD and Inf to repel tank attack (CO 1st Bn thru Blackdog, 908th FA)
	1235	I, K, L, and M. Cos of 330th Inf held up by shelling. 4 tanks attached to 1st Bn knocked out.
	1245	1st Bn may have passed through 3d Bn and relieved them. Part of 1st Bn held up by shell fire.
	1305	Col Crabill returned to CP and confirmed report that 1st Bn has reld 3d Bn. 3d Bn has moved back into an assembly area.
	1355	Col Crabill and Maj Holt to Div
	1405	Col Crabill and Maj Holt returned to CP
	1445	Capt Bagley returned to CP
	1355	Strength report from 1st Bn as of 2359, 5 Jul 44 shows, 33 Off.
	1420	800 EM, Capt Shelton, 3 EM KIA, 5 EM WIA, 1 EM deceased. 2 EM Inj (NBC) 1 EM sick.
	1520	Warning order from Div recd along with overlay.
	1525	Field Order #2, 6 July 44
		Capt Bagley left CP for new area.

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IN CJT

6 1600/ Confirming oral orders to Ln Officer- Move 2nd Bn to area indicated on overlay to warning order 6 Jul 44 (CG) Returned to Regtl control.

1825 Gen Ferenbaugh visited CP.

1850 1st Bn reports left flank under heavy arty attack. Unit on left will probably have to fall back. We are holding position at present attack have been halted temporarily (1830)

1900 Warning Order dated 1500, 6 July 1944 received.

2010 1st Bn reports they cannot hold against heavy counter-attack from front on our left flank.

2000 Regtl staff moved to new location

2010 CP established 363808

2015 Col Crabill and Maj Holt went to Blackfish CP to report to CG

2050 Col Crabill returned to CP

2100 1st Bn had a strong enemy counter-attack at 2030. Co B under strong enemy arty only has one platoon left.

2125 Co L ordered to move up in support of 1st Bn. Plat of Co C which had been protecting CP was released to Bn control. Co L of 3d Bn in reserve protection of left flank. This morning about 0800 Lt Col Sanders (CO 3d Bn) was evacuated with wounds in his knee. Major Yanishewsky assumed command of Bn.

2140 Arty Fwd Switching Control at 3662 8096

2200 Request permission to withdraw 3d Bn 330th Inf to Regtl control to reorganize. Strength of Bn 1 Off, 92 EM (Ex 0, 3d Bn 330th Inf.)

2230 CP Closed out. New Location T363808

2359 Order for attack to begin immediately after air bombardment at approximately 0615, 7 July 1944.

0600 Effective strength of regiment 131 Off. 5 WO, 2518 EM

0615 1st Bn reports that artiller, probably from the 4th Div is falling on the right flank company.

0620 Above message repeated.

0620 Artillery fire on right company lifted but strays falling in the area.

0815 1st Bn reports that attack was launched on time. Crossed LD and advanced approx 500 yards but stopped because 3d Bn which was coming up on left was held up by tank attack about 700 yds to their left rear.

0830 2 wounded enemy brought into CP

0845 Major Holt (S-3) evacuated 6 Jul 44 at approx 2200, causes shock and exhaustion.

0845 Major Yanishewsky (3d Bn CO) killed in action. Capt White assumed command of Bn. Capt Bagley (S-1) took over the duties of Major Holt (S-3), Capt Bunch takes over the S-1 duties.

0900 2nd Bn passed CP enroute to bolster 3d Bn and protect flank of 1st Bn.

0915 Radio communication established with 1st and 3d Bn. Wire to 1st Bn out since 0800.

Have investigated withdrawal of unit on immediate left. Apparently arty fire and a few machine guns were cause of withdrawal. Unit very badly disorganized. Last Officer wounded just prior to withdrawal. Your message pertaining to my unit coming up on left received. Request Blackjack White sweep this barrier of sniper and isolated enemy strongpoints paying particular attention to out left. Apparently no organized enemy action in vicinity of this CP. CP has not moved.

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IN OUT

7 0945 Lt Teuke out to 1st Bn. Nine stragglers from Co. B were sent with him.

1020/ 0945 Capt Bunch (S-1) went forward to locate site for new CP
1st & 3d Bn on a line abreast of each other. 2nd Bn is following up on the flanks. Only occupying about 1/3 of regtl area. 330th Inf location unknown. 12th Regt of 4th Inf Div general area of 1st & 3d Bn on right, 331st in reserve on our left.

1125 Lt Teuke back to CP from 1st Bn

1150 331st will be committed on the left. Rt flank is exposed from a point approx 400 yards in front of CP to front lines.

1150 What action are you taking to assist us? Is there anyone on our left? If so who and where? (1st Bn)

1155 Forward ammunition SP established 1130 at 358798

1325 General Macon came into CP. Delivered overlay. Reduced the regtl zone of action. Regt will sit tight until units on flanks catch up. The town of bombarded heavily by aerial bombardment.

1600 Aid station opened 1500 at 352793, many casualties (1st Bn)

1615 Replacements expected between 1830 and 2030. Make necessary arrangements (CG)

1630 (To S-4) Regt is to receive replacements between 1830 and 2030 today. We are to have a representative at the rear echelon as soon as possible. Representative must know location of regtl train bivouac area. (C.O.)

1731 CP now located 351793 at 1600 (CO 1st Bn)

1815 Lt Reeder to Div

1900 Plan of attack worked out to be effective upon the 331st reaching the line now held by the 3d Bn.

1930 Overlays distributed to each bn by bn liaison officer.

2100 Attack delayed. Units to notify the C.O. when ready to jump off but not to jump off until ordered to by C.O.

2015 Capt Bunch and wire party left CP to find new CP. Returned at 2120.

2130 Lt Col Hering (G-3) left CP for 331st Inf.

2130 Attack called off by Colonel Crabill.

Regt formed in defensive position with 1st Bn on right and 3d Bn on left, 2nd Bn to rear of 3d Bn. 2nd Bn was called over to right flank to assist in counter-attack in that sector. Co E was sent back to left flank to hold repulse counter-attack on that flank. These defensive positions were held throughout the night.

Report by priority message your exact location (CG)

Lt Reeder reported into CP

The entire regiment moved into reserve areas designated by div.

1220 CP closed out. New location 359795

1313 Lt Reeder back to Div

1315 Mr Williams (Asst Adj) came to CP from Div

Summary: At 0600 this morning on Div order the regt withdrew to a line about 800 yards to the rear. Holding this line until passed through by the 22nd Inf at 0945. After being passed through the regt, reverted to Div reserve and moved to assembly area given by Div order. At 1900 this evening a Bn Comdr meeting was held at the regtl CP. 3d Bn was ordered to change assembly area to a location about 800 yds south of where they had been assembled. The 2nd Bn was alerted for attack toward Saint Eny to fill gap between 331st on left and 22nd on right, 1st Bn no change. Cannon Co is reconnoitering for fire plan to support any attack which might be made by 2nd or 3d Bn.

2045 364 EM and 21 Off. received as replacements.

2130 Heavy enemy artillery fire recd in vicinity of CP.

2200 Lt Watson (L.O. 3d Bn) reported into CP.

Capt Sammons and Lt. McCarthy joined regtl staff.

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IN

OUT

9 0830 Lt Smith (L.O. 2d Bn) reported into CP.
 0910 Lt Watson reported in.
 1103 Capt Bunch went back to Serv Co
 1126 Communication established with Blackboy
 1130 Lt Teuke reported into CP
 1305 Col Crabill, Capt Bagley, and Lt Watson went to 3d Bn area.
 1315 Lt Reeder came to CP from Div
 1410 Lt Teuke returned to CP
 1415 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
 1430 Capt Bunch went to Carentan to check on straggler line
 1440 Lt Reeder returned to Div
 1540 Lt McCarthy returned to CP
 1541 Col Crabill went to Div CP
 1615 Capt Bunch returned to CP
 1618 Lt McCarthy went to 1st Bn and then to rear
 2nd Bn CP closed in at 1700 at
 1705 Col Crabill returned to CP
 1710 Adm Order #4, 7 Jul 44 recd (Major Kohler)
 1900 Meeting of Bn C.O.'s and S-3's at Regtl CP. Attached order for
 10 Jul 44 issued and discussed.
 2130 Overlay showing road and minefield report as of 090800. Plan
 of attack for 10 Jul 44 is as follows. Attached units: Tank Co.
 Chem. Co., Engr. Co., Regt attacks at 0900 to seize assigned ob-
 jective (see overlay). Formation 2nd & 3d Bn in assault. 2nd Bn
 on right. 1st Bn in reserve. Direction of attack - see overlay.
 2nd Bn with plat of mtz tanks attacks on front shown on
 overlay. 2nd Bn. plus Plat Co. A, 308th Engr., Plat Med Tanks,
 (1st Plat), Bn FA and Med on call., Chem mortars on call. Lt
 tanks in reserve. 3d Bn plus plat Co. A, 308th Engrs, Plat
 medium tanks (2nd Plat), Bn FA medium on call, Chem mortars gen
 support, liaison to each Bn. Mines platoon follows assault and clear
 roads. 3d Bn follow regtl axis at 500 yds by bounds. AT Co. at
 head of reserve ready to move to support either assault Bn.
 Regtl Hq - at head of reserve (forward echelon). Cannon Co.
 Supplement artillery. Axis of ammunition supply and evacuation
 (regtl axis) 30 min preparation 0830 to 0900. Limited objective,
 hasty reorganization and report. Ea bn protect own flank, reserve
 protects line of communication and supply.
 Effective strength, 140 Off, 5 WO, 2602 EM.
 10 2359 3d Bn cleared area enroute to LD
 0230 Forward elements of CP moved to new location coordinates 354782
 0745 (C.O., S-1, S-3)
 0810 2nd Bn crossed LD 0835
 0810 3d Bn held up at 351776 before reaching LD by strong enemy re-
 sistance. 4 tanks knocked out.
 0945 1st Bn closed into new area at coordinates 355785
 0945 Rear CP closed out, new location 354782.
 1012 3d Bn now 300 yds south of point at which held up at 0835
 Communications: Blackjack white out 1020. Blue in 0900. Blackstone
 out 1020. Blackboy at 0900.
 1022 Lt Reeder came to CP from Div
 1030 Maj Mauldin reports 2nd and 3d Bn urgently in need of litter
 bearers. Will contact Div Surgeon and try to get 4 or 5 squads.
 1045 Two of our tanks hit, send replacements (CO 2d Bn)
 1130 Blackjack blue will resume attack at 1130.
 1240 General Macon came into CP.
 1330 Lt Col Bowen (WIA) returned to regtl CP for duty. Went forward
 from CP to take command of 2nd Bn. Col Faber also came to CP.

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IN OUT

10 1330 General Collins (VII Corps Comdr) came into CP. Left at 1400.
 1415 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3d Bn area
 1630 Col Crabill returned to CP
 1700 Lt Reeder returned to Div
 Summary: Regt attacked at 0830 from LD about 300 yds South of St Eny, 2nd Bn passed through positions of 331st, met heavy resistance and were held up about 300 yds S. of LD. 3d Bn with 3d Bn 331st on left came up to LD and were held up by heavy resistance. These positions were held throughout the day. The 22nd Inf on the right of our 2nd Bn, advanced South several hundred yds leaving a gap. At 2100 our 1st Bn was moved up to fill this gap. These positions were held throughout the night. Overlays and field orders attached.
 11 Regt continuing attack to the south at 0900. 1st Bn on Right, 3d Bn on left, 2nd Bn in reserve.
 1040 Capt Bunch left area to report to Chief of Staff at Div War Room
 1045 Road and minefield report as of 102100 received
 1050 2nd Bn CP located at 339771
 1050 Our advance has been held up by tanks. One tank between our advance elements and one behind another element. Another tank approx RJ 353772. Tanks cannot operate against these heavy tanks must have bazookas and tank destroyers at once. (CO 3d Bn)
 1100 Tank destroyers and bazooka teams sent forward.
 Road and minefield report as of 101800 received
 1215 General Macon left area.
 1235 Capt Bunch returned to CP
 1843 Blackjack Red line went out at 1834
 1855 Blackjack Red line came in at 1854
 1957 Blackjack Blue line went out at 1955
 2020 G-3 returned to Blackstone
 2030 Password -Wagon Wheel, compromised new password, Pistol Threat, effective to 1200, 13 Jul 44.
 3d Bn held approx same position all day long, never being able to reach LD, and being held up by some strong point as yesterday. 1st Bn advanced about 600 yds, met resistance and had to withdraw 300 yds. Co G was sent around left flank of 1st Bn and was stopped by resistance. Co G maintained a line on left flank of 1st Bn. Remainder of 2nd Bn at 2100 was still behind 1st Bn and in contact with 3rd Bn to their left rear. At 2130, the 3d Bn again attacked to the south toward enemy strong point. Cooperation with Tank destroyers and tanks very poor. Overlay sent to Corps via Liaison officer of our positions as of 2000 and 2100.
 2200 Gen Macon visited CP
 2210 Pass word and reply from period 141200 to 171200 "Wireless Receiver".
 2215 General Macon left CP
 12 0925 (TP) Blackjack Blue receiving counter-attack on left flank (CO 3dBn)
 0927 (TP) Attack on Blue slowed up by coordination with Blackboy. Blackjack Blue and Blackboy coordinating plans to effect Blue's attack.
 0935 Artillery from 4th Div dropping close on right (CO 1st Bn)
 It was directed that Blackjack Red contact artillery observer with unit on right to keep arty off of our troops. Artillery fire (WP) to be concentrated on strong point at 343761 to reduce that strong point.
 0954 Received copy of F.O.#8, Hq, 331st Inf. and overlay to accompany F.O.#8, Hq, 83d Inf Div. and overlay to accompany F.O.#1 (11 Jul 44)
 1010 Lt Teuke reported that 1st Bn was receiving sporadic machine gun fire and little or no mortar fire at 0920.

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12 1020 Received copy of overlay, France, 1:25000. 12 Jul 44. 0700 showing location of our units and supporting units and bomb line and arty concentrations.

1030 3d Bn to receive flame throwers from Engrs to help reduce strong points. They are to be used to burn enemy out of hedgerows along road.

1035 Col Krautoff called for overlay showing our exact disposition at present. It is being sent up via Lt Reeder.

1037 1st Bn jumped off. Arty fire at 343761 landed in 2nd Bn area (To Blackjack Blue) coordinate with 331st on right to avoid fire between them and our units.

1040 1040

1055 Report from 1st Bn that 2nd Bn is going around right flank of 1st Bn instead of left flank as previously planned. (Not confirmed)

1100 Capt Bagley called 1st Bn for overlay of their disposition

1105 Co. B holding original line. Co C moving ahead. Co A in reserve. Col Crabill returned and said plan of 2nd Bn had not been changed and that troops moving up on right flank of 1st Bn must be from some other unit, possibly 22nd Inf.

1115 Col Crabill reports that 2nd Bn has not been receiving much mortar fire this morning.

1120 Co C has tied in with Co G on left

1121 1st Bn of 331st met slight resistance this morning and has been moving ahead. 3rd Bn 331st have not been progressing due to heavy opposition.

1130 General Macon visited CP

1131 3d Bn will attack orchard at 1200 to reoccupy it.

1140 General Macon directed Major Speedie that he must use bazookas and grenades in the attack and that he must take that position without fail. He directed that Major Speedie move in fast and take the position as quickly as possible to establish self confidence in the men and reduce the number of casualties.

1145 General Macon directs that we use smoke to blind the enemy and move ahead under cover of the smoke. He said to use chemical mortars and smoke on tanks and rush them with bazookas under cover of the smoke while they are still stunned from mortars. He directs that Co B move ahead beside Co C.

1155 (Gen Macon to Lt Col Vanderhoeff (COLst Bn) Gen Macon directs that Co B move ahead along the hedges and other covered approaches. He told Col Vanderhoeff to move the 1st Bn ahead as quickly as possible.

1200 1st Bn reports that artillery is falling behind Co A. Possibly coming from 908th FA firing in support of 331st. 2nd Bn also reported some artillery falling near them.

1205 Tank proceeding slowly along 2nd Bn front towards 3d Bn objective.

1217 Wpns carrier from 3d Bn AT Plat knocked out. They plan to use a jeep to move the guns.

1245 12 enemy tanks reported by Corps at 345760

1310 General Macon directed Col Vanderhoeff to keep AT guns in position to repel tank attack as he moves along.

1320 GG 4th Div reports that 1st Bn is firing into his unit on our right. Gen Macon notified 1st Bn and directed that they move Co B abreast of Co C and coordinate with 22nd Inf to avoid further firing into their unit on our right.

1325 3d Bn reports that they knocked out a tank in the orchard they are attacking. Bazookaa knocked out the tank.

1320 3d Bn reports that they have taken the orchard and are occupying it. They are preparing to move on forward.

1340 Artillery reports hit on tank.

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12 1346 Col Grabill reports that 3d Bn is being fired on by 88's ~~on~~ 75's and some machine guns. Most of the enemy machine guns have been knocked out, though.

1405 General Macon directed Tank Destroyer officer to get his guns manned and get up to the front to help knock out the enemy tanks which are slowing up the advance.

1405 Lt Col Skinner reports that tanks and 88's are holding up the advance of our 1st Bn. Gen Macon is sending up self-propelled TD's to help knock them out.

1500 Several rounds of artillery dropped in field adjacent to Blackjack CP. No casualties reported.

1445 General Macon left CP.

1605 3d Bn reports they are pinned down by fire from tanks. They are directed to hold their position until TD's arrive to help them knock out the tanks.

1630 TD unit went forward from Regtl CP to aid the 3d Bn.

1730 We are receiving 364 replacements today.

1830 1st Bn still held up by strong point. TD's are being sent up to help reduce it.

1915 Lt Col Bowen reported that 2nd Bn knocked out a tank with bazookas this afternoon.

2210 3d Bn reports they have taken approx 20 prisoners. Members of the I & R plat were sent to 3d Bn to bring them in. 6 prisoners were taken previous to this time.

13 0700 The situation remained about the same during the night.

0715 The group of German PW's captured by 3d Bn at 2210 last night were fired on by troops of the 331st Inf. while they were coming forward to surrender. The prisoners scattered and went back to their own lines. One of the 6 PW's previously captured went out to try to persuade the 20 to surrender again to our unit., but they refused so the prisoner previously captured came back.

0730 6 Mark IV tanks were knocked out by 3d Bn during the night.

0815 Until further notice (SECRET) from Hughes, G-4, expenditure of artillery ammunition including Inf 105 mm howitzer limited to one half of fire per day (CG 83d Div)

0900 Received: Overlay on road and minefield report as of 122000 (Div Engrs). F.O.#9 and accompanying overlay. FO #22 and 2 accompanying overlays.

0932 1st and 2nd Bn crossed LD on time at 0930. See F.O.#10 and attached overlay.

0935 Received G-3 periodic report no. 16 and attached overlay.

1015 The 6 prisoners captured by 3d Bn were brought to CP for interrogation.

1016 Lt Col Fitzgibbon went to 2nd Bn to act as Exec Officer

1100 Blackboy reports that they are receiving fire from the rear. It possibly is coming from Co E. Capt Bagley is trying to locate it.

1105 Blackjack White was directed to swing Co E to the right and attack in order to avoid further firing into Blackboy.

1110 2nd Bn reports they have captured 3 Germans. 1 of them is a para-trooper. They are being sent to Blackjack CP for interrogation.

1115 Co E moving southwest along hedgerows to 343759 where they will form into combat formation.

1120 Blackjack Blue is sending out a patrol to their front to contact Co E and Co G

1118 Co A and Co B preparing to continue push.

1200 General Macon visited CP

1215 Enemy at attack White (If destroy) rear 2nd Bn (CO 1st Bn)

1220 Received overlay on disposition of 2nd Bn.

1235 2nd Bn reports that their OP located at 346762, is receiving high velocity shell fire from an azimuth of 220 degrees. Possibly it is coming from an enemy tank.

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13 1240 The General directs that we should not use tanks against enemy tanks as the enemy tanks are dug in and can pick off our tanks as they come up the road without exposing themselves.

1255 The 2d Bn was directed to push ahead and not stop on their phase line.

1330 General Macon left CP

1430 Major Alexander from G-2 visited CP

1400 5 German PW's were brought to CP for interrogation.

1550 1st Bn reports that tanks laid heavy fire on Co A & Co B and inflicted heavy casualties in those 2 companies.

1600 2nd Bn reports the capture of a German officer

1645 Capt Bagley went to 3d Bn to make a recon. of the situation.

1700 Tanks are being sent to 2nd Bn to try to knock out German tanks which are holding up 1st Bn.

1745 Lt Col Hering (G-3) came to CP

1800 Lt Col Hering left CP

1825 3d Bn to be committed in the attack at 1930. They are to move down through 1st Bn sector and avoid exposure to tank attack. If they cannot move through 1st Bn sector without exposure to tanks they are to move upon left flank of 2nd Bn.

1830 There will be a bombing between 1900 and 1930. Troops are not to move ahead until bombers complete their mission.

1845 2nd Bn reports there are several enemy tanks in their zone of action.

1930 Mission of 1st Bn now is to protect the flank of the 12th Inf as they attack. Regt attack will not go into effect. 2nd Bn still help up by tanks.

1940 Liaison officer from 331st Inf reports one of their Bns is cut off by 4 tanks and infantry (tanks & infantry believed now to be in front of 2nd Bn)

2000 CP closed out new location T344772

2015 We received 34 officers replacements

2215 General Macon visited CP

2230 General Macon left CP

2400 Effective strength including officer 2349.

14 0715 Received overlay showing local bomb line and general disposition of our units. Bombers are to carry out their mission between 0915 and 0945

0730 2nd Bn reports that the total of German PW's captured by them yesterday is 21.

0745 1st & 2nd Bns will be committed in the attack at 0930 from the position they held last night. 1st Bn will be on the right. 2nd Bn on the left. Tanks will be used in the attack. The plan is for our troops to cover our tanks approach with bazookas until our tanks can get into position to fire on the enemy tanks.

0925 Planes came over and bombed and strafed enemy positions and troops

0930 2nd Bn reports that Co E is pinned down by fire from an enemy tank on the left flank.

1005 Engrs reported to 1st Bn to clear out mines and blow passages in the hedgerows.

1008 The attack was called off. The present plan is to attack at 1100.

1020 Co F has moved up by Co G but their exact location is not known

1030 Col Crabill directed Capt Gust that his AT guns should be moved up closer in order to be prepared to attack any tanks that might try to come through and shell our troops. He also directed that the guns must be manned at all times to repel any surprise attack by enemy tanks.

1045 There is to be another bombing at 1100. The attack will not be launched until bombers have completed their mission.

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14	1046	Lt Col Woolums came to CP
	1106	Lt Col Woolums left CP
	1108	2nd Bn reports they will not be ready to jump off before 1130. Arty fire is being coordinated with time of their attack. Lt Col Royal is in command of 2nd Bn.
	1110	The bombing mission has been called off. 1st Bn will not jump off until 1130. Their attack will be preceded by a 10 minute artillery preparation starting at 1120 and continuing until 1130. 1st & 2nd Bns will jump off at same time.
	1120	Arty concentration for 1st Bn started.
	1130	Blackjack White line went out.
	1145	Major Wishart reports they are moving on ahead but units of the 4th Div on our right flank are hanging back. Col Crabill directed that the 1st Bn move on, nevertheless.
	1150	2nd Bn jumped off on time at 1130. Co E held up by small arms fire. Co F swinging around to left through Co G to try to infiltrate down road to neutralize machine gun fire which is holding up Co E. Co A and C are moving now Co B is coming up behind Cos A & C.
	1200	White line is in again.
	1208	Co E is on right flank of 2nd Bn zone of action.
	1206	Both 1st and 2nd Bns are receiving heavy machine gun fire. No tanks have been reported but some of the machine gun fire may be coming from tanks.
	1215	General Macon came to CP
	1215	Both lines to white came in
	1220	Lt Magill went out to make a recon of the front lines to determine the disposition of the 4th Div in relationship to our forward units
	1245	Lt Col Hering came to CP
	1305	Tank reported at 3430 7530 shooting down road NE and NW
	1315	Lt Col Hering reports that the 4th Div is not attacking. They are hanging back waiting for bombing preparation.
	1405	Co G is being attacked by enemy tank
	1430	2nd Bn reports 2 enemy tanks in their sector. Our tanks can't knock them out.
	1445	1st Bn pinned down on this side of road. They were directed to call for arty and mortar fire and try to advance across road.
	1446	2nd Bn reports our tanks have roads in their sector covered against enemy tank attack. They were instructed to keep their AT guns well forward to provide further protection against a break through by enemy tanks.
	1446	Both line to Blackstone are out.
	1447	Air missions to be effected at 1630.
	1448	Lt Col Skinner came to CP
	1458	1 Squadron of bombers will bomb in our sector at 338750 at 1630. Our units have been notified of this bombing. If bombs come too close they are to notify the arty observer who will have the bomb targets shifted further out.
	1505	1st Bn has been driven back from road. Col Crabill directs that Co A and Co B push ahead and reoccupy their positions at the road and hold it with bazookas against the tanks. As soon as the position is retaken they are to bring up AT guns to knock out the tanks that are holding them up. Col Crabill directs that this position must be retaken and held.
	1515	The 4th Div is to jump off at 1630.
	1525	There will be a coordinated attack all across the corps front at 1630.

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14 1550 General Macon left CP

1550 Col Crabill has decided against trying to coordinate our attack with the attack of the 4th Div or the bombing missions at 1630 as the position of the 4th Div in attack will not alleviate the pressure on our front and the bombing is too far ahead to have any effect on the front line situation in our sector.

1715 General Macon came to CP

1720 The General directs that we must take the strong point which is the objective of tonight's attack and hold it by setting our AT defenses to repel another break-through.

1755 The plan is to lay down 3 to 5 minutes artillery preparation at intervals of 3 minutes and then launch the attack. All AT guns are to be preceded by Infantry and Infantry is to form a perimeter defense around AT weapons to protect them until they can get into position to fire. This also applies to our tanks.

1800 Div and Corps Arty are to fire in preparation tonight. Approx 6Bns of Hvy & Med Arty will fire.

1805 General Macon left CP

1809 Lt Col Skinner left CP

1815 We received 173 replacements today

1820 Co F reports they are getting a tank attack on their flank.

1825 3d Bn is going to pass through 1st Bn tonight and attack the strong point which has been holding up the 1st Bn. The attack is to be launched at 2100 immediately after Arty preparation.

1845 Col Crabill left CP to go to 1st Bn

2045 Artillery preparation began on time at 2040

2105 Attack was launched as scheduled at 2100.

2130 Col Crabill returned to CP and reported that the attack went off on time and that the fighting was very fierce.

2200 General Macon came to the CP to get the situation at present. He directs that when objective is taken we must set up strong AT defenses and keep our AT guns and tanks protected by Inf.

2235 3d Bn reports that they are on their objective. The objective was taken without much resistance after the artillery barrage. Several tanks were driven off and the only firing they did was from machine guns which was not very effective.

2240 General Macon left CP

2245 Col Crabill directs that 3d Bn get their AT defenses prepared for the night and hold their position.

2400 Effective strength including officers: 2575 (133 Os, 2442 EM)

0700 The situation remained the same during the night.

0800 Password and reply for 171200 to 181200 - Amateur Theatre

/0815 Tanks are being sent up to 3d Bn. Col Crabill directed Major Speedie to put them inside the perimeter defense as soon as they arrived.

0855 2d and 3d Bns are to jump off about 1000. 1st Bn is to reorganize and prepare to occupy position taken by 3d Bn as soon as 3d Bn moves ahead. 1st Bn is to be prepared to move in support of either Bn. In attack 3d Bn is to be on the right and 2nd Bn on the left.

0900 Received F.O.#3, Hq, 329th Inf. and accompanying overlay.

0910 One enemy tank is reported to be holding up Co E. Col Crabill directs that this tank must be knocked out so the 2d Bn can move ahead.

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15 0912 Received road & minefield report as of 1420000 Div Engrs. G-3 periodic report #17 and atchd overlay. Road & minefield report as of 131900-Div Engr. F.O.#11, Hq, 83d Div and atchd overlay.

0928 There will be no bombing in the Div sector within 500 yds of front lines

0930 There appears to be a general withdrawal of the enemy along the entire front (not confirmed)

1015 Received: Overlay giving 329th new boundaries. Overlay of position of 331st, 8th, 12th and 22nd Inf Regts. G-3 periodic report #18 and atchd overlay.

1030 Received F.O.#12 and attached overlay (Hq, 83d Div, 15 Jul 44)

1032 The attack went off as planned at 1020. 2nd Bn is reported to be moving ahead.

1200 Received overlay showing temporary defensive positions to be occupied by Bns. Bns will select and report CP locations (Hq Blackboy-15 Jul 44)

1215 1st Bn CP located at T341761 (OO 1st Bn)

1230 General Macon directs that we get out AT guns up on flank. as there is a possibility of a tank attack there.

1245 Artillery is falling 300 yds short. Major Orr discovered that one one gun was not functioning correctly.

1255 Artillery fire was brought on tank but tank moved out before shells fell.

1325 Major Speedie reports 3d Bn is held up by enemy tank on right flank. He asked if it would be all right to swing around 2d Bn left and go ahead for the objective.

1345 Co G line extends from 3420 7505 to 3450 7515.

1346 3d Bn is to hold where they are and set up tank defense until further orders.

1400 2d Bn is reported to be moving up close to 3d Bn. They should come on line with 3d Bn soon.

1445 Col Krauthoff came to CP.

1515 General Macon came to CP

1535 Col Krauthoff left CP

1548 General Macon left CP

1600 Col Crabill went to 1st Bn.

1605 The situation has remained about the same

1645 Artillery observer reports that tanks holding up 3d Bn has moved on and is heading for 4th Div sector.

1647 It is directed that 3d Bn move ahead.

1700 Major Speedie reports that when 3d Bn started to move ahead they were confronted by another tank which moved into the position vacated by the first tank.

1800 Col Crabill returned to CP

1820 Col Crabill directed Major Speedie to send out small patrols on the road tonight to find out if the tank moves off the road at night. If it moves back at night we can take the position early in the morning before the tank moves back. He also directed Major Speedie to put out AT defenses to repel any tank attack tonight. Col Crabill said he doubted that the enemy would try a tank attack tonight but we must be ready for it if they do.

1830 Lt Reeder reported in from Div

1915 Lt Reeder went back to Div

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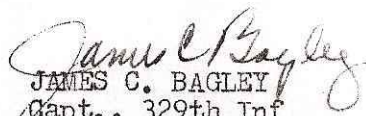
FO #3

Map: France 1:25000.

1. Enemy tanks reported moving to the south. The regiment continues the attack after 1000. Time will be announced.
2. Attached Units: One platoon of each of the following units will be attached to the 2nd and 3rd Bns:

Medium Tanks Co B 746 Tank Bn
Tank Destroyers, Co C 802 TD's
Engineers, Co A, 308th.
3. Formation: 3rd Bn and 2nd Bn in assault. 3rd Bn on right. LD leading elements.
4. a. 3rd Bn to continue the attack to the south to the Southern Boundary of Regimental Objective.
b. 2nd Bn to continue the attack to the south within its zone of action to secure Southern Boundary of Regimental Objective.
c. 1st Bn move to position now occupied by 3rd Bn as soon as vacated by 3rd Bn. Protect right flank and be prepared to move to support of either Bn.
d. AT Co - general support of regiment and coordination of AT defense.
e. Cn Co - general support of regiment.
5. CP and observation post to be reported.

By Order of Colonel Crabill;


JAMES C. BAGLEY
Capt., 329th Inf
S-3DIST: Ea Bn
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15 2015 Col Crabill says he thinks it would be a good plan to jump off early in the morning with arty preparation. By doing so it may be possible to move in on the enemy while they are asleep. Arty preparation would put them on the alert for an attack. He directs that 1st Bn should wait until after they jump off and find out what they run into and then call for arty fire if they need it. All Bns were notified to be ready to jump off at 0700 tomorrow. They were directed to send in an overlay of their positions where they stop tonight.

2025 Atchd Chem mortars officer and 2 EM reverted to Bn control '87th G Bn-Camel Blue'

2050 Col Crabill wants the road directly in front of our units taken tonight so we can use it for our LD in the attack tomorrow morning.

2115 The attack and all other operations previously planned for tomorrow have been called off.

2400 Effective strength including officer (2758) (145 O and 2613 EM)

0700 Lt Reeder reported in from Div

0715 Received F.O.#13 and attached overlay (Hq 83d Div 16 Jul 44)

0755 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

0825 The 3d Bn is to be attached to the 331st for continuation of the attack on the objective.

0830 General Macon wants our defensive plan of fires, combat plans against counter-attack by 1600 today. These plans will be effected when the Regt moves into defensive position behind 4th Div.

0845 General Ferenbaugh left CP

0850 Received G-3 periodic report No. 19 and atchd overlay.

0905 Col Crabill, Capt Bagley, and Capt Gust went to 1st Bn on a recon of 4th Div sector to plan defensive positions and MLR.

0945 Available supply 81 mm mortar and arty ammunition is very short. All interdiction fires, which can be fired with 60 mm mortars or TD will be fired with these weapons. Use of 81 mm mortars and arty for the firing of interdiction and harassing fires which can be fired by either 60 mm mortars or TD prohibited. (General Macon-Col Boyle)

1026 Herewith situation as of 1015 hours (CO 2d Bn - atchd overlay of situation)

1035 Received F.O.#30 and atchd overlay (Hq CT 12)

1040 3d Bn is to attack at 1130.

1135 3d Bn jumped off at 1130.

1200 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP

1201 3d Bn reports the resistance is greater than it was yesterday.

1220 Both lines to Blackjack Blue are out.

1225 1st Bn was directed to make a recon and submit a fire plan before 1600

1230 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1235 Capt Bagley went to

1250 3d Bn is pinned down on LD by machine guns and tank fire. They are going to make another attempt further to the left (CO 3d Bn to Black-boy-intercepted on radio)

1255 Password and reply 181200 to 191200 (Vegetable Compound)

1400 General Ferenbaugh left CP

1420 Capt Bagley returned to CP

1430 Password and reply 191200 to 201200, (Truth Mystic) (CG 83d Div)

1410 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1420 Received overlay showing our boundaries, OPLR, and MLR (Hq 329th)

1700 General Ferenbaugh left CP

1715 Lt Reeder reported in from Div

1800 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

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16 1830 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 1845 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley left CP to 4th Div sector on a comm.
 1847 Received overlay of disposition of 3d Bn
 2115 Lt Reeder returned to Div
 2116 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 2125 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 2128 Received overlay showing our boundaries MLR, and RRL (Hq 329th)
 2130 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
 2200 Lt Col Hering came to CP
 2210 Lt Col Hering and Capt Bagley went to 1st Bn
 2315 Capt Bagley returned to CP
 2230 1st Bn moved into defensive position 2200. Bn CP located T338763
 (OO 1st Bn)
 2358 Received overlay of fire plan of 322nd FA Bn
 2400 Effective strength including officers 2618 (136 O & 2613 EM)
 17 0645 Lt Reeder came in from Div
 0700 Received F.O.#14 and 15 and atchd overlay (Hq 83d Div)
 0745 Capt Bunch went to new CP location
 0750 Lt Reeder returned to Div
 0800 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to 3d Bn
 0945 CP Closed out to new location.
 1000 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
 1100 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 1205 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 1230 Boundary between the 4th Armd Div and 83d Div RJ 347786 - RJ343776
 -332765-328760-324754-322748. Roads on boundary inclusive to 4th
 Armd Div (Signed Macon by Doyle)
 1235 H hour for attack of 331st Inf is 1800 this date (CG 83d Div)
 1330 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 1435 General Ferenbaugh says our principle mission isto keep punching at t
 the enemy and keep him occupied so he will not pull his troops out of
 our sector to reinforce other sectors which are to come under heavy
 attacks by other units.
 1600 Co A supported by hvy wpns and Co C mortars is to attack at 1730
 1630 The objective of the attack is an orchard and group of buildings
 located at 332751.
 1635 Received copy of overlay showing our boundaries, OPLR, MLR, RRL,
 and positionsof our units (Hq 329th)
 1705 Lt Reeder reported in from Div
 1715 The attack has been postponed until 1800.
 1740 Co A is to be in attack supported by hvy wpns fire and co. C mortars.
 1805 The attack was launched as scheduled at 1800.
 1845 The attack was repelled by HMG fire and mortars. Our attacking unit
 was driven back to where they started. There were 13 casualties
 Co. A advanced approx 200 yds before they were driven back.
 1915 Capt Callaghan (S-2) called 1st Bn and directed that they give a
 report on positions of enemy mortars and machine guns so we can lay
 arty on them. He especially wants information from Co C flank
 Co A turned in valuable information on enemy positions in their
 sector. 1st Bn is directed to send out patrols and find where enemy
 is coming from.
 1916 General Ferenbaugh directs that we feel out the enemy line for soft
 spots. When the soft spots have been swept back it will be much
 easier to take the strong points.
 1925 Lt Reeder returned to Div
 1930 General Ferenbaugh directs that we should make rcons in force today
 the enemy's fire in order to determine where fire is coming from.

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17 1931 It is believed machine pistol fire is coming from arty concentration
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1935 2 members of regtl I & R plat returned from rcn and reported at
least 2 enemy observers in building. General Ferenbaugh says
it would be a good plan to shell this bldg and surrounding area
with WP tonight.
1950 General Ferenbaugh directs that we get all information possible
tonight so we can know what to expect when we attack the objective
again tomorrow.
2040 General Ferenbaugh left CP
2042 Col Crabill directs that 1st Bn pay particular attention to
patrolling right flank.
2100 House being used as O.P. has been neutralized by artillery fire
that was being used for observation by enemy observers.
2121 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to 2d Bn
2210 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
2220/ Attack 18 Jul to secure LING overlay (Atchd) 1 Bn light Arty
and 2 Bns of med arty available. H hour on Div order (CG 83d Div,
Boyle)
18 2400 Effective strength including officers: 2810 (137 O & 2673 EM)
0645 Lt Reeder reported in from Div
0715 Received road & minefield report as of 162000.
0800 Lt Reeder returned to Div
0815 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley left CP
0845 Several shells landed in CP area. 2 casualties were reported
It is reported 37 rounds fell during bagrage.
0930 Lt Col Bowen (2d Bn CO) came to CP
0935 Lt Reeder reported in from Div with 2 liaison officers from VIII
Corps (Capt Griffith and Lt Ritzi)
1038 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
1040 Received overlay from 3d Bn on results of patrols sent out last
night.
1000 Lt Col Bowen left CP
1010 Lt Reeder returned to Div
1050 Lt Col Royall went to 2nd Bn to help Lt Col Bowen prepare a plan
against any enemy attack.
1100 Received from Capt Callaghan (S-2) for entry in journal and asgmt
of journal number.
1 1105 G-2 periodic report #36, 15 Jul 44 (Hq 90th Div)
2 G-2 periodic report #19 16 Jul 44 (Hq 83d Div)
3 G-2 periodic report #20, 17 Jul 44 (Hq 83d Div)
Capt Callaghan reports that at least 14 enemy machine gun positions
have been located. patrols are responsible for location of many of
these positions.
1110 4 Received from Capt Callaghan overlay on results of patrols of Hq
I & R plat as of 0800 today. Valuable information on enemy mortar
positions and general enemy activity along line 324751 to 332752
was compiled.
1145 Lt Col Royall returned to CP
1215 Capt Bagley & Capt Bunch to Serv Co
1305 Lt Reeder reported in from Div

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18 1314 Received G-2 periodic report #33 17 Jul 44 (Hq VIII Corps)
 1400 Lt Col Bowen came to CP
 1405 Capt Bunch and Capt Bagley returned to CP
 1505 General Ferenbaugh came to CP. The General would like to have the men fire at the enemy but he wants them to move around and not fire from their present position. The General suggests using bazooka teams to fire on some of these old tanks for more practice on knocking them out.

1550 General Ferenbaugh left CP

1600 1st Bn brought in a pigeon believed to have belonged to the 1st Army Signal Corps. We are sending it to Div

1700 Capt Callaghan directs that Bns send out combat patrols tonight to take prisoners. He believes prisoners may be able to give us a good idea on the makeup of the enemy line and what is in back of the line.

1900 Machine gun and mortar positions were reported throughout the day and arty was brought down on them.

1910 Capt Bunch went to Serv Co

1945 Password and reply for 201200 to 211200. Zero Scoundrel.

2010 Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file and assignment of journal numbers:

7 Overlay (17 Jul 44) giving disposition of 2nd Bn 329th Inf.

8 Overlay 17 Jul 44 giving disposition of 3d Bn 329th Inf.

9 Overlay (17 Jul 44) showing our boundaries, OPLR, MLR, RRL

10 Overlay (17 Jul 44) Hq, Blackboy

11 Overlay (17 Jul 44) showing positions of 330th & 331st Infs.

12 G-3 periodic report #21 and overlay (G-3)

2020 Capt Bunch returned to CP

2030 Password and reply 211200 to 221200 Wonder Penthouse.

2045 Lt Reeder reported in from Div. Lt Stout is taking his place as liaison O between Regt and Div

2120 A rumor was reported that Germans have broken through in 4th Div sector (unconfirmed)

2122 Received tables for expenditure of ammunition (18 Jul 44) (Hq 83d Div)

2125 1st Bn is moving part of Co B over to right flank to protect our flank if there is a breakthrough. 2 casualties who came to 1st Bn aid station for treatment confirmed report that Germans are making a counter-attack in 4th Armed sector. the Casualties are from a unit of the 4th Armd

2145 Enemy 88's reported located at 326752. Enemy 105's reported located at 322748. We are going to bring arty down on these positions. Digging was heard at these locations last night by a patrol.

2150 1st Bn was directed to watch their right flank as enemy have outflanked a company of the unit on our right.

2152 At 1945 enemy preceded attack with smoke concentration at 323755.

2200 The enemy attack was launched at 316750

2215 Co B is unable to establish contact with unit on our right

2400 Effective strength including officers: 3015 (142 O's & 2873 M)

0700 1st Bn regained contact with unit on right during the night.

0710 The enemy withdrew from ground taken during the night by their counter-attack and unit on our right re-established their original line. It is believed the purpose of the enemy counter-attack was to feel out our line, get prisoners and gain information on strength and positions of the 4th Armd Div.

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19 0715 Lt Stout reported in from Div
 0835 Capt Bunch went to Serv Co and on to Div
 0805 Col Crabill went to 1st Bn
 0910 Col Crabill returned to CP
 0915 Received F.O.#17 and accompanying overlay (Hq 83d Div 0200, 19 Jul 44)
 0940 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 1000 General Ferenbaugh directs that we must make more use of available observation and send out more patrols to locate enemy gun emplacements and determine what they have in back of the line. He also stressed that we must have coordination with tanks and arty to get the most value from them.
 1035 Indications of withdrawal on some parts of the Army front. Every effort will be made to maintain close contact with enemy's main force. Patrolling will be intensified (OG 83 Div)
 1010 General Ferenbaugh stated that there was a lack of discipline in the organizations, the soldiers were becoming sloppy, a definite lax in saluting, and directed that discipline be stressed as a quality of a good combat soldier.
 1040 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 1050 Lt Stout returned to Div
 1100 Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file and assignment of journal numbers:
 1 Overlay (17 Jul 44) of fire plan of 2nd Bn
 2 F.O.#16 (Hq 83d Inf Div 18 Jul 44)
 3 Overlay from 1st Bn showing OPLR, MLR, positions of Companies and OPLR, MLR of Co A, 10th Inf unit on right flank of Co C
 4 Overlay showing Regtl counter-attack play (18 Jul 44)
 5 Overlay from AT co showing OPLR, MLR, gun positions (AT) and AT defenses (18 Jul 44)
 6 Overlay from 3d Bn showing their fire plan.
 7 Overlay (Blackberry 0 17 Jul 44) showing call concentrations.
 8 Overlay from 1st Bn giving their fire plan (17 Jul 44)
 9 Overlay showing our boundaries, OPLR, MLR, RRL and positions of our units as of 2200, 18 Jul 44 (Hq 329th Inf.)
 10 Overlay on information given to Co G by patrol leader from 4th Armd showing locations of Co A, 51st Armd, Co B, 51st Armd, Co C 51st Armd and their MLR.
 1205 A heavy barrage of arty is reported landing on our front and also in 4th Armd sector. Lt Magill reported in from a rcn in the 4th Armd sector. He reports that things are more or less "screwed" up over there. Their communications are very poor practically no telephone communication within Div and also very little radio comm Co A, 51st claims they have contact with our 1st Bn on their left. Co B, 51st is in dug in positions.
 1300 Blackboy reports they are getting 105 mm and 155 mm fire on their front. Estimate 105 mm fire coming from point 800 to 1000 yds in front of them. Report from arty observer that this may be same fire rptd coming from 336749 on Y azimuth of 2400 mils-possibly 105 or lighter.
 1310 Reported arty and mortar fire falling on unit on our right. Also enemy infantry and armored units moving up. We are directed to watch our right flank in the event they push through like they did last night.
 1425 Capt Bunch returned to CP
 1510 Four FW 190's came over the lines and into the rear area. They did a little strafing but no bombing was reported.

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Lt Col front TD's came to CP. He says that because of the lack of maneuver ability of his towed guns it is impossible to move them up directly against tanks and it is impossible to move them up directly against tanks and it is impossible to get observation for long range firing because the hedgerows obstruct observation. He says about the only value his guns can be to us isto get into a position where they can cover a probable position that enemy tanks may try to occupy from where they can shell our troops. Col Grabill agreed with him and said he thought it would be a good idea to try the foregoing plan.

1545

Lt Col Royall went to field train bivouac (Serv Co). Col Crabill directed him to see how they were coming along with bringing up ammunition and supplies and how they are coming with salvage.

1630

Lt Col Bowen came to CP

1650

Co E isto be alerted as mobile reserve as directed by General Ferenbaugh.

1700

Lt Stout reported in from Div

1702

Lt Col Bowen left CP

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General Ferenbaugh directs the Co E move down, prepare their positions so they will be ready in case of enemy attack and then move back to their present positions.

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Received from M/Sgt Knoll overlay showing our boundaries, OPLR MLR, RRL and positions of our units.

1728

General Ferenbaugh came to CP

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Lt Col Deshote's (G-2) came to CP. He directs that we send out numerous patrols to get all information possible on strength and positions of enemy behind their lines.

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General Ferenbaugh left CP

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Received from Capt Callaghan for assignment of journal number: G-2 periodic report #21 (18 Jul 44 Hq 83d Div)

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Col Grabill went to 3d Bn

1840

General Ferenbaugh came to CP

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General Ferenbaugh left CP

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Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file and assignment of journal number:

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Overlay - trace of lines from 3d Bn (19 Jul 44)

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Road and minefield report as of 182000 (Div Engrs)

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G-3 periodic report #22 (Hq 83d Div 18 Jul 44)

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Overlay from 1st Bn Showing positions and emplacements

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Overlay showing our boundaries and unit positions (19 Jul 44)

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Overlay showing disposition of Co E (19 Jul 44)

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Overlay showing our AT gun positions and defenses (19 Jul 44)

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Received from Capt Callaghan for file and assignment of journal numbers:

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Memo No. 3, Hq, 1st Army, 13 Jul 44.

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Memo No. 2, Hq, 1st Army, 10 Jul 44

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Tng Memo #17, Hq, VII Corps 14 Jul 44

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G-2 periodic report #18 (Hq 83d Div 15 Jul 44)

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G-2 periodic report #31, Hq VIII Corps 14 Jul 44

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Password and reply for 221200 to 231200, Pending Shrubbery
The situation has remained about the same. The only activity reported is that enemy is blowing holes in hedges on our front. The probable reason for this action is to provide a field of fire for tanks, or to make an opening which tanks can come through to attack our positions.

2240
2400

Patrols from Bns and Regtl I&R plat are being sent out tonight. Effective strength.

20 0800

Lt Stout reprtd in from Div

0810

Col Crabill left CP to visit the Bn

0830

Lt Col Skinner came to CP

0920

The situation remained the same last night.

Capt Callaghan reports listening posts are to be established Bn fronts tonight. Regtl I & R Plat to establish listening posts on flanks.

0921

Regtl I & R Plat located 3 enemy MG positions and mortar positions on last nights rcn.

0929

2nd Bn reports the Co E has moved back to reserve positions they were in yesterday.

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Capt Bagley left CP to go to Saint Eny.

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Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file and assignment of journal numbers: G-3 periodic report #23, Hq, 83d Div 19 Jul 44.

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Overlay showing defensive positions of Blackboy-Hq, Blackboy, 0400, 20 Jul 44.

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Col Crabill returned to CP

1040

Capt Callaghan oriented officer replacements on situation and what we have learned from battle experience. He told them that as long as they push ahead there is no need to worry too much about enemy mortar and artillery shells but once they stop, the enemy will lay in arty and mortars on them.

1100

Capt Bagley returned to CP

1110

Lt Stout returned to Division

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It was reported that at least two 88 guns moved into position this morning near the front where the enemy blew the hedges last night. We are bringing mortar fire down on them.

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Col Crabill states that he believes the enemy is preparing defensive positions on our front.

1245

General Macon came to CP. He directed that we be prepared to attack sometime tomorrow after 0500. We will attack with 2 Bns and will have to make a river crossing. Our objective will be objective #1, 331st objective will be objective No. 5, 330th Inf. will be in reserve and protect. 330th will take objective No. 9 when they move up on line with us and 331st and will continue to protect flank. Our front will be approximately 800 to 1000 yds broad and we should be able to cover it with artillery. The 4th Armd Div will not attack at the same time we will. General Macon directs that we make rcns tonight and determinewhere and which way is best to launch our attack from. The 331st will attack at same time we launch our attack. General Macon directs that this attack must go off on time, no delays. (Continued on next page)

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20 1245

(Remarks continued) He suggestshitting the enemy with our Arty serenade at night and drawing our troops back preparatory to the serenade. Once the attack is launched, we must keep pushing ahead because ground is wet and spongyand it is impossible to dig in because holes will fill with water. Once in this area we must set up strong AT defenses. Tanks cannot be used in oursupport because of prevailing ground and terrain conditions. The resistance in our sector should not be too strong as the enemy is paying particular attention and is concentrating on front to our right nearer Perriers. General Macon directs that it is a good plan to bomb and we should t ke advantage of it if we can get air support. He directs that we should put down artillery about 200 yds ahead of front move in and lay in mortar fire. He directs that we select a point 300 to 400 yds wide for initial attack and make holding attack on entire front but make a main effort at one point to gain a foothold and then bring up "wings" on either side of initial penetration. He directs that we must prevent our troops from leaving line just because enemy starts heavy MG and mortar fire and actually few casualties are resulted from it. The General wants the men to know the situation and what their objective is and what they are up against. The General told Lt Col Skinner (Arty) that since we are not using our AAA very much and since there is plenty of ammunition available for them, he thinks it would be a good idea to use them to knock enemy observers out of trees and hedgerows. Lt Col Skinner agreed with him that it was a good idea. The limitation on artillery ammunition is still in effect and General Macon said as far as he knows it will continue to be effective. The General directs that we use more MG fire. Fire over our troops and over hedgerows into areas where enemy might be even th though our troops cannot see enemy troops there. This good for troops morale and also harasses enemy troops and is demoralizing if they cannot see where fire is coming from. General Macon again stressed the point that we must jump off on time, keep going ahead once we jump off because of marshy ground, and get in far enough to build up strong AT defenses. The General stated we would get more details later.

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General Macon left CP

Received for file:

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Overlay showing counter-attack fire plan (Blackberry 19 Jul 44)

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Overlay showing critical area for arty fire - counter-attack plan

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Overlay showing critical area for arty fire - counter-attack plan

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Col Grabill states that he wantsthe TDs to move up with the attack

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as they can get into position as soon as possible after we gain ground Major Orr (Arty) said he thinks timed fire will produce a greater number of casualties on the enemy than impact bursts would. He said if we spray them with timed fire, it will have a great demoralizing effect on the enemy besides inflicting many casualties.

1500

Capt Bunch left CP to go to Div

1515

Lt Col Bowen came to CP

1520

Major Speedie came to CP

1522

Lt Col Cook came to CP

1530

Col Grabill directed that 1st Bn would push to their left front in the attack. Co B will be used to protect 1st Bn right flank. 3d Bn will be supported by arty, 1 play S.P., Chem mortars, and 2nd Bn mortars. After 1st Bn moves forward, 2nd Bn may be put in to protect right flank. or may pass through 1st Bn and have 1st Bn protect flank. May

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20 1530 (Continued) Major Speedie says there is a strong point ahead of him and his left flank will be exposed to it after he pushes forward. Col Crabill said the strong points should be able to be reduced with aid of 2nd Bn mortars and help of 331st. This strong point is in 331st sector.

1545 Major Speedie says it would be almost impossible to go through on the left but he states he can go around on the right.

1600 We are going to request bombing on the towns of preceding the attack. Col Crabill directed that no officer come to the rear for any purpose while the battle is going on. The General said too many officers have been coming to rear areas for supplies, etc. when they should be at the front. 1st Bn will be supported by Cn Co and 1st Bn, mortars. The resistance should not be as strong in 1st Bn sector, as it is in 3d Bn sector. It is not yet known how much artillery ammunition will be available. 3d Bn on left, 1st Bn on right.

1622 Lt Stout reported in from Div

1628 Lt Col Bowen left CP

1635 Lt Col Cook left CP

1646 Major Speedie left CP

1700 6 All aircraft of first combat wing are being pointed with additional marking as follows: Fin and rudder, horizontal stabilizer and wing tips are colored red. Warning requested to all concerned. (Macon-Boyle) reproduced to Bns and Special Units.

2000 An enemy counter-attack is reported launched on 1st Bn front. Small arms fire is reported all along their front line.

2015 Patrols from Regt I & R have gone to front to determine situation.

2030 Co G is moving over to right flank in 1st Bn sector to protect in case of a serious breakthrough.

2115 A wounded platoon leader from 4th Armd Div reports that 2 enemy companies attack their line. He said that enemy vehicles drove right up black top highway, unloaded, set up mortars and then vehicles returned. (This information is not considered very reliable as officer was excited and possibly was exaggerating what he actually did see)

2140 Report that Co, 51st Armd Inf is still in original position. They said they received arty and mortar fire but not much small arms and 2 companies of the 53rd are being moved in near our sector as an additional safeguard. They reported that situation is not serious.

2145 Things have quieted down on the front and Co G is directed to move back to their original position.

2155 It is believed that the enemy action tonight was only a raid possibly to get prisoners and information.

2210 1st Bn reports that enemy fire 2 or 3 green flares directly in front of Bn OP and Co C is receiving a few rounds of timed fire.

2215 7 Password and reply for 231200 to 241200. Watchword Vitamin.

2230 8 Received for file:
F.O.#4, Hq, 329th, 20 Jul 44 and overlay.

9 Overlay Hq, 329th, 20 Jul 44 or tentative attack plan

10 G-2 periodic report #34, Hq, VIII Corps.

2400 Effective Strength 150 Os, 2856 EM.

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21 0700 The situation remained about the same during the night.
 0730 The attack has been called off because of adverse weather conditions-rain.

0745 7 Received F.O.#18 and attached overlay (Hq 83d Div 0200, 21 Jul 44)
 0800 Col Crabill left CP
 0905 Col Crabill returned to CP
 0945 Received for file:

8 G-2 periodic report No. 23, Hq, 83d Div, 20 Jul 44
 9 G-2 periodic report No. 22, Hq, 83d Div, 19 Jul 44
 10 G-2 periodic report No. 35, Hq, VIII Corps, 19 July 44

1000 General Ferenbaugh came to CP. He brought 1 plat of Co C, 749th Tanks to be attached to us. General Ferenbaugh wanted to know if we had plenty of wire, grenade launcher, bazookas and ammunition.

1030 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 1035 1 Received from Div, table on ammunition expenditure allowances for artillery and mortar ammunition.

1130 Telephone communication established with Odor.
 1215 2 Received from Div, ammunition expenditure allowances, table for artillery and mortar ammunition rescinding allowance table recd at 1035 today. (Classified: SECRET, URGENT)

1315 1315 Col Crabill went to Div
 1540 Col Crabill returned to CP with the "big picture". The Div attacks is to be coordinated with attack of another Corps. Div will attack 8 or 10 hrs after other Corps launches their attack. No time for attack has been set yet. Our initial objective is still the same objective no. 1. D. Day is to be tomorrow if weather is good.

1600 Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file and assignment of journal number:

3 Road & minefield report as of 192000 Div Engr
 4 G-3 periodic report No. 24, Hq, 83d Div. 20 Jul 44 and accompanying overlay.

1800 5 Received for file: Overlay from 3d Bn showing their LD, Phase line 1, Phase line 2 and phase line 3 (21 Jul 44)

2105 6 Received for file: Overlay showing outposts and front line of 1st Bn.

2130 11 Received from 4th Armd Div, overlay showing positions of their units as of 2000, 21 Jul 44.

2145 12 Password and reply for 241200 to 251200. Puritan Muster.
 2400 Effective Strength: 149 Os and 2813 EM
 0730 Lt Stout reported in from Div
 0735 It is reported that the enemy may be conducting a withdrawal all along the front. Units on our left have lost all contact with the enemy. We are sending out patrols to determine the extent of this withdrawal.

0738 Artillery observer has reported that our artillery last night was very effective on the enemy. He reported that from the sounds of the enemy, the effect of the artillery must have been very demoralizing.

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22 0815 1 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3d Bn
Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file, G-3 periodic report No. 25
2400, 21 July 1944 (Atchd overlay)

0820 Lt Stout returned to Div

0930 Enemy has been contacted on 1st Bn front. A few enemy mortars
are reported to be firing there also MG.

1000 4th Armd Div is going to move 1 Bn up behind us on this side of
main road.

1020 Col Crabill directs that 1st Bn maintain close observation and keep
contact with enemy so they cannot withdraw unobserved. He reports
that things are pretty quiet on 3d Bn front.

1022 2 Weather forecast to 222400. Light showers and drizzle in morning
decreasing in afternoon as clouds break and lift near 1500 hrs.
Clouds decreasing in evening. Wind light south to west, Min temp
56, maximum 72 (CG 83d Div)

1057 3 Amendment No. 1 to F.O.18 this Hq is corrected as follows: one
platoon each of Co A, 802nd TD Bn. PAREN SPPAREN is attached to
each Inf regt. Platoon with 330th Inf reverts to Div control and
assembles in Div resuming objective is secure (MACON)

1100 Col Crabill returned to CP

1105 Col Crabill reports that officer on 3d Bn outpost line said he
thought the enemy was moving a gun into position opposite 3d Bn
front.

1106 Lt Stout reported in from Div. He reports that 90th Div was
meeting fairly heavy opposition since they launched their attack
this morning. This conflicts with reports we have received that
enemy was withdrawing on 90th Div front, Capt Callaghan thinks
the enemy might be changing unitson the front or reinforcing
their lines. Patrol which went out from I & R Plat last night
reported that 5 Germans were reported seen in the open last night
talking & laughing very loudly and sounded as if they were drunk.
Loud talking was heard from 2200 to about 0100 except periods when
our artillery was falling near these men. Sgt estimates that there
were about 10 or 12 enemy making the noise.

1115 Patrols from the Bn have been sent out this morning to determine
just what the enemy is doing opposite our lines. Capt Callaghan
directed 1st Bn to continue sending out patrols to definitely det-
ermine where the enemy positions are located. Some doubt as to
what positions they are occupying arose this morning. When a 1st
Bn patrol failed to find any enemy or receive any fire from
orchard which was believed to be occupied by the enemy.

1125 Lt Stout returned to Div

1153 4 105 mm propaganda sheets have been distributed to each FA Bn.
These sheets may be expended at your discretion when situation
is favorable to employ them. Special shells-Russian entry into
Germany, will be expended only on order of this Hq direct to Div
Arty. (DG 83d)

1155 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1210 General Macon came to CP and presented the following with the
Silver Star for gallantry, bravery in action and outstanding
deeds performed against the enemy in battle:
Capt. Clifford G. McCarthy, Hq 2d Bn
Capt. George C. White Hq 3d Bn
S/Sgt Harvey E. Greenblatt Hq Co. 1st Bn
Tec 4 Eugene J. O'Brien Med Det

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(Continued) General Macon wants us to send up a definite plan, scheme of attack including known and assumed enemy disposition. He says D-Day has again been postponed 24 hours because of weather conditions. D-Day will probably be set on first favorable day. He directed that we have every weapon firing initially in the attack also we must use all our attached units (Tanks, TD, Engrs, etc.). The General stated that Col Grabill's scheme of maneuver fits the situation very well.

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General Macon left CP

Capt Callaghan told 3d Bn that the enemy may have changed units on the front and we might come up against different type wpns. Possible enemy might have made a partial withdrawal and left a few troops to cover up. The strong point initially attack by Co A, might not be occupied now. Patrols are being sent out to determine the situation there.

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1345

General Ferenbaugh left CP

The following TWX from Monarch 2 Air is quoted for your information GAC-R SWEEPS ALONG CORPS FRONT 22 JULY BEGINNING AT 0915 (1115-1545) AND 1815 HOURS - 22 1030 B. (Macon)

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Received from Div-General Orders No. 13, Hq, 83d Div. Award of Bronze Star Medals, and Purple Hearts.

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In addition to ammunition expenditure allowances prescribed by letter this headquarters, dated 21 July, you are authorized five (5) additional rounds of 81 mm mortar HE light per weapon, for the period 230600 to 0600, D-Day Cobro, and ten (10) per additional rounds 81 mm Mortar HE light per wpn for D-Day Cobra. (Macon-Hughes) 22 Jul 44.

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Transmitted herewith VIII Corps weather report for period 1200 22 Jul to 1200 25 Jul 44 (CG 83d Alexander-atchd weather report) 22 Jul 44.

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Received: Traffic circulation overlay and adm O#7 (22 Jul 44) Overlay showing 83d Div boundaries, front lines, and locations of Div units (22 Jul 44).

2200

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Initiate patrols to maintain contact with enemy tonight. Report promptly indications of withdrawal. This confirms telephonic instructions (CG 83d Div)

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Password and reply for 251200 to 261200. Omlet Thoughtful.

(C.O. each special unit) There will be a meeting of all supply Sgt at service company tomorrow. 23 Jul 44 at 1045 (S-4).

2245

(C.O. each Bn) You are authorized to expend 5 rds 81 mm mortar HE light per wpns for the period 230600 to 0600 D-Day and 10 rds of 81 mm mortar HE light per wpns for D-Day (Winterburn@Munitions Officer)

2025

Capt Callaghan instructed Bns to conduct intensive patrolling tonight because enemy has undoubtedly made several changes in their positions last night. We must determine what changes have been made since patrols were out last.

2200

Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:

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Road and minefield report as of 212000.

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4 Overlays from 3d Bn showing their boundaries positions, fire plan and scheme of maneuver.

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Overlay from 1st Bn showing their boundaries positions, fire plan and plan of maneuver.

2400

Effective strength.:

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23 0700 The situation remained the same during the night. Several patrols were sent out but no reports have come in from them yet.

0745 Received for file: Overlay showing Regt'l AT defense, 22 Jul 44, Gapt Gust.

0830 Received for file: Amendment No. 1 to F.O. 18 and accompanying overlay. (Hq, 83d Div) 22 Jul 44.

1132 To confirm telephonic conversation, organize daily patrols reconnoiter within zone South to (324747) - (327743) - Submit daily overlay by 1600 hours showing units patrolling, missions zones, of reconn. and number of patrols. Submit report as received by telephone followed by overlay showing route, and enemy activity and positions located by 1000 hours following morning. (CG 83d Div)

1115 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1200 General Ferenbaugh states that Colonel York, of 331st says there is no diminution of enemy forces on 331st front. The general says that he understands Corps has directed that quite a bit of artillery be fired tonight. The General wants the 3d Bn to hold the point they are on and not let the enemy shove them back. He wants 3d Bn to try to move AT guns up on that position if it is possible. There is a possibility that we might attack this afternoon.

1230 Capt Bunch went to Div

1300 General Ferenbaugh went to Div

1305 We are going to send out a raiding platoon on each flank today to determine just what the disposition of the enemy is on our front.

1310 Col Crabill directs 1st Bn to occupy the house on the point on their front. Patrols have found this house unoccupied by the enemy. He said we are going to make a general forward movement all along the front in our regt'l sector. He directs 3d Bn to prepare their position for defense. Get AT guns into position and move up automatic weapons to hold the point they now are occupying.

1330 Lt Reeder reports that a L.O. from 90th Div reported to Div that the 90th Div was forced to withdraw from the island they were holding.

1345 Received from Capt Callaghan for file:

3 G-2 periodic report No. 8, Hq, 83d Div. 5 Jul 44

4 G-2 periodic report No. 36, Hq, VIII Corps, 20 Jul 44

5 G-2 periodic report No. 24, Hq, 83d Div, 21 Jul 44

1350 It is reported that it appears the enemy has withdrawn from some of their strong points. Most of their positions have remained unchanged, however.

1510 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1512 Lt Stout reported in from Div

1516 Since the 3d Bn is too close in for use of artillery, General Ferenbaugh directs that we push an observer up and lay mortary fire in on the enemy.

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23		1520	General Ferenbaugh left CP
	1810		General Ferenbaugh came to CP
		1840	General Ferenbaugh left CP
	1845		Capt Bunch returned to CP from Div
		1900	Col Crabill went to 3d Bn
	1930	6	DONNOT PERMIT YOUR UNITS TO CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR DANGEROUS COMBAT MISSIONS. THIS PRACTICE WILL SOON EFFECT THE COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF THE COMMAND AS A WHOLE. (MACON)
		2000	(C.O. ea Bn and Sp Units) All personnel not authorized by the regt to carry side arms, will immediately turn in these wpns to S-4, Regt. Train Bivouac area (Capt Bunch)
	2120		Lt Col Hering came to CP
		2145	Lt Col Hering left CP
	2400:		Effective strength:
24		0815	Col Crabill left CP
	0820		3d Bn received a counter-attack last night. The counter-attack was repelled.
	1000		Col Crabill returned to CP
	1005		General Ferenbaugh came to CP
	1020		3d Bn reports they have an enemy tank in their sector.
	1025		Col Crabill told Major Speedie that he didn't think the 3d Bn would receive a counter-attack.
	1030		Col Crabill called Major Speedie and asked for exact location of enemy tank.
	1035		Major Speedie reported tank is located at 3390 7465. We are going to have liaison plane check on that position and bring some arty in on tank.
	1036		General Ferenbaugh directed Major Speedie to fire at tank with rifle grenades. He said to open up with everything at once. He also directed Major Speedie to use TD's if possible. He commended Major Speedie on the job he did in repelling the enemy counter-attack last night.
	1045		Coordinated attack is to be launched at 0530 tomorrow.
		1100	Capt Bagley went to 1st Bn
	1200	1	D-Day, H-Hour for operation COBRA 241300. Heavy bombing begins 241200. D-Day, H-Hour for VIII Corps is 250530, Jul 44 (Macon)
		1230	General Ferenbaugh left CP
	1245	2	In the coming attacks the following will be available and close to the front ready for immediate use:
			1. Mine sweeping details
			2. Flame throwers for use against pill boxes and hedge rows.
			3. Demolition charges to include pole charges for use against pill boxes.
			4. SP TD's for possible use against pill boxes when definitely located (MACON)
	1250		Col Crabill went to 3d Bn
	1300		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
		3	Road and minefield report as of 222000.
		4	G-3 periodic report No. r6, 22 Jul 44, Hq, 83d Div.
			Received from Capt Callaghan for file:
		5	G-2 periodic report No. 38, 22 Jul 44, Hq, 83d Div.

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24	6	G-2 periodic report No. 26, 23 Jul 44 Hq, 83d Div
	7	G-2 periodic report No. 37, 21 Jul 44, Hq, VIII Corps
1400		The present plan of attack is being held up. We are trying to find out what the change is.
1405		Col Crabill returned to CP
1415		General Ferenbaugh came to CP
1420		General Ferenbaugh says we are going to use original plan of attack.
1425		General Ferenbaugh states that he thinks the enemy will make a main defensive effort in some particular spot. It possibly won't be in 83d Div sector.
1430		Col Crabill told the General that he wants to use 2nd Bn in the attack instead of 3d Bn because 3d Bn has been working pretty hard lately while 2nd Bn has had a good rest. General Ferenbaugh gave his consent to this. Col Crabill wants to jump off at 0530 tomorrow in a surprise attack with no artillery preparation. General Ferenbaugh states that this is a good plan since artillery ammunition is limited.
1439		The General directs that we make full use of all weapons. He says that when we start marching fire we must keep going and not stop. Once our troops get pinned down, the enemy will lay in mortar fire and the attack will have been in vain. He states that there might yet be another change in the attack plan.
	1455	Gen Ferenbaugh left CP
1520		Meeting of Regtl Comdrs to include such staff as they desire this Hq 1900 today Purpose to coordinate coming attack detailed plans for attack to be available for conference. (CG 83d Div)
1605		French civilian who was in enemy territory at 1700 yesterday passed through our lines at 0800 and was interrogated by Monarch at 1000 today stated: 47 Mark IV tanks seen in woods at 283699 last night, SS troops nearby which have recently arrived from Toulouse. Arty Battery at 285704. SS Hq in one of 3 bldgs at 285704. Building marked with Red Cross (AC of S G-2, Deshotels.)
1645		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
	9	Road and minefield report as of 232000-Div Engrs
	10	Overlay from 357th Inf.
	11	Overlay showing boundary between 83d & 90th Div. 24 Jul 44
	12	G-3 periodic report no. 27, atchd overlay, Hq, 83d Div. 23 Jul 44
1650	13	Operation COBRA 241300 Postponed. D-Day, H-Hour for VIII Corps 250530 July also postponed from Macon (Blackstone)
1815		Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to Div to attend a conference with General Macon.
2055		Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP
2250	14	For your information- the 4th Armored Div is covering the White Star on their Tanks (CG 83d Div)
2300		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
	15	Overlay showing our AT defenses (Capt Gust 24 Jul 44)
	16	Overlay from 3d Bn showing their boundaries, LD, PL-1, PL-2, PL-3 and unit positions 24 Jul 44.

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24	2305	18	Weather 241200 to 251200 July 44, Cloudy, becoming fair. Thin overcast forming near dawn with few breaks before eleven hundred hours. Visibility moderate, northwesterly wind three to five miles.
	2400		Effective strength: 158 Os, 2894 EM.
25	0830	0800	Col Crabill left CP
		4	Received from Capt Callaghan for file:
		5	G-2 Periodic report 24 Jul 44, Hq 83d Div . No. 25
		6	G-2 Periodic report No. 39, 23 Jul 44, Hq VIII Corps
	0948		G-2 Periodic report No. 27, 24 Jul 44, Hq, 83d Div
	1010		First wave of 4 engine bombers came over.
	1030		SECRET-COBRA D-Day H-Hour set as 251100 July 44, Jul 44. (Macon CG, 83d Div)
	1155		Col Crabill returned to CP
	1220		Relay thru 300 radio CO contact regt 3d Bn immediately 1135 (CO 3dBn)
	1240		3d Bn CP located at T342766
	1245		CP now at 339755. Overlay to be submitted showing our organization as soon as completed (CO 2d BN)
	1250		Received road & minefield report as of 242000-Div Engrs
	1255		Received Div General Order No. 15, Award of Silver Star. Award of Bronze Star, Award of Purple Heart-22 Jul 44.
			Speed Limits - Forward of Regtl CP - 15 MPH
			Forward of Div CP - 20 MPH on all road other than blacktop.
			Remainder of Div Area - 25 MPH
			Attention of all will be directed to absolute necessity of preventing dust clouds from disclosing movement in forward areas and that the above speeds are maximum speeds that must be reduced under dusty or slippery conditions (CG 83d Div)
	1320		We are to launch a coordinated attack at 0530 tomorrow. 2nd Bn is relieving 3d Bn for the attack.
	1645		1. Here with overlay showing unit contacted by our patrol on left Note gap extending East of Co F part of which is not covered with fire. 2. Intermittant mortar fire, 6 casualties (atchd overlay) (CO 2d BN)
	1700		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
		9	Overlay showing disposition of 2nd Bn as of 1500, 25 Jul 44
		10	F.O.#1, Hq, 329th Inf. and atchd overlay 25 Jul 44.
	1755		Mustangs of 20th Fighter Group as advised by Hq, 8th U.S. Fighter Command will have painted on both sides of fin and fudder following additional distinctive markings.
			79th Fighter Squadron-Black square sides 2 & 1/2 feet
			55th Fighter Squadron-Equilateral black triangle side two and one half feet.
			77th Fighter Squadron-Black circle two and one half feet in diameter.
			(MACON) 25 Jul 44.
	1815		Capt Bagley left CP to go to 330th Inf.
	1919		Capt Bagley returned to CP
	1925		General Ferenbaugh came to CP

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25 1945 General Ferenbaugh directs that we get our artillery liaison planes up early in the morning to spot enemy tanks.

1945 General Ferenbaugh directs that after we take objective #1, if the situation permits, we are to go on for objective #4.

2010 General Macon came to CP

2025 12 Password and reply for 261200 to 271200. Knowledge Moron.

2028 13 Password and reply for 271200 to 281200. Hoarse Guilty.

2029 General Macon and General Ferenbaugh left CP

2048 Colonel Crabill left CP to go to Bns

2118 14 The only communication with 3d Bn is by 300 radio.

2400 18 ea. 81 mm mortars 4th Armd Div available to support Div 26 Jul

Locations of mortars on Div order (overlay) Plan use of fire early in action thru Div Arty (CG 83d Div) 25 Jul 44.

Effective strength: 158 Os, 2876 EM

IN OUT

26 0600 Attack went off as scheduled at 0530. Fairly strong resistance was met-quite a lot of enemy mortar and arty fire.
 0700 Received overlay showing location of 1st Bn as of 0600-26 Jul 44.
 0700 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 0745 Blackboy reports that they are meeting heavy resistance.
 0748 Lt Stout reported in from Div
 0800 Col Crabill said that about 15 minutes after our mortars opened up this morning, enemy mortar fire came right in on our mortar positions.
 0820 Div plans to launch another coordinated attack at 0920.
 0831 Artillery fired a serenade on D'orleans.
 0905 Received overlay from 2nd Bn showing their front lines as of 0800 26 Jul 44.
 0906 General Ferenbaugh directs that we use 0900 as a reference hour, designating it as Y for security measures. In the future when giving times over telephone or radio it will be given as Y plus or Y minus.
 0907 Blackfish jumped at 0900.
 0910 Co F is in contact with 331st and on line with them.
 0911 2nd Bn reports they are receiving mostly small arms fire now. 32 casualties have cleared through 2nd Bn aid station this morning.
 0935 Report from 2nd Bn that Col Bowen has been wounded. It is not yet known how serious the injury is.
 0940 Lt Col Royall has been direct to go to 2nd Bn as Bn comdr
 0943 General Ferenbaugh has directed Lt Col Hering to come down to act as Regtl Ex O.
 0955 General Woods, CG 4th Armd Div, came to CP. He wanted to know if we were receiving satisfactory support from his units and if it was coordinated with our plans.
 0954 Col Crabill left CP to go to 1st Bn
 1000 Maj General Woods left CP
 1005 Major Mauldin reports that 44 casualties have cleared through Regtl Aid Station.
 1010 Lt Col Royall left for 2nd Bn to take over as Bn Comdr
 1020 Artillery liaison plane reports several enemy tanks at 3310 7425 This location is on road in front of Co E. Artillery is going to put in a concentration to shove them off. Chemical mortars are going to fire some WP at these tanks.
 1038 Lt Col Hering reported in as Ex Officer
 1047 Liaison Plane reports that center of burst from chemical mortars was at 332744. The tanks cannot be seen at their original location now.
 1058 General Ferenbaugh left CP to Blackboy
 1100 Col Crabill returned to CP
 1110 2nd Bn was directed to get Co E and Co F reorganized and put someone in command of each Co. Both Cos have lost their COs.
 1114 A few shells fell near CP
 1119 It is reported that Lt Col Bowen was wounded in the arms and chest.
 1122 1st Bn has closed into assembly area.
 1158 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 1220 1 Tank running up and down road running North & South of 2nd Bn
 1216 Arty Liaison plane reports D'orleans is on fire and under fire now.

IN	OUT	
26	1221	Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
	3	Overlay showing situation of 2nd Bn as of 0920, 26 Jul 44
	4	Overlay No. 1, Blackberry call concentrations, 26 Jul 44
	5	G-3 periodic report No. 29, Hq, 83d Div, 25 Jul 44
	6	Road & minefield report as of 252000, Div Engrs.
	7	G-3 periodic report No. 28, Hq, 83d Div, 24 Jul 44.
	1225	Arty observer reports that Co F is moving ahead. The machine gun which was holding them up has been knocked out by our mortars and chemical mortars and arty fire.
	1240	Co E reports they have no officers left. The aid station reports that no officers from Co E have cleared through the aid station.
	1258	Lt Col Royall reports there are quite a few casualties on the front that have not been evacuated.
	1300	Arty observer reports house on 2nd Bn front that looks like a strong point. Arty is going to put a concentration on it.
	1302	Enemy tank reported at 3439 7445.
	1331	Col Royall is sending 1 officer from Co G, 1 from Co F, and 1 replacement received from this Hq, to Co E. Cos E and F are reorganizing.
	1334	Col Royall is working out a plan to move ahead again. They have several casualties that cannot be reached for evacuation.
	1338	Ex O Arty came to CP
	1410	2nd Bn reports they have had about 70 casualties altogether.
	1412	Col from FA left CP
	1415	Col Crabill directed 2nd Bn to take tanks from Co E and Co G and use them to support Co F and try to push ahead where Co F previously advanced. One of tanks attached to 2nd Bn has been knocked out.
	1417	Col Royall reported there was a MG on 2nd Bns left rear and firing into Co Fs rear.
	1503	General Macon arrived at CP
	1520	General Macon recommends a concentration of attack, using total strength, following barrage of W.P. & H.E.
	1530	Colonel Barth, 357th Inf 90th Div arrived at CP
	1550	G-2 reported three pill boxes and tank at 3428 7461 (1500)
	1600	General Macon left CP with meeting scheduled here at 1730
	1610	Artillery C.O. & Inf C.O. to confer on concentrated attack.
	1615	Colonel Barth left CP to return at 1730.
	1705	Capt Callaghan received message-Enemy strongly entrenched S. & E. of Field 115.
	1715	Lt Greis commanding Co. F, No old officers left.
	1730	Lt Jasper commanding Co. E, Capt Peterson and one other Co E officer reported SWA. One officer unhurt. 3 Os still missing
	1815	Casualties in 2nd Bn reported heavy.
	1820	Enemy tank reported in approximately same location. No action taken. to be kept under observation.
	1835	Lt Col Royall reported to CP for conference. General Macon & other COs arrive for conference. (Col Boyle, Gen Montague, Gen. Ferenbaugh)
	1830	2nd Bn will attack at 2000. Col Crabill directed 1st Bn to have 1 Co available to help push the attack in case 2nd Bn is stopped. Co B was picked.
	1835	Col York came to CP
		Lt Col Royall returned to 2nd Bn
		General Macon wants us to have all our supporting units-Tanks, TD's, ENGRS, ARTY, well organized & have them where we need them.

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26 1835 We are to have support of some of 331st mortars.
 1845 General Ferenbaugh suggests we use flame throwers on strong points if tanks do not reduce it. Lay down smoke first and come in under its cover.

1852 General Macon left CP
 1854 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 1915 Col Crabill left CP to go to 1st Bn.
 1945 The attack has been postponed until 2030.
 1947 The General called and directed that if 2nd Bn is not ready to jump off at 2030, to hold up until they are ready. He said he wanted everything well organized and ready.

1952 Col Crabill reports 2nd Bn will not be ready to jump at 2030.
 2000 General Macon has called off the attack for tonight.
 2025 Col Crabill came to CP
 2033 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 2035 2nd Bn is digging in and holding for the night.
 2036 General Ferenbaugh directs that we drop a few rounds of arty out in front of 2nd Bn and have liaison plane check to see if it scares up any tanks.

2100 General Ferenbaugh directs that we do extensive patrolling tonight to determine where the enemy has his positions so our attacking Bn will know the enemy's weak spots.
 2110 Lt Col Hering and Capt Callaghan went to 2nd Bn.
 2020 General Ferenbaugh left CP
 2125 2nd Bn has been informed to be ready to jump off at 0800 or 0900 tomorrow.
 2126 0600 tomorrow will be Y hour (reference hour)
 2200 Password and reply for 291200 to 301200. EMBLEM DEPRIVE
 2210 VIII Corps resumes attack. 270900 Jul 44. Boundaries, zones, objectives, attachments, no change. (MACON)
 2400 Effective strength: 150 Os, 2767 EM.
 0745 Lt Stout reported in from Div
 0730 2nd Bn will jump off at 0900.
 0810 Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:

1 F.O.#19, Hq, 83d Div 25 Jul 44 atchd overlay
 2 Overlay showing 331st positions as of 0830, 27 Jul 44
 3 Communications report 27 Jul 44
 4 Overlay, disposition of 2nd Bn and plan of attack, 0840, 27 Jul 44
 0815 Col Crabill went to 2nd Bn
 0906 General Ferenbaugh came to CP
 0909 E. & F Cos are now on line. AT Y plus 3, G Co will passthru F Co's right flank. Otherwise unchanged. (OO 2d Bn) atchd overlay, disposition of 2d Bn.
 0910 2nd Bn reports Co G jumped off on time at 0900. They will report situation as soon as possible.
 0920 2nd Bn reports they received small amount of mortar fire, after they crossed LD. No enemy MG fire has been reported, only rifle fire.
 0929 Arty observer reports Co G is not moving ahead.
 0942 Arty observer reports Blackboy is firing across front of Co G.
 Capt Bagley notified Blackboy.

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27 0955 2d Bn reports that Co G is meeting very little resistance. Very little MG fire has been encountered. They are starting to move ahead.

0956 Received from Cpl Guguen for file:

6 G-2 periodic report No. 41, Hq, VIII Corps, 25 Jul 44

7 G-2 periodic report No. 29, Hq, 83d Div, 26 Jul 44

8 G-2 periodic report No. 28, Hq, 83d Div, 25 Jul 44

1000 Co E is ready to move ahead, Co F preparing to move around Co G's left.

1005 1st Bn was directed to move down into zone previously assigned to them. Co B is released back to 1st Bn.

1007 Mines have been located in 2nd Bn zone near house at 334745 (About 12 mines)

1015 Col Crabill returned to CP

1020 1017 Lt Col Hering went to 1st Bn to get them moving.

1030 Co E is moving forward.

1045 2d Bn was directed to keep moving ahead and not stop on their objective. They are to swing a little to the left to provide a gap for 1st Bn to move into.

1100 3d Bn was alerted to move ahead.

1120 1st Bn is on LD and is preparing to move ahead.

1122 Minefield reported in L shaped orchard in hedge at 335746.

1125 2d Bn has had 11 casualties this morning.

1225 Lt Stout to Div with S-3 report.

1230 Gen Ferenbaugh directs we cross the river tonight if we get there in time.

1240 1230 Gen Ferenbaugh left CP

1240 Col Crabill directs 2nd Bn to send out patrols ahead of each company to feel out the fields ahead. He also directed that they move forward more rapidly as they are meeting no resistance.

1240 1st Bn is still moving ahead to objective #4. Report little or no resistance.

1255 Part of I & R Plat has been sent out to rcn at river to determine enemy resistance on other side.

1331 Lt Stout reported in from Division.

1335 9 3d Bn released to your control. Keep pushed well forward (CG)

1340 Co C is on phase line 2 (read at D'orleans)

1341 Col Crabill directs that as soon as 2d Bn gets into their area, they should send patrols out to rcn across river.

1345 10 At 3d phase line, Have contact left and right. All moving forward together, 2252 (CO 1st Bn)

1405 Arty Ex O came to CP

1408 1400 Arty Ex O left CP

1411 Lt Col Hering returned to CP from 1st Bn

1415 General Ferenbaugh came to CP

1417 11 3d Bn closed into new assembly area 1335. CP established location Uncle Dog-Yoke-Fox-Fox-Sugar (341761) (CO 3d Bn.)

1442 Lt Magill reports that his patrols have caught up with foot troops and are moving ahead to the river very rapidly.

1500 12 Lt Col Hering reports that 1st Bn was moving forward very rapidly and meeting no resistance.

Atchd sketch showing present disposition of 3d Bn (atchd overlay, CO 3d Bn 1405)

2d Bn reports they are on their objective. They were directed to send out patrols across the river before attempting to cross in force.

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27	1515		1st Bn is on road on South edge of their objective. They were directed to hold and push patrols across stream.
		1516	Lt Stout returned to Div
	1517		Engrs are clearing mines on road to new regtl CP location.
	1520		General Ferenbaugh states that he will try to get some move Engrs to help clear out mines.
		1525	General Ferenbaugh left CP
	1528		2nd Bn CP located at 332744
	1537		Capt Bunch reports mines are very thick around new CP location. He says it will take Engrs at least an hour to get road cleared.
	1540		Bns were warned not to move vehicles over roads that have not been cleared of mines. Roads are reported to be heavily mined.
	1545		Lt Magill reports one patrol ready to cross river about 20 minutes ago. He lost contact with them but is trying to regain it.
	1605		Arty observer reports Co C fired on by bank (only 2 rds 88 mm)
	1710		2nd Bn reports they are receiving no fire of any kind.
			Gen Ferenbaugh came to CP
		1730	Gen Ferenbaugh left CP
	1759	13	3d Bn closed in at forward assembly area at 1650. CP established location T coordinates DKYWGW-(330746) CO 3d Bn.
	1926		CP closed into new location (322756)
	2031		Lt Stout reported in from Div
	2040		Both 1st & 2d Bns are moving across river. Patrols ahead of 1st Bn report a little enemy mortar fire and some friendly arty fire.
	2050		Friendly arty is being lifted.
			Gen Macon directs that 1st and 2d Bn go for objective #6. 3d Bn will cross river right behind them and follow on to objective.
		2100	Lt Stout returned to Div
	2400		Effective strength: 151 Os, 2810 EM
	2400	14	Blue CP located at 334727. Aid station located 335729 (CO 3dBn)
	0725		Lt Stout reported in from Div
	0730	1	Password and reply for 281200 to 291200. Faucet Limber.
		2	Pass word and reply for 301200 to 311200. Warden Wampum
	0732		1st Bn reports 17 civilians in rear of their area.
	0735		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
		3	F.O.#1 and atchd overlay, 25 Jul 44
		4	G-3 periodic report No. 31, Hq, 83d Div, 27 Jul 44
		5	Gen plan of operation, atche overlay, Hq, 83d Div.
		6	G-3 periodic report No. 30, Hq, 83d Div. 26 Jul 44
		7	Fragmentary order-atcchd overlay, Hq, 83d Div, 27 Jul 44.
	0845		All 3 Bns are moving ahead and meeting very little resistance
	0850		2nd Bn reported 1 enemy MG. It has been reduced.
			I & R Patrol No. 2 reported enemy at 3280 on blacktop. Patrol leader was wounded in elbow and is returning.
	0900		(CG) Road black at 335703 reduced. 2nd Bn advancing (CO 329th)
	0915		2nd Bn is advancing. 1st and 3d still following.
	0925		Patrols encountered about 2 sqds of enemy on blacktop at 324700
	0926		2d Bn was directed to keep pushing forward. and maintain contact with leading elements.

	IN	OUT	
28	0930 1000 1040	9 1038	Received weather forecast, 271200 July to 301200, Hq, 83d Div. CP closed into new location at 328709. Lt Stout returned to Div Armd reconn patrols from Div are now passing through our units to reconnoiter ahead. Patrols from I & R are still working ahead of troops. The only resistance encountered this morning has been a very few enemy at weak road blocks.
	1055 1100		2nd Bn is going to move to 1st objective and then stop to feed. Lt Reeder reports there are several French children (about 50) and 4 or 5 adults moving to the rear on road
		1105	Capt Bagley left CP to go to 2nd Bn and see if road block is still holding them up.
	1115		Air reports Co moving down road through Feugeres with Enemy troops retreating in front of them.
	1117 1130 1135		3d Bn ready to move out. Sent S-3 report to Div through Msg Center.
		1140	I & R Plat patrol #2 passed point #9, Lt Magill reports. Sent Liaison O to caution TDs and Tanks to use bridge assigned to us.
	1150		Capt Bagley returned to CP
		1157	Col Crabill left CP to 2nd Bn
	1215		Gen Ferenbaugh came to CP
		1230	General Ferenbaugh left CP
	1239		3d Bn is approaching Feugeres and are encountering no opposition
			2nd Bn is sending out patrols and preparing to move on down.
		1257	Capt Bagley left CP to go to Bns
		1320	Capt Bunch left to look for new CP location
	1325		Div directs we get all Bn in their areas and prepart to move by motor tonight. We are to move one Bn by our own transportation and Div will provide transportation to move other 2 Bns and atchd units.
	1330 1345		3d Bn reports they have reached their objective.
	1355		Center of 2nd Bns goose egg is 323646
	1452	14	Received current bridge situation, Hq, 83d Div
			Gen Ferenbaugh came to CP
		1525	Gen Ferenbaugh left CP
	1535		Arty observer reports 1st Bn is now on part of their objective
	1550	10	1st Bn is on objective at 332645
	1615		CP established location 327639 (CO 3d Bn)
	1620	18	Co C 749th Tank Bn is reld from atchmt to 329th Inf and atchd to 331st Inf. effective immediately (CG 83d Div)
	1645	11	Bn closed in assigned objective 1615. CP located at 331647 (CO 1st Bn)
	1715	12	Have reached objective. Not yet closed in on 1743. (CO 2d Bn)
	1828		CP closed in new location 334651
	1945	13	2d Bn closed in objective area 1850. CP located at 322646 (CO 2d Bn)
	2015		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
		15	Road and minefield report as of 280200, Div Engrs
		16	F.O. #20, atchd overlay, Hq, 83d Div. 28 Jul 44
	2138	17	Will there be any change in status for tonight. Must know in order to make feeding plan (CO 2d Bn)
	2145		2nd Bn reports they have had no casualties today.
	2215	18	Received overlay showing unit locations of 2nd Bn.
	2300	19	Received overlay showing unit locations and perimeter defenses of 1st Bn.
	2305		330th and 331st Inf are to move ahead of 329th Inf and 329th is to be in Division Reserve.

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IN OUT

28 2400 Effective strength: 152 officers, 2767 EM
 29 0750 A conference of officers of the Regt will be held at 1000, 29 July at the regtl CP. One officer of each Co or similar unit will remain with the unit. Co Comdrs will attend the conference (CO 329th Inf)

0830 Received communications report as of 0801, 29 Jul 44.
 1115 Div directs that we assemble all officers including Co Comdrs sometime between 1400 and 1430 and report time and place to G-3, Div CG or Gen Ferenbaugh.

1117 Div is moving to new location at 1200.
 1155 Gen Ferenbaugh came to CP
 1205 Received for file: Fragmentary Order and atchd overlay, Hq, 83d Div, 28 Jul 44.

1400 Gen Macon came to CP for conference with officers.
 1630 Gen Macon and Gen Ferenbaugh left CP
 1425 To verify verbal instructions following units detached from this Div. Effective immediately, Co A, 802 TD Bn, SP, Co C 749th Tank Bn, Co C, 87th Cml Bn, Units assemble vicinity Feugeres 3367 for movement on Corps order (CG 83d Div.)

1800 Password and reply for 1200 31 July 1200 1 August Welsh Thanks.
 1805 5 Received list of daily calls from 1st Bn to become effective 30 Jul 44.

1845 6 All elements of the regt will be closed in present area and south of the Periers-St Lo rd by 0600, 30 Jul 44 (CG 83d Div)

1900 7 Received overlay showing 57 mm AT gun positions, 29 Jul 44.
 2400 Effective strength: 152 Os, 2782 EM

30 0815 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to Div to attend meeting.
 0920 1 Supply points now open, QM-C1, 123-373, 683d Ord-365679, DAO 361687, Engrs-358680, Adm Gen 366678, Ctr Sta, 366685 (CG 83 Div) (CO On Co, 329th Inf) No restriction on use of SCR 300 radio for tng. Work at reduced distances and do not use maximum output. (Crabill by Hering)

0952 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP with Lt Col James, who is to be Bn Comdr, 2nd Bn.
 1030 Lt Col Cook came to CP
 1105 Received from Capt Callaghan for file:
 1110 3 G-2 periodic report No. 30, Hq, 83d Div 27 Jul 44
 4 G-2 periodic report No. 42, Hq, VIII Corps, 26 Jul 44.

1300 5 Received Adm Order No. 8 and atchd overlay Hq, 83d Div, 29 Jul 44
 1630 6 Received G-3 periodic report No. 32, Hq, 83d Div. 2400, 28 Jul 44
 2000 7 Received Adm Order No. 9, Hq, 83d Div. 30 Jul 44.
 2400 Effective Strength: 158 Os, 2932 EM.
 31 0815 For Info and return to asst Div Comdr (CG 83d Div) (Atchd Mauldin Cartoons)

0825 Col Crabill left CP
 0850 Capt Bunch left CP to serv Co.

0910 2 Herewith overlay showing entrucking points for units of this Bn for movement by motor (CG 2d Bn - atchd overlay)

0930 3 Received overlay from 3d Bn showing available turn arounds.
 1140 Capt Bunch returned to CP
 1142 Col Crabill returned to CP
 1220 1 During present phase, situation reports need be submitted only for 12 hours period ending 1200 and 2400 (Blackstone)
 1300 Gen Ferenbaugh came to CP

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31	1330	Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
	4	Letter on Hedgerow Fighting Hq, 83d Div, 27 Jul 44
	5	57 mm AT defense (Capt Gust, 30 Jul 44)
	6	G-3 periodic report No. 33, Hq, 83d Div. 29 July 44
	7	Road & minefield report as of 292200, Div Engrs.
	1500	Capt Bagley went to 12nd Bn
	1505	Gen Ferenbaugh left CP
	1510	Col Crabill left CP
1600		Communication (Telephone) established with Serv Co
1500	10	Since 8 Corps units are advancing to S present position should be consolidated to facilitate training. However, sufficient warning positions in case of necessity. (CG 83d Div.)
1610		Received from M/Sgt Knoll for file:
	11	G-3 periodic report No. 34, Hq, 83d Div. 30 Jul 44
	12	Overlay on Bazooka firing, AT Co 31 Jul 44
	13	Overlay on Bazooka and AT Grenade firing, 1st Bn, 31 Jul 44
	14	Overlay on Bazooka and AT Grenade firing, 2d Bn, 31 Jul 44
	15	Overlay on Bazooka and AT Grenade firing, 3d Bn, 31 Jul 44
	1630	Capt Bunch went to Serv Co
1645		Col Crabill returned to CP
1850	8	Password and reply for 011200 Aug to 021200 Aug. Theater Whale
1851	9	Password and reply for 021200 Aug to 021200 Aug. Whale Thicket.
1900		Today the Bns and AT Co conducted practice firing on German tanks with bazookas and AT grenade launchers. They also conducted some practice MG firing.
1840		Capt Bunch returned to CP
1845	16	Received for file: Overlay showing small arms firing range, 2d Bn, 31 Jul 44
2400		Effective strength: 155 Os, 5 WOs, 3073 EM