

From 0001, 5 July 44
 To 2400, 5 July 44
 83d Inf Div
 IN THE FIELD (372828)
 2400, 5 July 44

No 9

MAP: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets Periers 31/16 NE, CARENTAN 31/18 SE.

- 1.. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

329th Inf (- 2d Bn): Atkd at 0900 and seized objective.

2d Bn 329th: Remained in place and held right flank.

330th Inf: 1st Bn atkd at 0900 and seized objective with support of 2d Bn.

331st Inf: Atkd at 0900 and held up by enemy counterattacks.

b. Field Artillery:

83d Div Arty: Fired direct support and general support missions of Div Atk.

188th FA Group: General support.

c. Armored:

1st Bn 66th Armd Regt (-): Atch 329 Inf. 1 Plat atchd 331st Inf.

746th Tank Bn relieved 1st Bn 66th Armd Regt in afternoon.

d. Cavalry:

83d Cav Rcn Tr: Continued rcn mission to protect right flank.

e. Engineers:

308th Engr Bn: Supported the Div advance.

f. Tank Destroyer:

802nd TD Bn (-Co A and Co B atchd to Div arty

Co A atchd 329th Inf, Co B atchd 331st Inf.

g. Anti aircraft:

453 AAA Bn (AW): Atchd to Div Arty.

h. Chemical Troops:

Co A 87 Cml Bn: Atchd 329th Inf.

Co C 87 Cml Bn: Atchd 331st Inf.

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G-3 PERIODIC REPORT
2400, 5 JULY 44
MAP: FRANCE 1/25,000

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DATE 6 July 1944

Hq 83d Inf Div
In the Field
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 9

MAPS: GSGS, 4347, 1/25,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF THE PERIOD:

- a. Enemy Front Lines: 352794 - 354792 - 360793 - 367793 - 371796.
- b. Defensive Organization: No change.
- c. Units in Contact: 17 ss Pz Gr Div - elements of 37 SS Pz Gr. Regt and 38 SS Pz Gr. Regt. NOTE: See IPW report No. 9 attached as Annex No. 1.
- d. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: Enemy reported yesterday moving NW from TRIBEHOU to LE PORT is now revealed to be elements of the 38 SS Pz Gr Regt. PW states that SS DAS REICH (2SS Pz Div) is in rest area via ST LO. Report Unconfirmed.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

Early in the period, enemy launched counter attacks against the 330th and the 329th Inf. Both were contained. Counterattacks were again launched at 1800 and 2100 in the vic of 356784 and 370785. They were broken up at 1820 and 2120 respectively by arty fire.

Rcn by I & R Plat, 330th Inf, of the ST GEORGES - LA SEMELERIE peninsula 385795 - 375787 indicated the area to contain many carefully prepared though generally unoccupied s/a emplacements. Some MG fire was encountered by the platoon along NW side of the peninsula commanding the marsh.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

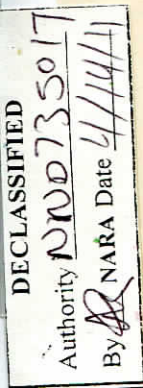
- a. Tactics: Germans fire machine pistols from corners of hedgerows to draw fire and locate our flanks. Flanks are then marked with flares. Subsequently mortar fire is brought to bear. German technique in dealing with the infantry-tank team is to cause troops to with hold fire on tanks, permitting them to pass, and then firing at approaching infantry. The tanks are taken under fire by the next line of infantry.
- b. It was reported by a German PW later killed by arty fire was wearing civilian clothes under his uniform. When directing mortar fire in forward areas he would remove his uniform and move about in civilian clothes.
- c. The enemy returned ten (10) of our First Aid men to the front and released them to our lines. Our aid men state that the Germans declare they do not make prisoners of aid men.
- d. A forward arty observer reported a haystack apparently being used as camouflage for a gun position at 382795.

4. CAPABILITIES: No change.

John C. White Capt Cav
for JULES H. DESHOTELS, JR.,
Lt. Col., GSO.,
AC of S., G-2.

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1. No. of PWs taken today.....15
No. of PWs taken to date.....36
2. Units of PWs:
37th Pz Gr Regt:
2d Co (1), 8th Co (1), 9th Co (2), 10th Co (6),
15th Co (1).
38th Pz Gr. Regt:
9th Co (1), 11th Co (3).
3. New WPNs:
8th Co, 37th Pz Gr Regt.....35272E
15th Co, 37th Pz Gr Regt.....32503
9th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt.....32974B
11th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt.....32974D
4. Missions:
(a) All units of 37th Pz Gr Regt to hold ground at all costs
(b) 9th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt was ordered to attack last night at about 1800. This morning, Co was ordered to defend.
(c) Mission 11th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt unknown.
5. Locations:
9th and 11th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt vic SAINTENY 3478, with 9th Co W of 11th Co.
6. Armament:
(a) 4th, 8th, 12th Cos: 3-75 mm Inf How SP, 2 AT-guns, 6-120mm mortars, HyMG.
(b) 13th Co: Rifle Co (SCHUETZENKOMPANIE); NOTE: Composition like ordinary rifle company.
(c) 14th Co: 20mm and 30mm(??) AA/AT Guns SP.
(d) 15th Co: Engineers.
(e) 16th Co: Ren Co, Transportation trucks, Volkswagen, and motorcycles; same weapons as in rifle Co.
(f) PW states he saw three (3) assault guns vic his place of capture 358804.
7. Personalities:
37th Pz Gr Regt: 8th Co: Capt (?) Hennings.
38th Pz Gr Regt: 9th Co: 2d Lt. Schmidt.
11th Co: 2d Lt. Petchow (captured)
12th Co: 1st Lt. Esser.
III Bn CO..Maj. Bolte
Regtl CO...Lt. Col Horstmann.
8. Miscellaneous:
(a) Two (2) assault guns attached to 9th Co, 38th Pz Gr Regt today. PW states he is sure that they are from SS Div DAS REICH and that Div GOETZ VON BERLICHINGEN has no assault guns of its own.
(b) 9th Co Marched yesterday from 1000 to 1800 app. 15 mi. from 6 mi. W of ST LO and was ordered to attack immediately. Men exhausted from march. There seems to be a definite shortage of gasoline as men have to march or use bicycles in most cases.
(c) 9th and 11th Cos, 38th Pz Gr Regt were moved from SAUMUR TO ST LO on bicycles. Movement took app. a week. Men moved only at night, about 45 miles a night. Rail-road communications were said to be knocked out by our airforce. Movement started about 13th June and completed 20 June 1944.
(d) PW states that SS Div DAS REICH(2d SS Pz Div) is in rest Area vic ST LO.



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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 83

In the Field
6 July 44

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War.

TO : S-2s, 83d Div Arty, 329th Inf, 330th Inf, 331st
Inf, 308th Med Bn, 308th Engr Bn, 83d Rcn Tr, all
IPW teams.

1. Prisoners are arriving at Div PW Collecting point without documents which were found on them at time of capture. Documents must be sent to PW collecting point with prisoner so that information contained therein can be collated with information secured by interrogation.

2. PWs are being evacuated without evidence of time and place of capture. It is essential that the time and place of capture be noted and evacuated to the rear with the prisoner.

3. IPW teams working with regiments will forward a brief synopsis of their interrogation of each prisoner with the prisoner to the Div collecting point in order to eliminate additional and unnecessary interrogation at the collecting point.

4. For the AC of S, G-2:

John C. Neff
JOHN C. NEFF,
Captain, Cav,
Asst AC of S, G-2.

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Blackfish IPW
6 July 1944

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MEMORANDUM:

1. Paybook found 1300hrs on dead German at 351791 shows 9th Co, 3rd Bn, 38th SS Regt as his unit. This is the other Inf Regt in the 17th SS Div. This is the first time elements of the 38th Regt have been reported opposing us.

2. Blackboy IPW had 10 PWs yesterday from 9th and 10th Co's, 37th Regt. One PW claimed to have belonged to 39th SS Regt, stationed at Nimes in southern France. According to OB information this number is reserved for independent SS Regts. PW states he was transferred to 37th Regt two days ago.

3. Some of PWs of 10th Co were from the Balkans, Claimed they were abandoned by their comrades.

4. Blackjack IPW-Three PWs captured 1500 365809 belonged to 10th Co, 37th Regt. State 10th Co had been split up to reinforce various units at the front. One PW (hungarian) states he was abandoned by his comrades.

Karl Wagner

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.



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Hold ground piece

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17 cease and bring on
objective awaiting for
further orders

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S-2 Periodic Report

From: 0001 5 July 44

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HEADQUARTERS 350TH INFANTRY

Time of Issue: 2400 5 July 44

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MAPS: 1:25,000 GSGS 4547 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Uncertain.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive. Enemy continues same type of defensive action. His mortar and automatic fire continue to be heavy. He initiated local counter-attacks from time to time during this period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PW taken today: 2. No new identifications.

b. Track vehicle thought to be a tank was heard in vicinity of Gulet (356788) at approximately 0645.

c. Mines discovered along road at (36138060)

d. PW reports that enemy engineer had been erecting road blocks covered by teller mines along side roads north of Sainteny.

e. Documents found in house at (37057925) carry stamp of 2nd SS Armored Workshop Co; no other source has confirmed this.

f. Vehicle blown up by mine at (37048002).

g. Pay book on dead German shows that he was at one time a member of the 38th PZ Grenadier Regt. No late entries had been made in pay book.

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Organization 330th Infantry

From: 060001 Jul 44
To: 062400 Jul 44
Place: Approx 1.8 mi
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Lt Eydriek, 746th Tank Bn arrived Regt1 OP
 Received overlay of situation at 2030.
 Received overlay of situation at 2400
 Received message to I&R Plt Ldr re mission
 TP from OG re enemy counter attacking 329th
 TP to OO 1st Bn from Regt1 S3 instructing him to be on the alert
 and to maintain contact with the 329.
 Lt O'Bryan, I Co, 330 Inf arrived Regt1 OP with info that 3d Bn
 had been badly shelled.
 TP to OO 1st Bn to move a company to the right to assist 329th
 Capt Stewart left Regt1 OP to go to front lines to assist I Co.
 In evacuating wounded.
 TP from Regt1 S2 to arty LO re patrol
 TP to 329 Inf re ammo from 1st Bn 330 Inf
 Lt O'Bryan left Regt1 OP w/Capt Stewart to organize company and
 try to evacuate wounded.
 Capt Stewart returned to Regt1 OP to advise that situation is
 now under control. OO 3d Bn injured. Capt McKenna, Co M, has
 assumed command of the Bn and has it organized. Bn badly in
 need of ammo. Lt Seewald, Co K, returned w/Capt Stewart.
 TP to OG informing him of situation.
 Lt Ray left Regt1 OP for Div OP for instructions.
 Lt Ray ret'd to Regt1 OP.
 Message from Div Comdr re attack early tomorrow.
 Overlay of 330th Inf
 TP from Med O, 308th Med Bn, re minefield.
 Lt Col Daniels left Regt1 OP
 Maj Pegge arrived Regt1 OP

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0650		22		TP from Lt Col Fitzgibbons to Regtl 5-3 re Enemy tank attack on right in 329th area.
0705		23		TP from Gen Macon to Regtl 00 re tank attack;
0710		24		Regtl 00 ordered to get our tanks up into position.
0712		25		00 Serv Co arrived at OP to confer with Regtl 5-4 Officer representative from Tank Co was instructed by Regtl 00 to move his tanks into 1st Bn area to oppose enemy counterattack.
0655		26		Message, confirmation of Tank Attack from G-2 to Regtl 5-2
0715		27	0630	Message from 2d Bn to Regtl 00 re OP opened at 2400 5 July at 370798.
0730		28	0723	Message from Arty FO to Regtl 5-2 re Forward observer from our 3d Bn saw only one enemy tank being used in counterattack.
	0730	29		00 Serv Co departed from OP
0800		30		00 323d FA arrived at Regtl OP.
0820		31		Overlay showing position of 3d Bn at 0815, 6 July 44
0905		32		Maj Gates, VII Corps arrived at Regtl OP to confer with Regtl 00 re situation
0915		33		Regtl IPW 24-hr Rpt to 83d G-2
0915		34		Regtl 5-1 Rpt as of 2359 4 Jul 44.
0930		35		Overlay showing position of 1st & 2d Bns as of 0900 6 July 44
	0930	36		Maj Gates, VII Corps Tank outfit departed from OP after conferring with Regtl 00 re situation and use of tanks for defense against enemy counterattack.
0950		37		Message from CG to 00 330th re Password from 071200 to 101200
	0930	38		Message from Regtl 5-2 to Arty IO re no arty fire to be placed east of hwy 3 along St George's peninsula.
0955		39		G-2 Periodic Report to 00 330th.
1040		40	0945	Overlay showing Regtl situation as of 0945, 6 July 44
	1050	41		Regtl 00 departed from OP enroute to 1st Bn OP.
1050		42		Capt Hamilton, 746th Tank Bn, arrived at Regtl OP to confer with Regtl 5-3 re situation and plans for taking up their position, etc.

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1100	1100	43		<p>Capt Hamilton, 746th Tank Bn, departed from OP. Maj Lybrook, Div GRO, arrived at OP to confer with Capt Burnell (Regtl GRO) Chap Blitch arrived at Regtl OP to confer with Ex O and Regtl Surg Chap Blitch departed from OP. Officer representative from Tank Bn arrived at OP to confer with Regtl S-3 re situation Message from OO 323d FA to Regtl S-3 re Splicing Blood phone in this hq to Blank line; Blank now in direct support of 330th 1st Bn S-2 arrived at OP to confer with Regtl S-2 and give inform concerning enemy in 1st Bn sector 1st Sgts Co I and Co K arrived at Regtl OP seeking information as to location of their units; reported to Ex O that they were lost from their orgns 1st Sgts Co I and Co K departed from OP enroute to their orgns, after receiving orders from Ex O Lt Wamble (3d BN) arrived at Regtl OP to report conditions of 3d Bn to Regtl Ex O. Regtl OO arrived back at Regtl OP after tour of front lines Message from 2d Bn to Regtl S-2 re S-2 jeep blown up by mine last night Message from 1st Bn S-3 to Regtl S-2 re need assistance of Regtl Mine Pltn to remove mine to main hqwy Gen Macon, Col Crabbil, Lt Col Boyle (Ex O Div Arty) arrived at OP to confer with Regtl OO re plans for afternoon operations. File copy of TP from Regtl IPW to Div G-2 Message from 1st Bn S-2 to Regtl S-2 re Enemy Inf digging in from (373789 to 370787) Col Crabbil departed from OP enroute to 329th OP.</p>
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1355		69		Directive for resumption of attack at 1600 rec'd orally from Div Comdr in conference at 1315 to 1350, confirmed by overlay immediately (DICTATED BY REGTL EX O) Gen Macon departed from Regtl CP after conference; Lt Col Boyle (Ex O Div Arty) accompanied Message from G-2 (Div) to Regtl S-2 re Must give dive bomber targets Message from TD's Recon to Arty LO re Patrol est strength along North-South #3 as far north as (3780) Lt Williams, Co C, 802 TD arrived at CP for instructions re operation
1400	1355	70	1240	Ltr, subj: TP message from Div IPW ato 0900, 06 Jul 44
1400		71		Instructions re operation
1415		72	1227	Capt Gillis arrived Regtl CP
1430	1505	73	1325	S2 Periodic Report to Div w/IPW 24hr report.
1500	1510	74		Ltr, subj: PW Interrogation Report, 06 Jul 44
1525		75		Overlay, re bomb areas
1605	1610	76		Capt Costello, LO w/3d Bn arrived Regtl CP
1615		77		Capt Costello left Regtl CP
1615		78		Received Div Warning Order
1615	1405	79	1500	TP from G2 re Regtl S2
1630		80	1135	TP to OO 1st Bn re digging in and establishing OPL
1638	1640	81		Message to OO 3d Bn by Lt Brisbane re reverting to Regtl control and reorganizing Disregard this Entry
1645		82		Recd Memo from IPW team re Ger prisoners
1630		83		Maj Breen left Regtl CP for Div Ord
1645		84		Recd info that 3d Bn eff strength is 199 ¹⁹⁹ men, Co K has eff strength of 15 men
1630		85		Gen Ferenbaugh arrived Regtl CP to confer w/Col Peebles
1645		86		Jeeps only vehicles able to get to 3d Bn. Nothing larger able to get there. Ambulances using tank tracks across fields. 329 Inf supposed to be in front of 3d Bn 330 Inf but not there; tied in with left flank of 329 instead; not able to be withdrawn.
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1650	1705	89		Capt Trathen, Co O, 87th Chem arrived Regtl OP
1655		90		Lt Rasper returned Regtl OP w/info for Regtl Exo
		91		Lt Brisbane left Regtl OP to go to 3d Bn to get all info in re to their situation.
1715		92		Message that 1 O and 100 men are at Sv Co area and belong to 3d Bn. They will be ret'd to their orgn along with ammo and hot food.
	1715	93		Gen Ferenbaugh left Regtl OP
1720		94		Gen Keene, 1st Army G of S arrived Regtl OP
1730		95		Lt Williams, Co O, 802d TD arrived Regtl OP
1731		96		Lt Brisbane returned to Regtl OP (Disregard this entry)
1739		97		Received Tactical Interrogation Report, Hq 85 Div, 06 Jul 44
	1740	98		Capt Trathen left Regtl OP after receiving info from Regtl 85
1800	1800	99		TP to Capt Allen - send drivers up as foot troops to help 3d Bn hold ground; have AF Plt take weapons along and prepared to repel any night attack; let Sv Co guard vehicles.
1800		100		Lt Huban arrived Regtl OP to confer w/S2
1800	1820	101		Lt Buhshier left Regtl OP
1820		102		Lt Morrison arrived Regtl OP to get position of 1st Bn 330 Inf for Gen Ferenbaugh.
1820		103		Gen Ferenbaugh arrived Regtl OP
1830		104		Recd info that 3d Bn has now been by-passed by 329 Inf and Lt Col Wilkinson is getting it reorganized.
1835		105		Capt Trathen arrived Regtl OP
1840		106	1830	Received Warning Order, Hq 85, dated 061500 Jul 44
1848		107		Message re enemy mortar fire
1900		108		Lt Brisbane ret'd to Regtl OP from 3d Bn
1900		109		Maj Breen ret'd fr Div Ord
	1830	110		Gen Ferenbaugh and Lt Morrison left Regtl OP
	1905	111		Capt Trathen and Lt Noe left Regtl OP to go to 3d Bn
	1920	112		S-2 departed for 2nd Bn OP.
	1955	113		Regtl OO with Lt Brisbane IO and escort departed for all Bn OP's to discuss plan of attack.

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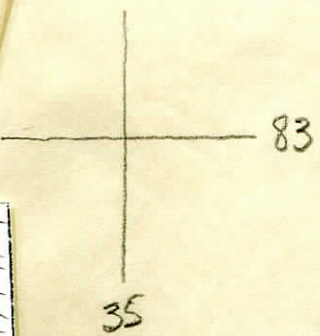
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2010	2005	114		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Regt1 S1 departed OP to make a reconnaissance for a new OP
		115		Gen Macon, Gen Ferenbaugh, Gen Montague and all Unit Comdrs of the Div arrived Regt1 OP for conference re operations to attack.
		116		Gen Macon and group departed from Regt1 OP.
		117		Regt1 S2 returned to OP from 2d Bn
		118		Regt1 S1 returned to OP
		119		Following dictated at this time by Regt1 EXO. "Aide to Asst Div Comdr reported that 2d Bn 329 Inf would occupy area to the left rear of our 3d Bn in order to prevent possible breakthrough. Transmitted to 3d Bn by radio with instructions to make contact".
1945	2105	120		Capt Trathem and Lt Noe returned to Regt1 OP.
		121		Capt Trathem left Regt1 OP
		122		TP from Col Herring re nature of targets for bombing Lt Brlsbine returned to Regt1 OP
2135		123		Regt1 S-3 left OP for 1st & 2d Bns to give oral instructions on orders and plans for attack.
2144	2250	124		Regt1 OO returned to OP with Regt1 S-3
		125		TP between OG and Regt1 OO re change in plan for attack of 7 July 44
2325		126		TP between Regt1 OO and 1st Bn OO re OOs of 1st and 2d Bns requested to report to Regt1 OP to confer with Regt1 OO re change in attack plans.
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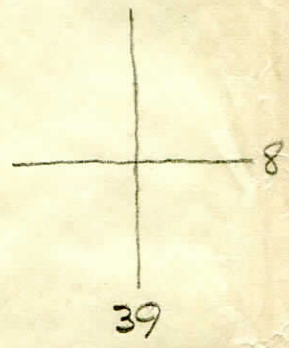
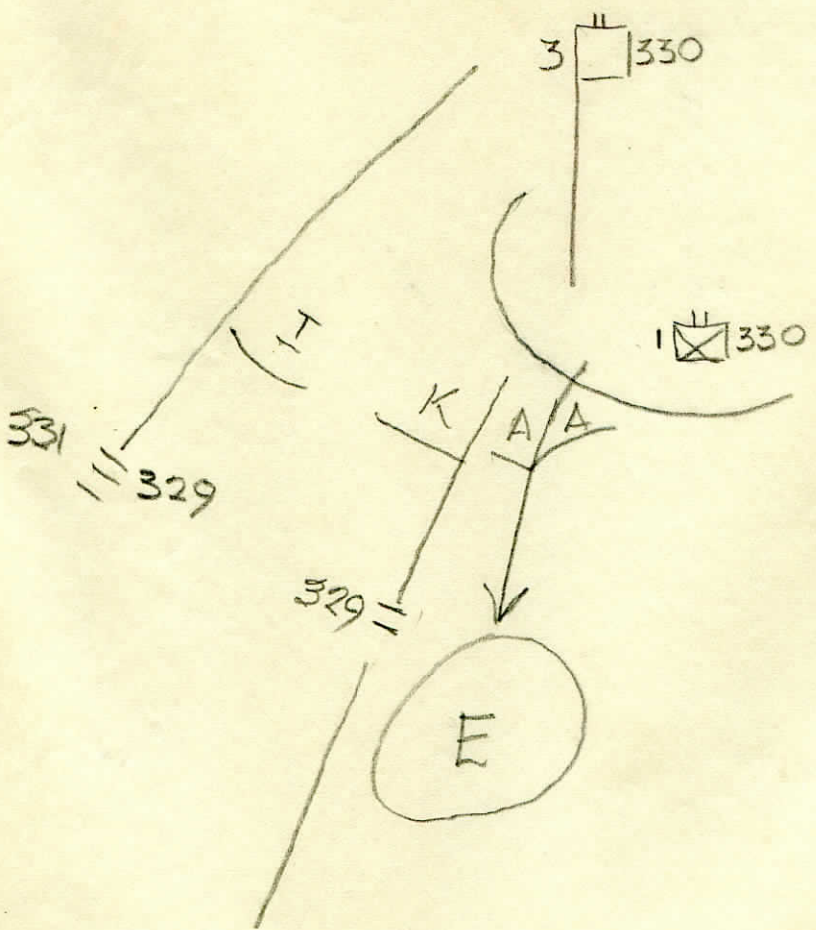
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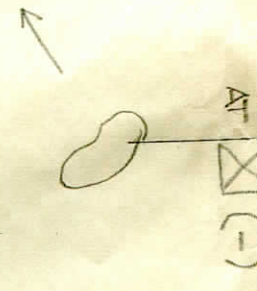
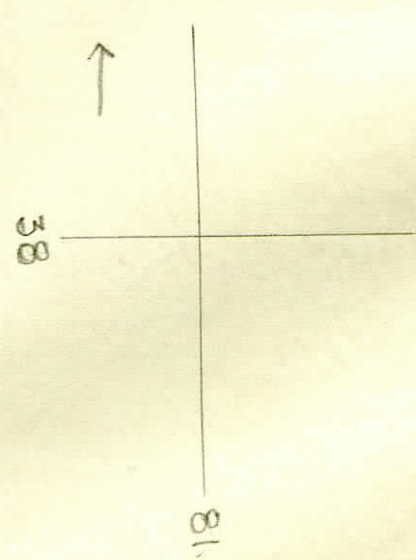
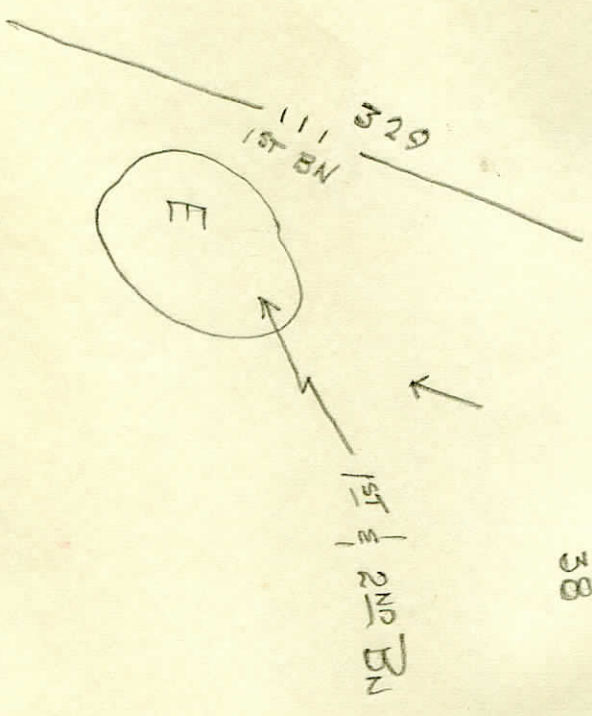
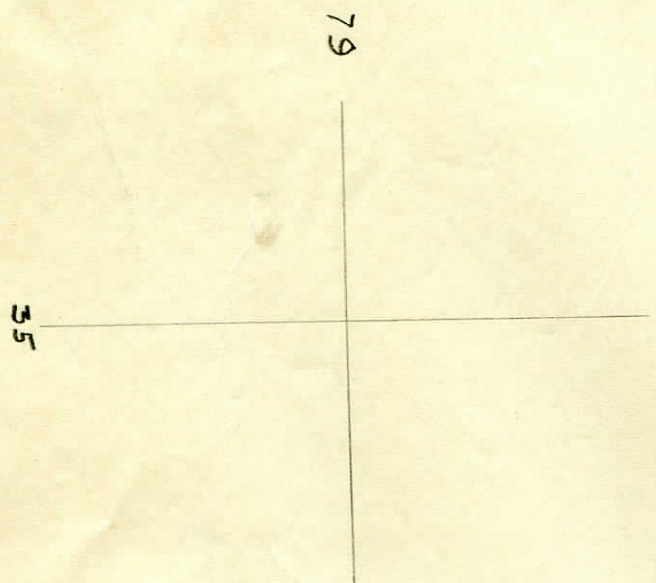
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1+R patrol leader

Look at daylight where you looked on your first patrol. Same mission - Advise me what observed as soon thereafter as possible

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: S-2 330th DATE 6 JULY 44

TO: Art. Liaison office TIME: 0115

FILE NO: 11

Ent Unit Jnl: CLUB

MAPS:

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I + R are on patrol at St George
church with mission of
determining enemy strength
position and installations
control on this mission from
flight until completed, will
contact this Hdq. by radio
upon completion of mission

V-5-5

ACTION TAKEN

Artillery liaison officer + CN
Co. advised

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM:

DATE

06 July 44

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Ent Unit Jnl:

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CO 330 Int

We continue attack early tomorrow
this afternoon

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM:

DATE

06 July 44

FILE NO:

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TO:

TIME:

0530

Ent Unit Jnl:

CEUB

MAPS:

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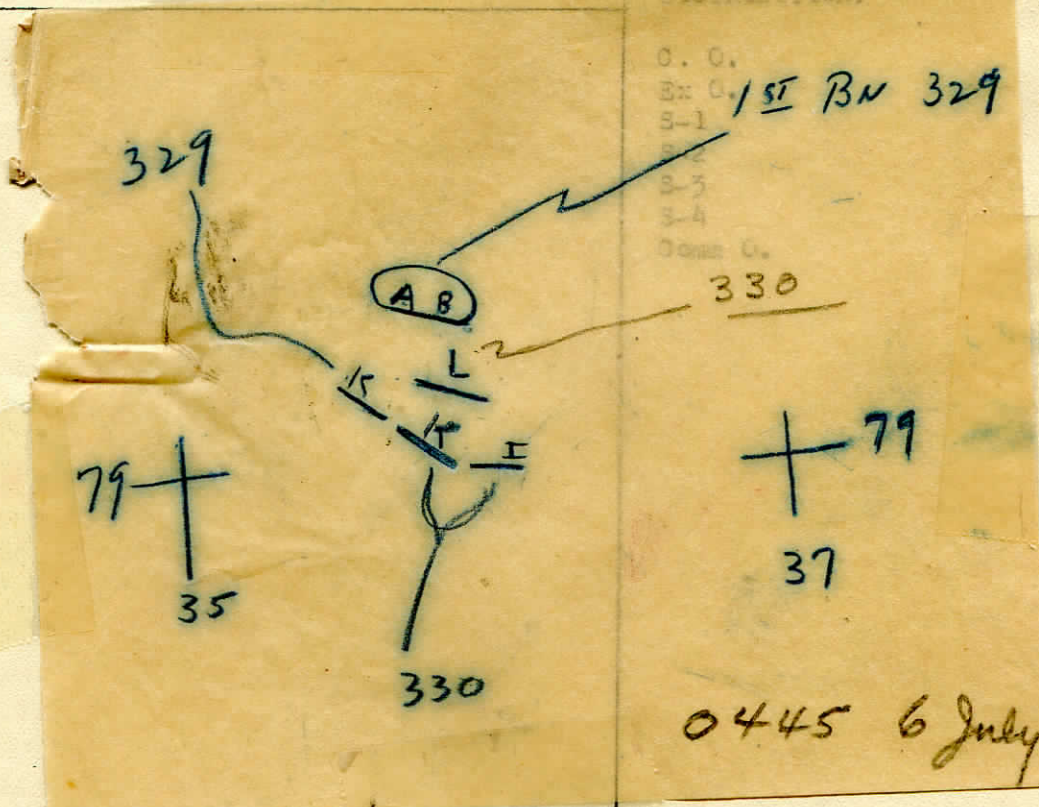
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Comm. C.

1st BN 329

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: ^{308 med. Lt.} Medical Officer DATE: 6 July 1944
TO: S-2, 330 ~~th~~ TIME: 0615

FILE NO: 19
Bat Unit Jnl: CWB
MAPS: _____

Advised that one of their vehicles
ran over a mine in the vicinity of
(364807) during the night.
No more info. available at this
time -

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ACTION TAKEN

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: 3rd GIBLON DATE: 6 July
TO: Co 330 TIME: 0650

FILE NO: 22
Ent Unit Jnl: JTB
MAPS: _____

Report tank attack on our
right in 329 area - no
information as strength or
direction.

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ACTION TAKEN

Notified - S-3 & S-3 1st Bn
& Regt AT Officer.

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JTB

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-2 DATE: 06 July 44
TO: S-2, 330th TIME: 0655

FILE NO: 26
Ent Unit Jnl: JMB
MAPS:

To confirm reported tank attack. Culot
By radio Black Jack (355788)

Tank attack reported
coming from Culot 355788"
Info. came from 329 Inf
through Div -

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ACTION TAKEN

1st Bn. S-3, notified - 2nd to be
warned by 1st Bn - Art. AT + CN.
Co's warned -

Called 329 Inf. for additional info.

of tanks - Not known
Kind - not known
Direction " "

329th will advise if + when additional
info. received -

They request us to ask 3rd Bn to asst.
their unit with ammo. if possible

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ORAL MESSAGE

FILE NO: 27
Ext Unit Jnl: *ASB*
APS: _____

FROM: _____ DATE: 6 July 44
TO: _____ TIME: _____

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To: BLACKFISH 6

CP OPENED 2400
5 JULY AT 370798

BLACKFISH WHITES 0630
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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: Art. F.O. DATE: 6 July 1944
 TO: S-2, 33rd TIME: 0725

FILE NO: 28
 Ent Unit Jnl: HS
 MAPS: _____

Forward observer came from
 our 3rd Bn approx - 45 minutes
 ago + reports that he saw only
 one enemy tank being used in
 the counterattack -

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ACTION TAKEN

S-2 notified - (Gen. Mason took
 message) Staff informed -

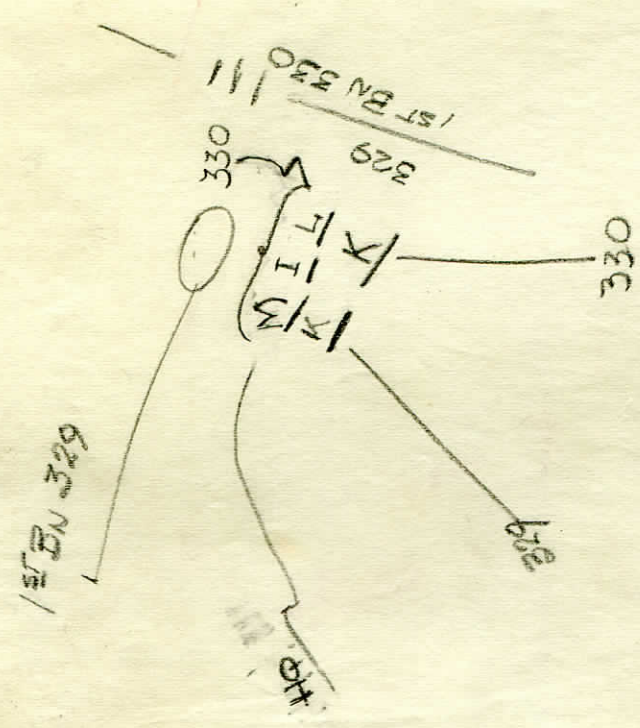
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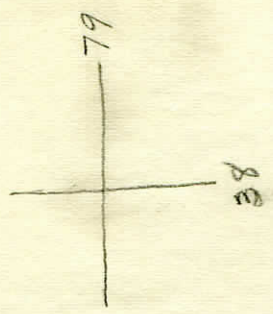
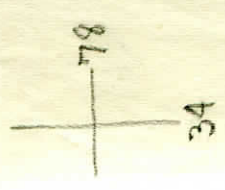
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6 July 44



Shoemaker



Position 3rd BN - 330TH
0815
6 JULY 44

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

Name: Erwin Simonis Rank: Pfc FPN:35272 C
Unit: 2nd Plat, 6th Co, 2nd Bn, 37th SS Regt.
Time and Place of Capture: 1800 hrs, 36988060 (approx).
Unit Effecting Capture: Unknown (308th Med Bn)

1. Wounded PW states: Entire 2nd Bn was deployed between two main roads in vicinity of place of capture. Has been in MLR for 14 days. Squads had contained eight or nine men. Four of eight men lost in his squad. Bn came up from south in trucks from place near "Lapsie" (not clear). Travelled at night. Trip lasted three nights. Assembled on Hill 30 in immediate rear of battle zone for one day before being committed. No bazookas, only AT grenade launchers in company. CO 6th Co reported wounded yesterday.

2. Interrogation had to be broken off due to condition of PW.

3. Documents just found (1800) at 368803 by Blackfish Blue identify 5th Co, 2nd Bn in that area. Indicate losses 40 to 50% in 2nd and 4th platoon.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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Blackfish IPW
5 July 1944

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

Name: Heinrich Bueter Rank: Corporal FFM: 44181 C
Unit: 4th Plat (Hv Wpns), 10th Co, 3rd Bn, 37th SS Regt.
Time and Place of Capture: 1800 hrs, 37038165 (approx).
Unit effecting capture: Blackfish Red, Co "B".

1. PW states: unit has been in MLR for 14 days. Ordered to hold line "to the last drop of blood". Tanks have been promised daily, but have never shown up. Knew of neither mine-field or booby trap locations.

2. Companies no longer contain a 3rd platoon (rifle): 1st and 2nd platoons are rifle platoons, 4th platoon is hv wpns plat. 4th plat. consists of 2 hv machine gun squads of 2 guns each and 1 mortar squad containing 2-81 mm mortars. Two machine guns in PW's squad have been destroyed. Ammunition supply in his platoon was plentiful. Very heavy losses in his platoon. Pay-books in his platoon have been taken up yesterday to make an entry. States that mortars changed positions after every four rounds. Policy was to sleep during day with one man on guard and man positions at night when possible. Our artillery placed on his MLR was described as very effective. Heaviest losses were caused by our mortars. Ration for last two days consisted of one two-inch slice of bread and some butter per day. PW was drafted in the SS against his will out of the labor service. One officer present for duty with company.

3. Bn CO Zorn reported wounded this morning and replaced. Was told by Company CO that Div CO was badly wounded during the first few days in this sector. Also told by Company CO that they were facing an "Elite" American division and that an armored division stood ready behind our lines.

4. On 6 June 3rd Bn left Moncontour for battle area by train. Aerial attack forced them to dismount and complete trip on bicycle. Twelve days ago saw bazooka and AT rifle grenade for the first time. In fourth platoon were one AT rifle grenade launcher per squad and one bazooka for the whole platoon. Bazooka was rotated daily among the squads. Had received no training in use and employment of either weapon. States that platoon leader was disliked by entire platoon. Company CO was well liked. One sniper per squad. PW states that regiment contains 13th, 14th and 15th companies, believed that 15th company was motorcycle recon company.

KARL WAGNER
2nd Lt, TD.

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Battle - Jun - Battle Casualties Report

Battle Casualties					Jun Battle Casualties					GRAND TOTAL
KIA	WIA	MIA	IA	TOTAL	Deaths	Wound	Exhaust	Dij	total	
				585		1		1	2	587

Cause of Battlefield Deaths

- Shell Fragments
- Small Arms
- Snipers

U.S. Officer Casualty Report

NAME	RANK	ASN	Type of CASUALTY	DISPOSITION
- Capt Bodini	Capt	0336858	KIA	
- Stanley Lutherser	1 st Lt	0348918	KIA	
- William N MAHER	1 st Lt	0430477	KIA	
- George B Klein	2 ^d Lt	01309752	KIA	
- Thomas H. Broadfoot	1 st Lt	01286955	LWA	
- William C CRAIG	Capt (MC)	0472811	LWA	
- Arthur Diefenbacher	Capt (1 st Lt)	0525667	KIA	
- Charles J Johan	2 ^d Lt	0444675	KIA	
- Merlin G Madason	2 ^d Lt	0525010	KIA	
- William P Bohman	CAPT	0386461	KIA	
- William White	MAJOR	01284255	LWA	DUTY
- Milton Brotman	CAPT	0436711	LWA	DUTY
- David M. John	2 ^d Lt	01325396	KIA	
- Edward F Michael	1 st Lt	01297919	KIA	
- Jack R. MASTERS	CAPT	0337707	LWA	DUTY
- Raymond C Rudd	1 st Lt	01301545	LWA	
- Buford E PARK	1 st Lt	01312089	SWA	
- Alfred E DelAMATER	Lt	01295181	SWA	

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S-1 Report as of 2359 4 July 1944 330 111F

Effective Strength		% Below		Over	
0	EM	0	EM	0	EM
141	3324	158	3049	17	695

1st Br

Present for Duty
 Absent
 Below % Per Unit S-1 Rpt
 Rpt + RTD not picked up
 Actual total Below %
 Average Rifle Co Strength

33	773	806
0	16	16
2	36	38
0	0	0
2	36	38
5	173	178

2d Br

Present for Duty
 Absent
 Below % Per Unit S-1 Rpt
 Rpt + RTD not picked up
 Actual total Below %
 Average Rifle Co Strength

25	473	498
1	12	13
9	340	349
0	0	0
9	340	349
2	72	74

3d Br

Present for Duty
 Absent
 Below % Per Unit S-1 Rpt
 Rpt + RTD not picked up
 Actual total Below %
 Average Rifle Co Strength

34	618	652
0	12	12
2	195	197
0	0	0
2	195	197
6	140	146

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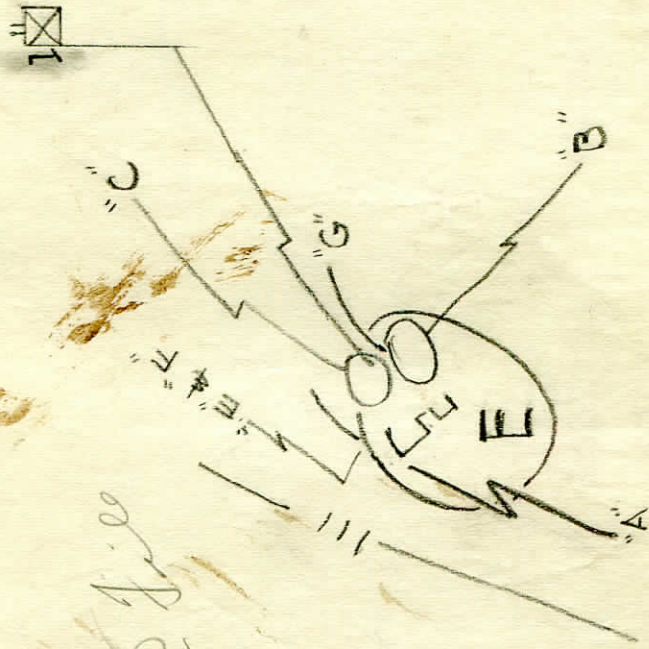
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POSITION 151 2ND BN 330TH
0900 6 JULY 44

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM:

DATE

6 July 44

FILE NO:

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TO:

TIME

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Dist Unit Jnl:

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DATE 5 July 1944

To CO 330th Inf Regt

Pass word and Reply 071200 to 101200

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ORAL MESSAGE

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FROM: S-2, 330th. DATE: 6 July 1944
TO: Art. Liaison officer TIME: 0930
CN-CO. & AT-CO. - 330th. Inf.

FILE NO: _____
Ent Unit Jnl: 8810
MAPS: _____

No art. fire to be placed east of
highway 3 along St. Georges
peninsular until advised
A patrol is entering area at
approx. (coordinates 3779 —)

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- ART LIAISON OFFICER - Pegg

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Copy to ea BN - S.F.F.

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From: 050001B
To : 052400B

Hq 83d Inf Div
In the Field
052400B

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AUTH CG 83d Inf Div

INIT J.C.N. for 83d Inf

DATE 5 July 1944

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 8

MAPS: GSGS, 4347, 1/25,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy front lines: (325807)-(334812)-(337803)-(351806)-
(381804)-(354801)-(349791)-(354785)-(378791).

b. Defensive organization: No marked change. Mine field reported across road at 367808. Road block at 339778. "S" mines (anti-personnel) along hedges at 362812. Pill boxes reported being used by elements of the 37th SS Regt. 329th Inf reports Germans depending on hedge rows and stone fences with A/W, firing in all directions in order to pin our men to the ground. Also reports small groups of enemy abandoned MGs, rifles, machine pistols before falling back.

c. Units in Contact: Identifications on 83d Div front since beginning of our operations:

1. 37th SS Pz Gr Regt, 17SS Div, 1,2,3,5,6,9,10,13 (Inf How), 14 (AA), 15 (Eng) companies (2,6,9,10 Cos positively identified through PWs).

d. Reserves and other Forces Capable of Intervention: From 1730 to 2050 enemy tra estimated not less than a Bn of Inf were reported moving NW on road toward LE FORT (388753) and assembling in house SE of the village. These were taken under fire by massed artillery. Five half tracked vehicles were included in this activity. This may indicate that additional elements of the 17 SS Div are being moved up. One Co in Ren Bn is a half track company--this further substantiates the probability indicated.

One PW states that there is one (1) Bn of Tiger Tanks and some assault guns in rear area to be held in reserve against an American attack.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

Patrolling during first part of period was normal, s/a and mortar fire being encountered.

Germans launched a northeasterly counterattack at 1600 generally along the west side of the CARENTAN-PRIERS road to the vicinity of 3568-354804. A mortar counterattack was launched northeasterly from the vicinity of HOTOT (369784), at 2100. The counterattacking force split, one element driving north to (360801) and one northwest to (358794). Both counterattacks were contained.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. PWs taken today: 17

PWs taken to date: 23

b. IPNs: 37th SS Pz Gr Regt:

- 6 Co, 362272C (IPW report)
- 2 Co, 37044C (IPW report)
- 9 Co, (44181B) (IPW report)
- 10 Co (44181C) (IPW report & document)
- 11 Co 44181D (Document)
- 5th Co, 6th Para Regt: L55096B
- 6th Co, 6th Para Regt: L55096C

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Documents studied indicate that there exists a FPN for each Bn and that companies within the Bn are accorded the letters B,C,D,E for 1,2,3,4 Cos respectively.

c. PWS claim that:

1. Frontage of 1st Bn, 37 SS Pz Gr Regt approximately 220 yds. Strength of the Bn is approx 260 men (only 4 Co is nearly up to T/O strength).
 2. Remnants of 1,2,3, Cos of 37th Pz Gr Regt are being employed as 1,2,3 Plats of Combat Group SCHLEWES (Co strength). Strength of the Co is 130 men. Strength of 9 Co is 140 men.
 3. 13th Co, 37 SS Pz Gr: 2-4 -150mm Inf Hows.
14th Co, 37 SS Pz Gr: 20mm AA guns.
15th Co, 37SS Pz Gr: Engr Co (AT rocket launchers).
 4. In 37SS Pz Gr Regt each squad has at least one grenade attachment and each platoon at least one rocket launcher.
 5. Forward elements of 37 SS Gr defense were instructed not to fire upon tanks, but only on infantry following tanks. Secondary defense takes care of tanks.
 6. Gen WERNER OSTENDORF, CG, 17SS Pz Gr Div was severely wounded in action and probably relieved of command. OSTENDORF is considered an able officer with extensive experience in the Waffen SS.
- d. Personalities: CO, 1st Bn, 37 SS Pz Gr Regt: Capt SCHLEWES.
e. Tank Bn attached to this Div reports Germans wearing American uniforms and firing at our tanks with rocket launchers. Also that Germans are wearing civilian clothes beneath regulation uniforms.

4. CAPABILITIES:

No change.

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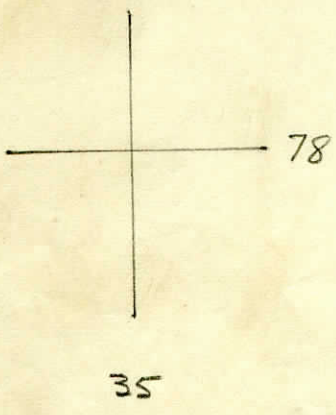
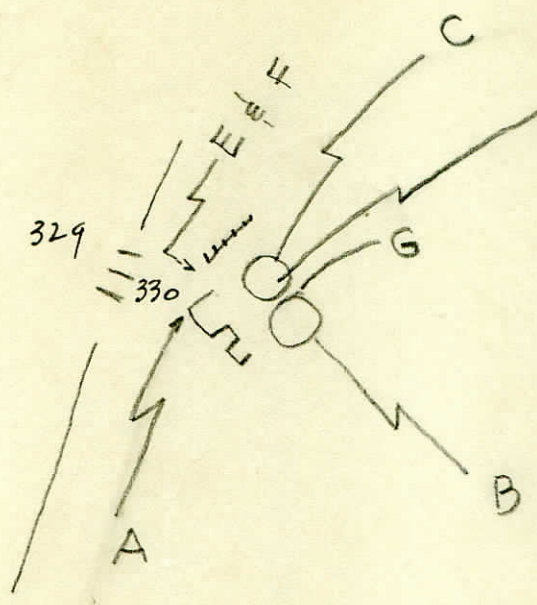
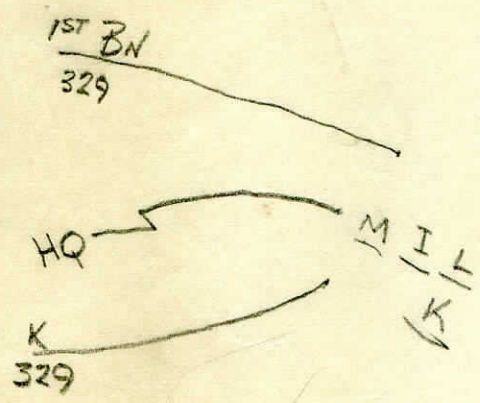
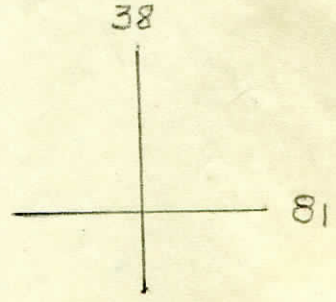
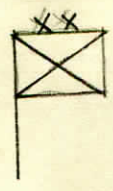
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CO 83D CAV RCN TR	1
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J.P. Lee



SITUATION 0945 6 JUL
330 INF

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Push forward
keeping unity around
us. whole unit together
Keep AT up -

Be on objects
today
all the unity there
is

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: Col Daniels DATE 6 1100 July
TO: Major Cook TIME:

FILE NO: 48
Ent Unit Jnl: *WLB*
MAPS:

Col Daniels is splicing blood phone in this office to Blank line. Blank is now in direct support of 330. All calls for fire from this office will be given to Blank

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Comm O.
Please return
to Journal.

- 3 C. O.
- 1 Ex. C. *WLB*
- S-1
- S-2
- S-3 *ss Cook*
- S-4
- 2 Comm O. *WAL*

Blank is direct support of 330.

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WLB

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ORAL MESSAGE

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FROM: S-2 Sgt. ^{Bn} 2100 DATE 6 July 44
 TO: TIME: 1245

FILE NO: _____
 Ent Unit Jnl: 210
 MAPS: ✓

S-2 jeep blown up by mine
 last night at coordinates 3748002
 All maps lost (+ aerial photos)
 2nd Bn. lost all maps except
 ones co's have —

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ACTION TAKEN

Checking units to find out if one
 of our own units removed maps
 from jeep. —————>

Sending Dgt. S 2, to 308
 Eng. to try to get new supply.

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(SIGNATURE) P. Foster

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: S-3, 157B DATE: 6 July 44
TO: Regt 5-2 TIME: 1305

FILE NO: 64
Ent Unit Jnl: 2813
MAPS: _____

Need asst of Regt mine
Platoon to remove mines.
- main highway
heaviest mined -

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Referred to S-3 -

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: S-2-1st Bn DATE 6 July 44

FILE NO: 67

TO: S-2-33rd TIME: 1345

Ent Unit Jnl: ~~MS~~

Enemy Inf. digging in from
(373789 to 370784)

MAPS: GRACE

1st Bn is observing group
& request no action taken
by this hq -
will keep our hq advised

ACTION TAKEN

Noted
Checked again at 1700 - No info.

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-2 DATE: 6 July 1944

FILE NO: 71

TO: S-2 TIME: 1240

Ent Unit Jnl: JTB

MAPS:

Must give dice bomber targets.
Submitted to G-2 with least
delay -

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1st En - 2nd -

ACTION TAKEN

Regt. Commander advised -
1425 - G-2 advised that no such
targets had been located by this
organization -

DISTRIBUTION:

- C. C.
- J. C.
- S-1
- S-2
- S-3
- S-4
- Comm O.
- Co. Co. Brown

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B. H. Oster

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: TD's Recon DATE 6 July 44

FILE NO: 72

TO: Art Liaison TIME: 1227

Ent Unit Jnl: 280

MAPS: ✓

Patrol wt. strength (STRONG) along North-South #3 as far as north as (3780)

An enemy "AA" gun reported at (3757812)

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By [Signature] NARA Date 4/14/41

ACTION TAKEN

To 1st Bn

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- EN - Braun
- ATC

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Blackfish IPW
6 July 1944

SUBJECT : Report on 24-Hour Period Ending 052400 44.

TO : Blackstone 2.

1. Pws - two
2. Documents evacuated at 2330.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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Authority NND 735017
By NARA Date 4/11/44

Blackfish IPW
6 July 1944

Journal Entry
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TO : Blackfish 2.

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4. Documents just found in house at 37057925 carry stamp of 2nd SS Armored Workshop Co (For Special Use). The presence of this Co has been confirmed by no other source.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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Authority: NND 7330
By: [Signature] NARA Date: 4/11/01

Blackfish IPW
6 July 1944

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2nd Lt, TD.

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Authority NND 735011
By NARA Date 4/1/44

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S2 Periodic Report

From: 050001 Jul 44

To : 052400 Jul 44

HQ 330TH INFANTRY

Time of Issue: 052400 Jul 44

No 6

MAPS: 1:25,000, GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Not definitely located - very fluid.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive - Local counterattacks during whole period. Artillery and mortar fire used very effectively against our troops. It appears that enemy depended more on the efficiency of his weapons in both the defensive and offensive than he did his troops. This opinion is arrived at due to lack in number of enemy troops employed. One unit reported enemy MGs firing from positions as close together as twenty yards. Enemy had deep trenches dug along hedgerows with all around fire and well concealed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs taken today: 2. No new identifications.

One vehicle lost by mine.

Some of our M1 rifles, light MGs and one 60mm Mortar was found in enemy strong point.

Several bodies of our troops were seen minus shoes, which may indicate the enemy is short of this item.

Several missiles were seen in a captured strong point that were thought to be 4 or 5 inch rockets.

No emplacements reported other than those built with local material.

One enemy observer was found in a tree with a telephone.

Some arty fire fell on our troops during the time our concentrations were being fired that was suspected as coming from enemy arty to confuse our troops.

Forward arty observer reported seeing what appeared to be a haystack, moving at (382795). Suspected as being a gun or enemy OP.

Enemy arty fire in rear area has lessened today.

PW claims their mortars are moved after firing four rounds.

One PW claims his commander had informed his unit that they were facing an American "Elite" Division.

FOSTER

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06 July
No 76

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Authority NIOD 735017
By NARA Date 4/11/41

Blackfish IPW
6 July 1944

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

No. 77

Name: Max Geiben Rank: Pvt FPN: 44181 A (?)
Unit: Hq 3rd Bn, 37th SS Regt.
Time and Place of Capture : 0930
Unit Effecting Capture: Blackfish Blue.

~~Not on~~
~~worksheet~~
Entered on work
sheet - minute

1. PW states was orderly to 3rd Bn adjutant (Obersturmfuehrer Schultz). Was sent to MLR three days ago. Has not heard from Bn CP since. Senior NCO collected twenty stragglers and established position in a farmyard in vic of place of capture. Were dug in North of farm yard. Had two light machine guns and individual weapons. Crew was repairing AT gun approx 60 yds N of farm. Heard light Inf How (75mm) firing in vic. Saw two unburied "Teller" mines beside AT gun.
2. 3rd Bn Hq left Accay 6 June 44 for front. Travelled on train, truck and finally on foot by night only.
3. Yesterday saw three assault guns in vic of farm yard. Believed them to be part of 17th SS Div. Described them as having about 8-foot barrel with muzzle break. Assault guns later left that immediate vic. Three days ago, at Bn CP saw about 50 wounded carried on stretchers. Clearing Sta was about 2 km to the rear. Group of twenty men in farm yard had received neither food nor drink for three days. Sole water supply consisted of amount he had in canteene three days ago. PW was thirsty. Diary says 3rd Bn moved into line on 23 June.

4. Documents coming in strengthen reports that 2nd Bn has also been in line for about two weeks. 3rd Bn was on West, 2nd Bn on East side of sector facing us. 5th Co, 2nd Bn was suffering losses in this area as early as 16 June. Began to suffer losses on 14 June - area not determined.
5. Report from Blackjack IPW that crews of tanks knocked out earlier have been sent as replacements to fight with infantry. This confirmed by tank crew shoulder strap found on dead german foot soldier in Blackfish White area.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

Authority NND 735017
By NARA Date 11/14/11

S-E-C-R-E-T

URGENT

83d Inf Div
APO 83
6 July 44

CO, 329th Inf
CO, 330th Inf ✓
CO, 331st Inf

LOCATION OF FRONT LINES

In order to prevent preplanned fires and bombing missions from falling on our own troops it is imperative that this headquarters be informed as to the correct location of the leading elements of each front line unit.

Overlays showing the exact location of front lines, including outposts, will reach this headquarters by 1900, 6 July 44.

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S E C R E T

83d Inf Div
(372828)
1500, 6 July 44

- CG, 83d Div Arty
- CO, 329th Inf
- CO, 330th Inf ✓
- CO, 331st Inf
- CO, 308th Engr
- CO, 83d Cav Rcn Tr
- CO, 2d Bn, 329th Inf
- 746th Tk Bn
- 4th Inf Div
- 30th Inf Div
- 12th Inf
- 83d Div Engr

WARNING ORDER

Attack planned to be launched on Division order, this
afternoon, is postponed until 7 July 44. Probable
hour 0700. Exact time will be announced.

MACON

OFFICIAL:
H. King
G-3.

S E C R E T

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By NARA Date 4/14/11

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-2 DATE: 6 July 1944
 TO: S-2, 330th TIME: 1135

FILE NO: 82.
 Ent Unit Jnl: Cook
 MAPS: _____

Pw has informed IPW team that
 all side roads + road shoulders
 south of our front lines were
 mined.
 Extreme care should be exercised
 in pulling off main highways

1st.

ACTION TAKEN

Gns informed -
 Also Arty

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maps JR
BTT
No 97

HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of AC of S., G-2
APO 83 U.S. ARMY

6 July 1944

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT

Following information disclosed by a wounded PW who ran over to our lines at 060130.

Roadblocks, consisting of trees, have been placed on all sides roads leading into CARENTAN-PERIERS hiway 3478-square. He claims that wherever the road blocks are, there also are T-mines laid fifteen to 60 ft. off CARENTAN-PERIERS road on side roads. The mines cross the side roads diagonally and are 50cm (20 inches) apart.

There is a road block vic 342783 (first house along CARENTAN-PERIERS road leading into village.) The house is a carpenter shop. PW thinks the roadblock is surrounded by T-mines. (?)

PW gives location of 37th Pz Gr Regt CP as vicinity 343771. CP was located there yesterday morning. Near misses were scored by American bombs.

PW claims to have seen ten (10) assault guns in meadow 500 yds East of regimental CP.

PW states that there are six (6) 50mm AT guns somewhere south of Sainteny (3477).

PW claims existence of a 2km line of prepared dugouts vic (341779)(339782)(340787) (aprox)

He mentions existence of 16th Company (SCHWIMMWAGEN Kompanie), 100 men strong. Schwimmwagen is the equivalent of our ducks. They helped the 15th Co with transportation of mines.

It is rumored that the SS-Div Frundsberg and Hohenstaufen are coming up for reinforcements. (?)

JULIUS H. BISHOP, JR.,
for Lt. Col., GSC.,
AC of S., G-2.

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: *Regt. O.P.* DATE: *6 JULY 44*
 TO: *S-2, 330th* TIME: *1830*

FILE NO: *107*
 Bat Unit Jnl: *CRAB*
 MAPS: _____

*enemy mortar located at
 375802. I + R men were
 very close to it.*

ACTION TAKEN

*notified 1st Bn. to take proper
 action & report -*

DISTRIBUTION:

- C. O.*
- ~~*EX C.*~~
- S-1*
- S-2*
- ~~*S-3*~~
- S-4*
- Comm O.*
- CN*
- HT*

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Double check PTG by 2000 - File No 115

L/O to know front line of each other -

Obj and direction attack same as today -

50 planes - 10 on each target -

0630 - 0645 - none after 0645 -

To insure prep fire 300 to 500 yds.
2 or 3 min before bombing begins -

Red - smoke on center of concentration
just as planes die & will continue
depart only 2 min.

Cross lift at 0645 -

As soon as bombing lifts - take up
concentration & continue - Barrage line

Use tanks and Infantry

Use Chem mortars

Use MG - cross fire to assist with tanks
if you can - **NO? 5LP**

Box barrage arty & mortars to hold
area from C/A.

NOTES DIV COM - 2010 6 JULY

3792 - 7821

Aug - ~~Go ahead~~ and use E to blow
hedges - New mine - 3 bron plugs - pile
(SIGNATURE)

Gen Burton thinks Gen ~~is~~ getting ready
to move out - 2000 men + 1000 C/A.

Russians success on their front
180 days miles - 10 days.

Hold gains made -
Line of com. 300 yds in front
of AD -

of don't clear gap, put wire
back -

COMM
3-7
3-3
3-2
3-1
E
O
O

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4th Div 0630 -

TD - too close - 1 gun by mortar fire
ahead of sept co - Not self propelled
- Boyard la Co - Co keep.

any wire
stake
loose so
can throw
root;

300 Radios - cannot be intercepted -
Plenty of batteries - all reg has been furnished.
Just fuse AA on hedges -

MAPS: _____
TO: _____ TIME: _____
FROM: _____ DATE: _____
FILE NO: _____ ORAL MESSAGE

330th Infantry Journal

283-1NF(330)07

6-9 July 44

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

From: 080001 July 1944
 To: 082400 July 1944
 PAGE NO. 1
 ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME	SERIAL	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
	OUT	NUMBER	DATED	
0620		1		TP - 3d Bn forward observer spotted one tank and are now firing on it.
0630		2		Rad - 1st Bn reports enemy tanks coming up road, request assistance of TDA
0615		3		TP from Regt 1 S-2 to Asst G-2 re Tank reported spotted in vicinity of 1st Bn and fired upon
0645		4		Ex O returned to OP from Div Hq
0700		5		Message, from OG 83d to OO 330th re Password from 101200 to 131200, "Water Bucket"
0710		6		Regt 1 S-3 returned to OP from Div Hq
0740		7		Rec'd 83d Div F. O. #5 and Overlay #1
0830		8		OO 3d Bn arrived at OP to confer with Regt 1 Ex O
0835		9		OO 323d FA arrived at OP to confer with Regt 1 Ex O
0905		10		Message from Serv Oo to S-3 re <u>Bundle</u> arrived advise disposition
	0915	11		OO 3d Bn departed from OP.
	0920	12		Message from Ex O to Regt 1 S-3 re situation in hand; advise tanks to be alerted for immediate movement up.
0940		13		Message from Regt 1 S-4 to Ex O re Have set up at Serv Oo Will go where you directed me.
0945		14		Message from Regt 1 S-4 to Ex O re Have received Part Pmt of \$320-what you want done with it
	0955	15		Message from Ex O to Regt 1 S-4 re Meet Brisbane Entrance Last OP.
1015		16		Tank officer and crew reported into OP after two of their tanks were knocked out by enemy fire
1025		17		OO 3d Bn reported back to Regt 1 OP for conference with Ex O.
1030		18		Radio from Regt 1 OO to Ex O re leaving 2d Bn enroute to Regt 1 OP.
1110		19		Message from SGR OO to OO 330th re advise 1st Bn as to situation on Ammo
1115		20	1050	Message from Ex O to Regt 1 S-3 re Situation under control; keep tanks alert for early movement Return to OP
1120		21		Message from OG to OO 330th re Replacements available

Meaning replacements

Meaning 320 replacements

4476

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
CANCELLED
 BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
 DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

Bradley must

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
1115	1150	22		Message from Regt1 00 to 0G re slight change in position of 7 July 44 Regt1 00 departed from OP enroute to Co "C" location to check on situation
1200	1215	24		TP from S-3 to Ex O re Enemy is shelling
1305		25		TP between Ex O xxxxxx and Asst Div Comdr re situation
		26		Overlay showing position of tanks for use in support of Regt
1330	1320	27		00 3d Bn departed from OP enroute to 3d Bn OP
1405		28		Regt1 00 returned to OP
		29		Patrol ldr from 3d Bn reported in to OP with information that the enemy was occupying some houses about 400 yds beyond our front lines
1415		30		OO, Tank Co arrived at OP to confer with Regt1
		31		OO concerning use of tanks in reopening attack
	1410			Patrol ldr from 3d Bn left OP enroute to 3d Bn OP with plan for launching attack with use of Arty
1420		32		OO 3d Bn arrived at OP.
1430		33		Patrol of about 20 men (enemy) who have taken from 4 to 5 of our men (3778) reported by TP from observer
1440		34		Gen Ferenbaugh arrived at Regt1 OP to confer with Regt1 00 re situation
1515		35		OO Serv Co arrived at OP to confer with Ex O concerning replacements.
	1527	36		Gen Ferenbaugh departed from Regt1 OP enroute to Div Hq
1540		37		OO Serv Co departed from OP
30	1530	38		Capt Oraddock, Unit Pers O, arrived at OP to confer with Regt1 00
		39		Lt Burtzel, 83d Recon arrived at OP for conference on situation
1550	1545	40		Lt Burtzel departed from OP
		41		Message from 2d Bn to OO 330th re Enemy tank and infantry between us and road to your OP am receiving mortar and arty fire.

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
605		42		Message from 00 2d Bn re Receiving considerable mortar and machine gun fire; several vehicles knocked out; am not in contact with blackfish blue Capt Gillis, Engr outfit, departed from CP Regtl S-3 arrived at CP from Div Hq
655	1645	43		323d FA Ex O arrived at CP to confer re orders
700		44		Message from 00 2d Bn to 00 330 re Tank knocked out road secure.
705		45		Memo from G-3 to S-3 re Keep out of peninsula tonight, will be bombed
800		46		Message from 00 2d Bn to Regtl 00 re Read previously reported secure should be patrolled, etc
800		47		Div Surg returned to CP from 1st & 2d Bn Aid Stations reported that the enemy had captured both Aid Stations wounding several men; conditions grave
900		48		S2 Periodic Report sent to G2
	2037	49		Ltr, Subj: Rpt on 24 hr period ending 072400 Jul 44 re PWs
	2037	50		Lt Col Montgomery, TD Bn CO, arrived Regtl CP to confer with Regtl S3 and Capt Stewart
2138		51		Capt Gillis arrived Regtl CP
2145		52		Replacements arrived and were sent forward.
2130		53		Received Order for Crossing of La Taite River
2243		54		Received G3 Periodic Report for 7 July 1944
2243		55		Received Minefield Report
2243		56		Received overlay of Bar Mine
2243		57		Received Memo re S3 reports.
2243		58		Received TP from G2 to S2, 330 Inf, re civilians and tanks.
2245		59		Received Message from G2 to S2 re M209 and S1dex possibly lost.
2245		60		Regtl S1 Report submitted.
	2400	61		
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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM:

DATE

8 July 44

FILE NO:

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TO:

TIME:

Dist Unit Jnl:

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 13

DATE 6 July 1944

To CO 330th Inf Regt

Password and Reply 101200 to 131200

WATER BUCKET

CG 83 Div

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John C. Key Captain

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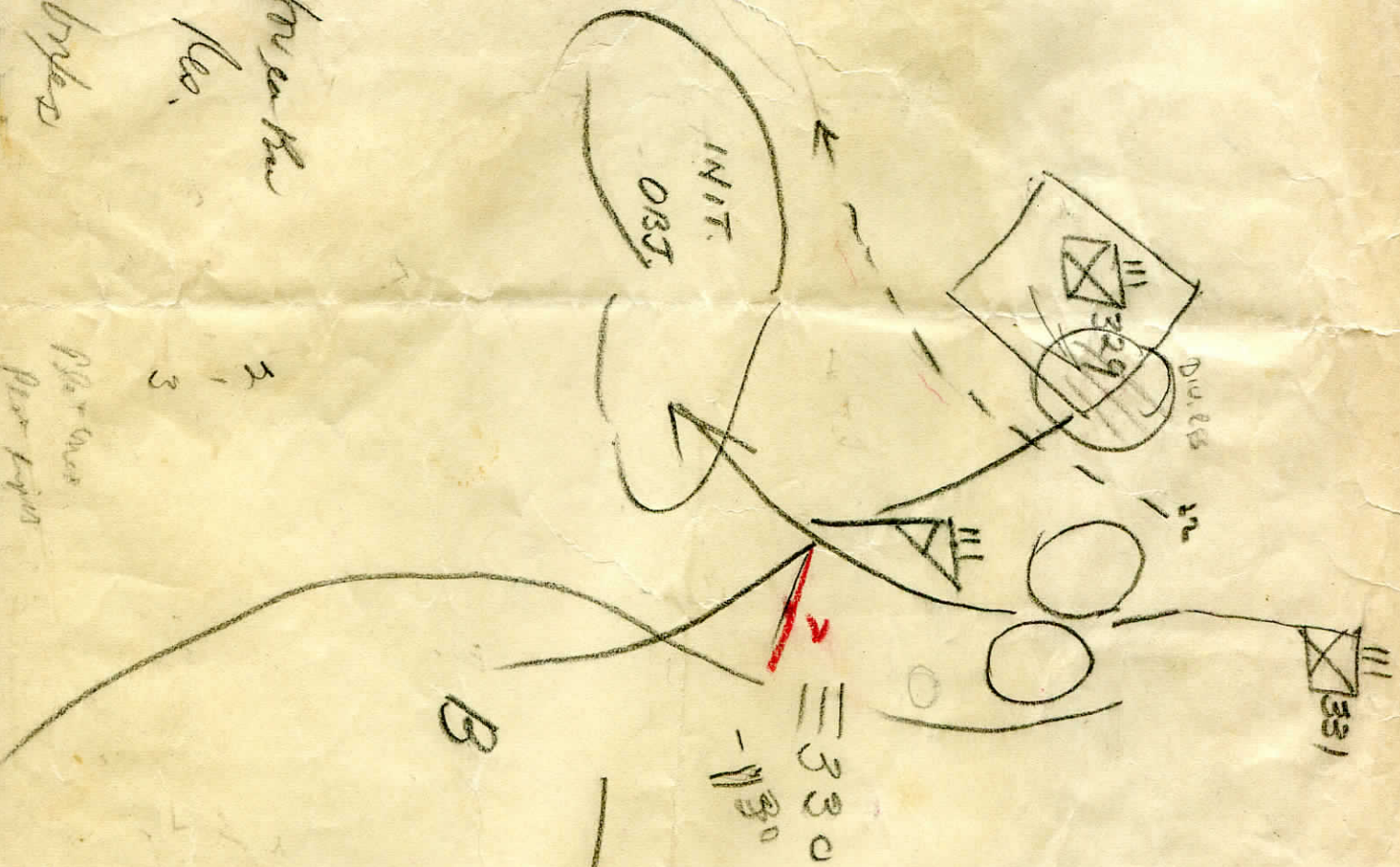
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Plot Melon plotland from the
Plot 17 1/2 hours you King Leo.

Remount Jack as per type
at plot instructions

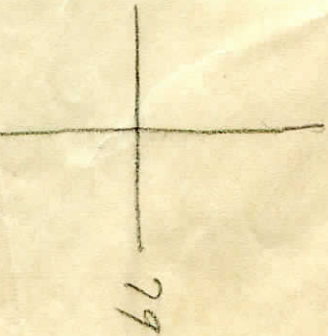


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Plot area
Plot 1/2

Plot area + 1/2

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To CO.

BUNDLE ARRIVED
ADVISE DISPOSITION

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V.W. 0940

SERV. CO.

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To BLACK. F. 5

HAVE RECEIVED
PART PAYEMENT OF
\$320. ONLY WHAT DO
YOU WANT DONE
WITH IT - BREEN

V.W. 0940

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To CO 330

RELAY TO 1ST BN ADVISE AS
SITUATION ON AMMO AND
WHETHER ROUTE OF AMMO SUPPLY
IS OPEN

SERV CO

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To CO, A.T. Co.

Blackfish 3 desire
to know enemy
situation

MEET BRISBINE
ENTRANCE LAST CP

BLACK-FISH-5

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situation

MEET BRISBINE
ENTRANCE LAST CP

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To BREEN

MEET BRISBINE
ENTRANCE LAST CP

BLACK-FISH-5

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By: NARA Date 4/14/41

Black fish 3 -

Situation under
Control. Keep your Tanks
alert for early movement
Return to CP

20
8 July 44

~~Black fish~~
Black fish 5

[Handwritten initials]

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE)		(CLASSIFICATION)
No.	DATE	8 JULY
To	CG 83 DIV	
SLIGHT CHANGE IN POSITIONS OF 7 JULY 2400 AM NEAR 36320-7830		
MENTION ATTACHED BY ENEMY		
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No. _____ DATE _____

To *Journal # 41 (8 July 44)*

Enemy tank & infantry between us and road to your c.p. Am receiving mortar and artillery fire. (1545) End Bn

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No. _____ DATE _____

To *CO 330*

TANK KNOCKED OUT ROAD SECURE

46 (1745R) 8 July 44

CO 2nd Bn

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No. _____ DATE _____

To *CO 330b*

AM RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. SEVERAL VEHICLES KNOCKED OUT. AM NOT IN CONTACT WITH BLACKISH BLUE (1545)

C.O. 2nd Bn

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1745	<i>Col Herring said to keep on 7 jeanneula tombe - Muel Sombe St Andre de Bohon Le Ruet + Le maon.</i>		

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To *C.O. 330*

ROAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SECURE SHOULD BE PATROLLED PRIOR TO USING PATROL ACTIVITY AND MORTAR FIRE CONTINUE

48 (1743RK) 8 July 44

C.O. 2ND BN

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S E C R E T

No 50
8 July 44

S2 Periodic Report

From: 0001 7 July 1944
To : 2400 7 July 1944

HQ 330TH INF

Time of Issue: 2400 7 July 1944

No 8

MAPS: 1:25,000 GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Uncertain.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive - However, enemy started a counterattack of some force against our left flank at approx 0500, which lasted for approx two hrs. During balance of period he fought a purely delaying and defensive action.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PW's taken today: 47

New identifications: 2nd & 3d Bns, 38th SS PZ Gren Regt, 17th Div.

AT mine fields were located at various points. Some were reported buried so deep they would not cause our mine locator to register. Some loss to our vehicles was caused by enemy mines. Tanks in small numbers were reported in our sector during the period. Nothing so far indicates a large scale tank attack. At least two tanks were reported neutralized by our front line forces.

Artillery fire seems to have lessened somewhat since yesterday. Still receiving some heavy artillery fire estimated to be at least 150mm.

FOSTER
S2

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 735017
By R NARA Date 11/14/11

No 51

Blackfish IPW
8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report on 24-Hour Period Ending 072400 44.

TO : Blackstone 2.

1. PWs - four.
2. Documents evacuated to Blackstone 2 for interpretation as they came in.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

Authority NND/33
By R NARA Date 4/11/44

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 8 July 1944

To S-2 - C-2
C-2 commo advised left with

This AM at 1000 a messenger for Post aid sta. on his vehicle. He had a M 209 - possibility that he might also have had a slipoff - messenger + vehicle have not returned to this time.

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER C-2 BN - TIME SIGNED 2307

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SIGNATURE OF OFFICER Capt Lyons advised SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER also C-2

DECLASSIFIED Authority NND 735017 By NARA Date 4/14/41

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MAP: SCALE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERIMUR 3/16 NE, CARENTAN 3/16 SE.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADVANCE UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Morning clear with intermittent showers in afternoon.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

329th Inf: Attd 0645 and advanced to positions (Overlay).

330th Inf: Attd 0645 and secured and held objective.

331st Inf: (-1 Bn) Attd at 1700 to close gap between 329th Inf and 330th Inf and advanced to positions (Overlay)

b. Field Artillery

83d Div Arty: Supported Div in att.
Attd: 188 FA Gp.

c. Armored

746 Tank Bn: Co A and 1 plst Co B attd to 329th Inf.
Co B and 1 plst Co B attd to 330th Inf.

83d Cav Recon Tr: Protected right flank in vicinity 329th Inf.

d. Engineers

308th Engr Bn: Supported Div att.

e. Tank Destroyer

802 TD Bn (-Co A and Co C): Attd Div Arty.
Co A attd 329th Inf.
Co C attd 330th Inf.

f. Anti-Aircraft

453 AAA Bn (AV): Attd Div Arty.

g. Chemical Troops

Co A 87 Cal Bn attd 329th Inf.
Co C 87 Cal Bn attd 330th Inf.

6. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Dependant on expected replacements in men and material.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: Div attk reached positions (Overlay).

60 330 Inf

83d Inf Div
CARENTAN
8 July 1944

L-55

No 59

Ex 0

S3

CO, 329th Inf Regt
CO, 330th Inf Regt
CO, 331st Inf Regt

S-3 REPORTS

1. S-3 Situation Reports (Sitreps) will be made as outlined below.
 - a. S-3 Sitreps will be made four times daily. They will reach the AC of S, G-3, by 0600, 1200, 1800, and 2400 hours, and will give the situation as of 0500, 1100, 1700, and 2300 hours.
 - b. G-3 Sitreps will include the following, and be in the following form:
 - (1) Headquarters of issue.
 - (2) Date and hour of issue and time covered by report.
 - (3) Trace of front lines to show Bns.
 - (4) Location of command posts to include Bn.
 - (5) Information of situation of adjacent units and supporting troops.
 - (6) Operations for the period.
 - (7) Estimated casualty report (by Bns) for period of report.
 - (8) Signature.
 - c. Overlays accompanying Sitreps will be prepared from the map used in the FO.
 - d. When no change has occurred in the situation or information listed in sub-paragraph b (3), (4), (5), (6), since last report, these sub-paragraphs may be shown giving the paragraph number and the statement "No Change".
2. In addition to the S-3 Sitreps required in paragraph one, the following reports will be made each hour. This report will be made by the fastest means available.
 - a. Location of leading elements of front line Bns.
 - b. Situation confronting front line units.
3. The following actions will be reported immediately by the fastest means available and permitted at the time:
 - a. Crossing of IP.
 - b. Crossing of phase or control line.
 - c. New location of CPs.
 - d. Closing of unit in new area.
 - e. First contact with the enemy.
 - f. Crossing of LD.

- . g. Capture of an objective.
 - h. When objective has been secured.
4. All reports required above will be made to AC of S, G-3, at the WAR ROOM.
 5. Information in any report found later to be inaccurate will be corrected immediately.

MACON

Boyle
G-3.

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-2

DATE

8 June 1944

FILE NO:

60

TO: S-2, 330th

TIME:

2200

Ent Unit Jnl:

CMB.

MAPS:

(1) Civilians interrogated by our Intel advises that Clarentan-Sainteny highway in Sainteny are heavily mined. Square facing Church in Sainteny also mined. Sainteny off limits to civilians for 5 months.

(2) Blackboy (331NF) advises that an enemy tank broke through their dups this afternoon and it is presumed to still be in our rear area.

ACTION TAKEN

DISTRIBUTION:

O. O.

Ex O.

S-1

S-2

S-3

S-4

Comm O.

(SIGNATURE)

1 ea Bn
1 ea Co.

330

HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of AC of S, G-2
APO 83

7 July 1944

Extract from Directive of II Bn. 38 SS Pz Gr Regt. dated 1 July 1944.

Since the enemy up to now has in all cases attacked the foremost line with heavy arty barrage and air support, the foremost line of resistance shall from now on be protected as thinly as possible. Strong reserves should be provided so that a penetration of our lines can be neutralized by immediate counter-attack. By this method also shall losses through arty barrage and air bombardment be kept to a minimum.

A-T grenades and mines are to be used against the tanks which are followed by enemy infantry in the attack on our foremost line of resistance.

Deployment in depth is to be stressed and all approach routes to our positions carefully determined.

SS Sturnbannfuhrer
and Bn Comdr.

For the AC of S, G-2:

John C. Neff

JOHN C. NEFF,
Capt. Cavalry,
Asst AC of S, G-2.

DISTRIBUTION:

83D DIV ARTY 15
329th INF REGT 15
330th INF REGT 15
331st INF REGT 15

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
0920		21		Enemy force coming toward our rear flank. Tank sent to polish them off.
	0922	22		Capt Allen left Regtl OP for Serv Co
0920		23		Enemy shelling 100 yds in front of Regtl OP. 4 rounds.
0926		24		Enemy shelling 100 yds in front of Regtl OP. 6 rounds.
0930		25		Enemy shelling 150 to 200 yards in front of Regtl OP. 10 rounds.
0937		26		Receiving Arty fire about 150 mm in center of Regtl Zone
0945		27		TP between Gen Macon and Regtl OO re Arty was fired completely through (rolling barrage) on 8 July 44
0950		28		OO 3d Bn arrived at OP to confer with Ex O
0955		29		Lt St Onge arrived AT OP with information concerning enemy positions
1000		30		TP between Regtl S-3 and S-4 re situation
1006		31		Enemy shelling 200 to 250 yards in front of OP
1008		32		Regtl OO departed from OP to 1st Bn OP
1020		33		Div Surg arrived at OP and reported conditions of previous day and night (in general) to Ex O
	1030	34		made a few recommendations re First Aid
1035		35		Div Surg departed from OP
	1040	36		Capt Stiefel, 87th Ch Bn, arrived at OP to confer with Ex O re situation
1040		37		Capt Stiefel departed from OP
1045		38		TP between Ex O and Regtl OO re situation in 1st & 2d Bns and plans for next operation; also tank situation discussed.
		39		Information message from Pvt S Blanch to Regtl S-2 re treatment when captured by enemy, also story on Aid Sta capture, etc.
1100		40		Blackboy Blue reached their objection at 0950 (per TP with Staff O)
1115		41		Rec'd Regtl F. O. # 4, dt'd 80500 with overlays.
1125			80500	TP between Ex O and Regtl OO re situation and use of tanks in attack.

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

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IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1225		42		TP between Ex O and Regtl OO re status of situation with re to putting tanks into operation
1225		43		TP between Ex O and Asst Div Comdr re plan for operations on afternoon of 9 Jul 44
1230		44		Arty fire plan (overlay)
1350		45		OO to SX: OO Tank unit after recon work put a plan for a maneuver to launch attack against enemy tank. In conjunction with this rather involved Arty fire plan is being made which will require time. Operations should begin in about an hour.
1320		46		TP between Ex O and Gen Ferenbaugh re plan to have dive bomber sent to our location (OP to be marked) and using azimuth, locate enemy gun position
1325		47		Regtl OO returned to OP
1330		48		OO 323d FA
	1415	49		Regtl OO departed from OP enroute to 1st Bn OP
1420		50		Rec'd (Hq 83d) Adm O # 4, dtd 7 Jul 44
1433		51		Overlay (Map Sheet 31/16 N.E.)
1515		52		Rpt by TP Arty falling short on "O" Co area
1515		53		Regtl S-4 arrived at OP from Serv Co area
1530		54		OO Serv Co arrived at OP.
1540		55	1335	TP between OG and SX re Push the Attack w/o regard to lack of contact was the essence of the OG's order
1550		56		OO (330th) returned to OP, and immediately went into conference with Ex O, S-3, S-2, and S-4.
	1623	57		Gen Ferenbaugh arrived at OP to confer with OO & Staff re situation
		58		Gen Ferenbaugh, Regtl OO, and S-3 departed from OP enroute to 1st & 2d Bn OPs

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	TEXT
1700		59		TP between OG and SX re situation, and plan for moving 3d Bn forward.
1705		60		Ltr, Subj: "Expenditure of 4.2" Chemical Mortar Ammunition" from Hq 87th Ch Bn to OG (83d) (Journal file copy)
1720		61	1455	Lt Col Wilkinson directed by SX to move two pltns, each reinforced, by an additional bazooka squad to the 1st Bn OP to operate on each flank of the Regt in attack
1730		62		Regtl CO, Gen Ferenbaugh, and Regtl S-3 returned to Regtl OP after
1730		63	1730	SX called Capt McKenna, and bazooka teams have not moved up (Dictated by SX)
1740		64		TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and O of S re order for 12 bazookas and 96 batteries OKd by Gen Macom; (OO Serv Co ordered by Regtl S-4 to send truck to Div Arty and Ord Whse to pick up same)
1750		65		TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and 1st Bn S-3 re advise this Hq the minute you are ready, as we want to fire a 10-minute preparation
1750		66		3d Bn Platoons moved by Regtl OP at 1750
1755		67		Regtl S-4 left OP enroute to Serv Co
1842		68		Flash rec'd from Arty O re "Enemy tanks along highway 354777."
1847		69		Oo F departed across line of Departure.
1850		70		TP from SX to Div Hq re Attack has started; reporting a shell that fell close to OP.
1850		71		Gen Ferenbaugh returned to OP from 1st Bn OP.
1900		72		Received S2 Periodic Report
1905		73		1st Bn reported 150 yards in front of LD
1912		74		1st Bn reported one tank in front of them and one to their right flank.
1928		75		A Co pinned down by two tanks
1930		76		1st Bn reports tank on left boundary on My 4
		77		Received FO #1, 113th Cav Gp, Mecz, dtd 04 July 44

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1935		78		Our tanks reported passing 1st Bn CP	
1936		79		New bazookas and extra batteries arrived.	
1937		80		Location of front lines: 100 yds short of LD	
1938		81		Enemy dropped about 8 rounds near Regtl CP	
1940		82		A Co reports tank on left and O Co reports tank on right	
1943		83		A Co reports tank on left and one on right, O Co reports tank on right and pinned down by same. Tanks are on blacktop (Hq 4)	
1944		84		Arty LO reports that they believed they have located enemy battery.	
1954		85		Tank in front of O Co reported moving out.	
1956		86		Tank in front of A Co reported moving out slowly.	
2004		87		Arty now shooting Phase Line 1.	
2010		88		A Co pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Oo O trying to maneuver to knock out tank that is moving out.	
2015		89		Received Memo re Presence of Elements of SS Pz Div "DAS REICH"	
2016		90		Tanks reported at following coordinates: 363767, 376768 and 367768.	
2017		91		F Co about 50 yds from road and was pinned down by fire from A Co.	
2023		92		A Co reports being held up by tank. Bazooka team sent out but can't be found at present time.	
2025		93		Received MII Interrogation report dtd 8 July 44	
2027		94		Received G2 Periodic Report dtd 7 Jul 44, w/annexes	
2029		95		Seven tanks reported an just about every crossroad, all stationary.	
2030		96		2d Bn requests fire on Line 2b.	
2040		97		TP from G2 to Regtl S2 re enemy tanks.	
2040		98		Position of tank pinning down A Co Received 376776	
2042		99		Enemy arty falling near Regtl CP	
2053		100		Received S3 report dtd 9 Jul 44	
2103		101		Bazooka teams and tank are trying to knock out enemy tank in front of Co A	
2107		102		Location of two tanks, 37387681, This location not reported before.	

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
2110		103		<p>3d closed in w/2d Bn, someplaces in the same foxholes Gen Ferenbaugh left Regtl CP enroute to 1st Bn CP Received Road and Minefield Report from Office of Div Engr</p> <p>Received Fireplan for 3d Bn 38th PZ captured w/ger Q Crippled two tanks and had them covered down w/fire while bazooka team is trying to knock them out. Other tank trying to get the two out. 1st Bn reported arty fire falling in close front of them from left rear.</p> <p>Gen Ferenbaugh returned to Regtl CP w/following orders: Gave instructions to 1st and 2d Bns to withdraw to positions occupied before attack, by small groups, bringing back wounded to positions. 3d Bn, I and K Co, will hold positions while 1st and 2d Bns move out. L and M Co will move out at once. Tanks ordered out for service and maintenance. Bns will notify Regt when completely out".</p> <p>Lt Noe left Regtl CP for Div CP to pick up 634th TD Bn representative.</p> <p>Defensive fires same for tonight. Maj Breen left Regtl CP for 3d Bn CP Maj Myerson left Regtl CP for 1st and 2d Bn CPs with additional Aid Men</p> <p>Regtl Exo left Regtl CP to go to 1st and 2d Bn CPs Maj Myerson ret'd to Regtl CP</p> <p>Arty fire very effective, keep it up intermittently. Lt Noe ret'd w/Capt Henderson, 634th TD Bn, Co A. Ret from A Co, "Have not withdrawn yet".</p> <p>Regtl S3 left Regtl CP with Lt Hogan, Co A, 87th Oml Bn. Received ltr, Hq, ETO, subj: Policy Relative to Disclosure of Information on Captured Enemy Comm and Electronics, dtd 24 June 1944</p> <p>Regtl S3 ret'd to Regtl CP Received G2 Periodic Report dtd 8 Jul 44 S1 Report to Div</p>
2125		104		
2140		105		
2155		106		
2205		107		
2212		108		
2230		109		
2250		110		
2255		111		
2230		112		
2300		113		
2305		114		
2315		115		
2325		116		
2335		117		
2335		118		
2335		119		
2340		120		
2343		121		
2400		122		
		123		
		124		

SECRET

No 100
9 Jul 44

Hq 330th Inf
HOTOT
1700 July 9

3. No change as of 1700.
4. No change.
5. 3rd Bn 331 reported on their objective at 0950. S-3 331 called to find our location in order to make contact. Due to proposed movement unable to inform him of our exact location.
6. An attack scheduled for 0900 started off when the scouts moved out at 0830 to get to the L.D. Attack never reached the L.D. due to enemy tanks located in front of the center of the 2 Bns. Tanks stopped our attack during morning. At 1345 a plan to reduce the tanks holding up the attack was put into action but the Artillery concentrations fell 300-400 yards short, and the accompanying friendly tanks ran into fire and the attack failed.
At 1700 the front line Bns were occupying defensive positions and had not been able to advance.
7. No casualties 3rd Bn.
Very few 1st and 2nd Bns.
Almost negligible.

F. B. Cook
F. B. COOK
Major, S-3.

SECRET

ORAL MESSAGE

FILE NO: 56

FROM: C O DATE: 9 July

Ent Unit Jnl: _____

TO: S-X, S-3, S-2, S-4 TIME: 1540.

MAPS: _____

C.O. STATED HE HAD BEEN RELIEVED BY DIV COMDR, THAT HE HAD BEEN UP TRYING TO GET ATK STARTED AND COORDINATE OUR SUPPTG TANKS AND TD'S - THAT THIS WAS WHAT HAD SLOWED UP ATK AFTER ENEMY TANKS HAD APPEARED IN PATH OF ASSAULT BNS -

ACTION TAKEN

DISTRIBUTION:

ASST DIV COMDR ARRIVED AT CP FOR REPORT ON SITUATION AND WHAT HAD STOPPED ATK - OUTLINE OF SITUATION GIVEN BY S-X AND LATENESS OF ARRIVAL OF SUPPORTING TANKS EXPLAINED - ASST DIV COMDR DIRECTED C.O. TO GO TO BED AND GET SOME REST AND HE WOULD TAKE OVER COMD TEMPORARILY —

- C.O.
- Ex O.
- S-1
- S-2
- S-3
- S-4

Comm. O.

File 560

(SIGNATURE) _____

1210

" Patrol 1st. Bn. 20 EM (Sgt. in Command) left our line and moving to line shown on overlay. Will move to right of line and observe to right of line and report back by radio every 15 minutes -

Hubans
S-2, 1st. Bn -

above message received by phon by
major Foster, Regt. S-2 - 1210

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Authority NND 735017
By R NARA Date 4/14/41

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM:

DATE

9 July 44

FILE NO:

68

TO:

TIME:

1735

Bat Unit Jnl:

213

MAPS:

Enemy tanks along
highway. 334 777.

Flash rec'd
from arty 0

ГОСУД ДЕПАРТАМЕНТ

СОВЕТСКОЕ ВОЕННОЕ ПОСОЛСТВО
МВР ДЕПАРТАМЕНТ

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- S-1
- S-2
- S-3
- S-4
- Comm O.

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MAP: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERIERS 31,16NE, CARENTAN 31/16 SE.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and good.
5. OUR OPERATION FOR THE PERIOD:
 - a. Infantry

329th Inf: Moved north to clear bomb line and placed in Div Res. In afternoon, 3d Bn moved south in position to support atk.
330th Inf: Held off repeated counterattacks.
331st Inf: Repelled counterattacks and atk to position on objective.
(Overlay)
 - b. Field Artillery

83d Div Arty: Supported Div. Marked air concentrations with red smoke.
Atchd: 183 FA Bn.
 - c. Armored

746 Tk Bn (-) in Div Res.
Co B / 1 Plat Co C / 1 Plat Co D atchd to 331st Inf
Co C (-) atchd to 330th Inf
Co A and Hq Co Mortar Plat atchd to 329th Inf.
 - d. Cavalry

83d Cav Rcn Tr: Covered right flank 329th Inf and then moved to assembly area. 2nd Plat during afternoon assisted 330th Inf.
 - e. Engineers

308th Engr Bn: Supported Div
 - f. Tank Destroyer

802 TD Bn (-) atchd to Div Arty
Co B atchd to 331st Inf
Co C atchd to 330th Inf
 - g. Anti-aircraft

453 AAA Bn (AW): Atchd Div Arty
 - h. Chemical Troops

Co C 87 Cml Bn atchd to 331st Inf
Co A 87 Cml Bn atchd to 329th Inf
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Received about 1580 replacements to bring units to even strength.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 331st Inf atked and seized objective.
330th Inf repelled repeated counterattacks.

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By NARA Date 4/14/41

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 9 JULY 44

To CO No 4

DUE TO BOMB MISSIONS ON THIS PENINSULA NO TROOPS PERMITTED EAST OF ROAD LA SEMELLERIE LE PORTE PRIOR TO 1200 9 JULY UNTIL CLEARANCE IS OBTAINED FROM THIS HQ'S

LT COL HERRING 0215

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 9 JULY

To No 5

SEND LIASON O TO THIS HQ'S IMMEDIATELY TO RECEIVE FIELD ORDERS.

COL HERRING 0250

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HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS
APO 307 U. S. Army

80 330th
: S E C R E T :
:Auth: CG VII C :
:Init: CE :
:Date: 30 Jun 44:

30 June 1944

No 10
9 July 44
Ex O

SUBJECT: Firing at Friendly Aircraft.

TO : Commanding Officers, All Units, VII Corps.

1. Instances have occurred during the present campaign in which friendly planes have strafed and bombed our troops and in which our ground troops have fired on friendly planes. As a result, unnecessary losses both by the aircraft and the ground troops have been sustained.

2. It is believed that the firing at friendly planes who are bombing or strafing our troops is largely caused by rumors that Germans are flying some of our planes which they have captured or repaired. There is no concrete evidence to show that the Germans have ever appeared in our sector flying American or British made planes.

3. Even though planes are committing hostile acts, antiaircraft units of this command will not continue to fire after aircraft are clearly recognized as friendly. Instead, an effort will be made to secure the type and serial number of the plane so that corrective action can be taken by the Air Force.

4. All possible steps are being taken by the commanders concerned in the Air Force to eliminate mistakes on the part of their pilots.

5. We must not allow any feeling of hostility or resentment to arise between the personnel of the ground forces and the Air Force. I feel that the corrective action as taken by the Air Force commanders will reduce these incidents to a minimum.

J. Lawton Collins
J. LAWTON COLLINS
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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S E C R E T

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: Pvt Stanley Blanch DATE 9 July 44

FILE NO: 38

TO: Regtl S-2 TIME: 1800, 8 July 44

Ent Unit Jnl: 213

MAPS: _____

The following information from Pvt Stanley S. Blanch, 33794939. At approx 1800, 8 July 44, a German patrol entered our Aid Station (1st & 2d Bns) and took prisoner approx 50 of our men (incl Aid Men) and two Med Os. Two of our Jeeps also taken, but Jeep with medical supplies left for our use. Two of our Med Os and 5 Aid Men were left behind to take care of our wounded. We were not mistreated in any way by the Germans I saw only six Germans in the Patrol. We spent the night in the vicinity of where our men were captured, and joined "L" Co (330th) this morning.

ACTION TAKEN

DISTRIBUTION:

- C. O.
- Ex C.
- S-1
- S-2 BT
- S-3 —
- S-4
- Comm O.

(SIGNATURE)

F.O. # 4

Maps: Sheet No. 31/185, E CARENTAN AND sheet No. 34/185, W ISICHY.

1. A. No change
- b. The 83 Div. attacks -- 331 Inf on our right, 323 F.A. Bn. in direct support of the 330 Inf., 324 F. A. Bn. reinforces the fires of the 323 rd. Artillery plan-- See overlay.

2. The 330 Inf.

Attached- C Co. 746 Tnk. Bn.
T. D. Co.
Co. B. 308 Eng.
1 AAA Btry. (-1 plat.)

attacks at 0900 and captures its portion of the Div. objective. Upon arrival upon the objective it will assume a defensive formation and will develop the situation by rapid recon. 1 st. Bn. on the right; 2nd Bn. on the left.

L. D. ----- overlay
Boundaries ----- overlay
M. L. R. ----- overlay
Formation ---- Column of companies
Frontage ---- As dictated by the terrain
Time ----- 0900

3. a. The 1st. Bn. will attack within its zone being prepared to fend a gainst pressure from the right. A rolling barrage will precede the foot troops. The barrages will extend across the whole line and will move forward 100 yds. every 4 minutes. Bn. C.O. will coordinate calls for barrage fires with 2nd. Bn. C.O.
- b. 2nd. Bn. --Same except it will fend against pressure from the left.
- c. 3rd. Bn., Regt. Reserve, --- Will move at 0700 from its present location to the initial assembly area (overlay) to arrive there by 0900 and ready to move on regimental order.
- d. Co. C 746 Tnk Bn. ---- Will support the attack by assisting in overcoming any strong resistance and will be prepared for employment to resist counter attack.
- e. Co B. 308 Eng. will support the attack by furnishing demolition parties to facilitate the advance of the tanks. It will also remove mines and road blocks.
- f. T.D. Co. will support the attack by furnishing protection against mechanized attack on flanks or rear.
- g. AAA Bty. (-1 plat.) will support the attack by protecting flanks and front of regiment against mechanized attack.
- h. CN. Co. will support the attack from its present location.
- i. AT. Co. will give close support to assault Bns. against mech. attack from the front and flanks.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. Current index to SOI in effect.
Bns. select and report CPs.
Regimental CP Hotot.

Mc Lendon
Colonel

Cook
Major S-3.

Journal Entry #40
9 July 44

Push forward, ^{continually.} keeping AT. protec of us.
Keep units under control. w/ arty fire
Around us. Can have all arty we want
be on objective as early as possible
this afternoon

TP for Asst Dir bonds
to Ex O

1225, 9 July 44

(Journal Entry # 131)

324 WILL FIRE IN
2ND BN SECTOR

323 WILL FIRE IN
1ST BN SECTOR

PREPARATION

- H-15
- H-12
- H-7
- H-3
- H-1



2 BTRY VOLLEYSON CONCENTRATIONS

- 67A
- 66A
- 65A
- 92
- 94
- 64A

323

324

H down no 0900

other concentrations are on call

All concentrations are on call

Walking Barrage is on call except in failure of communication the

1st line of each barrage will be fired at H+10

Barrage will be fired 2 volleys on each line by 323 and 324

Lines will be fired from minutes apart.

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 Authority **NND 35017**
 By **R** NARA Date **11/17/77**

Journal
9 July 44

Hq 83d Inf Div
APO 83
7 July 1944

Adm O #4.

Maps: FRANCE - 1:25,000.

SECRET
Auth C. G. 83d Inf. Div.
70c
9 July, 1944

1. SUPPLY

a. Rations

- (1) Supply Pt: CM bivouac (378838), open at 1300 daily.
- (2) A 2-day reserve only of rations, (C, D, or K) is atzd.
- (3) Hospital Rations: Clr Co may draw up to 200 hospital rations daily.
- (4) Gratuitous issue of PX items will be made weekly.

b. Water Pts:

- (1) Vicinity CANTEPIRE (357842).
- (2) CARENTAN.

c. Cl II & IV

- (1) All supplies will be requisitioned thru the several Div Sup O's.
- (2) Chemical Warfare Service

(a) Direct exchange of damaged or unserviceable CWS equipment or parts will be used to maximum extent.

(3) Engineer

(a) Engineer Cl II will be issued by Div Engr upon receipt of informal requisition.

(b) Engineer Cl IV may be drawn direct from Army Engr Sup Dump No 1 (412941) upon informal requisition signed by an officer; or from Div Engr Advance Engr Dump (388827).

(c) Engineer spare parts issued by Div Engr upon exchange of worn or damaged parts.

(d) Maps: Atzd alws will be drawn from Div Engr.

(4) Medical

(a) Supply by informal requisitions direct to Div Med Sup O at Clr Sta.

(5) Ordnance

(a) Direct exchange without requisition will be utilized to the greatest extent practicable.

(b) Replacement of shortages of items listed on Ordnance Materiel Status Report, as modified by Daily Report of Losses, will be automatic and no requisition is necessary.

Adm O #4 (Cont'd).

(6) Quartermaster

- (a) Replacements will be issued only for items listed as lost in S-4 Periodic Reports.
- (b) Officers Sales Store at Depot in vicinity FORMIGNY (626871) for purchases of government issue under and outer clothing.

(7) Signal

- (a) Units will submit requisition to Div Sig Sup O.
- (b) Basis for requisitions will be shown, e g, "Lost in Combat".
- (c) Damaged or worn out equipment will be turned in to Div Sig Sup Office.

d. Cl III

- (1) Supply Pt: 83d QM Co bivouac (378838), open now. (24 hrs a day).
- (2) Issues will be made to replace quantities expended.
- (3) Cans in excess of T/E are not atzd, and will be turned in to Supply Pt.
- (4) Flame thrower fuel available at Cl III Sup Pt upon authorization by CWS Sup O.

e. Cl V

- (1) Div units will draw from Depot #101 (398962), and ASP #1901 (523801), as required, until establishment of ASP #703.
- (2) All units will maintain their basic load of ammunition, as prescribed in Cir #8, FUSA, 9 Jan 1944, and current changes thereto. Ammunition in excess of the prescribed basic load will be stocked by units only with approval of this headquarters, except as noted in sub-paragraph (3) below. If such an approved stock is established, the unit commander concerned will be responsible for its protection and evacuation.
- (3) Field Artillery units are permitted to place in battery position, ammunition required to meet planned fires. (Planned fires are interpreted to mean a specified number of rounds to be fired at a specific time on a pre-arranged target).
- (4) Units will draw Cl V supplies from ASP's upon presentation of transportation orders signed by the Division Ammunition Officer, except as noted in sub-paragraph (a) below, bearing substantially the following certificate:
- (a) "I certify the items listed hereon are (1) "Required to refill this unit to its proper basic load, replacing ammunition expended in combat", or "Being drawn to meet expenditures in planned future fires". (Strike out one not applicable). Ammunition will not be issued without a properly signed transportation order, except in emergency.

(5) All finished types of CWS ammunition (with exception of flame thrower fuel) will be available at Ord ASP's.

(6) Toxic chemicals will not be received, stored or expended by any unit without specific authority originating with Supreme Headquarters, AEF.

2. EVACUATION

a. Casualties

(1) Clearing Station: (382875).

(2) Personal belongings of evacuated casualties will be stored at First Army QM Warehouse at ISIGNY (vicinity railroad station).

(3) Army medical supplies will be used for civilian aid only in the emergency of combat.

b. Burial

(1) Collecting Pt: (385841).

(2) Evacuation by unit to Burial Coll Pt.

(3) Evacuation by Div from Burial Coll Pt to Cemetery.

(4) In some cases American and enemy dead are received at the established cemeteries without their personal possessions (watches, money, etc) either in their clothing or in accompanying personal effects bags. All commanders again will instruct their troops that personal belongings will not be taken from either American or German dead. In cases of violation of these instructions, prompt and drastic disciplinary action will be taken.

(5) Unit commanders will promptly collect and evacuate both Allied and enemy dead to burial collecting point.

c. Salvage

(1) Abandoned American ammunition in original containers or any original sub-container (as fiber containers which come in boxes) will be turned in to the nearest ASP or ammunition depot by the unit discovering it or, if the quantity is too great to be moved by the unit, the type, approximate quantity, map coordinates, and distances and azimuths from a prominent terrain feature will be reported to the Division Ordnance Officer.

(2) Salvageable inert ammunition components will be turned in to the nearest CLV Supply Point, after careful examination to assure freedom from explosives. The following components are designated as salvageable:

Bandoliers; clips, metallic links, cartons, boxes and their tin lining, fiber containers, cloverleaf packs, and fired cartridge cases.

(3) Captured and Confiscated Ammunition

(a) Serviceable captured ammunition in original containers (except mines and grenades) will be evacuated to the nearest ASP or CLV depot. Where quantities are considered excessive

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Adm O #4 (Cont'd)

Par c(3)(a) cont'd: for movement, ammunition will be kept under guard and reported with exact location to the Ordnance Officer of the next higher headquarters for disposition. Unserviceable and loose captured ammunition and explosives will be destroyed where found. The appropriate Ordnance Officers (with Engr and CWS assistance where necessary) will furnish personnel for such destruction, when requested. Personnel not especially trained will, under no circumstances, move or disturb loose, scattered, fired, or destroyed enemy munitions. Under no circumstances will enemy grenades in any condition be moved. Enemy mines, whether loose or in original containers, will not be evacuated to ASP's or depots, but will be disposed of or destroyed as directed by the appropriate Engineer Officer.

(b) Enemy ammunition in original containers, returned to ASP's as provided in par (3)(a) above, will be stored separately and at a substantial safety distance from US ammunition and, under no circumstances, will be intermingled in any way with US ammunition.

(4) Ordnance Materiel

(a) Unserviceable subassemblies of Ordnance materiel will be delivered to the 783d Ord Co (354841).

(b) Equipment and supplies turned in for repair or salvage will be complete.

(5) Engineer

(a) To Engr Supply Point.

(6) Medical

(a) To Medical Supply Point.

(7) Signal

(a) To Signal Supply Point.

(8) All other items: To Quartermaster Supply Point.

d. Captured Materiel

(1) FUSA Cir #85, 24 Jun 1944, governs the disposition and use of captured materiel and supplies.

(2) All commanders will take prescribed action to insure that captured materiel and supplies are not retained by individual members of units, stolen, or rendered unserviceable by US Forces or civilians. Particular attention must be paid to Ordnance sighting and fire control equipment.

(3) Captured materiel believed to have intelligence value will be reported through G-2 channels.

e. Prisoners of War

(1) Div Coll Pt: (411922).

f. Vehicles and Weapons

- (1) Recovery and evacuation of all Ordnance Materiel will follow maintenance channels.
- (2) Ordnance equipment will not be abandoned, even though temporarily unserviceable. All commanders are charged with the prompt recovery and evacuation of all ordnance materiel repairable or unrepairable. The assistance of Ordnance is available in discharging this responsibility.
- (3) The removal of any part or accessory from any ordnance items for repair of another item (commonly termed "cannibalization") is strictly prohibited, except by Ordnance personnel under supervision of an officer.

3. TRAFFIC

a. Circulation: See overlay.b. Control

- (1) Traffic entering or originating in Division Area: Convoys of ten (10) or more vehicles entering or moving within Division Area will be cleared by Division Traffic Control Section (BLACKSTONE 44) as far in advance of the movement as practicable. Requests for clearance will contain the following information:
 - (a) Designation of unit to move.
 - (b) Total number of vehicles.
 - (c) Number of serials and march units.
 - (d) Rate of march.
 - (e) Present location of unit.
 - (f) Destination.
 - (g) Desired time and date of movement.
 - (h) Desired route.
 - (i) Weight of heaviest vehicle in convoy.

c. Restrictions(1) Military

- (a) Cat eye lights will be used in rear of Division Rear Boundaries.
- (b) Service tail and service stop lights will remain disconnected.
- (c) Reckless driving and violations of prescribed speed limits are increasing. Commanders of all echelons will take prompt action to enforce the following speed limits which are prescribed in First Army SOP:

(1) Daylight:

The leading vehicle of a convoy will not exceed 25 MPH on open highways, and 15 MPH through towns and cities.

(2) Cat eye lights:

The leading vehicle of a convoy will not exceed 15 MPH on open highways, and 10 MPH through towns and cities.

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Par c(1)(c)(2) cont'd:

Single vehicles will not exceed 20 MPH on open highways, and 10 MPH through towns and cities.

- (d) Distances to be maintained: Vehicles, whether proceeding singly or in convoy, will maintain a minimum of 75 yards distance during daylight hours, unless otherwise directed, except during the process of passing. Such intervals will be maintained at all halts.

4. SERVICE TROOPS AND TRAINS

a. Locations

(1) 308th Engr Bn: (388827).

(2) 783d Ord Co: (354841).

(3) 83d QM Co: (378838).

(4) 83d Sig Co: (379844).

- b. Requests for motor transportation will be made to Division Transportation Officer (BLACKSTONE 21).

5. PERSONNEL

a. Discipline

- (1) All towns, villages, and hamlets within the Army Area are OFF LIMITS to all personnel not on official business or bivouaced therein.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Rear Boundaries

- (1) Division: To be announced.

b. Rr Ech: (381842).c. Reports

- (1) Monthly Materiel Status Reports: Will be submitted as directed in FUSA letter dated 24 Mar 1944, file 475/6 (D), Secret, subject: "Monthly Materiel Status Reports (Revised Instructions)", w/changes No 1 and No 2, dated 11 and 28 Apr 1944, respectively. Report will be classified as SECRET.

(a) Report will cover Ord, Engr, Sig, Med, and Cml Warfare items. Units having Air Force equipment will include a report covering such equipment.

(b) Report will be as of the 20th of each month.

(c) Reports will be forwarded to G-4 Section by Supply Sections not later than 1700 hours on 22nd day of the month.

(2) Ordnance Reports

- (a) Ordnance Materiel Status Report will be submitted as of 1800 the 5th and 20th of each month, this report to reach the Div OO by 1200 the 6th and 21st. Report will be classified as SECRET.

Par 6c(2) Ordnance Reports (cont'd):

(b) Ordnance Daily Loss and Gain Report: A daily loss and gain report as of 1800 (telephone or written) of all major ordnance items lost in combat or from other causes during the preceeding 24 hours, and major items received during the preceeding 24 hours will be made by all units to arrive in Div Ord Office by 2400 hrs same day. Negative report is not required.

Report will include the following information:

- (1) Lost due to enemy action.
- (2) Lost due to other causes.
- (3) Evacuated but not replaced.
- (4) Received.

(c) Daily Ammunition Expenditure Report: Will be submitted as of 0600, and will reach the DAO by 0800 the same day. Units will show expenditures since previous report, quantities on hand for all weapons of 75mm and larger (except 81mm mortars), and number of rounds on hand in excess of authorized basic load for all weapons of 75mm and larger (except 81mm mortars).

(d) Report of Unit Dumps: Units having an authorization from FUSA to maintain a stock of ammunition above their basic load will report to the Ordnance Officer, VII Corps, the location of any dump within 24 hours of their establishment. This report will be classified SECRET. They will also submit a daily status of stock report on such dumps until they are exhausted, and this report will be submitted with the daily expenditure report.

(e) Weekly Consolidated Artillery Ammunition Expenditure Reports: Weekly consolidated artillery ammunition expenditure reports will be submitted to cover the 7-day period ending 0600 on Sundays. See Inclosure 4, Sec VI, FA & TD SOP, FUSA, for details.

(3) S-4 Periodic Reports

(a) S-4 Periodic Reports will be submitted in original only, to reach G-4 Section by 0600 daily. See Incl #2.

d. Disposal of Unexploded Bombs and Duds

(1) Disposal of UKB and "Duds" (except land and AP mines) is a responsibility of Ordnance. Bomb Disposal Units will be employed for the purpose, the cooperation and assistance of Engineers being requested by appropriate Ordnance Officers, when necessary. BD squads will normally be attached to Corps as required.

(2) Units will report unexploded serial bombs, wherever found, by the fastest possible means to the Ordnance Officer of the next higher echelon. Report will specify exact location in terms of a definite distance on a given azimuth bearing from an easily recognizable terrain feature, and will indicate whether the presence of the UXB is hampering operations or endangering important facilities. Within the Army area reports will be sent direct to the Army Bomb Disposal Officer. Units are responsible for marking location and establishing suitable safety precautions.

Adm O #4 (Cont'd)

Par 6d Cont'd:

- (3) "Duds" and unserviceable US ammunition (except as follows) will be destroyed where found. US artillery ammunition unserviceable only by reason of dented cartridge cases, will be evacuated to nearest Cl V Supply Point.

e. Gas Alerts

- (1) Unit commanders will take necessary steps to assure that false gas alerts are not caused by smoke, phosphorous, overheated prestone, planes jettisoning fuel tanks, or similar incidents.

f. Fire Prevention and Firefighting

- (1) Organizations will inaugurate measures designed to utilize all available means for preventing and combatting fire.

g. Light Restrictions - General

- (1) Traffic signs will be illuminated by shielded indirect lights.
- (2) All lights operating from a central power source will be capable of being extinguished by a single control switch.
- (3) Individual lights, such as flashlights, will conform to restrictions on unshielded lights. Lights, other than AA searchlights performing tactical missions, will not be directed upwards at any time.

h. Supply Discipline

- (1) Supply discipline is a command function.
- (2) Full precaution must be taken to insure that clothing, equipment, and supplies are not discarded or wasted. Tonnage limitations prohibit re-equipment.
- (3) See booklet, "Supply Discipline", published by Hq First U S Army.

i. Finance

- (1) French currency only will be used on the Continent. All personnel will be prohibited from accepting British or American Currency.
- (2) Individuals are prohibited from making local purchases for individual use, including purchase of food in restaurants.

j. Vehicle Markings

- (1) Illegible vehicle markings will be repainted. Requisition on Army Engineer submitted to Dump No 1 (412941).
- (2) Basis: One quart per forty (40) vehicles requiring repainting. Requisitions will state number of vehicles that require repainting of vehicle markings.

k. Mail

- (1) Letters and other matter mailed first-class to civilians in UK may be sent free up to two (2) ounces in weight.
- (2) Parcel Post and other matter, 14¢ per pound.

Adm O #4 (Cont'd)

Par 6 cont'd:

- 1. Other details: No change.

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OFFICIAL:

Hughes
G-4

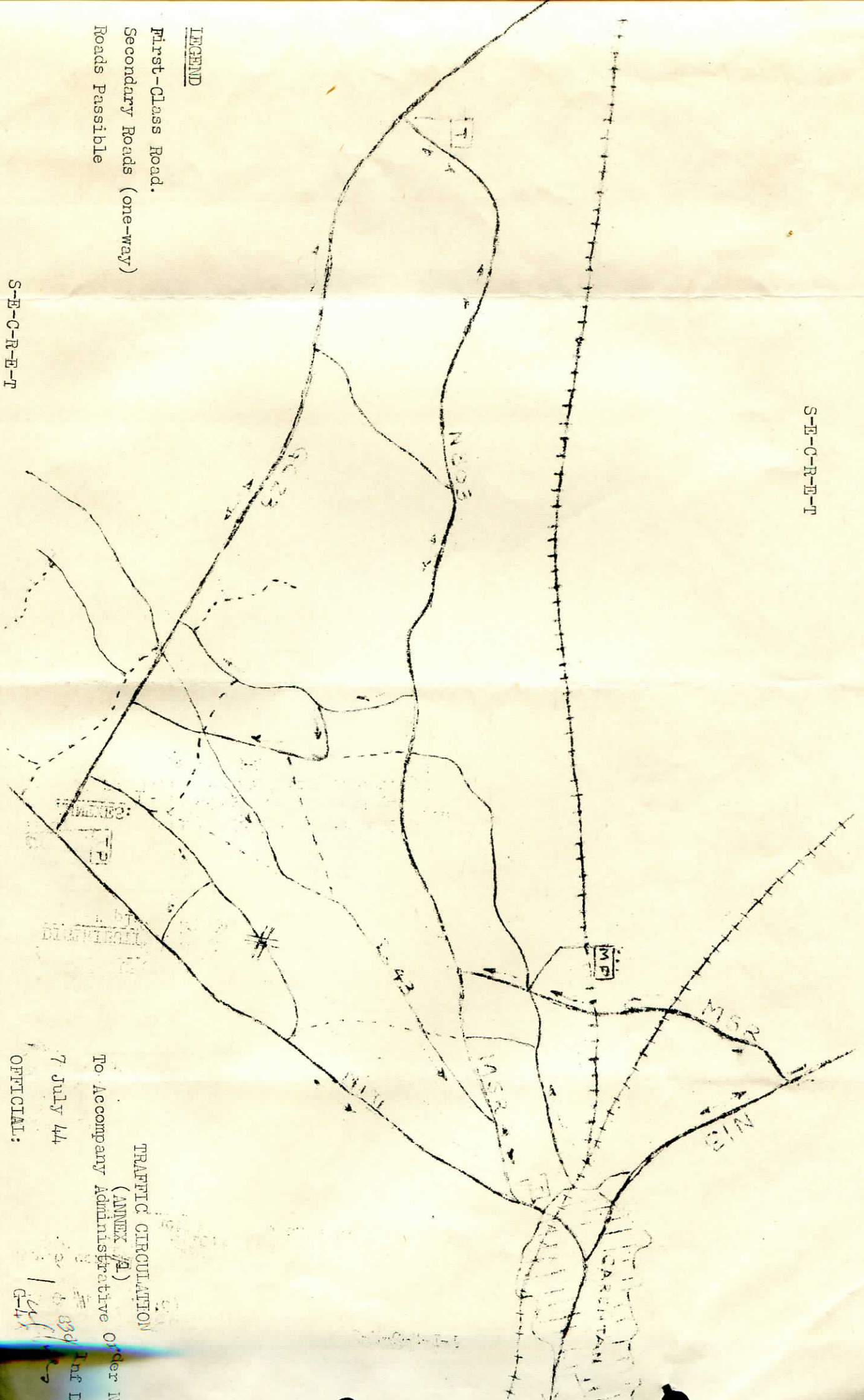
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"AA" plus Div Surg
CO, Hq Co

ANNEXES:

- 1 - Overlay, Traffic Circulation,
to accompany Adm O #4.
- 2 - Form, S-4 Periodic Report.

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LEGEND
 First-Class Road.
 Secondary Roads (one-way)
 Roads Possible

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TRAFFIC CIRCULATION
 (ANNEX A)
 To accompany Administrative Order No. 1
 7 JULY 44
 OFFICIAL:

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION
 (ANNEX A)
 To accompany Administrative Order No. 1
 7 JULY 44
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HEADQUARTERS 87TH CHEMICAL BATTALION, MTZ
APO 230, U.S. Army

JHB/fal

9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Expenditure of 4.2" Chemical Mortar Ammunition.

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters 83rd Infantry Division, APO 83,
U.S. Army.

1. The following message received from FUSA is submitted for your information;

EXPENDITURE OF FOUR POINT TWO INCH CHEMICAL MORTARS IS RESTRICTED TO ONE THIRD UNIT OF FIRE PER DAY, CUMULATIVE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. UNIT OF FIRE IS SIXTY ROUNDS PER GUN.

2. Companies C and A of the 87th Cml Bn, Mtz are now operating with your Division.

J. H. BATTE
Lt Col, CWS
Commanding.

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DATE 03/05/07
BY SP-6 KARA DTC/H/11/11

No 72

S E C R E T

S-2 Periodic Report

From: 0001 8 July 44
To : 2400 8 July 44

HQ 330TH INF

Time of Issue: 2400, 8 July 44

No 6

MAPS: 1:25,000, GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Enemy front lines were not definitely located at end of period.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Enemy continues on the defensive. However, he used the Infantry tank team very extensively during the period. These patrols were reported as consisting of one or two tanks, and 15 to 25 Infantrymen. No great damage was reported, but these patrols captured several of our men and vehicles. Several vehicles were destroyed in our rear area, due to action of tanks infiltrating through our lines.

(b) In once case a patrol captured the personnel (except 2 Medical officers and 5 Aid Men left to attend seriously wounded,) of one of our Aid Stations, and all patients able to be moved without transportation.

(c) Two jeeps were also taken from the aid station, but our aid men were permitted to keep their jeep located with medical supplies.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

One of our radio operators reported hearing the enemy operating a radio on 3810 KC frequency.

Enemy continues heavy and accurate Mortar and Arty fire.
Estimated that we destroyed five enemy tanks.

FOSTER

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Authority: APOD 735017
By: [Signature] Date: 4/11/11

9 July 44

Blackstone

113th Cav Gp, Mecz
535809
041200B July 44

FO #1

Maps: France, Sheets 6E5, 6E6, Scale 1/50,000.

W. Reeder 329th
L-55

1. INFORMATION:

- a. German forces in Gp zone, probably containing elements of 17 Pz Gren Div and 275 Inf Div, are organized into Combat or Battle Gps, and dug in on high ground on 30 Inf Div front. Enemy in CRAIGNES area estimated to be of regimental strength. (See XIX Corps Int Annex to FO #4 and overlay).
- b. XEY Corps attacks to S on orders CC, FUSA, to secure Corps Obj on high ground. ST. GILLES - ST. LO - ST. ANDRE DE L'EPINE. 30th Inf Div on right (W) (with 120th RCT on right) and 29th Inf Div on left (E). VII Corps, with 83d Inf Div on left (E), is now attacking on our right (W).

2. MISSION:

113th Cav Gp will:

- a. Advance from assembly area to as to cross VIRE ET TAUTE Canal in rear of 120th RCT, and move to right flank of 30th Inf Div.
- b. Destroy or capture enemy in vicinity of CRAIGNES to the Canal.
- c. Operate toward the S in assigned zone, maintaining contact with 30th Inf Div on left and establishing and maintaining contact with VII Corps (83d Div) on right.

TROOPS

113th Cav Rcn Sq

Atchd:

1st Plat Co "A" 234 Eng Bn

125th Cav Rcn Sq (less Tr B)

Atchd:

2d Plat Co "A" 234 Eng Bn

3. TACTICAL MISSIONS FOR SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 113th Cav Rcn Sq:

- (1) Follow combat elements of 120th RCT across VIRE ET TAUTE Canal.
- (2) Advance rapidly SW, W and NW, successively seizing high ground COUCHERIE -- LE MESNIL VENERON and CRAIGNES -- HAUT VERNEX -- LE MESNIL ANGOT, and capturing or destroying enemy between CRAIGNES and VIRE ET TAUTE Canal.
- (3) Be prepared, upon completion of above missions and on Gp order, to advance south in Gp reserve.

b. 125th Cav Rcn Sq:

- (1) Follow Gp Hq across VIRE and TAUTE Canal and then SW and W, in Gp res.
- (2) On Gp order, advance rapidly S, operating aggressively in Gp zone and furthering advance of 120th RCT.
- (3) Make and maintain liaison with right Bn of 120th RCT, including physical contact at points marked "Y" on Opn overlay.
- (4) Make physical contact with left Bn of left RCT of 83d Div at points marked X on Opn overlay.

X. This order will not be carried below Sq Hq.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Adm O No. 3, Incl chgs 1, 2, and 3, XIX Corps.
- b. Rr Echelons initially in present bivouacs.
- c. S-4 reports as per SOP; first report as of 042400B July 44.
- d. 3 days rations will be carried.

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5. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Current SOI

- (1) (a) Radio silence until Gp operation is launched.
- (b) Listening watch commencing upon arrival in Assembly Area.
- (2) Slidex Card AA-1 between Gp and Sqs.
- (3) M-209 Converters as per current settings.

b. (1) Initial CP's: Opn Overlay.

- (2) Gp Hq follows 113th Sq across VIRE ET TAUTE Canal.

c. Axis of signal communications: Opn Overlay.

d. Ln Os:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Gp	Corps (Capt Joseph)	1/2 ton truck
Gp	83d Inf Div (Lt Keyes)	C&R w/506 & 542 SCR
Gp	120th RCT (Capt Renzolds)	C&R w/506 510 SCR
Gp	30th Inf Div	Officer w/1/2 ton, provided by 125th Sq
113th Sq	2d Bn, 120th Inf	

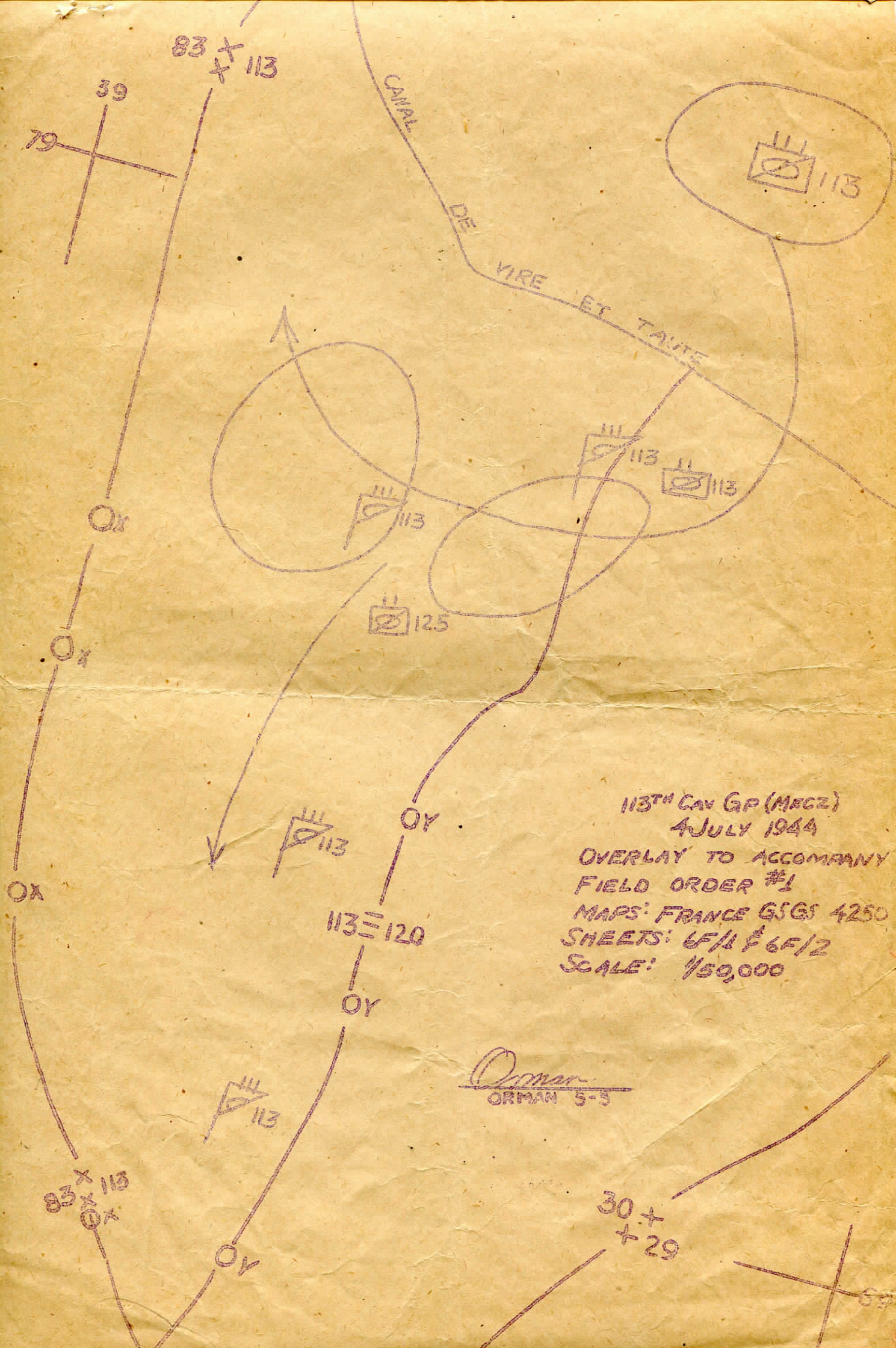
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DISTRIBUTION:

XIX Corps	- 3
Each Sq	- 10
Gp Hq Tr	- 2
30th Inf Div	- 2
83d Inf Div	- 2
Ops Sect	- 4
Ln O's	- 3
File	- 1

OFFICE OF THE
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113TH CAV GP (MECZ)
 4 JULY 1944
 OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY
 FIELD ORDER #1
 MAPS: FRANCE GSGS 4250
 SHEETS: 6F/1 & 6F/2
 SCALE: 1/50,000

Orman
 ORMAN 5-5

SECRET

CO 330

INF REGT

HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the AC of S G-2

8 July 1944

Memo Regarding Presence of
Elements of SS Pz Div "DAS REICH" in our Sector

BIT
No 89
9 July 44

Documents and maps found on a dead German officer belonging to 7th Co., SS Pz Regt "DAS REICH" (2 SS Pz Div "DAS REICH"), indicates that the second tank Bn of this Regt and the 1st Bn of the 2 SS Pz Arty Regt "DAS REICH" may be deploying in this sector.

For the last few days Pws have claimed that elements of this division are in reserve. One of the maps found on the officer mentioned above definitely locates a tank Bn assembly area to the east of PERIERS. SHAEF and higher Hqs reports indicate that this div has been committed against the British, but the same reports say that the tank elements of this div have not yet been contacted in the British sector. One report from the 29 Div says that some elements of the tank regt of "DAS REICH" have been identified in the 29th sector. Altogether it is quite likely that elements of the Tank and Arty Regiments of "DAS REICH" are being deployed in the 83d Div sector.

Latest estimates of tank strength of this Div is:

- 25 MIV Tanks (mounting 75mm guns)
- 25 MVI (Tiger) Tanks
- 35 Assault Guns

The above figures represent the strength of the entire Pz Regt, and not a Bn of "DAS REICH". This estimate is probably correct because all Pz divisions in the West are below strength in tanks.

According to the documents found on the above mentioned officer, the 3d Bn of the Pz Arty Regt "DAS REICH" has at least 10-105mm Gun-Hows SP (Wasps). In addition it may have SP Guns on tanks of foreign make (French, Czech or Italian). This may represent T/O strength of the 3d Bn of the Pz Arty Regt which calls for 12-105mm Gun Hows SP (Wasps) and 6-150mm Gun Hows SP (Bumblebees or Grizzly Bears)

It should be noted that tank elements are employed in small groups in the usual tank-infantry team. It is very unlikely that large bodies of tanks can be maneuvered in this sector.

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2d Lt. OIC
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24 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Policy Relative to Disclosure of Information on Captured Enemy Communications and Electronics.

TO: Commanding Generals:
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US Strategic Air Forces in Europe
Each Army, ETOUSA
European Wing, Air Transport Command
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Ground Force Replacement System, ETOUSA
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Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence Service, ETOUSA
Commandant, American School Center
Headquarters Commandants, ETOUSA, APO 887 & 871

1. War Department letter dated 9 June 1944, file AG 386.3 (5 June 44) OB-S-B-M, subject as above, is quoted for information and compliance.

"1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have adopted the following combined policy with respect to the disclosure of information on captured enemy communications and electronics equipment when such equipment is forwarded for inspection and analysis:

a. Such captured equipment shall be forwarded to a suitable establishment(s) controlled by or designated by the Armed Forces for inspection and analysis and information shall be promptly given to all appropriate interested activities of the Armed Forces to permit immediate preliminary examination.

b. Representatives of pertinent civilian committees (such as the War Standards Committee of War Production Board in the United States) shall be given an opportunity to work on such equipment under conditions imposed by the appropriate Armed Service.

c. These civilian representatives shall inform the service authority as to what information revealed by their inspection and analysis would be beneficial to the industrial firms concerned with such equipment. The Service authorities only may authorize the release of such information.

d. No general publication shall be made of data on captured enemy equipment until, in the opinion of the appropriate Service, the need for security has passed.

e. When it is determined that data on captured enemy equipment may be released for general publication, the release shall be effected, after timely notification of intention to act, through combined action of Joint Security.

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Control in the United States and the Radio Board in the United Kingdom, who are authorized to implement their agreed decisions without reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff."

2. It is desired that all concerned be informed.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

s/ Richard P. Fisk
t/ RICHARD P. FISK
Lt Colonel, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 29 June 1944

TO: Corps and Division Commanders, First U.S. Army

For information and compliance.

By command of the ARMY COMMANDER:

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(3) 29th Inf Div reports two ME 109s over their front line at 0545 yesterday.

(4) Minefields were reported by French civilians in graveyard at 33752780 and 60 yds from the graveyard on the road to LES FORGES (338786). Civilians further stated that all roads on the outskirts of SAINTENY have been thoroughly mined, and that the square facing the church at SAINTENY has been mined with great care. These areas have been off limits to civilians.

MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Enemy casualties were reported to be heavy in the areas in which his counter-attacks were repulsed.

b. No prisoners were taken during the period. Nine (9) PWs captured by the 4th Inf Div were interrogated and evacuated by this Division. Identifications were made of the 11th Co, 37th Pz Gr Regt; 4th Co, 17 SS Rcn Bn; 9th Co, 6th Para Rifle Regt and 11th Co 6th Para Rifle Regt. PW states that they were terrified by our arty and mortar fire. Morale was low. For many of the prisoners yesterday was their first day in battle. Prisoners were firmly convinced that they would be shot upon capture, and had been told that all members of SS Divisions were shot, in contrast to members of the regular army. They further stated that commissioned officers would not lead them into battle, NCOs being required to take the lead.

c. French civilian stated that German morale was boosted recently by propoganda asserting that CHERBOURG has been retaken by German troops, that the war would be over in 20 days. Information was given to the French on 6 July. French informants claim that Germans in this sector are suffering from an acute shortage of gasoline, and have been obliged to commandeer all types of vehicles and wagons in order to move their troops.

d. French civilians reported the presence of AT guns in vic of ST GEORGES DE BOHON (3870), and in the courtyard of farm building at 368772, and at 36557695.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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APO 83

8 July 44

MII INTERROGATION REPORT

INTERVIEW of Mr. Louis Cadoux, former address: Chemin de la Glacerie, Cherbourg, sought refuge Mar 44 at St. George de Bohon, spent approximately 15 days at La Carbinerie from whence evacuated by our CA Capt ROGERS, 8 July 44.

INFORMATION: Civilian claims he saw one tank and one cannon on the road between Le Doux and La Carbinerie but doesn't know type or date however said it was recently.

INTERVIEW of Mr. Eugene Ered, resided at 16 Cite des Goths, Equeurocheville, a suburb of Cherbourg, left there a year ago for Rue de l'Eglise, St. Georges de Bohon and during recent bombardment sought refuge for the past 15 days at La Corbinerie from whence evacuated by our CA Capt ROGERS, 8 July 44.

INFORMATION: Civilian claims he saw 3 trucks pulling AT Guns going North of 375772 and then South, Wed or Thursday, this week, below Trig Point 43 on road going South, then East. He saw only small groups of troops whom he believes are SS Troops.

INTERVIEW of Mrs. Marie Ered, wife of civilian mentioned in preceding interview.

INFORMATION: She believes an ammunition depot exists West of the church of St. Geroges de Bohon, approximately 38207928, claims to have seen cases brought in and buried in ground.

CORROBORATION: Others interviewed have no such information. Interviewed doesn't know exact location, claims it is located between a farm, a house all directly West of the church.

INTERVIEW: CHARLES LE BARBENCHON, ROGER HASNE, ROGER RENARD, from CHERBOURG until July 8, evacuees at LA CORBINERIE near ST GEORGES DE BOHON.

1. Enemy morale boosted by propaganda asserting CHERBOURG retaken by German troops, war would be over in 20 days when Americans were pushed into the sea--this information produced by German SS troops who were through ST GEORGE 6 July, 50 men in all, groups of 8, tired, pushing carts containing equipment. On 4 July informants told by SS Troops that 3 days later would be a smashing attack on American positions by SS Pz units from SAINTENY.

On 7 July in evening, an SS Mtelst carrying red colored arty stake stopped at informants farm (LA CORBINERIE). These red arty stakes

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have been observed before by informants to mark future enemy arty positions. This motorcyclist asked for directions to go to G. C. (GRANDE COMMUNICATION) ie. crossroads 97 near BOIS GRIMOT--A gun position is believed to be there.

3. On 6 July, informant's farm visited by young SS Trooper who told them his unit had recently arrived from Russia via SAUMUR. Left SAUMUR on 1-2 July, now stationed at SAINTENY: according to this trooper morale of unit is high: "Stand or Die Attitude".

4. Population of ST GEORGE DE BOHON AND ST. ANDRE DE BOHON evacuated by Germans to MARCHESIEUX and ST SEBASTIEN DE RAIDS.

5. At ST ANDRE DE BOHON on 31 June, local Castle (LE CHATEAU DE ST ANDRE) was German SS unit's CP, infirmary, and motor pool. No artillery.

6. At SAINTENY elaborate minefields traversing road at entrance of town, approx coordinates 7834, as well as on main square of town facing church. Mine fields built in this area for past 5 months, seemingly indicating defenses in depth. Mined areas off-limits to civilians, therefore no specific details available. SAINTENY held by "Strong" SS Pz unit.

7. Informants believe most advantageous retreat for Germans from ST GEORGES and vicinity, from LE PORT through marsh to MARCHESIEUX. Vital bridge used by Germans along this road at coordinates 363756.

8. German AT Gun or Battery of guns emplaced in courtyard of ERNEST LE POISSON's farm at coordinates 368772. Also AT Gun or battery of guns at AUBERT farm at coordinates 36557695.

9. Informants noticed much AA arty during fairly recent visits to AUXAIS and SAINTENY.

10. Informants report no gasoline or ammunition dumps or motor parks of any kind seen around SAINTENY, AUXAIS, and ST GEORGE Triangle area, believe German's facing acute shortage of gasoline, since German soldiers have stopped at their farm asking them for gasoline. Also general acute shortage of rolling stock indicated by German's requisitioning most rudimentary means of transportation in above area, such as wheel-carts, pushcarts, disabled cars. German troopers seen riding mules and donkeys.

11. Entire PARACHUTE UNITS personnel formerly stationed in and around ST GEORGE DE BOHON (approx 300 strong with Capt in command) shifted with entire equipment by every means of civilian transportation. Villagers were required to transport Germans on 2 July to SAINT AUBAIN DU PERRON (29756750). Outfit carrying only small arms however every man equipped with automatic weapons.

12. Civilian also reports a minefield in churchyard at 33757780, and a minefield 60 yards from the churchyard on the road to LES FORGES 338786.

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-2 DATE: 9 July 1944
 TO: S-2, 330th TIME: 1940

FILE NO: 97
 Ent Unit Jnl: Sub.
 MAPS: _____

Message from G-2, corps directs "enemy tank losses be tabulated in three categories - (1) number destroyed, number knocked out and number captured. It is essential that units not consider a tank destroyed unless evidence beyond doubt."

Following is intercept of German radio at 1725 - (SENT BY STAFF 17th.)
 "Do not agree with message
 C.O. Recon-Bn. 17th STOP Hold position
 STOP Reinforcements on the way STOP"

ACTION TAKEN

Asst. Div. Comdr - Lt. officer - CM. Co -
 AT. Co - advised of message from 17 German
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From: 072400B
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HQ VIII CORPS
 082400 August 1944

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 54

Maps: GSGS, 1/50,000

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 Arty _____ CN _____

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy Front Lines: At ST MALO the enemy is now fighting in the suburbs of the town. CT 121 engaged with enemy forces in the vic (S7507). 6 Armd Div were in contact with outer defenses of BREST along line (V740965) - ST REMAN (Q665052) - (O925000) - GOUESNAU (Q972060) - GULPAVAS (R0240040). 4 Armd Div was in the vic (G695251) - (G712251) - (G748272) and (G763272), and was in contact with enemy. Task Force "A" was pursuing a retreating enemy force west of MORLAIX (R4516).

b. Defensive Organization: At ST MALO defenses consisted of concrete and earthwork emplacements mutually supporting in depth and covered by AT and arty fires. Enemy continued house to house defense in the villages. On the DINARD PENINSULA enemy zone of defense included minefields, emplacements, iron obstacles disposed in depth of 300 yards. Defenses at BREST include strongpoints, minefields, tank traps and defended obstacles. PW reports obstacles and AT weapons covering roads in vic LORIENT.

c. Units in Contact: New Identifications: 9 Co, 7 Para regt, 2 Para Div in vic ST MALO. 6 Armd Div reports PW 2 Para regt vic CARHAIX (W7580). Elements of the 7 Para regt are reported to be at BREST. Elsewhere PWs continue to represent all units previously identified.

d. Artillery: Our troops report considerable enemy arty fire as they approached defenses of both BREST and LORIENT. 4 Armd Div reports enemy is employing 3 rocket guns from positions S of VILANE (N5190). 1 btry 150 mm hows were captured intact in ST MALO vic.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

General Summary: Enemy forces at ST MALO continued their stubborn defense as they withdrew into the villages adjoining ST MALO. Many were reported to be surrendering near the end of the period. Enemy forces west of the RANCE RIVER on the DINARD PENINSULA were driven from their main defensive line but continued their stiff resistance. The enemy force opposing Task Force "A" were routed at GUINCAMP (R951110), at 072000B. A large number were captured and the remainder fled toward BREST. Our forces were pursuing them west of MORLAIX. Stragglers and vehicles out of gas were picked up during the day. Little resistance was reported. 6 Armd Div and 4 Armd Div reported heavy enemy defensive fires as they approached the defenses at BREST and LORIENT.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

PW from 319 Inf Div stated bulk of 319 Inf Div is still on Island of GUERNSEY and says they have adequate food and ammo for at least 2 or 3 months. Document dated Aug 4 shows arty Gen FAHRE BACHER in command of forces in BRITTANY.

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Unconfirmed reports: French paratrooper reports estimated 1500 Poles and Czechs troops in NANTES.

Civilian reports 1500 enemy troops left CARHAIX W6181 on night Aug 7 and moved to vic W4290.

Civilian reports enemy force located 4 days ago in vic BOURG DES COMPTES has withdrawn slowly to S and is now in vic of LE GRAN FOURGERAY H9410. This force is reported to include 2000 troops, 3 tanks, 3 AA pieces and 12 S/P guns.

Captured German Document gives following information of 7 Para regt, 2 Para Div: 7 Para regt is composed of three Bns plus 13, 14, 15 Cos. This regt may now be known as Fallschirmjaeger regt z.B.V. and its troop training area was located in WAHN (Westmark). Most of the cadre and some of personnel of the 7 Para regt are known to have been in Russia, and also took part in the invasion of Crete. (Many of the troops will be found to be wearing uniform of Paratrooper with armband carrying legend "KRETA".)

Regt'l Hq. - F.P.N. 52750
 III Bn - 7 Para regt - C.O. Capt Kiebitz
 " Bn - F.P.N. - 54034
 9 Co - CO - Capt Brunngartner
 10 Co - CO - 1st Lt Weber
 11 Co - CO - Capt Saboll
 12 Co - CO - 1st Lt Eisentraut

III Bn - 7 Para regt was formerly located in the LANPAUL area, BRITTANY at end of July.

While this regt was in training at WAHN, the official unit designation of the 2 Para Div was changed from "Arbeitsstab Ramcke" to 2 Fallschirmjaeger Div which confirms belief that General Ramcke is still CG of 2 Para Div.

Location of CIC Units: No change.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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12th Army Gp	2	106 Cav	3
21 Army Gp	2	7th TD Gp	1
FUSA	2	86th Cml Bn	1
TUSA	2	48 Rept Bn	1
V Corps	2	3254 Sig Ser v Co	1
VII Corps	2	VIII Corps Arty	4
XV Corps	2	AT Section (Arty)	1
XIX Corps	2	C/S (CG)	1
XX Corps	2	G-1	1
4th Armd Div	6	G-3 (Historian)	1
6th Armd Div	6	G-4	1
8th Inf Div	6	G-5	1
121 Inf CT	1	Engr	1
83rd Inf Div	6	Signal	1
Task Force A	2	Surgeon	1
1102nd Engr Gp	4	CWS	1
1107th Engr Gp	4	AG (rear)	1
113 AAA Gp	1	Hq Co	1
		PM	1

VIII CORPS HQ: G-2 SECTION
CIR: Covering Period from 072000 Aug 44
to 082000 Aug 44

Units Identified in Contact

4th Armored Div Sector

600th Repl Bn
191st Sec Regt
256th Sec Regt
194th Sec Regt
56th Sec Regt
708th Naval AA Bn
343rd Inf Div
851 IR -- Hq
852 IR -- 5th Co
898th -- 13th Co

Air Force Fortif Staff

2nd Para Div

806th AA Bn

83rd Div Sector

2nd Para Div

7th Para Regt -- III Bn

5th Para Engr Bn

2nd Para Trng Bn

266th Arty Regt -- 5th Btry

Strength of Units on 83rd Div Front

(Estimated from IPW information)

899th Inf Regt -- 900

266th Arty Regt -- 300

5th Para Div (ele) -- 400

602nd OST Bn -- 500 (300 known PWs)

158th Marsch Bn -- 1200

1220th Marsch Bn -- 1000

Marines -- 2000

Other Marsch Bns -- possibly 1000

Plus scattered ele of 77th, 91st, 243rd, & 353rd Inf Divs

and unknown number from 319th Inf Div (only a few PWs so far).

PWs' Units

2nd Para Div

7th Para Regt, III Bn

Hist: PWs from 9th Co reported they had come with the rest of III Bn to DINARD from BREST, after having stopped for 2 days in DINAN enroute. Arrived in DINARD night of 7 Aug. The 9th Co left DINARD by ferry boat the same night and landed on ST MALO Peninsula, from where they were sent immediately to the front and committed. Two ferries were employed in this process, each carrying about 40 men. PWs saw no civilians while passing through ST MALO. PWs were not sure whether the 10th, 11th, and 12th Cos had come with them, but thought they were supposed to have done so.

Note: Later PWs confirmed the presence of the entire Bn on the Peninsula.

Org : 80-100 men per Co; 2 Plats per Co. 2 MGs for every 10 men. 3 Bazookas per Co. 2x8 cm Morts per Co, with ea 25 rds ammo.

2nd Para Trng Bn

18 Paratroopers were taken this afternoon, having been caught in a pocket by our tks. These men constituted a single plat and were all graduates of OCS who had been sent to the front to prove themselves before being awarded commissions. They called themselves "Vernichtungskompanie".

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From: 090001, Aug 44
To : 091200, Aug 44
83d Inf Div
1200, 9 Aug 44

No. 7.

Maps: FRANCE 1/100,000. Sheet 5G.

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EXO _____
S-3 _____
S-2 _____
Arty _____
Cn _____

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS : See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Adjacent Units: 6th Armd Div continues its present mission.

b. Atchd Units:

- (1) 802d TD Bn
- (2) 453d AAA Bn (AW)
- (3) 174th FA Gp (- 177th FA Bn)
- (4) 12th FA Obsn Bn (- Btry A)
- (5) Cos A & C 86th Cml Bn
- (6) Co A, 709th Tk Bn (Med)
- (7) Co B, 705th TD Bn (SP)
- (8) 196th FA Gp
- (9) 202d FA Gp
- (10) CT 121
- (11) Co C, 644th TD Bn (SP)

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4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm. Visibility: Unlimited in the afternoon.

Haze early this morning unlimited at 1100.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry:

CT 121 (-) (Task Force JETTER)

- Atchd: 83d Cav Rcn Tr
1 Rcn Plat, 802d TD Bn
Co B, 168th Engr Bn
1 Plat, 513th Engr Co (LP)
965th FA Bn
Co C, 644th TD Bn (SP)

Enemy counterattack launched at 090700, supported by tanks and artillery. 3d Bn reformed on positions (overlay).

329th Inf:

- Atchd : 1 Plat, Co B, 705th TD Bn (SP)
1 Plat, Co A, 709th Tk Bn (Med)
Co C, 86th Cml Bn

Engaged hasty and prepared defenses in advance on their zone NW to take ST SERVAN (S7914). Encountered arty fire from strongpoint at Citadel (S7813). Atk at 090830, advancing to position (overlay) meeting pillboxes and heavy minefields.

330th Inf (-):

- Atchd: Co A, 709th Tk Bn (Med) (- 1 Plat)
Co A, 86th Cml Bn
3d Bn, 331st Inf

Captured ST JOSEPH HILL (S8114) and continued its advance on ST MALO. Atk at 090830 in its zone and reached positions (overlay).

331st Inf (-):

- Atchd : Co B (- 1 Plat), 705th TD Bn (SP).

Continued its advance on ST MALO from the West. Atk at 090830 and engaged in heavy street fighting and encountered house to house MG and small arms fire.

b. Field Artillery: 83d Div Arty.

- Atchd: 802d TD Bn (-)
453d AAA Bn (AW)
174th FA Gp (- 177th FA Bn)
12th FA Obsn Bn (- Btry A)
196th FA Gp
202d FA Gp

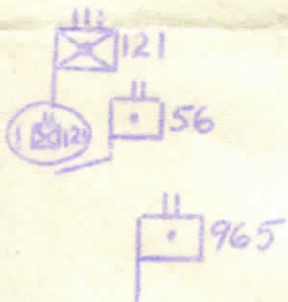
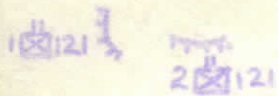
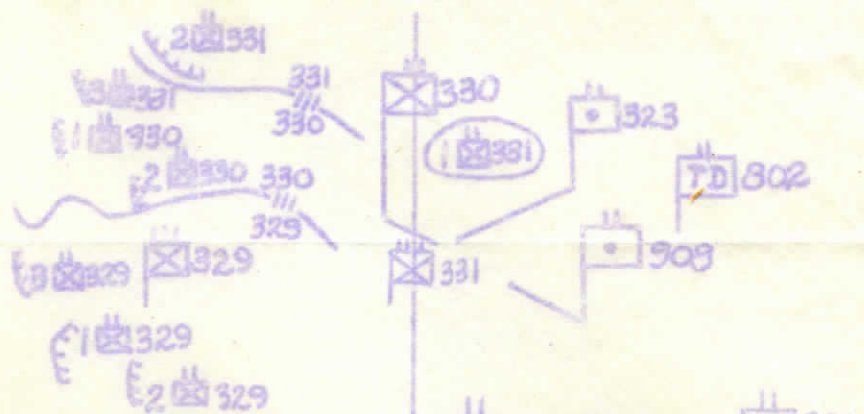
322d FA Bn: Direct support 329th Inf.
 323d FA Bn (- Btry. C): Direct support 330th Inf (-).
 Btry C, 323d FA Bn: Direct support 3d Bn, 330th Inf.
 908th FA Bn: Direct support 331st Inf.
 324th FA Bn: General support, reinforce fires of 323d FA Bn.
 174th FA Gp (- 965th FA Bn): General support.
 196th FA Gp: General support.
 202d FA Gp: General support.

- Fired 24 serenades upon request from infantry on enemy strongpoints.
 Registrations 8; Air OPs 14; Supporting fires 146; Harassing fires 137.
 Ammunition expended, 105mm - 5059; 155 mm - 905;
- c. Armored: Co A, 709th Tk Bn (Med): Atchd to 330th Inf, 1 plat to 329th Inf.
- d. Cavalry: 83d Cav Rcn Tr atchd to CT 121.
 Continued mission protecting right flank of CT 121.
- e. Engineers:
 308th Engr Bn:
 Co A support 329th Inf.
 Co B support 330th Inf.
 Co C support 331st Inf.
 Work consisted primarily of road sweeping and engineer rcn of forward areas. Constructed two bridges at S830083. Cos supporting Inf ready to enter town of ST MALO.
- f. Tank Destroyer:
 802d TD Bn (-): Atchd to Div Arty.
 Co A support 329th Inf.
 Co C support 330th Inf.
 Co B support 331st Inf.
 Co B, 705th TD Bn (SP)
 1 Plat atchd to 329th Inf. Co B (-) atchd to 331st Inf
 Co C, 644th TD Bn (SP): Atchd to CT 121.
- g. Anti-Aircraft: 453d AAA Bn (AW): Atchd to Div Arty.
- h. Chemical:
 Co A, 86th Cml Bn: Atchd to 330th Inf.
 Co C, 86th Cml Bn: Atchd to 329th Inf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Casualties 367. Received 3 officer returnees. Supply of M7 rocket launcher attachment 45% short of T/E.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Captured ST JOSEPH HILL (S8114) and ordnance depot at DINAN (S7443). Further investigation of the captured depot at CHATELUNEUF (S8505) revealed large stores of naval equipment as torpedos and telescopes in addition to artillery weapons and ammunition. Street fighting in the outskirts of ST MALO continues. Strongpoint of ST IDEUE (8216) surrounded and being reduced.

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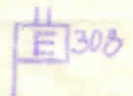
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 10

MAPS: GSGS, 4547, 1/25,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy Front Lines: 357797 to 350790, 348788 to 346787 to 350786 to 352786, 358787 to 363782, 364779 to 367768, and 373771 to 379771.

b. Units in contact: No change.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: PWs continue to state that elements of SS Pz Div DAS REICH are moving into this area, to reinforce and support troops on the line.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General Summary: Enemy launched counter-attacks against our lines at 0500, 0830, 0930, 1115 and 1255. All attacks were repulsed. Generally, enemy resistance was weaker during the period than at any time since the start of the operation. On the left flank, resistance deteriorated during the afternoon. Enemy abandoned considerable equipment, indicating a hasty withdrawal and lack of control.

b. Operation of Component Elements:

(1) Artillery: Artillery fire was received from the SAINTENY and LA SEMELLERIE areas during the period.

(2) Engineers: Mine was reported at road junction 36558580. Mine was buried so deep that detectors were unable to locate it, and was revealed when a vehicle detonated it. More mines were encountered during the period than at any other time during the operation. Mines were well camouflaged.

(3) Tanks: Tanks reported in assembly area at 34747860 at 0500 were taken under fire and disorganized. Two (2) Mark IV tanks were destroyed at 365785.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. PWs taken today: 17
PWs taken to date: 52

b. Tactics: Extract from Directive of II Bn, 38 SS Pz Gr Regt, dated 1 July 1944, and found on body of a German officer follows:

"Since the enemy up to now has in all cases attacked the foremost line with heavy arty barrage and air support, the foremost line of resistance shall from now on be protected as thinly as possible. Strong reserves should be provided so that a penetration of our lines can be neutralized by immediate counter-attack. By this method also shall losses through arty barrage and air bombardment be kept to a minimum.

"AT grenades and mines are to be used against the tanks which are followed by enemy infantry in the attack on our foremost lines of resistance. Deployment in depth is to be stressed and all approach routes to our position carefully determined.

c. Civilian: French civilian reported to MII personnel the location of three gun positions at 381792. Stated that guns were in a ravine or quarry and well camouflaged. A fourth gun was said to be located at 379791. Civilian stated that he saw these guns during the first week in June, and further stated that it was possible to observe CARENTAN from these positions.

d. Supply: Following information is extracted from a letter found on body of German soldier identified as belonging to the 2 Co, 37 SS Pz Gr Regt:

"... if you don't get any mail it sure isn't my fault. The blame can fall only on the poor transportation. The supply to the front lines is very bad. Everything has to come from Paris and we cannot use any trains. All we can use is trucks. So it is more important that they run troops and equipment up to the front lines. We are all waiting to get into this fight again, but in my estimation we ourselves cannot make an offensive anymore as we are too weak already. Our casualties are too high..."

Following is translation of a document found in Div sector today which contained this extract from an 84th Corps Order:

"In recent battles it was found that too much valuable equipment, weapons and ammunition were lost. Troops are to be instructed that the killed and wounded are to be stripped of their weapons and these turned in to their units. It is often impossible to send reserve compliments to the front line with full equipment. Every soldier who returns from the battle front without his weapon is to be courts martialed immediately for cowardness."

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. Counter-attack.
- b. Defend on present line against possible renewal of attack by 83d Div.
- c. Withdraw to the South and occupy ground South of TAUTÉ River

John C. Hoff Capt USA
for DESHOTELS,
G-2

One Inclosure:

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CG FUSA	1
CG VII CORPS	1
CG 4th INF DIV	1
CG 30th INF DIV	1
CG 90th INF DIV	1
CG 83d DIV ARTY	12
CO 329th INF REGT	4
CO 330th INF REGT	4
CO 331st Inf Regt	4
CO 308th ENGR C BN	1
CO 83D GAV RON TR	1
WAR ROOM	1
G-1	1
G-3	1
G-4	1
83D DIV R ECH	1
746th TANK BN	1
G-2 FILE	5

1. No. of PWs: 17 (Total up to date: 52)
2. Units of PWs: 37th Pz Gren Regt: 12th Co (1), 14th Co (1).
38th Pz Gren Regt: 5th Co (2), 6th Co (7), 9th Co (4),
12th Co (2).
NOTE: PW of 14th Co, 37th Regt was actually fighting
with 7th Co.
3. Missions:
 - a. 7th Co, 37th Pz Gren Regt to counterattack this morning and make contact with 38th Pz Gren Regt.
 - b. All units of 38th Pz Gren Regt to counterattack at dawn this morning to fill the breach our troops had made in German MLR of III Bn, 37th Pz Gren Regt vic 3680.
4. Locations:
 - a. 6th and 7th Co's at 0600 vic 352789-356788 with 6th Co E of 7th Co. (37th Pz Gren Regt)
 - b. 6th Co, 38th Pz Gren Regt vic 374785 at app. 1000 with 7th Co W of 6th and 5th Co E of 6th, all 38th Pz Gren Regt.
 - c. 9th Co, 38th Pz Gren Regt vic 352782 at app 1200. PW states that 11th Co was W of 9th, with 10th Co in reserve.
5. Strength of units:
 - a. 37th Pz Gren Regt:
6th Co--45 men, 7th Co--30 men.
 - b. 38th Pz Gren Regt:
5th Co--app 100, 6th Co--app 110, 9th Co--30% casualties.
6. Morale:
 - a. EM: Morale of EM found particularly low in 6th and 9th Cos, 38th Pz Gren Regt. Em are afraid to retreat or to surrender for fear of being shot by their own NCOs or officers. Remarks made by EM: "Let's go to Canada" (where, they know, are German PW camps)--"What the hell is the war for?" What is our business in France?".
 - b. Morale of NCOs good.
7. Propaganda leaflets:
EM discussed American leaflets to great extent, with mixed feelings of belief and disbelief. They are not supposed to pick up any leaflets. Only NCOs and officers are permitted to do so.
8. Statement of wounded captured officer:
2nd Lt Ernst Wendel was platoon leader of 14th Co (AA Co), 37th Pz Gren Regt until two days ago. Then because of lack of line officers he was put in command of 7th Co which had a combat strength of only 50 men. The 14th Co has 12 20mm-AA/AT guns, half of which are SP, the other half mtz. The 13th Co has eight (8) 15cm Inf How SP. He states that the 17th SS Div has no tank battalion, only an assault gun battalion. All divisional units are in this area, ready to be committed at any time. 17th Div Arty has 3 10.5cm (3 battalions) and 12 15cm gunhowitzers (1 battalion). He believes that it is supported by a GHQ arty unit. 17th Ren Bn up to full strength. There is at least an AT company (SP) in the Division, perhaps more. Gen Ostendorf is not believed to be in command at present (wounded). He claims that gasoline is plentiful, but that main roads have been made largely impassable by our dive bombers and Arty. Side roads can still be used for mtz movement of troops. Although railroads were knocked out, 17th Div moved in four days from SAUMUR to ST LO area. He has heard of the arrival of SS Div DAS REICH in this general area. He believes that when 17th SS Div was committed to combat, it was stronger than T/O in men, but much weaker in equip-

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From: 0001 7 July 44
To: 2400 7 July 44
Placel. 8 SE Carpentan

7 July 44

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M.C. J.N. 1038*

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0005		1		Message from Regt1 S-5 to Regt1 S-2 re 2d Bn thinks enemy patrol working around its right flank	
0010		2		Regt1 CO and Regt1 S-5 started work on revision of attack p	
0015		3		Regt1 Ex O brought to attention of Regt1 CO notes taken at conference with Div OG (conference of 2010, 6 July)	
0040		4		2d Bn CO arrived at OP with officer representative from Cn Co and Arty IO	
0045		5		1st Bn CO and 1st Bn S-5 arrived at OP for conference	
0046		6		Conference between Regt1 CO, 1st & 2d Bn COs re plan for organizing line-up to close gaps on flanks prior to beginning to attack	
0210		7		Rec'd F. O. # 3, Hq 330th Inf, dtd 2400 6 Jul 44	
0210		8		Rec'd Air Bombing Targets overlay, to be used in connection with launching of attack at 0630 7 July 44	
0520	0245 0250	9 10	0215	1st Bn CO left Regt1 CP enroute to 1st Bn CP 2d Bn CO left Regt1 CP enroute to 2d Bn CP Message from Capt Bagley to Lt Ray (IO) re disposition of 1st Bn 329th Inf.	
0325	0719	12	0634	German PW brought to Regt1 CP for questioning by IPW office	
0719		13		Regt1 CO left OP for 1st and 2d Bn CPs	
0730		14		Message (TP) Enemy pushed in Co B, effected Co F.	
0742		15		Notes by Regt1 CO to be recorded in journal.	
0745		16		Lt Col Ruffles, 3d AF arrived Regt1 CP to confer with Regt1 ExO and find location of 1st Bn.	
0758	0747	17		Gen Forenbaugh arrived Regt1 CP	
0800		18		Lt Col Ruffles left Regt1 CP	
		19		Lt Col Wilkinson arrived Regt1 CP	
		20		TP from CO 1st Bn advising that attack will start in about ten minutes.	

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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE
Major 290

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

IN	TIME	OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	TEXT
0810			21		Ltr, subj: Prisoner of War, 6 Jul 44, recd
0810			22		Recd G3 Periodic Report dtd 5 Jul 44
0815			23		Recd overlay of proposed bombing mission that was called off.
0845	0815		24		Gen Ferenbaugh left Regt1 OP to go to 1st Bn OP
0855			25		Gen Ferenbaugh returned to Regt1 OP
0920			26		1st Bn began attack at 0850
			27		TP leading elements advanced 300 yards; ran into mine gap; mine field not very large.
0927			28		TP "Mine field not quite cleared". Two German Prisoners on way back.
		0931	29		TP to 1st Bn "Line 11 being fired".
		0932	30		TP to 1st Bn "Line 11 complete".
		0935	31		TP to 1st Bn "Phase line 12 being fired".
0942	0945		32		Rad "Refire phase line 10 and start over again".
			33		Rad "Check phase line 10".
0948			34		Rad "Forget last request".
0950			35		TP "firing line 15".
0955			36		Enemy tanks reported at 34847854, No unknown by Capt Stewart.
1017			37		Group of overlays from Regt1 S3 to hold in file
1022	1034		38		Received G3 Periodic Report for 6 July 1944
			39		OO 3d Bn 1st Regt1 OP for 3d Bn OP to give instructions to Capt McKenna
1055			40		Message recd "2d Bn on 2d phase line. 1st Bn on 6th phase line. 2d Bn tanks held up by mines. 2d Bn awaiting until mine fields cleared. Order to go on. Advance resumed at 1032. 1st Bn advancing without re to position of 2d Bn."
1059			41		A Co reports two German med tanks on right flank. Requesting aid of TDs. Tank recon officer sent forward to alert TDs.
1108			42		Col Budno, 3d Armored Div, arrived for observation
1115			43		Received G2 Periodic Report
1120			44		Enemy Tanks neutralized by AT guns.
1135			45		Enemy Tank reported at phase line 6

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1135		46		<p>At 1120 leading elements of 2d Bn were on phase line 6 At 1110 leading elements of 1st Bn were on phase line 10 CO 3d Bn returned to Regtl OP. Col Budno left Regtl OP CO 3d Bn left Regtl OP to return to 3d Bn Arty is now firing on phase line 25. Chaplain Blitch arrived Regtl OP Col Budno returned to Regtl OP Lt Aber, 438th AAA, attached to VIIth Corp, arrived Regtl OP Gen Macon arrived Regtl OP w/ information and instructions Lt Fried arrived Regtl OP for instructions Lt Aber left Regtl OP. Maj Gehri, 458th AAA Bn, arrived Regtl OP to confer with Regtl S3 Lt Fried left Regtl OP w/instructions re removing mines Lt Brisbane left to go to 3d Bn to catch Col Wilkinson Air Corp is bombing causeway at Le Port at 1230 2d Bn reports that they are on phase line 14. Gen Macon left Regtl OP About 25 or 30 German Prisoners captured Lt Col Daniels arrived Regtl OP to relieve Maj Pegg CO 3d Bn arrived Regtl OP to confer with Regtl ExO Light rain began falling. Lt Brisbane returned to Regtl OP Capt Allen left Regtl OP on reconnaissance for new OP Ceased raining Div IG arrived Regtl OP Asst Div Comdr departed from OP. Overlay showing situation of Regt . Message from G-1 to S-1 re Replacements (Will receive some, though less than actually needed)</p>
1145	1130 1204	47 48 49		
1207		50		
1208		51		
1214		52		
1222		53		
1224		54		
1225	1225	55 56		
1232		57		
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1320		66		
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1500	1425	71		
1500		72		
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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1600		74		<p>Notes given Journal file by Ex O, (covering period 0715, 7 Jul)</p> <p>S-2 Periodic Report to G-2</p> <p>TP from G-1 to Regt1 S-1 re sending 330th</p> <p>500 replacements within one hour</p> <p>Message OO 330th from 2d Bn OO re</p> <p>Position of Arty fire.</p> <p>IPW REPORT to G-2 from Regt1 IPW</p> <p>Message from OO 1st Bn to OO 330th re Enemy counterattack started at 0500; B Co badly disorganized</p> <p>Col Hughes (Div G-4) arrived at Regt1 OP to confer with Ex O re getting vehicles up to front</p> <p>Summary of events of 7 July 44 from 2d Bn Ex O</p> <p>To Regt1 S-3</p> <p>TP between Gen Macon and Regt1 Ex O re</p> <p>Col Peebles is authorized by OG to prepare supply train of jeeps escorted by tanks to get food and ammunition down to front lines</p> <p>Regt1 OP moved to new location</p>
	1600	75		
1605		76		
1605		77	1530	
1615		78		
1620		79	0625	
1635		80		
1650		81		
1655		82		
1700		83		

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: Regt - S-3 320th DATE 7 July 1944
TO: S-2, 320th TIME: ~~1205~~ 10005

FILE NO: 1

Ent Unit Jnl: JB

MAPS: _____

Major Cook advises that
2nd Sn. thinks that possibly
an enemy patrol is working
around its right flank, "A"
Co -

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L: 55

ACTION TAKEN

C.O. 320th, advised

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- ~~Ex C.~~
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B. J. Fester

F.O. # 3.

1. a. An enemy force estimated as the remnants of one Infantry Div opposes this Div. It is not believed that other enemy forces are present on our front,

b. 83d Div attacks, 329 on our right. 323d F.A. Bn in direct support 330 Inf. 324th reinforcing fires of the 323d F.A. Bn. At 0613 to 0645 there will be an Arty preparation of 4 volleys every minute. At 0630 the Arty will mark center of bombing targets 14, 15, 17, and 18 with red smoke, 1 round every two (2) minutes. From 0630 to 0645 dive bombing on area 14, 15, 17, and 18 will take place.

2. The 330th Inf with:

- Co C 746th Tk Bn (plus 1 plat Co D)
- Co C 87th Chem Bn
- Co C 802d T.D. Bn

attached will attack at 0645 with two Bns abreast, First Bn on the right, 2nd Bn on the left.

- L.D. (overlay)
- Boundaries - overlay
- Zones of attack overlay
- Frontages - as the terrain dictates.
- Formation - Column of Companies
- Time - 0645

3. a. 1st Bn:

- b. Attd: Co C 746th Tk Bn (- 1 Plat)
- 1 Plat Co C, 87th Chem Bn

will attack as indicated on overlay - Rolling barrages will be fired lifting 100 yards every four minutes. As indicated on overlay. Barrages may be repeated or moved up by calling for them by number. Calls will be made thru Arty Ln O's. Mortars will be used to utmost to thicken fires and cover point targets. Strong points and pin point targets may be reduced by white phosphorous by Chem Co. Care will be taken that direction of wind and density of smoke does not hamper operations of tank and adjacent units. Upon capture of its portion of the objective this Bn will reorganize and prepare to repel counterattack.

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~~IN REG'T 1 RESERVE XXXI~~

b. 2nd Bn:

- Attd: 1 Plat Co C 746th Tk Bn
- 1 Plat Co C, 87th Chem Bn

will attack as indicated on overlay - Rolling barrages will be fired lifting 100 yards every four minutes. As indicated on overlay. Barrages may be repeated or moved up by calling for them by number. Calls will be made thru Arty Ln O's. Mortars will be used to utmost to thicken fires and cover point targets. Strong points and pin point targets may be reduced by white phosphorous by Chem Co. Care will be taken that direction of wind and density of smoke does not hamper operations of tank and adjacent units. Upon capture of its portion of the objective this Bn will reorganize and prepare to repel counterattack.

c. 3rd Bn:

In Regt'l reserve. It will remain in present location and await further orders.

d. "D" Co 746th Tk Bn - will be in direct support of assault Bns.

e. The A.A. Battery will fire in close support of assault Bns giving particular attention to the employment of flanking fires to appropriate ~~XXXX~~ targets.

f. Co "C" 802d T.D. Bn:

- 1st platoon direct support of 1st Bn
- 2nd platoon direct support of 2nd Bn
- 3rd platoon general support of the regiment.

All platoons in a state of readiness in vicinity of 376818.

g. Cannon Co:

Will support the attack from position now occupied. Priority of fires to the 1st Bn.

h. A-T Co:

3rd Plat A-T Co will support the attack of the 1st and 2nd Bn initially from the vicinity of 370803. A-T Co (- 3rd Plat) to be held in general

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1. Co B 308th Ingr Bn:
1st Plt will follow closely the 1st Bn. 2nd Plt will follow closely the 2nd Bn. Be prepared to remove mines in zone of attack and necessary demolitions as directed by Bn C.O.'s.
- X. (1) All men will be in back of the L.D. by 0620 to prevent casualties from bombing.
(2) All men in front line companies will be acquainted with the proposed bombing missions and reason for withdrawal to the rear of the MR.
(3) There will be a close wedding of tanks and infantry.
(4) E.R.I.
1. Location of enemy strong points.
2. Approach of enemy armor.
3. Indications of counterattack.
4. Administrative details later.
5. a. (1) Current index to S.O.I. in effect.
(2) Radios will be used to facilitate the attack and no regard given to the erroneous report that they attract fire.
b. (1) C.P.'s ~~map~~ overlay
(2) Bns to select and report C.P.'s in zone of attack.
(3) **Axis of Sig Comm - Regt + Bns Along BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN AFSANI + BNS.**

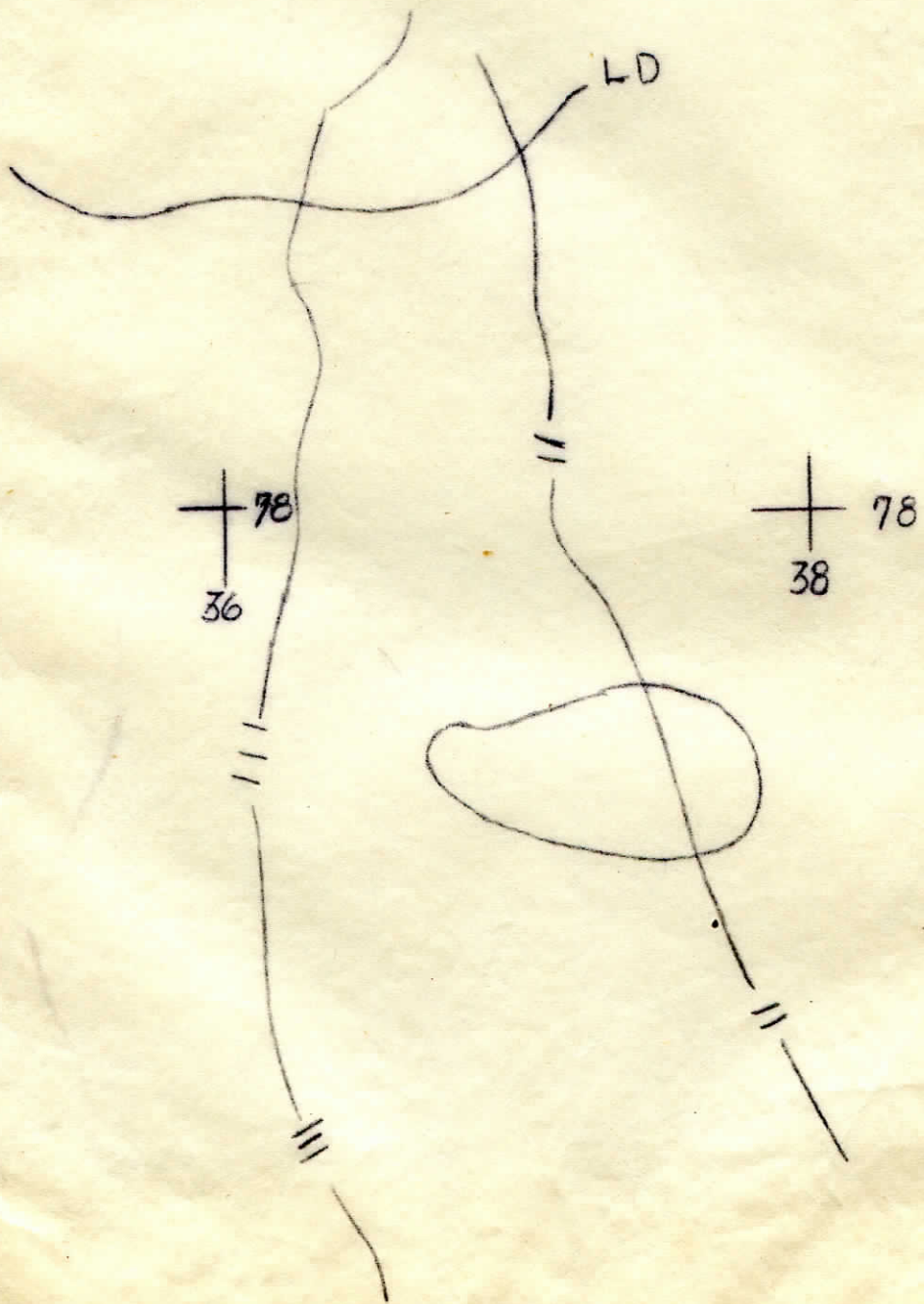
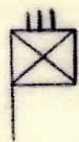
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Major, S-3.

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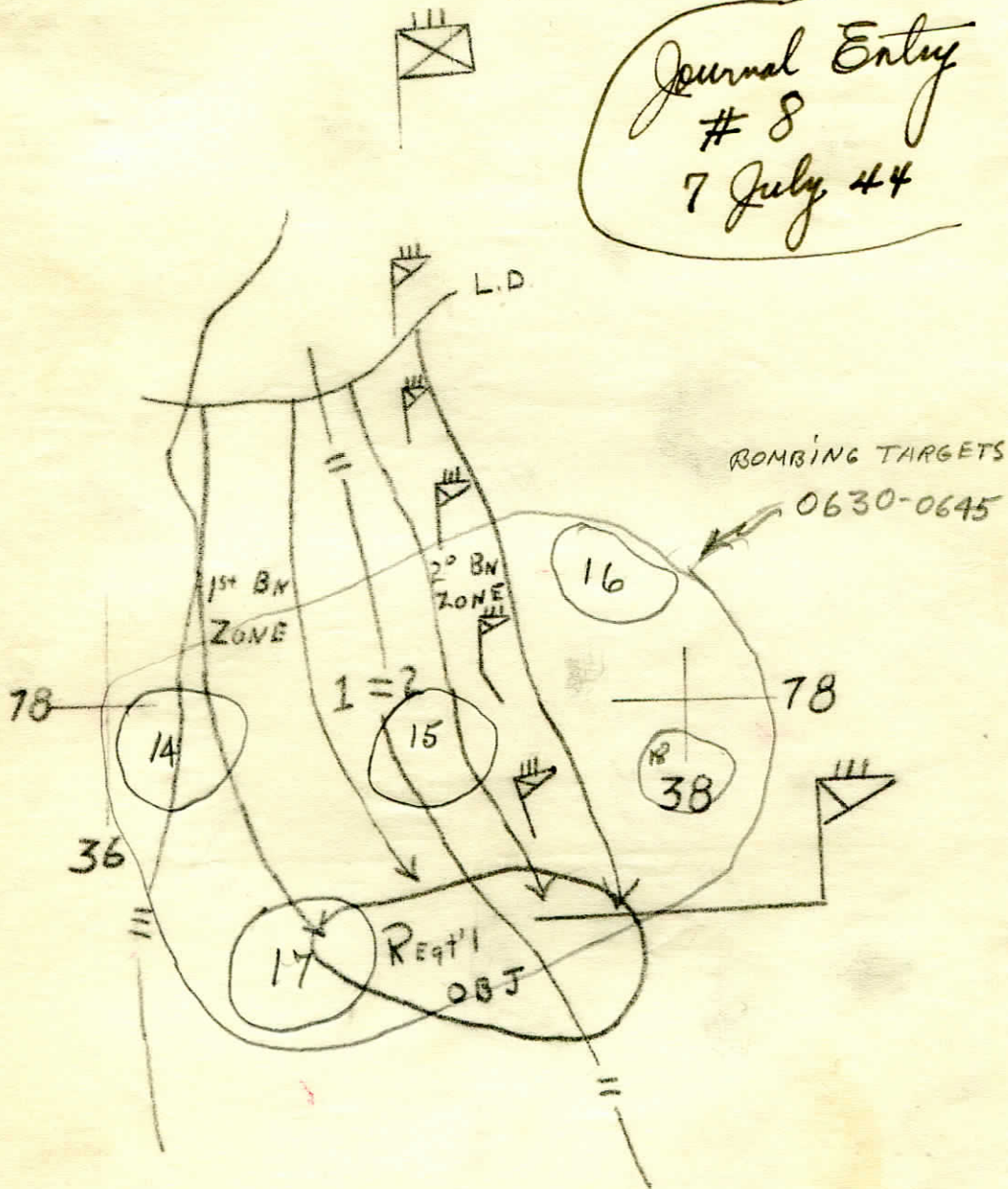
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AIR BOMBING TARGETS

Journal Entry
8
7 July 44



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By: R NARA Date: 4/14/41

ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: CAPT BAGLEY DATE 7 JULY '44
 TO: LT RAY TIME: 0215

FILE NO: 11
 Ent Unit Jnl: 213
 MAPS:

1st Bn, 329th will push forward to creek and if strong resistance is met 3rd Bn + 329th will push on forward + bring 1st Bn around follow hill of 3rd Bn.

Disposition as much as was known is shown on one overlay.

(over)

ACTION TAKEN

Referred to Lt. Col. Pebles.

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Lt Ray

2nd Bn has closed to
right rear of our 3rd Bn.

Told them that 3rd Bn.
would stay until they were
ordered to move.

Anything said must be
greatly disregarded as C P was
in a state of confusion, due
to the fact that the S-3
was declared a casualty.

LOCAL DELIVERY LIST

*No 14
07 July 44*

Co. 2d Bn to Regt 8 (P)

Time dispatched

Time returned

Message
Identification

SIGNATURE IN FULL

0634

*Enemy killed
Pushed in Co. B
expected Co. F.*

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By *R* NARA Date *4/14/44*

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TP

0634

Regt Co. W C.O. 2d Bn (2P)
What is situation there
now? I cannot get C.O. 1st
Bn on his phone. C.O.
2d Bn states that
counter attack and pushed
in MTR slightly in
C. B sector which affected
Co F by involving it in
fire fight and that his
estimate of attacking
force was 5 or 6 machine
guns and platoon or
two of infantry. C.O.
Instructed C.O. 2d Bn to
get further details and
report also to contact
C.O. 1st Bn and for both
to continue preparation
for the attack and to
push attack forward as
planned as rapidly as
possible.

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07 July 44

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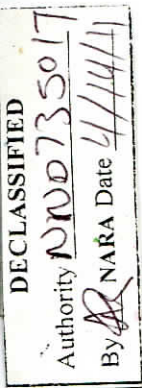
TP

0640 Regt Co. talked to Coy Div
gave details of situation.
Discussed communications
forward. Coy was advised
that Regt radios then
forward at initial CP
location at CR as shown
on Div overlay and that
movement of forward
element of CP had been
started at time of counter
attack. Regt Co. reported
steps taken re our attack
as indicated as indicated.

0655 Regt Co. to Coy - just talked
to Col. Norris. We are
continuing intermittent fire.
Janks have moved up.
Just as soon as "B" Co. can
get organized, we will be
ready to start attack. I am going
up to front now.

0705- TP from CG to
Regt CO:

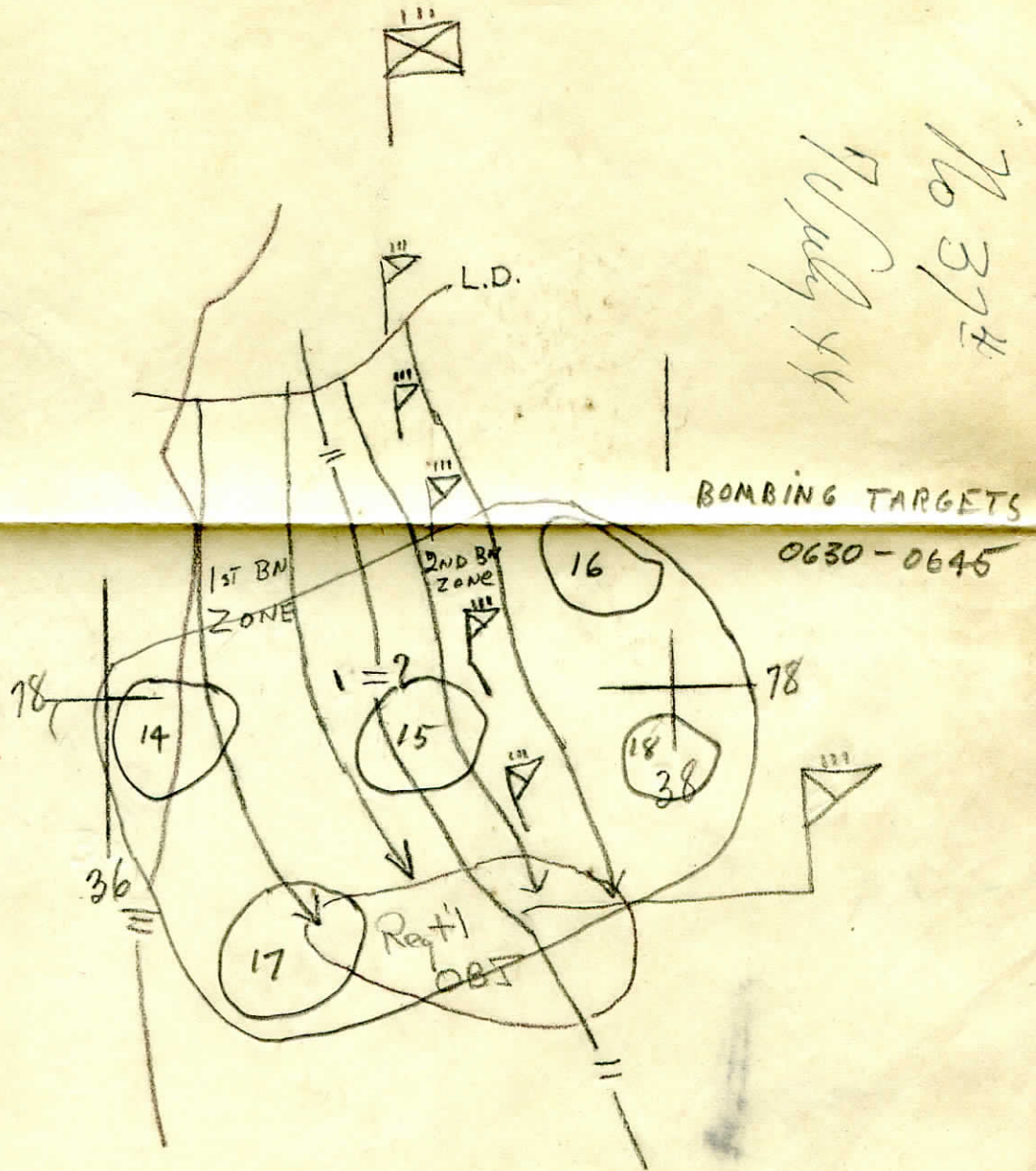
CG advised 329th had
pushed forward on time
making good progress.
It am going forward to
CP of 1st and 2d Bns

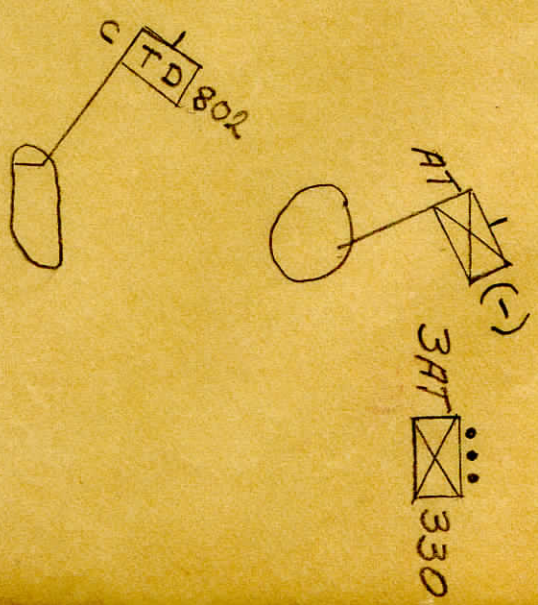


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MAP 1/25,000
 6.50 by 1944
 Stewart, Capt.

Recommendations for
 Anti-Tank Co "C" 802 TD

1 Plat. Anti-Tank Co
 to support the ATK
 of 1st & 2nd Bn in vicinity
 from vicinity 370 803.
 A.C. Co (- 3rd Plat.) to be
 held in general support
 of regt, vicinity 378 808.
 1 Plat of Co "C" 802 T.D. Bn
 in direct support 1st & 2nd
 Bn.
 1 Plat general support of
 1911 mobile, vicinity 376 81

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Outpost and all patrols in front of
LD will be withdrawn by 0630

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: G-1 DATE: 7 JULY 44
TO: S-1 TIME: 1445

FILE NO: 73
Ent Unit Jnl: 813
MAPS: _____

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You will receive what
you're looking for (i.e.
replacements) in about
6 hours or a little more.
Number is less than
needed.

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- ④ C. O. *SAP*
- ① Ex. C. *SAP*
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~~Brisbane~~ Red-3 to 5-X ⁸¹⁰

0715 - Situation - haven't
moved fwd of - not
small CPA just as making
small move - Bit quiet
in fwd area otherwise
burst - 20 PM moving to
left - we are in fire
fight - think F intended
intends to pass F thru
B and reorganize B -
Situation confused and
not sure just what
CO intends to do - ~~will~~
Promised to keep me
informed - ⁸¹⁰

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0730 - 3d Bn to Breiten -
Co enroute CP - They are
not moving - not being
attacked #

0735 - Co at 1st CP - Frederick
out trying to reorg and get
ready to attack.

0755 - Red 6 told 955th Div
Commander - should get off
attack in about 10 min

0800 A Co on line.
B - reorg - relieve Co
Balmer new Co.
F - Supervising movement
to

Things quite except A $\frac{1}{2}$ way
out in front.

0815 - 8x to Red-3 - will start
attack in about 20 minutes.

Hg.
K. 23 men - 1st Sgt & every one
I - 73 ✓
L. 71 ✓
M - 60 - ✓

0825 - Normis all lined up,
Rpt of red flag ready
not correct - is
issuing extra Q's to
A. Will be a few minutes.
McLendon to Peables.

Chem Co - Curd - Blue.

0830 Boyle - Div on our left -
They jumped - Inf Regt on
right goes south roughly -
followed by Cav Group. Inf Regt
turns East - Cav comes in and
covers on west - Rec. To St. 1st Bn. To
AT Co Caud. To: 2nd Bn

0845 - Initial 18 r fire fired -
0850 - 1st & 2d Bn atk - up to
5x - from White 5.
Com pinned by Co Regt -
Buggy & men -

0858 - 2 pris on way back.

^{It's} pits opposite him - seems
to be running along. No SA
firing along the front -
No complaint on arty.

AA too far - put on side -

-0910 - Adv another 100 yds.
gapping mine fields
for tanks - fields not very big

0918 - Mine fields not yet gapped.

0945 - Frequental report Idg elements
reach phone line 5 or 6 -
I Co pinned down.

No comm at 1000 -

1020 - Co repts - direct Fredendall.
to push forward - take objective
at all costs - advance w/o
reference to 2d Bn - or tanks.

1025 - 2d Bn - Commo Sgt. AT Tank.

1030 - S3-1st Bn - atk resumes.

1032 - Front Atk phase line r. from
Majalon to Quibla.

1035 - ~~Blackfoot~~ 2d Bn S-3 says
just fired phase line 6

1032 - Col Morris says atk is being
resumed and will advance
w/o tanks - as directed by
Co. altho had proceeded
on instructions that Tanks
and Inf. used each other.

1040 - Co. Ingr Co directed to move
supp platoon to assist on mines.

1055- Phase ^{line} ~~10~~ 9 - just passed
for 1st Pm.

1100 - 1st Bn on about phase 7 or 8
(estimate SIB)

1050 Capt Allent & tanks out for
mines - others lined up along
road -

1105 - 1st Div Comdr suggests tanks
held up by mines in 2d Bn.
shift over to 1st sector -
Can't reach Col Mc - SIB.

1110 S-3 3d Bn to S-X
Tanks neutralized by AT
guns their own.
Phase line 11 fired
just rear of phase 10.

1115 2d S-X - 1110 ~~800~~ ^{error} 400
~~400~~ ~~yards short of phase line~~ ~~1110~~

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1120 - 1st S - another tank out
on phone line 13(?) - will try
to neutralize - Request help -

1125 Sx - 2d Bn -

Correction - Assault troops
phase line 6 now - receiving
just a little fire -

* * * * *
1127 - Directed Engr 0 to put
most attr on building
up secondary road.

1128 - To G. 3 - 1st Bn ldg elements
to alert phase line 10^{at} 1110
2d Bn. on phone line 6^{ax} - 1120.

1133 - Linfo 331 - thinks Regt
vicinity St Quentin (W) -
Asst Div. Comd says
should be la Satorio

1127 Engr 0 reported mines
on black top at near
la Senne ferie -

1150 - Co - now 300 yds from 4th

Things going smoothly -
Discussed sending 3d Bn
down left alley - Decided
to place to go down
either flank.

1225 - ^{to 54} Col Fredendall lost
Radio report 15 min ago -
Edge of our phone line 11

1240. 2d Bn via 300 radio - state
on phone line 14 -

Blackfish Red 368 796
is a R.S. - arty

1255 ^{2d Bn} ~~Blackfish~~ Allen - to Peebles
^{(CP at}
1255 [↑] 370 57880) unit
phone line 15 - request
to call info -


1315 - Mc Don on near Hotot
Tanks coming along slowly -

1520 - Capt AT Co - returned
from Hotot - saw Co, says
thinks on objective taken -

1515-1520 - Frantic radio calls
from 2d Bn to cease fire
on phase lines 18-25 - our
Suppt arty not firing - Div
arty found someone (unit
unknown to us) firing
and our firing ceased -

1530 - 2d Bn via Radio on
line 17 - cease arty fire -
await orders.

1535 - from 2d Bn cease fire
14 thru 25.

1550 - Black fish white 5
requests cease fire on
objective - 

Journal Entry # 79
7 July 1944

Blackfish IPW
7 July 1944

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2

Name: Hans Meineke Rank: Pvt FPN: 45020 C
Leo Pilger " " "
Unit: 6th Co, 2nd Bn, 38th SS Regt.
Time and Place of Capture: 0930 at 355791.
Unit Effecting Capture: Blackfish Blue.

1. PWs state: 1st Bn, 38th SS Regt was committed two days ago to keep the 37th Regt from ~~being~~ suffering a breakthrough. This morning the 7th Co was to reinforce the 1st Bn, but it was necessary to commit the whole 2nd Bn. PW's Co arrived in this area last night from Pont Herbert near St Lo and was committed early this morning as part of the second Bn. Approx 80 men were committed of the 6th Co while the others were unable to reach the front because their requisitioned civilian vehicles had broken down.

2. 8th Co (Support Co) is said to contain 75mm AT guns, 75mm inf how, 81mm mortars. Concerning reinforcements PW had seen 20 or 25 assault guns this morning about three miles behind the front. PW had nothing to eat or drink for three days. Believes these guns belong to division assault gun Bn.

3. CO 2nd Bn, 38th SS Regt - Maj Nieschlag. Last night in readiness position a five minute arty barrage killed one and wounded four near PW's CO CP. Co CO was among those wounded (Lt Tramontana). NCO now in command of 6th Co.

4. Documents from mapcase of platoon leader 5th Co, 38th SS Regt contained a directive that weapons of all dead and wounded be recovered without fail by frontline troops, as replacement of weapon at front is not assured. Any man who loses his personal weapon will be subject to court martial.

5. Report for 24-Hour Period Ending 062400 44:
PWs - two. Documents evacuated to Blackstone 2 for interpretation as they came in.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

Name: Werner Heller Rank: Pvt FPN: 32974 B
Unit: 4th Plat, 9th Co, 38th SS Regt, 17thhSS Div.
Time and Place of Capture: 062200 - right of Co "L" Sector.
Unit Effecting Capture: Co "L", Blackfish Blue.

1. Preliminary report on this PW telephoned to Blackstone2 at 070200.
2. PW's Co was committed yesterday morning. Mission of his Co was to break through our lines. Other three Co's of his Bn were on way to this area. 10th and 11th Cos started before PW's Co from Samur by requisitioned civilian vehicles. PW's Co left on bicycles. Passed broken down vehicles of 10th and 11th Cos along road. Travelled only at night the last four days of trip because of aerial attack.
3. Composition of 9th Co according to PW's statement:
1st platoon - 30 men 10 light machine guns
2nd platoon - 25 men 5 to 6 "
4th platoon - 18 men, 2 hv MGs, 1 - 81mm mortar
Company reserve of 20 men, formerly the 3rd platoon, now furnished as individual casualty replacements. 3rd platoon no longer exists as a tactical platoon in rifle companies in 17th Div.
4. All road blocks seen by PW consisted of logs, 1 1/2' in diameter driven perpendicularly into the ground leaving enough space in the center of the road for one vehicle to pass. Spare logs alongside road to fill up gap whenever necessary. On way to front PW's ~~company~~ unit bypassed all towns because of aerial attack.
5. The organization of the first three companies in each Bn is generally similar to that of the 9th Co as listed above. The 4th Co of each Bn is support company which may contain AT guns, inf how, 81mm mortars or hv MGs. The support company (12th Co) of PW's Bn was equipped with all 81mm mortars.
6. In training for AT fighting men were instructed to remain hidden in foxhole until tank was within 5 or 6 yards. Then attack with handcharges and grenades. Yesterday men in PW's unit were told that AT rifle grenade launchers would be distributed but PW did not know what they looked like.
7. Since being in line PW had nothing to eat or drink except what he had been able to pick up from dead.
8. CO of 9th Co, 38th Regt, Lt Schmidt; the other officer in Co, Lt Petschuh; CO 3rd Bn, Maj Bolte; CO 38th Regt, Col Horstmann. CO 17th SS Div, Ostendorff, seriously wounded by aerial strafing by moving toward front in staff car. PW claims 2 or 3 sharpshooters per rifle platoon.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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ORAL MESSAGE

7 July 44

FILE NO:

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FROM: Major Allen

DATE

1625 7 July

Ent Unit Jnl:

JTB

TO: Major Cook

TIME:

MAPS:

2nd Bn was practically on the objective and received so much mortar and arty shelling that it was necessary to back up about 400 yards.

It is very painful up around the objective now. Allen had worked all the way up and back. He was getting ready to displace up there. The road to Hotot - (the trail that was Bn boundary) was terrible - not even good walking. From Hotot to objective is very bad but better than the part to Hotot.

The tanks were also within 400 yds of the objective when he was up there.

A Co of the 1st Bn was on the objective he believed by B + C were mixed up this side of it.

ACTION TAKEN

DISTRIBUTION:

Didn't meet much small arms fire after the first crust - mostly arty & mortar fire -
Didn't use up much ammunition - sent up only 1 resupply load and doesn't believe that was all used up.

C. O.

S-1

S-2

S-3

S-4

Comm G.

Lt Lites called in the next ten minutes and wanted to know what was going on and where his Bn was and where the objective was. Referred him to Major Allen who was nearby in 2nd Bn old C.I. for complete details that this office could not furnish.

(SIGNATURE)

JTB Cook

1ST BN COMBAT MESSAGE

THRU FROM: Art Liaison DATE 7 July 1944
TO: CO 330th TIME: 0625

FILE NO: 79

Ent Unit Jnl: JMB

MAPS:

Enemy counterattack started at 0500 -

"B" co. badly ~~wounded~~ ^{badly} disorganized

Recommend holding off that thing for a while

Still engaged in fire fight on left of

ACTION TAKEN

MLR endeavoring to drive small enemy counterattack back

DISTRIBUTION:

- C. O.
- Ex. O.
- S-1
- S-2
- S-3
- S-4
- Comm. O.

(SIGNATURE)

B. Jester

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From: 100001 Jul 44
To: 102400 Jul 44
Place: Hotot, France

330TH INFANTRY JOURNAL

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Organization

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated	
0025		1		<p>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.</p> <p>Lt Hogan returned to Regt1 CP Regt1 ExO and CO 3d Bn returned to Regt1 CP Enemy artillery falling near Regt1 CP S3 Report received. Message to Lt Hogan re firing today between 100 - 1300. Lt Ray left Regt1 CP to go to Div CP Lt Ray returned to Regt1 CP CO 3d Bn left Regt1 CP for 3d Bn Received FO #7, Hq 83 Div, dtd 10 Jul 44 Two tanks reported moving in front of C Co. Gen Ferenbaugh, Ex O, 1st, 2d and 3d Bn Comdrs, Tank Comdrs, held conference coordinating plans for attack at approx 1100. 3d Bn was leading off Bn (per order). Regt1 S-4 arrived at CP TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and G-3 re using dive bombers to knock loose tank positions. Plan to pull Infantry back, dive bomb enemy tanks, thence push forward CO 1st Bn and CO 2d Bn departed from CP to return to their own CPs to inform Co Comdrs of plan of attack (also deliver Field Order to them), and make reconnaissance of the situation CO 3d Bn departed from CP to 3d Bn CP with plans for attack. Copies of FO #5, Hq 330th Inf, dtd 100430, given to COs 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, Capt Dalley, Col Daniels, Capt G111ds TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and Gen Macon re plan for attack Rec'd G-2 Periodic Rpt of 9 Jul 44 Rec'd G-3 Periodic Rpt of 9 Jul 44 Bombing felt at CP; our Air Force bombing forwards of front lines</p>
0052		2		
0054		3		
0112		4		
0140		5		
0140	0140	6		
0220		7		
0315		8		
0220		9		
0630		10		
0730		11		
0800		12		
		13		
	0805	14		
0815	0810	15	0745	
		16	0800	
0835		17		
0845		18		
9845		19		
0855		20		

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
CANCELLED
 BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Charles Bowen Major USA
 DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 7 MAR 46

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Master

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
0900		21		Journal File Copy of Hq 330th Inf FO #5 dtd 100430 July 44
0905		22		Message from 2d Bn Ex 0 to Regt1 S-1 re EFF Strength of 2d Bn. (SHOWN TO EX 0 & OO; (NOT IN FILE; FORWARDED TO S-1)
0925		23		OO 2d Bn returned to Regt1 OP for conference with Gen Ferenbaugh and staff
0935		24		OO 1st Bn returned to Regt1 OP to join staff in conference re attack (1st Bn S-3 accompanied)
1010	1045	25 26		OO 3d Bn returned to OP for conference with staff Regt1 S-4 left OP enroute to Serv Co
1050	1055	27		Message from OO Recon to Gen Ferenbaugh re Booby Tapped mine Field 6 teller mines at 379778; path cleared through at 1030 a second field short distance beyond.
1055	1055	28		OO 3d Bn left OP enroute to 3d Bn IP repeat IP where 3d Bn was formed to move out. Conference was completed, and 2d Bn and 1st Bn OOs were advised to be ready to jump off immediately upon word "Willkie on the way."
1120	1105	29		1st Bn S-3 left OP with orders from 1st Bn CO to get 1st Bn ready (for initial jump off).
1203		30		OO, Tank Bn arrived at OP to coordinate use of tanks in attack plan (OO of 746th Tank Bn)
1205		31		TP between OO 323d FA to S-3 323d re "Deacon 1" will be code word for air observer and Tank operator
1228	1225	32		Maj Gen COLLINS (VII Corps Comdr) arrived at OP to confer with Gen Ferenbaugh re situation, and offered suggestions
		33		Maj Gen COLLINS departed from OP
		34		Message from OO Recon to Asst Div Comdr re Road mined south of 379778; Bn of 330 moving into assembly area.
1230		35		Blue 6 to SX: Arrived in Assembly area at 1230 receiving small arms fire; waiting for tanks
1240		36		TP from White 6 to SX: Request approval to come to OP to discuss plans (Was approved by SX)

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
55		37		TP betw Gen Ferenbaugh and Div Arty re get observation plane up at once.
500		38		Blue 6 to SX re: OO leading tanks just left to bring up unit; one Inf Company engaged with the enemy requiring shift of disposition to launch the attack
605	1310	39		At point 37776 British Adm Int reports a Mine Dump; questionable whether sea or land (Officer representative reported)
610		40		Regtl S-4 arrived at OP from Serv Co
620		41		Lt Col Norris arrived at OP with his plan of attack
630		42		From SX: When 3d Bn reaches 2d Phase Line, 2d Bn will come out of their positions and join in.
	1335	43		Lt Col Norris departed from Regtl OP enroute to his OP
	1335	44		Lt Ray departed from OP enroute to Div Hq with overlay of situation
		45	1325	TP 1st Phase Line has NOT been crossed
		46		Lt Col Troxell (VII Corps) arrived at OP to discuss situation further with Gen Ferenbaugh
		47		Message via Radio re "Willkie (OO 3d Bn) will be ready in 10 minutes."
		48		Col Garter (G-2, VII Corps) arrived at Regtl OP to confer with Regtl S-2 re situation
		49		Lt Wamble, 3d Bn, arrived at OP with documents taken from dead German officer, as 3d Bn crossed ID (German killed by 3d Bn)
		50		3d Bn crossed ID
		51		Col CARTER (G-2, VII Corps) departed from OP
		52		Lt Ray returned to OP from Div Hq
		53		Lt Ray departed from Regtl OP enroute to 329th, 331st and Div Hq OP, to secure location of each respectively.
	1440	54		3d Bn ran into large Road Block at Lane 1

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
	1540	55		5-3 Periodic Report to Div Hq for period 101100 July and 100500 July 44
	1605	56		Gen Ferenbaugh departed from OP enroute to 2d Bn OP
	1615	57		TP re 8 tanks reported at 376/7670
	1625	58		Message from OO Reconn to Gen Ferenbaugh re No enemy activity east of Line 380780-388773 Request coords of Col Wilkinson
1635		59		Gen Ferenbaugh returned to OP
1630		60		Overlay showing situation of 1st & 2d Bns at 1630
	1645	61		Regtl S-4 departed from OP enroute to 3d Bn OP to join 3d Bn OO (upon order of Gen Ferenbaugh) (Sent as Assistant to OO and staff)
	1645	62		OO 3d Bn reported via TP 3d Bn 200 yds from Line 2 reports one tank on that line
1740		63		TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and O of S re situation of tanks around 3d Bn
1750		64		TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and OG re situation of tanks around 3d Bn
1755		65		OO Serv OO arrived at Regtl OP
1805		66		TP between Gen Ferenbaugh and OG re tank situation
1815	1810	67		Gen Ferenbaugh departed from OP enroute to
1830		68		5-3 Periodic Report to Div Hq
		69		Regtl S-1 arrived at OP with 8 officers and 84 EW replacements for 1st Bn; Capt Sheridan escorted same to 1st Bn location.
1845		70		Gen Ferenbaugh Regtl OO directed Col Norris to move 2d Bn back into its original position as directed by Gen Ferenbaugh, xxxxxxx movement to be after dark. OO 2d Bn advised that instructions regarding Tanks and TDS would be furnished later. (ABOVE DICTATED BY COL McLENNON)
1855		71		Gen Ferenbaugh returned to OP.
1900		72		TP between Div G-3 and Ex O re Plan for bombing enemy in 3d Bn Sector at 0830 11 July 44
	1905	73		Gen Ferenbaugh departed from OP enroute to Div OP to discuss general situation with Gen Macon; plans to return tonight.

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1920		74		<p>One tank reported out of action Location of two tanks reported by 2d Bn tanks 3797715 and 381771. Tanks were protecting a road junction and were covered by Infantry groups Regt 51 arrived Regt 1 OP w/8 new officers. TP between SX and Gen Ferenbaugh re situation of 3d Bn, and moving 3d Bn back from position SX to OO 3d Bn via road "Garry out plan to withdraw" Received message ree tanks Regt 54 returned to Regt 1 OP to confer with OO Gen Ferenbaugh arrived Regt 1 OP w/orders re tanks TP re 200 sticky grenades on way. Firing for effect on infantry and tanks on 391771 Regt 54 left Regt 1 OP One round enemy arty fell about 200 yds from Regt 1 OP OO, Tk Bn arrived Regt 1 OP to confer with Asst Div Comdr re knocking out tanks. OO, Tk Bn left Regt 1 OP. Received Road and Minefield Report OO 3d Bn arrived Regt 1 OP to confer w/ Gen Ferenbaugh Gen Maccon called and directed that the enemy would be dive bombed in the morning, followed by combined attack by infantry, TDS and Tks. Lt Ray left Regt 1 OP to go to 1st and 2d Bn CPs re plans for patrols. 51 Report sent to Div</p>
1935		75		
2140		76		
2000		77		
2015		78		
2020		79	1545	
2025		80		
2035		81		
2039		82		
2107		83		
2119		84		
2130		85		
		85		
		87		
2157	2157	88		
2210		89		
2340		90		
		91		
	2330	92		
	2400			

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Hotot, France
9 July 1944

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10 July 44*

3. See Overlay.

4. See Overlay.

5. No Change.

6. At 1830 a third attack was launched and the net gain was from 200 to 300 yds with the farthest elements almost reaching highway #4. (See Overlay) The operation finished at this point with 7 tanks found to oppose us, used as stationary pill boxes firing from hull down positions.

During the farthest advance of the assault Bns the reserve 3d Bn occupied with I and K Companies the positions formerly occupied by the 1 and 2d Bns at 2225 the order was given to return under cover of darkness to the positions originally occupied before the attack. Latest positions occupied are the same as those before this attack.

7. Estimated casualties per Bn:

- 3d Bn - 0
- 1st Bn - Unknown
- 2d Bn - Unknown

F. B. COOK
Maj, S3

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Hq 330th Inf
HOTOT, FRANCE
100430 July 1944

FO #5

MAPS: Same.

1. a. No change.
- b. No change - 323 FA in direct support of 330 Inf. No preparation nor rolling barrages. All fires will be on call.

2. The 330 Inf with Co C, 746 Tk Bn (-), plus 1 plat Co D, Co A, 87th Oml Co, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP) and Co C, 802 TD Bn attached, attacks 1100 July 10th to mop up the area between Highway #4 - Le Port - La Semellerie Highway and line Bois Gremot (356771) - Chau 370754.

Formation - Col of Bns echeloned to right rear in order, 3d, 2d and 1st.

ID ***** See overlay.

Boundaries - See overlay.

Zones of action - See overlay.

Time - See overlay.

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3. a. 3d Bn, attached: 1 Plat, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP)
1 Plat, Co C, 746 Tk Bn
1 Plat, Co D, 746 Tk Bn

Move from area as indicated by overlay - clear enemy armor and personnel.

- b. 2d Bn, attached: 1 Plat, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP)
1 Plat, Co C, 746 Tk Bn

Plan of operation - overlay.

- c. 1st Bn - Regtl Reserve.

Plan of operation - see overlay.

Prepare plans for employment to protect right flank of Regt in conjunction with TDs and ATs.

- d. AT Co

Will occupy positions and block roads in accordance with directions of CO, Co C, 634 TD Bn SP.

- e. On Co.

Attached to 323 FA for fire missions only.

- f. Co A, 746 Tk Bn (- detachments) general support from vicinity of Regtl Hq.

- g. Co B, 308 Eng.

1 plat in close support of 3d Bn.

1 plat in close support of 2d Bn.

- h. Co A, 746 Tk Bn (- 2 plat) General support of Regt from vicinity of Regtl Hq.

- i. Co A, 87 Oml Bn.

General support of Regtl from present location.

Reinforce fires of 323 FA Bn.

Special mission 0800 as directed by Asst Div Comdr.

No smoke will be fired during hours of 1100 - 1300.

- j. Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP) - 2 plat

General support from vicinity of Regtl Hq.

Coordinate AT offensive and defensive actions of all AT assigned and attached.

- k. Co C, 802 TD Bn.

provide AT protection of left flank and rear of Regt.

- x. 1. Priority on Roads -

AT Element (organic and attached).

2. E.E.I.

(a) Location of Tanks.

(b) Vehicles and troop movements including direction of movements.

3. Air OPs will execute surveillance missions and observe any tanks, vehicles or troop movements in the zone of action of the 330 Inf with special attention to tank concentrations. Air OPs will also report condition of exit bridges for enemy forces in this area.

4. No change.

5. a. No change.

- b. 1. Regtl CP - Present location.

2. Bn CPs - Bns select and report.

3. Axis of Signal Communications to be announced.

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From 0001, 9 July 44
 To 2400, 9 July 44
 83d Inf Div
 T376608
 2400, 9 July 44

No 13

MAP: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERIERS 31/16 NW, CARENAN 31/18 SE.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy with intermittent showers; clear in evening.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
 - a. Infantry
 - 329th Inf: Div Res.
 - 330th Inf: Encountered numerous tanks (exact number not known)
Repelled counterattacks.
 - 331st Inf: Attacked at 0830 - advanced to position (overlay)
 - b. Field Artillery
 - 83d Div Arty: Supported Div atts.
Atchd: 183d F.A. Bn.
 - c. Armored
 - 746 Tr Bn (-): Div Res
Co B, 1 Plat Co C, and 1 Plat Co D atchd: 331st Inf
Co C (-) and 1 Plat Co B atchd: 330th Inf
 - d. Cavalry
 - 83d Cav Recon Tr: Recon mission on left.
 - e. Engineers
 - 308th Engr Bn: Support att. Continue mine clearance.
 - f. Tank Destroyer
 - 802d TD Bn (-): Atchd Div Arty
Co B Atchd 331st Inf
2d Plat Co C Atchd 330th Inf
 - g. Anti-Aircraft
 - 453d AAA (AW) Bn: atchd to Div Arty.
 - h. Chemical Troops
 - Co A 87th Cml Bn: Atchd 330th Inf
 - Co C 87th Cml Bn: Atchd 331st Inf
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Losses of men and material - light.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 331st Inf closed on SAINTENY.
330th Inf maneuvered against tanks gaining little ground.

TIME FILED

MSG CEN No.

HOW SENT

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE)

PRECEDENCE

No. 1

DATE 10 July

To Asst Div Comdr

FILE NO: 27

Unit Jnl: JLB

AFS: _____

Booby trapped mine field,
6 teller mines, at 379778.
Path cleared thru at 1030
A second field short distance
beyond. (SOUTH)

G-2 will verify

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

TIME SIGNED 1030

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

Dunn Capt

ACTION TAKEN

Referred to necessary
stuff

DISTRIBUTION:

C. O.

Ex C.

S-1

S-2 ✓

S-3

S-4

Comm O.

Gen 7. ✓

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To Asst Div Comdr

Road mined South of 379778
Bn. of 330 moving into assembly
area.

Sporadic Arty & MG fire from
both sides going into 388768
Side roads from la Semeller
ie - le Port road blocked by
abatis.

Do you have instructions for Plat
Ldr?

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To PATROL LDR OF OBSERVERS

PROTECT RIGHT FLANK OF
OBSERVING.

WITHDRAW AND REMAIN IN
OBSERVATION AT PENINSULA TO THE
EAST.

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GEN. FERENBAUSH

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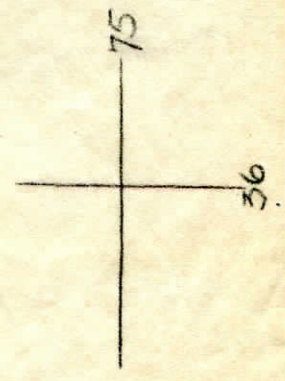
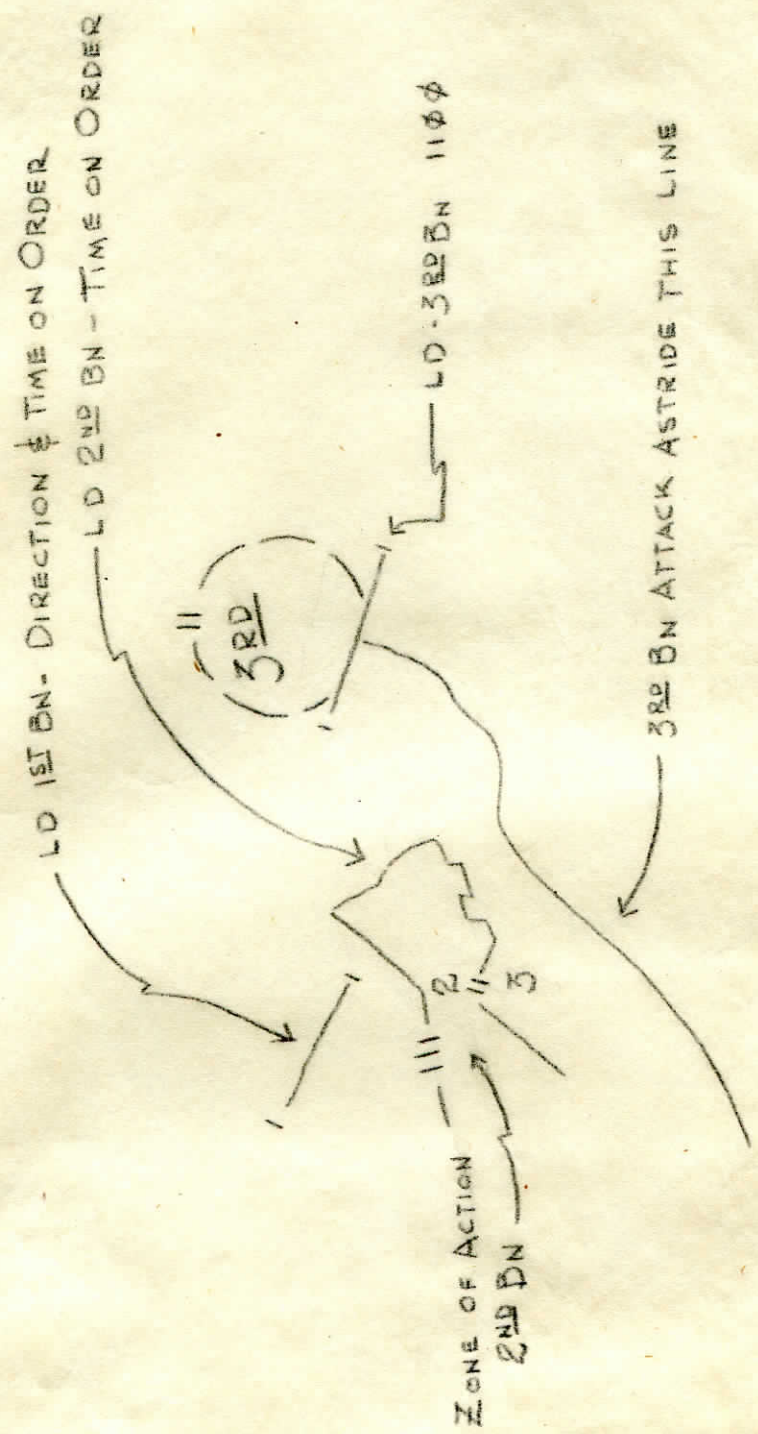
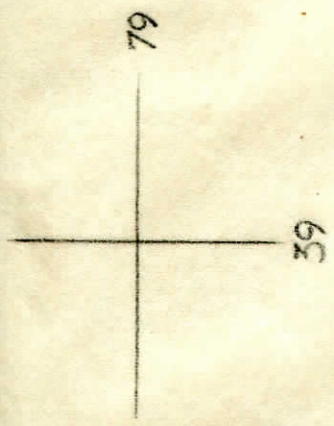
MAPS: Same.

1. a. No change.
 - b. No change - 323 FA in direct support of 330 Inf. No preparation nor rolling barrages. All fires will be on call.

 2. The 330 Inf with Co C, 746 Tk Bn (-), plus 1 plat Co D, Co A, 87th Oml Co, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP) and Co C, 802 TD Bn attached, attacks 1100 July 10th to mop up the area between Highway #4 - La Port - La Semellerie Highway and line Bois Gremot (356771) - Ohau 370754.
 - Formation - Col of Bns echeloned to right rear in order, 3d, 2d and 1st.
 - ID ***** See overlay.
 - Boundaries -- See overlay.
 - Zones of action - See overlay.
 - Time ----- See overlay.

 3. a. 3d Bn, attchd: 1 Plat, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP)
 1 Plat, Co C, 746 Tk Bn
 1 Plat, Co D, 746 Tk Bn
 Move from area as indicated by overlay - clear enemy armor and personnel.
 - b. 2d Bn, attchd: 1 Plat, Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP)
 1 Plat, Co C, 746 Tk Bn
 Plan of operation - overlay.
 - c. 1st Bn - Regtl Reserve.
 Plan of operation - see overlay.
 Prepare plans for employment to protect right flank of Regt in conjunction with TDs and ATs.
 - d. AT Co
 Will occupy positions and block roads in accordance with directions of CO, Co C, 634 TD Bn SP.
 - e. On Co.
 Attached to 323 FA for fire missions only.
 - f. Co A, 746 Tk Bn (- detachments) general support from vicinity of Regtl Hq.
 - g. Co B, 308 Eng.
 1 plat in close support of 3d Bn.
 1 plat in close support of 2d Bn.
 - h. Co A, 746 Tk Bn (- 2 plat) General support of Regt from vicinity of Regtl Hq.
 - i. Co A, 87 Oml Bn.
 General support of Regtl from present location.
 Reinforce fires of 323 FA Bn.
 Special mission 0800 as directed by Asst Div Comdr.
 No smoke will be fired during hours of 1100 - 1300.
 - j. Co A, 634 TD Bn (SP) - 2 plat)
 General support from vicinity of Regtl Hq.
 Coordinate AT offensive and defensive actions of all AT assigned and attached.
 - k. Co C, 802 TD Bn.
 provide AT protection of left flank and rear of Regt.
 - x. 1. Priority on Roads -
 AT Element (organic and attached).
 2. E.E.I.
 (a) Location of Tanks.
 (b) Vehicles and troop movements including direction of movements.
 3. Air OPs will execute surveillance missions and observe any tanks, vehicles or troop movements in the zone of action of the 330 Inf with special attention to tank concentrations. Air OPs will also report condition of exit bridges for enemy forces in this area.
4. No change.
 5. a. No change.
 - b. 1. Regtl OP - Present location.
 2. Bn OPs - Bns select and report.
 3. Axis of Signal Communications to be announced.

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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT

3. No Change.
4. No Change.
5. No Change.
6. C.O. issued order at 0700 to continue the attack at 1100. (See attached order)
7. None.

COOK
Major, 3-3

*Journal Entry
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10 July 44
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83d Inf Div
CARENTAN
8 July 1944

CO, 329th Inf Regt
CO, 330th Inf Regt
CO, 331st Inf Regt

S-3 REPORTS

1. S-3 Situation Reports (Sitreps) will be made as outlined below.
 - a. S-3 Sitreps will be made four times daily. They will reach the AC of S, G-3, by 0600, 1200, 1800, and 2400 hours, and will give the situation as of 0500, 1100, 1700, and 2300 hours.
 - b. G-3 Sitreps will include the following, and be in the following form:
 - (1) Headquarters of issue.
 - (2) Date and hour of issue and time covered by report.
 - (3) Trace of front lines to show Bns.
 - (4) Location of command posts to include Bn.
 - (5) Information of situation of adjacent units and supporting troops.
 - (6) Operations for the period.
 - (7) Estimated casualty report (by Bns) for period of report.
 - (8) Signature.
 - c. Overlays accompanying Sitreps will be prepared from the map used in the FO.
 - d. When no change has occurred in the situation or information listed in sub-paragraph b (3), (4), (5), (6), since last report, these sub-paragraphs may be shown giving the paragraph number and the statement "No Change".
2. In addition to the S-3 Sitreps required in paragraph one, the following reports will be made each hour. This report will be made by the fastest means available.
 - a. Location of leading elements of front line Bns.
 - b. Situation confronting front line units.
3. The following actions will be reported immediately by the fastest means available and permitted at the time:
 - a. Crossing of IP.
 - b. Crossing of phase or control line.
 - c. New location of CPs.
 - d. Closing of unit in new area.
 - e. First contact with the enemy.
 - f. Crossing of LD.

- g. Capture of an objective.
 - h. When objective has been secured.
4. All reports required above will be made to AC of S, G-3, at the WAR ROOM.
 5. Information in any report found later to be inaccurate will be corrected immediately.

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Boyle
G-3.

ORAL MESSAGE

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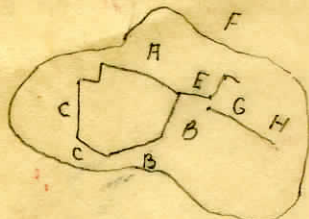
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1st & 2d Bn Situation at 1630
10 July 44

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Hq 330th Inf
Hotot
1700 July 10

3. See Overlay.
4. No Change except 3rd Bn - 3rd Bn not reported.
5. Advise of their location.
6. 3rd Bn (plus attachments) arrived in its assembly area at 1130. Crossed L.D. at 1414. Delay in crossing the L.D. was caused by the inability of the tanks to get up in time. Other mechanized units were following the tanks and were likewise delayed. 3rd Bn advanced 200 yards from L.D. and ran against several road block covered by fire from tanks. Estimated to have about 15 tanks in whole area.
7. Unknown but estimated to be very light.

F. B. COOK,
Major, S-3.

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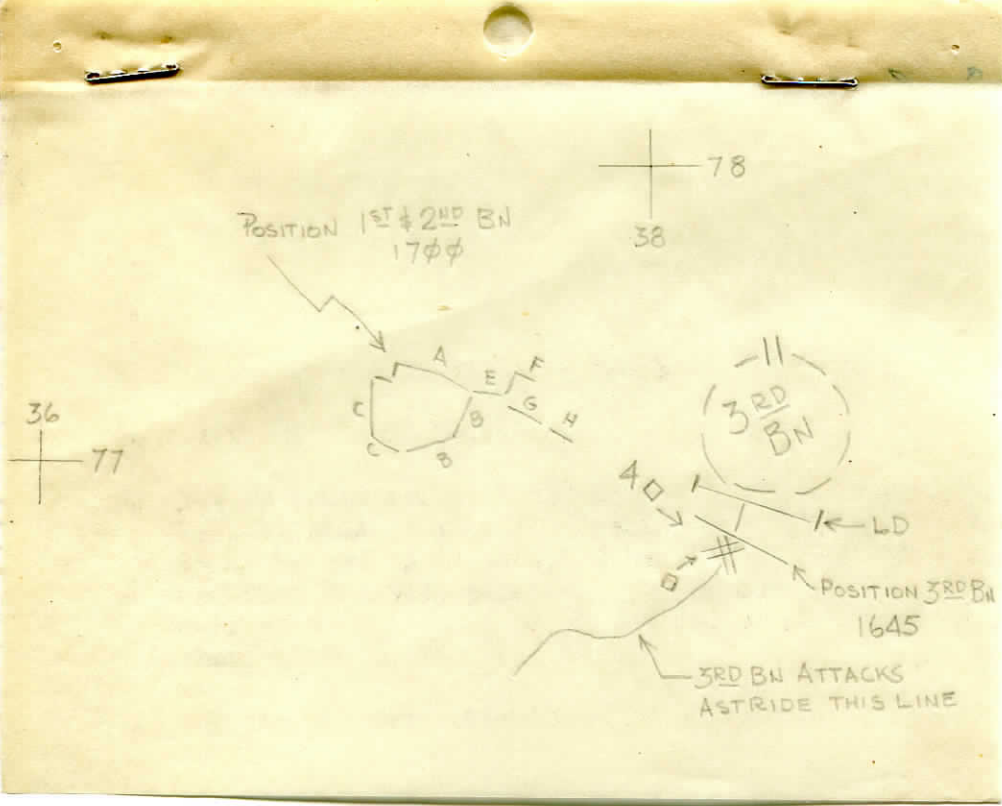
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- 1. 3rd BN (by the attachment) arrived in the assembly area at 1130.
- 2. Update of their location.
- 3. No change except 3rd BN - 3rd BN not reported.
- 4. See sketch.

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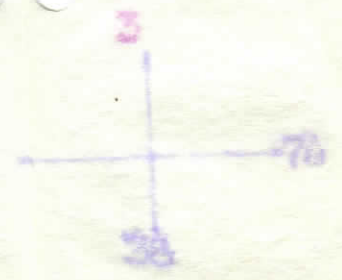
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DODGE & MINEFIELD REPORT
OFFICE OF DIVISION ENGINEER
OF 101800



PURPLE: CLEAR ROADS & TRAILS
RED: MINES & BLOCKS

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To Asst Div Comdr & Ex O 10 July

No enemy activity east of line 380780-388773

Request coords of Col. Wilkinson

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0005		1	102132	<p>It St Onge reported destroying tank. Observed tank burning. Received message from OO Ron re withdrawing. Patrol #9 returned and reported no results. Patrol 8 and 10 returned. Ran into enemy infantry, between them and Hiway 3. They could see hiway from position. Could see at least two squads. Patrol 6 and 7 returned. Negative report. Patrol 4 returned. Negative report. Patrol 1 returned. Negative report. Patrol 3 returned. Negative report. Patrol 5 returned. Negative report. Received password for 131200 to 142100 "Theme Story" Received Road & Minefield Report as of 102100 Received FO #8, Hq 85 Div, 11 July 1944 OO 3d Bn arrived Regtl OP to confer with OO for instructions re attack. Maj Pegg left Regtl OP for 323 FA GP Lt Rapport arrived Regtl OP to act as Arty LO Lt Ray returned to Regtl OP from 1st and 2d Bn CPs OO 3d Bn arrived at OP for conference with Gen Ferenbaugh OO 2d Bn arrived at OP for conference with Gen Ferenbaugh OO 1st Bn arrived at OP for conference with Gen Ferenbaugh</p>	
0016		2			
0042		3			
0310		4			
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	1000	25			

NOTES ON CONFERENCE BETWEEN GEN FERENBAUGH, BN COMDRS,
 TANK COMDR, ENGR O, RE PLANS FOR ATTACK AT 1030.

G-2 Periodic Report.

330th IPW Report of Period Ending 092400 July 44.

TP from Lt Col Herring to Gen Ferenbaugh re "Attack, whether
 bombing is executed or not."

Overlay showing Mine Fields.

Gen FERENBAUGH departed from OP enroute to 1st & 2d Bn CPs

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
IN	OUT			
	0810	26	0800	<p>OOs 1st & 2d Bns departed from CP CO 3d Bn left CP enroute to 3d Bn CP Road & Minefield Rpt from Div Engr as of 102100 July 44 Lt Col Davis, Tank CO, arrived at CP for conference with Ex O prior to attack Memo fr Regtl S-2 to OOs 1st, 2d and 3d Bn re disposition reports on Tanks (from G-2) CO 3d Bn arrived at CP Message from G-2 (83d) to Regtl S-2 re "Anytime civilians are in area evacuate them by calling MPs or civil officers; under NO circumstances send them to Div CP." Overlay showing Road & Minefield Report as of 091800 Overlay showing line for Infantry to pull back prior to Air attack Col ROGERS arrived at CP to get information on our present lines (VII CORPS representative) Col ROGERS departed from CP. Regtl S-4 arrived at CP. 350th IPW report of 11 July 44 to G-2 (83d) Regtl S-1 arrived at CP Planes to be used in bombing did not arrive at 1145 as per schedule Lt Noe (LO) departed from CP enroute to Div CP to pick up Col FOSTER F-47 Planes flew over CP enroute to objective; bombardment started according to plan Planes bombed objective; one plane was hit, but flew to safety Col FOSTER, new Regtl CO arrived at CP CO 323d FA arrived at CP Lt Noe (LO) returned from Div CP 2nd Bn crossed ID Div G-2 arrived at CP to confer with Regtl S-2</p>
	0830	27	0830	
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1005				
1010				
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1237		47		
1235		48		

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1302		49		Tank advance leading echelon held up road block; Engrs removed it so advancement could continue
1305		50		Above report changed by Gen Ferenbaugh: Tanks having to find another route forward; Ex O 2d Bn reports left Co held down by fire; have not reached Hwy 4
	1310	51		Div G-2 departed from Regt 1 CP
1320		52		2d Bn reports left Co held down by fire; have not reached Hwy 4 E Co on right held down by MG and Rifle Fire waiting for our tanks to break through hedgerows
1335		53		F Co almost to blacktop road.
1337		54		Message to Gen Ferenbaugh from Gen Macon via SX over TP "Take losses and push forward."
1340		55		TP between SX and O of S re Tank situation
1348		56		3 Officer representatives from Tank Co arrived at OP to check situation; departed 1345
1355		57		Report via TP 1st Bn 200 yds north of Hwy #4
1355		58		Gen Ferenbaugh reported that he directed both Bns to move forward, and will move 3d Bn soon
1400		59		2d Bn reported pinned down by MG and small arms fire, and ordered to move forward without the tanks
1401		60		Air Observer reported tanks on blacktop road
1410		61		Col Fredendall reports 2 enemy tanks knocked out; 1 of our tanks knocked out; one enemy tank on right being pursued by our bazooka team
1410		62		2d Bn: Two Tanks and Two Assault Guns knocked out (our own); Assault Cos advancing under strong cross fire, to the road; receiving very heavy fire from the road junction "Hot Spot", on their left rear. Regt 1 S-1 returned to CP after looking over site of newly proposed location for CP.

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1418		63		1st Bn lost one Tank; knocked out two enemy tanks; moving slowly toward the blacktop
1421		64		Arty falling short on Co E
1425		65		Officer representative from Engr Bn arrived at OP to find out information concerning possibility of getting into sector for certain repair work along blacktop road; departed 1430
1435		66		TP between SX and Col Boyle re Enemy Tank believed left behind and firing from left rear of Bn OP; dropping rounds on Co E
1435		67		Message from Co B via radio "Arty fire falling short"
1438		68		Co B approx 200 yds from blacktop
1450		70		Lt Ray (LO) returned to OP from 331st OP where he escorted Col FOSTER; Col FOSTER remaining at 331st OP to assume command
1452		71		Rec'd G-3 Periodic Rpt of period 0001-2400 10 July 44 Gen MACON arrived at OP to confer with Ex O and other staff Os re situation; made suggestions and emphasized that the Regiments must NOT continue to have the feeling of being sorry for themselves, but must get right into the fight with greater punch and ambition, and knock out the enemy in this sector at once. We cannot afford to stand still any longer.
1509		72		TP between Gen MACON and Gen FERRENBACH re situation; Gen MACON will try to join Gen FERRENBACH; situation very dangerous; we must get forward today
1514	1520	73		Right Co of 2d Bn within 50 yds of blacktop
1530		74		Lt Ray (LO) left OP enroute to Div Hq
1533		75		E & F Co 50 yds short of blacktop
1533		76		Co F reached blacktop; E Co had trouble with the enemy on the other side of the hedge, but F Co giving them help.
1533		77		TP between Gen MACON and G-3 re 331st situation
1537		78		B Co about 50 yds beyond the blacktop; A Co not committed.

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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1548		79		Both 2d Bn Cos have crossed blacktop. 7 of our 8 tanks have been immobilized per report from Tank Bn CO to Gen MAOON
1550		80		
1555		81		House on blacktop between Bns is strong top, being taken out by riflemen and advance on blacktop being held up on west side of ; F Co is facing MG fire on left edge to assist advance on E Co; house strong point is being taken out by riflemen and hand grenades
1600		82		1st Bn now about 150 yds beyond blacktop
1600		83		3d Bn alerted via TP by CO 3d Bn to be ready to move out
1601		84		CO 3d Bn (Col Wilkinson) congratulated by Gen MAOON on his work; told to continue his good work
1605		85		CO, TD Bn departed from OP enroute to bring other TD platoon of tanks forward
1620		86		Cos F and G are now involved in a fight to the left, and a tank in now coming up from the right will full fire power (enemy)
1632		87		Cos A & B are completing movement south, and Co A is receiving very small amount of automatic weapons fire
1645		88		One tank 372768 (Rpt from Aerial Observer); on Concentration 15.
1646		89		Two tanks that were on Road 3 are heading rapidly down the road towards the swamp
1647		90		Co E is on the objective
1648		91		Co G just knocked out one tank at death corner (Rt-344)
1650		92		Gen MAOON departed from Regt I OP enroute to 1st Bn CP
1700		93		Co B just reached their objective
1705		94		Cos B and O on objectives
1708		95		Co 3d Bn directed to push strong patrols forward from old area of 2d & 3d Bn s to strip wipe out snipers and harassing patrols. Lt Framindino, AT Co, just knocked out one tank; one got away 379769

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1715	97		Co G and Co F are still involved defending on the left.
1725	98		TP between SX and Major General COLLINS (VII Corps) re situation
1729	99		General MAOON returned to CP from 1st Bn CP
1738	100		TP between General MAOON and General COLLINS re situation and plans for cleaning out the sector tonight
1749	101		General MAOON departed from Regt1 CP enroute to Div Hq
1830	102		1st Bn receiving enemy fire from right
1835	103	1805	Maj Heikel (Div Hq) arrived at CP to confer with staff and Gen Ferenbaugh
1835	104		TP from OG to SX re that the Regt complete movement to shoreline and mopping up the peninsula tonight before darkness. That the Regt get as much rest as possible in regard to which rest would be impossible with the present mission. Also directed that a Bn be left in this area when the Regt moves to a bivouac area. The detachment to be under the command of the Bn Comdr. Co C crossed Hiway 4 and are on azimuth 170%.
1850	105		Asst Div Comdr returned to Regt1 CP
1905	106		Maj Heikel assigned to the 3d Bn.
1915	107		Received 32 Periodic Report #9
1923	108		Lt Fried reported road clear of mines
1925	109		Enemy shelling this area w/large cal gun
1930	110		Rad to OO 3d Bn re food and return of one Co for protection of Regt1 CP.
1935	112		Maj Breen arrived Regt1 CP
1942	113		Enemy shelling has knocked out all comm forwd
1947	114		Maj Heikel left for 3d Bn and duty.
2000	115		Enemy gun located at 342727.
	116		Based on oral directive from OG following instructions to OOs of the 1st and 2d Bns. "Continue advance with at least two-thirds of ea Bn with the former boundary between Bns as a direction of advance. Clean out area

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IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
000		116 contd		in the regtl objective and return to assembly area on initial objective taking all necessary measures for security. Be prepared for forward moves to regtl biv area. (Dictated by SX)
010		117		Based on oral directive from OG following orders issued to OO 83d Recon Trp. "Report to OO 3d Bn 330 Inf at present command post (376775) to coordinate plan for tomorrow for the operation of cleaning out the peninsula east of route 3 in which the 83d Recon Trp is attached to 3d Bn. This force will then remain in this general locality until relieved by further orders." (Dic by SX)
020		118		OO 3d Bn directed to furnish Rifle platoon to patrol and clean out area between 1st and 2d Bn OPs and Regtl OP before dark and then to remain in the vicinity of the Regtl OP for local protection. (Dictated by SX)
040		119		An 88mm flushed out and reported at coord 361768.
050	2047	120	1630	Gen FERENBAUGH departed from OP to go to Div OP.
110		121		Received Message w/alternate pass word and reply "Threat Pistol", in effect now until 131200. Attached to journal entry #5, 8 July 1944.
800		122		OO 3d Bn arrived Regtl OP
110		123		Capt Drum, OO, 83d Recon Trp. arrived Regtl OP for instructions.
115		124		Gen FERENBAUGH phoned and directed that OO 3d Bn and OO 83d Recon Trp to send out tank hunting patrols to hunt for tanks and infantry.
130		125		Gen FERENBAUGH phoned and changed previous orders in that 3d Bn and Recon Trp will act together instead of separately.
140		126		Received pass word and reply for period from 141200 to 171200: Wireless Receiver.
150		127		Received overlay of road and minefield report as of 101800
200		128		TP that 331st has gotten behind enemy and is chasing him this way.
		129		Received Oper Memo 38, 22 Jun 44, FUSA

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
00		130		Received S3 report dtd 11 July 1944
00		131		Received S3 report w/overlay dtd 11 July 1944
00		132		Received PW Interrogation Report of Karl Jung, 11 Jul 44
10		133		IPW team reports that German prisoner told him he had been at Regtl OP of 38th SS Regt located at 346772
10		134		Lt Ray returned to Regtl OP
12		135		Lt Jammie arrived Regtl OP to report position of Bn
14		136		Received overlay of disposition of 1st Bn at this hour
25		137		Bridge at 362755 reported by German prisoner to be under repair and to be used all night in removing equip.
50		138		Enemy inf reported digging in along line along road from 17c to 19c by 2d Bn thru 3d Bn
55		139		Gen FERENBAUGH returned to Regtl OP and complements everyone on fine work done.
10		140		Received disposition overlay of 1st and 2d Bn.
35		141		Gen FERENBAUGH reports that we can get Phos grenades now TP to Maj Breen to draw offensive grenades and send them up to be here as soon as possible.
40		142		Lt Ray left Regtl OP to go to Div OP for overlay.
00		143		Lt Ray returned to Regtl OP
00	2342	144		S1 Report sent to Div
00	2400	145	2300	SX reports that he got word that OO 2d Bn sent patrols down to waters edge and pushed out. One has returned. No complete picture. Small isolated troop concentrations encountered. No resistance. When patrols return, OO 2d Bn will contact OO 1st Bn. Relative to arty fire: OO 2d Bn knows that if any LOs call for fire either Bn IO will clear with the other. 331st made raid in effort to drive out enemy. Enemy got behind house that was strong point and drove enemy out, may be North. We are alerted for movement to assembly area -- place unknown yet. 1st and 2d Bn standing by for orders. Tomorrow is not a regtl operation but 3d Bn operation reinforced by 83d Recon Trp
00		146		Capt Stewart reported gun and crew captured this afternoon
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NUMBER 12

MAPS: GSGS, 4347, 1/25,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy Front Lines: 342774 - 350770, 353772 - 358770,
372768 - 380769.

b. Defensive Organization: Enemy continues to defend from hastily prepared positions, utilizing rifles, automatic weapons and mortars with considerable success. His artillery fire continues to be used effectively. Enemy continues to use tank-infantry teams in executing counter-attacks.

c. Artillery: Rear areas were shelled during early morning hours. Artillery fire was relatively quiet during the morning, and increased toward late afternoon and evening.

d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: Pz LMR Div was reported moving westward and then south, to avoid artillery fire, at 1600, 8 July. Last reports place head of column at 702546 with tail at 673508. Pz LMR has about 20 Mark IV tanks, 40-50 Mark V tanks, and has recently been reinforced by 1st Bn, 36th Tank Regt. It also includes two infantry regiments, each about 1500 in strength with about 3 Bns of 105 artillery which is fairly well up to strength. A second westward movement through VIREL may be the 277th Infantry Division, which is badly needed to reinforce the 2nd Para Corps.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

Early in the period enemy made local counter-attacks against the 331st Infantry, laying down heavy mortar fire. Attacks were repulsed. Otherwise, little organized resistance was made to our advance southward. On the front of the 331st Infantry enemy appears to have been disorganized and did not establish a strong line of defense. He did, however, continue to use mortars and automatic weapons with success. Artillery fire during the period was sporadic but had considerable harassing effect. Small tank-infantry teams were employed but were unable to hold off our advance. At mid-day five tanks were seen moving NE from RJ 354769 and more tanks were seen at CR 356771. A counter-attack was made against the 331st Infantry at 1532. The advance of the 330th Infantry was delayed by tanks and infantry organized into defensive positions. Several tanks strategically located, hull down, interfered with the resupply of the 330th Infantry. At 2207 tanks were reported at 363767, 376768, 367767 and 361769.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Number of PWs taken today: 5
 Number of PWs taken to-date: 57
 See Annex 1, Interrogation Report No. 12.

b. Morale of PWs is fair. A PW stated that he was convinced Germany would win the war until he saw the huge numbers of men and amounts of equipment behind our front lines. He had been told were lacking in some.

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c. PWs continue to state that reserves and food are not being brought up to the front lines with any degree of certainty or regularity because of lack of transportation and the condition of the roads.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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CO 83D C	1
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1. No. of PWs: 5 (Total up to date: 57)
2. Units of PWs: 14th Co, 37th Pz Gren Regt (1)
11th Co, 38th Pz Gren Regt (4)
3. Missions: After having received orders to counter-attack night of 7 July, PWs of 11th Co, 38th Pz Gren Regt state that they were thrown into such confusion by yesterday morning that they were merely trying to defend and rejoin their units. At time, they did not know where their own front lines were. The original counter-attack was executed by the whole III Battalion of the 38th Pz Gren Regt.
4. Locations:
 - a. Location of 11th Co, 2300 7 July 1944, 355788 vic CULOT, 10th Co W of 11th, 9th Co E of 11th.
 - b. Former rest area of 11th Co in woods vic 4173.
5. Strength of units.:
 - a. 11th Co was committed on 4 July with full strength of app 160. By yesterday, only 40 men were left.
 - b. 14th Co, 37th Pz Gren Regt: 110 men.
6. Armament:
 - a. 14th Co: Ten (10) 20mm AA/AT guns left out of original twelve (12).
 - b. 11th Co: supported by two (2) tanks.
7. Defenses: Defensive positions were prepared S of marsh vic TRIBEHOU 385745 to 400753. Overlay of defensive position found on captured NCO.
8. Personalities: 11th Co, 38th Pz Gren Regt: CO--T/Sgt Bruno Janusch (captured) took charge of the remnants of 11th Co after his CO was wounded in action and all platoon leaders killed. III Bn CO, 38th Pz Gren Regt, Major Bolte, killed in counter-attack 7 July 1944.
9. PWs Criticism of American Tactics:
 - a. PW gives his opinion that our troops fight too close together and in bunches. He observed app 100 men in sector of 100 yards.
 - b. He was impressed that our men were able to hold their fire until Germans had approached within ten (10) feet. However, he felt that our troops lost this initial advantage by retreating too quickly.
10. Reserves: Units of the Wehrmacht vic TRIBEHOU. PW substantiates rumors that SS Div Das REICH is in vicinity. He states that this division DAS REICH is the best Germany has to offer. It is up to full strength in men and equipment. Troops are battle-experienced fighters and finatical Nazis.
11. Supplies:
 - a. Small arms ammunition plentiful.
 - b. Artillery ammunition just enough.
12. Miscellaneous:
 - a. T/Sgt Banusch, PW in armed forces for five years, firmly believed that he would be shot upon capture. He attributes the severe losses of his company to its premature commitment and the complete chaos thereafter.
 - b. PWs state that our air bombardment is very effective. However, troops are not afraid of planes when in dug-outs. When Germans attack, American strafing is most demoralizing.
 - c. Tank elements which were intended for 17th Pz Gren Div were

c. PWs continue to state that reserves and food are not being brought up to the front lines with any degree of certainty or regularity because of lack of transportation and the condition of the roads.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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CO 331st INF REGT	4
CO 308th ENGR C BN	1
CO 83d C	1
WAR ROOM	1
G-1	1
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8th DIV R	1
748th TANK	1
G-2 FILE	

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d. PW of 14th Co (AA Co) states that the 20mm AA guns of his company have been very ineffective. Our planes fly above guns' effective ceiling of app 6500 feet and he has never seen any of our planes shot down.

Kurt Sander
KURT SANDER,
1st Lt., OIC,
IPW Team #51

Hq 330th Inf
0730
11 July 44

Notes on Conference held by Gen. FERENBAUGH
and Bn Comdrs, Tank Comdrs, Engrs.

At 1030, the road marked #4 will be dive bombed, in accordance with overlay. Men from 2d Bn will have to be withdrawn from present position and dig in immediately following formation of bombing; the Arty will fire 15-minute preparation, and during this preparation on the road, troops will get out of foxholes and go into formation.

TIME OF ATTACK: Immediately following last smoke from Arty.

Each Battalion to attack initially in accordance with overlay (see overlay). Road to 2d Bn, and house that has prepared position, objective (378769). Crossroads will receive special consideration during bombing. Bn Commanders were told by Gen Ferenbaugh that last bomber would either wave its wings, or the number of bombers used would be given.

OBJECTIVE: High ground generally running NE to SW, and extending from 383765 around to intersection of the road, just east at point 37.2 76.75. THE LIMITING POINT between 1st and 2d Battalions will be the road turn at 37.45 76.3.

Immediately following taking the objective, 330th will move into Div Reserve (see order).

ATTACHMENTS TO BATTALIONS: Immediately after crossing road, one Platoon of Tanks and TDs will move down road to start cleaning up. (TDs will lead off, followed by Tanks)

ARTILLERY; Fire 15-minute concentrations; lift last two shells 100 yds)

Behind the Infantry will be 4 more tanks in support.

Mine detectors, bazookas, and usual setup will prevail.

BATTALIONS will get into attack formation before bombing.

RED SMOKE will be signal for air targets.

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Journal Entry # 21
10 July 44

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy Front Lines: Generally 532770 - 541763 - 545767 - 557769
561768.

b. Units in Contact:

(1) New Identification: Wounded PW taken about 1200 by 329th Inf immediately south of SAINTENY identified as belonging to the 11th Co, 2d Para Tng Regt. PW states that 350 picked men of the 11th, 12th Cos of the 2d Para Tng Regt marched from TROYES (158 Km SE of PARIS) for two weeks to reinforce the 6th Para Regt (opposite the 4th Div). Situation behind the German lines had changed to the extent that these men were committed with the SS troops facing us instead of with the 6th Para Regt. They arrived in an area south of SAINTENY at 0400 this morning. Immediately they were formed into squads of ten men each and sent into the line. PW states there was no time for organization or coordination of forces. Other units on our front remain substantially the same as previously reported.

(2) 4th Inf Div is in contact with the 11th Co 37 SS Pz Gr Regt; 3d, 9th, 11th, 12th and 15th companies of the 6th Para Regt. 9th Inf Div is in contact with the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 14th and 16th companies, 58 SS Pz Gr Regt, 17 SS Pz Gr Div; 5th Co 984th Regt, 275th Inf Div; 2d Co, 332 Tng Bn, 552 Inf Div; "Fuehrer" Regt (said to be withdrawn) and "Deutschland" Regt, both of SS Pz Div "DAS REICH".

c. Artillery: No counterbattery fire was reported during period. Enemy continues to employ artillery with considerable harassing effect.

d. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: Enemy continues to reinforce front line units with training troops brought up hastily from rear areas. (see b above) PW taken today states that the 1st Co of the 37th SS Pz Gr Regt has within the past two days been reinforced by men from the 36th Field Training Bn. No large troop concentrations are known to be north of the river TAUTE in the division zone.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

A counter attack against the left Bn 351st Inf, shortly after midnight, forced this Bn to retire about 300 yds. The enemy continued firing with 88s the remainder of the night, inflicting casualties. In the left zone of the division, a group of tanks estimated as a company, supported by infantry, utilized the road network to contain leading elements of the 330th Inf. The enemy maintained such close contact that employment of arty and air bombardment was hazardous. Powerful aerial missions scheduled by our forces for early morning attack were canceled because of adverse weather conditions.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Number of PWs today 6

Number of PWs todate 63

b. PW reports that the 1st Co, 37th SS Pz Gr Regt has 1 LMG, 2 semi-automatic rifles and 2 snipers per squad. Another PW states that two (2) Mark IVs led the attack of the 3d Bn, 38th SS Pz Gr Regt yesterday.

c. PW who surrendered to Co L, 330th Inf, this morning stated that until Friday he was driver of a staff car of the 2d Bn, 38th SS Pz Gr Regt. All drivers and members of the trains of the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th companies (about 100 men) were given rifles or pistols last Friday and sent into the line as infantrymen for the first time. Four (4) assault guns were attached. PW states that as soon as their assault guns opened fire, they were brought under heavy fire from our lines, which had a demoralizing effect. On Saturday morning, the Bn was ordered to defend at all costs. PW states that he saw one member of SS "DAS REICH" on Friday in the general area south of SAINTENY.

d. Supply: Vehicles are parked in dugouts and must be pulled out by hand before starting the motors, this being a means of conserving gasoline.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No Change.

ORDER OF BATTLE NOTES

The following is a summary of enemy order of battle in the zone of the 83d Inf Div. All items of information were verified by interrogation of prisoners or by document research.

1. 12 SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Goetz von Berlichingen"

CO Werner Ostendorf was wounded on 4-5 July and was replaced by Colonel Mauer. The G-3 of the division is Major Sellar.

The average age of PWs is 18 years, with army service of 8 months. All EM captured were drafted into the Waffen SS. Morale of EM is fair to poor. Discipline has been very strict and training intensive. PWs were told that they would be shot by their own officers and non-coms upon attempting to surrender, or by the Americans after surrender. Quality of officers and non-coms, very good.

A bad state of transportation exists in the rear. There is sufficient ammunition for small arms, not quite enough for artillery. Food supply is fair to poor.

a. 37 SS Pz Gr Regt

CO: Lt. Col. Fick (replaces Ulrich who was wounded).

1st Bn: CO: probably Capt. Schlewes, who replaces Lt. Col. Reinhardt (captured by the 4th Inf Div 7 July).

Strength: The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cos had a total strength of 80 men at the beginning of present operations. These 80 men were formed to comprise "Combat Group Schlewes" probably together with the 4th Co, which was up to T/O strength. Since the beginning of operations, at least the 1st Co has been reinforced by men from the 39th Field Training Battalion. It is very likely that the entire battalion will, or has been reinforced to 180 men per company. CO: 1st Co, Lt. Schrack.

2nd Bn: This battalion also took large losses at the beginning of American operations on the peninsula and, it is believed, may have operated as a consolidated combat group in a manner similar to that of the 1st Bn.

3rd Bn: CO: Capt Zorn, reported wounded and replaced.

Strength: Personnel includes numerous Hungarian Volksdeutsche. 9th Co has approximately 140 men and 10th Co approximately 180 men. The 12th Co has the standard weapons of a weapons company. Strength of 11th Co is not known.

Regimental Companies: 13th Co: PW claims 8-150 men and some 75mm Inf How. 14th Co: (AT). CO: Lt Seebach. Strength: 110 men. Ten (10) of its original 12-. 20mm AA/AT guns are left. 15th Co: (Engr). CO: Lt. Scharnitzky. Strength: 150 men. It has some bazooka teams. 16th Co: (Ren). Strength: 100 men. Vehicles: Motorcycles, ducks and Volkswagen.

b. 38th SS Pz Gr Regt:

CO: Lt. Col. Hoffmann.

1st Bn: Not contacted.

2nd Bn: CO: Major Nieschlag.

5th Co. CO: Lt. Baldorf. Strength: about 110 men.

6th Co. CO: T/Sgt. Banazig. Strength: about 110 men.

7th and 8th Cos not contacted.

3rd Bn: CO: Major Bolte (killed in action 8-9 July).

9th Co. CO: Lt. Schmidt. (Had 30% losses)

10th Co. Strength not known.

11th Co. CO: T/Sgt. Janusch (captured). Strength: 40 men.

12th Co. Not contacted.

2. 6th Para Rifle Regiment ("Kampfgruppe Heydte") (Now in 4th Div zone)

CO: Major von der Heydte. This regiment went into combat with a strength of 3000 men. On the 28th of June there were only 700 men remaining. It has since been replenished to a strength of 2500 with replacements from parachute training units in South France and Italy. Morale: high. Only the 5th, 6th and 7th Cos were contacted by this divisions on 4 July. CO of 2nd Bn: Capt Mayr.

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3. Captured Documents revealing presence of 2 SS Pz Div "Das Reich".

On 7 July documents found on a dead German captain indicated the possible presence of 2d Bn, 2 SS Tank Regt, and 1st Bn (SP), 2 SS Pz Arty Regt, both of 2 SS Pz Div "Das Reich".

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2d Lt., Infantry
OIA, C/B Team #20.

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10 July 1944

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TO : Blackstone 2.

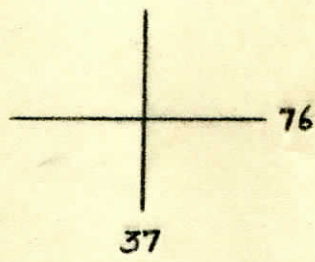
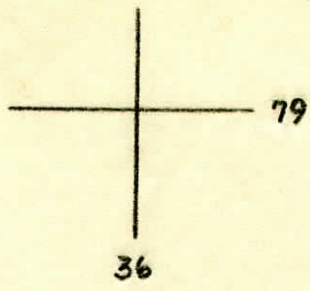
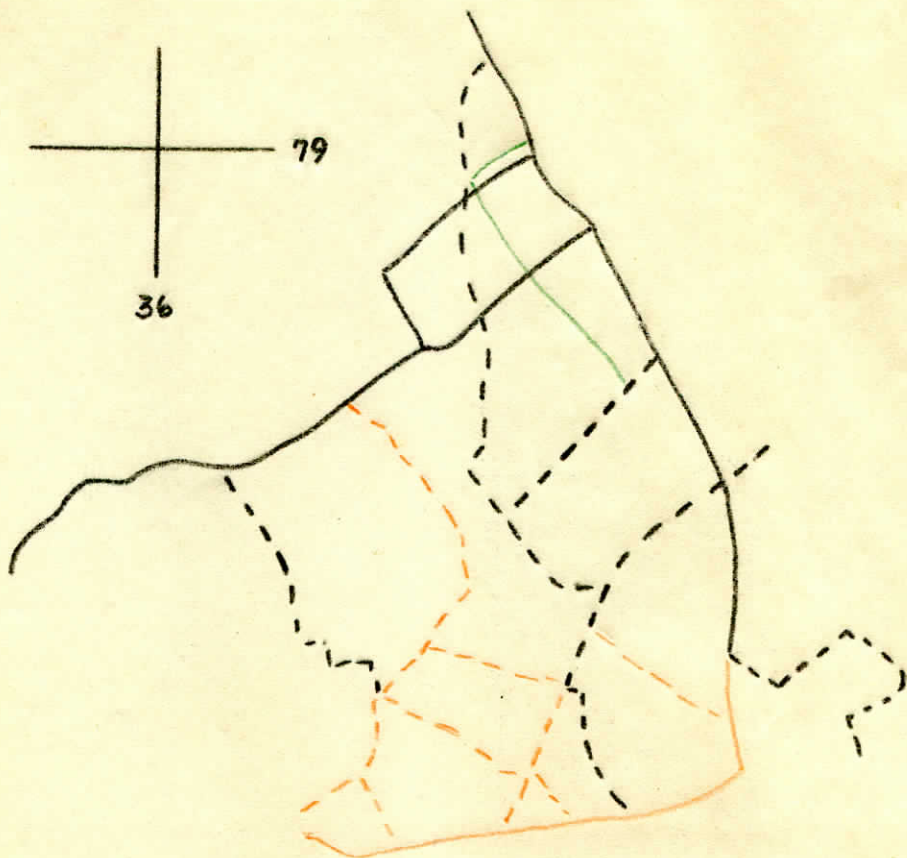
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KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : CO, 1st Bn
CO, 2d Bn
CO, 3d Bn

1. The following message was received from G-2, 83d Inf Div, on 9 July 44:

"Corps Hq directs Enemy Tank Losses be tabulated in three (3) categories:

1. Number destroyed
2. Number knocked out
3. Number captured

2. It is essential that units NOT consider a tank destroyed unless evidence beyond doubt.

3. A report to be submitted to this Hq by 0800 each day covering activities of the previous day.

By order of the Regimental Commander:

B.F.F.
BEDFORD F. FOSTER
Major, 330th Inf
S-2

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TO: S-2, 330th TIME: 1030

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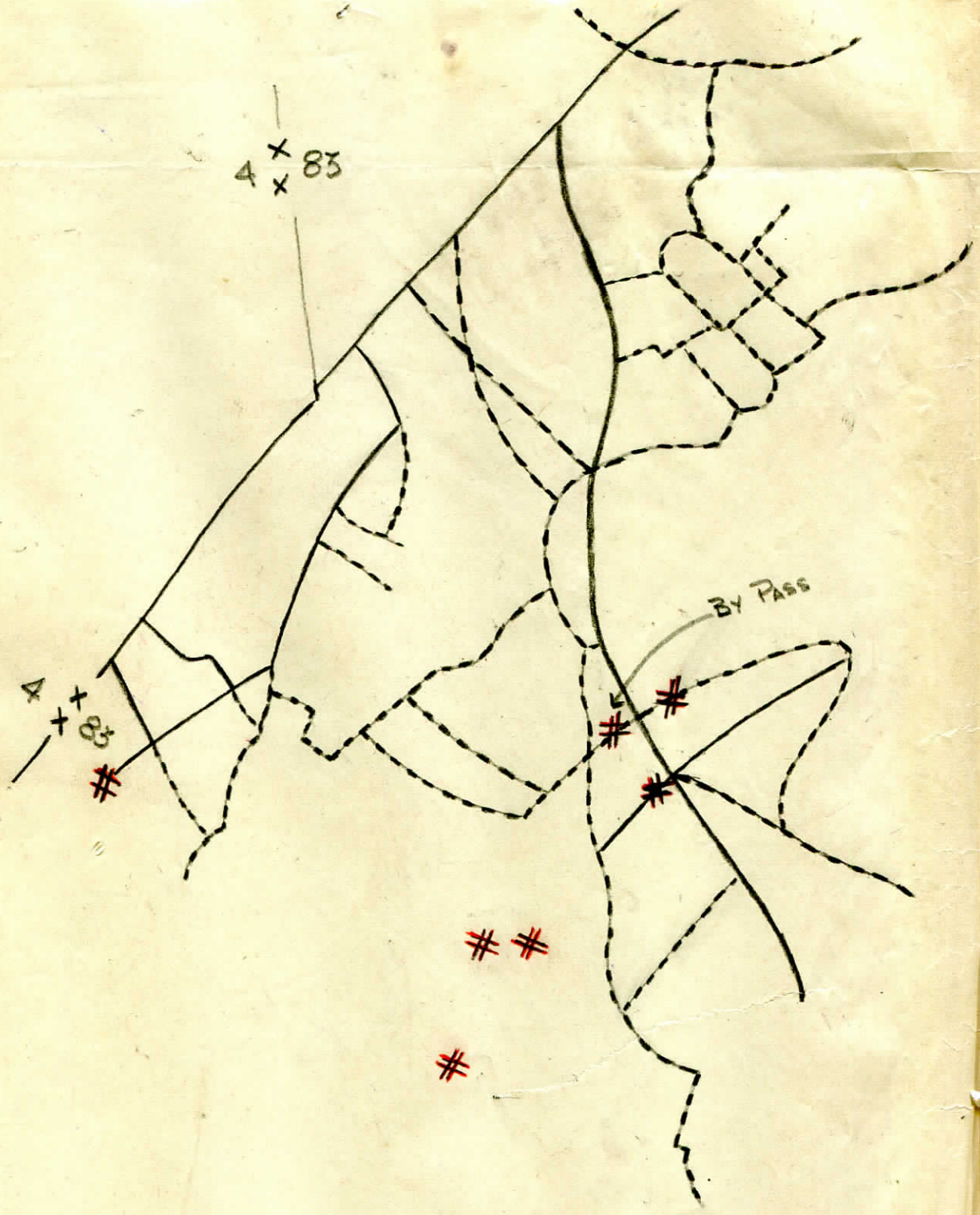
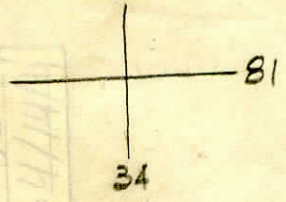
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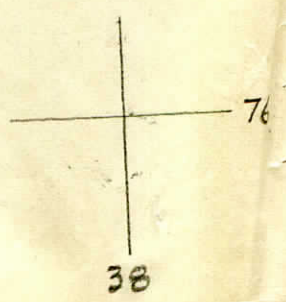
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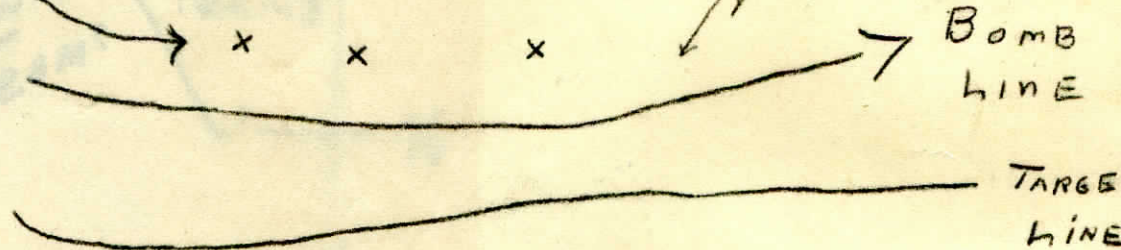
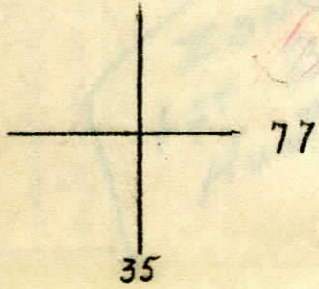
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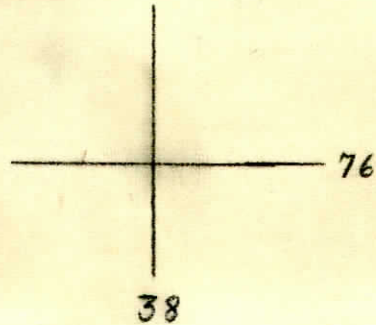


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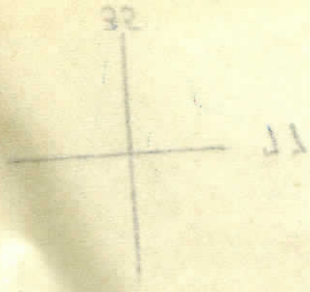
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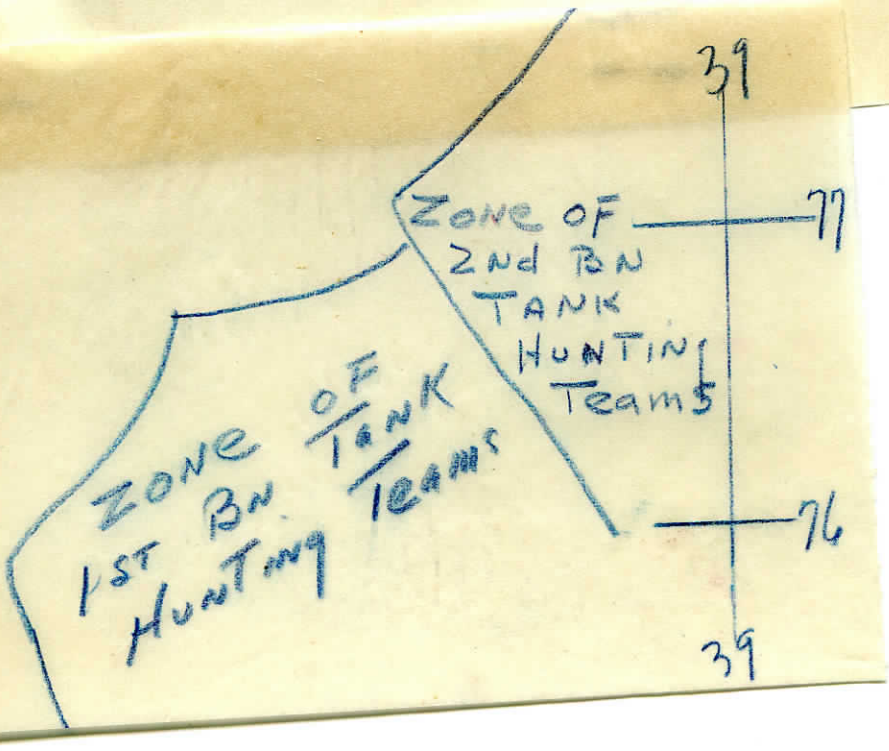
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Blackfish IPW
11 July 1944

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

Name: Eduard Lost Rank: Pfc FPN: 45020 A
Unit: Hq 2nd Bn, 38th SS Regt.
Time and Place of Capture: 2200 hrs, 3877.
Unit Effecting Capture: Co "L", Blackfish Blue.

1. PW states that on 7 July all drivers and clerks were committed as foot troops supported by four assault guns. Mission was to counterattack. When remnants of this force were regrouped there were 48 men left in 2nd Bn on 9 July. New squads were formed and troops were sent forward again. Total armament of 2 8-men squads consisted of 3 light MGs, the remainder was armed with rifles or pistols. At this time PW was deserted by his comrades and hid out until he could surrender.
2. PW heard rumor that they would receive help from tank elements of 2nd SS Panz Div "Das Reich".
3. PW states CO, 38th Regt, Lt Col Horstman was killed two days ago by a sniper. Major Nieschlag, CO 2nd Bn, 38th Regt has been wounded and was replaced by Capt Waldschmidt. Motor officer Lt Feuereisen.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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20 JULY 1950
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Map: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERINGS 31/16 NR. CARMENTAN 31/18 SR.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: see overleaf.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: see overleaf.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy - light rain.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry
329th Inf: Awd OB30, passed through 331st Inf to positions (overleaf).
330th Inf: Repelled attacks by tanks and Inf, and 3d Bn atk 1st Lt en-
countered Inf-the teams and was unable to advance.
331st Inf: Held to allow 329th Inf to pass through.

b. Field Artillery

83d Div Arty: Coordinate NE defenses of the Div and supported atk by concentrations on call.

c. Armored

746 TR Bn (-): DIV Res.
Co A + 1st Co G & 1st Co D: Attached to 329th Inf.
Co C (-) plus 1st Co D: Attached to 330th Inf.
Co B: Attached to 331st Inf.

d. Cavalry

83d Cav Bn TR: Continue von mission on left flank.

e. Engineers

30th Engr Bn: Support Div - continue mine clearance in Div area.

f. Tank Destroyer

802d TD Bn (-): Attached to Div Arty.
Co A: Attached to 329th Inf.
Co B: Attached to 331st Inf.

g. Anti-Aircraft

493d AAA (AV) Bn: Attached Div Arty

h. General Troops

Co G 87th Cav Bn: Attached 329th Inf.
Co A 87th Cav Bn: Attached 330th Inf.

6. COMBAT REPORT ON ENEMY: Casualties - medium.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Repelled tank and Inf team atks.

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S2 Periodic Report

From: 100001 Jul 44
To : 102400 Jul 44

HQ 330TH INFANTRY

Time of Issue: 102400 Jul 44

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MAPS: 1:25,000, GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Front lines generally along road from 37957695 to 37007675.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive - Due to the terrain to our front the enemy has been able to successfully defend his positions with the "tank infantry team". The team consists of one or two tanks and an estimated infantry group of one or two squads to protect the tank. The defense appears to depend on the tanks weapons for his fire power. Artillery and mortar fire seems to have lessened somewhat during this period.

Reports from arty air observer would indicate that approximately 12 or 14 tanks and SP guns are in our sector. Our unit committed around our left flank encountered road blocks built by felled trees, which handicapped its operation.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs taken today: 1. No new identifications.
English admiralty officer reports enemy mine dump at (377767).
Enemy armor moved back and forth along highway immediately to our front almost continuously during this period. Due to fact they were moving, it is impossible to make an accurate estimate as to number.

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FROM:

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EMPLOYMENT OF TANKS WITH INFANTRY

In general the employment of tanks with infantry during the period D / 1 to D / 12 has been along proper lines. Seasoned divisions show a greater aptitude for the proper employment of attached tank battalions, than do those with less battle experience. It is desired that the following principles be disseminated down to include the infantry and tank platoon leaders of all units, in order that we may obtain maximum value from the infantry - tank team.

3. Principles:

- a. Tanks must NEVER be employed individually. The platoon of five (5) tanks is capable of mutual support and must be assigned missions as a tactical unit.
- b. Tanks in the first wave must always be "over-watched" and closely supported by other tanks. A wedge, column or V formation is mandatory in close country. Supporting distance is visual contact distance. Leading and "over-watching" tanks must not both be in motion at the same time.
- c. Infantry working with tanks must follow close and prevent hostile foot troops from using bazookas, sticky bombs, molotov cocktails, etc., against the supported tanks. The rate of advance of the tanks will be governed by the rate of advance of the supporting infantry. Leading tanks should "button up" so supporting fires can be placed on these tanks when required.
- d. Instructions from infantry - to - tank and tank - to - infantry commanders must follow command channels. These should be in the form of successive missions and generally, successive limited objectives.
- e. Tanks must NOT attack anti-tank guns frontally nor unsupported by infantry and artillery. When hostile anti-tank guns are located, fire from division artillery should be placed on them and guns assaulted by infantry. Tanks assist by direct gun fire and maneuver to the flanks of the located guns. Maximum use of 81mm mortars should be made where range permits. Often the 81mm mortar WP shell can effectively blind and/or destroy the anti-tank gun crew. To assault anti-tank guns with unsupported tanks is a criminal waste of materiel, men, and time.
- f. Tanks should be relieved from the front line as soon as possible after the infantry has consolidated, in order that they may be re-armed, refueled, and given 1st Echelon maintenance. Tanks that have operated a 1000 miles or 100 hours should be deadlined in a secure area for maintenance. This is best accomplished by rotating tanks. Failure to provide time for maintenance will result in excessive losses. There are insufficient spares to replace these unnecessary losses.
- g. Prior to any employment of tanks and infantry, ample daylight reconnaissance should be made by leaders of both arms and all should be briefed on the operation. Commanders of tank units should be called on for recommendations for the employment of their tanks in each operation.
- h. Prior to working with tanks, infantry commanders should obtain a ride in a tank under simulated battle conditions, in order that they may realize the limitations and blindness of the weapon.

3. Tanks cannot operate successfully alone. With infantry and artillery support they furnish a powerful striking force. Tanks are blind and are helpless at night. Their use on night patrols is inexcusable. Carefully planned, coordinated, limited objective attacks, on moonlight nights, can be very effective. However, the closest kind of cooperation with infantry, careful daylight reconnaissance, and detailed

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Hq 330th Inf
HOTOT
11 1700 July
11 0500-1700

No 130
11 July 44

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3. No change.
 4. No change.
 5. No change.
 6. Aerial bombardment was supposed to start at 1030 followed by arty preparations and then an infantry attack. The air bombardment did not take place until 1200 therefore there are no operations to cover in the report.
 7. No change.

F. B. COOK
Major, 8-3.

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Hq 330th Inf

HOTOT

11 1700 July

11 1100-1700

No 131
11 July 44

3. See overlay.

4. No change.

5. No change.

OUR 6. Bomb mission was flown against tanks in area S of Highway 4 in front of ~~Res~~ position at 1200. A 15 min arty preparation was fired at 1216. At 1237 Infantry cross L.D. They received heavy fire from tanks and automatic weapons from highway 4 same as the other 2 operations. Tanks and T.D. could not get up to fight due to road blocks and had to find other routes.

About 1400 our Tanks and T.D.'s were getting losses from enemy armor. 7 out of 8 tanks and 2 out of 4 T.D.'s were put out of action or destroyed or immobilized and the infantry moved on without the friendly armor.

The 1st and 2nd Bns moved out and crossed the highway and reduced 3 tanks with Bazookas, and sticky grenades and the 57 A-T gun got one (1) tank. The 2nd Bn was attacked by fire from the left of Highway # 3 at R.J. Highway # 3 & 4 (3800 7690) see overlay for dispositions of 2nd Bn to meet fire. At the end of this period the assault Bns were prepared to move out to the waters edge and clean out the area S of present position.

Received at 1700
11 July 44

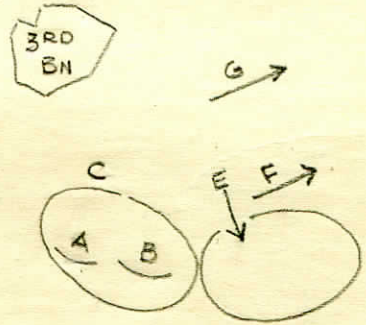
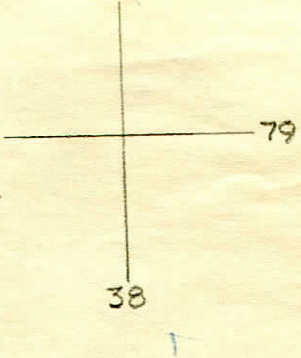
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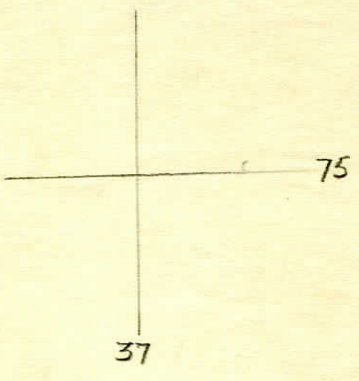
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POSITION AT 1700
11 JULY 44



Blackfish 2

Blackfish IPW
11 July 1944

SUBJECT : PW Interrogation Report.
TO : Blackstone 2.

B7D
No 132
11 July 44

Name: Karl Jung Rank: Pvt FPN:
Unit: 9th Btry, 17th FA Regt, 17th SS Div.
Time and Place of Capture: 1900 hrs, 37907705.
Unit Effecting Capture: Blackfish Red Co "C".

1. PW's Btry consisted of four 150mm How. Two of these were destroyed by dive bombing while on the way to the battle area and only two guns were committed against us by this Btry. Artillery was committed by Btrys as they arrived in the battle area. In addition to the 9th Btry, the ~~first~~ 1st and 7th Btrys (105mm How) are in this area. The other Btrys of Arty Regt have been moving up from Touars near Bordeaux. One week ago the 9th Btry was forced to destroy their two remaining guns to prevent their capture. Consequently the fire section of the 9th Btry, numbering 38 men, were committed as Inf. At least 15 have been killed or wounded to this date. PW swore that not even in Russia had he seen such terrific artillery fire as our guns have laid down. His officers were of the same opinion. States they are using Pvs and NCOs as forward observers. Observers work from the area of Co needing the most fire support.

2. PW states one tank Bn of SS Pz Div "Das Reich" consisting of Mark IV tanks mounting long barreled 75's ~~is~~ has already been committed. He states that he heard that elements of "Das Reich" are arriving steadily and were being held back until the Div could be committed as a whole. Most elements should be in this area by the end of this week. PW says that we would not have a chance against this "Das Reich", for it is the best Germany has.

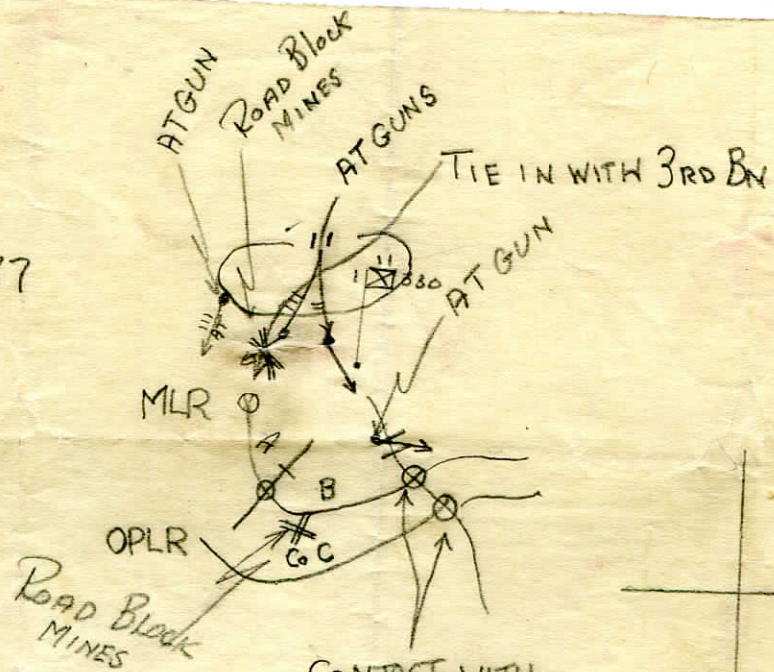
3. PW states a combat team of 400 air force personnel were assembled to their ~~immediate~~ immediate rear.

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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COMBAT PATROLS TO BE SENT
SOUTH OF LINES TO MOPUP BUILDINGS
AND AREAS AT ONCE

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2ND BN MADE HERE

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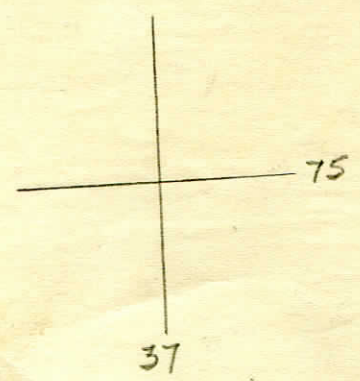
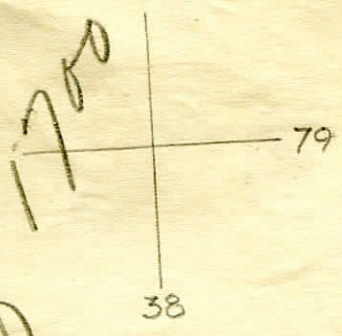
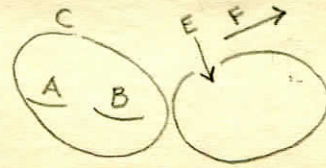
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Disposition as of 1700

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POSITION AT 1700
11 JULY 44

*No 140
11 July 44*

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From: 120001 Jul 44
To: 122400 Jul 44
Place: Hotot, France

Organization

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		ACTION TAKEN
0010		1			
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1050	1020	23			
	1020	24			
	1038	25			
	1105	26			
1148					

Two gun battery positions reported at 38367638.
 Capt Trafford arrived Regtl OP with offensive (Phos) grenades and conferred with Regtl S3 re ammo dumps
 Capt Trafford left Regtl OP.
 Lt St Onge arrived Regtl OP for instructions re patrol at dawn.
 Lt St Onge left Regtl OP
 Received Overlay of 802 TD disposition.
 Received S3 report for 11 July 1944
 Received Overlay TDS and AT positions.
 Received overlay of fire plan for 12 and 13 Jul
 Lt Ray left Regtl OP for Div OP to get orders.
 Lt Ray returned to Regtl OP
 Received FO #9, Hq 83d Div, 12 July 1944
 Received G5 Report dtd 11 July 1944
 Message to OO 1st & 2d Bn re flushing out enemy
 TP to OO 2d Bn re mopping up
 Lt Col arrived Regtl OP *Montgomery*
 Overlay showing position of no enemy (from OO 83d Recon)
 TP between Gen FERENBAUGH and Gen WACON re situation and mopping up in this sector
 Regtl S-1 and OO Serv Co arrived at OP to confer with Staff
 Regtl S-4 departed from OP enroute to 3d Bn OP
 Regtl S-1 and OO Serv Co left OP for Serv Co
 Overlay showing Patrol Sectors of 3d Bn
 1st Bn reported (via TP) Ammunition Dump; SX notified Div Ord
 Gen FERENBAUGH departed from OP enroute to 3d Bn OP
 Message from OO 85 Recon to OO Task Force re
 Patrol at 387781 sighted Germans at SE; number, disposition and exact location unknown
 TP between SX and 3d Bn re Co I just moved out

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

12 July 44

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
1152		27		TP to SX from OO 3d Bn re have been out on peninsula and found nothing
1155		28		Lt Col Irvine (324th FA) arrived at OP to confer with OO 323d FA
	1207	29		Lt Col Irvine departed from OP
1210		30		Overlay showing proposed mission of OO 3d Bn
1215		31		Overlay showing Zone to be Patrolled by 2d Bn
1217		32		Message from 2d Bn to Regtl S-3 re Patrol on 20 meter contour line in our sector; no Res yet
1225		33		Capt Sheridan (Hq Co 1st Bn OO) arrived at OP to confer with staff re situation
1236		34		Tank reported setting on point 371754 (near bridge) will try to knock out with precision shot by Arty
1241		35		2d Bn reporting Sniper fire on their left flank
1252		36		2d Bn Ex O enemy Mf fire and one tank across hwy 3 in the vicinity of Road junction 382766; other patrols proceeded to the limit of the area with no resistance (Above TP between 2d Bn Ex O and SX)
1307		37		Gen FERENBAUGH returned to Regtl OP from 1st & 2d Bn OPs
1331		38		OO 3d Bn arrived at OP to confer with Gen FERENBAUGH re situation
1335		39		330th IPW report for period ending 112400 July 44
1345		40		OO 3d Bn left OP for 3d Bn OP with orders to send one Company less one Plt to 331st to help (One Plt of TD is to accompany)
1351		41		Rpt Co I firing into friendly unit on right (331st)
1355		42		TP between Gen FERENBAUGH and OO Engrs re blowing up enemy Ammo Dump
1400		43		1st Bn reports that they have been over their entire area, and find no enemy of any consequence
1409		44		Gen FERENBAUGH left OP to investigate firing from left sector of OP

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	
1330		45		2d Bn area absolutely free of all Germans (TP from 2d Bn Ex O). 2d Bn is prepared to destroy any enemy tanks flushed out on road by 1st Bn
1420		46		OO "I" of 330th temporarily attached to 331st for assistance to 331st (by order of Gen FERENBAUGH)
1421		47		OO 1st Bn (746th) arrived at OP to confer with Gen FERENBAUGH re situation
1425		48		Capt BERIANE rptd by radio 1425 his Co had atchd to Co I 1st Bn of 331st until returned to our control (by order of Ex O) (repeat: Co I of 330th atchd to 1st Bn of 331st by order of 331st Ex O)
	1430	49		OO 1st Bn left OP
1432		50		OO 1st Bn arrived at OP to confer with Gen F.
1444		51		Rpt by TP 2 patrols of 1st Bn just lost 25 men by locating 4 enemy MG nests
1502		52		Overlay showing Regt I position as of 1000 12 July 44
1512		53		634th TK Officer left OP enroute to 329th OP leaving one Pit with 330th
1520		54		One prisoner (German) captured by our Regt reports that there are about 30 prisoners in vicinity of Le Porte, and he is willing to try to get them to surrender. They have been ordered to hold or die there; their Colonel has been wounded.
1545		55		OO 323d took steps to have Div Arty fire shell of Propoganda leaflets into Le Porte, in effort to try to get enemy to surrender
1555		56		OO 323d gave order to shoot White Phosphorus into Le Porte against the enemy
1605		57		Rec'd G-2 Periodic Rpt of 11 July 44
1605		58		Rec'd #29 Technical Intelligence Summary
1605		59		Rec'd Intelligence Notes from AEF dtd 6 Jul 44
1625		60		Gen FERENBAUGH gave necessary orders to OO 1st Bn re take a patrol down into the sector of Le Porte and clean out the enemy

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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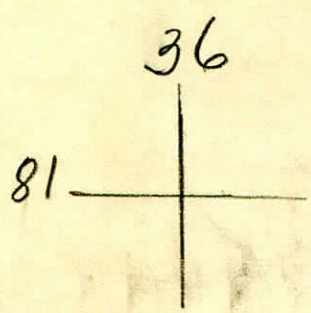
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1640		61		3-3 Periodic Rpt to Div Hq for period 1100-1700 12 July 44
1735		62		Overlay showing Div Situation as of 1200, 12 July 44
1737		63		1 tank at Le Port destroyed by Arty fire (TP rec'd by Ex O 323d FA)
1830		64		Regtl S-2 Periodic Rpt (copy) sent to Div G-2 covering period from 110001-112400 July 44
1830		65		00 3d Bn TP re L Co reached Le Port and gone through bldgs there, and same is clear of the enemy, from there to a line extending left about 300 yds.
1835		66		00 3d Bn reported via TP Le Port cleaned out of enemy; 3d Bn has control
1844		67		TP between Gen MAOON and Gen FERENBAUGH re situation and plan for closing out operation
1910		68		Maj Heikel arrived Regtl OP w/info re 3d Bn, 331 and I Co, 3d Bn, 330.
		69	1915	Maj Heikel left Regtl OP
2000		70		Received S2 Periodic Report
1945		71		83d Recon Trp comdr instructed to contact Col Wilkinson for mission as to garrisoning points on peninsula.
2035		72	2030	Gen FERENBAUGH left Regtl OP to go to Div OP
2020		73		Maj Heikel arrived Regtl OP from mission to 1st Bn 331 to get positions of 1st Bn 331
2043		74		Lt Sheppard, 238th Engr arrived Regtl OP to get info re river
2050		75	2040	Lt Sheppard left Regtl OP
		76		Shells landing reported to be 115 degrees from 1st Bn OP
		77	2055	Regtl S1 arrived Regtl OP to confer w/S3
		78	2206	Maj Heikel left Regtl OP
		79	2105	Regtl S1 left Regtl OP to return to Sv Co OP
		80		TP to Gen FERENBAUGH re L Co in town and has set up strong point.
2115		81		Capt Starbuck arrived Regtl OP to confer w/Maj Pegg
		82		Capt Starbuck left Regtl OP

WORLD WARS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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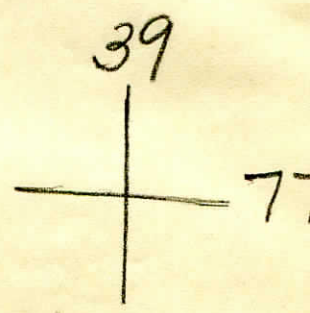
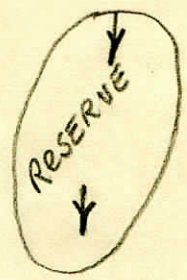
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2145		83		Received order re Regt1 Comdrs riding near front lines Lt Sheppard arrived Regt1 OP to check on location of Bns.
2217		84		
	2230	85		Lt Sheppard left Regt1 OP TP 1st Bn 331 w/I Co 330 atchd badly set back in attack Gen FERREBAUGH arrived Regt1 OP gave orders that I Co reverts to 330th control tomorrow; supports 1st Bn 331 with fire only.
2245		86		
		87		
2255		88		Lt Col Lundy, Chief of Ord, arrived Regt1 OP to get location of enemy tanks to be recovered. 1st Bn reports by TP three tanks in area.
2255	2310	89		
2255		90		Lt Col Lundy left Regt1 OP Received Road & Minefield Report as of 122000 Received instructions re destroying tanks Lt Wagner reported interrogation of German prisoner. Prisoners says an attack will be carried out against the Allies along the general front; that the division DAS REICH is gathering in front of us; that they have prepared positions for rocket guns; that these guns have to be moved after each firing due to the amount of flash they give off; that about 2000 airplanes are massed at Paris.
2255		91		
2350		92		
		93		
2330		94		German recon plane flew over and was fired upon by AA, plane returned fire and dropped butterfly bombs. Lt Wagner reports statement of German that German tanks have an English speaking rad oper aboard and they listen to everything we say. Action taken: Slixer will be used exclusively. No plain speaking. S1 report sent to Div
2320		95		
	2400	96		

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Overlay of 802
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No 6
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Hq 330th Inf
HOTOT
112400 July
1700-2300

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3. See overlay.
 4. Regt same.
1st - 3rd Bn - see overlay.
2nd Bn - not reported as yet.
 5. No change.
 6. Situation continued - At 1700 both Bns were across the highway by 400-500 yards and consolidated on the intermediate objectives. From that point the 2 assault Bn combed the area to the river and back.
 7. Unknown.

A-T Defensive overlay attached.

F. B. COOK
Major, S-3.

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Reserve



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Legend:

- : 3" ↑ D GUN
- ↔ 57 M/M AT GUN A.T. Co
- ↔ 57 M/M AT GUN BN GUN
- BAZOOKA
- # R.I. B/pt no basket

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CARENTAN
PERIERS
11 JULY 1944

12 Jul

Time of ATK 0915.

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11 JULY 44
DINARKS 0915 12 JULY 44

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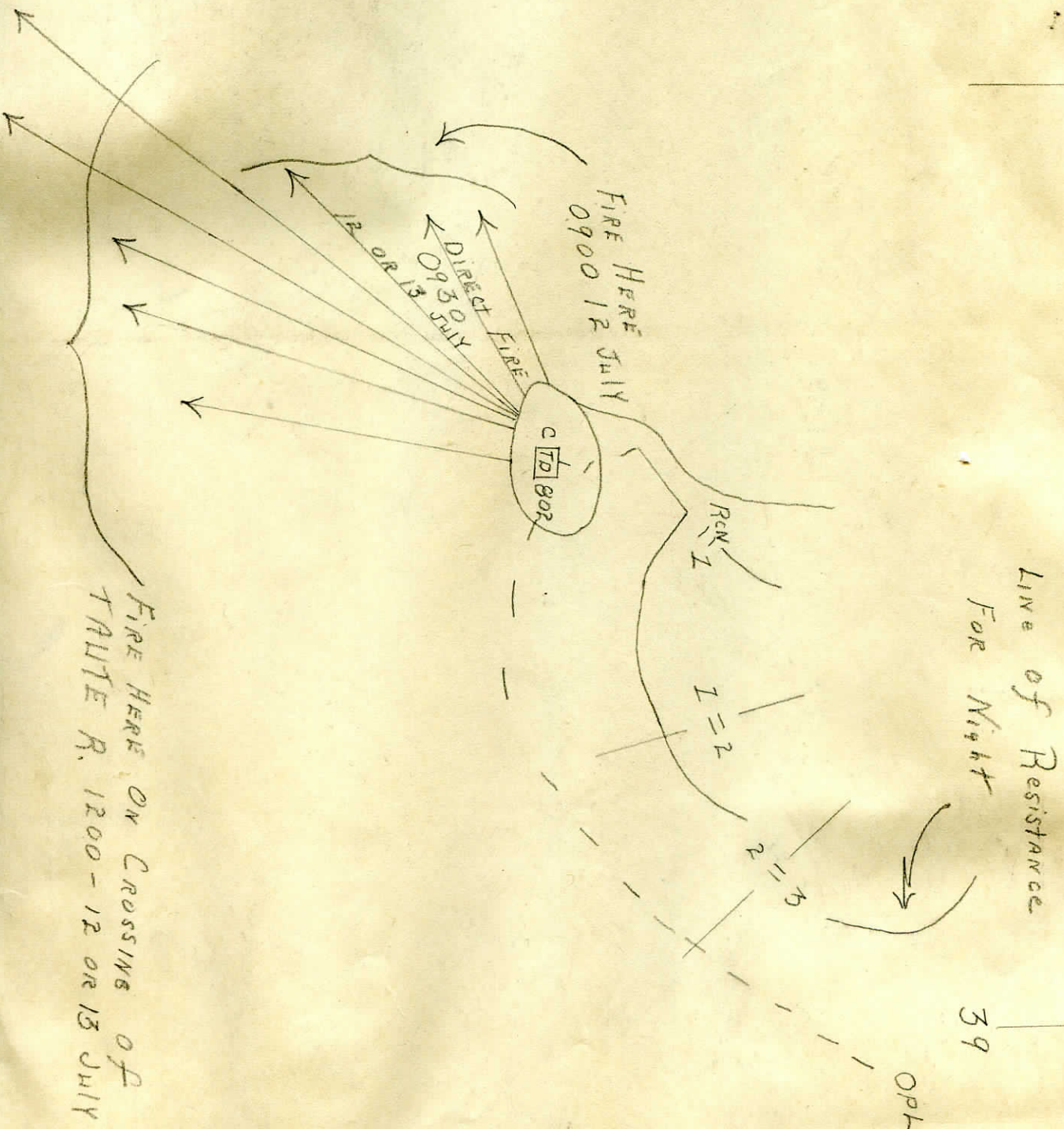
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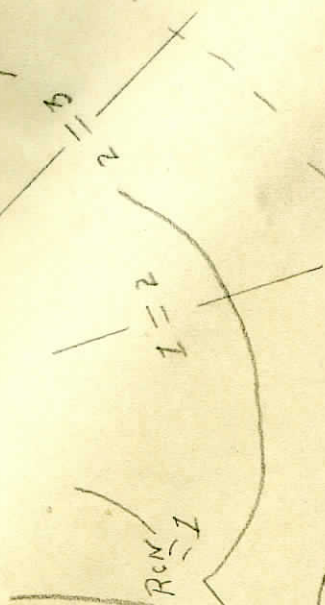
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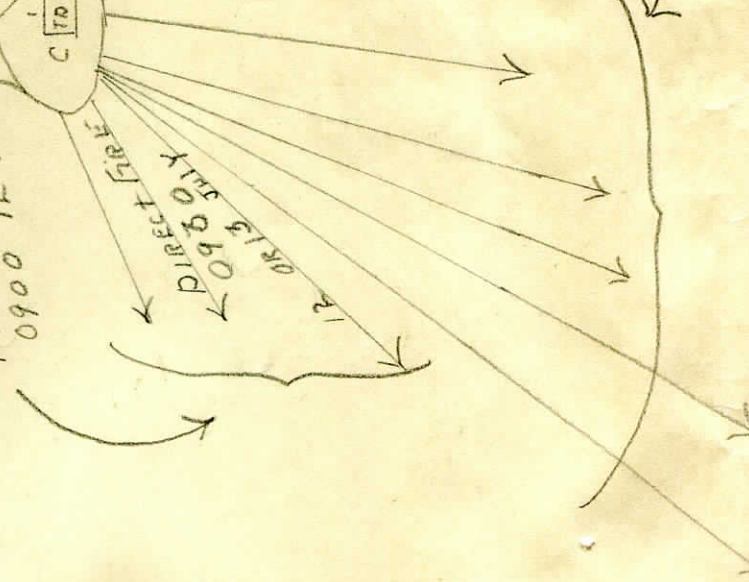
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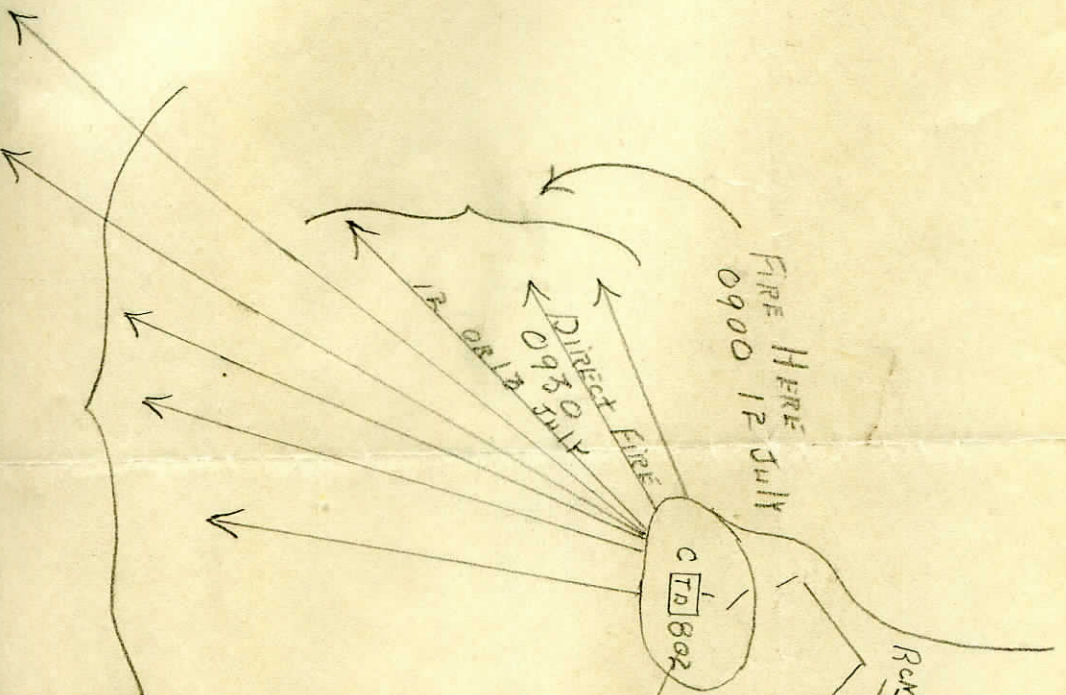
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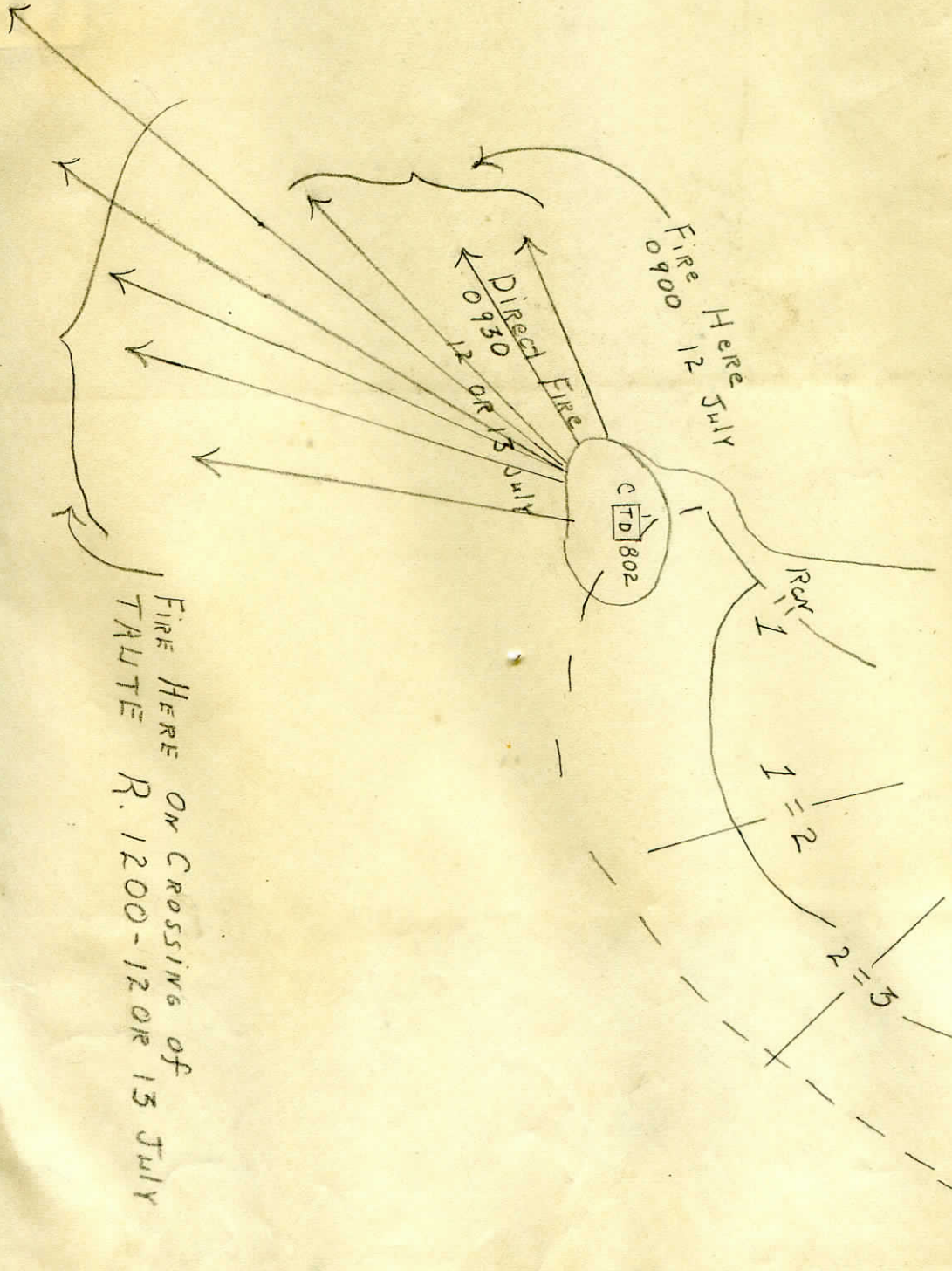
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Msp: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERIERS 2/16 NE, CARENTAN 2/18 SE.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy with fair visibility.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

329th Inf: Atkd at 0900 and reached position (see Overlay).
330th Inf: Atkd at 1245 and reached position (see Overlay).
331st Inf: Atkd at 0900 and reached position (see Overlay).

b. Field Artillery

83d Div Arty: Supported Atk.
183d PA Bn: General support.

c. Armored

746th Tr Bn (-): Div Res.
Co A + 1 plat Co D, Co B + 1 plat Co D: Atchd to 329th Inf.
Co C: Atchd to 330th Inf.

d. Cavalry

83d Cav Recon Tr: Continued recon mission on left flank.

e. Engineers

308th Engr Bn (-): Support Div.
Co A support 329th Inf.
Co B support 330th Inf.
Co C support 331st Inf.

f. Tank Destroyer

802d TD Bn (-): Atchd to Div Arty.
Co A, 802d TD Bn: Atchd to 329th Inf.
Co B, 802d TD Bn: Atchd to 331st Inf.
Co A, 634th TD Bn (SP): Atchd to 330th Inf.

g. Anti-Aircraft

453d AAA Bn (AV): Atchd to Div Arty.

h. Chemical Troops

Co C 87th Cml Bn: Atchd to 329th Inf.
Co A 87th Cml Bn: Atchd to 331st Inf.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Casualties light.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Continued advance to south. St Andre de Bohon - Le Memoir peninsula mopping-up operation continued. Six tanks killed today in this area; at least 15 tanks killed in this sector since start of operation.

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CO 1ST + 2d BN, 33rd INF		
CONTINUE flushing out ENEMY		
No 14		
12 July 1944		
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From: 1/25000

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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM: 17 July 44

DATE: 12 July 44

TIME: 0920

FILE NO: 17

Ent Unit Jnl: #13

MAPS: _____

Received 0900
for [unclear]



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76 +

No enemy located
in indicated areas
last night.
Patrols returned
0500. *Sum Capt*

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To CO Task Force

FILE NO: 25
Int Unit Jnl: 210
MAPS: _____

Patrol at 387781 sighted
Germans to SE
Number, disposition and
exact location unknown

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C. O. Ryan / 1178

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- AREA TO BE COVERED
- ROAD NET.
- TERRAIN TRACE

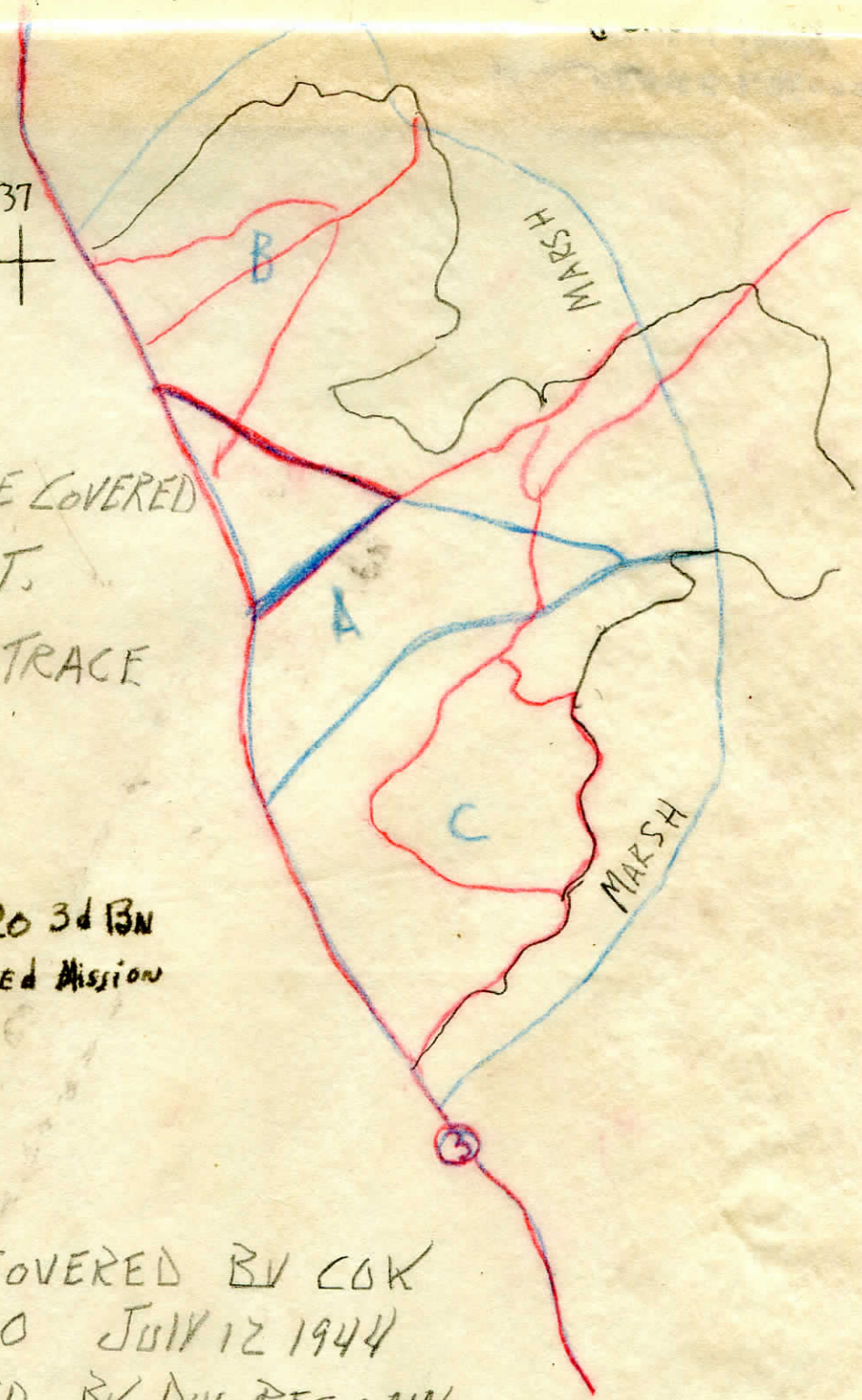
Rpt of CO 3d BN
Proposed Mission

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- A AREA TO BE COVERED BY CO K
0800 — 1200 JULY 12 1944
- B AREA COVERED BY DIV. RECONN.
OVERLAP SHOWING PLAN
FOR MOPPING UP OPERATION
- C AREA TO BE COVERED
BY CO K & L 1200 —
+ DIV. RECON. BY 3RD. BN. JULY 12 1944

LT. NOTBOHM

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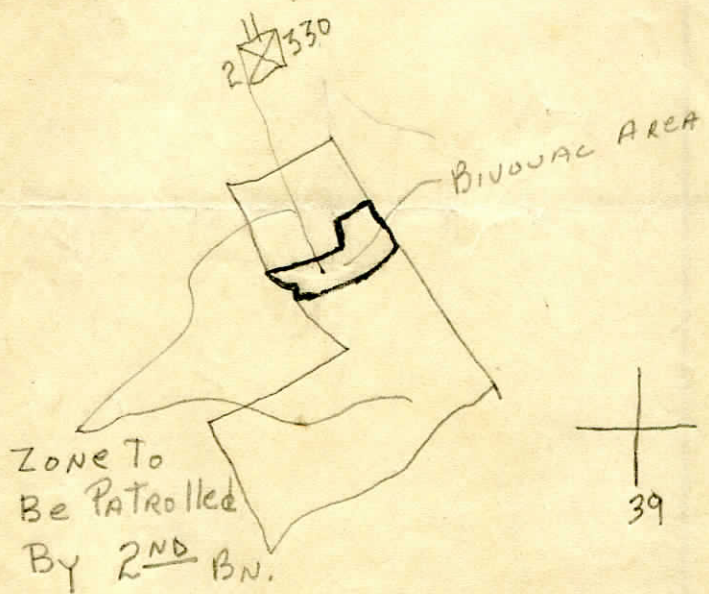


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To <u>PATROL ON 20 METER</u>		
<u>CONTROLLING LINE IN OUR SECTOR</u>		
<u>NO RES. YET.</u>		
<u># 39</u>		<u>Received at</u>
<u>12 July 44</u>		<u>12 10</u>
<u>2nd Br</u>		<u>J. Black</u>
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Blackfish 2

Blackfish IPW
12 July 1944

SUBJECT : Report on 24-Hour Period Ending 112400 44.

TO : Blackstone 2.

1. PWs - 4.

2. Documents evacuated to Blackstone 2 for interpretation as they came in.

3. One PW, Pvt Adolf Brill, Com Sec, Hq 1st Bn, 37th Regt, FPN 37044 A, states that last switchboard in Bn was knocked out 10 days ago by artillery. 1st Bn maintained contact by messenger, the other two Bns by radio. Was the only telephone man left in 1st Bn. States Germans do not use captured telephones in his Bn because they were too complicated. After last switchboard was destroyed, PW milked cows for one week and was then committed as an infantry man. PW was 18 years old last week, weighed 105 lbs and was suffering from heart trouble.

4. PW expected to be interrogated and shot upon capture. Interrogation in PW's Regt was conducted at Regtl CP by adjutant through an interpreter. Sgt Werner, interpreter for 37th Regt, had lived in America for two years and studied English in school. While visiting his parents in Germany in 1939, was caught by the war and drafted into the German army. To PW's knowledge he has not visited any intelligence specialist's school.

5. CO 1st Bn 37th Regt, Lt Col Reinhard, was captured several days ago when CP was overrun. Acting Bn CO has been wounded since then (Lt Thiemann)

KARL WAGNER,
2nd Lt, TD.

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ORAL MESSAGE

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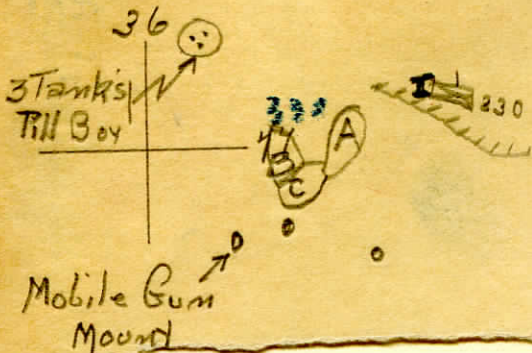
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17 JULY

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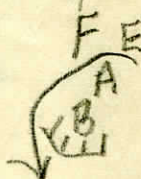
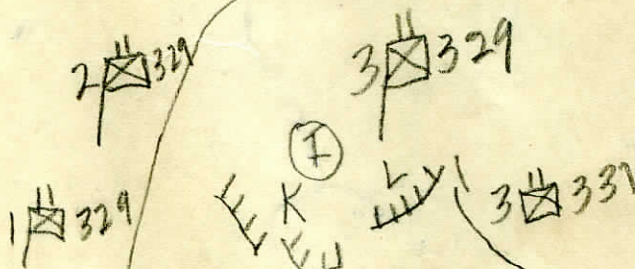
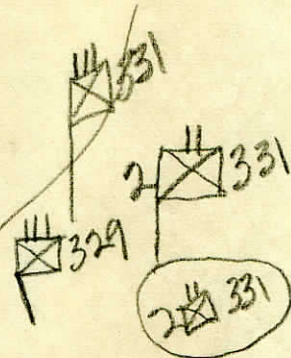
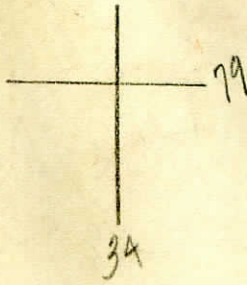
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Hotot, France
121700 July 1944
Period 1100-1700

3. Overlay.
4. Overlay.
5. 331 reported committing reserve Bn at 1600.
6. The two assault Bn left a reserve element on position as indicated on overlay and have been combing the areas as indicated on overlay. Isolated groups, weapons and individuals reported. These are being methodically wiped out. For location of enemy resistance and enemy Ammo. D.P. see overlay. "I" Company maintaining contact with 1st Bn 331. "I" Company attached to 1st Bn 331 at 1420.
7. Very few.

F. B. COOK,
Major, S-3.

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329 = 331

Div Situation as of 1200

Div Situation AS OF
1200, 12 July 44



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S-2 Periodic Report

From: 110001 July 44
To : 112400 July 44

HQ 330TH INFANTRY

No 7

Time of Issue: 112400 July 44

MAPS: 1:25,000 GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Only small enemy pockets left in our sector as far south as the Taute River.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive - Enemy continued to use tank infantry teams to defend. However, his defensive system was broken up in the afternoon, and only small groups remain in our sector. These groups generally consist of from one to four Machine Guns and a small group of enemy riflemen. The largest group of enemy riflemen reported was two squads. Enemy tanks not destroyed were scattered, and no reports as to definite location is available at the end of this period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) PWs taken today: 4.

One PW from 9th Btry 17 FA 17 SS Div stated that the 1st and 7th 105mm Artillery was in this area. Same PW stated that one Battalion "Das Rich" Pz Div was now in this area.

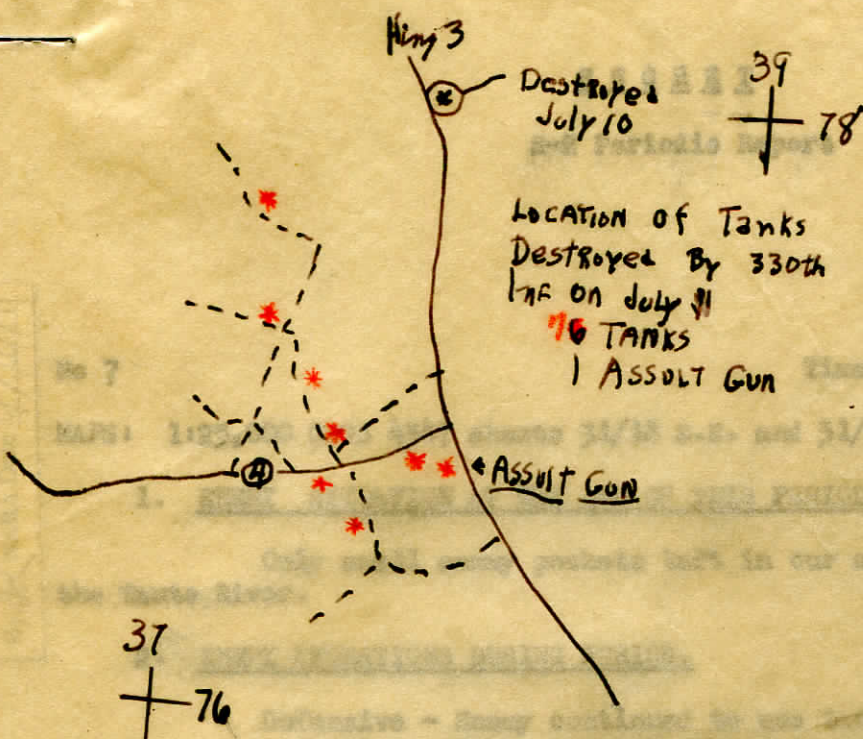
(b) Long range enemy Artillery was scattered over our sector during this period.

(c) A survey shows that four (4) enemy tanks were destroyed during the period.

(d) One of our Regtl AT guns, including prime mover and ammunition was captured by the enemy at La Londe (367767).

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LOCATION of Tanks
Destroyed By 330th
Inf on July 11
76 TANKS
1 ASSULT Gun

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No: 112400 July 44
HQ 550TH INFANTRY
Date of Issue: 112400 July 44

infantry teams to defend. afternoon, and only small groups remain in our sector. These groups generally consist of from one to four machine guns and a small group of enemy riflemen. The largest group of enemy riflemen reported was two squads. Enemy tanks not destroyed were scattered, and no reports as to definite location is available at the end of this period.

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(b) Long range enemy Artillery fire was scattered over our sector during this period.

(c) A survey shows that six (6) enemy tanks and one assault gun were destroyed during the period.

(d) One of our Regtl AT guns, including prime mover and ammunition was captured by the enemy at LaLonde (367767).

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S-2 Periodic Report

From: 110001 July 44
To : 112400 July 44

HQ 530TH INFANTRY

No 7

Time of Issue: 112400 July 44

MAPS: 1:25,000 CGCS 4547 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

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2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

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83d Inf Div
APO 83, U S Army
12 July 1944
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By R NARA Date 4/14/11

To: CO, 329th Infantry ✓
CO, 330th Infantry ✓
CO, 331st Infantry

Regimental Commanders will not ride in motor vehicles near the front lines without having a 1/4 ton truck out in front of the vehicle in which they are riding.

By command of Major General MACON:



S. V. Krauthoff

S. V. KRAUTHOFF,
Col, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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83d Inf Div
APO 83, U.S. Army
12 July 44

To: All Units 83d Inf Div

The following extract from Opns Memo 35, Hq VII Corps, 12 July 44, is published for the information and compliance of the command:

"4. Instructions to Troops. When German tanks are hit or otherwise temporarily disabled, effort will be made by troops to execute any additional destruction necessary to prevent battlefield recovery of the tank by the Germans. Only when an enemy tank is so disabled as to make battlefield recovery or future use of the tank impossible is it considered a tank destroyed."

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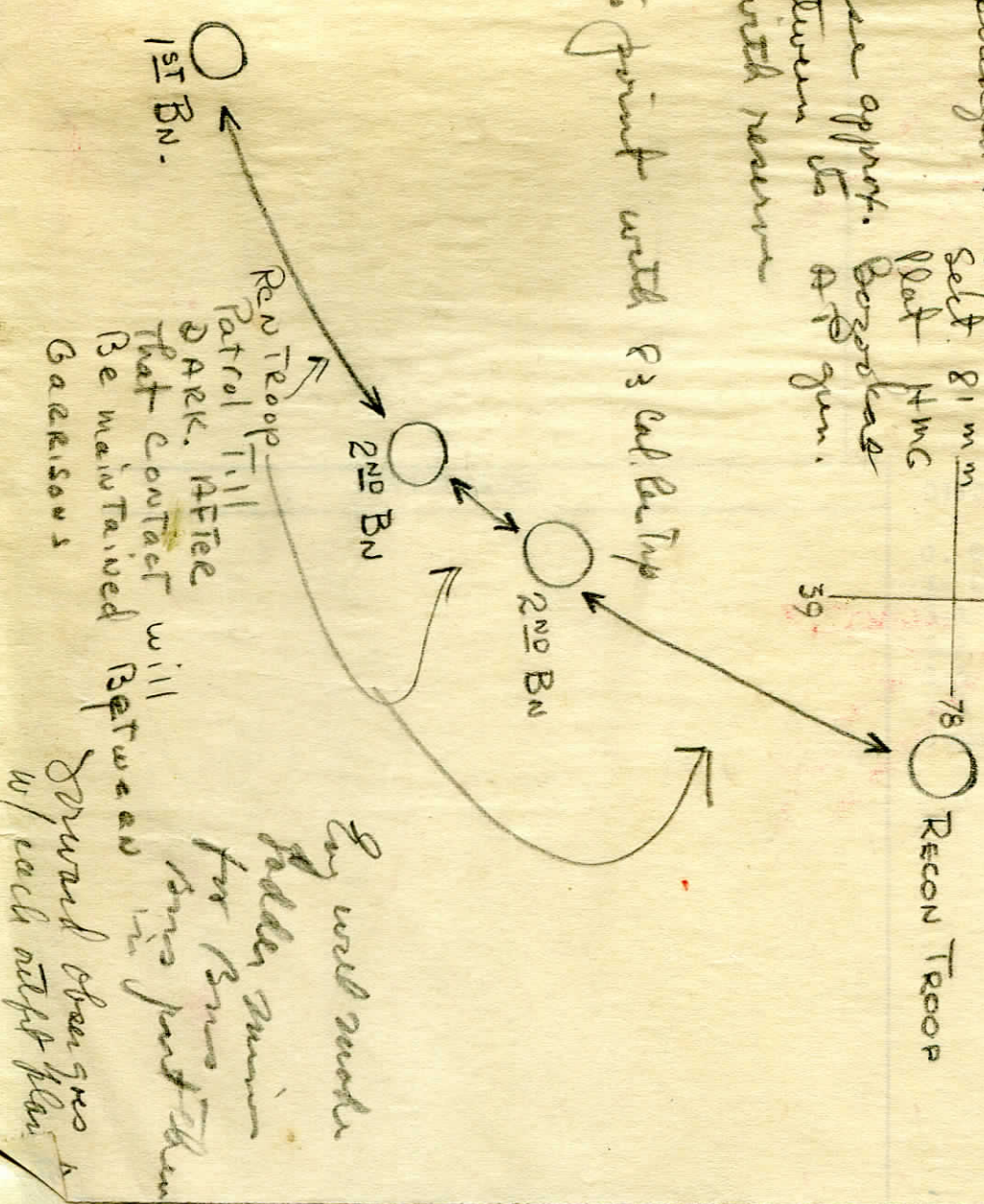
1st & 2nd Bn to indicated below. Garrison counts as strength below.

2nd Bn will use oppor. between the AF gun. Bergo's AF gun.

This strength two garrisons held in the fort

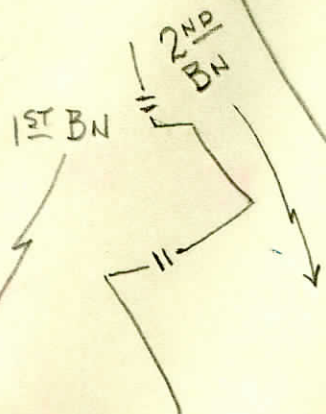
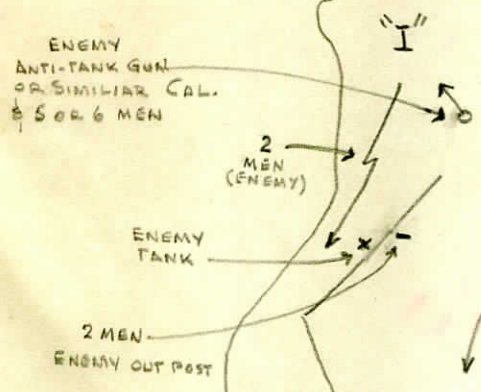
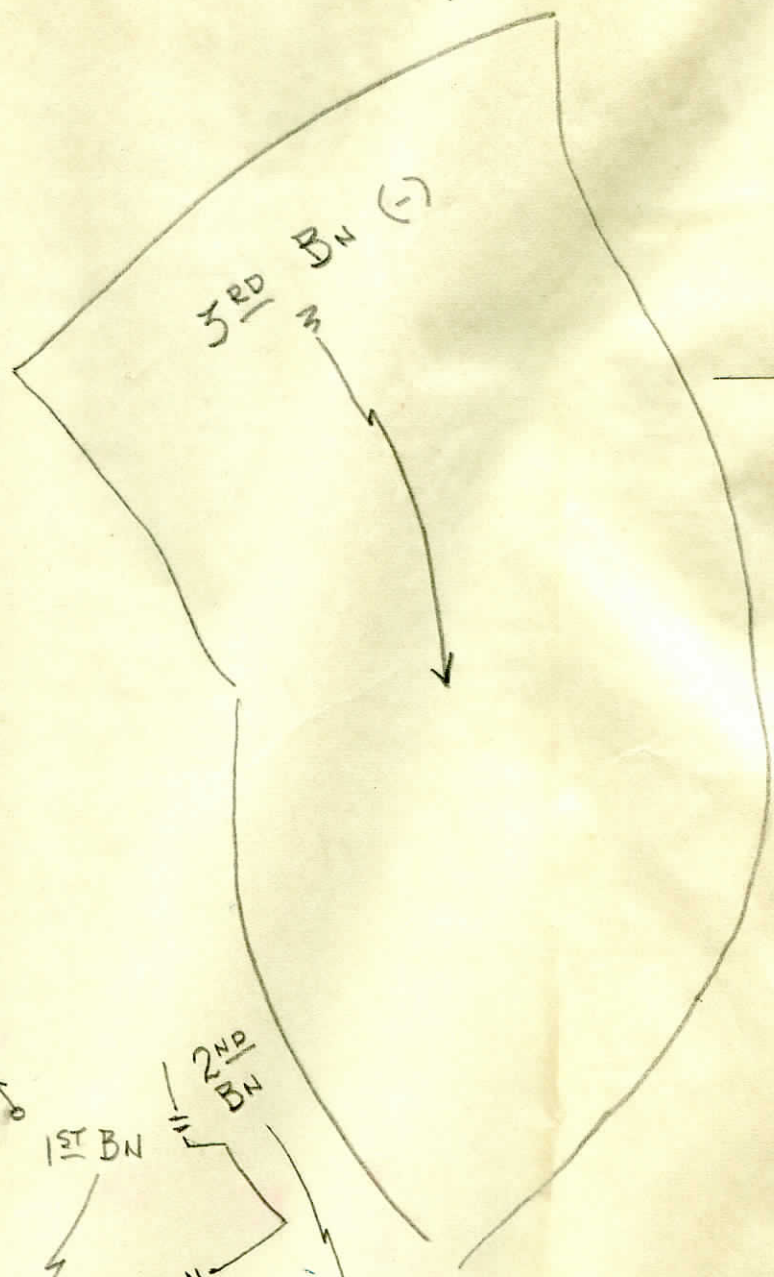
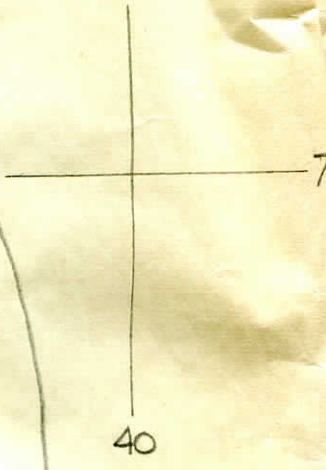
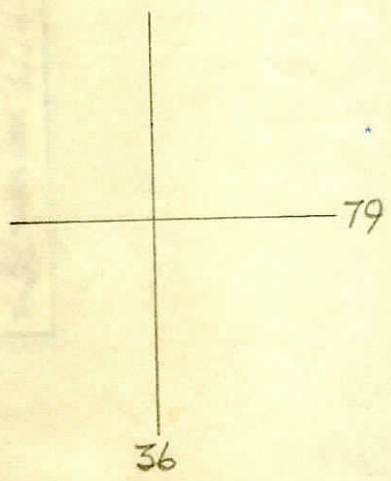
3rd Bn garrison to point with 23 Cal. Artillery

Plan for 330th Outpost Guard 12 July 44



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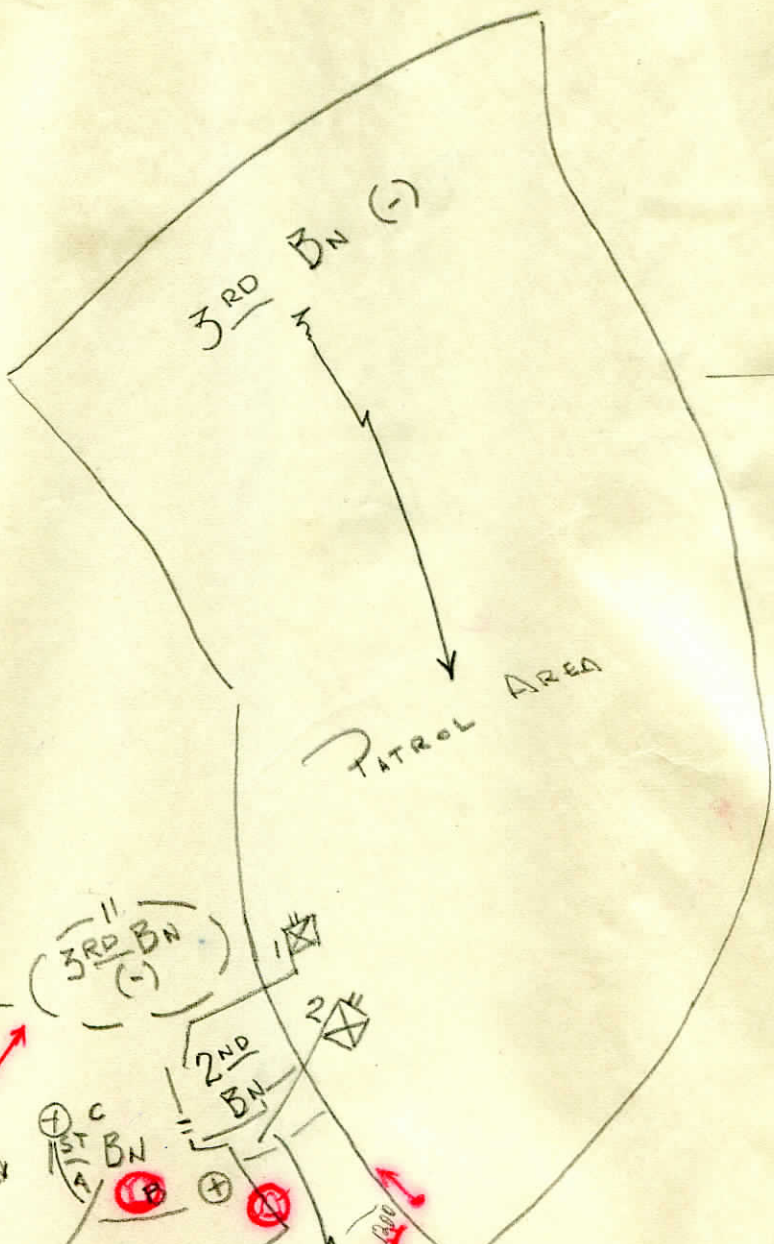
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Suspected Strong Point.
 3 Tanks A.T. gun
 few infantry
 PATROL BOUNDARY

4 MGs
 2 Sqds

Small group + mortar

NUMBER 14

MAPS: OSGS, 4347, 1/25000

Journal Entry # 57
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12 July 44

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Front Lines: 338756 - 345763 - 349768 - 358770 - 367766 - 372759 - 373755 - 376755 - 384760 - 384762.

b. Reserves and Other Forces capable of Intervention: No material change reported in our zone. FUSA estimates (10 July 44) that only reserves in our zone is the 2 SS Div DAS REICH which will be committed piecemeal to plug gaps in VII, VIII and XIX Corps zones. The Pz LEHR Div was brought West to the American zone in great haste and at a time when the British were breaking through at CAEN. It is not certain where this division will be committed, but indications point to the V and XIX Corps areas. Enemy will probably commit the Pz LEHR piecemeal, as he has committed all other reserves. The 277 Div, referred to in Periodic Report No. 12, as being moved toward this area, has now been committed against the British.

PW states that he was on line with a two-gun Btry at 38357650 which had to be destroyed because of proximity of American troops. He further stated that 400 GAF troops are assembled somewhere in the rear of that position.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

Enemy continues to use tank-infantry teams in his effort to advance. While a considerable portion of his positions have been hastily prepared, several reports were received indicating strong positions. The 329th Inf reported a strong point consisting of an 88 dug in with tanks and infantry supporting, at 348767. The 331st Inf reported very strongly organized position with tanks protecting in the BOIS DE GRIMOT (354770). An artillery emplacement was reported at 348758, and MGs at 355772 and 360775.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Number of PWs today: 7
Number of PWs to date: 71

b. New identifications: Flak Abteilung, 2 SS Div DAS REICH. FPN 009920. PW does not know caliber of guns or quantity.

7th Co, 2nd Bn, DAS REICH Regt. PW was a driver of a Mark IV Tank, claimed ten 10 tanks had been committed since Friday, remainder of Bn tanks held in reserve. Mission of tanks: hold gaps in line made by our troops.

9th Btry, 17th PA Regt, 17th SS Div. PW's Btry consisted of four 150mm Hows. Two of these were destroyed by dive ~~bombing~~ while en route to front, remaining two committed as a Btry. PW states that the 1st and 7th Btrys are in this area--105mm Hows. The other two Btrys of the Arty Regt have been moving up from THOUARS. One week ago the 9th Btry was forced to destroy their two remaining guns to prevent their capture. Subsequently the fire section of the 9th Btry, 38 men, were committed as infantrymen. PW declared that not even in Russia had he seen such terrific artillery fire as our guns have laid down. Officers are of the same opinion. Pvts and NCOs are being used as forward observers.

MII Team #428 reports following information secured from civilian. Bridge at 34557675 is suitable for crossing heavy armored vehicles; has railings. Stream has stone bed. Bridge at 34807645 is 4 meters

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wide, stone, and capable of carrying heavy trucks. Bridge is curved and is therefore considered dangerous. Ground on N bank of TAUTE R via 338730 will bear foot troops and 1/4 ton trucks only. Ground on S bank is firmer. River is about 3 meters deep at turns and 1.5 meters on straight stretches.

d. Tactics: FUSA reports that a Tac/R pilot recently noticed about 100 trucks parked bumper to bumper along a hedgerow. The following day pilot returned to the same point and took a photo. Interpretation showed hedgerows had been cut down and the trucks were run in and camouflaged to represent hedgerows.

A PW taken by the 90th Inf Div stated that American soldiers can be located easily at night because of faulty light and sound discipline, rattling of mess gear, and smoke rising from chimneys.

e. PW claims:

- (1) SS Div TOTENKOPF is moving into this general area.
- (2) 37th SS Pz Gr Regt is now controlled by the 38th SS Pz Gr Regt because of losses. The 1st Bn, 37th SS Pz Gr Regt has 150 men left, 17-18 years in age, newly trained replacements. Bn comdr is S/Sgt Muller.
- (3) One tank Bn of SS Pz Div DAS REICH, already committed, has Mark IV tanks mounting long barreled 75mms. PW claims that he heard elements of DAS REICH are arriving steadily and are being held back until the Div could be committed as a whole. Most elements should be in this area by the end of the week.

f. Erratum: Annex No. 1 to G-2 Periodic Report No. 13, this Hq, Ia, "Regimental Companies". "PW claims 8-150 men ..." should read, "PW claims 8-150mm ..."

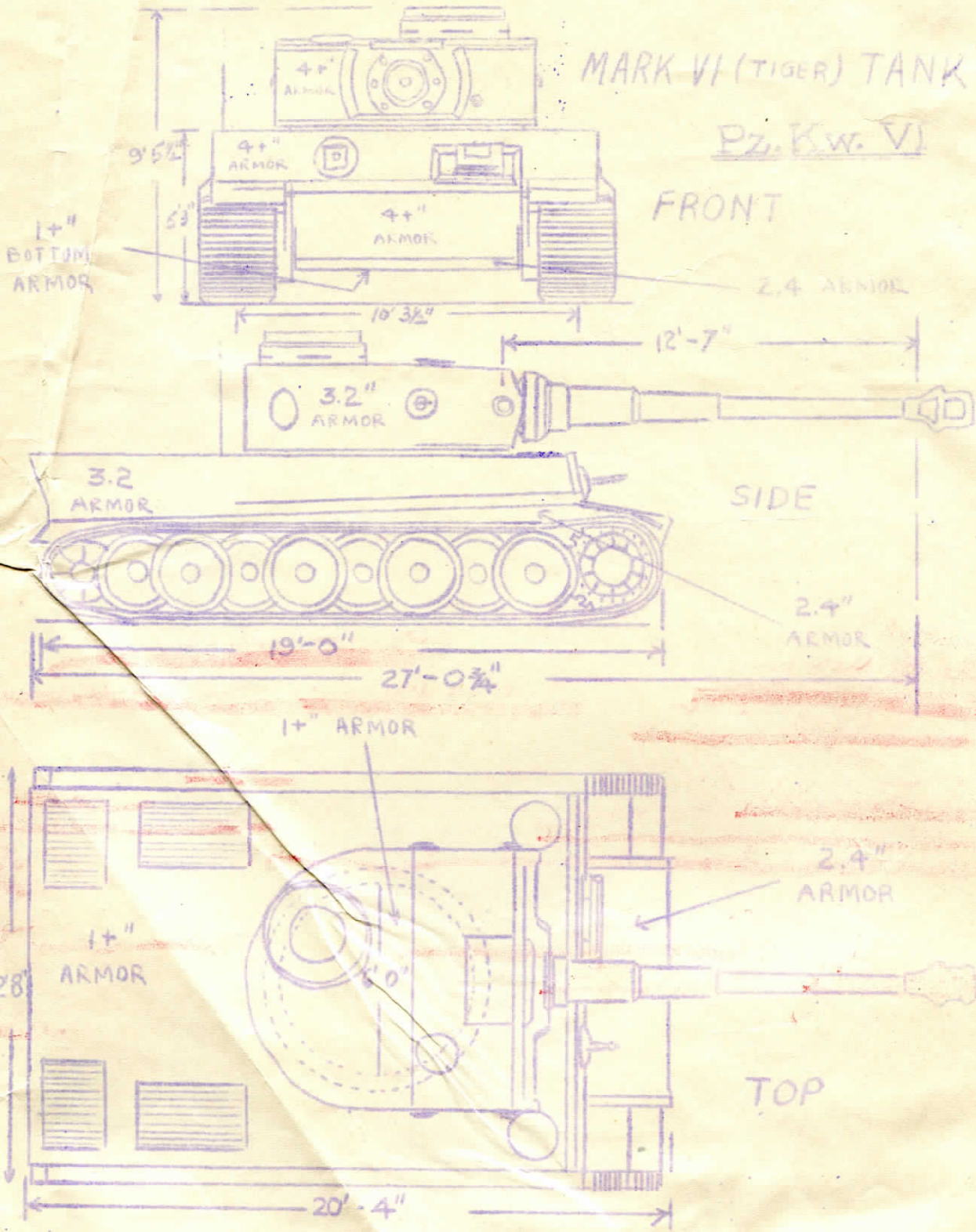
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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CG VII CORPS	1
CG 4th INF DIV	1
CG 30th INF DIV	1
CG 90th INF DIV	1
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CG 83d DIV ARTY	12
CG 82d A/B DIV	1
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CO 331st Inf Regt	4
CO 308th ENGR C BN	4
CO 83D CAV RCN TR	1
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244 Pz Div



Pz LEHR Div

From: 130001 July 44
 To: 132400 July 44
 Place: Hotot, France

Organization

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated	DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN
0045		1		Enemy arty fire falling near CP, four rounds.	
0055		2		Enemy arty fire falling near CP again, four rounds.	
0420		3		Received message fr OG re expenditure of arty	
0605		4		Lt Col Chiel arrived Regt1 CP to find direction to 331st CP.	
0652	0610	5		Lt Col Chiel left Regt1 CP w/Lt Ray as escort.	
0652		6		Rec'd FO #10, Hq 83 Div, dtd 13 Jul 44	
0652		7		Lt Ray returned to Regt1 CP	
0652		8		Received folder D.R.A.C. 279/1 re enemy tanks.	
0652		9		Overlay of enemy positions	
0652		10		Received G2 Periodic Report for 12 Jul 1944	
0652		11		OO 3d Bn arrived Regt1 CP for instructions for days operations.	
0750		12		I Co will stay where they are and close gaps. Rest of Bn to hold present positions; Contact Recon Troop to establish front left flank at 0930.	
0803		13		Maj Breen arrived Regt1 CP	
0808		14		Gen FERENBAUGH gave order to advise all Bns that German recon planes were over yesterday and may be over again today; that camouflage should be of the highest order.	
0912		15		Gen FERENBAUGH gave order to tell 2d Bn to send an officer to the 1st Bn to liaison with them and to keep them informed of the situation in front of 1st Bn.	
0820		16		Gen FERENBAUGH gave order to OO 3d Bn to get out patrol this morn'g	
0845		17		Overlay showing 330th objective and plan of attack	
0905		18		TP between Gen MAACON and Gen FERENBAUGH re enemy will attempt to hold today and pull out tonight	
0920		19		TP between Gen FERENBAUGH and OO 1st Bn re situation	
0930		20		Gen FERENBAUGH left CP enroute to 1st Bn CP	
0932		21		Trebaho Island across the causway is occupied by friendly Cavalry (rec'd via TP from Gen MAACON to SX)	
				SX notified OO 2d Bn of entry #20 (re Cavalry occupying Trebaho Island) and OO 2d Bn advised he would notify Co G at Le Port.	

From: _____
To: _____
Place: _____

Organization 330th Inf

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME	Serial Number	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0950		22		Reference to Entry #20 at 0930: Cavalry reported was 24th U. S. Cavalry. (Correction: <u>Tribehou Island</u>) TP to Regt1 S-3 re 9th Inf Div has one Regt occupying an area between points 387735 and 405735 Rec'd Ltr, Subj: "Ammunition Limitation" (re Arty ammo incl 105mm Howitzer) from G-4. Rec'd copy of 331st FO #10, dtd 0430 13 July 44 TP between Gen MAOON and SX re 330th alerted for movement back into Assembly Area (two rifle Companies to remain in sector to hold ground under command of 3d Bn Ex O) (Incomplete; SEE Entries # 29 & 30)	
1032		27	1022	OO 2d Bn advised by SX of order from OG Reference to entry #26: Re 2 companies, plus Recon Plt, 1 Plt of heavy MG, 1 Plt of Mortars to comprise element as holding force under orders of Ex O 3d Bn (will remain in sector while remainder of Regt moves to an assembly area.)	
1038		28		OG 83d Div via TP directed holding force to remain in area to consist of two rifle Cos, 1 heavy MG Plt, 1 81mm Mortar Section, all from 3d Bn, plus 83d Recon Trp, all under cmd of Maj <u>HEIKEL</u> , SX 3d Bn.	
1025		29		OO 2d & 3d Bns informed of the above at 1035, and OO 3d Bn directed to leave holding forces at Le Port and St Andre De Bohan at once; LO Recon Trp directed to rpt to OO 3d Bn at 3d Bn CP on orders; OO 2d Bn directed to have his units ready to move on short notice, but to make NO changes in disposition which might effect plan to assist in attack of the 1st Bn; AT Co Comdr directed to leave AT defenses in position pending the development of the atk in 1st Bn against an enemy force estimated to include 3 tanks.	
1045		30			

From: _____
 To: _____
 Place: _____

Organization 330th Inf

ENTRY NO.	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	CONTINUED FROM	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1055		31				Comm O directed to plan his Communications so that movement can be made to assembly area on short notice; OO 3d Bn directed to leave sufficient communications installations in place to provide comm from front line holding forces to Div Hq. (ENTRIES NOS 29 and 30 DICTATED BY SX 330th Inf)	
1100		32				OO 3d Bn rpt via TP that relief units for garrison of Le Port and St Andre De Bahon were on the way.	
1110		33				Regtl S-3 reported to Div G-3 via TP progress of 1st & 2d Bns	
1145		34				OO 323d FA arrived at OP	
1147		35				Gen FERENBAUGH returned to OP	
1148		36				OO 3d Bn informed that 1st Bn occupied La Lalen and all buildings were clear, and he can relieve 1st Bn with a holding force there at any time. (Via TP to SX)	
1210		37				Overlay and S-3 Periodic Rpt to G-3	
1420		38				TP between Gen FERENBAUGH and OO 3d Bn re leave Co "L" as holding Company plus Recon Trp; remained of Bn to join Regt in Assembly Area on order (This entry rescinds part of Entry #29)	
1430		39				S-2 Periodic Rpt and 330th IPW Rpt	
1430		40				Overlay showing 1st Bn Sector	
1455		41				S-4 arrived at OP	
1455		42				1st Bn OB given 1-hour notice (in advance) to be ready to proceed to Assembly Area.	
1455		43				Regtl S-1 departed from OP enroute to Serv Co TP between Gen MAOON and Gen FERENBAUGH re plans for moving Regt into Assembly Area	
1500		44				Gen FERENBAUGH left OP enroute to Div Hq	

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From: _____
 To: _____
 Place: _____

Organization 330th Inf

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		ACTION TAKEN
1500		45		OO 2d Bn ordered by SX to start moving his Bn north toward Hotot, where it would be further directed to Assembly Area	
1530		46		Regtl S-3 departed from CP enroute to new area to reconnoiter a suitable location for new CP	
1400		47		2d Bn Ex O arrived at OP to confer with Regtl Ex O	
1615		48		OO and Ex O 2d Bn arrived at Regtl OP to confer with Regtl Ex O re moving into Assembly Area	
1620	1625	49		Regtl S-3 returned to CP after reconnoitering new area of proposed CP location	
1640		50		Gen FERENBAUGH returned to CP from Div Hq	
1650		51		OO 2d Bn, Ex O, Regtl S-3, and Gen FERENBAUGH left CP enroute to new CP location	
1640		52		1st Bn S-3 arrived at Regtl CP to get orders for 1st Bn march into Assembly Area	
1650		53		Maj Lybrook (Div GRO) arrived at CP to confer with Regtl GRO.	
1745	1700	54		Maj Lybrook left CP	
1810		55		SX to OO 3d Bn via TP start your Bn toward new Assembly Area; Capt McKenna being sent down to direct you.	
1905		56		TP between SX and Div War Room re what part of our troops occupy new area at this time; were advised 1/3	
2045	1930	57		Gen FERENBAUGH returned to CP with Aide from new CP location	
2050		58		Regtl OP moved to new location.	
2055		59		Gen FERENBAUGH arrived Regtl OP	
		60		Col Foster arrived Regtl OP and assumed command	
		61		OO, S1 and S2, 1st Bn arrived Regtl OP	

330TH INFANTRY JOURNAL

From: 130001 July 44
To: 132400 July 44
Place: Hotot, France

Organization

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

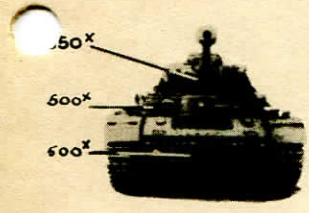
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IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		
2145	2135	62		<p>TP to Div re closing at 2115</p> <p>OO 3d Bn arrived Regt1 OP for conference with Gen FERENBAUGH</p> <p>OO 2d Bn arrived Regt1 OP for conference with Gen FERENBAUGH</p> <p>Gen FERENBAUGH held conference of Staff and Bn Comdrs - Instructions That tomorrow possibly we may relieve 329 Inf if they bog down. To be prepared to pass thru them and go on to the river. Make arrangements to replace clothing that is in bad shape. Take action to get all decorations prepared. To make the matter of housekeeping SOPs that we are able to move at a minutes notice. Complemented everyone on job done. Stated that this regiment is in excellent shape and he will be leaving us to revert to Asst Div Comdr. States that most important thing is to give the men a pat on the back and get them out of there and going and nothing will stop them. That the loss of Tanks and TDs is no reason for them to stop; they can handle them themselves.</p> <p>OO, 1st, 2d and 3d Bn left Regt1 OP for respective hqs.</p> <p>Received Operations Memo 37, FUSA, 9 July 1944.</p> <p>TP from IPW to S2, 330th Inf re PWs</p> <p>S1 Report sent to Div</p> <p><i>LS Ray left Regt1 OP</i></p> <p>2d Bn attached to 331st</p>	
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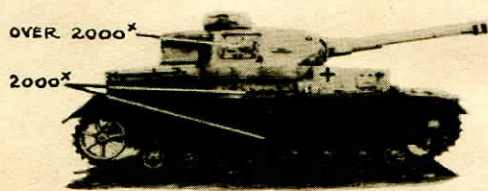
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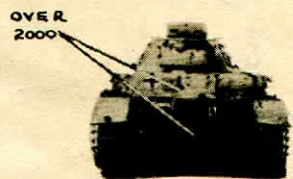
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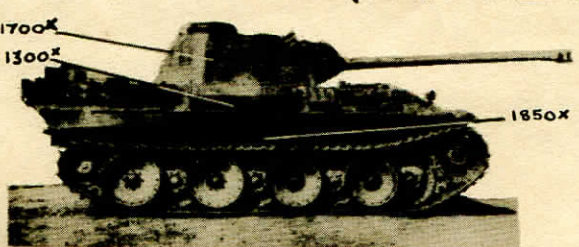


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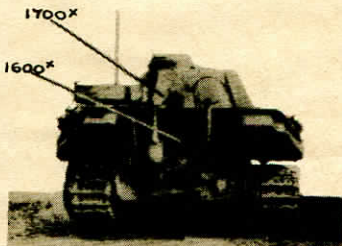
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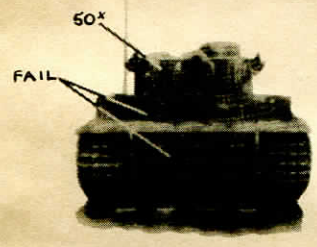


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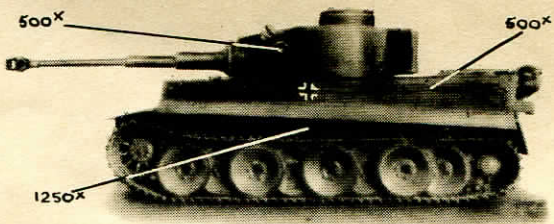


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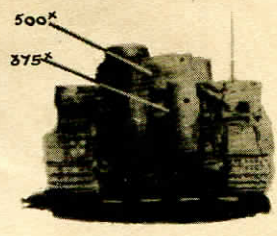
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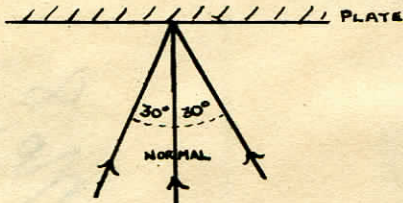


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General Notes.

1. The ranges shown on the photographs are those at which the shot may reasonably be expected to penetrate a plate which it strikes at 30 degrees to normal.



2. At larger angles from normal, penetration will only take place at shorter ranges.

At smaller angles from normal penetration may take place at longer ranges.

3. As a guide to what your weapon will penetrate at normal, figures are given on this page.

4. Skirting plates over the outside of the tracks will reduce the range of penetration.

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All plates probably penetrated at 2,000 yards at "normal" attack, except upper and lower front hull plates which will be defeated at 950 yards.

Normal attack.

Turret front 400 yards.
Turret sides and rear over 2000 yards.
Hull sides and tail 2000 yards.

Normal attack.

Turret front 500 yards
side and tail 950 yards.

Hull top front vertical 400 yards.
lower front vertical 300 yards.
upper side plate 950 yards.
vertical tail plates 850 yards.

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To **CO 330**

EXPENDITURE OF ARTILLERY
PAREN SECRET PAREN AMMUNITION
INCLUDING INFANTRY ONE ZERO
FIVE MM HOWITZER FROM HUGHES
G DASH FOUR LIMITED TO ONE
HALF UNIT OF FIRE PER DAY

CG 83 DIV
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

13 JULY 41
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13 July 44
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NUMBER 15.

MAPS: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Front Lines: Overlay.

b. Defensive Organization: Enemy defended with considerable automatic weapons and mortars, with tank-infantry teams supporting. Generally, defense was made from hasty field fortifications.

c. Units in Contact:

- (1) Elements of the 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, and 14th and 15th Cos of the 37 SS PGR, 17 SS Pz Gr Div.
- (2) Elements of the 2d and 3d Bns, 3d SS PGR, 17 SS Pz Gr Div
- (3) Elements of the 2d Para Tng Regt.
- (4) Elements of the 17 SS Arty Regt (9th Btry identified).
- (5) Elements of the AA Bn DAS REICH, 2 SS Div DAS REICH
- (6) Elements of Tank Regt, 2 SS Div DAS REICH (7th identified).

9th Inf Div reports elements of Pz Div LEHR on its front. 4th Inf Div reports elements of the 8th Para Regt, 2d Para Tng Regt, 17 SS Ron Bn and elements of the 37 SS PGR on its front.

d. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: Pw

claims entire 2d SS Div DAS REICH is moving into this area, but this claim may be regarded with caution since a Bn of DAS REICH was destroyed in the vic of ST LO and another Bn was hard hit in the LA HAYE DU PUIS area recently. The enemy is experiencing extreme difficulty in bringing up reinforcements because of the effect of our aerial bombardments of his communication routes. A patrol of the 24th Cav Sq entered the TRIBEHOU area during the period and found little or no enemy. A hasty withdrawal by the enemy was indicated.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

The enemy has fought a dogged defensive action throughout the period, utilizing several strong points as keystones. Pressure of our offensive action forced enemy to withdraw SOUTHWARD. Strafing was reported on roads in our rear areas.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Number of PWs taken today: 14
- Number of PWs taken to-date: 85

1. Following information, received after publication of period report No. 14, was secured from a PW belonging to the 9th Btry, 17 SS Div Arty, and captured at 37907705, 11 July:

- (1) Three Btrys of arty were in support of the 37th SS PGR namely one Btry each from 1st and 2d Bns (105mm) and 9th Btry (150mm), 3d Bn.
- (2) Employment of Btry was to fire Btry fire during day, and one gun only at night for harrassing fires. Entire Btry could fire at night on call for emergencies. Btry did not fire counter battery because it was out ranged. Firing chart was used, on which locations of our guns were plotted. Btry normally fired as a unit, but PW did not think Bn was tied together for fires.
- (3) A GHQ sound and flash unit was attached and furnished locations for counter battery purposes.
- (4) Btry was equipped with 15cm Hows, tractor drawn. The prime mover carried the gun crew and 12-15 rounds of amm.
- (5) Btry was supplied with HE, AP and smoke Amm.

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c. PWs again report that train personnel, cooks and truck drivers are being employed as infantrymen on the line.

d. PWs from the 5th and 7th Tank Cos, DAS REICH, report that 5 Mark IVs are left in each company and are employed singly.

e. PW claims:

(1) The 37 SS PGR is practically wiped out and the remnants are being organized into combat units of 20-30 men each. Another PW states there are only 200 men in the 38th PGR.

(2) All PWs claim that they have been promised reserves many times. Reserves that have arrived have been very young or very old and have had little or no combat experience. Reserves are brought in at night.

(3) Our ambulances, jeeps and medical personnel are being used by the enemy for evacuation and treatment of their wounded.

(4) Civilian automobiles are being used for supply purposes.

(5) Only rifles and a few LMGs are left in some Cos. A few HMGs and mortars remain in action. Arty used is part GHQ and DAS REICH.

(6) One Austrian prisoner stated that all Austrians in his company would desert if they were not watched so closely.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

2 Inclosures:

No. 1 Overlay.
No. 2 Current O/B.

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DESHOTELS
G-2

DISTRIBUTION: No change.

X NO. 2 TO ACCOMPANY PERIODIC REPORT No. 15

HQ 83A INF DIV 12 JULY 1944



ORDER OF BATTLE
AS OF 10 JULY 44
SOURCE: OB MAP, VII CORPS
REPRODUCED - HQ 83 INF DIV

"1" Co fire in support of 1st Bn 33rd Inf. Stay where it is until fires are masked. Stay in gap but prepared to revert to 3d Bn on Regtl Order.

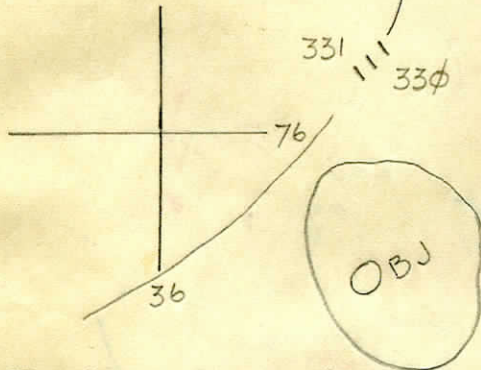
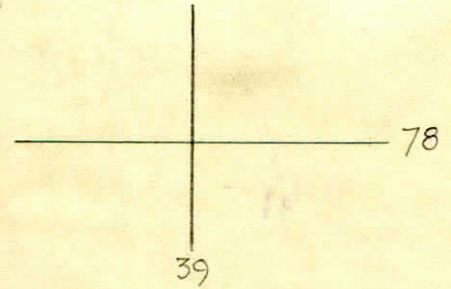
1st Bn attack at 0930. LD - present front lines. Echeloned to left rear.

Rcn Trp protect left flank of Regt. Maintain contact with 1st Bn.

2d Bn (less G Co) to attack on order. Pass thru Rcn Trp and move to left flank of 1st Bn. Maintain Officer liaison with 1st Bn.

323d FA & Cn Co in direct support.

3d Bn with Rcn Trp attached later remain in place prepared to mop up area on Regtl order.



LD - PRESENT FRONT LINES
TIME = 0930

Engr & TD units remain in place prepared to move on Regtl order.

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13 July 44

S-E-C-R-E-T

HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 83 U S ARMY

SP

12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Ammunition Limitation.

TO : CG Div Arty
CO 329th Inf
CO 330th Inf
CO 331st Inf
DAO

1. Do not repeat over telephone.
2. Until further notice expenditure of Artillery Ammunition including Infantry 105mm Howitzer limited to one half unit of fire per day.

Hughes

SHELLY G. HUGHES,
Lt Col., GSC,
A C of S, G-4.

S-E-C-R-E-T

*Journal Entry
24
13 July 44*

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Hq 331st Inf.
Coord. 355785
0439, 13 July 44

13 July 44

FO # 10

Maps: France, Periers Sheet, Scale 1/25,000

1. a. Enemy Situation * Enemy has withdrawn to positions South of creek to our immediate front. Defenses believed to consist of a series of strong points consisting of several tanks protected by small groups of infantry.

b. 83d Inf. Div. resumes the attack 0930, 13 July 44.

2. a. 331st Inf. supported by 908th F.A. Bn resumes atk 0930, 13 July 44.

b. Attachments:

Co. A, 87th Cml Bn: general support.

Co. B, 802 T.D. Bn: 1 Plt in general support, 1 Plt in direct support of 2nd and 3rd Bns

Co. C, 308th Eng. Bn: 1 Plt 2nd Bn, 1 Plt 3rd Bn, Co. (-2 Plts) general support.

b. LD: Present front line positions.

3. a. 3rd Bn with atchmts will atk at 0930 in zone indicated to capture objective No. 1. ~~It will be prepared to continue atk to seige obj. No. 2. It will be prepared to continue atk and seige obj. No. 3 on order.~~
and continue atk to seige obj. No. 2. It will be prepared to continue atk and seige obj. No. 3 on order.

b. 2nd Bn: with atchmts will atk at 0930 in zone indicated to capture obj. No. 1 and continue atk to seige obj. No. 2. It will be prepared to continue atk to seige obj. No. 3 on order.

c. 1st Bn will atk at 0930 in zone indicated seige obj. No. 1. Upon seigure of obj. will be prepared to move to position shown on overlay on order, at which time it will constitute a regtl res.

d. 908th F.A. Bn - direct support. Be prepared to deliver fires on call.

e. A.T. Co. - 1 Plt. direct support of 3rd Bn. Remainder of guns in direct support of 1st Bn. Upon 1st Bn reverting to Regtl Res. A.T. Co. (-1 Plt) will be in general support of regt.

f. Cn. Co. - Div. support. Atchd to Div. Arty for fire missions only.

g. Co. C, 308th Eng. Bn will be prepared to bridge stream in zone of 2nd and 3rd Bns.

h. No artillery preparation prior to atk.

4. Administrative Details - no change.

5. a. Current SOI in effect.

b. Axis of Sig. Communication - overlay.

c. Initial Regtl CP and Bn CP's - overlay. Thereafter Bns will select and report.

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S E C R E T

Hq 330th Inf
HOTOT, FRANCE
131100 July
Period 0600-1200

3. See overlay.
4. See overlay.
5. Advised of their plans. No information of progress.
6. LE PORT, ST. ANDRE de BOHON and LE MANOIR garrisoned for the night as planned. Unable to garrison LE MOULIN, as they were held up in vicinity of RJ 375760 ~~from~~ ^{by} enemy force in vicinity of LE MOULIN. This morning the 1st Bn attacked at 0930 in conjunction with the rest of the division as planned and moved to their objective without opposition, in column of Companies echeloned to the left rear. B Co leading C Co was brought abreast of B sweeping thru LE MOULIN. At 1100 situation was as indicated on overlay.
7. None.

F. B. COOK
Major, S-3.

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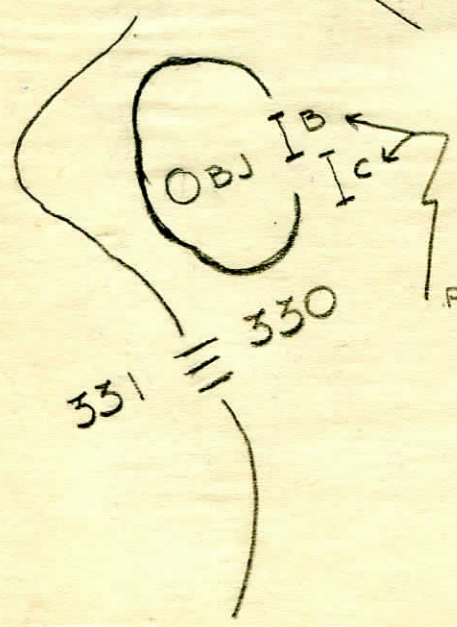
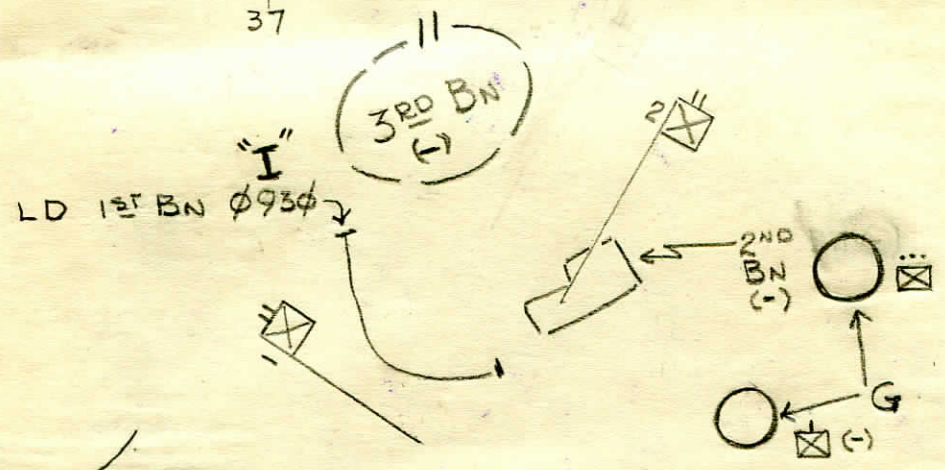
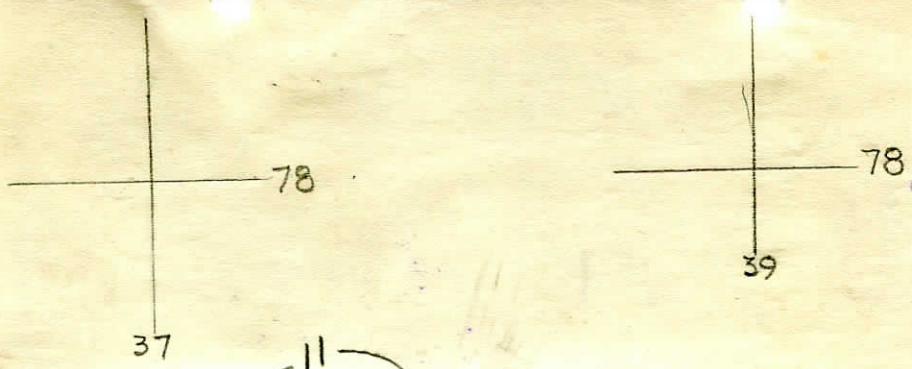
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1. see sketch.
 2. advised of their plans. No indication of retreat.
 3. see sketch.

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POSITION 1ST BN AT 1100

POSITION AT 1100

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38
13 July 44

S-2 Periodic Report

From: 0001 12 July 44
To : 2400 12 July 44

HQ 330TH INFANTRY

No 8

Time of Issue: 2400 12 July 44

MAPS: 1:25,000 GSGS 4347 sheets 31/18 S.E. and 31/16 S.E.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD.

Small enemy group left in our sector in vicinity of Le Moulin (371754).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

Defensive - Enemy continues to defend strong points with small groups of Infantry. Groups consist of one squad of approximately 30 men armed with rifles and various automatic weapons. It is estimated that three tanks supported by small Infantry groups still remain in our sector.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

Artillery and mortar fire was exceptionally heavy during the evening in vicinity of la Lande.

Three enemy Ammunition Dumps were located at the following coordinates: 37607655, 37997603 and 37007593.

An aeroplane presumed to be enemy's, flew over our OP at approximately 2330.

PWs taken today: 19; 12 walking, 5 wounded, 4 captured by 331st Inf.

(b) Statements made by PWs during the period: That the administrative personnel of the 38th Pz Gren Regt had been organized into small combat groups, and ordered to defend to the "last man."

Estimated only approximately 130 men of the 17th SS Div remained in opposition to our forces.

5th Co, 2d Pz Regt, 2d Pz Div has only 5 tanks left out of 19 or 20; that the 17th Co had only 5 or 6 left.

One PW stated that their tank radios intercepted our messages.

White phosphorous Arty fire feared most.

Tanks do not move during daylight and make full use of camouflage.

A general German attack predicted against our forces within a few days; also that 2,000 aeroplanes held in Paris area to support attack.

Two PWs within last few days have stated that the "Das Reich" Div would be completely concentrated in this area by the end of this week.

(c) ENEMY CAPABILITIES. To delay our advance; to permit his forces to withdraw.

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Blackfish

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Blackfish IPW
13 July 1944

SUBJECT : Report on 24-Hour Period Ending 122400 44.
TO : Blackstone 2.

1. PWs - 19. (12 walking, 3 wounded, 4 captured by Blackboy Blue).
2. Documents evacuated to Blackstone 2 for interpretation as they came in.

3. 18 PWs belonged to Hq, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 Cos, 38th Regt and 3rd Co, 37th Regt. Their regular duties included cooks, mechanics, shoemakers, orderlies, interpreters, truckdrivers and some infantry men. They were all committed as infantry men three days ago. Some of the administrative troops have had no infantry training. The general picture is that groups from 8 to 30 men were assigned to critical points and told to hold them at all costs. One group consisting of one officer of the supply train and 29 men was told to hold the bridgehead at LE PORT at all costs. One PW claimed to have seen about 60 American prisoners about 4 days ago in the vicinity of ST ANDRE DE BOHON. PW had American infantry man's ring and cigarette case in his possession. Another PW believed they were being supported by Army rather than SS artillery. Stated that several times prisoner patrols were sent out, so that their adjutant could identify units facing them through questioning. Patrols were unsuccessful. Wounded sergeant stated that about 130 men of the 17th SS Div remained in front of us.

4. One PW, 5th Co, 2nd Pz Regt, 2nd Pz Div (DAS REICH), FPN 48542, captured by Blackboy vic BOIS GRIMOT. States 5th Co had 19 to 20 Mark IV Tanks (longbarrelled 75's). 5 tanks left in 5th Co. 5th Co operating vic PW's capture. 7th Co (5 to 6 tanks in area east of 5th Co. Tanks merely employed to bolster courage of foot troops and are employed singly. States they could hear all our radio conversation on their tank radio. Battle recovery of tanks conducted at night with tractors or other tanks. Tanks evacuated along mainroad to PERIERS to repair unit 30 to 40 km behind lines. States two months ago they were issued a new type of canister ~~wiki~~ which was supposed to give protection against one of our new gases. States they fear white phosphorous arty shells most. When in reserve near frontlines tanks do not move in daylight and are hidden by special camouflage crews (four per Co). Co CO said there would be a general German attack against beach head in a few days, led by "DAS REICH" in this sector supported by GAF, airborne troops and Nebelwerfer Bns. Infantry men had told PW that Nebelwerfers were in position to German rear waiting for the attack. Two PWs in last few days had heard that concentration of "DAS REICH" in this area would be complete by end of week. PW heard from Co CO that there were 2000 planes in Paris area to support attack.

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2nd Lt, TD.

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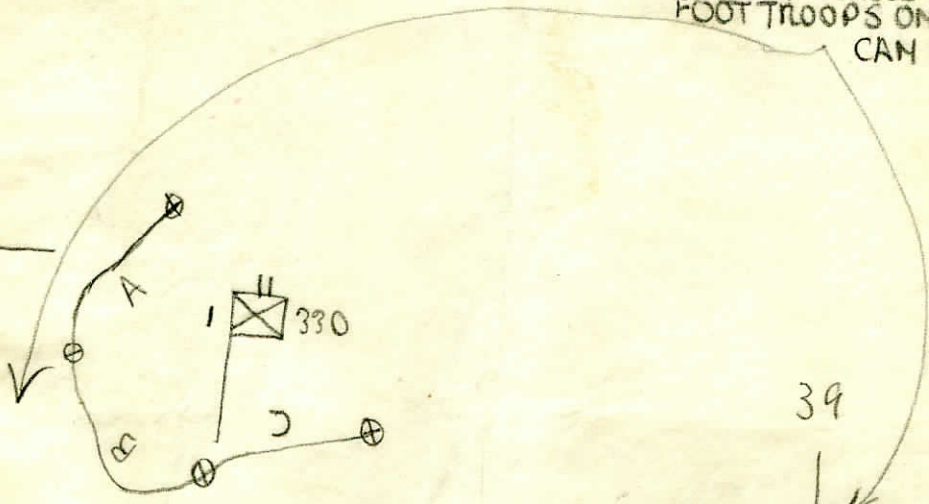
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BRIDGES PASSABLE TO
FOOT TROOPS ONLY
CAN BE REPAIRED

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AREA BEING "FLUSHED"
BY PATROLS

Howarth
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ORAL MESSAGE

FILE NO: 68

FROM: IPW DATE: 13 July 1944

Ent Unit Jnl: CCB.

TO: S-2, 330th TIME: 2230

MAPS: _____

PW gave the following information -
 Name (P) - KARL BINNER - Surrendered
 with his Squad -
 was from 2nd Co. 657 AT. BN -
 88 Corps Reserve.

There are 3 Co's of his Bn. in this
 sector - Each Co. has 6 - 75mm
 guns - Had two 50mm issued
 to them (in addition) last week, but
 destroyed both today -
 As far as he knows his Co -
 still has all 6 - 75mm guns.

ACTION TAKEN (OVER)

DISTRIBUTION:

Regt C.O. & Staff -

- C. O.
- Ex. C.
- S-1
- S-2
- S-3
- S-4
- Comm. O.

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Blaster

These guns are propelled by steel wheeled automobiles
which have a speed of only 16 kilometers per hr -
No reserves as far as he knows

Estimates only 400 men left in 17 SS div. in this
Heard enemy had 60 tanks in area, but doubted it,
also heard that we destroyed 16 of their tanks day
before yesterday - Have been in this sector 12 days.

Says the SS infantry is in a very weak and
disorganized condition and could have been
broken through very easily this morn.

Prisoner appeared to be very
sincere & truthful

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HEADQUARTERS
FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 230.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 37)

9 July 1944.

EMPLOYMENT OF TANK DESTROYERS

1. General.

Early in this operation, the over-riding need for close support of the assault infantry by fire of any kind temporarily justified the abnormal tactical employment of tank destroyer battalions. With the steady build-up of tanks and field artillery in the bridgehead area, this need has lessened progressively to the point where the abnormal employment of tank destroyers can no longer be justified. Henceforth, the doctrine set forth hereinafter (extracted in major part from WDTC No. 88, 24 June 1943) will govern the employment of tank destroyer battalions in the First US Army.

2. Fundamental principles of tank destroyer employment.

a. The primary mission of tank destroyer units is the destruction of hostile tanks by fire of a superior mass of guns.

b. When not required on their primary mission, tank destroyers should be employed as reinforcing artillery or as assault artillery against fortified positions and pillboxes. Otherwise, there is a loss in fire power to the parent organization equivalent to that of three battalions of light field artillery. (See Operations Memorandum Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 16 March 1944.)

c. The tank destroyer battalion must be employed as a unit, with the battalion commander exercising the maximum amount of control over his command.

d. Tank Destroyers are blind if deprived of their organic reconnaissance units. These elements will not therefore be diverted to non-tank destroyer missions.

e. Tank destroyers do not charge or pursue enemy armor in the open; rather, they seek to ambush hostile tanks and defend in place. It is far more dangerous to withdraw or to move forward than to fight in position when attacked by armor. This applies especially to the M10 weapon which is extremely vulnerable to enemy anti-tank means and is unable to deliver automatic weapons fire without exposing the gunner.

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f. When used as assault artillery, tank destroyers must be furnished close infantry protection.

g. Due consideration should be given the different combat capabilities of the towed and self-propelled tank destroyer battalions. Towed guns are more suitable for advanced positions than self-propelled guns, since they are smaller and more readily concealed. Forward emplacement requires closer coordination with infantry anti-tank means. If placed too far forward, timely movement to meet enemy armor, striking elsewhere in force, will be impossible. Rearward placement is more suitable for self-propelled units. These units rely on aggressive reconnaissance to detect the enemy armored attack and thus are enabled to mass against the threat. If terrain permits, the ideal situation is to employ tank destroyers so as to permit their use as reinforcing artillery while at the same time remaining prepared to move into prepared anti-tank positions on short notice.

3. Tank destroyers in relation to other anti-tank means.

a. All anti-tank means must be closely coordinated, with tank destroyer battalions deployed in sufficient depth to facilitate offensive as well as defensive action.

b. Infantry anti-tank weapons should be sited to meet and delay the hostile armored attack and to cover the employment of massed tank destroyers.

c. The appearance of German tanks with especially resistant front armor virtually dictates the employment of destroyers in mutually supporting positions.

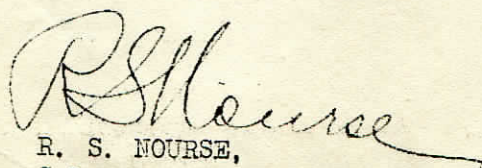
d. Since the high velocity three-inch gun has a long effective range against tanks it should be placed in positions affording suitable fields of fire. Positions affording fields of fire of less than 300 yards should generally be reserved for guns of smaller caliber.

4. Staff responsibility.

Staff responsibility for training, supply, employment, and coordination of the anti-tank means available to major units will be in accordance with letter, this Headquarters, subject, "Field Artillery Anti-Tank Subsections", dated 27 May 1944.

By command of the ARMY COMMANDER:

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Adjutant General.

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IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0120		1		OO 2d Bn arrived Regtl CP for directions to Blackboy Regtl CP. 2d Bn to pass through bn in 331st to relieve.	
0225	0545	2		Lt Ray returned to Regtl CP w/instructions	
0605		3		Lt Ray left Regtl CP to go to Div	
0740		4		Lt Ray returned to Regtl CP	
		5		TP 331st called and said they had permission to use part of the Ron Trip. They wanted us to have the Ron Trip contact the 331st.	
		6		This hqs called the Div Duty Officer requesting that they contact the 330th Det at Le Maulin which is under Div control and have them turn contacted the Ron Trip.	
0755	0145	7		Maj Breen arrived Regtl CP	
0805	0730	8		OO 2d Bn left Regtl CP	
		9		Asst S3 called 2d Bn for disposition of Bn.	
		10		2d Bn reported position of one company at 353755; one company at 348757 and one company at 355760.	
0330	0825	11		2d Bn moved to support 331st.	
		12		TP to OO 3d Bn advising him that since 2d Bn moved out he has nothing on his right flank.	
0830		13	132100	TP to OO 3d Bn advising him that since 2d Bn moved out he has nothing on his right flank.	
0845		14		Overlay showing disposition of 2d Bn as of 2000, 13 July 1944	
0845		15		Received G3 periodic report for 13 July 1944	
0845		16		Received Road and Minefield Report as of 131900	
0845		17		Received Ltr, Hq 85 Inf, subj: PW Information, dated 13 July 44	
0905		18		Received G2 Periodic Report for 13 July 1944	
0925		19		TP between G-3 and Gen FERRENBACH re 330th Inf will relieve 329th Inf on Div order; will proceed at once to reconnoiter routes for Bn to move into 329th area.	
0930		20		TP between G-3 and SX re 330th will take over all of 329th's attachments when we move in OOs and S-2 of 1st & 3d Bns arrived at CP for conference with Regtl CO	

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME		Serial Number	Time Dated		ACTION TAKEN
	IN	OUT				
0935			21			
1000	1000		22			
1000	1000		23			
1135	1025		24			
1145	1130		25			
1145			26			
1200			27			
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1210			30			
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1215			32			
1230			33			
1300			34			
1310			35			
1735			36			
1855			37			
1855			38			
1900			39			
	1908		40			
			41			
1925			42			
				1800		

Conference was held by Regt1 CO for Bn Comdrs and Staff concerning plans for moving and relieving 329th Inf; Bn Comdrs were told by Regt1 CO to reconnoiter a route for their Bn to new location Bn Comdrs left OP enroute to their own CPs w/orders Div C of S arrived at OP to confer with Gen FERREBAUGH and new Regt1 CO re situation and Adm details

Div C of S left OP enroute to Div Hq
 Regt1 IPW Report of period ending 132400 July 44

CO 323d FA arrived at OP
 Overlay showing position of 4th Div
 Overlay showing position of 9th Div

Overlay showing 3d Bn Disposition 2100 13 July 44
 Overlay showing Defense Areas for use in emergency

Note showing coordinates of 2d Bn Companies as of 0730 14 July 44

Note showing coordinates of Regt1 Train as of 14 July
 Regt, less 2d Bn and Attachments, alerted for movement at 1400 to Le Port to join 9th Div

Regt1 CO gave orders and plans to Bn & Sp Unit
 Comdrs for movement of Regt to Le Port

TP from Div G-3 re Cannon Co reverts to Regt1 control at this hour

New Regt1 OP opened
 CO 3d Bn arrived at OP to confer with S-3

Message re 1st Bn closed in their area at 1745
 3d Bn closed in their area at 1845

SX and CO 3d Bn left OP to look over 3d Bn location
 On Co closed in assembly area at 1910; CO On Co

arrived at Regt1 OP at 1925
 IO TD Bn arrived at OP at 1925

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ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		
2020		43		Regtl 00 arrived at CP from Div Hq w/plans for operation	
2030		44		OO, S2 and S1, 24th Cav reported for instructions.	
2030		45		OO, 3d Bn arrived Regtl CP for conference with Regtl 00	
2030		46		Regtl Comdr held meeting of attached comdrs and Bn comdrs and gave instructions for tonights and tomorrows operations. Gave instructions to Capt Stewart re placing AT guns. Gave instructions to I & R plt ldr re patrolling.	
2115		47		Two German planes flew over and were fired upon by our AA	
2120		48		Regtl Comdr gave S3 instructions to get in touch with CO 1st Bn and see how he getting along and acquaint him with location of other Bns down there.	
2125		49		Code name of 9th Div is "Notorious". Code name of supporting arty is "Noisy".	
2130		50		Lt Feller, LO, 24th Cav arrived Regtl CP.	
2130		51		Lt Noe returned from 60th Inf CP w/overlay of disposition.	
2132		52		Regtl 00 gave instructions re time for getting up and to work in the morning. Everyone should be up at 0700 except those who work night shifts.	
2135		53		Regtl S3 went to CP 1st Bn with instructions.	
2145		54		OO, 3d Bn left Regtl CP.	
2230		55		Received 1st Bn situation overlay.	
2230		56		TD Bn closed in assembly area at 2015	
2235		57		OO, 323d FA arrived at Regtl CP.	
2400		58		S1 report sent to Div	
2400		59	0530	Received FO #11, A9 83d Div.	

ORAL MESSAGE

FILE NO: 13

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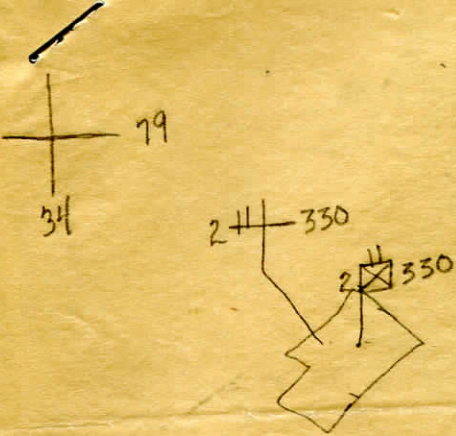
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Ent Unit Jnl: *AMB*

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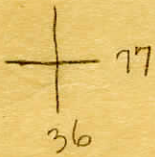
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To - C.O. 330th

2nd Bn Disposition
7/13/44 - 2000

Map - PERIERES
Scale 1:25000



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83d Inf Div
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2400, 13 July 44

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Map: FRANCE, 1/25,000. Sheets PERIERS 3/16 NB, CARENTAN 3/18 NB.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
183d FA Bn in general support.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally clear with occasional showers.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

329th Inf: Attd at 0930 and advanced to position (Overlay).
 330th Inf: Continued mopping-up of St Andre de Bohon, Le Moulin peninsula and withdrew to Div Res. Det 3d Bn and 83d Recon Tr left to patrol area.
 331st Inf: Attd at 0930 and advanced to position (Overlay).

b. Field Artillery

83d Div Arty: Supported Div atk.
 183d FA Bn: General support.

c. Armored

746th Tk Bn (-): Div Res.
 Co B attd to 329th Inf.
 Assault Gun Plat attd to 330th Inf.

d. Cavalry

83d Cav Recon Tr: Attd to Det 3d Bn 330th Inf to patrol peninsula.

e. Engineers

308th Engr Bn: Supported Div atk.

f. Tank Destroyer

Co A, 634th TD Bn (SP): Initially attd 329th Inf. Released to Corps control at 1400.
 Co A, 802nd TD Bn: Attd to 329th Inf.
 Co B, 802nd TD Bn: Attd to 331st Inf.
 Co C, 802nd TD Bn: Attd to 330th Inf.

g. Anti-Aircraft

453d AAA Bn (AM): Attd to Div Arty.

h. Chemical Troops

Co C, 87th Cml Bn: Attd to 329th Inf.
 Co A, 87th Cml Bn: Attd to 331st Inf.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Casualties medium; some replacements received.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 331st Inf occupied portion of its obj and repelled counterattack.
 330th Inf completed mopping-up of St Andre de Bohon, Le Moulin peninsula.

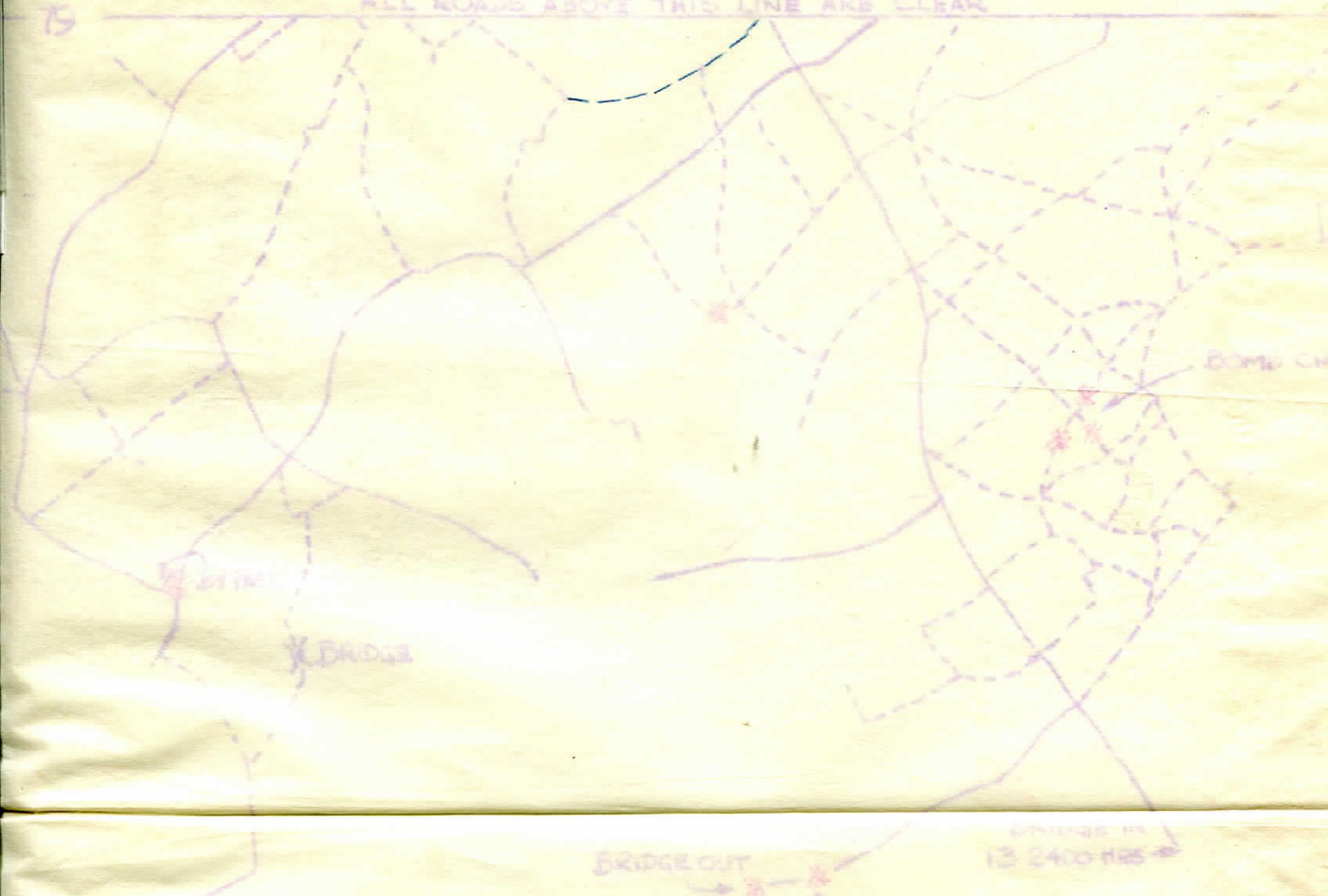
ROAD & MINEFIELD REPORT

AS OF 131900

OFFICE OF DIVISION ENGINEER

CO, 330th I

ALL ROADS ABOVE THIS LINE ARE CLEAR



CLEAR ROADS & TRAILS

MINES & BLOCKS

FRANCE GSGS 4347

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OFFICIAL

George [unclear]
DIVISION ENGINEER

Blackfish-2

Blackfish IPW
14 July 44

Subject : Report for 24 hr. Period Ending 132400
To : Blackstone-2

1. PWS- 8(7-657 AT Bn.; 1-HQ 37th SS Regt.-wounded)
2. Documents - Evacuated to Blackstone-2

Karl Binner

3. PW ~~Agent # 5555~~ ~~Resonacher~~, 2nd Co., 657th AT Bn., FPN 57083 C states: that his Bn. (3 AT Cos.) less organic tank Co. (9-12 35 ton French tanks) left Holland 12 June. Originally they were Corps reserve with 88th Army Corps. Unit had been committed in support of 17th SS Div. for about 12 days. States that about 400 men were left in 17th SS Div. Their 2nd MLR was shattered yesterday. PW had heard rumor that 2nd SS Div. "Das Reich" was assembling to their rear. Had also heard rumors of "Nebelwerfer" units Behind them. PW heard that 60 German tanks were withdrawn yesterday to a new MLR.

4. Wounded PW, pay clerk in 37th SS Regt, states about 200 men left in 37th SS Regt. States they were withdrawing yesterday to new MLR About 2 kilometers to the rear. PW captured vic. 347758 .

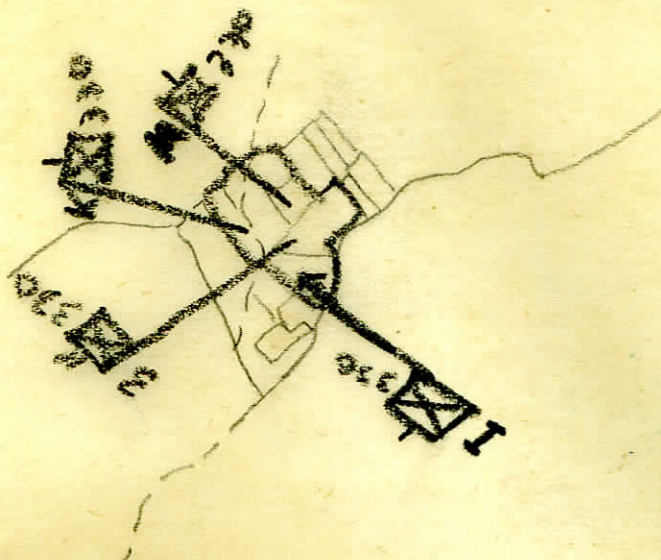
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KARL WAGNER
2nd Lt. TD

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By: NARA Date: 4/14/11

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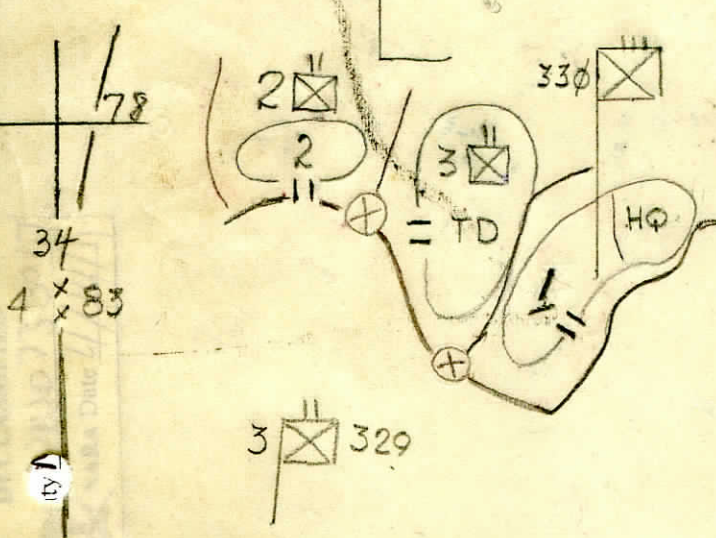
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Disposition 3rd Bn
13 July 44
21 00



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14 July 41

Defense areas for use in emergency
 Trace indicates m.l.r. Bns to prepare defense
 Supports and Reserves to be placed in
 accordance with front lines of Bns
note - limiting points
 Regt Hdq Co responsible for its own
 A.T. Defense
 A.T. defenses to be coordinated by
 A.T. Co. Commander including
 use of C Co 802 T.D Bn (- plat)

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0730

2ND BN
14 JULY 44
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1 Co	at	353 755
1 Co	at	348 757
1 Co	at	355 760

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Bn Train 3680 7825

Amms D.P. 366782

Coordinates
Regt Train
a.D.P.

14 JULY 44

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Authority NND 735017
By NARA Date 4/14/41

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) PRECEDENCE		
No.	DATE	
To	C.O. 330th	14 July 44
<p>1st Bn has closed in their AREA at 1745.</p> <p>AT Closed 1800</p> <p style="text-align: right;"># 38 14 July 44</p>		
m 5-3	OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER	1745 TIME SIGNED
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER		

DOTTED LINE: CHANGE OF LINES TO BE MADE BY BN C.O. 1ST BN 330TH

LINES HELD BY 1ST BN 60TH INF

LINE HELD BY 2ND+3RD BN 60TH INF AT 1800

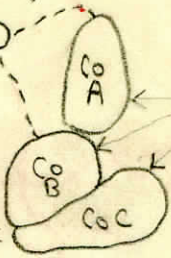
CONTACT WITH ENEMY AT PRESENT TIME (1900)

KNOWN ENEMY POSITIONS

POSITIONS HELD BY CAVALRY

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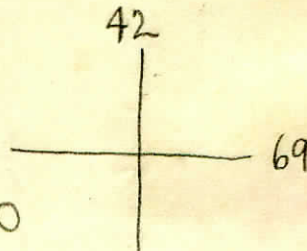
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SITUATION OVERLAY
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IN	TIME	Serial	Time	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT	Number	Dated	
1903		63		
1905	X	64		
1907		65		
	1938	66		
1940		67		
	1957	68		
2025		69		
2028		70		
	2037	71		
2038		72		
2045		73		
2050		74		
2050		75		
2124		76		
2135		77		
2200		78		
2200		79		
2200		80		
2400		81		
2400		82		

ACOO reported across the river, O Co just barely across. Phone to 1st Bn just in.
 Regt1 S4 arrived Regt1 OP.
 Regt1 S1 arrived Regt1 OP
 Regt1 S4 left Regt1 OP
 OO 24th Cav, arrived Regt1 OP to confer with Regt1 Comdr.
 Lt Fellers, 24th Cav LO, left Regt1 OP for 24th Cav OP
 Lt Fellers, 24th Cav, returned to Regt1 OP
 Capt Huber, AT Officer, 9th Div, arrived Regt1 OP for information
 Lt Ray left Regt1 OP for Notorious OP
 TP between Regt1 Comdr and Gen FERENBAUGH re progress of the Regt.
 Regt1 Comdr gave instructions to TD officers re protection against tanks for the night.
 Rec'd 83d Div Password & reply for 171200 to 181200
 Rec'd HQ VII CORPS OPNS MEMO 38, Hq VII Corps, dtd 15 July 44
 OO 2d Bn arrived Regt1 OP for instructions by Regt1 Comdr
 9th Ron Trp atchd to 24th Cav at this time.
 OO 2d Bn left Regt1 OP
 Received Memo from OG 83d Div re mortar and arty ammo
 Received S2 Periodic Report from Hq 24th Cav Ron Sq Macz
 The Div passed from control of VII Corps to control of VIII Corps at this time per Opns Memo 38, Hq VII Corps, 15 July 1944.
 S1 report submitted to Div

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 To: _____
 Place: _____

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

TIME		Serial Number	Time Dated	ACTIONS TAKEN
IN	OUT			
1420		42		
1430		43		
1440		44		
1440		45		
1515		46		
1605		47		
1635		48		
1645		49		
1655		50		
1720		51		
	1725	52	1620	
1740		53		
	1750	54		
	1800	55		
1802		56		
1825		57		
1845		58		
1847		59		
1850		60		
1854		61		
1857		62		

Col Barnes (39th Inf) arrived at OP to confer with SX re situation
 Col Barnes left OP
 Report via TP 1st Bn now at river
 Maj Gen EDDY arrived at OP to confer with SX re situation and progress of 330th; departed from OP 1515
 1st Serial of 2d Bn arrived at new assembly area in vicinity of Regtl OP
 Regtl OO returned to OP.
 2d Bn closed in their area at 1620
 Friendly Reconm Trps reported at 38.8 70.9 (via TP)
 OO 2d Bn arrived at OP to confer with Regtl OO
 Message to OO from 3d Bn OO re Co I on Bn right being pushed back; details vague will report soon as possible. Wire to you out
 Message to 3d Bn OO from Regtl OO re Don't let I Co withdraw use supporting fires keep us advised
 VII CORPS Officer representatives (Maj & Lt Col) arrived at OP to investigate and gain information concerning the accidental killing of some 1st Bn men this morning
 VII CORPS officers left OP
 Regtl OO left OP enroute to 83d Div Hq
 TP re Meeting at 1900 at "Notorious" OP; 330th OO to attend
 TP to 3-3 re 1st Bn has closed in new OP
 Received situation overlay as of 1800, 15 July 1944
 Regtl Comdr returned to Regtl OP
 All communications except radio, to forward line are out.
 Lt Aver, 24th Cav Tk Co, IO, returned to this OP
 Communications to "Notorious" and 323d FA out also

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ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		
1017 1018	1019 1020	24 25 26	1000	Maj Heikel arrived Regtl CP for confirmation of time of attack OO Sv Co arrived with information for Regtl Exo Maj Heikel left Retl CP Message #2 to OO 3d Bn (Same as entry 25). Received notes of duty officer for night of 14-15 July 44 TP from S2 24th Cav to S2 330th Inf Received overlay of plan for attack, picked up by Regtl S3 at 9th Div Hq 2200, 14 July 44 Air Corp bombing road junction - some bomb fell short and hit our own troops, O Co.	
1020 1040 1041 1045		27 28 29 30	0945	3d Bn reported by TP that they jumped off on time. D Co reported jumping off and B Co reported engaged in fight. B Co reported jumping off on time and Co Co reported disorganized result of bombing. Gen Eddy, Gg, 9th Div arrived Regtl CP Co K reached first phase line.	
1107		31			
1140 1142 1155		32 33 34			
1145 1158		35 36 37			

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated		
1150		24		3d Bn reached 1st Phase line	
1200		25		3d Bn have not quite reached the reef; meeting one automatic weapon in each Co area; meeting no organized resistance. 1st Bn out about 400 yds at 1155 and had contacted the 3d Bn	
1200		26		Co I reported by radio passing Phase Line one	
1205		27		Co K passed phase line one, and right at water	
1210		28		Co C reported on line of departure	
1212		29		Co B pushing ahead	
1215		30		3d Bn reported being held up by high velocity weapons; may be a tank	
1217		31		Location of 1st Bn CP: 397717	
1220		32		Co I reported crossing the river	
1224		33		TP re 2d Bn will be available to join regt at 1330; guide to be at LePort	
1235		34		CP 3d Bn report displasing forward.	
1237		35		Co I and K between two and three getting increase in S/A fire, automatic fire, and what seems to be an 88 is firing on them	
1310		36		1st Bn about 400 yds behind 3d Bn	
1315		37		Regtl CO directed that 2d Bn be assembled at 395720	
1325		38		TP report 3 enemy officers and a Company reported by 24th Cav at 367737 digging in.	
1330		39		TP between Gen WARTEN and SX re 2d Bn will be available at LePort at 1415	
1335		40		24th Cav Tank Co Officer reported to CP with 3 Pltns of tanks, for orders	
1345		41		TP between Regtl SX and 1st Bn SX re Co A is relieved at once; a Plt of Light tanks is attached to your Bn to assist you as far and no further than the river; the Colonel directs that you push forward; the Tank Pltn will be at this Hq shortly.	

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 To: 152400 July 1944
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ACTION TAKEN

IN	TIME OUT	Serial Number	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0025		1		1st Bn reports that the relief of the 1st Bn 60th Inf has been affected.	
0100		2		1st Bn 3d Bn and all atchmts notified via TP of time of attack (1000, 15 July 1944)	
0305		3		Sgt Alford (I & R Plt) reported to CP giving pertinent information concerning his mission.	
0315		4		Lt Ray returned to CP from Div with FO #7, Hq 9th Div and overlay	
0500		5		Received 330th FO and overlay.	
0545	0510	6		Lt Ray left CP enroute to 9th Div CP.	
0600	0525	7		Lt Brisbane submitted six hour report to Div Hq	
0600		8		CO 3d Bn arrived at Regtl CP for conference with Regtl CO	
0600		9		CO 1st Bn arrived at CP for conference with Regtl CO	
0745	0645	10		24th Cav officer arrived at CP for conference.	
0830	0647	11		CO 3d and 1st Bn left Regtl CP.	
0830	0815	12		Lt Feller left Regtl CP for Cav CP w/orders.	
0830		13		Regtl S4 and CO SV Co arrived Regtl CP for instructions.	
0830		14		Lt Feller (LO 24th) left Regtl CP for 24th CP	
0830		15		Lt Feller returned to Regtl CP	
0830		16		24th Cav asked permission to do away with road block at Tribenou.	
				This hq requested permission from 9th Div to drop road block and permission was granted.	
				This hq informed 24th Cav to do away with road block.	
	0900	17		Lt Feller left Regtl CP for 24th Cav CP.	
	0910	18		Regtl S4 and CO SV Co left Regtl CP for SV Co CP	
	0922	19		Lt Feller returned to Regtl CP	
0934		20		Lt Feller mission called off.	
0953		21		TP - Air mission at 1100 to 1130. Our attack postponed until 1130.	
0940		22		All orgns concerned notified.	
1015		23	0955	Message #1 to CO 1st Bn "Air Mission changed to RJ 383703 to be flown between 1100 and 1130. Time of attack 1130 with or without air bombing".	

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FO #7

Maps: No change

1. a. No change

- b. (1) VII Corps continues atk to the S. No change in mission of divs.
- (2) For location of adjacent units as of 142100 July: See overlay.
- (3) Ninth Air Force will bomb vic 381708 at 151000 July.

2. This Div:

- Atchd: 18th FA Grp (196th FA Bn (105mm How); 957th FA Bn (155mm How) atchd)
690th FA Bn (105mm How)
376th AAA AW Bn (M)
899th TD Bn reinf by Btry A 129th AAA Bn (90mm Gun)
CC "A" 3d Armd Div reinf by Co D 23d Engr Bn and Co C 703d TD Bn
330th Inf (less 2nd Bn, and 1 co, 1 MG plat and 1 Mort sect)
 - Atchd: 24th Cav Rcn Sqdn
 - Co A 899th TD Bn (less 3d Plat)
 - 2 plats Co A 802d TD Bn
 - Co B 308th Engrs
 - Co B 83rd Med Bn

Continues atk. 15 July

Formations, zones of action, btrys: See overlay.

3. a. 39th Inf (less 1 plat)

Atchd: Co G 32nd Armd Regt reinf by 1 plat Co A 23d Engr Bn

At 0800 15 July will move to assembly area, in Div Res, as shown on overlay.

b. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co C 899th TD Bn
Co F 32nd Armd Regt reinf by 1 plat Co A 23d Engr Bn

At 150900 July will resume the atk to capture Obj G and Obj O.

c. 60th Inf

Atchd: Co B 899th TD Bn
Co D 32nd Armd Regt

At 150900 July will resume atk to capture Obj M, H & N.

d. 330th Inf (less 2nd Bn, and 1 co, 1 MG plat and 1 Mort sect)

Atchd: 24th Cav Rcn Sqdn
Co A 899th TD Bn (less 3d Plat)
2 plats Co A 802d TD Bn
Co B 308th Engrs
Co B 83rd Med Bn

Will prior to 151200 July atk Obj R. Upon capture of Obj R will proceed to capture Obj S, T, P & Q.

e. CC "A" 3d Armd Div (less Cos D, F, and G 32nd Armd Regt and 1 plat Co A

23d Engr Bn)
Atchd: Co C 703d TD Bn
Co D 23d Engr Bn

Will remain in present posns in Div Res.

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g. The Div Arty reinf by the 54th Armd FA Bn (atchd CC "A" 3d Armd Div) and the 323d FA Bn (83d Div Arty) will support the Div:

Atchd: Hq & Hq Btry 18th FA Grp
 196th FA Bn (105mm How)
 690th FA Bn (105mm How)
 957th FA Bn (155mm How)
 899th TD Bn (SP) with Btry A 129th AAA Bn atchd
 376th AAA AW Bn

- (1) 84th FA Bn - direct support 47th Inf
- (2) 60th FA Bn - direct support 60th Inf
- (3) 26th FA Bn - general support
- (4) 34th FA Bn - general support and reinf 84th FA Bn
- (5) 18th FA Grp - general support
 - (a) 196th FA Bn - general support and reinf 60th FA Bn
 - (b) 957th FA Bn - general support and reinf 323d FA Bn
 - (c) 690th FA Bn - general support
- (6) 899th TD Bn (Btry A 129th AAA Bn atchd) will provide protection for the div against armor.

(a) Co A (less 1 platoon) - atchd 330th Inf

(b) Co B - atchd 60th Inf

(c) Co C - atchd 47th Inf

~~(4)~~ 3d Plat Co A - general support

(7) 376th AAA AW Bn will provide AA protection for the Div Arty.

x. (1) 90mm AA guns will be employed to reinf AT defense by 899th TD Bn.

(2) Tks atchd to inf regts will be accompanied by inf during their adv prepared to fire on targets of opportunity.

(3) AAA units will prepare strong AT defenses on their perimeters, especially at trails and roads. Will execute vigorous patrolling to the front to secure the perimeter.

4. See Adm O #2.

5. a. See current SOI.

b. Div CP - 449766
 Regtl CPs - to be reported.

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Annexes: Annex 1, Operations Overlay

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Hq 330th Inf
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150100 July

F.O. # 6. Confirmation of Verbal order.

1. a. No change.

b. The 9th Div attacks on our left at 0900. Air Force bombs REMILLY-sur-LOZON at 1000. 323d F.A. Bn, reinforced by 957th F.A. Bn - direct support.

2. 330th Inf:

Attachments: Co C, 302d T.D. (T) - 1 Plat
Co A, 399th T.D. (SP) - 1 Plat
24th Cav Sqd
Co B, 308th Engr
Co B 308th Med Bn (Call)

will attack and capture objective R (overlay) be prepared to continue attack and capture objectives P, Q, S, T, (overlay) on order.

Time of attack - 1000

L.D. - Boundaries - overlay

Formations - 1st and 3rd Bns abreast - 3rd Bn on right

3. 1st Bn (less 1 rifle Co):

Atchd: Co A, 399th T.D. Bn (SP (- 2 plts):

attack in zone of action indicated and capture objectives R1. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

3rd Bn:

Atchd: 1 Plat Co A, 399th T.D. (SP):

attack in zone of action indicated and capture objective R3. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

Co A: Regimental reserve. Remain in present position.

Cannon Co: Direct support.

A-T Co: Close support of assault Bns. Protection of Regt'l flanks and rear.

Co C, 302d T.D. (T) - 1 plat: Close support of assault Bns. Protect flanks and rear. C.O. A-T Co will coordinate the Regt'l A-T defense.

24th Cav Sqd (Mech): Protection of flanks. Maintain contact between Regt and 30th Inf on our left.

Co B 308th Engr: Be prepared to construct routes for vehicles. Clear mines.

X. 1. Full use will be made of Bazookas and grenades.

2. SP T.D. units will be preceded by infantry.

3. Bns will utilize organic mortars to fullest.

4. The Cannon Co will smoke west bank of TAUTE R. on call of Bn Commanders when their leading elements arrive at approximately the 39 N & S Grid Line.

5. The 323d F.A. will fire a 10 min preparation, ((40-39-8); (7-3-45)), 5 min after the air bombardment. Thereafter on call. In case air mission is cancelled preparation will be fired commencing at 1000.

4. Administrative details - no change.

5. Regt'l C.P. - overlay.

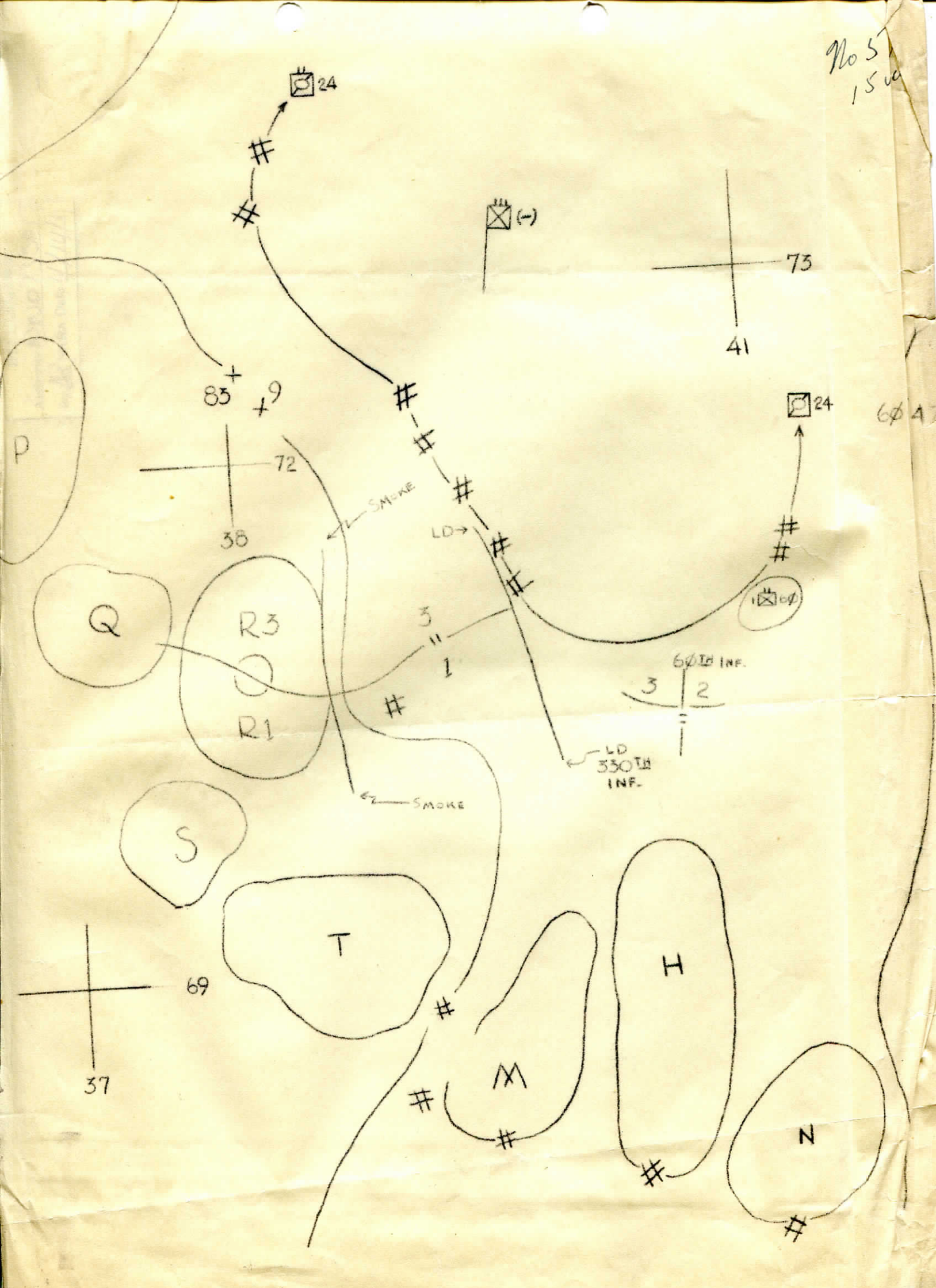
Bn C.P.'s - select and report.

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(Confirming
oral order)
Bn's sep
Comdr's
Here at 0600
Attack at 1000

1. No change.

1b- The 9 Div attack on our zone at 0900 - Heavy

Direction of attack Overlay. Air Force

Reinforce
Bombs Ser-Lozon at 1000; 323 J.A. Bn, Reinforced
by 957 J.A. Bn - direct support.

2. 330 Inf.

attachments

Co E 802 TD (T) - 1 Plat.

Co A 899 TD (SP) - 1 Plat.

24 Cav Squad

Co B 308 Eng.

Co B 308 Med Bnd (Call).

will attack and capture objective R (overlay)

Be prepared to continue attack and capture
objectives P, Q, S, T (overlay) on order.

Time of attack - 1000

LD - Boundaries - overlay.

Formation. 1st and 3rd Bn abreast - 3rd on right.

3. 1st Bn. (less 1 R Co)

Attack: Co A 899 TD Bn (SP) (- 2 Plats.)

attack in zone of action indicated and
capture objective R1. Be prepared to continue

attack on order.

3^d Bn

attached:

1 Platoon Co A 877 TD (SP)

Attack in zone of action indicated and
capture objective R3. Be prepared to continue
attack on order.

Co. A: Regimental Reserve. Remain
in present position.

CW Co: Direct Support

AT Co: Close support of assault Bn.

Protection of Regt flanks and rear.

Co E 802 TD (T) - 1 Platoon: Close support
of Assault Bn. ^{Protect} ~~close support of~~ flanks and
rear. CO. AT Co will command the
Regt AT Defense.

24 Ctr Signal (Mech): Protection of flanks.
Maintain contact between right and 60 km
on left.

Co B 308 Eng: Be prepared to construct
routes for vehicles. Clear mines.

x-1. Fuel use will be made of Bazookas,
and grenades.

v. SP TD units will be processed ^{by} the
infantry.

3. Bns will utilize ^{organic} ~~their~~ mortars to fullest.

4. The Cn Co will make west bound of
Lantz Room call of Pn commo when their
leading elements arrive at approximately the
39 N + S grid line.

v. The 323 J.A. will fire a 10 min
preparation, ^[(40-39-8); (76-43)] 5 min after the air bombardment.
Thereafter on call. In case air mission is
cancelled preparation will be fired commencing at
1000.

4. Admin details - No change.

5. Regt CP - overlay

Bus. A/S - select & Report.

Notarious J-v started that Blackstone Interrogation team questioned
3 fresh civilians in Natarou area & then sent them back by
Blackstone 0710

#1 Sgt Alfred - Large open field - gentle slope ^{down} to river, then gentle slope
up. fair observation from road across to enemy lines. Canals
about 4 feet deep 10 to 12 ft wide, rushes & vegetation - mud & water
to knees, all canals about same. Enemy motor (B) straight across
4 seconds from time fired to explode. One opening in hedge $\frac{2}{3}$ way
down from road to 1st Canal which lead out toward Canal.
River edge has shrubbery & small trees, 30 ft wide, depth unknown
Ground in field very solid.

Enemy - 7 small groups only were heard, none seen. Civilians in town
#2 0315 Adkins - met automatic fire figured to be on this side
of 1st canal - slopes gently down from road.
Civilians in area, saw (5)

#3 - Kuras - got as far as indicated. met officer from 240
at Bley's at road corner houses - enemy ahead in north
none of our troops had been beyond, counterattacked 3 times
north fire falling in area, ~~the~~ rd clear to that
pt - few snipers covering road,

#4 - Hernandez - corner very hot, lots of shelling in past, killed
& road battered up - can't get across road 3 - It Bikes 9th
say enemy reinforcements coming in San Lagon at 2130 14 July

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ORAL MESSAGE

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FROM: S-2, 24 Cav DATE 15 July 1944

FILE NO:

TO: S-2-330th, TIME: 0945

Ent Unit Jnl:

CMB.

MAPS:

The following information obtained from 3 French Civilians 14 July 1944 by mt. team 83 Inf. Div.

The L Lozon River running S.E. between Sangle (368727) and Les Champs de Lasque (3987115) is 5 to 6 meters wide 1.5 to 4 ft. deep. Ground along river ~~firm~~ and jeep or light vehicles may negotiate area if suitable river crossing is provided. Banks gentle slope to steep. Not high. There are several foot bridges across river location unknown.

V-55

to steep. Not high

Only hasty fortifications prepared by enemy in Remilly-Sur-Lozon area & all since 13 July 1944. No mines seen.

ACTION TAKEN

To S-3, 1st Bn - also 3rd. Bn -

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Co I on Bn right being pushed back. Details vague. Will report soon as possible. Wire to you out.		
CO 3rd Bn		1709
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DONT LET I CO # 52 15 July 44		
WITH DRAW USE SUPPORTING FIRES KEEP US ADVISED		
CO 330th INF		1720
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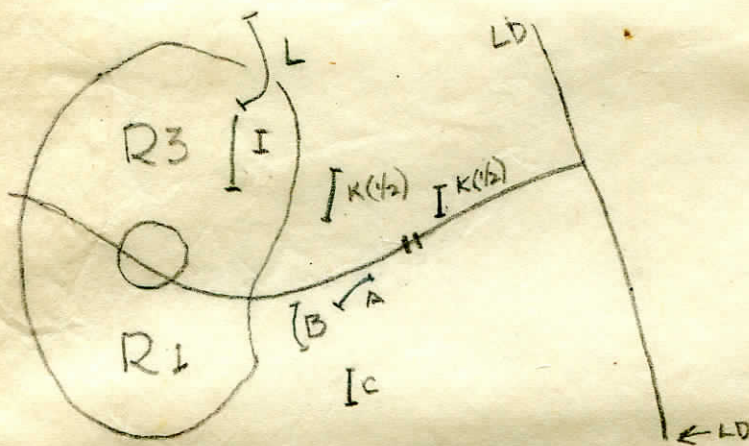
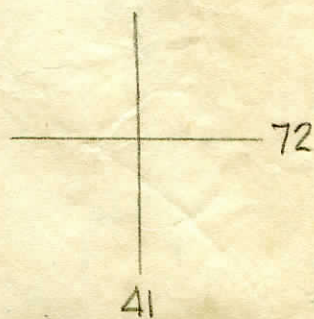
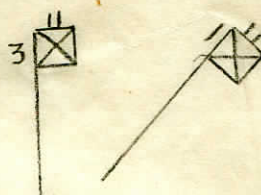
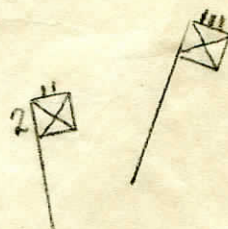
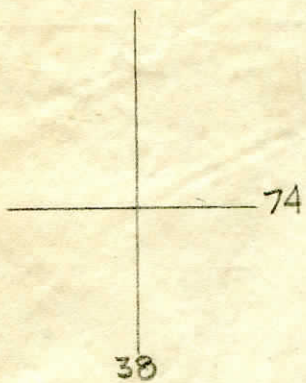
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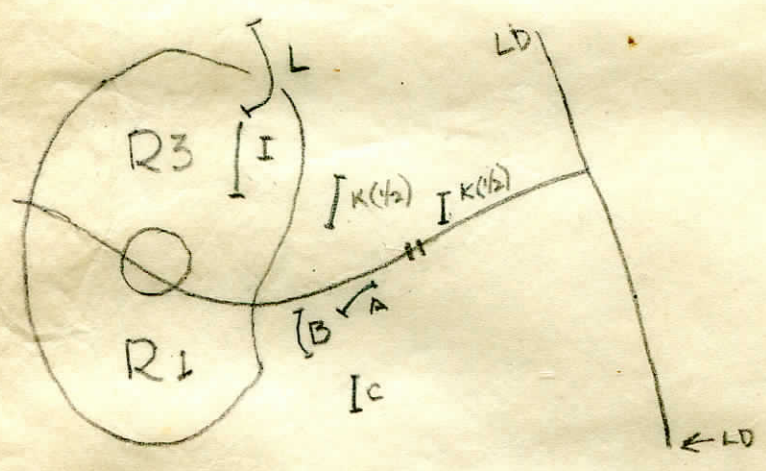
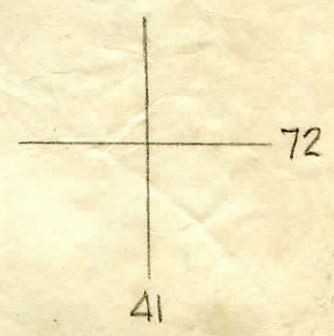
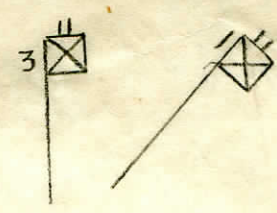
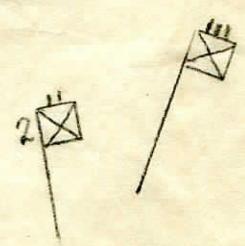
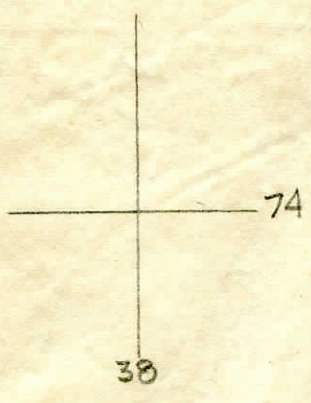
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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 141900 July 44
To : 151900 July 44

HQS 24TH CAV RCN SQ MECZ
151900 July 44

No. 24. MAPS: GSGS 4347, France, Scale 1/25,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. See overlay.
- b. Hasty trenches and (or) emplacements. LUZON River constitutes a formidable obstacle favoring the enemy along entire line of contact.
- c. No identifications.
- d. All calibers, light and larger, fired into friendly territory constantly since daylight 15 July.
- e. Unknown, but believed to be present in unknown numbers to West and South West of line of contact. This is based on PW reports of 13 July 44.
- f. Unknown.

2. ENEMY SITUATION DURING PERIOD.

- a. Enemy appears to be making a determined effort to prevent any movement of our forces to West and South West of present line. Stiff resistance from small arms and large amount of artillery fell in 24th sector through out day.
- b. Artillery locations unknown but believed to be in vicinity village at 380707 and to West and South West thereof.
- c. Enemy infantry, and miscellaneous units fighting as infantry determinedly resisting at all points of contact. Snipers have been active during daylight near and behind our front lines.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. One PW taken at 395714, approximately 2330 14 July, from 13th Paratroop Regt, 5th Div.
- b. Enemy morale is apparently good.
- c. Terrain now held by enemy appears to be identical type we now hold.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Continue stiff resistance in present positions.
- b. Withdraw to West and South West of present positions.
- c. Counter-attack, piecemeal, to contain our troops in present positions.
- d. Counter-attack, in force, from West to cut our lines any place South of 74 grid line and move East or South East to rejoin German forces, now occupying objectives M, H, N, or G.

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83d INF DIV.
M.S. GEN.

83d Inf Div
APO 83, U. S. Army
15 July 44



CG, Div Arty
CO, 329th Inf
CO, 330th Inf
CO, 331st Inf

Available supply 81mm Mortar and Arty ammunition is very short.

All interdiction fires, which can be fired with 60mm Mortars or TD's, will be fired with these weapons.

Use of 81mm Mortars and (or) Arty for the firing of interdiction and harassing fires which can be fired by either 60mm Mortars or TD's prohibited.

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HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS
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15 July 1944

OPNS MEMO 38

Maps: GSGS 4250, FRANCE, 1/50,000.

The following instructions are issued in confirmation of oral orders issued by the Commanding General on 14 July 1944.

1. Information.

a. The following units are transferred by order of First Army as indicated:

(1) 83d Inf Div (802d TD Bn (T) and 453d AAA AW Bn attached) passes to control CG, VIII Corps, 152400B.

(2) 30th Inf Div (743d Tk Bn, 823d TD Bn (T) and 531st AAA AW Bn, attached) passes to control CG, VII Corps, 152400B.

(3) 3d Armd Div (703d TD Bn (SP) and 486th AAA AW Bn (SP), attached) passes to control CG, VII Corps, 152400B.

(4) 1st Inf Div (103d AAA AW Bn, attached) passes to control CG, VII Corps, 152400B. 745th Tk Bn and 635th TD Bn (T) will be attached to 1st Inf Div at a later date.

(5) 4th Inf Div (70th Tk Bn, 377th AAA AW Bn and 801st TD Bn (T), attached) passes to control VIII Corps effective 152400B.

(6) 2d Armd Div (195th AAA AW Bn (SP) and 702d TD Bn (SP), attached) passes to control VII Corps on order First Army.

b. New boundaries VII Corps as shown on attached overlay are effective 152400B by order of First Army.

2. 4th Division.

a. Will attack 151000 in conjunction with 83d Div on its left to seize assigned objectives within zone of action.

b. Attachments. Following attachments revert to VII Corps control:

(1) 4th Cav Rcn Sq (less Tr C), effective 150600B.

(2) Cos B & D, 87th Cml Bn, effective 152100B.

(3) Btry D, 129th AAA Gun Bn, effective 152100B.

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(Opns Memo 38, VII Corps, 1944)

3. 83d Division.

a. Will attack 151000 in conjunction with 4th Div on its right to seize assigned objectives within zone of action.

b. Attachments.

(1) Cos A & C, 87th Cml Bn revert to VII Corps control effective 152100B.

(2) 746th Tk Bn reverts to VII Corps control effective 152100B.

(3) RCT 330 (less 2d Bn, 330th Inf) is attached to 9th Div effective 141530B.

4. 9th Division.

a. Will continue its attack to the south beginning 150900B.

b. Additional attachments as shown in par 3b (3) above.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

R. G. McKEE,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

Inclosure:
Overlay of new boundaries.

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DISTRIBUTION:

First Army	4th Inf Div	635th TD Bn (T)
V Corps	2d Armd Div	70th Tk Bn
VIII Corps	83d Inf Div	377th AAA AW Bn (M)
XIX Corps	30th Inf Div	801st TD Bn (T)
Hq Corps Arty	3d Armd Div	195th AAA AW Bn (SP)
109th AAA Gp	1st Inf Div	702d TD Bn (SP)
1st TD Gp	802d TD Bn (T)	VII Corps
6th Armd Gp	453d AAA AW Bn (M)	C/S G-1
4th Cav Gp	743d Tk Bn	G-2 G-3
4th Cav Rcn Sq	823d TD Bn (T)	G-4 Ln Sect
87th Cml Bn	531st AAA AW Bn (M)	21 A Gp, Ln O
129th AAA Gun Bn	703d TD Bn (SP)	Hist Sect G-2
746th Tk Bn	486th AAA AW Bn (SP)	AG
330th Inf.	103d AAA AW Bn (M)	
9th Inf Div	745th Tk Bn	

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