

UNIT REPORT

No. 1

From 091500

To 101500

Unit 320<sup>th</sup> INF.

Date 10 JULY, 1944

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Maps: 4347, SHEET 34-16 SW RF 1:25,000

I. Enemy:

- a. Front lines no change (see Overlay)
- b. Enemy in dug in positions
- c. (See Overlay)

- II
- (a) A few scattered shots along front lines
  - (a) No arty. fire
  - (c) No action by Infantry or other forces.

III MISCELLANEOUS

~~(at one tw, a Polish soldier of German Army, came into our lines and gave up at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs at \_\_\_\_\_)~~

Three men of A Co. injured by mortar fire at  $\downarrow$  hrs. at 5271  
1800 hrs.

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## Report of 3<sup>rd</sup> Co. Patrol

Report of patrol in front of Blue Co. - At 1058 German planes were heard over head which were fired upon by our ack-acks. Patrol moved on at 1130 - composed of 2 men - moved out against one hedge row S. of Co. 4 position. Remaining three in listening until 0130 - reports no signs of activity in enemy positions. Reports series of flares by enemy az. 185° - range 1000 yds. Also reports hearing track vehicle at direction E. - which believed to have been American in 134 Inf. sector - to our left. Reports use of friendly mortars fired - both in our and 134 sector. With no return of enemy fire. Patrol returned at 0215. Patrol leader Pvt. Riddle, 2nd Platoon. No casualties.

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To CO 320<sup>th</sup> INF REG

LOCATION DIV PW COL

PT 512725

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1425

DIV HQ

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### Plan I

To pass thru or support the right of 1st Bn:

Route see overlay.

K Co reconiter route

Order of march K L M I

1st Platoon Cannon Co submit plans to support  
A.T Platoon remain mobile in present location

A.P Platoon protect Bn C.P.

Vehicles Bn control

C.P. present location

### Plan 2

To pass thru or support center or right of 1st Bn.

Route see overlay.

K Co reconiter route

Order of march K L M I

### Plan 3

To pass thru or support left of 1st Bn

K Co reconiter route

Order of march K L M I

### Plan 4

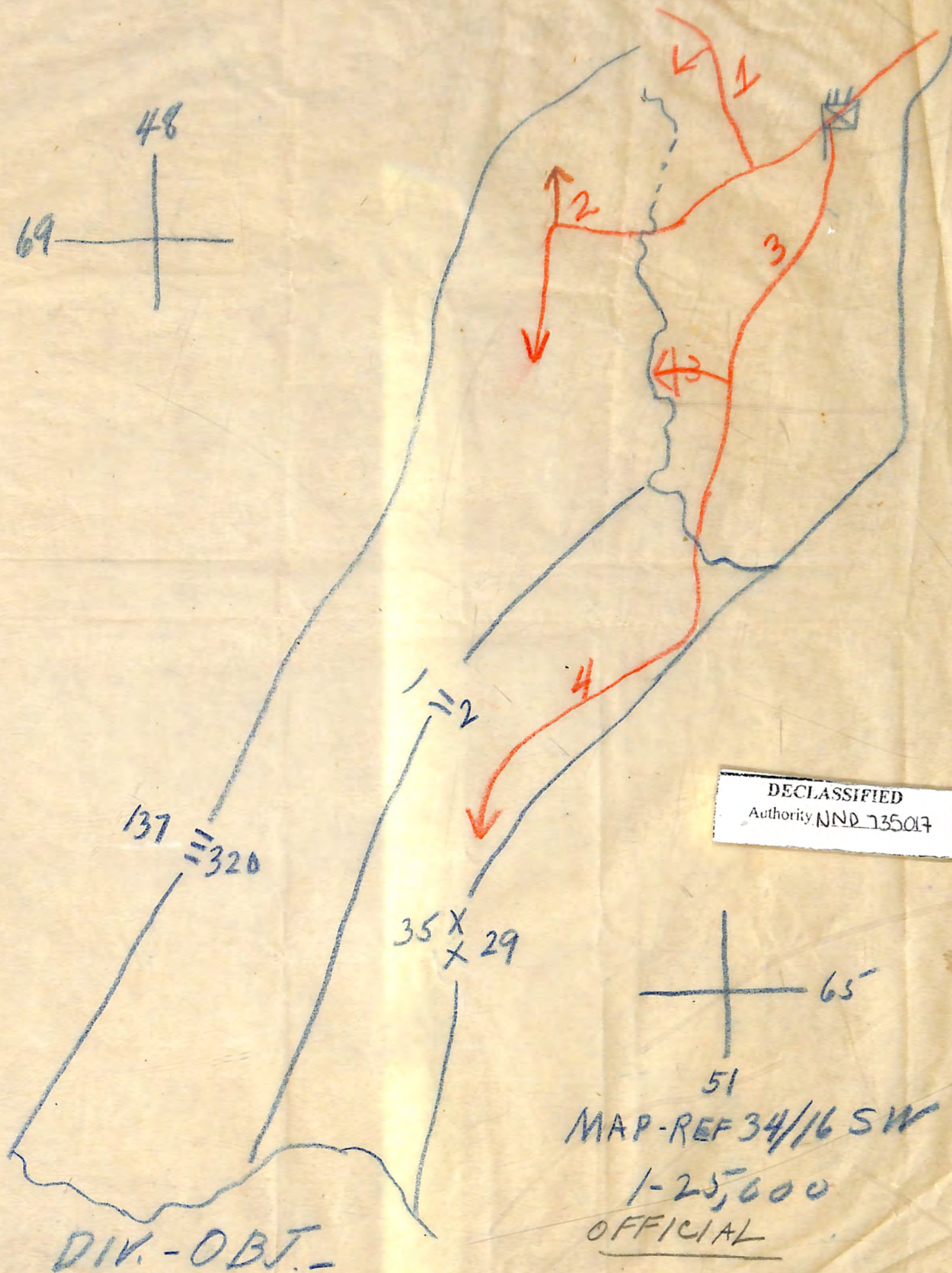
To pass thru or support 2nd Bn.

L Co reconiter route

Order of march L K M I



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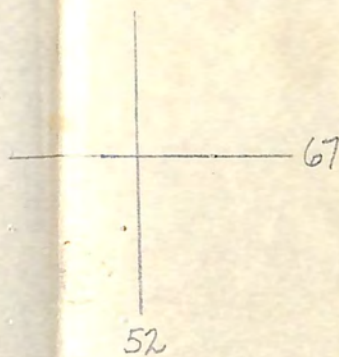
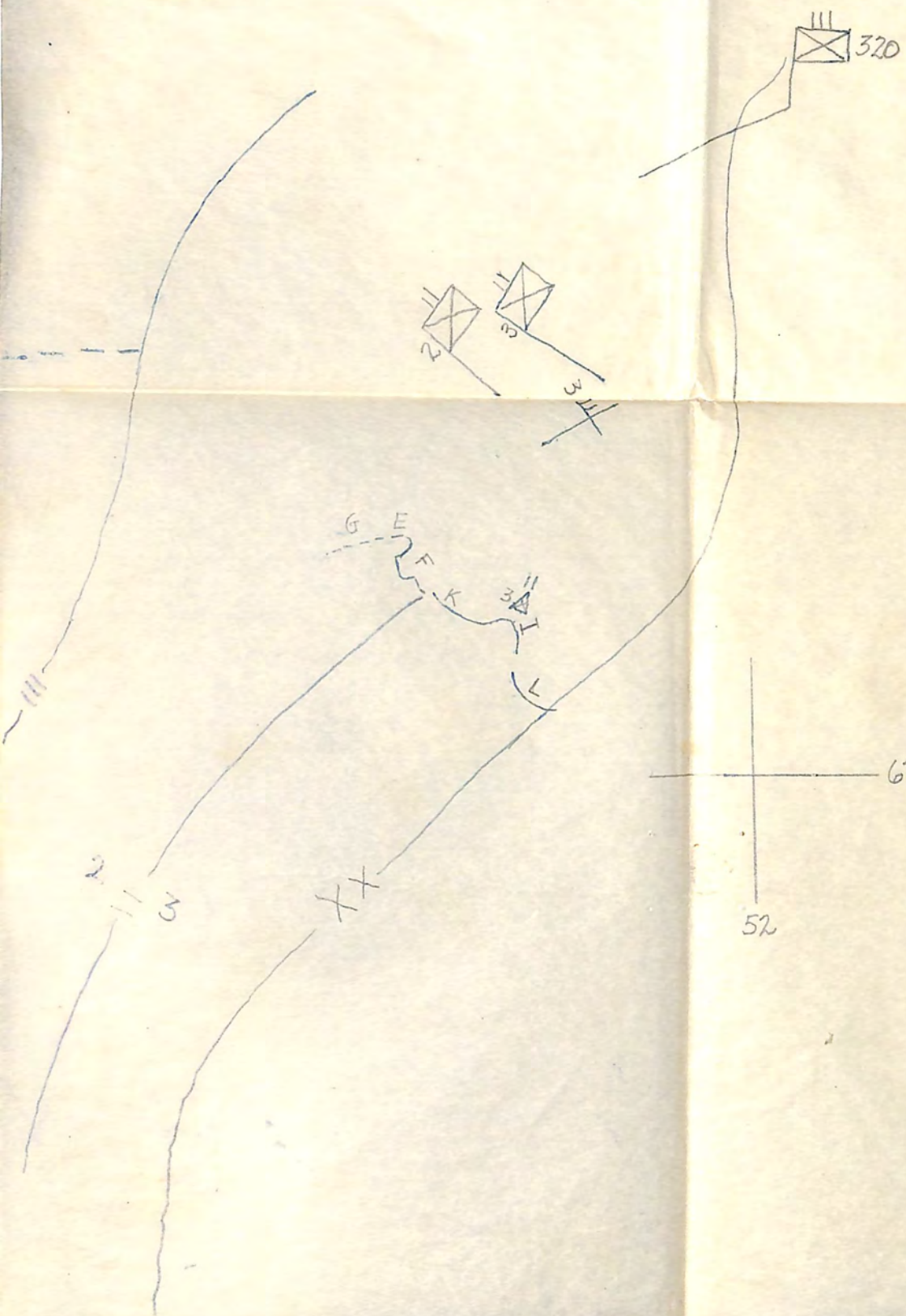
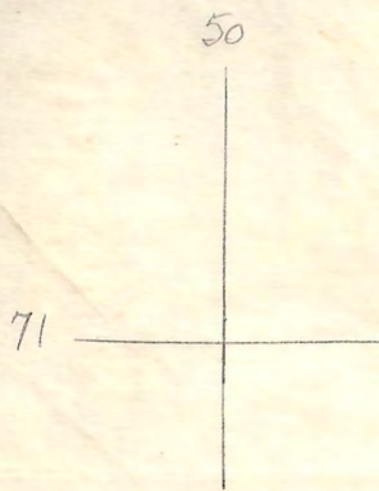
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| To CO. 320 INF                                         |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| KEEP AP 50 PANELS FORWARD FOR                          |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| MARKING FRONT LINES IN CONNECTION                      |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| WITH AIR PARTY SUPPORT MISSION                         |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| IN FUTURE OPERATIONS 1948 K                            |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| (2140 NR) Recd 70                                      |  |                      |  |                               |  |
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| No. 2                                                  |  | DATE 11 July 44      |  |                               |  |
| To MON 0 —                                             |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| 20 BN REQUIRES 1800                                    |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| ROUNDS HEAVY                                           |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| 81 MM AMMUNITION.                                      |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| SUPPLY THEM                                            |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| CO 320 INF                                             |  |                      |  | 1405                          |  |
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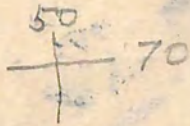
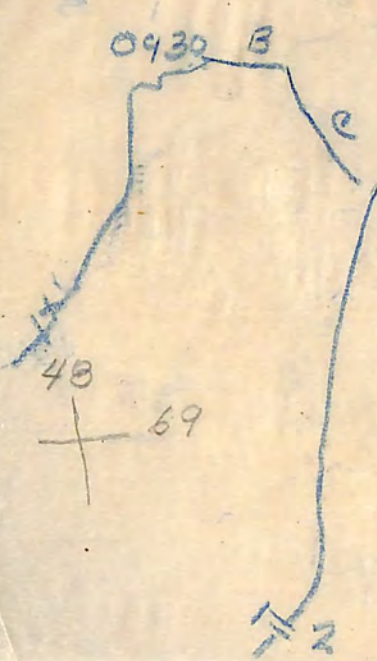
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| To CO 30 BN 320 INF                                    |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| MOVE one rifle Co to                                   |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| area shown your Ex O with                              |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| mission as follows:                                    |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| ① Cover gap created on left                            |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| of 20 BN 1300th to connect                             |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| with Right element 115th Inf                           |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| ② Remain under rectl control                           |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| prepared for attachment to                             |  |                      |  |                               |  |
| 2d Bn. CO 320 050                                      |  |                      |  |                               |  |
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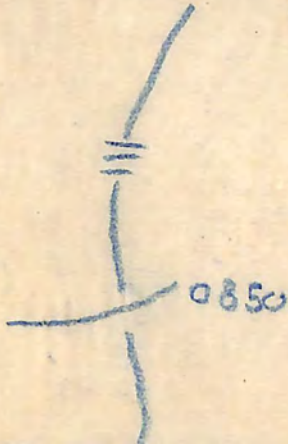








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Perley Showing  
Proposed Disposition to

Positions  
as of 1966 12 24 68

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S-3

Warfield

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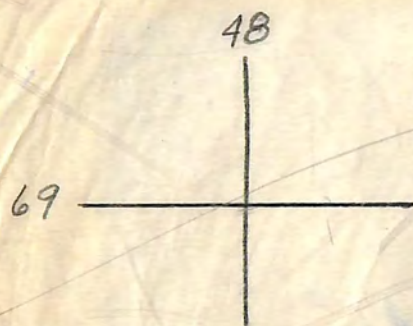
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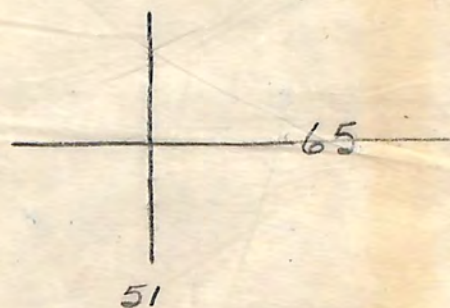


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137 = 320

1 = 2

35 X 29  
X



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I may have to  
~~Wait~~ commit 1 platoon  
attached to Co L  
Co L lost 3rd ~~at~~ ~~by~~  
~~master~~ ~~bridge~~.  
every city bridge  
on present position +



Time - 1200

C. Dick  
Lt Col. Inf.

7-12-44



To: Regt. S-3

Official:  
Malton

51  
67  
K have physical contact with K



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Remnants of B, C, D, shown in red.  
A, shown in blue

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. disposition 1730

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S-3

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SC - SPECIAL  
OO - BRACKET  
O - CONCENTRATION

C. E. Evans Artillery Conc.

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EN. SPECIAL CONCENTRATION  
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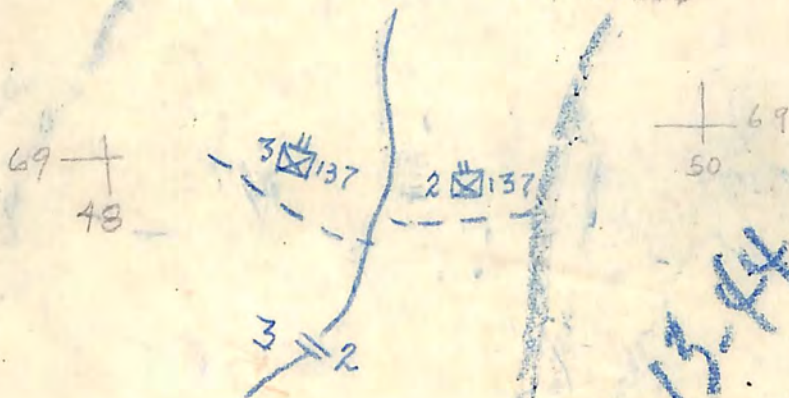
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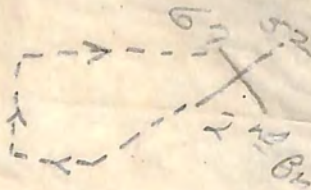
Reported positions  
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Infantry



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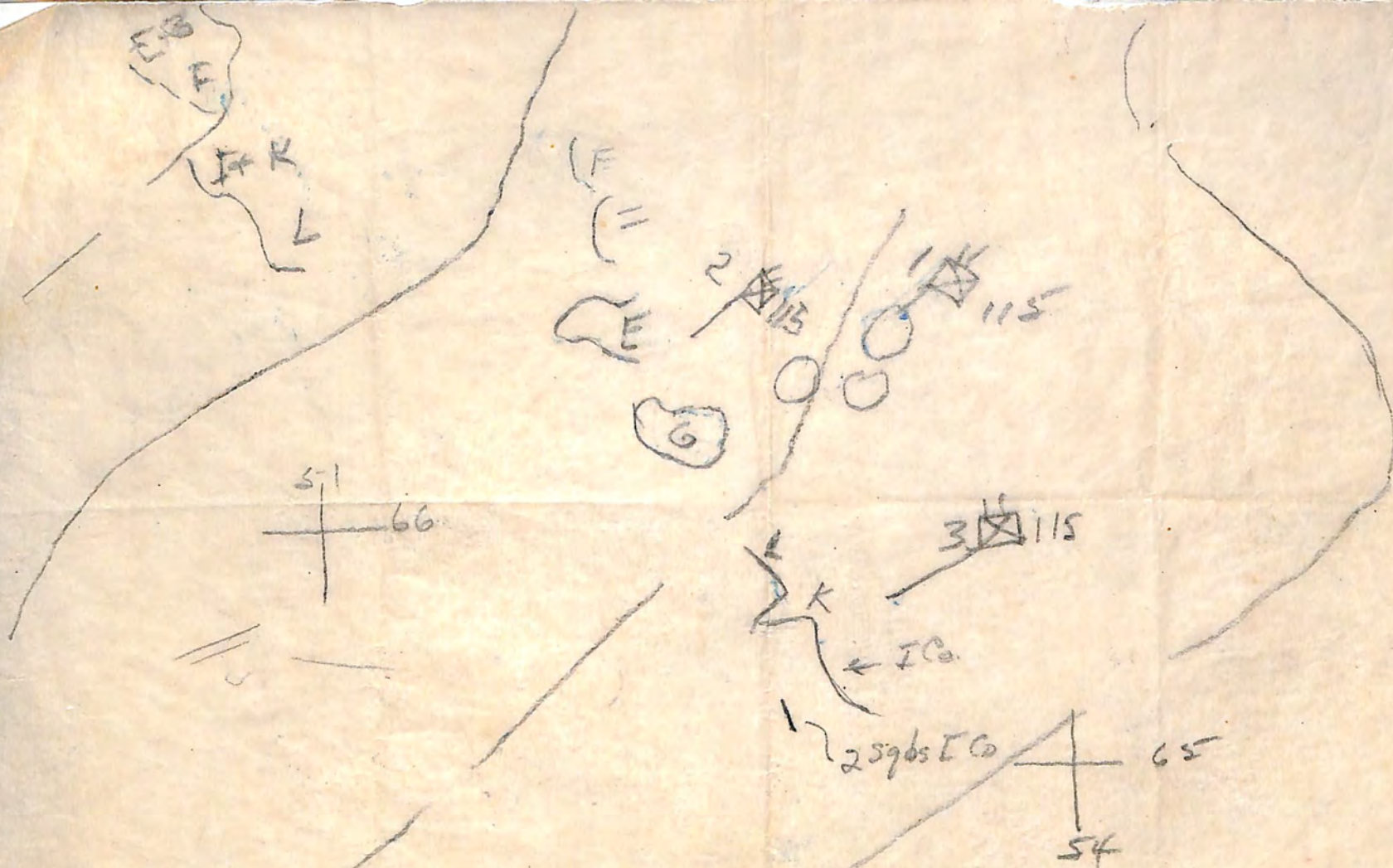
Patrols night  
of 13-14 July.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 13 JULY 44To 5-3

Juniper Blue Aid Sta reports  
Artillery emplaced behind Aid Sta  
which is drawing fire on Sta.

3d Bn. CD Plat.

O.H. [Signature]

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1245  
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[Signature] Ssgt Greenman

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To \_\_\_\_\_

1027. 7 tanks approaching  
ST. LO from the east.

3rd BATT. ADVANCED VERY WELL BEHIND  
ROLLING BARRAGE. 2 DNT WAS SUPPORTED  
BY CANNON CO. NOW TOO CLOSE TO ENEMY  
MG. WILL STRAIGHTEN OUT LINE  
THEN BARRAGE WILL SUPPORT LINE  
Bn

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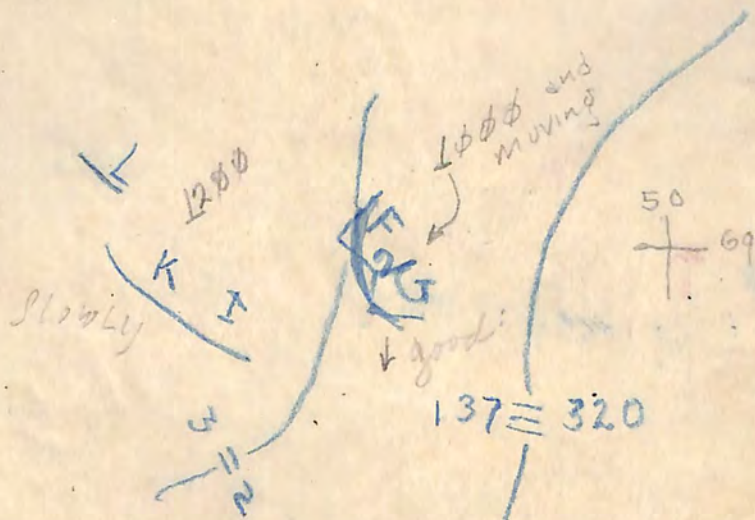
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+ 67

3 1/2 7

3 1/2 +

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52  
+ 69

1645-13 July  
Fred

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1000 13 July 44

ST. LO

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Frederickson S-3



Regt.

# Situation Map

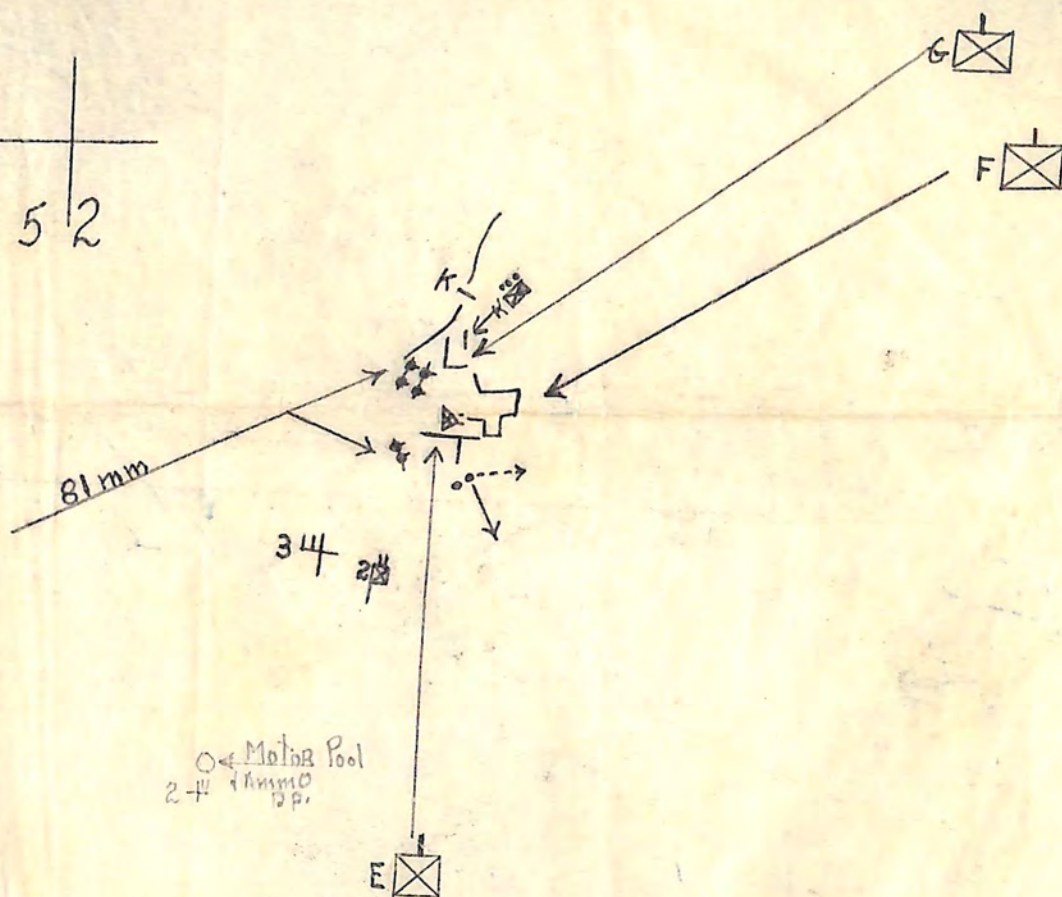
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14 July 44 - 1343

S/Sgt Questad.

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14 JULY 44

To

S-3 320 INF

LOCATION OF JUNIPER RED  
CP COORDINATES 512692

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C.O. JUNIPER RED

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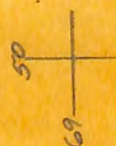
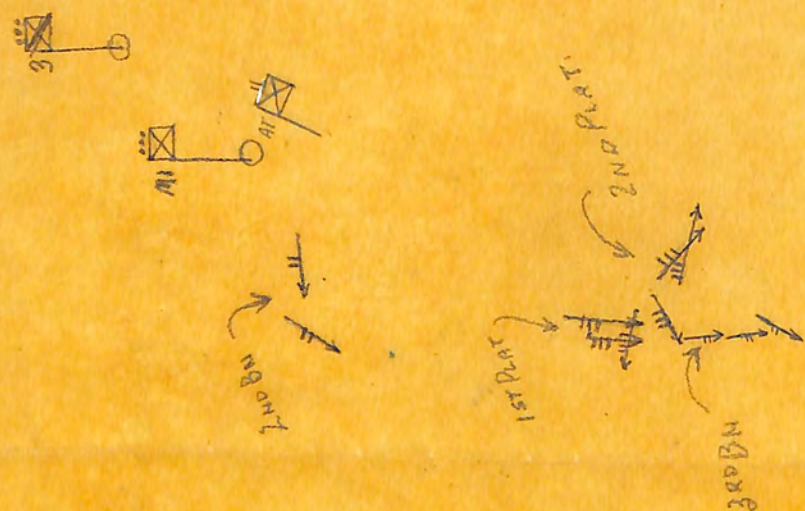
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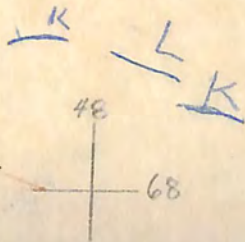
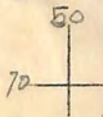
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No. IDATE 14/July/44To C.O. Rgt.

- 1- Found GERMAN PRY book.
- 2- HAVE RATIONS + SUPPLIES
- 3- Also found one of our overalls as to plan of our attack, burned it.
- 4- Everything quiet.
- 5- Nothing follows

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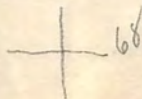
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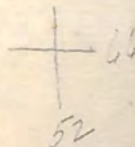


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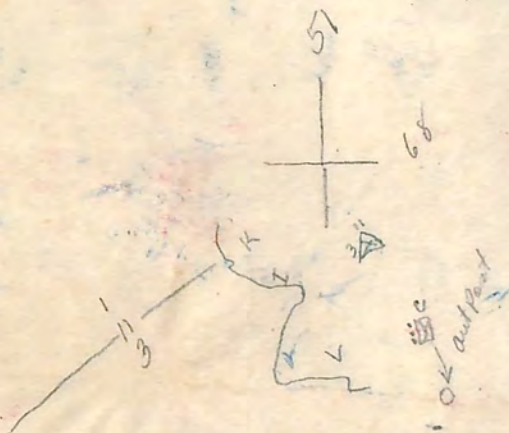
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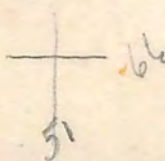


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34/16 SW  
1/25.000

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1157- 3<sup>d</sup> Bn requested 1 mine detector to be sent to them to clear a back road & assist the Comm O in installing a wire line.

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1335 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 134 in E-mily

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1355- CG + Aide and 320 Lm O visited CP instructed CO to continue attack making main effort in 3<sup>d</sup> Bn sector

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1430 - Col Solomon advised CO that white phosphorus would be given 1<sup>st</sup> Bn to fire in mortars in the area to the west of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn from which considerable mortar fire. This fire & considerable shelling being received on right of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn. Loudspeaker will be used to tell enemy forces that they are surrounded & must surrender. Time of operation 1700

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1445 - From Maj. Waring, heavy artillery falling on front lines of L. Co. Estimated coming from vic. of W side of St Lo

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1600 - CO, 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reported that heavy artillery fire falling on his front. Estimated to be 150mm. 10<sup>th</sup> plat withdrawn to rear because muzzle of guns could not be depressed sufficiently to be any value in the sloping country

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1650- Division reported that upon interrogation of a prisoner he indicated that 30 tanks moved during night of 14 July from St Lo to sector in front of 134 Inf.



1825- Red 3 called and reported 1<sup>st</sup> Bn right to be 500685 and the left at 505684. Mortar + 88 fire is being received but arty is being used + progress will be continued. Inquired as to 2<sup>d</sup> Bn right. Was told 505682.

1930 2 French civilians were brought to CP and Lt. de la Cleuse was sent for

1935 Lt Faubus called - not stated that Lt. de la Cleuse had gone to division another French speaking person is being sought.

1940 Sgt. Landry rep'd to CP to act as interpreter. Prisoners state they were sent to get their canteen.

2000 Col Byrne called Red 3 and informed him that he could have chemical mortar fire made available to him between 2100 and 2200 tonight.

2025 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn reports that mortar shelling is being received in their sector

2030 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports patrol ~~contact~~ contact with 137 Inf

2250 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn directed send strong combat patrol from Co A to contact Co K and allow 2<sup>d</sup> Bn to move out and report to this CP the moment contact is established



2310- Capt Hare reported selected position for 1<sup>st</sup> Bn CP in reserve position to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Villers Tossard along Route 4

2355- 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed by S-3 to begin movement to reserve area at 2400 leaving behind one platoon per front line company with automatic weapons to act as shell. The shell to be withdrawn on regimental order when contact between Co A & Co K has been established

2430 Maj. Gillis called re <sup>19 July 1944</sup> ~~main~~ movement of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn. Instructed S-3 to contact 2<sup>d</sup> Bn & find out if the movement had started or when it would start.

2432 Capt. Leach called 2<sup>d</sup> Bn and was informed that it would be about an hour ~~xx~~ before movement would get under way.

2432 Switchboard operator repts that line to Dev. Co. is now in.

2440 Lt. Scovil called to find out if coffee was to be served to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Bns ~~before~~ prior to attack in morning. S-3 believes not - a K ration has been issued them. Matter is being referred to Maj. Hughes.

2455 Capt Leach called Maj. Gillis and informed him that M 2<sup>d</sup> Bn would start their move at about 0115.

0120 Maj. Waring called and repts. that he was leaving to wait at corner for troops. Lt. Potter would be left in charge of remaining shell.

0120 The Lt. fr TD's repts to CP that he had his Platoon bivouaced with A/T Co. and set forth briefly their 3 anti-tank plans of defense. He repts his Bn sent out Recon patrol but they do not believe there are any Mark VI tanks in sector.



2045 - CO, 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports Co K received heavy shelling while several men were out of position and the Company was being fed.

2047 - 137 Bn requested Arty fire on Le Carillon enemy strong point. CO directed that 2 Bns of arty be placed on the target. 2<sup>d</sup> Bn + 1<sup>st</sup> Bn notified of the plan

2208 Enemy being forced on to the left of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn. Maj. McElroy called Col Docha to inform him of intention to lay arty fire but will hold off. Enemy is moving fr 134 sector toward Dalton area. Col. Docha reported that mortar fire is being laid on enemy tree by someone

2206 Col Byrne called Col Docha to inform him of use of land speaking system in his area

2215 Capt. Wilson called to find out if anything was going on; Maj. McElroy repta nothing for him.

2220 Capt Benton was requested to return to his C.O. and left

2225 Maj Billis called requesting Lt. Gardner to return to Div. immediately

0012 Lt. Quinsberg returned to CP - nothing important to repta. awaiting Div. order

16 July 1944



General: St. Lo has been taken, we will take up a defensive position.

- ~~1. 134th Inf~~ <sup>35th Div</sup> to hold entire Corps front.  
b. 134th Inf will continue to mop up  
c. 320th Inf will defend former left flank of 29th Div.

2. 3d Bn on left, will occupy 175th area.  
2d Bn on right, will occupy 115th area.  
1st Bn will be in Regt'l reserve.  
Regt'l CP to be near 29th Div CP, will maintain contact by Ln O in 29th Div visitors tent.

3. Make coordination from right to left - total contact. Decline from estimating enemy at this time, be prepared at all times to meet the enemy. He cannot produce any known Arty fire. Friendly troops will be on all sides, do not shoot at any moving shadows. No move will be made beyond area occupied by friendly troops. March - Div SOP, formation is tactical, remember mines. Maintain contact with vehicles behind in case telephone communication should fail at any time. Train Biv will not move. Share communications with organizations you are going to relieve. 3d Bn will move out first at 1530, followed  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later by 1st.. 2d Bn will not vacate until ordered by CO. The 9th Inf will be on our left and the 134th Inf on the right.

4. Total silence and orderly movement into new areas. No shooting in areas. Unlimited supply of Engr supplies. 5000 sand bags are available. Keep one company in reserve at all times. Regt'l reserve is where the MLR ordinarily would be. 2/3 K ration will be issued to each man.





Scale 1:25,000

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PATROL TO 2nd BN

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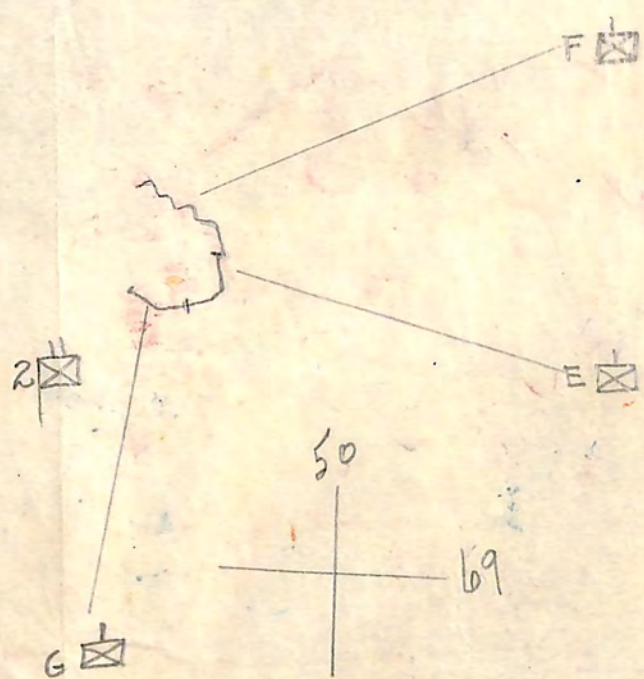
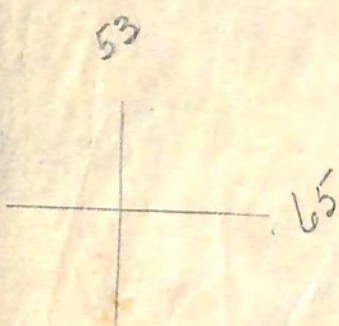
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Situation Map  
St L<sup>o</sup>, 1-25000  
15 July 44-1622  
S/S *Quoted*





16 July 1944

0020

S-2 repts that repts have come in which indicate that tanks or other vehicles may be moving up to our lines.

0030

Capt Leach called A/T Capt Wilson & informed him of S-2 repts in re to possibility of enemy tank employment.

0031

Capt Leach alerted all Bns in re to enemy's possible use of tanks

0130

Lt. Gardner retd fr Div with order: -

326 Inf m/2 Plats of TD's, 1 Plat Engrs, Bn attack & straighten lines now held by 3d Bn, 2d Bn to be pinched out and assemble into Div. Reserve into area now held by 1st Bn. Prepare to continue attack. Time = 0800.  
~~Prohibit on Artillery~~

0130

Recd Slider Mag fr Col Renfro: Maintain contact by vigorous patrol during night.

0140

Capt Leach transmitted above mag about patrol to Maj. Jamison so that he could coordinate it with his previously planned patrols.

0150

Col Byrne gave outline of order to Col Greer to take to 2d Bn.

0155

Col Byrne called 2d & 3d Bns requesting their CO's to rpt to CP about 0600 to receive order

0152

Col. Byrne called Maj. Morn in re to prisoners he repts that Curran was blasted and <sup>all</sup> was disrupted fr repts of prisoners



and capture Hill at Les Malais 5067

1035- 1<sup>st</sup> Bn directed to pull back to allow arty to remove resistance believed to be centered at 503679.

1202 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn left front back and all available. Sw arty now firing to remove resistance at 503679 -

1217 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn moving forward, artillery fell exactly as called for, no short rounds

1220 - Send 2 letter squads to 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CP

1225- Msg + overlay from 3<sup>d</sup> Bn - I may have to commit 1 plat Co I attached to Co L - Co L lost 3<sup>d</sup> Plat by enemy Arty barrage on present position - Col Dockar 1200

1227- From Col Reed to Fire Direction Center - TOT in front of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn

1240 - Lt Col Dockar reported to CP and stated that entire 3<sup>d</sup> Plat Co L, Mortar Section Co M led by Lt Britt had been lost by Arty fire. Lt Britt is wounded. As the Col started to move CP to 512681, he found enemy troops, strength estimated as a company, filtering from 507667. Col Dockar was instructed to return to his sector, collect CP personnel,



of the Legtl I & R platoon in that area organized to drive out the enemy & restore the lines.

Capt Frederickson previously reported Co L to be showing signs of pulling back & was directed to personally take Command and reorganize.

2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed to move to rear <sup>of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn</sup> to protect against a break through. Co K still in position. Div notified

1250 - Lt Ermelbauer - reported to CP and reported 88's had registered on 3<sup>d</sup> Bn Amm DP and the dump is now burning. Request and received permission to move Amm In to the rear & in defilade. Was also told to report the position selected both to 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CO & to this Hq.

1255 - Request of Div to furnish air reconnaissance to provide suitable counterbattery targets for the fires received by 3<sup>d</sup> Bn

1335 - Sgt Manne reported to CP & stated that some of the enemy have filtered behind Co K and have cut them off temporarily. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Kennedy Co K got through & contacted Sgt Manne to get ammunition, Cal. 30 & grenades to Co K believing they can hold. Hq Co directed to furnish 3 Comm vehicles with trailers to go under direction of Sgt Manne to previous Reserve area to pick up amm. dumped there.



1248 - Capt Smith reported to CP & stated he had been directed by 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CO to pull his guns out & to the rear. CO Regt directed that all was well in 3<sup>d</sup> Bn sector & the guns were to be removed into their original positions

1400 - Shelling report made to BW by telephone by Col Byrne. 88's shelling from positions approx. 50° azimuth from 511674. No firing takes place while our observation planes are in the air

1410 - Col Reed stated that Capt Rath, forward observer 3<sup>d</sup> Bn, states by telephone that 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CP now at 512681 is receiving mortar fire from a house at 509674.

1429 - Red 3 reports some new 29 Bn Bns straggling back through their lines.

1435 - Lx Officer 137 reported to CP with overlay showing disposition of that unit. Also brought verbal report of two enemy MG's in vicinity of 498686. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn notified to send check correctness of report

1450 - 1<sup>st</sup> Army CWS Dump at 579779. Regt may draw any number of flame throwers upon showing BW identification. Assault troops not responsible for return of flame throwers but may leave them on the ground for follow up troops. Refills by exchange



1451 - White Bn 115<sup>th</sup> driven back to positions occupied on 11 July 44 via. of 532675

1500 - ELO departed CP for 3<sup>d</sup> Bn

1530 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reconstituted & occupying original line NW to SE 505676 to 509671. Co K is intact suffering only 5% casualties. L Co has reformed. Co I constituted as reserve company 3<sup>d</sup> Bn

1540 - I & R Plat Ldr departed Regt to find & direct CO 2<sup>d</sup> Bn to report to CP

1545 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported to CP

1550 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn directed to return to the Bn assemble staff immediately, reorganize the Bn, put them into their positions of 0800 line E to W 506680 to 494680. The 2<sup>d</sup> Bn now in rear of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn protecting its reorganization will be moved to your zone and later effect the relief of your Bn, <sup>possibly at 1700.</sup> Establish your CP original position. S-4 will start hauling your ammunition immediately.

1600 - Gen Seabee visited CP  
Capt Swanson, 2<sup>d</sup> Bn reported to CP

1625 - Capt ~~2<sup>d</sup> Bn~~ Swanson, 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed by CO to effect relief of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Your left to be tied securely to right of Co K to prevent regiment being split. Extend your line to the NW to



~~could~~ believe there is any enemy in immediate territory.  
They last saw Capt Bear at mid-night Thursday.  
The 17 men were taken to Aid Sta. and given sleeping  
powders, food and drink. Other 2 men are being taken  
to old 1st Bn CP area to sleep for night and will re-  
join Co in the morning. Col Greer is with Col. Beckley  
and it is believed they will be able to improve their  
position at daylight. Men were slightly disorganized due  
to uncertainty of position, new officers, new men, and the  
lack of trust in the officers' familiarity with situation.  
Believe it will improve at dawn.

- 0438 Col Northam called Juniper Red - no answer
- 0442 Col Northam called Justice 3 - Justice 3 has  
heard from Juniper Red and believes them  
to be in position and situation favorable.
- 0730 Col. Belden called to get clearance to fire at 498686.  
Col Northam gave the go ahead.

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0200 Col. Byrne called Col. Reed to report at 0530  
for his part of order

0215 Red 3 called to report that Col Greer had  
arrived and give information on attack

0220 Lt. Silverman reports to CP for orientation  
of order. He reports that broadcasters have not  
yet returned.

0230 Capt Walton called requesting Dalton's Platoon.  
Col Byrne advises that it will be ready at  
daylight with Col Docha's permission.

0230 Capt. Walton & Col Greer called in to tell  
report on location of enemy MG nests & machine  
gun positions. <sup>after crossing river</sup> They will send overlay of  
positions. <sup>to be sent to</sup> I will send overlay of  
positions. I will send overlay of

0315 Requested Mess Center to go to 1st Bn CP to  
pick up overlay for Col. Reed in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

0320 Capt Leach called Blue 3 and requested Col. Docha  
to release Dalton's men at daylight.

0337 Capt Leach to Jerry & Lt. Davis - gave them  
template reading on area to be fired on from  
0600 (b. Ref. VIII A 14)

0400 White line is still out.

0415 Capt Leach called Lt. Silverman about enemy MG  
emplacements which were divulged by prisoners.  
An <sup>of order</sup> overlay was prepared and delivered to CP by  
Col Greer at this time



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- 0425 Called Lt. Gardner to deliver overlay of enemy ~~to~~ M G's <sup>which is</sup> to be delivered to 2d Bn.
- 0435 Lt. Gardner left to deliver overlay of enemy M G's mortars and CP locations, to Col. Keator.
- 0442 White line is now open, Capt. Leach talked to Whites, inv. to their patrol aiding Col. Bickley. It concerns the overlay of enemy M G positions.
- 0445 Capt. Leach to ~~Col. Bickley~~ <sup>Red's</sup> inv. to T L patrol in release of their platoon by Col. Dorka.
- 0500 Called Col. Byrne.
- 0505 Lt. Gardner's ret'd from delivering overlay to 2d Bn. They do not believe they can start patrol at 0600 as Col. Keator is reporting to CP at 0600.
- 0505 Called Col. Bickley to inform him ~~that~~ to depend too much on T L patrol. Col. Bickley rep. they are minus 6-60's and only have 3-81's.
- 0545 Lt Col. Luer reported to CP as representative for 1st Bn, telling the Col their plans for move.
- 0605 Col Byrne gave the situation and plans to Lt Col Dorka and Lt Col Keator. Told them of 1st Bn's plans.
- 0845 Capt. Leach called 1st Bn, Maj Momm said they are progressing but are not to the L Dyk.
- 0925 Col Byrne contacted 1st Bn, got location of O.P. Lead company has received light machine gun fire.
- 0945 Maj Momm called saying they are trying to get up to head of column and are meeting a little resistance about 400 yds north of La Mon Blanche.

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0955 Col Byrne put Lt Col Gruen in command of  
1st Bn with Lt Col Buckley as his asst.

1015 Col Byrne & Lt Silberman left for 1st Bn CP.

1045 " " ret'd.

1120 137's ~~Left~~ Left Bn's front line by phone.

1150 - One company of 4.2 Chemical Mortars attached  
to regiment from 92nd Chem. Bn and are being  
placed in 1st Bn sector under Regt control.

1155 - Capt Fredrickson, 3d Bn called and reported  
main road in 3d Bn sector clear for removal  
of mines as far as 50856742. Engrs plat notified.

1158 - Air strike 1200 on Hill 97, Supply Dump  
at 496646 to 486646 and truck park at  
495643 to 496641.

1230 - 1st Bn moving southward + occupying a line  
generally east + west extending 500689 to 506688  
B Co pushing forward slowly. C Co held up  
by MG fire.

1235 - Information received from Joplin 3 indicates  
that right element of 3d Bn 134 Bn was in  
physical contact with + abreast left of  
Co L 320th Inf.



1245 - S-3 134 Inf called + reported right element of 134 Inf at 514663

1247 - Capt Winkamp called for present location of all elements 1<sup>st</sup> Bn

1313 A Co. line running generally N & S. along following points, Base Point B, references S66, S69, Q52, and maintaining contact with White Bn on Red Bn's left.

B & C Co's line running generally E & W along following points, Base Point B reference Q2, Q22, Q52. Sent to Div. (taken by Sgt. Hutton)

1325 Fire requested from Artillery on point 498681

1328 2<sup>ND</sup> Bn told to cease fire w/ mortars at 1340 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn sector.

1331 Maj McElroy gave Lt Col Solomon 1<sup>st</sup> Bn's location

1335 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn position generally along road leading east + west thru le Carillon. C Co on left B Co on right. C Co still maintains contact with Co G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

1337 - Elements of Co L encountering little resistance in front of their positions are moving cautiously and slowly forward



1357- Lt Braffett, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports enemy mortar fire coming from orchard center of which is at 500678. Mortars of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed to fire on these positions 1400 to 1410 additional enemy positions located at 499674 brought under fire by artillery

1425 Gen Sebrue visited CP.

1440 Chemical Co at 511692

1450 Lt Col Northam called 137 telling them of possibility of ricochettes from our lines where the TD's will do some firing at about 500686.

1452 Lt Col Northam called 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn telling them to have white phosphorus ready for mortar firing.

1505 Lt Col Northam called 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn telling them to have a platoon of G Co ready and on the road north of G Co (about 508683) at 1545 to support TD's on their mission & revert to Co. soon as mission completed.

1519 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn notified to warn plat. of G Co to immediately withdraw from area as soon as mission completed.

1516 Coordinated attack by TD's & artillery smoke & H Co mortar smoke to take place at 1500 & smoke fire ceased 1615. Troops will go in upon withdrawal of TD's

1545 Capt Friedrichson called saying recn. patrols had returned and that at 50456743 the area was too full of dead bodies to move into but patrols



going out again (further out) to find a suitable place to move into.

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1530 134 3rd Bn at 515665 to 513668

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1628 Capt. Burrito of Chemical reported saying a Co will report when ready to fire

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1655 Chemical Co code name "Meter Able"

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1717 - 2nd Bn directed to begin withdrawal from positions at 1700 and move to Villers-Fossard to become DWR Res

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1720 - Engr officer reported to CP that two squads have returned to his control from 1st Bn + the squad with 2nd Bn will be released at 1730

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1720 - 1st Bn reports that pockets of enemy resistance have been removed and the Bn is moving forward is occupying the road leading east + west through Le Carillon. Contact with unit on right has not been established but only a few hundred yards remain

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1730 - Co L probing forward of their positions to find + occupy improved positions found positions to be so full of German dead that positions could not be occupied



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+ 69

M.G'S

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10 OFFICER  
80 EM.



4 MORTARS

POSITIONS  
ALTERNATE

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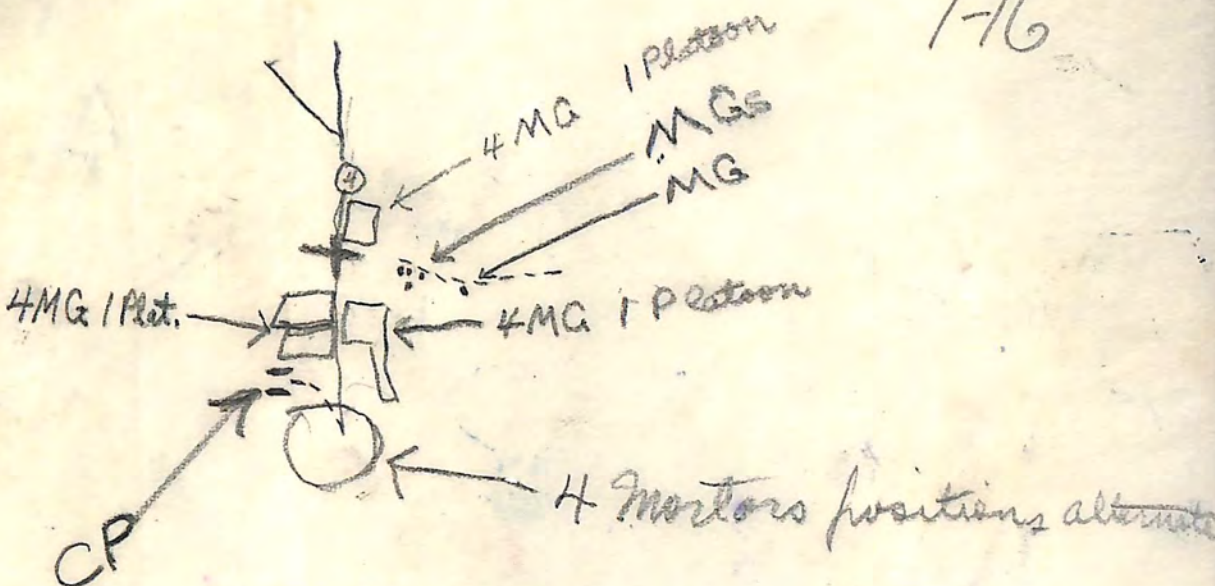


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| Marginalia | PO HE   | 10534  | 1380 | 5824     |
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| PPP        | 81 road | 4448   | 3530 | 158      |
| PPP        | 81 2nd  | 8158   | 8440 | 5358     |
|            |         | Dinner | 844  | 04/10/19 |







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0135 Capt. Leach called Lt Faubus in re to prisoners. He repts that we have 4 prisoners since mid-night last night and a total of 78.

0145 Recd. overlay of 137<sup>th</sup> Inf. via Msg. Cen.

0210 Sgt. Manning repts their front lines being smoked. Smoke is not phosphorous. Believes possibility of withdrawal.

0212 Capt Leach to Sgt Manning - it is first use of smoke - purely screening. Patrols have only negative reports no repts on X co contact.

0215 Capt Leach to Faubus - informed S-2 of smoking of 3d Bn lines. Lt Faubus informs that Bn should be alerted for possible counter attack which is common before a withdrawal.

0216 Capt. Leach to Sgt Manning - warned Bn of possibility of counter-attack. Patrol just returning repts no enemy activity & that smoke is put out in pots.

0217 Capt Leach to Faubus - informed S-2 that 3d Bn being smoked. Patrol repts no enemy activity & smoke pots are

0219 Capt Leach to Gillis - informed S-3 of smoke screening of 3d Bn. Maj. Gillis will inquire as to German tactics and inform us as to information received.

0230 Maj. Gillis called - he has heard M G & mortar fire in our sector - believe it is in 1st Bn sector. Will call Col Beckley to investigate it.

0235 Capt Leach to 1st Bn. Sgt Donaldson - they have no repts from C co.

0237 Capt Leach to 2d Bn They believe firing in area of M or X co.



- 0237 Capt Leach to 3d Bn - Sgt. Manning repts firing as coming from L Co's left front. Everything under control.
- 0240 Capt Leach to 1st Bn - Sgt Donaldson repts shooting on B Co's front.
- 0241 Capt Leach to G-3 (Sgt Anderson) repts that firing was in front of B Co, mostly from the left, and also on left flank of "L" Co. Everything seems to be under control.
- 0243 Lt. Faubus called for further info on firing in ~~3d~~ Bn sector. Gave him available information.
- 0247 Lt. Moody called, repts firing to front of C Co. but it has quieted down now.
- 0320 Sgt. Manning repts that patrol sent out to 3d Bn has not yet made contact.
- 0322 Capt. Leach to 1st Bn. Sgt Donaldson repts that he will call later that everything was all right.
- 0335 Sgt Donaldson 1st Bn called. repts B and C Co had patrols out but no known contact with 3d Bn. Will investigate further & notify.
- 0345 Lt. fr Chen Bn came to C P. attempting to locate Motor Able Co. to unload ammunition. Referred him to direct line to Motor Able Co.
- 0400 Called Col. Byrne and Maj. Hubbard.
- 0425 Col Byrne instructed to have screen lifted at 0445, Capt Leach unable to contact 2d Bn as yet. Wire men are working on line.



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0435

Switchboard states: wireman rept no phone at OP.

0437

Col Byrne to 3<sup>d</sup> Bn Col Docha: Inquired of plans for Arty Fire. - none as yet, time was not recd.

Plan: Co L on left, M on Right, K in reserve and bring I Co abreast of L.

L-48

0507-

1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported attack jumped off on time. Reported that mortar posn to immediate south has been silenced. a platoon from Co A is maintaining contact w/3<sup>d</sup> Bn

0510-

3<sup>d</sup> Bn reported that troops were moving quietly to attack and grenade located positions to their front then jump the attack following this action

0610-

Patrol sent to investigate found last platoon of shell on road and moving to reserve area. 2<sup>d</sup> Bn notified that they were on the way

0630-

1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported no advance due to heavy fog & poor visibility. Reported that they were now prepared to push forward

0655-

CO + Asst S-3 departed to visit 3<sup>d</sup> Bn

0656-

Atty Lm O w/ 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported 3 prisoners captured 0635

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0720 - Col Barnes division CW officer visited CP  
Inquired if Chemical mortars were employed  
advised that they would fire on call missions  
from Bns. Stated that he had visited  
134 + only Co E had advanced 3 to 4 hundred yards

0830 - CO reported to DOW that mortar fires in 134  
area definitely are not ours. Patrol contact  
with 134 maintained through the night + by  
L + R Liaison by day

0835 - EXO 137 reports that left of their unit is  
held up along the same general line thru  
le Caullon by the same enemy fire that is  
holding up 1st Bn

0840 - CO states that C Co of TD's are ours + are  
attached to 216 FA. One platoon is available  
anytime + for any mission in our sector. To  
obtain more than one platoon 216 must be  
notified + they in turn get clearance from DOW  
Antitank Officer

0845 - CO called DOW to inquire if Arty ammunition  
would be limited to daily allocation  
inasmuch as two Bns are attacking + considerable  
fires are needed. Cof S stated that he would  
Phone a decision.

CO notified Arty to fire only call missions  
and suspend interdiction fires to conserve  
ammunition except in emergency.



0850- Capt Fredrickson called & requested permission to lay smoke on les Malais 500670  
Auth. granted

0915- 1st + 3rd Bn operations pgts directed to submit overlays showing present front line positions

0930- ETO 1st Bn reported the Co C was moving and that Co B had been directed to push forward and follow their artillery fire. Troops are not yet across le Carillon road.

0930- Overlay of 3rd Bn positions received as of 0900

0955- CO, Cn Co directed to alert two platoons ~~to~~ to fire artillery missions on call of 1st Bn. A line will be run to the guns & arty officer can fire upon targets selected by Bn CO

1005- S-3, 3rd Bn - Request photographic mission be flown South to North & covering following area 50506760 - 50586630 - 51306720 - 49906680  
S-2 notified to arrange the mission with division & advise result

1030- Overlay received from Dv showing a portion of copy of overlay found on dead german soldier. Copy retained on file and a copy made and sent to 1st Bn.

1030- Cn plat reported in position 522701



1145 - Col Docka called + reported that Co K + Co I supported by fire of Co L unsuccessfully attempted to advance. mortar fire was employed but the positions in front of Co K continued to bring exceptionally heavy MB fire both upon Co K and Co L.

1150 - CO departed to visit 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CP

1200 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn requests 4.2 Chemical mortar be fired upon positions located at 501682 - 502683 - 50506825. Enemy MP positions. Fire directed by XO 216 Fa Bn at 1205

1235 - Maj Momm reported position of Co C to be immediately south of Le Carillon road. Co B has not passed over the road. When can mortar fire requested be expected. Advised that target location must be checked. Will fire target one (501682) and observe to be sure that front line troops are safe. Target 3 suspended as being too close to Co B.

1345 1<sup>st</sup> Bn requested for smoke at 1445.

1410 Chemical Bn reverts to Corp control. Our Chemical Co reverts after firing mission at 1445.

1425 Regt. CPs within 2000 yds front line, Bn CPs 1000 yds

1455 Chemical Co Released to Corp.

1600 Sgt Baker notified of airphoto mission and that they won't get photos till tomorrow.



1625- CO called 1<sup>st</sup> Bn and received report that 1<sup>st</sup> Bn lines are unchanged. Still receiving heavy automatic fire.

1<sup>st</sup> Bn was directed to, prior to dark, to send two platoons and make contact with Co K and make continuous line.

1635- Capt Fredrickson reported to C.P. Stated that supported by fire from Co L, Co K tried to move forward but the fire of Co L drew heavy mortar fire and MG fire upon their positions. Co K then tried to extend line to west and were initially successful. One german MG position was covered by automatic fire then knocked out by grenades. The MG, a machine pistol & a lugger were found in the position. 7 prisoners surrendered to Co M (may have come east from 1<sup>st</sup> Bn sector) Captured position located 505676, 20yds from road running NW-SE.

1745- CO + Asst S-3 departed to visit 1<sup>st</sup> Bn

1830 - Lt Gardner reported to C.P. Brought no orders

1908 - Maj McElroy told S-2 (Maj Jameson) to organize patrol, but not to operate more than 500 yds to our front.

~~1945~~ 2030- CO instructed 1<sup>st</sup> Bn by telephone that intelligence from prisoners indicate withdrawal of enemy except for a shell & to resume the attack at 2100 and push the attack until darkness



2130- Maj Hughes reported that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all motor ammunition was sent 134. Inventory of ammo is as follows 60mm - 311 rds; 81mm Light - 223 rds; 81mm Heavy - 396 rds.

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2135- Information received that the following ammunition allowances will govern from 180600 1/44 to 0600 D+1 (Opn COBRA)

60mm - 25      105mm M3 - 8  
81 HE Light - 0      81 HE Hvy - 333 for period  
81 WP - 66 for period

D-DAY 60mm - 50      105mm M3 - 15

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2150- Ln Officer with 134 reports that les Lfs + ln Barberie are initial objectives of the regt. Exact location of forward elements not known. A patrol will operate on the road from 510660 NE to 518672.

3d Bn notified of the above + directed to furnish contact patrol from left company to contact the patrol of 134 at 518672 hourly

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2200 - 1st Bn S-3 reported left of 1st Bn attacking. No progress to report. Will keep regt informed

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2215 - 1st Bn S-3 reports left moving forward exact location not known

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2240 - 1st Bn advanced Cos A + B + C 200 yds + advance is continuing. Will hold up + consolidate at 2300



2330 - Ln Officer reported to CP bringing the following orders from Div Comdr  
Ammunition Expenditure restrictions must be adhered to. Troops will not retreat from enemy arty fire but advance into it for protection. The following order continues in effect until further notice.

134 hold + defend Hill 122 maintain contact with 29<sup>th</sup> Division. Engr Task Force atchd to 134.

137 hold present line maintain contact with enemy and contact with 320 Inf. No restrictions on 3<sup>d</sup> Bn 137 Inf. 1<sup>st</sup> Plat Co B 60<sup>th</sup> Engrs remain attached.

320 Inf (less 2<sup>d</sup> Bn) 1<sup>st</sup> Plat Co C 60<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn attached hold present line

2<sup>d</sup> Bn (Div Res) maintain contact with 134 and left of 320 Inf.

Recn Troop comb rear areas for snipers.

60<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn (-) form Engr Task Force attached to 134 Inf.

737 Tank Bn revert to Div Reserve

654 TD Bn revert to Battalion control

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2335 - Oral orders from CO to Col Bocka. Maintain pressure against enemy. Seize + consolidate any positions, extend lines + improve positions. No time limitation but suggest you start early

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2340 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn notified to continue to south to objective already given + tie in securely with 3<sup>d</sup> Bn. Hold present positions. Time of attack 0800

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1-25000 0900



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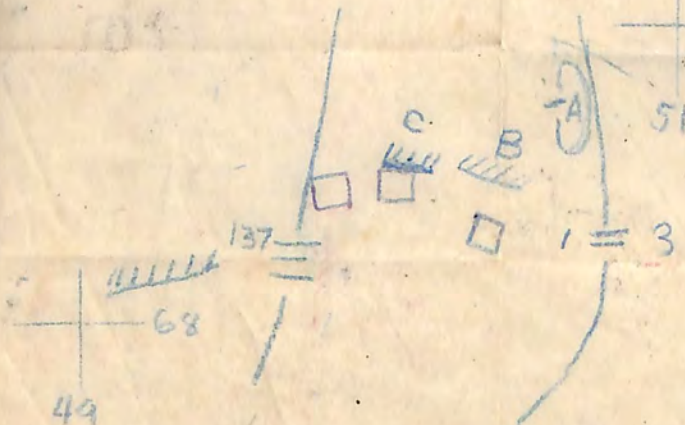
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Situation as of  
1115



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Enemy Positions as of 0800  
from G-2

B.P 68 BT 37

BD 49 BD 77

BD 86

9<sup>th</sup> Co. on mt,

8<sup>th</sup> Co

7<sup>th</sup> Co

6<sup>th</sup> Co

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- 0240 Pfc Hassan repts. to C Co. was shot at by M G and man with him was wounded and left at location - somewhere along the wire between C Co and Bn Hqs CP. Had repaired Cn Co's phone & was splicing line between C & Hq Co when aided by man from A Co. They were caught in M G fire A Co man was wounded and left at about 2345. ~~Rept. of 1st aid was given.~~
- 0245 Capt Leach called 1st Bn Sgt Donaldson - informed him of incident & requested aid be sent to wounded man. Sgt. Donaldson believes C Co to be moving back - will call again.
- 0330 to Sgt. Donaldson unable to contact C Co.
- 0331 to 1st Bn Air Capt. Powell: Capt. Leach informed him of wounded A Co. man left along wire between C Co & Hq. Co. Capt. Powell will contact wire section for guide to wounded man.
- 0332 Red operator informs that C Co has advanced but they are having a little trouble and do not have contact with them yet. Will have Capt. Vignes call.
- 0340 Capt Vignes to Capt Leach: Capt Vignes states he will start wire crew out immediately.
- 0342 fr S-2 P.W. states that 897th Inf which was in front of our 1st Bn. has withdrawn about 2200, for a distance of 5 kilometers. repts. unconfirmed.
- 0347 to Blue 3 (Lgt. Manning) repts everything quiet and have contact with A Co.
- 0430 Lt. Silverman calls stating that 2d prisoner confirms the repts that enemy is withdrawing from in front of our 1st Bn.



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0507 Capt Leach called Capt. Vignes and gave him information about enemy withdrawing fr 1st Bn front.

0508 Capt. Weincamp called - Capt Leach repto everything quiet except for little shelling in 1st Bn area. Also gave him P.W. information

0700 Capt. Leach called 1st Bn Capt Vignes, & Co repts vigorous firing on their front, doesn't believe there is a withdrawal.

0805 Capt. Friedrichs reported to CP giving Col Byrne the 3rd Bn plans for today, they are going <sup>to move</sup> forward slowly.

0815 Part of Jerry is on Div Obj.

0815 Col Byrne called Buckley telling him to move forward and give him an objective not to move forward of without calling him first.  
(Objective along line 49256690 - 4955.6700 - 497669)

0830 Sgt Baker said that they had contact with unit on left during the night

0835 Lt Shumaker<sup>(S-3)</sup> of 137 said that left Bn has just started moving and that right Bn is on Div Obj.  
(Confirmation of earlier report 0815)

0933 3rd Bn called and are making quite a bit of progress and haven't contacted enemy.



0950 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reserve co. is relieving their right and is in process now, the left company is moving down to make contact. ~~Capt~~ Maj Norman. Capt Leach notified Maj Norman to warn A Co not to fire mortars on 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn as they are quite a bit ahead of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.

1008 Sgt Baker called requesting mine platoon of Eng to come up and clear route of mines

1030 Engr. Plat Ldr notified of job and told send up squad also that he or representative accompany Lt Silverman to new CP location & check see if clear of mines & booby traps  
By Lt Col Northam

1045 Col Northam called 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn and I Co is at 50906710, no report on K Co. (talked to Capt English)

1050 Col Byrne told Lt Col Buckley warning him of Col Keator's Bn coming across and there will be no fire unless positively identified as German. Don't slow up because of no contact on right or left, but keep moving unless stopped by enemy

1145 - Ln Officer from Artillery reported to Maj Hubbard that Co I is at 503665. Co K is on the right and there is contact, also have contact with 134

1200 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports front line running east + west along grid line 68, still moving. No resistance is being encountered

1205 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn directed that the stream running SW from 494664 to 500660 will be their next intermediate objective and to patrol vigorously forward to Regtl objective & to the flanks.



1210

Sgt. Baker called to inform <sup>that Col Docka</sup> ~~that right~~ is concerned about their contact on right.

1315

Col Beckley called & reptd. A Co ran into mine field 7 cars, 2 killed, was instructed to proceed to obj. without delay.

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CO sent msg to Col. Docka: Upon arrival intermediate obj. (should) be prepared to move on order to final obj. ( ) Rept. arrival intermediate obj. + CP at that time. 1318  
Msg. Filed in operations file

1400- Enemy reported shelling bridge at 498661  
3d Bn held up at 500663 by small delaying force using MG + light mortars.

1445- Capt Fredrickson reported that 3d Bn on the objective and consolidating positions,  
1st Bn occupied line running east to west and on the road immediately south of grid line 67

1500- Col Solomon called Col Northam & informed him that a company of Corps Engineers may be attached. It is not yet definite

1520- Forward observer from 216 Fa with 3d Bn reported that Bn was occupy whole of the objective within its zone, were consolidating, & sending out patrols to front & flanks. No resistance is being met. Prisoners are being collected.



1545 - Lt Schenost reported mine field at 503681  
had been cleared of casualties + marked with  
engineer tape

1555 - Col Northam directed one squad of 1st Plat  
Co C 60th Engr Bn to go to vic. of 504683 +  
clear east + west road of mines. Upon arrival le Quillon  
turn south

1615 - One Squad A Mine platoon directed to go  
vic. St Gerbat + clear road leading to South

1620 - Col Salmon advised Co that a platoon  
234 Engrs are attached to regt. Co directed  
Ex that as soon as they report to put them  
on the road leading south from St Gerbat  
to clear road including shoulders to be  
used as supply route

1625 - Cae Kantor reported that both 1st + 3d Bns  
both on objective + consolidating. Report  
not confirmed by 1st Bn

1630 - Co + S-3 departed CP to visit 137 CP + to  
inspect mine clearing vic St Gerbat

1710 - Lt Braffitt reports 1st Bn on objective + consolidating  
positions + sending out patrols. No resistance  
Reported to Div to Col Solomon.

1820 - Major Szabo reported that 3d Bn CP was selected  
to be les Mesnil Rouvelin + that some enemy  
shelling was being received there. ExO directed  
that consideration be given to another location  
within 1000 yds of their front.



1825 - CO + S-2 departed to visit 1<sup>st</sup> Bn sector  
travelling via 137 CP

1920 - From 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. - 9 dead bodies at 503684. believed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.

2225 - Ln Officer reported to CP with following order:

DW CP 536673 opens 191200

320 Bn (-2<sup>nd</sup> Bn) (attached to 134 Bn) with present Engr  
attachments hold present position. Patrol actively  
to front + flanks. Maintain contact with 137 + 134.  
Report at once any further signs of enemy withdrawal.  
Rcv troop + Co of TD Battalion comb rear area of  
snipers. Engrs continue to clear rear area of mines.

2400 Capt. Leach called Jntn 2 - repts no change

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2430 G-3 called to inquire what time Lt. Gardner  
had left with rpt. Lt. Gardner arrives while  
call was in process

0200 Capt Leach called Jntn 2 - repts no change

0310 Lt. Gardner called - he is starting on his way with an  
order

0350 Lgt. Manning repts everything quiet and peaceful  
in 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn sector.

0400 Capt. Leach called G-2 - repts no change.

0401 Lt. Gardner repts for Div. with order.



38<sup>TH</sup>

HQ 38<sup>TH</sup> INF 18 JUNE 44

SITUATION AS OF 2000 THIS DATE

MAP: FRANCE, SHT 34/16 SE, 1:125,000

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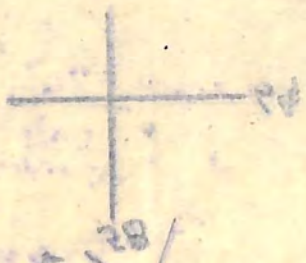
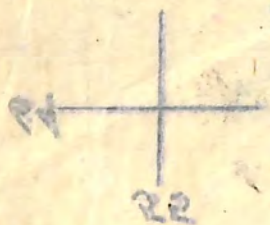
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Did have 9th Regt. mostly German

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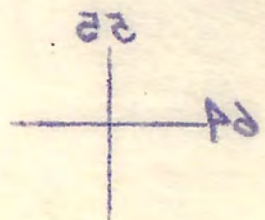
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PW says these roads are  
mined - yellow mines

PW - questioned at 1400 - 18 July 44

Circles are mines previously  
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To CO 30 BN 320 INF

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OBJECTIVE (SKETCH) BE PRE-  
PARED TO MOVE ON ORDER  
TO FINAL OBJECTIVE (SKETCH)  
REPORT ARRIVAL INTERMEDIATE  
OBJECTIVE AND CP AT THAT  
TIME

CO 30 BN 320 INF

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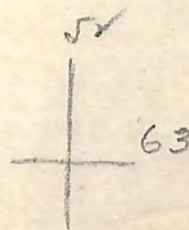
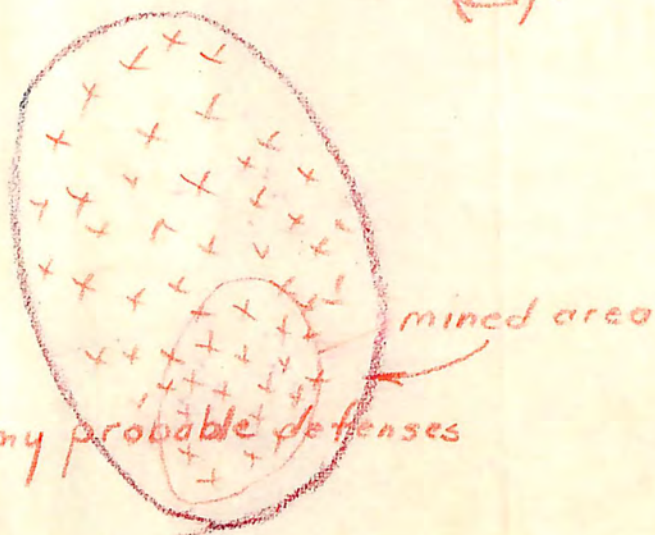
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Enemy Situation As of  
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# Unit Report

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From 19 July 1500  
To 20 July 1500

Unit 320<sup>th</sup> Inf

Date July 19 to 20, 1944

## ENEMY Situation

a) Front Lines (see overlay)

b) Units in Contact (see overlay)

c) No ENEMY activity reported except small groups to front engaged in sniping; and intermittent Artillery and MORTAR ~~falling~~ <sup>falling</sup> in vicinity of Baker Company at point 535637, reported by RED at 1445 hrs.

(d) No ENEMY CAPTURED DURING PERIOD.

Enemy morale - unknown

Enemy knowledge of our situation - unknown.

(e) No organized units in contact.

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19 July 1944

0455 Col Byrne called Div. inr. to X 2 pos.  
of order #1

0515 D-3 called giving permission to see to be  
on front

0545 ~~Col Byrne called~~ <sup>Major</sup> ~~to~~ Col Docka & 1<sup>st</sup> Bn CO's <sup>rept.</sup>  
to CP for orders.

0600 Capt Leach called D-2 - reptd no change

0601 Col Byrne called 2<sup>d</sup> Bn - <sup>Major</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>Warrington</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>rept</sup>  
to CP for order.

0955- CG called & directed no movement of troops  
beyond present positions until further orders.  
Reconnaissance <sup>parties</sup> & patrols only may operate.  
CO 3<sup>d</sup> Bn, 2<sup>d</sup> Bn, A I Co, Cn Co, Hg Co,

1015- CO directed to report to Div at 1100 for orders

1150 - Col Renfro called & directed Maj M<sup>c</sup> Elroy to  
report to Div. Hg

1240- CO returned to CP with fragmentary orders  
as follows - 35<sup>th</sup> Div moves to occupy & defend  
the entire Corps front. 320 to left of the sector  
recently occupied 134. Arty support will be  
by two Bns of Heavy Arty & two Bns light artillery  
in addition to 216. Movement will be by marching

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July 19

1900 - CP began displacement from 516695 to 539666.

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HEADQUARTERS XIX CORPS  
Office of the Corps Commander

France  
A. P. O. 270  
c/o Postmaster, U. S. Army  
19 July 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 35th Infantry Division, A.P.O. 35,  
c/o Postmaster, United States Army.

1. The capture of ST. LO climaxes an operation of major importance to the American cause, and brings to a successful conclusion the initial combat action of the 35th Infantry Division.

2. It was marked by repeated instances of personal and group heroism of the highest order and has earned for your division a place among the great organizations of American military history.

3. Please convey to the veteran officers and men of your division my pride in their achievements, and my sincere congratulations on a job well done.

/s/ Charles H. Corlett  
/t/ CHARLES H. CORLETT  
Maj. Gen., U. S. Army  
Commanding.

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HQ 35TH INF DIV, APO 35, U S Army, 19 July 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 320th Inf, same address

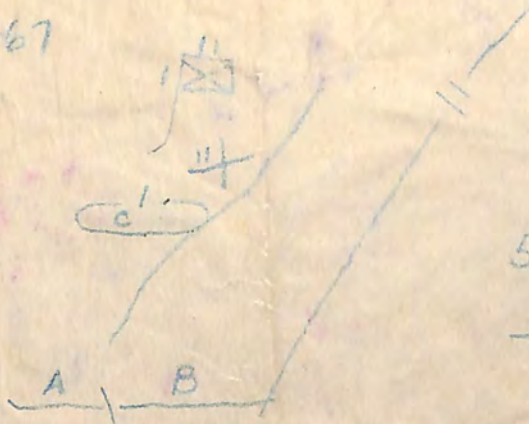
1. It is with the greatest of pride that I transmit this commendation from the Corps Commander to the Officers and Enlisted Men of this Division.

2. Please extend my sincere personal appreciation, satisfaction and congratulations to each member of your command for his fine performance in this brilliant victory.

/s/ Paul W. Baade  
/t/ PAUL W. BAADE  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



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POSITIONS AT  
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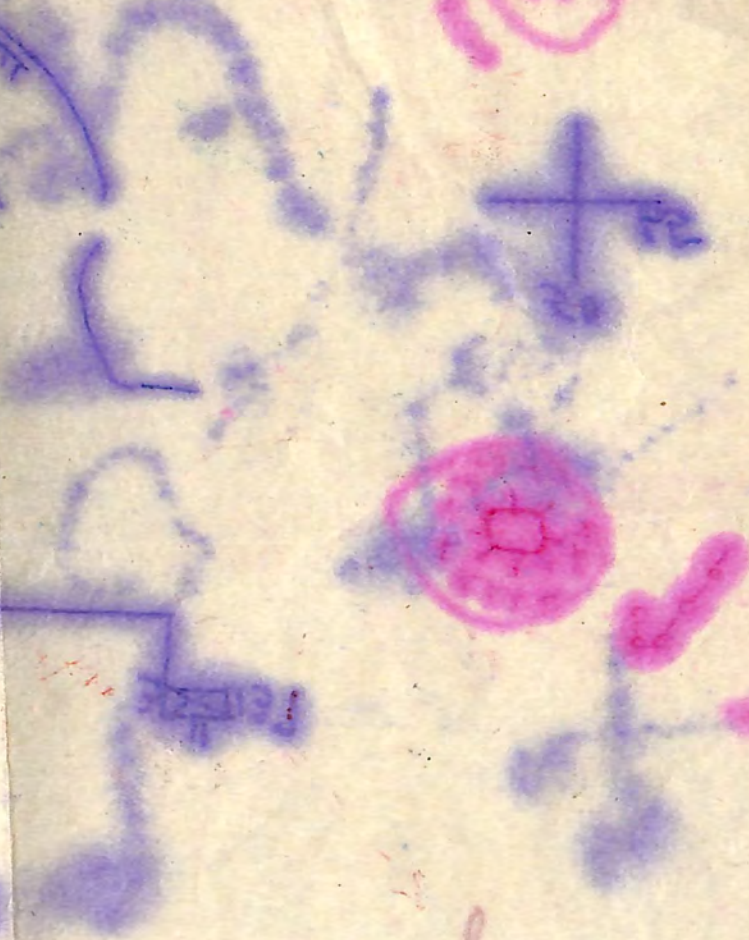




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Enemy Situation As of Ss 61  
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July 20

1000 - Bn CP now located at 546645, - Co 1<sup>st</sup> Bn - Ughes 0950

1150 - Maj Momm 1<sup>st</sup> Bn called + asked Engineer assistance for removal of mines in B Co area. Was told that Engrs would be sent to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn CP to be led to B Co

1215 - CO reported to Dvr that responsibility for left half of regimental is accepted as of 0915

1300 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported gave map location of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn units + stated dispositions were as follows. Units vic 1<sup>st</sup> Bn CP at 548647 are Hq + Hq Co, Co C, Co D (-), Co B with 1 sec H M B + 1 sec 81 mm Mortars attached vic of 535637 + 543642. Co A with 1 sec H M B attached vic of 554644 + 559648

1400 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn began movement to positions. Cos marching  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr intervals

1450 - S-2 reported to S-3 that Co B was receiving intermittent arty + mortar fire on their position

1452 - Msg of 1450 reported to Dvr in hourly report

1500 - Negative report made to Dvr Hq.

1600 - Negative report made to Dvr Hq.

1700 - Reported to Dvr that displacement to new CP well begun about 1800 + end 1900

1730 - Complete relief effected by 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn was 11.5 defensive sector

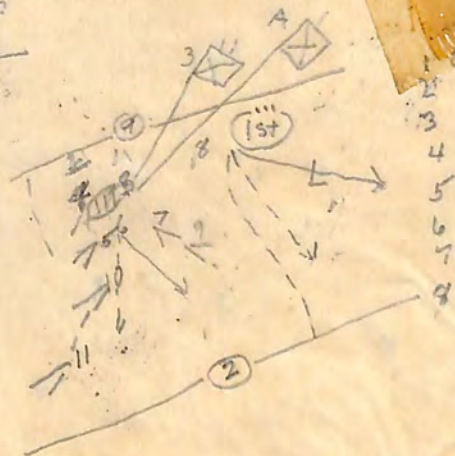
1900 - CP opened at 549656

2345 - Overlay + notes on situation as of 2330 sent to Dvr by Ltn Officer









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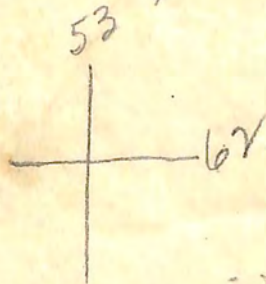
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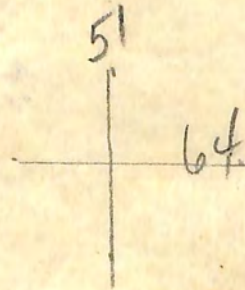
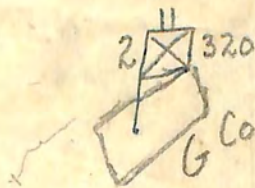
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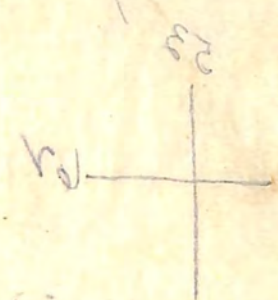


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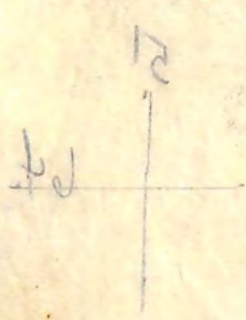
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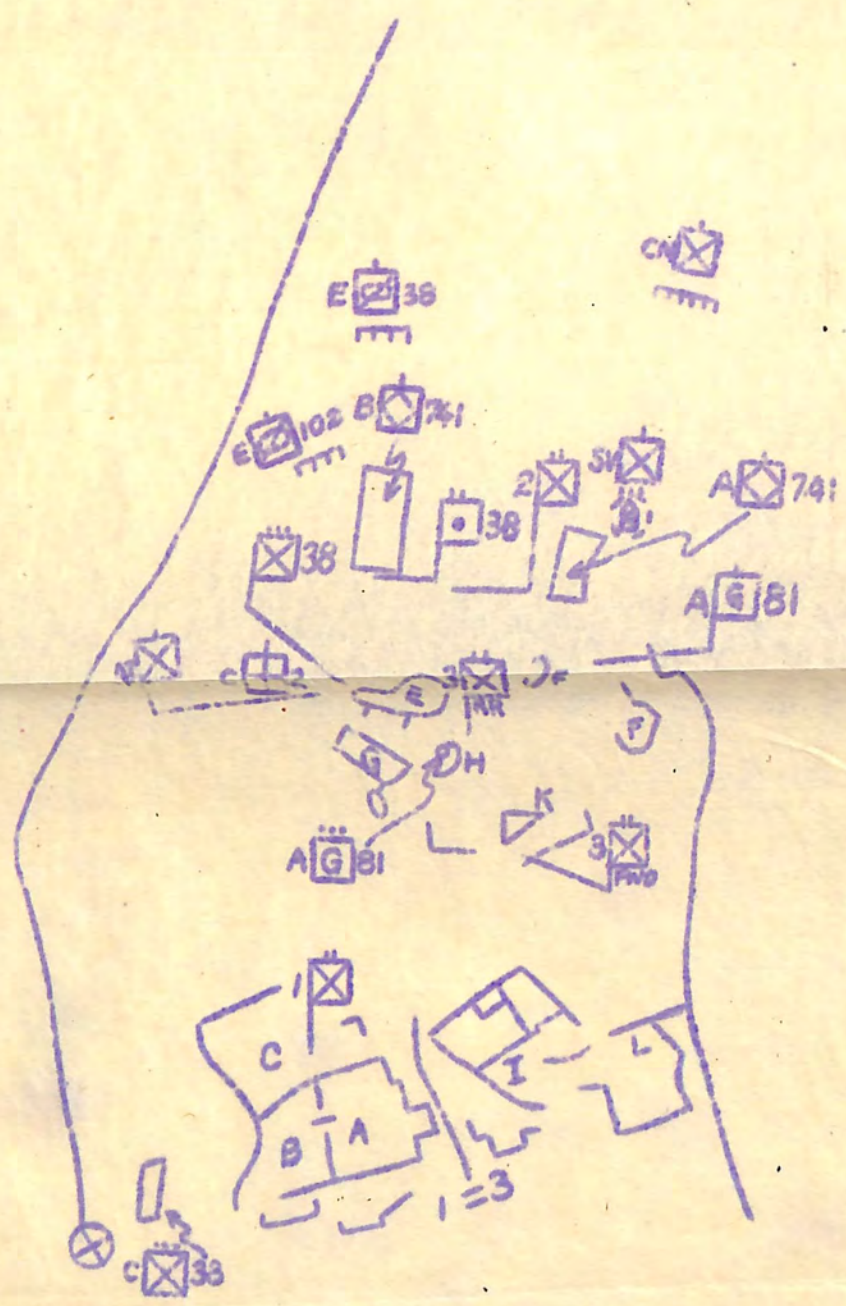
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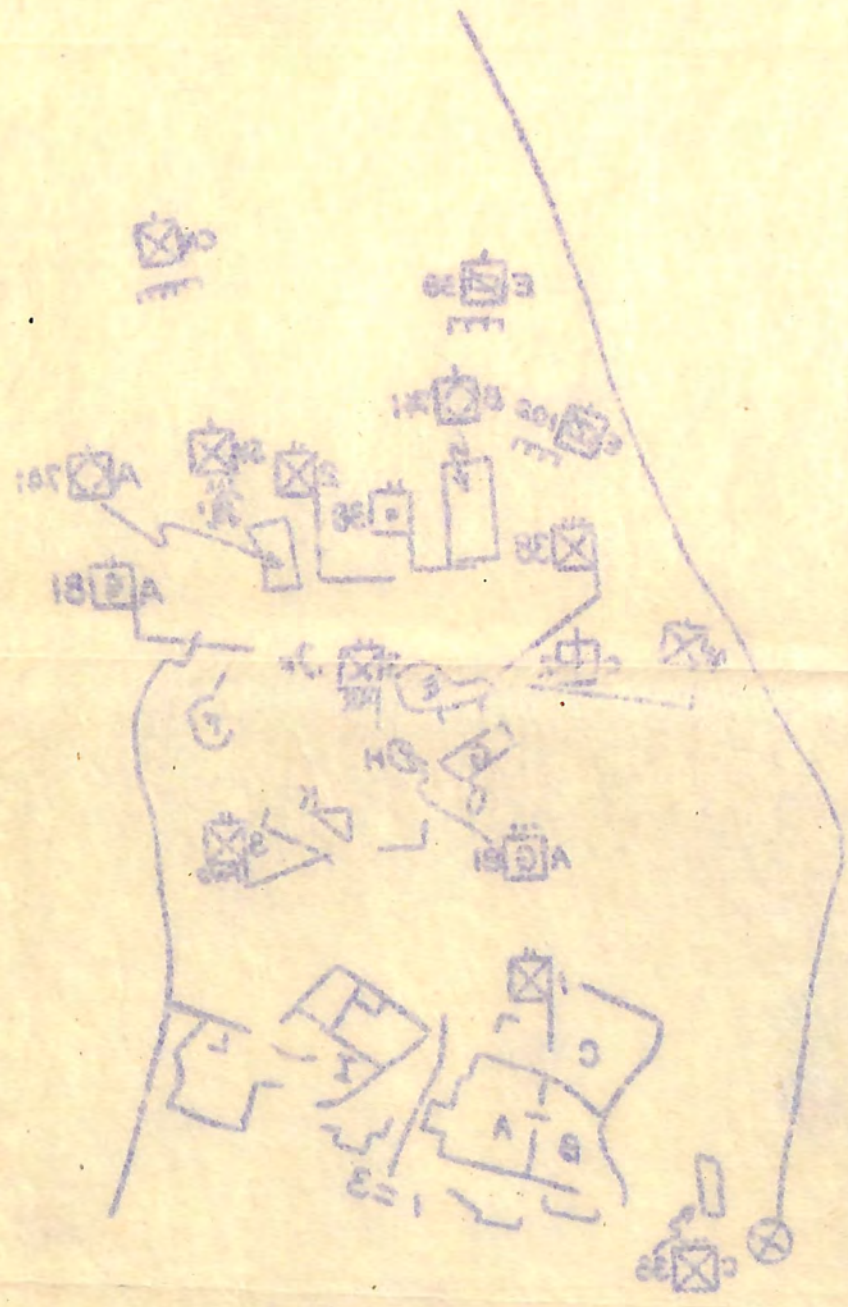


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Hqs 38th Inf  
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DATE 20 July 44

To C.O. 320 Gwy.

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at 546-645

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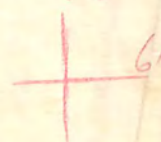




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Enemy Situation As of 211500  
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S-2 REPORT

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'Auth: CC 2nd Inf Division'

'Date: 21 July 1944'

'Init: *WJL*'

As of 211200B July 1944

Hq 38th Infantry

APO #2, U. S. Army

No. 43

Maps: 1/10000, St. Jean des Baisants & vicinity.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Front lines: Overlay.

b. Defensive organization: Enemy is well dug in along line immediately to our front. Wire has been reported in right adjacent zone. Sounds of stakes being driven were heard along road on our left flank. It is likely that AT weapons cover the St. Jean des Baisants road and other avenues of mechanized approach. No pill boxes have been reported, but numerous stone houses along the road to our front may be utilized as such.

c. Units in contact: 3rd Bn 8th Para Regt relieved the badly battered 3rd Bn 9th Regt on our front on the night 11 July 44. This unit has not received the severe mortar and artillery pounding that the 9th Regt received.

A PW stated that the 8th Regt had about one third replacements which were not paratroops. This unit came to the front from a reserve area and should be in good physical condition.

d. Artillery: Enemy artillery support has increased slightly. A number of SPM's have been operating in our zone.

e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention:

(1) There is no positive evidence, but it is possible that reserve elements have organized defence on the high ground vicinity of St. Jean des Baisants.

(2) One company of the 343 Infantry Division has been identified in the St. Lo area. It is possible that the RCT from this division, previously reported enroute from Brest, may be available to reinforce the 3rd Para Div in our zone.

(3) There have been no movements of consequence observed toward or away from our area.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD: a. General Summary. Enemy has improved his defences. He has resisted strongly our patrol activities. He has attempted a few patrols to feel out our lines. Harrassing fires from either side bring retaliating fires from the other.

b. Operations of component elements. (1) Artillery. Continued harrassing fire.

(2) Air. Our lines were strafed by enemy aircraft on the night of 19 July. On 20 July it was reported that troops to the left of our sector were strafed by one enemy plane.

(3) Tanks. No tanks have been observed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Enemy casualties are estimated to have been light.

b. Enemy has good observation particularly from the high ground in vicinity St. Jean des Baisants.

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Defend in his present position as long as possible, delaying through successive positions.
- b. Withdraw to vicinity St Jean des Baisants leaving only covering shell in present position.
- c. Attack with unidentified reserves from the South or South-West.

5. PROBABLE ENEMY LINE OF ACTION. 4 a. above.

- 6. EEI. a. Movement of mechanized forces in our zone of action.
- b. Weak spots that develop in enemy line.
- c. Movement of troops forward from rear areas.
- d. Any evidence of withdrawal.

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CALLAWAY  
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- 1 Incl:  
S-2 Situation Overlay.





IMPRESSIVE HQ.  
 ENEMY SITUATION  
 AS OF 211200 JULY 1944  
 MAP: 1/10000  
 ST JEAN DES BAISANTS  
 CALLAWAY S-2  
 ZWICKER COMDG  
 --- INDICATES OUTPOST LINE

VEHICLES, 2 GERMAN  
 191028  
 21 TROOPS  
 181500  
 SMALL GROUPS SEEN  
 ENTERING CHURCH 17-  
 19 JULY 44



0705 - Reserve platoon of A1 Co directed to guide ammunition forward to TD's in 2<sup>d</sup> Bn area and serve as a carrying party for the ammunition

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0722 - Right Bn of 134 has advanced 250 yds across the creek.

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0740 - TD plat Ldr reported to CP stating that plat was withdrawn due to lack of ammunition, 2 motors need timing, and all have loose tracks. Necessary repairs require 6 hours.

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0750 - Div requested to furnish a platoon of TD to replace plat (see 0740 entry). Successful employment of TD's reported. Request also an additional plat for 3<sup>d</sup> Bn so that he may also be soon moved

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0805 - Div called + advised against committing any part of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn to clear resistance to the west. A replacement plat of TD is being sent to 2<sup>d</sup> Bn

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0807 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn advised that replacement platoon of TD are on the way to the sector

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0812 - 137 Inf submitted overlay showing their dispositions

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July 21, 1944

1109 To Div. - Negative report by msg. (signed 1109 Ridgester)

1235 Div QLG CP ~~does~~ 216945 opens same time at 536674  
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1530 - Capt Fredrickson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arn called + reported  
that the house at 536638 believed to house  
enemy personnel was machine gunned + grenades  
were thrown in by the 125<sup>th</sup> Cavalry at 1500  
and no evidence of the enemy was found.

1710 Maj. Monin called in re to artillery falling  
in rear of OPLR.

1715 Recd. overlay showing uncloned road fr. Miltonville  
up to 2<sup>d</sup> Barren. It will take 24-28 hrs. to clear  
this road.

1800 Capt. Kelly repts Justice line bombed out.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 211500 JULY 44  
TO : 221500 JULY 44  
JUNIPER

Maps: France 1/25000 sheet ST. LO & BALLEROY

1 Enemy Situation at end of period:

- (a) Front lines: See overlay
- (b) Defensive Organization: enemy is well dug in along line to our immediate front, but ground is thinly occupied by rifleman, MG, and supporting mortars.
- (c) Units in contact: No change

2 Enemy Operations During Period:

- (a) General Summary: Harrassing artillery, mortar, & L.M.G. fire during period. Medium enemy artillery barrage on road vicinity of 534640 at 1249 from the SW. One MG which was located at 535634 fired snort burst at approx 1-1/2 hr. interval. Limited sniper activity was reported in our forward areas during this period. Throughout the night the enemy used flares extensively in their resistance to patrols. Confirming reports were received of enemy digging and pounding stakes at 0100. Also of the presence of horses and men vicinity 54456240 and 53906274 from 0230 to 0330. No enemy aircraft or tanks were observed or heard in our sector during this period.

3 Miscellaneous:

- a) Enemy casualties light
- b) No P.W.'s were taken.

4) Enemy capabilities:

- a) Continue his hedgerow to hedgerow delaying action through each successive natural defensive position with troops thinly occupying the ground.
- b) ~~xxxxxx~~ Withdraw to high ground line La Pelinere, Bouligny leaving only covering shell in present position.
- c) The identified enemy strength to our front and the natural defenses in our sector make enemy large scale attacks improbable without securing additional reserves of men and the use of supporting tanks.



# S-2 JOURNAL

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From 21 July 44 1000 To 22 July 44 1500  
date hour date hour

PLACE NORMANDY, France.

| TIME            |      | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                | Action Taken | How sent      |
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| In              | Out  |            |            |                                                                                                                                                            |              |               |
| 1135            |      |            |            | OP #2 Reports Negative.                                                                                                                                    | ✓            |               |
| <del>1244</del> | 1244 |            |            | NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                                                            | To Div ✓     | TIP           |
| 1215            |      |            |            | APPROX. LOCATION OF PORTER 529627. FIRING ON WHITE. FOUND PLenty OF GRANADES, FLARES & GERMAN EQUIPMENT WERE THE CIVILIANS WERE THAT G. Co is bringing in. | ✓            | TP<br>White 2 |
| 1235            |      |            |            | NEGATIVE REPORT FROM Red 2                                                                                                                                 | ✓            | TP            |
| 1258            |      |            | 1249       | Red 2 reports enemy art. falling on the road to rear of B Co + Red OP (200' or from White C.P.)                                                            | ✓ ✓          | TP            |
| 1310            |      |            |            | OP #1 & 2 NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                                                  | ✓            |               |
|                 | 1400 |            |            | BN's Red & Blue Reports Neg. on MG FIRE ON Locations we gave them                                                                                          | ✓<br>To Div  | TP            |
| 1410            |      |            |            | OP1 Neg. Report.                                                                                                                                           | ✓            | TP            |
| 1000            |      |            |            | OP #2 Neg. Report                                                                                                                                          | ✓            | TP            |

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FROM: 211500 JULY 44  
TO : 221500 JULY 44  
JUNIPER

Maps: France 1/25000 sheet ST. LO & BALLEROY

1 Enemy Situation at end of period:

- (a) Front lines: See overlay
- (b) Defensive Organization: enemy is well dug in along line to our immediate front, but ground is thinly occupied by rifleman, MG, and supporting mortars.
- (c) Units in contact: No change

2 Enemy Operations During Period:

- (a) General Summary: Harrassing artillery, mortar, & L.M.G. fire during period. Medium enemy artillery barrage on road vicinity of 534640 at 1249 from the SW. One MG which was located at 535634 fired short burst at approx. 1-1/2 hr. interval. Limited sniper activity was reported in our forward areas during this period. Throughout the night the enemy used flares extensively in their resistance to patrols. Confirming reports were received of enemy digging and pounding stakes at 0100. Also of the presence of horses and men vicinity 54456240 and 53906274 from 0230 to 0330. No enemy aircraft or tanks were observed or heard in our sector during this period.

3 Miscellaneous:

- a) Enemy casualties light
- b) No P.W.'s were taken.

4) Enemy capabilities:

- a) Continue his hedgerow to hedgerow delaying action through each successive natural defensive position with troops thinly occupying the ground.
- b) ~~Withdraw~~ Withdraw to high ground line La Pelinere, Boulogny leaving only covering shell in present position.
- c) The identified enemy strength to our front and the natural defenses in our sector make enemy large scale attacks improbable without securing additional reserves of men and the use of supporting tanks.

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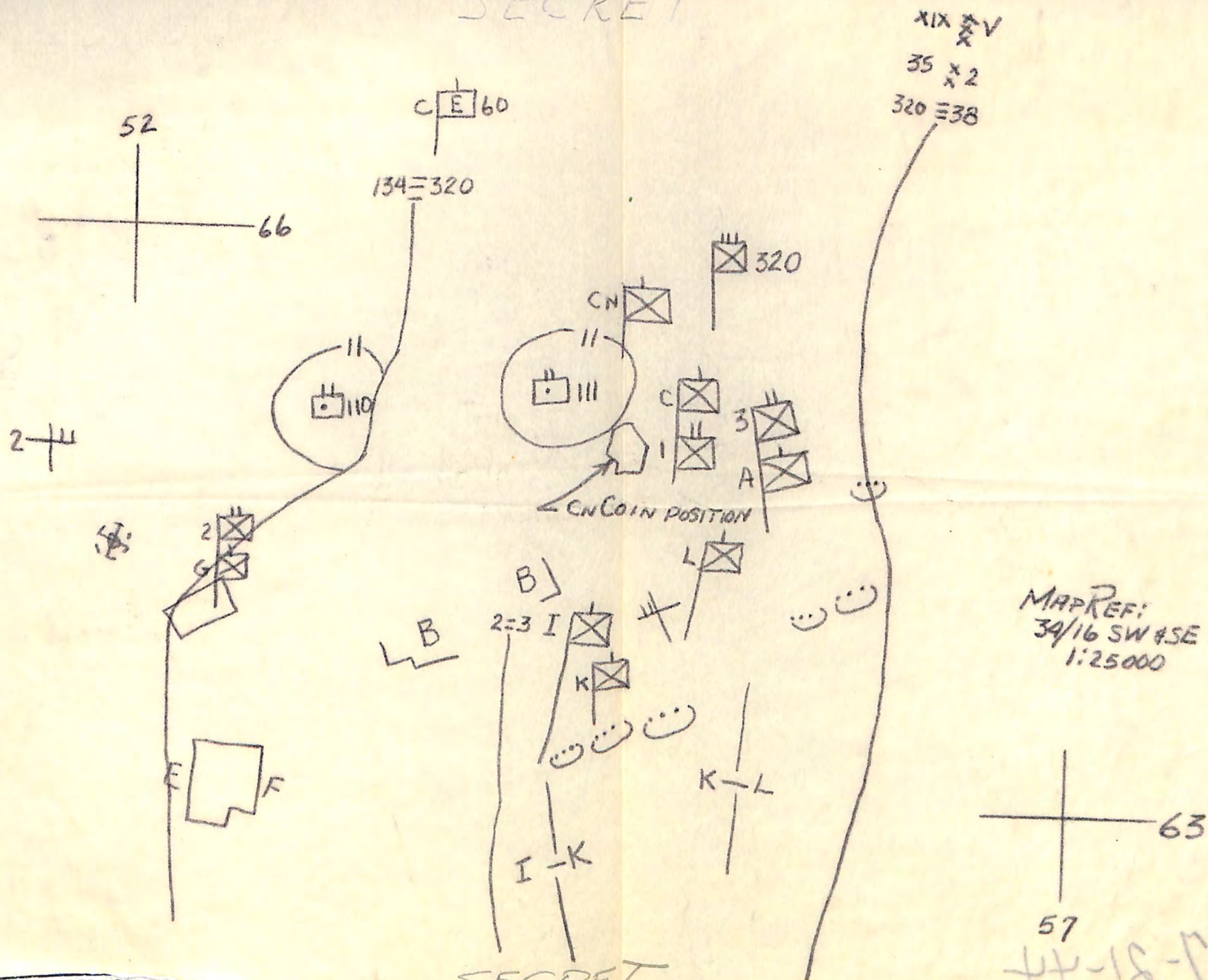
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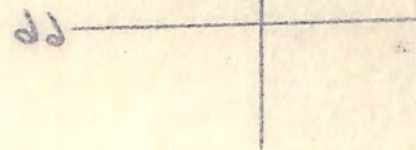
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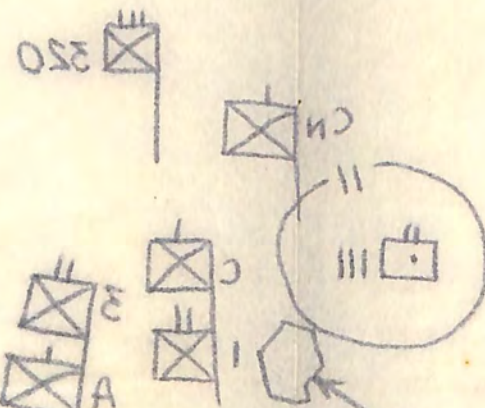
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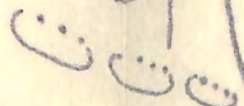
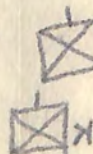


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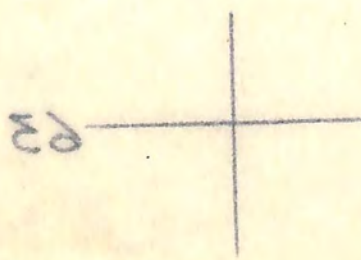
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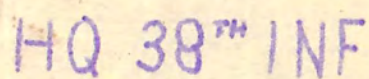
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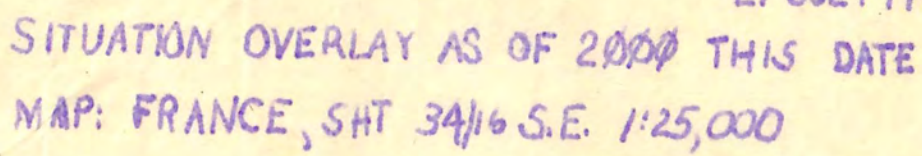
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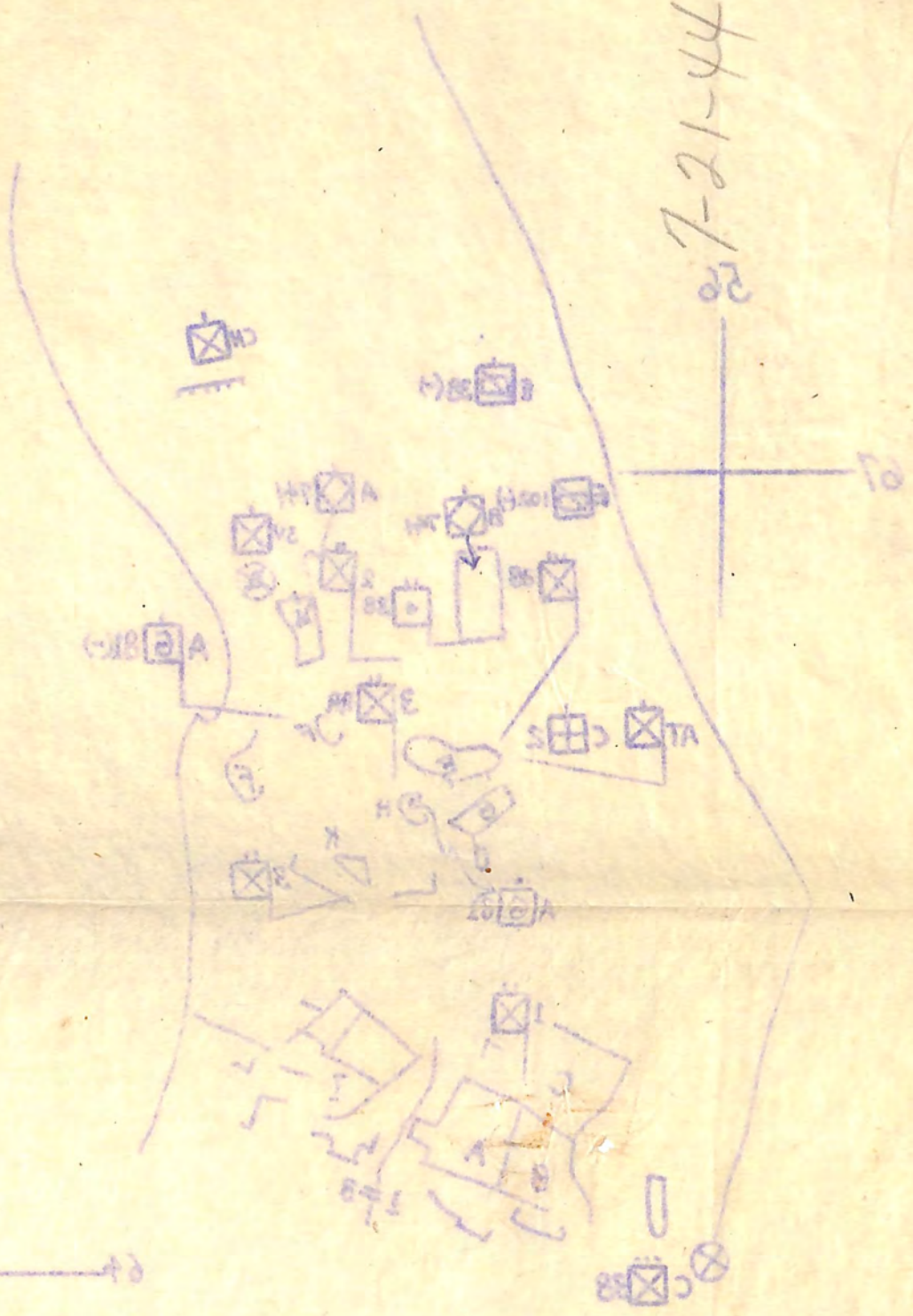


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Engineers now  
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To

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DIV OLD CP CLOSES

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July 22, 1944

- 1000 - CO called Div Sig Officer + requested that two direct communication lines be maintained between Division + this CP for emergency use
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- 1020 - Col Solomon called + was advised by CO that the first Bn dispositions were made because the sector is a 3 Bn sector. However the Bn is being held as a reserve for both the Div + the Regt and will not be further committed until necessary. If it does become necessary to use the Bn to further strengthen 2<sup>d</sup> + 3<sup>d</sup> Bns the Division will be immediately notified
- 
- 1030 - Mr Wells direct to organize + test the SCR 300 net so that in event communications fail the radios may immediately turned on + ready to function
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- 1040 - Lt Col Klitz + Maj Kimbrell, <sup>113<sup>th</sup> Cav Sqn 5-3</sup> 113<sup>th</sup> Cav Group reported to CP to discuss Counterattack plans with CO. One squadron minus a recon troop + plus a light tank company + assault gun troop is available + the understanding is that they may be attached to 320. Enemy Counterattack areas were described by CO as being No. 1 - North between 2<sup>d</sup> + 3<sup>d</sup> Bn generally along 53 grid line. No. 2 - along left boundary generally along 56 grid line



1112- Capt Zerman, 737 Medium Tank Co, Lt Williams, Light Tank Platoon Ldr reported to CP + stated that their strength is 3 plato of 5 Medium Tanks each + 1 plat of light tanks. CO suggested in view of their considerable distance from our units that they select and move to an area in the general vicinity of the 113th Car Group Hq. Requested to be sent to CP

1130- Called 134 and requested the Opns Sergeant to prepare an overlay showing present dispositions in order to effect contact with them + our 2d Bn. 134 stated that a Liaison officer would be sent to this CP with an overlay showing complete dispositions

1135- Col Solomon <sup>+ Col Hays</sup> visited CP stated that 113 has been directed to kill germans on sight + to establish Liaison with 320. Similar instructions are given you. Kill all germans which present themselves to your front. An enemy salient lightly held is on your east left flank. It is directed that today you straighten your front lines. If by night you can tell the CP that there are no germans North of route ③ in 3d Bn sector all will be well. The island of resistance protruding into 2d Bn sector can be removed only by the force of an additional Bn. 737 Tank Bn is not attached by were directed to reconnoiter in this area.

1207- Dvr Arty Ltn Officer called at CP + Lt Faubus directed him how to find each of the Bn CP's



1335- Lt Taubus dispatched to 2<sup>d</sup> Bn to deliver the following message: The enemy has certain capabilities in the bulge in the 2<sup>d</sup> Bn sector. We must hold all the ground we now have. Maintain total vigilance throughout the night & prepared to meet anything that might develop during the night. Send out patrols as directed by S-2 and outpost to observe & report all enemy activity. Report any possibility of the enemy building a line anchored on the house at 536634. (Daylight patrols (see map) in by 1800)

1350- Lt Col Thurston 29 Arty reported to C.P.

1355- Lt Col Lee 38<sup>th</sup> Cav<sup>l</sup> Lt Col Docks, CO 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reported to C.P.

1545- Two patrols sent out from 2<sup>d</sup> Bn contacted Co B & returned & made negative report

1800- Lt. Gardner relvd fr asgmt & dy as Ltn O & asgd. C.O. Co. B. Lt. O'Brien asgd to & departed for Div as Ltn O.

1845 C.O. 45-3 1st Bn 137<sup>th</sup> Inf reptd C.P. to discuss employment & routes for that unit for counter-attack purposes.

2240- 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports suspicious Liaison Type plane flying over front lines. So far as can be determined no Arty Liaison planes are in the air. Requested clearance to fire upon the plane.  
Division notified & clearance requested.

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from: 221500 July 44  
to: 231500 July 44  
Juniper

Maps: France 1/25000 Sheets St. Lo & Balleroy

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

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a. Front Lines: see overlay.

b. Units in contact: see overlay.

c. Defensive organization: Enemy is outposting along line to our immediate front. Outposts are well dug in with sufficient automatic fire but ground is very thinly occupied by riflemen and supporting mortars.

2. Enemy operations during period:

a. General summary: Harassing Artillery mortar, and light Machine gun fire in our sector during period. Medium Artillery barrage was reported at 495640 at 1845 and at irregular intervals in our forward areas. Mortar fire was reported at 2230 falling in the general vicinity of 529633. Sniper activity was very limited with only one sniper reported at 2025 located at 542637. Our observation posts reported small group of men digging in at 54126274 and movement by several men at 559637 at 1630. One enemy patrol was discovered in the vicinity 546630 at 0740. Patrol was dispersed by grenade action but no casualties resulted. Enemy resistance to our patrols by regularly intervalled flares and in one instance by rifle fire. No enemy aircraft or tanks were reported in our sector during this period.

3. Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties light. b: No P.W.'s were taken. c: Morale unknown. d: Knowledge of our situation, unknown.

4: Enemy capabilities: Unchanged.

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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                |              |          |
| 0830 |     |            | 56         | OP1# REPORTS IN OPER.                                                                          | ✓            | TP       |
| 0830 |     |            | 57         | OP2 REPORTS IN OPER.                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |
| 0555 |     |            | 58         | White 2 reports that overlay on Patrols were sent in 0830, IIR men have not gone on patrol yet | ✓            | TP       |
| 0930 |     |            | 59         | Negative Report - visibility poor (OP#1)                                                       | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0930 |     |            |            | "I" Co. reports observation of men digging in front of their area. Arty called for at 54126774 | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0930 |     |            | 60         | Negative Report (OP#2)                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1030 |     |            |            | Red 2 Neg. Report                                                                              | ✓            | TP       |
| 1030 |     |            |            | White 2 " "                                                                                    | ✓            |          |
| 1030 |     |            |            | Blue 2 " "                                                                                     | ✓            |          |
| 1130 |     |            |            | White 2 Neg. Report                                                                            | ✓            | TP       |
| 1130 |     |            |            | OP#1 & 2 Neg. Report                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |
| 1139 |     |            |            | RED 2 NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                          | ✓            | TP       |
| 1200 |     |            |            | Blue 2 Negative Report                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 1210 |     |            |            | OP#4 Negative Report                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |
| 1240 |     |            |            | OP#2. RIFLE FIRE & MG FIRE FROM OUR L. FRT. wooded area 1000 yds between 140° TO 145° AZ       | ✓            | TP       |
| 1300 |     |            |            | Blue called, White Patrol contacted them & reported Negative                                   | ✓            | TP       |
| 1315 |     |            |            | OP#1 Negative Report                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |
| 1330 |     |            |            | OP#2 Negative Report                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |



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| 0340 |      |            | 40.        | Justice r - Inquired about patrols being out as of this time.                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0341 |      |            | 41         | White 4v - Negative Report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0355 |      |            | 42         | Juniper 3 - message #38 was cleared as friendly activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓            | T/P      |
|      | 0400 |            | 43         | Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | To G-v ✓     | T/P      |
|      |      |            |            | Negative Report - Recieving a barrage due W. - not affecting us.                                                                                                                                                                                          | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0435 |      |            | 44         | Red 3 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0505 |      |            | 45         | Blue 3 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0507 |      |            | 46         | Justice # - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0605 | 0605 |            | 47         | White #2 - Intermittent fires on our front.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0615 |      |            | 48         | WHITE #2 - RHODES REPORTED - NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0725 |      |            | 49         | BLUE - 2 - NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0733 |      |            | 50         | Red r - Negative Report - Inquired about patrols - Returned safely but results unknown                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0745 |      |            | 51         | White r - Inquired about patrols - Returned but results unknown.                                                                                                                                                                                          | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0746 |      |            | 52         | Blue r - Negative Report - Inquired about patrols - Returned safely -                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0747 |      |            | 53         | Justice r - Reported patrols have returned but results as yet are unknown.                                                                                                                                                                                | To G-v ✓     | T/P      |
| 0810 |      |            | 54         | Results from Cav. Patrols - (From Justice) Left designated point, moved to 559635 - Fired by Inf. & recieved several flares - Found several dugouts & soldiers in them. Strength in this area computed to be stronger than the previous night's operation | ✓            | T/P      |



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| 0050 |      | 28         | 0040       | Red 2 - Reports that 4 or 5 Red flares were observed in front of "B" Co. Coming at a 4 or 5 min. intervals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓            | T/P.     |
| 0100 |      | 29         |            | White 2 - Reports of heavy Arty. flying overhead at approx. 1900 ft. - hitting N.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0100 |      | 30         |            | Red 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0108 |      | 31         |            | Blue 2 - Reports continuing of light Arty. & mortar fire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0150 |      | 32         |            | White 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0200 | 0200 | 33         |            | Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | To G-2 ✓     | T/P      |
| 0210 |      | 34         |            | Blue 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0215 |      | 35         |            | Juniper 3 - Received message from unknown source that an. bombed and set a amm. dump afire. Sender being Night Hawk (Limited info could be only gotten)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0227 |      | 36         |            | White 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0305 |      | 37         |            | Blue 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0310 |      | 38         |            | Juniper 3 - At 0235 hrs. Pharo, a guard saw three small lights attached to balloons go up. About 1 min. later, 2 Arty shells (88?) fell at approx. point of release. Balloons appeared to be about size of helmet and lights about size of "pencil lights" Went out of sight into clouds after approx. 4 min. Made a light tinge in clouds approx. 1 yd. in dia. 1000 yds. (est.) distant from his position (A3. reading later) | ✓            | Written  |
| 0315 |      | 39         |            | Red 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              | T/P      |



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| 2100 |      | 15         |            | Red reports negative                                                                                                | ✓                               | TP       |
| 2140 |      | 16         |            | White 3 called up + asked about CAV ACTION TO NIGHT ON PATROLS.                                                     | Told him ✓ THAT S-2 HAD OVERLAY | TP       |
| 2145 |      | 17         |            | White 3 asked if CAV would be around their in next 30 minutes.                                                      | ✓                               | TP       |
| 2200 |      | 18         |            | Blue 2 Reports Neg.                                                                                                 | ✓                               | TP       |
| 2235 |      | 19         | 2230       | Sgt Kelly Reports intermittent mortar fire in rear of Prof Co 549633                                                | ✓                               | TP       |
| 2305 |      | 20         |            | JUSTICE 2 REPORTS enemy cup planes overhead tonight                                                                 | ✓                               | TP       |
| 2307 |      |            |            | JUSTICE 2 REMOVES REPORT # 20 ✓                                                                                     |                                 |          |
| 2310 |      | 21         | 2330       | Red 3 - Reports light Arty fire to right front of B Co. 1 light casualty.                                           | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2315 |      | 22         | 2310       | Blue 2 - Reports that location of mortar was identified by flash at 54906305. Arty. fire was called for & silenced. | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2320 |      | 23         | 2315       | Red 2 - Reports Red flare in front of B Co. Origin - unknown.                                                       | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2345 |      | 24         | 2330       | Red 2 - Reports Red flare directly front of B Co.                                                                   | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2345 |      | 25         |            | White 2 - Reports that occasional Arty. shells are landing N. of approx 1900.                                       | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2400 |      | 26         |            | Blue - Negative Report                                                                                              | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 2405 | 0005 | 27         |            | Reports harassing fires occasionally - To G. ✓<br>few flares on front lines.                                        | ✓                               | T/P      |



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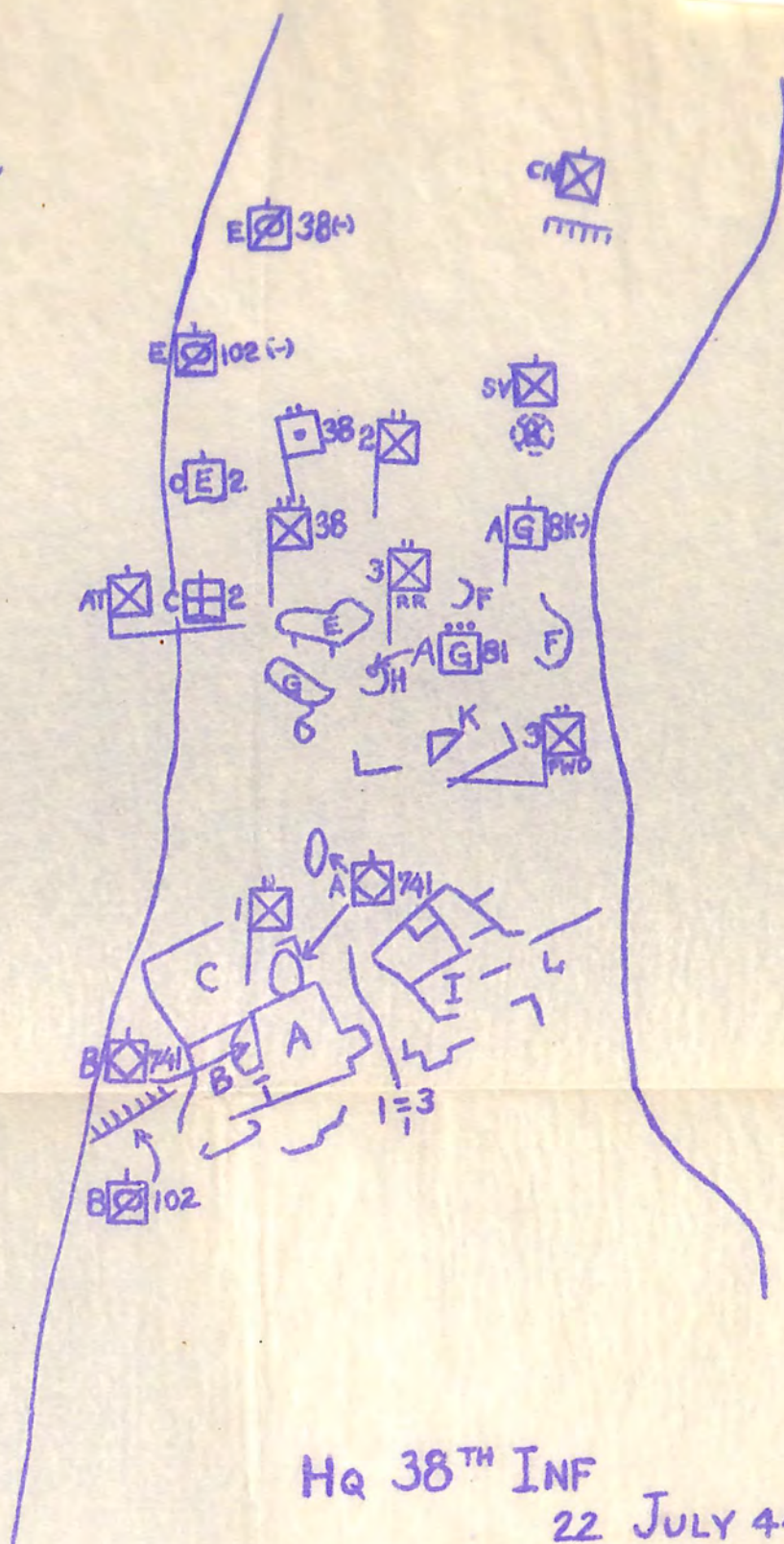
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| 1550 |     | 1          |            | DP 2 Negative Report                                                                                                                                             | ✓            | TP       |
| 1600 |     | 2          |            | OP 1 " "                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 1640 |     | 3          |            | OP 2 " "                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 1700 |     | 4          |            | OP#1 negative Report                                                                                                                                             | ✓            | T/P.     |
| 1740 |     | 5          |            | OP#2 " "                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1805 |     | 6          |            | OP#1 " "                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 1815 |     | 7          |            | Blue 3<br>LCO 1605 55886398 To<br>5605 6402 Obs. 1630<br>1730 obs. movement along<br>5590 6369 - 5607 6376<br>LCO with OP alive. 1740<br>55886398 To 5605 6402.  | ✓            | TP       |
| 1830 |     | 8          |            | OP#2 Neg. Report                                                                                                                                                 | ✓            | TP       |
| 1845 |     | 9          | 1845       | Artillery Reported falling<br>in White 2 Area - 495640<br>med barrage - Lt Gilbertson from South<br>also informed. White 2 to send pre arranged patrols tonight. | ✓            | T/P.     |
| 2000 |     | 10         |            | Blue Reports Negative                                                                                                                                            | ✓            | TP       |
| 2020 | 20  | 11         |            | Red Reports Negative                                                                                                                                             | ✓            | TP       |
| 2025 |     | 12         |            | White Reports Negative                                                                                                                                           | ✓            | TP       |
| 2040 |     | 13         |            | Blue ask about Photo<br>Request. He especially want<br>it for new implementation<br>of own camouflage.                                                           | To Div ✓     |          |
| 2040 |     | 14         |            | Red Reports That B.C.<br>wire laying crew saw one<br>German believed to be armed<br>with machine pistol at<br>542637 AT 2025                                     | ✓            | TP       |
| 2100 |     |            |            | White report Fox Co Patrol<br>Reports it was to be stopped<br>Boulaye. Normandy 2030                                                                             | ✓            | TP       |



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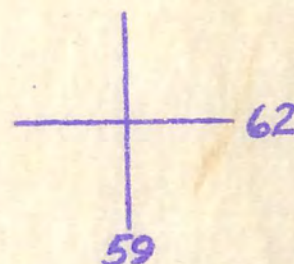
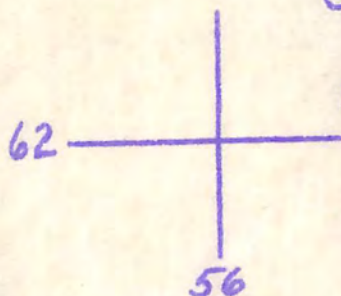


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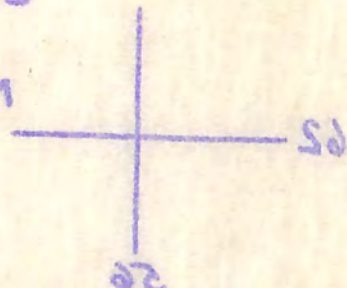
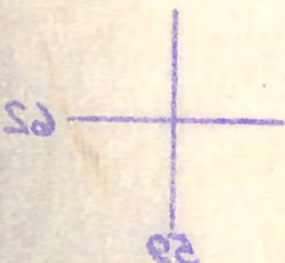




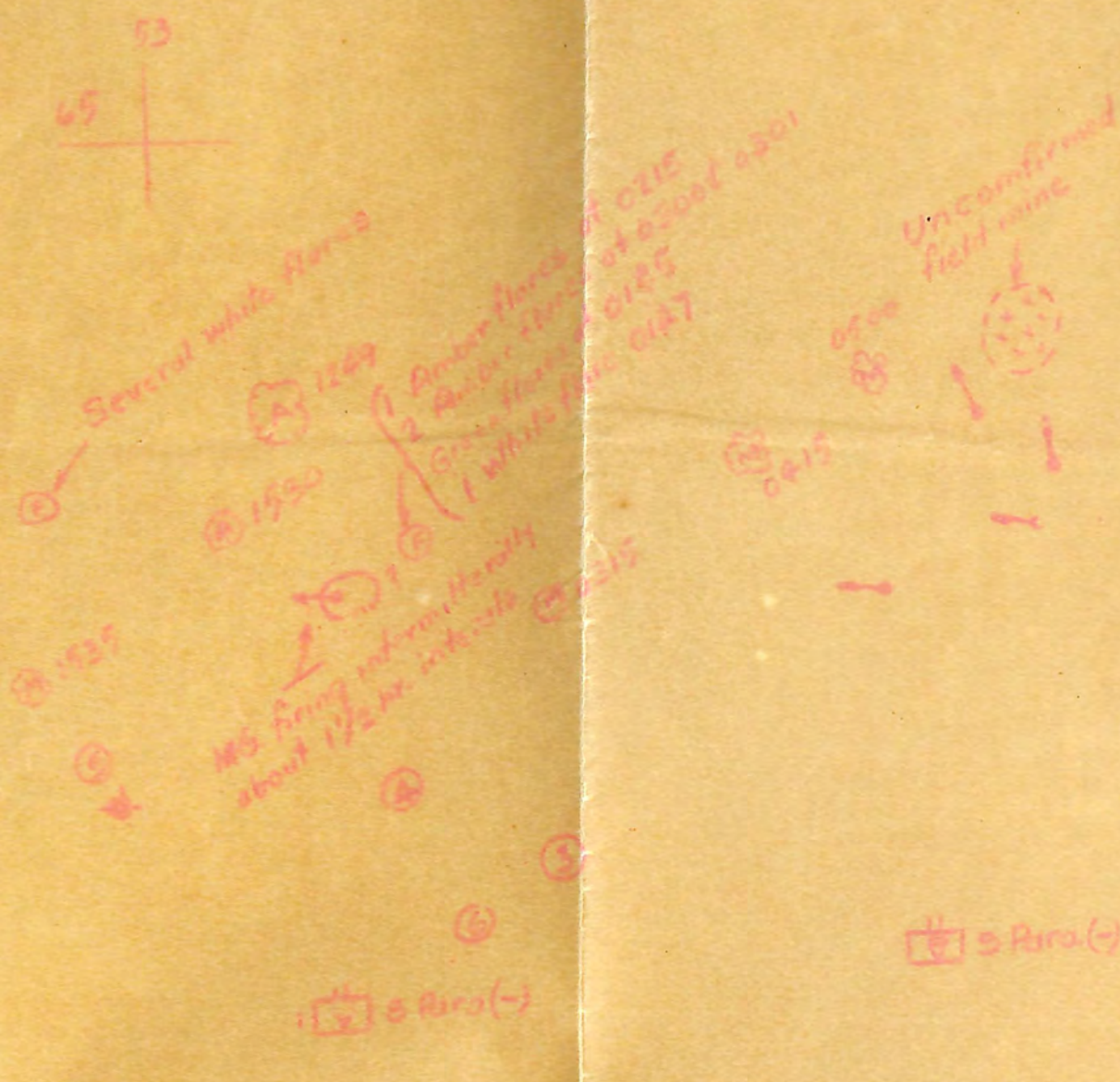
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SITUATION OVERLAY AS OF  
2000 THIS DATE.







# JUNIPER HQ.

Enemy Situation As of 221500 July 44  
- To Accompany Unit Report -  
MAP REF. ST. LO, BALLEROY (425000)  
Sheet #34/16 SW & SE

## Legend -

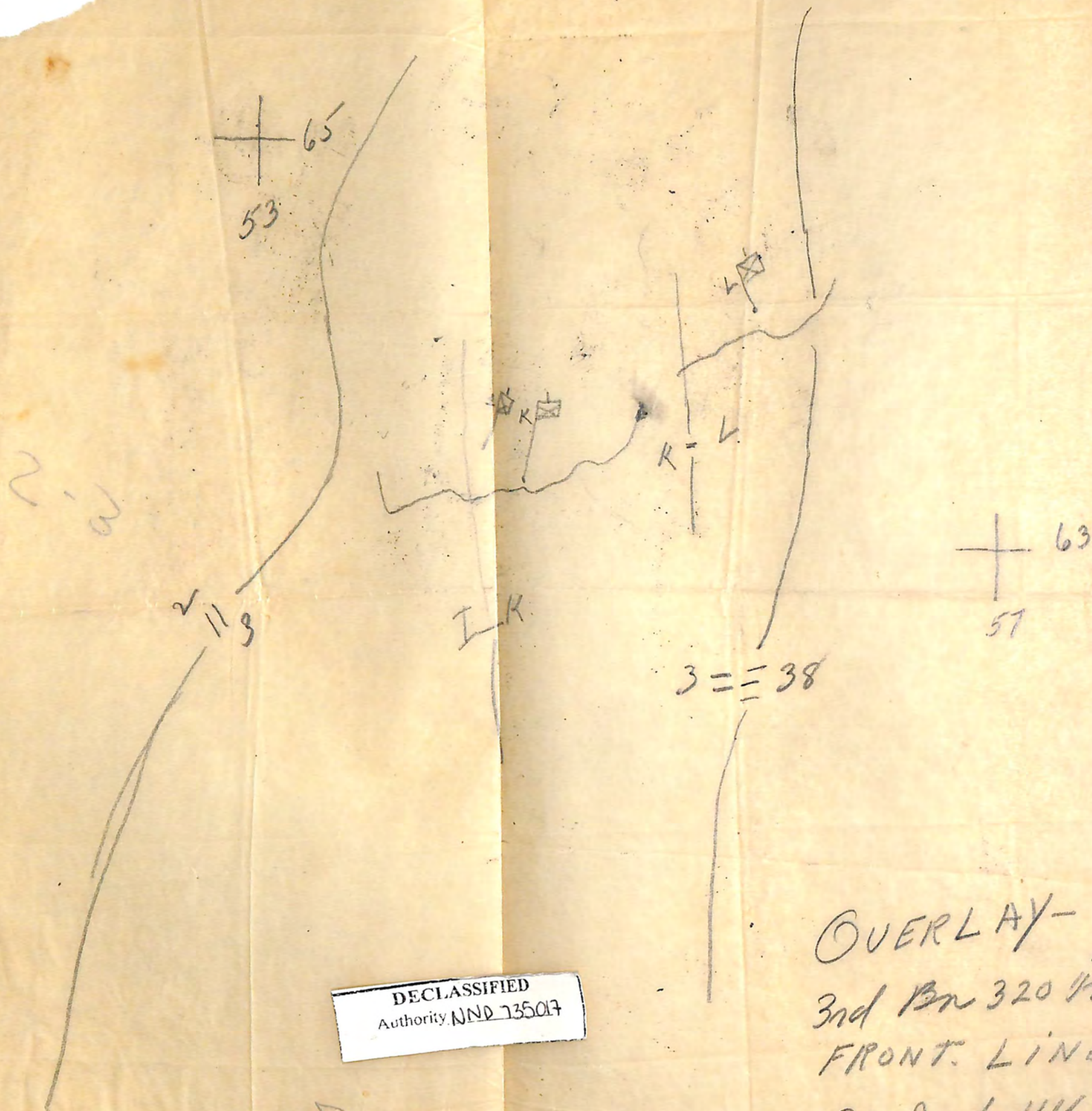
- ① - Parachute found in a tree at 513687
- ② - Sen. seen entering woods - 0920 - 535634
- ③ - Noises of horses & men - 0340
- ④ - Est. 50 men & veh. heard at 0330
- ⑤ - Est. 1 sq. of en. in houses
- ⑥ - Sound of veh. at 2300, travelling SE
- ☞ - Artillery
- ☞ - Mortar

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OVERLAY- of  
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FRONT LINES

22 July 44  
TIME 1600

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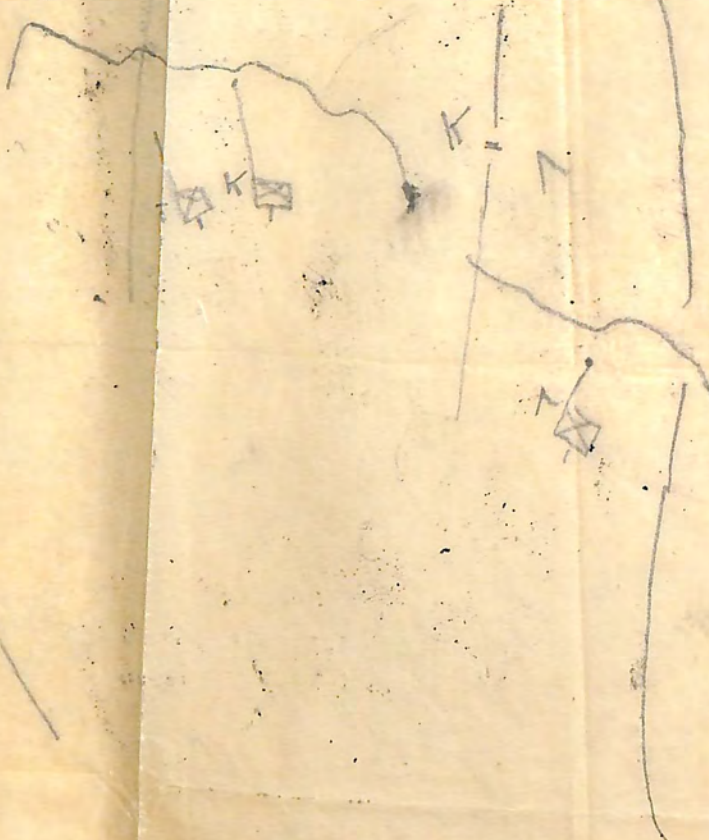
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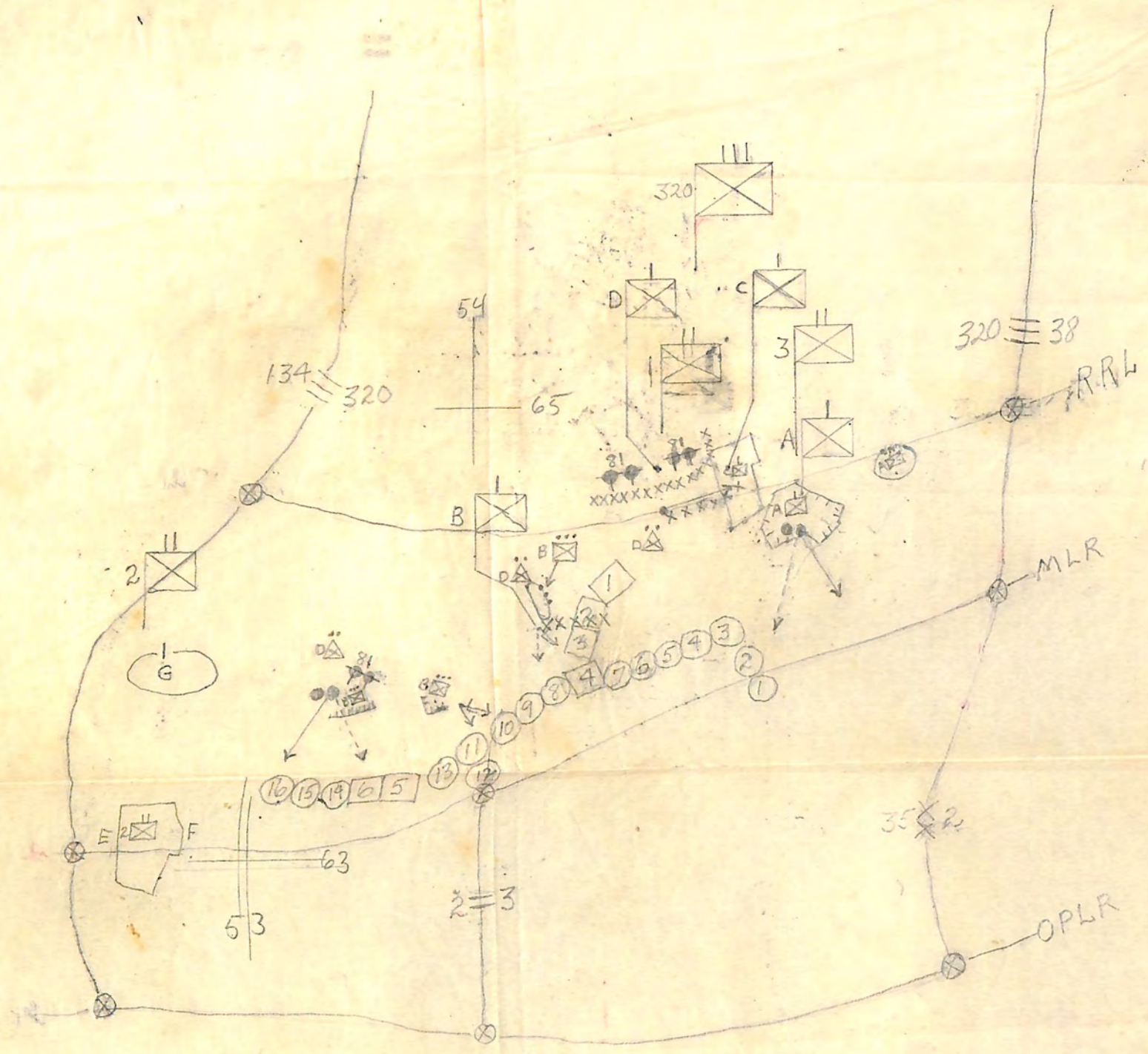
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3RD BN ALL TRAPS MARKED  
BY STAKES  
ALL TRAPS IN BARRIERS  
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ALL TRAPS ARE FULL  
TYPE 1/2 LB. TNT

3 TRAPS 1/2  
FROM NE 210°  
160°

2 TRAPS 1/2  
NE 210°-160°

2 TRAPS 1/2  
NE CORNER 205°-160°

4 TRAPS FIELD  
FROM NE  
210°-160°  
205°-190°-180°

MINES 1/2  
AT CO.

WIRE LAYING MT  
COMPLETE IN GAP  
BETWEEN C4 B

MINES 1/2  
AT CO.

CONCERTINA  
W/ TRIP FLARES

12 AT MINES

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TRIP WIRE ALONG  
HEDGE ROW ON RIGHT  
FLANK OF 1/2 CO

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MINES FIELDS, CONCERTINA & BOOBY TRAPS IN  
REGIMENTAL AREA

175th CT

19 July 44

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from: 221500 July 44  
to: 231500 July 44  
Juniper

Maps: France 1/25000 Sheets St. Lo & Balleroy

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

See

a. Front Lines: see overlay.

b. Units in contact: see overlay.

c. Defensive organization: Enemy is outposting along line to our immediate front. Outposts are well dug in with sufficient automatic fire but ground is very thinly occupied by riflemen and supporting mortars.

2. Enemy operations during period:

a. General summary: Harassing Artillery mortar, and light Machine gun fire in our sector during period. Medium Artillery barrage was reported at 495640 at 1845 and at irregular intervals in our forward areas. Mortar fire was reported at 2230 falling in the general vicinity of 529633. Sniper activity was very limited with only one sniper reported at 2025 located at 542637. Our observation posts reported small group of men digging in at 54126274 and movement by several men at 559637 at 1630. One enemy patrol was discovered in the vicinity 546630 at 0740. Patrol was dispersed by grenade action but no casualties resulted. Enemy resistance to our patrols by regularly intervalled flares and in one instance by rifle fire. No enemy aircraft or tanks were reported in our sector during this period.

3. Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties light. b: No P.W.'s were taken. c: Morale unknown. d: Knowledge of our situation, unknown.

4: Enemy capabilities: Unchanged.

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TACTICAL INTERVIEW REPORT  
MII TEAM # 427.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND 735017

Date: 22 July 44  
Time: 2100

Subject: Tactical Interview Report

To : Juniper 2.

1. Terrain:

a. The region S of St. Lo is extremely hilly and will be an even harder countryside to fight in.

b. S of Tessy sur Vire at Pontferoy and Le Beny and Bocage the ground is very rugged and will present very strong obstacles to our advance. Particularly on the road between Campeux at 61-44 to Le Beny Bocage the road is running under huge rock formations.

c. In the sector S of Tessy sur Vire there is a high ground spot called La Butte De Gaumont which very likely is used by the enemy as an OP. Informant claims that from this OP one can see for 12km in the direction of St Lo.

2. Enemy Strongpoint:

a. Reference is made to the St Lo sheet 1:25000. At 529611 a small village La Monterie is believed to be occupied by enemy gun emplacements, particularly in the wooded area which is divided by a small river.

3. Enemy Task Force:

a. According to informant's report the enemy is re-establishing a defensive line from 2 - 3 miles S of the St Lo - Bayeux road. Informant also states that the enemy is regrouping the remnants of bataillons which have fought the battle of St Lo. Apparently the enemy has been shaken by the strong Allied push and has shown in many instances great fear of our Artillery fire.

4. Civilian Population:

a. The enemy is reported to force the civilians to evacuate their homes and to follow the enemy troops.

MII TEAM # 427

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July 23, 1946

1804 - Maj Gillis called & stated that reports received from 2<sup>d</sup> Bn 137 Inf in the night of the Bur sector and along the Ure river smoked their positions and forced a crossing of the river. Size & Composition of the force is unknown

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1805 - Capt McAllister, 102 Carb reported to CP to act as Ln O for that unit & submitted to Co. a copy of their operations order.

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2115 - Col Renfro called and direct that the platoon of AT guns in mobile reserve be moved to and employed at RJ 527637

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**S-2 Periodic Report.**

from: 231500 July 44  
to: 241500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000, Sheets St. Lo and Balleroy.

**1. Enemy situation at end of period.**

- a. Front lines: See overlay
- b. Units in contact: See overlay
- c. Defensive organizations: Enemy outposts along line our immediate front are well dug in with supporting automatic weapons and mortars, ground being thinly occupied by riflemen. With ground South of branch of Vire river more thickly occupied and probable location of mortars and light artillery.

**2. Enemy operations during period:**

Harrassing artillery fires fell in our forward areas from 1700 to 2300 and again at 0130 at approx. 10 minute intervals. with one airburst barrage reported at 526630 and other concentrated barrages reported at 543632 and 555640. Medium mortar fire was received in our forward areas from 1750 to 0315 and again from 1100 to 1210 with main concentrations vicinity 551639 and 525631. Enemy small arms and MG fire ~~was~~ was directed at our front line units from 1920 to 1945 and 1100 to 1200 during this period.

Listening post reported hearing enemy vehicle at 0035 vicinity 530625.

Extensive use of flares by enemy were reported from 2342 to 0118 with amber and green flares falling at regular 3 to 5 minute intervals.

During this period enemy sniper activity was very limited, with only two reports of snipers being received at 2145 and 2220 in our forward area.

Planes- 5 Me 109 s were reported overhead at 2050 flying SE at 250 to 300 MP.

Tanks- None reported during period

**3. Miscellaneous:**

- a: Enemy casualties: Light
- b: No P W.s were taken during this period, total to date 119 .
- c: Enemy morale: Unknown
- d: Knowledge of our situation: Unknowns
- e: Our patrols located several gun positions during period ( see patrol overlay)

**4. Enemy capabilities:**

- a: Continue his hedgerow to hedgerow delaying action through each successive natural defensive position with troops thinly occupying the ground.
- b: Withdraw to high ground line La Pelinere, Boulogny leaving only covering shell in present position.
- c: The identified enemy strength in our front and the natural defenses in our sector make enemy large scale attacks improbable without securing additional reserves of men and the use of supporting tanks.
- d: However counterattacks for momentary gains within our sector are highly possible.



# S-2 JOURNAL

From 23 July 44 1500 To 24 July 44 1500  
date hour date hour

PLACE NORMANDY FRANCE

| TIME |     | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action Taken         | How sent |
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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                      |          |
| 0010 |     |            |            | Blue 2 (B) AMBER & GREEN FLARE WENT OFF A 100yds IN FRT. of L. Co AREA. ARTY OBS. Seen A German jump from A TREE JUST A The LAST FLARE WENT OFF. 2342<br>ABLE Patrol CONTACTED K Co. 2340                                                                                                                                    | ✓                    | TP       |
| 0030 |     |            |            | Blue 2. Seen more Flares Amber. 0013 (3500mils), 0015 (3300mils), 0012 (3300mils), 0018 (3600mils), 0027 (3700), LIGHT GREEN AT 1700 MILS. PLACE OF OBSERVATION WILL be GIVEN LATER (450yds From CP 27°30')                                                                                                                  | ✓                    | TP       |
| 0035 |     |            |            | WHITE 2. Easy Co. Reports Sound of Vehicles to Their FRT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                    | TP       |
| 0045 |     |            |            | MI OFFICER REPORTED THAT THEIR WAS A POCKET OF APPROX. 20 GER. NEAR THE VIC. OF JURY CP & They were hiding in houses in the vicinity OF JURY CP.                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓<br>To Jury AT 0110 | TP       |
| 0100 |     |            |            | Red 2 Neg. Report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                    | TP       |
| 0130 |     |            |            | WHITE 2.<br>F. Co Reports Neg. F. Co. Received ARTY FIRE behind 88. H. Co. Received ARTY FIRE, G. Co. Patrol went OUT 200yds From FRT of F. Co & 150 yds S. ran INTO 4 GER. Taking near house. CONVERSATION WAS THAT THEY were hungry No Food. Some Time heard car moving From house S. Along Hwy. 1134. House behind 438628 | ✓                    |          |



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| In   | Cut |            |            |                                                                                               |              |          |
| 0145 |     |            |            | Blue. More planes,<br>4 Mortar Fire between<br>L. Co + K Co AREAS. 9 Rds<br>0118. 551639      | ✓            | TP       |
| 0200 |     |            |            | Justice 2. Reported mortar<br>fire on white AREAS + also<br>between K + L. Also G - Co Patrol | ✓ To Justice | TP       |
| 0205 |     |            |            | White 2. Fox Co. receiving<br>concentration mortar<br>fire, rest of Co. Neg.                  | ✓            | TP       |
| 0305 |     |            |            | Red. Neg. Report                                                                              | ✓            | TP       |
| 0315 |     |            |            | Blue 2. Few mortar<br>shells.                                                                 | ✓            | TP       |
| 0330 |     |            |            | White. Neg. Report                                                                            | ✓            | TP       |
| 0344 |     |            |            | Blue reports that about<br>2100 plane strafed their<br>front line elements.                   |              | TP       |
|      |     |            |            | Neg. Report Division                                                                          | ✓            | TP       |
|      |     |            |            | White Neg. Report                                                                             | ✓            | TP       |
| 0445 |     |            |            | Blue Neg. Report                                                                              | ✓            | TP       |
| 0435 |     |            |            | Red Reports Neg.                                                                              |              | TP       |
| 0515 |     |            |            | Red                                                                                           |              |          |
| 0555 |     |            |            | White Report Neg                                                                              | ✓            | TP       |
|      |     |            |            | Neg. Report                                                                                   | To Justice   | TP       |
| 0615 |     |            |            | Justice called about Patrols<br>info. obtained from 2nd BN on<br>G Co.                        | ✓            | TP       |
| 0650 |     |            |            |                                                                                               |              |          |



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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                                      |              |          |
| 0750 |     |            | WHITE 2    | NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                      | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0800 |     |            |            | REC'D OVERLAYS FROM WHITE & BLUE OF PATROLLING RESULTS.                                                              | ✓            | WGR      |
| 0910 |     |            |            | WHITE 2 called to find out if Blue was going to send out contact patrols today?                                      | ✓            |          |
| 0914 |     |            |            | neg. report OP #2                                                                                                    | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0930 |     |            |            | NEG REPORT OP #1 (KROMVLA)                                                                                           | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1000 |     |            |            | NEG REPORT OP #2 - REQUEST AERIAL PHOTO (RHODES)                                                                     | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1008 |     |            |            | REQUEST PHOTOMAPS 3001F22, F21 G 21, G22 E21 E22                                                                     | TO JUSTICE 2 | T/P      |
| 1100 |     |            |            | OP #1 NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1100 |     |            |            | OP #2 REPORTED 52 ROUNDS OF MORTAR 12 ROUNDS OF ARTY. L.M.G. WERE HEARD IN FRONT OF BLUE SECTOR                      | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1100 |     |            |            | RED: A, C, D NEG. REPORT - B O.P. PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND IN FRONT OF US (REQUESTED SOME)                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1100 |     |            |            | WHITE. PAMPHLETS FOUND                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1130 |     |            |            | OP #2 38 MORTAR FIRE ON BLUE - 2 140° - 150°                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 1210 |     |            |            | WHITE-2 REPORTS LMG FIRE ON EASY Co RIGHT FLANK, 300 YDS DIST ALSO HARRASSING MORTAR FIRE ON RIDGE BETWEEN CP & Co's | ✓            | T/P      |



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| 1615 |     |               |               | S-2 Unit Report sent to Justice To G-v ✓                                                                                                                                                                           |                   | msg.     |
| 1615 |     |               |               | Camera & unexposed film sent to Justice 2. Picked up at by Pat. Selig Karp near by body of American 29th Div. Soldier.                                                                                             | To G-v ✓          | msg.     |
| 1645 |     |               |               | Blue - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1700 |     |               |               | OP #1 Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1705 |     |               |               | White v - Reports that patrol returned on same route. Reported Neg. 1640                                                                                                                                           | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1715 |     |               | 1715          | En. laid down barrage air burst on hvy. to our immediate rear. 1400 yds. (526630)                                                                                                                                  | From White ✓      | T/P      |
| 1725 |     |               |               | OP #2 Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1730 |     |               |               | From Mss report - At la Monnerie enemy gun emplacements. 529611 St. Lo map - particularly in wooded area which is divided by small river - a defensive line 2-3 miles S. of St. Lo Bayeux Rd. is being established | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1735 |     |               |               | Red v - Reports finding en. B Co area diary which he is sending in                                                                                                                                                 | FWD. TO JUSTICE ✓ | T/P      |
| 1755 |     |               |               | Justice recalled that some cavalry officers would report 240900 for terrain study of our sector.                                                                                                                   | ✓                 |          |
| 1800 |     |               | 1700          | BLUE -2 REPORTS HEAVY ARTILLERY FALLING AT 54356324 AT ABOUT 10 MIN. INTERVALS.                                                                                                                                    | ✓                 |          |
| 1810 |     |               | 1750          | RED <sup>O.P.</sup> REPORTS MORTAR FIRE FALLING IN ITS VICIN. COMING FROM AZ 1550 <sup>D</sup> TIME FLIGHT OF SHELL 16 SECS.                                                                                       | ✓                 |          |



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PLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE

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| In   | Cut |            |            |                                                                                                                                                         |                         |          |
| 1835 |     |            | 1750       | JUSTICE-2 CALLED - ENEMY HAS ATTEMPTED RIVER XING USING SMOKE TO COVER XING OF 1 of 2 MEN AT 457654 - CAPT. THOMPSON REPORTED BY JURY                   | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1845 |     |            |            | OP #1 + 2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                   | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1905 |     |            | 1810       | WHITE: NEGATIVE REPORT FOX Co RECVING HARRASSING MORTAR FIRE AT THEIR FRONT                                                                             | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1930 |     |            | 1920       | RED-2 REPORTS ENEMY AUTO. SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 533 631 INTO BAKER Co AREA.                                                                              | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1930 |     |            |            | O.P. #2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                     | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1938 |     |            |            | BAKER Co REPORTS OUR ARTY FALLING INTO ENEMY GUN POS. 533631 SCREAMS WERE HEARD                                                                         | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1945 |     |            |            | BLUE REPORTS EN. SMALL ARMS FIRE BEING RECVD. ALONG THEIR FRONT.                                                                                        | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1956 |     |            |            | RED: REPORTS M G. 450 YDS FROM BAKER Co SILENT                                                                                                          | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1957 |     |            |            | O.P. #1: NEG. REPORT. - CLOSING OUT                                                                                                                     | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 2014 |     |            |            | JUSTICE-2 REPORTS - IN VIEW OF DIVERSIFYING ENEMY ACTION IN JURY SECTOR AT 1750 OUR UNIT SHOULD BE ALERT FOR AGGRESSIVE ENEMY action tonight & tomorrow | RED3 WHITE3 BLUE-Commo. | T/P      |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                               |
| 2035 |     |               |               | To Justice 2 - En mortar & art. fire (harassing) have been falling in our forward areas 1800 to 2000, also small arms fire being received in Blue Sector                            | ✓                               | T/P<br>TO SGT<br>CHRISTIANSON |
| 2050 |     |               |               | White 2 Reports 5 en. ME 109 overhead flying SE - also that a Soplin patrol killed 2 men of an enemy 7 man patrol which they encountered at 5176rb and knocked out m.g. in village. | ✓ To Justice 2                  | T/P.                          |
| 2150 |     |               |               | Sniper Fire APPROX Two hedg. rows left of Baker Co. CP vehicle traversed by & were fired upon Red 2.                                                                                | ✓                               | TP                            |
| 2200 |     |               |               | Blue 2 negative report                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                               | T/P.                          |
| 2220 |     |               |               | White 2 Reports limited sniper activity in sector                                                                                                                                   | ✓ to Justice 2                  | T/P.                          |
| 2245 |     |               |               | Justice 2 Reports Soplin patrol captured 4 PW                                                                                                                                       | ✓ To Red 2<br>White 2<br>Blue 2 |                               |
| 2300 |     |               |               | Blue 2 Reports enemy art. fire vic. 555640 - also planned patrols are out.                                                                                                          | ✓                               | T/P.                          |
| 2305 |     |               |               | Red 2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                   | ✓                               | TP                            |
| 2305 |     |               |               | Blue 2 sends in map found in house in his sector                                                                                                                                    | ✓                               | MSGR.                         |
| 2320 |     |               |               | White 2 neg. report                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                               | TP                            |
| 2400 |     |               |               | Justice 2. SENT To you 2 diaries that were picked up & AMI Report Neg. Report.                                                                                                      | ✓                               | TP                            |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                    |                 |          |
| 1225 |     |               |               | OP #1. NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                             | ✓               |          |
| 1250 |     |               |               | OP #2 OBSERVED SOME SILVER STRIPS, BELIEVED TO BE PAPER FALLING ABOUT IN OUR SECTOR.                               | ✓               |          |
| 1310 |     |               |               | OP #2 PICKED UP 2 (TWO) FRENCH (1 GIRL + 1 MAN) ON BICYCLES - REQUESTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO M.I.I.                  | ✓               |          |
| 1400 |     |               |               | Red 2 - mortar fire 250 yds. right front from dz. of 1500<br>"B" Co. reports sniper armed w/ M.P. in vic. of fire. | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1445 |     |               |               | OP #1 reports P47 shot down at 1300 dist 900 yds                                                                   | ✓               |          |
| 1515 |     |               | 1300          | OP #2 reports P-51 shot down - immediate front approx 1500 yds.<br>C.B. - 300 yds<br>1250                          | To G-V ✓        | T/P      |
| 1630 |     |               |               | OP #1 NEG. REPORT. VISIBILITY NOT TO GOOD                                                                          |                 |          |
| 1635 |     |               |               | FROM WHITE 2: REP. INT. MORTAR FIRE IN E & F CO. ALSO 88 FIRE IN E CO.                                             |                 | T/P      |



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Unconfirmed  
field mineCapture of several  
prisoners by Cav.

Legend:-

- ① - 1st sighted, believed to be carrying M.P. - 2025
- ⑦ - Movement in woods observed - 1630
- ⑦ - Rifle & MG fire observed - 1240
- ② - En. patrol seen - 1st

JUNIPER Hg.

Enemy Situation as of  
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MAR Ref. ST. Lot B. 100

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A hand-drawn map on a piece of paper. At the top, there is a dashed circle with a cross inside, labeled 'Unconfirmed mine field'. Below this, there is a small circle with the number '2' inside, labeled 'Captured several prisoners by Cav.'.

9 Para. (-)

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S-2 Periodic Report.

from: 231500 July 44

to: 241500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000, Sheets St. Lo and Balleroy.

1. Enemy situation at end of period.

- a. Front lines: See overlay
- b. Units in contact: See overlay
- c. Defensive organizations: Enemy outposts along line our immediate front are well dug in with supporting automatic weapons and mortars, ground being thinly occupied by riflemen. With ground South of branch of Vire river more thickly occupied and probable location of mortars and light artillery.

2. Enemy operations during period:

Harrassing artillery fires fell in our forward areas from 1700 to 2300 and again at 0130 at appr. 10 minute intervals with one airburst barrage reported at 526030 and other concentrated barrages reported at 543632 and 555040. Medium mortar fire was received in our forward areas from 1750 to 0315 and again from 1100 to 1210 with main concentrations vicinity 551639 and 525631.

Enemy small arms and MG fire ~~was~~ was directed at our front line units from 1920 to 1945 and 1100 to 1200 during this period.

Listening post reported hearing enemy vehicle at 0035 vicinity 530625.

Extensive use of flares by enemy were reported from 2342 to 0118 with amber and green flares falling at regular 3 to 5 minute intervals.

During this period enemy sniper activity was very limited, with only two reports of snipers being received at 2145 and 2220 in our forward area.

Planes- 5 Me 109's were reported overhead at 2050 flying SE at 250 to 300 MP.

Tanks- None reported during period

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. Enemy casualties: Light
- b. No P W's were taken during this period, total to date 119.
- c. Enemy morale: Unknown
- d. Knowledge of our situation: Unknowns
- e. Our patrols located several gun positions during period (see patrol overlay)

4. Enemy capabilities:

- a. Continue his hedgerow to hedgerow delaying action through each successive natural defensive position with troops thinly occupying the ground.
- b. Withdraw to high ground line La Pelinere, Bouligny leaving only covering shell in present position.
- c. The identified enemy strength in our front and the natural defenses in our sector make enemy large scale attacks improbable without securing additional reserves of men and the use of supporting tanks.
- d. However counterattacks for momentary gains within our sector are highly possible.



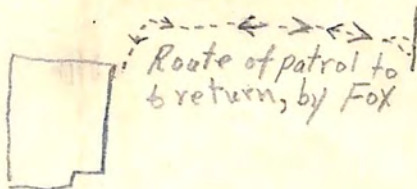
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Le Boulaye



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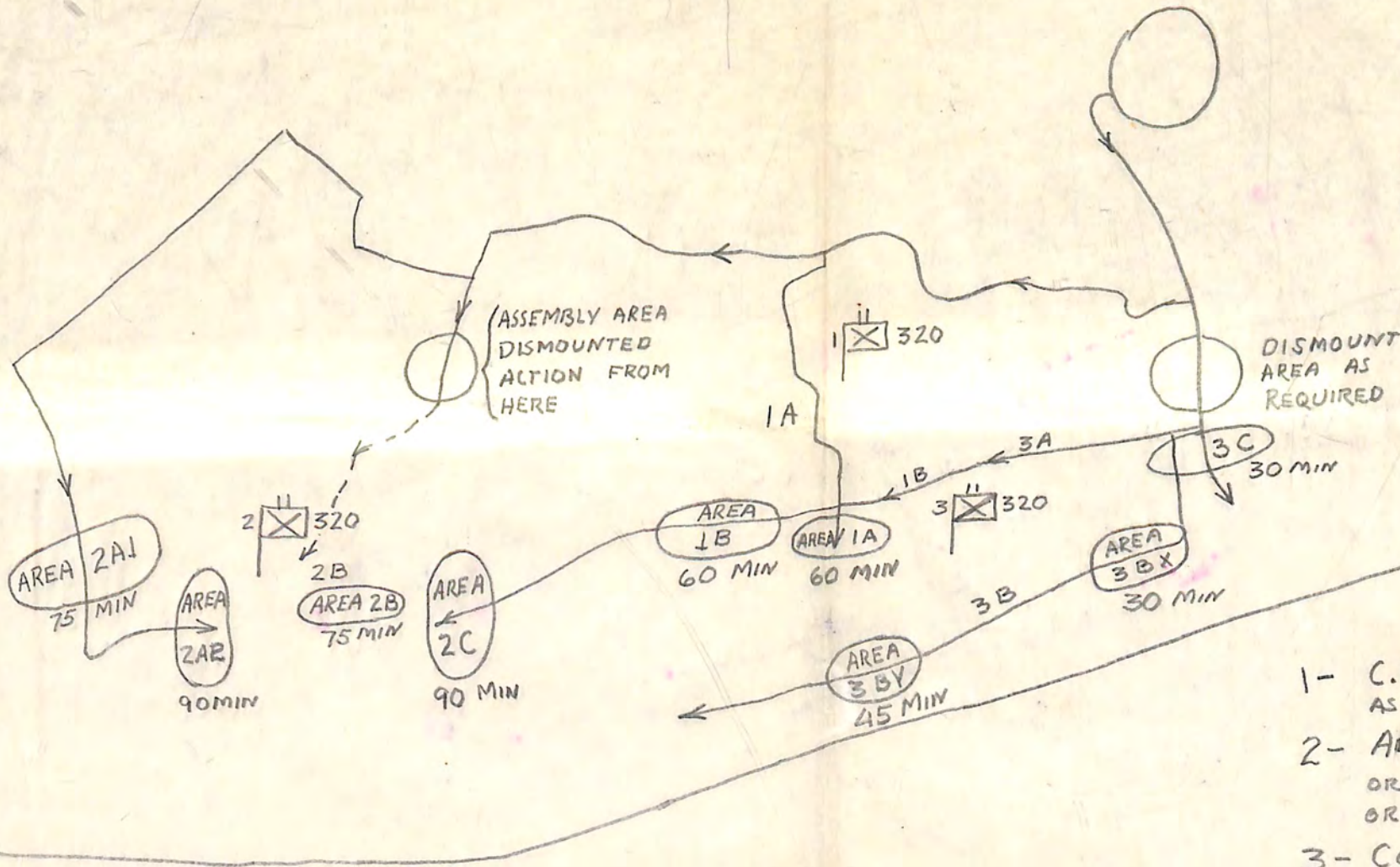


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# CAVALRY COUNTERATTACK PLAN



- 1- C.O. TO CALL FOR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED
- 2- ADV PARTY WILL MEET C.O. OR REPRESENTATIVE AT BN C.P. OR ON ROUTE TO AREA
- 3- COMBAT TEAMS TO BE COMMITTED AS THE C.O. DESIRES



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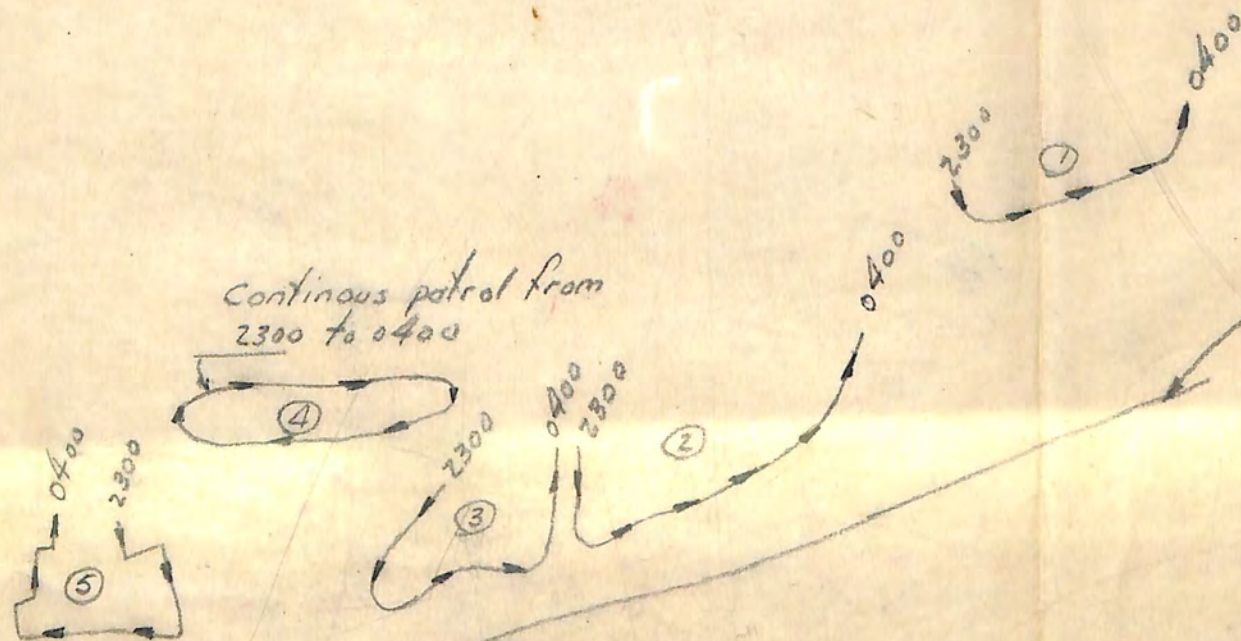
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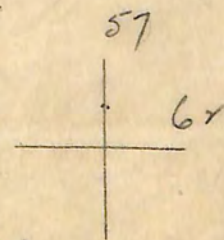


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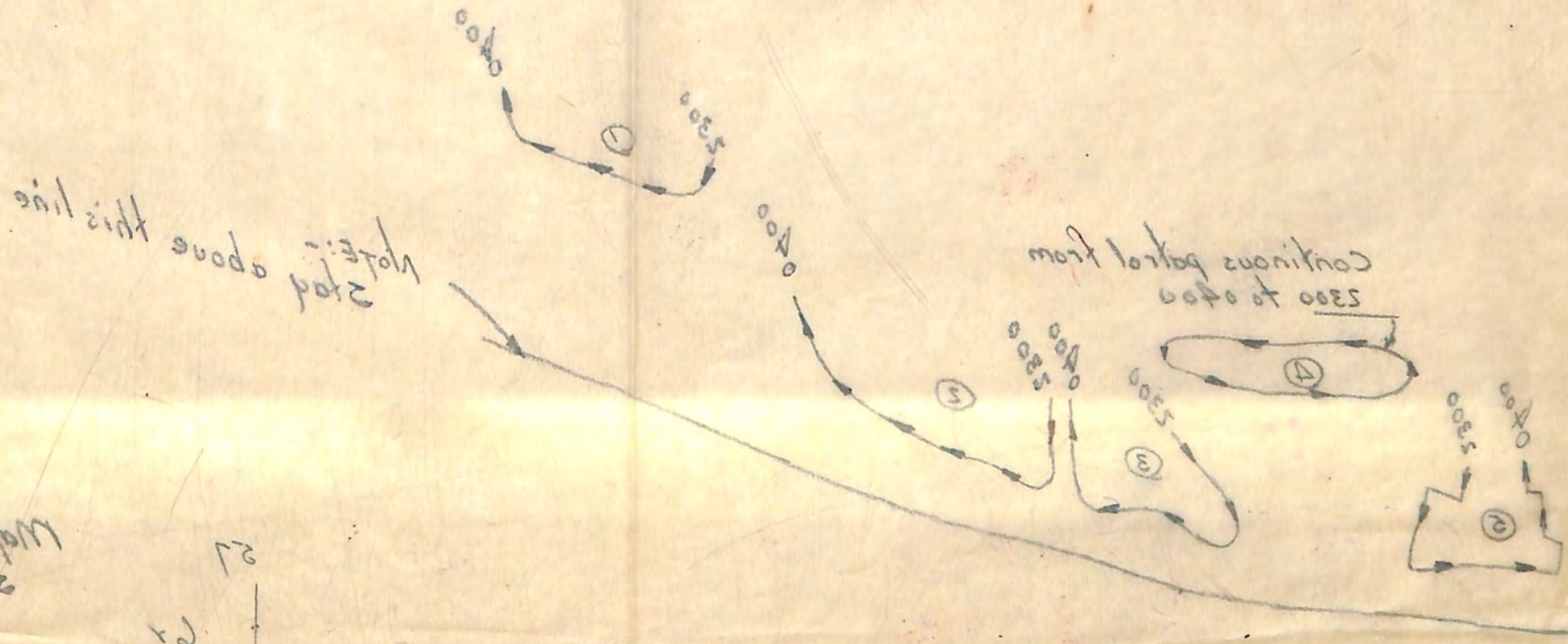


All patrols will definitely return by 0400.

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Night 23-24 July



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Continuous patrol from 5200 to 0400

All patrols will definitely return by 0400

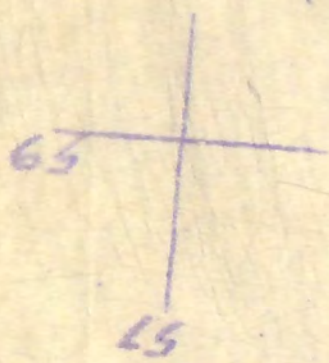
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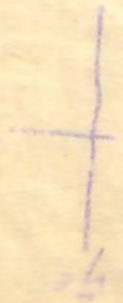
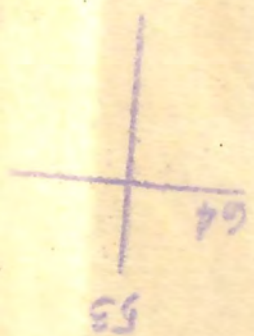
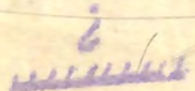
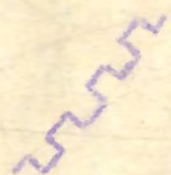


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En. Situation Map of  
231500 July 44  
Map Ref. (1/25000)  
ST. LOT BATTERY  
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Sheet # 3416 SW & SE  
3414 NW & NE  
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Troop  
movement  
(2) trucks, 2 men,  
(2) bicycles  
1900 to 2000



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July 24, 1944

0900 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported to CP + stated that a burned out troop carrier + a towed weapon believed to be a German 88mm gun had been found at 548647. The firing pin was removed from the gun by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 12 rounds of live ammunition for the gun was present and considerable mortar ammunition

0910 - CO reported to Div the information contained in message of 0900 above + requested that Arty Co be sent to examine the gun for intelligence purposes + that the Engs be directed to remove it from the area

1010 - Major Funk + Major <sup>219FA</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reported to CP + were taken to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn sector by Major Waring to examine + make recommendations concerning removal of the 88mm gun (see message 0900).

1013 - Major Watts, 29<sup>th</sup> Div a J officer reported to CP to discuss with CO + CO, a J Co, antitank defenses in 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn sector. CO directed that Maj Watts + CO a J Co make a physical reconnaissance + submit further recommendations to this CP

1045 - CO reported to Div that Maj Funk had examined the gun at 1<sup>st</sup> Bn area + recommended that Ordnance effect the removal. Div is sending an Ordnance officer to this CP.



1050 - Lt Col Lee & Maj Rousek 102 Cav Gp reported to CP

1055 - Maj Horner, Ordnance O from Div Hq reported to CP to demonstrate a modification on the LM to which lightens the weight & is fired from a tripod similar to the BAR. Maj Waring, 1st Bn requested to allow the gun to be test fired in the rear area. Maj Horner directed to 1st Bn CP

1117 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with following information:  
D-Day for Cobra 24 July. H-Hour 1300  
Heavy Bombing starts 24/200

1130 - Lt Col Doka reports propaganda leaflets being dropped by our forces are falling short & dropping on our own front line troops

1135 - Reported to Div the message of 1130 above. Capt Weinkamp requests type of aircraft and how marked. 3d Bn called & directed to obtain the information

1142 - Capt Russ 102 Cav Gp called at this CP to inquire the whereabouts of 125 Cav. Was directed to area occupied by 113th Cav to obtain that information

1147 - Reported to Div that leaflets in 3d Bn area were not dropped by aircraft but were



July 24, 1944

1405 - Lt Col Docka reported to CP to receive operational instructions.

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1410 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP + stated that operation Cobra has been postponed.

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1435 - 3d Bn, Capt Fredrickson, reported a P-51 plane crashed in flames 350 yds in front of Co L front lines. Noone was observed trailing out.

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From 24 JULY 44 1500  
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To 25 JULY 44 1500  
date hour

PLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE

| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                  | Action<br>Taken | How sent |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| In   | Cut |               |               |                                                                              |                 |          |
| 1010 |     |               |               | O.P. #2                                                                      |                 | T/P      |
|      |     |               | 1015          | 140°-160° 30 SHELLS<br>88' (2) DROPPING NEAR<br>FRONTLINE                    | ✓               |          |
| 1108 |     |               |               | O.P. #2 NEGATIVE REPORT                                                      | ✓               | T/P      |
|      |     |               |               | RED NEG. REPORT                                                              | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1115 |     |               |               |                                                                              |                 |          |
|      |     |               |               | 1130: 1640 2000 XDS<br>SMOKE RISING ALONG<br>ROAD. O.P. #1                   | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1130 |     |               |               | O.P. #1 NEG. REPORT                                                          | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1200 |     |               |               | O.P. #2 Negative Report                                                      | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1150 |     |               |               |                                                                              |                 |          |
| 1220 |     |               |               | O.P. #2 REPORTS PUFFS OF<br>WHITESMOKE IN DRAW<br>AZ. 130°-160° FROM O.P. #2 | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1240 |     |               |               | O.P. #1 Negative Report                                                      | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1241 |     |               |               | O.P. #2 Negative Report                                                      | ✓               |          |

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PLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE

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|------|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| In   | Out  |               |               |                                                                                                     |                                       |          |
| 0207 |      |               |               | WHITE-2, NEG. REPORT                                                                                | ✓                                     | T-P      |
| 0230 |      | RED-2:        |               | 1 AMBER FLARE<br>SEEN IN HOLLOW IN FRONT<br>OF BAKER CO CP. + 1 SHOT<br>WAS FIRED - 63.7-543        | REPORTED<br>TO JUSTICE-2<br>0400<br>✓ | T/P      |
| 0300 |      |               |               | WHITE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                            | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0300 |      |               |               | BLUE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                             | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0350 |      |               |               | WHITE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                            | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0350 |      |               |               | RED-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                              | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0352 |      |               |               | BLUE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                             | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0457 |      |               |               | BLUE-2: REPORTS ALL PATROLS<br>HAVE RETURNED                                                        | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0500 |      |               |               | WHITE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                            | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0505 |      |               |               | RED-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                              | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0545 |      |               |               | RED-2 NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                               | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0550 |      |               |               | WHITE-2: H CO. REPORTS<br>VEHICLES TO RIGHT FRONT<br>OF E CO. ALONG HIWAY. (EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN) | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0600 | 0600 |               |               | JUSTICE-2: NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                          | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0620 |      |               |               | JUSTICE ASKED FOR SUMMARY<br>REPORT ON NIGHT PATROLS CALLED BLUE-2                                  | ✓                                     | T/P      |
| 0900 |      |               |               | O P 2 STARTED OPERATIONS                                                                            | ✓                                     | TP       |



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From 24 JULY 44 1500  
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| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                            | Action<br>Taken | How sent |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| In   | Cut |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |          |
| 0100 |     |               |               | White 2 - neg Jax Co.<br>E Co quiet, 2400 - E Co<br>have motorcycle in distance                                                                                        | ✓               | T/P      |
| 0115 |     |               |               | DIXON - 200 YDS IN FRONT<br>OF B CO. 5 or 6 MEN.<br>FIRED ON PATROL.<br>WILL REMAIN WITH<br>WHITE BN UNTIL DAY-<br>LIGHT & RETURN                                      | ✓               |          |
| 0125 |     |               |               | B Co. Rep mortar<br>fire in hollow in front<br>of B Co. C.P. coming<br>from az of +650                                                                                 | ✓               | T/P      |
| 0130 |     |               |               | Blue 2 - negative<br>except at 2500 yards<br>at 1400 14600 mels<br>from forward O.P.<br>light mortar fire.<br>3200 mels 1:00 Parachute<br>Base. Mortar Seal<br>unk Co. | ✓               | TP.      |



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From 24 JULY 44 1500  
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PLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE

| TIME |     | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                   | Action Taken | How sent    |
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| In   | Cut |            |            |                                                                                                                               |              |             |
| 2005 |     |            |            | Blue 2 - Signal Equip. & Seaman<br>literature found in a barrel<br>house located at 5512645<br>Brought to S-2<br>✓            |              | T/P<br>MSGR |
| 2042 |     |            |            | 10 GERMAN 53156313<br>BY DIXON OFFICER<br>✓                                                                                   |              | T/P         |
| 2045 |     |            |            | SITUATION OVERLAY FROM<br>38TH INF<br>✓                                                                                       |              | MSGR        |
| 2200 |     |            |            | Blue 2 - Negative Report<br>✓                                                                                                 |              | T/P         |
| 2245 |     |            |            | White 2 - 1 officer killed<br>in "E" Co area by mortar fire.<br>"F" Co. reports harrassing small<br>arms fire.<br>✓           |              | T/P         |
| 2330 |     |            |            | Rev-1st platoon of "B" Co.<br>reports 3 lights directly<br>in front, approx 1000 yds.<br>✓                                    |              | T/P         |
| 2400 |     |            |            | WHITE: 1 patrol just hit<br>"E" Co line and drove<br>O.P. men back to line<br>at 2350. O.P. at 530631.<br>"E" Co. quiet.<br>✓ |              | T/P         |
| 2410 |     |            |            | Inf. sent of "C" Co. in 800<br>300 yds 15 Rds mortar<br>fire. "B" Co. CP. 1600.<br>250 yds 15 Rds mortar<br>✓                 |              | T/P         |
| 2430 |     |            |            | Blue 2 - all patrols moved<br>out - neg. Report.<br>✓                                                                         |              | T/P         |



## S-2 JOURNAL

From 24 July 44 1600 To 25 July 44 1500  
date hour date hourPLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE.

| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                              | Action<br>Taken | How Sent |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| In   | Cut |               |               |                                                                                                                          |                 |          |
| 1500 |     |               |               | 3RD BN. REPORTS believe EN. digging<br>IN IN FRT OF KING Co. NOT AUTH.                                                   | ✓               | TP       |
| 1527 |     |               |               | 1ST BN. NEGATIVE REPORT                                                                                                  | ✓               | TP       |
| 1600 |     |               |               | Red - Co. B receiving mortar<br>in front of their CP positions<br>approx. 1750 yds.                                      | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1648 |     |               |               | JUSTICE-2 CALLED, ASKED<br>FOR MAJ. JAMIESON TO CALL BACK                                                                | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1700 |     |               |               | OP' 2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                        | ✓               | TP       |
|      |     |               |               | OP' 3 Neg. Report                                                                                                        | ✓               | TP       |
| 1715 |     |               |               | Red 2 Neg Report                                                                                                         | ✓               | TP       |
| 1730 |     |               |               | RED-2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                        | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1815 |     |               |               | WHITE NEG. REPORT                                                                                                        | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1815 |     |               |               |                                                                                                                          |                 |          |
| 1826 |     |               |               | O.P. 1 REPORTS: SPOTTED<br>FIELDGUN AZ 163° RANGE 2200 YDS                                                               | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1828 |     | 1735<br>(ONE) |               | BLUE-2 ENEMY CUTTING DOWN 1<br>LARGE TREE 150 YDS RIGHT<br>IN FRONT OF ITEM CO. WHICH<br>ENGAGED ENEMY WITH SMALL ARMS   | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1745 |     | 1745          |               | Red - "B" Co. reports that Aiky planes<br>strafed positions approx. 160°<br>1000 yds. in front. Other Cos.<br>reporting. | ✓               | T/P      |

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1630-220040



B-2 Periodic Report

from: 241500 July 44  
to: 251500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 St. Lo & Balleroy

Enemy situation at end of period:

: Enemy Front Lines: No change; see overlay.

: Defensive organization: Enemy outposts along line our immediate front are well dug in with supporting automatic weapons and mortars, ground being thinly occupied by riflemen. Ground S of branch of Vire river more thickly occupied and probable locations of mortar and artillery.

Enemy operation during period:

a: General summary: The enemy appears to be improving defenses on their outposts. Reports of digging and cutting of trees were received 1500 to 1735. Our front lines received limited small arms fire at 2245. Harrassing mortar fire fell in our forward areas at irregular intervals throughout the period. No aggressive patrol activity during period. The enemy used flares extensively from 2330 to 0230. One of our patrols was fired on by enemy outposts located at 531631. No sniper activity reported during period.

b: Operations of component elements:

1: Infantry: activity appears to have been confined to solidifying of outposts positions and reacting to our patrols.

2. Artillery: exceptionally small amount of enemy artillery fire reported in our area during period.

3. Planes & Tanks: reported during period.

Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties: men during this period.

b: Enemy morale:

c: Knowledge of our situation: exceedingly small amount of artillery fire received during period indicates enemy knowledge of strength of units in our sector.

d: Our patrols very active, results see overlay.

4. Enemy capabilities: Unchanged.

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S-2 Periodic Report

from: 241500 July 44  
to: 251500 July 44

ps: France 1/25000 St.Lo & Ballaroy

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b: Defensive organization: Enemy outposts along line our immediate front are well dug in with supporting automatic weapons and mortars, ground being thinly occupied by riflemen. Ground S of branch of Vire river more thickly occupied and probable locations of mortar and artillery.

2. Enemy operation during period:

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b: Operations of component elements:

1: Infantry: activity appears to have been confined to solidifying of outposts positions and resistance to our patrols.

2. Artillery: exceptionally small amount of enemy artillery fire reported in our area during period.

3. Planes & Tanks: None reported during period.

3. Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties: light, no P W s taken during this period.

b: Enemy morale: unknown.

c: Knowledge of our situation: exceedingly small amount of artillery fire received during period indicates enemy knowledge of strength of units in our sector.

d: Our patrols very active, results see overlay.

4. Enemy capabilities: Unchanged.

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FRONT-LINES ~~of~~  
3rd Bn 320th  
24 July 1944  
TIME 1745



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TIME 1442  
24 Aug 1944  
3rd Bn 35002  
FRONT-TIME  
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Legend:-

- ① - 4 en were seen overhead taking
- ② - Talking & digging and lot of activity
- ③ - Mortar positions observed.
- ④ - 3 men en. patrol in corner of orchard setting off flares
- ⑤ - Horse drawn vehicles heard
- ⑥ - Sniper fire approx - 2150
- ⑦ - 2 flares 111 Green flare - 2342
- ⑧ - Vehicle heard going E - 1115

A - Artillery fire

④ - Mortar fire

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Energy Situation As of  
241500 July 44

Map Ref: ST Lo of Balleray (1/2500)  
Sheet # 34/16 SW PSE

Tomison St





July 25, 1944

0620 Negative report from 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn by Capt. Beach.

0915 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn called & requested permission to use 1 platoon of Co B to clear out a pocket of resistance and return to present positions.

0920 - CO called Div & received permission to use the platoon of Co B for the mission described in message of 0915.

0923 - Ltn Officer reported to CP & stated that operation Cobra would begin 25/100 July 44. Was given an overlay showing our positions as of 250930.

1330 Col Byrne left CP for 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.

1616 L-2 Rept. rec'd.

1616 Col Byrne ret'd to CP

1612 L.D. Silverman ltr. div. on R. is advancing & meeting light opposition, captured a few prisoners.

1800 2 Co at 1800 relieved B Co, B Co preparing to move C Co is enroute to new positions.

1850 It will be another hour and a half before C Co moves.

1920 - Major Egan called & stated that due to lack of coordination it is believed that a friendly mine field was removed while clearing the road as requested in vic of 541641.

1950 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported that relief was progressing well and that he was moving to his new CP & that Maj Momm would be left at the old CP.



2015 - Relief will be effected as follows: Co B will relieve Co G. Co C relieve Co F. Co A will relieve Co E.

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2330 - Capt Walton, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported relief complete with exception of one platoon Co A which is on the way. Will report again when relief is complete

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from: 251500 July 44  
to: 261500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 St. Le & Balleroy

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

a Enemy Frontlines: no change, see overlay.

b Units in contact: see overlay.

c Defensive organization: Enemy outposts along our line our immediate front are well dug in with supporting automatic weapons and mortars. Ground being thinly occupied by riflemen. Ground S of branch of Vire river more thickly occupied. Outposts position behind hedgerow at 535630 onehundred yards South of Highway held be about 40 men 7 yards apart equipped with MG, M Pi, rifles according to PW report.

2. Enemy operation during the period:

Exceedingly light arty. harrassing fire and intermittent mortar fire fell in our forward area during period. Our front lines received medium, small arms, and MG fires at 2040 and 1130, very limited enemy patrol activity during period and no snipers were reported. ~~Enemy~~ The enemy resistance to our patrols through very extensive use of flares in our sector during the night. At 1500 enemy out-posts occupied the same positions previously reported ( see overlay).

Planes and tanks; none reported during period.

3. Miscellaneous:

a Enemy casualties unknown

b: Two PWs taken in our sector during period.

attached interrogation report # 31

c: enemy morale unknown.

d: knowledge of our situation: unknown.

4. Enemy capabilities:

a: Continue his hedgerow to hedgerow delaying action through each successive natural defensive position.

b: Withdraw to high ground LaPellnere - Boulogny leaving only covering shell in present position.



# S-2 JOURNAL

From 25 July 44 1500 To 26 July 44 1500  
date hour date hour

PLACE Normandy, France

| TIME |      | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                  | Action Taken      | How Sent |
|------|------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| In   | Out  |            |            |                                                                                              |                   |          |
|      | 1500 |            |            | Neg. Report To Trust                                                                         | ✓                 | TP       |
| 1810 |      |            |            | GP#2 Neg. Report                                                                             | ✓                 | TP       |
| 1825 |      |            | 1820       | GP#2 unidentified vehicle TRAVELING WHE 2500 yd to FRT.                                      | ✓                 | TP       |
| 1950 |      |            | (1945)     | White v - (1) White phos. shells in "E" Co. - (1) "F" Co. (552630)                           | To G-v<br>To Blue | T/P      |
| 2100 |      |            |            | Blue v reports he is sending in some papers found on dead German at 552644                   | ✓                 |          |
| 2040 |      |            |            | Called White v on verification of message (1945) and got the same info. Confirmed by White v | To White v<br>✓   | T/P      |
| 2040 |      |            |            | White v - En. small arms & auto. weapons being received throughout "E" Co front              | ✓                 | T/P      |
|      | 2140 |            |            | Reported that our right sector received small arms & auto. weapons fire.                     | To G-v<br>✓       | T/P      |
| 2220 |      |            |            | White v - Negative Report                                                                    | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 2240 |      |            |            | Red v - Negative Report                                                                      | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 2245 |      |            |            | Blue v - Negative Report - exception of noise of horse & veh.                                | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 2325 |      |            |            | Rodr 1st Bn relieved the 2nd Bn. No activity on lines                                        | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 2325 |      |            |            | White - White flares in front of "E" Co.                                                     | ✓                 | T/P      |
| 1130 | 1130 |            |            | Negative Report                                                                              | To G-v<br>✓       | T/P      |



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PLACE NORMANDY, FRANCE

| TIME |     | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                             | Action Taken            | How sent |
|------|-----|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| In   | Cut |            |            |                                                                                                                         |                         |          |
| 1510 |     |            |            | OP #2: AT 1500 AT AZ 174° EST. 3000 YDS 5 MEN SEEN CROSSING FIELD AROUND HOUSE?                                         | IO BN (OUT OF SECTOR) ✓ | T/P      |
| 1515 |     |            |            | OP #1: CIVILIAN CAR 2000 YDS. AZ 170° DRIVING S.E. 10 MPH                                                               | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1540 |     |            |            | NEG. REPORT FROM BLUE                                                                                                   | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1547 |     |            |            | OP #1: AT 1545 AT 170° EST. 2000 YDS 1 TRUCK (MILITARY) TRAV. S.E. AT 20 M.P.H. 549623                                  | BN BLUE ✓               |          |
| 1602 |     |            | 1545       | FROM JUSTICE 2: LIGHT OPPOSITION AS DIVISION ON OUR RIGHT MOVES FORWARD. P.W.'S FROM PANZER LEHR CAPTURED BY THAT UNIT. | BN-RED, WHITE, BLUE ✓   | T/P      |
| 1607 |     |            |            | OP #2: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                      | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1700 |     |            |            | OP #1: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                      | ✓                       | TP       |
| 1715 |     |            |            | OP #2: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                      | ✓                       | T/P      |
| 1745 |     |            |            | Blue 2, Neg Report                                                                                                      | ✓                       | TP       |
| 1746 |     |            |            | Red 2 Neg Report                                                                                                        | ✓                       | TP       |
| 1756 |     |            |            | OP #1 Neg Report                                                                                                        | ✓                       | TP       |
| 1800 |     |            |            | Rhombus reports no one has been in sector where he patrolled.                                                           | ✓                       | TP       |



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- Legend:-
- ① - Patrol fired upon by Jap. en. - 2040-2350-0100
  - ② - Booby traps both sides of stream - 1300
  - ③ - Digging in by small groups heard - 1500
  - ④ - Cutting down of trees seen - 1735

(M) - Artillery fire  
(M) - Mortar fire

JUNIPER HQ.  
Enemy Situation Hqs of  
251500 July 44  
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|------|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| In   | Out  |               |               |                                                                                                                             |                 |          |
| 1300 |      |               | 1300          | Recd 2. Reports Baker Co. patrol<br>Found Bobby TRAPS along<br>stream. See No 2. on situation<br>map. I Co, clear. (537633) | To Div<br>14 L0 | TP       |
| 1355 |      |               | 1350          | B-Co. heard FIRING small<br>arms across draw 1750<br>from Baker CP.                                                         |                 | TP       |
| 1400 |      |               |               | OP#1 Small. FIRING 8-900<br>yds to FRT.                                                                                     |                 | TP       |
| 1400 |      |               |               | Blue 2 - Neg. Report                                                                                                        |                 | TP       |
|      | 1350 |               |               | Red, White, & Blue. informed<br>that overhalls of patrols<br>will soon be sent to them.                                     |                 | TP       |
| 1420 |      |               | 1405          | OP#1 AT (566616) TRUCK<br>1 motor cycle, 1 man walking on<br>rd. traveling N.W. obs. by corp<br>arty.                       |                 | TP       |
| 1510 |      |               |               | OP#2: AT 1500 AT<br>1740 + EST 3000 YDS.<br>5 MEN SEEN CROSS-<br>ING FIELD AROUND<br>HOUSE.                                 |                 | T/A      |
| 1515 |      |               |               | OP#1<br>Civilian car 2000 yds.<br>az. 170° driving S.E. 11 MPH                                                              |                 | T/O      |
| 1540 |      |               |               | Neg Rept from Blue                                                                                                          |                 | TP       |
| 1540 |      |               |               | AT 1545 AT 1700 AT<br>EST 2000 YDS 1 VEH. (TRK)<br>TRAV. S.E AT 20 MPH.<br>OP#2                                             |                 | TP       |



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| TIME |     | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                          | Action Taken | How sent |
|------|-----|------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                                      |              |          |
| 1035 |     |            |            | OP# - 170° - 2500 yds. - (Brown) ✓<br>2 men walking across clearing.                                                 |              | T/P      |
| 1130 |     |            |            | Negative report (OP'd & O.P.) ✓                                                                                      |              | T/P      |
| 1320 |     |            | 1320       | OP# 170° - 2500 yds. - 5 veh. (Brown) ✓<br>on rd. traveling SW - at 10 mi. per hr.                                   |              | T/P      |
| 1235 |     |            |            | Blue - "I" Co. reports at 1235<br>Germans building up a line<br>at right front - 53456300 ✓                          |              | T/P      |
|      |     |            | 1305       | "K" Co. - found nothing to report<br>to their creek front ✓                                                          |              | T/P      |
| 1400 |     |            | 1          | OP# - located 6 AA guns - 180° -<br>5500 yds. approx. on crest of hill<br>(There were also 2 art. observers) ✓       |              | T/P      |
| 1425 |     |            |            | OP# - En. veh. heavily loaded<br>down w/ equip. - traveling SW - at<br>2000 yds. 170° ✓                              | TO DIV ✓     | T/P      |
| 1430 |     |            |            | OP# - 6 en. veh. - 3 abul. -<br>1 truck loaded heavily w/ men -<br>1 gun (Art) traveling SW - at 2000 yds. ✓<br>170° | TO DIV ✓     | T/P      |
| 1500 |     |            |            | OP# - 3 veh. w/ equip. traveling<br>SW - 2000 yds. - 170° ✓                                                          |              | T/P      |
| 1535 |     |            |            | OP# - Negative report ✓                                                                                              |              | T/P      |

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| TIME<br>In | Cut | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action<br>Taken | How Sent |
|------------|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
|            | rw  |               |               | To Justice - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | To G. ✓         | T/P      |
| 1229       |     |               |               | OP 2 - phot parachuted<br>7000 yd 1820 from burning plane ✓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓               |          |
| 1235       |     |               |               | OPI EN mortar position<br>1600 approx. 2000 yds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓               | TP       |
| 1325       |     |               |               | OP 1, 2 Negative Report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ✓               | TP       |
| 1330       |     |               |               | G-R Reports To Alert our<br>PATROLS FOR WITHDRAWAL<br>by the en.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓               | TP       |
| 0210       |     |               |               | K co. patrol returned & reported<br>that the enemy in front of them<br>is still in same position as last<br>night - (1 m.p. - 3rd reference - 500 m mortar)                                                                                                                                                         | To Division ✓   | T/P      |
| 0220       |     |               | 1100          | Red 2 brought in en. papers<br>found at 528633 on ground. ✓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓               |          |
| 0225       |     |               |               | White 2 NEG. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓               | TP       |
| 0239       |     |               |               | I co patrol also confirms report<br>enemy still occupying same position ✓<br>as last night                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ✓               |          |
| 1500       |     |               |               | L Co. Reported they made<br>CONTACT with some com. en.<br>our LEFT CAV. Reported that<br>UNIT on L. had adv approx.<br>300 yds. 1500. L. Co receiving<br>light mortar fire INFR.<br>of their lines. L. Co also<br>Reported at 1505 UNIT on<br>LEFT has adv. 300 yds to ERT of them<br>with Tank support.<br>3rd Bn. | ✓               | TP       |



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| In   | Out  |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |          |
| 1130 |      |            |            | Blue 2 - A little rifle fire on right flank - possibly patrols making contact. Otherwise quiet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0100 |      |            |            | Blue 2 - A aban. anti-tank gun located at 5520643                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0120 |      |            |            | Red - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0140 |      |            |            | White 2 - Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0220 |      |            |            | NEGATIVE REPORT TO JUSTICE 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0300 |      |            |            | White 2. Neg. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓            | T/P      |
|      | 0410 |            |            | Negative Report To Justice 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 0500 |      |            |            | White 2 Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓            | TP       |
|      | 0600 |            |            | Negative Report To Justice 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | TP       |
| 0615 |      |            |            | Red. 2 Neg. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ✓            | TP       |
| 0700 |      |            |            | JUSTICE 2 (CAPT THOMPSON) ASKED ABOUT PATROL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0715 |      |            |            | Report on patrolling given to Justice 2. - Lt Allenman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓            | T/P      |
| 0830 |      |            |            | TO PLIN PATROL REPORT LMG. AT 508127. FLARES ALONG ENTIRE FRT. VEHICLES MOVING AT 0545. TO THEIR FRT. JURY REPORTED HEARING TRUCKS & TRACK VEHICLES MOVING TO THEIR FRT. 0545. CORP reports they are friendly. UNIT ON LEFT JUMPED OFF ON SCHEDULE. UNIT ON RIGHT HAS IRRREGULAR FRT. & MOVING FASTER ON THEIR LEFT. LINE EXTENDS FROM 460645-430660-412658-408667. RESISTANCE CONSIST OF TANKS DOG IN ON RIGHT SECTOR, SURROUNDED BY PLAT. OF MG. 3. 1100. PLUS IN MORTAR FIRE. RESISTANCE ONLY CRUST NOT IN DEPTH. | FROM<br>G-2  | TP       |



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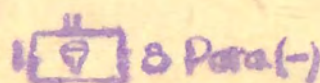
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| In   | Cut |            |            |                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |          |
| 0146 |     |            |            | FROM IPW: B BATTERY<br>459TH F.A. CAPT. 2 PW's<br>IDENT. 8TH PARA. AT<br>546656                                                                    | BLUE<br>RED<br>WHITE ✓<br>green<br>brown | T/P      |
| 0840 |     |            |            | OP#1 - Setting up obs.                                                                                                                             | Dickson ✓                                |          |
|      |     |            | 0930       | OP#2 - A large column of smoke<br>believed to be a ammo. dump hit -<br>located at 1500-1500 yds approx                                             | (Dickson) ✓                              | T/P      |
| 0955 |     |            | 0955       | OP#1 - lines back in.                                                                                                                              | (Brown) ✓                                | T/P      |
| 0950 |     |            |            | 1ST BN. Reports Co F. has 2<br>Patrols A-day. Charley Co<br>plans to do the same. Charley<br>Co. says he couldn't maintain<br>it continuous. Noack | ✓                                        | T/P      |
| 1000 |     |            |            | OP#2 Reports EN.<br>Smoke position between<br>(56606210) x (5820<br>6345)                                                                          | ✓                                        | T/P      |
| 1107 |     |            |            | WHITE 2 - NEG REPORT                                                                                                                               | ✓                                        | T/P      |
| 1145 |     |            |            | OP#2 - NEG REPORT                                                                                                                                  | ✓                                        | T/P      |
| 1149 |     |            |            | RED 2 - NEG REPORT                                                                                                                                 | ✓                                        | T/P      |
| 1150 |     |            |            | BLUE 2 REP: TANK ORTD<br>FIRING FROM AREA<br>IN FRONT OF K Co. 1145<br>L CO. HAS MORTAR FIRE<br>FADING 150 YDS TO FRONT<br>AT 1145                 | ✓                                        | T/P      |





Legend: --

- Legend:-
- ① - Patrol fired upon by Gorbem. - 2040-2350-0100
  - ② - Booby traps both sides of stream - 1300
  - ③ - Digging in by small groups heard - 1900
  - ④ - Cutting down of trees seen - 1735
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FA - Artillery fire

 - Mortar Fire

JUNIPER HQ.

Enemy Situation As of  
251500 July 44

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Plan for reception of 28th Div officers

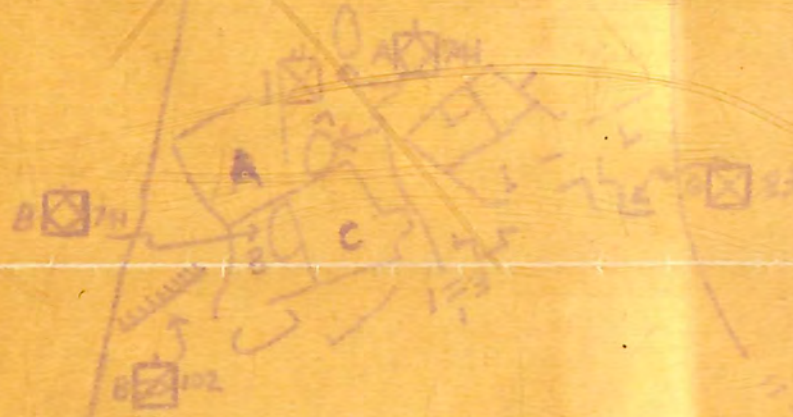
091 1130 - Div's Regimental C.S. (headquarters) office representatives  
from 1st Battalion HQ & 2nd Battalion

2 1145 - Group depart for 1st Battalion

3 1200-1300 - Lunch

4 1300 - Depart from Village C.S. with officers' aides on tour of inspection of each company area

2 1500 - Return to Rest C.S. telephone with 1st Battalion



HQ 38th INF

25 JULY 44

SITUATION OVERLAY AS OF 2000 THIS DATE  
MAP: FRANCE, SHT 34/16 SE 1/25,000

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# Plan for reception of 28th Div officers

1. 1130-- Arrive Regimental C.P. and meet officer representatives  
From each Battalion Hq. & separate company.  
general orientation by Juniper C.O.
2. 1145-- Groups depart for Bn. & separate Co. C.P.'s.
3. 1200-1300 - Lunch
4. 1300-- Depart from various C.P.'s with officer guides on tour of inspection of each company area.
5. 1600 - Return to Regt. C.P. & departure with Lt. Col. for Justice C.P.

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Plan for Reception of 28th Division Officers

1. 1130 -- Arrive Regimental Command Post, general orientation by Juniper Commanding Officer, and meet officer representatives from each Battalion Headquarters and separate company.
2. 1145 -- Groups depart for Battalion and separate Company Command Posts.
3. 1200-1300 -- Lunch.
4. 1300 -- Depart from various Command Posts with officer guides on tour of inspection of each company area
5. 1600 -- Return to Regimental Command Post and depart with Liaison Officer for Justice Command Post.

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Official:

McELROY  
Maj., S-3

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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0135 - Co 1, 1st Bn called + advised that the change was complete excepting one platoon of Co E.

0255 - S-3, 3d Bn called in a negative report. all quiet. Patrols out.

1000 - [unclear] visited CP giving [unclear] situation

1140 - Report from [unclear] they had changed to [unclear] the new Bn has made contact with [unclear] 1st Bn

1230 - Col Renfro called + informed S-3 that there were indications that the enemy to our front is pulling out. Maintain close contact + report any further indications

1300 - CO left CP to visit 1st + 2d Bns, will return at about 1400

1420 - CO returned to CP

1423 - Capt Ferris XIX Corps visited CP to discuss with CO the attack operations which began on 11 July 1944 and the information we had received of enemy positions

1440 - CO + S-3 departed for Dv Hq to attend tank demonstration

1445 - 3d Bn reports that Co I patrols have contacted the enemy + found him to be occupying the same positions of 25 July 44 + there is no evidence of withdrawal



1610 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn, Reported the enemy to be laying down smoke 1000 yds in front of Co E

1600 - S-2 reported that information received indicated tanks being used at 562634 at 1545

1700 - Legulate Atry Ltn O directed to place fires on known enemy positions between 1130 and 1230 tonight in vicinity 531627 - 535629 - 534626

2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn request removal of enemy mine in ~~the~~ vicinity of CP consisting of 5 mine, teller mines, mortar ammunition pyrotechnics

2030 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn notified to clear a passage to the cache of ammunition (see msg 2015) and Division Ordnance will pick it up 27 miles

0830 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn called Red 3 and informed them that interest was our own fresh blood.

2230 - Capt M<sup>c</sup> Elroy arranged for Engrs to assist A I Mine Plat Ldr in preparing mine sketches for all field in our sector. Also arranged to have Engrs clear a road to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn area





Legend: -

- ① - Booby traps on both sides of stream - 1400
- ② - Vehicles & activity on road - 2400
- ⊙ - 1 squad of enemy
- ☼ - Harassing mortar fire during period
- ☼ - White Phosphorus

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Enemy Situation No of  
261500 July 44

Map Ref: - ST. LO &

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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                  |                                  |               |
| 1538 |     |            |            | FROM BLUE FRONT PARTY<br>FIRE 20 RDS OF <del>44</del> .<br>ALL OVER AREA CEASED<br>AT 1538.      | DIV ✓                            | T/P           |
| 1541 |     |            |            | OP #1 NEGATIVE REP                                                                               | ✓                                | T/P           |
| 1548 |     |            |            | JUSTICE 2: TANKS<br>REP. AT 562634<br>AT 1545                                                    | BLUE -<br>WHITE - 2<br>RED - 2 ✓ | T/P           |
| 1615 |     |            |            | FROM WHITE 2: SMOKE<br>BEING LAID 1000 YDS<br>FRONT OF E CO                                      | DIV ✓                            | T/P<br>BY S-3 |
| 1620 |     |            |            | FROM JUSTICE 2: 561635 AT<br>LE SEMILLY - CONTACTING<br>ARMORED STRENGTH<br>UNDETERMINED         | ✓                                | T/P           |
| 1659 |     |            |            | FROM WHITE: TANKS<br>UNIDENT. BX AT SQUAD<br>BEL. TO BE FRIENDLY<br>SOUNDS MOVING S.<br>AT 1619. | ✓                                | TP            |
| 1700 |     |            |            | Neg Report Recd. 2                                                                               | ✓                                | TP            |
| 1725 |     |            |            | OP 1 + 2 Neg. Report.                                                                            | ✓                                | TP            |
| 1740 |     |            |            | 340 BN TANKS ON L.<br>IDENTIFIED AS THE 102ND<br>OF 98TH CAVAL.                                  | ✓ TO DIV                         | TP            |



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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                 |          |
| 0745 |     |            |            | FROM DIV: PAMPHLETS<br>DROPPED IN BLUE<br>AT 0100 BY ALLIED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | RED<br>WHITE<br>BLUE<br>✓       | T/P      |
| 0915 |     |            |            | Red Reports Negative<br>OP1 & 2 Report Neg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓<br>✓                          | T/P      |
| 1115 |     |            |            | Blue Reports Small Row<br>Patrol Led by LT. Ellinger<br>Found at 5465-6310. Hedge<br>Row Along Field Running<br>R/L of Coord. German dugouts<br>Sand Bagged with Gen. Unit Equip.<br>looked to be recently occupied.<br>Also telephone wire running from<br>dugout towards the Rear. Spotted 3<br>Teller mines poorly camouflaged.<br>New Patrol is assigned to follow<br>Telephone Line as far to Rear as possible.<br>Sending map of BREST AREA with<br>STRONG points. | Teller<br>mines<br>cleared<br>✓ | T/P      |
| 1150 |     |            |            | OP2. Am on other side of<br>hedge now 1300-4500<br>yds.<br>OP1 Neg Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 1230 |     |            | 1230       | White V - "F" Co. contact patrol<br>to 3rd Bn. reported in and<br>reports - negative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓                               | T/P      |
| 253  |     |            |            | WHITE-2. REPORTS: 3 MEN<br>WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED,<br>SEEN AND RIFLEMEN SENT AFTER<br>ENEMY. LOCATION: 537-634                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ✓                               |          |



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| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                      | Action<br>Taken                         | How Sent                            |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                  |                                         |                                     |
| 0120 |     |               |               | BLUE 2: CHNO IN<br>CO. REPTS 1 PARA<br>LANDED NEAR GREEN<br>OP #1 ???                                            | DIV<br>✓                                | T/P                                 |
| 0125 |     |               |               | RED: ARTY FLASH<br>↓ SOUND <sup>MAN</sup> REPORTS<br>4 PROTS OF SUPPLIES?<br>DROPPED BY PLANE<br>AT 0100 JOURNAL | DIV<br>S-3<br>✓                         | T/P                                 |
| 0130 |     |               |               | BLUE 2: 0100 PLANE<br>DROPPED PAMPHLETS<br>IN BLUE AREA                                                          | DIV<br>✓                                | T/P                                 |
| 0145 |     |               |               | UNIDENT PLANE<br>FLEW OVER SECTOR                                                                                | ✓                                       |                                     |
| 0145 |     |               |               | BLUE: REPORTED<br>PAMPHLETS PRINTED<br>IN GERMAN                                                                 | DIV<br>S-3 ✓                            | T/P                                 |
| 0200 |     |               | 0120          | DIV: ARMOR 22<br>REPORTS LONG<br>BLACK OBJECT<br>OVER ST LO AT<br>1000 FT FROM S.W.<br>TO NE NOT TOO             | RED ✓<br>BLUE<br>WHITE<br>S-3<br>FAST ✓ | T/P<br>MAKING A<br>RUBBING<br>SOUND |

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## S-2 JOURNAL

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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                                           |                 |          |
| 2307 |     |               |               | RED 2: WHITE FLAMES<br>IN FRONT OF ENEMY<br>LINE. AT 2255                                                                                 | ✓<br>DIV        | T/P      |
| 2325 |     |               |               | RED 2: IN FRONT<br>OF C CO. AT 2315. DIV<br>TRUCKS HEARD.<br>ON ROAD.                                                                     | ✓<br>DIV        | T/P      |
| 2349 |     |               |               | BLUE: L CO REPORTS<br>CONTACT WITH CAV.<br>UNIT ON LEFT.                                                                                  | ✓<br>DIV        | T/P      |
| 0015 |     |               |               | WHITE 2: NEG. REPT.                                                                                                                       | ✓               |          |
| 0038 |     |               |               | BLUE 2: NEG REPT.                                                                                                                         | ✓               | T/P      |
| 0100 |     |               |               | RED 2: NEGATIVE                                                                                                                           | ✓               | T/P      |
| 0100 |     |               |               | 1 UNIDENT AIRPLANE<br>FLEW OVER SECTOR. NO<br>AA FIRE, VERY HIGH,<br>BOMBER MEDIUM OR<br>HEAVY; NO ACTION<br>TAKEN; SENSE (BLUE REPORTED) | ✓               | NONE     |
| 0115 |     |               |               | WHITE: NEGATIVE                                                                                                                           | ✓               | T/P      |



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| 2247 |     |               |               | <p>BLUE 2: I CO.<br/>           Rept. Trucks along<br/>           Highway. Light Traffic DIV<br/>           &amp; Heavy Traffic both<br/>           ways. Trucks heavily<br/>           loaded &amp; pulling heavy<br/>           10 TRUCKS<br/>           - 20<br/>           COORD 5300 240<br/>           TO 5440 240<br/>           WE FIRED ARTY-<br/>           RESULT HOWLING<br/>           &amp; YELLING.<br/>           TIME 2230</p> |                 | T/P      |
| 2255 |     |               |               | <p>RED 2: 02 EN AIR<br/>           STRAFING FRONTLINE DIV<br/>           ARTY BARRAGE IN DIV<br/>           FRONT.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 | T/P      |
| 2300 |     |               |               | <p>BLUE 5: 2255<br/>           2 UNIDENT STRAFED<br/>           FRONT LINE.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 | T/P      |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |          |
| 2045 |     |               |               | WHITE 2: FRONT F. CO.<br>↓ 3 P. BN BEING STRIPPED<br>UP BY EN. FIRE ON<br>OUR CAU.                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                         | T/P      |
| 2055 |     |               |               | REF 2: NEGATIVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           | T/P      |
| 2130 |     |               |               | Negative Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ✓                         | T/P      |
| 2200 |     |               |               | WHITE 3 GERM ?<br>BELIEVED WORKING<br>ON RD 536634 AT<br>1910 ?? BOOBY TRAPS                                                                                                                                                                      | ✓                         | T/P      |
| 2245 |     |               |               | MAT WOODS: AFTER<br>INT. OF 2 PWS:<br>EN. FRONT LINE<br>EXTENDS ALONG HEDGE<br>S. OF ROAD BET.<br>(521628) TO (530629)<br>W. HALF INF EAST<br>HALL ENG. ENG<br>TO BOOBY TRAP.<br>UNIT TO FRONT REINF.<br>IN LAST TWO DAYS BY<br>47 YR. OLD PARAT. | RED<br>WHITE<br>BLUE<br>✓ | T/P      |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |          |
| 1745 |     |               |               | FAIR REPORTS<br>PATROL FROM C-2<br>TO 3RD BN. ALL CLEAR                                                                                                                    | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1800 |     |               |               | GENERAL ORDERS THAT<br>WE PUSH VIGOROUS<br>REIN. PATROL AS FAR<br>TO THE FRT AS POSSIBLE<br>+ TO REPORT ANY SIGNS<br>OF THE EN. WITHDRAW<br>RED-2 AT ONCE.<br>FROM JUSTICE | ✓               | T-P      |
| 1830 |     |               |               | OP 1-2 NEG REP                                                                                                                                                             | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1847 |     |               |               | RED-2. ABLE CO<br>REPORTS MORTAR FIRE<br>BELIEVED TO BE FROM<br>524-625 - ORCHARD<br>SE OF LA ROCQUE                                                                       | ✓               | T/P      |
| 1908 |     |               |               | RED 2: REPORTS: OUR<br>ARTY LAID FIRE ON<br>ENEMY MORTAR 524625-<br>MISSION COMPLETED                                                                                      | ✓               | TP       |
| 1915 |     |               |               | RED: NEG REP<br>OP: NEG REP                                                                                                                                                | ✓               | TP       |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                       |                 |          |
| 0400 |     |               |               | SENT PAMPHLET TO JUSTICE - 2 - ORDERED TO DIV ✓                                       |                 | MSG CENT |
| 0405 |     |               |               | WHITE 2: NEG REPORT ✓                                                                 |                 | T/P      |
| 0500 |     |               |               | SENT NEG. REPORT TO JUSTICE ✓                                                         | DIV ✓           | T/P      |
| 0515 |     |               |               | RED 2: D Co REP. MORTAR & ARTY - 8 RDS. ALTOGETHER. 330 YDS TO L. FRONT. AT 0510 ✓    |                 | T/P      |
| 0520 |     |               |               | WHITE 2: NEG REPORT ✓                                                                 |                 | T/P      |
| 0540 |     |               |               | RED 2: D Co Rep MORTAR FIRE 100 YDS LEFT FRONT OF THEIR C.P. ✓                        |                 | T/P      |
| 0615 |     |               |               | BLUE NEGATIVE ✓                                                                       |                 | T/P      |
| 0630 |     |               |               | WHITE NEGATIVE ✓                                                                      |                 | T/P      |
| 0700 |     |               |               | BLUE: 21 LAST NIGHT LISTENING POST DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING, WILL SEND DAYLIGHT PATROL ✓ |                 | T/P      |



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| 0304 |     |               |               | WHITE 2: NEGATIVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 | T/P      |
| 0303 |     |               |               | RED 2: BCO PATROL<br>WENT TO 527627.<br>WAS NEAR 3 HOUSES<br>(LA CAPELLE) FROM<br>0100 TO 0200. OVER<br>HEARD: "GETTING PRETTY<br>HOT HERE, WISHED WE'D SOON<br>GET ORDERS TO MOVE OUT"<br>SAME EN. SENT FLARES<br>AT 0100 ALONG LINE<br>REPORTED FROM JUSTICE<br>IPW (521628-530600)<br>APPROX. WHEN PLANE<br>FLEW OVER. | V               |          |
| 0330 |     |               |               | RED: 2 ENEMY PLANES<br>OPERATING FAR OUT<br>FROM RED FRONT<br>AT 0330                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | V               | T/P      |
| 0345 |     |               |               | 1 UNIDENT PLANE FLEW<br>OVER SECTOR, VERY HIGH<br>- ACROSS FRONT E. TO W.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | V               |          |



8 - 2 PERIODIC REPORT

from: 261500 July 1944  
to: 271500 July 1944

Maps: France 1/25000, Sheets St.Lo & Balleroy

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

a: Enemy frontlines: see overlay.

b: Units in contact: see overlay

c: Defensive organization: Enemy outposts in our left unit sector have withdrawn South of branch of Vire river. The enemy is still maintaining their outposts in our right unit's sector vicinity La Capelle - Laroque. These outposts are thinly occupied, but have MG and mortar support.

2. Enemy operation during period:

a: General summary: Exceedingly light mortar and artillery fell in our forward areas during the entire period. Heavy vehicle movements were reported on HY between 530624 and 544624 at 2230 to 2300. Our OP's also reported loaded vehicles at 548623 moving SW between 1320 and 1500. Enemy resistance to our patrols consisted mainly of extensive use of flares during the night. No snipers reported during period.

Aircraft: 2 enemy unidentified planes strafed our frontlines at 2255.

Tanks: None positively identified during period.

3: Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties: unknown.

b: No PW's taken during period.

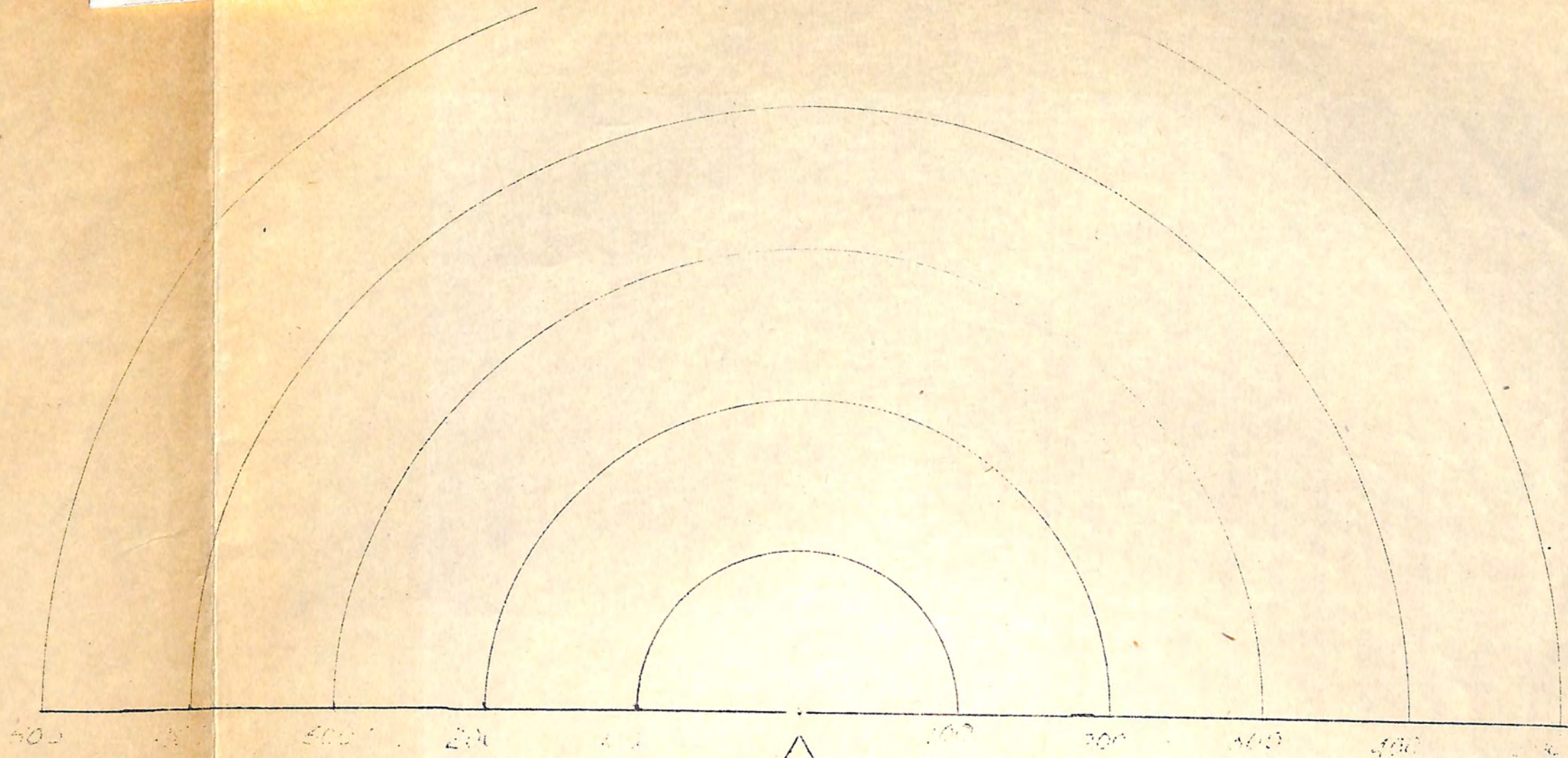
c: Enemy morale unknown.

d: knowledge of our situation: unknown.

4: Enemy capabilities: unchanged.

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Charge of OP  
Location  
Map References  
Date

Observers Sketch



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Legend-

- ① - often were seen & overheard talking
- ② - Talking & digging and lot of activity
- ③ - Mortar positions observed
- ④ - 3 men on patrol in corner of orchard setting off flares
- ⑤ - green stream vehicles heard
- ⑥ - Sniper fire approx - 2150
- ⑦ - (1) flares & (1) green flare - 2342
- ⑧ - vehicle heard going E. - 2105

⑨ - Artillery fire

⑩ - Mortar fire

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Enemy Substation No. of  
26112 July 48

Any alt - 5700 ft. (5000 ft. (1/2 way))  
Sheet 5712 SW & SE

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from: 271500 July 44

to: 281500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 St. Lo Balleroy, Canisy & Torigny.1. Enemy situation at end of period:

a Enemy front lines: see overlay

b Units in contact: see overlay

c Defensive organization: Enemy to our front is occupying well dug in delaying positions thinly occupied with supporting MG and mortar fire.

2. Enemy operation during period:

a: General summary: Exceedingly light mortar and artillery fell in our forward areas during the entire period.

Small enemy delaying forces remained in position vicinity La Capelle-La Roque until this morning. *see overlay*

In our left unit sector delaying forces were withdrawn during the night several hundred yards to the South.

The enemy used flares extensively during the hours of darkness. No sniper activity was reported at end of period.

Aircraft: Unidentified number of enemy aircraft overhead at 0200. No bombs were dropped, no was there any strafing in our sector.

Tanks: None reported during period.

3. Miscellaneous:

a: Enemy casualties light

b: One PW taken (Would not divulge information)

c: Enemy morale: Appears good.

d: Knowledge of our situation: Unknown.

4. Enemy capabilities:

Continue delaying actions from hedgerow to hedgerow to our immediate front, withdrawing Southward to new defensive positions.

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b. One PW taken (would not divulge information)

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d. Knowledge of our situation: Unknown.

4. Enemy capabilities:

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Observers Sketch

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S E C R E T

CP 320  
271315 July 44

FO # 2

1.
  - a. See S-2 Summary. Enemy withdrawing along Corps front.
  - b. Friendly troops on our right and left are advancing in good order E and W of St. Lo. 35th Div atks 1500 with 134th Inf on right, 320th Inf on left (map) to sieze Corps objective (map). Air strike 1500 in 134th sector; Div Arty reinf. fires preparation H -10 to H hour in zone of 134th Inf. No arty prep. in this sector.
2. 320th Inf, with Co C 60th Engrs atchd, advance in zone, sieze and hold Corps boundary. Time - initiate immediate combat patrolling, to the stream. All elements initiate attack by 1500. Boundary - see map. Objective - see map.
3.
  - a. 3d Bn secure position along creek as soon as possible, pinch out L Co as Bn reserve.
  - b. 1st Bn - with 1 Plat, Co C, 60th Engrs atchd, advance in zone; coordinate with 134th Inf. Co C will be pinched out to constitute reserve.
  - c. 2d Bn - remain present position, become effective as mobile reserve at 1500. Hvy Wpns prepared to support 1st Bn on call.
  - d. Cn Co; Priority of fires to 1st Bn.
  - e. AT Co - no change
  - f. Co C, 60th Engr Bn: Atch 1 Plat to 1st Bn. Remainder of Co move to vic Regt'l C.P..
  - x. EEI - Report at earliest time where enemy is defending in depth. Report every indication of enemy withdrawal. Determine presence and location of mine fields and clear them where possible.
4. No change.
5. No change.

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Official:

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Maj., S-3

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S E C R E T



July 27

0100 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with overlay and the following fragmentary order:

134 + 320 - conduct very active patrolling.

Maintain contact with enemy by patrols. If enemy withdraws follow up with main body of regiment to new Corps boundaries (see overlay). This will not be an attack but constant pressure. Report enemy withdrawal and own movement forward to Div at once.

137 conduct active patrolling north of river only. Listen and observe for enemy withdrawal. Report same at once. Be prepared to handle enemy groups crossing river from south to north. Corps Engineers are building bridge at 470643. Right of 320 includes road formerly excluded. Left is creek. If enemy withdraws go to stream.

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1055 - Lt Col Ashlot and Lt Col Leffler visited CP.

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1105 - CO departed to report to Div CP at 1130.

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1110 - CO called + directed 3d Bn to patrol forward to stream which parallels the front. If enemy has withdrawn reinforce the patrols and move all troops eventually to new line.

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1240 - CO returned to CP with fragmentary orders as follows:

The enemy is believed to be withdrawing along the entire Corps front.

The pocket east of St Lo has been cleared + units



approaching St Lo have made contact with  
134 Inf. Arty. + mortar fire has decreased  
except for long range artillery.

Corps will seize boundary which is stream running  
east to west from St Pierre-le-Jumilly to a  
point just south of la Montrie. Divisions in  
column 134 on right. 320 on left 137 in Res.  
The 134 (with 1st Bn 137 + one company 737 Truck Bn  
attached + one company 60th Engrs attached) attack  
271500 seize + hold line of Corps boundary in zone  
320th Inf (w/Co C 60th Engrs attached) continue aggressive  
patrolling, advance to Corps boundary by such  
action as is necessary to get there

137 (less 1st Bn) assemble when relieved by 35th Rcn  
in vic of 490690 in Div Res

Div Arty (reinf) preparation from H-10 to H hour  
on ground immediately south of St Lo  
Smoke + close fires as called for by Inf.

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1350- CO issued order to assembled Bn Comdrs  
a copy is filed with this journal

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1457- CO 1st Bn reported that troops are beginning to  
move forward.

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1510 - Capt Fredrickson reported that 3rd Bn jumped  
off on time and Co K is moving forward, Co I  
and Co L will be moving in the next few  
minutes.



1540 - May Gillis called S-3 + informed him that relief by 28<sup>th</sup> Division would not take place

1555 - Information received indicates that 102 Cav Gp is now in St Pierre

1605 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports Co A occupying east + west line from 522627 to 529627

1700 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports all of Co K and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Co L now occupying positions on M&L. Co I is moving forward

1620 - Co B now occupies line running east + west from 530630 to 535632

1707 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed to move <sup>Co G</sup> to reserve area vicinity of 542637 and occupy perimeter defense

1715 - Co B receiving heavy mortar fire vicinity of la Capelle. Fire has been withheld because wounded of a patrol are known to be there

1720 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reported right + left platoons of Co K on M&L. the other platoon is engaging the enemy at 54406256. The platoon is being withdrawn + the buildings which the enemy was occupying will be brought under Artillery fire. Co I except CP is moving

1735 - ~~Cleared~~ requests ~~are~~ obtained from ~~the~~

1752 - BVO called 1<sup>st</sup> Bn + notified them that left Bn of 134 will attack at 1800. The right Bn will turn + attack east bringing a two sided drive on Hill 101



1858 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports counterattack on left of Co B  
+ request permission to use reserve company.  
Permission not granted. Co B released to  
be committed on left of Co B

1900 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn directed to send Co B to 537634 to be  
guided to left of Co B to be committed to  
drive out counterattack

1915 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn on objective excepting two platoons  
of Co I which are staggered behind to maintain  
contact with Co B

1940 - 216<sup>th</sup> FA has received march order to move  
to positions in this sector at once

~~2035~~ 2035 - Co B reported by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn as going in  
on left of Co B as per prearranged plan

2135 - Communication with 216<sup>th</sup> FA will be  
established after 2200 through legistate  
switchboard

2140 - Telephonic orders received from Division -  
Continue advance until 2230. Dig in + patrol  
vigorously throughout the night. Continue  
attack tomorrow upon receipt of orders which  
are forthcoming.

2140 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported that arty was employed to  
knock out resistance from positions at 529629  
Co B abreast of Co A + Co B moving abreast of Co B



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| 0630 |     |               | 0630          | BLUE 2: ENEMY SEEMED<br>TO BLOW UP OWN AMMO<br>TO IC CO'S FRONT                                                                                                                                                      | TO DIV          | T/P                                   |
| 0700 |     |               |               | TO JUSTICE & OVV<br>Blue unit - no contact<br>with en. during night<br>our Red unit contact<br>with en. to darkz and<br>establishing contact with<br>patrol now                                                      |                 | TP                                    |
| 0745 |     |               |               | From JUSTICE 2.<br>0150 - 0225 approx 20 planes strafed<br>& bombed following<br>VIC. (5070) + (365) + (3215)                                                                                                        |                 | To Red ✓<br>To Blue 2 ✓<br>To White ✓ |
|      |     |               |               | AAA report 2 parachutes dropped 511678<br>Soplin captured 59 PW, one P.W.<br>carrying order to withdraw<br>20 KM to South. - units identified<br>by Top. 6th Co 985 INF, FUS BN<br>352 DIV & OTHER ELEMENTS 352 DIV. |                 |                                       |
| 0745 |     |               |               | Red & Neg. report                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 | T/P                                   |
| 0750 |     |               |               | Blue & Neg. report                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 | T/P                                   |
| 0800 |     |               |               | White & Neg. report                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 | TP                                    |
| 0813 |     |               |               | OP#1 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 | T/P                                   |
| 0915 |     |               |               | IDENT: 1 BN 15TH REGT<br>5TH DIV PARA IN FRONT<br>OF IMPRESSIVE ON LEFT<br>CONFIRM. OF 2 BN ← PP<br>8 PARAT. IN FRONT OF US                                                                                          |                 | MSGR<br>(OFF)                         |



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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                     |                 |          |
| 1610 |     |               |               | A co rec. fire from houses<br>at la Capelle.                                                                        |                 | T/P      |
| 1635 |     |               |               | Rec 2 reports en. m. g. &<br>mortar located<br>& Recd. putting mortar fire                                          |                 | T/P      |
| 1645 |     |               |               | OP#1 Reports Fire. faint. (small arms)<br>at 1950 az. & 2000 yd.                                                    |                 | T/P      |
| 1700 |     |               |               | Ele. of Blue patrol have reached<br>stream along the coord. of<br>54906320-54056270 and<br>est. outposts. (Dickson) |                 | T/P      |
| 1700 |     |               |               | O.P.#1 Negative report                                                                                              |                 | T/P      |
| 1816 |     |               |               | OP#1. vehicle on main road                                                                                          |                 |          |
| 1845 |     |               | 1830          | OP#1 - 1830-1900 - 4000-5000 yds<br>en. a station. Ident. by Red<br>Cross lying on roof of building.                |                 | T/P      |
| 1848 |     |               |               | PW. TAKEN BY RED - IPW<br>man being sent forward<br>to interrogate.                                                 |                 | T/P      |
| 1905 |     |               |               | OP#1 one vehicle parked<br>one bicycle & one motorcycle                                                             |                 | T/P      |
| 2015 |     |               |               | OP#1 1: ARTY SAYS ROAD<br>OBS AT 35 7500603400<br>4100<br>STILL LOTS OF MOVEMENT                                    | DIV             | T/P      |



# S-2 JOURNAL

From 17 July 44 1500 To 18 July 1800  
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| TIME |      | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                      | Action<br>Taken         | How sent |
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| In   | Out  |               |               |                                                                                                                                  |                         |          |
| 2400 |      |               | 2230          | Blue # - W.P. shell landed<br>in tree and set the same<br>on fire, in old # right flank.                                         |                         | T/P      |
| 2415 |      |               |               | RED 2 NEG Report                                                                                                                 |                         | T/P      |
| 2415 |      |               |               | TO JUSTICE & Neg. report                                                                                                         |                         | T/P      |
| 0040 |      |               |               | Blue & Negative report                                                                                                           |                         | T/P      |
| 0042 |      |               |               | White & Negative report                                                                                                          |                         | T/P      |
| 0045 |      |               | 1145          | Red # At 1145 A. Co. reports<br>sounds that might be from<br>somebody's truck, to them<br>front no further sounds were<br>heard. |                         | T/P      |
| 1335 |      |               |               | Justice 2 called - P.W. captured<br>by Joplin said his unit had been<br>ordered to withdraw 20 KILOM.<br>tonight                 | Red 2<br>white<br>Blown | T/P      |
| 0200 |      |               | 0200          | Red 2 En. planes overhead.                                                                                                       |                         | T/P      |
| 0200 |      |               |               | Red 2. Neg Report. Aerial<br>bombing & flames were not<br>in their sector                                                        |                         | T/P      |
| 0315 |      |               |               | White 2 Neg Report                                                                                                               |                         | TP       |
| 0315 |      |               |               | Blue 2 Neg Report                                                                                                                |                         | TP       |
|      | 0445 |               |               | Neg Report TO JUSTICE                                                                                                            |                         | TP       |
| 0445 |      |               |               | White 2 Neg. Report                                                                                                              |                         | TP       |
|      | 0600 |               |               | Neg Report TO JUSTICE-2                                                                                                          |                         | TP       |



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From 28 JULY 1500  
date hour

To 28 JULY 1300  
date hour

PLACE NORMANDY ST LO FRANCE

| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                            | Action<br>Taken | How sent                       |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                        |                 |                                |
| 2035 |     |               |               | FROM OP#1: 1 TRUCK<br>MOVED S.E. AT 557603<br>AT 2034                                                                  |                 | T/P                            |
| 2055 |     |               |               | WATER: 2 AM. PLANES<br>ON A 2 3000 FROM<br>C.P. - 4 MILE HE<br>DROPPED BOMB                                            |                 | T/P                            |
| 2105 |     |               |               | OP#1: AT 2105<br>1 TRUCK + 2 MEN<br>GOING S.W. AT<br>557603                                                            |                 |                                |
| 2108 |     |               |               | BLUE 2: O.P.<br>AT 54446320                                                                                            |                 | T/P                            |
| 2110 |     |               |               | OP#1: COORD OF<br>ROAD ARE 55906014                                                                                    | RIV             |                                |
| 1035 |     |               |               | From Justice - Report that<br>134 Inf. has adv. to crest of<br>hill 101 and is being harassed<br>with small arms fire. |                 | T/P                            |
| 2300 |     |               |               | RED 2 NEG Report                                                                                                       |                 | 1<br>10,000<br>UNCONT<br>2,457 |
| 2400 |     |               |               |                                                                                                                        |                 |                                |



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| TIME |     | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken             | How Sent |
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| In   | Out |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |          |
| 2300 |     |            |            | FROM RED: 2 MORE EN CAPTURED - ON WAY BACK                                                                                                                                                                  | DIV                      | T/P      |
| 2335 |     |            |            | BEWE 2: ABOUT 30 PRISONERS ON WAY BACK ALTOGETHER                                                                                                                                                           |                          | T/P      |
| 2345 |     |            |            | TO DIV: ABOUT 30 P.W. CAPT AT 554 605 BY BLUE BN. 7 P.W. PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED FROM 9+11 CO 8TH PARACHUTE REGT. 30 P.W. ON WAY BACK TO OUR I PW EVACUATION??                                                 | DIV                      | T/P      |
| 0045 |     |            |            | FROM I PW: ORDER TO GERMAN NCO RECEIVED<br>"Regt. 8"<br>"unit goes into position by regimental order as shown on sketch N. of road of St. Jean - Suzanne survive and establish liaison towards both sides." | WHITE<br>BLUE<br>JUSTICE | T/P      |



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| In            | Cut |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                |                 |                 |
| 0935          |     |               |               | RED 2: FRENCH CIV-<br>ILIAN CAPT. IN. C. CO.<br>AREA ON WAY BACK<br>AT 0940                                                                                    | IPW             | T/P             |
| 1000          |     |               |               | OP#1: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                              |                 | T/P             |
| 1035          |     |               |               | O.P#2 - 7 veh. (1 1/2) - 8 men.<br>moving south at 1000 - 4500 yds.<br>Believed to be moving out.                                                              |                 | T/P             |
| 1132          |     |               |               | OP#2: large ARTY FIRE<br>behind hedgerow AZ 160°<br>YARDAGE 4200<br>small arm fire immediate front                                                             |                 | T/P             |
| 1545          |     |               |               | I&R: 1306: MORTAR<br>AT RJ. 0504068-<br>060302 - 5408-6332<br>AND HOLDING ENGINEERS/<br>RECONN. FOR ALTERNATE<br>ROUTE. CO. I IN VICINITY<br>OF LABARREAT 1306 |                 | MSGR<br>J RADIO |
| 1733          |     |               | 1740          | JUSTICE-2. 50 EN. PLANES<br>REPORTED 10 MILES N.                                                                                                               |                 |                 |
| 2235          |     |               |               | 1 EN PLANE FLEW<br>OVER REGT'L CP.<br>AT 2235                                                                                                                  | DIV             | T/P             |
| 2245-<br>2300 |     |               |               | AIR ATTACK BY ABOUT<br>6 EN. PLANES                                                                                                                            | DIV             |                 |



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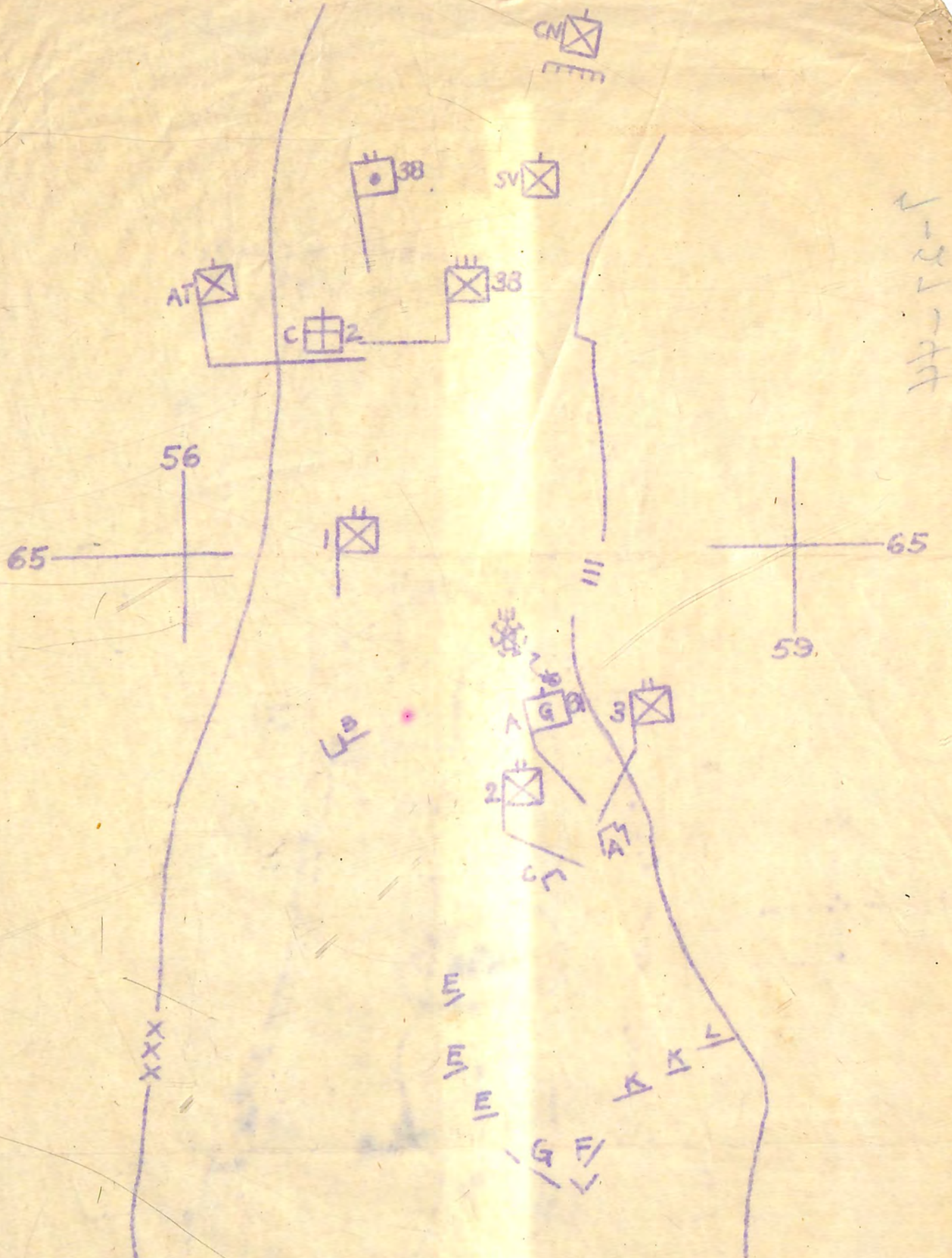
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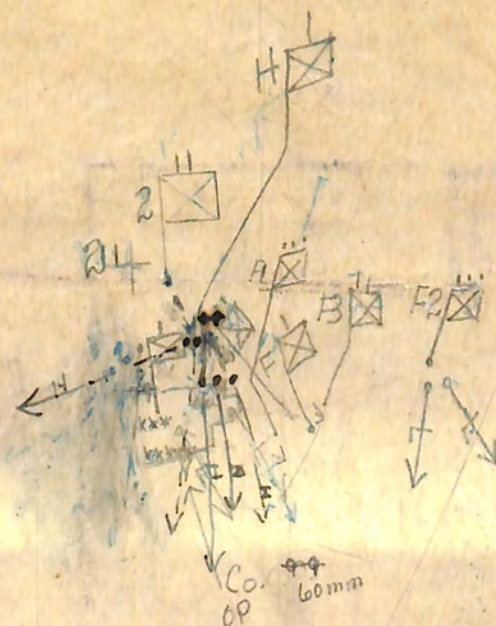
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SITUATION OVERLAY  
AS OF 271300 July 44  
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NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS  
BEGINNING 271500

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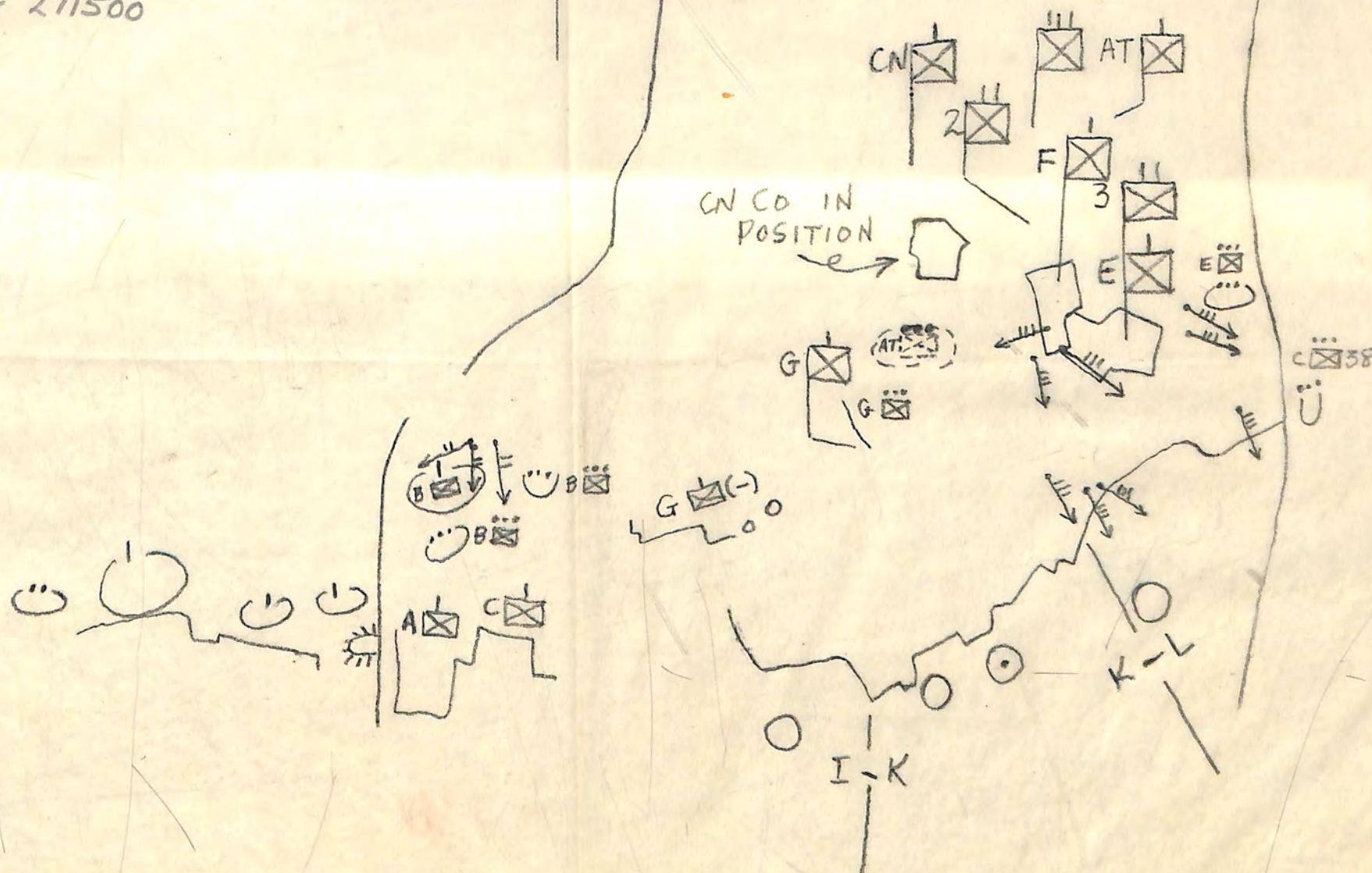
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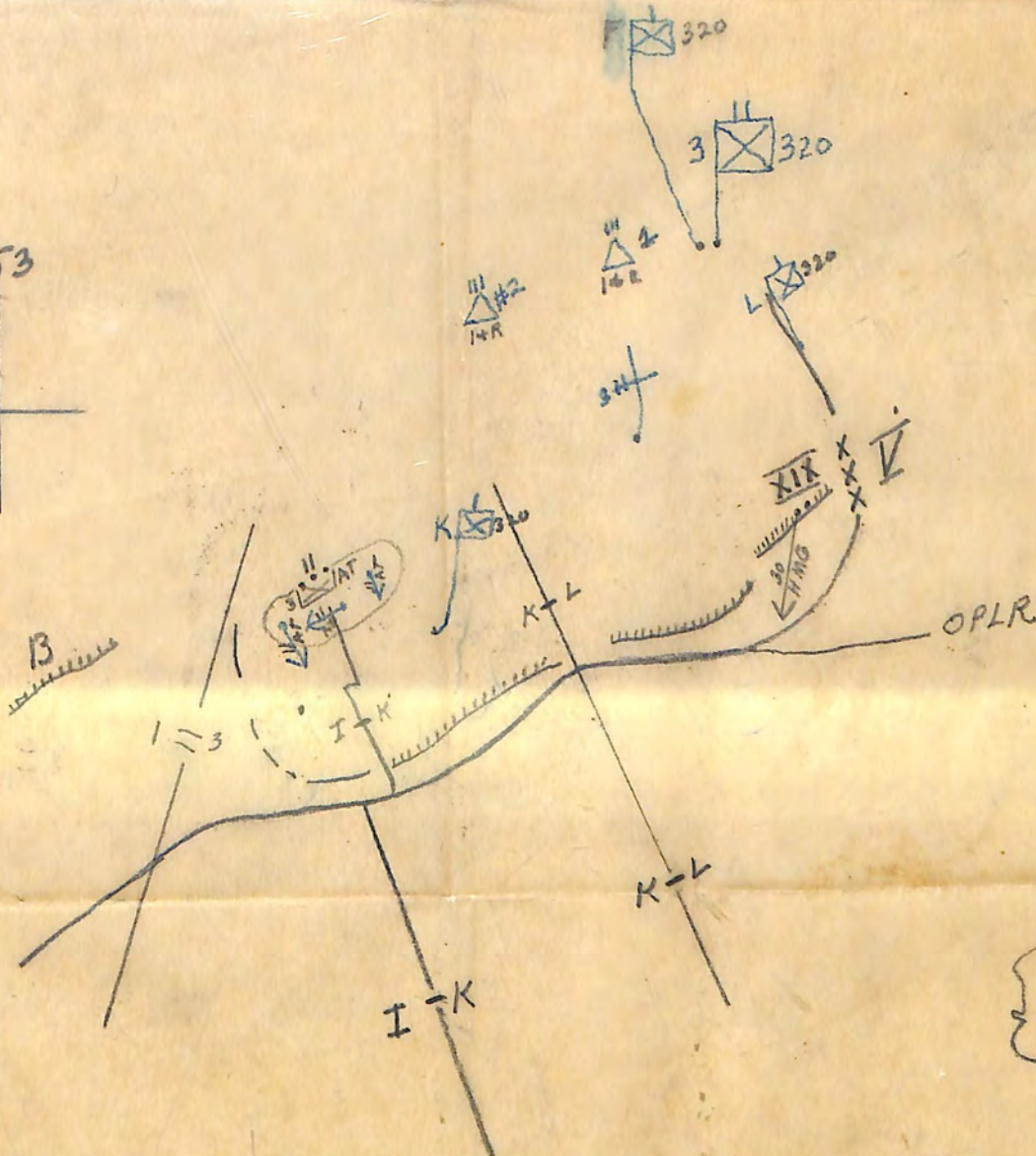
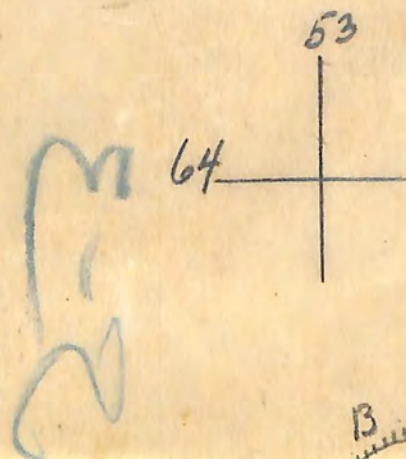
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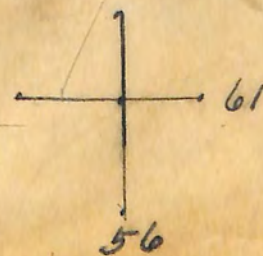


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 3rd Bn 320th. 27 Aug 1954  
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Time: 0100

134<sup>th</sup> + 320<sup>th</sup> - Conduct very active patrolling - maintain contact with enemy by patrols - If enemy withdraws follow up with main body of Regt. to new Corps boundaries. (See Overlay) This will not be an attack - but constant pressure - Report enemy withdrawal and our movement forward to Div. at once.

137<sup>th</sup> Bn. Conduct active pat. N. of river only. Listen and observe for enemy withdrawal. Report same at once. Be prepared to handle enemy groups crossing river from S. to N. Corps Engrs. are building bridge at ~~to~~ 470643. Right of 320<sup>th</sup> includes road formerly excluded. Left is creek. If enemy withdraws go to stream



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OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY  
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from: 271500 July 44

to: 281500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 St. Le Balleroy, Canisy & Torigny.1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a Enemy front lines: see overlay
- b Units in contact: see overlay
- c Defensive organization: Enemy to our front is occupying well dug in delaying positions thinly occupied with supporting MG and mortar fire.

2. Enemy operation during period:

- a: General summary: Exceedingly light mortar and artillery fell in our forward areas during the entire period. Small enemy delaying forces remained in position vicinity La Capelle-La Rocque until this morning. In our left unit sector delaying forces were withdrawn during the night several hundred yards to the South. The enemy used flares extensively during the hours of darkness. No sniper activity was reported at end of period. Aircraft: Unidentified number of enemy aircraft overhead at 0200. No bombs were dropped, nor was there any strafing in our sector. Tanks: None reported during period.

3. Miscellaneous:

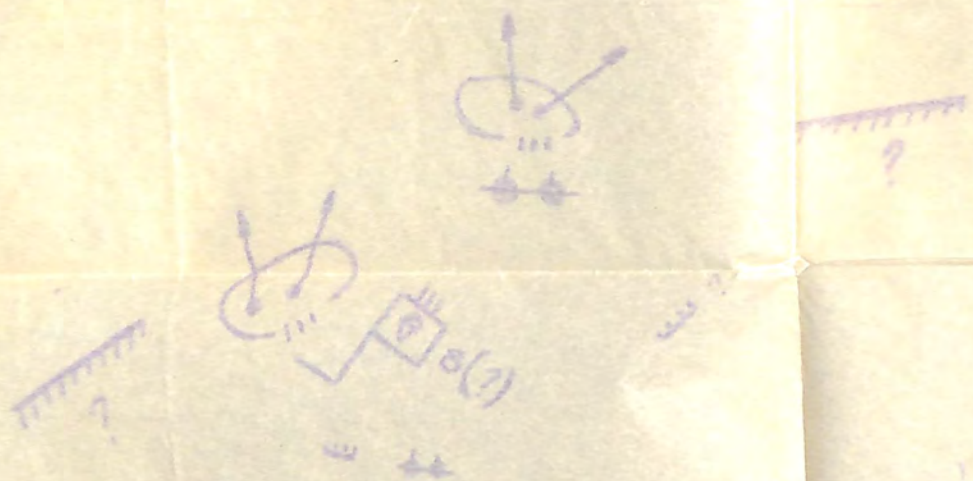
- a: Enemy casualties light
- b: One PW taken (would not divulge information)
- c: Enemy morale: Appears good.
- d: Knowledge of our situation: Unknown.

4. Enemy capabilities:

Continue delaying actions from hedgerow to hedgerow to our immediate front, withdrawing Southward to new defensive positions.



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Troop 1  
movement  
(2) trucks, 2 men,  
(2) bicycles  
1900 to 2000

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En situation 1700 of  
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from 281500 July 44  
to 291500 July 44

1; Enemy situation at end of period:

a: Enemy frontlines: see overlay.

b: Units in contact: see overlay.

c: Defensive organization: Unknown.

2: Enemy operation during period:

a: General summary: Our front line units in their movement forward met light resistance from enemy covering force. This covering force was supported by automatic weapons and mortars. On PW stated that the enemy withdrawal took place from 1700 to 1800, and that ~~the enemy~~ one officer, several NCOs and EM were pulled back from various units ~~withdrawal~~ of the 8th paratroop Reg. to form a small covering force. This covering force was given a mission of delaying our advance and remaining in position until further orders. PW from 3rd BN 8th paratr. Reg. stated: withdrawal was disorganized and no further orders came. No sniper activity was reported during this period.

Aircraft: Appr. 8 enemy aircraft (unidentified) were reported over our sector from 2230 to 2245. Several flares and light fragmentation bombs were dropped.

Tanks: None reported during period.

### 3. Miscellaneous:

a:Enemy casualties: light.

b: PW's taken: 28, total for operation 147.

c: Enemy morale:unknown.

d: Knowledge of our situation: unknown.

## 4. Enemy capabilities:

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Continue delaying action with light covering force from hedgerow to hedgerow to our immediate front., withdrawing Southward to new defensive positions.

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S E C R E T

CP 320  
280800 July 44

FO #3

1. a. See S-2 Summary.  
b. 35th Div with 737th Tank Bn and 60th Engr Bn atchd, resume advance today as part of V Corps. Time of advance - 1000. Boundary and zone of operation - see overlay. Intermediate and final objective - see overlay.
2. 320th Inf with Co C, 60th Engrs plus Co C, 737th Tank Bn atchd, resumes advance in zone. Time of advance - 1000. Boundary - see map. Objective - see map.
3. a. 1st Bn with Co G atchd, secure LD prior to H hour by local action. Advance in zone to Regt'l objectives in order. Secure Regt'l right flank.  
b. 3d Bn from LD present front line, advance in zone to successive objectives in order. Maintain contact with elements of 102d Cav Group on left and with elements of 2d Div in event withdrawal Cav. Have 1 Plat 60th Engrs atchd.  
c. 2d Bn less Co G - present position Regt'l reserve.  
x. Front line Bns report arrival of each successive objective. No preparatory fires fired at H hour. EEI - Same, plus report indications of enemy withdrawal on front.
4. No change.
5. CP select and report.

BYRNE

Official:

McELROY  
Maj., S-3

S E C R E T



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0225 - Negative report from 3rd Bn.

0400 - Order from division brought down by Lt O'Brien.

35th Div now assigned to 5th Corps  
2nd Div attacks on our left (East)  
35th Div resumes attack at 281000

B July.

134th Inf with following attachments: Co. A, 737 Tank Bn., 1st Bn., 137th Inf. Continue attack, seize portion of initial objective in its zone, be prepared to continue attack to final objective on order. Maintain contact with 30th Div on right, and 320th on left; protect Corps right flank. 1st Bn 137th to be committed on authority of Div. Commander.

320th Inf. with Co. C, 737 Tank Bn. attached, continue attack, seize portion of initial objective in its zone; be prepared to continue attack to final objective on order; Maintain contact with 2nd Div on left.

137th Inf. minus 1st Bn., in Div Reserve remain in present position.

35th Recon relieved of present mission at 280600; assemble in Div Reserve in vicinity of Emilie (510659)

Div Arty; SOP, No preparation. Priority of fires to 134th.

60th Eng. Combat Bn: Co C in direct support of 320th Inf. The rest of Bn in direct support of 134th.

737th Tank Bn. Co A attached to 134th. Co C attached to 320th. The Bn., minus A&C, in Div Reserve. CO reconnoiter for advance assembly position. Make recommendations for movement to that position prior to 1100/

X - 29th Inf motorized, will start at 0600. Will take route Le Mouth, Port Huber to St Lo & then South later in morning will use main road into St Lo. Priority to them on this road. (We can still use the road.) All possible steps will be taken to aid passage of the 29th Div.

No changes in administrative details.

Regiments report CP locations.

5th Division in Corps Reserve.

0745 Col Byrne called Col Benfree & informed him that the 1st Div. is not on its left but the 38th can occupy this position.

0830 - CO issued FO #3 to representative of each Bn Commander. (a copy is filed with this journal)

0950 - 2nd Bn directed to reconnoiter reserve area vicinity of 541637



1020 - 1st Bn reported a short delay in moving forward. Troops actually moved at 1020

1022 - 3d Bn patrols moved forward with patrols out at 0950. Main body moved at 1000

1040 - CO + Asst S-3 departed C.P. to visit 1st + 3d Bns

1115 - 1st Bn reported moving forward. Some MG fire encountered in Co A front.

1145 - 3d Bn S-3 reported that Co K is on regimental objective no 1 at 1140. No communication with Co I. Reported to Dir.

1210 - Lt Braffitt reported that 1st Bn is held up near line of departure by machine gun & mortar fire.

1255 - Capt Lash called reftg that L Co reached 1st Regt's objective, A Co moved ahead <sup>beyond 2nd</sup> 5 hedgecrows. X Co reached objective, <sup>is probably still advancing</sup> all 3 on line.

1315 Col Byrne talked to Maj Momm - B Co 400 yds S of Hwy. Col. Byrne suggested that B Co move forward.

1320 3d Bn repts that B Co and X are just S of Regt's obj. no 1. No information of Co I.



1325 - CO directed 1<sup>st</sup> Bn to suspend long range MG fire until I + R platoon is definitely located

1355 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed to reconnoiter to vicinity of La Barre 540624 for reserve position + also formulate plan for attack with one platoon of tanks attached southwest across front of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn in event they are not clear + moving by 1600

1410 - Ck called to inquire of situation. Was given relative positions of front line Companies. Also advised of plan to employ 2<sup>d</sup> Bn

1415 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports that Co K has advanced 250 yds South of regimental objective No. 1 55  
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1430 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported as occupying east + west line along grid line 62

1505 - K Co advancing with one plat of I Co on right. J Co coming abreast K Co, 2 plat I Co still adv but not abreast K Co. — Capt Leach —  
Approx 200 yds S of Regt obj #1

1545 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports that Co A has advanced to vicinity of 525612 - 530612. Co B + Co D advanced + occupy a line 530618 to 538618

1615 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports that Co K<sup>col</sup> has ~~be~~ advanced to 55006120 just short of Regt Objective No. 2.



1710 - Lt Brafitt reported that Co A was receiving small arms fire from sector of 134

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1730 - H-3 called + directed that the regt continue on to final objective. Continue drive until darkness. Maintain contact with enemy during movement + especially after darkness

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1800 - Lt O'Brien called + stated that Operation Summary must be prepared by 2130 + arrive at Dv at 2200 daily

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1830 - Col Docka reports Cos K + L are now 300 yds south of regimental objective No. 2  
Co I still in vic of regtl obj No 1. Directed to contact Co I and bring them along side Co K

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1840 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports Co A sitting exactly on regimental objective No. 1. Co B is 100 yds south of regimental objective No. 1.

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1910 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn E40 reported that Co A, B, + G were on regimental objective No. 1 and were continuing their advance

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2000 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn report that 6 prisoners were captured vic of 5595 6015. Request litter bearers to evacuate both german + own wounded  
Cos I, K + L now occupy a line generally along 546605 to 560610



2030 Col Byrne called Col Salmon & informed him of  
3d Bn difficulty on both sides.

2035 Lt Bn asked them to help 3d Bn. & asked them to  
move down faster.

2037 C.O., Co. A 654<sup>th</sup> TD Bn visited CP & gave  
positions of his co & that they are in support  
of this Regt. Contact them through Judge.

2040 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters visited CP & Maj McElroy gave him  
plan for moving Bn down in back of 3d Bn. To  
patrol & contact 3d Bn, patrol both flanks and  
form perimeter of defense.

2045 Col. Salmon called Col Byrne  
asked for patrol to aid 3d Bn

2055 - Capt Leach that 3d Bn was all together and that  
Co K should be very near Co L. Ammunition  
is being taken to Co L by Capt Leach.

2100 - Capt Fredrickson reports the Co L is being attacked  
by approx 150 Germans attacking from south & east  
and that ammunition both MG & mortar, is running  
low. already reported to Capt Leach (for action  
taken see message of 2055)

2115 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with orders for the  
unit to secure for the night, dig in, patrol  
forward and to the flanks. Resume attack  
to same objective on order of regimental CO

2200 - CO directed that movement forward be held up only  
when darkness makes movement forward impracticable.  
Consolidate positions & resume attack to our final  
objective at



2420 Lt. O'Brien came from D in. with confirmation of order. - 326 Inf coordinate present position, move at discretion of C.O.  
3d Bn move more into present position.  
Maintain contact beyond final objective.  
Do not move main force South of final obj.  
Axis of <sup>Sig.</sup> Communications = 511 = 624.

0120 Lt. Faubus called 2d Bn requesting their location. Unable to give it.  
July 29, 1944

0130 Lt. Faubus called Capt. Leach & informed him that no time had been set for continuing advance but after consolidation ~~Blue Bn~~ would move forward at discretion of C.O.

0145 - Report from I & R RCn patrol that Red unit is unable to give definite location of its units but they are in a general area just short of Initial Div. obj. I & R reports burning of R.T. at (541622) de Semily. One ambulance and one jeep hit and burned, 1 jeep damaged - three casualties I & R platoon.

0200 - Lt. Faubus called Blue S-3. Have information that Blue unit is to consolidate positions, contact Red and Blue units and continue attack on order of Regt C.O.

0215 - SOPKIN UNIT called and wanted to use section of road in our zone (520 638) to (522 624) in their forward movement. Have permission to use that section of road (Hy #4) during morning hours pending further notice



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# S-2 JOURNAL

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| In              | Out |               |               |                                                                  |                 |          |
| <del>0200</del> |     |               |               | REPORT TO DIVISION<br>NEGATIVE - 16 PRISONERS                    |                 | T/P      |
| 0230            |     |               |               | IPW REPORT TO DIVISION                                           |                 | T/P      |
| 1130            |     |               |               | 5 or 6 Enemy + 3 Veh<br>554569 Route #2<br>Moving S/E            | From<br>Ref #2  | T/P      |
| 1225            |     |               |               | EN TANK COLUMN Moving SE To Justice 2<br>2 mi. SE. OF LAVAL, VA. |                 |          |
|                 |     |               |               | Sheet No 3414 N.W.<br>3414 N.E                                   |                 |          |



35<sup>th</sup> Div now assigned to 5<sup>th</sup> Corps.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Div attacks on our left (East).  
35<sup>th</sup> Div. resumes attack at 281000

13 July.

137<sup>th</sup> Inf with following attachments:  
Co A, 737 Tank Bn., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 137<sup>th</sup> Inf, continue  
attack, ~~seize~~ portion of initial objective  
in its zone, be prepared to  
continue attack to final  
objective on order. Maintain  
contact with 30<sup>th</sup> Div on right,  
and 320<sup>th</sup> on left, protect Corps  
right flank. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 137<sup>th</sup> to be  
committed on authority of Div.  
Commander.

320<sup>th</sup> Inf, with Co C 737  
Tank Bn attached, continue attack,  
seize portion of initial objective



in its zone; he prepared to continue attack to final objective on order; maintain contact with 2<sup>nd</sup> Div on left.

137<sup>th</sup> Inf, minus 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, in Div. Reserve remain in present position.

35<sup>th</sup> Recon relieved of present mission at 280600. Assemble in Div. Reserve in vicinity of Emilie (510659).

Div. Acty; SOP. No preparation. Priority of fires to 134<sup>th</sup>.

60<sup>th</sup> Eng, Combat Bn; Co C in direct support of 320<sup>th</sup> Inf. The rest of Bn in direct support of 134<sup>th</sup>.

737 Tank Bn. Co A attached to 134<sup>th</sup>. Co C attached to 320<sup>th</sup>. The Bn, minus A & C, in Div. Reserve.



C.O. reconnoiter for advance assembly position. Make recommendations for movement to this position prior to 1100.

X - 29<sup>th</sup> Inf Motorized will start at 0600. Will take route Le Mouth, Port Hudson to St. Lo & then South. Later in Morning will use main road into St. Lo. Priority to them on this road. (We can still use the road). All possible steps will be taken to aid passage of the 29<sup>th</sup> Div.

No change in Adm. details.  
Regiments report C.P. locations.  
5<sup>th</sup> Div in Corps Reserve.



CO 320th Inf

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Reg. No S-2109

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: Auth: CO 102 Cav Gp :

: Date: 28 July 1944 :

: Initials: RCW :

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HEADQUARTERS 102D CAVALRY GROUP MECZ

Vicinity La Butte (T578685)

FRANCE

280230B July 1944

FEW/RCW/gbp

FO NO 3

MAPS: FRANCE, GSGS 4347, Sheets 34/14 NE & 34/16 SE - 1/25000  
Terrain Map, 2d Inf Div - 1/10000

1. a. See current S-2 Periodic Report, 102nd Cav Gp.

b. V Corps attacks 28 July with three divisions abreast to secure objectives South of present positions. The 35th Inf Div will be on right, 2nd Inf Div in center, and the 5th Inf Div on left in the V Corps zone. H hour-231000B July 1944.

2. The 102nd Cav Group, Mecz ( less Tr B, 38th Cav Rcn Sq ) is attached to the 2nd Inf Div with the missions:

a. Advance to the South taking Plantro (564623) as first objective.

b. Be prepared to move forward to take successive objectives as designated by the CG, 2nd Inf Div.

c. Patrol aggressively to the front and flanks to gain contact with the enemy.

d. Maintain contact with 35th Inf Div on the right.

3. a. 102nd Cav Rcn Sq:

Atchd: Tr C, 38th Cav Rcn Sq  
Group Medical Detachment

(1) Squadron will attack at 280600B from the vicinity of ST PIERRE-LE-SEMILLY to take PLANTRO (564623), at the same time patrolling aggressively South to bridge at 565615, inclusive.

(2) Squadron will organize position and prepare to move forward to the South.

(3) Troop E, 102nd Cav Rcn Sq, will revert to the 102nd Sq at 280530B.

(4) Troop C, 38th Cav Rcn Sq, will be assembled in the vicinity of ST PIERRE-le-SEMILLY, and will revert to the 38th Cav Rcn Sq when Tr A, 102nd Cav Rcn Sq, reverts to the 102nd Cav Rcn Sq.

b. 38th Cav Rcn Sq:

Atchd: Tr C, 102nd Cav Rcn Sq, in 102nd Cav Gp Reserve.

(1) Squadron will move to successive positions on order of CO 102nd Cav Gp.

(2) Establish and maintain contact with elements of 35th Inf Div on the right.

(3) Tr A, 102nd Cav Rcn Sq will be assembled in ST PIERRE-le-SEMILLY as early as practicable, at which time, and by direct arrangements between the

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Squadron Commanders, Tr A will revert to the 102nd Cav Ren Sq.

- c. Squadrons will make reports to Group Headquarters in accordance with Gp SOP.
4. See Adm Order #5, Hq V Corps, 192400B July 1944
5. a. See FO #5, Signal Annex #5, Hq 102nd Cav Gp, 220122B July 1944
- b. Command Posts:
- (1) 102nd Cav Gp (578685)
  - (2) 38th Cav Ren Sq (563657)
  - (3) 102nd Cav Ren Sq (561651)
  - (4) 38th Inf (578638)
  - (5) 2nd Inf Div (614694)

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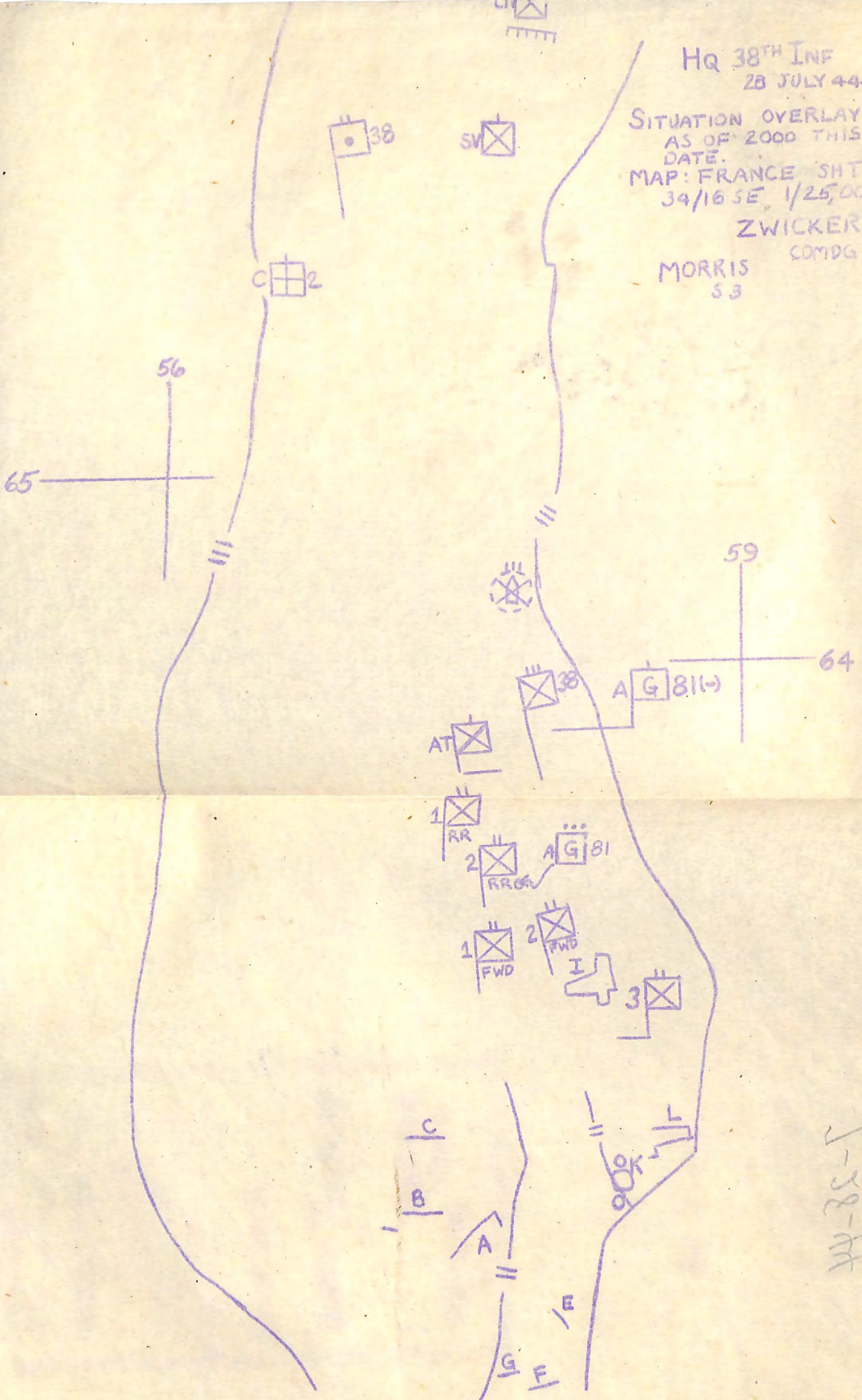


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MAP: FRANCE SHT  
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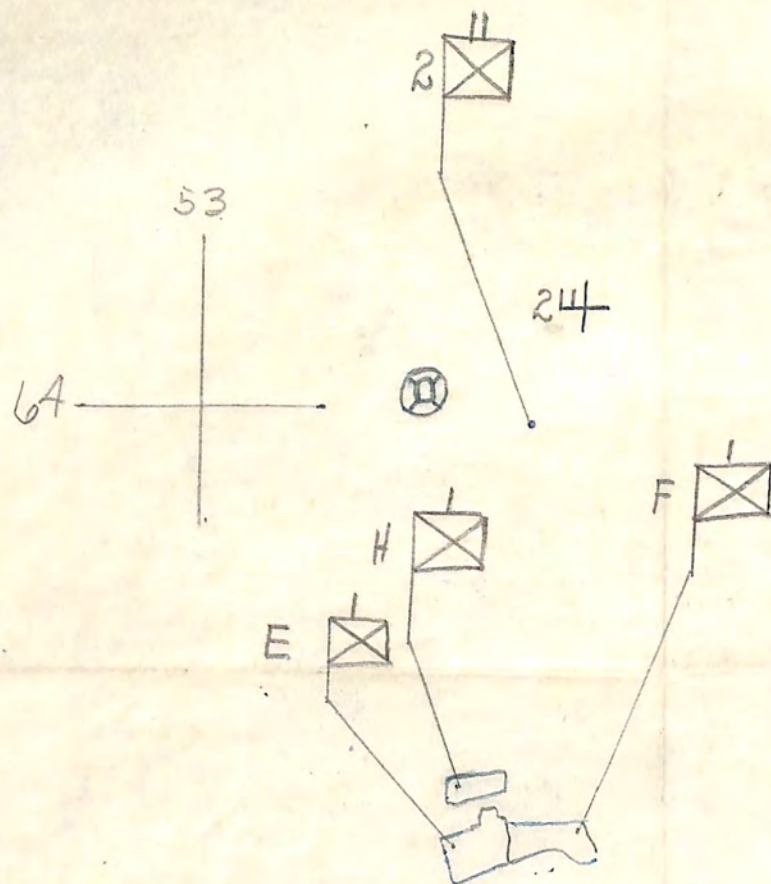
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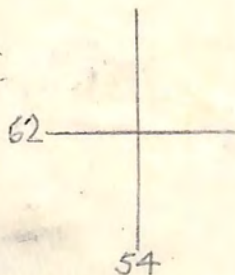
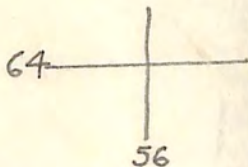
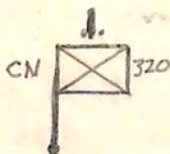
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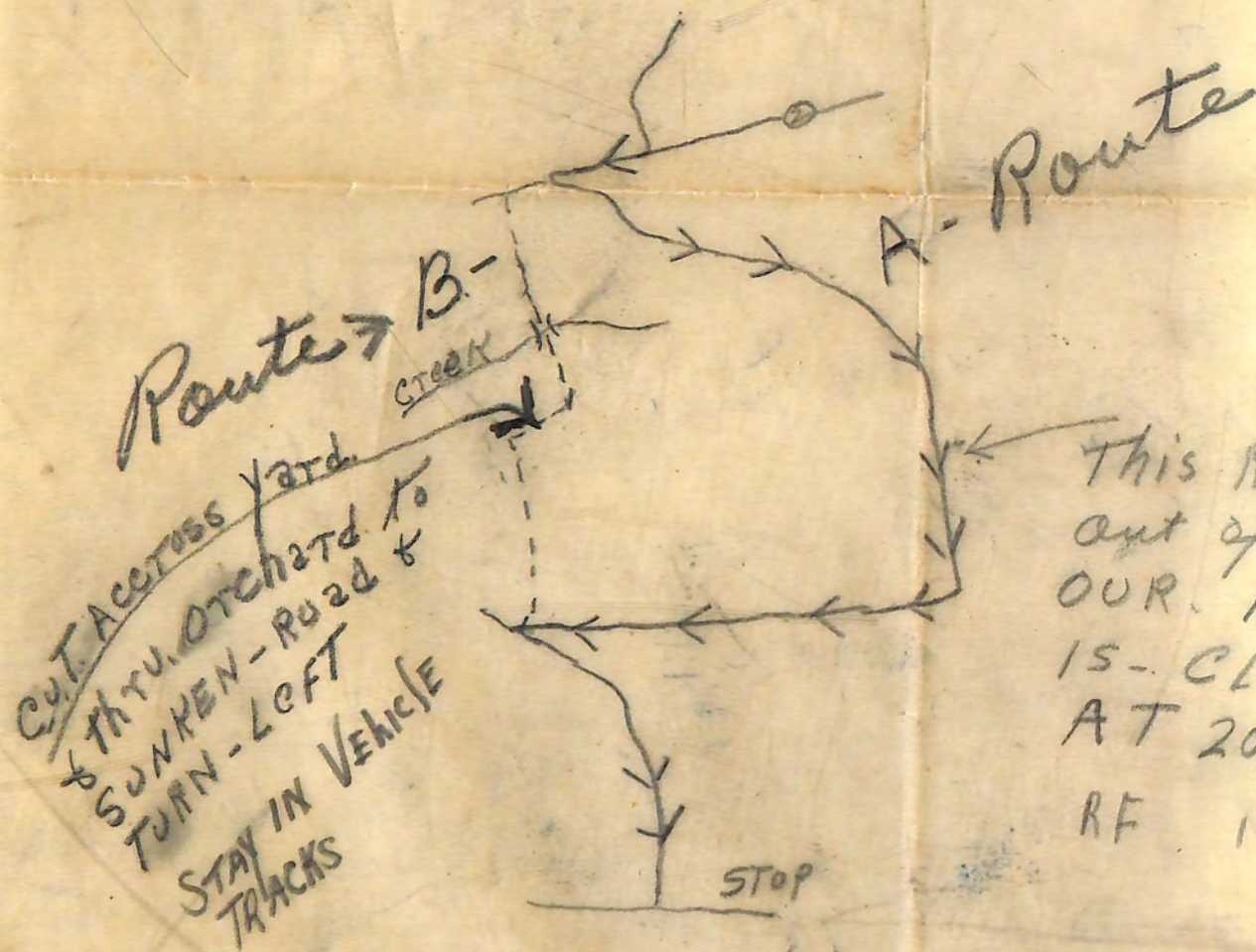


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G-3 REPORT

HQ 35 INF DIV  
APO 35  
290100B July 44

From: 280001B July 44  
To : 282400B July 44

NO. 30

MAPS: FRANCE, 1:50,000, Sheets 67/2 and 67/4.

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: 29 Inf Div, motorized, moved through Div sector to attack as part of XII Corps. 30 Inf Div on right held its forward positions and protected bridges across VIRE R. 2 Inf Div on left continued to attack. Attachments - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast during morning, clearer throughout remainder of period.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. Infantry:
    - (1) 320 Inf (w/Co G, 60 Engr (C) Bn and Co G and 3d Flat, Co D, 737 Tk Bn atchd) - Attacked at 1000B. Stubborn resistance limited the advance to short gains prior to approximately 1700B. At that time 3d Bn was able to move steadily ahead against scattered opposition reaching its present position on initial objective. At approximately 2130B a large group of enemy was surrounded. Numerous prisoners were taken and heavy enemy casualties reported. 2d Bn followed closely in rear of 3d Bn. 1st Bn advanced against stubborn opposition to approximate position shown.
    - (2) 134 Inf (w/1st Bn, 137 Inf, 60 Engr (C) Bn (-Co G) and Co A and 1st Flat, Co D, 737 Tk Bn atchd) - Attacked at 1000B. 3d Bn in right sector advanced against scattered opposition and reached initial objective at approximately 2100B. Strong outposts were sent forward to vicinity COMBE SUR VIRE (final objective). 2d Bn followed advance of 3d Bn and came up along the left flank of that unit. Strong opposition was met at the position shown (overlay). 1st Bn moved more slowly against strong opposition and was reported closing in on the left of 2d Bn on the initial objective at 2400B. 1st Bn, 137 Inf (Regtl reserve) moved from rear assembly area to forward position shown (overlay).
    - (3) 137 Inf (-1st Bn) - (Div reserve) closed into new assembly area at 2020B.
  - b. Field Artillery: 35 Div Arty reinforced attack of Div at 1000B. 161 FA Bn, reinforced by 219 FA Bn, direct support of 134 Inf. 216 FA Bn direct support of 320 Inf. 127 FA Bn, general support, reinforced fires of 161 FA Bn. 161 FA Bn moved to new position shown (overlay) at 2100B. 219 FA Bn took over fire missions of 161 FA Bn during displacement.
  - c. Antiaircraft Artillery: 448 AAA AW Bn - Continued AA mission within Div zone. One (1) enemy plane shot down vicinity Div CP at approximately 2245B.
  - d. Armored Forces: 737 Tk Bn - Co A, plus 1st Flat, Co D, atchd 134 Inf. Co G, plus 3d Flat, Co D, atchd 320 Inf. Assault Gun Flat remained atchd to 161 FA Bn and moved to new position with that unit. Elements from Co A were committed at 1100B w/1st Bn, 134 Inf, assisting the advance of that unit. Bn (-) displaced forward to present position, closing in at 1700B (overlay). 654 TD Bn (SP) - Continued AT missions within Div Sector and reinforced fires of Div Arty.
  - e. Aviation: None.
  - f. Cavalry: 35 Cav Recon Tr - Relieved of mission of patrolling VIRE R NW of ST 10 at 0600B and assembled in Div reserve vicinity EMILIE at 1230B.
  - g. Chemical Troops: None.
  - h. Engineers: 60 Engr (C) Bn - Co G remained atchd to 320 Inf. Remainder of Bn atchd to 134 Inf. Engr units performed mine-sweeping and road block clearance in Div sector.
  - i. Signal: 35 Sig Co - Normal signal communications missions.
  - j. Miscellaneous: None.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 92%.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Div advanced an average of four thousand (4000) meters within sector, gained its initial objective, and prepared to advance to final objective on 29 July 44.

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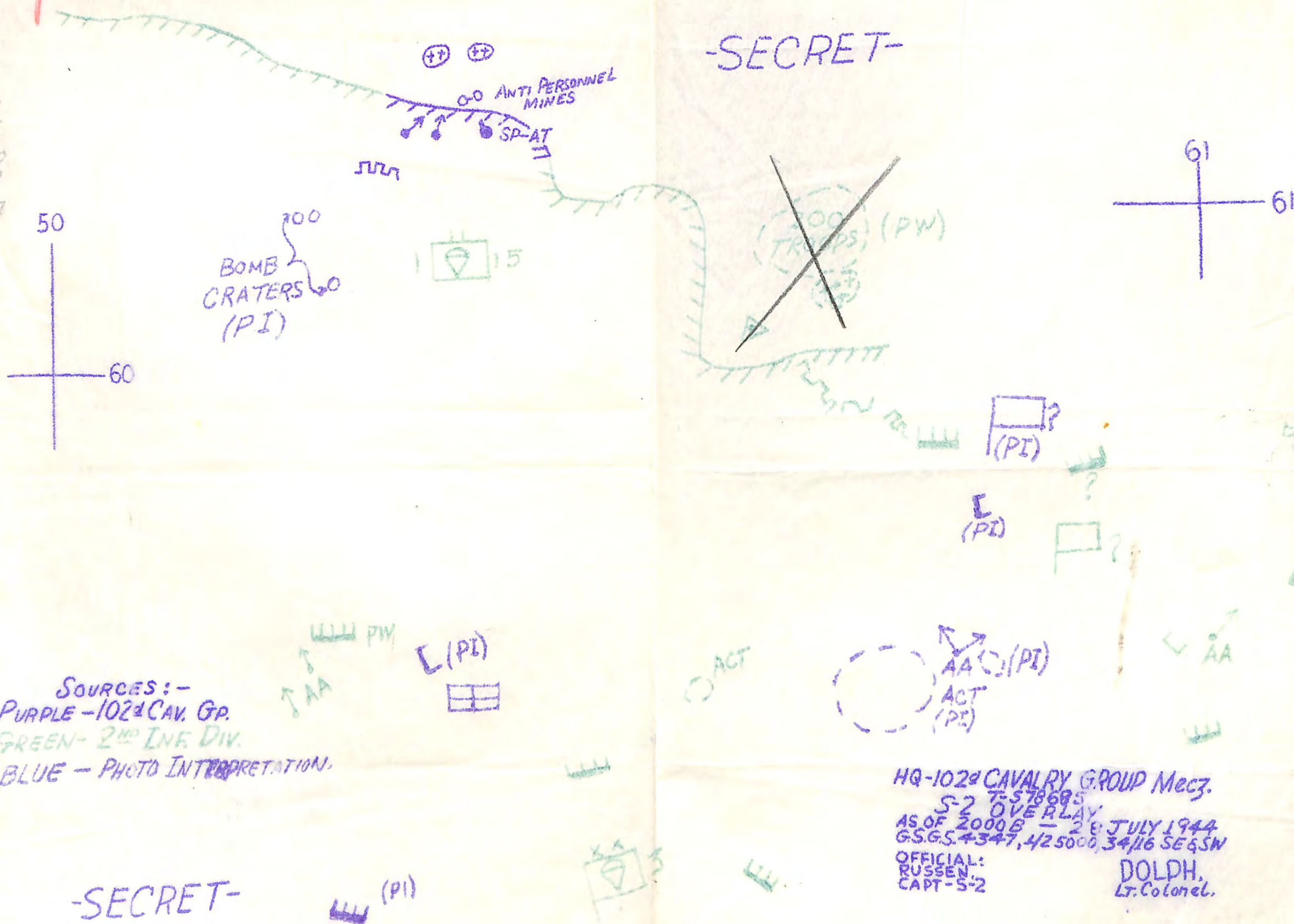
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EN. SITUATION Hs of 291500

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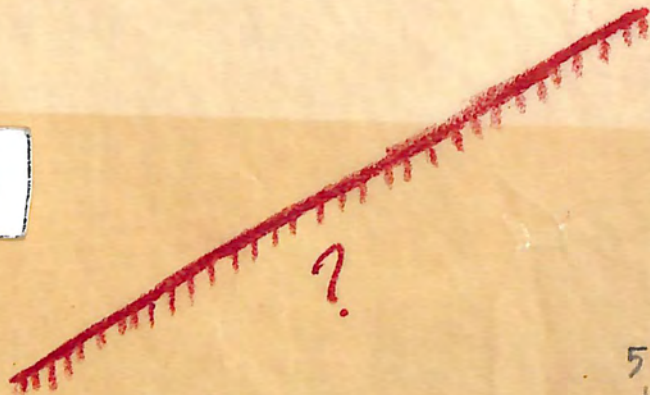
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0520 - Lt. Favrus, Called Red unit, talked to S-3,  
who reports all quiet but does not have knowledge  
of forward units.

0530 - Lt. Favrus, Called White unit - talked to Sgt Justad  
who reports that H and G Co have not succeeded in  
going forward; that E Co. has gone forward but  
does not know if they have contacted Blue unit.  
Have instructions to complete movement forward  
as per order as soon as possible.

0540 Lt. Favrus Called S-3 Blue unit and gave  
information as to other units, and clarified  
instructions as to actions of Blue unit.

0615 - Lt. Favrus talked to Col. Docha - Confirmed  
information and instructions given to S-3 -  
to consolidate positions, regain contact with  
White and Red units, continue on mission at  
Command of C.O. of Regt; to proceed no farther  
that Div. Obj. #2; Contact with enemy beyond  
that point to be maintained by I & K platoon  
as per Div. order brought by Lt. O'Brien.  
Consolidation of Col. Docha's unit might mean  
his occupation of final objective as one Co.  
was well forward, Contact temporarily lost,  
and might now be on last objective.  
Col. Docha reports casualties in his unit,  
has inflicted casualties on the enemy and  
has taken 32 PWs including one officer.



0825 - Written message from Dvr as follows -

a DP 1901 closes 290600. a DP 103 location 483682 opens 290600. DAO located at 530802 closes 290600. DAO located at 490666 opens 290600 - Signed Baade 2135

0850 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports that troops are moving forward with very little opposition. Last contact with 134 established last night at coordinates 539595

0915 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports Co K & Co L on ~~front~~ <sup>initial</sup> objective & were there throughout the night. ~~Co~~ Still on Initial Dvr Objective

0917 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn ~~at~~ reports that all companies are on initial Dvr objective

1015 - CP CT 320 closed at 550655 & opened 541626. Collecting Co in position at 541620

1115 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn occupying line extending from 548581 to 557587 & has physical contact with 134 on right. CP located vic of 553590

1130 - CO directed 1<sup>st</sup> Bn to release Co H to 2<sup>d</sup> Bn as soon as situation in zone will permit it & employ Co C instead

1155 - CO 2<sup>d</sup> Bn directed to move 2<sup>d</sup> Bn to vic of 560600 leaving Co E in position to protect rear of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn & left flank of regiment & pull them forward when left clears. Co B will revert to



control of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn in new position as soon as Co C  
can be pulled into 1<sup>st</sup> Bn zone in its stead

1156 - message received from Dv as follows - Old  
Dv fwd CP closes at 291005 B opens at  
509623 at same time - Signed CH 35<sup>th</sup> Dv 1415

1205 - CO directed that Co C 737 Tank Bn attached to  
regt be moved to vic of 531619

1217 - Co B + Co H on final objective. Directed to  
secure their positions + await further orders

1255 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn on obj and consolidating positions. A+C Co's not  
abreast B & H Co's yet. 2<sup>d</sup> Bn moving to 560595

1310 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn now on Division objective and occupying  
general line 560580 - 570584

1311 - CO directed 3<sup>d</sup> Bn to reconnoiter and patrol  
southward to la Chapelle and to the east to vic.  
of 580580

1350 - CO departed to visit Dv CP for further  
instructions

1420 - Message from CO 3<sup>d</sup> Bn - Co L now at 56805760  
organizing left of Bn zone on Dv objective. Co I  
is now moving to position on right. Co K in  
reserve. Signed Docka 1345

1440 - CO called + directed that a warning order be  
issued to troops that attack will be resumed to  
SE to next objective vicinity of Torgini Sur Vire  
at 1700.



1510 - CO returned to CP with DOW order to proceed to Tonguei Sur Vire

1545 - CO + S-3 departed CP to meet 1st + 3d Bns

1550 - CP alerted to move to new area vic 559598

1700 - 1st and 3d Bns jumped off from positions on DOW obj. Co A on right - Co B on left 1st Bn. Co I on right Co L on left 3d Bn

1800 - CP closed at 541626 + opened at 559596 same hour

1815 - 3d Bn occupying line 573561 to 579564 + still moving

1900 - 3d Bn reports receiving heavy artillery fire from vicinity of CR located at 583553

1930 - Sgt Smith with I + R patrol reconnoitered as far forward as 564560 + found no enemy. Reports that 1st Bn units are in vicinity of 565566

2035 Maj. Waning called to rpt. 1st Bn took some prisoners at Le Hamile and found Bn of enemy at Baturle Ridge in disorganized condition (La Sétouche) Le Hamile

2037 Col Byrne called Col. Solomon + informed him of present situation.



~~2050~~ Col. Byrnes called Col Miltonberger and discussed  
current situation with him.

2100 Lt. Col. Docha called - reports contact with 2d Div.  
Col Byrnes advises him to cross river, & gain  
reverse slope under cover of dark.

2110 Maj. Warring reports that "I" Co had received  
orders to dig in for night. - untrue. They received  
a little fire but will probably move up under  
darkness.

~~2150~~ 2250 Bombing & Flare dropping by German Forces, also  
from Regt. C.P. ~~II~~

2345 Order to continue attack at 0900 - Div. later  
Pvt Maj McElroy  
July 30, 1944

0245- Following message telephoned to 3d Bn - Continue  
attack 0900 in conjunction with troops on your  
right and left. Mission unchanged. Signed McElroy  
May 00368

0200 - Following message telephoned to 2d Bn - Attack  
Continues at 0900. No change your mission.

0330- 3d Bn requested that Artillery be advised of location  
of forward elements. Advised 216 FA who stated  
that south of the troops and along No. 4 Hwy  
receiving some fire.

0550- 1st Bn reported no activity. Believe that aerial  
activity caused no damage. No indication as to  
nearness of bombs.



# S-2 JOURNAL

From 29 July 44 1500 To 30 July 44 1500  
date hour date hour

PLACE TORIGNI SUR-VIRE - FRANCE

| TIME |      | Serial No. | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action Taken | How Sent                                        |
|------|------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| In   | Out  |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                                                 |
| 1730 |      |            |            | En. column reported moving SE. located at 544 543                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              | T/P                                             |
| 2250 |      |            |            | En. Aircraft overhead                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |                                                 |
| 2310 |      |            |            | TO JUSTICE 2 - ouv<br>Red Bn met resistance at 4 P.W. captured at 57551<br>By B. Co report En strength consists of 4th Co 3rd Eng. BN 3rd Para Div. which have been committed to infantry duties. CP 4th Co in house 570562. line behind hedgerow which runs parallel with En det road. - There are only 50-60 men left in 4th Co - morale low<br>loc + IR #37 |              | TO DIV<br>T/P.<br>TO Red 2<br>White 2<br>Blue 2 |
| 0015 |      |            |            | RED 2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |                                                 |
|      | 0200 |            |            | FO JUSTICE - 2: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              | TP                                              |
|      | 0400 |            |            | TO JUSTICE - 2: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              | T/P                                             |
|      | 0600 |            |            | TO JUSTICE - 2 NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              | T/P                                             |
| 1030 |      |            | 1015       | "B" Co ran into small ambush To<br>muzzle fire in their right front<br>(Red 2) G-V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              | T/P                                             |
| 1635 |      |            | 1600       | JUSTICE 2: 6 TANKS MOVING SE TO S-3<br>AT 545546 471600                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              | T/P                                             |
| 2140 |      |            |            | WHITE 2: NEG. REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                                 |
| 2145 |      |            |            | WHITE 2 SAW GREEN WHITE, GREEN<br>PLACES FROM 500 YDS W OF CHURCH<br>AT 581566                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                                 |



S-2 Periodic Report

From: 291500 July 44  
To: 301500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 - Conic & Sorigni

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. Enemy front lines: see overlay
- b. Units in contact: see overlay
- c. Defensive organization: Enemy to our front is occupying well dug in delaying positions occupied with supporting MG and mortar fire.

2. Enemy operations during period:

- a. General summary: Mortar and artillery fire in our forward area during the entire period. Small enemy delaying forces remained in position. See overlay.
- Notes: 1 report during period.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. Enemy casualties: light
- b. 4 P.W. taken
- c. Enemy morale: Fair
- d. Knowledge of our situation: Unknown

4. Enemy capabilities:

Continue delaying actions from Ledgeron to Ledgeron to our immediate front, with drawing Southward to new defensive positions.

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AT 291005B OPENS AT  
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L. Co. NOW AT 56805760  
organizing left D Bn.  
zone on sub objective.  
H Co is moving to position  
on right.  
K Co in Reserve.

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0040 To CO 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Continue attack 0900 in conjunction  
with troops on your right & left. Mission unchanged.  
(Signed May McEharg 0036)

0040 To CO 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn attack continues at 0900. No change in  
your mission. Signed May McEharg 0037

0040 Some msg above relayed 1<sup>st</sup> Bn by telephone by May McEharg

0140 Red 3 called requesting permission to fire harassing  
fire south of Grid 56.

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0550 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports Co L in contact with 38<sup>th</sup> Inf on left and about 300 yds north of creek. Co L withdrew to 1 field north of creek. Two platoons of Co K with Co L. No knowledge as to location of 3<sup>d</sup> Plat Co K or Bn CO. Aerial activity was close. ~~There~~ No activity on front lines.

0552 - Col Renfro called + requested information of aerial activity + activity along front lines (Was given information contained in 0550 message above)

0553 - Attempted to contact 2<sup>d</sup> Bn by telephone but was unable to do so

0720 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reports that Co K (left co) is across the southernmost stream within their zone of advance. Co L is just north of the stream. Co K is approaching the stream. It is believed that little resistance will be met in the movement forward except possibly MG + light mortar fire

0725 - Capt Haley with squad of Engis departed from CP to reconnoiter + establish forward CP

0822 - CO reported to Dwr the advance of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn during the night (see message 0720)

0940 - CO departed to visit 1<sup>st</sup> Bn CP

1000 - Communication with Blue established through White by relay



1010 Capt. Kelly called & informs that new CP area is occupied by another unit.

- 1020 - S-3, 3<sup>d</sup> Bn reported that all units are held up at positions occupied during the night by very heavy artillery, mortar, MG, & small arms fire. Unable to move forward at all although the unit has attempted to do so since 0900. Physical contact with 38 Inf on left. All units now S of stream
- 1035 - CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reports that 1<sup>st</sup> Bn jumped off on time but no appreciable advance could be made because of mortar fire. 2 red flares were observed in front of Co B & immediately thereafter heavy mortar fire fell on Co B positions
- 1125 - Arty directed to place Arty fire on church at 586 546 followed by smoke. Believed to be observation post for enemy artillery
- 1135 - CO returned to CP after visiting 1<sup>st</sup> Bn
- 1145 - CO + S-3 departed for new CP at 570 571
- 1200 - Reported to Div ~~of~~ the location of front line units
- 1215 - Report received from 3<sup>d</sup> Bn stated that all three rifle companies were being employed from right to left. Co L Co K Co I. Co L is being moved from right to left & companies will be employed right to left K, I, L.



1235 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reorganizing units in present positions adjusting to boundaries, arranging preparatory fires preparatory to coordinated attack at 1300

1250 - 38<sup>th</sup> Inf requested clearance through Cce Rinfroc for armored unit be allowed to operate from 584559 - south to 583552 thence to the east back into sector of 38<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
Clearance allowed pending notification of time in order to effect Coordination

1305 - CP closed 559596 and opened 571572 same hour

1410 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn reports that enemy resistance is increasing and that reserve company is being committed

1440 - Lt O'Brien reported 320 + 134 continue present attack, present obj. Task force is being formed consisting of 137 CT with tanks + ID and additional Engns attached to move rapidly to south after present objectives have been taken. With its final objective high ground just north of Yure river. Time of employment depends on time present objectives are taken.

1500 - Assault Bns notified that reorganization should be made + preparations made to make a Coordinated attack at 1800

1550 - Bns notified that an air strike will take place 700 yds east of St Amand at 1600



- 1840 - #3d Bn CP reported that Bn jumped off on time and from OP the only action which could be observed was that of the tanks in front of Co K.
- 1850 - 1st Bn attacked at 1800 but unable to move forward
- 1855 - CG visited CP to discuss situation with CO. Approved CO's plan to make main effort on the left & secure the high ground east of St Lo even if Breign's Sur Line is bypassed
- 1925 - Capt Fredrickson reported to CP & stated that tanks were held up on LD at left flank of battalion sector by antitank fire. Tanks tried to move off the road but the ground was such to stop movement at all. Inf troops held up pending movement of tanks
- 2020 - Maj Gellis, Ant G-3 visited CP to make abreast of the enemy situation which prevented any advance at the time of the 1800 coordinated attack.
- 2025 - Daily Operations summary dispatched to Div Hq by Lieut O'Brien
- 2130 - CO directed assault battalions to dig in, secure their positions, patrol, maintain contact, await further orders



2250 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with overlay &  
Div FO # 11 (a copy filed with this journal)

2348 - Capt Gates Co C, 81st Chemical Company reported to  
CP

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0030 CO issued order orally to Capt. Tobin, Lt. Bruffet,  
Capt. Zimmerman & Capt. Yates - S-3 to Capt.  
Lynch. Div. atk at 0800 with 134 abreast  
of 320th. Task force of Gen. Seabee composed  
of 137th Inf Tanks, artillery, Art & various  
other weapons & units will come down on  
right of 134th to below the town & pinch  
out the 134th who will, after taking hill  
in front of them, go into Div. reserve.  
Below the town we will have the task  
force on our right. Our obj. is below  
the riv. Vire. We atk at 0800. Task force  
at 0600. Tanks with us will jump off at  
H hour but will be on call at 0730.  
Smoke will be laid starting at 0730 to cover  
approach of Tanks. First 2 tanks are for  
1st Bn. Will have to have men follow  
on tanks to pick off snipers. Apt. Tobin  
will use 81's. Action will be in nature  
of patrol with Bns. Light & Med Tanks  
will support Tobin's unit. Pte 4 is best rte  
down through stream bed & down to where  
"B" Co is at present, that is jump off



From: 301500 July 44  
To: 311500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 - Dorigu

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- (a) Enemy front lines: see overlay
- (b) Units in contact: see overlay
- (c) Defensive organizations: Unknown

2. Enemy operations during period:

(a) General summary: Mortar and artillery fire in our forward areas during the period. Enemy withdrawal took place sometimes during the hours of darkness. Small delaying forces remained in position. see overlay.

Aircraft: Approx. 3 enemy aircraft (unidentified) were reported over our sector from 2230 to 2240 and 2345 to 2400.

Tanks: None reported in our sector.

3. Miscellaneous:

(a) Enemy casualties: light

(b) P.W.'s taken: !

(c) Enemy morale: Fair

(d) Knowledge of our situation: Unknown

4. Enemy capabilities:

Continue delaying action with light covering force from Hedgerow to Hedgerow to our immediate front, withdrawing Southward to new defensive positions.

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| TIME            |      | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action<br>Taken           | How Sent  |
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| In              | Out  |               |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |           |
| 0350            |      |               |               | Red 2 NEG. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           | T/P       |
| 0351            |      |               |               | White 2 Neg. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           | T/P       |
| 0352            |      |               |               | Blue 2 - rec'd harassing mortar<br>fire during night                                                                                                                                                                               |                           | T/P       |
| 0615            |      |               |               | White Bn Reports peattered<br>resistance.                                                                                                                                                                                          | TO Justice 2<br>TO Blue 2 | T/P       |
| <del>0500</del> | 0600 |               |               | Justice 2, En. withdrew<br>BN'S ENCOUNTERING BOOBY<br>TRAPS & MINES                                                                                                                                                                | TS 2-2                    | TP        |
| 0830            |      |               |               | Sgt. PORTA CAPTURED<br>1 PW.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 PW                      | IN PRISON |
| 1245            | 1200 |               |               | Justice - Ren. plat. to recon. all<br>roads in Juniper sector down<br>as far as Guilberville. Will report<br>to Maj. Jamison after completion<br>of present mission for new mission.<br>Reports elements of Ren. at<br>576515-1140 |                           | T/P       |
| 1300            |      |               | 1100          | Reports road at 585519<br>" " " 587514<br>" " " 586508<br>ore mined. (14R)                                                                                                                                                         | To 1st Bn &<br>2nd Bn.    | T/P       |
| 1500            |      |               |               | Artillery & mortar fire reported<br>at Guilberville<br>(Arty. L.O.)                                                                                                                                                                |                           | T/P       |



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PLACE NORMANDY

| TIME |     | Serial<br>No. | Time<br>dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                         | Action<br>Taken | How sent |
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| In   | Out |               |               |                                                                                                                     |                 |          |
| 2147 |     |               |               | WHITE-2 RED ORANGE<br>FLARES AT 581566                                                                              |                 | TP       |
|      |     |               |               | JUSTICE-2: 50 GRIDDED PHOTOS<br>150 <sup>10000</sup> ALSO SENT                                                      |                 |          |
|      |     |               |               | AVAILABLE AT JORDAN AFTER 0200<br>SOME VERTICALS AVAILABLE AT<br>JUSTICE NOW. -8 COPIES COVERS FRONT                |                 | TP       |
|      |     |               | 2345          | WHITE-2 OBSERVED <del>THE</del> FIRE 1 MILE<br>SE OF CHURCH AT 581566<br>APPEARS TO BE AMMO DUMP                    |                 | TP       |
| 2345 |     |               |               | EN. AIRPLANE FLEW OVER AREA<br>RETURNED AT 2400                                                                     | TO JUSTICE      | TP       |
| 0030 |     |               |               | JUSTICE-2 REPORTS: PW<br>STATES BOMBING OF LINES<br>WILL OCCUR TONIGHT FROM<br>2400 - 0100 AND FROM<br>0200 TO 0300 | RED, WHITE      | TP       |
| 0200 |     |               |               | RED-2 REPORTS BOOBY<br>TRAPS AND MINES                                                                              |                 | TP       |
| 1015 |     |               |               | RED-2: ABLE CO. RUNNING<br>INTO S-MINES                                                                             |                 | TP       |
| 1030 |     |               |               | SEABREEZE HELD<br>UP AT 533 535 AT 1000                                                                             |                 | TP       |



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| 1240 |     |               |               | JUSTICE 2: IVANHOE (ON LEFT)<br>REPORTS THEIR PATROLS<br>ARE CROSSING TORIGNY - HARMAND<br>HIGHWAY. | RED             | T/P      |
|      |     |               | 1120          | JONIAER 2: REP. ROAD<br>579 579 } BLOCKS<br>582 555 } AT                                            | DI              | T/P      |
|      |     |               |               | JUSTICE 2: EN FRONT<br>LINE OF UNIT ON LEFT<br>593 538 6045 34<br>612 532 6245 30                   | MIP             | T/P      |
|      |     |               |               | 37/12 N.W.<br>From G.V.<br>5 men - believed to be tankmen<br>on foot - seen at 5995 5556            |                 | T/P      |

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Tank observed - 1130  
by 38<sup>th</sup> Inf.

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE)

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No. 1DATE 30 July '44To C.O. 3d Bn.

Continue attack 0900 in conjunction  
with troops on your right and left,  
Mission unchanged.

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C.O. 320th FA  
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Phoned at: 0245 - to Base 3 - Lane Co at creek.



point. Smoke will be used in about every 5th round. Tobin will come down to stream line, will meet tanks where road meets the stream. Guides will direct tanks. Mortars are permitted to use all of base load - it will be replaced. Our force will consist of Regt. plus Tank Co. plus Co of 4.2 Mortars.

0345 - Call from Maj. Gillis to report that British tanks are now in Forest Leveque (6450) after breakthrough on left.

0600 Lt Col. Reed visited C.P. to discuss plans for day's ops.

0605 Lt. Faubus called Bns to inform them of breakthrough of British Tanks (at 6452)

0815 - All Bns jumped off on time and moving forward

0850 - CO reported to Capt Weinkamp & asked that the message be relayed to Dvr CB that indications are that enemy resistance is nonexistent to our front

0905 - Capt Leach, 3d Bn, report that troops are moving forward. Two Companies which moved cautiously at first & are alerted to keep moving as rapidly as possible



0910 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn reports that they are moving across the river and have contact with Co A

0912 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn moving forward rapidly. Have advanced 500 or 600 yds. Many booby traps are being found. CO directed that booby traps & mine fields be recorded & bypassed & that troops continue advance forward.

Formation of assault companies B on right, A on left C following immediately in rear

0918 - CO directed that all troops disregard contacts & move forward rapidly as possible & to report when 54 grid line has been reached

0920 - Information received from Div & Corps & air observation indicates that all enemy resistance has withdrawn to south of Vire River

0923 - CO directed to rally tanks to the west of St Armand

0925 - CO indicated that when 54 grid line has been reached troops will be formed into advance guard march column in order 3<sup>d</sup> Bn, 2<sup>d</sup> Bn 1<sup>st</sup> Bn & continue movement southward. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn block Jorigny

0930 - CO Co C 60<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn directed to attach 1 platoon to 2<sup>d</sup> Bn immediately upon reaching 54 grid line and with remainder of company & L & R platoon reconnoiter & clear route to the south & west of Jorigny to the main route leading out to the southeast



- 1120 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn CO in St Amand awaiting orders from CO. Bn south of the road leading east out of Jorgins
- 1130 - 4.2 Chemical mortars employed to smoke & burn Jorgins
- 1135 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn reported to be 300 yds south of grid line 55. CO 1<sup>st</sup> Bn on way to St Amand to meet CO for orders
- 1150 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn occupying line 570548 - 576548  
2<sup>d</sup> Bn " " 575550 - 579553  
3<sup>d</sup> Bn " " 587542 - 592546
- 1215 - CO directed 1 platoon of Cannon Co to be attached to 3<sup>d</sup> Bn as part of advance guard for movement to south. I & R platoon to precede advance guard
- 1230 - 2<sup>d</sup> Bn reported by Sgt Smith I & R Plat to be occupying line 576548 - 582549
- 1310 - Dir CH called & stated that a platoon of Division Recon Troop would operate in front of 320 Column. Will join approx 1430.  
CO requested that Recon Troop contact our liaison officer just south of Jorgins before proceeding further south.
- 1330 - CO & S-3 departed CP to meet Bn Comdrs at St Amand & establish forward CP at 582554



1300 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn alerted to move to the north. I have 31 JULY 44  
your Ex. Conduct the move. CO reported to this  
Hq for further instructions + prepared to go on  
reconnaissance. Same message to 2<sup>d</sup> + 3<sup>d</sup> Bns

1320 - May Smith called + reported 4 american dead  
at 501689 + asked the message be relayed to  
Service Co. May Hughes notified.

1350 - MP platoon ldr reported to CP to coordinate  
guides + routes to new area

1445 - Ex called Div + informed them that movement  
by marching will be begun by 3<sup>d</sup> Bn at 1530  
Div requires further clearance before movement of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn.

1500 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bn instructed to start movement at 1600



1400 - 3<sup>d</sup> Bn as advance guard began movement south from positions vicinity of 587542 - 592546 followed by 2<sup>d</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn secured Jorigni Sur Vire from the south and the east.

1600 - Heavy enemy resistance both from automatic weapons & artillery was received by 3<sup>d</sup> Bn from vicinity of 580517. Companies I & L deployed astride main route leading south from Jorigni vic of 581525 - 586-525. Co K following took up positions vicinity of 585532. 2<sup>d</sup> Bn advanced to & occupied positions vic of 590525. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn (minus 2 platoons Co C) vic 575548. One platoon Co C protecting Jorigni from south 578534. One platoon Co C protecting Jorigni from east 581540. Heavy enemy resistance prevented further advance. Co C 81<sup>st</sup> Chemical Bn supported attack of 3<sup>d</sup> Bn placing smoke vic of 580517.

1145 - CO issued ~~to~~ verbal orders to Bn Comdres to resume attack 0530. LD & disposition of troops see operations overlay. After capture of objective vic 580517, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn pass through 3<sup>d</sup> Bn take up advance guard formation & pursue enemy to south. Main effort on left of regiment. Co C 737 Tank Bn to support attack of 2<sup>d</sup> Bn (NOTE - Enemy resistance was light tanks were not used)



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To: 11500 July 44

Maps: France 1/25000 - Doremi

1. Enemy situation at the end of period:

- (a) Enemy front lines: see overlay
- (b) Units in contact: see overlay
- (c) Defensive organization: unknown

2. Enemy operations during period:

- (a) Our front lines in this movement forward met light resistance from enemy covering force. This covering force was supported by auto. weapons, mortars and light arty. Enemy withdrawals took place sometimes during the hours of darkness. 1 P.W. states that some of the arty. positions moved back approx. 10 km. to new positions. Enemy also used mines extensively to hamper our advance.

Aircraft: Approx. 300 planes reported from 2400 to 0000 in our sector

Tanks: None reported in our sector.

3. Miscellaneous:

- (a) Enemy casualties: light
- (b) P.W.'s taken: 4
- (c) Enemy morale: fair
- (d) Knowledge of our situation: unknown

4. Enemy capabilities:

Continued delaying actions with light covering force from hedgerow to hedgerow to immediate front, with drawing Southwards to new defensive positions.

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From 31 JULY 44 1500  
date hourTo 1 AUGUST 44 1500  
date hour

PLACE - TORIGNY, NORMANDY

| TIME |      | Serial No.       | Time Dated | Incidents, Messages, Orders                                                                                                                   | Action Taken                                          | How sent     |
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| In   | Out  |                  |            |                                                                                                                                               |                                                       |              |
|      | 1530 |                  | 1530       | CONTACTED EN. AT 57519 TO 571519 GENERALLY                                                                                                    | To G-V                                                | Radio (193)  |
|      | 1730 |                  | 17103      | SMALL ENEMY FORCE AND MINERFIELD AT 588521 (142)                                                                                              | To G-V                                                | Radio (193)  |
| 1700 | 1900 |                  |            | En. resistance along E.W. line via 586520<br>Request for air cover over roads leading S. from Torigni                                         | To G-V<br>Armed Aerial Recon. commencing 1900 by Div. | B. Silverman |
| 1800 | 1915 |                  | 1945       | Civilians reported approx 3000 along E.W. line via from 561514 to 587515<br>Battery of anti guns located at 564514 (behind road by civilians) | To G-V                                                | T/P          |
| 2315 |      | 585495<br>591512 | pages 3    | from JUSTICE 2 information from corp on our right to our corp. Tanks seen at 5646 at 2230 (unconfirmed)                                       |                                                       |              |
| 2340 |      |                  |            | To JUSTICE 2 - Our Blue Bn is receiving small arms & m.G. & mortar fire                                                                       |                                                       | T/P          |
| 0015 |      |                  |            | TO JUSTICE 2, situation unchanged                                                                                                             |                                                       | T/P          |
| 0400 | 0600 |                  |            | 3004 GERMAN PLANES OVERHEAD                                                                                                                   |                                                       |              |
| 0220 |      |                  |            | TO JUSTICE 2 - Situation unchanged                                                                                                            |                                                       |              |
| 0800 |      |                  |            | TO JUSTICE 2 - MOVING FORWARD ENCOUNTERING BOBBY TRAPS & MINES                                                                                |                                                       | TP           |



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ENEMY SITUATION As of 31/1500  
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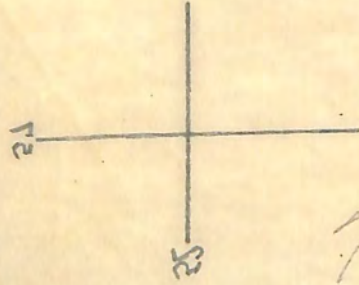
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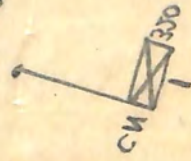
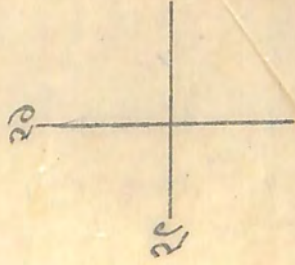
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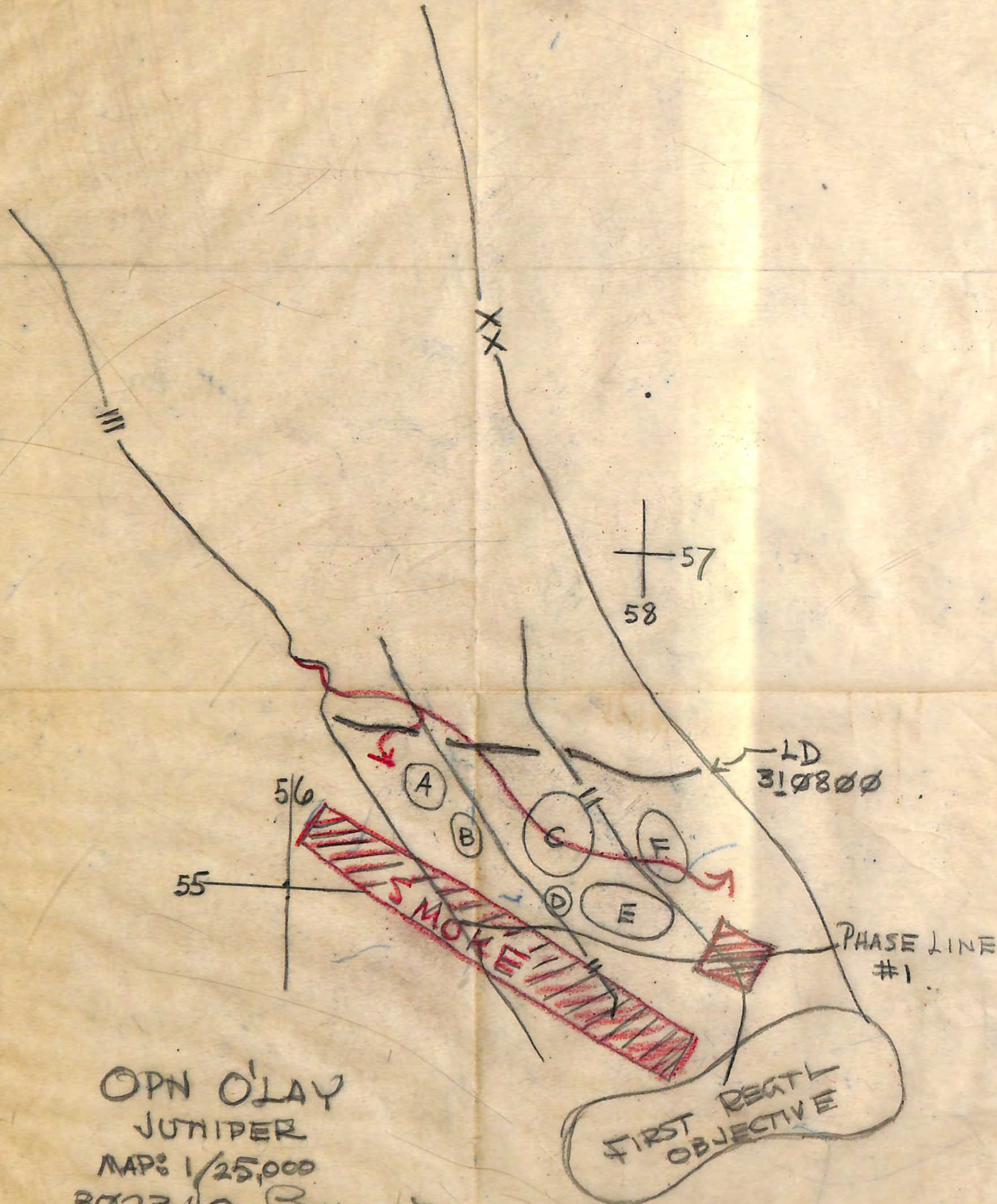
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No. 2 DATE 30 July

To C.O. 2d Bn.

Attack continues at 0900. No  
change your mission.

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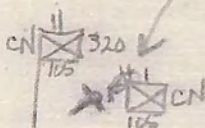
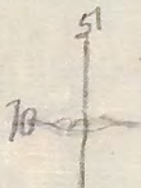
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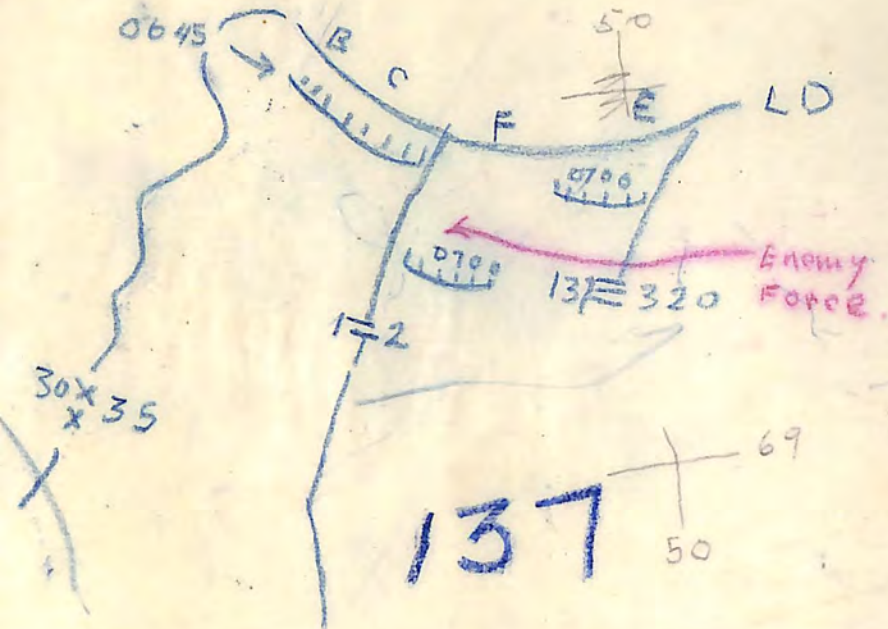
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- 1- C.O. TO CALL FOR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED
- 2- ADV PARTY WILL MEET C.O. OR REPRESENTATIVE AT BN. C.P. OR ON ROUTE TO AREA
- 3- COMBAT TEAMS TO BE COMMITTED AS THE C.O. DESIRES

