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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 092400
To : 102400
35th Inf Div
102400 August 1944

No. 33

Maps: France 1/50,000. Sheet 6G/2 (MORTAIN)

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - Enemy is defending in his present position S of MORTAIN. He also has defensive line in the FORET DE MORTAIN.
- c. Artillery - See overlay.
- d. Units in contact - Enemy forces facing our troops in the so-called pocket of resistance include the Reconnaissance Bn of the 116th Pz Div and the Reconnaissance Bn of the 2d SS Pz Div. Estimated maximum 880 men with not more than 10 tanks.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - The 1st SS Pz Div, the 2d SS Pz Div and the 116th Pz Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy resisted with organized elements of tanks and infantry.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Artillery fire was accurate although light in our forward areas during the period. Note artillery battery in the meadow shown at 605152. See overlay.
 2. Aviation - Planes were over the area commencing at 0015 and dropped flares and bombs. One delayed action, 500 lb. bomb, exploded three hours after it had been dropped killing two officers and one enlisted man. Troops should be warned to be careful of unexploded bombs.
 3. Infantry - Infantry continued to defend in the zone of our advance with rifle and automatic fire. Civilians report that sniper patrols of not more than 6 men hide out in the woods during the daytime and at night take positions on logical avenues of approach picking off personnel from our own advancing patrol.
 4. Tanks - No tanks were reported in our forward area during the period. See overlay for anti-tank gun positions.
 5. Administrative elements - See overlay for location of supply points. Reliable sources report that the supply route goes from DOMFRONT to CER.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. 18 PWs captured during period. Total for this operation 57.
Grand total 916.
- b. Weather - Overcast in the morning becoming clear before 1000 and continued warm.
- c. The Engineer Bn of the 116th Pz Div is equipped and is firing a weapon called a Doperat. The projectile is copied from the Russian rocket gun.
- d. Password - THESE reply THREE from 1200 11 Aug to 1200 12 Aug 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: - No change.

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