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# PERMANENT HISTORICAL FILE

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From: 102400  
To : 112400  
35th Inf Div  
112400 August 1944

No. 34

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

### 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - See overlay.
- Defensive organization - Enemy continues to defend from a defensive position on the high ground in the FORET DE MORTAIN.
- Artillery - See overlay.
- Units in contact - The Deutschland Regt of the 2d SS Pz Div, the Reconnaissance Bn and Eng. Bn of the 116th Pz Div.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - The 10th SS Pz Div has been identified by the 2d Armored Div as reserve available on our front. The remnants of the 1st SS Pz Div, the 2d SS Pz Div and the 116th Pz Div are still available as reserves in our area.

### 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- General summary - Enemy continued to defend, launching limited counter-attacks with tanks and infantry.
- Operations of component elements:
  - Artillery - Artillery fire was accurate, although light, in our forward areas during the period.
  - Aviation - Unidentified enemy aircraft over area from 0415 to 0445. No bombing or strafing was reported.
  - Infantry - The infantry continued to defend in the middle and north sector with rifle and automatic weapons fire.
  - Tanks - Four tanks launched counter-attack in vicinity of E90100; unknown number of tanks supported infantry attack on BION.
  - Administrative elements - Additional reports indicate supply line DOMFRONT - GER - MORTAIN.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Total of 17 PWs captured during the period. Total for this operation 74 - Grand total 933.
- Weather - Overcast in the morning becoming clear before 1000 and continued warm.
- Password - CRICKET reply HEARTH from 1200 12 August to 1200 13 August 1944.

### 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- Enemy is capable of launching counter-attack with tanks and infantry in our sector.
- Enemy can defend the high ground to the north and east of MORTAIN.
- Enemy can continue to fight delaying action in the zone of our advance.

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