

DECLASSIFIED
Authority 135017
By 15 HVA, Dab

SECRET

C-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 061600
To : 071600
35th Inf Div
071600 September 1944

No. 59

Maps: France 1/100,000. Sheets 13H, 13G, 14H and 14G.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - The enemy does not have a cohesive front line in our sector.
- b. Defensive organization - The enemy continues to defend CHATILLON H6720, CHATEAUVILLAIN Y9041, CHAUMONT Z0748, ANDELOT Z2063, NEUFCHATEAU Z4875.
Between NANCY U0612 and PONT - MOUSSON U7735 and on the E side of the river there is estimated to be a force of two regiments reinforced. Some of these forces have infiltrated to the W side of the river.
- c. Units in contact - In addition to the units reported previously, two PWs from the 48th Inf Div were captured. These PWs had been separated from their unit since the 27th of August.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy continues to defend fortified positions indicated in his defensive organization as he moves his remaining forces to the E and NE.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Infantry - No withdrawal from defensive positions was indicated. New enemy forces were reported having moved into LAIGNES H5318, and in the forest SE of CHATEAUVILLAIN. Troop movements were also reported moving between the roads CHATILLON to CHAUMONT.
 2. Miscellaneous - In the area S of NANCY enemy infiltrated towards the W across the CANAL DE L'EST between Z8996 and Z9388. In addition, elements of the 9th Regt of the 3rd Para Div moved towards the W across the MOSELLE RIVER vicinity of PAINVILLE Z9283 last night.

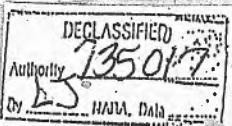
3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Ten enemy casualties reported during period vicinity CHATILLON. Enemy dead buried none.
- b. Prisoners - 2 PWs captured during period. Grand total 4,687.
- c. Weather - Cloudy during period with intermittent showers. Little change in temperature.
- d. Password - TUMBLEBRED reply CACTUS from 081200 September to 091200 September 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

JOHN T. HOYNE
Lt Col, G S C
AC of S, C-2

SECRET



SECRET

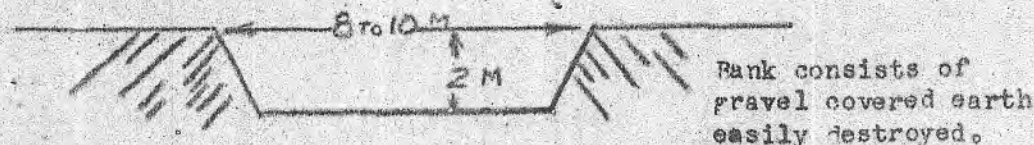
THE MOSELLE RIVER AND CANAL DE L'EST

A Information concerning MOSELLE RIVER between Z8797 and Z9386.

1. A ford can be found practically every 500 meters.
2. The banks of the river are almost flat on both sides within this sector.
3. The water level does not vary unless heavy rain continues for a period of two or three days.
4. The river bed consists mainly of gravel which gives firm footing for wheeled or tracked vehicles. Some holes may be found near the bank where sharp bend in the river exist.
5. The width of the river varies throughout the area covered in this report. In proximity of BAYON the width is 20 to 30 meters and one-half meter in depth. Reports indicate that this is the widest and deepest point within the sector.
6. Between PAYON Z9587 and LOREY Z9490 the river is easily fordable; however, the river between these two points has low underbrush and high grass on both of the banks.
7. East and North of the FORET DE PENNEY the river is about 2 meters deep.

B Information concerning CANAL DE L'EST between Z8797 and Z9386.

1. Sketch of cross section of canal.



2. There are many sluices along the canal. It requires one hour to empty a canal space of 1 km in length between sluices.
3. Many sluices have been destroyed along the canal and at these locations the canal is easily fordable for wheeled and tracked vehicles if the slope of the banks is reduced.
4. In the area of PAYON four to five sluices have been destroyed and the canal under these circumstances is no obstacle.

Information obtained by French civilians who live in the immediate area covered by this report.

Interviewers: Lt. Farber, Lt. Woyl, Krieger, Tec 3.