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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 082400  
 To : 092400  
 35th Inf Div  
 092400 August 1944

No. 32

Maps: France 1/50,000. Sheet 66/2 (MORTAIN)

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Enemy continued to defend in the pocket of resistance shown on the overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - Enemy is believed to have a strong defensive line in the FORET DE MORTAIN as shown on overlay.
- c. Units in contact - Units in contact include elements of the Reconnaissance Bn and the Engineer Bn of the 116th Pz Div. Elements of the 1st and 2d SS Pz Div have been identified in our sector.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - Elements of the 1st and 2d SS Pz Div may be committed as reserve in our sector. See overlay for the estimated amount of enemy strength in the pocket of resistance and in immediate reserve.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continued to hold out in the pocket of resistance launching limited counter-attacks with tanks and infantry.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  1. Aviation - Enemy aircraft were over the area during the hours of darkness. Bombs were dropped in our south sector during latter part of period.
  2. Infantry - Infantry supported the tanks in the pocket of resistance.
  3. Tanks - Tanks continued to launch limited counter-attacks in the pocket of resistance supported by the infantry. At approximately 2230 two tanks, supported by at least a platoon of infantry launched an attack down the road leading SW out of MORTAIN. These tanks proceeded to the SW.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 18 PWs captured during period - 7 additional PWs reported from last period. Total for this operation 39 - Grand total 898.
- b. Weather - Overcast in the morning becoming clear around 1000 and continued warm.
- c. Password SUPERCHARGE reply ENGINEER from 1200 10 August to 1200 11 August 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

1. Enemy can launch a counter-attack in our N sector reinforcing the present pocket of resistance with additional tanks and infantry.
2. Enemy can fight a delaying action in our sector with the forces available.
3. Enemy can delay to the high ground in the FORET DE MORTAIN and there defend from the high ground in that vicinity.

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