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September 17 '44

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1020 Take-off
1306 Jumped
1345 2nd Bn reported by radio (They had assembled and were moving out to objective)
1400 Part of Regt'l hq Co had assembled under Col EKMAN
1500 Col EKMAN'S group moved out
1600 Set up CP
1700 Col EKMAN to Div
1830 Gen GAVIN visited CP
1840 3rd Bn disposition of troops in
1910 2nd Bn disposition of troops in
1930 Tel call from Div.: Possibility of strong enemy movement up road from the S.
Be sure RB at MOOK is good.
2110 Lt LAWRENCE left for Div
2200 Div notified us that train had gone through area and had not been stopped.
2205 Capt HARRIS called 3rd Bn to verify. Train did go through.
2330 3rd Bn laid mine fields at 754549 - 758548
2400 2nd Bn has contacted 504 on the Southern Ridge

September 18 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
0225 Rep to Div on 2nd Bn activity E. of canal.
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0440 Rep to Div - 2nd Bn RB and Mines in D Co.
2nd Bn patrol contacted 504 at S. Bridge 7.
0530 Train stopped in Co. F area. Troops evacuated train and moved S. - 1st Bn alerted.
0535 G-3 ordered patrol to 703585 to contact 508.
0545 Div notified of stopped train.
0600 Neg Rep to Div 508 CP 731587
2nd Bn 508 CP 704595
0700 800546 Eny tanks and infantry
0730 776544 Tanks sighted
0815 LZ being prepared by Lt CHESTER for Glider Landings
0815 A Co ready to move
0855 Mortars to fire 767557
0900 Gen GAVIN at CP
0900 Tel Call to Capt HARRIS from Col EKMAN: Send S-2 personnel to phone exchange in GROESBEEK
Everyone alerted for a move in any direction. Units Notified
0915 Glider Lift will be late - 1330 hrs. - Lt Chester notified
0920 Col EKMAN called Capt HARRIS pertaining to 2nd Bn high ground
0935 2nd Bn notified to send troops to 83.3 and hold it
0940 Col EKMAN returned to CP
0955 Capt HARRIS coordinated w/Maj NEPTUNE on arty firing
1000 Capt HARRIS to 1st Bn
1020 Capt HARRIS returned to CP
1020 Sit Overlay from Div
1035 I Co patrols meeting resistance - Reinforcements going to them
1040 I Co patrols report 3 Co's of Germans in area.
1042 Capt HARRIS called 1st Bn to move C Co up immediately
1115 Bn Comdr's meeting held
1215 2nd Bn alerted to help hold line 615. Div orders line to be held at all costs.
1225 2000 yds S of REICHORST eny troops in considerable number moving from E to W
1st Bn report
1245 British fighting losing battle w/superior eny forces at ARNHEM
1310 300 eny vic REICHORST w/hand-drawn arty
1317 742503 Arty Target 1322 on the way
1330 2 57's moving from 3rd Bn to 1st Bn at MOOK
1400 Col EKMAN orders 3rd Bn to cease all mortar fire. Also 1st Bn
1410 Capt DELONG request arty fire 764515-Arty L/O says target to difficult
1415 Capt DELONG reports that 300 men withdrew into REICHS WALD.
1425 F Co patrol moved along canal from Bridge 8 to 7 w/no eny contact

1427 Maj LONG reports C Co accomplished mission.
 1440 Msg from 2nd Bn D Co in position. Contact not completed w/unit on our E.
 Effort was made to contact by patrol but was fired on - they thought by
 friendly troops. Patrol will go out again w/identification flags.
 1443 E Co reports contact w/B Co at 720541
 1455 3rd Bn OP reports 11 German tanks in REICHS WALD at 775575
 376 L/O says they are flak wagons
 1525 Arty laid on tanks and knocked out 4 or 5 of them
 1445 Gliders started arriving
 1530 2nd Bn reports 20 Gliders in - 1 crashed
 1551 Gliders Landing
 1600 Many more Gliders Landed
 1630 B24's arriving w/supplies
 1800 Corps CP moved to 12
 1820 F Co making contact w/200 eny forces 700565 coming from the N
 1820 Maj LONG arrived at CP
 1905 LZ N or T will not be marked until further notice - Div order
 2015 Neg Rep to Div
 2020 1st Plt Co F renewed organized positions
 2030 Mtg of Bn Comdr's and S-3's
 2100 Per Rep submitted to Div w/overlay
 2115 Elements of the 456-320-319 landed in Germany. They are organizing and will
 probably get back through the lines tonight.
 2120 Bomb line for 0900. Woods by the REICH WALD
 2155 3rd Bn gave us report of mine fields.
 2330 Tel Msg from Div.: Request Arty personnel move back through RB at RIETHORST
 1st Bn notified
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

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0003 Capt Thain 456, checked to move his arty party through RB at RIETHORST
 0140 Capt Thain 456, called regarding outposts
 0145 Capt Thain 456, called and said friendly troops were firing on arty party in
 vic MOOK
 0146 1st Bn notified of above
 0157 1st Bn called and said they were not firing
 0158 Capt Thain notified
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0500 Maj GERARD called about arty group
 0505 Notified 1st Bn
 0515 1st Bn has not contacted arty group
 0516 Div notified
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0605 725567-737573 325th positions
 0630 3rd Bn located 3 ack ack guns, destroyed 1 bringing 2 in
 768537 3 20mm all damaged
 0920 Van to assemble and be ready to move on order of JOE in any direction - WIENEKE
 0925 Guards Armored Div are going to pull in N of 2d Bn
 0945 508 engaged w/enemy NE holding attack
 0945 Br Armored Guard Div crossed MAAS River Bridge 7. Moving along Road to N with 2d
 Bn 505 to take Bridge 1
 1005 From Col EKMAN by radio: Report 500 German foot troops on way from GENNEP moving
 toward REITHORST.
 1015 764526 German Sedan and Truck 776540 C-47 down 782545 Unexploded Bomb
 782544 3 Germans
 1037 Col EKMAN returned
 1058 2nd Bn assembling and will move to 408575
 1115 Due to misinterpretation of instructions issued to all Bn's last night at 2200 hrs
 from Asst S-3 to 1st Bn S-3 on Bomb area to be bombed, units of 1st Bn were with-
 drawn from the S from the vic of RIETHORST to the N near KNAPHEID.CO 505 arrived
 in area of 1st Bn about 0800 today while process of withdrawing was being carried
 out, and Col EKMAN corrected situation. Units then occupied their original disposi-
 tions.
 1105 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS left for Div
 1206 All civilians are to be kept out of these coordinates: 6959 to 7359 and 6955 to 7355
 1210 Col EKMAN returned from Div
 1235 Capt HARRIS returned from Div 2nd Bn now under Div control and supported by 2
 troops of tanks from KAG will push N to NIJMEGAN
 1300 Two AT Guns moved out to join 2d Bn

1330 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS left for B Co and then to 2d Bn
 1410 G Co saw gun flashes in their vic
 1420 804543 Arty Target
 1450 1st Bn disassembled Radar sets on DZ N sometime ago
 1458 2 AT Guns arrived and joined 2nd Bn
 1430-1500 Checker rec'd 29 rd of hvy arty in their area casualties reported
 1530 325th did not arrive
 1650 760520 Unestimated amount of enemy troops
 1656 3rd Bn notified of situation
 1705 763562 contact point between D Co 307 and Co B wanted by 3rd Bn
 1717 744478 German RB
 1720 German Plt moving up on C Co left flank
 1745 Contact 307 Engrs 763562 every hour on the hour 3rd Bn
 2045 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS returned to CP
 2056 Pass Word is to be Coordinated between British and Americans
 2125 3rd Bn line out
 2100 Arty hit in area
 2125 A Co alerted to move into new positions
 2150 2nd Bn proceeding slowly forward
 2300 Sgt Saunders dispatched to 2nd Bn
 2300 H Co observed flares 771803 H Co patrol left to contact 508 No Contact
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 20 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div H Co patrol left to contact 508 No Contact
 0230 BOOT reports elements of A Co have taken up positions at 740525
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0510 Maj GERARD called about enemy arty fire
 0600 775259 Co I listening post heard moving vehicles
 0625 C and I Co listening Post report activity in vic 7752
 0630 Lt LAWRENCE left for Div to pick up 504 Attack Order
 0700 Lt LAWRENCE returned w/order
 0700 From 1st Bn 3-3 C Co 2 eny killed out of 6 man patrol
 0730 1st Bn patrol picked up two German Officers in civilian car near RIETHORST
 0820 780560 eny vehicles moving N
 0900 Maj NORTON called checking RB and Mine Fields We are still responsible for
 patrols along canal that was occupied by 2d Bn 505 - also that the Cold
 Stream Guards could be shifted.
 0900 Notified 1st Bn to cover canal by patrols.
 0930 772552 our RB destroyed
 0930 759512 Eny gun in position
 0945 Col EKMAN talked to Maj LONG regarding patrolling of RIETHORST Area
 1015 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS to 1st and 3rd Bn's.
 1030 Encoding No. 737454 as of 201200 Sept '44
 1050 Capt HARRIS Returned
 1050 771543 60 Germans Arty to fire
 1050 766543 1 Plt German Inf digging in 766561 Small eny force attacking RIETHORST
 1100 Coldstream Guards sending armd rcn to our CP to make thorough rcn of area
 1100 Br Tanks moving up by 3rd Bn
 1103 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1st Bn has one LMG knocked out 1st Bn needs Mortars C Co has been alerted
 A Co held in res to go either way
 1140 Eny at HORST reported withdrawn
 1142 RB at HORST and HEICANT reported back in
 1145 Co I counterattacked along w/Arty at HORST 38 Germans dead as of 1115 Div notified
 1147 B Co has contacted the Coldstream Guards as of 1020
 1148 Corps claims there is a heavy counterattack at MOOK We called 1st Bn for
 Confirmation
 1148 Arty did not fire on HORST
 1150 Germans are not coming in at MOOK report from 1st Bn
 1155 Br rcn party have arrived They left for 1st Bn to make rcn of area
 1200 325 is coming in this afternoon
 1200 Col EKMAN arrived at CP
 1200 728508 Concentration of Trucks
 1205 Rcn units will contact CO A Co 1st Bn to send out patrols in vic of trucks to
 confirm report
 1220 779547 Arty Target
 1230 RB are in at 768542
 1310 PWI report 2 Prcht Regt moving up from the S vic RIETHORST
 1320 6 Sherman Tanks to contact 1st Bn Plenty trouble at MOOK Regt'l res has been
 committed
 723522 AT Gun located 1st Bn notified

1350 Col EKMAN to 1st Bn
 1410 Capt HARRIS phoned 3rd Bn to check DOLLS RB at Col EKMANS request
 1435 H Co AT Gun is in position - I Co AT Gun is not there
 1440 Tanks arrived at RR Bridge
 1450 Maj KAISER requests AT guns be attached so he will have some control
 1530 From Maj LONG 3 Mk V Tanks shooting from Hotel by the RIETHORST Lake firing NNW into our positions He has requested arty
 1545 300 Radio on way to 1st Bn from S-2
 1600 1st Bn reports pressure from RIETHORST to MOOK, but they are holding their own. MOOK still in enemy hands. B Co has 6 tanks which are doing some good
 1600 Capt HARRIS returned from 3rd Bn
 1615 Div and Regt'l 81mm ammo 135 rds. Have plenty of small arms ammo 456 has 900 rds 75 ammo
 1615 Enemy strength est. at one Regiment along 1st Bn sector 750502 Mk 5 Tank Flak Wagons and 30 enemy Inf
 1640 722494 enemy ferrying troops across river from W to E
 1700 776553 Arty Target
 1705 1st Bn badly in need of assistance
 1810 One squadron of Cold Stream Guards have been ordered to move to 740570 to 761520 to ST JAMESBURGH - Swing around and take RIETHORST from the E then swing around and take it from the SE
 1810 773543 Arty Target
 1815 Call from 2nd Bn Isle of Resistance at NIJMEGAN taken At 1815 tanks are going over Bridge D Co not reported
 1820 Col EKMAN in CP A Co in center of MOOK ammo needed badly
 1825 780521 Arty Target
 1840 325th did not come in Re-Supply did come in but badly scattered
 1850 Col EKMAN to 1st Bn
 1930 1st Tank got across NIJMEGAN Bridge OK
 1954 Tanks have arrived at 1st Bn 742525
 1955 2nd Bn will come back to the 505 tonight by trucks 743534 will be their location
 2005 Div has ordered a patrol to REICHS WALD Ridge
 2007 Br O reported in Our people have practically got MOOK cleaned out
 2050 Capt BRITTAIN called 2nd Bn will probably be relieved sometime tonight Officer Guide to report to Div G-3
 2050 One 57 Gun missing
 2110 Col EKMAN returned He said enemy were not out of MOOK
 2120 782544 Flak Gun 3rd Bn reports all RB in 57 Gun still missing
 2130 Possibility of getting 100 Glider Pilots to reinforce A Co One Plt of C Co alerted to move into A Co area Patrolling vigorously
 B Co has one 60mm in MOOK A Co took their 60mm with them Ammo being moved down into MOOK German Wire for a double line Radio Comm w/Capt Carpenter at REICHSORST Food situation critical Ammo No. 1 priority
 2140 2nd Bn is definitely not coming back tonight
 2145 150 Glider personnel will be at point 23 720541 at 2300 to reinforce us 6 parties of 25 men under Officer 1st Bn notified to send an Officer as guide
 2150 Cold Stream Guards are at the Bridge
 2200 Lt Zeigler to report to the CP immediately
 2210 Lt Paterson arrived at CP
 2225 Lt Zeigler arrived at CP His Orders Get a Plt Res together to be called within a period of 20 min H Co will be the res
 2240 376 Support 1st Bn 456 Support 3rd Bn 320 General Support
 These units will be in support by daylight 1 Cub Airplane in Today
 2400 Neg Rep to Div
 2410 Royals (Complete rcn of Regt'l sector and to the S. by 1st Light.)

September 21 '44

0025 760528 AT Gun found
 0040 3rd Bn Plt out to investigate enemy mortar positions Found two empty gun emplacements No enemy activity
 0115 1st Bn rec'd 295 Glider Pilots 100 put in position at 740526, 50 in position at 738536 and 145 in Bn res
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0615 CO 505 ordered 1st Bn to move forward at MOOK, make contact w/the enemy and occupy the remainder of MOOK
 0645 Civil Affairs O to MOOK
 0756 773546 Arty Target

0757 B Co has sent a patrol in the S of MOOK and as soon as they come back 1st Bn goes in
 0800 2nd Bn will revert back to our control at 1100 hr today
 0810 754500 Arty Tatget
 0830 750535 Glider Pilots postions
 0915 781544 Arty Target
 0925 Maj LONG Reported into CP
 0930 2nd Bn to be in Regt'l Res 742534
 0935 D Co is lauching an attack in NIJMEGAN 730615
 1005 2nd Bn has mission of holding NIJMEGAN Bridge
 2nd Bn may not come back today
 1010 7354 32th in position
 1025 Lt Col from 101st Div reported into CP
 1105 Maj LONG reported into CP
 1140 754500 Arty Target
 1145 770505 Arty Target
 1440 Called 1st Bn as 456 claimed they rec'd friendly mortar fire 1st Bn last fired mortars at 0900
 1520 CO and S-3 left CP
 1530 3rd Bn H Co plt receiving arty fire believe it to be friendly
 1550 Chestnut postponed another 24 hrs from 1500 today
 Resupply due at 1700 on DZ O
 1800 Royal Armd Rcn will be down just before dark and will make a rcn of SE and E sector of the Regt'l area tomorrow
 1815 GRO to NIJMEGAN
 1830 760509 1 eny flak gun
 1830 750535 Eny mortar fire
 1840 774507 Arty Target
 1925 1 Reinforced Plt 505 to relieve CSG at Bridge No. 7 at 0600 22 Sept '44
 1930 At first light the Shewood Rangers are moving into area No. 6
 1930 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2010 Capt HARRIS returned to CP
 2015 1st Polish Guards jumped near ELSTE
 2035 Eny reported in 1st Bn area
 2130 1st B n quiet
 2130 772552 Lt GAVIN killed
 2200 Neg Reg to Div
 2200 7855 Arty Target
 2240 2nd Bn CP located at 721619
 2240 2nd Bn will be here at daylight
 2245 2nd Bn will be at Bridge 7 at 0600
 2245 Arty shelling our area
 2245 S of RIETHORST 1st Bn is firing arty Tanks out of REITHORST
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 22 '44

0030 3rd Bn patrol returned no sign of enemy
 0150 Maj WILLIAM 504 will relieve Col VANDERVOORT at dawn
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0630 1st Bn to contact plt 2nd Bn at Bridge 7
 0640 3rd Bn sent out combat patrol to clean out any infiltrated eny
 0645 Br Royal RCN (Tanks) passed through A Co to the S.
 0940 Kayo to Wolf Minor reports AT at 760528 moved. Wolf Minor notified Classic Op/Sgt and requested a report of same
 0952 Report: AT moved to new positions at 761529 and 758556
 1022 Contact point arranged w/Harness 3 at 767553 starting 221300 Sept '44
 1040 CO left CP
 1045 Lt AGEE to 1st Bn
 1150 AT situation straightened out at 3rd Bn
 1215 CSG are relieved from attachment w/this Div as of 0900
 1330 Capt HARRIS left CP
 1340 Lt AGEE returned to CP
 1420 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1535 Sherwood Rangers will remain in same position they will not be replaced by CSG
 1540 Demol Sec ordered to revert back to Regiment
 1530 Eny shell landed in area
 1605 Capt HARRIS called from 3rd Bn He is going to Harness CP
 1705 Capt HARRIS returned to CP w/new boundary

1700 1st Plt A Co rejoined its Co
 1740 Capt HARRIS off to Div Mtg
 1745 Beginning at 2000 hrs contact at these pts every hr on the hr
 1st and 2nd Bn at 757527 and 764518
 508 and 3rd Bn at 772558 and 760561
 1st Bn RB at 757525
 AT Guns at 760528 and 757559
 1910 Mtg of Bn Comdrs

1. Commendation of units who are fighting w/you
2. Too many men running around unauthorized. Men out of uniform No overseas caps whatsoever. Men not shving. Men in town are to keep people away from their fox holes. Barber Shops will be set up immediately. Squad Ldr and Plt Ldr should make Periodic Rep on Men.
3. Men missing from front lines due to minor things. This will cease
4. Challenging: Men being killed by our own troops. No more of this
5. Pass Word - Goes out from this Hq every day to all units
6. Letter from Gen BROWNING read by Col EKMAN
 504 Crossing WAAL River
 505 Defense of Southern Sector
 2nd Bn in NIJMEGAN
 508 SE sector
7. No more resupply by air
8. 325 did not come in because of tie-up in airfields. Probably in tomorrow.
9. 101st is expected to come to GRAV tomorrow.
10. 1st Bn to take over bridges F Co back to 2nd Bn
 2nd Bn keep one Co in res 1st Bn to leave Mortars in
11. Gather up all equipment in your respective areas.

2210 Mtg ended
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 23 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0220 FO no. 2 out to units
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0425 Arty fire in area
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0730 1st Bn notified that it is not necessary for them to complete their move by 1100 hr due to weather but as soon as possible. C Co reports light exchange of small arms fire.
 0800 3rd Bn RB reported in at 783549 was not installed due to eny harassing but was placed at 777535
 0930 B Gen from 50th Div Br in CP
 0940 Lt Col D'ALESSIO 456 at CP
 1000 2 AT Guns at MOOK remain in position but become atchd to 2nd Bn effective 1100 hrs
 1015 All Bn's notified of 120 Dutch Brigade Patrols, also new position of B and H Co's 508
 1045 Col SINGLETON 80th AT AA visited CP
 1125 7448 Eny digging in Br in 7149 sending rcn party out
 1130 2nd Bn is going to keep their Demo section w/them
 1135 2nd Bn CP will move to 716534 at 1230 hrs
 1245 CO 504 arrived at CP
 1355 3rd Bn reports civiliana w/rifles in their area. Sent combat patrol after them. Also reported yellow flare probably dropped from plane
 1425 1st Bn CP at 742527
 1600 Col PERRY and Col SINGLETON at CP
 1620 Col PERRY and Capt HARRIS left CP for 1st Bn
 1545 325th arriving
 1745 Blue reports civilians being pushed out of their homes at 770515 and 780520 by SS Troops
 1800 2nd Bn Comm still out
 1805 Lt LAWRENCE reports the 325 in
 1920 Col KRAUSE returned to CP
 1950 Bn Comdrs and S-3's to report to CP at 2100 hrs. All Staff Officers also.
 2015 Col BILLINGSLEA 325 CO visited CP
 2100 Mtg begun New Mission Insure safety of bridge
 Relieve Br Units by 1300 hr tomorrow
 2nd Bn will be first to be relieved

1000 hrs 50 3 ton Br Lorries
 Bn CO's and S-3's and Regt'l Staff to make rcn of new area
 Arty support by 456
 Regt'l C.P. west of bridge on north end of bridge.
 Wire setup to remain in for 325 who will replace it
 2nd and 3rd Bn. north of bridge
 1st Bn. south of bridge in NIJMEGEN
 Road guides will be under our control unless Div. orders differently
 Glider Pilots stay with 325
 Order will be out for move by 0600 hour
 .50 Cal. M.G.'s from Btry F of 80th to be mounted on ground mounts.
 We will have attached seven or eight A.T. 57mm Guns.
 There will be no tanks attached.
 1st Bn. reserve company to be at bridge.

2200 Neg Report to Div
 2400 Neg Report to Div

September 24 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0500 FO #3 finished FO distributed
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Col EKMAN Capt HARRIS Bn CO's and S-3's to new area for rcn
 1030 S-3 section moved out
 1100 Arrived at CP
 1400 2nd Bn CP located at 643712
 1630 Overlay to Div
 1730 Mtg of Bn CO's Change in Maj LONG'S schedule
 NOTE: 1100 CP at NIJMEGEN officially opened up
 1300 CP at GROESBEEK officially closed
 1930 Btry A, 80th AT ordered to shift two AT guns from S end RR Bridge down to Bridge IO
 2010 Capt Brittain reports that underground says a party of germans swam the river
 last night and were captured in NIJMEGEN. The underground claims the center pier
 of the bridge is mined and they are afraid the Germans will try to blow it tonight.
 All civilians will be escorted across the bridge day and night.
 2045 Butch reports all troops on their objectives and minute dispositions being made
 2045 777655 2 Eny I50 and troops digging in
 2225 White line out
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 25 '44

0130 Blue reports contact w/Red at 2300
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0205 G-3 reports Long Range artillery being used to support Polish attack which is
 relieving the British
 0210 Blue reports contact w/ Red made at 714635 Red line still out
 0230 D Co contacted 3rd Bn
 0330 White reports no contact w/Red or Blue as prearranged.
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 Lt HILL reported to Lt AGEE comm set for C Co IO mile wire 7 stations stations No. I
 EE others sound power
 0843 Red line out
 1003 Red line in outpost line out
 1005 Eny planes overhead
 1107 Arty fire falling in 2nd Bn sector 721648
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1315 Lt AGEE contacted Lt HANSEN at Checker 3 regarding delay in relief of one plt
 of A Co 505 by 325. Checker promised report as soon as all details are available
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 690643 Br report small arms fire
 1615 1st Bn notified of two cars going over bridge without being stopped
 1715 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1730 Capt HARRIS returned to CP
 NOTE: Mtg held by Gen GAVIN w/Dutch Underground "Mines in Bridge"
 1750 690648 small fires (Arms)
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2020 Blue contacted Red at 1900 and 2000 hrs.

2210 Col EKMAN to 3rd Bn
 2300 2nd Bn line out
 2300 Champion line out
 2330 Lt LAWRENCE reports that at 1st light Br Engrs are going to construct a Boom
 200 yds E of main Bridge
 2350 More specific arrangements for identification being made
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 26 '44

0004 White reports two men wounded from arty fire
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0718 Eny started shelling bridge again
 0750 E Co reports one prisoner
 0830 Lt LEWISON from 69 Brigade in at CP
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1414 Capt HARRIS left for Red CP
 1420 Location Ref Code Pints out to Bn's
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1605 Capt HARRIS to CP
 1610 Msg from Div: Daylight 27 Sept, 3 Dutch Tugs Yellow Cross on Bow Operate between
 NIJMECAN Bridge and RR B ridge building booms and moving barges Moor along
 Point 714630
 1644 I Co testing BAR from 1655 to 1715
 1710 Maj NORTON called one Bn 505 to revert to Div control 271200A Sept vic 81.8 734552
 Bn to close in area at time specified Transportation check G-4
 Bn CO to Div Hq as soon as possible Bn will be administered by Div
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1810 3rd Bn notified of their move
 1843 15 to 18 trucks will be at Div CP tonight to move 3rd Bn
 2200 Lt MC KEAGE reports eny paratroopers dropped in NIJMECAN supposedly 3 planes
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 27 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1100 3rd Bn closed
 1140 Lt AGEE to get barbers
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1205 L/O Schedule to Div 2 trips AM 2 Trips PM
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1700 3rd Bn assembling at 7054 3rd Bn CP at 731545 3rd Bn Mission:
 1. Take over defense of Bn 25(7059) Plt of H Co
 2. Patrol down canal and River line to MOOK
 3. Maintain contact w/325 on the W. of 325 sector
 1705 Contact Br Engrs in charge of Bridge construction coordinate defense w/their
 construction work.
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 28 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0650 Eny planes (4 FW 190's) bombed bridges. 2 holes were blown in the RR Bridge the
 full width of the bridge making it impossible to traffic but it can be repaired.
 Main traffic Bridge hit but traffic still going across.
 0800 Neg Rep to Div

1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1030 2nd Bn notified that there is plenty Mortar ammo available
 2nd Bn started firing on bldg w/Mortars
 1045 1st Bn notified of above
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1210 As of 1400 C Co and A Co change positions
 1320 Br 0 from 43d Div says they are going to take over patrol of bridges Time: Uncertain
 1415 Regt'l CP Officers notified of a possible move
 1500 White quit firing mortars at 1200 Fired 30 rds HE light and hit factory Some
 Smoke fired but range too great Also blasted it with an 88 with good results.
 Br and 456 also fired on it
 1525 Mtg of Bn and Sep Units CO's and Staffs
 1600 Mtg ended
 1630 Col EKMAN to BIMEELL
 1710 At 1645 containers for anti personnel mines dropped 400 yds S of White CP Pre-
 sumed that mines must be in the area. Br Officer investigating
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2010 Air Raids and arty fire
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

September 29 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0235 G-3 got through to us and we gave Neg Rep for 0230
 0235 Arty still falling in general area
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0455 Explosion on RR Bridge
 0525 Explosion on Main Bridge
 0545 2nd Bn notified to stand by for move
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0700 Capt HARRIS left for forward CP
 0730 Arrived at forward CP
 1145 Ducks crossing river to CP
 1500 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS at new CP in GROESBEEK
 1630 CP closed
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2030 773538 776544 778535 3rd Bn notified us of mines in these RB
 2035 777545 any small arms fire
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2300 Col EKMAN's notes from Div Mtg

Radio Code Names	Div	Gas
	325	Bill
	505	Ek
	504	Tuck
	508	Ling

25 BAR's available
 6 water cooled 4 to 3rd Bn
 Add'l mortars and Bazookas
 Allotment of 60 rds of 81mm
 300 Radio has been captured
 0800 325 is going to jump off have our arty available
 2330 Maj KAISER left CP

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0020 Capt RUCKER reported into CP He will pick his troops up by 0400 and be in position
 by 0700.
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0530 Capt Wagner in CP
 0545 Col KRAUSE in CP Rear CP closed
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0620 White reports mortar shells landing about 400 yds below them
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1030 Fwd CP arrived at new CP Original CP location
 Lt CLARK L/O between Regiments in Div visitied CP 325 attack jumped off Not on
 objective yet
 1130 Capt GORHAM visitied CP
 1150 CP closed
 1200 795548 Arty Target

1245 Blue requests permission to fire 81mm from 771526 SE to 776523 at approx 1300
 Chestnut OK'd it
 1300 1st and 2nd Bn report they have no mine field installations
 1345 325 attack is going on well
 1400 Col TUCKER and Capt SHELLEY of 504 and Col VANDERVOORT at CP
 1520 Lt DAY British AT at CP
 1525 3rd Bn firing mtrs at 774524 Clearance Ok'd by 325
 1530 746560 We contact 508 at this point beginning at 1800
 1645 Col EKMAN called a mtg of Bn CO's and Staffs
 1650 Col EKMAN explained the situation to BUTCH (from reliable British reports a hvv
 attack is expected from the Germans) 2nd Bn will move into position by 3rd Bn
 Double amount of ammo to be shot up to Bn's by dark
 Men have got to hold positions at all costs
 Wire to 508 and 325 completed
 Maj KAISER left CP
 1700 Mtg got under way Plans made for a possible move of this CP
 Is the Hospital too far forward? Maj MC ILVOY said No.
 All personnel will have fox holes
 1715 Mtg adjourned
 1810 714527 D Co patrol contacted 1st Bn of 325 at 1515 Future contacts will be made
 at 2100 and 0300
 1830 Col VANDERVOORT called He has rec'd info of the mtg and is standing by
 1850 794555 German Gun Dug in 400 yds E multi barrellled mortar
 2005 772549 Auto Wpns in hay stack Rifle grenades to be fired
 2005 781544 Arty Target
 2035 H Co reports eny digging in at HEIKANT G Co reports S/A fires from BEGRAAFPL
 2043 781544 Eny activity
 2045 Rear CP will be at 745556
 2100 Capt COCKRELL reports 17-18 mines 200 yds each direction from CP on roads.
 Joining these RB are Demo section on SW SE NE nad Comm section is on NW
 2 Bazookas at each mine field and one ATRL at CR
 2110 Contacted Harness S-3 and reported no contact with them at 745560
 2115 OP reports haystacks on fire
 2120 Report of eny using smoke vic HORST
 2135 H Co trying to fire gliders in area to prevent eny infiltration G Co Hay stacks
 afire to clean out auto wpns
 2145 Dutch underground reports to 508 to our 3rd Bn to us that eny are to attack us
 w/100 tanks and 16,000 trps.
 2150 Amber flares reported in REICHS WALD, but may not be that far This was Chestnuts
 signal for eny tanks
 2154 Br are bridging MAAS River near old RR Bridge N of MOOK
 2155 Amber flares reported were not from Chestnut Signals to be changed
 2308 768524 Amber flare reported by 3rd Bn at this coord 2240 2245
 2315 OP reports High velocity shells coming from SE
 2315 Div arty called 456 to send L/P to 2nd Bn 505
 2345 3rd Bn reports their comm in bad shape due to shelling
 2357 Chestnut reports S/A and MG fire at 745505 but they have the situation under
 control

October 1 '44

0006 Chestnut reports tanks by prearranged signal that tanks and inf coming in from
 vic of BREEDEWEG
 0007 Rep to Div
 0009 Blue reports CP hit
 0014 A Co reports S/A and Mtr Fire
 0016 Ground hazy bad marking poor observation in 325 area Comm bad
 0035 Co I report 325 Report Tanks negative
 0036 A/A and Mortar fire under control
 0052 Col BILLINGSLEA called w/neg report
 0115 I Co and H Co report on Tanks still Neg
 0125 Rear CP brought up to date on situation
 0130 3 amber flares probably sent up by the eny
 0135 S/A fire coming from the S
 0145 A Co reported hearing Tanks from NE
 0145 I Co MG firing at eny MG
 0145 Eny shot up green flare in fron of G Co
 0155 325 is being pressed in vic BREEDEWEG Arty fire going into effect 769521 to NE up
 to 772575
 0155 C Co firing on left Flank
 0204 I Co OPL withdrawn to MLR due to S/A fire

0207 I Co OPL out again
 0234 770527 Co I called and said 325 RB pulled out 325 notified and they said it was in
 0247 I Co reported catching a 1st Sgt prisoner
 0300 Arty hit in area from S and E
 0309 OP reported MG fire from E
 0311 G Co Neg I Co Neg Rcn patrol from 508 passed through H Co left flank RB in
 direction of HEICAMP
 0320 I Co 1st Sgt prisoner shot I Co ambushed a patrol details later
 0325 Yellow or amber flare S of OP
 0330 Indication of a build up on 325 front
 0332 Eny arty in area
 0353 All lines to be checked 3rd Bn Comm O found lines tapped
 0400 Fire 2000 yds due S of Mill
 0420 A Co reports two yellow flares off to their left in vic of RR
 0455 Col KRAUSE called everything OK
 0503 Eny arty in area
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0745 Red line in
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0910 Col EKMAN called from Chestnut Mtg of Regt'l Staffs and Bn CO's and S-3 at 0945
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Col EKMAN started mtg Shift in lines
 2 Corps in area starting to come in this morning
 Construct Bridge at MOOK and one further S
 325 to regroup and jump off tomorrow morning to protect Bridge
 2nd Bn to 505 Regrouping of Bn's
 1st Bn on left 2nd Bn in center 3rd Bn on right
 At 1015 1st Bn CO to 325 to meet Bn CO who holds sector
 1 Sqdn Tanks attached to 325 Hvy arty available to us
 We will not go into attack No bomb line established
 3rd Bn to improve positions and probe out a little
 1025 Mtg adjourned
 1030 Col LINDQUIST into CP
 1115 Co MARCH FA visits CP
 1140 Col LINDQUIST and Col MARCH left CP
 1200 Rep to Div on position changes of Bn's
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1523 748516 737510 120 mm Mortar fire on 2nd Bn
 1523 Blue request clearance of Red on BRUUK at 1515 Clearance OK'd and fire missions
 began
 1520 Out of 60 and 81mm WP
 1600 If Germans come out w/Red Cross Flag to gather wounded on field of Battle to take
 them back into their own lines it is to be strictly honored and not fired upon
 1730 Maj LONG AND Lt PATERSON at CP
 1730 325 reported Tanks
 1730 Col KRAUSE to Div
 1800 Neg Rep to Div Time of contact between 2nd Bn and 1st Bn and 325 2000 hr every
 hr on the hr
 1910 Col KRAUSE returned to CP
 1940 I Co receiving very heavy shelling from the E
 1945 Requested Fire Plans from all Bn's including ATRL
 2000 Arty firing in area
 2012 776551 our Arty firing on these MG targets.
 2025 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 2035 Gne GAVIN in CP
 1st Bn in position
 2105 Gne GAVIN leaves CP
 2135 Col BILLINGSLEA from Chestnut visits CP
 2140 Reds Troops in position 50 cal in position 17 pounders in position
 2145 Alert all Bn's Hvy Panzer attack to the N and E of NIJMEGAN CO feels that we
 may expect an attack in coordination w/Northern assault May be launched tonight
 or tomorrow morning All units will be on the same alert status as last night
 Reports will be submitted to S-3 every hour on the half hour beginning at 2230
 2255 Maj LONG reports to CP
 2130 2 white flares E of RB 773551 followed by firnign in 508 sector of S/A and Mtrs.
 2130 H Co reports Tanks moving in front of their positions
 2345 773551 Germans reported here
 2355 Hvy barrage in 508 sector and down into Blue area Also report hearing Tanks

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0005 S/A Fire coming from Co H area
 0015 456 fired out in front of 3rd Bn area which quieted the fire fight, but it's started again
 0015 Neg Rep to Div
 0015 Blue lines are out
 0020 Eny outpost at 761524
 0045 776554 3 eny tanks
 0045 S/A fight in 3rd Bn area
 0050 Aid station line in
 0050 Inf breaking through W flank 757536 Have committed reserves
 0112 3rd Bn says eny has not broken through
 0135 To Lt DAY G Troop RA eny tank rptd vic 1 Be prepared to move to 1 and 3
 1 has priority Send L/O to Challenge CP eny attacking vic 1
 0138 Champion lines out
 0125 A Co is not tied in with I Co They're 300 yds in rear
 0145 508 being attacked along front Ourlines intact eny contact along left flank
 0145 Two green flares observed in front of H Co
 0154 780549 Screaming Meemies
 0154 Oasis RB is in position No S/A fire at moment Eny reported on Rd NE of 761561 and to E of RB 761671
 0200 Arty Liaison out of comm with their Bn They report MG's at their gun positions firing AA fire. They surmise aircraft attack
 0205 Lt DAY of G Troop at CP
 0210 To G-3 by radio in code All positions intact Disregard telephone conversation in so far as positions were concerned
 0240 Col EKMAN retired
 0300 Col EKMAN up again
 0315 760533 A Co to clean the eny position up
 0320 508 called. F Co to counterattack w/E Co D Co holding
 0335 776554 Tank
 0350 Maj LONG in CP
 0400 Capt DELONG in CP Col EKMAN talked to Maj LONG and Capt DELONG about I and A Co's.
 0445 Msg from 508 F and E Co's in position B Co is behind E Co
 0510 H Co RB reports Germans on the W E N
 0530 1st Bn reports S/A fire in A Co and B Co
 0600 Col EKMAN left CP
 0615 HEIKANT and KAMP are receiving fire at their RB 1st Bn Plat moving S 200 yds N of I
 0620 14 men from G Co have been shifted to RB HEIKANT and KAMP
 M-4 in that vic has withdrawn to the E
 0700 325 has reached their 1st phase line
 0830 Col EKMAN to Red
 0950 Co A straffed by eny planes
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1030 Gen GAVIN visits CP
 1030 Blue calls for air mission at 783517
 1035 Gen GAVIN Leaves CP
 1100 One AT gun knocked out during night at 758558 it is being replaced
 1030 Lt STEPHENS 30 Corps 4th Bn visits CP
 1039 Lt STEPHENS left CP
 1100 Lt SCOTT 4th CSG visits CP
 1115 Gen BROWNING at CP
 1145 Lt DAY looked over the church steeple and said he could do no good there
 1155 Chestnut S-3 compains of friendly mtr fire falling on them at 743506
 1245 7551 Arty Target One plt Co F to 749051 Blue reports 508 contacted at 771551 at 1200 Contact to be made every hour on the hour
 RB at 771551 intact
 1310 Position of 2nd Bn 508 verified by Capt BRITTAIN
 1400 Capt NELSON 80th at CP
 1400 Maj KAISER at CP
 1427 756531 756533 57 guns that can fire down cross roads A Co has jumped off
 Mortar firing on church and school Red reports left flank will be in position by I Co at 1600 hrs.
 1447 2nd Bn Plt (objective 66.5) has been stopped They are going to use WP; then proceed forward again
 1505 790548 Red flag we're firing at it
 1500 Br Captain arrived at CP to look over situation (Norfolks)
 1540 Br 17 pounders fired 7 shots at the church and made 6 hits.
 1555 749502 Eny location
 1600 Gen GAVIN at CP

1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1615 At 1630 57's are going to fire targets in A Co sector
 1650 57's finished firing their missions they fired 12 HE and 12 AP
 1745 Div called says at 1800 hrs. 8 typhoons will attack an SS Hq at 795548
 1746 F Co Plt in position 750511 Spotted eny mtr and inf positions They are to
 withdraw and blast it with arty then resume same positions
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1835 752510 Plt of F Co surrounded They escaped OK
 1830 3rd Bn reports Typhoons hit in ammo dump (eny)
 1852 765536 I Co receiving hvy concentration of smoke
 1900 745512 2 Red flares reported by White
 1902 Lt MILLER B Co reports that none of his men were in GROESBEEK today
 1903 F Co patrol reports
 748506 Armd vehicle 795548 Typhoons bombed 753512 4 eny 81mm Mtrs
 753511 2 eny MG's 752551 Ammo Dump 749511-752512 Co dug in 751512 Wagon
 Train of 4 Wagons 753510 Squad Dug In 745511 2 green flares as o 1905
 Arty to fire on these missions up to 2300 Patrols out from 2300 to 0100
 1940 British Capt into CP House full of Germans sown at () reported by 1st Bn
 We're sending a Pole and a German down to tell them to surrender
 2025 Col VANDERVOORT into CP
 2030 I Co to clean out 763532
 2035 Eny shells landing in white vic 740516
 2040 Gen GAVIN called Col EKMAN 2nd Bn relief starting tomorrow morning at 1600
 325 also to be relieved Brigadier will contact Col VANDERVOORT at 1000
 2100 H Co reports a white and a red flare 300 yds right of RB 2 772552
 LMG firing from 776548 508 RB 703564-775562
 2110 Air mission request as follows: 754509-768509-751505-767505
 2115 White report Neg
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2201 2nd Bn to fire 50mm 745510
 2204 Regt'l OP reports two Screaming Meemies 766545 Arty is being fired on this point
 2210 741523 Eny patrol
 2220 748506 White flare 740512 Sniper in House
 2240 747531 Patrol
 2305 Capt NELSON reports 17 pounder knocked out
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

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0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0530 B Co pulled back into daylight position
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0700 Gen GAVIN to CP
 0710 Gen GAVIN left CP
 0830 Air mission requested yesterday is to be carried out today
 0840 Air mission taking place
 0925 White reports straffing of troops well distributed over area
 0945 Harness Blue will be committed to support 325
 1100 Lt SAMMON in CP
 1135 Col EKMAN left CP
 1150 Blue reports tanks sighted N of 1 RB of 508
 Lt POLLISER and Lt SCOTT of the 4th CSG entered CP
 1300 Sherman Tanks reported available for Wed Should arrive by dawn May be used as we
 see fit
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1520 White completely relieved Moving to new area
 1600 Lt BUSH 4th Surrey visits CP
 1630 Maj HOLMAN and Maj THAIN Royals visit CP
 1625 Capt MANN 185th and Brig CASS 8th Brig visit CP
 1630 Maj IRELAND G-1 in CP
 1818 777534 15 eny trps moving in
 1850 RB 1 has ten buried mines rest have hasty camouflaged mines
 Contact between Red and 183 Inf B de has been est and will be made every hr on the
 hr
 1925 Capt CARROLL of the Br Royals at CP
 1955 Lt DAY phoned in
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2040 Blue reports some activity on G Co OPLR All others negative
 2045 3 Green flares observed in front of C Co and 2 in front of I Co
 2110 One eny tank and Inf attacking at 741494.
 2115 B Co reports red flare at 15 degrees

2130 Lt AGEE to 325
 2135 Col EKMAN alerted 1st and 3rd BN's to a possible attack 325 did not get relieved today and they're being attacked
 3rd Bn reported that their Listening Post 776536 had been fired on One man killed one man wounded and 1 man returned This Listening Post was out from RB 9 773538 It was fired on from a house on the left 3rd Bn will fire into this bldg.
 2144 3rd Bn reports high velocity arty falling short in G and I Co areas They think it's friendly. 270 degrees 3 rounds fired
 2215 Report to Div
 2220 Lt AGEE back from 325 325 is now being relieved
 When British were relieving 325 the attack started from KETERBOSCH
 2240 3rd Bn 57's haven't been firing
 2250 2 shells landed 20 yds in front of C Co
 2350 Lt. COOP rpts both houses near LP at 776536 where patrol was broken up by eny fire are on fire.
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 4 '44

0005 Report to G-3 by Capt HARRIS KATERBASCH on fire
 0025 Blue reports friendly arty falling at 775542 and 775538. Claim it is coming from behind them
 0033 Blue reports arty coming from 270 degrees from RB at HEIKANT One man injured
 0040 Red and Blue told to call us immediately if any arty fell in their sector
 0049 Blue reports Cahmpion has checked all units including Br but no one is firing in vic 775542 and 775548 However all units have been instructed to raise their fire 10 mills
 0134 Blue reports Neg
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0225 325 reports relief is complete All Bn's moving to assembly area
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0420 Maj MC ELVOY reports arty hit close to aid station
 0530 Red reports B Co back in old position
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0620 Capt CARRYER to CP
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0930 Gen GAVIN called Col EKMAN about patrol plans and listening posts
 0940 Col EKMAN called S-2 for a report of patrols for the last three days
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 0825 G-3 Requested verification of contact point w/British on Right 750517
 Contact every hour at night in day visually
 1100 Capt PELLY 8th Brigade visits CP
 1159 Call from Div for Col EKMAN to be at Div at 1300
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1410 Col DIXON of E Yorkshire Reg reported in at CP
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1630 Typhoons straffe in front of left flank of 1st Bn
 1725 From 1st Bn AT 1605 and again at 1705 Typhoons straffed area 762527
 1857 Lt LANCEFORD L/O from the Rangers reported in at CP
 1915 3rd Bn pinpointed Screaming Meemies at 777553
 1930 Capt NELSON reports 3 SP guns at 784564 Can hear them moving around
 2000 Fire reported in 508 sector N of H Co sector
 2010 Col VANDERVOORT at CP
 2025 Neg Rep to Div
 2040 1st Bn reports 3 heavy track vehicles and some Inf at 762526 and 764522
 Have fired 72 rds of mtr and will fire arty
 2042 2d Bn CP closed and opened
 2100 B Co has relieved I Co
 2207 Col VANDERVOORT called Col EKMAN informing him that civil affairs is on the S-3 line. Capt BOYD was called and told to check on this. He had their line out
 2215 Neg Rep to Div
 2230 Maj LONG called: B Co quiet except for firing of mtrs and arty on flak Wagon and light vehicle in area of church 456 3 volleys 320 2 volleys
 C Co patrol went out 350 yds and ran into troops digging in Fired on them and chased them off Co A reports no activity
 2245 Lt DAY sent in a fragment of shell today and recieved the information that it came from a 210mm 6 barrelled mortar
 2320 D and E Co's have relieved H and I on Right while Hq and I have closed in new area
 2400 Above report sent to Div

OFFICE OF THE REGT'L. S-3
505th Parachute Inf.

Oct. 5, 1944

Meeting of all Bn and separte unit commanders called by Col. William Ekman at Regimental S-3 Office at 2145 October 5, 1944.

Meeting called to order by Col. Ekman at 2145. All Battalion CO's present.

Tonight the 508th Parachute Infantry will be relieved by the 325th Glider Infantry. From this position the 508th will move north along the river.

the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment which is now near Arnheim met strong enemy resitance in this area.

The 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment reports a lack of activity among enemy troops, however, they report that the enemy has been observed moving lots of transportation towards Wyler. This move on their part however may be for a decoy purpose dur to the fact that all the troops, and transportation made much unecessary noise which is unusual for German troops. A few barrages of Artillery were laid in on the area but nothing definite as to results were reported.

Enemy parachutists have been reported in front of the 504th and the 508th positions. These troops may indicate strong enemy buildups in this area.

Our road blockes with the support of the 325th will cover gap on the road to Comp. On the sixth and seventh of this month the British will send representatives to study our positions, in the central part.

On the seventh and eighth the British will effect a relief in this area. We, however, will still have small sectors to be responsible for.

Our artillery will remain in position and stay with us. On the ninth the British relief will be complete.

When we are finally relieved in this sector we will take over the sectors of either the 325th or the 504th. At this time no regiments will be held in reserve. We will continue to use the usual method of two battalions on the line and one in reserve under the control of Division HQ.

When and wherever we move all attachments will remain with us.

There is no definite date as to when we will be finally relieved of all activity in this area. All rumors to this effect will be squelched by respectives CO's.

Tonight all units will be on the alert as usual in case of enemy activity in our sector.

There is absolutely not enough security on thr front lines. Troops are under observation by the enemy at all times, yet they move about and give their locations away. Steps will be taken by unit CO's to correct this situation.

On the 6th of Oct. the 3rd Bn. will take over the positions of the 1st Bn.

When we are relieved Division will assign us an area for bivouac.

The clothes of the KIA's will help to remedy the shortages of men in the regiment this also pertains to equipment.

All troops who are sent on OP duty must make notes on any enemy artillery flashes. Dismount lines will be established. All transportation in these restricted areas must be curbed.

Looting must be stopped now. All buildings, henceforth, will be off limits to troops. If men go in search of food then such excursions are permissable.

All units must turn into S-4 all shortages s that requisitions may be turned into division

Transportation situation: 14 2 1/2 ton trucks; One lost; 14 1/4 ton; 2 lost and being replaced 35 enemy vehicles captured. Two ambulances on hand.

Guards on security of CP are lax.

Henceforth all Artillery fire may be cleared through the battalion which needs it.

Civilians still in area; Citations must be sent in; British SP 75's may be used on call

October 5 '44

0140 White reported in They're in postition as of 2350

0150 Red Neg Blue - G Co just closing in

0200 Neg Rep to Div

0250 773539 Fire Fight in 1st Bn RB (Quieted w/arty)

0258 3rd Bn closed in

0300 773539 2nd Bn has relieved 3rd Bn of everything except 1 plt at the above coor.

It is being accomplished now.

0330 Red Neg White Neg

0400 Rep to Div of above

0500 Blue reports one patrol back; two still out. Arty to be called off 776535 which was arty target for 0530

0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0858 Maj HOLMAN British O at CP
 0935 White notified that a representative from atchd Tanks would be at CP this AM
 1025 All units notified that Gen BROWNING will be in the area from 1045 to 1100
 1130 As of 0900 Lt TALLERDAY killed a German Officer
 1145 White to make a limited attack against HORST w/8 Tanks and arty and mortar support w/platoon at RB They're going to extend RB
 1330 Col KRAUSE to Div to attend Arty conference
 1545 Red reports LP's and OPL's Co B 768535 Co A 759527 Co C 758524 - 756517 Bn OPL 749529
 1610 Col EKMAN talked to S-1 pertaining to Off Limits Signs on German Ammo Dumps
 1500 Gen GAVIN at CP
 1645 White reports thzy they have taken over HORST as of 1400 Request 17 pounder Lt DAY to send one to 765544
 1817 G-3 notified Col EKMAN to attend a mtg at G-3 at 2000
 1848 Arty Target 762520-768528
 1945 White reports Friendly arty cal 75 from GROESBEEK Woods falling in HORST on White Troops at 774543
 1954 Capt HARRIS reported from Capt NELSONS' CP
 2045 Col EKMAN called and asked for all Bn CO's and Regt'l Staffs for mtg at 2145
 2145 Mtg called to order
 2245 Mtg adjourned
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 6 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0230 White reports Screaming Meemies are zeroed in on GROESBEEK and have started several fires
 0235 Maj GERARD called about situation
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0900 778548 Arty Target
 0915 Lt Col WESTON Maj UNWIN Maj TAYLOR from 2nd Bn Middlesex Reg 3rd Div reported into CP and left at 1015
 0915 Lt Col DLESSIO 456 FA in at CP
 1030 Brigadier CASS CBE DSC MC CO of 8th Br Inf Bdg and Capt GRAY reported in at CP
 1200 Maj GALEHOOSE and Capt SHIRLEY visited CP from 185th Bde
 1215 Maj NORTON called and said 320th would be in vic 737573 SW along both sides of the road. They will move in this afternoon
 1217 Lt DAY called and said he had fired and hit 2 houses 774544-77505445 16 rds fired All hits w/WP and HE
 1230 1st Bn dismount line on way to CP w/overlay
 1412 Col of Br Arty at CP
 1545 German ME 109 fell in D Co area The pilot landed back of GROESBEEK
 1630 Gen BROWNING Arrived at CP
 1645 Gen BROWNING left CP
 1640 795535 Arty Target
 1745 Maj A GREGORY*HOOD and Capt J NEWVILLE 3rd Sqdn 2d Gren Gds at CP
 1815 Notes left by Maj NORTON:
 relief of 505 by elements of 3rd Div Oct 6
 Adv parties 8th BDE night 6/7 Oct. Oct 7/8 Bde takes over from elements 505 Area S of GROESBEEK 2000 relief completed by 1st light Oct 8th
 Oct 8th Adv parties 9th Bde 0900 9th Bde takes over from elements 505 areas 7552 7353
 Head of 9th Bde came by at MOOK at 1900. Relief completed by 1st light Oct 9th
 Present 8th Bde CP at 711539
 1930 3rd Bn CO's are exchanging reliefs
 1940 784564 Arty Target
 2045 Reported to Div eny activity 784564
 2000 Col HASAN at CP
 1945 3rd Bn RB at MOOK relief completed 1 plt of C Co-A Co and Hq Co has been completed. 81mm are in position at 740539 - ready to fire
 2000 Rep to Div Neg
 2200 Br patrols went through C Co lines on patrol. They were properly warned of our probable mortar and arty fire.
 185th Approved of 505 Plt Plan
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2245 E and F Co has patrols out
 2330 3rd Bn reports one man KIA and one man WIA by eny mortar fire
 2335 2nd and 3rd Bn each send patrols in vic 762527 at 2400. Mine field will be laid

2340 White reports arty fire landing short in area
2345 White reports eny plt housed in Gliders on E Co front Arty and mtr fire laid in
2400 Rep to Div on above

October 7 '44

0030 Br patrol returns through C Co lines
0040 Red reports 2 of our Arty shells passes over CP and landed 200 yds SW
0125 Fire fight reported in White Area
0200 Rep to Div on above
0350 White reports 1 eny orange flare approx 500 yds to left front of Bn CP
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0530 L/C Jones Co B S Lancashire Reg contact patrol reported to CP w/neg report
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0625 3rd Bn reports G Co patrol knocked out eny MG Lt CHRISTIANS' plt has been alerted
0620 F Co vic 782544 eny vehicles Arty and mtr fired
0800 Neg Rep to Div
0900 Gen GAVIN called regarding Bn in Res
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1045 Call from G-3 3d Div will not relieve 505 tonight
1145 Brig CASS arrived at CP left at 1155
1200 Lt MARSHALL Hq RE 3d Div L/O to get situation and mine fields
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1220 Sgt RAMSEY - One more patrol (Pvt ROGALA) out through Co G to vic 761526 Recon that area and road running NE and SW exclusive of church. I resistance is observed they will return w/info so that a coordinated attack can be made. If no eny is observed they will send one man to Co G. so that men can be brought fwd to out-post line along road. Leaving Bn CP now. Arty will preceed their entrance.
1230 Gen GAVIN confirms report that 3rd Div will not relieve us today.
1335 G-3 reports 700 Bombers over CLIVE at 1400-1430
1405 Col EKMAN to KAMP to watch bombing of CLIVE
1425 Bombing of CLIVE started
1505 G Co reports they have a squad between and L shaped bldg and a church at 761526
1545 Co A moving one road block w/mines to RJ at 762526
1546 Hq's visited by Brig CASS CO 8th Bde
1637 2 houses 757517 (beside 34.2) will be occupied by 3rd Bn tonight
1715 Co A reports being fired on vic RJ 762526 Checking w/3rd Bn
1815 763526 2 squads A Co and outpost of G Co (At the church) made physical contact
1825 1st Bn called in that 88's were falling in B Co area They're going to fire
1900 779539-777537-776533 Arty Target
1920 Red reports A Co established a strong outpost at Church Road junction Contact w/3rd Bn on right
1936 Maj KAISER to CP verifying OP of G and A Co's at church
1940 3rd Bn requested 1000 rds 81 HE to be shot
1950 3rd Bn cancelled above
1955 2nd Bn request for air mission 0830, 8th Oct '44. Eight (8) Typhoons to bomb and strafe from 782549 BORESKIEG along road 500 yds E. Request they fly W to E.
2000 Report to Div on above
2130 G Co lost two men at strong point and two men in vic on patrol
2200 Neg Rep to Div
2245 Chestnut phoned in report that considerable amount of flares were being dropped to their front and right flank adjacent to 505
2225 2nd Bn called saying the Germans are patrolling very heavily and so is 2nd Bn Patrols are clashing and small arms firing is going on
2245 782548 British will smoke this point and planes will strafe E from there Corps passes mission but time not set yet
2255 Maj LONG reports A Co losses on RB as 12 WIA and 1 KIA
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 8 '44

0005 Check on Blue exactly when and where patrol moved that first moved into L shaped building and church
0200 Rep to Div Neg
0400 Rep to Div Neg
0445 S-2 reports one prisoner brought in from A Co area
0530 Report of 2 guards bringing in prisoner from A Co. Prisoner was taken in a fire fight at 762527. Prisoner said about 100 Germans in the attack. A and G Co's said no fight in their areas. Div called as they had info of big attack
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0900 Attack against Lt MAY'S' plt. fired MG's Couldn't see any Inf. P of W walked up

to Church. Our men let him through then opened on the rest. Can see 3 killed
 Have 3 more prisoners.
 1000 Units notified to keep pounding eny w/arty.
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1035 Shells landing in E Co area
 1100 White reports gun at 798539 shelling them on RJ at 765544 observers to look; then
 arty will fire
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1220 White reports phosphorous shell at 757557 Injured 3 80th AA Men
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1420 Receiving eny arty at 753545
 1530 Capt NELSON reports 4 men of 80th AA being burned by our WP grenades that were set
 off by an eny shell.
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Brig CASS of 9th Bde visits CP and leaves at 1645
 1710 Col EKMAN to Div.
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1845 Col EKMAN returned
 2145 White reports 2 white flares at 774548 and 1 white flare at 775543
 Also MG at 777547 which they are mortaring
 2145 325 reports OP at 767562 of 12 men is in position and tonight will have patrols to
 NE and E
 2200 D Co patrol reports heavy eny patrols N of their sector to 325 area
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 9 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0225 White reports an attack on Co C 325 with 1 tank and some Inf which was repelled
 0340 White reports eny 782547
 0400 Rep to Div on above
 0530 Eny arty landed in area
 0600 Rep to Div Neg
 0630 S-2 White OP destroyed by arty No casualties
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0946 Mtg of Staff and all Bn and Sep Unit CO's
 1037 Mtg adjourned
 1055 Brig CASS and staff arrive and look over area
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1430 Gen GAVIN at CP
 1435 Gen GAVIN left CP
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1700 81mm Mortar ammo report and other ammo report
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1820 SR fr White 773543 on Mag AZ 105 deg 15000 yds 6 brl Mtr Shells landed 755550
 1900 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2115 763544 Unidentified planes dropped objects beli eved to be butterfly bombs
 775555 Yellor flare shot towards our lines Challenge White
 2200 Rep to Div above info
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 10 '44

0008 Arty Shells falling in Red Area
 0035 White reports high velocity gun Az. 100-120 degrees fr 769535
 0040 Arty target 78755277
 0106 4 men Regt'l Hq Co hit by shrapnel by windmill in GROESBEEK while changing men on CP
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0930 Mtg of Bn and Sep Unit CO's
 1000 Mtg Adjourned
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1030 100 LAA (Br) Unit on our left flank by NIJMEGAN Bridge
 1055 Col EKMAN notified of mtg at Div at 1330
 1105 Co EKMAN to northern sector then to Div Mtg
 1130 13/18 Hussars will move into areas formally occupied by Gren Bds and will be attached
 to us this evening Tanks in case of eny attack

HEADQUARTERS 505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 469 U.S. ARMY

9 October 1944

SUBJECT: Meeting of Staff, Bn, and Separate Unit CO's

Meeting called 0946

Co Ekman received information from the General last night at 1730 hours. May or may not be changed.

We come under the 30th Corps as of midnight last night. Gen Browning and Hq moved to England last night. He has meeting today to get us out of here. We are not going back to England but will be somewhere in France near Reims with a good training area. Rear echelons will be consolidated and moved over here together. Col. Alexander available for light duty and is being used as liaison Officer and is picking location in France. Don't know where big push will be. 50th Div is moving north. 12th Corps, which includes 50th Div, is responsible for north sector and bridge. We will be relieved of responsibility by 130th Bde on night of 10th and 11th. Bn comdrs will be down today to look over sectors. At 1430 hr Co Comdrs will be down for the same reason. They will replace us Co. for Co. They will not wander around but will be shown over area. 508th will be relieved tomorrow night. First unit relieved will take over part of 504 sector. Krauts have been active with hand to hand fighting. Gen will tell Col Ekman today where we are to move. Third Div which was to take over is moving south. 2d Bn, 5th GUards Armored will be with Div. Attachments are to go with us. Date of relief (Date we leave for training area) is not known. Probably between 15th and 30th.

Too much gasoline being used. All captured transportation to be called in on 10th. Can keep motorcycles. We received three new quarter-tons last night. Get vehicles down and under protection. Captured vehicles will be turned in at 633574. Impressed vehicles at Room, Police Station. Too much U.S. equip left laying around, put stray equip in piles to be picked up later. 75mm to our supporting Bn is 700 rds a day. 81mm ammo cut down. Place must be policed up. Saluting must be enforced except in front lines under enemy observation. Information not getting down to troops on discipline. Too much looting going on in town. AS units relieved try to get them shaved and showered. Will see about barbers. Put out info to troops that no prcht or Gli equip will be used. They are to be salvaged. British much more lenient with civilians, passes, etc. Our men will not date or walk down the street arm in arm with civilian girls. Troops must have written passes to go to town stating reason.

Citation list to be sent in. Only 58 to date. Citations must be worthy and well written. RIETHORST, MOOK, NIJMEGAN are three highlights in campaign. News correspondent will be around today (Female). British will allow men up to full Colonel to receive Silver Star. Be sure to write letters of commendation on units or men who have worked with us and deserve it. 'Dobe baths in NIJMEGAN from 0900 to 1800 hrs have been allotted to us. (82d, 101st, & Br A/B). Hang onto captured radios or turn them into S-4. Do not discard them because some little thing is wrong with them. Do not discard any equip but turn it in to S-4 for packing and transporting. Medics have one ambulance and one captured truck and car. Check citation recommendations thoroughly before submitting.

Meeting adjourned 1037 hour.

Office of the Regimental S-3
505th Parachute Infantry

10 October 1944

Meeting of all unit (Battalions & Seperate) Commanders at 0930 Tuesday Oct. 10, 1944.

Regimental Commander calls meeting to order at 0930. All Commanders present.

The late arrival of the British relief may make a slight delay in our movement to an other area.

When this unit arrives in the new area the 2nd Bn. will be located in the North, the 3rd Bn in the South west and the 1st Bn. in the Southeastern part. This new area is comprised mainly of flat country and troops must be cautioned as to movement during the daylight hours, as they are under a constant threat of shelling and sniping. All traffic in this area must be curtailed somewhat.

Enemy has strong positions around the dikes which they are protecting. Their positions in this area are more or less defensive and some patrols are active. If we are in this area for any length of time the CO will see that Battalions are switched over— in an exchange of area.

Enemy tanks dug in near their positions. We will have one squadron of Hussars attached to us.

The battalions will have the following weapons attached to them:

1st Bn: 2 AT guns; 2nd Bn; 4 50's; 3rd Bn: 4 AT's and 2 50's.

The following is the order of movement to the new area: 3rd Bn, 1st Bn, 2nd Bn; tomorrow morning.

All battalions will arrange to take showers this week.

There are many evacuated civilians in this area. Living conditions crowded, should a CO wish to select a house for a CP his choice must be careful, so as not to deprive any civilians of their home.

Men may not go into houses or town. Women must be strictly avoided..... Any suspicious characters near the CP must be picked up and checked on.

While we are in reserve all units will check up on any deficiencies found during the campaign.

1st Bn will have squad outposts as well as the usual small OP's.

Wire must be laid the first night and ready for use. The CP will be in an abandoned German factory. Guards will be posted in compliance with the usual security regulations.

Weapons should be cleaned while in this area and checked for rust.

Men must be kept from congregating in groups.

Meeting ends at 1005.

1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1345 Fwd echelon moved out w/S-2 and S-e Equipment
 1410 One section of Demol under Lt SMITH in GROESBEEK
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1610 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1650 Col VANDERVOORT and Maj KAISER at CP
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1900 Col VANDERVOORT and Maj KAISER left CP
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2045 H Co being relieved A Co 1st Plt and B Co being relieved
 2100 British are just moving into White area
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2215 A Co is relieved B Co on its way
 2235 H Co completely relieved G Co has began
 2400 Rep to Div on above

October 11 '44

0055 Relief has been accomplished by Bde
 0115 Relief effected at 2100 hrs 1st Bn
 0145 Adjutant of Hampshires called up and said all reliefs and been made except the mortars
 0200 Rep to Div of above
 0225 Blue fully relieved
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0415 White reports relief Mortars last Complete
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0900 Rear CP pulled out
 1100 CP closed
 0930 2nd Bn closed 737604
 1000 At 1600-1602 192 med arty and 26 hvy arty will be on CR AYTELICH 504 front
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1305 1st Bn CP opened as of 1305
 1340 In the event of a distinguished visitor Div will be notified
 1400 Gen GAVIN and Gen HART (Br) visits CP Div notified
 1405 White notified of visitors coming to their CP
 1415 Generals' left CP
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Arty barrage started
 1610 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2100 1st Bn began relief of 307 Engrs at 1730
 2105 CO Btry F reports in position
 2107 456 FA in position at 1800
 2115 Request to Div that searchlight on NIJMEGAN Bridge be turned off until B Co relief is accomplished
 2130 Maj Kaiser said relief began at 1900 504 2nd Bn CP
 2136 G-3 says searchlight at NIJMEGAN will be turned off for two hours to allow movement of Co B into position. Engr O to report to CP at 120900 regarding every front CO A Sqn 13/18 Hussars to report to Col EKMAN at 120800 Oct '44 (Maj WORMWALD)
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2320 Msg to 2nd Bn reattachment of 2 AT Guns of Btry A is hereby rescinded. Two guns are available to you upon committment. In the event that you take over either of the other Bn areas you will take over their AT attachments. The guns formally atchd to you are placed in Regt'l Res
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 12 '44

0100 G and H relief complete Mortars in position situation quiet Blue
 0125 B in position Relief of 307 Engrs complete Red
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0210 CO Blue reports complete relief of Cider White reports no contact as yet w/Red Red notified
 0240 C relieved at 2200 B relieved at 1400 C Co contacted same unit B no contact Red and Blue patrols are now attempting to locate each other and will do so every hour on the hour
 0240 Blue contacts Red H Co and C Co
 0240 MG firing near I Co
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div

0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1115 Maj KENNEDY and Maj HOPE of Irish Guards visits CP correction GARDENHOPE
 1120 Col GEIGER and Maj ADAMS Div CWO visits CP
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1810 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1815 Units notified of mtg to be held at CP at 122000 Oct '44
 1915 4 Sniper Rifles to 1st Bn and 2 Water Cooled MG's
 6 Sniper Rifles to 3rd Bn and 3 Water Cooled MG's
 Weapons to remain in position
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2010 Maj KAISER at CP
 2017 Col VANDERVOORT at CP
 2025 Maj LONG at CP
 2027 Mtg Started

Highlights of mtg:

- (1) Check w/Msg Ctr on correct time any time during the day
- (2) This unit can get British Awards for the men through the 30th Corps.
- (3) Any further awards to be completed immediately Div may call for them at any time Any unit that we have worked w/and we wish to citate--get it in immediately
- (4) Engr tools to construct secondary defensive line. Bn in Res will do this Will be started tomorrow. 100 Shovels and 50 Picks available for all Regiments. We can probably get more. Eny have broken through in several places. We have received Concertina Wire. It will be put in position(1000 yds) 500 yds on either side of small stream in front of Red Area. We will Booby Trap this wire. Any person wandering around at night will be picked up. OP's on alert constantly; gun flashes will be turned in immediately.
- (5) Eny situation maps will be kept up to date.
- (6) Aerial missions to be flown at least every other day (Request)
- (7) Housing Situation? British backfired. Will be delayed for time being. Action will be taken to get troops into houses.
- (8) All Bn's should have central feeding
- (9) Showers. We may get a portable unit in.
- (10) Res Units to be kept busy. Scouting and Patrolling to be stressed. Trng Sch left up to Bn CO's to be submitted to S-3 for approval.
- (11) No passes for any units on front lines.
- (12) Portable Movie Sets to Res Bn and Regiments. (Questionable)
- (13) Rations. Increased 1/5. Rum ration also. Coffee? Underwear & Clothing?
- (14) 2 Laundries will be started tomorrow. We hold both Laundries until the men get cleaned up; then revert one back to Div.
- (15) 650 Men as replacements. We may get 200.
- (16) Bn's will submit list of Specialists needed.
- (17) 44 Jeeps in Div knocked out since D Day. 19 since we received replacements. All Jeeps will be put in safe places.
- (18) Propaganda will be spread by plane to Germans.
- (19) Make use of flares as much as possible.
- (20) Fresh composition C for Gammon Grenades.

2125 Mtg adjourned for all except Bn CO's.

2125 2 duds in vic 738604 and 1 shell in vic 737602 coming generally from E at least 150 caliber From White at 2130

2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2255 Bn CO's left CP
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 13 '44

0115 Blue reports no contact w/Red
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0330 Blue No Charge Still haven't made contact on right flank
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0407 Red Little arty shelling
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0830 Col EKMAN left CP
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1005 753600 2 Demol charges to be set off today within the next hr. Red notified
 1107 Capt STANCOMB B Sqdn 13/18 Hussars in at CP
 1200 Neg Rep to Div

1200 Brig ELDRINGTON 70th Bde in at CP
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1800 Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS returned to CP
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2010 777604 location of any strongpoint
 2150 Capt DELONG inquires if any 4.2 Mortars are in front of him
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2350 Blue Still no contact w/Red Otherwise negative
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 14 '44

0035 Co I making contact w/1st Bn H Co patrol No Prisoners Otherwise Neg
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Air mission will be marked by red smoke at 1020 at 778625
 1010 Bn's notified of mission to be flown by 8 Typhoons at 1020
 1100 Rep from Div Air Mission cancelled because of heavy clouds
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1205 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1325 Target to be bombed by 8 Typhoons at 1345 hrs 778614 British marks it w/red smoke
 Bn's notified
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1410 Col TUCKER at CP
 1500 Red reports someone observing their lines at 768651-761662
 1505 Maj PRATT and Capt ANSELL Royal Northumberland Fuselars Guards Armd Div at CP
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1605 White reports that 2nd Bn has started Regt'l Res Line
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2250 Blue reports German platoon at 773613 Will send up a flare to be sure.
 2400 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Blue reports any MG 786628 Mortar fire will be laid on it

October 15 '44

0055 Mortar sentry 350 yds from CP challenged unknown intruder - fired one shot
 Nothing found, will search in morning Red
 0100 White reports shells landing near CP
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1300 Col EKMAN to Blue
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1455 Rep from Blue that arty barrage w/leaflets is falling short about 300 yds out from
 G Co. Probably the arty further back will be effective
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1602 Col EKMAN at Oasis
 1604 Maj LEE of 307 AB Engrs at CP
 1700 Maj LEE left CP
 1735 Div Ordnance at 692609
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 16 '44

0130 Btry A 80th AA will be relieved Oct 16 beginning at dark by Btry E 80th Officers
 will make rcn during daylight Btry A to Div Res Guns left in position
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0205 Red contacted Blue as prearranged Blue said this was by patrols to front and
 also that a Dutch patrol had gone through their Co Lines
 0400 Neg Rep To Div
 0600 Neg R ep to Div

0800 Neg Rep to Div
 0935 798643 Arty Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1037 C Btry FO reports 1 rd WP short Rest looking good at 769607
 1110 C Btry FO reports several houses ablaze and entire area covered w/smoke
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1430 Col ALEXANDER visits CP
 1430 House on fire at 774601-77276005-77366005-77406200 Reported by C Btry
 1430 Blue reports arty on target at 778614 A little short at 778616 On target at 782619 Could not see exact target at 769606
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1620 Except in an emergency German 81mm ammo will not be fired from our own mortars German 81mm mortars if available in this zone of operations will be distributed to units w/least practicable delay. Further info later - G-3
 1635 Lt STONE phoned that all three MGs have been cleaned except two tripods which have not been unpacked All are under cover
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2000 Div OP reports a fight w/eny from the Div on our left flank Arty and small arms Bn's notified
 2130 81196318 Wind Mill in Operation
 2154 Red called wire ahs been strung between Red and Blue over Creek at contact point
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2235 53d Div has cancelled the shooting of AT Guns in our sector Msg from Harness 2
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 17 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 1020 White to relieve Blue tonight
 1110 Capt LEAF B Sqdn 13/18 Hussars at CP - He is going back to his outfit to see if he can delay the change over for 24 hrs
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1250 Blue CO I reports white phosphorous Mtr shells landing at 770620 Checked w/504 Neg Checked w/1st Bn Neg
 1255 Plat of A Co moving out to secondary position No 1 1 arty shell fell and killed 1 man and wounded 1
 1300 Col EKMAN returned to CP
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1800 Neg Rep to Div
 1945 White closed in their CP at 1900
 2000 Neg Rep to Div
 2200 Neg Rep to Div
 2230 77686160 Report of MG's firing in this area outside OPLA
 2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 18 '44

0142 White CP in loc 762633 at 1900 F Co closed at 2130 Hq at 2215 D Co at 2235
 0142 E Co closed at 2145
 3rd Bn was completely relieved at 0040
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0400 Neg Rep to Div
 0600 Neg Rep to Div
 0800 Neg Rep to Div
 1000 Neg Rep to Div
 0950 Capt HARRIS left CP
 1050 Maj PIERSON at CP
 1200 Neg Rep to Div
 1200 Capt HARRIS returned
 1400 Neg Rep to Div
 1500 Capt CONNELLY Engrs at CP
 1505 Capt RUCKER 80th AA at CP
 1600 Neg Rep to Div
 1600 2 Shells landed in vic Red CP Over and Short

1600 Meeting of Regt'l Staff held by Col KRAUSE

1600 Div Provost Marshall at CP

1730 Meeting ended

1800 Neg Rep to Div

2000 Neg Rep to Div

2045 Strong point 3 - Jeep was going from E to W w/driver from arty in it (through grid square 7661 into 7561) MG fired Driver investigated Red notified From Challenge White

2145 From Red on above:

A time stated a jeep came up road and contacted barbed wire across it. MG did not fire. Driver came up and MGunner told him he just about got hit. MGunner did challenge

2200 Neg Rep to Div

2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 19 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div

0210 White reports harrassing fire on E and F Co fronts

0325 45 deg from Red CP 12 sec between flash and burst eny arty fire

0400 Neg Rep to Div

0410 3 civilieans (2 women 1 man) moving down S river bank at 0230 Picked up by Co D Will be interrogated by Lt in the morning Came from eny lines

0600 Neg Rep to Div

0800 Neg Rep to Div

1000 Neg Rep to Div

1200 Neg Rep to Div

1400 Neg Rep to Div

1430 Air Mission will hit eny strongpoint at 1500

1530 White reports air mission successfully carried out From their observation all targets hit Few stray rounds landed in E Co area No casualties

1600 Neg Rep to Div

1800 Neg Rep to Div

2000 Neg Rep to Div

2145 Red reports raft across from out post No 3 Seems like one man on it went overboard G-3 talked to 30th Corps and they are sending patrol boat to check on it

2210 Lt MARSTON phoned from Div that Gds Armd were going to investigate raft with lite's and launch

2215 Maj LONG reports raft has floated across river and no occupants on it Out post No 3 fired several rounds on it Raft has 2 home made seats on it Patrols are searching river banks for possible occupants. Raft in C Co's possession

2220 Div notified of above

2230 Red is vigorously patrolling river banks

2230 Col EKMAN and Lt Col VANDERVOORT Phone conversation

2240 Lt FIELDER notified to report to S-3

2245 Lt FIELDER at CP

2245 Small arms fire in Regt'l sector Fired when trip wire was set off at out post

2302 Red reports 2 amber flares shot up in E Co's vic

2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 20 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div

0400 Neg Rep to Div

0600 Neg Rep to Div

0800 Neg Rep to Div

1000 Neg Rep to Div

1200 Neg Rep to Div

1245 767617 White reported Mortar shells. Believe it's eny because Red nor 504 is firing

1400 Neg Rep to Div

1540 Eny plane over CP area

1600 Neg Rep to Div

1745 Activity of 1840 One patrol (Plat) Jumps off, D Co MG at 784628 3 MG's firing at 781616 firing to 786620 F Co 2 .50 Cal MG's at 775622 firing to 783618 E Co at 772617 MG's and Mortars firing at strong point at 777614 also firing 60mm Luminous Flares 777614 one every 5 minutes

81mm at 1840 fire on objective No 1 for 10 min At 1850 fire on objective No 2 At 1855 fire on 786620 firing 791619 to road at 794627

Arty firing at 1840 firing at No 1 at 1850 to 1855 engage target No 2 then at 1855 engage same target as 60mm mortars

All tanks and mortars start at 1840 Tanks at 780629 fire 75's and MG's at targets across the river

1800 Rep to Div of above

1930 White reports patrols reach 1st objective and continues on to 2nd objective Have

taken 2 prisoners and have 2 casualties
2000 Rep to Div of above
2020 Lt FIELDER reports search where trip signal was fired neg. Lt FIELDER is installing trip flares in place
2200 Neg Rep to Div
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 21 '44

0035 Lt AGEE in CP with 2 prisoners
0200 White patrols have not contacted Red since 2000 White still has a patrol out every 2 hrs
0200 Rep to Div of above
0215 Red reports B Co contacted White
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0420 White contacted Red at 0400
0425 Reported contacts to Div
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1040 3 ME 109's strafed 760600 One downed by AA fire
1025 2 ME's strafed 761611
1030 1 ME shot down by AA at 739589
1145 TD fired on chimney at 756663 9 rds chimney fell on the 9th round
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1220 White fired on house (Mortars) 787627 Observed three German Medics going in but they came out empty handed Presumed all occupants dead
1240 White Mortars fired 793628 on house Germans ran out and toward another house Mortar fire knocked them down Germans removing 6 wounded
Eny tank fired on at 797643 tank stopped firing
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1600 Neg Rep to Div
1645 G-3 called that CP in vic KELLEN would be bombed at 1645 812642
White notified
1630 Col TUCKED and Capt SHELLEY at CP
1800 Neg Rep to Div
1910 White reports D Co heard what seemed to be 3 track vehicles operating in vic 794627 directly in front of D Co area
1915 F Co OP had fire fight with supposed eny OP vic 780624 No report from OP as yet
1925 Horse drawn and tracked vehicles at 789627 along road east and west also at 790618 In strong point at 777615 lot of movement tracked vehicles
1935 F Co outpost reports column of men moving up road toward them 773616 At 2010 moved behind dyke. Tanks moving NW to SE at 789618 Horse drawn vehicle at 787627 F Co OP in at 780624
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2200 Neg Rep to Div
2240 Red reports eny MG at 767604 B Co tried BAR'S and 60mm Mtrs on it apparently knocking it out also eny MG at 767609 firing toward White was fired on by B Co's 60mm and BAR's
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 22 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
0230 Arty will fire on the following points at 0500 778614-783611-787612-793622-794628-799626
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1315 2nd Bn patrol leader is going to 718596 (Cub landing strip) to be flown for rcn of patrol area to be there at 1425 Div Arty
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1600 White reports undefined noise from 777615 fired on by mortars and arty 2 bldgs seen with Red Cross flags at 774619 MG's have been firing from here at night recently No activity however, at this time
1600 Above report to Div
1800 Neg Rep to Div
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2000 100th AA reports light MG fire going over their guns

2200 777614 there is an eny ammo dump on fire as a result of our arty fire and is burning brightly 2nd Bn
2205 Rep to Div of above
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 23 '44

0115 Phoned to White about small arms fire. Lt. SAMMON said fire was heavier than usual. Two eny strongpoints in front of F Co
0120 Maj MCILVOY called asking information on small arms firing
0133 MG fire to front of F Co Arty fire requested and received. MG's quiet after arty.
0135 Lt MARSTON phoned from Div asking info on small arms and mortar firing in our area Info given
0140 Red Neg Maj LONG said he would have a report on suspicious incidents in his area shortly
0200 Neg Rep to Div
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0520 100 yds SE CP (10-15 Shells) from N to NE 75's very long range From Blue
0522 764626 (3 man eny patrol) reported by White F Co reported shells falling back of them (155's)
0600 Rep to Div of above
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1500 S-3 Cider informed us of arty and mortar to go down on ZYFELICH at 1700. Requests that our OP be on alert for possible eny move out of ZYFFLICH to E or SE against 504 who are moving one Co. fwd S of WYLER
1600 Neg Rep to Div
1800 White reports 2 men wounded and 8mm outpost knocked out; it will be re-established The SP Gun got away
1800 Neg Rep to Div
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2200 Neg Rep to Div
2330 From G-3 Lt MORRISON 30th Corps says Germans may try to pull another trick such as they did on NIJMEGAN bridge. Pass the warning to Companies
2340 Warning on above passed on to all Bn's by S-2
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 24 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0800 Neg Rep to Div
0730 Col EKMAN to New Area
0945 Col KRAUSE left CP w/Capt WAGNER
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1038 At 1110 twelve (12) Typhoons to fly air mission on factory 7964 to Bn's notified Fr Lt FRASER Air Support Officer
1050 Complete text of Msgs to S-1 for Historical Record
1050 M/Sgt WOLLIN rec'd. complete copy of Journal for Historical Record
1100 Col KRAUSE at CP
1130 Red Op reported 12 Typhoons on targets.
1135 White OP reported Typhoons on target, black smoke seen rising from target
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1337 Lt GRAHAM at CP
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1600 Neg Rep to Div
1745 Maj KAISER called Col KRAUSE
1800 Neg Rep to Div
1900 1825 2d Bn closed in new CP
2000 Report to Div on above
2050 D Co moved out Div notified
2155 G and H Co's in position I Co on its way
2200 Rep to Div on above
2300 Change of Blue completed - in position CP 76206315 Hq Co 76006275 G 76956275 H 775630 I 764624
2335 Fr Blue 1 eny 78656204 crawling toward our lines to surrender Eny MG fire at 783619
2400 Rep to Div on above

October 25 '44

0023 E Co moved into res position (thus all Co's White) less Mortar platoons
0055 White complete in rear position
0200 Rep to Div on above
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0410 Long range fire in front H Co. Patrol out round left flank of Bn
0430 Fr G-3 To CO 504 This is a training alert move Res Bn to RRL Have occupy same
Complete for combat without delay
0435 Red Neg Rep
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1600 Neg Rep to Div
1610 Report fr Red that two prisoners were taken from their fox hole at 768601 by Regt'l
OP man
1620 Prisoner mentioned above- Both were wounded One shot through stomach, kept at aid
station of 504 The other sent in for interrogation
1630 Capt HARRIS left to interrogate prisoner
1800 Neg Rep to Div
1815 Gen GAVIN at CP with Col CHASE A/B Command
1825 Above party left CP
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2145 Blue contacted Red at 2140
2210 Vehicle at 787626 moving SW. MG at 782624 from Red
2240 Blue Truck moving down road at approx 787607
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 26 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0600 Neg Rep to Div
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Lt Col G A M VAN DE LEVR 2d Bn Irish Guards at CP
1015 Above Officer left CP
1200 Neg To Div
1400 Neg To Div
1600 Neg To Div
1800 Neg To Div
1830 Tanks moving into the area sometime tonight
1900 Arty Serenade (72 guns)
2000 Neg To Div
2200 Neg To Div
2400 Neg To Div

October 27 '44

0200 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0600 Neg To Div
0800 Neg To Div
1000 Neg To Div
1030 Col EKMAN returned to CP
1200 Neg To Div
1205 1 man from Red injured at outpost #3 by British Fire 735652
1300 Capt HARRIS instructing Dutch troops on .30 cal water cooled MG's
1400 Neg To Div
1430 Meeting held by Col EKMAN for Bn CO's and Regt'l Staff Overlay and Memorandums
of Camp SUIPPES distributed
1600 Neg To Div
1800 Neg To Div
1830 Meeting adjourned
2000 Neg To Div
2030 Forward echelon group getting prepared to move to new camp tomorrow at 0430
2200 Neg To Div
2325 English MG firing into OP #3 C Co Gun loc 725651 fr #3 on road. Both direct and
ricochet. Lt TALLERDAY C Co called. Div notified and in contact w/231 Bde also
30th Corps.
2400 Neg To Div

October 28 '44

0200 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0600 Neg To Div
0630 Forward echelon left under Lt Col KRAUSE
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg To Div
1005 Friendly shell Rep 7760-6285 from 210 deg (4 rds 1 WP) 0945 hrs. Checker L/O corrected it From Blue
1140 Lt SAMMON called He wants to fire 60mm on road back of CP into swamps tomorrow. Won't be over 500 yds. Flags etc., will be put up. If not OK would like suggestions
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1215 Checked w/3rd Bn on 2nd Bn's request for firing Blue OK'd it
1217 White notified. They also want 2 MG's for tomorrow and will probably fire Bazookas along w/60mm's.
1400 Neg Rep to Div
1605 Blue reports factory near 783637 burning, believed to be an oil storage bldg. This bldg. being hit by our arty this AM
1800 Neg Rep to Div
1830 White picked up 2 MG's
2000 Fr G-3 Movement of barges along WAAL River 29th and 30th Oct being towed fr W. All ranks must be warned that these barges will not be engaged under any circumstances.
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2200 Neg Rep to Div
2400 Neg Rep to Div

October 29 '44

0200 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0600 Neg To Div
0800 Neg To Div
0930 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON out to 3rd Bn to MG positions for firing tonight
0930 Div notified that we would like to get 4.2 mortars for one shoot. Div will inform us.
0930 Capt SHERMAN Btry E notified to meet Capt HARRIS at 1300 today
0930 Sgt CLONG to S-4 to pick up 10 rds WP Bazooka ammo - 8 Boxes Ammo w/tracer and 8 w/o tracer
0940 Capt BRITTAIN called. We are to send Lt LAWRENCE to see about 4.2 mortars.
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1015 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON returned to CP
1100 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON left for MG's; Col EKMAN also left CP
1155 Maj THAIN called: 4 rds landed short on Checker OP's left
1200 Neg to Div
1230 Lt DAY called by phone
1400 Neg To Div
1500 Officers' from 4.2 mortars arrived. They will be in position by 1600 hrs. tomorrow (Same positions as before)
1525 Fr White Fr 1530-1630 fire 60mm for trng purposes. Fire into 743637. Lt COOPER I/C
1754 1754 Capt HARRIS returned
1800 Neg To Div
2000 Neg To Div
2030 Across from OP 6 fight between British and Germans - Fr Red
2200 I Co receiving arty fire H Co and one man injured H Co 81mm firing 788627-Div Notif
2400 Neg To Div

October 30 '44

0140 Blue reports noise which is usually in front of H Co is not going on tonight. Noises which sound like 1/2 trucks or light armd vehicles at 793630. Much noise & talking at 790620
0150 Shell Rep from Blue 78456285 100 deg Range 1 mi
0205 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0530 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON returned
0600 Neg To Div
0800 Neg To Div
0910 White to fire 60mm today Didn't fire yesterday
1000 Neg To Div
1200 Neg To Div
1300 Fr Div-Irish Guards to effect relief tonight 30/31

1305 All Bn's notified of Irish Guard relief
 1400 745650 White to fire 6 rds Bazooka -2 clips BAR-1 belt LMG-2 clips TSMG Fire into dyke Around 1600 For trng purposes
 1400 Rep of above to Div
 1400 A Co is going to be zeroing weapons at strong point 3
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Rep to Div on: Fr Blue at 2307 Nebelwerffer observed fr H Co CP 120 deg MA 2000 yds front Landed 78356245-at 2330 Neberwerffer 91 deg MA 7725 1800 yds

October 31 '44

0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0244 Fr Red 1 man seriously wounded and two men lightly
 0300 Fr H Co Our mortars are firing at 780624 on support of ptl and 60mm in support of that Signal shell also fired
 0330 Fr 1st Bn Neg Rep
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 0900 Co ' reports strong point well covered by 4.2 mortars last night
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1230 Fr Red: They've found a dud in A Co area Demo Man taking charge
 1400 Neg To Div
 1545 Gen GAVIN at CP
 1600 Neg To Div
 1755 At 765607 White smoke Cider II called and wants to know if its friendly or eny We checked w/Blue, Red and arty Blue saw the smoke but didn't fire
 1800 Rep to Div on above
 1815 Cider II notified
 1815 1722 hrs. CP group of 2nd Bn closed in
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Rep to Div Change effected completely 1945 (Fr White)
 2210 Fr Blue: Change over at 1945 hrs
 Fr White F Co closed 1945 E Co 1922 D Co 1945
 2240 White sent in overlay of dispositions
 2400 Neg To Div

November 1 '44

0046 3rd Bn sent in disposition of troops
 0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 0900 Capt CARLSON and Sgt CLONTZ to GROESBEEK
 1000 Neg To Div
 1005 Lt DAY in CP
 1010 Maj LONG at CP
 1025 Fr White 3 Shells at 767633 Cannot determine Azimuth
 1200 Neg To Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 1940 780627 observed from MA 135 deg 1500 to 2000 yds 6 Brl Mortar Fr White
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 2 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1245 Capt HARRIS to Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1440 2nd Bn Plan changed to 0400 in the morning

1600 Neg Rep to Div
1800 Neg Rep to Div
2000 Neg Rep to Div
2100 Consolidated time w/Red and 504 at the request of 2nd Bn
2200 Neg To Div
2235 Maj LONG at CP
2400 Neg To Div

November 3 '44

0145 C Co has contacted HARNESS across the River by Radio
0200 Report To Div on above
0245 Lt Col NORTON and Gen STERLING (30th Corps) at CP
0250 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON out to MG positions to fire harrassing fire
0255 Lt Col NORTON and Gen STERLING and COL EKMAN to Challenge White CP
0330 Sgt BURRER to Chaallenge White to interrogate prisoners
0400 Neg Rep to Div
0445 White reports combat patrol returned with three (3) prisoners, patrol all present, one (1) man slightly injured
0500 F Co patrol returned
0600 Rep to Div on above
0625 Lt Col NORTON and Col EKMAN and Gen STERLING (30th Corps) returned to CP
Lt Col NORTON and Gen STERLING to Div
0630 Capt HARRIS and Capt CARLSON returned
0755 Lt Col NORTON phoned and said Gen RIDGWAY and Gen GAVIN on way to White CP
0800 Neg Rep to Div
1000 Neg Rep to Div
1030 Maj FITZGERALD (British Tank Officer) at CP
1045 Called Challenge White and told them that a British Tank Officer would visit their CP sometime this evening to see about putting Tanks in (approximately ten (10))
1200 Neg Rep to Div
1205 Officer from Welch Guards at CP
1400 Neg To Div
1330 Lt Co NORTON and Maj BIBBONS at CP
1400 Meeting of Bn CO's and Regt'l Staff Officers held by Col EKMAN
(1) 1st Bn to pull patrol today. It will be the last aggressive patrol for this area. Patrols will all be screening from now on.
(2) Date of relief around the middle of the month
(3) Gen RIDGWAY to visit all Regiments tomorrow. All installations in the rear as well as some front line troops will be inspected. He will spend two (2) hours with us tomorrow afternoon.
(4) Get men cleaned up. All equipment to be worn. Reporting by Senior Officer or Senior NCO will be strictly adhered to. Police up will be accomplished
(5) Claims and Looting: All extra articles will be turned in on show-down inspection. Each Bn will announce a "Claims Officer" Preferably the Bn Exec O. We've only one (1) claim so far but more are on the way down. (All bicycles should have been turned in by now.) (All vehicles should have been turned in) Showdown coming soon. Put articles in three (3) piles: GROESBEEK - NIJMEGAN - BEEK.
(6) Court Cases. Two (2) or three (3) cases haven't been complete. These will have to be taken care of immediately.
(7) Officers named as "Claims Officer" will go to Division to a school starting next Monday.
(8) Claims must not be due to shell fire - US Government will not honor them. They must be filed by a citizen of the country.
(9) These things will be carefully checked: Shaving, wearing of equipment, uniforms, and haircuts.
(10) We now have a complete set of records of rear echelons for unit CO's inspection
(11) Replacements not up to Standard.
(12) The following are being acted upon:
1. Passes to NIJMEGAN
2. Beer and Ice Cream
(13) Officers will get a partial pay of twenty-five dollars in the near future.
(14) Static Line will be out today or tomorrow.
(15) Killing of cattle will be done with a little discretion from now on.
(16) Camouflage: Check on it. No promiscuous shooting to be tolerated
(17) Too many accidents. No speeding tolerated.
(18) There will be a daily check on squads and platoons to see that all men are accounted for.
(19) Challenging: Lets have more of it.
(20) S-4's will be responsible for the Drivers appearance
(21) Communications: A thorough check will be made.

1630 Meeting adjourned
 1630 Neg Rep to Div
 1755 Call fr White: Fr 2220-2230 their S-4 will blow a section of RR at 777631 with composition C to facilitate transport to left flank Company.
 Bn's notified.
 1800 Rep of above to Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2207 Fr Red: arty observed five (5) dead Germans at 78806255 believed to be from last nights barrage.
 2400 Neg To Div

November 4 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1215 Woods at 783626. Squad position at night. Listening Post of two (2) men during daytime
 1400 Rep of above to Div (Gen RIDGEWAY and Gen GAVIN arrived in area about 1130 and left about 1330, they visited front line troops)
 1410 Col EKMAN returned to Div
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 1805 Harness 3 called: They're sending out a two (2) man patrol from 760660 along R. to 768648. Return at 0200 hrs.
 2000 Neg To Div
 2120 From Harness 3: They'll be be teating a light at 745660 and 758661 from 2130-2215hrs. Notify Charley - If Charley sees them will they answer back - Charley notified.
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 5 '44

0120 325 reports one of our Jeeps has been smashed up and left at 737630 - Driver not know
 0200 Neg Rep to Div
 0305 Red reports Nebelwerffer coming from azimuth 150 degrees - B Co.
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 0900 Capt HARRIS and Lt AGEE orienting new officers on operations up to date.
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 6 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div - Capt HARRIS to Reims
 0940 Maj LONG called and said Gen GAVIN is in B Co. Area
 1000 Neg To Div
 1030 Col CUTTES, 17th AB Div - CO 513th Precht Inf., at CP
 1200 Neg To Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1525 Col TUCKER at CP
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 7 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div

0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1310 Capt CARLSON in from Bazooka Firing - six (6) Bazookas at one time in 3rd Bn area
 1400 Neg To Div
 1600 Neg To Div
 1700 Officer from 4.2 Mortars at CP
 1800 Neg To Div
 1800 2nd Bn CP closed 75256390
 2000 Rep to Div on above
 2023 Blue completed relief of White at 1940
 2130 All White out of front by 2130 E Co closed at 2035, F Co at 2040, D Co at 2130
 2200 Rep to Div on above
 2500 Neg Rep to Div

November 8 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0800 Neg To Div
 1000 Col JABLONSKY, observer for Precht School, at CP
 1200 Neg To Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1400 Meeting of Regt'l and Special Staff and Bn CO's
 1. Col EKMAN brought up the serious aspect of looting. IG from SHAEF was here this morning to check on looting. All bicycles and radios from civilian bldgs must be turned in - same for typewriters
 2. All known evidence of looting by British or Dutch to be reported to the CO
 3. This Division to be under 2nd Canadian Army - 30th Corps to be relieved
 4. 3rd Canadian Division to replace 82nd A/B Division
 5. At 1500 hours today British General from 30th Corps and Canadian General to be here to inspect positions
 6. Regiment will move back by truck when relieved
 7. 82nd A/B div base section in process of moving now
 8. Area to be policed before move - Inspections will be made by higher headquarters
 9. Reports from rear base encouraging
 Meeting adjourned at 1500 hrs.
 1530 Gen GAVIN - Gen HORACH, 30th British Corps and Gen FOUKES, 3rd Canadian Corps at CP
 Col EKMAN oriented them on our positions
 1540 The above party minus Col EKMAN left to look over positions
 1600 Neg To Div
 1800 Neg To Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 9 '44

0200 Neg To Div
 0400 Neg To Div
 0600 Neg To Div
 0730 Blue reports that at 0410 hrs a six (6) man outpost at 776619 was hit from both sides by 8 - 10 eny-hand grenades were thrown by both sides One of our men was taken from his fox hole during the fight and is missing since the attack 3rd Bn has conducted strong patrols to a point 300 yds in advance of this outpost # 5 and patrols have found only a soft cap of the eny. Since the contact outpost #4 has been moved approx. 100 yds forward and made to eight (8) men strong point
 0800 Rep to Div on above
 1000 Neg To Div
 1200 Neg To Div
 1400 Neg To Div
 1500 Gen HAINES and Lt Co BERRY at CP
 1500 Four (4) Officers from the 17th AB Div who had been w/325 left for Bn's
 1600 Neg To Div
 1640 2 rds time fire 772617 210deg believed to be our arty fell in 3rd Bn area
 1800 Neg To Div
 2000 Neg To Div
 2200 Neg To Div
 2400 Neg To Div

November 10 '44

0200 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0445 Blue reports #2 patrol in as of 0430
0530 Buzz Bomb observed by Blue at 776620 travelling at 30 deg MA
0600 Neg To Div
0800 Neg To Div
1000 Neg To Div
1120 Col VAN ZORTEN and Col GORDON of Irish Guards at CP
1200 Neg To Div
1400 Neg To Div
1600 Neg To Div
1640 Capt HARRIS returned from RHEIMS
1800 Neg To Div
2000 Neg To Div
2200 Neg To Div
2300 Brigadier ROCKINGHAM IX Div Bde in CP
2400 Neg To Div

November 11 '44

0200 Neg To Div
0400 Neg To Div
0600 Neg To Div
0800 Neg To Div
1000 Neg To Div
1200 Neg To Div
1400 Neg To Div
1600 Overlay and Movement Order out to units
1800 Neg To Div
1840 Message from Div Cross IP at 0908 Nov. 12th
1900 Col EKMAN left CP for Medics and S-4
2000 Neg To Div
2200 Neg To Div
2205 Relief of C Co begun
2325 2nd Bn completely relieved
2400 Rep of above to Div

November 12 '44

0005 Red relief started
0200 Rep on above to Div
0250 A Co-Hq Co-C Co relieved One (1) more hour for Co B
0250 One (1) more hour for Blue to be relieved
0300 Rep of above to Div
0350 1st Bn completely relieved
0400 Rep of above to Div
0600 Relief of Blue complete
0600 Rep of above to Div
0800 Neg To Div
0845 505 CP closed out and headed for Area OSS
1000 CP arrived at OSS area
3rd Bn crossed IP at 1138 and arrived at forward CP 1830
1st Bn crossed IP at 0940 and arrived at forward CP 1525
2nd Bn crossed IP at 0915 and arrived at forward CP 1445
Regt'l Hq crossed IP at 0929 and arrived at forward CP 1510
2000 Camp completely closed

November 13 '44

Camp settled Showers were taken-Daily routine
1800 Lt Col NORTON at CP

November 14 '44

0900 Gen HAINES at CP
1000 Capt HARRIS wrote up Movement Order # 2
1800 Movement Order # 2 out to units

November 15 '44

Col EKMAN and Capt HARRIS to SUIPPES
Camp being made ready to move out

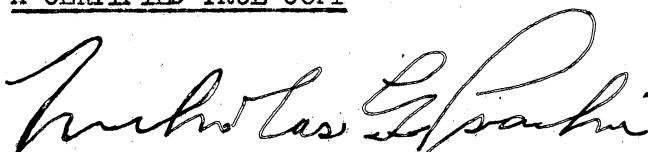
November 16 '44

0700 Convoy moved out for BOURG-LEOPOLD
1030 Arrived at BOURG-LEOPOLD
1st Bn arrived and CP set up at 1130
2nd Bn arrived and CP set up at 1315
3rd Bn arrived and CP set up at 1230

November 17 '44

0600 Convoy moved out for SUIPPES
1730 Arrived at SUIPPES
1st Bn set up at 1745
2nd Bn set up at 1750
3rd Bn set up at 1800

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