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Abstract: **Item 2078:** History, 1 July-18 August 1943, Sicily; Administration papers, F.O.'s, administration orders, journal and messages; **Item 2079:** Narrative report, 25 May-15 July 1944, Normandy; unit journal, G-2 estimate of situation , terrain study and overlays; **Item 2080:** Part A: Narrative history, Operation Market, 17 September-16 October 1944; unit journal, S-3 journal and overlays; Part B: Record of combat, 17 October-11 November 1944, with inclosures, S-2, 3 journal and periodic reports, overlays and maps; **Item 2081:** Part A: Narrative history, 18-31 December 1944, S-3 journal, periodic reports and overlays; Part B: Narrative history, 1-11 January 1945 and 28-31 January 1945; Part C: Unit journal, 1-11 January 1945 and 28-31 January 1945; Part D: S-2 journal, 1-10 January 1945 and 28-31 January 1945; Part E: S-3 journal, 1-11 January 1945 and 28-31 January 1945; Part F: Operation Memoranda, 1-31 January 1945 with overlays; Part G: Report of action against the enemy, 1-19 February 1945, narrative, unit journal, S-2, 3 journal, operation memos, overlays and maps; Part H: Report of action against the enemy, 1-16 April 1945 and 28-30 April 1945, narrative, S-2, 3 journal, unit journal, maps and overlays; Part I: Report of action against the enemy, 1-5 May 1945, narrative, S-2, 3 journal, unit journal, maps and overlays; **Item 2082**: U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division Artillery unit history for calendar year 1946.

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1 Jul - 18 Aug 43

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO # 469 United States Army

1st ECHELON

1 July 1943
C-47

Name	Personnel Officers Rank
1st Lt. Garcina (Asst Commander)	1st Lt.
Ross (Asst S-2)	2nd Lt.
Reid, Chaplain	Capt.
	Enlisted Men
McNalley, Survey Sgt.	Sgt.
Gautier, Survey & Inst.	Pvt 1cl
McDonald, Orderly & M.G.	Pvt 1cl
Burguieres, Opn. Cpl	Cpl.
Kick, Radio Op.	T/4
Miscenick, Radio Op.	Pvt 1cl
Comito, Radio Op.	Pvt.
Smith, Wire Cpl.	T/4
Cole, Wire Cpl.	Cpl.
Durkin, Wire	Pvt 1cl

Equipment	
1 SCR 609 W/Batteries	100
2 EE 8 - As	20
1 DR 8 W/Wire	30
2 Kit Flag	2
2 Cans Water	100
24 BA 30's	5
1 EE 8	10
1 DR 8 W/Wire	30
1 BD 71	50
1 A.C.	30
Misc.	60
2 Launchers Rocket W/12 Granades	160
Total	3120
Personnel	497
Grand Total	3617

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO # 469 United States Army

U.S.A. Husky Take-Off - Roster

A.S.N. of Plane: C-47
Plane No. 1

Place:
Date:
Time:

Name	Personnel Officers Rank	A.S.N.
March, Francis A. (Commander)	Col	O-12138
French, Robert H.	2nd Lt.	O-1172014
	Enlisted Men	
Corrigan, James E.	T/5	36239056
Kilgore, Ernest F. (Asst. Co)	S/Sgt.	15044479
Davis, Woodard B.	M/Sgt.	34272840

Equipment

1 Jeep		2200
1 SCR 610 w/spare batteries		150
2 Cans water		100
1 Launcher rocket & 6 rds		46
1 C P tent		100
1 DR-4 w/wire		100
Misc Equipment		100
	Total	2746
	Personnel	1200
	Grand Total	3996

C-47
Plane No 2

Smiley, John W. (Commander)	Lt. Col.	O-240989
	Enlisted Men	
Hiata, Clifford W. (Asst. Comdr)	Sgt.	16070820
Kartus, Charles L.	T/4	34254740
Johnson, Johnie	Pfc	35450248
Roddenberry, Amos D.	Pvt	34242351

Equipment

1 Jeep		2400
1 SCR 284		115
Misc Equipment		35
1 Can water		50
1 Field Desk		150
1 A.C.		30
	Total	2780
	Personnel	1200
	Grand Total	3980

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 United States Army

U.S.A Husky Take-Off - Roster
A.E.N. of Plane:

C47
Plane No. 3

Place:
Date:
Time:

Name	Personnel Officers Rank	A.S.N.
Raibl, Tony J. (Commander)	Captain	O-334346
	Enlisted Men	
Frye, John F. (Asst Co)	S/Sgt.	35288959
Loper, Atwood B.	T/4	33019898
Tackett, Elias	Pfc	15112424
Dungan, Robert H.	Cpl	35454523
Gresham, William M.	Cpl	37173260
	Equipment	
1 Jeep		2200
1 SCR 284 (Complete)		132
1 Field Desk		60
1 MC 13		40
1 Can water		50
1 Pyrotechnic Set		50
1 DR 8 w/wire		30
	Total	2562
	Personnel	1440
	Grand Total	4002

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Plane No. 4

D'Alessio, Wagner J. (Comdr)	Major	O-262179
	Enlisted Men	
Gostanian, Zaven M. (Asst Co)	1st Sgt.	31016344
Abel, Anthony E.	S/Sgt	16042028
Garnette, Thomas O.	T/5	35425292
Helnick, Darrell P.	T/5	35137282
Hartman, John E.	Pvt.	36629122
Martorelli, Anthony D.	Pvt	36628929
Monigold, George O.	Pfc	36628875
Wells, Paul	Pfc	35455960
Jackel, Albert O.	Pfc	35135615
	Equipment	
2 Can water		100
1 Pioneer Roll		90
1 Launcher Rocket w/12 rds		82
1 DR 4 w/wire		100
1 MG Complete		250
2 EE 8 As		20
1 DR 8 w/wire		30
4 Cases 50 cal.		392
Batteries		536
	Total	1600
	Personnel	2400
	Grand Total	4000

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Rusty Take-Off-Roster

U.S.A.
A.S.N. of Plane

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Plane No 2

Plane:

Date:

Time:

Name	Rank	A.S.N.
	Personnel	
	Officers	
Hart, August S. (Commander)	Major	0-350665
	Enlisted Men	
Vlasak, Frank S. (Asst Co)	M/Sgt	6718854
Bays, Benny L.	T/4	35137121
Treaster, Robert L.	T/4	35291629
Schleuss, Joseph	Cpl	35290351
Kroer, Edward M.	Pfc	35110879
Landau, Sidney	Pfc	32411607
Matulavich, Charles	Pfc	15076263
Binns, James W.	Pvt	14073309
Whalen, Thomas J.	Pvt	36628595

Equipment

2 Cans water		100
1 SCR 609 w/batteries		70
1 DR 4 w/wire		100
1 Pioneer Roll		90
1 Launcher Rocket & 12 rds		82
1 BD 72		72
Panels		30
1 RM 29		15
1 Box Amm. Carbine		150
1 Box Grenades		54
2 WE 8 AS		20
1 DR 8 w/wire		30
1 T G 5		5
8 Cases 50 cal. Amm.		782
	Total	1600
	Personnel	2400
	Grand Total	4000

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Husky Take-Off -Roster

U.S.A.
A.S.N.

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Plane No. 6

Place:

Date:

Time:

Personnel
Officers

Name	Rank	A.S.N.
Hufford, James A. (Commander)	Captain	O-397920

Enlisted Men

Skinner, Charles A.(Asst Co)	M/Sgt.	7006026
Beatty, Russell S,	Cpl	35290366
Hartman, Kenneth T,	Cpl	35425065
Rogers, Earl S.	Cpl	34255466
Cumminge, Charlesh.	T/5	13061402
Hooe, Norman W,	Pfc	35291436
Rose, Charlie L.	Pvt	34114197

Equipment

1 Trailer	560
20ams water	100
1 Launcher Rocker w/12 rds	82
1 MG Complete	250
2 TE 8 As	20
1 SCR 609 w/batteries	70
1 RM 29	15
1 DR 8 w/wire	30
1 TG 5	5
1 CS 72	35
1 RL 31	30
1 TS 41	12
4 CS 50 cal.	392
Batteries	475
Total	2076
Personnel	1920
Grand Total	3996

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO #469 U. S. Army.

2 July, 1943.

"I certify that I have complied with provisions of Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, Subject: "Documents," dated July 1, 1943, and that I will not carry any unauthorized official or personal documents into the combat zone."

Brigadier General	Maxwell D. Taylor	Maxwell D. Taylor
Colonel	Francis A. March	Francis A. March
Lieutenant Colonel	John W. Smiley	John W. Smiley
Major	Augustin S. Hart	Augustin S. Hart
Major	Wagner J. D'Alessio	Wagner J. D'Alessio
Captain	James A. Hufford	James A. Hufford
Captain	Tony J. Raibl	Tony J. Raibl
Captain	Meyer Pensler	Meyer Pensler
Captain	William J. Reid	William J. Reid
1st Lieutenant	George M. Garcina	George M. Garcina
1st Lieutenant	Harry Jaspin	Harry Jaspin
1st Lieutenant	Thomas J. White	Thomas J. White
2nd Lieutenant	Robert H. French	Robert H. French
2nd Lieutenant	Richard A. Ross	Richard A. Ross
2nd Lieutenant	John T. Lala	John T. Lala
2nd Lieutenant	Albert E. Strain	Albert E. Strain
2nd Lieutenant	Albert W. Brown	Albert W. Brown
1st Lieutenant	Allison L. Kolbe	Allison L. Kolbe

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MEMORANDUM:

DOCUMENTS

SECTION I Official Documents in Combat
SECTION II Personal Documents in Combat
SECTION III Unit Insignia

I

Official Documents in Combat

1. The only official documents which will be taken into the combat zone will be those authorized in Section III, Paragraph 1, Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters Wolf, dated June 28, 1943, with the following amendments:

a. Units in the initial assault of any operation will delete from copies of any Field Orders taken into the combat zone Paragraph 1b(6) of Field Order No. 1, this Headquarters, dated June 23, 1943, or equivalent information in any other Field Order.

b. Necessary blank forms are not classed as official documents.

2. Conditions outlined in Section II, Paragraph 4 below also will be carried out in regard to official documents.

II

Personal Documents in Combat

1. No personal documents will be carried into the combat zone by any individual of this Command except for the following:

a. In the case of Officers —

(1) WD AGO Form No. 65-1 (Officers' Identification Card)

(2) WD AGO Form No. 77 (Officers' Pay Data Card)

(3) WD AGO Form No. 81 (Immunization Record)

b. In the case of enlisted men —

(1) WD AGO Form No. 28 (Soldier's Individual Pay Record)

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2. The term "personal documents" includes letters or personal notes of any form. It does not include such articles as personal jewelry, religious ornaments, snapshots of non-military objects, or "good luck pieces".

3. a. The only form of money which an individual may carry into the combat zone, unless expressly authorized by this Headquarters, will be gold seal currency or silver of the United States.

b. No French francs, francs of any French possession, or coin or currency of any other country will be carried into combat by any individual unless expressly authorized to do so by this Headquarters.

4. In order to make provisions of this Memorandum effective, it is directed that the following procedure be carried out by any unit or organization entering the combat zone:

a. Each officer will sign a certificate prior to the operation to the effect that he has carried out provisions of this Memorandum as outlined above regarding his own person.

(1) Group certificates are authorized (i.e., several officers signing the same copy of a certificate).

(2) A suggested wording for the certificate is as follows:

"I certify that I have complied with provisions of Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, Subject: "Documents," dated July 1, 1943, and that I will not carry any unauthorized official or personal documents into the combat zone."

5. a. Official documents not taken into the combat zone or not destroyed in compliance with other directives from this Headquarters, will be left in the custody of the unit or Division Base Echelon.

b. Personal documents will be left with other effects of the individual concerned or as provided in Paragraph 6, Unnumbered Memorandum, this Headquarters, Subject: "Departure Preparations," dated June 30, 1943.

c. Certificates required by this Memorandum will be filed with unit records.

III

Unit Insignia

1. Division shoulder patches will be worn.

2. Regimental numbers on collar insignia may be worn.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

R. H. BRITTON,
Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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Initials
Date July 8, 1943

Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
APO # 469
8 July, 1943

FO No. 1.

Maps: Italy, 1:50,000 Sheets 271 - I to IV; 272 - I to IV; 275 II; 276 IV.

1. a. See Annex No. 1, Intelligence, to FO No. 1, Hq82d A/B Div.

b. See pars. 1 b, 2, 3, FO No. 1, Hq 82nd A/B Div.

2. 82d A/B Div Arty (less 319th, 376th, 456th F. A. Bns.) by successive air lifts on call after H Hour on D Day will land in the zone of action of Seventh Army and assist in the assault of Sicily. See Annex No. 2, Movement Table, FO No. 1, Hq 82nd A/B Div.

3. a. Hq and Hq Btry, Div Arty, moving by echelon, on call, will set up and operate Div Arty CP.

(1) Position - vicinity of CP, 82nd A/B Div.

b. 320th Glider F. A. Bn. will move on call to positions to be announced later.

(1) Mission - to be announced later.

c. (1) Firing chart - 1:25000 map.

(2) Registration permitted.

(3) Survey - by battalion initially, tying in to any adjacent artillery control.

(4) Each unit will establish its own local security (allaround) against ground and air attack.

(5) Alternate positions will always be selected.

(6) Ammunition:
(a) Basic load per Memo"Basic Load of Ammunition" Hq 82nd A/B Div dated 12 June, 1943, will be carried.
(b) All HE howitzer ammunition carried will be fuzed with fuze M 54.
(c) Ammunition resupply - II Corps or by air.

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(FO NO. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div Arty, 8 July, 1943, cont'd.)

(7) Liaison will be established with Div Arty if mission is general support; with appropriate unit if attached or in direct support.

(8) Metro messages may be available from other artillery organizations.

(9) Houses of worship, cemeteries, and private homes will not be disturbed or entered unless they are used as defensive works.

4. Adm O No. 1.

5. a. (1) Index 1 a a 1, S. O. I.

(2) Annex No. 1

b. CPs: 82nd A/B Div Arty Forward: To be announced.
Base Area: 8 km N of KAIROUAN.

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Annex No. 1 - Supplemental signal instructions

Adm O No. 1

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Annex No. 1 to F. O. No. 1.

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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SIGNAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS
CODEX KEY NUMBERS
ITEM No. 2-d

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Auth: CG 82d A/B Div. Artys
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8 July, 1943

Hqs 82d A/B Div. Artys
APO 469, U.S.Army
8 July, 1943

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1. The following key numbers will be used with the Codex machine:

Effective	Key
CCCXB D	29
CCCXB D 1	30

2. Until additional keys can be supplied units will continue to use last effective key.

3. This machine will not be used for communication with units outside this division.

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SIGNAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS
CONVERTOR M-209
ITEM No. 2-Y D Day — Hq. 82d A/B Div. Arty. APO 469 U. S. Army
Effective 000LB D Day — D Day

1. Keys for Convertor M-209 are issued separately.

2. Within this division, only, use the following conversion table table for encoding figures. Precede and follow encoded figures with the letters FIG:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 #
A B C D E F G H I Q

EXAMPLE: To encode the following map coordinates: K 574906

ENCIPHER on the M-209:

K X F I G X M D Y Q X F I G X
K 5 7 4 9 0 6

CIPHER KEY LIST INDICATORS

1. a. When the following units are operating under the control of the Fifth Army or at their own discretion when not under Fifth Army, the diagraphs, as assigned below, will be used as their key list indicator to denote all message sent in their own S.O.I. M-209-A keys.

b. When messages are sent by means of keys of another unit's S.O.I. the diagraphs of that unit will be used as the key list indicator.

Fifth Army - - - - - - - - - - - - BA
I Armored Corps - - - - - - - - - - CA
II Corps - - - - - - - - - - - - - DA
VI Corps - - - - - - - - - - - - - FA
1st Infantry Division - - - - - - GA
1st Armored Division - - - - - - HA
2nd Armored Division - - - - - - JA
3rd Infantry Division - - - - - - KA
9th Infantry Division - - - - - - LA
34th Infantry Division - - - - - MA
36th Infantry Division - - - - - NA
45th Infantry Division - - - - - PA
82d Airborne Division - - - - - - RA
85th Coast Artillery Brigade - - - SA
Atlantic Base Section - - - - - - TA
Mediterranean Base Section - - - - UA

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CODE NAMES, PHONETIC ALPHABET

ITEM 2X D Day

Hq. 82d A/B Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army

Effective 060130 D Day — D Day

1. All telephone and radiotelephone conversations will be phrased so as to conceal:

a. Identity and size of units.

b. Names or nicknames of personnel.

c. Which speaker is the senior headquarters.

2. (a) In written messages, telephone conversations and radio-telephone conversations where it is necessary to refer to a commander or his staff the following code names will be used throughout the ground forces and will apply to all types of headquarters:

OFFICE	CODE NAME
Commanding Officer or CG	Sunray
C of S or Executive Officer	Sunray Minor
G-3 or S-3	Seagull
G-1 or S-1	Molar
G-2 or S-2	Acorn
Signal or Communications Officer	Pronto
Artillery Officer	Shelldrake
Engineer Officer	Holdfast
G-4 or S-4	Playtime
Ordnance Officer	Bluebell
Surgeon	Starlight
Quartermaster	Rickshaw

(b) The second in command, or any other representative of an officer designated by a code name will be referred to as "SUNRAY MINOR", "SEAGULL MINOR", ETC. Further distinction between representatives is prohibited.

PHONETIC ALPHABET

A.....ABLE (AFFIRM*)	N.....NAN (NEGAT*)
B.....BAKER	O.....OBOE (OPTION*)
C.....CHARLIE	P.....PETER (PREP*)
D.....DOG	Q.....QUEEN
E.....EASY	R.....ROGER
F.....FOX	S.....SUGAR
G.....GEORGE	T.....TARE
H.....HOW	U.....UNCLE
I.....ITEM (INTERROGATORY *)	V.....VICTOR
J.....JIG	W.....WILLIAM
K.....KING	X.....XRAY
L.....LOVE	Y.....YOKE
M.....MIKE	Z.....ZEBRA

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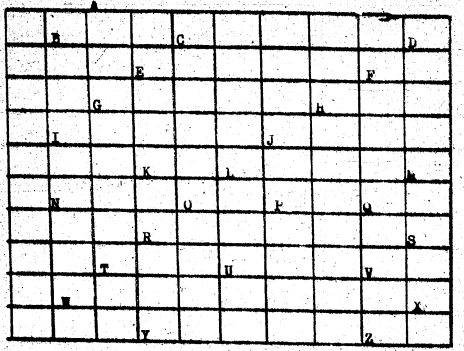
MAP COORDINATE

ITEM No. 2W D Day
Effective 0001B D Day

Hq. 82d A/B Div. Arty.
APO 469, U. S. Army
D Day

Tables I, II, III, are
effective from D Day,
0001B hours to D II
0001B hours inclusive.

TABLE I



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MAP COORDINATE CODE — Hq 82d A/B Div. Artys. APO 469, U. S. Army

Item 2M — D Day

Effective CODES D Day

TABLE II (Reference Points)

D Day	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
D	1	J	A	M	K	I	X	V	H	L	D	W	T	E	O	3	Q	U	R	2	Z	Y	O	F	P	N	G
D	2	H	B	U	S	X	I	A	G	X	Q	P	F	J	O	R	T	K	Y	V	D	L	N	W	I	M	C
D	3	C	U	V	I	A	C	T	H	P	N	Z	J	B	Q	S	E	M	W	L	R	Y	D	K	Q	X	F
D	4	B	O	I	Q	Z	R	A	N	X	H	L	P	W	C	X	M	E	U	Y	D	T	F	V	3	S	J
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D	6	D	N	X	F	V	M	E	L	T	K	W	S	U	G	O	Z	B	Y	P	H	R	C	Q	I	J	A
D	7	F	E	R	Y	A	Q	Z	M	X	P	V	B	O	S	O	R	U	W	G	K	T	J	H	D	L	I
D	8	M	G	T	W	H	S	A	N	U	R	O	T	B	V	E	Q	P	X	K	C	Y	J	D	Z	I	L
D	9	O	C	N	Z	A	P	L	I	B	Y	W	H	U	K	S	M	J	X	F	D	V	T	R	G	E	Q
D	10	E	2	O	3	D	R	3	Q	F	A	T	P	O	U	X	R	V	I	N	Q	Y	W	J	L	K	M

TABLE III (Direction)

	D	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7	D 8	D 9	D 10
N	L	A	N	D	Q	O	G	O	F	V	K
E	I	U	C	Y	J	F	X	M	Z	Q	H
S	D	K	S	L	U	L	C	P	W	R	M
W	K	B	E	P	X	G	R	N	Y	T	V

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SIGNAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS
RADIO FREQUENCIES
ITEM No. 3E

SECRET - SIGOT
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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army
8 July, 1945

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1. All available frequencies for the SCR-536 and the SCR-511 may be used.

2. SCR-609, 610:

CHANNEL UNIT:	HQ. Btry. 27.9	319	320	376	456
T		28.1	29.3	29.7	30.8
K		28.8	30.4	30.6	33.9
A		36.2	35.7	37.2	34.7
B				37.6	35.3
C				27.9	27.9
D		36.6	28.4	32.1	31.6
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3. The following radio frequencies are assigned to radio stations and nets indicated.

HEADQUARTERS OR NETS	FREQUENCIES	ALTERNATE FREQUENCIES
82d A/B Div		
Command Net #1	3940	5110
Command Net #2	4120	5300
Reconnaissance Net	4600	
Relay Net	5550	4180
Commanding General's Net	5080	
325th Gl. Inf Command Net	4940	5650
504th Para Inf Command Net	5340	4035
505th Para Inf Command Net	5170	5550
82d A/B Div Arty Command Net	5110	

Crystal Frequencies

80th A/B AA Bn	
K	8500
A	8400
B	8300
C	8200
D	8100
E	8000
F	7900

4. In case of serious mutual interference stations will decrease their frequency by 2.5 Mcs. Operation on exact assigned frequencies will be resumed as soon as possible thereafter.

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SIGNAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS
CODE SIGN ASSIGNMENTS
ITEM No. 5Y

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty,
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	D	D 1	D 2
Force 343 Link	NVE	WFM	IEX
82d A/B Div Link to Rear	FEN	JPJ	YXE
82d A/B Div CP	DAP	ZQP	BCU
82d A/B Div ASC Link	MGZ	SRE	BGG
82d A/B Div Forward Link	SEC	ECO	XLS
82d A/B Div Relay Link	IFF	MOY	BOY
82d A/B Div Rear Echelon Link	GNL	MJX	HIY
82d A/B DivRear Echelon	MXZ	WOW	HWI
325th Glider Infantry Link	BQB	RJN	SWG
325th Glider Infantry CP	IAW	BOX	HLU
1st Bn CP	NCQ	YQN	JXH
2d Bn CP	TLY	QMH	TEG
504th Para Infantry Link	DFU	ATL	QIR
504th Para Infantry CP	QTY	XBV	BOB
1st Bn CP	QXX	LCV	COZ
2d Bn CP	MEQ	NEU	CLK
3d Bn CP	SOF	BEY	FQC
2d Bn 509 Para Inf CP	QQZ	OVB	MOD
505th Para Infanty Link	EGS	LKH	WJN
505th Para Infantry CP	CWZ	YGD	SIR
1st Bn CP	WEP	JNY	XJR
2nd Bn CP	UIR	EGO	HNM
3rd Bn CP	WOK	FJN	XPG
82d A/B Div Arty Link	ZHK	CYZ	LYL
82d A/B Div Arty CP	VNU	DLI	LYP
319th Gl FA Bn CP	JNC	MSX	OAJ
320th Gl FA Bn CP	VLS	ZTF	AHI
376th Para FA Bn CP	PMR	OSM	TCH
456th Para FA Bn CP	XKZ	DPX	MPC
80th A/B AA Bn Link	ZLK	JCD	TFL
80th A/B AA Bn CP	LSJ	JHV	ZPW
307th A/B Engr Link	XZS	SBZ	YDN
307th A/B Engr CP	VBM	EUP	BTR
82d A/B Div Ren Troop Link	ZNQ	AFC	IHX
82d A/B Div Ren Troop CP	JSF	CEU	QHQ
1st Platoon	GXR	TRO	FRR
2nd Platoon	FPL	AFY	UQW
3d Platoon	PED	ACM	HDM

Untiladditional code signs can be supplied units willcontinue to use last effective code signs.

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CODE WORD ASSIGNMENTS
ITEM NO. 3X

Hq. 82d A/B Div Arty
APO 469, U.S. Army
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1. Code words for sets using voice only will be assigned by unit commanders. Assigned code words may be combined with standard abbreviations such as CP, Rear, etc., or with identifying suffixes such as 1, 2, 3, etc., or A, B, C, etc.

325th Glider Infantry, any word beginning with the letter "M"
504th Parachute Infantry, any word beginning with the letter "N"
505th Parachute Infantry, any word beginning with the letter "O"
82d A/B Division Artillery, any word beginning with the letters "P", "Q", "R", "S", "T".
80th A/B AA Bn, any word beginning with the letter "W"
307th A/B Engineer Bn, any word beginning with the letter "Y"

2. Code signs given on preceding sheet will also be used by telegraph and visual stations.

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DATUM FREQUENCY
ITEM NO. 3W

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Hq. 82d A/B Div Arty
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1. Datum Frequency Procedure :

a. Following is an example of the NCS of LINE 'MJX' using datum frequency procedure to change frequency from 4670Kcs to 3280Kcs: (Datum frequency being 7101 and the Code Word 'CAB')

(1)	MJX	CAB	K	(The NCS)
(2)	MJX	K		(The out station)
(3)	MJX	CAB	MINUS	3821(or CAB minus 3821 1800B) K (the NCS)
(4)	MJX	CAB	MINUS	3821(or CAB MINUS 3821 1800B)K (The outstation)
(5)	MJX	Q	AR	

Both stations then change to the new frequency (or do so at the indicated time) and re-establish communication. If communication is not established within fifteen minutes after the time of change both stations return to the original frequency and the senior gives the necessary instructions.

2. Datum code words and Datum Frequencies are as follows:

Date-Time	Code Word	Datum Frequency
D (0000B to 2400B)	Cab	7101
D1 (0000B to 2400B)	Cabaret	5175
D2 (0000B to 2400B)	Callus	4265

3. Until additional code words and frequencies can be supplied units will continue to use those for the last effective date

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HEADQUARTERS XXXIX ARMORED AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO # 449

27 May 1949.

SUBJECT: Report on Artillery Equipment Prepared at Request of Artillery Officer, X Armored Corps.

TO : Commanding General, Eighty Second Airborne Division, APO # 449, U.S. Army.

1. The following reply is submitted to the questions propounded in the attached questionnaire from the X Armored Corps:

a. Artillery pieces planned to be taken on coming operation.
(1) Paratroops F.A. (Two Bns)
24 Howitzers, 75mm Pack (For which 36 mortars, 81mm may be substituted, all or in part).

(2) Glider F.A. (Two Bns)
24 Howitzers, 75mm Pack (For which 24 Howitzers, 105mm M-3, may be substituted, all or in part).

b. Artillery ammunition to support two days of operations.
(1) 75mm Pack Howitzer (at 240 rnds per how)
9,216 rds Shell HE, M48 with M54 fuze
1728 rds Shell, AP
576 rds Shell Smoke, WP

(2) 81mm Mortar (at 600 rds per mortar, if used)
21,600 rds Shell, HE, M43, with PIF M52

(3) 105mm Howitzer M3 (at 450 rds per how, if used)
8640 rds Shell HE, M1, with time fuze
1620 rds Shell, AP
540 rds Shell, Smoke, WP

(4) Of all types of ammunition transported by air, half will be carried initially and half re-supplied.

c. Spare parts for weapons and vehicles - report to be given by Division Ordnance Officer at a later date.

d. Following equipment is on hand as the result of purchase by OPS funds:
(1) Plotting equipment 1/50,000
40 plotting scales, yards and meters
70 coordinate squares, Yards
70 coordinate squares, Meters
35 range deflection fans

In accompany Annex #1 to FO #1

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(2) Graphical Firing Tables
[illegible] with slide for [illegible] pack how shell [illegible]
Do not have slides for [illegible] howitzer.

M. D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General,
Commanding

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FROM I ARM'D CORPS

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Bigot Husky

MAY 26, 1943

INFORMATION REQUESTED ON: 82° A/B DIV ARTY

1. Number and type of artillery pieces planned to be taken on the coming operation.

2. Actual number of rounds, ammunition by type that will be carried - (Basic loads to be carried).

3. Status of spare parts for weapons and vehicles (organic loads to be carried).

4. Cleaning and preserving material for 7 days to be carried. — to Kanouan

5. Fifty (50) rounds a mike for 105mm Howitzer authorized over and above present authorization. [illegible]

6. Status of 1/25,000 plotting equipment, and graphical firing tables.

from Col Boyd

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Auth: CG, 82d A/B Div Arty
Initials
Date: 8 July, 1943

HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIV. ARTY.
APO 469
8 July, 1943.

COPY No. 1

Adm. O. No. 1 to Accompany F. O. No. 1

Maps: Same as for F. O. No. 1

1. SUPPLY.

a. *

b. Ammunition.

(1), (2), (3), *

(4) All H.E. howitzer ammunition carried will be fuzed with fuze M54.

c. *

d. *

e. *

f. *

2. EVACUATION.

a. *

b. Burial.

(1), (2), (3), *

(4) The 320th Field Artillery Battalion will act as a separate unit under the instructions in (1), (2), and (3) above.

c. Salvage and Captured Materiel.

(1), (2), *

(3) The 320th Field Artillery Battalion will collect and report as a separate unit.

d. Prisoners of War.

(1), (2), (3), *

(4) The 320th Field Artillery Battalion will evacuate to beaches initially, announcing a collecting point as soon as practicable, and to a division collecting point when opened.

3. TRAFFIC. *

4. SERVICE TROOPS AND TRAINS. *

5. PERSONNEL. *

6. MISCELLANEOUS. *

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* See Adm. O. No. 1 To Accompany F. O. No. 1, dated 22 June, 1943, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, with Annexes Nos. 1-5.

DISTRIBUTION:
Same as F. O. No. 1.

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HEADQUARTERS 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO #469, U. S. Army

30 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Report of action of Headquarters, 82nd A/B Division Artillery.

TO : Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division.

1. Attached herewith is the journal of Headquarters, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery for the period July 16, 1945 to August 18, 1945.

For the Division Artillery Commander:

AUGUSTIN S. HART, Jr.
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

1 Enclosure:

1 copy unit journal Hqs,
82nd A/B Div. Arty. - 17 sheets.

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UNIT Hqs. & Hq A/B Div. Arty.
FROM July 10, 1943
TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Inbound Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	1100	Orders received to move Headquarters, with forward echelon of Headquarters Battery, to Field A for 1900 takeoff and flight to Sicily.		
		2	1115	Takeoff in C-47 planes (7 officers, 27 E..., 5 jeeps) with Division Headquarters. Uneventful flight. Reached Sicilian coast at 1900. 1910 landed at Porto Olivio Airport, 14 miles N. of Sel. Proceeded by motor to Hd Div Forward C.P. Located 5 miles E. of Sela. There were joined by parachute group (5 officers 10 E...) of Div. Arty. H.Q. which jumped with 504 CP on night of July 11-12.		
		3	1700	Orders received that C.P. would displace by motor at 1800 to vicinity of Palma de Montechiaro.		

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FROM July 17, 1945
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	1115	CP opened at 1115 in orchard 5 miles N.W. of Palma de Montechiaro.		
		2	1130	General Taylor departed on reconnaissance with Lt. Col. Smiley, Capt. Raibl, Capt. Hufford, Lt. French, and the C.O.'s of the 376th F.A. and the 456th F.A. and their parties.		
		3	1410	General Taylor, Lt. Col. Smiley, Capt. Raibl, Capt. Hufford, Lt. French returned from reconnaissance of area Southeast of Agrigento. C.G. announced the attachment to 82d Div Arty of the following units: 34th F.A. Bn. (155 How. 39th C.T.) 82nd F.A. Bn. (105 S.P. How) The 39th C.T. which includes the 26th F.A. Bn. (105 How.) is attached to 82d Div. Following organic units are present: (Gela area and Palma area) Hq Bty, 82d Div Arty (forward echelon) 376th Prcht. F.A. Bn. 456th Prcht. F.A. Bn.		
		4		Refer to entry 2: The CO's of 34th F.A. and 26th F.A. accompanied Gen. Taylor on reconnaissance.		
		5	1520	Capt Raibl departed to 376th He will report in each 30 min.		
		6	1550	Major Hutchins, 83d Chem.Bn. (3 Cos. of 12-4.2 inch mortars) reported in as liaison off. from Col. Cunin (C.O.) They intend to assemble at 181100 in area S. of Agrigento.		
		7	1600	Capt. Garnette, liaison off. from 1st Bn. 77th FA Regt. reported his Bn. in position N. of Favaro.		
		8		Refer entry No. 7 (addition) Capt Garnette requested permission to accompany C.G. on reconnaissance tomorrow morning. He will be in his area or leave word there.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		9	1610	Lt. Col. Smiley departed for 3rd Div. CP near Naro with request from C.G. (Div) that 1st Bn., 77th F.A. and 62nd F.A. Bn. be placed under his control at 180600 and displace to 82nd Div. CP Area starting at that time.		
		10	1615	Captain Pope, Communications Officer, 1st Bn., 77th F.A. reported to arrange communications with Capt. Raibl.		
		11	1650	Major Bieri, S-3, 62d Armored FA Bn (3 - 6 gun batteries, 105 S.P. How) came to report his battalion sent on a task force mission NW of Naro. Advised him of our request through 3rd Div. to have them report here tomorrow morning. He arranged radio communication with Capt Raibl and will advise us as soon as orders come from 3rd Div. Captain Bishop of 5th Armored FA group (which includes 62d FA) was advised of plans. CO of 62d FA is Lt. Col. R.C. Conder.		
		12	1740	Capt Garnette, Ln.C. 77th FA departed to 77th FA to get stronger radio. Expected back in 3 hours.		
		13	1900	Capt Garnette, Ln.C. 77th FA reported in.		
		14	1900	Lt.Col. Conder arrived at CP.		
		15	1950	Capt Raibl departing to try to find the 34th FA Bn. No radio communication at this time, will try to establish it from there.		
		16	1950	Gen. Taylor returned from reconnaissance.		
	2010	17	2010	Message sent to CO, 576th FA telephone, report here 180730 reconnaissance with C.G.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
	2010	18	2010	Message to Maj. Quarles, CO, 1st Bn, 77th FA through Ln.O. that CG will meet him at same RJ as met this morning at 18-0800, accompany reconnaissance.		
		19	2015	Lt. Flowers, Ln.O. for 26th FA and 54th FA (temporarily) reported in.		
		20	2025	Lt. Col. Smiley returned.		
		21	2030	Capt. Garnette out to 77th CP.		
	2051	22	2051	Message to CO, 456th to meet CG, his area 180750 to go reconnaissance. Same message to CO, 83d Chem. Bn. (via Capt. Naibl). Col. Conder told to report here 180750 when he visited CP.		
		23	2055	82d FA Bn and 1st Bn. 77th FA to be attached to the 82d at 181200.		Reported by Lt. Col. Smiley.
		24	2200	Maj. Quarles, CO, 1st Bn. 77th F.A. reported in. Advised him of plans for reconnaissance. Departed at 2210.		

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FROM July 18, 1945
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	0600	Artillery reconnaissance party moved NW to Agrigento area.		
		2	0650	Remainder of headquarters by motor moved W, established CP W of Port Empedocle at 1115. CP opened. Chaplain Reid remained in Gela area on S.D. for 82d Div.		
		3	0700	Capt Chalfonte, S-2, 62d FA in, reported 62d on call of 3rd Div. He was sent to make reconnaissance.		
		4	0740	General Taylor, Lt.Col.Smiley, Capt Naibl, Capt. Rumford, Lt. French with C.C., 376th (Para) and S-2, 62nd, departed on reconnaissance.		
1000		5	7/16/45	G-2 Estimate No. 4, En. Sit.	F	One circulate staff.
		6	1045	Maj. Biori, S-3, 62d FA Reported his battalion having in.		Maj. D'Alessio sent, guide to bivouac area.
1055		7	7/16/45	Message from C of S that 54th FA Bn attached to 82d Div 161200.		
1120		8	7/16/45	Message received from C.E. bridge across Canne River at coordinates (405-004) blown.		Message sent to G-2.
		9	1200	Col. Schmidt, CO, 77th FA Bn. reported to C.G. Advised him Rept. Hq not needed here		
		10	1210	Maj d'Alessio in, reports 62nd FA in position at 38-34.		
		11	1230	Gen. Taylor and party returned.		
		12	1245	Lt. C of 1st Bn 77th FA departed to find Bn location and report their intention.		
		13	1320	Lt.Col. Westmorland, CO, 54th FA reported to CG. Instructed to continue movement to area at 62-62 and await further orders.		
		14	1400	Col Conder, CO, 62d FA (with Major Vance, Ex., Major Biori S-3, Capt. Bachman, S-4, and Capt Carmichael, Ln. C.) reported in.		
		15	1420	Gen. Taylor and Col. March dep rted to visit 62nd FA.		

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		16	1500	Lt. McMurray, S-4, 1st Bn. 77th FA reported in. Instructed relative G-1, G-4, Ammo. reports.		
		17	1505	Captain Wood, 54th FA acting as Ln.O.		

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FROM July 19, 1943
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	0800	Gen. Taylor departed on reconnaissance.		
		2	0810	Lt. Sulyard, LNO 504th PA sent to Bn to get officer to run motor transport pool.		
		3	0830	Report from Navy 0720-0800 Highway clear to Ribera, all bridges intact to Ribera. Saw 14 trucks crossing bridge at coord. 402-70. Wooded area south of Ribera observed; no indications of enemy activity. River beds appear empty.		
		4	0850	504th report A Btry 82nd FA is now approx. 3000 yds beyond bridge out (Siculiana).		
		5	0850	82nd FA Bn (less A) instructed to move forward at once to position near A Btry present position (Col Corbin received order at Div Arty CP)		
		6	0900	Lt French returned from Ammo dump, 9 Km Trapani. The following ammo was found to be at the dump:		
				105 How (M2A1) Shell w/f M54	1250	
				Ditto W.P.	510	
				155 How (M1917) Shell	1397	
				Ditto Prop Chg Bag	510	
				" " Wa	1470	
				" " Fuze M51	1125	
				" " M55	27	
				155 Gun Shell M101	204	
				ditto Chg Bag	199	
				At the docks at Porte Empedocle following ammunition was reported as being on ship, a small part of which amount unknown, was unloaded last night:		
				Carbine	240,000	
				Cal 30 Ball M2 (6rd clips)	96,000	
				ditto w/(5rd clips)	12,000	
				Cal 45 Ball	100,000	
				75 how Shell M48 w/f M54	5,400	
				ditto M54	1,350	
				" WP	750	
				105 How (M2) Shell M48 w/f M48	12,160	
				Ditto M54	3,480	
				" WP	1,740	
				" AT	870	
				" (M2) w/f M48	2,400	
				155 How (M1917) Shell M102 w/f M51	2,772	
				Ditto WP	588	
				Prop Chge Bag	504	

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
				Ammunition Report(Cont'd)		
		6	0900	Prop Chge. W3	2,156	
				155 How(Al)w/f M51 or M67	256	
				Ditto WP	28	
				Prop Chge M5 G3(zone 5)	84	
				Ditto W3(zone 5-7)	196	
				155 Gun Al SR M101 w/f M51 M67	600	
				Prop Chge SI	600	
		7	0730	62, 54, 77 Battalions instructed to push rcn to Montallegro.		
0910		8	181920	Message: instructions to vehicles, helmets, etc.	F	
0910		9	181845	Booby traps, etc.	T,F	
0834		10	180925	Distance between vehicles	T,F	
		11	190915	Received overlay-Position area 1st BN 77th FA	M,F	
1015		12		Received message from Navy plane "our forces were at the Southern part of Ribera, advancing forward rapidly with apparently no opposition."	F	
1045		13	1010	Message from 77th FA, outpost	F	
1100		14	1040	Foot troops observed.	M,F	
1125		15		Navy message, situation report	F	
1100		16		54th ordered to follow 62nd	F	
1204		17		No indication of enemy activity between Ribera and Sciacca. The road (115) is clear and undamaged between these two towns.		
		18	1210	Lt. [illegible], 54th FA having reported per VOCG is announced Div Arty motor transport pool commander. He is authorized draw transport of 54th FA, 62nd FA, 1st Bn, 77th FA.		
		19	1315	26th FA Tr [illegible]CT released to Div Arty control effective 191140.		
1310		20	1140	Movement of Artillery, establishment of Div Arty, etc.	M,F	
		21	1250	No enemy activity observed N. of Sciacca. However have observed one large enemy airfield.	M,F	

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		22	1320	Capt Carmichael, 62d FA sent forward to check transportation requested move CP.		
		23	1330	Lt. Salyard 34th FA Sent to check transportation requested move CP.		
		24	1345	Verbal tp msg to Ln O of 26th FA Bn, to follow 34th, taking position in Platini valley. A Ln O to report to Div Arty at new CP somewhere beyond Platini River.		
		25	1425	Moving part personnel & equip to new CP west of Ribera.		Coord. approx. GSSS 4229 sheet 266II 312775.
	1400	26		Message sent to CG Div Arty concerning the movement of 62, 34, 26, 77, and 505.	F	
		27	1740	Message received from 450 CP Coordinates 4164 sheet 266 G5507 Hq Btry has arrived		
		28	1800	Situation report from Navy plane observed no activity at airport at coord. 175-675. Although plane encountered small machine gun fire. No apparent activity was seen on the roads in vicinity of 190790 (Sciacca)	F	Passed on to G-2.
		29	1945	Reached new CP.		
		30	2000	Message from 62 giving coord. as G-31.8-70.5.	F	
2050		31		Message from G-4; Water Point open at crossing of Highway 115 at bridge over Verdura River.	S, Ln	
		32	2060	Message fr 62 giving coord. of Bn position as in vicinity of 31.5-70.0 at 1950.	F	
	2130	33		Overlay of Artillery positions to G-3.		
2220		34	2131	Message from 37th requesting coord. of Div. Arty. Base Points.		Given: 25307644
	2135	35		Message sent to Seagull Minor Kick, in general support and to reinforce King. Can you notify Kick.		

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UNIT Hqs. 62nd A/B Div. Arty.
FROM July 19, 1945
TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		36	2030	Maj Lochet CO, 26th FA Reported to CP, received instructions to make reconnaissance.		
		37	2300	Received overlay from 376th.		
	2320	38		Msg sent to 450th wanting to know about transportation requested previously.		
	2320	39		Msg sent to CO, 376th, Bn in general support, reinforcing 62nd send Liaison to 62nd.	F	
			2320	Closed Journal.		

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FROM July 20, 1943
TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0605		1	0555	Msg from Div, 26th reverts to 39 CT at 0600 in its present location. 39 CT moving at 0800 to valley east of Ribera.	F	
	0555	2		Msg sent CO 26th Word from Div CG - Your Bn reverts to 39 CT at 0600 in its present location.	F	Sent thru Ln O
	0610	3		Msg sent to CG Div, S-2 of 54 reports 3 jeeps and 1 half track friendly troops apparently recon passed along road beyond coord 25.30-76.44 going westward at 0600. Inf reports patrols out all nite had no contact with enemy.	F	G-2 notified.
		4	1100	CG Div Arty ordered 376th, 54th 77th move to rendevous area approx. 205795 (prior to 1100) Closed CP at 1700		
		5	1200	CG, S-3, aide, left on recon toward Menfi.		
	1245	6		Message sent to 54th, trucks needed to move Div Hqs. Refer to entry of closing CP.	F	
	1710	7		CG gave orders to 54, 77, 376 to move to positions indicated between Sciacca and Menfi.		
	1830	8		54th instructed to send Ln O to and support Bn of 504 on Margherita road. Bn going into position at 155831.		
		9	1900	Notified that Prov. Corps changed sector of Div. 82nd attached to 2nd Armd Div; 77th attached to 39 CT (incl 26th FA) Div to attack from line La Torre-Sambrica at 210500 with objective Belice River. 505 to pass thru Bn of 504 and make the attack. 2nd Armd and 39 CT taking west sector; 2nd Armd following Hy to Castelvetrano, Alcamo, Palermo.		
		10	2050	Div and Div Arty CP estab at approx 155843. N of Sciacca.		
		11	2045	CG, S-3, aide arrived at new CP.		
		12	2320	Closed Journal.		

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UNIT Hqs. 82nd A/B Div. Arty.
FROM July 21, 1943
TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	0830	Gen. Taylor left for Prov Corps Hq.		
		2	0900	Lt Col Westmorland reported that route between highways, was suitable and requested permission to displace. 54th authorized to displace to positions to be selected near 152925.		
		3	0915	Col March left CP to go to Prov Corps Hq to obtain trucks to move 456 forward.		
	0955	4		Msg sent to CO 376, report your position.	F	
1030		5		Msg recd from Gen Ridgway, send Div Arty Commdr to me at once.	F	Relayed to Gen Taylor
		6	1012	Lt Col Griffith (CO 376th) reported to CP will remain to receive further orders.		G-3 informed.
1114		7	1100	Msg received from 376th requesting coord. of CP		
1130		8		Msg sent 376th giving coord. also informing that Col Griffith at CP.		
1145		9		Received from 54th FA, S-1 report, Motor Transp. report, and Morning report for 19 July, 1943		To be forwarded
		10	1200	Capt Fraser & Capt Floyd, 456 reported to CP to get trans.		
		11	1215	C/S directed that Lt Col Griffith report to Gen Taylor on highway S. of S. Margarita.		
1330		12		Msg recd from 376th that trucks released and seven left in Bn. Requested confirmation.		
		13	1340	C/S advised 376th ordered displaced forward, that 505 CT sending them 12 1/4 ton trucks.		
	1345	14		Msg to 376th that 505 CT Sending them 12 1/4 ton trucks.		
		15	1400	Refer to file, S-2 collections.		

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FROM July 21, 1943
TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
1435		16	1426	Msg from Sunray Minor, Shell-drake Sunray request to move Keynote denied.	M	
	1500	17		Sent Msg to Col March that 376th is displacing to Margarita and CO is there.	F	
1450		18		Msg from 34th giving following positions: A Btry 1565-9950 B " 1550-9910 C " 1580-9920 Bn CP 1550-9925		
				Charlie Btry registered at 1540	M	Sent to G-3.
		19	1600	CG 82d Div Arty returned to CP 1600. Explained the situation as follows: 376th (less 1 Btry) ordered to move into position at 155994 in direct support of 504 which will advance N. from S. Margarita. 1 Bn of 504 with 1 Btry of 376th attached will move SE on Sambucca. 34th FA is in position at 155995 in direct support of 505 moving NW on S. Margherita-Montevago Hy. 456th still in assembly area S.E. of Ribera.	M	
		20	1620	Gen Taylor departed for new CP.		
		21	1625	Col March & Capt Maibl in.		
		22	1710	Capt Maibl departed recconn.		
		23	1850	Close CP to move to new Position.		
		24	1945	Opened CP at Coords. 128006 approx. 1 mi West of St. Margarita.		
		25	2300	376th (less 1 Btry) in position on HY 1 mi S.E. of S. Margarita, in direct support 504. B Btry with 1 Bn 504 at Sambucca.	M	G-3 notified.
		26	2359	Journal closed.		

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UNIT Hqs. 82nd A/B Div. Arty.

FROM July 22, 1943

TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0525		1	0021	Msg from CO 576th, on position as follows: CP 99751-28 Sheet F Map 28, Sheet 3 A Btry 9201655 Map 25[illegible] Sheet C Btry 99801506 Map 25[illegible] Sheet 3 B Btry 96022021 Map 2[illegible] Sheet 4.	F	
		2	0845	Water Point open at St. Margherita.	F	
		3	220900	S-3 went to St Margherita to meet CO 456 to select positions.		
		4	220950	CO left CP to go on rch.		
		5	220952	Rec'd morning reports & static report from 54 CT.		
1152		6	1055	Msg fr CO 576 to Acorn: resistance not expected between position - Palermo. Germans evacuated (information obtained from Italian deserter).		
		7	1100	Rec'd overlay from 576		
		8	1100	576 Attached 504 CT (from direct support).		
		9	1300	American leaflet dropped for Italian troops.		
		10	1345	Hq, A, B, 456 moving into assembling area in vicinity of 150002.		
		11	1450	Hq A & B Btrys 456 arrived at Margherita. 456 attached to 505 CT.		
		12	2100	54th relieved from direct support 505th, going to general support. Informed that on could go into Divisional rather than stay in position.		
		13	~~2145~~	456 closed entire Bn in their position.		
		14	2359	Closed Journal.		

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UNIT Hqs. 82nd A/B Div. Arty.

FROM July 23, 1943

TO

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	0750	Maj d'Alessio left for Prov Corps Hq via 54th Cub Plane.		
		2	0815	Capt Raibl left for Menfi airfield.		
		3	0950	54th FA on Ln C released.		
		4	0950	Order subject securement of western end of Sicily, dated 22 July Hq Prov Corps recd.	S,T,F	
		5	0945	Orders issued as follows: a. 54 FA attached to CT505, will move west to Trapani. b. 576th FA will remain attached to CT 504 to be prepared move N. on 24 July. c. Advance Div Arty CP to move out at once with Div CP remainder will follow. d. 450th to carry basic load ammo filling up from 576th 54th FA will carry 60 r.p.g., leave 50 r.p.g., on ground.	T,F	
		6	1000	Gen Taylor, Lt.Col.Smiley Capt Raibl departed for Div to go with Div CP as Advance Div Arty CP.		
		7	1045	Sitrep 54th FA recd.	F	
		8	1110	Maj d'Alessio returned, reports Prov Corps CP in Palermo.		
		9	1400	Div Arty CP closed.		
		10	2000	Div Arty CP opened at Trapani, Gen Taylor and party joined CP.		
		11	2010	Closed Journal.		

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UNIT Hqs. 82nd A/B Div Arty

FROM July 24, 1943.

TO July 29, 1943

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1	0630	Lt. White and Lt French to Trapani on billeting mission.		
		2	0700	F.C. #2 82d A/B Div received	F	
		3	0700	Gen Taylor and Col March out to join 504 CT in advance on Castello de la Mare.		
		4	1050	Rec'd fr Div and delivered to CC, 54th FA Bn: "54th FA Bn is reld fr attached and attached to II Corps, Adv. detail will report to CG Prov. Corps at Palermo by 241600 July, Troops at Palermo by 251200 July	T	
		5	1500	Gen Taylor Col March and Capt Naibl returned, mission accomplished.		
				JULY 25TH & 26TH		
		1		CP remained established on E edge of city of Trapani. Situation unchanged. Troops resting and cleaning material and equipment.		
		2		Chaplain W. J. Reid returned to Div Arty Hq from D.S at Sicla.		
				JULY 27TH		
		1	1050	Gen Taylor and Col March departed for Palermo.		
1200		2		Msg rec'd from CG Div ref. training program Div arty.	F	
				July 28th		
		1		Situation unchanged. Gen Taylor and party visited new CP of 376th near Salemi.		
				JULY 29TH		
		1		Situation unchanged.		
0950		2	0915	Msg. rec'd from Div CP to CT's to be prepared to move East for combat on 10 hrs notice. Report of shortages of major items of equip. called for. 376, 456 remain under CT for admin. and supply, under Div Arty for training.		
		3	1000	Gen Taylor and party visited new 456 CP near Napoli.		

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UNIT Hqs. Cand A/S Div. Arty.

FROM July 30, 1945

TO August 18, 1945

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
		1		CP remained established in Villa Patrua, 1 mile E of Trapani, Sq. Arty continued training. AUGUST 1, 1945		
		1		Men Taylor departed for Algiers. AUGUST 2, 1945		
		1		450th CP established 3 mi E of Div CP. Entire Bn in same area. 570th CP established 2 mi S of Castelvetrano. Bn assigned by 504 MCT to guard towns of Salemi, Mazara, Carpobello, Castelvetrano, and Marsala. AUGUST 17, 1945		
		1	1700	Orders rec'd to move to Mazara airport at 180000 for flight to Kairouan area. Bns notified. AUGUST 18, 1945		
		1	0600	Departed by motor to Mazara airport.		
		2	1500	Takeoff for uneventful flight to Tunisia.		
		3	1750	Landed at J Field, Kairouan area. Returned to original area.		
		4		Journal closed.		

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To C.O. 456 F.A.

~~00 EDC AFG 00~~

WILL PICK YOU UP
ABOUT 180730 YOUR
AREA TO GO ON
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To CO. 83RD CHEM. BN.

00 EDC AFG 00

WILL PICK YOU UP
ABOUT 180730 YOUR
AREA TO GO ON
RECONNAISSANCE

C.G. 82ND A/B DIV ARTY | ~~1730~~ 2030

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To C.O. [illegible] FARM

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INFORMED BY THIRD
DIV THAT YOU WILL BE
RELEASED TO [illegible] AT
NOON TOMORROW

C.G. [illegible] DIV ARTY | 20[illegible]

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CG II CORPS
Initials MWL
Date: 16 July 1943

HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 302

G-2 ESTIMATE NO. 4

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. General: The Hermann Goering Division with attached units such as Fortress Bn 923 (Festungs B) and other scratch units used as infantry opposed landing in II Corps sector by counterattack and has suffered severe losses in men and material. Italian units of the 4th Livorno and elements of the 54th Napoli Division have been severely handled and in zone II Corps the enemy has been driven from the CALTAGIRONE-VIZZINI highway. It ~~is~~ believed that the Hermann Goering Division has retired to the north to the vicinity of ENNA with part of the division and that other elements have been driven from VIZZINI to the CATANIA plain. The second German Division, variously called Sicilian Division, 15th Panzer and S.S. Division, is in the CATANIA plain defending CATANIA and GERBINI against the advance of the 8th British Army. Both divisions have suffered severe losses, are not fully organized nor thoroughly trained and have suffered from a lack of supplies of ammunition and food due to Allied air action on the roads.

Local rear guard attacks supported with small groups of armor, use of mines and demolitions characterize the withdrawal and defensive attitude on the part of the Germans. In general the Italian forces are disintegrating and apart from local resistance, little opposition is to be expected from them.

The scale of German reinforcements reaching SICILY is believed low as enemy situation offers no hope of a successful defense of SICILY.

German forces in the western end of the island are estimated as approximately 5,000 Luftwaffe ground troops. Enemy air is using northern airdromes as forward landing strips only and enemy aviation is largely withdrawn from SICILY.

Local civilian sentiment is friendly, and the Italians desire peace.

2. CONCLUSIONS

a. Capabilities.

(1) The enemy is capable of determined but local rear guard action and defense of successive natural positions to gain time for either evacuation or reinforcement.

(2) The enemy is capable of selecting natural positions in zone of action II Corps and engaging in last minute stand.

(3) The enemy may recognize the hopelessness of present situation in SICILY and either surrender or rapidly disintegrate.

b. Discussion

Implementation of Capabilities (1) and (2) is believed likely to occur in the

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CATANIA plain and on the coastal road CATANIA-MESSINA with Capability (1) as most likely with only local last minute stands made by a few units.

The occurence of Capability (3) is believed most likely particularly in the western part of the island and in zone of action II Corps. However, Capabilities (1) and (2) should be expected initially with Capability (3) occuring after further punishment of forces opposing II Corps.

c. Reasons

The ores of the enemy forces will move or have moved to the CATANIA plain because of the cardinal importance of the airports and of the main supply route from the mainland thru MESSINA. The western half of the island including the chief port of PALERMO is indefensable with the communications MESSINA to REGGIO threatened or cut by 8th Army. The air corps installations of GERBINI and CATANIA together with the Headquarters of Air Marshal Kesselrin at TAORMINA are the vital centers. Troops arriving on the east coast have a better chance of evacuation and escape than troops cut off in western SICILY. Air ports in TRAPANI and PALERMO areas have been reduced to status of forward landing grounds by the Strategic Air Force. If the fighting pressure by elements of II Corps on the enemy is sustained, then Capability (3) be exercised.

B. A. DICKSON
Colonel, G.S.C.
A.C. of S., G-2

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY FOURTH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A.P.O. #9

Rec'd 7/18/43

S.O.P. FOR CONDUCT OF TIME AND RICOCHET FIRE.

1. BASIS OF S.O.P.

This Standard Operating Procedure is prescribed for the conduct of observed Time and Ricochet fire using "Air ground" methods. The observer senses. The FDC or Battery Computer at the Executive post (When Battery is operating alone) does all computing and gives all commands to the firing battery.

The method of time fire is based on the following steps: Determination of time of burning correction at the beginning of the firing period. Adjust of impact bursts on the target using quick fuze. Adjustment of Air bursts above the target. Time fire for effect.

2. DETERMINATION OF TIME OF BURNING CORRECTION FOR DAY.

After the Base Point adjustment the FDC (on observers sensings) brackets time of burning at Base Point without changing quadrant elevation.

The observer senses rounds as "Air" or "Graze". On the first round if it is in the air he senses it in yards above the Base Point; such as: "Air 50 above". The FDC attempts to place the first round of adjustment in the air, then, by making use of time factors in the range table, adjustment is expedited by determining a time change which will result in a time bracket.

When a 4/10 second time bracket is split, a Battery Salvo is fired. The sheaf is adjusted on this salvo and the adjustment of the time of burning completed.

If 2 Air and 2 Graze are obtained - Time is correct.
If 1 Air and 3 Graze are obtained - Time is decreased 1/10 sec.
If 3 Air and 1 Graze are obtained - Time is increased 1/10 sec.
If 4 Air and 0 Graze are obtained - Time is increased 2/10 sec.
If 0 Air and 4 Graze are obtained - Time is decreased 2/10 sec.

On the basis of this adjusted time, the time of burning correction is computed for the K'd Base Point range. This correction is applied flatly to the tabular time of burning for the K'd range of subsequent targets.

If a Base Point is not adjusted upon a time correction can be determined by a High burst adjustment. The difference between the tabular time of burning for the chart range to the C.I. and the fuze time used during the adjustment will give a very accurate time correction.

A time correction is good only for weather and temperature conditions that existed at the time of the determination of the correction. When atmospheric conditions change the correction should be checked and corrected.

3. INITIAL COMMANDS FOR TIME OR RICOCHET FIRE.

After locating a target the observer decides whether Time, Ricochet, or Quick Fuze would be more effective.

If the observer desires time fire he states "Time" in his commands. He estimates the number of yards the Base Point or a Concentration (from which he senses) is above or below the target. If he gives the map coordinates on a contoured map this estimation is unnecessary. If the target is designated on an uncontoured or a air photo the altitude of the target is indicated to the FDC by sensing its estimated altitude above or below a point of known elevation or in the absence of this, the estimated altitude above or below the general lay of the target area. To obtain time fire, commands are given as follows: "Fire Mission - Base Point is 600 Right, 200 Short - Time - 20 above (below) - Enemy Battery - (Request Battalion) - Will adjust". "Fire Mission - Victor 2070 Fox 81 William - Time - area is 20 below (Hill 230 is 20 above) - Enemy Battery - (Request Battalion) - Will adjust".

If he desires Ricochet fire he states "Ricochet" in his commands; for example: "Fire Mission - Base Point is 600 Right, 200 Short - Ricochet - Enemy Battery - (Request Battalion) - Will adjust".

If he does not specify "Time" or "Ricochet" Quick Fuze will be fired. If during a Quick Fuze adjustment, "Time" or "Ricochet fire is desired this type fire can be obtained by stating "Time" or "Ricochet" after the sensing.

4. ADJUSTMENT OF TIME FIRE.

When Time is requested by the observer, Quick Fuze is used in adjustment. When the observer commands "Fire for Effect", the FDC fires time fire as follows:

Time of burning is given the battery equal to the tabular time value for the K'd mean range (Range corresponding to adjusted quadrant elevation less sight) with Time correction applied. The adjusted quadrant elevation for the target is increased 20/8 mils.

One volley is fired. On this vollwy, the observer senses the number of Air and Graze bursts, such as "3 Air, 1 Graze". The FDC corrects the Time of burning in accordance with the observer's sensings by changing the time of burning as indicated below:

3 Air and 1 Graze - Time correct.
2 Air and 2 Graze - Decrease time 1/10 sec.
1 Air and 3 Graze - Decrease time 2/10 sec.
0 Air and 4 Graze - Decrease time 3/10 sec.
4 Air and 0 Graze - Increase time 1/10 sec.

After this correction is made, time fire for effect is continued.

5. ADJUSTMENT OF RICOCHET FIRE.

When Ricochet fire is requested the delay fuze is fired throughout the problem. If Ricochets are not obtained in "Fire for Effect", Fuze Quick is requested by the observer. If rounds are difficult to pick up during adjustment, "Fuze Quick" or "Shell Smoke" may be requested.

A careful study of the terrain in the vicinity of the target should be made both before and during ricochet fire. The FDC will attempt to fire the charge that will give an angle of impact on the terrain in front of the target most suitable for ricochet.

HEADQUARTERS THIRTY FOURTH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
A. P. O. #9

3 May 1943.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBSERVATION POSTS

1. The following instructions for operation of O. P.'s will be followed.

2. The following personnel and equipment is considered a minimum on O.P.'s for best results in operations:

1 - Officer
1 - N.C.O.
2 - Privates (or Pfc's)
2 - Field Glasses
1 - B.C. Scope
1 - Protractor
1 - Scale
1 - Pencil
1 - Victor Grid
1 - Note Book
1 - Compass
1 - Radio w/extra batteries
1 - Telephone
1 - Watch
Maps (to cover the entire sector of observation)

3. a. The non-commissioned officer should be a qualified observer capable of relieving the officer observer at intervals for rest of eyes.

b. The two privates should be the telephone operator and radio operator. If only one means of communication is being used, one private can be used as a relief for the other and to service the O.P. wire, run errands, and dig slit trenches.

4. B.C. scope must be set up so that the observer can sit in a comfortable position and observe without breaking defilade. The B.C. scope must be oriented.

5. Maps must be oriented immediately on occupying an O.P. The compass, B.C. scope, protractor, and scale are necessary in most cases to properly orient the map and to locate targets to the nearest coordinates. The second hand of the watch can be used in locating and getting the range of enemy batteries by multiplying the speed of sound waves (366 yards per second) times the number of seconds between a gun flash and the time the propelling charge is heard.

6. Locate the enemy battery by sound, then continued and persistent observation in the suspected area will usually bring results.

7. Study the terrain and compare it to the map. Batteries in this country are usually near a road or trail as they cannot get into position far from the few trails that exist. Look for puffs of smoke or dust as batteries will be behind defilade whenever possible. If movement is detected in an area, study it closely, there is something there.

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No. 0 DATE 18 JULY 43

To DIV COMM.

BRIDGE IS BLOWEN ACROST CANNE RIVER ALERT ENG

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To CO 62ND FA BN.

REPORT RATION STRENGTH NUMBER OF VEAICLES AND TACTICAL ROAD SPACE

1300 JS

CG 82 DIV ARTY

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 5 DATE 18 JULY 43

To CO 45TH FA

REPORT MINIMUM MOTOR TRANSPORT NEEDED HAUL ONLY GUNS BASIC LOAD AMMUNITION AND HAUL GUNS AMMUNITION AND PERSONNEL

1120 JS

82 CG DIV ARTY

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No. 8 DATE 18 July 43

To CG 82d AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA Bn CP located at G 66.7-53.7

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn (OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER) | 1245 (TIME SIGNED)

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No. 9 DATE 18 July 43

To CG 82d AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA Bn closed in area G 66.5-53.8 at 181315

1400

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn (OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER) | 1315 (TIME SIGNED)

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

NO.____ DATE 18-JULY 43

To CO 1st BN 77th FA
AACDE CFCAA

MEET DIV C G AT SMALL ROAD
BEYOND CURVE BEYOND REALMONTE
WITH RECONNAISSANCE PARTY SOON
AS POSSIBLE

1707
JF

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER CG 1 Div Arty | 1614 TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

NO.____ DATE 18 JULY 43

To CG 82 A/B DIV ARTY

EXPECT TO DISPLACE
FOWARD BY TWELVE
HUNDRED TOMARROW
REQUEST DECISION
REGARDING TRANSPORTATION
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No. DATE 18 JULY 43

To CG 82 A/D DIV ARTY

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FOWARD BY TWELVE
HUNDRED TOMARROW
REQUEST DECISION
REGARDING TRANSPORT

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TIME FILED 1815 | MSG CEN No. 4 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 18-JULY-43

To CO 376 FABN AND CO 456 FABN

DISPLACING CP TO VICINITY OF
COOR 53-57

KICK
2134
JF

KICK
2335
JF

KEYNOTE
2145
JF

CG82 DIVARTY
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SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED 1945 | MSG CEN NO. 18 | HOW SENT MSGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 1 DATE 18/1645B JULY 1943

To CG DIV ARTY

WARN TROOPS OF INCREASED BOOBY TRAPS PARTICULARLY IN ABANDONED ARMS.

CG 82ND A/B DIV (OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER) | 1845 (TIME SIGNED)

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1920 | MSG CEN NO. 24 | HOW SENT MSGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 2 DATE 18/1920 B JULY 1943

To CG DIV ARTY

CG 7 ARMY DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:
1. NO JAMMING OF VEHICLES ON ROADS
2. TROOPS WILL NOT APPEAR OUTSIDE BIVOUAC AREAS WITHOUT SHIRTS.
3. HELMETS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN FORWARD AREAS
4. VEHICLES WILL BE PROTECTED BY FIRE BREAKS WHEN PARKED IN GRAIN FIELDS

CG 82 A/B DIV (OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER) | 1920 (TIME SIGNED)

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TIME FILED [redacted]28 | MSG CEN No. 1 | HOUR RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19-JULY-43

To HC O 456th

ADGF CCCAA

PUSH RECONNAISSANCE TO

MONTALLEGRO, USING SMALL

GROUP.

A.S.

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER CG DIV ARTY | TIME SIGNED 0745

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TIME FILED [redacted] | MSG CEN No. | HOUR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 6 DATE 190840

To C.O. 34TH F.A.

WARN TROOPS OF INCREASED

BOOBY TRAPS PARTICULARLY

IN ABANDONED ARMS.

C.G. 2D DIV. ARTY | TIME SIGNED 0840

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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TIME FILED [redacted]915 | MSG CEN No. 3 | HOUR RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 8 DATE 190900

To C.O. 1ST BN. 77TH F.A.

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WARN TROOPS OF INCREASED

BOOBY TRAPS PARTICULARLY

IN ABANDONED ARMS

1000

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C.G. 2D DIV. ARTY | TIME SIGNED 0915

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 July 43

TO CG DIV ARTY

MOVE 62 FA BN ON MONTALLEGRO AT ONCE WARN ALL UNITS TO KEEP 75 YDS DISTANCE BETEENE VEHICLES DIRECT 26 FA BN TO RECONNOITER NORTH OF MONTALLEGRO

KEY PRONTO

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | JF 0925 | 8834 TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 JULY 43

TO CG 82 A/B DIV ARTY

OUT POST ESTIMATE
REACHED REQUEST
MOVE FORWARD MAP COOR
408-680

Answer (to Lt.) WAIT Ex | 1043 JF

CO 77 FA BN 1ST BN | 1010

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 2 DATE 19 July 43

TO CO 34TH FA BN

CLASS I AND III DP

NOW OPEN AT G 552-558

Samuel C. Masters
1905

Div Arty Ass't S.S.

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1646 | MSG CEN No. X4 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 7 DATE 19 0900

TO CO 72ND FA (1ST BN)

SSWGH EHFSS

CG 72ND MV DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. NO JAMMING OF VEHICLES ON ROADS
2. TROOPS WILL NOT APPEAR OUTSIDE BIVOUAC AREAS WITHOUT SHIRTS.
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CG 8TH ARMY (GE 1039) OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

0900 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1144 | MSG CEN No. 5 | HOW SENT TBGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 July 43

TO CO 26 FA BN

RECONNOITER NORTH OF MONTALLEGRO. KEEP 75 YD MINIMUM BETWEEN VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES.

CG DIV ARTY OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

0930 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 JULY 43

TO CO [illegible] ARTY

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1143 JF

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SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 6 DATE 19 July 43

TO Div Arty

All arty 4 456 follow CT 504 to Valley of Plaisance in order 62, 34, 26, 77. Inform C of S when road is cleared. Establish Div Arty OD on hill 190 S of Ribera

From Taylor

1310

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 1140

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 18 | MSG CEN No. 7 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 JULY

TO CG DIV ARTY

NAVY REPORTS ALL CLEAR TO 5 MILES BEYOND CALOMANICA AND TO SCIACCA. ROADS CLEAR. NO SIGN ENEMY ACTIVITY

1347 JS

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER CG Div Arty | TIME SIGNED 1215

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 July 43

To CG DIV ARTY

62 FA 34 FA 26 FA MOVING TO POSITIONS BETWEEN TWO RIVERS 77 FA DETRUCKED TO MOVE 505 FORWARD DIV ARTY AT POINT [redacted] WAITING FOR TRANSPORTATION

(sent Kodaked)

Div Art Exec — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER — TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — SIGNATURE OF OFFICER — SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED 30 | MSG CEN No. 3 | HOW SENT PAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. C.S. DATE 19-JULY-43

To SUNRAY 1445

PAGO

OVAL PARENT RAZOR PARENT NUTMEG WAGON MOVING TO ADDICTS BETWEEN JERKIN TABLETS. PARENT BOXER DEJAMPOTTED TO MOVE PAGODA COFFEE CLINIC FORWARD. REDHOT CUPTIE AT PUPIL REDHOT TURBOT MATE BAMBOO POCKET WAITING BARBERATION OVAL

SUNRAY MINDR — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER — 1420 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — SIGNATURE OF OFFICER — SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE

To

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER — TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 4 DATE 19 JULY 43

To CO 62ND FA BN

CLASS I AND III DP

NOW OPEN AT G 55.2 - 55.8

Antonio John Petrisco
1906

ASST S3, DIV ARTY | 1732

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19-JULY-43

To CG 82 DIV ARTY

CP ESTABLISHED VICINITY GSGS
COOR. 4L64 SHEET TWO SIX SIX
G 356757 HQ BTRY HAS ARRIVED

2005

CO 456th FA BN | 17-[illegible]

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 6 DATE 19 July 43

To CG 82nd AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA BN occupied

Positions in vicinity 31.5 - 78.0

at 1930

WBD 2050

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn | 2005

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Vance Major

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 14 DATE 19 July 43

To ~~CG~~ 82nd AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA BN CP located at

G - 31.8 - 78.5

WBD 2050

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn | 2000

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Vance Major

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 19 JULY 43

TO CG 82ND A/B DIV ARTY

REQUEST REPORT AS TO WHETHER VEHICLES WAS SENT TO BN. AS REQUESTED

JS 2228

2227 KM

CO 456 FAB

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED 2[illegible]00 | MSG CEN No. 10 | HOW SENT RUN

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 19 JULY

TO SEAGULL MINOR
AADBM QRPAA
KICK IN GENERAL SUPPORT AND TO REINFORCE KING. ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] KICK~~

2236 JF

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 2159 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SEAGULL SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW SENT

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 17-JULY-43

TO CG 82 DIV ARTY

CP ESTABLISHED VICINITY GSGS COOR 4169 SHEET TWO SIX SIX G 356757 HQ BTRY HAS ARRIVED

[illegible] 2005

CO 456th FABN

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 1740 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 6 DATE 19 July 43

To CG 82nd AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA BN occupied

Positions in vicinity 31.5 - 78.0

at 1930

WBO 2050

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2005 — TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

Vance Major — SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 040 | MSG CEN NO. 9 | HOW SENT RUN.

~~62ND~~ **MESSAGE** (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 JULY 43

To DIV ARTY

PP FCB UEA PD

WATTER POINT OPENS

2030 AT CROSSING

OF HWY 115 OVER

VERDANA RIVER

R

G-4 DIV ARTY — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2030 — TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED | MSG CEN NO. | HOW SENT

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 4 DATE 19 July 43

To CG 82nd AB Div Arty

62nd Armd FA BN CP located at

G - 31.8 - 78.5

WBO 2050

CO 62nd Armd FA Bn — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2000 — TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

Vance Major — SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED 2[illegible]57 | MSG CEN No. 11 | HOW [illegible]NT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19 JULY

TO CO 376 FA Bn

COORDINATES DIV ARTY
BASE POINT 25307844

2312
JF

CG Div Arty | 2345 1045 TIME SIGNED

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | [signature] SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW [illegible]NT

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE [illegible] JULY

TO CO 376

YOUR EN IN GENERAL SUPPORT, REINFORCING 62ND SEND [illegible] TO 62ND

CG DIV ARTY | 2320 TIME SIGNED

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. 13 | HOW SENT TASGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 19-JULY-43

To CO 62ND FABN

PLEASE INFORM CO 504 THAT 376TH IS NOW IN GENERAL SUPPORT AND IS REINFORCING YOU

CG DIV ARTY

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2320

TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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TIME FILED 2325 | MSG CEN No. 12 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 9 DATE 1943

To C.O. 456TH FA

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WHAT TRANSPORTATION WAS REQUESTED AND TO WHOM

0020

CG DIV ARTY

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2320

TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

7/11/43

34th ordered to follow 62nd to positions between rivers short of Ribera

1800 July 19, 1943

At 1800 the naval observing plane observed no activity at the airport at Coordinate 175875. Although the plane encountered some small machine gun fire, no apparent activity was seen on the roads in the vicinity of 190790 (Sciacca).

C. W. Jacobus

Recd 1015
Div Arty

1 half hour ago
our plane said that
our forces were at
the Southern part Libera.
advancing forwardly
rapidly with ap-
parently no opposition
(from navy plane)

#12 7/18/43

1125 July 19, 1943. 15

Roads North + West of Rebera checked and were all cleared and no signs of road blocks. Plane travelled and checked 10 to 15 miles inland and everything seemed O.K. Also checked 5 miles beyond a town called Calamoraci. Now checking around Licata.

Jacobus

1950 July 19, 1943

No enemy activity observed North of Sciacca. However have observed one large enemy airfield approximately 50 airplanes seen. Plane flew over at an altitude of 1000 feet. No activity observed on the ground. Airport located at: Latitude 37°35' N Longitude 13°05' E; Bears 350° True and lies approximately 10 miles north of Sciacca. According to ships intelligence this is one of the most important single airfields in Sicily for single engine airplanes. A Squadron of German Airforce, single engine, fighter also used field. Italian bomber, and Recon. aircraft are also based here. One truck was observed half way between airfield and Sciacca. They reports that plane has been ordered back to the ship and that she can not take station on the airfield at this time.

Our foot troops observed at 403709. Moving on foot and by trucks, the trucks being farther in advance of the foot troops

1040 Ensign Jenkins

No. [illegible]/77 F.A.

Overlay - Position Area 19 July 43

Scale 1/50,000

Sheet - 266 II & II A

(11) 19 July 1943

Capt 77 [illegible]

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 18 DATE 20 July 43

To CG DivArty

26 FABN reverts to CT 39 at 0600 in its present location

CT 39 moving at 0800 to valley east of RIBERA

Notify 26 FABN

NBD 0605

CG 82 A/B DIV | 0555

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | (1) SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Boyd Lt Col SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 20 JULY

To CO 26 FABN

WORD FROM DIVISION CG - YOUR BN REVERTS TO CT 39 AT 0600 IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION.

CG DIV ARTY | 0555

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | (2) SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Smiley SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 0612 | MSG CEN No. 3 | HOW SENT TP & HYR

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 3 DATE 20 July 43

To C.G. DIV Arty

Notify units of your command that Div Clearing Station has moved to 6745365 on Route 115

12.53 7/20

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 0705 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | R Wiener Sr. Lt. Col SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [illegible]01 | MSG CEN No. 2 | HOW [illegible]T RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 20 July

TO ~~CG DIV AT~~ Com O. Div Arty

MESSAGE TO CG DIV ARTY

504 INFANTRY HAS

COMMANDEERED ARTILLERY

TRUCKS. REQUEST RETURN

Exec

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 0900 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | March SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | March SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [illegible]2 | MSG CEN No. 4 | HOW [illegible]T MSGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 20

TO CO's 34FA, 62FA, 1[illegible]EN 77FA

INSTRUCT ALL DRIVERS OF DISPATCHED TRUCKS THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO YOU AFTER EACH MISSION THESE ORDERS NOT TO BE COUNTERMANDED BY ANYONE

CG DIV ARTY

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 1130 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [illegible] | MSG CEN No. | HOW [illegible]NT

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 12 DATE 20

TO C.O. 34TH FA.

WE NEED TWELVE TWO AND ONE HALF TON TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS TO DISPLACE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS CAN YOU GET THEM HERE AT 1600 PLEASE ANSWER SOONEST POSSIBLE

Sgt M J Wall 13/5

CG 32 DIV ARTY

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 1245 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | 6 SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Hart May SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 12[illegible] | MSG CEN No. 5 | HOW SENT MSGR

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 13 DATE 20

To CO 34TH FA.

WANT REPORT TO REACH US BY 1800 OF ON HAND AND REQUIREMENTS NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF GASOLINE RATIONS AND AMMUNITION ALSO A REPORT YOUR CONVENIENCE OF WEAPONS IN BATTALION

CG 2D BN ARTY | 1300
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 15 DATE 20

To CO 376TH FA.

WANT REPORT REACH US BY 1800 SHOWING ON HAND AND REQUIREMENTS NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS RATIONS GASOLINE AND AMMUNITION ALSO REPORT YOUR CONVENIENCE WEAPONS ON HAND IN BATTALION

CG 2D BN ARTY | 1315
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 16 DATE 20

To CO 456TH FA.

WANT REPORT REACH US BY 1800 ON HAND AND REQUIREMENTS NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF RATIONS GAS AND AMMUNITION ALSO REPORT YOUR CONVENIENCE WEAPONS ON HAND IN BATTALION

CG 2D BN ARTY | 1330
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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 21 JULY 43

To CO 34 FA BN

WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDED
ROUT OF DISPLACEMENT
TOWARD S. MARGHENTA
LOOK FOR POSITION WITHIN
RANGE OF THAT TOWN KEEP
RECONNAISSANCE BEHIND
INF HAS 2ND ARMD DIV
CLEARED MENFI

0900
5

CG82 A/B DIV ARTY SUNRAY MINNOR

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 0825

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 0840 | MSG CEN No. 2 | HOW SENT RAD

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 0 DATE 21 JULY 43

TO CO 376 P FA BN

REPORT YOUR POSITION

~~KEY PRONTO~~

SEAGULL

CG 82 A/B DIV ARTY | 0835

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TIME FILED 1[illegible]2 | MSG CEN No. 4 | HOW SENT RAD

J.S. 1204

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21-JULY-93

TO C.O 376TH FA

	conservatives	[illegible]
HUMBUG	CUPTIE	POLO
[illegible]	[illegible]	15
PYJAMAS	REVOLT	BUTTON
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
INSTEP	CRONY	TABLET

SUNRAY HERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

C.G [illegible] | 1150

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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TIME FILED 1[illegible]50 | MSG CEN No. 3 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 JULY 43

TO PRONTO

PROVISINAL CORP IS 2 MILES WEST ~~[illegible]~~ SCIACCI

FROM SEAGULL

J.S. 1200

CO [illegible] | 211045

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 JULY 43

TO C.G. 82ND A/B DIV. ARTY

211100 GR 8

request co-ordinates

EARWIG CYCLE PELMAN

your position

ENAMEL PICNIC SIGNED

SUNRAY MINOR

11+5 | 11+5 a

376 I & FA BN | 1100

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 31 | MSG CEN No. 5 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 18 DATE 21

TO CO 376 FA

BOXER HOW MANY MANGOS

POCKET IN PARENT

DS 1345

CG DIV. ARTY | 1330

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 July 43

To C.G. 82 Div. Art'y

Coordinates 34th F.A. Bn.
A Btry 1365-9950
B Btry 1350-9910
C Btry 1380-9920
Bn C.P. 1350-9925
Charlie Btry Registered at 1340

C.O. 34th F.A. Bn
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1345
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

James Major
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [redacted] | MSG CEN No. 6 | HOW SENT [illegible]

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 19 DATE 21 J.S. 2709

To C.O. 376TH F.A.

BANJO DUNLOP ARTIST
LODGER OUTLAW DIPPER
RAZOR COFFEE SUGAR
POKER OVAL SKIN FISHER
DONKEY JERKIN DIVAN
PELMAN QUARTER TON
MISERS

C.G. DIV. ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1350
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 JULY 43

To CG 82 AAB DIVARTY

SHELL DRAKE SUNRAY
REQUEST TO MOVE KEYNOTE
DENIED

SUNRAY MINOR

1435
(illegible)

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1426
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [redacted]3 | MSG CEN No. 8 | HOW SENT [illegible]

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 21 DATE 21

To C.O. 376TH F.A.

LOGIC LAGOON CRONY NOW HAS
PICNIC GARTER ENNOY KICK
BACON MINOR BOXER CANOE
BONBON GROCER HOTEL ELBOW
BALLOT PASTRY FROM CINEMA
PICNIC COFFEE INSTEP PIXIE
TO TURBOT

1623
JF

C.G. DIV ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1150
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 JULY

TO CG Div Arty

Col March sent message "REQUEST TO MOVE KEYNOTE DENIED".
Have sent message to him that 376 is displacing to Mahghrita and you are there.
CG

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 1500

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 JULY 43

TO CG 82 A/B DIV ARTY

HAVE CO. GEN. COME TO THIS CP PILOT WILL BE STANDING BY AT THIS CP

1644

34 FA

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 1630

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 48 | MSG CEN No. 1 | HOW SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 22 DATE 21

TO CO 376TH FA

PIANO 505 ORDERED
SEND YOU TWELVE
QUARTER TON DUMDUMS
AT 1325 CHECKING

J.S.
1700

CG DIV ARTY

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 1645

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1650 | MSG CEN No. 10 | HOUR SENT RAD

GG HAI FJDQA

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 23 DATE 21 JULY 43

To C.O. 34TH. F.A.

WILL NOT NEED

LIASON PLANE THAN 1.5

1706 G.S.

C.G. DIV. ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1646
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1805 | MSG CEN No. 1 | HOUR SENT RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE

To CO 1376TH F.A.

G.S. 1845

REPORT MINIMUM MOTOR TRANSPORT NEEDED USE BATTALION CARRY BASIC LOAD AMMUNITION AND PERSONNEL AND TO PULL ONLY GUNS AND AMMUNITION

S-4 DIV. ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1804
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR

C.S. [illegible]
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

C.S. [illegible]
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW SENT

MMP | P

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 21 JULY

TO C 682 A/B DIVARTY

WOOD

KIDNAP EIGHT ORGAN IN SWIPE

PROTECT LESSON OF HABIT COFFEE

FALCON CINEMA LIBEL OZONE

CIGAR CRONY BALLOT SHEET

CINEMA CLOVER GIPSY WEST

KIDNAP

0121 ESU

C 0 376th PRCHT FARN

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 2359 TIME SIGNED

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW SENT

MMP | P

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 21 JULY

TO C 682 A/B DIVARTY

WOOD

KIDNAP EIGHT ORGAN IN SWIPE

PROTECT AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE

LESSON OF HABIT COFFEE

EAST OF DEMOLITION CONTINUE TANK M

FALCON CINEMA LIBEL OZONE

RESERVE AIRREGARD BRIDGE

CIGAR CRONY BALLOT SHEET

DEMOLITION DISPLACE

CINEMA CLOVER GIPSY WEST

KIDNAP

0121 ESU

C 0 376th PRCHT FARN

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 2359 TIME SIGNED

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July 21st 1943

Collected enemy plan of defense of Sicily, a list of enemy units, and various personal letters. Turned over to Division G-2 at 1030 hrs.

Received enemy signal lamps from 34th FA Bn. Turned over to G-2, who returned it to 34th FA Bn

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW [illegible] RAD

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22-JULY-43

To CG DIV ARTY

BN POSITION AS FOLLOWS CP 99731428
SHEET F MAP 2 8 SHEET 3 A BTRY
9 281655 MAP 258 SHEET C BTRY
99881506 MAP 258 SHEET 3 D BTRY
96622021 MAP 266 SHEET 4

0525
J.S.

CO 376 FA BN
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

0021
TIME SIGNED

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TIME FILED 0[illegible]53 | MSG CEN No. 1 | HOW [illegible] TP

HHFBJ JHCQA

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22-JULY-43

To CO 34 FA

PLEASE ESTABLISH RADIO CONTACT
WITH US. WE ARE LISTENING FOR
YOU

0710
J.S.

CG DIV ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

0652
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED [illegible]16 | MSG CEN No. 2 | HOW [illegible] TP

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22 JULY 43

To CO 34 & 376

Class I + III Camp
is just this side of
yesterday C.P.

0724
JS

CG DIV ARTY
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

0715
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | GPTRAIBL SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE [illegible]

TO [illegible]

[illegible]

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22 JULY 1943

TO CG 820 A/B DIV ARTY

G. P. 220021 GR49

TTCFN BQEQA RJCAA WECQH
KQGFP CANHU RRWJY WSLPY
ZHLHA ACJDN QNPMF TJVWL
KWRZL LVZUI SVSFR KWKDE
IGDNO ZUXWJ PPLIC EUAMC
MEPQL SWSZZ GJONP NQKET
OBSTG AIGEH IMFGV COYGA
XKSED UGFNZ KGZQG FZHFG

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED 1855 | MSG CEN No. 22 | HOW SENT 840

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 3 DATE 22 July 1943

TO C G. Div. Arty

Water Point now open
at S. MARGHERITA.

0945
p.5

G-4

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | 0845 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | Leahy, Maj. SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

NO. DATE 22 JULY 43

TO C C DIV ARTY

TO ACORN RESISTANCE NOT EXPECTED BETWEEN POSITION DASH PALERMO GERMANS EVACUATED PALERMO ON 3 INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ITALIAN DESERTER

1150

25 1153

C O 376 FA
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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NNFCT APMQA

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

NO. DATE 22-JULY-43

TO C O 456 FA

REPORT NOW AND AT LEAST EVERY TWO HOURS ENEMY SITUATION NEGATIVE REQUIRED AUTHENTICATED

C O 505
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1330
TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR | SIGNATURE OF OFFICER | SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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AAVDA OQFQA

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

NO. DATE 22-JULY-43

TO C O 456 FA

REPORT TIME YOUR UNIT CLOSES IN NEW BIVOUAC AREA

1609 JF

1514 95

C O 505
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1424
TIME SIGNED

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THESE SPACES FOR MESSAGE CENTER ONLY

TIME FILED | MSG CEN No. | HOW SENT Rcd

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE [illegible]

To CO [illegible] PARTING [illegible] DIV ARTY

[illegible]

DDGHI ONEQA JARCC BETVR

WTMMI PRIDY [illegible] SVDWS

CWEXR DDGHI ONEQA

[illegible]

CO 376 PFA Bn

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 1100

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22 JULY 43

To CG 82 A/B DIV ARTY

222127 GR

ONE QUARTER TON TRUCK

RECEIVED 212000 IS NOW

ON DISPATCH WILL BE

RETURNED TONITE WILL

ADVISE WHEN ACCOMPLISHED

2145 CGE

2135 CM

CO 376 PFA Bn

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER | TIME SIGNED 2127

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE [illegible]

To [illegible]

[illegible]

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TIME FILED 1430 | MSG CEN NO. 3 | HOW SENT RAD

OOLKJ RJPQA

MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. _____ DATE 22 1330

To 456

REPORT NOW AND AT

LEAST EVERY TWO HOURS

ENEMY REQUIRED

AUTHENTICATED

1456 JS.

CO 505

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. ✓ DATE July 22, 1943

To Key 3

Setup 2400

Liason Maintained with 505th

Parachute Infantry Observation

Post manned on Escarpment

north of San Marguerita

No change

No firing

Keen 3

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Rec'd 1500

24 July 1943

NOTE TO UNIT COs:

Troops of your command will be instructed to recognize these leaflets as tenders of surrender when brought to them by Italian soldiers.

LYNCH
G-2

STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

T/HEFLED 1452

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM: WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU

1AR VDA 09F 9A

TO CO 456 FA. GR. 9 REPORT TIME YOUR UNIT CLOSES IN NEW BIVOUAC AREA

221424

FROM CO 505

1445 C.B

9S 1511

Agli Ufficiali soltanto (non per i semplici soldati) della 28ª Aosta, 26ª Assietta, 222ª Difesa Costiera, e la 208ª Difesa Costiera, Regio Esercito.

PACE CON ONORE
O
MORTE E LA ROVINA DELL'ITALIA

Qual'è la vostra scelta come uomini che devono ricostruire una Italia libera ed indipendente?

Le vostre unità sono isolate come i resti delle due divisioni di Hitler in ritirata davanti le armi superiori, carri armati e le forze aeree degli alleati.

Hitler e Mussolini vi hanno abbandonato — i due che vi hanno lanciato in questa guerra senza ragione.

Quando è stata l'ultima volta che le truppe di rinforzamento sono arrivati in Sicilia? Dove sono i vostri cannoni? Quando è stata l'ultima volta che avete visto nuovi carri armati? Dove sono gli aeroplani Italiani e Tedeschi? Vi aiutano? No, Come Palermo, anche Messina è in rovina. Non passano più navi, nemmeno di notte. Non è più questione di evacuare per le vie del mare. La Battaglia della Sicilia non vi ha mai offerto la possibilità di evacuarvi, meno che la Battaglia della Tunisia.

Ma si tratta più di evacuazione. La questione ora è se voi intendete di opporre una resistenza senza scopo ed inutile mentre la preponderanza delle forze superiori di carri armati, di cannoni e di aeroplani degli eserciti alleati avanzano addosso alle vostre divisioni isolate ed abbandonate. Questa è la morte.

Come ufficiali, voi avete ciecamente obbedito agli ordini del Duce che vi ha portato in Etiopia, nella Spagna, nell'Albania, nella Grecia, in Francia, in Libia. Basta! Non fate omaggio, alla lunga pazienza ed obbedienza e le grandi sofferenze e l'immenso eroismo dei vostri soldati! Non hanno ancora guadagnato il diritto di chiedere il « BASTA », di porre le armi, far la pace e ritornare alla vostra Italia! « CREDERE, OBBEDIRE, COMBATTERE » Perchè! Per chi! Per quanto!

Temete i Tedeschi? Non vi è Hitler in Sicilia. [illegible] i resti delle due divisioni germaniche. La Germania è vinta, non solo in Sicilia. In quest'ora in Russia i Tedeschi sono in piena ritirata su un fronte di 140 Km., dopo aver lanciato una vana offensiva. Dopo sei settimane i sommergibili sono spariti dalle acque e nessuna nave, trasportando truppe o materie belliche alla Sicilia è stata affondata. Più passa il tempo e più le officine e città vanno in rovina. Hitler aspetta lo sbarco imminente, l'invasione e la disfatta completa della Germania.

Roosevelt e Churchill hanno offerto all'Italia una pace onorata, indipendenza, ugualità economica ed un posto al pari delle prime potenze nel mondo libero — in un posto degno del carattere, dalla industriosità del Cristianesimo e dalla cultura del popolo Italiano. Ve ne ha parlato Mussolini dei quindici punti di Roosevelt e di Churchill?

In ogni paese e città occupata in Sicilia dalle forze Alleate i podestà ed il popolo acclamano i loro liberatori. Gli alleati sono salutati come liberatori, i quali portano non solo cose materiali. — come il rilascio della pasta, limoni, patate, la benzina per le mietitrici — ma anche come il popolo che porta la libertà ed il rispetto alla dignità umana.

A voi la scelta. A voi ufficiali i quali siete responsabili per il benessere di ogni soldato italiano sotto il vostro comando.

Volete tentare di fare una bella figura? O volete permettere ai vostri uomini di accompagnare un ufficiale italiano verso le linee Alleate con la bandiera bianca a queste manifestino?

ALL AMERICAN TROOPS WILL

SALVACONDOTTO

HONOR THIS PASS AND BEARERS

Ogni soldato italiano che presenta questo salvacondotto, solo o in gruppi accompagnato da un ufficiale o senza sarà disarmato, dichiarato prigioniero, ed accompagnato nelle retrovie, dopo aver ricevuto cibo, e se necessario, assistenza medica.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS PROV CORPS

Aud
22 0930

22 JULY 43

SUBJECT: SECUREMENT WESTERN END OF SICILY.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION.

1. THE ENEMY STILL OCCUPIES THAT PORTION OF THE WESTERN END OF SICILY NORTHWEST OF THE GENERAL LINE CASTELLAMMARE DEL GOLFO-MARSALA.

2. YOU WILL MOVE WITHOUT DELAY TO SEIZE TRAPANI AND THE ABOVE MENTIONED ENEMY HELD PORTION OF SICILY.

3. YOU WILL HAVE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR THIS OPERATION THE FOLLOWING TROOPS:

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION (LESS THREE COMPANIES NOW HANDLING PRISONERS OF WAR)

TASK FORCE X (LESS ONE COMPANY NOW HANDLING PRISONERS OF WAR)

1ST BN 20TH ENGR (PASSES TO YZOUR CONTROL AT ONCE FROM ATTACHMENT 2ND ARMD DIV)

4. UNITS NOT UNDER YOUR CONTROL WILL BE DIRECTED TO REPORT TO YOU AT YOUR CP AT S. MARGHERITA AT ONCE.

5. IN VIEW OF FUTURE PROBABLY EMPLOYMENT THE 39TH RCT WILL BE MAINTAINED INTACT.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEYES:

JOHN M. WILLEMS
COLONEL' G.S.C.
CHIEF OF STAFF

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Artillery Recommendations.

Light battalions to be attached to CTs for movement

1st Bn 72d FA to displace behind CT 39 prepared to reinforce the fires of the 26th FA Bn

34th FA Bn to follow CT ___ prepared to reinforce the fires of the 376th and 456 FA Bns.

One cub plane each to be assigned to the 376th & 456th

Medium battalions to keep

reconnaissance parties and forward observers with infantry advance guards.

Fire to be opened at once on any enemy resistance. No registration without authorization during movement.

Trucks of 34th FA Bn to be used to motorize the 376th FA Bn; 20 Division 2½ ton trucks and trailers to motorize the 456th FA Bn.

Naval shore party to report to Div Hq.

Arty 57's attached to CTs.

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TO CO DIV ARTY

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY TRAINING OF ARTILLERY BNS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY CG DIV ARTY. TRAINING OF ENGR COS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DIV ENGR. NO CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLY.

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To CO 456

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To CG DIV ARTY

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To CO 376 FABn

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 - U. S. Army

9 September 1944

SUBJECT : Unit History

TO : Commanding General
82nd A/B Division

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1. Transmit herewith, in accordance with AR 345-105, a Report of Action for the Normandy Campaign of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Eighty Second Airborne Division Artillery, for the dates 25 May, 1944 to 15 July, 1944.

For the Division Artillery Commander

AUGUSTIN S. HART, Jr.
Major, FA
Adjutant

Inclosures:
1. Unit Journal
2. Narrative Report (6 copies)
3. FO 6 - 82nd Airborne Division
4. FO 7 - 82nd Airborne Division
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army

HISTORICAL DATA - OPERATION NEPTUNE

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I ORGANIZATION: The organization prior to departure from station at Camp Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England, was broken down as follows:

1. Parachute Echelon consisted of Captains Whitley and Reid; Lts. Shockley and Sullivan; M/Sgt Vlasak; Sgts. Mista and McNally; T/4 Kick, Loper, Smith, E. W., and Treaster; Cpls Burguieres, Cole, Beatty, and Schleuss; T/5 Kotarba; Pfc Hooe, Jeckel, Lukach, Durkin, Matulavich, Miscenick, Morgan and Wells; Pvts Binns, Gautier, Helmick, Stoltman, Abel, French, Hartman J. and Johnson. This made a total of 4 officers and 32 enlisted men. This echelon departed for SALTBY AIRPORT by civilian bus on 29 May 1944, arriving there same date.

2. Glider Echelon which consisted of three elements: First element consisted of Col. March and advance elements of 319th and 320th Glider Field Artillery battalions. Second element consisted of Lt. Cols. Bertsch and Smiley; Major Hart; Capts. Haibl, Mufford, Fensler and Noyse (Ln. O from 87th Armd FA Bn); M/Sgt Davis, S/Sgt Hays, Frwo, and Nussbaum; T/4 Gresham; Cpls. Duncan and Hardison; T/5's Chapman, Gist, Landau, and Swartz; Pfc's Hopfinger and Lange; Pvts. Arkens, Bullard, Martorelli, Register, Schoonmaker, Whalen, Weidenhoff and Wojataszek; This made a total of 8 officers and 21 enlisted men. This element departed for MELBURY airport by train on 29 May 1944 arriving there same date.

Third element consisted of Capt. Johnson; Lts. French and Millington; 1st. Sgt. Costanian; S/Sgt Sergeant; Cpls Hartman, and Rogers; T/5's Cummings and Katz; Pfc Kroer; Pvts Abbott, Herz, Brothers, Gash, Daniels, Fields, Wollenburg, Livengood, Zizleman and Stuba. This made a total of three officers and seventeen enlisted men. This element departed for ALDERMASTON Airport by train on 29 May 1944, arriving there same date.

3. Seaborne echelon consisted of Capt. Jaspin; W/O Diebl; S/Sgts Mitchell and Szmania; T/3 Matykiewicz; T/4 Macholtz; T/5's Buchheit, Crabtree, Lee, and Martin; Pfc's Laforce, Smith, E. P., Thibo and Tierney; Pvts. Hobbs, Keating, Lyons, Renn and Walker. This made a total of 1 Officer, 1 Warrant Officer, and 17 enlisted men. This echelon departed for Camp No. 8, Bridgend, Wales, by truck on 26 May 1944, arriving there same date.

4. Base echelon consisted of Capt. Kolbe, Lts. Lala, Strain, Garibaletti, and Johnston; M/Sgt Skinner,; T/Sgt Davis; S/Sgt Vossler; T/5's Mustoe and Van Loan; Sgt Keatley; T/4 Lahr; T/5's Garnette, Lloyd, and Youngblood; Pvts. Brown, Garowski, Janutis, Johns, Kretschmer, Milula, Morbitzer, Randall, Ruse, Unaro, Ventresca, Waldon, Walimora, Yarmuth and Angell. Pfc McDonald was in the hospital LD; Pfc Rose was in the hospital RLD; Pvts Calvacca, Needham, Wojewoda and Noddenberg, were in the stockade undergoing sentences.

II PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE AND DEPARTURE OF COMBAT ECHELONS:

1. The Parachute Echelon was briefed during the period 29 May to 5 June 1944, took off in 2 C-47's at 2233 hours, 5 June 1944 for a DZ in the vicinity of 2995, about one mile south of Amfreville, Normandy, France.

2. The second element of the Glider Echelon was briefed during the period 29 May - 4 June 1944. On 5 June equipment was loaded into gliders. Same date Col. March, moved to RAMSBURY airport to prepare for departure, with an advance element of the 320th and 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalions. This element departed at approximately 0200 hours, 6 June. At 1930 hours 6 June the second element loaded into 2 Horsa's and 1 CG-4. One Horsa failed on take off at 2037 hours, but the load was changed into another glider which made its place in the serial just before landing. Destination was in vicinity of 3394 about 1½ miles southeast of St. Mere Eglise, Normandy, France.

The third element was briefed during the period 29 May to 5 June 1944. On 3 June, Lt. Millington, Cpls. Rogers and Hartman and Pvt. Abbott, plus equipment moved to RAMSBURY airport. The rest of the element loaded equipment 6 June 1944, and took off at 0430 hours 7 June in 4 CG-4's. Destination same as second element.

The detachment of 1 Horsa at RAMSBURY airport took off at 1905 hours 6 June 1944. Destination same as second element.

3. The Seaborne Echelon was proofed, supplied and loaded vehicles and equipment on the Liberty ship "Webb Miller" on 2 June 1944. The detachment then at 1500 hours 3 June 1944 boarded a train for CARDIFF, WALES where they boarded the "Webb Miller".

They lay in the harbor until the early hours of 6 June 1944 when they pulled out for UTAH beach, Normandy, France.

III LANDING, ASSEMBLY AND MARCH TO OP AREA:

1. The parachute echelon left SALTBY airport at 2326 hours 5 June 1944, transported by the 50th Squadron, 314th Group, 9th Troop Carrier Command. They passed over the coast of France North of the Isle of Guernsey at 0158 hours, 6 June 1944 and flew into a cloud bank at altitude of 1200 feet with extremely rough air currents. They jumped at 0210 hours. The chutists found themselves landing knee deep in the flooded Merderet at (205880). Hampered by a high wind which billowed out chutes and dragged some of them under water, they cut themselves loose, assisted others who needed help and assembled under Captain Whitley. He sent out five scouts as scout to contact a group of our men who had landed somewhat farther east and the group moved toward the blue light which served as an assembly point, on the far side of the river. Three channels of deep water were negotiated under sporadic machine gun fire by Capt. Whitley's expedient of using parachute suspension lines as guide lines. They passed the spot where the equipment had landed but it had sunk to the bottom of one of the deeper channels and could not be raised. Half way toward the assembly area, the blue light disappeared and the group then made for high ground and took cover on the

left bank of the river, there joining elements of 501, 506, 507, and 508th Parachute Infantrys under command of Col. Lindquist, CO 508th Parachute Infantry. Artillery detachment minus 4 enlisted men who were missing were assigned duty of rear guard for the composite force which then moved North on Railroad at 0430, 6 June with the intention of forcing the crossing of the Merderet River at 314956. The advance element of the composite force drew enemy fire at 318957. The column moved off the road and organized for assault on above strong point at 0600 hours. The men of the artillery detachment were organized into a section under Capt. Whitley's command with Lt Shockley commanding the 1st Squad and Lt. Sullivan the 2nd. Heavy resistance was met and the attempt to force this strong point failed. The force fell back east to the same bridge reorganized and moved south about 400 yards to a secondary road, drove west again and was stopped again at the same strong point. It was now approximately 1000 hours. At this point a runner from the 505 Prcht. Inf. reported in with orders from Division Headquarters for Division Artillery to report to Col. March at the Div. Arty CP at 534964. Permission for this was given by Col. Lindquist at 1230 hours. The detachment reported to Col. March at 1330 hours.

M/Sgt Vlasak landed in the Merderet River at approximately 305988 and had trouble getting out of his harness. When he did he cut two other men loose from their harness who were calling for help, then with Pfc Morgan, they began looking for equipment. At this time the next wave of paratroopers jumped all around. They were calling for help all around so Sgt. Vlasak and Morgan went as many loose from their harness as they could find then moved to the shallow water on the west bank of the river where they found Col. Schlesinger and a little while later Pfc. Matulavich. They reported to Gen. Gavin who was trying to drive west. Enemy resistance was too strong so at 0730 hours they crossed the river to the RR track moved south to La Fiere where the 1st Bn 507th Prcht Inf had a CP. At 1200 hours they participated in a fight for the bridge at 313957. Here they found out where the Division CP was. Learning that Lt Shockley was there, Sgt. Vlasak with his detachment of 3, reported in at 1500 hours. This accounted for the entire parachute echelon with no injuries or losses in either jump or assault.

2. Colonel March and the Battalion advance Glider parties landed 6 June at 0500 hours in the western outskirts of St. Mere Eglise. They assembled and marched to the Division CP which was approximately one mile west of the town. Of the second element of the Glider echelon, the Horsa commanded by Capt. Raibl met heavy ground fire, cut loose, and made a perfect landing at 2305 hours at 352988 approximately ½ mile west of Sandienville or about 3 miles north and slightly west of the planned LZ. The detachment was almost immediately challenged by a lost patrol of 10 paratroopers from the 502 Prcht Inf. This patrol reported that there were no Germans in the double hedgerow due west. Capts. Hufford and Boyse scouted the hedgerow. When fire from the east became too heavy to continue unloading the detachment moved into the double hedgerow on the west of the field. At 2315 a glider crashed into the hedgerow at 350984. This glider was almost completely demolished and immediately upon landing drew small arms fire from the hedgerow on the west. The pilot was mortally wounded. This detachment turned out to be 12 men.

from the 319th Glider FA Bn. The NCO in charge was contacted and the men joined Hq Fifty Div Arty in the double hedgerow. Since there was now a heavy cross fire from both east and west, approximately 35 officers and men dug in.

At 0115 hours 7 June 1944 the outpost on the north side of the hedgerow challenged Major Hart from the other Horsa in the first element. It was learned that this Horsa had landed under the same circumstances and at the same time as the first one. The 10 men and 5 officers commanded by Lt Col Smiley were all accounted for and uninjured. Major Hart reported Germans movin back and forth between Bandienville and Neuville-au-Plain on the secondary road to the north of our position. It was decided that Lt Col Smiley's detachment would defend the north end of the hedgerow and become the rear guard in the event movement to the South was possible.

At approximately 0230 the enemy searched the position with fire from the south but did not attack because a Jeep and detachment of 6 Officers and men commanded by Capt John Manning, 319th Glider FA Bn, moving west toward Neuville-au-Plain just north of the main road, presented a better target. This detachment retired northward, was challenged by the outpost on the south end of the defensive position and admitted, Capt Manning and two glider pilots of this detachment were severely wounded and were unable to walk. One enlisted man was shot through the shoulder. First Aid was rendered. The time was now 0315.

At 0330 the Glider pilot Tom F. Atkinson died.

At this time it was known that the position was surrounded, defensive positions were improved to make any attack on the enemy as costly as possible.

At 0430 enemy scouts worked up from the south. One was killed, the other escaped.

At 0515 the Germans put in a 15 minute mortar and artillery preparation. The mortar fire was inaccurate and the artillery height of burst was too high to be effective.

At 0532 a German First Lt came in through the outpost but was killed before he could do any damage. There were scunds of heavy fighting to the south all morning.

At approximately 1500 the outpost on the north end of the sector spotted a company of Americans moving toward Neuville-au-Plain from the direction of Bandienville. Capt Pahl covered by S/Sgt Bussmann and Pvt Thalen made approximately 200 yds in their direction when the Germans attacked. The unidentified American Infantry Company was driven back into Bandienville before contact could be established.

At approximately 1500 hours, German tanks were spotted in the orchards immediately west of the position. They were almost immediately engaged by American Shermans. The battle raged back and forth until dark. An attempt to attract the attention of the tanks resulted in being fired upon.

At 1800 a German private was captured on the north end of the sector by S/Sgt Nussbaum and Pvt Whalen.

At approximately 1700 the Americans who had been driven to Pandienville, counterattacked with a Pn this time. They by-passed Neuville-au-Plain to the north Major Hart covered by Pvts Whalen and Wiedenhoft contacted their rear guard. He found it was an element of the 12th Inf, 4th Inf Div and was advised to hold tight for the time being since other members of the 4th Inf Div, the 8th Inf were pushing up from the south.

Just before dark the men were very tired and sleepy. It was decided to shorten the sector for the night so more men could rest.

At daylight 8 June 1944 an attempt to contact the American tanks believed to be in the orchards on the west only drew sniper fire.

At about 0830 a platoon of Americans were spotted in the orchards where the tanks had been. Capts. Raibl and Morse covered by the entire detachment crossed the field; captured 2 German privates and found a wounded American paratrooper enroute; and established contact with the Americans. This turned out to be the advance from the south by the 8th Inf of the 4th Inf Div. expected the evening before. Information gained was to the effect that except for snipers and mines the road to St Mere Eglise was open.

The detachment prepared to move, moved out and reported to the Div Arty CP at 334964 at 1300 hours 8 June 1944.

The third glider (CG4) of the second element commanded by Lt Col Bertsch made a good landing at approximately 365976 which turned out to be a little over 2 miles northeast of the LZ. The time was 2315, 6 June 1944. Many other gliders of the same serial landed about. Enemy artillery fire was coming in from the northwest. Lt Col. Bertsch, being the senior officer started the assembly and organization of the gliders which consisted mostly of officers and men of the 319th Glider FA Bn. He went northwest on reconnaissance and contacted members of the 12th Inf, 4th Inf Div at RJ 354980. Here he found out where he was and also that St Mere Eglise was surrounded by enemy. He also found out where the 12th Inf CP was. He moved back to the assembly area and led the same 200 officers and men out on the St Mere Eglise-Neuville-au-Plain road which was blocked by wrecked gliders at several points. Proceeding around these road blocks, they marched toward Neuville-au-Plain, turned right at CR 369983 and proceeded southeast. It was later found out that the CR was a German Strongpoint. The Germans probably respecting the size of the approaching unit, did not fire. Col Bertsch bivouaked the detachment at 381974 and proceeded to the 12th Inf CP at CR 398958 arriving there at daybreak 7 June 1944. He got the situation and returned to the bivouac area.

During that morning he sent a recon party by a southerly route to just north of Chef-du-Pont, where they met Major Todd, CO 319th Glider FA Bn and guided him back to the bivouac area. During the afternoon Col Bertsch accompanied by Major Todd tried to move to St Mere Eglise but were stopped by a German road block just north of

Chef-du-Pont. They moved back to the bivouac area. In the morning of the 8th the detachment moved west through St Mere Eglise where the 319th continued on southwest and into position. Col Sertsch with his own glider load moved to the CP, arriving there at 1330. This accounted for all members of the first element of the glider echelon.

The third element of the glider echelon met heavy ground fire at Ecoquenouville (372953) cut loose and landed in the field at 374958 just south of Turqueville at 0700, June 7 1944. This was approximately 1½ miles northeast of the planned LZ. The pilot of the glider commanded by 1st Sgt Costanian, was shot through the leg before landing; the co-pilot was also shot through the leg immediately upon landing. The left wheel of the CG4 collapsed and the tail was smashed by another glider. When the enemy supplemented his machine gun fire with mortars 1st Sgt Costanian and his men made a dash for the nearest hedgerow. Pvt Fields stayed with the wounded glider officers rendering first aid. 1st Sgt Costanian then led his detachment (less Pvt Fields) down the hedgerow toward the three way road intersection at 374959, to establish contact with the others.

The glider commanded by Lt French made a perfect landing in the same field but had one wing knocked off immediately by another glider. No one was injured. Lt French led his detachment to the corner formed by the hedgerow and roads at 374959.

The glider commanded by S/Sgt Sergeant in landing lost a wing when it hit Lt French's glider. No one was injured. Sgt Sergeant and detachment joined Lt French.

At this point the glider commanded by Capt Johnson was unaccounted for. Enemy small arms and mortar fire from Turqueville became so heavy that Lt French moved the detachment south west until he struck another secondary road. Here in reorganizing he found that T/5 Cummings and Pfc Kroer were missing. During the reorganization a German sneaked in and threw a hand grenade in the ditch the detachment was in, injuring 1st Sgt Costanian, S/Sgt Sergeant, T/5 Katz and Pvt Livengood. Another German was killed by Pvt Livengood. About this time the detachment was joined by a glider load from the 319th Glider FA Bn. Lt. French did not know in which direction friendly troops were so he decided to deploy his men and see what would happen. Another German was killed by one of the glider pilots. At about 1000 hours enemy mortar fire became more intense so leaving Pvts Cash and Vollenberg with the seriously wounded, S/Sgt Sergeant, T/5 Katz and Pvt Livengood, Lt French moved the detachment westward. After working their way through many fields they managed to capture 4 Germans at about 1200 who told them the Americans were south. They worked south and at 1300 established contact with a company of the 8th Infantry from the 4th Inf Div. They were conducted to the Regimental rendezvous area back in the vicinity of Ecoquenouville. In the meantime the 8th Inf had taken Turqueville and had evacuated T/5 Katz, Pvt Livengood and the wounded pilot and co-pilot. S/Sgt Sergeant had recovered sufficiently from his wounds by the time the 8th took Turqueville (time 1300) to get a jeep and trailer unloaded. He with Pvts Cash, Fields and Vollenberg were in the rendezvous area when Lt French arrived.

This accounted for the third glider element with the exception

of the glider commanded by Capt Johnson and T/5 Cummings and Pfc. Kroer. Lt French moved the detachment through St Mere Eglise to the Div Arty CP reporting the last element there at 2200 hours 7 June.

When Lt French moved the detachment south west from the road intersection at 374959 T/5 Cummings and Pfc Kroer had crawled down the road toward Turqueville and into a machine gun nest manned by 6 Germans. They crawled back to the intersection and called to the detachment on the other side of the hedgerow but the detachment had moved off. While they were deciding what to do Germans suddenly appeared with their guns on them. Cummings and Kroer came out with their hands up and found that there were 8 Germans led by a second Lt. They were conducted to a house in Turqueville where they were searched. All their equipment was removed including helmets, canteen and webbing. Cummings had a compass in his hip pocket which was overlooked. They were marched through a room which contained both American and German wounded, into a room which already held 14 paratroopers from both the 82d and 101st Divisions.

The American attack was moving up from the south. As the firing became more intense the Germans started grumbling among themselves that they wanted to quit before they all got killed. Their Captain cursed the and made them fight on. When the attack became too strong the German Captain gave the order to cease firing, but the deployed machine gunners never heard it because of the noise. The Germans around the building came in and surrendered to the American prisoners. Cummings, Kroer and other Americans started waving field jackets out of the windows. The firing died down to an occasional shot so they marched the German prisoners out in the yard. A Lt Col with some men from the 8th Inf. 4th Div came up and took over. Some 200 German prisoners were picked up around the town and surrounding woods.

A En Commander from the 8th Inf ordered Cummings and Kroer together with the other former prisoners to conduct the German prisoners to the beach. This was at 1300. They arrived at UTAH beach at 1700 and turned their prisoners over to MP's. They rested over night and on the morning of the 8th caught rides to the Div Arty CP, arriving there at 1200.

The glider commanded by Capt Johnson made a perfect landing at 360935 at 1700 hours 7 June 1944. This was the only glider out of the entire organization which landed at the planned LZ.

They unloaded their vehicle, pulled out on the St Mere Eglise-Blosville Rd and moved toward St Mere Eglise to the planned assemble area. Due to the battle for St Mere Eglise which was in progress he had to come back south. They went to CR 362933 where Col Lewis was setting up a CP.

Capt Johnson then went through the entire area looking for the other three gliders, but could not find them.

Late in the afternoon, all troops in the area moved out toward the Div CP by way of Chef-du-Pont, under the command of Col Lewis. The group went into bivouac just north of Chef-du-Pont and spent the night.

At about 0800 hours 8 June, Capt Johnson reported to the CP with his detachment after crossing over secondary roads from the Chef-du-Pont St Mere Eglise Highway to the main road running west from St Mere-Eglise. This accounted for the entire second element of the Glider Echelon.

The Horsa commanded by Lt Millington which took off from RAMSBURY at 1905 hours 6 June 1944, landed at 345952 near Coquerie at 2115 hours. This was about 1 mile north west of the LZ. In landing the skid came through the floor and pinned the jeep against the fuselage so that it had to be chopped out later.

There was no enemy fire directed at the glider so the tail was removed and everyone went to work trying to extricate the jeep. At 2300 the enemy moved in with small arms and mortar fire from the south. Lt Millington decided to hide all movable equipment in a hedgerow and move his small detachment northwest. After dodging Germans until 0300 hours, they found themselves on the Chef-du-Pont- St Mere Eglise Highway at 339949. Here they decided to rest until daylight. At 0730 they contacted and attached themselves to a composite Parachute Inf force and moved toward St Mere Eglise with them. Upon finding out from the Inf commander where the Division Artillery CP was, Lt Millington detached himself and reported to the CP at 0830.

When Lt Col Bertsch and his detachment reported at 1330 hours 8 June 1944 the entire glider echelon had been accounted for.

3. The Seaborne Echelon arrived at UTAH beach at daylight 7 June 1944. During the night 7-8 the beach was bombed but the "Webb Miller" was not hit.

June 8th

The entire headquarters, less the seaborne echelon, was assembled at the Division CP at coordinates (355965), one mile west of Ste. Mere Eglise. The 319th FA BN was in position east of Chef du Pont on support of the 507th and 508th Parachute Inf Rgts. The 320th FA Bn was in position 1/4 mile south of the Division CP in support of the 505th Parachute Inf Rgt and the 325th Glider Inf. On the afternoon of the 8th, the 87th Armored FA Bn was relieved from attachment to the division for attachment to the 101st A/B Div Arty. The 319th FA Bn had seven howitzers in operation, while the 320th FA Bn had five. Meanwhile, though the enemy was shelling the Utah beach, the 456th FA Bn (less Btry C) was landed during the afternoon and bivouacked near the beach that night. One truck from Div Arty Hq Btry was unloaded at the beach, was dewaterproofed and despatched to General Howell.

June 9th

The hq were with Div CP west of Ste. Mere Eglise. At 0720 hours, Major d'Alessio, CO 456th FA, reported to the CP and was taken on reconnaissance by the Arty CO and the Bn (less Btry C) ordered into position west of Neuville au Plain in direct support of the 505th Parachute Inf Rgt. 320th were ordered to displace north to positions west of 456th. Groupment was formed of 320th and 456th under CO of 320th to support 505th and 325th in the attack at La Fiere. During this period the 4th Division was passing thru our lines to the north and communication was established with the 4th Div Arty. The 90th Division was also passing thru our area to the west and northwest, and their artillery supported us. Liaison officer from 90th Div Arty reported to our CP. At 1800 hours the seaborne echelon of Div Arty Hq Btry reported in to the CP.

June 10th

With Div CP west of Ste. Mere Eglise. The groupment of the 320th FA and the 456th FA (less Btry C) continued to support the 505th Inf and 325th Inf which were preparing to move in the direction of Le Ham. Both bns fired several thousand rounds -- mainly interdiction and harassing fires with some counterbattery and personnel targets. The 319th FA remained in support of the 508th Inf and 507th Inf along the Merderet, doing practically no firing. By this time the 319th had eight (8) howitzers (1 from the 456th section attached to the 505th in the assault) and the 320th FA had assembled nine (9) howitzers. 915th FA (90th Div) was attached to Div Arty reinforcing the fires of the 320th groupment.

On June 10th both of the liaison planes that had landed on the morning of the 9th with the seaborne echelons of the 319th and 320th FA were assembled and commenced flying missions for the 320th and 456th from a field 1/2 mile south of Ste. Mere Eglise.

June 11th

CP remained in the same location. The 320th FA and 456th FA continued

to support the 505th Inf (2nd Bn 325th att) in their attack which took Le Ham and vicinity. 456th displaced forward in morning to follow attack. Both Bns fired many missions for the 90th Division which passed through our positions to the west and which called for support from our artillery on many occasions. The 319th Bn remained in position in vicinity of Chef du Pont while the 507, 508, and 325 Infantry Regiments continued to reorganize along the Merderet and did no firing. The 915th F.A. Battalion (90th Division) was relieved from attachment to the 82nd Division Artillery at 0600 hours. "C" Battery, 456th FA having landed on Utah beach the previous evening, joined the battalion at 1200 hours, June 12th.

June 12th

The 505th Infantry with 2nd Battalion 325th attached continued to clean up the Le Ham area, and the 456th FA remained in direct support. With the 508th regiment preparing to force a crossing of the Douve at Beuzeville le Bastille, the 320th FA displaced to (297929) at 1330 hours. During the morning the 319th was displaced to west of the Merderet River and went into position north of Beuzeville. At 1800 hours the 188th FA Battalion (155 How) was attached to Division Artillery from VII Corps and was ordered to go into position near le Feirage (298934) to support the 508th attack.

June 13th

319th, 320th and 188th battalions fired a preparation in support of the 508th Infantry crossing of the Douve to the South from Beuzeville, starting at 0155 and lasting until 0245. At 0322 the forward C.P. was closed and the forward echelon returned to the C.P. The bulk of the preparation was fired by the 188th FA who expended 1160 rounds, with the 319th and 320th expending 420 and 300 rounds respectively. The 90th Division Artillery also reinforced the fires of the 82nd Division Artillery.

The 456th FA was relieved, with the 505th Infantry, in the le Ham area when the 90th Division took over this sector at 0830 hours. The 456th was ordered to displace to positions North of Picauville and eventually closed in that area at approximately 1800 hours. The Division Artillery C.P. started displacing forward to the area East of Etienville at 1300 hours, with the Division C.P.

By 1800 hours the 508th had taken its objectives of Baupte and Cretteville, and the 319th FA Battalion displaced to the area South of the Douve river.

Preparations were made for the Division and Corps attack to the West from Etienville - per F.O. #7, Headquarters 82nd, scheduled to start on the 14th.

Word was received at 1300 hours that Lt A.W. Brown, Ln. plane pilot, was killed in a crash on takeoff.

June 14th

On June 14th the attack started toward St. Sauveur and the Douve River with three divisions abreast, 90th, 9th and 82nd from right to left. Liaison was established with each - the 9th Div Arty and 90th Div Arty.

With two regiments attacking abreast, 507th on right, 325th on the left, the 456th FA was placed in direct support of the 507th and the 320th in direct support of the 325th. The 319th remained with the 508th Inf holding the bridgehead south of the Douve. The 188th FA was in general support. The 320th FA expended approximately 400 rounds, the 456th FA 1100 rounds, the 188th 700 rounds, while the 319th fired 600 rounds.

In the early morning, word was received that the 87th Armoured FA Bn was attached to the Div Arty. It was placed in position north of Etienville, but did not fire until the morning of the 15th.

June 15th

The 505th Inf relieved the 507th in the attack to the west, and the 507th relieved the 508th in the Cretteville sector, resulting in the 456th directly supporting the 505th Inf and the 319th being in direct support of the 507th. The 87th Armored FA reinforced the fires of the 320th FA in direct support of the 325th Inf while the 188th FA remained in general support. The attack to the west met increasing resistance, and all bns in support of it fired numerous missions. Expenditures of ammunition were as follows:

320th FA	1750 rds
456th FA	1500 rds
87th FA	1000 rds
188th FA	550 rds

The 320th displaced forward to positions west of Etienville, and the 456th moved to positions northwest of Etienville. The displacement of the CP with the Div CP was delayed during the day by enemy resistance and finally completed at about 2400 hours to a position west of Etienville at coordinates (257933).

June 16

On June 16th the attack was continued westward toward St. Sauveur. Due to the fluid condition of the lines, no preparation fires were scheduled, and all firing was on call. In the early hours of the morning the enemy was routed and put into a disorganized retreat. At about 1130 hours enemy was observed pouring through the town of St. Sauveur le Vicomte, and all battalions able massed their fires on the town. At our request, all available Corps artillery joined in a "serenade" on the town.

At about 1300 hours our troops crossed the Douve and entered the town. While the 456th, 320th and 87th FA bn displaced during the afternoon to positions immediately east of St. Sauveur, the 188th FA bn and Corps Arty covered the area west of the town with interdictory fire. The 188th FA later displaced to the vicinity of Renouf. Additional fire on targets beyond the town was also furnished by the adjacent 9th Div Arty.

At 1830 hours, the 172nd FA Bn, 4.5 inch guns, was attached to the division artillery and placed in position immediately east of St. Sauveur.

June 16 (Cont'd)

At 1900 hours, five (5) of the arty liaison planes reached the area, having flown from the base in the United Kingdom. Since the death of Lt. Brown on June 13th, operations had been conducted with only one (1) organic plane, Lt. Roberts, pilot, plus those of attached artillery units.

During the day the 319th FA remained in direct support of the 507th Inf in the Cretteville Sector.

By this time replacement howitzers had been received for the glider bns and both the 319th and 320th fired on the 16th with twelve (12) howitzers.

June 17th

By the morning of June 17th the bridgehead of 300 yds beyond St. Sauveur was securely held, and mopping up operations continued during the day. The 508th Inf minus the 3rd Bn commenced taking a portion of this bridgehead from the 325th and the 456th remained in direct support of the two. The 9th Div started passing thru this bridgehead early in the morning and by dusk were reported to have reached the west coast of the peninsula. Light opposition was encountered but support of our division artillery with attached units was called for on Hill 110, after which it was easily taken. Concentrations were fired by our medium arty on St. Sauveur, le Pierre Pont.

During the afternoon the 320th FA, 87th FA and 188th FA bns were pulled back to positions in the vicinity of Etienville to support the attack of the 325th Inf against the Douve at this point. During the entire day the observation planes were active, successfully observing fire on numerous targets west and south of the Douve.

June 18th

Preparations were continued for the attack south across the Douve from Etienville. The 456th continued to support Force A (505 Inf and 508th Inf less 1st Bn) in the St. Sauveur de Vicomte bridgehead, reinforced by the 172nd FA. In accordance with FO #7, Hq 82nd A/B Div Force B (325 RCT) attacked after dark, preceded by a 15 minute preparation of the 320th, 87th, and 188th FA Bns. Force C (1st Bn 507th supported by 319th FA) attacked westward from the Cretteville sector at the same time. Corps arty fired a number of interdictory and counterbattery missions on targets south of the immediate objective. Firing on call, in advance of the attack, continued throughout the night by all units in the sector.

June 19th

By midmorning of the 19th, the 325th Inf had reached its objective immediately north of Pretot and extended its lines to the Bois de Limors late in the day. At 1100 hours the 182nd was relieved from attachment. Preparations were made to displace the arty in support of Force "B" across the Douve. During the afternoon and evening the 319th and the 320th FA Bns moved to positions near La Maresquerie.

The 320th FA Bn was placed in support of the 505th Inf from positions near La Maresquerie with the 319th FA Bn in direct support of the 325th. At 1500 hours the 87th FA bn fired a small quantity of propaganda shells on the town of Pretot.

June 20th

The CP displaced withthe Div CP across the river to the vicinity of coordinates (273913, closing in the new area at 1000 hours.

The 456th FA was relieved from support of Force "A" in the St. Sauveur sector and occupied new positions near La Maresquerie at 1000 hours, in direct support of the 507th and 508th Infantry regiments.

During the afternoon the 90th Division started moving in on the left of the 82nd A/B Division and this headquarters sent a liaison officer to the 90th Div Arty.

During the entire day firing was light. Air reconnaisance by our liaison planes was active.

June 21st

456th FA Bn made recon for positions farther forward and later in the day, moved one howitzer forward to register from the position in preparation for a move after dark. 319th and 320th FA Bns made reconnaissance for new positions. 87th Armd FA moved to position near Pont l'Abbe.

The 90th Div continued moving in on our left.

This day brought a definite change in the morale and activity of the enemy. Patrol activity showed a sharp, aggressive increase, resistance to our patrolling increased decidedly and expenditures of mortar and arty ammunition increased.

Reconnaissance by our liaison planes was active. Our own fire was light with a total ammunition expenditure of all battalions 950 rounds. Battalions were restricted to one third unit of fire.

June 22nd

The division continued in its holding mission, while the enemy continued his aggressive patrolling and strengthening of his OPL. His arty was active, firing interdiction on roads and bridge across the Douve River, and harrassing fire in the CP area.

1st Bn 505th Prcht Inf moved to the west edge of Bois de Limors. Our operations consisted of regrouping of units and consolidation of lines.

Our arty fire increased slightly, with Div Arty firing a total of five counter-battery missions. The liaison planes continued a constant surveillance.

The 319th FA Bn continued in direct support of 507th Prcht Inf, the 320th FA Bn in support of 325th Inf,, and 1st Bn 508th Prcht Inf and the 456th FA Bn in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf and 508th Prcht Inf with 87th Armd FA in general support and reinforcing fires of the 456th FA, 188th FA in general support of Division.

June 23rd

Except for two sharp local actions engaged in by two recon parties of the 505th

June 23rd (Cont'd)

Prcht Inf, the period was relatively quiet. The enemy continued his harrassing and interdiction fire.

The 87th Armd FA fired some propaganda shells on Varingquebec and Hill 131 - results were unknown. Division Arty fired a total of eighteen counter battery missions. Bns still restricted to one third unit of fire. 359th Inf, 90th Div., commenced relief of 507th Prcht Inf and the 319th FA was notified that they would be relieved of direct support of 507th and placed in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. 456th FA remained in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf and 87th Armd FA was relieved of reinforcing 456th FA Bn.

June 24th

The 319th FA was relieved of direct support of 507th Prcht Inf and went to direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. One platoon of the 607 TD Bn., attached to the 80th AA Bn, went into position to fire harrassing fire for Div Arty.

G-2, VIII Corps, reported 500 enemy troops in woods north of St. Sauveur le Vicomte. A reconnaissance platoon was attached to the 87th Armd FA for their protection until the report could be definitely verified.

The period was relatively quiet, with the enemy firing small arms, mortars and artillery at sporadic intervals. Both sides patrolled aggressively. The 87th Armd FA attempted to set the woods at northeast base of Hill 131 on fire with WP shells, but the attempt failed.

June 25th

The period was relatively quiet, fire being primarily of counterbattery nature. 456th FA remained in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. 319th FA in support of 508th Prcht Inf, 320th FA in support of 325th Inf and 87th Armd FA and 188th FA in general support.

The 87th Armd FA fired some propaganda shells southwest of Pretot, with unknown results. Ammunition expenditure still restricted to one third unit of fire. Total expenditure by Div Arty for the period was 1459 rounds.

June 26th

Division Arty participated in a simulated attack from 0730 to 0800 per VIII Corps orders, using one sixth unit of fire per weapon - no movement by units. Enemy reacted with automatic weapons, mortar, and artillery fire along Division front. There was only occasional mortar and arty fire during remainder of the period. The enemy made extensive use of self-propelled and roving guns. The remainder of our fire for the period consisted primarily of harrassing and interdiction type fire.

No change in positions or supporting missions. Total ammunition expenditure was 1769 rounds. Our liaison planes maintained constant surveillance.

June 27th

Division Arty lost two liaison planes in the early morning. One plane with pilot and observer from the 87th Arm'd FA Bn was hit by a projectile from one of our own infantry mortars. Both officers were killed in a crash landing. The other plane,

June 27th (Cont'd)

with a pilot and observer from the 320th FA, apparently failed on take-off. Both officers were killed.

Missions fired were primarily interdiction and harrassing. Enemy fire normal during day, but increased somewhat during early evening.

No change in battalion support missions. Liaison planes were grounded the latter part of the day because of inclement weather.

June 28th

The day was relatively quiet, the enemy firing small arms and mortars sporadically. His arty fire was fairly brisk in the afternoon, with several rounds falling near the CP.

There was no wide variations in our firing, the missions consisting primarily of counterbattery and fire on assembly areas. Total ammunition expenditure for the day was 1498 rounds. 456th FA continued in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf, 319th FA in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf and 320th FA in direct support of 325th Inf. and 87th Armd FA and 188th FA remained general support.

June 29th

The sector remained generally quiet, with only sporadic small arms, mortar and artillery fire by the enemy. Our own fire was light, with an expenditure of only 1080 rounds for the day.

The 87th Armd FA and 188th FA made reconnaissance for positions across the Douve River. The 188th FA chose positions near La Meslinerie and one howitzer was moved to the position late in the day.

Forces from the Cherbourg area were reorganizing for an effort against the enemy.

June 30th

This period was unusually quiet, with only sporadic arty shelling thruout the day.

The 79th Inf Div moved in on our right for the VIII Corps effort to the South. This hq sent a liaison officer to the 79th Div Arty.

Btries A and B, 188th FA displaced to positions southeast of La Meslinerie. Btry "C" remained in position north of the Douve River.

The support missions of the bns remained the same.

July 1st

The period was generally quiet, with only light enemy small arms, mortar and arty fire. He began employing an arty piece of heavier caliber than used heretofore.

The 188th FA completed their displacement. The 333rd FA, 155 mm howitzers from VIII Corps, moved into the positions vacated by the 188th FA and took over their

July 1st (Cont'd)

fire to conceal the fact that they had displaced. A liaison officer from the bn reported to our CP.

Our activity was slight, while plans were being completed to put FO #8 in effect.

July 2nd

This period was relatively quiet, with sporadic small arms and machine gun fire, scattered harrassing and counter battery fire by the enemy. Our own fire was comparatively light, consisting primarily of counterbattery missions.

The 87th FA fired propaganda leaflets on Hill 131 and Varinquebec, and reported 5 prisoners of war as the result.

The 79th Division Arty sent a liaison officer to our hq and the officer we sent there was relieved.

The CO called a meeting of all Bn COs, Execs and S-3s to discuss the execution of FO 8. The Division was to attack with regiments abreast in order from left to right, 325th Glider Inf, 507th Prcht Inf, 508th Prcht Inf, 505th Prcht Inf, with the mission of seizing Hill 131 and assembling in the vicinity of La Haye du Puits. 456th FA in direct support of 505th Inf, 319th in direct support of 508th Inf, 320th FA in direct support of 325th Inf and 507th Prcht Inf (less 2nd Bn while detached), 87th Armd FA (Less B Btry) in general support and with B Btry reinforcing fires of 320th FA Bn. 188th in general support. Co. "D", 86th Chemical Bn was placed under control of Div Arty, to be in support of 505th Inf. H hour was to be 030630 July.

The 319th FA and 456th FA were directed to move one piece forward to vicinity of Bois de Limors, for registration in preparation for bn displacements under cover of darkness. These bns displaced at approximately 2200 hours, other bns remaining in position.

July 3rd

VIII Corps Artillery sent a liaison officer to our headquarters to coordinate supporting fires by Corps.

The 87th Armored FA was requested to mark targets for the Air Corps, but due to bad weather, all air support was cancelled. The Division jumped off at 0630 hours. By 0830 hours, the 456th FA had a forward observer on Hill 131, and by 0920, the Hill was in our hands. The driving rain had made it difficult for the tanks supporting the 325th Infantry to maneuver; at 1035, this regiment committed its reserve battalion. At 1230, the 2d battalion, 508th Prcht. Inf. reached their final objective, as had the 2d battalion of the 507th Inf. By 1345, all battalions of the 505th Inf. were on their objective, and at 1450, the 508th Inf. had reached its objective.

The CO's of the 319th FA, 320th FA, and 456th FA were directed to make reconnaissance for new positions farther forward. The 456th FA and 319th FA displaced to positions vicinity of Varinquebec.

The regimental boundaries were changed by swinging the 505th and 508th Prcht. Inf. to the south in order to relieve the 325th Inf.

The division had advanced considerably beyond the divisions on each flank, and it was necessary to go into defensive positions for the night. All artillery battalions prepared schedules of defensive fires.

Total ammunition expenditure for the day was 7,227 rounds.

July 4th

The division resumed the attack at 0800. The enemy put up a very stubborn defense on Hill 95 and the ridge to the east. An artillery serenade was fired on a strong point that had repulsed three attacks by the 508th Parachute Infantry. VIII Corps Arty provided eight battalions in addition to our own. At 1230, Hill 95 was reported to be in our hands.

The 320th FA displaced to a position in vicinity of la TOURNERIE. At 2000 hours, 2nd Bn 507th Parachute Inf, went through the 508th Parachute Infantry in an effort to take the ridge east of Hill 95. The Bn was attached to the 508th Inf and the 319th FA was in direct support. At 2300, the 2nd Bn, 507th Inf, reached their objective.

July 5th

At 0930 hours, the 508th Inf was reported on its objective. The enemy made a counter-attack and was repulsed. The 8th Div Arty made reconnaissance for positions from which to reinforce our fires. Their mission was changed, however, and they went into support of the 90th Div Arty. At approximately 1200 hours, the 3rd Bn, 507th Inf, was reported on the ridge in front of their final objective. The 456th FA was given the mission of general support and reinforcing the fires of the 319th FA Bn. Our targets for this period consisted of enemy strong points, troop concentrations, troop movements and enemy artillery. Total ammunition expenditure for the day was 2733 rounds.

July 6

Our artillery fired interdiction on the main highway leading South from La Haye du Puits and later into the city on targets of opportunity. The enemy maintained only light contact except during early morning and early evening hours. Our fire again was primarily on targets of opportunity and enemy artillery. The Division operations consisted of improving defensive positions along Division line, and patrolling to front and flanks. The VIII Corps Arty liaison officer was relieved of further duty at our headquarters.

July 7

The 505th Parachute Inf was assigned the Division right flank with the 506th Parachute Inf in reserve. The 507th Parachute Inf was assigned the left flank with the 325th Glider Inf in reserve. The 456th FA was placed in direct support of the 505th Parachute Inf and 319th FA in direct support of the 507th Parachute Infantry. The 320th FA and 188th FA were placed in general support. At 0840, the division had cleared Hill 95. At 1200 hours, the 188th FA reverted to 79th FA Group, but remained in general support of the Division temporarily. The 87th Armored FA Bn was relieved from control of this Hq as of 1200, and released to 8th Division Arty. Liaison officers from both the 188th FA and 87th Armored FA departed.

July 8

The Division occupied a strictly defensive position. Our Arty prepared to fire defensive fires for the 90th Division on call. The liaison officer from the 79th Div Arty was relieved and called back to his unit. The 8th Inf Div passed thru our lines, and upon the passage of the 8th Div. this Division reverted to Corps reserve as of 0700 hours, keeping its forward regiments in a defensive position, including outpost line of resistance. Our Bns. participated in a Corps serenade- the target was infantry assembling. The total ammo expenditure was 189 rounds.

July 9

The period was very quiet. Our art fired in support of the 90th and 8th Divisions. Defensive lines were maintained, and isolated pockets behind friendly lines were cleaned out.

July 10

Bn commanders were directed to call bn liaison officers and FO's and take in lines established to OPs. Our liaison officer to the 90th Div Arty was relieved and called back to this Hq. One observer from each bn was directed to remain at the Cub airfield.

July 11

Inf units were relieved from the line as of 0800. The Arty Bn.

commanders were directed to assemble their bns. Equipment, other than personal and CP was turned in and the CP equipment was prepared for shipment to the UK. At 2130 hours, the first detachment entrucked and departed for bivouac area on UTAH beach arriving there at 2400.

July 12

The first detachment embarked on an LST and sailed for the UK. The second detachment entrucked at 1300 hours and departed for bivouac area on UTAH beach.

July 13th

The first detachment debarked at Southampton and entrained for Leicester at approximately 1900. The second detachment loaded on an LST at 2330 hours and sailed for the United Kingdom.

July 14th

First detachment detrained at Leicester at 0230, entrucked for base camp at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England, and arrived at 0330. The second detachment debarked at 1530 hours at Southampton, and entrained at 2130 hours, detrained at Leicester at 2330 hours.

July 15th

The second detachment arrived at base camp at Market Harborough at 0030 hours.

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2045		1	072015	Msg. fr 320th proceeding per plan 29.	F	
2121		2	2110	General Gavin requests fire at 305964. Given to 320th	M S	
	2255	3	2250	To It McKelvey fr Whitley, Requests report on wounded, dead, missing, wounded in hosp.		Status rpt. of det fr 456 that jumped fr 505 given to G-1
				8 June 44		
0014		1	071930	Msg fr 320th. 3rd gun in position ready to fire have 90 rounds.	F	
0611		2	071930	Submit G-4 daily rpt at once. This for 8 given to 319th		
	0659	3		Col March to 4th Div CP		
0940		4		Msg fr Maj. Ketterson subm. reports to Div & not force Hq. 4		
	0954	5		Lt French to Ordance		
0958		6		Col March returned fr 4th Div		
1014		7		Lt French returned fr Ord.		
1120		8		Capt Faibl, Capt Moyse, Pensler and men of Hq Btry came into CP at Coord 33489636 after having landed and been surrounded since approx 2300 hrs 6 June. Col Smiley, Maj Hart and Capt Hufford rpt some 2 or 3 hrs later having stopped at 8th Inf Regt CP.		
11[illegible]				Msg fr Div giving coord of Div cemetery.	N	
1[illegible]80		10		Col Ertsch & 2 EM rpt to CP	N	

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	1314	11		Col March to 320th	N	
1345		12		Col March rtr fr 320th.	N	
1355		13		Col Bertsch to 319th. returned shortly after.	N	
1405		14		Lt Cantwell of 87th Armd FA rpt in with 2 NCOs.	N	
1410		15		Div rpt that 508th area was either gassed or gas was on the way.	T	
	1430	16		Col Bertsch to 319th.	N	
1435		17		Col Winton brought msg fr 507th to fire at 1500. One btry fire prior to 1500.	N	
	1455	18		Lt French to Ammo dump	N	
1635		19		Col Bertsch retd with rpt fr 319th	N	
	1705	20		Capt Morse 87th Armd FA Bn departed for 101st A/B Div having been relieved fr 82nd.	N	
	1925	21		Col Bertsch to 4th Div	N	
	2030	22		Col Smiley to 320th	N	
	2045	23		Col March to 4th Div	N	
2100		24		Capt Monger 320th FA into CP.	N	
2125		25		Gen. Ridgway visted CP to find out about missions that were requested of 319th & 320th	N	
2130		26		Col Smiley ret. fr 320th	N	

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0720		1		Maj d'Alessio & Lt O'Neil 456th FA Bn rpt in to CP.	N	
	0730	2		Col March & Maj d'Alessio departed for recon	N	
0800		3		Gen Ridgway requested that Col March be sent for immediately		Done
0825		4		Col March ret.		
0520		5		325th called for fire on Amfreville at once tanks forming to counter attack Col Bertsch called 320th for concentration called 319th to see if they were in position to fire on same target coord 295988 Amfreville.	N-M	
0550		6		Two btrys rpt in postion to shoot.	M	
0550		7		Dazzle 4 called for F/O of 29th. F/O fr 9th rpt in Lt Lawrence fr 505 ret in. Lt Lasher fr 344th rpt in to get info on mission to be fired at 1030.	N	
	0930	8		Col March departed for fire mission. Gen Ridgway in CP.	N	
0924		9		4th Div in communication on 193 net.	S	
	0930	10		Col March out to Fwd CP for Fire Mission.	N	
0930		11		Gen Ridgway in to coord. laying wire & other details on fire mission at 1030. Div & Div Arty to work on wire.	N	
	0940	12		Tp msg to 4th Div Arty requesting all possible fire on RJ 308959 fr 1030 to 1035.	F	

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	1015	13		Tp msg fr S-3 to 320th that 319th will call on them for registering	F	
0935		14		Msg fr Div that enemy planes are using our mark. & to use caution in firing on low flying planes.	F	
0935		15		Col Raif fr Div to check on fire mission, departed immediately.		
	1100	16		Tp msg to 320th S-2 giving enemy situation West of the Merderet.	M	
1112		17		Tp msg fr Col March & given to 320th shift fire to left and throw in some smoke. Give 5 volleys and some of thatsmoke. Disregard and fire 500 yds beyond the RJ. Wanted interdictory fire.	N	
1130		18		Col March ret. to CP.	N	
1135		19		Lt Col fr 90th Div 345th Bn in to get information for more fire missions. He was given points to fire on Interdiction fire until 1200 hrs. (Lt Col Frank W. Norris)	N	
1137		20		Brig. Gen Palmer VII Corps Arty officer, into CP to confer with Col March, he asks that we do not call on 4th Div Arty, but to use 90th Div. Arty. as 4th has missions of their own. Gen is arranging with McKelvey to get two cubs tomorrow. Gen. Palmer departed at 1145.	N	
1148		21		Msg fr Lt Ohlsend-they have the bridge & wants F/O to go across the bridge. This msg given to S33 of 320th.		Given to Div. 2 & 3.

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1155		22		320th rep. they are firing missions for Capt. Chandler.	N	
1205		23		345th rep. they put 288 rds. on first mission at 1000 to 1030. Lt Col Norris and Capt Huckelby at CP.	N	
1210		24		Lt Col Winecke G-3 in to find out about releasing 4th Div. Arty.		
	1225	25		Lt French going to beach for 105 ammo.	N	
1228		26		Lt Roberts Ln. pilot rpt. in that he had his plane on the ground in truck.	N	
1238		27		Col March back fr a conference with Gen Ridgway directed that 320th be put to firing on a road junction at 295955. This interdiction fire.	M	
	1242	27		Capt Raibl on Recon of cub field. he is taking Lt Roberts to CC 320.	N	
	1245	28		319th ordered to cease firing interdiction. 320 ordered to cease firing on Amfreville msg brought by Lt Sullivan fr Col Lewis.	T	
	1250	29		Tp to 320th to fire on Coord. 301973, req. by Col Lewis, CO, 325th Inf.		
	1251	30		Lt Sullivan sent on Recon by Col March.		
1251		31		1st Lt Andrews fr 344th rep. in for fire missions he has 48 guns he can put on target.	N	
	1320	32		Lt Col Norris 345th FA departed for a meeting with his CC. Capt Huckleby here in his stead.		

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1327		33		Lt Sullivan rep. good positions- room for two battalions at coord. 333972.	M	
	1341	34		Lt Sullivan on recon. trip to vicinity Neuville-Au-Plain.		
1400		35		Mud inquired if fires had been lifted as requested, answered yes by Capt Whitley	S	
1445		36		Lt Sullivan ret. fr recon of positions west of Neuville Au-Plain 456th to move in position in that vicinity.	M	
1530		37		Msg fr Div phoned in fr 507 Germans shelling Chef du Pont Bridge.	M	
	1550	38		Lt Millington out to lay line in Neuville-Au-Plain area to 456th.		
	1630	39		Col March to 456th.	M	
1635		40		Msg fr Div (F d) 101st A/B Div. reports enemy dropping booby traps in form of blue packages size 6 in. by 6 in. German AA Arty positions contain time bombs generally placed near guns when forced to evacuate positions. Notify troops.	T	
	1700	41		Capt Raibl to 456th.		
1717		42		Col March ret. fr 456th.	M	
	1720	43		Col Smiley called 320th asked Ass't S-3 to find out if could get relieved fr interdiction firing. Col March talked with Col Wright about relieving Lt Waring In. O. due to wounds.	M	
1735		44		320th rep. interdiction fire being stopped.	M	

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				(Day and date)		
1735		45		90th Div Arty to pass through us at 0500 tomorrow 10 June.	M	
1800		46		Capt Huckleby gave rep. as to what the 90th is to do tonight (345th Bn).	N	
1810		47		Lt French returned fr beach	N	
1830		48		Gen Ridgway to CP to check on concentration of arty on enemy troops at coord. 290963 320th, 319th, 456th. 344th & 345th fired.	M	
2136		49		Col Jack Div. G-2 in with msg for Col March with reference to Col Gender's unit.		
2200		50		Lt Fink fr 90th Div Arty rep. in as Ln O.	N	
				10 June 44		
0309		1		Col Eckman CO 505th Prcht Inf. for mission later today. His unit to capture a hill. 456th was notified to prepare and be on call.	N	
0715		2		Col Wright in to get orders and instructions on displacing to new position North to be in direct support of 3rd Bn. 505.	N	
0850		3		Col Raff in to see if Ln. parties had gone to 505 as Gen Gavin very anxious to know immediately. Col Smiley immediately ascertained they had gone.	N	
	0830	4		Col March departed to check 320th and 456th by cub plane.	N	
0925		5		319th requested permission to fire on MG positions at coord 309910.		

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		5 con't		90th Div. refused permission due to Engr. working party in vicinity.	M	
	0930	6		Capt Raibl to 90th Div. & 4th Div CPs.	N	
1035		7		456th rep. they fired on enemy OP at 343098 at 0950	M	
1040		8		90th Div. requested fire on coord 288095- 456th was called & rep. they were all set to fire, they were requested to fire and did immediately.	M	
1105		9		Col March ret fr 320 & 456.	N	
1155		10		Capt Raibl ret. with info. that 4th Div had displaced to 349008.	M	
1220		11		Msg fr 320th giving new position of CP at coord 324096.	M	
1233		12		Gen Ridgway & Gen Palmer in to CP- Gen Ridgway departed immediately- Gen Palmer discussed Arty. and Metro with Col March.	N	
1245		13		Lt Gavin fr 505 rep. 1 88mm gun located at 289096	T	
1437		14		Gen Gavin in to talk over situation with Col Bertsch. Asked that Col March's recommendation be given as to artillery fire.	N	
1450		15		Maj. d'Alessio into CP talked over situation with Col Bertsch.	N	
1515		16		Col Winskie brought plans to Col Bertsch and talked it over then left.	N	

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1700		17		320th called for a serenade oncoord. 2877002465 Col March instructed to call 4th Div and just as 4th was contacted by telephone 320th gave cease firing. Col Pertsch called to inquire as to nature of target and story on request for serenade and why cease firing was given. Maj Lancey informed him it was a prearranged fire on what was thought to be just an enemy strong point it was suddenly discovered to be more than just a strong point and in order to get more fire called our Hq. as we were only ones they had radio contact with. Before fire could be given the time had expired and infantry was to advance. Col March instructed S-3 section to have understanding with all arty. units as to what to do in such cases so there will be no misunderstanding. N		
1843		18		Call fr 456th Ln Corpt firing in enemy CP at 30549834, believed to have knocked out.		To C-2
1857		19		Col Wright - Capt Monger 320th FA, to CP to discuss their situation. Col March told Col Wright to have Col Eckman relieve 915th FA Bn fr attached so 915th could return to 4th Div to which attached. M		
	1916	20		Col Smiley rep. to 4th Div that 915th FA was being relieved this evening or tomorrow morning. N		
1925		21		319th called for instruction. N		

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	1927	22		Col Smile called 456th giving instructions to F/Os on use of serenade.	N	
1943		23		Col Morris of 345th in to CP.	N	
2005		24		319th & 320th rpt strafing by enemy planes 200 to 400 yds fr battery positions. 456th rptd same later.	T	Given to G-2
2020		25		New Lines of 505 Inf. given by Lt O'Neil, 456th FA.	M	
2035		26		456th rptd shells falling short at coord 305883, friendly troops at that position.		Called 90th
2043		27		Lt Loving 320th FA brought in Shelrep 3rds 88mm landed at coord 383060 at 1930, direction NW about 5200.	M	
2045		28		Maj Silvey S-3, 320th FA in to CP.		
	2150	29		Msg to G-3 giving position of friendly troops.	F	
	2155	30		Msg to G-2 rpt of flak bursts.		
2330		31		Bombing near CP		
2330		32		Maj Hart returned fr beach. All lines out fr bombing.	N	
				June 11, 44		
0050		1		Lt Fink called fr 90th CP (rear) and asked for coord of all gun batteries.	N	
	0120	2		Lt Shockley took the coord up to the 90th CP (rear)	N	

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0145		3		Lt Shockley ret't from 90th CP (rear)	N	
	0630	4		320 alerted for fire in support of 505 and asked to advise inf. to come thru channels in asking for fire.	N	
0650		5		456th just fired a 10 min. concentration on Leham.	N	
0710		6		Maj Silvey S-3, 320th FA called for 4 volleys of Med artillery on troops concentration at coord. 287007. Lt Fink called 90th. Called Maj. Silvey as to safety-changed to 6 volley. 90th preparing for attack and could not give the fire at this time. 320th advised to use own arty.		
	0835	7		Col Bertsch to 505 CP to check on 915th. FA Bn.	N	
0830		8		505 - 3 prisoners captured not sure where from. 10 planes flew over bn. 0810 FW 190's - 150 ft. Dropped something direct north, striped ~~white black~~, white. 456 reported this (doubtful)		
0840		9		90th Div. called 456 to see if they could fire on 282981 if called on Answer yes. 2 bns. 90th notified.		
0910		10		Lt Fink advised 343 FA Bn. they could get fire from here. No observation. fire fr coord.		
0915		11		Col Wright to CP discussed displacement.	N	
	0915	12		Col. March to G-3.	N	
0925		13		320th reptd. 88 at 2 8008. MG at 289006.		To G-2

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day and date)	Disposition	Remarks
0930		14		Estimated loss rpt from 319th		
0932		15		320th - 2 bombs dropped just in front of A Btry at 2330-10. Another stick of smaller bombs dropped in rear. No casualties.		To G-2
	0935	16		Col Wright departed.		
0943		17		Msg. fr G-3 instructions on ground air concentration of targets. Relayed to Bns	T	
0953		18		Lt. Marston asst G-3 into get number of effective guns now. 320-8, 456th-9 319th-7.		
	1008	19		Msg. to VII Corps advising 82d has WP smoke only. no colored available.		
	1005	20		Msg. to Arty. Officer VII Corps enemy arty. position rptd at 102867 type and no. of weapons unknown. (fr Div)		
	1028	21		Msg to Div. 456th rpt. fired on 88mm gun at 2800 at 1016 hrs effect unknown. Inf. rpts. it has ceased firing Also fired on MG at 289006 at 1005 hrs. Effect unknown. Air Op reports area covered.	F	
1035		22		Col Bertsch returned fr 505.	N	
1039		23		320th called for rolling barrage of Div fire.		
1050		24		Capt Monger 32 th FA into CP-asked if we have any more info. on gas report.		
1055		25		90th Div. rptd. they were about 250 yds. through Gourbesville./320th rptd that 505 to make an attack at 2870040. they felt that with 456th support could	M	
1130		26				

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		26 con't		furnish enough fire, but Col March directed that 80th be called for a bn of 105 to reinforce, they were requested to fire 5 volleys. Mission assigned at 1135, completed at 1154.	M	
1150		27		Maj Todd 319th FA into CP.		
1201		28		Maj d'Alessio in to CP he was informed that he is a part of a groupment under command of Col Wright. 456 can call on 320th for support - Col Wright can order 456 to sup	N	
	1234	29		Col March departed with Maj Todd for 319th.	N	
1235		30		Msg fr G-2 that report had been received fr VII Corps that parts of the 17th Panzer had appeared at Forest Cerisy 8570. 1 at gun and twowen of this unit captured near Carentan.	T	
1255		31		80th called for fire on MG & Mortars at 2742 2808 456th fired 6 volleys (concentration 326) completed at 1309.	M	
	1308	32		Maj d'Alessio dep. for 320 CP thence to his own. Chaplain Reid accompanied him, fr there to 320 h.	N	
1310		33		80th requesting one btry for fire on 284674. It is close infire. Want one fired and held-fire one at S-3 command will be concentration 327.	M	
1345		34		Msg. fr G-2 that rept. last night of using gas 48 false.	T	
1348		35		Tp msg. fr 456th tanks and vehicles at 270010 at 1345.		

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	~ 35	con't		Moving S.W - sent to G-2	M	
1410		36		Tp msg. fr 320th Arty target fired on at 261844 No. and caliber of guns unknown.	M	
	1435	37		Capt Whitley to cub field.	N	
1445		38		Col. March returned.		
1445		39		Col Winecke G-3 in CP with reference to getting some Arty for a mission.		
	1515	40		Col. Winecke departed.		
	1518	41		Col. March to Div to continue discussion of above subject.		
1530		42		Enemy planes over-head.	T	
1530		43		320th reported 2 enemy planes overhead. One shot down. Patrol looking for pilot. Also report 2nd Bn. 505 getting heavy caliber Nebelwerfer & 88 fire at 1530.	T	
1555		44		Maj Todd 319th FA arrived at CP.		
1605		45		456th strafed.	T	
	1607	46		Maj Todd departed.		
1608		47		Col March returned.		
1610		48		Msg to G-2 Road Le Ham mined with MlAl mines on top of road 280028 S/E 280010 at 1430. German mines & booby traps in house and on gate vicinity of 280024. Same area shelled at 1200, 40rd. 88 in groups of 4. F/O to Div. Arty.	T	
1610		49		Msg to Div giving location of CP's	F	

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1615		50		Lt. Fink to his CP to get coords.	N	
1630		51		Msg to G-2. 456th repts 3 bn. 8 Inf contacted by 505 Inf. at Monte Cume station 2 or 3 tanks or vehicles moving S/W at 270010 at 1650 hrs. Rpt. by 456th observer. Visibility poor.		To G-2
1935		52		90th Div advised Col Bertsch in case of absolute necessity they can support an attack at 284865 in coming operation.	M	
1945		53		American vehicle at 290022 being pinned down by friendly fire. Get word to 505 this is a friendly vehicle fr 90th Div.		
1930		54		456th advise front line their sector as of 1930 was 28500 01800 to 2845001200 to 2860011150 to 2880012001	M	
2003		55		Msg to CO 82d Div 90th Div rpts one of their vehicles pinned down by fire fr friendly mortar and rifle at 290022 at 1950. 505 informed.	M	
2010		56		Msg from Maj. Silvey S-3 320th FA about front line postion.	M	
	2015	57		Lt Sullivan called 320th about information on front line, verifying msg of 2010.		
	2023	58		Col Bertsch to 319th	N	
	2033	59		Col Smiley called 320th CO giving msg fr Col March not to move tonight	N	
2034		60		Col Smiley informed by CO 320th that prisoners talked freely told it was alright to withdraw to river but		

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		60 con't		to hold there at all costs. Every man armed with M.P. & MG.		To G-2
2039		61		Received msg fr 320th giving report of front lines as of 2030.	M	
2200		62		Maj. Todd CO 319th into CP.		
	2240	63		Shel rpt. to Div. 2 German guns larger than 88mm firing into Le Ham from CA 5570. Rpt. fr 320th at 2050.	F	
2100		64		Col Bertsch back fr 319th.	N	
				June 12, 1944		
	0810	1		Col March departed for recon.	N	
	0820	2		Lt Fink to CP		
0855		3		Capt Wimberley S-3, 319th FA notified Col Sailey that line would probably be out for awhile-any inst	N	
0935		4		456th rpt they had location of gun positions and want to shoot them at 275985 near Organsville. This in 90th Div sector. Their S-3 called giving the info. and requested permission for 456th to shoot 88mm guns btry at each.	M	
1000		5		Msg fr 505-patrols being sent out W of Merderet.		
1025		6		Lt Bourgeois fr 319th rpt. 3 C-47's in area across Merderet burned to crisp. Men in them.		G-2
1035		7		Gave Capt Thain S-3, 456th FA coord. of cub field.		

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1045		8		456th called giving position of CP.	M	
1117		9		Col Winton Ass't C-3 says 188th FA Bn attached to us late this PM.	N	
	1120	10		Maj Hart to Corps to check on 188th.	N	
1123		11		Col March back from recon.	N	
1130		12		G-3 rpt fr 505th friendly troops being shelled in Le Ham. Investigated found 90th Div. firing into Le Ham fire requested by one of our patrols thru 343 FA asked 456th to investigate.	N	
1145		13		Col Winecke C-3 into CP to outline general scheme activities next few days.		
1200		14		Col Raff called from Div to advise that 188th FA would be released to us at 1800 tonight.	N	
1250		15		Fe[illegible] 188th FA Bn Gen Palmer sa[illegible] arrangements for recon[illegible] do thru 101 Div Arty. 188th Bn at Reuville. Maj Hart back fr 7th Corps.	N	
	1300	16		Ltr to all Div & separate Arty and T C Units S-[illegible] Weekly and daily [illegible] equipment [illegible] to be submitted to Corps.	T	
1320		16		[illegible] to [illegible] Corps [illegible] at [illegible] Bn [illegible] unknown at [illegible]	T	
	1325	17		Col [illegible] to 1[illegible]th [illegible] give instructions fr Col [illegible] to [illegible] them to do before [illegible] attached and what he plans to do afterward.	N	

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1324		18		Col Wright CO 320th called for permission to move. Request granted directed to notify 456th of plans.		
⊙	1415	19		Col March to 508 CP.		
1453		20		Col Daley in to see Col March about opn tonite Advised 80th Div getting the 980th FA 155mm guns gave new positions.	M	
	1545	21		Msg to G-2 rep firing on [illegible] gun. 3 German prisoner escaped fr 456th area. Vicinity 319 10 last night.		
1600		22		Col March ret.	N	
1603		23		Lt Shockley ret.		
1605		24		Gen Ridgway Gavin, Col Kinecke in to see Col March.		
1630		25		Col Bailey called 319th fwd, asking for location of CP.		
1654		26		Msg. to G-2 456th In. O. 1 [illegible] 88 in house 27[illegible]0127 Being fired upon now by 456th.	M	G-2
	1723	27		Col March to 319th fwd CP.		
1714		28		45th [illegible] 5 direct hits on [illegible] in house 2[illegible]0127.	M	G-2
1715		29		Inf O 1 ret. thru lines [illegible] to 456th following [illegible] locations: 1 btry [illegible] [illegible]; 1 btry [illegible] 25[illegible]	M	
172[illegible]		30		[illegible] G In O [illegible] 88 [illegible] in near church in [illegible] 70[illegible]0234 [illegible] by civilians.	M	
1735		31		[illegible] in position at [illegible]	M	

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From 12 June 1944
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day and date)	Disposition	Remarks
1800		32		Col Bertsch with Capt Bokowa. Ln O fr 189. ~~visted~~ CP.		
1819		33		Col March returned.	N	
1847		34		Friendly aircraft dropped bombs on Picauville instead of Etienville this afternoon about 1730 rpt by 380 and 90 Div Arty. sent to G-2.		G-2
1900		35		Col Winecke, G-3 into CP left almost immediately.		
1957		36		Maj d'Allessio CO 456th FA to CP talked over sit.		
	2007	37		Lt. Fink left for 90 Div CP in St Marie Eglise.	N	
	2045	38		Maj. d'Alessio left with instructions to move his Bn immediately of 7 RATR RELEASE FR SLP old 319 area at 332942.	M	
2055		39		1[illegible]th CP at [illegible].	M	
	2205	40		Col Smiley had conference call with [illegible] coord the time.		
2210		41		Lt. Fink ret.		
2221		42		Msg. [illegible] Div C[illegible]. "The C[illegible] directs that ~~you~~ collect gas masks in your organ. into a unit pool under supervision of gas officer to be moved as organization equipment until sit calls for re-issue."	T	
	2330	43		Col March [illegible] Col Smiley to [illegible]	S	
				June 13 1944		
0015		1		456th to stay in position till relieved [illegible] similar to it. To move out at [illegible] hrs 13 June 1944. [illegible] liaison with unit till that		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
				(Day and date)		
[illegible]	[illegible]	13 con't		time. Check with us just prior to [illegible] located [illegible] south, he is to contact [illegible] Div.	M	
0023		2		Msg fr 320 hearing tanks. Checked with Div. they do not know anything about them.		
0035		3		Enemy combing approx. 5000 yds south of 320th area.		C-2
0155		4		Barrage started lasted til 0245 (crossing the Douve).	M	
0322		5		Div arty. fwd CP closed station.	M	
0345		6		Col March, Col Smiley, and Capt Baird ret. fr fwd CP area	N	
0645		7		Agent fr 1[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]	S	
0700		8		Maj. d'Alessio [illegible] 456th [illegible] called [illegible] Div [illegible] not need to fire so [illegible] remain til 0730.	M	
0902		9		Lt Roberts [illegible] to CP. Have field near [illegible] Police [illegible] wire to them.	M	
0904		10		Capt Connelly [illegible] 319th FA in [illegible]		
0910		11		3rd [illegible] 508th had objective 0805 hrs. coord [illegible] 1st [illegible] below [illegible] rptd. [illegible] 319th.	M	
0923		12		Maj d'Alessio and Lt [illegible] Neil, 456 FA. in to C[illegible]		
	095[illegible]	13		Capt Hufford to 90th to meet Gen. fr VII Corps and rept. back to CP.	N	

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0955		14		319th called for info. on southern front. 3rd Bn 508th Inf. reached objec. Ca not contact 2nd Bn.	M	
0959		15		Gen Ridgway in to CP to inquire about msg to VII Corps.		
	1000	16		Col Marchta [illegible] CP to check on general situation of arty in that area.		
1015		17		Chaplain asked permission to leave for 319th. granted.		
	1020	18		Maj d'Alessio CO [illegible] on way to rpt. to Inf. CO.		
	1021	19		Col Bertsch rptd to Gen that 1[illegible]th rec'd no calls for fire.		
1035		20		188th [illegible]-3 called about cubs.		
1045		21		Col Raff advised that Gen. Collins CO VII Corps coming here. Gen. Ridgway wants Col. March and Col Bertsch to see him.	S	
1050		22		[illegible] that [illegible] has been [illegible] to [illegible] at 0540.	N	
	1057	23		Chaplain [illegible] to [illegible] will return as soon as possible [illegible] dark.	N	
1100		24		Col. March [illegible] and left for div.		
110[illegible]		[illegible]		Capt. Wifford rpt.		
	1104	26		Col Bertsch called 45[illegible] [illegible] in new position ans. [illegible]	N	
1107		27		It Col. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] about a [illegible] last night.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
				(Day and date)		
1118		28		Capt Wimberley S-3. 319th FA inquired if we had any personnel in Reunite. 9th Div to get between 82 d and 90th.	M	
1300		29		319th sent in S-3 rpt.		
1930		30		Capt Monger S-2 320th FA into CP W/S-3 rpt. and brought 320th CP location and gun positions. 320th sent in CP coord [illegible] (2[illegible]32).	T	
2000						
2059		31		Capt Rogaway in C 1[illegible]th FA in to see Col March.		
	2125	32		Capt Rogaway left.	N	
2130		33		Periodical [illegible] fr 450th.		
	2200	34		Col March to 320th. 90th Div. 9th Div.	N	
2215		35		Col [illegible] CO 320th FA arrived. Advised show tomorrow is at 1[illegible] instead 0[illegible].		
2[illegible]25		36		4[illegible]th closed in new area at 21[illegible].	N	
2320		37		Capt Rogaway and 2 [illegible] arrived.	S	
2359		38		Col March in to C[illegible]		
				June 14 1944		
0630		1		Rec'd C-3 periodic rpt.		
07[illegible]		2		Air CP called [illegible] to [illegible] about [illegible] on phone for today.		
0745		3		Rec'd [illegible] that [illegible] FA [illegible] is [illegible] rpt. to us	S	
[illegible]		4		Gen. [illegible] in to see Col March departed [illegible]10.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day and date)	Disposition	Remarks
0936		5		Overlay fr 9th Div Lt Hewitt.	M	
0937		6		26359466 safe coord. to fire (456th) from 9th div.	N	
0952		7		Col Raff into CP.		
0955		8		Msg fr Div on front lines.	M	
0956		9		Gen Palmer VII Corps Art officer into see Col March and Col Hartshorn. Col Hartshorn talked about giving 37th march order.		
1015		10		Col Hartshorn advised by Col Mathewson Asst Corps Arty. officer that 37th is ours and Col March can give any order he desires.	T	
1017		11		Col Mathleson expects some cubs over tomorrow does not know if ours is included.		
	1017	12		25359480 checked for safety safe for 9th and safe for 90th to fire.	T	
1040		13		Col March to Div Art. 1050		
1100		14		Col Cos S-3 9th Div. Art Get information fr 1[illegible] on front line. 32 th fired on enemy strong point at 2[illegible] at 1100.	M	
1105		15		9th Div Art fired on 2[illegible] and [illegible]	M	
1112		16		456th [illegible] permission to fire on 2[illegible].	M	
1130		17		Msg fr. 320th 3rd on position.		
	1145	18		Col Hertsch to 456th then 320th.		
1200		19		Assembly from 4[illegible]th. [illegible]-2 situation not.		
1203		20		Front line [illegible] fr. Div.	M	

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. (Day and date)	Disposition	Remarks
1205		21		456th called for permission to fire on mortars at the position safe to fire.	T	
1210		22		9th Div Arty calling for cut. Advised to contact 188th cub.		
1223		23		Strafing of CP rptd. 4 Messersch midts above.	N	
1230		24		456th has call for fire at 261[illegible]495 (advised not to fire).		
1300		25		456th red. request for fire fr 507th to inf. fire on town of Renauf. Small arms fire in town 9th checking safety of fire. 507 located at 2[illegible]. Just short of town. Could not fire [illegible].	T	
1306		26		Fr. Inf. officer 456th wants to cover it with artillery fire at 2[illegible]	N	
1310		27		5 7th Inf [illegible] CP at 10[illegible] (visited [illegible] CO) [illegible] 2[illegible]-412.		
1315		28		German ltr fr [illegible]		To G-2
1318		29		9th Div Arty in [illegible] on [illegible]	N	
1320		30		25[illegible]. Request to fire on the [illegible] fr [illegible] This is cross-road and [illegible] interdiction fire either [illegible] 9th [illegible] or 1[illegible]	N	
1324		31		5[illegible]th Inf [illegible] at [illegible] 260[illegible]45 at 1[illegible]	N	
1325		32		Capt Monier S-[illegible] th [illegible] road [illegible] attack same of their vehicles on the road. 1 [illegible] [illegible]	N	G-2

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1330		33		320th requests permission to shoot at enemy entrenched holding up advance at 253952.		
1335		34		13th observation bn. to get shelrep Lt. Wright Cap Moscus code phone is Jar Balser thru Jamboree switchboard.		
1340		35		Msg. fr Div G-4 188th alloted 450 rds ammo for 24 hr period, beginning 1500 today, 87th mond.	T	
1400		36		Colonel Bertsch back	N	
1410		37		Enemy battery in wood at 254677 188 wants to fire on it. Permission granted 188th fired.	M	
1416		38		450th F/O rpts our troops right up to cross roads 258952.	M	
1423		39		Col March called tobe sure no one is firing in Renauf.		
1455		40		Capt Monger 320th FA said strafing about 1330 in vicinity of 307th Med. Co markings on it.	T	G-2
1456		41		Maj Holtz Exec off, 87th FA in CP inquiring if Col. Barber had been in.		
1500		42		Lt. Bourdeau S-[illegible] 319th Rptd. contact w/101st A/B Div.	N	
1523		43		320th requests permission to fire on 253942.	N	
1535		44		Capt Moyse rpt as Ln O fr. 87th arm'd FA Bn. They were on their way.	N	
1610		45		Lt Col J. A. Scott, Capt H. H. Kirkpatrick. From FUSA in CP.		
1615		46		Msg fr G-4 water point 297957 keep cat[illegible] vehicles in area after G-4 is informed.	T	
1622		47		188th directed to cease firing for a few minutes to check on msg. rcvd. Lift fire 600 yds.		

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		47 con't		beyond Red Phase line. Lift or cease fire.		
1635		48		From 9th Div Bonneville in our hands Do not fire in it. Advised units.	N	
1640		49		507th Inf. CP requestinf fire.	N	
1642		50		Col Barber CO 87th arm'd FA in to CP to see Col. March.		
1642		51		Now firing west of the town ask 9th Div where safety line is in ref. to Red Phase line.	N	
1642		52		Col Westmorland [illegible] 9th Div Arty might be doubtful that is safe to fire.		
1645		53		Our troops 4[illegible]0 yds short of Red Phase line within our boundary think adjacent with or just short of that 507th Inf.	N	
	1700	54		Col March [illegible] Barber to see Gen. Ridgway.	N	
1710		55		87th reinforce fires of 319th 320th and 450th. He is to send a liaison officer to each Bn. CP 450th to have priority.	N	
1715		56		Requesting fire on the Red Phase line central sector. 450th to fire 24[illegible]4-9.	N	
1718		57		100th advised to keep sharp lookout to [illegible] by plane.		
1723		58		320th called advised [illegible] 88 shells fell around CP. [illegible]		To 8-2
1725		59		319th request for fire on 4 Germans be 15 min. to get info Request refused.	N	

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1730		60		Capt. Allen 87th S-2 into get enemy info. fr Capt Bufford.		
	1734	61		Capt. Noyse to his CP.		
1740		62		Rpt. that 9th now lost Renauf want to fire withus in the town. Called 456th and S-3 to see if safe tofire. Troops 200 yds out of town. Div trying to et our troops back out or range so 9th can fire.	M	
1803		63		Col Raff in to see about shooting on Renauf.		
1820		64		Gen Gavin in to see Col March.		
1840		65		9th requested permission to fire on two places inour section Permission granted.	N	
1845		66		Capt Noyse into CP to let us know his whereabouts. Lt Fink back from is CP to give the 90th picture to Col. March.	M	
1900		67		Request for 188th fire 2 btrys. Five volleys in support of 456 FA.	M	
1917		68		Request for 3 volleys from 188th in every strong point to north of previous target.	N	
1930		69		188th fire 4 volleys 3 btrys. 24400516.	M	
1951		70		Fire 100 yds. over repeat for effect. 188th completed firing concentrtion 1956.	M	
	2002	71		Chaplain Reid left for 307th Med. collecting station.		
2005		72		Rec. 320th S-3 report.		
2040		73		Capt McLeod and Lt. Thornkey as F/O for 188th FA.		
2040		74		Possible inf. attack forming at 24719578. 188th firing 1 battery, 2 volleys plus 456th		

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		74 con't		Bn. 456th Ln. L. will observe.	M	
2050		75		188th firing on 226948, 1 bty. 3 volleys.	M	
2100		76		188th firing additional 3 volleys at 226948.	M	
2143		77		Rec. word from G-2 that a bty. of 88's going into position near coords. 2687.	M	
2230		78		VII Corp Arty. in on 193 Net.	N	
2230		79		Line to cub field out til 0600 to orrow morning.	N-S	
2233		80		Col Wright to CP about displacement, of 320th.		
2240		81		Captured docu ents fr. 4 6th with msg. Ln. C. 1 rpts 507th CP at 25.53 04.54 (2130hrs)		To G-2
2300		82		Col Wright left CP.		
				15 June, 1944		
0055		1		320th FA Vn will move next to 258937.	N	
0105		2		Col Winecke G-3 Rept. both Regts. stay where they are. Go off at 1/2 at a time at 0500 this A. M.		
0135		3		Col. Lewis CO 325th Inf., advised 188th to fire 4 volleys at 0500.	N	
0200		4		Capt. Whitley call fr forw. said nothing to report.		
0425		5		456th called to advise they are firing concentration coord. 24070505.	M	
0440		6		188 rpts. have 800 rds. ammo.	N	
0500		7		188 fired 32 rds. preparation 4 rds. per in for 8 min. 320th firing preparation on		

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	7 con't	coords. 237945.	M
0535	8	319th given permission to use cub early this A.M.	
0602	9	507th Inf. CO repts. enemy self propelled gun installations at 228005. Request bn. 2 volleys fire when ready. Rpt. when fired. 188th given permission to fire.	M
0700	10	Targets rptd at 2306 and 226261 9th called to check safety. One picked up by sound & flash other by cub. Advised not safe to fire our troops close by.	N
0705	11	Col Raff in to CP to see about shells falling short. Would not hesitate to fire on targets that can be observed.	
0716	12	188th directed to fire on target enemy btry at 241053. Will be observed and results reported.	M
0745	13	9th Div rpts 15 tanks going north on road coord 243072. 9th Div firing on them.	G-2
0800	14	Lt. Wood observer fr. 87th in to CP.	
0805	15	456th to displace. Maj d'Alessio directed to come here to get instructions.	
0820	16	320th called and advised that 87th now registering. 320th advised to get set to move as soon a 87th registered.	N
0825	17	Corps asked if any Arty in this area firing that is not under control. Advised that FDC not to fire 9 of 87 grid and 3 of 10 grid.	
0830	18	Maj d'Alessio in to CP received instructions and departed.	
0858	19	G-3 called Col. March.	
0900	20	Lt. Fink departed.	
0920	21	Maj d'Alessio called Col March.	
0920	22	87th rptd all registered, firing on Crossville.	F
0925	23	Maj d'Alessio called that Gen Gavin advised that decis on be put up to Gen Ridgway to bring up some of the 87th General said no!	T
0927	24	9th rept. to be unable to pick up mobile gun.	

0930	25	507th Inf. called for fire on coord. 229971. 9th div. directed to fire 2 or 3 volleys, 1 Bn changed to 188th.	M
0930	26	87th CP located at 209926.	M
0945	27	188th called to fire on coord. enemy btry at 2396, 1 Bn. 2 volleys. Hardware 6 called in.	M
0950	28	188th fire 3 volleys, 2 btrys on 252 958 enemy battery firing.	M
1010	29	87th, 188th directed to get cubs in air to located arty. in area designated think some in there firing on our troops.	
1012	30	188th want authority to fire on coord. 241 9405. Enemy strong points. Directed to give salvo on this (Partially effective short.)	M
1015	31	320th started displaceing at 0900. (Col March)	M
1027	32	Capt Raibl gling forward can be contacted by radio.	M
1030	33	Msg. fr. 320th moving by echelon to 258033.	M
1030	34	G-2 reports that N front line advanced just within Red Phase line. S 500 yds.	M
1048	35	Enemy in buildings at 234043.	G-2
1048	36	320th wants to fire at 240956.	
1050	37	188th cub to go in air and look for btry position S of the Douve and north of 95 and any other point.	N
1100	38	Steady stream of 88 fire at coord. 235968 comeing from Reigneville. 9th and 188th checking.	G-2
1108	39	507th Inf. CO requesting fire on suspected mortar position at 25009555. Advised to vague and too close to our troops.	
1133	40	Col Bertsch to fwd Div CP to clear up tactical situation.	
1137	41	Col Wright called. 50 bicyclists observed coord. 276987 (approx) 10 destroyed others disappeared.	G-2
1142	42	Gen Palmer VII Corps Arty officer into	

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Time Rec'd	Serial Number	Time Dated	Message	Initials	Source
	42 con't		CP. 188th to reinforce 82nd. (departed 1200)	M	
1205	43		Called Lt Loving Asst. S-3 320th FA about mission w/87th.		
1210	44		Col Carlson informed that Col March has been told the status of 188th as direct reinforcing of the 82nd. To be used by Corps in case of emergency.	M	
1230	45		Rept. fr civilian that large installation at 27044 believed to be fortification. Cub will try to pick up.		G-2
1235	46		Col Bertsch ret'd fr. fwd. CP.		
1245	47		Germans believed to be using cross roads for troop movements. 87th directed to fire 2 volleys then 1 round per min change to rd per every 2 minutes.	M	G-2
1250	48		Msg. fr VII Corps Ammo Almt. 7th FA 1250 rds. 188th 200 rds. each 24 hrs.	T	
1310	49		Maj. Hart to fwd. CP.		
1312	50		Enemy in building at coord. 223043. rpt. by S-2 320th 87th given permission to fire btry 3 volleys at coord. 234043.	M	G-2
1320	51		Msg. fr 9th Div Arty cease firing on town of Reigneville.	N	
1322	52		Capt Raibl ret.		
1333	53		Front line 2-0 yds. W. of Bonneville.	M	
1400	54		Col March to fwd. CP.		
1410	55		320th closed in new position.	M	
1425	56		243045 one part of our front lines.	M	
1430	57		Reigneville rptd in our hands by 9th.	M	
1452	58		Col Carlson CO 188th FA Bn. & Col Parker CO 188th FA Group, in/188th have strong point spotted. Want to shoot due to lack of ammunition 87th will shoot, working direct with Ln O. Called 320th to recommend using MG AT.	M	
1455	59 fr /				
1520	60		Col March ret. from fwd. CP.		
1555	61		A rept. counter attack by the Germans coming down from the north coord. 253053. (Adj. coord. 232)	N	G-2

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1600		62		325th line 50[illegible] yds. short of of green at 1535.	M	
1630		63		Maj Todd CO, 319th FA to CP.		
	1650	64		Maj Todd departed.		
1640		65		G-3 called Col March.		
1640		66		Tanks assembling at 23669496.	M	G-2
	1644	67		320th called and given mission for cub to locate 88 or enemy btry 240905, 262908, 265888. Advise us on result of firing.	M	
1648		68		Tanks reported assembling at 23669496 by 87th.	M	G-2
1650		69		456th rptd 88's firing fr. 236956.	M	G-2
1650		70		Msg. fr Capt Whitley- High velocity weapon shelling vicinity coord. 26[illegible]938. Sound azimuth 900.		G-2
1652		71		188th to fire battery concentration 2 volleys on group of enemy held houses.	M	
1655		72		456th rpts enemy inf. forming at 23359535. They are shooting at them.	M	G-2
1725		73		Tanks at 240947 identified as our own. 456th and 87th cautioned to fire only upon positive identification.		
1705		74		32 th in communications on SCR 610 net.	N	
1715		75		German anti-tanks rpt. by 87th at 239948.	M	G-2
1720		76		456th given permission to shoot at gun at 236956.	M	
1722		77		Enemy vehicles rpted on highway running East at 222957 & 225955.	M	G-2
1730		78		Safe to fire at coords. 24569546, 24470454, and 24549478. This rptd. by 456th.	M	
	1740	79		Col March called 456th to find out if they knew about change in 505th Inf.		
1755		80		Fire mission for 188th on 3 88mm guns. coord. 21959577.	M	
1760		81		A-20's bombing north of our CP.	N	
1800		82		Capt. Moyse talked with his Ln. O. and he said that relief was coming thru the		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Rated	Occurrence		
		82 con't		lines to 507th.	N	
1900		83		Capt. McLeod from 188th into CP.		
1910		84		87th rptd contact with their cubs. They will be in tonight or in themorning.	N	
1915		85		Maj Faith Div Hq. Co. CO, Div sending operational section up to fwd. CP tonight and alerting other to move at 0300 in the morning.	N	
	1940	86		Col March to fwd CP to check situation and get Maj. Hart.		
2000		87		87th called to get cubs into the air to observe.		
2005		88		Enemy tanks at 232954.		G-2
2015		89		No enemy activity rptd where tanks were rptd.	N	
2030		90		Enemy activity observed at coord. 23459628. Request clearance from 9th.		G-2
2040		91		Cub plane rptd. enemy tank behind our lines - knocked out one of our tanks, at 238948.		G-2
2055		92		9th says their troops too close to give clearance to shoot at coord. 23459628.	T	
2057		93		Sent two bazookas and mine for tank rptd at 2045.		
2100		94		Col March back fr fwd. CP. Will move depending on Inf. situation.	N	
2215		95		320th captured a prisoner at 2200. A Russian who was forced to fight.		G-2
2220		96		Col March asked to have a msg. sent to Corps for interdiction fire on Ste. Saveur Le Vicomte and interdiction in the vicinity of 2290. This fire to be kept up fr 0730 tomorrow. 4 rds. per hr.	M	
2300		97		First echelon departed for new CP. Bombing two or three times coming close to convoy while enrout.		
2310		98		456th sent in overlay and captured German material.	M	G-2
2335		99		Opened new CP at 257933.		

0700	1	Msg fr 456th- closed in new position at coord. 256 9450 at 0617. All artillery not to fire in our section except on call.	M T
0835	2	Gen Ridgway in to CP to check on firing.	N
0910	3	7th directed to make reconnaissance for new position to see if any troops there.	
0922	4	Col March advised Capt. Rog ay that the 188th is now part of a group of Corps. Col M. wants to move them into 9th Div area. Call Col Carlson when permission obtained - tell him to make reconnaissance.	N
0924	5	G-3 called Col March to conference with Gen. Ridgway immediately.	
0945	6	We will have Chemical Co. attached to us and Col March talked to Capt Raibl about communications for same.	M
0950	7	Targets rptd across river - Probable 88's Will shoot if can get cubs for observation.	
1000	9	Col Wright CO 320th FA visted CP.	
1011	10	Received overlay of 456th FA Bn. position.	M
1030	11	87 h rptd. cub up to observe No. and C. of river.	
1045	12	Capt. Oserly fr 7th Chemical instructed to contact 325th and reconnoitre for position.	
1103	13	Maj d'Alessio and Lt O'Neil 456th FA in with info. on front lines.	M
1103	14c	G-3 in to CP to request fire on town in which enemy trucks are boosted. 456h rpts. can be observed. Directed to fire on them.	G-2
1108	15	325th Inf. on objective. 2nd Bn. 505th Inf. on objective. 320th directed to fire at 19/044.	M
1115	16	188th started displacing - one btry. at a time.	N
1115	17	Maj. Lancey exec. of 320th FA in to CP.	

1117	18	If 188th can get observers to look into Ste Saveur Le Vicomte and adjust give them 4C rds. 32 th go ahead and fire 5 volleys every 10 min. Gen. would like to call Corps to get interdiction fire on this target.	
1121	19	Corps order arty. will not fire during enemy bombing attaks (fr. Div.)	T
1123	20	C-1 Jack G-2 into CP about fire on Ste Saveur Le Vicomte. Gen. Ridgway says pour it on the town. Enemy going through in all directions. Trying to get a serenade but lines are out.	
1130	21	Called Corps on SGR 193 to Serenade town at 104045. Intense enemy activity. Msg cleared at 1140. 1184 Corps advised yes, request granted. Also asked corps to keep interdiction fire on highway west of town.	M
1156	22	Msg. fr. 456th unknown number of enemy troops ad vehicles in vicinity of town mentioned 1123. Would like to fire. Clearance granted to fire from 9th says they will fire too if our observers can observe for them.	G-2
1209	23	Called Corps. They have ceased firing Have received rpt. of some rds. falling short, advised us to check our safety grid line.	N
1230	24	Received coord. of Div CP - 247034.	M
1220	25	Msg to all units. Town wasa andoned. All am o. to either units that need it or to DAO.	FT
1225	26	212073 adjusted coord. for 9th to fire one volley, 2 bns. Complete at 1228. Did not get sensings but apparently good as inf. went right in.	M G-2
1220	27	Col Lewis CO 325th Inf. called to inquire if anyone firing. Heavies falling short.	
1230	28	200?2004 Bn. CP 325th. Shells fell somewhere along that line, most of them in the river.	N
1235	20	505th Inf would like to adjust Corps on the other side of the town.	
12'0	30	Capt. Holt of 13 Obsn. Bn. in.	N

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Noted	Activity		
1258		31		Col March advised that either he or Col Bertsch should to fwd. to meet Sen Gavin.		
1300		32		French cilvilian rptd. that town was evacuted of all troops gone to next town.		
1302		33		Capt Hu ford called G-2 to rpt. Ste Saveur Le Vicomte evacuated of all military personnel.	N	
	1308	34		Capt. Whitley advised all bns. to cease fire on Ste Saveur Le Vicomte.		
1332		35		Liaison O 9th Div Arty rpts. their units 300 yds. short of brown phase line.	M	
1335		36		Msg. saying no firing E. of 25 grid line fr line 92 to 83.	M	
1415		37		Corps arty want arty tomorrow so guns can reach west coast.	N	
1606		38		Rec'd word of an ammo dump at coord. 147955 - ½ mile sq. Get corps arty on it if we can't reach it.	M	G-2
1620		39		Msg. fr G-4 water point at 251944.	T	
1625		40		Check safety firing of coord. 193936. Advised unsafe by 320 th.	M	
1633		41		87th rptd. they are displacing.	N	
1635		42		456th rptd. 2 enemy Mark VI tanks at 193936 under a RR bridge has been firing this way. Tanks positively indentified as enemy. 456th to fire.	M	G-2
1700		43		188th rpts is safe to fire in the city cut nor further out.	M	
1703		44		Called 320th advised should not fire outside a radius of 500 yds. out of city also 456th advised.	T	
1713		45		9th Div rpts. moving CP.	M	
1723		46		Col Wright CO 320th into CP.		
1730		47		Coord. of 87th Bn and Btrys sent to G-3.	M	
	1743	48		Maj Hart to cub field to meet 3 new cubs rptd. in.		
1745		49		Msg. fr Div want line laid to advance CP.		Capt. Raibl

1748	50	Capt. Hogoway to his CP to check communication.	
1804	51	Col. Bertsch in to CP.	
1813	52	456th rpt. over & short firing on them from S. W.	
1823	53	Col Carlson CO 133th FA, into CP.	
1830	54	Capt Johnson, 172nd FA Bn into Op rpts. they are attached to us as of now. Have about 2100 rds. ammo. They are going into position and will be ready to fly. They have 3 btrys. of 4.5 guns, 22000 max range, 18000 effective range. Capt. Johnson, Ln. C. Code Name Jello.	M NS
1840	55	188th attached to Div. 7-h chemical Co. under Div Arty control, now is in direct support of 505th.	
1915	57	S-3 report fr. 319th.	
1934	58	Col March called VII Corps. G-3 giving rpt. for Gen Midway. Our troops bombed by P-47's at St. Saveur Le Vicomte.	
1934	59	S-3 rec. Bn. overlays.	
2010	60	Col Barber CO 37th FA into CP.	
2110	61	Gen Palmer VII Corps Arty officer in to see Col March.	
2112	62	Capt Johnson back in to CP w/radio 2258058 a prox coord. of his Bn. CP. Ln C for whole group, 951st, 952nd, 188th group to lay line direct to us.	M
2155	63	CO Div wants interdiction fire on RR at coord. 1830682.	
2205	64	Enemy arty firing on azimuth 270 degrees into city. 188th to get cub up.	G-2
2230	65	New CP coord. of 457th are 2225 9580, Capt. Crossman into CP.	M
2235	66	87th Armd FA Bn. sent in S-3 report. C Btry, digging in struck something that set off smoke.	G-2
2300	67	Base Point Coord. for 320th 1 65 9500.	M
2315	68	Ln C Capt. Johnson in CP from 172nd CP. Col March asked him to check his communications.	N
2330	69	Capt. Raibl into CP.	

2330	70	Capt Raibl in to CP.	
2345	71	Capt Crossman & Maj d'Alessio, 456th FA Bn. into CP.	
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0525	1	9th Div Arty called want preparation west of Haman 1818 - 98.4. Maj Hart called Div G-3 got ok, rptd. to 9th Div.	M
0740	2	Capt. Hu ford called 9th Div Arty. We have a patrol of friendly tanks moving west from St. Saveur along highway to road junction at 18219735, then N to RJ at 17089447.	M
0800	3	172nd FA Bns are in position and ready to support task force.	M
0840	4	505th CO rptd much enemy activity in town of St Sauveur de Pierre Pont.	G-2
0850	5	No 155's under our control have been firing. This msg. given to 507th Inf CO thru 319th.	N
0858	6	172nd group directe to fire 40 rds. in town of Ste Sauveur de Pierre Pont (105's) Bns. concentration 3 volleys.	
0918	7	Msg. fr. G-2 that no gold coin or reg. U. S. currency will be exchanged. Gold must be exchanged.	F
0935	8	Msg. fr. 320th. 508th Inf has patrol entering town of Ste Sauveur de Pierre Pont.	M
0935	9	172nd FA Bn completed firing on town of Ste Sauveur de Pierre Pont.	N
1005	10	172nd FA Bn directed to fire on column of vehicles moving south toward bridge at Ste. Sauveur De Pierre Pont.	G-2
1010	11	Capt Raibl out to get all Pierre Pont lines in.	
1015	12	Fire mission to 172nd FA Bn.	M
1017	13	17540449 - want clearance of these coord. Enemy inf. Co. on road here.	M
1100	14	Capt. Johnson (172) to group CP. Back as soon as possible.	
1105	15	Major Reeder 188th FA in to CP.	

1120	16	Order came in to cease firing on coord. 216079. Troops in this sector.	T
1130	17	9th Div. passing through us going on westward.	M
1130	18	Have request for fire on hill 110 at installation and possible OP.	N
1152	19	Maj d'Allessio CO 456th advised through Ln O that 320th will not be available and he will have to handle all missions there so get set up to handle.	N
1154	20	Ln. O. 508th Inf rpts firing on frendly troops at coord. 183028.	T
1205	21	Col. Wright CO 320 h FA into CP.	
1230	22	Msg. to 320th. At installation and possible OP on hill 90 Coord. 155034. Permission given to fire volley. Rpt. observation when finished.	M
1230	23	Col March talked to VII Corps. Directed that one btry lay on 4000 so can shoot in direction needed.	
1230	24	Col Bertach departed to escort Gen. Ridgway to positions of all Bns. Dep. at 1300.	
1240	25	188th and 172nd back in communication on wire.	N
1300	26	Rpt. received that injured woman fr. Cherbourg area at our aid station.	G-2 notified.
1310	27	Msg. fr. Air OP. Aircraft field located at coord. 352958, forward field located at coord. 240930. Await approval.	M
1448	28	47th Inf. took hil 110 without opposition rptd. by G-3	M
1510	29	Maj Todd, Lt Poole, Lt Bourgeoious 310th FA in to CP. Revd. instructions 310th to support missions on call.	N
1518	30	456th rpts 60th Inf. out even with hill 110.	M
1520	31	320th displacing this P. M.	N
1545	32	Msg to G-2. Patrols of 60th Inf rpt. in vicinity of S.e Jacques De Nahou by 456th. Also patrol at bridge 3500 yds. S of Ste Sauveur Le Vicomte. Bridge has 4 ft. hole in it.	

1600	33	Lt. Wallie rptd as Ln O fr. 7th Corps.	
1610	34	4rds of 88mm fire fr. 202045.	
1635	35	Gen Taylor Cap. White of 101st into CP visiting.	
1640	36	Col Bertsch ret. fr. trip with Gen Ridgway.	
1640	37	Msg. to G-2 Gun at 250081 firing on our CP area. Adjusting 18th FA. Have Corps standing by.	
1645	38	Mj Bristol fr. Army Arty. section to CP.	
1700	39	320th Swb. out.	N
1700	40	Msg. fr. G-4. New Div. Crd dump at 266949.	T
1700	41	Msg. to G-2 fr Ln. O. 456th Arty. shelling vicinty 1092 believed to be coming fr Vic. Carnville. 114003 rptd as coord. by 456th.	
1725	42	456th has good observation on one 88mm gun. Request permission to fire. Granted.	M
1800	43	Capt Chandler 320th FA rptd shells falling fr. gun at 277004.	G-2
1815	44	Maj Rogers fr. 506th Engr. Group in to CP.	
1815	45	Col Smiley asked 507th if they have troops in vicinity of 273004 afore we fire. Okay to fire. 7th given mission.	G-2
1815	46	S-3 60th she ls falling at 213078, coming fr. S. W.	T
1830	47	320th displaced are now at coord. 259044.	M
1920	48	Ln O with 456th rpts. enemy moving toward Catteville (162014). Indicates town may be rendezvous. 456th fired 2 volleys.	G-2
1920	49	18th FA OP advised Capt Johnson that 2 btrys ready to fire at compass 4000.	
1930	50	456th rpt. enemy troops at 185 9786. Can observe but out of range.	G-2
1930	51	Lt. Waller fr. 7th Corps into check on front lines (Ln.O)	
1945	52	87th FA report firing on gun at 243005.	G-2
1956	53	456th rpts personnel target at 138408[illegible].	

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		53 con't	Okay to fire per Col Smiley.	M	
2050		54	Msg. to CO div Arty fr Air OP. Aircraft site located at 352957.	M	
2055		55	456th sent in postion of 88mm gun at 2[illegible]79250.	M	G-2
	2100	56	Msg. to G-2, 456th firing on 88 rptd at 2055.		
	2121	57	Col Smiley called Capt Crossman 456th Ln. O. giving safety line.		
2130		58	456th called asking to give fire to town of Cotteville. Preparation for 5[illegible]8th Inf.	N	
2135		59	Call to Col Smiley. Capt Kolbe Air Officer and 5 planes.	N	
2138		60	Col. Smiley called 320thasking if they had anyone up in the air and results.		
2233		61	507th requests no arty fire south of 89.5 e f. now til daylight. Rptd. by 319th.	T	
2240		62	456th rptd. they knocked out 3 88mm guns at Cotteville at 22 0. Coord. 162914.	M	G-2

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0005		1	Lt. Lala Ln. Pilot into CP.		
0430		2	Horse drawn artillery fired on by 456th Will check effects aft.daylight.	N	
	0700	3	All CO's notified of conference w/ Col March at 1100 today.		
0855		4	Msg. fr. G-2 reference civilians passing through our lines to enemy.		
1111		5	Parachute seen falling at 26569394.		
	1300	6	Msg. to G-2 320th fired upon enemy vehicles at 234011, explosion observed Also fired on material at 235903. effect good.		
1507		7	456th requested permission to fire on town of Cotteville. The target 2 [illegible]'s. Permission granted s only our patrols were in and around town 1st night.	N	G-2
1628		8	Gen. Howell CG, 2nd A/B Brigade CO 319th		

		8 con't	FA show for tonight. Concentration 14, 15 & 18 to be fired by 97th FA at 0020. Departed 1633.
1727		9	Msg. fr. G-2. Enemy btry camouflaged in a quarry N. of coord. 262919. We already had mortar tnatatively spotted there.
	1810	10	Capt. Johnson to 172d w/overlay.
2000		11	97th instructed to swing two btrys. back south for tonight.
2056		12	97th Chemical Co. in on wire net. N
2122		13	Col Wright CO 320th in. 325th requested he move south of Douve. We did not have copy of 325's order. Col. Smiley told Col. Wright he would not move. 2 97th observers going out with him.
2130		14	319th rpts. they say enemy moving MG into house at 274 90 and they wantto fire. Col March ok'd it. M G-2
	2155	15	Col. March to G-3 to check coordination of 325 & 507 Inf. in tonight's mission Question of arty. boundary as 2 forces advance.
2155		16	97th will not fire Target 12. Col. Smiley to Capt Moyse. Capt Moyse to the Bn by phone.
	2207	17	Capt. Whitley called 319th to inform them concentration 12 omitted.
2208		18	Call to Col Smiley that Arty fire was falling short on Ste Saveur Le Vicomte.
2215		19	Gen Ridgway in to CP to see overlay of Mission W/Col March.
	2226	20	Col Mrch called 320th asking what liason they had with 319th and firing instruction.
	2226	21	Capt Whitley called 456th in regards to call of 2208. It was rptd. that it was enemy artillery falling, not ours.
	2230	22	Col March olled 319th asking if they had a dead line for firing to North.
	2232	23	Col March called 325th asking for dead-

	23 con't	line in firing for mission for tonight.		
2240	24	Col Smiley called 319th.		
2307	25	Col Wright CO 320th into CP to see Col. March.		
2310	26	Col March and Col Smiley to fwd. CP.		
2315	27	Capt Whitley called 172nd giving synchronized time.		
2330	28	456th called giving flash and sound location of n enemy position.	M	
2400	29	Corps rpts. vilet flashes. No fire except on call on coord. 2040C68.	M	

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0040	1	188th rptd. ceased firing due to planes overhead.	N	
0110	2	456th has request to put fire just inside line of safety. Request granted H hour is 0113 wet msg. to 172 FA Called by Lt. Stockley.	M	
0130	3	Msg. fr. VII Corps Arty Observer with SCR 610 radio captured.	N	
0133	4	507th Inf. called Div. about fire coming on them.		
0135	5	Enemy battery in orchard at 27z070. Fire mission given to 319th.	M	G-2
0148	6	Request for heavier stuff on above coord. 188th to fire. Check once more w/ 507th before firing to check safety. Okay to fire 188th 2 volleys counter battery. Inf rpts. right in there.	M	
0753	7	320th requests permission to shoot a little S of Grid Line 2400. Permission granted. (restricted area.)	M	
0800	8	Gn. C. rpt., shells falling on friendly troops at 2630C.	M	G-2
0810	9	456th ordered to shoot concentration on coord. (bridge) 1984096.	M	
0845	10	Enemy tanks and Inf. assembling at 273894. 319th given msg. to fire.	M	
0910	11	2nd Bn. 325th reached objective on right.	M	

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0015		12		101st A/B Div. rptd. a baloon at 3184.		
0910		13		320th rpts that 1st Bn. 325th Inf. reached objective at 0900.	M	
0920		14		Col. March into CP called 319thand 320th to check on situation. 507th Inf. about 500 yds. short of objective.	M	
0930		15		Msg. fr. Div that stragglers not being sent back to unit fast enough. Expedite.	F	
0954		16		Col. March called Lt. Loring (320) to contact Col Wright tell him G-3 wnts to know general location of dispacement. G-3 at Fwd CP.		
1005		17		172nd FA relieved fr. atchd. to 82nd. Capt. Johnson Departed.		
1007		18		Msg. fr VIICorps Arty. Col Hartshorn VII Corps rpts that 3 of our plane mechanics and all equipment are at FUGA.		Sent for.
1010		19		Msg. fr Corps reference vehicles. 2 jeeps.		
1030		20		319th now has 12 guns recld some on 18 June. Div is to pull out of Ste. Sauveur and concentration the two bridgeheads (1) 277012 (2) 291 92 (3) 252930 , 268923.	N	
1032		21		An unexploded bomb or shell at 210925. Rpt. by Frenchman 4 kilometers S of Ste Saveur.		G-2
	1040	22		Maj d'Alessio requested to see Col March as soon as possible.		
1147		23		Col Wright, Maj D'Alessio and Col. Barber into Col March.		
1300		24		Capt. Raibl informed that 320 & 456 to move across river this PM. Capt. Raibl to put switch board across river.		
1410		25		Col Carlson 18th FA into CP.		
1505		26		505th called Col March. Captured a new 88 scope send and pick it up, at Ste. Sauveur Lt. Sullivan to get it.		
	1510	27		Col Bertsch called 325 and asked that we be notified as soon as last element has cleared so we can move a battalion.		
1510		28		G-3 called for Col March to Gen Pickstant.		
1515		29		320th rptsd. mission / good effects on		

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		2 con't		enemy Inf. & 88 at 254889.	M	
1525		30		Msg fr S-3 456th reference inf. movements at coord. 165889- motar position at 17-858835. Fwd. Obs. 456th rpts that he can observe but it is out of their range. Given to 188th to fire. 188th Cub to observe 456th observer to observe and rpt.	M	
1540		31		Propaganda mission given to 87th to fire at 265874. Spread over 300 yd. front near town of Pretot 16 rds.	M	
1623		32		Maj. Todd 319th FA CO. into discuss displacement.		
1655		33		Satisfactory with 507th Inf. to make N-S highway a dividing line all way down. Okay to fire in Pretot 272876.		
1700		34		319th want to fire 8736. 8753. Can observe two guns. Safe to fire 319th will not fire W of highway, 320th will not fire E of highway.	M	
1801		35		VII Corps Arty. called for Serenade on 107137, a counterattack by Germans. The fire was them cancelled.		
1810		36		Lt. Col. Jack G-2 visited CP.		
2210		37		Lt. Thoerner 320th Ln. O. requested preparation fire on Pretot through, 508th Inf.		
2240		38		456th FA called requested front line situation.		
	2245	39		Advised G-2 6 rds. propaganda fired on Pretot. Wants 9 rds. fired on Ste Suzanne tomorrow.		
2255		40		Col. March returned to CP.		
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0230		1		320th wants to fire on enemy strong point at 259881.	N	
0400		2		Col. Harvey fr. VIII Corps Arty. inquiring about shellreps.		
0700		3		Maj d' Alessio into CP.		
0830		4		Maj d'Alessio deptd. for new CP at coord. 73913.		

1010	5	CP set up at coord. 2 88013 with Col Bertsch in command.	M
1056	6	Col March arrived.	
1115	7	Maj Saul S-2 Capt Jennings S-4 8th Corps Arty into CP, to discuss counter battery.	O
1120	8	456th S-3 called. 2 enemy tanks at 2588. Get cub up to observe and shoot mission. at tanks at 250880.	M
1125	9	Msg. fr G-2 Enemy positions: 88- 268863 MG. 245858.	M
1135	10	Col Smiley, Maj. Hart, Capt Whitley and others arrived at new area.	
1140	11	320th directed to await in present positions till further orders.	
1200	12	Msg. fr 320th. Moving Bn. CP to 274896.	M
1235	13	Msg. fr VIII Corps. At 1877 one tank one truck drawn arty. piece and two motor transport seen moving N. at 0610.	M G-2
1300	14	Col. March to Conference at Div.	
1430	15	Fire mission ot 188th at cood. 266855. enemy strong point two volleys on this. 87th directed to fire 5 volleys on same coord. This request fr. 507th. 87th was firing same mission for 320th.	M
1435	16	319th and 507th called. fire falling on friendly troops at coord. 2/5865.	
1440	17	Col March returned.	
1445	18	Vehicles rptd. moving S on coord. 265870 87th to shoot upper orchard there, 188th shoot lower 320th spot fire up and down road one volley every 200 yds. to get down to cross roads 267855. 188th hit two volleys where they are laid 2573/0 two volleys 1 "c" apart.	M
1456	19	S-3 507th cal ed. pots shells falling on fridly troops at 282865. Front line of 507th at 274869.	M G-2
1500	20	87th to repeat firing all way down. Want list of all missions Bn. have fired E. of 27 Grid line.	
1505	21	Calling on 87th for smoke can see no movement in woods. 1 btry. 3 volleys smoke 200	

		21 cont'	200 yds. short, 1500 yds. S. of town.	N
1526		22	Col. Haurt and Lt. Cols. Perry and Armstrong of FUSA into CP.	
	1538	23	Called 456th find if fired E. of 27 Grid Did not fire there.	N
	1541	24	Msg. to G-2 Enemy S. P. vehicles on road at 277355 moving S.	M
1541		25	456th in general support. Fire only on call fr. us.	
1546		26	188th to fire on heavy enemy weapons at coord. 190878. 188th has not fired S. of Grid line 27.	
1600		27	Maj Todd in to CP. Maj d'Alessio approx. 30 min. later.	
1700		28	Col Jones & Col Montgomery of VIII Corps in to CP.	
1700		29	Lt. Fink of 90th rptd. as Ln. O. for 90th. Div. moving tonight to new position.	
	1700	30	Msg. to G-2 508 rpts 2 Mark VI tanks, supported inf. and mortars harrassing in Pretot.	
1800		31	Water point at 207927 Closed Fwd. water point open at 266900.	T
1840		32	Col Wienecke G-3 into CP.	
1900		33	Col Barber 7th FA into CP.	
1927		34	Call from Corps Artillery asking type of fire for today.	
1935		35	Msg. to G-1 87th rpts. bodies of American officers and men at 268946.	To Chl. Reid.
2010		36	87th asked permission to register.	
2035		37	Capt. Raibl called to rpt seeing a balloon near Pretot.	
	2150	38	Lt. Sullivan left as Ln. O. to 90th Div. Arty.	
2210		39	Balloon rptd at 2035 were barrage balloons that broke loose fr. beach it is supposed.	
2300		40	Msg. fr. Corps 2130 Officer patrol rpts seeing 2 Mark IV tanks at 272871 at 201400.	M G-2

0220		1	VIII Corps Arty. called says PW captured 20 June states Germans instructed to infiltrate our lines and assemble at Densville 095871.
	1030	2	Col March on reconnaissance with Maj. d'Alessio.
1100		3	Msg. fr VIII Corps Suspected Enemy OP installations 31[illegible]7525 rptd. by kingfish 101 Arty.
1220		4	Msg. fr CG Div rescinding Par. 3 c. 2 of Annex No. 1 to F. O. 8 directing Recn. on 22 June by Div Recn Platoon 2 on 22 June, Div Recn platoon will perform courier service for Div comdr. as orally directed by him at Unit CP meeting at 211000 June, 1944. O S
1227		5	Rec'd overlay for Arty fire fr. 325.
1228		6	Col March ret. fr. recn.
	1305	7	Units notified not to fire on Pretot. Chaplain Reid to 320th.
1330		8	VIII Corps at 30.4 92.7 M
	1345	9	Msg. to 456th. displace one gun to No 1 position and register. Be prepared to displace after dark. Msg. to 320th and 319th to send personnel for recn.
1420		10	Maj Todd and party in to get under. fr. Col March. Col Wright & party in. Capt Kilbe in way to Ste Mere Eglise to get pilots up in air. N
1440		11	Msg. fr 505 CO, enemy Arty firing fr. Magnetic A.. 2303 on 224000 at 1330 hrs. M
	1540	12	Col March to 90th Div. and VIII Corps.
	1540	13	Col Bartsch called Maj. d'Alessio CO wants him to send Ln ' and W/O to 505 right away. Called 319th and told them to maintain his W/O & Ln. O with 508th.
1600		14	Capt. Hauser, Corps Air Officer in checking on subs, etc. Corps laying a line to the field Capt Kolbe not in.
1630		15	Col Wright to OP.

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1725	16	Recv'd change No. 1 to FO No. 8.	S
1726	17	Maj Todd give coord of fwd. OP 256906 one gun position, A btry. one gun 256903 B btry one gun 259908.	M
1735	18	Col Barber into get info. 87th in position and registered.	M
1800	19	Col March ret. fr. 90th & Corps.	
1810	20	456th advised they have taken one gun fwd. to register.	N
1930	21	Lt. Marston G-3 office had call fr. 3d Bn. 505 Maj. Norton Concentration of enemy 400 yds. N. and 400 yds E. of Verequebec.	M
1940	22	87th wnats to register on windmill at 165882 on hill 131. OK per Smiley.	M
1945	23	Req. for fire fr. 505th Inf. Col Smiley had 456th fire. Enemy concentration 400 at 215891. Also had 188th set up on target 2 volleys at out command. Called cub for observation. Counterattacking the 3rd Bn. 505 who are holding a forest.	M
2115	24	188th fired 2 volleys on Hill 131. Enemy activity there. Adjusted coord. 1901.3754 enemy gun position.	M
2155	25	Call fr. Corps that ent re situation has changed.	N
2210	26	188th cub hit 2 holes. VIII asked permission to register Long Tom with our cub. Coord. were way off our maps - it was cancelled.	

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0455	1	Alternate password into effect immed. fr Div. called to Bns.	
0520	2	S-3 of 456th rptd enemy MG at 215891 Will observe Permission to fire granted by Maj. Hart.	
0537	3	456th requests permission to use smoke to mark the above target for their observer.	
0615	4	Corp Arty called for record of fire. Maj. Canary, asst S-3	
0630	5	Gen Ridgway in, saw Maj Hart talked over situation.	
0810	6	Col March dep. to visit Bn. for conference	

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0845	7	234280 Maj. Silvey S-3 320th rptd. 88 gun here called 87th to have cub check this.
0910	8	Rec'd chage #2 to FO #8 fr Div.
0920	9	Sent to G-3 overlay showing positions of Bn.
0927	10	Col March returned fr. Bns. Gave msg. fr 90th to Col Smiley S-2 rpt.
0945	11	87th rptd enemy truck located at283380 This supposed to be in our line. 250860 see flashed here dvised 319th of this & requested if any of their observers can see anything out there.
1010	12	Msg. fr Air Base requisting permission to keep 320th observer here.
1045	13	G-2 periodic rpt fr VIII Corp.
1220	14	Art'y. Exec of Group Arty stopped in Col Huston. They are bringing in Long tom btry. Col Smiley offered use of our cub to adjust with.
1304	15	456th requests permission to register on check pt 21508003. Permission granted by Capt Whitley.
1308	16	Rpt by 87th gun flashes at 23457450 exact time saw flashes 046. Called Corp gave them observer in cub.
1322	17	S-3 & S-4 rpts sent to VIII.
1340	18	Maj. Todd in.
1355	19	G-2 rec'd rpt fr G-2 VII Corp that P-51s w/allied markings are strafing trps in 90th Div. area.
1400	20	Gen McAuliffe CG. 101 A/B Div Arty. into see Col March.
1420	21	Col Bertsch departed fr CP.
1430	22	Msg fr VIII Corp three instances rptd. of trps in this sector strafed by P-51 planes with allaid markings strafed at 1000 & 1125. Time signed 1400.
1450	23	319th, 320th 456th willmove at approx 2300 tonite. 319th still supports 507.
1500	24	Corp is to fire on target as given by 87th pilot by Long Toms. Btry will be ready at 1510 or 1515.

1523	25	Msg fr Corps Pilots a cult use carburetor heat while airborne. There have been two ins instaces where forced landings were forced landings were caused due to carburetors icing.	To Capt. Kolbe
1530	26	Telephone msg. that our units. were being pushed out of Bois de Limors.	N
1545	27	Col Wright and Maj. Todd into see Col Smiley.	
1549	28	Enemy btry rptd at 249 75, 87th will fire and rpt. result.	M G-2
1630	29	Mortars suspected at 24868790 by 32 FO. 320th fired on them w/effect unknown.	M
1700	30	Geb. Ridgway into CP to check on our units positions and target areas.	
1705	31	200 yds on either side of 90th okay for safety boundaries, fr Lt Sullivan.	M
1710	32	Flashes seen by 456 OP at 254871.	
1715	33	G-3 into CP.	
1905	34	3 rds enemy shells landed nearby believed to have come fr 263863.	N
1915	35	4 guns believed to be at 255868 and 244866, rptd by 456th.	M
2020	36	188th FO observed fr. ground. Enemy btry 1?948950. Are adjusting guns and fining on it.	M
2300	37	456th wants to fire at 88 at coord. 207878 requested by 505. Told to fire one btry one volley to see if gun at pa firing.	

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0220	1	G-2 requested permission to fire propganda leaflets and [illegible] to be Russian or English total of 8 rds. at each point 222?00 German propganda on.	
0835	2	456th rptd. two enemy groups on hill 131.	
0930	3	Capt. Hauser VIII Corps Air Officer, called for a plane to adjust longtoms.	
0945	4	Rec'd overlay fr. 505th through 456th.	
0945	5	Msg. fr. G-2 ref. 82nd Div. man seen taking	

	5 con't	crucifix etc. fr. house in Vindefontaine Investigation to be made and rpt. submitted Given to 320th for rpt.
1030	6	Msg. from Corps. to Capt. Kolbe fwd. us overlay 1/50000 showing far limits of air O.P. observation and any major defiladed areas fr. normal altitudes.
1100	7	Gen. Ridgway into check on ammo. and other situations. Did exp. of 2 Bns. exceed 1/3 unit of 75mm. Called C/S and rptd. total exp. 75 did not exceed the allowance under the restrictions.
1105	8	S-2 rpt. fr. 320.
1110	9	Rpt. of small armfire coming fr. ravine at [illegible]1893, this thru 456 fr. inf. were requested to fire on it. Wanted to know about restrictions.
1120	10	Restrictions of 1/3 of unit of fire applies until further notice this fr. C/S 150 rds. being unit of fire being used.
1150	12	188th obs. rpt. can observe enemy activity on hill 121 165[illegible]4. Told to fire on it.
1200	12	Dugout hit, mortar postion 320 said at 253874.
1210	13	Msg. fr. Corps. Evacuate to U. K. with highest priority any PW. fr. flak reg. 155. This unit manning Crossbow apparently Time signed 1045.
1220	14	Msg. fr. G-3 Col. March to report to Gen. Ridgway.
1235	15	188th called fr. air obs. enemy inf. assemble at 1894 070.
1300	16	Col March back fr. meeting with Gen. Ridgway. 00th to relieve 507 at 1500 hrs. 319th will them support 508th who will take up position at 2300.
1318	17	320th rptd. troops being shelled fr. 254 74.
1327	18	Lt. Sullivan advised ref. line of 82nd and 00th Col Adms is going over to get it straightened outand we will get correct dope then.

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1340	19	S-3 rpt. to M/C for forwarding.
1355	20	Rpt. of damage to 1 1st Arty. cub plane at 1156 today.
1421	22	Cub plane just received flak fr. Preto.
1438	23	87th to watch fire on 19608670 and rpt.
1440	24	25028701 flashes observed fr. 25028701 at 1420. 25158670 3 vehicles rptd. at 25158670 320th, who fired upon them.
1455	25	320th rpts Arty. fire falling in or near Preto. Col. Smiley called 90th to check on it. Major Ketterson ASSt. G-2 called about the firing. We are not firing 240875./ Enemy brry. at 87th will fire. Falshes observed.
1457	26	
1520	27	Shells still landing near Preto called 90th again.
1540	28	Col. March called 101st Div. Arty.
1545	29	Major Todd nd Col. Wright into see Col. Smiley.
1550	30	Enemy batter rpt. at 240875 87th will fire and rpt. result.
1630	31	Mortars suspected at 24868700 by 320th fired on them effect unknown.
1633	32	456th Ln. C. with 805 rpt. two field piece at 21548906, 21548814, two machine guns at 21108912. This info. 215302. Directed to fire one volley.
1656	33	One line to 90th is in.
1700	34	Gen. Ridgway into CP. to check on our units postition and tonight.
1705	35	M g. fr. Lt. Sullivan 200 yds. on either side of 90th ok. for safety boundaries.
1710	36	Flashes seen by 456th obs. at 256871. C/S into CP. with note fr. Gen. Ridgway for Cpl. March.
1905	37	263863 Three rds. were firedfr. this position it is believed.
1915	38	Flashes seen here at 255868 by obs. 2448860 enemy btrys. 199870 fired upon by 188th believedtto be gun pos tion.
2020	39	188th FO. obs. fr. grou d enemy btry.

	39 con't	18048050. Are adjusting guns and firing on it.		
2100	40	2nd Bn. 505th rpt. fr. captured PW. that 20% casualties come from artillery fire.		
2110	41	PW. and French civilians rpt. that fire is falling short by 3-4000 yds. of woods southwest of Prato 255848.		
2300	42	456th wants to fire at 88 at 207178. Requested by 505. Told to fire one volley to see if gun stops.		
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0035	1	Maj. Sutton 90th Div. Arty. called and said that he was prepared to support troops. Notified 319th.		
0035	2	320th rpts. shellsplanting in their area. Appears to be 2 guns firing. One fr. S and one fr W. The latter gunseems to be of a high caliber, because of the whinning shell.	M	G-2
0345	3	It was rpt. fr. Corps G-2 that there were 500 Germans in the woods N. of St. Sauveur Le Vicomte.	N	G-2
0725	4	Meeting atDiv. CP at 0900. Col March to attend.		
0740	5	Troops rptd. by 320th at 0347 were definitely American. They were field jackets and U. S. helmets. Further check is being made.		
0740	6	Call fr. Div. for Col. March. to rpt. to Gen. Gidewar.		
0900	7	Meeting at Div. for Col. March.		
0915	8	Corps arty. asked if we could hit coord. 2328810. Waiting further orders.		
0930	9	Col. March directed Col. Bertsch to assure himself that all bns. were now in defensive positions and that all have the proper defensive set-up.		
0930	10	S-2 notified all bn. S-2's to use all		

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From: June 24, 1944
To:

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		10 con't		security possible. Send only fire missions in the clear.		
1005		11		456th rptd. onl6 rds. fired on coord. 214902 time 3345. PW rptd. it was horrible to be in it. N		
1025		12		505 patrol rpts. 3 howitzers along creek bed or above orchard at coord. 22 8976. M		G-2
1042		13		Enemy concen rations at coord. 225884 188th directed to fire 2 volleys surprise fire only if sure enough of coord. M		
1055		14		Because of threat of Enemy troops a recon platoon was attached to the 87th to be attached as long a needed. They were given a definite patrol line. M		
1125		15		188th wants clearance to fire at coord. 162879. Have observation on pill box. Permission to fire granted. M		
	1127	16		45 th directed to fire 2 volleys in area at coord. 214 95 to 212901. Observation by cub. M		
1145		17		505th Inf. requested thru G-3 to have woods burned at coord. 192880 on hill 131. Rptd. to 456th and they have fired it. M		
12		1		456th rpts. truck & 12 men at coord. 212910. M		
1235		19		188th rpts. enemy activity at 1895. 8975. Request permission to fire granted. M		
1253		20		188th air section rpts. flashes at 14558890. Permission granted to fire on it. M		
1300		21		189th rpts. personnel and vehicles at 18558750. Permission granted to fire on it. M		
1400		22		Shells fr. enemy landed in area of B Btry of 189th Coord. of gun taken fr. azimuth 20882. N		G-2
1415		23		320th air section rpts. suspected gun position at 96 10571. M		G-2
1423		24		87th rpts. enemy activity at house coord. 18858868. M		
1500		25		456th rpts. 505th CP displaced fwd.		
1530		26		Enemy troops rptd. entering pill box at 165888 by 188th FA. Directed to		

	26 con't	find out how many troops to determine several volleys or not. Use precision fire if possible.	M	G-2
1534	27	3rd Bn. 505 Ammo dump on fire. rptd. by Maj. d'Alessio. Sent to Div. G-3.		
1630	28	Col. Andrews and Capt. Hauser fr. 8th corps. int. see Col. March.		
1700	29	Lt. Moretesky Co. A 607 TD. into see Col. Smiley. Located 100 yds. W. of road close to 325. Directed to put in position on azmuth of 4400. Code name Nylon.	M	
1710	30	Capt. Johnson Maj. Hart to 32 th. Expected return 1820.		
1730	31	Permission granted 18th to fire on enemy inf. assembling at 188803.	M	
1900	32	Lt. Sullivan returned.		
2010	33	325th asked if they could have 8 rds. of pr paganda fired at their request. Permission granted.	M	
2125	34	Small arms fire coming fr. 232052. German btry. position 50 yds. S. W. of these coord.	M	G-2
2140	35	Maj. Silvey 320th FA. G-3 into CP.		
2220	36	Col Adams G-3 into see Col Smiley to see harrassing fire for tonight could be cancelled a he thought it would draw enemy fire onfoot troops. 508.		
2245	37	Area immediately east of Div. CP. called for 15 min.	M	

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0320	1	507th rpts flash of enemy arty. fire at 268857. Rpt. fr. OP 100 degrees azmuth.	M	G-2
1010	2	188th rpts 2 target hits on enemy inf. assembled in house at 188867 3 trucks and group of men.	M	

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1010	3	Propaganda mission to be fired by 87th between 1000 & 1030.	N	
1125	4	Major Todd 319 h FA into CP rptd. one man B Bry killed and 2 wounded fr. shell fire last night. Also that 508th recon. scouted all around hill 131 and rpts. approx. 7 truck loads of enemy came in. Air corps strafed and bombed over that way around 1100 hrs. today.	M	
1335	5	Troops and tanks moving N. and N. E. fr. Verenquebec. Friendly planes strafed them at 1125. Want a cub to check and see what the situation is now.	M	G-2
1355	6	Vehicle at 215891 with no markings on. Cub. was fired on very much. 188th wants to fire. Directed to out precision adjustment of one gun.	M	
1440	7	Low wing monoplane over 456th with allied markings on wings. Could not idnetify tail markings or plane.	N	
1443	8	87th rptd. hit house and ran out bunch of enemy troops. Split house in two house guessed to have been CP.	M	
1447	9	Received overlay fr. Lt. Sullivan on disposition of 90th Div. trps.	M	
1500	10	90th Div. wants to shoot at coord. 258868. Checked w/ Lt. Louis as to safety - okay to shoot.	M	
1510	11	2 to 5 people on road and 2 camouflaged behicles at 165893. Rpt. fr. 188th air OP at 1450.	M	G-2
1515	12	Maj. Hart to 319 h return approx. 1615.	N	
1516	13	Maj Pauls fr. VIII Corps in.		
1535	14	4 trucks in field rptd. by an air obs. at 1300. coord. 22808700, At 1530 another was obs. coming on to field. 456th was directed to shoot precision on trucks and put volley on anything they scare up.	M	G-2
1550	15	First Army advised through VIII Corps. Arty that cubs could not go up for next several nights.		Capt. Kolbe
1639	16	87th rpts. cub plane flying S of Preto.	N	
1647	17	Group with 9 planes carrying 60 fragmentation bombs each bombed & strafed woods		

	17 con't	at 203870 and 200880. Large fire started, one tank was observed to leave woods at south slope of hill 131 and park on road nearby. Pilots encountered no flak and and enjoyed mission very much.		
1655	18	320th air obs. rpts enemy fire falling 100 yds. N. of crossroads in woods Bois de Limors, strange plane patrolling along line 88 later moved south to line 84. Was in good position to adjust fire in woods. NOTE: this is in addition to msg. received earlier recev. strange plane south of Preto.	N	G-2
1715	19	320th Air Op rpts. vehicle or tank at 250870. Fired on it effect was good. No movement after firing.	M	G-2
1030	20	319th FO rpts. 88mm gun position at coord. 245881.	N	G-2
1945	21	320th 2 rpts they knocked out a gun position 88mm at 245881. Obs. by 319th previously rptd. above.		
2020	22	Enemy btry. actually seen firing fr. coord. 2 7589 0 air obs. Tgt. given to to 188th FA.	M	
2055	23	320th air obs. rpts. smoke screen Neuville Beaumont drifting E. to N.		
2055	24	Enemy battery seen firing at 207588280, at 2020 hrs. Is now thought to be a Nebelwerfer.	M	G-2

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0725	1	Gen. Midwav into Op to check maps and if units had synchronized time.		
0730	2	All units fired a simulated preparation for attack for one half hour.	N	
0740	3	rpt. fr. 188th. O.V. outpost No. 2 out of communication.		
0755	4	Gun flashes rptd. at coord. 193875 by 320th observer. 188th directed to see if their obs. can pick it up.	M	
0806	5	319th rpts. small scale counter attack in 505 area. Given to G-3.		
0810	6	Col March suggested to Col Wright that he get some alternate position. Also to Maj. Todd and Maj. d'Aleasio.		

0815		7	Gen. R. called S-3 to see if there were any other counter-attacks orunusual ground activity.
1145		8	Col Bailey put unit of 3 rds. per gun on 45 th as th y have already fired their allotment of ammo. N
	1250	9	87th called 505 to gin clearance for interdiction fire on bridge and road all during day 2[illegible]03. Okay to fire until dark. M
1250		10	Mem. fr. Corps arty. In future all fire possibilities overlays will be 1/50,000 S-3.
	1300	11	87th directed to see if they can pick up enemy battery on Hill 131 at coord. 193-775.
1345		12	Radio manni g net reports enemy aircraft approaching East, going N.
1505		13	Capt. Bodell 87th F. J. in t OP. Told to keep harrassing fire on ridge. supposed to be about 3000 troops there.
	1510	14	Chaplain to 320th will be backbefore dark.
	1520	15	87th told to put volley on target although it cannot observe.
1600		16	VIII Corps Arty. rptd. that shell fragments we sent them were Nabel arters (plastic) and Russian shells 152 mm. N
1620		17	188th rptd. about 10 bicycle troops at building at coord. 197897. Two guns at 245889 rptd. by inf. patrol at 1450. Sent to Corps Arty. N
1645		18	505 requested all info. available on conc ntrations fired by 188th W of grid line 19.
1700		19	87th given mission on 197[illegible]07. Mission completed no one left building as yet. M
1845		20	VIII Corps Arty. requests overlay of our defensive fires.
1940		21	3rd. Bn. 508th Inf. will drop 4 green flares forward of them between 2330 & 0100 hrs. defensive areas given to units.
1945		22	4 man in civilian clothes rptd. digging holes out in open at 4805. Rptd. by 188th FO. G-2

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2[illegible]0		23		319th rpts. air bursts to the left of their position seem to be coming fr. the rear. 320th also rpts. air bursts east of B Btry. 456th rpts. 6 high burts south-west of their position coming fr. south.		O
				June 27, 1944		
0800		1		Cub shot down near Vindefontaine coord. 240985. Believed to be 320th cub. Lt. Miller and Lt. Sumbrecht killed at 0730. Aircraft failure, msg. fr. Lt. Lala. Lt. McNage & wood, 7th cub shot down says 319th.	N	
0930		2		Overlay of 26 1944 given to Maj. Todd d'Alessio and Col. Wright.		
1125		3		Capt. Hauser fr. 8th Corps into CP to see ColMarch and Capt Kolbe about crashed planes.		
	1129	4		Capt. Kolbe called Maj Bristol at Army Hq. to rpt. plane crashes mentioned above. 87th cub rptd. hit by 81mm mortar.		
1235		5		Enemy aircraft flying S. W. Altitude 2 to 3000 ft. Turned to N. W.		
1305		6		Called 87th and 1 8th to watch hill 121. 319th rpts. shells coming fr. that direction.		
1310		7		50 3rd Bn. rptd. 20rds. fell in their CP area.		G-2
1415		8		Col. Jones fr. VII Corps to get info. fr. S-2.		
1430		9		80th requests permission to fire on target at coord. 235887.	M	
	1515	10		Capt. Reid gone to D, E, and F btrys. 80th AA. Will return before nightfall.		
1755		11		87th wants to fire at enemy OP at coord. 197 8975. 87th directed to fire.	M	
1905		12		Col. Singleton CO 80th AA Bn. into see about OP of 188th for position of AT gun to fire into Varenquebec. Answer is no.		
1915		13		456th rpts. inf. being fired on by high velocity gun while planes are not in air.	N	
1935		14		87th given mission to fire on coord. 243886.		
2007		15		Propaganda mission completed.	N	

2015	16	Capt. Hawkings 319th Ln. O. called that propaganda fell in 508th area.
2035	17	Gen. Ridgway into OP.

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0950	1	Col March, Col Smiley to Cherbourg.
0950	2	Capt Saibl out to 101st A/B div. laying line will be gone most of day.
0955	3	319th rpts. guns located at coord. 221886 and 203870. M
1005	4	188th wnats to fire on coord. 19963906.
1030	5	Maj Faith in for Gen. Ridgway to ask what we were doing about enemy arty. fire falling in OP.
1045	6	320th rpts. flashes fr. coord. 197688 87th F. O. instructed to keep lookout for this. M
1152	7	Enemy activity at coord. 166088. 188th wants to fire on it. Granted.
1415	8	Col March, Col Smiley returned.
1510	9	Msg. fr. 188th to send French interpretar f'd. to div. OP No. 2 French civilian there with important info. G-2
1732	10	87th wants tofire on enemy battery coord. 217902. Unsafe to fire. M
1754	11	CO of 505th Inf Regt. requested fire of 188th. Told to call on 456th Inf. CO called again for Med or Heavy arty. Col. March directed that FO check Inf. requesting CO and if he can't prove he is CO of 505 have him arrested.
1800	12	507th rptd they are being fired on fr. Preto.
1810	13	Col. March to Gen. Staff meeting at Div.
1950	14	307th Engr. has patrol going on each side of causeway tonight between midnight and 0200. M
1920	15	Maj Todd and Capt Hawkins 319th FA in with coord. on gun firing in this area 508th has sent out patrol to get definite info.

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				(Day and date)		
	2150	16		Col Bertsch called 456 th to get communication for 310th. Lt. Lewis to go. Lt. Poole and Sgt. Carmany killed.		
2155		17		3 mortars rptd at 184806. 188th to fire one btry. M		
2313		18		VIII Corps Arty. wants us to fire on target at 159878. out of 188th range.		
2330		19		Col. Ackerman CO 565 into CP to check on arty. firing.		
				June 29, 1944		
0055		1		188th completed mission concentration 51[illegible] enemy bivouac area. N		
0745		2		Gen. Ridgway in discussing situation and problem of T platoon. ut 75's up close to CP so they can fire on in point route on Hill 131.		
0800		3		Meeting at Div. for Col. March.		
1030		4		Col. barber 87th arm'd FA ret. fr. recon. into see Col. March		
1045		5		Col Norton fr. 8th Corps into see Col March.		
	1100	6		Col March to Div. for meeting.		
1300		7		Col Carlson, 188th into CP.		
1500		8		Col. Smiley returned.		
2045		9		Maj Silvery 320th FA visted CP.		
2220		10		325th requested no firing in their sector after 2330 until daylight on 30 June. M		

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0045		1		188th told to fire on active enemy btry - 2004-8637 single gun. rptd. by VIII Corps.	M	
0115		2		Rpt. fr. VIII Corps Arty. Enemy btry. spotted at coord. 15720-78380.		
0200		3		Advised VIII Corps Arty. that 188th was out of range of above coord.		
	0845	4		Capt. Kilbe to 87th thence to Ste. Mere Eglise air field, will return about noon.		
0855		5		456th rptd. enemy troop concentrations at 2100-8915.	M	
	0905	6		Lt. French to 79th Arty. as Liaison Officer.		
	0912	7		Capt Raibl departed for a meeting of Commanding O's at VIII Corps.		
0915		8		87th Bn. 2 volleys at command fire on 75 or 80 troops in building at 2100-8915. Fire fr. 0929 to 0931.	M	
	0923	9		Col. March departed to VIII Corps Hq.		
	0940	10		Chaplain Reid to 319th 320th cemetery at 1730. Ret. by nightfall.		
1035		11		Gen. R. into see Col. Smiley.		
1042		12		Enemy 88 rptd. by 188th at 1891-8976. 87th directed to fire one btry using 188th observer.	M	
1054		13		Lt. French to find out fr. 9th AA what targets they are interested ner our boundary and to give them the targets we are interested in. Lt. French leaving now for 79th Div. Arty.		
1200		14		Capt. Kilbe ret. Lt. Schroeder and Capt. Monger 320th into CP.		
1635		15		Col. March ret. fr. Corps and 79th.		

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	1700	16		Capt. Kolbe to Ste. Mere Eglise, back by 1830-1900.		
1705		17		Col Adam G-3 into get info. on movements of hns. Told that 320th will not move before tonight. 188th moved in here tonight, 87th tomorrow night.		
2100		18		Chaplain Reid into CP. Cpt. Kolbe returned.		
2130		19		Lt. Moresky into CP fr. 507 TD Bn.		
				July 1, 1944		
0135		1		188th 2 btrys closed in new position 1 in old position. Will send coord. by messenger. M		
0200		2		VIII Corps FA number are now 22 122.		
0205		3		G-3 informed us that 90 Div. will fire on their objective within their sector at 0700 S of Pueto.		
0215		4		G-2 called. 1 shell landed at 259-882 az. 200 degrees at 0200 hrs. Flash bang time 34 sec. rptd. by 507th Inf. coord. of 188th FA CP. 26540-01950 Base Point 22845-87000 A Btry 26200-01040 B Btry 26080-01660 C Btry 26330-01440 not occupied as yet. M		
0500		5		507th rptd 20 shells landed in their sector at coord. 245878, fr. 195 degrees. M		G-2
	0800	6		Col March to meeting at Div. Hqt. at 0830.		
	0920	7		Capt. Kolbe to Ste Mere Eglise.		
	1005	8		Chaplain Reid Dept. for cemetary and 456th Will return late aft. noon.		
1008		9		319th recd. 7 officers as of 6/30/44. 4 1st Lt. & 3 2nd Lt. 320th got 1 Capt, 2 1st Lts. 3 2nd Lts. 456th recvd. 5 2nd Lts. N		

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1100		10		Msg. fr. Air force 82nd Div. Comdr. 1st Canadian Army will be flying over beachead periodically in vigilant Aircraft especially when sun is shinning. Silhouette conforme to those in AL 71 and AL 82 to AP 1480 A part 1 of single Engine Aircraft. Advise all AA units. Aircraft will operate fr. landing strip tare 957 12. T		
1145		11		Capt Kolbe ret. fr. air field		
	1400	12		Capt. Kolbe dept. to 87th and 189th.		
1445		13		Enemy OP believed to be at coord. 1904-8755. Rptd. by 188th.	M	
1500		14		Col Smiley to VIII Corps Arty.		
1530		15		A well camouflaged gun position at 105-8785. Rptd. by 189th		
	1600	16		188th directed to fire volleys at enemy gun position at 1904-8754.	M	
1610		17		88th asked permission to fire on coord. 105-895. Granted.	M	
1635		18		456th CP rptd. flashes fr. 2130 8345.		G-2
1645		19		333rd Arty Bn. Negro occupying positions lef. by 188th. Col Kelsey commanding 333rd.	M	
1745		20		Capt Kolbe ret.		
1750		21		Capt Horm 333rd rptd. to CP talked to Col. Smiley.		
1850		22		Col Barber into CP and went with Col March to Div.		
1900		23		456th rpts. shell landed in A Btry. area at 1825.	N	G-2
2020		24		Capt. Reid returned.		

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0915		1		Capt. Horn 333rd Commo. into see Capt. Raibl.		
	0945	2		Col March, Col Smiley to VIII Corps for conference.		
	1000	3		Capt Kolbe to Ste. Mere Eglise.		
0945		4		Msg. fr. Air OP. Unable to observe due to very poor weather..		
	1020	5		Chaplain Reid departed to hold service in the Bns.		
1020		6		87th lost cub over enemy lines. Will try to get details. Check w/ Lt. French on this.		
1045		7		Capt. Rodell fr. 607th TD into see about putting gun in position to fire a out 500 yds below Preto Given permission by Capt. Whitley but need okay fr. 90th Div. Arty.	N	
1130		8		Lt. Sullivan phoned that the event is taking place before 1200 and requested that S-3 and Lt. Shockley be notified.	Notified	
1135		9		Maj. Danielson fr. 113th AA group Corps AA came in ore yesterday. He wanted to find out about AA units we have. Wants coord of center of area of each Bn. Given 319- 320- 456.		
1205		10		87th to fire Prop. mission on coord. 022804-215491 5 rds.	M	
1215		11		Capt Kolbe returned.		
1237		12		87th rpts. Prop. mission completed.		
1250		13		Col. March & Col. Smiley returned.		
1315		14		Meeting of all unit CO's at 1500 to work out FO. 319th and 456th directed to move one gun up and register. 320th not to move.	N	
1325		15		Capt Yeager ASO officer from Div. into CP.		

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1540		16		Meeting of Arty officers started.		
1505		17		Capt. Kolbe returned.		
1545		18		188th & 87th will start firing at H-hour. All units firing 15 min. preparation. 505 goes over NE nose of 131 508 takes S half of 131. 325 near hill 95. 1 Bn. of 507 localizing one corner of woods-stops here and goes into reserve. 1 Btry of 87th in support of 2nd Bn. 507th after this returns to 87th. Tanks support 325 & 507. Direct targets have priority over the preparatory firing. 87th also in preparatory fire. 320th remains where it is, 454th & 319th move forward tonite. M		
1605		19		87th reported 6 PW's as result of Prep. shells fired this AM.		To G-2
1615		20		320th reported enemy activity at 355845 safe to fire. 7th requests permission to register on coord. 241 81. 90th requested to fire at mortar at 256 73 granted. Cur Air OP reported he saw enemy activity at 1535 in St. Jores. M		
	1655	21		Col. March dep. for Div. CP.		
1730		22		Col March returned.		
1900		23		Lt. Brown, LN. O. fr 70th Div. reported into CP to see Lt. Col. Smiley. He wanted a fire possibility overlay.		
1905		24		Lt. French returned fr. 70th Div. He was relieved as Ln O.		
	1910	25		Capt. Kolbe to St. Mere Eglise.		
1945		26		Col. Bertsch back fr. Div. with info. that the 84th Chemical Co. was to be under Div. Arty's control in sup ort of 505. Capt. Raibl into CP to check about communications with the 84th Chemical Co.		

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2045		27		Capt. Kolbe returned.		
2100		28		507th rpt. arty. fire in their area at 2560876. A man was killed as of 1900.		
2245		29		Capt. Christiansen of Co. D of the 83th Chem. Bn. rept. to Col. March.		
		30		G-3 was into see Lt. Col. Smiley.		
2255		31		Gen. Ridgway into see Col. March.		
2305		32		456th CO into see Col. Smiley.		
2315		33		Capt. Reid returned.		
				July 3, 1944		
	0408	1		Capt. Horn 333rd Ln. C. checked out.		
		2		Lt. Lechner, Ln C. fr VIII Corps Arty. rpt.		
0442		3		Lt. Col Adams called for smoke shells requested by air corps. Capt. Whitley was given some targets to mark on call. Col Adams was advised that we had 20 red, 20 green, and 20 violet. M		
	0517	4		Coord. time given to 319, 320, 456th, 87th, and 188th.		
	0527	5		Col March to Div. fwd CP coord. 209-878.		
0540		6		Col. March checked into net & TB.		
0550		7		ASP mission given to 87th. ASP requests targets marked at 321-857 time/ot, H plus 50, 190-875 T/ot H plus 60. Targets mark red smoke commence marking 05 minutes before TOT. M		
0600		8		All air missions called off on account of weather (called by G-3) N		

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0500		10		456th rptd. they closed in their new area at 0145.		
0614		11		320th wants 37th to fire normal barrage Y-15 to Y near 243-879 Request granted.	M	
0630		12		Front lines as of 022200 (fr G-2) 505, 217003-220805-223804, 1st Bn. 508 223804-230803-244803, 2nd Bn. 244803-240885, 325th, 240885-250886-254881-264875, 1st Bn 507, 264875-271876.	M	
		13		Cons. memo. No. 1 to FO #8 Revised 1. Time of attack for all units of 82nd Div. will be 030630 July 44. 2. 80th AA Bn will support the a tk. as directed by Div. Arty officer. 3. Sectors for the atk. will be taken over by units at 030001 July 44. 4. All friendly booby traps and mines would be removed in each section prior to 030630 July 44.	N	
0720		14		456th rpt. fire on 507. Rpt. to Corp.		
0725		15		One gun Btry A 456 out of act. permanently.		
0730		16		357th Inf. 90th Div. across road between 225877- 226861.	M	
0920		17		Hill 131 now in our hands	M	
0945		18		456th wants permission to fire on mortars at 188872. Granted.	M	
0946		19		505 1st and 2nd Bns. at phase line B; have just recd. order to move on.	M	
0948		20		Capt. Kolbe told to get a plane up as soon as possible.		
0951		21		Grid 16 is no fire line until further notice. This is from the 79th.	M	

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0953		22		Col March called to remid. 320th that they could get additional help if they need it. Called and advised 320th.		
	0955	23		Capt. Kolbe to St. Mere Eglise.		
0953		24		Lt. Sullivan said not safe to fire NE of 230307.	M	
0957		25		87th rptd. one man hit by small arms in C Btry area did not hear any discharge, coming fr zone of action of 90th Div.	N	
0958		26		Info wanted about phase line 2 A or B fr 32 th for 90th.		
0959		27		607th TD rptd. firing on our own trps. 456 rptd. this. Called Capt Kieth of 80th AA Bn.		
1001		28		320th wants to know if continue with interdiction. Told to put fire where they need it mo t.		
1002		30		Don't fire N of 245867, 320t rptd.	M	
1005		31		320th rptd. 325 1st Bn. at 255874 & 2nd Bn. at 250880	M	
1010		32		Corps NOS out for 45 min.		
1018		33		Col Reid into CP asked about 505 and 325.		
1024		34		319th rptd. no fire at all in their Btry. areas. Fire falling all around.		
1025		35		Lt. Sullivan at 90th Div. told that we have top of hill, lowest part nearest to him.		
	1026	36		Chap. Reid to serv. Btry. 87th also to 80th.		
1030		37		Shell rpt. fr 87th.		G-2
1032		38		Col Norton called that he has arty. not shooting and wants something to shoot. They will		

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		38 con't		shoot on even suspected targets. C-1 March says he thinks that something on E slope of 131 that is holding up 25th.		
1035		39		Capt. Keith 80th AA Bn. rptd. last interdiction fire was at 2400, 2 July, 44.		
1037		40		N boundary of no fire line fr 79th can fire anywhere E of 16.	M	
	1038	41		Col Smiley called Corp Arty giving suspected trouble 83 slope of 121 if have clear line to fire, Will they put some fire there. They will fire every thing they suspect in the area.	N	
1041		42		325 3rd Bn. has been committed at 1035.	M	
1043		43		Some units of 505th are out at conc. 66. Info. given to Lt. Sullivan.		
1046		44		Col March said shell rep. of 328 at 83 az did not sound right to him.		
1047		45		456th S-3 rpts friendly artyl falling in 505 area at 228902, no change in front lines.	M	
1048		46		Hq. shelled fr single gun fr. az. 80 apparently falling on trps on N slope of hill 131 C-1 March called in, 325 rptd. to him. He thinks it's corps. Corps topped one gun; they think could be doing this. 456 was asked to check and find out if it is dear. or mils and if the shelling has stopped.	M	
1058		47		Msg. rec'd fr 319 elements are 300 yds SW of bridge at 216881. time signed 1040.	M	
1100		48		Col March called about shells falling, he said 83 Az.		

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1107		49		Msg. fr 87th 2nd Bn. 507th 403-4 04 - 405, "e are moving up. (signed 1100)	MF	
1110		50		FO on 131 gun firing fr Bretel has him pinned down.		
1112		51		Air OP rptd. planes getting ready to take off.		
1115		52		Front lines fr 90th as of 0730 290850-280851-267854, 246852-260867-252866.	M	
1118		53		Col March rpts. fire still falling on Chestnut fr 80 degrees.	N	
1121		54		Request all additional fire for 325th on coord 2443-780, nature of target trps dug in. Strong point given to 188th to fire 5 volleys when ready mix it up. This is close to where 507th rptd. to be. Cautioned 188th to keep fire to left of line. Hold fire until they get better clearance 320th rptd. safe to fire. 188th could not fire, low range told to call on 87th also 319th.	M	
1125		55		Shells stillfalling fr 80 degrees.		
	1126	56		Directed 188th to lift all interdiction fires. Fire on Conc. 68.		
	1127	57		Gave Lt. Lechner slight change in the no fire line for corps.		
1125		58		Fwd. element of 325 now on Conc. 72.	M	
1135		59		Msg. fr 456, 505 wants all arty. & mortar fire in sectio n W & N of La Dugnierie (2 2888) stop unless especially requested by them. Time signed 1115.	F	
1141		60		86 Chem. Bn. rpts mine on the roads cannot get through be yond Varenqueback, rcn. another route.	N	

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1141		61		Col March still inquiring about firing on 325th. Capt. Whitley called 90th, they rptd. no firing.		
1147		62		Capt. Kilbe out.		
		63		320th Ln O rptd. 1st Bn 325 is 250 yds. short of A phase line at 1145.	M	
1148		64		507th fr. line visual contact with 325 at 1055.	M	
1157		65		Col d'Alessio into CP.		
1158		66		325 1st Bn. just short of Conc. 203 507 moved to Conc. 145 and have visual contact w/325.	M	
1200		67		507 2nd Bn wants all fire lifted in their secotr. 87th has stopped firing. Change in mag. lift arty fire 600 yds.	T	
1210		68		320th request all additional fire on conc. 207 coord. 221855 fr 325 CO. Gave this to 456 to Corp Arty. & 188th. 45' to fire 5 volleys, corp 2 or 3 Bns 3 or 3 volleys.	M	
1214		69		Fr. 90th Div. 2nd Bn. 357th Inf. moved fr 285845 to 290844.		
1218		70		Air Op can be reached thru 90th Arty.		
1220		71		No fire limit to Corp is fr 190000-190865 to 280865-270877.	M	
1225		72		319th complet d mission, standing by for repeat.	N	
1227		73		507th rptd 4 shells WP landed in area of old CP, don't know fr what direction.		
1230		74		507th 2nd Bn reached final obj.	M	
1232		75		Capt. fr Div. to check coord on CP of Arty. Bns.		
1240		76		Col Todd into CP with report that Conc. 207 was generally good.		

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	1300	77		Capt. Kolbe to fwd field.		
		78		Col Todd dep. to get his 3's & go on recon.		
		79		Lt. Brown 90 Div. sent his driver back to Hqs. to get overlay.		
		80		S-3 456th called to say no fire falling on slope hill 131 now. Enemy fire going over his head.	M	
1304		81		Col Clay VIII Corps Arty, checking w/other Corps about fire falling checked advised that fire going over their obs. head. It is definitely enemy Ask that final check to see if the fire they have been rpg. is still firing and advise.	M	
1305		83		Lt. Brown 70th called his unit to give him coord. of front line complete as last rec. was incomplete.		
1310		84		507 2nd Bn. has reached their objective. This rptd. at approx. 1230.	M	
1312		85		Advised Col Clay fire has ceased. assumed 1145 or 1300 this came fr. 456th S-3 Capt. Raibl for Col March.	M	
1317		86		180881 505 2nd Bn here 109805 505 1st Bn here	M	
1318		87		No fire line nothing N of 86 or within 200 yds N of div. boundary nothing within Div. sector N of 86 this to Corp.	M	
1325		88		Conc. 72 Capt Hawkins 319th Ln O fire 214960.	M	
		89		507th 2nd Bn rptd front line at 1302 rptd by Cpt. Howse at Conc. # 7; 4mg.		
	1335	90		Asked 456 to look for fire at 214960 and report.		

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1340		90		79th requests permission to fire on coord 2035 200 yds radius Granted and request they let us know when finished. 2 btry of 155s.	M	
	1345	91		Col Bertsch called 36 cml. Bn. for latest info. on their recon. Their CO still out, no info.		
1345		92		188th R/O rptd 25 or 30 E. seen entering building at coord 18868974 during period of about 30 min. request permission to fire. Their Engr. officer thinks this contains demolition stores not safe to fire, from 456th.	T	
1345		93		All Bns. of 505 have reached obj.	M	
1345		94		320 rpts that 325 has reached approx. phase line 3 judging by location of F/O.	M	
1353		95		Col March rpts that 90th Div. firing too close to ex reme right element of 325. Advised 90th.	N	
1400		96		Lt. Crumpin for Col Mohrman 407th QM Co. to inquire into possibility of moving QM. into area vacated by 45th. Permission granted.	N	
1405		97		Col March wants cubs up to put surveillance on guns that are firing into our troops.		
1407		98		320th advised they had just fired conc. on coord 244868, neutralized 3 tanks.	N	
1420		99		Coord 255858 [illegible], 257851-278848, 2[illegible], 2[illegible]9843, Fr lines of 357th Inf.	M	
1433		100		Capt Raibl rpts that a PW rptd at 1030 there was a 4 gun btry at coord 203863. Col March wants 188th to fire. 188th advised this close to our trps and to adjust if can observe. Checked w/319th for safety.	M	

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1439		101		79th rpts E btry at coord. 18918690, requests permission to fire were advised that fr. info. we have it is safe, asked 79th if can be observed.	M	
1445		102		320th rpts that 325 somewhere between phase Line A & B.	M	
1445		103		2nd Bn of 5 8th reached all final obj.	M	Rpt. to G-2
1450		104		319th rpts 508th reached all obj and all 3 bns digging in.	M	Rpt. to G-2
1458		105		456th rpts 325 meeting stiff resistance 1/3 way to obj.	N	Rpt. to G-2
1505		106		Col March rpts that 88s are holding, up TDs at coord 220886. Called 319th to put their cub on this see if can locate the 88s.	M	
1509		107		Lt. Sullivan rpts latest coord. o 99 fr lines as right 245868 to 250865 to 256864 Left 278848 to 281846 to 282841.	M	
1512		108		Col March wants another cub in air to look for 88s firing on our trps 87th directed to get their plane in air.	N	
1515		109		319th S-3 rpts 508 CP at coord 20558722, 1st bn 20608733, 2nd bn 20113695, Southern ost trps at 20008665.	M	to G-3
1517		110		Lt Col todd rpts have made Recon picked Btry positions to move into if and when 88s move out dep for his unit.	N	
1523		111		Capt. Kilbe ret.	N	
1528		112		87th rpts estimated Co of inf. German at 226871, they are firing.	M	G-2
1530		113		32 th rpts that 325 has reached Phase line B conc 205 across to 400.	M	G-3

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1557		114		319th rpts 24 guns at 205830 seen by observer called Corps obs. were German FW. Corps and 188th to fire on this position. 79th wants to fire on coord 18018610. 70th rpts postion of left reg. as 105847 to 144874.	M	
	1618	115		188th was advised to have their cub observe serenade to be fired at 1630, but cub had come down. 319th to observe for effect.		
1620		116		456th requests permission to fire obs. by cub on coord 18513747 310th advised it is safe.	M	
1620		117		Capt. Raibl into CP with msg. fr ColMarch & overlay. We have hill 131 complete. New plan that may go into affect don't out anything out until advised further.	M	
	1628	118		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.	N	
1630		119		87th obs. w/307th requests high burst fired.		
1635		120		Serenade completed. Corps called for effect.		
1650		121		319th observer rpts did not see anything on serenade.		
1700		122		Col March directs 456th to displace to prearranged area.	N	
1730		123		Chaplain Reid ret.		
1740		124		Capt Kolbe ret.		
1740		125		One of our Ln O w/inf. rptd that PWs stated there are 4 assault guns & OP located in 4 bldgs at coord 2153'468. 90th Div. advised this intheir sector to take a look and we will help with medums later on if they find anything.		

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	1748	126		Col Bertsch rptd to Col March that 87th Cml. Bn. had displaced and communicationsout, he is waiting to get a call thru to their CO. Col Bertsch called Col Wright to go on recon & rpt. when finished.		
	1800	127		188th directed to get cub up and look for SP gun at 197854. 456th also directed to look & first to locate adjust on then.	N	
1800		128		Written msg fr. VIII Corps dated 3 July 44. 1. It is the desire of the Army commander that Independence Day be celebrated tomorrow, 4 July 1944 by firing one round salute at an enemy target from every arty piece which is capable of firing beyond our front lines Time 1200 B - 2. An exception to the above will be those pieces whose positions for reason of secrecy, should not be disclosed. 3. Watches will be synchronized prior to the shoot. By command of Maj Gen Middleton BT 3 July 1944.	F	
1810		129		Rpt. fr 320 that 325 is 300 yds. short of Red Phase line, 800 yds beyond Conc 205.		
	1815	130		Called Corps Arty & requested they fire on the CP & Arps in the 4 bldgs rptd by [illegible] earlier. Advised them the 188th would also fire. They advised they would fire at 1835.		
	1824	~~131~~		CO of Cml Bn. asked to come to CP.		
1825		132		Msg. fr 456th giving corected coord of SP guns as 20598532. time signed 1815.	M	
1830		133		Msg fr S-3 456th Additional fire not needed on SP Guns. Time signed 1822.	F	
	1833	134		Msg. to all COs Arty Units When		

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		134 con't		supported unit Inf. Bigs in on obj. prepare schedule of defensive fires to include normal and emergency barrages, submit overlay showing to this CP.	T	
1834		135		Coord 21 847, target fr 90 Div.		
	1840	136		Overlays and Cons Memo #2 to 319th 320th & 456.		
1850		137		Lt. Sullivan on his way to CP andy clearance can be handled with S-2 of 90th.	N	
1910		138		Capt fr 87th Cml into see Col Bertsch.		
1915		139		Do not fire N of 86 or E of 22 within the div. Zone.		To Corps Arty.
	1920	140		Col Bertsch called Col March advised he had CO of Cml Bn in and told him where he was supposed to go in direct support of 505th. N.	N	
1926		141		6 unidentified Aircraft heading S. altitude not given 3 over our CP.	N	
	1935	142		Capt. Kolbe to Fed field.		
1935		143		Lt. Sullivan into CP.		
2000		144		Mag. advised that some unidentified unit breaking into 284 radio giving warning of tanks and airplanes.		
2000		145		Maj. Johnston fr Corps called in regard to placing a sound & flash base on hill 131 using our wire. He was referred to 456th.		
2000		146		Col Wright into CP, gave new possible area position.		
2000		147		CO 325 requests serenade on Ey trps in bldgs at 21538458. 90th advised this safe to fire. These trps in 4 bldgs.		

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2100		148		188th to fire on trps in a 5th house at 21778472.	M	
2100		149		CO, 508th requests there be no firing in his area or on his obj. unless cleared through him.	S	
2115		150		Capt Kolbe ret. fr fwd. field.		
		151		Enemy entrenched at 214867. Request to fire. Not granted as it is within our troop area.	N	
2155		152		Checker CP at 212805.	M	
		153		Corp. Artv. sound and flash picked up a gun position at 20740-87610. Not safe to fire on this.	M	
		154		Front lines of 359th Inf. 281842, 277 47, 274343, 264 47, as of 2210.	M	
2313		155		79th front lines 11766 to 138875.	M	
2325		156		S-3 of 5[illegible] rptd. contact w/unit to our west 79 at coord 187380 and that same unit holds ground N of that line.	M	
2330		157		Col March called Lt. Col Smiley and told him to alert Bns. to be ready to fire at 0600.		
				July 4, 1944		
0115		1		319th Op moving to 2202880 time signed 0105.	M	
0527		2		Capt Raibl asked about fires planned, told the preparation fires were to be arranged with CO of supporting & supported units.		
0545		3		Move no fire line back to Div. boundary fr. 79th Called Corps.	M	
0602		4		319th rptd rds falling short on La Poterie.	N	

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	0650	5		Capt. Kilbe to St. Mere Eglise.		
0704		6		Attack will be at 0800 fr. Div.		
0720		7		B btry. 87th went back under organic control at approx. 1130 3 July.		
0725		8		3 unidentified aircraft flying S. at 1200 ft.	S	
0745		9		21658754 serenade fr corps 217947 TOT 0750, 2 Bns 4 volleys 325th drawing fire fr this area including 88 fire. 193th to fire 5 volleys.	M	
0747		10		Msg. fr Col March 1(a) . Left boundary of 508 changed to line 08 221859 along rd. to S RJ 210846 (all to 508) right boundary 325 same b. Regts. will attack in their zone at 0800 Obj. fr the line held by 505 hill 95 along ridge N to Poterie.	M	
0804		11		Msg. fr Col Bertach to Col March boundary right of 325 left of 508 same.		
0810		12		Lt. Sullivan rpts unit on right is moving with little resistance Unit on our right is also moving.		
0830		13		Capt. Kolbe returned.		
0837		14		No fire line fr 79th grid line 83.	M	
0848		15		456th reg. & ready to fire stay within own boundary unless clear as Harness insistant on this.	M	
		16		Corps rptd. their cub could see 79th troops on hill 121.		
0853		17		319th had another FWI obs. killed rptd by Capt. Kaible believed to be Lt. Carey.		
0900		18		505 advanced 800 yds meeting very little resistance.	M	

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0915		18		86 in position ready to fire has op. on hill 131.	M	
0916		19		183853 MG checking w/319th on linesafe to fire. They reg. & have been firing.	M	
0918		20		87th wants permission tofire on hill 95-will have to clear thru 508th. Nature of target they want to shoot 4th of July.		
0921		21		Lt. Sullivan rptg. 2nd bn. 357 Inf. is at 244840 to 256849.		
0925		22		Col March directs that 325 and 508 be contacted and advised that we have 4.2 available forfire on ridge.	N	
0930		23		Msg. fr 456th No physical contact with 79th to West also no contact with 82 to West signals indicate hill 121 in friendly hands, our front lines 19278753 to 19258703 to 20178654. T/S 0843 MW.		
0945		24		Capt Raible into get any Msg. for fwd CP and advised they are going tomove also that Enemy counter attacked at the same time ourtrps attacked.	N	
0947		25		1 Bn. of 325 just beyond line of final objective.	M	
0950		26		Col March directed word be passed to cubs to particularly watch hill 95, keep eye on our trps. also. This was done.		
0954		27		456th rpts that hill 95 is not held by our trps they want to fire onit as 505 is being fired upon fr. there.	M	
1000		28		87th wants to fire on road junction at 221840, CO of 325 wants 6 volleys. This being cleared thru 37th & 90th Div.	M	

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1005		29		90th No fire line as of 0950 220084~~65~~ to 30008185.	M	
1005		30		Fr line of 7~~0~~th as of 0030 is 108844-114845, 150 meters N of 135848, 300 meters N. of 135350 to 144857, fr 144857 to 144860. 300 meters S. of, 1 60873 thence E. 1000 meters 153881-150085.	M	
	1010	31		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.	N	
1024		32		456th wants clearance to fire oncoord. 120850, we are asking the 79th if clear.	N	
	1027	33		188th to shoot at 1075, TOT 5 volleys ontar~~g~~et 221840, 320th also to shoot onthis, also 87th fy trps onhill 95.	N	
1031		34		Capt Rosher, S-3 of 86th Cml. Bn. in to get location advanced CP. Given him 2110877.		
1035		35		Msg. fr Lt. Sullivan 2nd Bn, 350th Inf. at 246747 to 253847 3rd. Bn. at 241858 to 250857.	M	
1050		36		320 requests permission to use WP on a woods at coord. 222853 325th requested it. Col. gave permi sion also directed that the Mortars be put on this woods. 320th received Cease fire order.		
	1110	37		Corps given 84 Grid as No Fire line.	N	
1155		38		Col March advised we are within 3~~0~~0 yds. of taking hill 95.	M	
	1120	39		All units notified to use coord. 22618280 for 12 0 shoot if they have no better target.	N	
1120		40		5 unidentified Aircraft NR	S	
1123		41		C/S wants fire at 224836,		

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		41 con't		checked w/320. 230837 okay fr 90th 400 yds S of that pt. 3 guns 90th fired on this yesterday.	M	
1149		42		21228528 coord given to 320 this fr our CG TOT fire starts at 1215 until 1225. Co says not more than 10 min. quite a no. of trps dug in fr 2122528 to approx 21008480 this given to Corps. 87th given 207842 at 1215 1225 188th given 2110850 at 1215 Bn. 5 volleys 1225 456th 21228528 at 1215 -1225 86th Chem 211852 at 1215 to 1225 50% WP.	M	
1207		43		320th directed to displace by Ex.	N	
1207		44		1st. 2nd Bns. 359th Inf. had a tank atk. and one along rd. E&W of St Suzanne, moved back almost 1500 yds.	M	
		45		188th rpts men on bicycle, trucks a foot cnrd. moving south 207825 as of 1200.	O	G-2
1210		46		Strong enemy dug in, auto. wpns. & 88 guns have repulsed 3 atks. of 508. Serenade on this target.	M	
1215		47		Capt. Wolbe returned.		
1218		48		320th moving to 242872.		
1230		49		Hill 95 rept. in our hands.		
1240		50		188th granted permission to fire on enemy trps at 2085. Checker will assist.	M	
1245		51		456th rpts. 4 rds. of time fire of unknown cal. fell on friendly trps at 100864.	N	
1255		52		One Bn surrounded by ey requests permission to use smoke. Granted One Bn. of 508th.		

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	1300	53		Capt. Kolbe to fwd field.		
		54		7 or 8 tanks rptd scattered along entire 90th Div. front fr 90th Div. Arty.		G-2
1305		55		Div. adv. CP at 298978 not occupied.		
1315		56		When div. objectives have been reached, units will go into defensive pos. All FA units will submit overlay showing def. fire plans.		
1410		57		Cub plane shot down rptd by 87th 4100 Az distance of 3000 to 4000 yds. fr their gun pos. approx. 246802.	M	
1422		58		456 rptd more ey vehicles at La Hare turned N & armd. car at 221850 this given to 320 456th & 188 will fire as vehicles move along rd.	M	
	1425	59		319th advised that an O fr 507 will rpt to their CP for Ln O to 2nd Bn of 507 th 1st Lt. Schraeder.		
1430		60		5 ey Aircraft flying N3 this fr. our 284 manning net.	S	
1432		61		Called Corps to get clearance on line along southern boundary 225 to the west Granted. c	M	
1430		63		Capt Raibl called and advised that 3rd Bn 507 rpt cub shot down at approx 245860 189th cub saw cub t down.		
1440		64		S-3 of 456 called about quite a lot of activity int air area.		
1445		65		456 advised okay to fire on target of opportunity between La Hay Du Puits and 225 outside Div. boundary Grid.	M	
		66		456 S-3 rpts arty falling at 1086 fr compass 200 mils.		G-2

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1450		67		Col March wanted to know if we got clearance to fire. He was told that we had.		
1452		68		188th given clearance to fire between La Hay Du Puit and grid 225 Watch E edge as 325 close to where target is.	M	
1455		69		87 told to watch for targets of opportunity along that rd. between La Hay Du Puit and grid 225.	225	
		70		Lt. Schraeder 87th Arm'd FA rpt. here and was directed to proceed to319th for instruction.		
1505		71		Msg. fr Corp G-2 Heavy traffice vehicles & foot gps also on bicycle moving SE at 1004 280 observed at 1300 (signed 1415)	F	
	1515	72		Called 456 to see if all right to use Lt. Lewis as Ln O. as he is being relieved as assist. Commo. talked with Maj. Neptune Called 319th CO advised Col Todd to use Lt. Lewis if need immediately.		
1520		73		Col Barber into CP.		
		74		Center of area of 320th 24[illegible]673.		
1525		75		3rd. Bn, 357th Inf. 239858-2[illegible]6851 2nd Bn. 259857-263853, replaced all lines inthis area previously given to us 2nd. Bn. 357th Inf. change 280844-284837.	M	
1533		76		Fr. Corps at 2[illegible]1840 ev stong pt. Told them unsafe to fire We could handle it. Corp to our 8 How. on this. 319th will observe.	M	
1539		77		Msg fr 320 giving coord of Bty pos. A 2404[illegible]87220, B 24 4587250, CP 24060714. Time signed 1445.	M	

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1550		78		Msg. fr corps Tanks atk. SW of rd. St Jores 20 to 25 ½ of a mile out of town. (time signed 1525)	F	
		79		188 given interdictory fire on 222840-214845 SW & 139842.	M	
1552		80		Col George fr Corps called & asked how much we needed. the 188th Capt Whitley told him we needed them badly.		
1558		81		Fire fr hill 122 at 223833. This urgent request fr 329 Col March called and wants heavy conc. get corps to clear & request all possible fire.	M	
1558		82		188th to fire 5 vol. ays on 220835 at 1603.	M	
1600		83		Gen. McMahon fr 8th Corps Maj Burns into see Col March, Co.l Bertsch here.		
		84		329th rptd. in pos. ready to fire.	M	
1607		85		329th rpts tan s ours ½ mile south of St Jores moving N.	N	
1615		86		Strong pt. on which fired serenade this AM is still repulsing our Inf.. We may call for another serenade put corps on alert.		
1620		87		CO wants 86 Chem. to harass strong pts. given 329th rptd. they were ready to rep, the mortars. Called back to see if they had a mission let us know when thru so we can put them on harassing.	N	
1627		88		Msg. fr Corps Hostile aircraft rptd. minimize all liaison fl ing and obs. should be especially watchful. (time signed 1540)	F	
1630		89		Gen. Taylor CG, 101st A/B Div. into CP visiting.		

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1631		90		Capt Kolbe returned.		
1640		91		Ev vehicles trps going SE of La Hay Du Puit all day.	N	
		92		Col March would like corps to put conc on coord 2255 360 S. of 220835.	M	
1653		93		Col March in fr fwd CP One Bn. of 507 to run thru a Bn 508 try to get ridge, put conc. starting at 2000 last 15 min.	M	
1653		94		87th direct support of 2nd Bn. 507 participate in conc. after conc. fire on rd. to S. interdiction fire for 5 min.	M	
	1655	95		Maj Hart called Col Lewis 325th Inf. to ask if he wanted anymore on ridge 122. Seems to be quiet worried about coord. with 359th Inf.		
	1713	96		Called Col Wright about request fr Col Lewis Gave 87th a special mission.	N	
1715		97		Msg fr corps Tank rptd SW of ST Jores previously rptd. confirmed as friendly tanks (time signed 1645)	F	
1723		98		Col Barber i to see Col March about tonite 87 to go to 507 239867.		
1727		99		86th given interdiction mission on coord. 21008[illegible], same target we requested them to fire on this AM rate of about 1 rd. every 2 or 3 min. limits 21228528 to 20828442.	M	
	1750	100		Col March dep. for fwd CP.		
1830		101		Lt. Sullivan fr 90th.		
1810		102		Tonight conc. on 22538360 to consist of 15 min. of firing 2 Bn. 40's.	M	

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2030		103		198858 319th wants to fire smoke here to run sy out of hedgerow granted up to1/3.	M	
		104		188th ceased interdiction.	N	
2033		105		Ben McMahon called Col Bertsch Shell rpts should be clear and contain more infor.	T	
2035		106		456th S-2 called about smoke on hill 95.		
2040		107		Front lines, 90th Div. as of 2040 359th Inf. 240858-250851, 357th Inf. 264844-276844-271835. This msg sent to 319, 320, 87th 2nd Bn 507 at tache to 508 at once and supported by 319 who will provide Lm O & W/O 3rd Bn. 507 attached to 325 at H hr. with 87 supporting them on atk. only, reverting to reinforcing 32 th on defense. Inform two COs concerned do not fire or ridges between hill 95 and hill at 210850 after atk. (due to patrol) This rec'd by tp. 2007 by Col Smiley fr Capt Raibl for Col March.	M	
2130		108		Capt. Kolbe returned.		
2141		109		320th called 325 CO requests repeat all fires checking with 320th to see if this is right. We will fire if can get clearance fr 90th coord. 25837 fire as soon as possible By Weapons & 88 firing 90th grants clearance 188th fire 3m. 4 volleys at once rptd to 325 we are putting a Bn. of Meds rpt effect.	M	
2309		110		505 made contact at 166855 with 79th Div.	M	
		111		507th 2nd Bn. has reached its objective, according to 319th sticks.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
2320		112		Request to fire on 222851 & 203845, 325th must clear the last coord. Unsafe to fire.	M	
		113		CO fr 86th Chem into CP, as of 2400 they have reverted to 8th Corp & 90th & released fr Div. Arty controlled.	N	
2345		114		All Bns. received Opn memo No. 3 plus overlay, to accompany FO 8 revised.		

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0140		1		320th called and wanted clearnace to fire interdiction fire all thru the night on the following coords 229838, 225837, 229840 221840, 238837 gave clearance. (90th Div.)	M	
0425		2		Corp G-2 called no fire ins for 70th Div. 8s 81 Grid line.	M	
0710		3		Friendly arty. rpt. falling on 5 5 1st Bn. 214853.	N	
0810		4		S-3 320th asked clearance to fire on 222840, will adjust mission.	M	
0815		5		90th Div. FO and Arty annex & schedule of fires brought in by Lt. Sullivan.		
0826		6		320th wants to fie observed fire (interdiction for one hour) on 230850-224840. 90th says unsafe to fire, as they are flying near there.	T	
0830		7		Position of front lines given by Lt. Brown fr 70 Patrol rpt. 200yds. N of 160138.	M	
0855		8		319th advised that FO rpts. enemy SP gun at coord. 184874. The SP will fire, get out of position for a little while than to into same position and fire again.		
0900		9		90th started to move at 0945. 87th In C. notified and directed to advise this unit. 188th In C also notified.	N	
0904		10		Lt. Sullivan called fr. 90th Div. for latest fire line and info. on front lines. Answer was approx. the same.		

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M - Posted on Situation Map
N - Noted
S - Standard distribution at CP
T - Troops informed

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0910		11		Capt. Raibl in fr. fwd. CP.		
0920		12		No fire line fr. 90th 200815-240840.	M	
0930		13		Fr. fwd. CP. 508 is on its obj.. 79t has extended their line throught La Haye de Puits to a junction with the 82nd Area between their front line and hill 121, has been cleared of enemy.	M	
0955		14		188th given urgent fire mission at coord. 202877 ½ c apart, 2 volleys. Target two 88mm guns protected by MG. 319th called for this.	M	
1004		15		Anything E. of 18 and S. of 23 is within our Div. boundary." is given to 79th we do not want any fire near La Haye de Puits.	M	
1005		16		Talked to 319th for effect of fire and asked if they wanted more."		
	1007	17		Capt. Kolbe to fwd. field.		
1012		18		90th Div. line 212843- 220842-230840 230846-250840-264834C-270834.	M	
1013		19		No fire line fr. 90th as of 1005 220848 300801.	M	
1020		20		Arty. falling at 224858 coming fr. direction of 90th Div. Lt. Sullivan advised.	M	
1026		21		3 unidentified aircraft flying N.		
		22		Capt. Kolbe ret.		
		23		Rpt. by 325 & 3rd. Bn 507 My inf. assembling or preparing for atk.	N	
		24		79th rpt. 2 My tanks.		
1030		25		319th Inf O lost radio, apparently he was pushed back & had to abandon it.	N	
1030		26		90th says safe to fire on 240832, 208832, 204845 SW of line.	M	
1030		27		New safe to fire line: 220840 220832, 240832 everything safe to fire S to W of line.	M	
1044		28		Msg fr 188th OP on hill 131: Heavy enemy concentration at 0945-0955 fired fr. 201840 and N. 400 yds. 88's or larger Azimuth of about 540 or 600. This given to 319th.	M	

Under disposition use the following:
F - Posted on Situation Map
U - Noted
S - Standard distribution at CP
T - Troops informed

82nd A/B Div. Arty.
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1050		29		2 btrys 105mm at 193833. 4 88's at 202842 (PW rpt.)		
1050		30		319th just helped repulse counter attack at expense of 240 rds.	N	
1130		31		C/S says 507 2nd. Bn. called for arty. fire to the S.		
	1131	32		Chaplain Reid to units.		
1132		33		319th called about the 2 btrys of 88's.		
1135		34		Col Smiley called 319th S-3 find what target the observer w/ 2nd Bn. 5 7th, wants to shoot at - Gen Gavin wants to keep shooting his arty. out there.		
1140		35		No fire line 79th - grid 81 and N & S of 20 Front lines 160838-175842 1 company 200 yds NW of 175842.	M	
1140		36		90th do not fire line E. of 21 grid N of 823 grid.	M	
	1142	37		319th called and given new no fire lines (old lines out of date)		
1145		38		Brig Gen. Pickering of 8th Div. Arty. Lt. Col. Shreve visted CP.		
1147		39		Lt. Sullivan 359th Inf. along the N. 12 contour line on hill 122 (unconfirmed)	N	
1150		40		188th to fire 1 volley 1 c apart 193833.	M	
1150		41		Fr Lt. Sullivan - Left section along main road south on both sides of road as far S as 828.	M	
1158		42		Hardware 507 3rd. Bn. on ridge in front of their sector.		
1210		43		Capt Kolbe ret. and advised moving to fwd. field to 200917. Will run wire fr. 456th to field.	M	
1215		44		Gun position at 228838. 87th wants to know if we want to fire it. This is 50 yds. behind 90th line according to unconfirmed rpt. of their lines.	N	
1217		45		Request fr. 320th for serenade on 221851-230851.	M	
1222		46		Called VIII Corps Arty new points 21 851 224851. Col March called during inter in.	M	

Under disposition was the following:
- Poster on Situation Map
- Verbal
T - Standard distribution at CP
T - Troops informed

82nd A/B Div. Arty.
July 5, 1944

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
1226		47		21 851-224851 new coord. Asked corps for additional fire. This in preparation for attack. 188 requested to fire A bry on each and on in the middle and if corps lifts fire 3 bry 5 volleys on each 90th say their 3 claim they have a Bn. somewhere in there. 325 should have contact with 90th somewhere along the line. If can contact and have them send word up thru channels.	M	
1305		48		87th rptd their OP was strafed by plane thought to be enemy. No damage. Corps confirmed several instances of strafing.	N	
1310		49		Target at 193837. Nature: inf. entrenched firing at our trps. advancing. (clearing w/79th) okay w/ 79th.		
1313		50		2 enemy btrys active at 1145 at coord. 202841-200845. Given to 188th 2 volleys each.	M	
1315		51		Friendly Arty. fell at 212853 time 1300.	N	
1333		52		4 guns fired. Landed in 3rd Bn 508 area fr. 000.		
1333		53		No fire line 207845, 2 7826, 220830, 230824, 249824, 272812.	M	
	1430	54		Capt. Kolbe to fwd. field.		
1600		55		Tp mag. fr. Col March to draw only one unit of fire.		
1700		56		1st Bn. 350th Inf. line 220846-238840, 2nd Bn. 238840-245833.		
1700		57		Capt. Kolbe ret.		
1700		58		456th has OP on hill 95.	M	
1710		59		3rd. Bn. 325 line 215848-221853, 2nd Bn. 227855.	M	
1715		60		Lt Col shreve the 8th Div. Arty. show Col hertsch their position.	N	
1718		61		Safe to fire on 189839 if obs. Checked with 79th given ot 319th.		
1718		62		Col Todd rpts they rec'd their copy of opns. memo at 1635 thru us.		
1730		63		Chap. Reid ret. fr 319th.		
1730		64		Col Norlic of 8th Div. came into OP to see disposition of units. He went on to fwd. OP to see Col March.		

Under disposition [illegible] following:
[illegible] - Posted on Situation [illegible]
[illegible] - Posted
[illegible] - Standard distribution [illegible]
T - Troops informed

82nd A/B Div. Arty.
JULY 5, 1944

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1755		65		12 Ey trps SE of La Hay du Puit in area previously rptd.	N	
2115		66		Gen Pickering, Col Raymond Exec. Lt. Col Shreve, S-3, 8th Div. Arty. into CP. advised Col Bertsch they will reinforce our fires & will be in position later tonight. Names of their staff: Maj Stevens S-2 Capt. steed Comm. Lt Mercer Survey, Capt Backes, Ln O.	N	
2155		67		Mission of 8th Div. Arty. above changed. They will support the 90th Div. 4th Div. Arty. being pulled out.	N	
2200		68		Rptd some Ey at 212841 quite a few targets at 210835, generally S of here & W lot of activity at a house. 87th rptd they are being shelled, tanks out there, about 100 men waving a white flag-they are under fire.	M	
2210		69		90th says 87th & 188th may fire on 221839, asked 188th to keep this under observation; asked 90th if they sent any AT guns out for those tanks.	M	
2211		70		Tp msg. fr Col Bertsch to 456th missions is gen. support & reinforcing fires of 319th.	N	
2215		71		Notify 319th & 456 that 456 mission is gen support and reinforcing fires of 319th. 456 to tell Ln O & FO with challenge and establish liaison w/319th.		
2305		72		320th rpts 325 wants interdictory fire for the night on 197838, 203836, 212835, 218838.	M	
2318		73		456th wants clearance on 18608480, 187838, 188848, 190848.	M	
2330		74		No fire line of 90th as of 2230, 207845, 207825, 220820, 230824, 247823, 247810.	M	
2335		75		1970 T96, muzzle flashes rptd. fr 456 at these approx. coord.	M	
2343		76		Fire limit for tonight W is 19 Grid line, E is 215, given to 319th opening in depth		

Sec In	Sec Out	Serial Number	Msg Date	Subject, Origin, Addressee	Msg Initials	Remarks
		76 con't		or S follow down to 235210-235820-300800.	M	
2343		77		319th rptd gun flashes coming fr 195820.	M	
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0100		1		90th Sy btry at 195820 & 196874, 79th & Corp to fire.		
0835		2		319th wants to adjust on gun flashes coming fr. 195814; 188th will get a cub up and try to get these guns.	M	
0848		3		Tp msg. fire mission fr CO interdiction on road leading south fr La Hay du Puits begin immediately do not fire into the town spread it along road S of 83 grid 83 grid line is the closest we may fire. 79th may fire on La Hay du Puit 1 8th to fire on 180 14, 1782340, 8154, 8216, 8254, 1704834, 1708842.	M	
	0850	4		Capt. Kolbe to fwd field 1 1873 coord of adv. field of 79th.		
0850		5		Considerable no. of sy 210845, 210841, 210838 320th want to fire on buildings & hedgerows to E.	M	
0855		6		90th says safe to fire W of 215 w/obs.	M	
0900		7		Not quite up to our expenditure on 105, over on our heavy fr Gen McMahan (this is corps as a whole)	N	
0915		8		79th says safe to fire E of 175 and S of RR also on La Hay du Puit.	M	
0920		9		456th rptd 2 ambulances going into La Hay du Puit quite a number of trps going out of town E & SE.		G-2
	0930	10		Lt. Brown 79th Div. going over to his unit to get overlay of firing lines.		
0937		11		Corps Commander says we may shoot into La Hay du Puit if we can see anything to shoot. Col Adams G-3 is to contact F/O to look for targets in the town.	N	
0942		12		Msg. fr Corp Sound OP at 1768000.	M	
0944		13		320th rpts activity on hill 122 told their is a no fire, there are sy eating on hill 122.	M	G-2

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A - Issued on [illegible]
B - Noted
S - Standard distribution of [illegible]
T - Proper informed

TRIP JOURNAL

Unit ....82nd. A/B Div. Arty.....
Date ....July 6, 1944.....
To .....

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0953		14		Unidentified plane SE.		
0955		15		90th lines, 226846-226838-241831-247831 256828-267827.	M	
1035		16		Capt Kolbe returned.		
1052		17		New no fire line fr 90th Div. 209845-209827-240812-200816; given to units.	M	
1052		18		FRom G-2 of 79th Cur arty. is under ey inf. fire in La Hay du Puit, whose location is roughly fr church steeple to a pt. S by E fr the steeple thru town Request us to help.	M	
	1055	19		Told 188th Ln O if he can pick up target fr steeple can fire, keep interdictaion up and give what it has on this if catch them coming out.	N	
1055		20		319th to get obs. & if able to pick up conc. of trps inthe town 319th & 456th to fire.	N	
1100		21		Same msg. to 320th.		
1100		22		90th line 218836-236836-244830-240833-257838-268838.	M	
1100		23		Msg. fr 456 FO rpts seeing a tank at 183834, going to shoot tank, which is going into La Hay du Puit.	M	
1105		24		87th rpt 2nd Bn 325th has been relieved.	M	
1110		25		2nd 3rd Bns. 359th Inf. at 2[illegible]0828, 21[illegible]828, All right to fire up to 215 line in N. of our own safe to fire line- not to fire anywhere - advised 319th not to go anywhere E of 208.	M	
1120		26		90th Div. rpts. front line at 20[illegible]28-219828 connected points 231823-244823 separate point 257838-268838.		
1132		27		87th wants to fire on 211831 Ey Op flash signals within 90th lines it will be obs. Safe to fire 215845-189840 do not fire S of that line or E of 189840-189815 or N of 815 Grid line.	M	
1155		28		Advised 188th safe to fire 175189 N-S grid line also S of RR thru La Hay du Puit		

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		28 cont'd		still leaves interdiction safe to fire.	M	
1155		29		Chap Reid to hospital w/officer fr 80th.		
1205		30		Tp msg. fr 70th G-2 Do not fire NW of GR station 1 1842, this is corner of safe fire line.	M F	
	1210	31		Called 319th S-3 advised do not fire on LHP now safe to fire down 181 Grid line. Called same msg. to 320th.		
1215		32		New front line, 205826-216828-234823-252822-260827-268823.	M	
1222		33		160826, 189th seen By vehicles on road rptd. by cub.	M	G-2
	1227	34		Capt. Kolbe to fwd field.		
1232		35		320th fire mission 218844 By personnel will adjust.	M	
1450		36		Capt Kolbe ret.		
	1535	37		Col Smiley left for 456 Cp fr there to 456 Cp.		
	1540	38		Lt. Schner, Ln O. returned to Corps relieved fr Div. Arty. as of 1400.		
1726		39		456 rptd house at 17728400 which seems to have a no. of trps in it w/hvy MG.	M	G-2
1740		40		Chap. Reid checked in.		
1805		41		Col Barber into CP.		
1845		42		Lt. Sullivan rptd. in.		
1900		43		8th Div. CP near Ravville 213947.	N	
	1915	44		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.		
1933		45		Friendly arty. fire falling in 507th 3rd. Bn. area 210948.		
2010		46		1st. Bn. 359th Inf. at 210823 3rd bn. 357th on the rd. 218847 moving W along rd.		
2030		47		333rd FA Bn. FO rpts By conc of trps at 184844.		
2035		48		Capt Kolbe ret.		

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Initials
2040		40		FUSA air OP rpts 2 btrys of hvy arty on rd. at 183732 & 183737.	M	
2050		50		At 205824 90th rptd tank attack.	M	
2055		51		18 MB 100 bombing & straffing from lines rptd. by 90th. 90th Exec request obs. fire on 213842 by trps. 188th to fire 5nvolleys.	M	
2100		52		90th rptd by tanks 205824. In case cannot ob fire thru a 400 yd. area around Pt.	M	
2100		53		507th 3rd. rpt friendly arty. fire at 203842.		
2100		54		325 rpt. arty. fire at 45 degrees mag. az. center of area, 3 rds. fell in their area. Believe 188th fell short of last target.	M	
2200		55		182841 2 ey tanks firing rptd. by 188th air Op Tp to 70th.		
2250		56		456 In O wants clearance to fire on 185750. Patrol going out later tonight. and will probably need it OK to fire fr Lt. Brown, 70th Div.	M	
2310		57		Col Barber into check on positions for his Bn.		

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0725		1		505 & 508 sending patrols out to hill 95 in force. 359 1st Bn. 208824 all 1 3rd. Bn. 223831 long 2nd. Bn. 236831 357th Inf. 2nd Bn. 1st Bn. 241831 facing S 358th Inf. 1st Bn. 25[illegible]28 3rd. Bn. 264823 357th Inf. 3rd. Bn. 217846 facing W.	M	
0756		2		505 on the right, 507 on the left, 508 backing the 505, 325 backing 507, 456 direct support 505 319 direct support 507 320th and 1[illegible]th in Gen. support. 32 th to lv. In O. & SO until rel'd by 319th called Col Todd & Wright d'Alessio 320th has LN & SO with 507.	M	

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To:

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
	0807	3		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.		
	0824	4		Called 456 17648496 is not safe to fire, a plat of 79th Div. inthere.	N	
0830		5		Target at 215847, called 319th & 320th too close.	N	
0835		6		Firing on 215024l5.	M	
0840		7		456th rptd that 505 & 508 came fr E & W and accomplished mission on hill 95.	M	
	0913	8		Lt. Brown 79th dep. for his CP to get situation.		
0913		9		Ey trps obs. going SW out of La Hay du Puit this fr 188th Ln. O.	N	G-2
0945		10		Capt Kolbe ret.		
0958		11		166829 3 ey tanks rptd here by FO of 456 will give back to 456 when 79th clears. 456 getting air obs. up.	M	
1042		12		Overlay fr Col March at fwd CP.		
1200		13		188th reverted back to 79th FA Gp as of 071200 per FO Hq. VIII Corp They came to us on 121800 June.	N	
	1235	14		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.		
1308		15		Lt. Schrader ret to rel Capt Moyse as Ln. O. fr 875 Armd FA Bn.		
1310		16		Capt Moyse expects to depart before 1400.		
	1338	17		Capt Moyse departed.		
	1350	18		Chap Reid to 319th.		
1400		19		Lt. Dulong 7th Corp S-1 looking for Col March was directed to fwd. CP.		
1410		20		79th rpts they have a unit moving into La Hay du Puit 90th also has unit moving in.	M	
1505		21		Capt Kolbe ret.		
1510		22		Lt. Col Carlson CO, 188th FA Bn. into CP.		
1515		23		A PW at 90th Div. claimed that a panzer unit was preparing to attack near coord. 215835. All units notified.		

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M - Mailed
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Fire Ordered	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
1620		24		Front lines of 358th Inf. 253821-261820-264824.	M	
1700		25		87th relieved as of now fr. control of this Hqs. R?c. ?C 47 H?. Corp 87th released to 9th Div. as of 1200.	N	
1915		26		Rec'd fr air OP: Wind prevents flying closing fwd field.	N	
2143		27		Chap Reid ret. fr 319.		
				July 8, 1944		
0015		1		Overlays sent out to all Bns. of defensive positions 90th requested us to fire defensive fires tonight for them on call time rec'd 2400.	N	
0120		2		79th Div. Arty. called their Ln O Lt. Brown to leave for 8th Div. Arty. at 1687. They are sending a jeep.		
	0445	3		Lt. Brown departed for his unit.		
1107		4		90th fr lines of 8th Div. as of 1107, 189823-210833.	M	
1206		5		Lt. Sullivan in w/overlay of 90th Div. front lines as of 1000 8th rptd they have rpts that 2 cos. of 90th surrendered yesterday. 8th atk. at 0600 today.		
	1330	6		Capt Pufford to the front.		
1530		7		Col March ret.		
1600		8		Capt. Hufford ret.		
1727		9		90th rpts shells landing N of 83 Grid line, checked w/319, 320, & 456 none firing, advised 90th.		
2000		10		Col Barber into CP.		
2120		11		Corps Artv. called for serenade all Bns. notified 5 volleys to be fired at 2135 on coords 22608230, 23508230, 319th to fire 227823, 320th to fire 230823, 456th to fire 234823, Inf. assembly Pg.	M	
	2130	12		Col March dep for fwd CP.		
2225		13		Friendly arty. fire falling 204845, 307th in Bn. & Btry volleys fr 1000 fire continued for several min.		

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82nd A/B Div. Arty.
July 9, 1944

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Classification	Remarks
0900		1		82 Div. reverted to Corp reserve upon the passage of the 8th div. thru our lines to continue the atk to the S as of 080700.	N	
	0905	2		Capt. Kolbe to Ste Mere Eglise.		
1005		3		Capt Houser VIII Corps air Officer, called We've discontinued the flash warning for your cubs. To Capt Kolbe.		
	1025	4		Chap Reid to 319th for services.		
1130		5		Capt Kolbe ret.		
1224		6		Front lines of 8th fr Lt. Sullivan, 180820-210830-190837-204837.	M	
1224		7		90th 210823-223 34-244833-26 829-269 27 272834-2 9837-244833.	M	
1240		8		Div. PRO and Capt fr war Dept. into see Capt Hufford about some leads on some stories fr the Bns.		
1258		9		4th Div. front lines as of 1200, 313703-330788, 335780-345784.	M	
1630		10		Col March in fr fwd. CP.		
	1715	11		Col March ret. to fwd. CP.		
	2030	12		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.		
2220		13		Capt. Kolbe ret.		

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0115		1		Lt. Sullivan brought overlays fr 90th of defensive fires also conc. for prep.		
	0130	2		Lt. Sullivan dep. for 90th.		
	0130	3		Overlays that Lt. Sullivan brought in were dispatched to 319, 320, 456, by messenger.		
	0750	4		Col Bertsch called Bns. COs advised them to call their Ln Os and any PC they have out and take in line established to OPs.		
0845		5		Lt. Sullivan ret. to this Hq. fr 90th Div. Arty. He is relieved.		

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Unit...82nd A/B Div. Arty....
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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0920		6		Col Daly VIII Corps Arty. called Col Bertsch rptg some friendly arty. falling short on Objs. We checked to see if any of our Bns had been firing since the preparations 320th 0600 no, 319th no 0559, 456th 0545 last shot.		
	1205	7		Lt. Sullivan to G-2 for info.		
1220		8		Lt. Sullivan ret. rptg La Hay du Puit is ours 320 radio rpts as of 10 1200 Caen in allied hands.	N	
	1238	9		Capt Reid to 320th expects to ret. late Pm.		
1315		10		Maj. Silvey S-3 320th FA advised that one obs. per organization would remain at cub field advised 319th & 456th.		
	1340	11		Capt Kolbe to fwd field.		
1445		12		Capt Raibl called he'll be in in ½ hr. breaking comm with fwd CP.		
1510		13		CO rptd in on 610 radio.		
1528		14		G-2 to relay msg to Col March see Gen Ridgeway as soon as he arrives Col Smiley called Col March on radio to tell him the above.		
1535		15		Col March arrived & went to G-2 to see Gen Ridgway.		
1544		16		Capt Kolbe ret.		
2025		17		Chap. Reid ret.		
2030		18		Inf. units relieved fr line as of 110800 Col March rptd.	N	
2110		19		Col March advised Col Wright that inf. had been relieved. He told Col d'Allessio assemble Bn where they are if desirable more closer together Msg to Col Todd same.		
2120		20		Lt. Shockley advised he may break comm. w/ 90th.		

Under disposition use the following:
P - Posted on dissection map
N - Noted
S - Standard distribution at CP
T - Troops informed

UNIT JOURNAL

Unit 82nd A/B Div. Arty.
From July 11, 1944
To

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Disposition	Remarks
0054		1		Col d'Alessio into see Col March.		
0058		2		Col Wright into see Col March.		
1045		3		Col Todd into see Col March.		
	1050	4		Msg. fr VIII Corp Smoke screen 250 yds wide at 19978143 at 0915 hrs smoke screen 100 yds wide at 10/18202 at 0918 hrs. Time signed 0945.	F	
1200		5		Capt Kolbe returned.		
1210		6		G-4 advised that areas would be left spick & span for sanitary reasons Div. Surg. look over area before leaving. No mention of foxholes. Advised Bns.		
	1315	7		Capt Kolbe to beach.		
1320		8		Preparing desks etc. for shipping.		
1530		9		Chap. Reid returned.		
	1615	10		Chap. Reid to 319th.		
1630		11		Took down 1 CP tent & turned into supply sgt.		
1730		12		Advised the first Det to be ready to leave at 2100.		
2130		13		Entrucked and dep. for bivouac area.		
2400		14		Arrived at bivouac area on Utah beach.		
				12 July, 1944		
0700		1		Dep. fr bivouac area for beach, ar. at 0830. Embarked at 1130 on LST 511.		
				13 July, 1944		
1200		1		Arrived at Southampton Harbor debarked about 1700 & entrained at 1900 ar. in Leicester approx. 0230. We were greeted by bnd & Red Cross w/ doughnuts and coffee, entrucked and dep. for Market Harborough ar. at 0330, 14 July, 1944.		

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:25,000 GSGS 4347
1:50,000 GSGS 4250
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1. a. Annex No. 1 INTELLIGENCE.

b. The VII Corps, with Divs in column, landing at "U" beach at H Hour with the 82d A/B Div and 101st A/B Div covering the landing of the seaborne assault, captures CHERBOURG with the least practicable delay. The 101st A/B Div landing by parachute and glider between STE. MERE - EGLISE (349965) and CARENTAN will assault the western exits of the causeways to assist the landing of the seaborne troops and will cover the crossings of the DOUVE from the junction of the MERDERET to the sea. The 4th Div leading the seaborne troops attacks to the Northwest passing through the Airborne Divisions.

2. a. This Div (less dets) lands by pcht and glider before and after dawn of D-Day astride the MERDERET RIVER, seizes, clears and secures the general area: CR (261938) - CR (265958) - CR (269975) - RJ (27h982) RJ (283992) - Bridge (308987) - NEUVILLE - AU - PLAIN (3h0985) - BEAUDEMONVILLE (360987) within its zone.

Missions

(1) Capture STE. MERE - EGLISE (349965).

(2) Seize and secure the crossings of the MERDERET RIVER at (315957) and (321930), and a bridgehead covering them, with HLR along the general line: CR 261938 - CR 265958 - CR 269975 - RJ 27h982 - RJ 283992.

(3) Seize and destroy the crossings of the DOUVE RIVER at RENZEVILLE La - BASTILLE (309911) and ETIENVILLE (269927).

(4) Protect the Northwest flank of the VII Corps within the Div zone.

(5) Be prepared to advance West on Corps order to the line of the DOUVE North of its junction with the FRANCHES MARECAGEUSES.

b. TROOPS:

Force "A" (Pcht):
Comdr: Brig Gen J. M. Gavin

Det 82d A/B Div Hq & Hq Co
Det 82d A/B Sig Co
Det Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
Det 456th Pcht F. Bn
Air Support Party
505th Pcht Inf
507th Pcht Inf
508th Pcht Inf
Co "B" 307th A/B Engr Bn
Naval Gun Fire Party

Force "B" (Glider):
Comdr: Maj Gen M. B. Ridgway

325th Glider Inf
319th Glider FA Bn
320th Glider FA Bn
Btrys A, B & C 80th A/B AA Bn (AT)
Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn
307th A/B Med Co (-)
82d A/B Div Hq & Hq Co (-)
Hq & Hq Btry 82d A/B Div Arty (-)
82d A/B Sig Co (-)
82d A/B Div Recn Plat (-)
Comd Vehicles - Prcht Regts

Force "C" (Seaborne):
Comdr: Brig Gen G. P. Howell

456th Prcht FA Bn (-)
80th A/B AA Bn (- Btrys A, B & C)
307th A/B Engr Bn (- Cos A, B & C)
782d A/B Ord Maint Co
407th A/B QM Co
82d A/B MP Plat
Seaborne elements of units in Forces A & B above
87th Armd FA Bn
899th TD Bn
Tr B, 4th Cav Sqdn
Co C 746th Tk Bn (M)
3809th QM Trk Co
3810th QM Trk Co
Plat QM GR Co
Corps Med Dets

3. a. Force "A" will drop between 0100 and 0315 on the night of D-1/D Day in accordance with Annex No. 2 (Revised) Air Movement Table, seize, clear, and secure the Div area, establish a bridgehead west of the MERDERET, (Para 2. a. above) and protect the Northwest flank of VII Corps. (See Overlay)

(1) The 505th Prcht Inf with Det 456th Prcht FA Bn, one Plat Co 'B' 307th A/B Engr Bn and Naval Gun Fire Party atchd, landing in DZ O, will:

(a) Capture and hold STE. MERE - EGLISE and secure the general line: Bridge at (308987) - NEAUVILLE AU - PLAIN - BANDIENVILLE, Incl.

(b) Seize and secure the crossings of the MERDERET RIVER at (315957) and(321930).

(c) Clear the Div area within its sector.

(d) Establish and maintain contact with the 101st A/B Div at (374980) and (330928).

(e) Patrol aggressively to the line indicated.

(f) Mark LZ W for glider landings.

(2) The 507th Prcht Inf, landing in DZ T, will:

(a) Seize, organize, and defend the area along the general line GR 265958 - GR 269975 - RJ 283992.

(b) Clear the Div area within its sector.

(c) Assist the 505th Prcht Inf in securing the crossing of the MERDERET at (315957).

(d) Establish and maintain contact with the 508th Prcht Inf at REMOUF (264950).

(e) Patrol aggressively to the line indicated.

(f) Be prepared on Div order to advance to the West to the line of the DOUVE RIVER.

(3) The 508th Prcht Inf, with Co 'B' (-1 Plat) 307th A/B Engr Bn atchd, landing in DZ H, will:

(a) Seize and destroy the crossings of the DOUVE at BEUZEVILLE LA - BASTILLE and ETIENVILLE.

(b) Seize, organize, and defend the area along the general line CR (261938) - REMOUF (incl.).

(c) Clear and secure the Div area within its sector.

(d) Assemble one Bn without delay in area indicated as Force Res.

(e) Patrol aggressively to the line indicated.

(f) Be prepared on Div order to advance to the West to the line of the DOUVE RIVER.

b. Force "B" will land over a period of 36 hours, beginning on D Day in LZ W, in accordance with Annex No. 3, Air Movement Table, (Changed only to indicate all LZ's as "W"), and reorganize without delay. (See Overlay).

(1) The 325th Glider Inf will:

(a) Land in LZ W.

(b) Assemble in Div Res in the area indicated.

(c) Be prepared to assist in clearing the Div area of hostile resistance, to counterattack within the Div area and to advance West to the DOUVE on Div order.

(2) The 82d A/B Div Arty (less 376th and 456th Prcht FA Bn & Dets), will land in LZ and support the Div. It will be prepared to mass its fires on bridge at ETIENVILLE, CR 267935, CR 259952, RJ 259963, RJ 260981.

(a) 319th Glider FA Bn.
Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf.
Position Area - See Overlay No. 5.

(b) 320th Glider FA Bn.
Direct support of 507th Prcht Inf.
Position Area - See Overlay No. 5.

(c) Alternate positions in assigned position area will be selected by each Bn Comdr permitting support of the 505th Prcht Inf.

(d) See Arty Annex No. 6. (Revised) and overlay No. 5 (Revised)

(3) Btry's A, B & C 80th A/B AA Bn, See Annex No. 4 (Revised)

(4) Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn as indicated.

(5) 82d A/B Div Rcn Plat, see Rcn Plan, Annex No. 1.

c. Force "C", with atchmts, will assemble in the area RJ of (960938) (See Overlay) and from there, proceed to join the Div as directed by CG Force "C".

x. (1) All hostile communication lines will be cut, except underground cables on which terminals will be opened.

(2) For AT plan see Annex No. 4 (Revised) and Annex No. 5 (Revised).

(3) Co 'B' (less 1 Plat) 307th A/B Engr Bn reverts to Force "A" control vic Force "A" CP upon completion of demolition missions.

(4) Contact from Right to Left.

(5) Units will submit G-3 Periodic Reports daily as of 1800 hrs to reach this Hq at 2000 hrs.

4. See Adm O No. 1.

5. a. Current SOI Index No. 1-101.

b. (1) See Overlay.

(2) CP's 325th Glider Inf, Co 'A' 307th A/B Engr Bn to be reported.

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ENCLOSURES:
Annex No. 1 - Intelligence
2 - Air Movement Table, Prcht (Revised).
Annex No. 2 dated 22 May 44 to be destroyed
3 - Air Movement Table, Glider.
Only Changes - Serials: To be numbered 28 - 35.
All LZ's are designated as "W"
4 - AT Plan (Revised)
Annex No. 4 dated 18 May 44 to be destroyed.
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7-8	G-3	2			
9-10	G-4	2		(Other Headquarters)	
11	AG	1	49	SHAEF	1
12	Chem O	1	50	21 Army Group	1
13	Hq Comdt	1	51-54	First US Army	4
14	PM	1	55-58	VII Corps	4
15-16	CG, Div Arty	2	59	V Corps	1
17-18	CG, 2d Brig	2	60	XIX Corps	1
19-20	325 Gl Inf	2	61	101st A/B Div	1
21-22	505th Prcht Inf	2	62	4th Inf Div	1
23-24	507th Prcht Inf	2	63	9th Inf Div	1
25-26	508th Prcht Inf	2	64	4th Cav Group	1
27-28	504th Prcht Inf	2	65	4th Cav Sq	1
29-32	Div TSC File	4	66	6th Armd Group	1
33	319 Gl FA Bn	1	67	1st TD Group	1
34	320 Gl FA Bn	1	68	IX Air Force	1
35	376 Prcht FA Bn	1	69-70	IX TCC	2
36	456 Prcht FA Bn	1	71	50th TC Wing	1
37	307 A/B Engr Bn	1	72	52d TC Wing	1
38	80th A/B AA Bn	1	73	53d TC Wing	1
39	Hq Co, 82d A/B Div	1	74-75	Army Ground Forces	2
40	Hq Btry, Div Arty	1			
41	407 A/B QM Co	1	76-77	C&GS School	2
42	307 A/B Med Co	1	78-79	Inf School	2
43	782d A/B Ord M Co	1	80-100	Div TSC Reserve	21
				Total	100

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1/25,000 GSGS 4347
1/50,000 GSGS 4250
1/100,000 GSGS 4240
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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION: See Annexes 1a, 1b, and 1c.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

a. Will the enemy attempt to neutralize parachute and glider landings by installation of ground obstacles on DZs and LZs? If so, when, where and of what nature?

b. Will the enemy occupy our intended positions prior to our arrival? If so, what will be the identifications, strength and composition of the troops?

c. If the enemy occupies our intended positions prior to our arrival, will he have fortified those positions? To what extent and where?

d. Will the enemy attack prior to our occupation and organization of objectives? If so, at what time? From what direction? With what troops, local or mobile reserve? Piecemeal or coordinated? In what strength?

e. Will the enemy attack after we have occupied and organized objectives? If so, at what time? From what direction? With what troops, local or mobile reserve? Piecemeal or coordinated? In what strength?

f. Will the enemy attempt to by-pass our positions? If so, by what routes and with what troops?

g. Will the enemy disrupt traffic facilities by mines, road blocks, demolitions, etc? If so, which, when, how?

h. What is the state of morale, discipline and psychological attitude of enemy troops encountered?

i. What will be the weather conditions and how will they affect operations?

3. RECONNAISSANCE.

a. In the absence of specific instructions from these

Headquarters, units will maintain aggressive reconnaissance 24 hours per day within their respective zones of action.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, will coordinate Division and unit reconnaissance.

c. Following reconnaissance facilities will be available for missions through Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

(1) 82d Airborne Division Reconnaissance Platoon. Initially this unit will operate under Division control.

(2) Troop B, 4th Sqdn, 4th Cav. Group (Mech.). This unit will operate under Division control.

(3) Prearranged aerial photo and surveillance missions have been requested for period D-7 to D-7 to determine critical enemy dispositions and changes. These missions include the Division operational area, enemy mobile reserve bivouacs and avenues of approach.

d. For initial specific missions, see RECONNAISSANCE PLAN, Annex 1d.

e. See Paragraphs 3-4 , Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

a. See Paragraph 5, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

b. See "82d Airborne Division SOP, 'PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN SUSPECTS'," to be published later.

5. MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS: See Annex 1e.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

a. General Security.

(1) See Annexes 1f and 1f(1).

(2) See Paragraph 7, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944.

b. Intelligence Funds. Intelligence funds will be under direct control of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and will not be sub-allotted prior to commencement of operations. After commencement of operations units may request such funds, assigning reasons.

c. Escape Kits. A limited number will be issued. They will not be opened except in cases of emergency. All unused kits will be returned to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, at conclusion of operations.

d. Press. Accredited Correspondents and Photographers, bearing proper identification, will be assigned to cover the Division operations. They will be given full liberty of operation but

may not interfere with operations. Unit censorship of such correspondents and photographers will not be applied.

7. REPORTS.

a. See Paragraph 2, Memorandum No. 4, "82d Airborne Division SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1944, for spot and periodic reports to be made by units.

(1) Report of captured stores, ordnance, engineer, signal, medical and chemical equipment will be included in S-2 periodic reports. Spot reports also will be made to G-2 where the nature or volume of such material warrants it.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, will render by TWX, telephone or radio, a daily special G-2 Summary to reach higher headquarters by 2300, closing as late as transmission time will permit. This is in addition to the normal G-2 Periodic Report. To insure accuracy, completeness and punctuality of the daily G-2 Special Summary, unit S-2s will move their spot reports with all possible speed.

c. Division G-2 Summaries will be sent daily to units. Spot reports will be forwarded to units as received by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

d. At the close of an operation, reports as required by AR 345-105, Change 3, Paragraph 10; and Paragraph 43, FM 101-5, as pertains to intelligence, will be rendered by all units.

e. Reports of Prisoner of War Interrogators, CIC personnel and other Intelligence specialists attached to units will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, through intelligence channels. Important information will be forwarded as spot reports, and recapitulation will be included in Periodic Reports.

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INCLOSURES:

Annex 1a - General Information.
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Annex 1c(2) - Overlay: Widths and Depths of Streams.
Annex 1c(3) - Overlay: Roads and Bridges.
Annex 1d - Reconnaissance Plan.
Annex 1e - Maps and Photographs.

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Annex 1f - Counterintelligence.
Annex 1F(1) - Counterintelligence Plan.
Annex 1F(2) - CIC Operations Plan.

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29-32	Div TSC File	4	73	53d TC Wing	1
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34	320 Gl FA Bn	1	76-77	C&GS School	2
35	376 Prcht FA Bn	1	78-79	Inf School	2
36	456 Prcht FA Bn	1	80-100	Div TSC Reserve	21
37	307 A/B Engr Bn	1		Total	100
38	80th A/B AA Bn	1			
39	Hq Co, 82d A/B Div	1			
40	Hq Btry, Div Arty	1			
41	407 A/B QM Co	1			
42	307 A/B Med Co	1			
43	782d A/B Ord M Co	1			
44	82d A/B Sig Co	1			
45	Tr B, 4th Cav Sq	1			
46	87th Armd FA Bn	1			
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GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION I - POLITICAL
SECTION II - PSYCHOLOGICAL
SECTION III - POPULATION, ECONOMIC
SECTION IV - GEOGRAPHIC
SECTION V - CLIMATIC
~~SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH~~

SECTION I - POLITICAL.

1. FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

a. Marshal PETAIN is head of the French State. He holds unlimited power with indefinite tenure. Under him is LAVAL, Premier and Minister of the Interior. Head of the Police is DARNAND.

b. For administrative purposes the country is divided into

(1) Regions, which are subdivided into

(2) Departements, which are subdivided into

(3) Arrondissements, which are subdivided into

(4) Cantons, which are subdivided into

(5) Communes.

c. The Region of ROUEN, administered from that city, corresponds generally to the old Province of NORMANDY. See Annex 1a (1).

d. The operational area of the 82d Airborne Division lies within the Arrondissement of COUTANCES, Departement of MANCHE. The Divisional DZs, LZs and initial objectives are in the Canton of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

2. GERMAN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION.

a. General von STUELPNAGEL is German military administrator for FRANCE with full control of all local French officials. He administers local defense, internal security, supervision of the population, etc. By means of an extensive network of subheadquarters, STUELPNAGEL exercises strict and detailed control.

b. The NAZI party, with Headquarters in PARIS, is active in NORMANDY.

3. FRENCH POLICE AND PARA-MILITARY.

a. DARNAND, Chief of Police, controls the following police organizations:

(1) "Police de la Securite Publique". These are the ordinary patrolmen and traffic police.

(2) "Police Judiciare" and "Police des Renseignements". These are plain clothes criminal and political police respectively.

(3) "Groups Mobiles de Reserve". This is a motorized force modelled on German SS. It handles public crises. Contains a large proportion of collaborationists.

(4) "Gendarmerie Nationale" Similar to (3) above.

b. FRANCE has no military force in NORMANDY. However, members of the following semi-military, collaborationist, uniformed, armed parties may be encountered in small numbers in NORMANDY.

(1) "P. P. F." (Parti Populaire Francais). Headed by JACQUES DORIOT, this group is pro-GERMANY and anti-everything else. It has many toughs and will use force. Uniform: Black plus four trousers. Navy blue shirts with epaulets having red corners. Black tie. Sam Browne belt. Nazi salute used.

(2) "R. N. P." (Rassemblement National Populaire). Headed by MARCEL DEAT and made up of pacifists, intellectuals and politicians.

(3) Legion des Combattants (Vichyite War Veterans).

(4) La Milice Francaise.

4. GERMAN POLICE AND PARA-MILITARY. The enemy has frequently used Service troops, such as Signal Corps, etc., as front line infantry, particularly in defense. The following organizations likely to be encountered in the combat zone may be used for combat purposes.

a. "Feldgendarmarie". (Military Police). There are headquarters at AVRANCHES, COUTANCES, GRANVILLE.

b. "O. T." (Organization TODT). A heavy construction organization (10,000 in the CHERBOURG Peninsula) containing a high percentage of foreigners. Uniform, ordinarily worn only by German personnel, is a khaki blouse open at the neck with khaki breeches. On the left sleeve is a red arm band with a black swastika in a white circle. Foreign workers wear civilian work-clothes with an arm band displaying the arabic number of the battalion.

c. Reichsarbertsdienst. (German Labor Service).

d. NSKK (Motorized Corps). A transportation organization.

5. THE NORMANS.

a. The Normans are politically reactionary, agricultural, and antagonistic to strong authority. Collaborationists have made little headway in NORMANDY. The overall political situation favors the Allied Forces.

b. The Norman will welcome the invasion. But simply because he is anti-German and anti-Vichy does not mean that he will remain enthusiastically pro-Allied after liberation. His attitude will be influenced by his losses from Allied air raids, the attitude of the Allied troops, replenishment of his losses in food and property, opportunity for work and political freedom.

c. Because of German security methods, it is not likely that the sympathetic Normans can be of assistance initially in our zone of operations.

SECTION II - PSYCHOLOGICAL

6. ATTITUDE OF HIGH RANKING GERMAN OFFICERS. The German General Staff and Officer Corps are well informed relative to the status of the war. They are determined to prevent a complete defeat by fighting a defensive war indefinitely if need be. Their greatest hope of respite in such a plan is to defeat the beachhead.

7. MORALE. German civilian morale is grim, determined and high. Morale of the Army is grim, determined and high. In each case it is a morale born of desperation and based on the inability of Allied air to break German home morale, their ability to hold the Allied advance in ITALY to a slow pace, their escape from complete defeat in RUSSIA.

SECTION III - POPULATION AND ECONOMICS

8. POPULATION IN NORMANDY.

a. In 1936 population was 2,332,100; area, 11,826 square miles; population density, 196 persons per square mile. Towns over 20,000 population were DIEPPE, 24,200; CHERBOURG, 39,105; CAEN, 54,400; LE HAVRE, 161,800; ROUEN, 215,-000.

b. Manche. Prewar (1936) population of 438,500. Populations of principal towns were as follows:

CHERBOURG	39,105	BRICQUEBEC	2,682
ST LO	11,009	PERIERS	2,285
GRANVILLE	10,298	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	2,124
AVRANCHES	7,130		
COUTANCES	6,465	LA HAYE DU PUITS	1,473
VALOGNES	4,989		

c. Recent Decline in Population. A plan for evacuation of all but essential civilians is ready to be put into execution by the Germans. Many civilians, particularly from the coastal areas, have already been evacuated. Entrance into the Coastal Zone, which includes most of the CHERBOURG Peninsula, is forbidden except on special pass. Through forced and voluntary evacuation more than 35,-000 persons had left MANCHE by the summer of 1943.

9. ECONOMICS. MANCHE is primarily agricultural, except for some industry in CHERBOURG prior to the war. Principal products are cattle, dairy produce and apple cider. Despite decline in production of foodstuffs, it is likely that the area is at a minimum sufficiency for food.

SECTION IV - GEOGRAPHY OF THE CHERBOURG PENINSULA.

10. GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY.

a. The CHERBOURG Peninsula comprises the seaward projection of NORMANDY north of the TAUTE River. The term "COTENTIN" is used synonimously with the term CHERBOURG Peninsula.

b. The northern region of the COTENTIN consists of a semi-circle of high ground which backs the CHERBOURG area and extends westward to the high granite ledge of the CAP DE LA HAGUE Peninsula (9234) and eastward to the rolling plateau of BARFLEUR (4025). Its irregular coast line is characterized by numerous inlets, bays and high cliffs. The steep-sided hills in the region rise to an elevation of 500 feet, on which there are frequent bare rock outcroppings and flat bottomed valleys.

c. The south-east section of COTENTIN consists of a low marshy coastal plain between VALOGNES (2408) and CARENTAN (3904) which extends inland to the low-

lying hills bordering the West Coast. Along the East Coast is a border of meadowland several miles wide, part of which is now inundated. The area is desolate and settlements consist of scattered buildings along the coast road and small villages on the landward side of the marsh. Across the neck of the Peninsula lies the plain of CARENTAN extending toward LESSAY (1876). This plain is flat and marshy and liable to extensive flooding.

d. Toward the west coast the country of this region becomes undulating in character and contains numerous isolated hills. The principal of these are in the area around LA HAYE DU PUITS (1784). The West Coast is entirely sandy below LESSAY and there are many broad shallow river estuaries.

e. In the south half of the COTENTIN the drained meadowland and broad alluvial river bottoms are generally in pasturage while the hilly portions are generally in mixed agriculture, small orchards and pasturage.

f. Throughout the COTENTIN, with exception of the SE portion, the fields are small, few running more than 150 X 350 yards. These fields are bordered by hedges, trees and earth embankments.

11. DRAINAGE. The COTENTIN is drained to the north by the DIVETTE River which runs into the sea at CHERBOURG; to the south and east by the DOUVE and PERDERET which flow south to CARENTAN, and the SAIRE and SINOPE which flow east into the BAY OF THE SEINE; and to the west by the CLLONDE and other minor streams. The valley of the DOUVE River flowing from the northwest is characterized by broad alluvial areas subject to inundation.

12. RIDGE SYSTEM. From MONTEBOURG (3005) N to ST PIERRE-EGLISE (2925), thence W to LES PIEUX (0010), thence S to LESSAY an irregular ridge pattern extends inland from 6 - 8 miles and "bolts" the Peninsula. Ridges of particular importance to the 82d Airborne Division are considered in Annex 1c.

13. OBSTACLES. The principal natural obstacles in the COTENTIN are the marshy and inundated areas in the valleys of the DOUVE, PERDERET, and TAUTE Rivers and the flooded marshland behind the beaches between QUINEVILLE and LE GRAND VEY. The SINOPE River east of VALOGNES and the high ground south-east of CHERBOURG constitute obstacles in the approaches to CHERBOURG from the South. The DOUVE River with its flooded alluvial plains forms a natural barrier to the South in any operation in the COTENTIN.

14. COMMUNICATIONS. (For railways and principal roads in COTENTIN, see Annex 1c(3)). The road network is excellent in the COTENTIN peninsula. Rail communications are good to excellent. Water communications are limited to the lower reaches of the major rivers. Cross country movement is moderately easy in all instances with the exception of the marshy and inundated areas of the alluvial plains.

15. CRITICAL TERRAIN FEATURES.

a. Port of CHERBOURG and the high ground to the S thereof.

b. The low ground just back of the beaches on the E Coast from POINTE DE LA MADELEINE (4597) N to QUINEVILLE (3607). This area is now artificially inundated.

c. The lowlands of the East flowing rivers (DOUVE, SEVES and TAUTE), all subject to artificial inundation, which, with the estuary of the CLLONDE (0889) and the estuary of the AY (1675) form an almost continuous obstacle E and W across the "neck" of the COTENTIN.

d. The N - S course of the DOUVE River from 2392 to PEGREVILLE (1806).

e. HILLS 121 (1687) and 131 (1987) N of LA HAYE DU PUITS.

f. High ground on W bank of River DOUVE in vicinity of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (1994).

SECTION V - CLIMATIC

16. GENERAL. MANCHE, subject to the climatic influence of the Gulf Stream and eastward moving Atlantic depressions, has a mild and damp but extremely variable climate, very similar to that of southern ENGLAND. The winters are mild and the summers cool for the latitude. Changes of all the elements may occur within a few hours at any time of year. Comparatively settled conditions prevail in late spring and summer, however, when the best weather occurs.

17. RAINFALL. Annual precipitation in MANCHE averages 31-47 inches, depending on the location. It is at the highest of these figures in the high ground of the COTENTIN. There is no wet or dry season, but the summer months (June - September) generally have less rainfall than others. In the lowlands, owing to the dampness of the climate, a very small proportion - only about one-tenth - is evaporated, tending to keep the ground soaked for long periods after rainfall.

18. TEMPERATURE. In the NEPTUNE area the maximum and minimum temperatures recorded, 1926-35, during the month of May were 78° and 36° Fahrenheit; during the month of June, 80° and 46°. Average temperature for May is 53°; June 60°; July 63°.

19. WINDS. The wind direction may vary greatly from day to day in MANCHE. About forty-five per cent of the winds there are from between south and west. South-easterly and easterly winds commonly give hot clear weather; south-westerly winds, cool weather, low cloud and sometimes sea fog. There are over thirty days of gale a year, mostly in winter, however.

20. CLOUDS. Cloud level is 4,000 feet or lower 75% of the time, and in the summer the average covering of cloud at all levels is six to seven tenths. Low cloud is much the most frequent in the early morning, and diminishes during daylight hours.

21. FOG AND HAZE. Fog is least common over MANCHE in summer, but even then it reduces visibility to less than 1,000 yards on an average of two days per month. Land fog tends to accumulate during the night and dissipate about two hours after daylight. Sea fog may occur at any hour and any season. River valleys and coastal areas are particularly subject to drifting land mists. CHERBOURG averages 14 days of fog a year.

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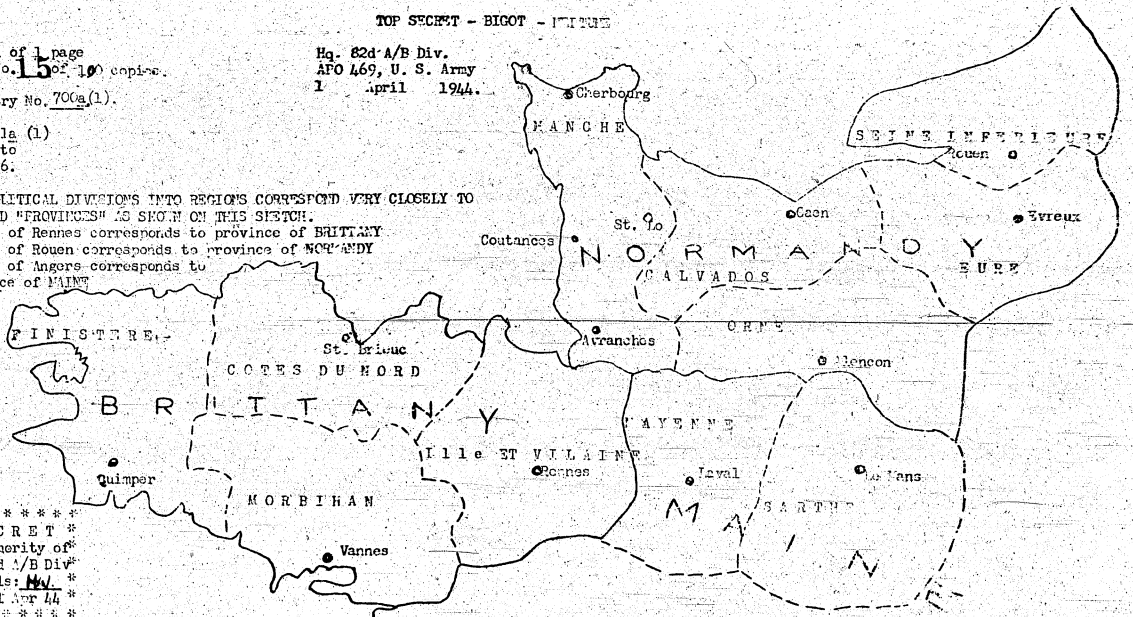

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1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Enemy Activities in Forward Areas and New Identifications.

(1 Defenses.

(a) On the CHERBOURG Peninsula, north of the line CARENTAN—LESSAY, the enemy has the following installations and non-divisional armament. They are massed mostly on the E, N and NW Coasts and immediately S of CHERBOURG.

Strong Points	201
RR Guns	4 (2)*
Light AA	315
Heavy AA	136
Mobile Guns or How up to 120mm	70
Mobile Guns or How 120 mm to 175mm	4
Fixed Coastal Guns	89

*4 RR Guns are definitely located, 2 more are thought to be present.

(b) Some of the above mobile and dual purpose guns, plus a RR line train which operates between LA HAYE-DU PUITS and CARTERET and ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, might be employed against the 82d Airborne Division.

(c) For defensive installations particularly pertinent to the 82d Airborne Division, see Annex 1(b)(1).

1. The defensive works on HILLS 121 (165880) and 131 (196877) apparently are for training purposes but could easily be occupied and improved prior to D-Day.

(2) Enemy Troops in the CHERBOURG Peninsula, N of the line COUTANCES—CARENTAN.

(a) See Annex 1b(2)(a).

(2) In this area there are a total of 65,500 military troops;

709 Infantry Division	4,000
243 Infantry Division	6,000*
Mixed Troops at COUTANCES	2,000
Army Ground Forces	16,000
Coastal Artillery	3,000
Corps Troops	2,000
Flak	3,500
Airfield Personnel	1,000
Marine and Naval	3,000
Unidentified (prob. military)	5,000
Organization TODT	10,000
	65,500

*Two RCTs present at this date.

(c) It is anticipated that the majority of the troops listed in Paragraph 1a(2)(b) above will remain in position or be engaged against the beach assault and 101st Airborne Division attacks. But it must be remembered that the Germans have often employed service troops in ITALY as front line infantry, especially in defense. The personnel of the organization TODT may be used for emergency defense purposes.

b. Movements, Concentrations and Establishments in Rear Areas. (Enemy troops S of the line COUTANCES—CARENTAN, which are of prime interest to the 82d Airborne Division).

(1) See Annexes 1b,(2)(a) and 1b(3).

c. Terrain and Weather As They Affect the Enemy.

(1) See Annex 1a and Annex 1c.

(2) High winds would have no effect on ground operations, but could seriously interfere with or prohibit parachute or glider operations by 3d Parachute Division.

(3) Rain would hamper cross country movement. The value of the lowlands of the DOUVE River as an obstacle would be increased by rain.

(4) Fog would seriously interfere with ground operations and could interfere with or even prohibit parachute or glider operation.

d. Enemy Air.

(1) The enemy will have immediately available to oppose the invasion some 1,350 aircraft, flying some 1,800 sorties on D-Day and a decreasing number thereafter.

2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Capability: The enemy is capable of interfering with parachute or glider landings, particularly the latter, by obstructing DZs and LZs.

Evaluation: Possible but of low order of probability.

Discussion: There are no particular fields or groups of fields that stand out sufficiently to justify their selection by the enemy for placing of obstructions. Obstructions may be erected in a few localities. But it is not believed that they will seriously affect our operations.

b. Capability: The enemy is capable of occupying and/or

organizing all or parts of our DZs, LZs and objectives prior to arrival of parachute troops.

Evaluation: Possible but of low order of probability, except at ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

Discussion: The selected DZs, LZs, initial positions and objectives of this division, with the exception of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, are considered unlikely enemy selections for occupation in force prior to H Hour.

c. Capability: The enemy is capable of inflicting casualties on descending parachutists and gliders.

Evaluation: Possible but of low order of probability for first 20—30 minutes of parachute air column. High order of probability for remainder of parachute air column. Highest order of probability for descending gliders.

Discussion: Estimated that 20—30 minutes will be required for enemy to get anti-parachute patrols and groups into action. The enemy flak train may seriously interfere with glider landings, unless it or the RR tracks are destroyed.

d. Capability: The enemy is capable of defending ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE and the high ground W thereof.

Evaluation: Highest order of probability.

e. Capability: The enemy is capable of attacking on D-Day with the forces and at the time indicated in Annex 1b(3).

Evaluation: See Annex 1b(3).

f. Capability: The enemy is capable of attempting to contain the 82d Airborne Division and by-pass it to the West.

Evaluation: Highest order of probability.

g. Capability: The enemy is capable of bringing reinforcements from the CHERBOURG DE to attack our positions.

Evaluation: Low order of probability.

Discussion: The Division garrisoning these islands guards the strategically located island airfields.

h. Capability: The enemy is capable of initiating chemical warfare.

Evaluation: Problematical.

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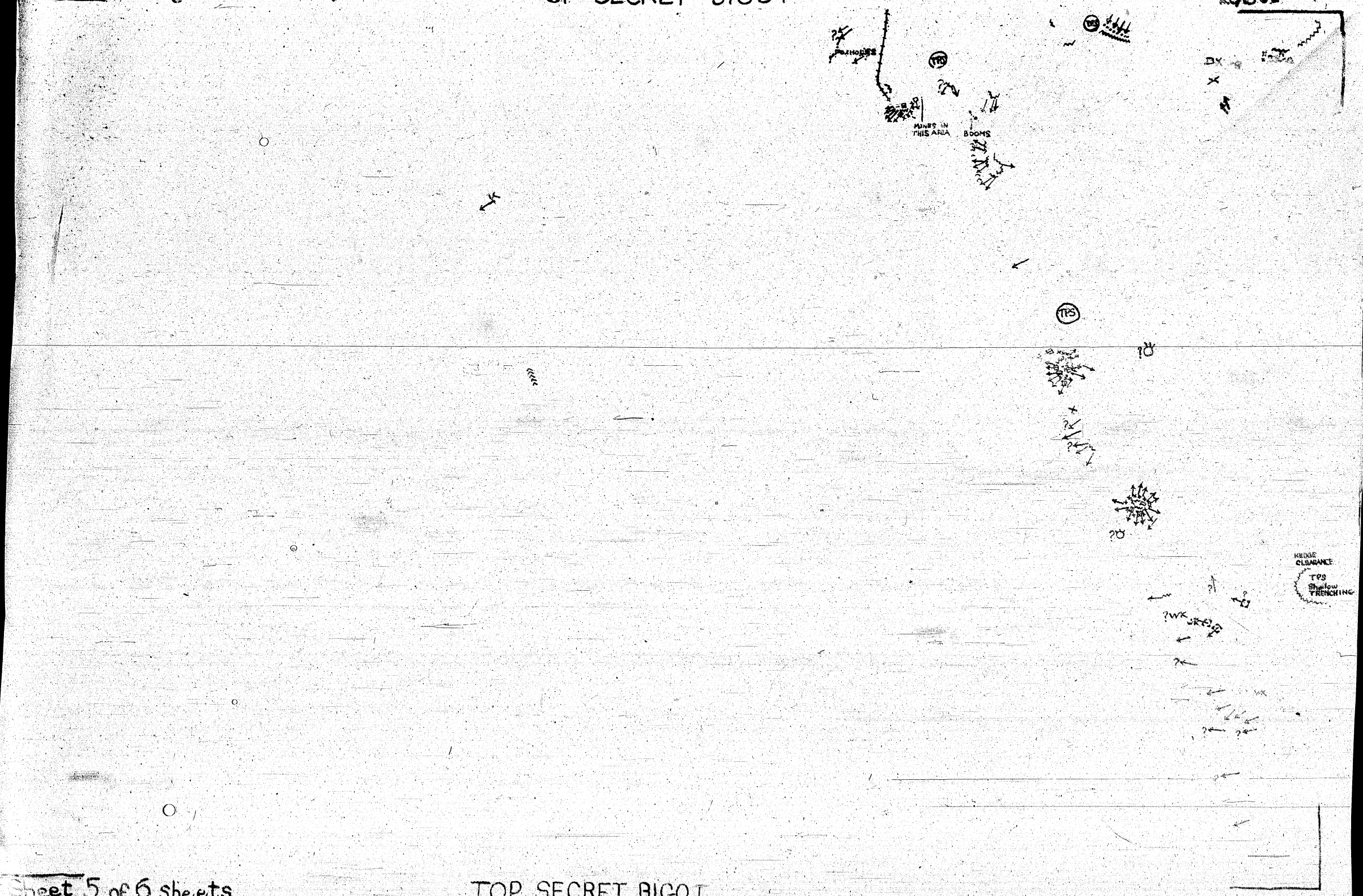

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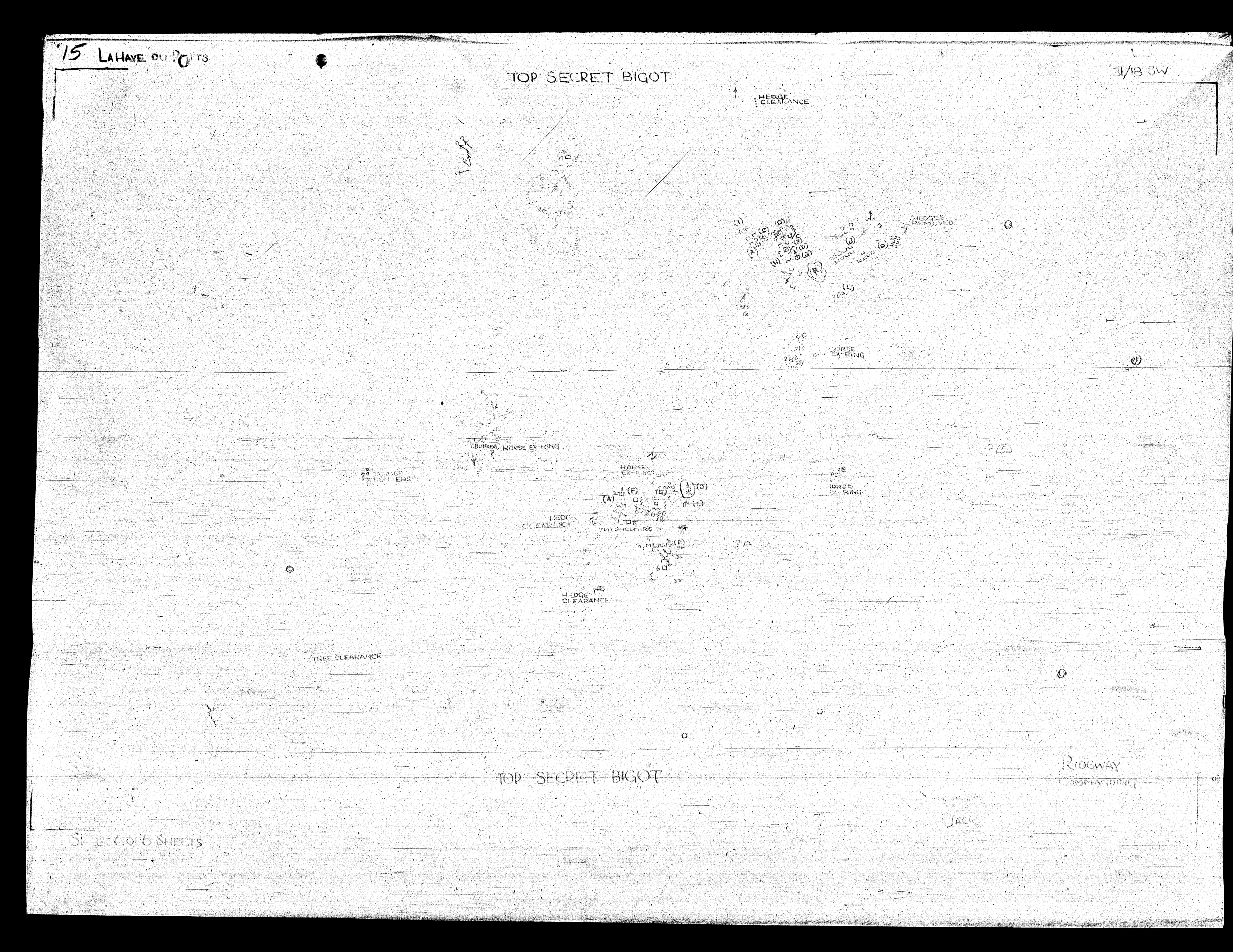

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NOTES ON CERTAIN OF THE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS SHOWN ON ANNEX 1 b (1) (SIX SHEETS)

1. LES PIEUX, SHEET NO. 28/20 SE.

a. Troops (087089). Small body of troops. Probably transient.

b. Strong Point (982073). Consists of 4 concrete (?) pillboxes or shelters, half buried; trenches; perimeter wire. Crew may live in farm house. FSA rpts 20 Georgians in SP.

c. Strong Point (974058). Perimeter wire, weapon pits, communication trenches, excavation for shelter (?). Surface shelter.

d. Strong Point (974054). Wire; dug-in pillboxes are being constructed on cliff edge covering sea and beach to south. A large excavation, probably for buried shelter. Weapon pits.

e. Strong Point (981042). Activity and construction. 4 excavations 14' x 18' which appear to contain small concrete "boxes" (possible 4-man Tobruks). Round open emplacement approximately 18' containing gun(?). Square surface shelter 16'-18', probably painted same color as terrain. Another shelter, approximately same size or larger, is seen between dunes, partially buried. Elevated structure in area appears to be a device for straining sand and gravel for construction purposes. Ramp leads up onto it from beach and a road seems to lead under it on landward side. "Slits" in dunes may be entrances to underground installations or shelters.

f. Strong Point (983031). Identified by TIS as concrete strong point. Lt ? track activity from road.

g. Strong Point (?) 991027. Farm house appears to have military occupation. Personnel trench in yard. Possible weapon pit. Just NW of house possible camouflaged installation.

h. Trenches (006032, 999008, 002024). Probable military activity. Irregular patterns of shallow trenches with round holes at intervals. May be tracings for defense lines, situated on forward slope overlooking beach and beach exits, or it may be simply a simulated defensive installation used in tactical training of troops.

i. Strong Point (934007). Wire, camouflage. One open, round emplacement approximately 18' in diameter and two small emplacement (horseshoe shaped), ammunition dump adjoining. Emplacement opening camouflaged. One surface shelter. Two square excavations (approximately 10') appear to be empty. "Slits" in dunes may be entrances to underground installations.

j. Cable Trench (996100 to 017019). Recent installation.

Seen on photos running from 996100 (LES PIEUX) south to 017019 (end of photo coverage). Junction box at 004050 where a branch line runs east. Terminal points are not seen on account of incomplete photo coverage. The junction box is now under construction, will probably be well buried (excavation seen).

c. Dump (076037) to (078045). Ammunition dump of 30-40 stacks. Some covered by Nissen-type shelters. Situated on two sides of the MS road through the forest; many of the huts themselves cannot be seen on account of camouflage, but the roads and tracks from them to the main road reveal their position.

2. VALOGNES, SHEET NO. 31/20 SW.

a. AA (108064). 4 (possibly 6) AA gun emplacement under construction. Emplacements approximately 20'.

b. Troops (120060). Group of large buildings appear to be occupied by troops; several personnel trenches in area.

c. Work (108054). The felling of trees in this area may indicate that the wood is being used for construction of military installation.

d. BRICQUEBEC (123045). At Coordinates 119046 is a supply depot just off of the railway spur. At 121048 are probably 4 motor transport shelters. Eight huts in field south of BRICQUEBEC. Measurements: 6 huts 100' x 30', 2 huts 60' x 20'. Small trenches in corner of field. At Coordinates 123040 are 6 AA gun emplacements unoccupied, emplacements approximately 20'. Six MT shelters and two other shelters (possibly MT shelters) approximately 20' x 12' at Coordinates 134044. There are road blocks at Coordinates 121028, 118038, 121040 and at 125045.

3. BARNEVILLE, SHEET 26/16 NE.

a. Lt. AA (064987). Two 3-gun Lt. AA Btrys. 5 of the emplacements were unoccupied when observed (15 Feb. 44) and the 6th was camouflaged. Two additional emplacements are seen but appear disused. A grid frame beam direction finder and W/T Reporting Aerial (di-pole aerial type mast) are seen, and a nearby buried and camouflaged shelter (?) probably houses the controls of the radar and W/T sets. Seven (possibly eight) huts with blast walls provide shelter for the crews. Local defense consists of firing trenches on the east side of the wired-in area and a probable MG position on the NW side.

b. Local Defense, VILLEVILLE (094957).

(1) 2 round 10' open emplacements in field. Possibly intended for AT or AA MGs. Light truck activity.

(2) Personnel trenches in village itself.

c. Local Defense, BARNEVILLE (030950).

(1) Personnel trenches within town.

(2) Possible pillbox in RJ at water tower (035947).

(3) Weapon pits (?) in hedges near water tower. These are not well sited and their line of fire would be greatly restricted by hedgerows.

d. Military Work (052932). Construction involving the excavation of a "trench" a few feet wide and approximately 184 feet in length, with an extension approximately 33 feet long. Two excavations approximately 27 feet square are adjoining. Purpose and identification of project cannot be yet determined.

e. Military Work (084917). RJ at 084917 is surrounded at a distance of 200 yards by a zig-zag pattern of shallow trenching (less than 1' deep). Purpose not confirmed but may be a tracing of a firing trench for the defense of this important RJ. Wire is reported immediately surrounding the junction but it is doubtful that this is tactical wire.

4. ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, SHEET NO. 31/18 NW.

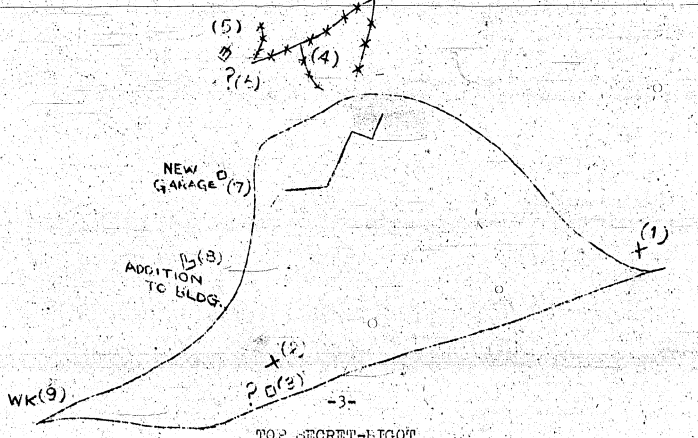
a. Trenches, Pillbox, MT Shelters (139986). Two personnel trenches have been constructed just south of the RJ. Pillbox has been constructed on the triangle of the RJ. Also there are two more MT shelters just on the W edge of ST. JACQUES DE NEHOU at 134984, with a personnel trench behind them, and another personnel trench at 13559855.

b. Motor Transport Bays and Trenches (138986). From 24 December 43 until 19 April 44 the following military activity has taken place, although positive identification is difficult due to scale and lack of clarity on photos available: 13549863, two motor transport bays or shelters; 13609861, a personnel trench, and to the E of it, what appears to be a motor transport bay; 13579867, either a short personnel trench or weapon pit; 13419840, center point for 2—3 weapon pits or motor transport bays.

c. Railway (?) (127971). Work being carried on resembling roadbed for railway.

d. Ammunition Dumps (145953). Nine piles of ammunition visible along road running E & W, N of Hill 110. Troops that guard these dumps are possibly housed in buildings just off the road on the N, 145953. There is also the felling of trees in the area.

e. Military Occupation (156952).



Former Chateau, probably not used by troops as Headquarters. Gates or roadblocks (1) & (2); possible pillbox on E shoulder of EW road, round in shape, measuring 8'—10' in diameter (3). Decorations on lawn, immediately N & S of main building, partially surrounded by barbed wire. Probable slit trench, approximately 100' long on N side of house(4). Possible pillbox, or emplacement 220' NW of NW corner of house (5). Shrubbery immediately E of it may contain auxiliary position (shelter or trench) (6). Recent garage (Nissen hut type) E of main building (7). Also construction of extension to building to the W of Main Bldg. and other constructional changes on other subsidiary houses (8). Timber in field further E indicates possible further construction activity (9).

f. Wire (146956). Fence around wooded area. Posts 10 feet apart.

g. Trenches (193942). Trench 250' long along hedge line appears to be old. Rectangular area in the middle of it might be a covered or buried shelter. Trench not sufficiently visible to make definite interpretation. "Shelter" measures 40' square. Trench encloses it on three sides.

h. Trenches (195940). Trenches on two sides of field, with possible pillbox in NW corner. Trenches cover strip 180' long on N side of field and over 100' on E side.

i. Pillbox (193940). Building 22' x 30', looks like concrete, possible pillbox.

j. Pillbox (193942). Possible pillbox near side of road, 30' x 12' in size. Sodded over. Not sufficiently visible to make definite interpretation.

k. Weapon Pits (193945). Two rectangular pits, one approximately 17', and the second, 45' long, which were not visible in September, 1942. Possibly open shelters or weapon pits. There may be a third pit, although foliage conceals most of the area.

l. Hedge Clearing (194939). Hedges appear to have been either removed or clipped close to the ground.

m. Hedge Clearing (194940). Hedge appears to have been cleared in parts, although lack of foliage in late cover makes definite statement difficult.

n. Fuel Depot (187946). Four fuel storage tanks. In existence prior to 1942. May be in military use at present time, and certainly of military importance. They vary in size from 30 to 50' in diameter. Also large building (possibly warehouse) 210 x 75'. Serviced by spur from railroad. Another small petrol dump may exist in RR yard, on N side of tracks. Consists of series of ditches into which drums might be placed. These extend 150' S from entrance to depot mentioned above, and about 250 ft. northward.

o. Communication Trenches (185947). Series of that appear to be communication trenches with 2—3 emplacements. However, installation does not appear to be completed. Emplacements probably contain nothing larger than MGs. Photos reveal very little, indicating installation is either unfinished, or possibly a dummy.

p. Pillbox (19909493). On E side of river, there appears to be a buried pillbox covering approach across bridge from W side. 20049493, personnel trench, paralleling highway on N side. 45' of it visible. 35' E along road on S side, a possible weapon pit. Earthen work with some type of structure, possibly pillbox.

q. Shelter (20009485). There appears to be a buried shelter, with firing slits westward toward ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.

r. Road Block (191952). Possible road block (photo coverage is poor, making identification difficult).

s. Hill 110 (135940). Wireless transmitting tower recently erected, base 50' sq. Height approximately 100'. Believed to still be incomplete. No evidence has been found as yet of control building unless the tower is built on it. Recent activity, consisting of rows of holes on hill, now under study.

t. Motor Transport Shelters (155938). Eight MT bays on road leading from main road to Chateau, which is halfway up the hill. These have been constructed since January 44. It is possible that the Chateau houses troops because of the amount of bays in the vicinity. There is a church just over the crest on the hill, but no military activity on the hill is visible at the present.

u. Road Block and Billet (166415, 177932). What appears to be a drop gate, or other type of road block is seen at entrance to driveway leading into a group of two houses, one a small one, possibly billets for troops. Large building 125' x 45'; second one 80' x 30'. Road block, or gate, bars entrance to group of buildings. Later photos are unsuitable for verifying this. Buildings are possible billet for troops, consisting of 2 2-story, measuring 145' x 30' and 80' x 25'; and 1 1-story, 100' x 30'.

v. BESNEVILLE Area (121931). Along E side of road 1204-9315 7 or 8 motor transport shelters have been dug. Two southernmost ones appear connected by a communication trench. A communication trench has been dug from road SW into orchard at same location. A structure approximately 12 x 20 feet is being constructed over trench and may be a pillbox. On W side of road at approximately same coordinates other MT shelters are visible. At 12039304 a personnel trench has been dug NW—SE on W side of hedge line. At 11959294 a possible pillbox is located. 120 ft. north of this point, another possible pillbox can be seen. On the south side of road from BESNEVILLE directly to Hill 110 another MT shelter, covered over, is located at Coordinates 12229300.

w. Fortification (215915). Old fortification, consisting of walls 40 or more feet thick, with 4 rather recently dug weapon pits in top of wall, averaging 9 ft. in diameter. Trench moat surrounds wall. Two weapon pits, and a third pit, possibly planned as shelter, outside of installations proper. Third pit approximately 35 ft. long. No other signs of recent activity.

5. HAVRE DE PORTBAIL (SHEET 28/18 SE).

a. Strong Point (052889) enclosed by wire. Seven weapon pits connected by a trench system. 3 of these are concrete firing positions (two clearly seen). Also two camouflaged positions approximately 20' and 30' in diameter. One bldg. 20' x 70' with wing extending seaward 40' is inside the wire.

b. Troops (015888). Four round emplacements approximately 17' in diameter connected by trenches just N of railway. They appear to be unoccupied at the present time. There are indications that the railroad yard is being used for a supply depot. There are also shallow trenches in the immediate vicinity. Redoubt are being cleared in front of emplacements. German troops have been reported in the area.

c. Weapon Pits and Trenches (093896). Two emplacements unoccupied connected by shallow trenches. Immediately N is a continuation of the shallow trench system along road, crossing the road and coming back on the other side. A bldg. to billet troops, with personnel trench alongside, is at Coordinates 086895. Road blocks as indicated on defense overlay and two weapon pits on hill at Coordinates 089889 cover causeway.

d. Strong Point (062883). Strong point consists of communication and fire trenches with numerous firing positions. No wire or buildings seen. A row of mines is in front of SP.

e. Troops (070865). Area in woods consisting of civilian houses is occupied by troops, possibly Germans. Possible weapon pits.

f. Strong Point (068861). Well camouflaged installations. Communication trenches are mostly covered but still easily seen. Numerous firing positions, some concrete Tobruk type. "Civilian" surface shelters may be crew quarters. Possible underground shelters also. Position surrounded by wire. 2 small square structures, semi-buried, and placed at end of communication trenches are apparently concrete pillboxes (15' x 15'). There are other shelters, one of which may be of concrete and two of which are old civilian buildings, possibly reinforced.

g. Searchlight (079861). Flak Trace (M115-FUSA) 17 April. Possible searchlight.

h. Strong Point (078844). Strong Point consists of perimeter wire, numerous weapon pits and fire and communication trenches, and 2 structures (one 112' x 24' partially surrounded by blast wall; one 15' x 15' which may be a concrete pillbox.

i. Work? (082831). Probable military construction (or SP?) at end of road. Men and vehicles (trucks or wagons) are seen, but glare of sand prevents analysis of type of activity. Probably excavations of small caliber.

j. Work (086836, 081833). 3 excavations in dunes. Apparently in construction of semi-buried pillboxes, probably of Tobruk type. Little truck activity in immediate area, but men and material are seen in area of work.

k. Trenches (093835). Shallow trenching around Chateau. Probably troop occupation. Hedge clearance suggests lines of fire are being cleared, making the Chateau a SP.

6. LA HAYE DU PUITS, SHEET 31/18 S!.

a. Weapon Pits. Two weapon pits at 154090; 3 weapon pits at 154847. 6' in diameter. Unoccupied. Hedges restrict flat trajectory fire from these positions; probably intended for mortars, to cover ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-POINT.

b. Hill 121 (165842). Gives impression of having been first used for training purposes. However, present activity, on a larger scale, is visible at 2 points, indicating preparations for active defense. In May 42, only defenses detected were situated on N end of hill, apparently protecting entrance to quarry pit. From May 42 to Jan 44 defenses were extended S to cover entire hill. In the quarry at N end of hill, a building approximately 125' x 35' has been erected. Quarry is apparently being used as dump of some type

(possibly ammo), with local defenses ringing the excavation. These consist chiefly of communication and fire trenches with weapon pits interspersed. Additional weapon pits, pillboxes and communication trenches extend up the ridge of the hill for some 300 yds (South) from edge of quarry. On approximate crown of hill (location of windmill) construction of what appears to be 2 strong points is proceeding, each including a probable buried shelter approximately 35' square. There is activity in the windmill (OP?) and a possible AA-MG is seen on top. Weapon pits surround these installations and extend down eastern side of hill, also cover approaches from S and SW. Two surface shelters are seen: one at S end of Hill, the other midway between it and the windmill. Southernmost bldg. is a church (military occupation?) with well-tracked road leading to it. The second bldg. may be OP. Two or three possible gun positions exist, although none is a typical installation, nor are weapons visible. While these positions are annotated as shelters, pillboxes, or OPs, there is a possibility one or more may be dirty positions of new or unusual type (Coordinates: 16378870, 16538867, 16548867).

c. Hill 131 (195876). Considerable military activity has taken place on Hill 131, since April 42. The overall impression gathered from the military installations is that the area has been used as a training area (great variety of installations; for example, many different types of weapon pits). However, the more recent installations and present activity are on a more ambitious scale and would indicate that Hill 131 is actively a part of the enemy's plan of defense. Annotations on Hill 131 have been identified by letter, and specific discussion follows. (A) appears to be somewhat complicated installation, consisting of outer "U" shaped communication trench, with shelter inside the "U", and what looks like a gun emplacement in the center. Opening in center of shelter is approximately 13' wide with a slit 6' x 26', opening out of it, running slightly S of the shelter, presumably houses gun although none is visible. May be a howitzer position. Communication trench leads W from shelter for some 60 ft., where a shelter trench connects onto it and continues on for some 70' further. A series of 3—4 shelters, probably bunkers, are located on the W side of it. W arm of outer U shaped communication trench continues northward for another additional 75 feet and connects with large shelter, approximately 40' x 18', well dug in. Shelters or storage places are located along this trench to the shelter. (B) Weapon pits immediately adjacent to (A) and connected by underground trenches with (A) and with each other. (C) Large oval-shaped shelter approximately 85' long with openings along S side. Possibly OP. (D) Three weapon pits or emplacements approximately 18' square, with earthen revetments on 3 or 4 sides. 1, 2 and 3 are in triangular arrangement, while 4 is farther south. All appear too deep for AA, and also are probably empty. However, they may be future AA or large sized mortar positions. (E) A small hogback or ridge running N-S. Contains a series of installations. At E, a large pit is visible approximately 100' x 45'. Work is in progress although there is no indication of the purpose. The entire ridge has numerous weapon pits and other installations. Should be considered as a fortified position. Weapon pits are scattered at irregular intervals along the ridge. (F) A shelter exists here, with opening to W. This is connected by trench with several weapon pits nearby. May possibly be gun position. Size approximately 40' square. (G) appears to be small pillbox with cupola. (H) Circular emplacement, measuring approximately 17' inner diameter. Has revetment around it and is camouflaged. Communication trench on W side, possibly leading to underground shelter and/or ammo pits. May be larger AA, although only the one position is visible. Impossible to say from photo just what it contains. (I) May be strong point, although installation is hardly visible through trees. (J) Series of fire trenches, possibly with dug-out or shelters, measuring from 200' to 265' in length. (K) Wooded

area, which has pronounced roadway leading into it. May be Hq or dump, although nothing is visible. (L) Pit, probable former quarry of small size (130' x 270') is connected by road with top of hill, also with south side of hill. Portion of road has been recently improved, indicating some use. Possible ammo or other type of dump. (O) Former orchard. Trees have been removed on lower end and weapon pits dug. Slight revetment in front of each pit.

d. Troops (197664). Chateau and grounds appear to be occupied by troops. 2 shelters, possibly for vehicles, are seen along driveway. The many wings of the Chateau could shelter an estimated company of troops.

e. Storage Bunkers (142646). Possible bunkers for ammo.

f. BOLLEVILLE (157853).

(1) Several personnel trenches about the village.

(2) 3 empty emplacements (approximately 21' in diameter) connected by communication trenches at 15058554. Direction of fire is toward L. HAYE DU PUITS. Not of recent construction.

(3) Horse Exercise Ring (159852). Also 11 bays or open-top bunkers around inside perimeter of field next to stables. Measure approximately 32' x 8', built since 1942. Possible storage units. N corner of field personnel trench and weapon pit, probably LG or possibly AT, covering road from ST. MARY DE PIENNE-FONT to main road from BOLLEVILLE. Building immediately across RJ covers approach from L. HAIE-DU PUITS, and although no weapons are visible it may be reinforced as a strong point.

(4) Number of hedges removed, possibly to clear line of fire.

(5) Probable mortar or MG position (10' sq) (15568532).

(6) Rectangular earthen structure, possibly shelter of some sort, in center of field (153565547).

g. L. HAYE DU PUITS (179646).

(1) A series of personnel trenches, on three sides of small open plot. Appears to be horse exercise circle in center of it. Three buildings, 25' x 110', immediately west of this area. Possibly military HQ. Across road 7 motor transport shelters varying from 10—15 ft. wide, and 20—28 feet long. Walls about 7 ft. thick. Possibly sandbagged. Five of these shelters constructed between January and March 1944. (See Point "A" on overlay.)

(2) Personnel trenches, probably with weapon pits at points of trench. Hedge hides it on SE. Several buildings nearby, measuring 95' x 25'. Many additional buildings, immediately North. Entire installation thought to be combination motor transport park and supply dump. (See Point "B" on overlay.)

(3) In two adjoining fields north of (b) (Annex 1 b (1), between main street and railroad, there is a series of parallel ditches 6' wide and 50' long. Drums could be placed inside of these trenches, although it is impossible to determine from the photographs if trenches are being so used. In other areas petrol has been so stored. Bunkers along perimeter of E field may be for ammunition. (See Point "C" on overlay.)

(4) Since Jan 1944 a personnel trench has been extended from edge to center of field. In addition, an emplacement 15 ft. in diameter has been dug. Contains gun. Thought to be AA MG or Lt AA. Possible pillbox in N edge of field. (See Pt.D,Overlay.

(5) Possibly a small buried petrol dump N end of town just S of RR, off main street. Consists of approximately 5 trenches, filled in, 6 x 50', in size. Personnel trenches just NE of dump. (See Point "E" on overlay.)

(6) Three emplacements in field. Two of these measure 10 ft. inside diameter and appear to be quite deep and occupied, possibly by mortars. Third emplacement, U-shaped, points E and is unoccupied. Machine gun positions along RR embankment on COUTANCES line cover approach from E. Concrete road blocks on principal roads from E. Hedge clearance taking place S of town, as indicated by dots. As of 24 March much increased activity visible in LA HAYE DU PUITS; RR yard had four trains in it; considerable number of new personnel trenches have been dug; additional MT shelters or bays dug, AA MG or lt AA emplacement dug, and weapon installed. (See Point "F" on overlay.)

h. Troops (202843). Chateau reported as occupied by troops. One large hut is probably a stable, and a horse exercising is in the area. No defensive installations are seen on aerial photos. The several bldgs. could shelter an estimated company of troops.

i. Ammo Dump (223852). Reported from ground sources.

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. GENERAL. a. With the situation on the Russian front growing daily more critical, with Allied air power approaching supremacy, the enemy relies on the WEST for the one hope of a positive military victory, or, barring that, a stalemate. Since 1941 he has been engaged in methodically preparing the ATLANTIC wall for invasion. Of his 300 odd divisions, 200 odd are engaged in RUSSIA, 53 in the WEST. The remainder are in SCANDINAVIA, the BALKANS, ITALY and GERMANY.

b. Despite the seriousness of the Russian situation, the total number of divisions in the WEST has never dropped below 40. On 21 December 1943 it was 42 divisions. On 24 March 1944 it had risen to 56 divisions. On 1 May 1944, the number of divisions had dropped to 53.

c. On 1 May 1944 the 53 divisions in the WEST were classified as follows:

MECHANIZED (PZ, PZG, MOTORIZED)

SS Pz	2
SS Pz Gren	1
Army Pz	2
Pz Tng	3

INFANTRY DIVISIONS

Field	5
Static (incl. GAF)	29
Training	10
Parachute	1
TOTAL	53

d. To maintain the number of his divisions the enemy has:

(1) Increased the percentage of foreigners and prisoners of war serving in combat units. In many units, particularly static divisions, AA and Coastal Artillery, this may run as high as 33 1/3%.

(2) Drastically reduced the T/Os of many classes of divisions. T/Os for most of his field and static divisions have been cut from 17,000 to 12,000.

e. Morale throughout the German Army is now definitely high. See Par. 7, Annex 1 a.

2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF GERMAN DIVISIONS.

a. Quality and quantity of men and equipment assigned to a particular division or class of divisions is dependent upon its intended combat mission. The only divisions in the WEST with combat experience are the 2 Pz and the SS REICH.

b. SS Divisions. These, plus a certain number of Army divisions, are at full T/O and T/E. The troops are young, ardent Nazis or loyal supporters thereof, physically fit and well trained. Equipment is in good condition and late model.

c. Army Panzer Divisions. Much the same as the SS divisions, though not quite as favored for allocation of troops and equipment.

d. Field Divisions. These will vary widely. None in the WEST are up to full T/O and probably none in the WEST up to full T/E.

e. Static Divisions. Composed of older men and men unfit for arduous field duty. High percentage of foreigners and prisoners of war. Immobile and intended for coastal defense. Many of these divisions are short one regiment or one battalion per regiment. Some have only one or two battalions of artillery.

f. Training Divisions. Recruits with cadres of experienced officers and men. Equipment not up to T/E in quantity or quality. Can put one or two regiments or battle groups into action immediately.

3. PLAN OF DEFENSE.

a. The entire coastal line from NORWAY to SPAIN is heavily fortified with concrete emplacements, strong points, underwater obstacles, etc. These defenses are manned by static divisions. At some points these static divisions are closely backed up by a second line of static and field divisions. Behind these, from 50 to 200 miles from the coast, are the mobile reserves (mechanized and training).

b. The key to the German scheme of defense is the rapid counterattack commitment of reserves.

4. ANTI-PARACHUTE UNITS. Every division can be expected to have a definite anti-parachute plan. Particular companies, battalions or battalion combat teams will have been designated and allotted appropriate transportation and equipment. If the unit designated for an anti-parachute role is as large as a battalion it will probably have artillery attached. The unit at ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, believed to be a Schnelle Abteilung (mobile Bn) (approximately 600 mtr Inf and Arty) is well suited for anti-parachute or similar missions. Battalions of the 3rd Parachute Division, now at HUELGOAT, W BRITTANY, if brought closer to the coast and provided with armored personnel carriers and artillery, would make excellent anti-parachute units.

5. INFORMATION CONCERNING DIVISIONS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION.

a. See "GERMAN ORDER OF BATTLE NO. ONE", Headquarters 82d

Airborne Division, 4 March 1944.

b. 243 Infantry Division (3 regt static).

(1) Commander: Not known.

(2) Composition: Assigned regt numbers are 920, 921, 922; probably only 2 battalions of FA; unidentified Division special troops.

(3) T/O and T/E: Below T/O and T/E. Estimated present strength between 5,000 and 7,000. Only 2 combat teams.

(4) History: Reported as "newly formed division"; arrived in 23 trains from VALMES—REDON—MONITOR, 8—10 January 1944, with a "few tanks, some AT or light artillery, both horse drawn and motor transport". Detrained at ST. SAUVEUR, LA HAYE DU PUITS, LESSAY, PERIERS, COUTANCES and CARENTAN. Hq at PERIERS.

(5) Quality: Personnel has been variously reported from "fairly young to age 30—40, mostly Austrian and Bavarian and many Russian front veterans".

c. 709 Infantry Division (3 regt static).

(1) Commander: Gen. SCHEFOLD believed to be still in command (poss. Genlt. THUMA).

(2) Composition: 719, 729, 739, and a Georgian Inf Regt; believed to have FA Regt with 2 Bns; 709 Engr Bn or Co; 709 Sig Bn or Co.

(3) T/O and T/E: Reported not up to T/O or T/E but extent of deficiencies not known. One or more of the 4 regts may lack a bn. Present strength should be approximately 14,000.

(4) History: Formed in April, 1941. In its present location since late 1942. Hq and Hq 1 mile N of VALOGNES.

(5) Quality: Contains 25 to 33 1/3% of foreigners, mostly Georgians. Personnel are older men and men not physically fit for extended field duty. Morale not too high, but these people can be expected to fight well, at least as long as they are manning guns and positions.

d. 352 Infantry Division (3 regt "field").

(1) Commander: Not known.

(2) Composition: Assigned regt numbers are 914, 915 and 916; remaining units unidentified.

(3) T/O and T/E: Below T/O and T/E. Equipment said to include many horse drawn and some motor transport. Estimated present strength, 9,000 to 10,000; 3 combat teams.

(4) History: Arrived in present area in 30 trains, Nov/Dec, 1943. One report states it came from a year's front line service at GOMEL, RUSSIA. But it is carried as having no battle experience. The troops may contain some veterans of the Russian front as a nucleus of the 352nd. Present location believed to be ST. LO—VIRE area.

(5) Quality: Troops said to be of all arms and ages, including many foreigners (Russians and Mongols).

e. 21 Panzer Division.

(1) Commander: Unknown.

(2) Composition: 5 Pz Regiment; Mtz. Inf Brigade; 192nd (?) and 492nd (?) P. Gren Regts; 155 Artly Regt including a bn of SP Assault Guns; 200 Pz Engr Bn; 200 Pz Sig Bn; 21 Pz Ron Bn (2 Cos); 39 AT Bn.

(3) T/O and T/E: Reported up to full T/O and T/E, with full complement of 160 Mark IV, Tiger and Panther Tanks. Divisional strength should be about 17,000.

(4) History: This Div was formed after the French campaign from units of the 3rd Pz Div. It was first known as the 5th Light Div. In summer 1941 it was reorganized as a Pz Div in AFRICA; entered TUNISIA early 1943. It was destroyed in May, and reformed in summer 1943 in NORMANDY. It was reported August 1943 in the RHEIMS area, in November 43 moved to ORLEANS. In February 1944 this Div was reported at NANTES, believed to be completely reformed and reequipped and up to full T/O strength. Beginning of April the 21 Pz Div was ordered EAST, but upon reaching GERMANY the order was countermanded and the Div returned to the former area of the 155 and 179 Pz Res Divisions; roughly: ST. MALO—PONTORSON—RENNES—PLOERMEL—JUGON.

(5) Quality: The Div has had no battle experience except possible survivors of the African campaign. Troops are young and contain considerable non-German elements.

f. 3 Parachute Division.

(1) Commander: Not known.

(2) Composition: Identifications not known.

(3) T/O and T/E: Should be at full T/O strength and full T/E. 2 Regts located in BRITTANY, a third regt possibly in PAS DE CALAIS area. 3 Bns per Regt.

(4) History: First identified in the WEST at RHEIMS in January, 1944. Then located at MELUN, S of PARIS. Present location: HUELGOAT—SIZUN area BRITTANY.

(5) Quality: All young troops in good condition and morale.

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE ON COTENTIN PENINSULA

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731
911
ST GERMAIN
BEAUMONT HAGUE
344
931
883
30
100
722
724
739
1200 NAVAL TPS.
CHERBOURG
BARRACKS FOR 1500 (NAVAL) TROOPS
SIBEVILLE
729
730
260
729
VGE DE BAS
QUETTEHOU
729
729
729
QUINEVILLE
109
PANZER AFV INF MT DEPOT
25 MT
29 NOV VILLOGNES
28 MAR MONTEBOURG
RAVENOVILLE
GEORGIANS
1 NCO 15 GEORG IN SP
80 GEOR 50 TPS
400 CZECHS
400 GEORGIANS
200 INFANTRY
LES DIEUX
ARTY PK
100 INF
TPS 30-50
1 NCO 15 GEORG IN SP
60
INF
20
10
709 DIV PK
WORKSHOP
200 INF GEORG
1200 TROOPS
BRICQUEBEC
200 INF
JAN 11
MENNEVEZ
7 MTZ
200 INF
TPS 50-100
(243) DIV.
PROBABLY SCHNELLE ABTEILUNG
(600 14 DEC)
ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE
ARTY (PROB FIELD)
ST MERE EGLISE
709
716
AA TROOP
50
BARNEVILLE
INF GEORG 30
919
709 DIV.
720
243 DIV.
MG
CARENTAN
716
ISIGNY
ARMY STATIC
GRANDCAMP LES-BAINS
ST COME DU MONT
400 INF ARTY
10 JAN
BAUPTE
TANK SCHOOL AREA - TANK TPS IN VICINITY. NO TANKS REPORTED SINCE NOV 1943
GOOD EVIDENCE OF MTZ MAR
ARTY RECT
LAHAYE DUPUITS
200-300 GEORGIANS
1200 TPS. INF. 5/147 + ARTY
TPS. 30-50
200-30 INF
243
(243) DIV.
LESSAY
243
243 DIV (?)
10 FEB
PERIERS
6 FEB
FELGERES
300-400 GEORGIANS
200 INF
GEORGIANS
914 (352 DIV.)
AMIGNY
XXX
LXXXIV
LOCAL DEF REGT
50 CAV FROM COUTANCES
5 FEB
POSSIBLY 955 (245 DIV.)
ST GILLES
ST LO
300 INF
300 HQ
6 FEB
CARLISY
MT REPAIR CO HQ
90 INF 6 FEB
COPY OF TPS
3 MAR 44
CON OF TPS
(352) DIV
LE MOLAY
352 DIV
10 FEB
BA LEROY
ISIGNY
LITTRY
352 DIV
CASUAL SOURCE REPORT
2500 TROOPS
2 MAR
19 FEB
HQ
24 MAR
ANTI-AIRCRAFT
MOBILE BRIGADE (20?)
FEB
243 DIV (?)
(POSSIBLY INCLUDED IN BRIGADE)
COUTANCES
400 INF ARTY UNIDENTIFIED
500 CAV TPS
300 INF TPS
300 TANK (SNOWY TPS)
FEB
MONTMARTIN SUR MER
MOBILE CO
JAN
BREHAL
GEORGIAN REGT
178
DEFENCES
ISIGNY
ST MARTIN DES BESACES
LE BEUPRE
357 DIV
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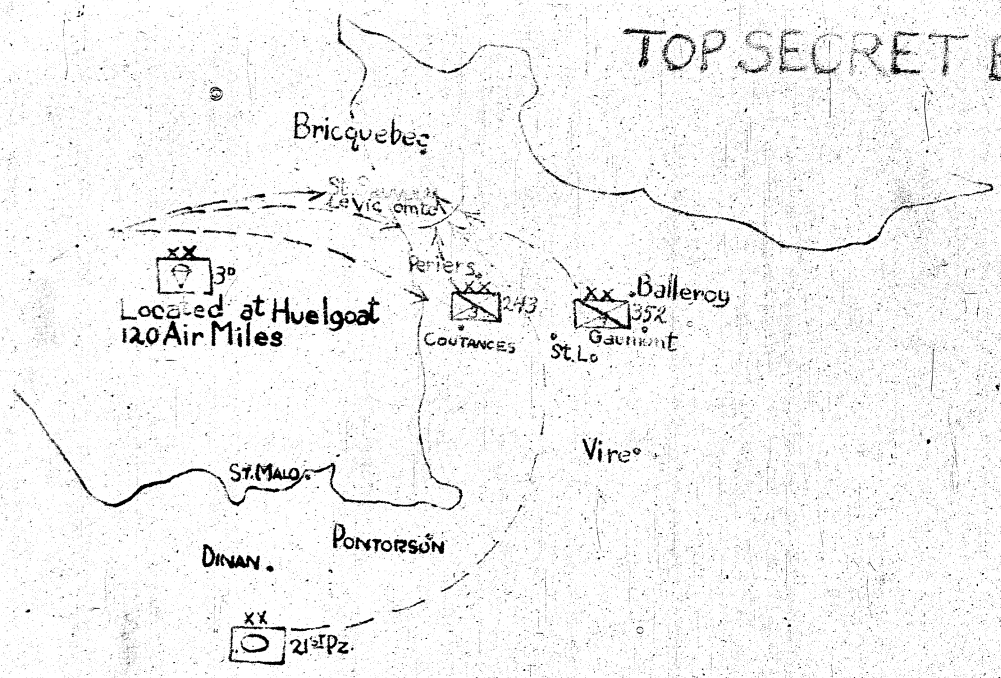

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UNITS	LOCATION	STRENGTH OF ATTACKING FORCE	DIRECTION OF ATTACK	AVENUES OF APPROACH	DISTANCE IN MILES	TIME OF ARRIVAL OF MAIN BODY Head of Column	Tail of Column	EVALUATION	REMARKS
Schnelle Abt (?) Etc.	ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	600 plus	West	Already in area	1 Mi	30 Min		Highest order of probability	In addition to the 600 Mtz Inf and Arty which is probably a Schnelle Abt; portions of the 243 Div detrained here in Jan 44. Anti-prcht units can be expected to attack within 30 min after first drop. A coordinated attack would probably be delayed until first light.
Infantry and Artillery	LA HAYE DU PUITS	2 bns Inf plus some artillery	a. NE b. North	a. Corridor between ST LO d'OURVILLE and ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. b. Thru ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. c. CAUSEWAY at 189905.	5—10 Mi	2 hrs	2½ hrs	Highest order of probability	Small anti-parachute and reconnaissance units could arrive within one hour. The main body is not likely to be committed until after daylight reconnaissance.
Georgian Troops	BRICQUEBEC	1 bn of Inf	a. SW b. East	a. BRICQUEBEC—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE Road. b. BRICQUEBEC—FIERVILLE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	6—9 Mi	2 hrs	2½ hrs	High order of probability	The composition of the troops at BRICQUEBEC is not known. They are not likely to be well suited for offensive action. Anti-parachute units should be expected to attack within 45 min after first drop. It is extremely unlikely that an attack in force will be launched until after first light and then by not to exceed one battalion of Infantry.
Mech Rcn Units	COUTANCES	2 bns mech Inf and Arty. Totaling 1200—1500.	a. NE b. North c. North	a. Corridor between ST LO d'OURVILLE and ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. b. Thru ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. c. CAUSEWAY at 189905.	25—35 Mi	3—3½ hrs	3½—4 hrs	High order of probability	These troops are believed capable of sending strong anti-prcht units to arrive and attack within 2 hours of the first drop. The main body may move up under cover of darkness but there is very little likelihood of it being committed until after daylight reconnaissance.
1 RCT of 243d Div	COUTANCES—PERIERS—LESSAY—LA HAYE DU PUITS area	3000	a. NE b. North c. West	a. COUTANCES—LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST LO d'OURVILLE. b. COUTANCES—LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. c. PERIERS—PONT L'ABBE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE	20—35 Mi	3—3½ hrs	3½—4 hrs	High order of probability	The 243d Div is a 3 RCT organization. However, only 6,000—7,000 of its troops have been reported in the COTENTIN. The Division strength is therefore estimated at 2 RCTs, one of which (920th Regt) is accepted as being in the CARENTAN area.
21st Pz Div	PONTORSON—ST MALO—RENNES—PLOERMEL—JUGON	17,000	a. NE b. North c. West	a. ST MALO—PONTORSON—GRANVILLE—COUTANCES—ST LO d'OURVILLE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE b. DINAN—PONTORSON—GRANVILLE—COUTANCES—LESSAY—LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE c. RENNES—FOUGERES—VILLEDIEU—COUTANCES—PERIERS—PONT L'ABBE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.	97—115 Mi	8 hrs	11½ hrs	High order of probability	21 Pz expected to be committed into the CHERBOURG Peninsula. If the CARENTAN entrance is blocked, commitment is most likely to be up the West side of the Peninsula.
352d Inf Div	ST LO—BALLERCY—VIRE—GAUMONT	9,000	a. West b. North	a. ST LO—PERIERS—PONT L'ABBE—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. b. VIRE—COUTANCES—LESSAY—LA HAYE DU PUITS—ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.	35—50 Mi	3 3/4 hrs	4 3/4 hrs	Possible, but very low order of probability.	352d Div expected to be committed into BAYEUX area. Not considered likely to be committed up West side of Peninsula.
3d Prcht Div	HUELGOAT area BRITTANY	1600 Prchts. 1600 Gliders.	S, W or E	Direct air route to DZs	120 Air Miles	1 to 10 hours after takeoff depending upon DZs		Low order of probability until D plus 2, then high order of probability.	*2/3 of this division has been identified in BRITTANY as a ground unit and will probably not leave until the trend of battle has clarified. However, it has satisfactory departure fields in its area. Its mostly likely employment is as reinforcements, landing in such places as LANDE DE LESSAY, two miles S of LESSAY, or on the open ground three miles W LA HAYE DU PUITS or on the beaches between CARTERET and LESSAY. The possibility of strong parachute drops in the immediate vicinity of the 82d Division area is remote because of the relative strength of the opposing A/B forces. The possibility of parachute drops of small raiding and demolition parties in the 82d Airborne Division area is high.
Other Prcht Troops	Vicinity of MELUN and PAS DE CALAIS	1600 Prchts. 1600 Gliders.	S, W or E	Direct air route to DZs	200 Air Miles	1 to 10 hours after takeoff depending upon DZs		Low order of probability until D plus 1 and then high order of probability.	*The MELUN area is the Parachute training area. The Parachute formations there may be forming a new division. A probable employment for these troops would be to rush them up as reinforcements, landing in areas as indicated above for 3d Parachute Division.

NOTE: 1. Each unit has been considered individually and time calculated from receipt of order to move. In the case of larger units, 1½ hours have been allowed between receipt of order and first movement of main body
2. The road network would prohibit the simultaneous northward movement, past the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES, of more than one division, or its equivalent.
3. Speed: Wheels 15 MPH, tracks 10 MPH; all units are considered mobile.
4. All enemy troops will be at a high state of alert beginning late in the evening of D-1, because of the approach of the assault craft.

*Total gliders and jump converted transports available in the West can accommodate 1600 parachute and 1600 glider troops. The number of successive lifts is problematical. In an emergency, crash transport landings in suitable areas might be resorted to.

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ANNEX 1c

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TACTICAL TERRAIN STUDY

MAPS: GSGS 4250, 1/50,000.
GSGS 4347, 1/25,000.

1. LIMITATIONS.

a. This study is generally limited on the N to E-W grid 05, on the S to E-W grid 70, on the E to N-S grid 45, and on the W to the W Coast.

b. For general geographical and climatic information on COTENTIN Peninsula, see Annex 1 a.

2. GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY.

a. General Nature of Terrain. North of BRICQUEBEC and VALOGNES a mass of steep hills of 300-500 ft. elevation, in which there are frequent bare rock outcroppings and flat bottomed valleys, reaches from the east to the west coast. South from BRICQUEBEC to LESSAY and west of the DOUVE River, the terrain is more undulating with an irregular pattern of hills which attain 450 ft. elevation only in a few isolated localities. This terrain is partitioned into small rectangular fields by hedgerows and stone walls, and consists of poor pastureland, some orchards, and some sparse woods. South of LESSAY is a heathland with scattered pine plantations. The southeastern COTENTIN (east and south of the DOUVE) is a flat marshy plain, little of which is above 100 ft. elevation. Here the fields are much larger than in the west and cultivation is much more extensive.

b. Drainage System.

(1) See Annex 1 c (2) for overlay showing bridges and the width and depth of principal streams.

(2) R. DOUVE flows from the North Central COTENTIN through ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE and N. of CARENTAN. Average width and depths are:

Sector	Average Width	Average Depth
LES ADAMS (1513) to BAUDRY (1608)	20 feet	2-3 feet.
BAUDRY TO ETIENVILLE (2692)	30 feet	3-4 feet
ETIENVILLE TO CARENTAN (3984)	40 feet	4-6 feet

The DOUVE by manipulation of locks and barrage at CARENTAN has been kept at a navigable minimum depth of 3 feet, 3 inches, upstream to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. The average width of its valley from ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE to CARENTAN is 1.5—2 miles. The current does not exceed 2 m.p.h.

(3) SEYE R. rises in the hills within a mile of the W Coast in the vicinity of SURTAINVILLE (0903) and flows E to join the DOUVE at 1601. Its maximum width is approximately 15 feet and maximum depth 2-2.5 feet.

(4) BABEUF R. rises E of BARNEVILLE (0394) and flows E to join the DOUVE approximately 2 miles N of ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. It is comparable to the SEYE.

(5) Two unnamed tributaries of the DOUVE drain the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES. At their junction with the DOUVE, they average 10 feet in width.

(6) HERBERET R. flows from VALOGNES SE to its junction with the DOUVE at 3191. From YVETOT BOCAGE (2206) to URVILLE (2602) it is 10-20 feet wide. Below URVILLE it is 20-30 feet wide and 2-3 feet deep.

(7) TAUT R. flows from 2563 NE to 4178 and N 4 miles to its junction with the CARENTAN Channel. It becomes 10 ft. wide at 273689, 20 ft. wide and 4-6 ft. deep at 302724, and 30-40 feet wide at its mouth.

(8) SEVES R. flows from 2570 NE through the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES to the DOUVE at 363872. It becomes 20 ft. wide at 314851 and 40 ft. wide at its confluence.

(9) OLLONDE R. rises about 3½ miles NE of ST LO D'OURVILLE (0989), flows in a semi-circle to ST. LO D'OURVILLE where it enters its estuary. This river is negligible in depth. At the point where it enters its estuary it is approximately 20 feet wide. At 095094 it becomes 10 ft. wide. The estuary is 200 yards wide at its narrowest point. It fills and drains with the 29 foot tide of the W Coast.

(10) AY R. flows from 219637 N about 7.5 miles to 216754, thence W to its mouth in a tidal estuary at 172764. It becomes 20 feet wide at 215756 and is 30 feet wide at its mouth.

c. Ridge System.

(1) See Par. 2 a above.

(2) Four substantially parallel ridges W of the DOUVE, listed from S to N:

(a) A ridge running SE from LES HOUTTES D'ALLONE (0197) to DENNEVILLE (0986) with elevations from NW to SE of 90-80-55-35-50-33 meters.

(b) Ridge running E from BARNEVILLE (0394) to FORET DE SAUVEUR (1593) with elevations from W to E of 55-75-80-69-50 meters.

(c) Ridge running E from LES HOUTTES D'ALLONE to vicinity of NEHOU (1998) with elevations from W to E of 90-122-145-121-82-70-33 meters.

(d) Ridge running E from LES PLONDS (0203) to BRICQUEBEC with elevations W to E of 87-110-121-144 meters.

(3) High ground approximately parallel the W bank of the DOUVE from 2193 N to BRICQUEBEC.

(4) High ground N and E of LA HAYE DU PUITS, particularly HILLS 121, 131, and 122 (FORET DE MONT-CASTRE).

(5) Low ridge east of the DOUVE from 2005 S to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, with elevations of 30 to nearly 50 meters.

(6) Three ridges, generally 30-50 meters high, reaching N, NNE, and NE from FORET DE MONT-CASTRE toward the DOUVE, with 30 meter elevations extending to 242915, 260620, and 306900 respectively.

(7) Ridge running from VALOGNES E to QUETTEVILLE (2907), with elevations from W to E of 63-110-117-69-10 meters.

d. Routes.

(1) Highways and Bridges.

(a) See Annex 1 c (3).

(b) The following "German Priority Routes" are likely to be in the best condition of repair of any roads in the area and are believed capable of carrying tracked vehicles of 50 tons:

(i) CARENTAN-STE MERE EGLISE-MONTEBOURG-VALOGNES-CHERBOURG; German roadside marker "V"; French number N13; bridge over DOUVE at 364862 to 384864 possibly less than 50-ton capacity.

(ii) CARENTAN-LA HAYE DU PUITS-ST. LO D'OURVILLE-CARTERET; French number N803.

(iii) PERIERS-CARENTAN; French number N171.

(iv) PERIERS-LESSAY-ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (N800), ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE-VALOGNES (GC2); French numbers as indicated.

(c) There are three principal roads into the CHERBOURG Peninsula:

(i) CARENTAN-STE MERE EGLISE-MONTEBOURG-VALOGNES-CHERBOURG; French number N13; paved and 20-26 ft. wide.

(ii) LESSAY-LA HAYE DU PUITS (N800), LA HAYE DU PUITS-RJ 0792 (N803), RJ 0792-BRICQUEBEC (GC50), BRICQUEBEC-CHERBOURG (N800); French numbers as indicated; paved and 20-26 ft. wide.

(iii) PERIERS-ST. JORES-PONT L'ABBE-VALOGNES; French number GC24; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(d) Other N-S crossings of the DOUVE, besides those mentioned in (c) (i) and (iii) above, are as follows:

(i) At BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE (309910) on the secondary road from BAUPTE (8531) to RJ 9230; French number GC 138.

(ii) At LE VOULIN (417872) on an unnamed secondary route which by-passes CARENTAN on the east.

(e) There are two E-W roads across the neck of the Peninsula:

(i) CARENTAN-LA HAYE DU PUITS; French number N803; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(ii) RJ 3693-CUVE DU PONT-PONT L'ABBE (GC70), PONT L'ABBE-ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE (GC 15); French number as indicated; paved and 10-20 ft. wide.

(f) For roads inland from the UTAH beaches to Road N13, see Annex 1 c (3).

(g) The following towns are important highway communication centers: CARENTAN, MONTEBOURG, PERIERS, LESSAY, LA HAYE DU PUITS, ST. JORES, ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, PONT L'ABBE, BARNEVILLE, BRICQUEBEC, and VALOGNES.

(h) Marginal notes on GSGS Map 4250 (1/50,000), giving widths and surfaces of roads, are generally reliable.

(i) Many of the roads, especially the secondary ones, are bordered by hedges and ditches that would hinder deployment of vehicles.

(j) The bridge at ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE is a reinforced concrete 2-span masonry balastrade structure with piers 6-8 feet thick. It is 100 feet long by 30 feet wide. Under the bridge the water is 55 feet wide and 14-15 feet deep.

(k) The earthen causeway across the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES at 1890 is approximately 1400 yards long.

(2) Railroads.

(a) See Annex 1 c (3).

(b) The two railroads across the neck of the COTENTIN are the double-track PARIS-CHERBOURG line through CARENTAN, and the single track line through COUTANCES, LESSAY, LA HAYE DU PUITS, and ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE to CHERBOURG. An E-W single-track line runs from CARENTAN to CARTERET via LA HAYE DU PUITS.

(3) Airfields. There are three airfields in the COTENTIN:

(a) SE of LESSAY, a landing-ground at 203741, with a rough but possibly serviceable NE/SW strip 1800 x 350 yds.

(b) CHERBOURG-QUERQUEVILLE, an airfield at 097267, dimensions about 1050 yds. SW/ENE and 900 yds NW/SSE.

(c) CHERBOURG-MAUPERTUS, an airfield at 252236, roughly circular, with a diameter of 1100 yds.

3. MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE TERRAIN.

a. Avenues of Approach and Communications.

(1) See Par. 2 d above.

(2) Highways into the neck of the Peninsula are as follows:

(a) From the S by N800 via LESSAY, by GC24 via PERIERS, by GC 138 via BAUPTE (3185), and by N13 via CARENTAN.

(b) From the N by N803 via BARNEVILLE, by GC50 via BRICQUEBEC, by N800 via BRICQUEBEC, by GC 2 via VALOGNES, by N13 via VALOGNES, and by GC 14 via QUETTEHOU.

(3) Highways E to W across the neck and central COTENTIN are as follows:

(a) N803 via ST. JORES.

(b) GC 70 via CHEF DU PONT and PONT L'ABBE, and GC 15 via STE. MERE EGLISE and PONT L'ABBE.

(c) GC 42 via CHERBOURG and STE. COLOMBE.

(d) N802 via VALOGNES and BRICQUEBEC.

(4) Rail entrances into the area are from CARENTAN and LESSAY on the S, and from VALOGNES and BRICQUEBEC on the N.

(5) The N-S course of the DOUVE, extended westward by the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES, is an obstacle to cross-country movement of wheels or tracks as far W as ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT (1288). The estuary of the CULDE R. is an obstacle as far E as 0889. This leaves an entrance corridor 7,000 yds. wide into

the upper peninsula. Likewise, the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES is an obstacle to cross-country movement of wheels or tracks as far W as GORGES (2779), and the estuary and E-W course of the AY R. are an obstacle as far E as 2175. These latter obstacles form a second constriction—about 8000 yds. wide—of the western avenue into the Peninsula. See Par. 3 b (1) for discussion of obstacles.

b. Obstacles.

(1) Natural.

(a) See Annex 1 c (1).

(b) The estuary of the OLLONDE R. is tidal to the mouth of the river. Its bottom is covered with a 2-3 ft. layer of slimy sand silt. The tide ranges up to 30 feet. When the tide is in, the estuary is an impassable barrier to wheels or tracks. When the tide is out it is impassable to wheels, but tracks may be able to negotiate it with difficulty.

(c) The OLLONDE R. is 20 feet wide where it enters its estuary. At 095894 it becomes 10 feet wide. From its mouth to this point it is an obstacle but not a barrier to wheels or tracks. Up to this point depth is 2-4 feet and banks 4-8 feet high. Higher than this point the stream is negligible.

(d) The estuary of the AY R. is tidal to the mouth of the river, and 700-1600 yds. wide. Its bottom is covered with sand and silt, and probably with mud on either side of the main channel. The range of the tide here is 20-30 feet. Its passability to wheels and tracks is probably similar to that of the OLLONDE estuary.

(e) The AY R. is 30 feet wide at its mouth at 172764 and 20 feet wide at 215756. The depth of its E-W course is about 2-4 feet; the height of its banks here about 4-6 feet. The E-W course is through a low, flat, marshy valley, 900-1600 yds. wide, and is an obstacle to tracks and probably a barrier to wheels. The S-N course is not over 15 ft. wide, and is not an obstacle to foot or mechanized troops.

(f) The DOUVE R. (considering its channel proper and not its valley) has a bed of sand silt on a hard bottom. The sand silt is about 7 ft. deep at LE HAU DE HUT (2491), and thins out to 2-3 ft. at NEGREVILLE (1806). This silt is only slightly compressible and affords a relatively firm bearing. The banks of the DOUVE are steep, and vary from 4 to 8 ft. in height. From NEGREVILLE to 1601, the River itself is probably impassable by wheels; from 1601 to LE HAU DE HUT, it certainly is. From NEGREVILLE to 1601, it is probably passable with difficulty by tracks; from 1601 to AUDEVILLE (1996), it is very nearly impassable by them; from AUDEVILLE to ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, it is probably passable with difficulty by certain types of tracks; from ST. SAUVEUR to LE HAU DE HUT, it is impassable by tracks.

(g) The lower 1-2 mi. of the SEVE and the RABEUF may be impassable to wheels. Above that wheels can probably cross with varying degrees of difficulty. These two rivers are only slight tank obstacles.

(h) Inundations are extensive in the peninsula—in the valleys of the DOUVE, MERDERET, TAUTE, and SAVES Rivers, in the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES and the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, and in the background of the UTAH beaches. See Annex 1 c (1). Consequently, the importance of the MERDERET, TAUTE and SAVES as obstacles in themselves—all of them being comparatively small streams with hard bottoms—is overridden by the importance of the extent and effect of the inundations. Inundations are controlled in the DOUVE watershed by manipulation of LA BARQUETTE lock and dam (396869); in the TAUTE watershed by manipulation of the HAUT DICK lock and dam (410860); in the East Coast areas by manipulation of numerous dams on the SINOPE River and the frequent drainage canals. Extent of inundated and saturated areas is as follows:

(i) PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES and E-. Course of DOUVE—1/2-3/4 mi. belt, mostly inundated or saturated, reaching generally from the LA MARQUETTE lock to the vicinity of ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT (1188); crossed by a causeway at 1890; the nature of the soil inundated or subject to inundation is that of a black carbonaceous sand silt, much like Texas "gumbo"—10-30 ft. deep, and when saturated, so highly compressible as to afford very poor bearing and be impassable by wheels and tracks; much of the previously inundated belt east of the causeway (1890) now has a dry surface which may be passable by light tracks and light wheels. See Annex 1 (c)(1).

(ii) MERDERET Valley—inundated, at a minimum width of one mile, upstream to 3293; saturated to 3294 at least; and may be subject to inundation N to PORT BRIEUX (3099).

(iii) PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES—an inundated belt from the DOUVE Valley S., about one mile in width, extending to 3180, but crossed by a causeway at BAUPTE (3185); the saturated area is much broader and extends to 2782.

(iv) SEVES Valley—a narrow arm reaching south from the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, saturated to 2675.

(v) TAUTE Valley—inundated, in a mile wide belt from CARENTAN S to 3975, and saturated from there S. to 3072.

(vi) Eastern Beaches—backed by an inundated area from 360119 to 425978, the area being ½ mile wide in the North and 1½ miles wide south of QUINEVILLE.

(i) None of the above takes into consideration underwater capabilities of enemy tanks.

(j) The numerous orchards, patches of forest, hedges, earth embankments, etc., constitute obstacles of varying degree to cross country movement of wheels. They will slow but not stop track movement. Many of the roads are so lined with ditches, earth embankments and hedges that it will be slow and difficult work to get wheels off onto fields. The most favorable terrain for mechanized operations is the Plateau LANDE DE LESSAY south of LESSAY at 1970 where the only obstacles are small walls and wooded copses.

(2) Artificial Obstacles. Fixed concrete obstacles and moveable obstacles of concrete, wood and wire are now present on the approaches to several towns in the operational area:

VICINITY	TYPE	COORDINATES	DIRECTION FROM TOWN
VALOGNES	Fixed	244074	S
"	"	259083	E
"	"	238084	W
"	"	239082	W
"	Moveable	249074	SE
"	"	247088	NE
"	"	248085	NE
"	"	236076	SW
"	"	177076	W
BRICQUEBEC	Moveable	128044	E
"	"	121041	S
"	"	117038	S
"	"	121028	S
CARTERET	Moveable	004951	N
"	"	002946	W
"	Fixed	998942	W
"	"	999942	W
"	"	000942	W
CARENTAN	Moveable	383864	NW
"	"	384862	NW
"	"	386857	NW
LA HAYE DU PUITS	Fixed	183841	E
"	"	177845	N
LESSAY	Moveable	182766	N

c. Concealment and Cover. Along the coastline from CARTERET S to the AY estuary, inland for a depth of 1-3 miles, the only cover and concealment from ground observation are the sand dunes and earth embanked fields. No cover or concealment from the air exists here. Elsewhere, W of the DOUVE, cover and concealment from the air and ground vary from fair to good, depending upon the frequency of woods, orchards, uneven topography, houses, hedges, ditches and earth embankments. Such features are less common E of the DOUVE, and very scarce E of the MERDERET, and in the plateau S of LESSAY.

d. Observation. Except for the high points listed below, ground observation is limited by the many tree and hedge rows, earth embankments and patches of woods and orchards.

HILL 121 (166079)	HILL 133 (063977)
HILL 131 (198077)	HILL 145 (067985)
HILL 99 (020965)	HILL at 300075
HILL 90 (015972)	HILL at 091985
HILL 122 (035975)	HILL 121 (107978)
HILL at 154037	*HILL at 135940
HILL at 052980	HILL 117 (299073)

*The 110 meter height of this hill on 1/25,000 is considered more reliable than the 70 meters on the 1/50,000 map.

e. Fields of Fire. W of the DOUVE, except for stretches of beach along the W Coast, the inundated lowlands and the estuary of the OLLONDE, fields of fire for small arms and automatic weapons are short and broken because of the prevalence of small fields, patches of woods, orchards, buildings, hedges, earth embankments, tree rows, undulating terrain and hills. Artillery and mortar should have no trouble finding defiladed positions anywhere in this area. E of the DOUVE and especially E of the MERDERET and of the FORET DE MONT-CASTRE fields are larger, obstructions fewer, and the terrain flat.

4. CRITICAL TERRAIN FEATURES.

a. The lowlands of the DOUVE, the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES, the PRAIRIES

MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES, and behind the UTAH Beaches.

b. The 7000 yard wide corridor between ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT and the OLLOMDE estuary.

c. The 8000 yard wide corridor between the E-W course of the AY and the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES DE GORGES.

d. HILLS 121 and 131 S of PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES.

e. The other 12 hills referred to in Paragraph 3 d above.

f. The ridges described in Paragraph 2 c (2) (a-c) above.

g. The high ground along the W bank of the DOUVE which commands the opposite bank of the river.

h. The N-S course of the DOUVE River.

i. The "bowl" of low ground with ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE at the center and low point.

j. The estuary of the OLLOMDE R.

k. The estuary and E-W course of the AY R.

5. GLIDER AND PARACHUTE LANDING AREAS AND ZONES. Because the area is broken up into numerous small tree and hedge-lined fields, it is difficult to find areas west of the DOUVE suitable for glider landings in force. Parachute drop zones are not so restricted. East of the DOUVE, glider landing areas are much more numerous and satisfactory.

6. TACTICAL EFFECT OF THE TERRAIN.

a. To move troops up the western or central CONTENTIN the enemy must (1) seize and hold the 7000 yard corridor between the estuary of the OLLOMDE R. and ST. SAUVEUR DE PIERRE-PONT, (2) or cross the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSE, (3) or hold the crossings of the DOUVE at PONT L'ABBE (2692) and BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE (3091).

b. The corridor is commanded by HILL 121 (166879) and the three more southerly ridges described in Par. 2 c (2), (a), (b) and (c).

c. The PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES is commanded by HILLS 121 and 131 (1987), and by the ridge described in Par. 2 c (2) (b).

d. The crossings at PONT L'ABBE and BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE are to some extent commanded by low hills S of the DOUVE.

e. The ridge VALOGNES-QUETTEVILLE, described in Par. 2 c (7), commands substantially all ground E of the DOUVE.

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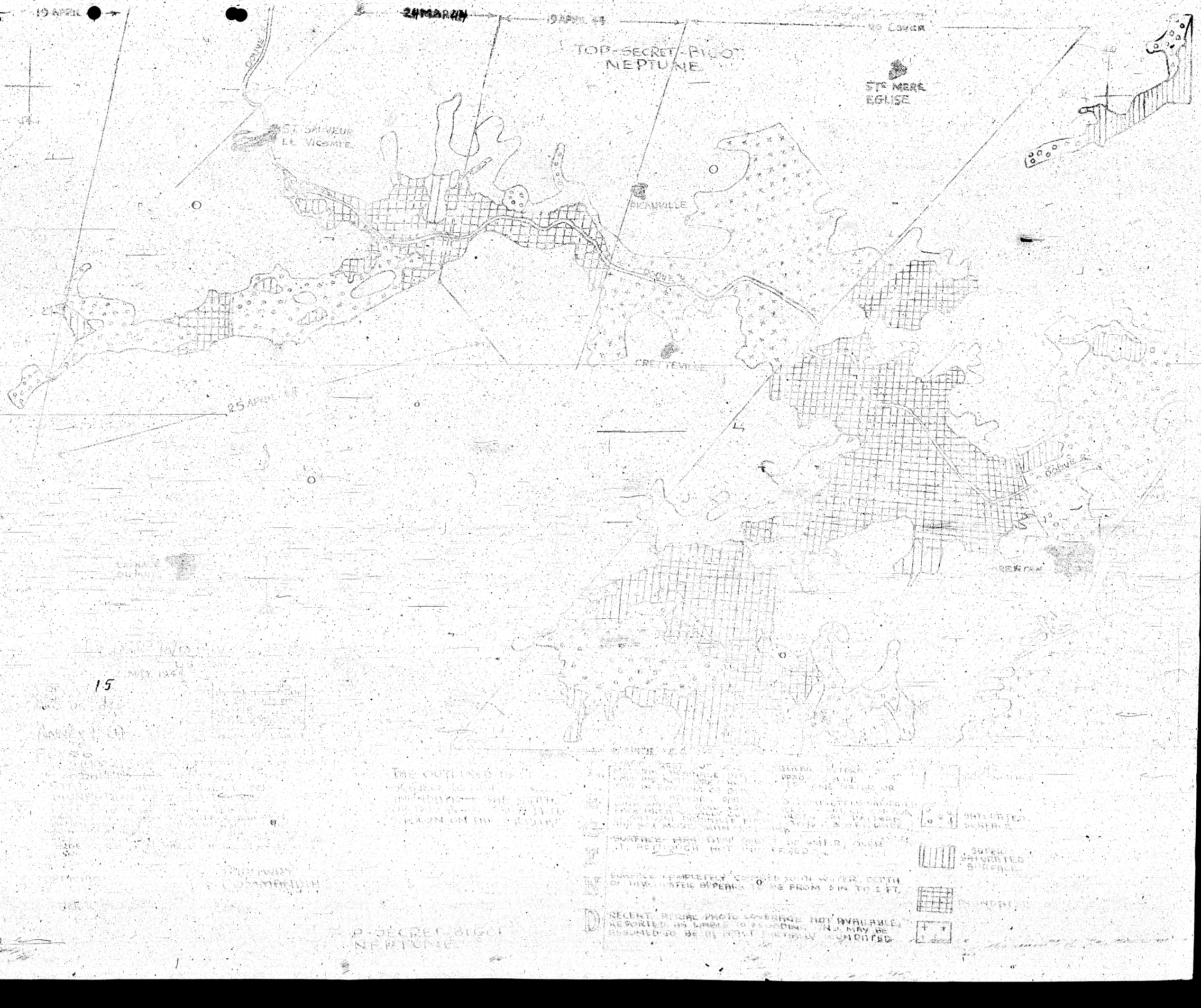

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ANNEX No. (2) TO FO # 6
MAP: GSGS 4347, DISTANCE SCALE 1/25000
SHEETS: 28/20 SE, 28/18 NE, SE, 31/20 SW, 31/18 NW, SW

WIDTHS AND DEPTHS OF RIVERS AND STREAMS IN 82ND A/B DIV. AREA

—LEGEND—
2-4 DENOTES WIDTH DEPTH
(2-4)

SOURCES:
ENG DOSSIER FILE
E & L AND AERIAL PHOTOS, 1942-44 IN ALL SEASONS

SEYE

PROBABLY INTERMITTENT

VARIES GREATLY
9-35

VAYHAGREE

MUD FLAT (TIDAL)

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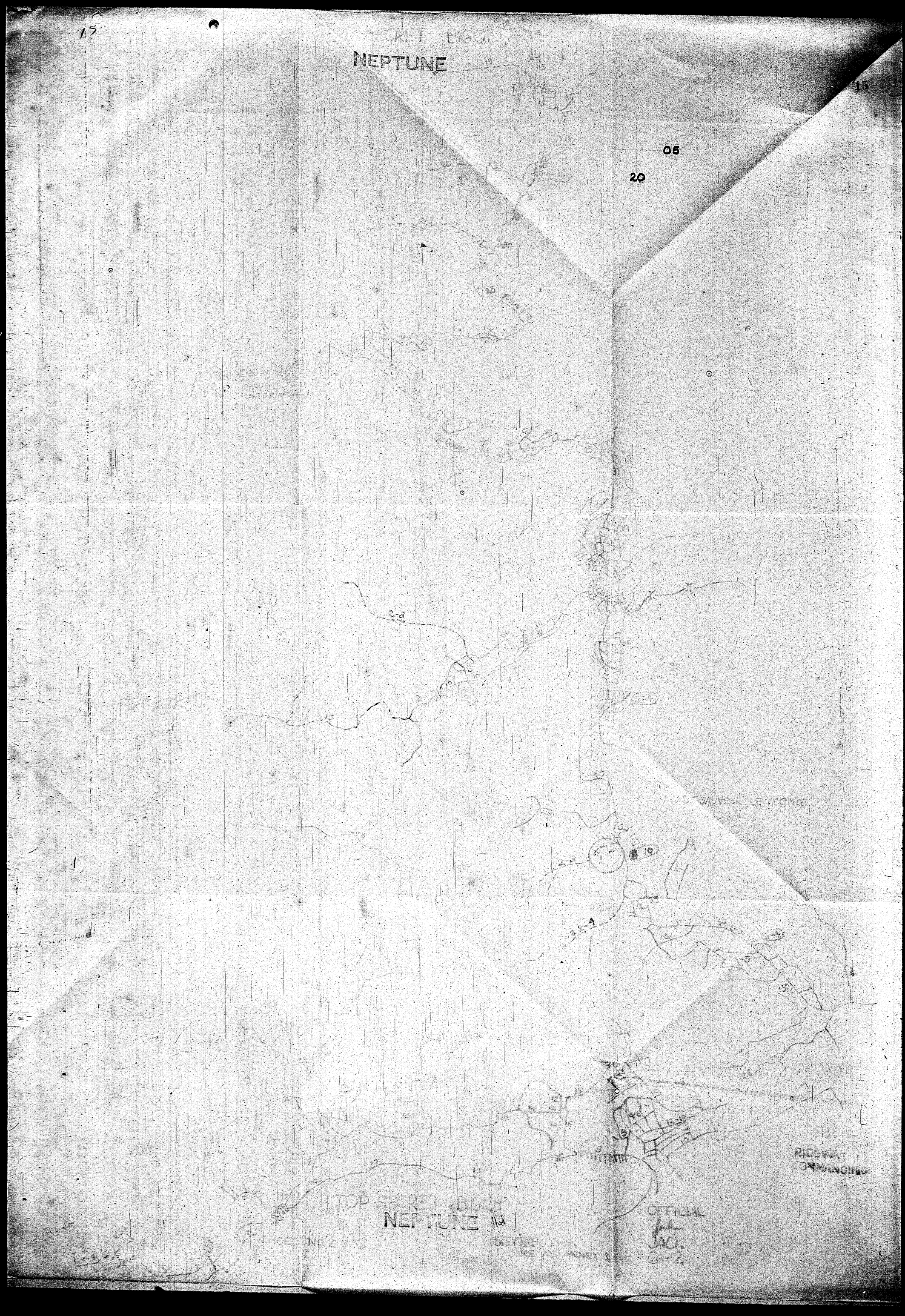

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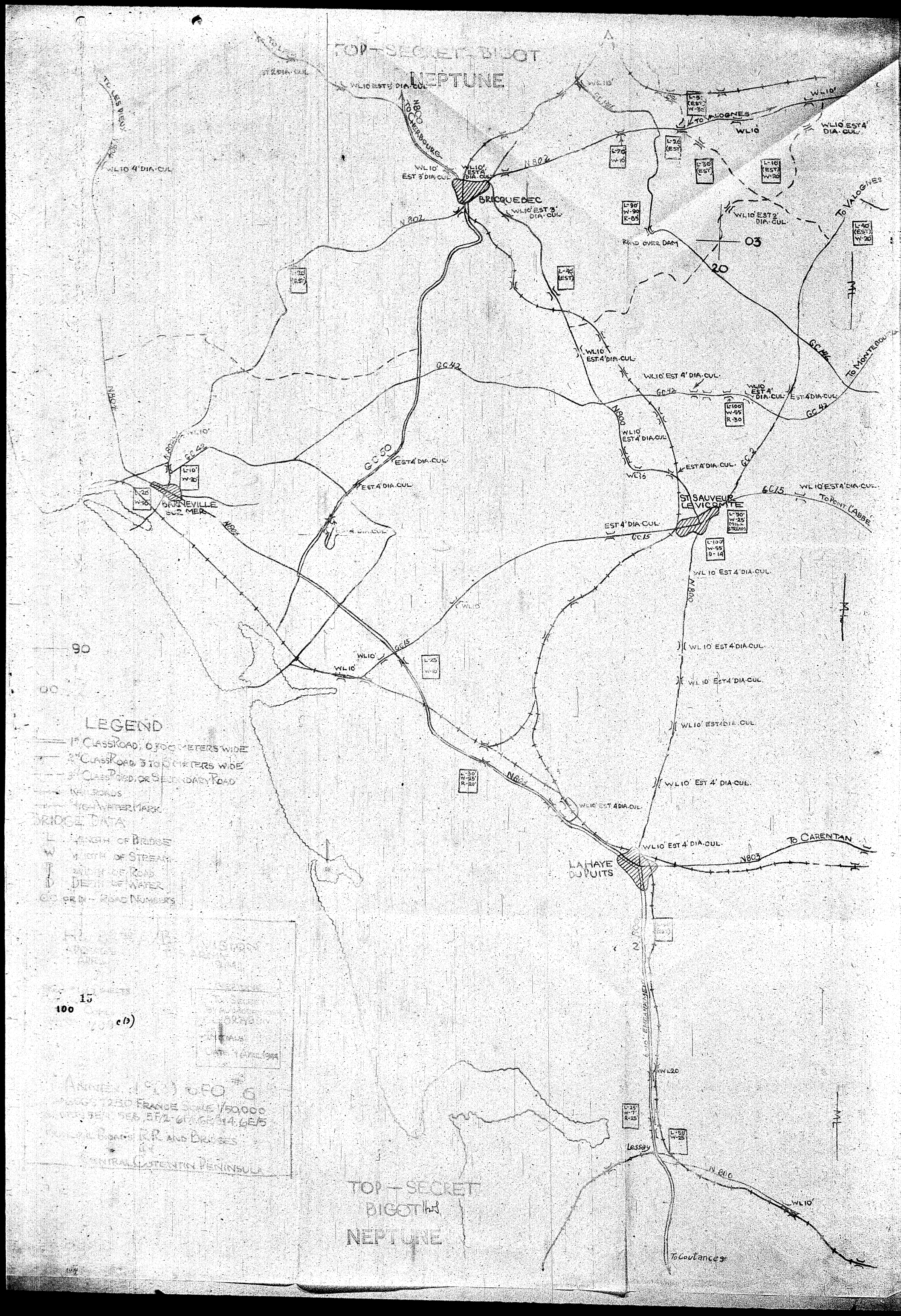

ANNEX (C) TO HQ 6
SCALE 1:250 FRANCE SCALE 1/50000
MAPS REF NOS. 5E/2-6/7, 6E/14, 6E/5
Roads, R.R. and Bridges
IN
CENTRAL COTENTIN PENINSULA

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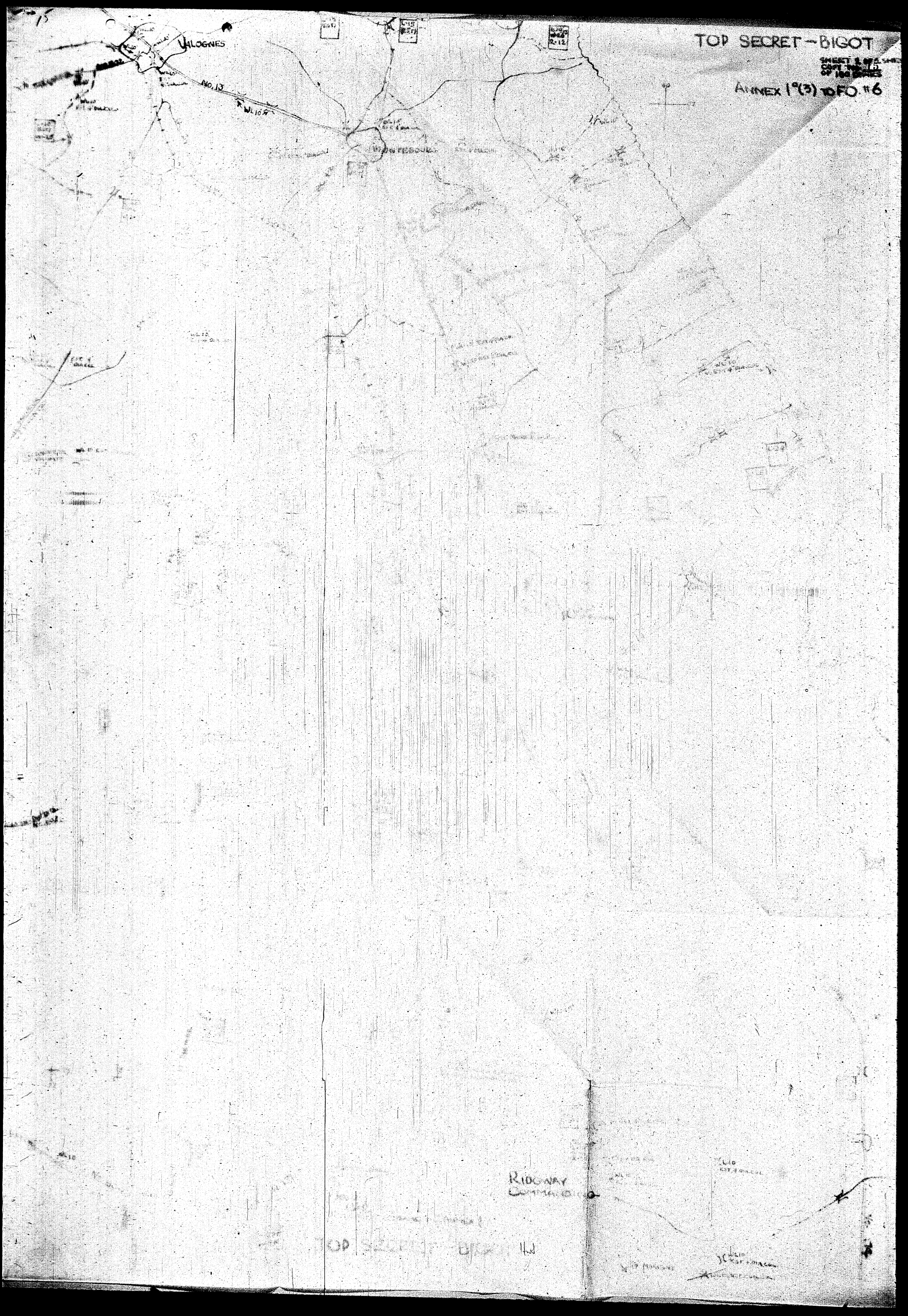
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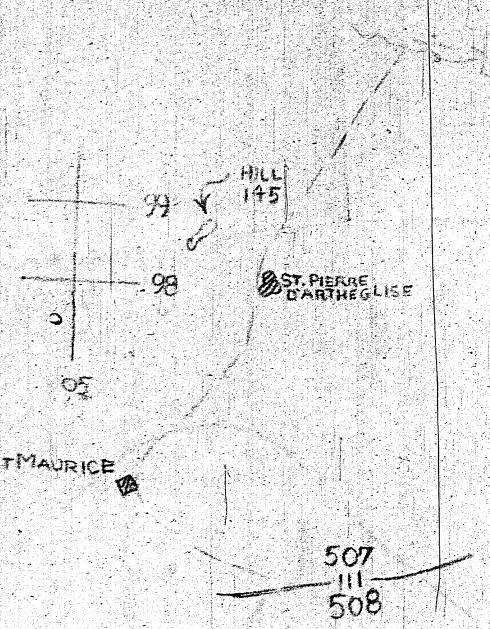

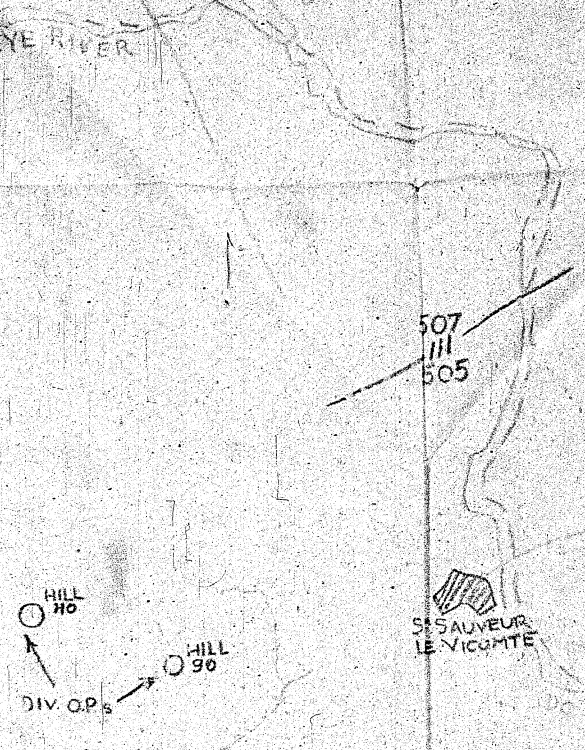

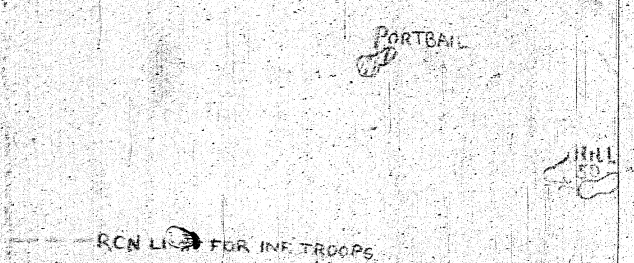

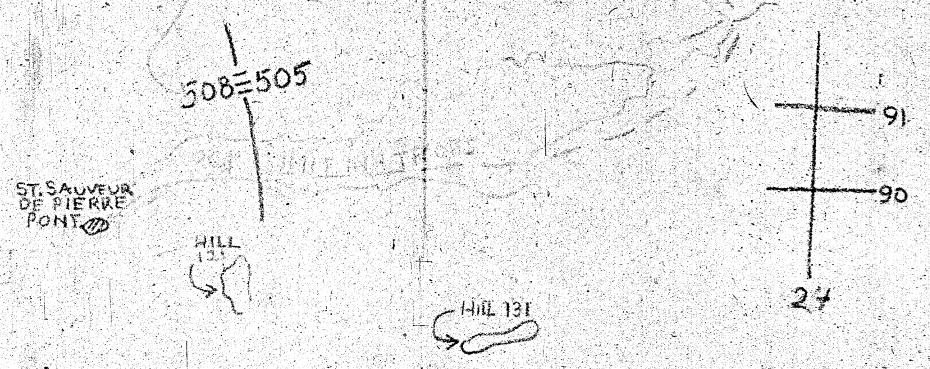

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HQ 82nd A/B Div,
APO 469, U.S. Army,
2 May 1944.

FO #2

Maps: 1/50,000, 6315 (1950), Sheets 5E4, 6E3 & 4, 5E5, 6E5.

1. SITUATION.

a. Preparatory to the airborne operation, 82nd A/B Div will land by parachute and glider in the CHERBOURG PENINSULA, with the mission of securing the high ground in the general area ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE - LA HAYE DU PUITS - ST COLOMBAN DES VILLAGES, and the crossings over the river DOUVE in that area.

b. Enemy. (1) Enemy dispositions and strength in the CHERBOURG PENINSULA are shown on Map Overlay A, attached to FO #1.

(2) Enemy capabilities are listed in Annex #2 (Intelligence) to FO #1.

c. Friendly. (1) Plan of operations of the Allied Armies in Normandy is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, dated 26 April 1944.

(2) Mission of VII Corps is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, VII Corps, dated 1 May 1944.

(3) Mission of 82nd A/B Div is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(4) Plan of operations of 82nd A/B Div is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(5) Mission of 82nd A/B Div Arty is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div Arty, dated 1 May 1944.

(6) Mission of 82nd Engr Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(7) Mission of 82nd Sig Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

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(13) Mission of 82nd Recon Troop is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(14) Mission of 1st Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

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(156) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 899th TD Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(157) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Recon Troop is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(158) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(159) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(160) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(161) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(162) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(163) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(164) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(165) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(166) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(167) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 325th Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(168) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 401st Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(169) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 319th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(170) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 320th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(171) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 456th PFA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(172) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 80th AA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(173) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 782nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(174) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd QM Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(175) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 307th Med Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(176) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Chem Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(177) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd MP Platoon is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(178) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Signal Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(179) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Band is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(180) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Avn Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(181) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(182) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 782nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(183) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd QM Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(184) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 319th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(185) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 320th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(186) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 709th Tk Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(187) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 746th Tk Bn (-) is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(188) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 899th TD Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(189) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Recon Troop is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(190) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(191) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(192) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(193) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(194) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(195) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(196) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(197) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(198) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(199) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 325th Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(200) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 401st Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(201) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 319th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(202) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 320th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(203) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 456th PFA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(204) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 80th AA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(205) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 782nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(206) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd QM Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(207) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 307th Med Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(208) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Chem Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(209) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd MP Platoon is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(210) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Signal Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(211) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Band is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(212) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Avn Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(213) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(214) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 782nd Ord Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(215) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd QM Co is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(216) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 319th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(217) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 320th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(218) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 709th Tk Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(219) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 746th Tk Bn (-) is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(220) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 899th TD Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(221) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 82nd Recon Troop is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(222) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(223) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(224) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 505th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(225) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(226) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(227) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 507th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(228) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 1st Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(229) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 2nd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(230) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 3rd Bn, 508th PIR is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(231) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 325th Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(232) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 401st Glider Inf is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(233) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 319th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(234) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 320th Glider FA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(235) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 456th PFA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(236) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 80th AA Bn is contained in Field Order #1, Headquarters, 82nd A/B Div, dated 1 May 1944.

(237) Mission of 82nd Q Gp, 782nd

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Annex 1e

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MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

1. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

a. General cover of 1:20,000 - 1:30,000, Coastal, IZ, DZ, and Merton gridded obliques, and 1:10,000 operational study cover will be made available to units through Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, as received, subject to briefing levels to be announced.

b. Lithographed aerial mosaics will be made available for issue on basis of one per parachute and two per glider.

2. MAPS.

a. Planning Purposes. To be issued in limited quantities subject to briefing levels to be announced.

b. Troop Issue.

(1) In sealed packages of 20 or 50 sheets each, direct to units down to include battalions and separate companies.

(2) Issue will be made from advance map depots in or near marshalling areas.

(3) Units will keep maps under armed guards and issue same subject to briefing levels to be announced.

(4) 1:100,000 maps will include one set (4 sheets) per parachute and two sets per glider. These sheets may be pasted together and then cut out to meet requirements.

(5) Allotment to Units. The following sheets will be issued in quantities set out in Paragraph 2 b (8) below.

(a) GSGS 2957, Scale 1/4,000,000, Sheet No. 19.

(b) GSGS 2758, Scale 1/1,000,000, Sheet M30&PtM31.

(c) GSGS 4072, Scale 1/500,000 (air), Sheet No. 48/2.

(d) GSGS 4238, Scale 1/200,000 (Road), Sheet Nos. 54, 59.

(e) GSGS 2738, Scale 1/250,000, Sheet No. 3a&8.

(f) GSGS 4249, Scale 1/100,000, Sheet Nos. 5E, 6E, 5F, 6F.

(g) GSGS 4250, Scale 1/50,000, Sheet Nos. 5E2, 6E1, 5E4, 6E3&4.,

5E6, 6E5, 5F2&6F1, 6F3, and 5F6&6F5.

(h) GSGS 4347, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. 28/20, SE; 31/20, SE, SW; 28/18, NE, SE; 31/18, NE, SE, SW, NW; 31/16, NE, SE, SW, NW.

(i) Photomaps, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. as listed in Paragraph 2c (1) (h) above.

(j) Town maps, Scale 1/10,000, of LA HAYE DU PUITS, COUTANCES, GRANVILLE.

(k) Defense Overprints, GSGS 4347, Scale 1/25,000, Sheet Nos. as listed in Paragraph 2 c (1) (h) above.

(l) Town sketch maps of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, LESSAY, BRICQUEBEC, CARTERET, and BARNEVILLE-SUR-MER, if available.

(m) Trig Station Data maps, route maps, map indices.

(6) FOLLOWING SPECIAL MAPS WILL BE ISSUED TO UNITS IN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN BELOW:

(a) One set of Trig Station Data Maps to Headquarters, Division Artillery.

(b) Assault maps and tactical overprints, if available, in same quantities and to same units as 1/25,000 defense overprints.

(7) Units will report to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, their map breakdown requirements for parachute, glider, and water echelons on basis of total allotments set forth in Paragrah 2 b (8).

(8) MAP SCALES AND QUANTITIES TO BE ISSUED TO UNITS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	GSGS 2957 1/4M	GSGS 2758 1/1M	GSGS 4072 1/500T	GSGS 4238 1/200T (ROAD)	GSGS 2738 1/250T	GSGS 4249 1/100T	GSGS 4250 1/50T	GSGS 4347 1/25T	PHOTO-MAP 1/25T	TOWN MAPS 1/10T	DEF OVERPRINTS 1/25T	TOWN SKETCH MAPS	ROUTE MAPS *	MAP INDICES
Div. Hq.	2	10	10	80	25	200	25	5	5	20	5	20	80	5
325 Gl. Inf.	1	5	4	50	35	560	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co., Sv Co	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(140)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn., 401st Gl Inf	(1)	(1)		(10)	(10)	(140)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
505 Prcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co., Sv Co.	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
3d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
Hq., 2d A/B Inf Brig.	2	10	10	80	25	200	25	5	5	20	5	20	80	5
507 Prcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq., Hq. Co. Sv. Co.	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn.		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)

*If available.

UNIT	GSGS 2957 1/4M	GSGS 2758 1/1M	GSGS 4072 1/500T	GSGS 4238 1/200T ROAD	GSGS 2738 1/250T	GSGS 4249 1/100T	GSGS 4250 1/50T	GSGS 4347 1/25T	PHOTO-MAP 1/25T	TOWN MAPS 1/10T	DEF O'PRINTS 1/25T	TOWN SKETCH MAPS	ROUTE MAPS *	MAP INDICES
2d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
3d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
508 Prcht Inf	1	5	4	50	35	2200	170	170	35	30	170	30	50	5
Hq, Hq Co, Sv Co	(1)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(5)	(400)	(20)	(20)	(5)	(30)	(20)	(30)	(20)	(2)
1st Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
2d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
3d Bn		(1)	(1)	(10)	(10)	(600)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(10)	(1)
DIV. ARTY.	1	4	7	160	50	1160	175	175	35	10	175	10	160	4
Hq./Hq. Btry, Div Arty	(1)	(1)	(4)	(40)	(20)	(140)	(25)	(25)	(5)	(10)	(25)	(10)	(40)	(1)
319 Gl. FA Bn		(1)	(1)	(40)	(10)	(250)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(40)	(1)
320 Gl. FA Bn		(1)	(1)	(40)	(10)	(250)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(40)	(1)
456 Prcht FA Bn		(1)	(1)	(40)	(10)	(520)	(50)	(50)	(10)		(50)		(40)	(1)
87 FA Bn (Atchd)		1	5	165	10	45	45	15	5	2	15	2	165	1
80 A/B AA Bn		1	1	40	10	200	40	20	20				40	1
307 A/B Engr. Bn.		1	1	40	10	450	40	40	10	2		2	40	1

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UNIT	GSGS 2957 1/4M	GSGS 2758 1/1M	GSGS 4072 1/500T	GSGS 4238 1/200T (ROAD)	GSGS 2738 1/250T	GSGS 4249 1/100T	GSGS 4250 1/50T	GSGS 4347 1/25T	PHOTO-MAP 1/25T	TOWN MAPS 1/10T	DEF OPRINTS 1/25T	TOWN SKETCH MAPS	ROUTE MAPS *	MAP INDICES
Hq Co, 82d A/B Div		1		20	5	60	5						20	1
307 A/B Med Co.				40	10	80	10			2		2	40	1
782 A/B Ord M Co.				20	2	40	5						20	1
407 A/B QM Co.				60	2	50	5						60	1
82 A/B Sig Co.				40	5	100	5						40	1
Div Rcn Plat				20	10	60	10			1		1	20	1
MP Plat.				10	5	40	5			5		5	10	1
A.S.P.				2	2	10	2						2	1
Prcht. Maint.				20	2	200							20	1
3809 QM Trk Co (Atchd)		1		60	1	1	5						60	1
3810 QM Trk Co (Atchd)		1		60	1	1	5						60	1
Graves Reg Plat (Atchd)				5	1	1	2			1		1	5	1
Med Co (Atchd)		1		20	1		5			1		1	20	1
Light Tank Co (Atchd)		1		45	5	5	15	5	1	1	5	1	45	1
Tr B, 4th Rcn Sqdn (Atchd)		1		45	5	5	15	5	1	1	5	1	45	1
DIVISION RESERVE	4	5	8	158	47	80	63	50	15	20	10	20	158	9

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ANNEX 1f

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

(In addition to the provisions of Par. 7, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944).

SECTION I -- GENERAL
SECTION II -- CENSORSHIP
SECTION III -- SECURITY PRIOR TO D-DAY
SECTION IV -- SECURITY IN ZONE OF OPERATIONS
SECTION V -- C.I.C. OPERATIONS

SECTION I -- GENERAL

1. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PLANS:

a. See Annex 1f(1), Division Counterintelligence Plan.

b. Regimental and battalion headquarters will prepare written counter-intelligence plans for the concentration and take-off period with written check list furnished to company commanders. Special attention will be given to attached and supporting units. In cases where Divisional units are working in close cooperation with TCC, SOS or British Command and Regional Security Officers, every precaution will be taken to coordinate security and counterintelligence plans and activities.

2. COVER PLAN: Cover plans may be formulated but executed only upon order of higher headquarters.

3. ESPIONAGE:

a. See Par. 8, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.

b. Espionage will be conducted only as directed by higher headquarters.

SECTION II - CENSORSHIP

4. See Par. 7a, Memo. No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.

5. Current censorship regulations remain in effect.

6. Letters written in marshalling areas will be unit censored and placed in

bags in accordance with instructions to be issued by this Headquarters. All letters will be collected prior to enplaning or embarking. Personnel will not write letters after embarkation unless there are provisions for collection of such mail prior to debarkation.

7. After departure from ENGLAND and until authorized by this Headquarters, individuals will not include in private correspondence:

a. Any reference, direct or indirect, disclosing the location of the individual or his own or any other unit.

b. Any details of combat or troop movement.

SECTION III — SECURITY PRIOR TO D-DAY.

8. PREPARATORY TO MOVEMENT FROM HOME STATIONS.

a. See Par. 61 - 65, "Preparation for Overseas Movement, ETOUSA, Short Sea Voyage", dated 10 January 1944 (Short title: POM - ETO - SSV).

b. Base echelons will continue telephone connections, insofar as practicable, so that personal calls will be answered in such a way as not to disclose a permanent departure of individuals or units.

9. PRIOR TO BRIEFING Troops will be periodically confined to camps prior to briefing, on order from this Headquarters, in order not to arouse comment when final restrictions are put into effect.

a. Personnel sent to hospitals during this period will be strictly admonished regarding security precautions.

b. Personnel earmarked for base echelon will be subject to same restrictions as those earmarked for assault echelons.

10. BRIEFING.

a. Huts, tents or requisitioned buildings will be used for briefing. Briefing buildings or tents will be guarded when in use and when they contain classified information.

b. Briefing levels will be announced by this Headquarters.

c. Packaged operational maps for troop issue will be issued to units in marshalling areas and will be kept under armed guard.

11. AFTER BRIEFING.

a. All personnel will be confined to camp once briefing has begun. Camps will be sealed. Camp commanders will issue special passes for personnel leaving or entering camps on official duties.

b. Only official telephone calls and telegrams, approved by camp commander, will go out after briefing starts.

c. Special instructions will be issued by this Headquarters in respect to casualties evacuated to hospitals after briefing. They must be segregated from other patients until the assault is announced officially.

12. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS.

a. No letters, diaries, Soldier's Deposit Books, or other private papers of any description will be carried on the operation. A collection of these will be made by regiments and separate units in accordance with FM 30-25.

b. No orders, marked maps, or documents, other than those essential to the operation, will be carried; only such documents, or extracts, as are pertinent to the allotted task will be issued to individual officers. Maps of the UNITED KINGDOM will not be carried in the assault.

13. MEASURES AT DEPARTURE FIELDS AND CONCENTRATION AREAS.

a. Unit commanders will coordinate with TCC and SOS commanders, SOS, MPs, CIC, British Field Security Personnel and civilian police, to insure that all security measures, including the exclusion of unauthorized personnel and the restriction of troops, are strictly complied with.

b. SOS, civilian and American Red Cross personnel attached to or accompanying the Division will be subject to the same restrictions as tactical troops.

c. Assault craft commanders will prevent communication between troops in their craft and civilians or military personnel of other units.

14. RETURN AFTER EMBARKATION OR ENPLANING.

a. In event of postponement of D-Day, troops will be returned to their bivouacs or to special camps near departure fields or embarkation points where security measures prescribed above will continue.

b. In event of damage to aircraft or sea landing craft, necessitating a return to airfields or ports, troops will be held on the fields or aboard ships until H-Hour, or, if disembarked before H-Hour, they will be segregated until H-Hour.

SECTION IV - SECURITY IN ZONE OF OPERATIONS

15. GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES AFFECTING CIVILIANS. (See Par. 7h, Memo No. 4, "82d Airborne Division, SOP, INTELLIGENCE", this Headquarters, 24 February 1944.)

a. Authority Over Civil Population. The Division Commander is the sole authority over civil population in the zone of operations of this Division.

b. Civilian Communications. Civilian mail service and telephone, telegraph, cable and radio traffic in occupied territory will be stopped without delay. Mail will be held under guard in post offices. No communication services for civilians will be resumed until ordered by this Headquarters.

c. Civilian Identity Documents, Passes and Permits.

(1). Existing system of civilian Identity Documents will remain in force. Preparation and issue of any new civilian identity documents as may be necessary is a Civil Affairs responsibility. Security conditions to be imposed on such issue of passes and permits will be recommended by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

16. CIVILIAN LABOR. Should occasion arise where civilian labor is employed, the names of such employes and any available data concerning them will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. This does not apply to casual employment involving no danger of breach of security.

17. HANDLING OF SUSPECTS - GENERAL. Local threats or subversive actions will be dealt with methodically, not only in order to apprehend dangerous persons but also to satisfy local civilians that action will be taken where justified. Except in emergency, no arrests will be made except on authority from this Headquarters. In the forward areas civilians arrested as suspects will be handed over to the Provost Marshal for detention and evacuation.

18. HANDLING OF POLITICAL SUSPECTS. Intelligence officers and CIC detach-

ments must be guided by the general consideration that it is not desirable for Allied military forces to intervene in purely internal political disputes and that their responsibility does not extend beyond the task of securing the Allied forces against attack by enemy agents or subversive elements.

19. The capture of German Intelligence Service documents and records will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, immediately.

SECTION V — C.I.C. OPERATIONS

20. C.I.C. personnel will operate under the direction of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

21. C.I.C. personnel will:

a. Formulate and recommend counterintelligence plans.

b. Investigate acts of enemy espionage or sabotage and subversive activities on the part of civilians.

c. Search captured or abandoned enemy CPs, billets, vehicles, motor pools, etc., for documents.

d. Assist in control of refugees to prevent enemy infiltration.

e. Assist in interrogation of any civilian arrested or interned.

f. Keep any civilian prisoner known or strongly believed to be an enemy agent, segregated from other civil detainees or prisoners of war.

g. In event of withdrawal by our forces, search evacuated CPs, bivouac areas, billets, and other installations for documents which might be of value to the enemy.

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ANNEX 1f(1) to F. O. 6.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PLAN

PHASES OR PERIODS OF OPERATION	SPECIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED	AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTION OF SPECIAL CI MEASURES	SPECIFIC ORDERS, REQUESTS & NOTES FOR FUTURE ACTIONS	TO & PLACE AT WHICH REPORTS RELATIVE TO EFFICIENCY OF CI MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED, OR RETAINS
I	II	III	IV	V
Prior to Concentration or Marshalling	Situation Rooms for Planning	All Units	1. ETOUSA, FUSA, & 82d A/B Div. memos on TOP SECURITY Control and Situation Rooms will be strictly complied with.	
		G-2 (Div)	2. Inspect Situation Rooms & TOP SECRET Control Procedures of units periodically.	Report violations and point out errors to C.O.s.
	Top Secret Control (Security) Officers	All Units	3. TOP SECRET Control Os will be appointed for all units, including Cos. & Btrys.	Names of TOP SECRET Control Os to Div G-2.
		G-2 (Div)	4. Hold meeting of all S-2s and TOP SECRET Control Officers of 2d A/B Inf Brig, Div Arty, Regts and separate Bns and Companies to explain duties	
	C. I. Plans	2d A/B Inf Brig, Div Arty, Regts, All Bns, and separate Cos.	5. Prepare written counterintelligence plans. Bns also will prepare written check lists for Co & Btry Commanders.	Copies of CI plans & check lists to Div G-2 as prepared and not later than Y-23.

I	II	III	IV	V
	Censorship	All units.	6. Present censorship regulations remain in effect and unit censorship will be 100% stringent.	
		G-2 (Div)	7. Meeting of unit censors to discuss additional censorship rules for operation.	Date to be announced.
	Counter-Espionage	All units, G-1 & G-2 (Div)	8. All unauthorized civilians and press representatives to be barred from witnessing training.	
			9. Speculation, pools, discussion, etc., as to movement, place and date of assault is forbidden.	
Move to concentration or marshalling area (if it applies).	Base echelons	All units	10. Telephones of any vacated buildings will be continued and manned by base echelon personnel. Personal calls will be answered in such a way as not to disclose a permanent departure of the person or unit.	
	Troops en route	All units	11. No contact between troops and civilians and/or other troops, such as talking from trucks or trains or intermingling during halts, will be permitted.	SOS MPs & CIC, & Pr. Mps & Civ. Police to be requested to aid move.
In marshalling areas but before briefing.	Restriction to areas.	All units	12. Troops to be confined to camps periodically on orders from this Headquarters. Leaves and furloughs will be granted only in cases of extreme emergency.	G-2 to recommend times to C/S.
		G-2, CIC Det. (Div)	13. Inspect efficiency of restrictions.	Recommendations for improvements.
	Segregation	All units	14. Personnel not embarking or unloading will be segregated insofar as is practicable. Where such segregation is not practicable, and in any case, briefed personnel will be strictly enjoined not to discuss operational matters with personnel who have not been briefed.	

I	II	III	IV	V
	Casualties	All units	15. Personnel sent to hospitals will be admonished regarding security precautions.	
In marshalling areas (During briefing and afterwards).	Sealing	All units (including Base Echelons)	16. Camps and bivouacs will be sealed permanently prior to issue of operational as distinguished from planning maps to units. Civilian personnel accompanying troops will be subject to same restrictions as troops. Camp Cmdrs. will issue special passes for personnel leaving or entering camp on official business.	
		Base Echelon	17. All division and attached troops remaining in base echelons will be sealed upon departure of last combat element of respective units to concentration or marshalling areas.	Base echelon CO responsible
		G-2, CIO Det. (Div)	18. Same as 13.	Same as 13.
	Map Issue	S.C.S.	19. Map depots in marshalling areas will issue operational maps to units after camps & bivouacs have been sealed but not prior to 24 hours before briefing begins.	
		All units	20. Operational maps will be held under armed guard.	
			21. Huts, tents or requisitioned buildings within the marshalling area camps will be used for briefing. Briefing buildings or tents will be guarded when in use, and when they contain classified information.	
			22. Maps to individuals, including parachute and glider maps to be issued after all briefing has been completed.	

	II	III	IV	V
	Telephone and Telegraph	Camp Cmdrs.	23. Only official telephone calls and telegrams approved by Camp Cmdr., will go out after briefing commences.	
	Casualties	Div. Surgeon G - 2 (Div)	24. Make arrangement for operational troops evacuated to hospital after briefing be segregated from other patients until the assault is announced officially.	
	Censorship	All units and postal officer	25. Letters written in concentration and marshalling areas after briefing will be unit censored and placed in bags in accordance with instructions to be issued by this Headquarters.	
		All units	26. All letters will be collected prior to enplaning or embarking. Personnel will not write letters after embarkation unless there are provisions for collection of such mail prior to debarkation.	
			27. Personnel will be instructed that individuals will not include in private correspondence any details of combat or troop movement or any reference, direct or indirect, disclosing the location of the individual or his own or any other unit.	
	Papers and documents.	All units	28. No letters, diaries, Soldiers Deposit Books, or other private papers of any description will be carried on the operation. A collection of these will be made by regiments and separate units in accordance with FM 30-25.	

I	II	III	IV	V
	Papers and documents (contd)	All units	29. No orders, marked maps or documents, other than those essential to the operation, will be carried; only such documents, or extracts, as are pertinent to the allotted task will be issued to individuals. Maps of the United Kingdom will not be carried in the assault.	
Move to P/E or departure fields.	Counter-Espionage	All units	30. Same as Item 11.	Same as Item 11.
At P/E or departure fields.		All units	31. Security measures, including exclusion of unauthorized personnel and restriction of troops, will be strictly complied with. 32. SOS, civilian and ARC personnel attached to tactical troops will be subject to same restrictions as troops. 33. In event D-Day is postponed, troops will be returned to their bivouacs or to special camps near departure fields or embarkation points where security measures will continue in effect.	Coordinate with TCC

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CIC OPERATIONS PLAN

1. REFERENCES. Sec. IV, Annex 1 f, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE", and Memorandum No. 4, 82d Airborne Division, SOP, "INTELLIGENCE", 24 February 1944.

2. STATUS AND FUNCTION OF CIC. The CIC operates under the direct supervision of the Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, except when attached to a subordinate unit, in which case it operates under the direct supervision of the Unit S-2. The senior CIC officer or non-commissioned officer will initiate all routine CIC activities. He will present to G-2, or S-2, specific detailed recommendations to cover present and anticipated CIC action and employment. These recommendations will be based upon the tactical situation. Because of the limited number of CIC personnel available, counterintelligence missions such as seizures and searches in towns and villages will require the employment of additional personnel. CIC functions in the combat zone include the following:

a. Arrest of known and suspected enemy agents, collaborationists, sympathizers, etc.

b. Search and seizure in buildings, billets, and installations known or suspected to contain documents of intelligence value.

c. Search and seizure in enemy communication centers for codes, cipher devices, directories, and records.

d. Seizure and control of enemy and civil electrical communications facilities.

e. Seizure and impounding of civilian mail, telegrams, and associated records and funds, until they are taken over by Civil Affairs or censorship personnel. Such material will be guarded locally and not evacuated.

f. Search and seizure of hidden armaments, radios, or other equipment not surrendered or reported in accordance with proclamations.

g. Seizure of enemy films in motion picture houses and private photographic establishments.

h. Protection against sabotage of all strategic public and private installations whose continued operation is essential to the Allied Forces.

i. Investigation of cases of suspected espionage and sabotage.

j. Enforcement of observance by civil population of all

security provisions contained in proclamations and orders issued by Civil Affairs Staff.

k. Arrangement with Civil Police for strangers in the area to be brought to attention of CIC.

l. Assistance in enforcement of civil movement control; advice on establishment of civilian pass and identity systems, check on enforcement of such systems by local police. Investigation and recommendation of disposition of pro-Axis element, and hostile political factions of civilian population.

m. Contact local persons known to be friendly to the Allied cause in order to procure all possible information of value.

n. Coordination with Provost Marshal and Civil Affairs Officer with respect to security requirements involved in marshalling refugees and other civilians arriving from occupied territory.

o. Assistance to Civil Affairs Staff in establishment of a reliable civil administration. CIC will arrest civil officials without consulting Civil Affairs only when continued liberty of such officials represents threat to security.

p. Investigation of cases involving subversive influences emanating from civilian population and likely to affect Allied forces adversely.

3. ALLOCATION OF CIC DETACHMENT. The Division CIC Detachment consists of 2 officers and 14 EM. One officer and 2 EM jump with FORCE "A". The Detachment Commander and four EM arrive by glider with Division Headquarters on D-Day. The remainder of the Detachment land by sea on D / 3.

a. Upon landing, that portion of the Detachment jumping with FORCE "A" is attached to 505th Parachute Infantry for operation with 3rd Battalion.

b. The remainder of the Detachment will operate initially under Division control.

4. CIC TOWN TARGETS. The four principal town targets in the Division Area are ST. LAUREUR LE VICOMTE, BARNEVILLE, CARTERET and LA HAYE DU PUITS.

5. When CIC personnel are not attached, unit S-2s will use available intelligence personnel to perform CIC functions.

6. REPORTS.

a. Spot Reports.

(1) Entry into town.

(2) Capture of known enemy agents and dangerous civilians.

(3) Investigations of civilians.

(4) Any intelligence of major importance.

b. Daily and weekly report to Division and Corps G-2s.

c. Daily log or diary by Detachment and each sub-detachment.

d. Dossier of persons under investigation.

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Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	No of gliders	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
4	82d F/F	1st P/F	3		N. WITHAM	O						
5	82d F/F	1st P/F	3		N. WITHAM	N						
6	82d F/F	1st P/F	3		N. WITHAM	T						
					MISSION - "BOSTON"							
17	2nd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	316th Gp	36) 72		COTTESMORE	O						
18	3rd Bn 505th Prcht Inf	316th Gp	36)									
19	1st Bn 505th Prcht Inf Hq & Hq Co 505th Plat 307th A/B Engr	315th Gp	36) 9)48 3)		SPANHOE	O						
20	2nd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	314th Gp	36)		SALTBY	N						
21	Regt'l Hq 508th Prcht Co B (-) 307th Engr Bn Force "A" Hq	314th Gp	9)60 6) 9)		SALTBY	N						
22	1st Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36) 72		FOLKINGHAM	N						
23	3rd Bn 508th Prcht Inf	313th Gp	36)									

Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	Chalk	No of gliders	Take-Off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
24	2nd Bn 507th Prcht Inf	61st Gp	36) 72			BARKSTON HEATH	T						
25	3rd Bn 507th Prcht Inf	61st Gp	36)										
26	1st Bn 507th Prcht Inf Regt Hq 507th Prcht Inf	442nd Gp	36) 9) 45			FULBECK	T						

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Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	No of Gliders CG-4A	Horsa	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment Loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
						DETROIT - D - Day Dawn							
29	Btries A & C 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	52		26	RAMSBURRY	4						P-0003
	Btry B, 80th A/B AA Bn				13		5						
	82d A/B Sig Co			3			4						
	Div Hq & Hq Co 82d A/B Div			3	4		4						
	ASP (glider)			2			4						
	319th Gl FA Bn) 320th Gl FA Bn)				1		4						
						EXETER - "D" Day Dusk							
30	82d A/B Sig Co(-)	438th Gp	50	1	9	CRENNIS	4						P-0030
	Hq 82d A/B Div				9	COMMONS							
	307th A/B Med Co(-)				18								
	82d Recn Plat			11									
	ASP Vehicles			2									
31	319th Gl FA Bn	436th Gp	50		40	MEMBURY	4						
	307th A/B Med Co			1	1								
	82d A/B Div Arty			1	2								
	320th Gl FA Bn				4								
	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn(-)				1								

Serial	Airborne Unit (include designation of Serial CO	USTCC Unit	No of A/C (Chalk)	No of Gliders CG-4A	Horsa	Take-off Airfield	DZ or LZ	A/C and gliders available for loading	Equipment Loading completed by	A/C and gliders ready for emplaning	Emplaning completed	Time Take Off	Time of drop or landing
						ELITA - "D" Day Dusk (Cont'd)							
32	320th Gl FA Bn	435th Gp	50	12	38	WELFORD	4						P-0030
						GALVESTON - D/1 Dawn							
33	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn	437th Gp	50	4	3	RAMSBURY	5						P Hour
	1st Bn 325th Gl Inf			28	15								
34	Co A 307th A/B Engr Bn	434th Gp	50	2		ALDERMASTON	5						
	82d A/B Div Arty			5									
	82d Recn Plat			2									
	Hq & Hq Co 325th Gl Inf			40									
	Comd Vehicles 508th Prcht Inf			1									
						HACKENSACK - D/1 Dusk							
35	2nd Bn 325th Gl Inf (-)	439th Gp	50	10	15	UPPOTERY	5						P-0015
	2nd Bn 401st Gl Inf (-)			10	15								
36	2nd Bn 401st Gl Inf, Sply	441st Gp	50	18		MERRYFIELD	5						
	2nd Bn 325th Gl Inf, Sply			18									
	Serv Co 325th Gl Inf			3									
	Comd Veh 505th, 507th 508th Prcht Inf			11									

Note 1. "D" denotes Morning or Evening Civil Twilight. Time of loading, emplaning and landing will be furnished by the TCC Groups when D Day is announced.

2. Code names as indicated have been assigned by SHAEF to each seperate glider lift.

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Serial	Unit	TCC Unit	No. A/C	No. of Gliders CG-4A	No. of Gliders Horsa	Field	LZ
				DETROIT (D-1/D Day Night)			
20	Btrys A & B 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	52	42		RAMSBURY	O
	82d A/B Sig Co			2			
	Div Hq 82d A/B Div			6			
	ASP			1			
	82d A/B Div Arty			1			
				ELMIRA (D Day Dusk)			
30*	Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn	437th Gp	26		13	RAMSBURY	
	82d A/B Sig Co			1			
	ASP			1			
	82d A/B Div Arty			1	1		
	Div Hq 82d A/B Div				4		
	Comd Veh			3			
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Sheets 31/20 SE; 31/20 SE; 31/18 NW; 31/18 NE;
31/18 SE; 31/18 SW.

1. Btry A 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 507th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy the positions indicated.

2. Btry B 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 508th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy the positions indicated.

3. Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn less 2d Plat, in Div Res, will occupy positions indicated. Supplementary positions will be dug as soon as practicable.

4. 2d Plat Btry C 80th A/B AA Bn, atchd to 505th Prcht Inf on landing, will occupy positions indicated.

5. Initial gun positions will be reported promptly showing pin point locations and giving principal direction of field of fire.

6. Hasty mine fields will be laid by regts as indicated. Time of completion and changes from positions indicated will be reported at once.

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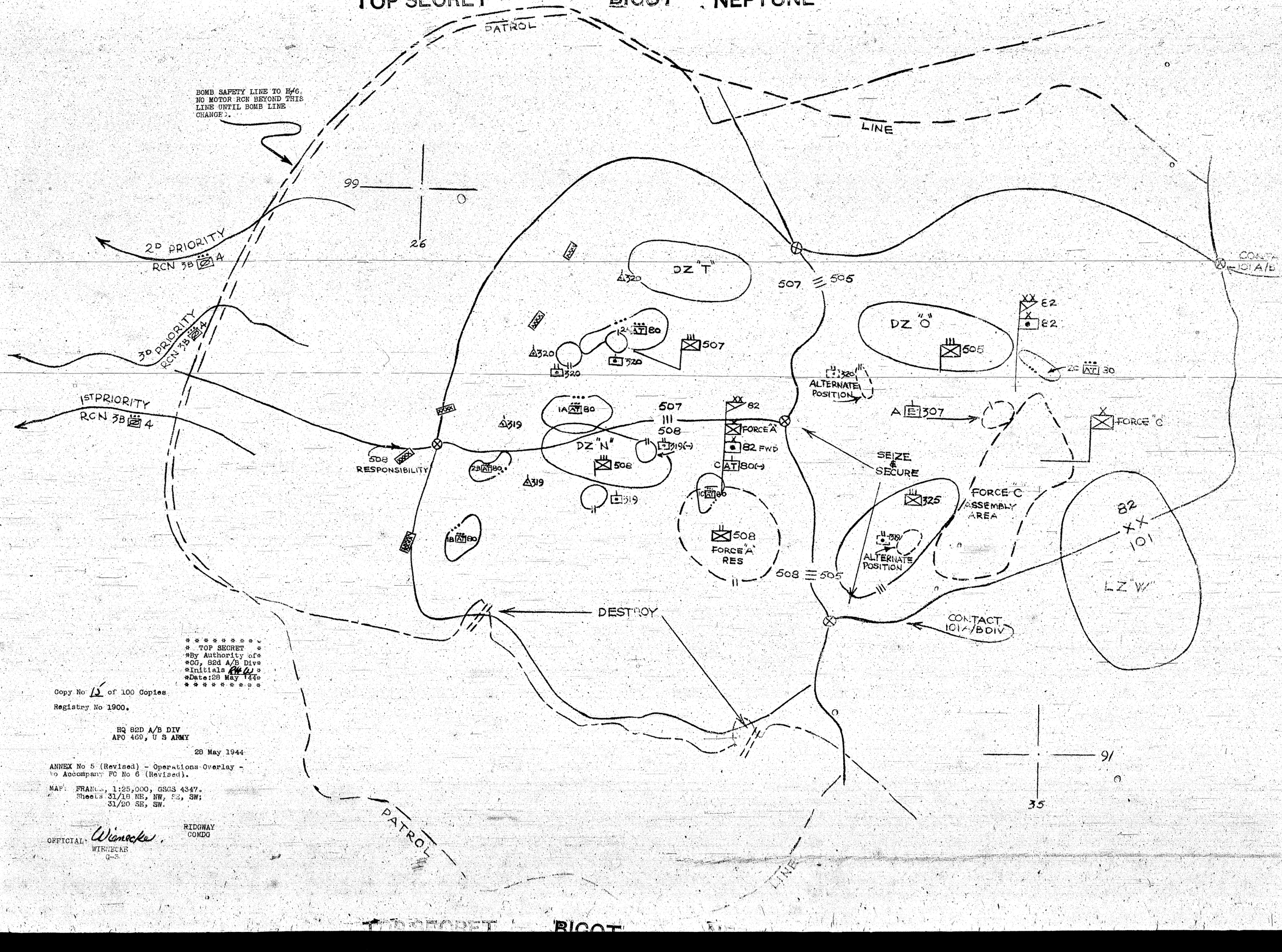

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1. a. Annex No. 1 to FO No. 6.

b. See par 1b, and par 2, FO No. 6, Revised.

2. The 82d A/B Div Arty (less 376th Prcht FA Bn and seaborne elements) lands by prcht and glider before and after dawn of D Day, South of STE MERE EGLISE in accordance with revised Annexes 2 and 3, FO No. 6 revised, Hq 82d A/B Div, AIR MOVEMENT TABLES, and supports the div. It will be prepared to mass the bulk of its fire on CR 267935, CR 259952, RJ 259963, RJ 260981, and the bridge at ETIENVILLE.

3. a. Hq and Hq Btry, 82d A/B Div Arty, will land by prcht and glider on DZ N and LZ W.

(1) The prcht element will:

(a) Establish com with bn areas.
(b) Identify Div Arty check points.
(c) Make rcn of bridges 315957 and 321930 and furnish latest information on their usability to Bn COs when latter land.

b. 319th Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ W.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on bridge 308911 (by at least one btry), bridge 269927, CR 267935, CR 261938, RJ 250951, RJ 238948, CR 241954, CR 229954, CR 259952, RJ 259963, RJ 260981.

(2) Contingent zone: Zone of action 507th and 505th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Ln will be maintained with 505th Prcht Inf to provide available personnel to conduct fire.

(4) Position areas: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised. (See also subparagraph 3x).

(a) Route to position West of MERDERET RIVER: Use CHEF DU PONT Bridge.

(5) OPs: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

c. 320th Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ W.

(1) Mission: Direct support of 507th Prcht Inf. It will be prepared to mass its fire on Bridge 269927, CR 267935, CR 259952, CR 219962, RJ 259963, RJ 251971, RJ 225979, RJ 260981, RJ 253983, CR 237981, Bridge 255993.

(2) Contingent zone: Zone of action 508th and 505th Prcht Inf Regts.

(3) Position Areas: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised. (See also subparagraph 3x).

(a) Route to position West of MERDERET RIVER. Use LA FIERE Bridge

(4) OPs: See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

d. 456th Prcht FA Bn.

(1) Bn (less det) lands amphibiously, assembles, and proceeds to join the Div as directed by CG Force "C".

(2) Mission (on arrival): General support.

(3) Position Area: Will be assigned on arrival.

(4) Det of 456th Prcht FA Bn (Two how sections) atchd to 505th Prcht Inf prior to departure. This det will revert to Bn control on Div order.

e. Naval Shore Fire Control Party, consisting of an officer and 2 EM rad oprs, atchd to 505th Prcht Inf prior to departure, for conducting naval fire.

x. (1) Firing chart 1:25,000 map.

(2) Registration (a) HB if night occupation. Register on BP on first light.

(b) Div Arty check points - on order.

(3) Survey: By Bn. Location Div Arty check points by Div Arty.

(4) Reserve 40 rds/gun (2 rds Smoke, 18 rds HE w/M48, 20 rds HE w/M54 for fire on call by Div Arty.

(5) Smoke will not be fired unless authorized by Div Arty Comdr.

(6) No restrictions on time of opening fire.

(7) Positions.

(a) Positions as indicated East of MERDERET RIVER will be occupied if bridges to West are impassable.

(b) Positions as indicated will be selected to permit firing effectively in zones of action of 507th and 508th Prcht Inf Regts. Other positions, if necessary, to permit fire in the zone of action of the 505th Prcht Inf, will be selected and prepared. Alternate positions will be selected for each btry.

(c) Bns will be prepared to go into position near LZ on landing in support of 505th Prcht Inf in northern part of its sector, if so ordered at that tim

(8) S-3 Periodic Reports to be submitted daily in duplicat as of 1800, to reach Div Arty Hq by 1900.

4. a. Supply.

(1) Ammunition.

(a) As soon as practicable after landing, units will dump a minimum of fifty (50) rounds per howitzer at btry positions. Bn dumps will be established as early as possible.

(b) One thousand (1000) rds each of 105mm and 75mm will be carried by atchd QM trk cos.

(c) For air re-supply (See Annex No. 1, Adm O No. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div).

(d) Organic seaborne echelons will carry additional arty am as space permits.

b. Personnel.

(1) Evacuation.

(a) Prisoners of War will be evacuated to nearest regtl or div PW enclosure.

c. Miscellaneous.

(1) Reports: All reports required by Adm O's of 82d A/B Div will be sent through 82d A/B Div Arty.

(2) Rear echelon of Hq will be designated "Base Headquarters, 82d A/B Div Arty (UK)".

(3) Fiscal Policy: All Procurement will be effected through Purchasing and Contracting Officer of this Hq or adjacent inf regt.

d. For further adm instructions See Adm O No. 1, Hq 82d A/B Div

5. a. Current SOI Index No. 1-101.

b. See overlay, Annex No. 5, Revised.

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1. SUPPLY.

a. Rations.

(1) All airborne personnel will carry on the person one (1) "K" and two (2) "D" rations.

(2) All seaborne personnel will carry on the person one (1) "K" and one (1) "D" ration.

(3) Vehicles will carry two (2) "K" rations for all airborne personnel.

(4) Vehicles will carry three (3) "K" rations for all seaborne personnel.

(5) Naval craft will provide rations for all seaborne personnel from time of embarkation until time of debarkation.

(6) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1.

(7) "C" rations will be available for refugees in concentration areas after airborne elements join with ground elements.

b. Special Individual Items.

(1) A gratuitous issue of one (1) week Post Exchange supplies will be carried on vehicles on seaborne lift for all troops.

(2) Each individual will carry one (1) bottle of Halazone tablets. Four (4) 1½-ounce Heat Units will be carried as directed by Unit Commander. Each individual will carry one (1) ½-ounce can of insecticide.

(3) Each individual will be permitted to carry two (2) prophylactic devices, mechanical.

(4) For other individual equipment, see Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

c. Gasoline and oil.

(1) All vehicles except motorcycles will embark or emplane with gasoline tanks filled.

(2) Each vehicle will carry five (5) quarts of engine oil of proper grade and filled grease guns.

(3) Each motored vehicle except motorcycles will carry the following quantities of gasoline in five (5) gallon Ameri-cans or Jerri-cans:

Trucks, 1/4-ton, 4 x 4	2 cans
Trucks, 3/4-ton and 1½-ton	5 cans
Trucks, 2½-ton, 6 x 6	10 cans

(4) Motorcycles will have gasoline tanks filled to 1/2 capacity.

(5) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1.

d. Ammunition.

(1) Basic Load of Ammunition will accompany all troops; reference Memorandum, "Basic Loads of Ammunition", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 4 April 1944.

(2) One hundred and five (105) tons of ammunition will be carried by attached QM Truck Company 5803.

(3) The Division Engineer will draw and allocate electric and non-electric blasting caps in sufficient quantity for first four (4) days of operation.

(4) Units will carry five (5) rds/A for each cal..50 MG (AA).

(5) For air re-supply see Annex No. 1.

e. Water.

(1) All canteens will be filled.

(2) All glider units will carry one (1) five-gallon container of water per glider.

(3) All parachute units will carry one (1) five-gallon container of water per plane for consumption enroute to objective.

(4) All water on objective to be considered non-potable until treated.

(5) Units will carry sufficient water cans for normal field maintenance.

f. Individual Clothing and Equipment.

(1) See Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

g. Additional Supplies.

(1) Each unit will carry on vehicles the following items, as organizational equipment:

Soap, ordinary issue	1/5 lb/man
Brushes, scrub, floor, hand	1/ 50 men
Brooms, cane	1/ 100 men
Matches	1 box/ 10 men
Calcium Hypochlorite	10 ampule/ 10 men
Methyl Bromide	10 ampule/ 10 men

Ten (10) days supply of stationery, forms, and office supplies.

(2) Units will carry heater units of range only. They will be left on the continent.

(3) The Division Quartermaster will carry sets of individual clothing and equipment for one hundred (100) men.

h. Chemical Warfare Service.

(1) Troops will carry lightweight or assault masks.

(a) In addition to the mask, mark carrier will contain:

Protective covers	2
Eyeshields	4
Anti-dim Set	1
Sleeves, gas detector	2
Eye ointment, DAL	1
Ointment, protective	1
Pocket reference card	1

(2) One (1) gas impregnite, shoe will be carried by each individual.

(3) Impregnated clothing: See Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 15 April 1944.

(4) Vesicant, detector kit, will be carried by gas personnel.

(5) Helmets of gas personnel will be painted with LVD paint as prescribed by WD Trng Cir, dated 19 April 1943.

(6) All appartus, decontaminating, 1½-quart, M2, will be filled.

(7) One (1) vesicant crayon detector will be carried by each unit gas officer and non-commissioned officer.

(8) There will be a team of CWS personnel, one (1) NCO and two (2) privates, at each departure airfield to secure replacements, up to 5% of total authorized, of chemical equipment.

(9) Personnel receiving new masks in the marshalling area will have them fitted and tested in gas chamber.

(10) Gas officers will report any gas attacks to Division Chemical Officer on AGO Form 890 by most expeditious means. Two (2) copies of AGO Form 890 will be carried by each unit gas officer and NCO.

(11) Incendiaries may be used to destroy abandoned enemy or our own equipment when the unit commander believes that capture by the enemy is imminent. Destruction will conform to existing regulations.

(12) For further details see Division SOP for Chemical Warfare and Section XII, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944, and Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

i. Supply Discipline.

(1) Full precaution must be taken to insure that clothing, equipment and supplies are not discarded or wasted. Loss of property through negligence or wanton or wilful destruction will be the subject for disciplinary action.

2. EVACUATION.

a. Medical.

(1) Supply.

(a) All units will carry special supplies including blood plasma.

(b) For additional supplies see Section XI, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

(2) Plan of Evacuation.

(a) First Echelon: Casualties will be collected and treated by unit medical detachments.

(b) Second Echelon: Upon arrival of the 307th A/B Medical Company, collecting platoons will be dispatched to the regiments to render medical support and assist in the collection of casualties. Each platoon will establish a collecting point at an area designated by the regiment for the evacuation of unit medical detachments. All collecting points will be camouflaged and 1/4-ton ambulances will display the red cross flag only when authorized by the regimental commander.

(c) The clearing section will establish a central clearing station (See Annex No. 2) for the reception of all casualties. This station will be concealed initially, and will be established on open terrain when the tactical situation permits and only on Division order.

(3) Disease Controls - Target Area.

(a) General: Although there has been a partial failure of public health practices in existence prior to the war, no widespread epidemics of infectious diseases have been reported. Sewage disposal in the area is inadequate, and normal sanitary standards are not maintained. Rural areas resort to privies, cesspools and septic tanks. Human wastes are collected and stored for use as fertilizer, which results in pollution of soil and water.

(b) Diseases of Military Importance.

(1) Enteric Infections (Typhoid fever, dysentery, diarrhea): The entire group is prevalent throughout Europe. Circumstances favoring the spread of these diseases are flies, lack of pasteurization of dairy products, and the pollution of soil and water with human wastes.

(2) Typhus fever will be a serious hazard to military forces operating on the continent. Immunity has been developed artificially by vaccination but does not produce absolute protection. All troops must maintain a high state of personal hygiene and must be very cautious in regard to close contact with civilians and entrance to dwellings.

(3) Venereal Diseases: There has been a marked increase in venereal disease throughout the continent, particularly syphilis. It is probable that these diseases will constitute one of the most difficult control problems to be encountered.

(4) Physical Inspections: All personnel will be given a physical examination within twenty-four (24) hours of departure from the marshalling area.

b. Burials.

(1) Initially by units. A Division cemetery will be established by Division GRSO at the earliest practicable date; units will be notified.

(2) Unit, company or battery commanders will report to Division GRSO, through channels, the pin-point location of all burials.

(3) For details see Sections VII and VIII, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

c. Disposition of personal effects of deceased persons.

(1) Every precaution must be taken to secure and protect the personal effects of deceased persons. It is the responsibility of officers in

charge of battlefield burials to insure that all personal effects of deceased persons are securely placed in a "Personal Effects Bag" and that the name, rank, and serial number followed by the word "deceased" are clearly marked on the bag. After making sure that all the bags containing personal effects have been properly marked, they will be forwarded by the officer in charge of the burial party to Division Headquarters. Personal effects of the deceased which are found at rest stations, bivouacs and home station will be disposed of by the commanding officer of the station. Prompt disposal of effects will be the rule.

d. Salvage and captured materiel.

(1) All captured and salvage materiel will be evacuated through proper Division Supply Service. Captured Materiel Reports will be rendered daily by the most expeditious means available, in duplicate, one copy to the A C of S, G-4, and one copy to the A C of S, G-2.

(2) Captured and salvage materiel which cannot be moved will be reported to appropriate Division Supply Service, giving type and quantity of materiel and exact location.

(3) Captured gasoline will not be used except in captured vehicles until tested and authorized by Army Quartermaster Petroleum Testing Laboratory.

(4) Captured materiel is not to be stripped of identification marks or equipment or documents to be taken by souvenir hunters or for use on other equipment until clearance is given by the proper headquarters.

(5) Captured food will be used to maximum to feed refugees and prisoners.

(6) Captured medical supplies will be utilized for treatment of enemy wounded or ill.

e. Prisoners of War.

(1) Evacuated to PW enclosure. See Annex No. 2.

(2) Prisoners of War will be handled as directed in Sections IV and V, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

f. Refugees.

(1) Unit commanders will restrict uncontrolled movement of refugees within their areas of responsibility and concentrate them in locations affording greatest security, reporting number and location to this Headquarters at earliest opportunity.

(2) Division Refugee Routes and Control Points will be announced on establishment of Division CP.

(3) Positive control over refugees will be maintained at all times to prevent infiltration of disguised enemy military personnel and subversive civilians.

(4) Division Memorandum, subject "Refugee Control in Combat Areas", (to be issued) will govern.

3. TRAFFIC.

a. General.

(1) All vehicles will drive on right side of the road.

b. Restriction.

(1) Only blackout marker lamps will be used until otherwise specified.

(2) Service tail and service stop lights will not be used.

c. Control.

(1) The Division Provost Marshal will control traffic at all critical road junctions, etc. See Annex No. 2.

(2) Units will prepare and have immediately available CP, DP, direction markers, and other necessary signs. See Operations Memorandum No. 15, HQ FUSA, dated 15 April 1944 and Circular No. 26, HQ ETOUSA, dated 12 Mar 1944.

(3) The Division Engineer will be responsible for mine clearance and marking, and for essential reconnaissance and maintenance of roads and bridges.

4. PERSONNEL.

a. Stragglers.

(1) Stragglers will be returned to units as soon as practicable through Military Police installations at traffic control points. See Annex No. 2. Unit commanders will plan to prevent straggling and provide collecting points initially.

(2) Straggler lines and collecting points will be announced on establishment of Division CP.

b. Mail.

(1) Collection and delivery will be suspended, effective D minus one

(2) For details on mail service see Section VI, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

c. G-1 Reports, Morning Reports and Casualty Reports will be rendered in accordance with Sections I, XIII and XIV, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944.

d. Daily "Estimated Loss Reports", as of 2359 will be forwarded by most expeditious means to reach this Headquarters by 1000 the following day. Reporting code will be announced at a later date.

e. Replacements: None in combat area.

f. Surplus baggage and supplies will be stored in present area as planned by Unit Rear Echelon Commanders. For details see Memorandum, "Uniform and Individual Equipment, Operation NEPTUNE", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 16 April 1944.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Reports.

(1) Captured Materiel - See Annex No. 3.

(2) G-4 Periodic Report - See Annex No. 4.

b. Rear Echelon of Headquarters: Base Headquarters will be designated "Base Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, (UK)."

c. Administrative Matters: The subjects listed below are covered in "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures", Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 Apr 1944:

(1) Awards, Decorations and Citations.
(2) Officer Promotions (Battlefield and Regular).
(3) Appointments, Battlefield.
(4) Demotion and Reclassification of Officers.

e. Fiscal Policy.

(1) See Section IX, "Standard Operational Administrative Procedures' Hq 82d A/B Div, dated 13 April 1944; Annex No. 5 to this Order; and SOP No. 10, "Procurement Regulations in Occupied and Liberated Territories", HQ ETOUSA, dated 1 April 1944.

g. Red Cross Supplies.

(1) Additional comfort items such as cigarettes, shaving equipment, candy, etc. will be carried with seaborne lift.

f. Civil Affairs: Administration of Civil Affairs will follow procedures indicated in Memorandum, this Headquarters, subject "Administration of Civil Affairs" (to be issued).

g. Vehicles.

(1) Vehicles to be a part of the seaborne movement will be waterproofed to wading depth of not less than 3'6" in accordance with instructions in Par. 83, 84, 86, 87, and Table I, Appendix K, POM-SSV, dated 10 Jan 1944.

(2) All vehicles will remain on the continent in event the Division is returned to the UK.

(3) The vehicles of the attached 3810 QM Truck Company and 14 vehicles of the attached 3809 QM Truck Company will transport to the continent the organizational equipment, rolls, mess gear, PX rations, "K" rations, etc. of the units to which assigned. Thirty (30) vehicles of the 3809 QM Truck Company will transport Division reserve ammunition to the continent. Upon being unloaded in unit areas all QM Truck Company vehicles will revert to Division control, under the Division Motor Officer. Units using the above vehicles will provide one (1) enlisted man for each vehicle to accompany it from home station to unit area on the continent.

(4) Marking of all motor vehicles will be in accordanne with Section II, Cir No. 47, HQ FUSA, dated 16 April 1944, and ETO-POM-SSV, 10 Jan 1944.

(5) Vehicles in the seaborne echelon will move across the beaches with reduced tire pressure as directed in Cir No. 51, HQ FUSA, dated 21 April 1944.

h. Use of Geneva Red Cross.

(1) Only Medical personnel will display the Geneva Red Cross. When used it will be displayed prominently and "layout" will not be like a tactical "layout". When not used dispersal is required.

i. Enemy Underground Cables.

(1) Enemy underground cables (there is one (1) in our area) will not be cut, but enemy service will be interrupted by opening the terminals.

j. Unit commanders will be responsible that all instructions in ETO-POM-SSV, HQ ETOUSA, dated 10 Jan 1944, are complied with for all seaborne personnel and equipment.

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Annex No. 1 - Air Re-supply Plan.
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1. Add the following to Par. 5g(1), Adm O No. 1:

De-waterproofing.

a. Responsibilities: Commanders and drivers are responsible that Phase 4 (de-waterproofing) including necessary preventive maintenance be performed as soon as possible. A special kit is issued to each vehicle to provide the necessary materials for this operation.

b. De-waterproofing Areas: ESB will establish de-waterproofing areas for the accomplishment of the initial stages of Phase 4, for units subsequent to the assault.

c. Salvage: Waterproofing materials will be salvaged to the maximum possible extent. Salvage material will be turned in to de-waterproofing areas or Ordnance Maintenance Companies.

2. Change Par. 2g, Adm O No. 1, to read:

Disposition of PW and location of PW inclosure to be announced upon organization of area.

3. Add the following to Par. 1, Annex No. 1 (Air Re-Supply Plan):

A limited quantity of ordnance supplies may be available for air re-supply "on call" by contacting A C of S, G-4, through Div Ord Officer.

Critical items of supplies of all services may be available for air re-supply "on call" by contacting A C of S, G-4, through appropriate supply officer.

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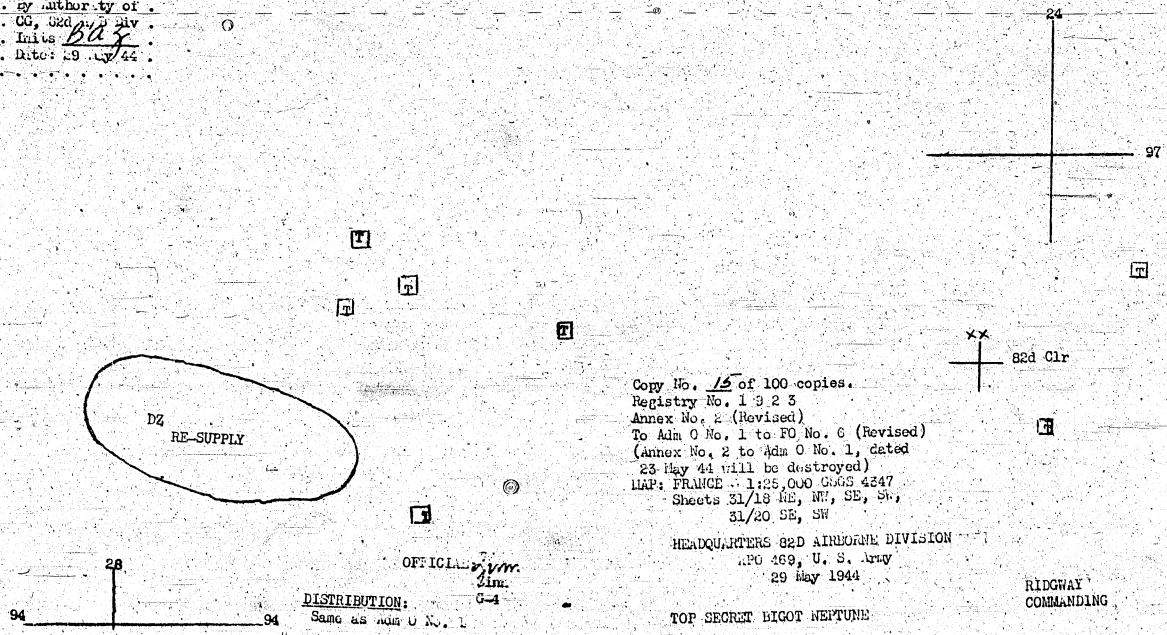

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AIR RESUPPLY PLAN

1. Initial re-supply of all elements of the Division will be by air, on an automatic basis for first two days and "on call" thereafter until seaborne elements join with airborne elements.

a. IX TCC will provide aircraft for the delivery.

b. The 490th QM Depot Company will package all supplies, load them onto the aircraft and be responsible for release of bundles over the DZ.

c. The 490th QM Depot Company will be assisted in packing canopies and loading of bundles onto the aircraft by twenty (20) packers and one (1) officer from the Division Parachute Maintenance Company.

d. Supplies to be provided are as follows:

Class I	QM (Rations "K")	17.6 tons daily
Class II	Medical	2.0 tons daily
	Signal	2.0 tons daily
Class III	QM (POL)	5.0 tons daily
Class V	Ordnance (Ammunition)	203.0 tons 1st 2 days
	Ordnance (Ammunition)	223.0 tons daily after 1st 2 days
	Engineer (Mines)	20.0 tons 1st 2 days

e. Each class of supply packed in aerial delivery containers will be dropped with colored canopies as follows:

CANOPIES	CLASS OF SUPPLY
Blue	Class I
Green	Class III
Red or Yellow	Class V
White	Medical and Signal

f. Each bundle will be marked with white paint to indicate the exact contents of the containers. Sample identifications are given below:

SUPPLY	CANOPY	BUNDLE MARKING
Type "K" Rations	Blue	White "K"
Gasoline	Green	White "G"
75mm Shells	Red or Yellow	White "75"
.30 cal ammunition	Red or Yellow	White "30"
Mines	Red or Yellow	White "M"
Medical (assorted)	White	White Cross
Signal (assorted)	White	White "SI"
Ordnance (Spare parts)	Red or Yellow	White "ORD"

g. All containers will have an aerial delivery identification light attached on all night drops.

h. Use of gliders for re-supply will be made if possible. If used, chalk marks on each side will indicate class of supply and quantity.

2. Marking of Drop Zone.

a. The standard marking for Drop Zone will be in accordance with SHAEF SOP, Operational Memorandum No. 12, Appendix "B", 13 March 1944. Pathfinder

Team of 505th Parachute Infantry will be responsible for proper marking of the DZ. Time for mission to be announced later.

b. A reconnaissance plane will be over the re-supply DZ at noon (1200) on D plus 2 for ground signal as to whether mission will be flown that night. If the mission is called for, panels will be displayed by Pathfinder Group in this manner: [redacted]; if not, panels will be displayed as: . Other details in IX TCC SOI.

3. Procedure in collection and distribution of supplies.

a. Each infantry Regiment and the Division Field Artillery will furnish twenty-five (25) enlisted men and ammunition officer; the 80th A/B AA Bn and 307th A/B Engr Bn will furnish ten (10) enlisted men and one (1) officer each to the A C of S, G-4 at point to be announced at 2330 daily until ground units contact. An officer designated by A C of S, G-4 will supervise the collection and stacking of bundles.

b. Riggers from parachute units will salvage Air Force equipment and assist in camouflaging supplies with parachutes and other materials.

c. The supplies will be stacked by class and camouflaged. Number of stacks will be held to a minimum.

d. Units locating isolated bundles not usable by them will report location and class of supply to A C of S, G-4.

e. Division Ammunition Officer (DAO) will be located on the Re-supply DZ. Unit supply officers will send ammunition hauling details to DAO to secure ammunition.

f. Quartermaster supplies will be drawn through Division Quartermaster Officer.

g. Medical and Signal Supply Officers will be responsible for location and distribution of appropriate supplies.

h. Division Artillery will release two (2) 1/4 ton 4 x 4 trucks and two (2) 1/4 ton trailers to each Parachute Infantry Regiment (505th, 507th, and 508th) upon landing, for purpose of hauling supplies to unit areas.

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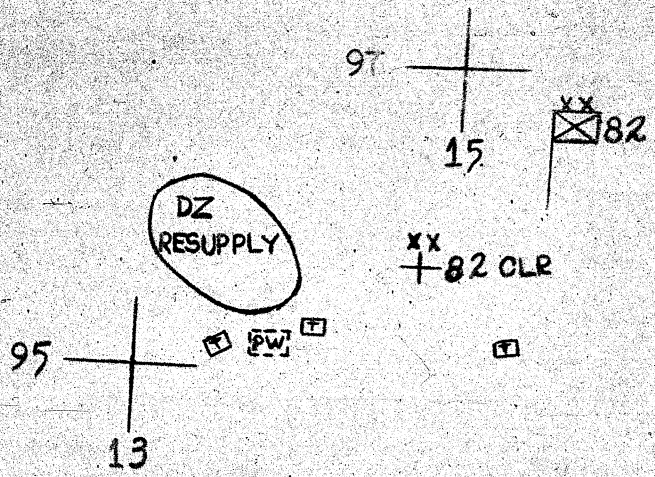

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ANNEX NO. 3 TO
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ORDNANCE ANNEX

1. AMMUNITION.

a. The Division Ammunition Office (DAO) will be located on the re-supply DZ. All units will contact DAO before drawing ammunition from Division Ammunition Dump (See Re-supply Annex).

b. Ammunition Reports will be submitted daily as of 0600, to reach the DAO by 1000. Reports will be submitted on First Army Ammunition Form, Universal, distribution of which has been made to all units. Airborne echelons will carry at least ten (10) sets of forms in air lifts. Remainder will be carried by units' seaborne echelons. One (1) copy only will be submitted to DAO for each reporting period. Reports will cover ammunition on hand last report, ammunition drawn during the period, ammunition expended during the period, ammunition on hand at end of period.

c. Location and description of unexploded bombs will be reported immediately upon discovery to the Division Ordnance Officer.

2. MAINTENANCE.

a. Limited Ordnance facilities for maintenance of artillery and anti-tank material will be available to airborne echelons by contacting the Division Ordnance Officer at the Division Ammunition Office (DAO). Upon arrival of the seaborne echelons the 782d A/B Ord Maint Co will operate a Division Ordnance Field Shop for all organic Divisional units plus units of the 2d Airborne Brigade. Ordnance maintenance service will be furnished to other attached units by the Ordnance units listed below. Direct contact with these Ordnance units is authorized.

(1) 560th Ordnance HM Tank Company

899th TD Bn
87th Armored FA Bn
Troop B, 4th Cavalry Squadron
Co C, 746th Tank Bn
Co F, 24th Cavalry Squadron

(2) 3456th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company.

3809th QM Truck Co
3810th QM Truck Co
Other attached units

3. SUPPLY.

a. A daily report of major items lost in combat or from other causes will be made by all units, whether organic or attached, as follows:

(1) Report will be furnished informally to the Division Ordnance Officer by the most expeditious means as of 0600 daily. Items will be classified as follows:

(a) Lost in combat.
(b) Lost from other causes.
(c) Evacuated, not replaced.

(2) Only items totally destroyed, lost to the enemy, missing, or damaged to the extent that they are not acceptable for direct exchange will be reported under (a) and (b) of Par 3a(1) above. Items acceptable for exchange, but not replaced by the Division Ordnance Officer by reason of non-availability, will

be reported under (c) of Par 3a(1) above. The same item will be reported only once.

(3) Units will use every effort to insure that reports are accurate, that duplication or repetition is eliminated, and that all items recovered are reported.

(4) Negative reports are not required. If a report is not received by the Division Ordnance Officer by 1200 daily, it will be assumed that that unit has had no losses of Ordnance materiel.

b. Ordnance Materiel received by Medical Clearing Stations under Division control will be evacuated to the Division Ordnance Field Shop.

4. CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL.

a. Location and description of captured ordnance materiel, including vehicles, will be reported to the Division Ordnance Officer daily, with an information copy to the A C of S, G-2. Commanders of units capturing such materiel are charged with the prevention of destruction of enemy material by souvenir hunters. No enemy materiel will be molested, destroyed or appropriated by individuals for their own use until clearance is given by the A C of S, G-4. Reports will be submitted daily by 2000.

5. Summary of Reports.

a. Ammunition Report to Division Ammunition Officer by 1000 daily as of 0600 daily.

b. Report of Unexploded Bombs, informally to Division Ammunition Officer immediately upon discovery.

c. Report of Major Items Lost in Combat to Division Ordnance Officer by 1200 daily as of 0600 daily.

d. Report of Captured Ordnance Materiel to Division Ordnance Officer by 2000 daily with copy to A C of S, G-2.

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G-4 REPORTS

1. CAPTURED MATERIEL REPORT.

a. This report will be submitted daily by 2000, in duplicate, one copy to the A C of S, G-4, through appropriate supply officer, and the other to the A C of S, G-2.

b. The report will include the following information:

(1) Quantity and type of equipment separated by class.
(2) Location.
(3) Unit which effected the capture.
(4) Special information which the Commanding Officer desires to add, such as: recommended uses, significance, details of capture, etc.
(5) Overlays will be used when necessary to positively locate the materiel.

2. G-4 DAILY REPORT.

a. This report will be submitted daily by 2000.

b. The report will be rendered as follows:

G-4 DAILY REPORT

Unit Reporting _____

Location _____ Date _____

Report No. _____ for 24-hour period ending 1800 _____

Attached units included in report: _____

A. Rations on hand: _____ days of supply for _____ individuals.

B. List of principal battle losses, reported:

VEHICLES OTHER EQUIPMENT

C. List of principal equipment received during period reported:

VEHICLES OTHER EQUIPMENT

D. P.O.L. (Class III). Average days of supply on hand _____

E. List of critical ammunition shortages by type _____

F. Events of administrative interest: _____

c. These forms may be secured from the A C of S, G-4.

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ANNEX NO. 5 TO
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PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. POLICY.

a. All procurement of supplies, equipment, facilities, and services by agents and agencies of the U.S. in occupied and liberated territories will be in accordance with ETO Procurement Regulations, dated 1 April 1944. Each P & C officer appointed by this Headquarters has been furnished with a copy of above regulations.

2. PURCHASES.

a. Price lists will be furnished P & C officers as soon as they become available, and prices established by such lists will be strictly adhered to except in case of immediate emergency.

b. Good judgment and common sense will govern prices paid until a definite value is set by higher Headquarters.

3. REQUISITIONS.

a. Requisitions for supplies and/or services will be made only upon the authority of the Commanding General.

(1) Requisition forms (ETOGPA No. 6) and instructions for their use have been furnished P & C officers by this Headquarters.

(2) Where possible, requisitioned supplies and/or services will be obtained by requisitioning on local officials, through Civil Affairs Officers.

(3) Complete records of requisitioned items will be maintained.

b. See ETO Procurement Regulations for definitions of Public and Private Property, also for what can be requisitioned.

4. FORMS.

a. The following three forms will be used by P & C officers:

(1) Local Procurement Voucher (FD ETO No. 1) for use in evidencing payment for cash or credit purchases and rentals.

(a) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.
(b) Original and duplicate copy turned in to Division Finance Officer.

(2) Requisition Form (CPA ETO No. 6) for use in evidencing a requisition.

(a) Original forwarded to G-4, this Headquarters.
(b) Duplicate given to owner of property.
(c) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.

(3) Procurement Action Report (CPA ETO No. 7) will be made as of the end of each calendar month by all P & C officers effecting purchases, rentals, requisitions or seizures during the month.

(a) Original and duplicate forwarded to G-4, this Headquarters.
(b) Triplicate copy retained by P & C officer.

5. All unused forms will be retained by P & C officer, and turned in to G-4, this Headquarters, upon completion of operation.

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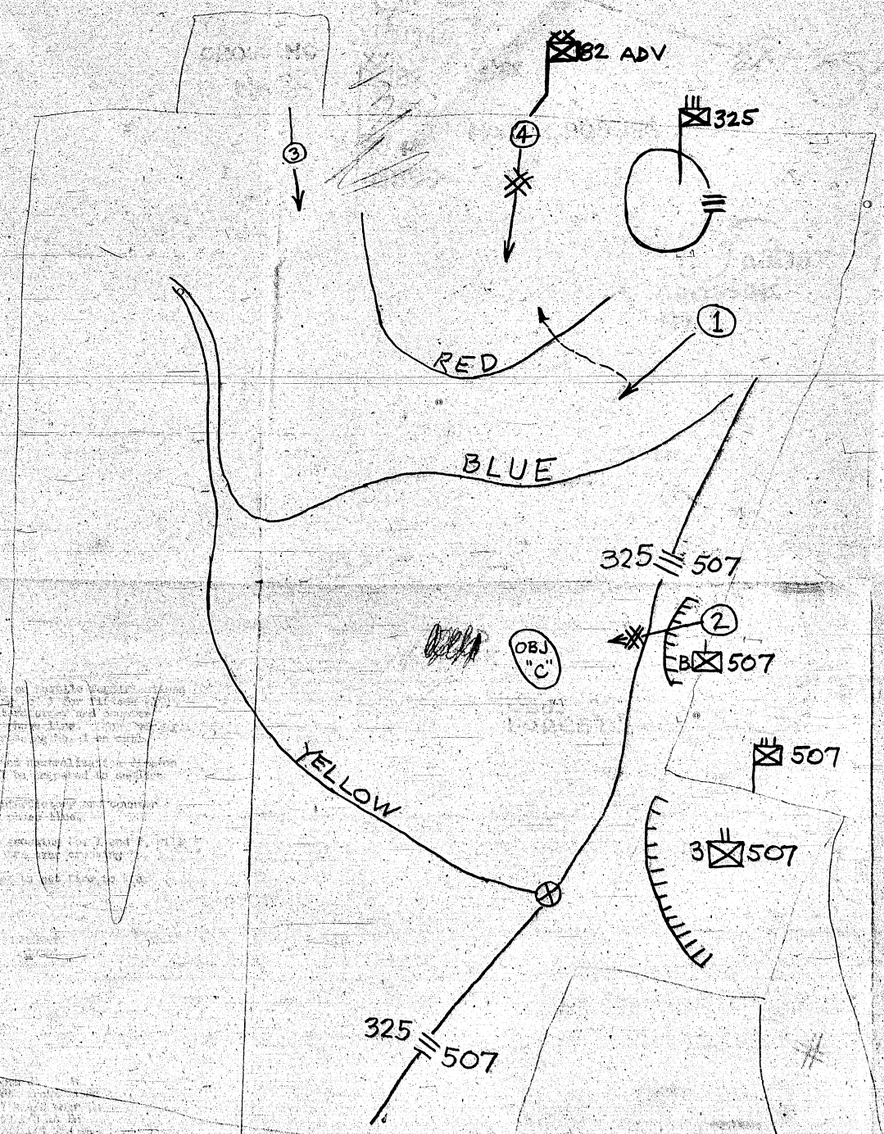

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OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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FO NO. 8 (Rev'd)

MAPS: [illegible]

1. a. Intelligence Annex. (Revised).

b. VIII Corps making its main effort on its left, with its 82d A/B Div to initially seize and secure high ground immediately N of Ay River in vic of LA HAIE DU PUITS and with 90th Inf Div (Reinf) making the main effort for the Corps, attk at H Hour, D Day and secure high ground N of Ay River, from vic of 0813 to vic LAUNAY. 79th Inf Div (Reinf) attks at H Hour, D Day in its zone captures high ground N of Ay River in vic LAUNAY, and assists 90th Inf Div in capturing the high ground vic PONT HEBERT.

2. a. The 82d Div attks in its zone on D Day, captures HILL 131, assembles vic LA HAIE DU PUITS and awaits orders. Time of Atk to be announced.

b. ATTACHED: 82d A/B Div

Add: 377th Armd FA Bn
130th FA Bn
Co "A", 712th Tk Bn
803d TD Bn (SP)
Co "A", 307th TD Bn (T)
Co "D", 84 Cml Bn

3. a. 505th Prcht Inf:

Attchd: Co "B" (-Plat), 307th A/B Engr Bn
Btry "A", 80th A/D AA Bn

Atk in sector on D Day, capture objectives as shown on overlay, prepare to continue atk to S or SE on Div order.

b. 508th Prcht Inf:

Attchd: Plat (-Sqd), Co "B", 307th A/B Engr Bn
Btry "A", 80th A/D AA Bn

Atk in sector on D Day, capture objectives as shown on overlay, prepare to continue atk to S or SE on Div order.

c. 325th Gl Inf:

Attchd: Plat Co "A", 307th A/B Engr Bn
Sd Plat, Co "A", 713th Tk Bn

Atk in sector at H Hour, D Day capture objectives as shown on overlay

d. 2d Bn, 507th Prcht Inf:

Attchd: Cmd, Co "B", 307th A/B Engr Bn
Det 82d QM, Co "A", 782d [illegible] Bn
Btry "B", 80th A/D AA Bn

Under Div control clear assigned sector of enemy resistance, assemble vic [illegible], and await orders.

e. 507th Prcht Inf (-2d Bn): Attack in sector to capture its objectives as shown on overlay, be prepared to assist attk of 508th Prcht Inf, be prepared to assume and occupy Div Res [illegible]

f. Co "B", 307th Engr Bn will support atk on Hill 131 from positions in vic LA HAIE DU PUITS under Div control.

g. 803d TD Bn: Co "A" will give close support to 505th Prcht Inf. Co "B" will give close support to 508th Prcht Inf. 803d TD Bn (-) from assembly area in vic (3808C2) to displace forward on Div order to give close support to atk.

h. Co "A", 307th Engr Bn (T), will support atk from present positions until relieved by Div order.

i. 307th A/B Engr Bn (-) in Div Res, prepared to execute Engr missions in Div sector on Div order.

j. Co "A", 712th Tk Bn (-), in Div Res prepared to support atk in Div sector on Div order.

k. The 82d A/B Div Arty will support the atk of the Div on D Day

(1) 377th Armd FA Bn (less one Btry) - General support and reinforcing the fire of the 320th Gl FA Bn.

(2) 319th Gl FA Bn - direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf.

(3) 320th Gl FA Bn - direct support of the 325th Gl Inf, and the 507th Prcht Inf.

(4) 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf

(5) Btry "B", 377th Armd FA Bn - Direct support of the 2nd Bn, 507th Prcht Inf, and to revert to the 377th Armd FA Bn, upon being relieved by the 81 2nd Bn 507th Prcht Inf when objective has been secured.

(6) 189th FA Bn - General Support.

(7) One unit of fire will be dumped at Btry positions

(8) See Div Arty Annex.

l. (1) Send air support requests by most expeditious means to Div Arty C.P.

(2) Maintain contact from right to left.

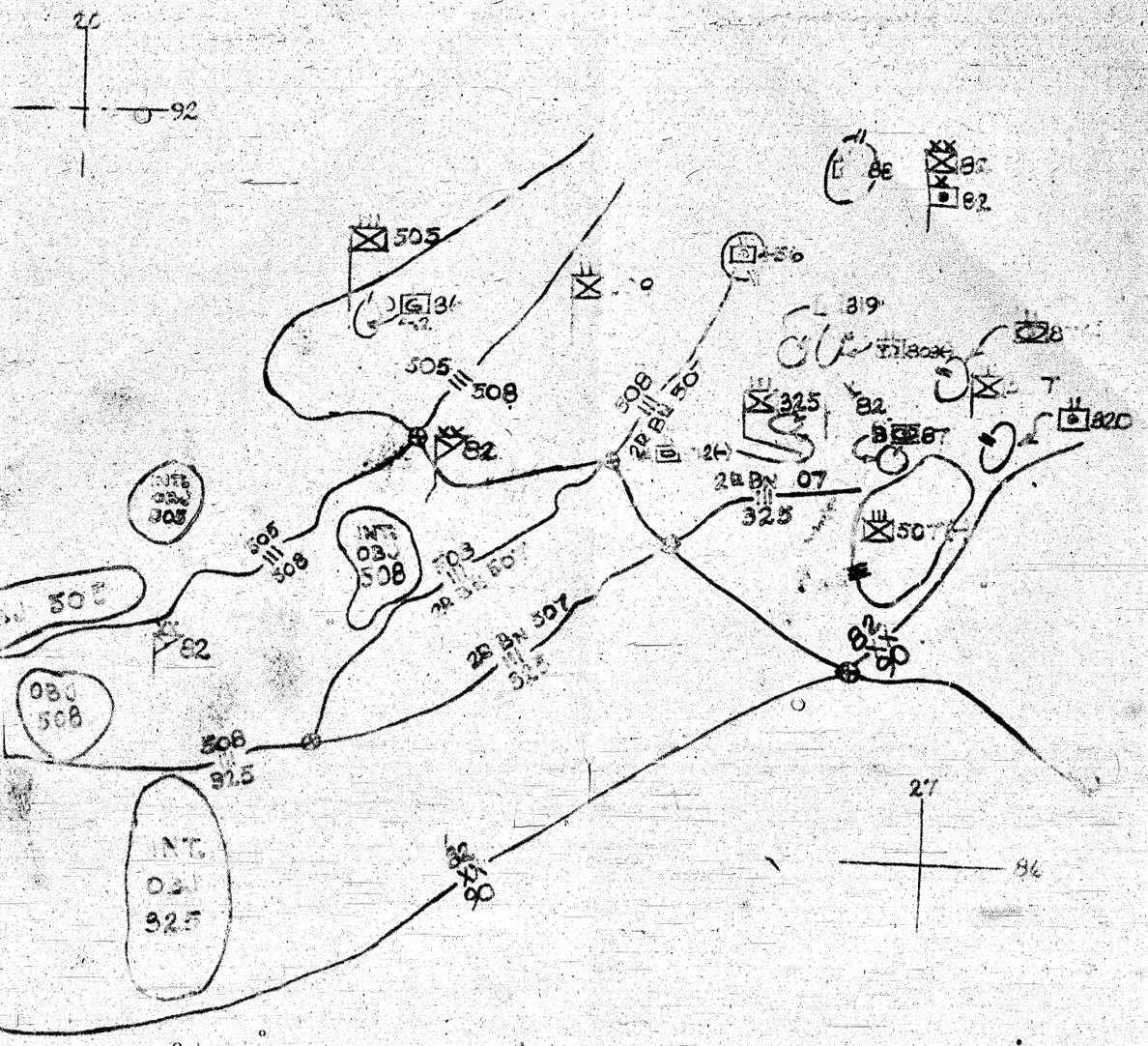
(3) Pyrotechnic recognition signal of friendly tps will be double star flare, fired in sequence of Yellow, Green, Yellow.

4. a. Traffic Control:

(1) Vehicles will maintain 75 yd interval.

(2) Vehicles will not exceed [illegible] on main roads, march roads will be designated only [illegible] by the Provost Marshall prior to the [illegible]

b. [illegible]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FIELD ARTILLERY ANNEX
ANNEX NO 2 TO FO 8, (Revised) 82d Div

FO NO 2 (Revised)

Maps: GSGS 4347, Sheets 51/18 SE, SW.

1. a. Annex No 1 (Second Revision) to FO NO 8 (Revised).
   b. (1) VIII Corps, making its main effort on the left, attacks at H-Hour D-Day to capture [illegible]. Formation: 79th Inf Div on the right, 82d A/B Div in the center, 90th Inf Div on the left. LD-line held by fwd elements.
   (2) IX TAC supports FUSA. Elements of VIII Corps Arty support initial attack of VIII Corps.

2. The 82d A/B Div attacks in its zone on D-Day with Regts abreast to capture 151. See overlay for Regtl objectives. Time of attack will be announced.

3. a. 87th Arm'd FA Bn (less B Btry) - General support and reinforcing the fire of the 320th Glider FA Bn.
   b. 319th Glider FA Bn - Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf.
   c. 320th Glider FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Glider Inf and 507th Prcht Inf (less 2nd Bn while detached).
   d. 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
   e. B Btry, 87th Arm'd FA Bn - Direct support of 2nd Bn, 507th Prcht Inf. Revert to organic control upon being relieved by Co 2nd Bn 507th Prcht Inf when objective has been attained.
   f. 188th FA Bn - General support.
   g. (1) Minimum Range Line - LD.
   (2) Firing Chart - 1:25,000 map.
   (3) Registration - One gun per Bn from new positions to be occupied for attack, completed by D-1 Day.
   (4) Schedule of Fire - See overlay.
   (5) Ammunition - One unit of fire in btry dumps, in addition to one basic load.
   (6) Smoke will be fired only on authorization of Div Arty Commander.
   (7) 319th FA Bn, and 456th FA Bn will displace to attack positions indicated on overlay when ordered by Div Arty Commander.
   (8) Air Observation - SOP.

4. a. Ammunition will be drawn at A.S.P. 801 and A.S.P. 701.
   b. For other details see Par 4, FO 8 (Revised) 82d Div.

5. a. Current SOI.
   b. Observation Posts: 319th FA Bn - 24808950. 456th FA Bn - 20959147. 188th FA Bn - 26549795.
   c. Command Posts: See overlay.

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PLAN OF ARTILLERY FIRES

NOTES: (1) Fires on call take priority over scheduled fires.
(2) H Hour - Set by Corps - to be announced.
Y Hour - 82d Div attack hour (after H Hour) - to be announced.

TIME FROM	TO	87 (-)	188
H	H + 2	211B Bn-3 RGM	60 Bn-2 RGM
H + 5	H + 7	209 Bn-3 RGM	74 Bn-2 RGM
H + 10	H + 12	210 Bn-3 RGM	63-65-66 Btry-2 RGM
H + 15	H + 17	—	73 Bn-2 RGM
H + 20	H + 22	~~342~~-61-69-70 One How-2 RGM	72 Bn-2 RGM
H + 25	H + 27	~~342~~-61-69-70 One How-1 RGM	71 Bn-2 RGM
H + 30	H + 32		305 Bn-2 RGM
H + 35	H + 120	—	67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, ~~342~~ One How-1 RGM

0530-0532

87th S-3 notified

188th S-3 notified

Corps Arty will place fire on Conc. 60, 61, 62, 64, 67, 68, 71, 209, 210, 211

TIME FROM	TO	319	320 Reinforced	456	87-B Btry
Y - 15	Y - 13	139 Bn-3 RGM	201-202 Btry-3 RGM	339-305-340 Btry-3 RGM	410 Btry-3 RGM
Y - 13	Y	139-140 Bn-2 RGM	201-202 Btry-2 RGM	339-305-340 Btry-2 RGM	410 Btry-2 RGM
ON CALL		142-145	203-204-205	333-341-342	406

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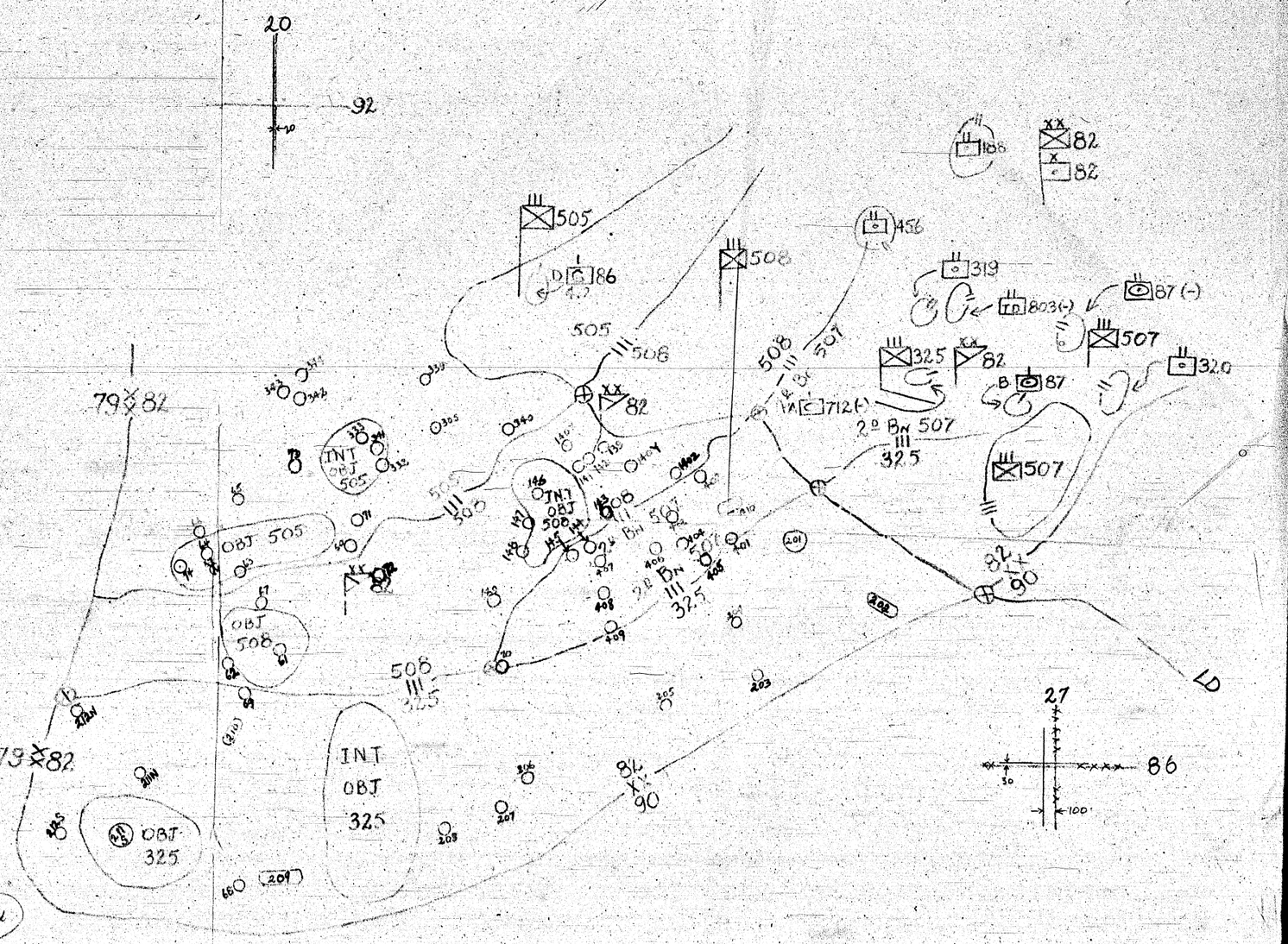

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OPNS MEMO
NO. 1 TO FO # 8 (Revised)

1. Time of atk for all units of 82d A/B Div will be 030630 July '44.

2. 80th A/B AA Bn (-) will support the atk as directed by Div AT Officer.

3. Sectors for the atk will be taken over by units at 030001 July '44.

4. All friendly booby traps and mines will be removed in each sector prior to 030630 July '44.

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2 - CO 505th Prcht Inf
2 - CO 507th Prcht Inf
1 - CO 2d Bn 507th Prcht Inf
2 - CO 508th Prcht Inf
2 - CO Div Arty
1 - CO 319th Glider FA Bn
1 - CO 320th Glider FA Bn
1 - CO 456th Prcht FA Bn
1 - CO 307th A/B Engr Bn
1 - CO 80th A/B AA Bn
1 - CO 307th A/B Med Co
1 - CO 407th A/B QM Co
1 - CO 782d A/B Ord Maint Co
1 - CO 82d A/B Sig Co
1 - 188th FA Bn
1 - 87th Armd FA Bn
1 - Co A 607th TD Bn
1 - CO Co A 712th Tk Bn
1 - CO 803d TD Bn (SP)
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OPN MEMO NO 2

TO

FO NO 8 (REVISED)

MAP: 1:25,000, [illegible], Sheet 31/18 SE, SW.

1. Regt'l boundaries and objectives are changed as follows effective upon receipt of this message.

   a. Left boundary 505 - See overlay.

   b. Left boundary 508 - See overlay.

2. Elements of 508th Prcht Inf in new zone of 505th Prcht Inf to be relieved without delay and upon relief to revert to the 508th Prcht Inf.

3. 508th Prcht Inf (less 2d Bn) to change direction in accordance with new zone, and seize objective indicated.

4. 2d Bn 507th Prcht Inf to seize objective indicated, hold it pending further orders, and prepare to atk to the S to seize the high ground as shown on overlay. It will without delay place the in concealed positions so they can get direct observed fireon the LA POTERIE - BRANGUERIE Hwy. Until further orders no adv will be made beyond the general line: LA SANGUERIERE (incl) O LES ROULAND - BLANCHELANDE - LA POTERIE (all excl) - FAUDEMAR (incl) - RJ at (241862) - thence along Div left boundary. At such time as 2d Bn 507th Prcht Inf atks, it will become atchd to 505th Pl Inf.

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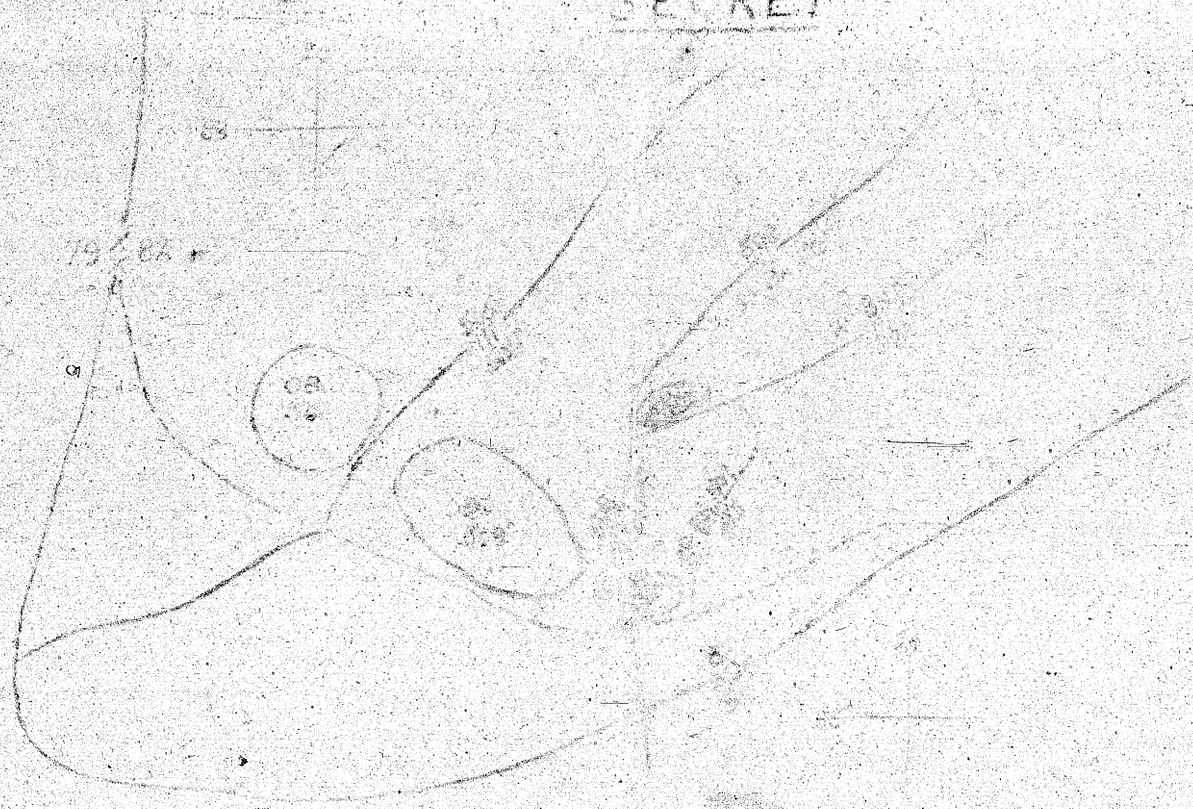

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OPN MEMO 1

To

FO No 2 (REVISED)

MAP : 1:25,000.

1. REGT'L BOUNDARIES AND OBJECTIVES ARE CHANGED AS INDICATED ON OVERLAY AND ATTACHED COPY OF OPN MEMO 2 TO FO 8 (REVISED) Hq 82 DIV.

2. MISSIONS OF ARTY BNS AND "B" BTRY 87th ARMD FA BN WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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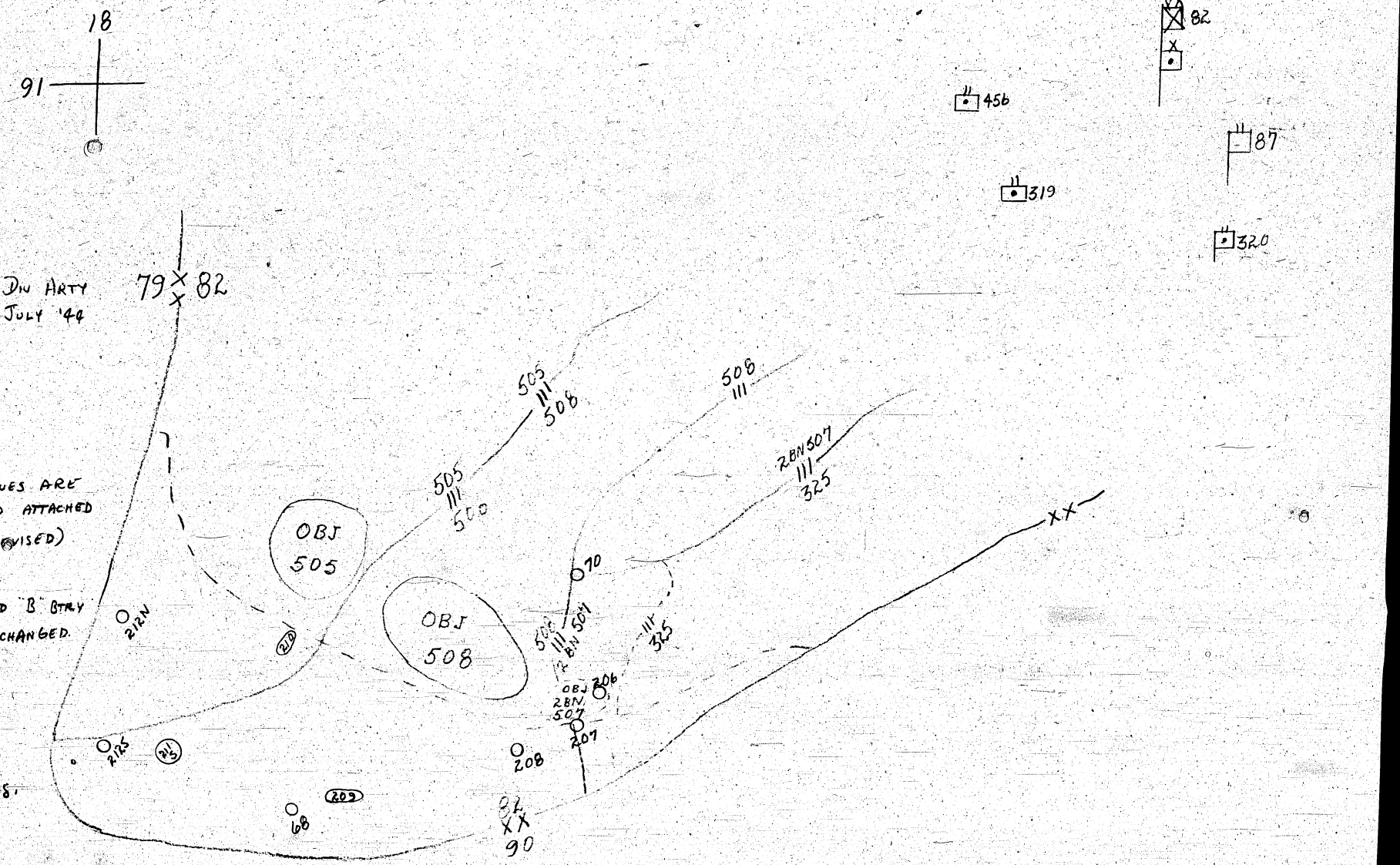

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APO,469, U-S Army
0400708 July 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : C/S, G-2, G-3, Div Arty, AT O, Engr O, 325 Gl Inf, 505 Prcht Inf, 2d Bn 507 Prcht Inf, 508 Prcht Inf.

1. Regt'l boundary changed as follows: Left boundary 508 GR 221869 - unimproved road to S.W - RJ at 210846 - (all to 508) right boundary 325th Gl Inf same.

2. Regts will atk within their zones at 0800. Objective line, hill now held by 505 - NEUF LES MIL - Hill 95 - thence ridge running generally E to LA POTERIE - FAUBOURG. Patrols to ST JORES - LA HAYE DU PUIT - Hwy to RWY W to LA HAYE DU PUIT - ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE Hwy. No patrols S of that line except on Div order.

3. 507th Prcht Inf (less 2d Bn) close on 325th Gl Inf at 1/2 mile, protect E flank 325th Gl Inf and Div.

4. Units will clear enemy resistance throughout their respective sectors.

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CO Div Arty

OPN MEMO NO. 3
to
ACCOMPANY FO NO. 8 (REVISED)

MAP: 1:25,000, GSGS 4347, Sheet 31/18 SE, SW.

1. Div will defend, with 3 Regts abreast, from N to S to E along the general line: LA SANGSURIERE (incl) - LES ROULAND - NEUF MES NIL (both excl) - Hill 95 - thence E along ridge - LA POTERIE - FAUDEMAN (both incl). In order 505th Prcht Inf, 508th Prcht Inf with 2d bn 507th Prcht Inf (reinf) atchd, 325th Gl Inf with 3d bn 507th Prcht Inf in atk. 3d bn 507th Prcht Inf atchd to 325th Gl Inf at an hour to be announced.

2. 1st & 3d bns 508th Prcht Inf to be relieved when 3d bn 507th Prcht Inf has secured its objective. Relief to begin upon order of Ass't Div Comdr. These bns then to revert to 508th Prcht Inf and be moved into sector that Regt.

3. 508th Prcht Inf will send strong patrol after dark to woods on ridge in Eastern part of its sector, if occupied by enemy this patrol to dig in and hold, otherwise Regt to reinf this patrol, organize and defend these woods, decision by Ass't Div Comdr.

CP's:
a. Div vic of farm house at 209877.
b. Regts to be reported.

4. a. 456th Prcht FA Bn in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
b. 319th Gl FA Bn in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf.
c. 320th Gl FA Bn in direct support of 325th Gl Inf.
d. 87th Armd FA Bn in general support and reinforcing fires of 320th Gl FA Bn.
e. 188th FA Bn in general support.

5. No change in attachments of Trs. Co "A" 712th Tk Bn (-) in Res vic 225871.

6. No change in Engr attachments. 307th A/B Engr Bn continues on present missions.

7. 80th A/B AA Bn and 805d TD Bn (SP) as directed by Div AT Officer. Report new positions.

8. RCN: Regts will Rcn aggressively to the Div boundaries within their respective zones of action. Night combat patrols will be employed to secure PW's and documents. Rcn patrols and listening posts will be maintained throughout the hrs of darkness.

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2 - CO 79th Inf Div
2 - CO 90th Inf Div
1 - CO 10[illegible] A/B Div
2 - CO 325th Gl Inf
2 - CO 505th Prcht Inf
2 - CO 507th Prcht Inf
1 - CO 2d Bn 507th Prcht Inf
2 - CO 508th Prcht Inf
1 - CO Div Arty
CO [illegible] FA Bn

1 - CO 320th Gl FA Bn
1 - CO 456th Prcht FA Bn
1 - CO 307th A/B Engr Bn
1 - CO 80th A/B AA Bn
1 - 307th A/B Med Co
1 - CO 407th A/B QM Co
1 - CO 782d A/B Ord Maint Co
1 - CO 82d A/B Sig Co
1 - CO 188th FA Bn
1 - 87th FA Bn (Armd)
1 - Co A 807th TD Bn
1 - CO Co A 712th Tk Bn
1 - CO 805d TD Bn (SP)
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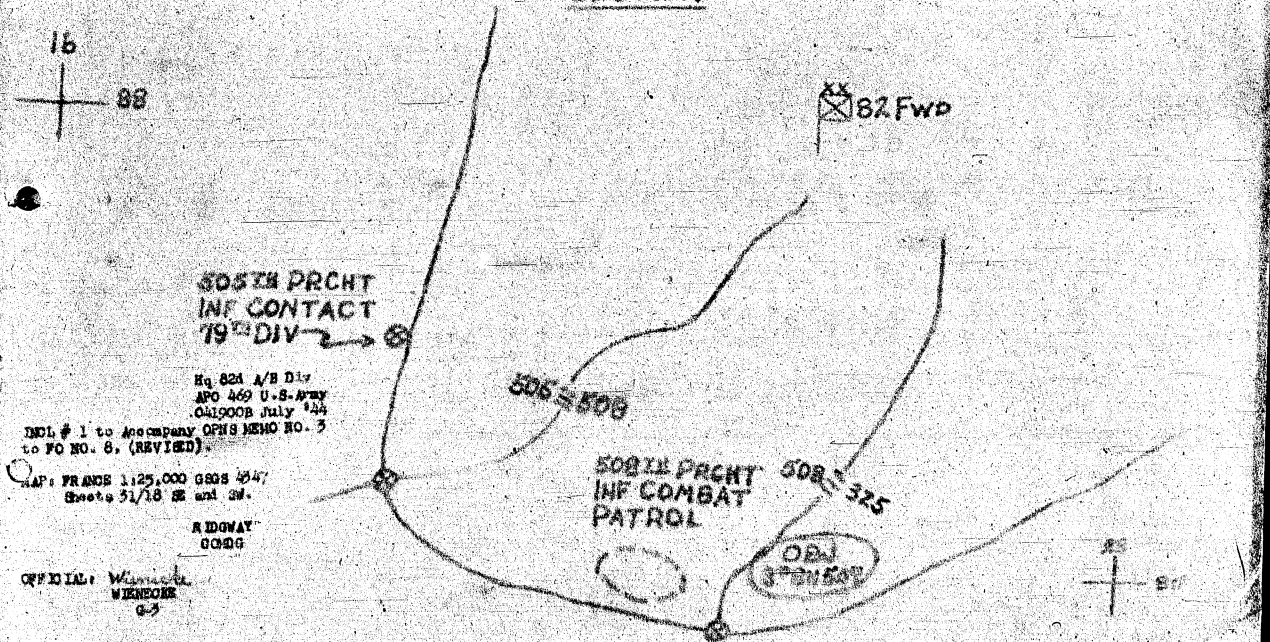

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OPNS MEMO NO. 4.

MAPS 1:25,000, GSGS 4347, Sheet 31/18 SW.

1. The Western and Eastern defense sectors of the 82d A/B Div are dissolved.

2. Brig. Gen. James M. Gavin will coordinate defenses of the 505th and 507th Prcht Infs. Gen. Gavin's CP will be at CP 507th Prcht Inf.

3. a. 505th Prcht Inf will defend sector incl. Hill 95 (see overlay).

b. 507th Prcht Inf will defend sector to E. of 505th Prcht Inf.

c. 508th Prcht Inf will assemble in the vic of BIANCHELANDE in Div reserve. (Exact location to be reported).

d. 325th Gl Inf will assemble in Div Res in the vic of LA POTERIE (exact location to be reported). AT Plat is placed under Div control; present positions to be maintained. Plat Comdr will report to Div AT O w/o delay.

e. (1) 2d Bn 507th Prcht Inf is relieved of atchment to 508th Prcht Inf.

(2) 3d Bn 507th Prcht Inf is relieved of atchment to 325th Gl Inf.

(3) 2d Bn 508th Prcht Inf is relieved of atchment to 505th Prcht Inf.

4. Field Artillery:

456th FA Bn in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
319th Gl FA Bn in direct support of 507th Prcht Inf.
320th Gl FA Bn in general support.
188th FA Bn in general support.

5. a. 803d TD Bn is placed under Div control, with Co "A" in close support of 505th Prcht Inf, Co "C" in close support of 507th Prcht Inf. 803d TD Bn (less Co's A and C) in reserve; location to be reported.

b. All atchments of elements of the 80th A/B AA Bn to units are dissolved; elements revert in place to control of CO 80th A/B AA Bn.

c. All atchments of elements of 307th A/B Engr Bn to units are terminated; elements revert to control of CO 307th A/B Engr Bn. 307th A/B Engrs continue road maintenance and mine clearance.

d. (1) 3d Plat Co "A" 712th Tk Bn is relieved of atchment to 325th Gl Inf and is atchd to 505th Prcht Inf.

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(2) 1st Plat Co "A" 712th Tk remains attchd to 507th Prchtr Inf.

(3) Co "A" 712th Tk Bn (less 1st and 2d Plats) remains under Div control in present positions

5. 82d Div Msn Plat continues messenger service to 505th and 507th Prchtr Inf Regt's.

6. Regt's report locations of CP's.

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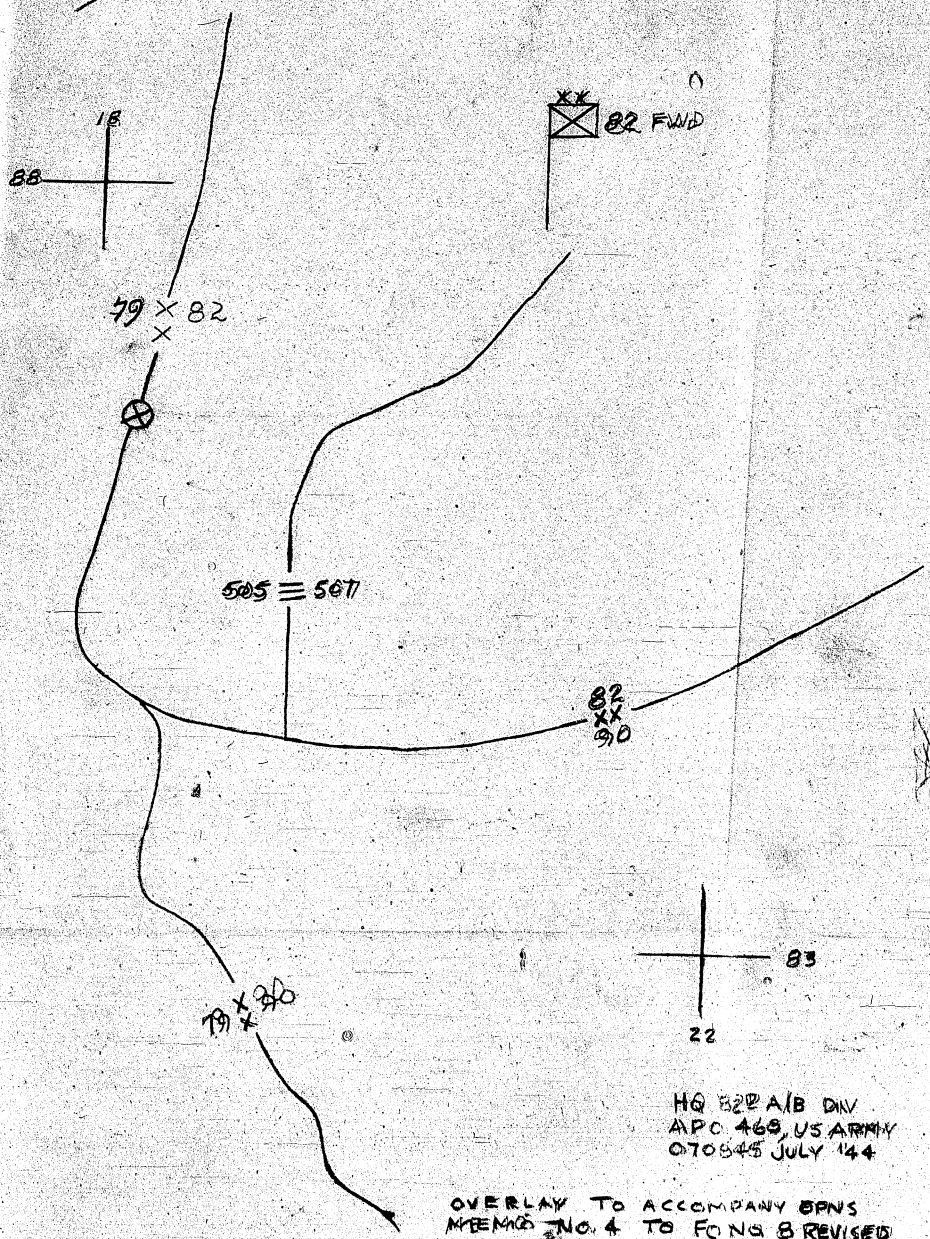

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UNIT HISTORY

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17 Sept

The parachute echelon left BALDERTON airfield, England, at 1045 hours under the command of Capt. Noyer with Lt. Sullivan and Lt. Clawson. Element composed of the above three officers and thirty one (31) EM:

S/Sgt	Frye, John F.	PFC	Wells, Paul
S/Sgt	Sergeant, Tom P.	PVT	Arkens, Ervin L.
Sgt	Hieta, Clifford W.	PVT	Brothers, Donald V.
T/4	Gresham, William H.	PVT	Calvacca, Italo P.
T/4	Smith, Ernest W.	PVT	Hartman, John E.
T/5	Cummings, Charles J.	PVT	Hobbs, Field H.
PFC	Bullard, Charles B.	PVT	Isley, G. W. (i.o.)
PFC	Hooe, Norman W.	PVT	Johns, Richard B.
PFC	Kroer, Edward M.	PVT	Johnson, Henry V.
PFC	McDonald, Charles C.	PVT	Kretchmer, Franz
PFC	Matulavich, Charles	PVT	Randall, William A.
PFC	Monigold, George C.	PVT	Register, Charles A.
PFC	Morgan, Edwin C. Jr.	PVT	Schoonmaker, Myron C.
PFC	Rose, Charles D.	PVT	Stoltman, Robert P.
		PVT	Tackett, Elias
		PVT	Wojewoda, John W.

They were carried in two (2) C-47s, in serial with 307 A/B Engr., together with one plane containing reconnaissance patrol from 456th FA Bn, under the command of Lt. Col d'Alessio.

At 1057 one CG-4 glider, accompanying the parachute echelon, took off from Balderton Airfield. Personnel included:

Col. F. A. March
Capt. T. J. Raibl
T/4 Leslie W. Kick
Cpl. Russell S. Beatty
T/5 George R. Gist, Jr.
Lt Leach, British LO (Guards Arm'd Div)

together with reconnaissance parties from battalions as follows:

319 FA Bn	320 FA Bn	456 FA Bn
Lt Col Todd	Lt Col Wright	Capt Loughmiller
Maj Wimberly	Capt Manning	Lt O'Neill
Lt Gutshal	Lt Waring	T/5 Alsip
Lt Procopio	Sgt Broker	Pvt King
Lt Konderapick	Sgt Horton	Pvt Geary
Lt Peters	Cpl Rose	Pvt Gordon
Sgt Brown	Pvt Wickline	

The parachute echelon landed in HOLLAND 1324 hours 1 mile S of GROESBEEK (74855290). No casualties sustained and the only man injured in drop was Pvt. Ervin L. Arkens (Hq Btry) who injured

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his shoulder blades. All equipment (except one bundle of wire) dropped was recovered. The left plane of our three (Lt. Col. d'Alessio's) was shot down immediately after the jump by flak originating in GROESBEEK. No enemy action on ground at time of landing.

376th Parachute FA Bn landed by parachute one mile south of GROESBEEK at 1335 hours. At 1355 the Bn had one gun assembled with 24 rounds of ammunition; first battery was assembled with 200 rounds of ammunition at 1440 hours and at 1700 hours 8 guns were in position at (753538) ready to fire in direct support of the 505 Parachute Infantry.

Very little flak was encountered by the glider until the LZ was reached at 1400 (748533). The glider personnel was immediately joined by the parachute echelon at 1515 hours. The Div Arty CP was established (743532). Roll call revealed all personnel of glider and parachute echelons present and uninjured. Small arms fire was silence by the 504 Inf at 1700 hours. The CP was then moved to (741546) and communication immediatley established with the 376 FA Bn.

18 Sept.

First serial of glider element departed from FULBECK airport at 1137 hours. This serial contained 8 CG-4 loads from Hq Btry Div Arty:

Glider #1 - Major Augustin S. Hart
T/5 Edward F. Misencik
PFC Donald G. Lange

#2 - Lt. Col. John W. Smiley
T/4 Atwood B. Loper
PFC Ray S. LaForce

#3 - T/4 Robert L. Treaster
Pvt Floyd J. Stuba

#4 - Capt. James A. Hufford
T/4 Joseph S. Kotarba
PFC Joseph G. Korbitzer

#5 - M/Sgt Charles A. Skinner
T/5 John F. Chapman
PFC Thomas J. Whalen
PVT Roy E. Ruse
PVT George J. Waligora

#6 - 1st Lt. Thomas Shockley
PVT Marvin E. Daniels

#7 - M/Sgt. Frank Vlasak
Cpl. Joseph Schleuss
Cpl. Kenneth T. Hartman
PFC. Louis D. Anzell

#8 - Capt. Walter H. Pedingfield
T/5 Charles F. Hopfinger, Jr.
PFC Harold O. Gotwals

(713586), in order to give direct support to the 2d Bn, 505th Inf

The 456th FA Bn received fairly heavy counter battery fire throughthe day, and made short displacements of the batteries to relieve the situation.

The enemy made local counter attacks at various points on our North East, and South. No serious penetrations were accomplished. Enemy aircraft strafed the CP area three times during the day. No serious damage.

Lt. Scotney, Liaison Officer from R. A., 1st Guards Armored Div, reported to the CP.

20 Sept.

1st Bn Coldstream Gds (Arm'd) 5th Bn Coldstream Gds (Inf), Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (Arm'd Regt), and 1 squadron Royals (arm'd) cars, were attached to the division.

The Guards Armored Div, with 2nd Bn, 505th Prcht Inf attached, attacked at 1400 to clear NIJMEGEN and secure the south end of the railroad and highway bridges. The 320th FA Bn were in direct support of the 2nd Bn 505th Inf. The 504th Prcht Inf, with the 376th FA in direct support effected a crossing of the WAAL River west of NIJMEGEN and secured the north end of the two bridges. At approximately 1700 British troops contacted the 504th Prcht Inf at the north end of the bridge and by 1800, the British had two Arm'd Bns across the bridge.

During the day, the enemy made counter-attacks a BEEK and at MOOK, in apparent attempt to cut the division sector in two. Their attacks were unsuccessful.

Late in the evening, the 320th FA Bn and 376th FA Bn were directed to displace to the south, to meet expected attacks by the enemy from the south. The 376th FA Bn was placed in direct support of the 1st Bn, 505th Prcht Inf, the 456th FA remained in direct support of the remainder of the 505th Prcht Inf, with the 320th FA in general support. The 319th FA remained in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf.

21 Sept.

The 320th FA went into position at (731545) and the 376th FA went into position vicinity (720548)

The enemy made a strong counter-attack in the 508th Inf sector in the vicinity of WYLER. The 319th FA called for additional fire, which was given by the 320th FA, 456th FA, and 55th Field Regt (British).

The 2nd Bn, 505th Prcht Inf, was assigned a sector in the eastern part of NIJMEGEN. The 319th FA was directed to furnish liaison and give direct support, in addition to the 508th Inf.

Liaison Officers from 30th Corps Artillery (British) and 43rd Div Arty (British and a counter battery officer from British 30th Corps Arty reported to the CP.

During the afternoon, the British fired all available artillery on enemy infantry assembling in front of the 508th Inf sector.

This serial encountered Anti Aircraft fire at the coast of HOLLAND, over the town of VUGHT, and over the eastern portions of the LZ. All gliders of the element made perfect landings on the assigned LZ at 1500 hours. The only casualties were Sgt Treaster and Cpl Misencik, who were wounded by enemy artillery fire after they had left their gliders. With this exception, all personnel and loads were assembled on the west side of the LZ, and moved to the CP.

The second glider element consisting of twelve (12) gliders, took off from FULBECK Airfield at 1240 hours.

Glider #9 - M/Sgt. Woodard B. Davis
Cpl. Gregory M. Burguieres
Pvt. Joseph E. Cash
PFC. William F. Short
PVT. William E. Lawler

#10 - Sgt. John V. McNally
PFC. Casidio Comito
PVT. Park H. Benedict, Jr.
PVT. Orville J. Livengood
PVT. Mathew F. Wojtaszek

#11 - Lt. Andrew L. Weil
S/Sgt. Bernard J. Szmania
PFC. Leo K. Tierney

#12 - Lt. Robert H. French
T/4. Edward F. Macholtz
PVT. Charles L. Herz

#13 - Lt. Kracke
Cpl. Robert H. Dungan
PVT. Robert Abbott

#14 - S/Sgt. Daniel D. Nussbaum
PVT. Leo Schlossburg
PVT. Charles H. Wiedenhoeft
PVT. Edgar C. Wollenburg

#15 - Capt. Harry Jaspin
T/5. Charles L. Raby
PVT. Jules Gautier

#16 - S/Sgt. Harry D. Mitchell
T/3. Cecil G. Mustoe
T/5. Bernard G. Crabtree
T/5. Harry E. Swartz
T/5. Robert P. Buchheit

#17 - Lt. Thomas V. Parkinson
T/5 Cecil M. Hardison
PVT. Paul A. Zizelman

#18 - 1st/Sgt. Zaven M. Gostanian
Cpl. Earl S. Rogers
PFC. Raymond F. Durkin
PVT. William J. French
PVT. Darrell P. Helmick

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Glider #19 - Capt. William J Reid
Cpl. Winford Cole
T/5. Billie G. Martin

#20 - S/Sgt. Benny L. Bays
PFC. Albert C. Jeckel
PFC. Joseph J. Lukach
PVT. Anthony E. Abel
PVT. Melvin A. Lyons

This second serial encountered A/A fire over the town of VUGHT where glider load No. 16 carrying S/Sgt. Mitchell, T/3 Mustoe, T/5 Schwartz, T/5 Bucheit, T/5 Crabtree, was cut off by tug plane (which was hit) and were seen to land safely and emerge from glider in enemy territory. All other gliders of element made landing on assigned LZ at approximately 1600 hours. A/A fire was received from an enemy battery across GERMAN border. No one was injured by fire. M/Sgt. Davis and S/Sgt. Szmania sustained leg injuries during landing. All equipment unloaded and personnel, minus injured, arrived at CP area approximately 1800 hours.

The first eight gliders landed on assigned LZ at approximately 1445 hours. Remainder landed approximately 40 minutes later on same LZ. Btry closed in CP area coordinates 741546 at approximately 1800 hours.

The 319th FA Bn landed on the same LZ and were able to assemble twent-six (26) jeeps and twelve (12) howitzers. They went into position at 728587, in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. The 456th Prcht FA Bn landed by glider on the same LZ. They assembled thirty-two (32) jeeps and eleven (11) howitzers, and went into position at 751540 in direct support of the 505 Prcht Inf. The 320 FA Bn landed on LZ "N". They assembled twenty-two (22) jeeps and eight (8) howitzers, and went into position at approximately 735545, in general support, and reinforcing the fires of the 456th. Each battalion that arrived by glider turned six (6) jeeps and two (2) trailers over to the 376th FA Bn. The 376th FA Bn went into direct support of the 504th P rcht Inf upon the arrival of the 456th FA Bn.

19 Sept.

The executive officer, S-2, and S-4 of the 320 FA Bn each with a separate group that landed in GERMAN territory, returned to their unit. One of the Bn Medical Officers and approximately half of "B" Btry were still missing; also ass't Com. Officer. The executive officer and S-4 of the 319 FA Bn, each with a group, returned to their unit.

At 0835, Div G-3 reported that advance elements of the British 1st Guards Armored Div had reached the bridge at GRAVE, and were proceeding towards the bridge at 671605. Two tank battalions and two motorized Inf Regts expected by 0940.

The CO ordered the 376th FA Bn to displace to vicinity (673548), but later rescinded the order dur to the British columns on the roads. One Btry did reach the position. The battalion later displaced to (661583), in order to support the 504th Prcht Inf in a drive for the NIJMEGEN Bridge.

The 320th FA Bn was directed to send a Liaison section to 2nd Bn 505th Prcht Inf on this drive. The 320th displaced to vicinity

British artillery fired harrassing missions for us during the night.

Enemy artillery fire was very light in the CP area.

British Armored units advanced toward ARNHEM, as the 43rd Inf Div (Br) moved into our sector.

22 Sept.

The British 43rd Div moved north toward ARNHEM, and the Guards Armored Div stayed in this vicinity.

The 508th Prcht Inf extended their sector on the northeast toward the WAAL River. The 505th Prcht Inf moved their line slightly to the east toward the REICHSWALD.

The 504th Prcht Inf moved south of the WAAL River, and two battalions went into Division Reserve. One battalion relieved the 2nd Bn 505th Inf, in the eastern section of NIJMEGEN. The 2nd Bn 505th Inf, then joined the 505th Inf in their Regt'l sector.

The 319th FA took over direct support of the relieving battalion of the 504th Inf, in addition to their direct support of the 508th Inf.

The British established a sound base in the Division sector. British Artillery fired on numerous targets in support of our fire.

Five (5) Cub Planes arrived and were immediately made ready to fly missions.

23 Sept.

The enemy made a strong counter-attack in the 508th Prcht Inf sector. 319th FA called for all available additional fire, but fire from our own battalions was unnecessary, as the British support was sufficient. The enemy retreated to the east, and our artillery fired on him as long as observation permitted. Inclement weather prohibited the use of the Air OP.

During the afternoon, the enemy brought up a fairly large amount of artillery, both heavy and light. He also moved some NEBELWERFERS in to the South of the Division sector.

The 325th Glider Infantry Regt landed on DZ "O". Some Division Special troops and some Polish troops also landed.

Division Arty received two (2) replacement 75mm howitzers and four (4) 105mm howitzers.

The 508th Prcht Inf extended their sector northeast to the WAAL River.

24 Sept.

The 325th Inf relieved the 505th P rcht Inf in the southern part of the Division sector. The 320th FA Bn moved to a position at (749540), and were in direct support. The 376th FA remained in the same position to reinforce the fires of the 320th FA. The 505th Inf assumed the defense of the bridgehead north of the WAAL River, and the 456th FA displaced to (684622), to give direct support.

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Later in the day, the 504th Prcht Inf relieved the 508th Inf, and the 376th FA displaced to (732586) to give direct support. The 319th FA moved to a position at (733547) to reinforce the fires of the 320th FA.

At 1830, Div Arty CP closed at (741546) and opened at (704586).

25 Sept.

The enemy made two strong counter attacks in the 325th Inf sector, vicinity of RIETHORST. Both attacks were repelled after excellent fire by the 319th and 320th FA Bns. Artillery officers also assumed control of the infantry in both cases, due to absence of infantry officers.

There was increased enemy air activity against the NIJMEGEN Bridge, but no damage was inflicted on the bridge. Enemy arty and nebelwerfers were active. Our arty neutralized several single pieces and guns.

The 456th FA remained in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf, the 376th in direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf, the 320th FA in direct support of the 325th Inf, and the 319th FA in direct support 1st and 2d Bn 325th Inf, and reinforcing the fires of the 320th FA.

Lt Col. Griffith, CO 376 FA Bn, was transferred to this Hq as Division Artillery Executive Officer. Major Neptune, Bn Ex officer assumed command of the 376th FA Bn.

26 Sept.

Enemy air attacks on the NIJMEGEN Bridge were again heavy. Friendly anti aircraft shot down at least five (5) planes. One bomb hit was made on the bridge, but traffic could still pass. Enemy artillery fire continued heavy. Our Air OP was able to adjust on several guns.

The enemy made a counter-attack in the 504th Prcht Inf sector, vicinity of DEN HEUVEL, which was repulsed.

Artillery units were directed to have guides meet their respective Seaborne echelons at GRAVE Bridge at 1300 hrs. All vehicles arrived during the afternoon and evening.

The Artillery Exec. Officer, XVIII Corps (Airborne), came to the CP as an observer.

27 Sept.

After heavy preparations fired by the 319th and 320th FA Bns., and our supporting British Artillery, the 325th Inf attacked the woods north of RIETHORST. The Infantry reported the arty fire very effective, as they had little trouble in driving the ey out. During the afternoon, the ey made a small scale counterattack farther east but it was easily repulsed.

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In the afternoon, civilians reported a column of tanks approaching the 504th Prcht Inf sector. Inclement weather and ey air activity made it difficult for our observation planes to observe. Air support was called for, and rocket firing Typhoons made an attack on the tanks, but weather conditions prohibited observation of definite results.

There was no change in missions for any of the battalions.

28 SEPT

The enemy, with tanks and infantry again pushed our troops from the woods at DEN HEUVEL. Five to six tanks were reported by the 504 Prcht Inf to have been destroyed in their sector.

The effemy got two direct bomb hits on each of the bridges at NIJMEGEN. Traffic was temporarily suspended. He also dropped anti personnel bombs on the CP area, causing one casualty in Hq Btry., and a few casualties in DivisionHq. Casualties were also inflicted in the 376th and 456th FA Bns.

The 508th Prcht Inf (less one Bn) took over a sector between the 504th Prcht Inf and the 325th Inf. The 319th FA was placed in direct support of the 508th Inf, reinforcing the fires of the 320. The 320th FA Bn displaced to (732543).

The 505th Prcht Inf was relieved of its responsibility to the N of the WAAL River, and went into Division Reserve. The 456th FA displaced to (730596), and went into general support and reinforcing the fires of the 376th FA Bn.

Ey arty activity showed a definite increase during the day. Our Air OP located and fired on several important targets.

29 SEPT

Division Artillery fired a Serenade (2 Bns plus British) on the town of LEUTH (Troop quarters and Bn CP).

The 505th Prcht Inf took over a sector west of the REICHSWALD, between the 508th and 325th Inf Regts. The 456th FA Bn displaced to (745550), and were placed indirect support of the 505th Prcht Inf. The 319th FA was relieved of reinforcing the fires of the 320th FA Bn, its only mission being direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf.

Ey arty activity was relatively light throughout the day. It was determined that the charges used to destroy the NIJMEGEN bridges were floated down the river by swimmers, rather than dropped from aircraft.

30 SEPT.

Ey activity was comparatively light throughout the day. The NIJMEGEN

Highway bridge was put back into condition to take traffic.

The 325th Glider Inf made an attempt to clear the KIEKBERG Woods of enemy personnel, but were not entirely successful.

The CCRA, British 30th Corps allotted Divison Artillery two regiments of 25 pounders and two regiments of Medium arty for support, in preparation for an expected enemy large scale attack. Numerous counter battery and harrassing missions were fired during the evening and night.

During the night, enemy artillery showed a decided increase in activity.

1 OCT

The day was comparatively quiet, with only sporadic artillery and mortar fire from the enemy. The attack that was expected in the early morning did not materialize on any large scale.

The Air OP reported quite a lot of enemy movement and digging to the East and Southeast of the Division sector. Division Artillery fired a large number of Counter Battery missions.

Allied air cover prevented any large scale enemy air attacks in the Division area.

2 OCT

During the early morning, the enemy launched a fairly large scale attack, supported by very heavy artillery and mortar fire, and tanks and other armored vehicles. His objective was apparently GROESBEEK. After initial success, he was pushed back, and our lines were restored. Division Artillery fired very heavy concentrations with great success.

456th FA and 376th FA received very heavy shelling. Casualties were light. Several rounds landed in the Division CP area, but inflicted no damage.

Six personnel of the Machine Gun Section, Headquarters Battery, received injuries from an anti-personnel bomb dropped by enemy aircraft.

The 325th Inf, with 320th FA and RA, 3rd British Division in support, attacked on the general line MOOK - RIETHORST, to establish a line south from RIETHORST to the MAAS River. With the exception ofvicinity of KATENESCSCH, the objective was reached at the end of the day.

One RCT from the 101st A/B Div was attached to the Division. The 321st FA Bn went into position at 736500 to reinforce the fires of the 376th FA Bn.

3 OCT

This period again was comparatively quiet, with only scattered mortar and artillery fire from the enemy.

Due to inclement weather, the Air OP was unable to conduct fire for the majority of the period.

506 RCT, from the 101st A/B Div was relieved by 502 RCT. The 321st FA Bn moved out and was replaced by the 377th FA Bn which went into position at 738600.

The 325th Inf and 2d Bn, 505th Inf, were to be relieved in their sectors by the 3rd British Division. 325th Inf to go into Division Reserve 2nd Bn 505th to Regtl Reserve and the 320th FA Bn to general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th FA Bn. During the relief, the enemy attacked with a strong infantry force, supported by three tanks and heavy artillery fire. Our artillery fire made it possible to bring the attack under control within an hour.

The 456th FA Bn. displaced their CP to 739557 during the day. The battries did not displace. No other changes.

4 OCT

The relief of the 325th Inf Regt by elements of the 3rd British Division was completed in the early morning. The 320th FA Bn was given the mission of general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th FA Bn, and the 3rd Division Artillery.

The 377th FA Bn 101st A/B Div, was relieved in this sector and displaced north of the WAAL River.

The enemy fired artillery and mortars regularly throughout the day, and was quite active in the sector of the 505th Prcht Inf in the evening. Some tanks were reported on the Division front in the evening, but they withdrew after our artillery fired on them.

The 121 Med Regt (Br) went into position vicinity of Div CP to fire counter battery missions in this sector.

5 OCT

The whole period was relatively quiet. The enemy engaged in sporadic small arms, mortar and artillery fire throughout the day. During early evening, he fired several rounds in the vicinity of the Division CP. No damage was inflicted. A Counter attack was reported in the 508th Prcht Ind sector, but it proved to be a very small scale and was easily stopped by our artillery fire.

The mission of the artillery Bns continued as follows: 376th FA Bn in direct support 504th Prcht Inf 319th FA Bn in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. 456th FA Bn in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf, and 320th FA Bn in general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th FA Bn and 3rd Div Arty (Br).

6 OCT

The sector continued to be comparatively quiet, but the enemy showed an increase in his artillery activity. Both allied and enemy air craft were active over the area.

The 508th RCT, 319th FA Bn attached were relieved in this sector,

and moved north of the WAAL river to the vicinity of BEMMEL. The 325th Inf took over the sector of the 508th and the 320th FA Bn was placed in direct support. The 320th FA Bn displaced to 732571, and was relieved of its mission of general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th FA Bn and 3rd (Br) Div Arty.

7 OCT

The entire period was unusually quiet, except for a concentration of Nebelwerfer fire in the 456th FA Bn area in the evening. One small attack was reported in the sector of the 504th Prcht Inf but it was easily dealt with.

The primary targets for Division Artillery were hostile mortars and Nebelwerfers. There were no changes in position or mission of any arty battalion.

8 Oct

The enemy increased his mortar and artillery fire, and several Nebelwerfers were in action. Otherwise the period was quiet.

Division Artillery fire consisted primarily of harrassing fire and counter mortar and counter battery fire. During the evening several single rounds of medium caliber landed in the CP area. CBO adjusted medium artillery on the hostile gun by sound, and it ceased fire. No changes in Division Artillery units or missions.

9 OCT

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There was practically no activity in the Division sector during the period, other than mortar, nebelwerfer, and artillery fire from the enemy and our counter fire.

There were no changes in Division Artillery units. Battalions were limited in ammunition to 50 rounds per gun per day, except in an emergency.

10 OCT

The enemy was rather quiet during this period, but in the evening his artillery and nebelwerfer fire increased. Inclement weather made it impossible for our Air OP to observe fire.

There were no changes in any of the Artillery Battalion positions or missions.

11 OCT

The enemy was again only moderately active with his artillery. Inclement weather again made it impossible for our Air OP to operate.

The 505th Prcht Inf was relieved in its sector by the 43rd Br Division. The 505th Inf then moved north to begin relief of the 307th Engr Bn and to take over the northern portion of the 504th Prcht Inf sector. The 456th FA Bn displaced to vicinity of 738604 in order to give direct support to the 505th Inf.

During the afternoon, British 5th AGRA fired an intensive counter battery program and included a concentration on ZYFFLICH at our request.

12 OCT

The 505th Prcht Inf completed their relief of the 307th Engr Bn, on the south bank of the WAAL River, and the 2d Bn of the 504th Prcht Inf.

The Division front, from north to south is 505th Prcht Inf, 504th Prcht Inf, and 82nd Inf. The 456th FA Bn, 376th FA Bn, and 320th FA Bn, respectively, are in direct support. The 508th RCT, 319th FA Bn attached is in vicinity of BEMMEL, north of the WAAL River, attached to the British XII Corps.

13 OCT

This was the most quiet period to date of the campaign. The enemy's activity was very light. Our targets consisted primarily of personnel and mortars. Supporting British Artillery engaged several hostile batteries. There was no change in any battalion positions or missions.

14 OCT

The enemy remained quiet. Some mortars and artillery pieces were engaged by our units. During the evening, the enemy fired a very heavy counter battery concentration on British Artillery in the vicinity of the CP. No damage was inflicted. No change in Division Artillery units.

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15 OCT

During the early morning, Btry "A" 456th FA Bn received heavy counter battery fire. Casualties were inflicted. The battery displaced to an alternate position during the day.

In the afternoon, Division artillery with supporting British Arty and 5th AGRA fired several concentrations followed by propaganda shells. No changes in artillery Bn. missions.

16 OCT

Our forward observers reported a suspected relief of front line troops by the enemy. Div Arty and Br Arty fired several concentrations on assembly points. An enemy attack was expected, but did not materialize.

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ANNEX No. 5 (Artillery)
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FO No. 11

MAP: HOLLAND 1/25,000 GSGS 4427, Sheets 6SW, 12NW.

1. a. Annex No 1 to FO No. 11.

b. (1) See paragraph 1. b., FO No 11
(2) The 82d A/B Div (less dets) lands in daylight by prcht and glider in the area S of NIJMEGEN, seizes clears and secures the general area GRAVE - MARIENBOOM - KRANENBURG (exclusive). The 505 Prcht Inf will secure LZ "N" for subsequent glider and resupply lifts, secure up the area within its sector of responsibility The 504 Prcht Inf will secure crossings of MAAS-WAAL Canal (700539) and (692557) secure MAAS River crossing at GRAVE and mop up the area within its sector of responsibility The 508 Prcht Inf will secure LZ "T" secure designated key terrain features in area of responsibility, prevent all hostile movement South of line DE PLOEG and BEEK, and mop up the area within its sector of responsibility The 325 Glider Inf will land on LZ "T" and assemble in Div res in area indicated.

2. The 82d A/B Div Arty lands by prcht and glider in vic of GROESBEEK, in accordance with air movement table, Annex No. 2 to FO No.11 Hq 82d A/B Div, and supports the atk of the Div

3. a. Hq and Hq Btry, 82d A/B Div Arty will land by prcht and glider on D/LZ "N".

(1) The prcht element will proceed to Div Arty Hq, make route rcn and furnish guides at LZ "N" for glider element.
(2) CP - See overlay.

b. 376 Prcht FA Bn will land by prcht on LZ "N"

(1) Initial Mission: In direct support of 505 Prcht Inf but prepared to fire in zones of action of 504 Prcht Inf and 508 Prcht Inf in emergency. It will be prepared to mass its fire on GROESBEEK and enemy battery positions at (767560) and (769539). It will support glider landings on D and D plus 1 days on LZ "N" and LZ "T" prepared to fire on enemy installations along ridge 7751 - 8054

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(2) Mission after landing of Glider Arty - On orders of Div Arty Comdr, displace toward West and furnish direct support to 504 Prcht Inf being prepared to mass its fire on RJ 704600 and bridges at 672604 and 620542.

(3) Positions:
(a) Initial position area - vic 753538 (see overlay)
(b) After displacement - vic 675553 (see overlay).

c. 319 Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ "N"
(1) Mission: Direct support 508 Prcht Inf prepared to mass its fire on CT 721598 and CR 744602 and bridge at 672604.
(2) Position area: Vic 750563 (see overlay) and prepared to displace to vic 742580.

d. 320 Glider FA Bn will land by glider on LZ "N"
(1) Mission: General support of Div. Furnish direct support to 325 Glider Inf on order of Div Comdr. Be prepared to mass its fire on road (713527 - 754500) bridges at 713525 700539; 693558, 677583.
(2) Position area: Vic 725553 (see overlay)

e. 456 Prcht FA Bn will land by glider on LZ "T"
(1) Mission: Direct support 505 Prcht Inf, prepared to mass its fire on road (713520 - 754500) and bridge at 713525.

(1) Firing chart: 1/25,000 map
(2) Survey: By Bn.
(3) Alternate positions will be selected for each btry.
(4) Reserve 40 rds/how (5 rds smoke, 15 rds HE w/M48, 20 rds HE w/M54) for fire on call by Div Arty.
(5) Smoke will not be fired except as aid to adjustment unless authorized by Div Arty Comdr.,
(6) No restrictions on time for opening fire.
(7) Fire will be restricted to prescribed zone of action (supported unit) unless cleared through Div Arty, except that emergency missions on observed targets may be fired until wire communication to Div Arty is first established.
(8) 319, 320, and 456 will send rcn parties, landing at LZ "N" to select positions, routes and OPs and furnish guides for respective Bns on arrival (see Air Movement Table).
(9) Make ground rcn for best routes to initial position area and for displacement.
(10) Bns will use concentration numbers from blocks assigned as follows: 319 (101 - 199) 320 (201 - 299) 376 (301 - 399) 456 (401 - 499) Div Arty (1 - 99).
(11) S-3 reports to be submitted in duplicate daily, as of 1800, to reach Div Arty Hq by 1930.

4. A. Ammunition: Units will carry additional arty ammo in seaborne vehicles as space permits.

b. Reports: All administrative reports required by Hq 82nd A/B Div will be forwarded through this Hq.

c. For further details, see Adm O No. 1, Hq 82nd A/B Div.

5. a. Current SOI.

b. See overlay. Arty Bn CP locations to be reported to Div Arty as soon as selected.

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14	PM
15-16	CO Div Arty
17	Div Ord O
18-19	325 Gli Inf
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22-23	508 Prcht Inf
24-25	504 Prcht Inf
26-27	Div TSC File
28	319 Gli FA Bn
29	320 Gli FA Bn
30	376 Prcht FA Bn
31	456 Prcht FA Bn
32	307 A/B Engr Bn
33	80 A/B AA Bn
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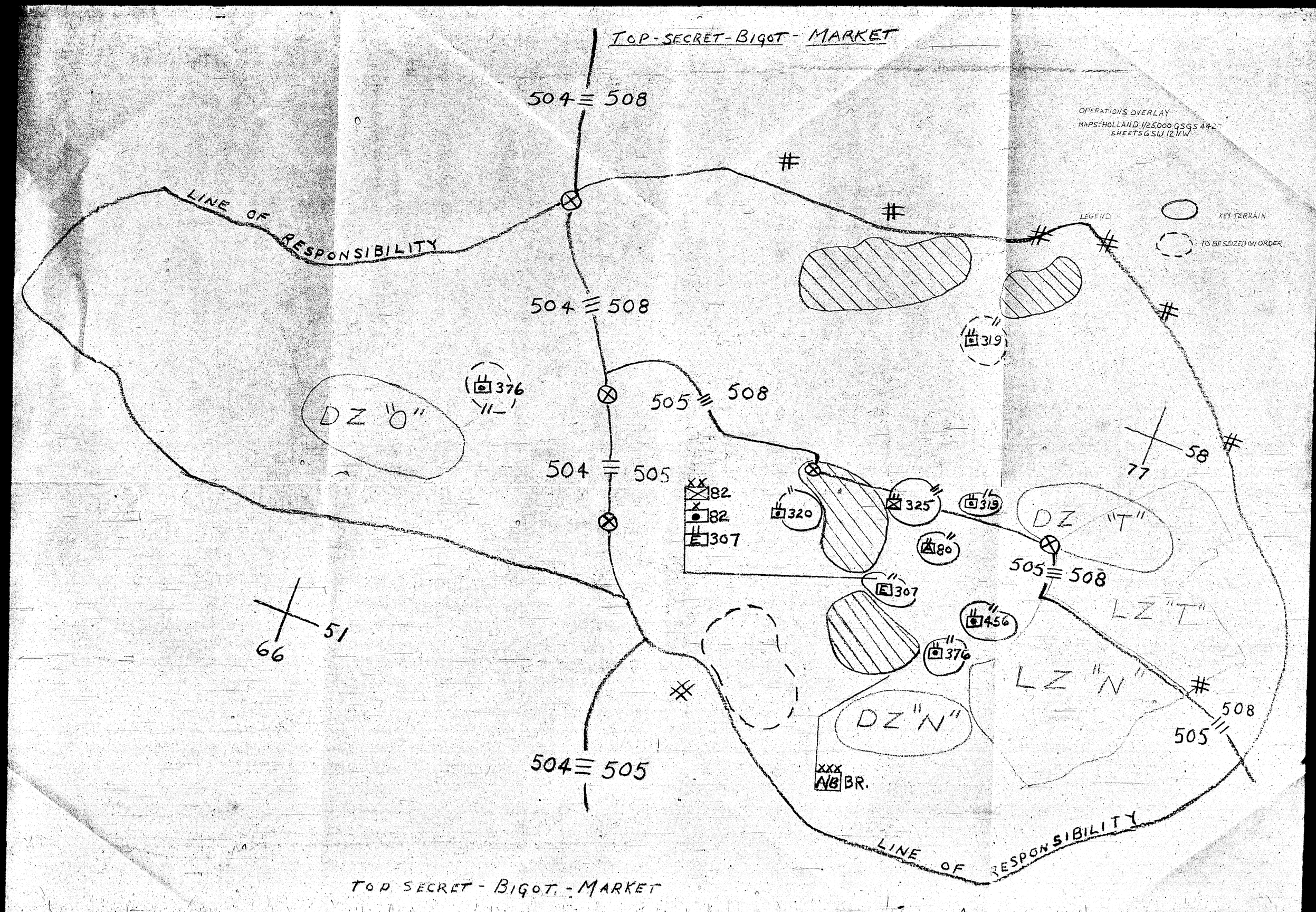
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WAAL RIVER

456
24-28 SEPT.

NIJMEGEN

456
11-16 OCT.

BEEK

456
28-29 SEPT.

376
19-21 SEPT.

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24 SEPT. - 16 OCT.

320
19-21 SEPT.

319
18-24 SEPT.

376
24 SEPT. TO 16 OCT.

WYLER

320
6-16 OCT.

MAAS-WAAL CANAL

456
3-11 OCT.

456
29 SEPT. TO 3 OCT.

376
21-24 SEPT.

GROESBEEK

320
18-19 SEPT.
21-24 SEPT.
28 SEPT. TO 6 OCT.

82
17-24 SEPT.

320
24-28 SEPT.

456
18-24 SEPT.

82
17 SEPT. (TEMP.)

376
17-19 SEPT.

LZ "T"
319 F.A. BN.
456 F.A BN.
HQ. BTRY, DIV. ARTY.

LZ "N"
320 F.A. BN

DZ "N"
376 F.A. BN.
RECON PARTIES OF DIV. ARTY & ALL BNS.

MAAS RIVER

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES	17 September D Day
1036	The parachute echelon left Balderton Airfield, England under the command of Captain Noyer with Lieut. Sullivan and Lieut. Clawson. The element was composed of the above three officers and thirty one enlisted men in three C-47 planes in serial with the 505th Parachute Infantry	
1057	One CG 4 glider accompanying the parachute echelon took off from Balderton Airfield. Personnel included Colonel March, Captain Raibl, T/4th Kick, Cpl Beatty, and T/5th Gist - also Lieut Leach, British Liaison Officer from Guards Armored Division.	
1324	The parachute echelon landed in Holland, one mile south of Groesbeek (74855290) No casualties sustained. All equipment (except one bundle of wire) dropped and recovered. The left plane of our three (Lieut. Col. d'Alessio's) was shot down immediately after the jump by flak originating in Groesbeek. No enemy ground action at the time of landing.	
1400	Very little flak was encountered by the glider until the LZ was reached at 1400 (748533). The glider personnel landed safely in same general area as parachute element and were immediately joined by the parachute echelon.	
1515	The Division Artillery CP was established at (743532) Roll call revealed all personnel of glider and parachute were present and uninjured. Small arms fire in CP area was silenced by the 504th Infantry.	
1700	The CP was then moved to (741546) and communications were immediately established with the 376th Parachute F.A. Battalion, which had just completed a successful combat daylight drop and were in position at (755535) ready to mass the fire of its available 8 guns with communications established to the batterys and forward observers. The battalion had not registered at this time.	

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1800	376th FA Battalion was in direct support of the 505th Parachute Infantry.
	18 September D plus 1
0800	Breakfast in hangar at Fulbeck Airport.
1000	376th Parachute F. A. Battalion supporting attacks of 505th and 508th Parachute Infantries to clear and hold glider LZ's.
1137	First serial of glider element under Lieut. Shockley took off from airport. This serial contained eight (8) CG 4 A glider loads from Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery.
1230	Second serial of glider element, composed of twelve (12) gliders, under Lieut. French took off from departure airdrome.
1445	First glider serial landed on assigned LZ and suffered two casualties from hostile artillery fire after landing.
1530	Second glider serial minus one glider forced to land in enemy held territory when its tug ship was shot down over Vught, Holland, landed on same LZ. There were two casualties, none of which were caused by enemy action.
1830	Two glider serials closed in Division Artillery CP area.
2000	319th, 320th, and 456th FA Battalions ordered to turn over six (6) Jeeps and two (2) trailers each to the 376th FA Battalion.
2000	456th F.A. Battalion given mission of reinforcing fires of the 376th FA Battalion. 319th F.A. Battalion placed in direct support of the 508th Parachute Infantry.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2200	Major Lancey who was dropped behind enemy lines reported in with 65 men and officers. A group of men from the 320th F.A. Battalion under the command of Captain Monger was dropped behind enemy lines. Lost radio contact with them at 2315.
	19 September D plus 2
0215	Radio message received from Charcoal: "Lost unit requesting directions to enter lines. Receiving fire from Hill 77.2 (74.6 - 51.4) " G-2 contacted as to enemy situation from Mook (7252) to RJ (74.6 - 50.5). No enemy activity reported recently. Contacted G-3 for friendly situation. Challenge road-block established at RJ (74.6 - 50.5). Patrols around Hill 77.2. Instructed Charcoal (lost party) to proceed to roadblock RJ (74.6 - 50.5) and that friendly units are being warned of their approach.
0630	Colonel Wright and Captain Manning from the 320th F.A. Battalion at CP to see if we had heard anything of their missing echelons. No news for them.
0705	Champion informed us that 325th Glider Infantry will arrive at LZ O at 1500 today. All units of Division Artillery informed.
0835	Reconnaissance party - Guards Armored Division (British) reached bridge at Grave. The party is proceeding towards bridge (671605). Two tank Battalions and two motorized infantry regiments are expected to arrive at 0940.
0917	CO ordered 376th FA Battalion to displace and provide direct support for 504th Parachute Infantry. (376th has 11 howitzers).
0930	456th FA Battalion relieved of reinforcing 376th FA and placed in direct support of 505th Parachute Infantry (less 2nd Bn.)

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
0940	Col Wright reported to CP. 320th has eight (8) howitzers ready to fire in general support and reinforcing fires of the 456th F.A. Battalion.
1005½	CO called to Division CP by Chief of Staff.
1025	CO departed for 320th.
1030	320th ordered to send liaison section to 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry, which will accompany British to north. 320th F.A. Battalion placed in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 505th and relieved of its former mission of providing general support and reinforcing fires of the 456th F.A. Battalion.
1050	CO returned to CP.
1050	320th ordered to displace.
1105	Col March left CP to contact 376th to stop them from moving.
1130	Col d'Alessio reported to CP for information.
1150	Col March returned - was unsuccessful on mission. Left immediately for Div.
1155	Col March returned from Div and left again.
1200	Col March back with coordinates of 320th's new position.
1220	376th called: they have one battery west of Maas-Waal Canal, one battery stopped at the east side of the south bridge over the canal, one battery in old position.
1310	320th reported they had displaced.
1315	Capt Luce, 320th (missing) arrived at CP. Said he spent last night in Germany. He brought in one other officer and 16 enlisted men with him.
1320	Col March left for 376th
1330	Brigadier Rawlins reported one Piper cub belonging to an airborne outfit on XXX Corps field at (705565). Will send liaison officer.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1355	Message to CO, 376th F. A. "Due to change in plans have battery west of canal move 2000 yards north to fire on Nijmegen area and across the river. CO, Division Artillery is looking for you; to get complete instructions get in contact with Division Artillery."
1430	Message from 376th liaison officer (see Message file).
1430	Lieut. Schroeder and Lieut. Butler (320th) reported in. Dropped NW of Wyler.
1445	Gave British Liaison Office positions of our artillery.
1445	Lieut Weil returned from 456th reports 456th had counter-battery - "B" battery hit especially, Lt Weil reports "B" Battery at 754564.
1510	Col March returned to CP
1510	Major Silvey (319th) reported in from glider landing.
1510	Lt Marston called Col Smiley and reported it would take 2 hours to get air observation report through. Col Smiley requested air reconnaissance at 8054 square.
1515	Col March reported 376th moving to 661583.
1520	320th FA said they were requested by British to put in concentration 5 volleys above Nijmegen to precede their attack.
1530	Capt Raibl informed us of new position of 376th (661583).
1600	Captain Barrett, 376th S-2 at CP to see Col March.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1610	One (1) glider, "A" Battery 320th FA reported released over England 181315. Will attempt to send in on D plus 3. Contents: 1 trailer, 30 rds of 105 ammunition. (Fr. CO, Base Echelon)
1625	Lieut. Scotney of RA Guards Armored Division reported in as liaison officer.
1735	Col March returned to CP
1750	Liaison officers from British Airborne and 101st Airborne Div reported to Col March.
1800	British airborne and 101st airborne liaison officers left for their units. Col March to Division to check on situation.
1810	Col March returned to CP
1815	Col March called 456th and gave permission to displace. (being shelled)
1816	319th were strafed twice today. by ME 109's per Col Todd. (10 at a time - no one injured).
1825	Lieut Marston called from G-3. Fighter planes expected tomorrow.
1826	320th fired British concentration at 1745. 320th observer shooting across river now.
1835	Col Griffith at CP.
1850	Col Smiley told British liaison officer that for tonight 320th would be at disposal of the British We would not fire unless they asked for fire. Liaison telephone moved into CP tent.
2000	456th now in new position

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
2045	Liaison officer Lt Scotney advises rendezvous 707542 given for British medium guns to come up to.
2330	One battery. medium guns (British) 5.5 firing. 84th medium regiment (British) placed at disposal of Div Artillery. Area 7054. Can shoot East.
	20 September D plus 3
0330	Radio call from RA Guards Armored Division asking for any fire missions. Told there were none at present but to stand by. Coordinates of possible targets given. Not to be fired unless requested.
0500	British 84th Artillery Regiment (medium) reported by radio in position at 697-580. 360° fire (One battery prepared to reinforce us.)
0655	Col March to Div for meeting.
0800	Col March asked liaison officers if British could send forward observers to our forward CP's if we need their artillery Lt. Leach said Yes.
0805	Col March approved 376th movement back across canal as soon as reconnaissance is completed.
0825	Col March called 376th for displacement plans. Told them we would build up ammunition for next job.
0825	A parachute found to be booby-trapped at 657547 - reported by Lt Leach through British channels.
0830	Col March stated that artillery preparations for 504th crossing of WAAL will be by British Artillery.
0835	Col March saw Col d'Alessio.
0835	Col March off to see Col Tucker. Lt Col Wright and Brigadier Phipps. CRA (British)
0835	Lt O'Neill arrived at CP. Said that enemy guns that were shelling their position and were out of their range. Col Smiley advised we had no contact with our cub planes.
0850	376th phoned and said that they knocked down three ey planes. Pilot bailed out of one plane.
0855	Col Todd 319th to CP.
0855	376th phoned and need more wire. Col Smiley told Capt Raibl to check and see if he couldn't help them.
0855	Col Todd said his battalion was strafed yesterday.
0900	Capt Raibl reported to Col Smiley that the 376th wire shortage was taken care of.
0910	Capt Fraser 456th F A Battalion at CP.
0925	Col Todd left CP.
0935	Col d'Alessio and Lt O'Neill left CP.
1025	Col Smiley left for Division CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1030	Capt Luce and Capt Monger, 320th in to CP.
1035	Col Smiley returned to CP.
1040	376th reports it can not displace so will remain in present position which is secure.
1115	Capt Luce and Capt Monger left CP.
1300	376th has found some German Ammunition. Major Hart suggested that they check with Ordnance to find out if this ammunition could be used on our 75mm howitzers
1310	Germans captured some of our paratroopers, took their uniforms and then released them.
1315	Two prisoners of war interrogated separately stated a battery of 105mm guns were in position at 805561.
1320	Major Hart went to Ordnance to check on the German Ammunition.
1325	Enemy counter attacked at RJ 722515.
1350	Col March at Division CP.
1355	Major Silvey (319th) in to CP.
1400	Col March returned to CP.
1522	Enemy cub plane (unmarked) flying around area of 320th Notified Division.
1710	Resupply dropped at DZ "O"
1720	Col March to Division.
1720	British reports our troops have reached North end of Nijmegen bridge.
1725	Col March returned from Division.
1840	Col March to Division.
1850	Col March returned.
1940	General Gavin requests that all artillery be prepared to fire south and south west by day light.
1950	Grenadier Guards have contacted our troops across bridge at 716632.
2000	Enemy break-through reported by 508th at 754606.
2000	456th reports tanks on their right flank. Division thinks they are British.
2000	320th and 376th given orders to displace at approximately 1930.
2045	Col Smiley and Capt Noyer to Div
2045	Three Tiger Tanks 1 Battalion and 2 companys with SP guns moved in from Germany SE of Arnhem toward NIJMEGEN Secret Dutch telephone.
2100	320th ordered to displace south to old position. Vicinity of 732546.

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2100	Major Champlin 376th to CP.
2110	376th to displace south to reinforce fires of 456th and direct support of 1st Bn 505th Inf.
2125	Major Champlin departed from CP for reconnaissance.
2155	Col d'Alessio in CP. Discussed defensive organization for night and plan for attack tomorrow morning.
2205	Col Wright and Capt Manning at CP to discuss defensive organization and spotting of observers for tomorrow's attack. Col Wright said his battalion was ready to displace and would do so at once despite road clogged with tanks.
2205	Call from division giving location of German 6th Parachute Division Headquarters - coordinates 818537 and requested fire. S-3 requested fire from medium artillery of Guards Armored Division (British)
2223	Col d'Alessio departed from CP returning to unit stopping at 505th on his way.
2225	Col Wright & Capt Manning left for their unit.
	21 September D plus 4
0130	Advanced echelon of 376th in new position - msg from CO.
0700	376th reported in position at 720549.
0900	Checker reports MG fire SE of position. British tanks also reported there.
0950	84th British regiment (medium) and 43rd British Division Artillery both reinforcing our fires.
0950	Major Sedgwick of 413rd SP battery (25 pounders) to see Col Smiley on situation. The battery is attached to Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Regiment which is attached to the Division.
0950	Enemy front lines at 770593-766588-776576-772568-863556.
1015	Lt Leach departed (Ln. O. 84th RA Regt.) for unit.
1025	Capt Stafford-Waters arrived to relieve Lt Scotney as Ln Officer from Guards Armored Divisional Artillery and left temporarily to have repairs made on radio.
1100	Col March to visit British CRA.
1120	Col d'Alessio departed to his unit.
1210	Capt Stafford-Waters returned to CP.
1225	British artillery short of ammunition due to counter attack by enemy which cut their supply route.
1240	456th S-2 reported in to see S-2 on situation.
1250	Col March returned to CP.
1250	320th S-3 called. Their CP hit by shell. Injured several of their personnel; shell evidently a stray, passed over CP.

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1345	Col March requested British Ln Officer to get a Cub up to observe enemy troops moving north.
1355	84th Medium (british) will support 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry vice 319th, who will be relieved upon British taking over.
1400	Major Lancey & Capt Luce 320th at CP
1500	Capt Connelly 319th at CP
1510	Major Lancey & Capt Luce left CP
1525	Capt Connelly left CP
1545	Lt Col Hunt CO of 64th Medium Regiment arrived to be Liaison officer for XXX Corps to Division Artillery
1555	325th will be delayed 24 hours. There will be an air supply of rations at 1700 (No ammunition)
1610	Two survey officers from British Survey Regiment in to CP. Will contact our battalion Survey Officers and furnish them with whatever control they need in addition to our 1/25,000 maps.
1620	Lt Corrigan arrived at CP. Advised his plane (cub) was located in a field at 701579.
1620	Col March told Lt Corrigan to bring rest of planes to same field in the morning.
1705	Col March to 319th and 456th FA tanking a British Observer to each unit.
1715	Col Griffith to CP
1720	Col March left for battalions.
1740	Major Balfour from British Survey Regiment in for location of units and situation plans to establish sound and flash OP's.
1742	Col March returned to CP
1743	Major Balfour left CP for unit.
1915	Lt Scotney left CP--Mission completed.
2020	Polish Brigade dropped NW Of ELST this afternoon.

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	21 Sept D plus 4
2030	From NE into WYLER, flash lights seen and motors heard on road. Reported by 508th
2030	(505) captured 7 German paratroopers unarmed in REITHORST.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (728586) Direct support 508 & 2nd Bn 505. 320th (733545) Gen. support. 376th (720549) Reinforcing 456 & direct support 1 Bn 505. 456th (749539) Direct support 505. (Liaison with 84th Med. Rgt (Br) which is reinforcing Div Arty fire)
	22 Sept D plus 5
0720	319th lacking S-2 Officer. Capt Cargile did not come. Sgt not present. Corporal only functioning S-2.
0900	Message from Maj Norton G-3: Coldstream Guards are relieved from attachment with this Division effective, now.
0950	Col March to Div
1000	Capt Lala in CP. Said planes were at (686538) Can't fly this morning because of fog. Present now are Lt. Corrigan, Lt. Gariglietti, Lt. Morgan, Lt. Hathaway and Mechanic T/4 Boss. Plus 5 Cub planes (#57-Letter A-J)
1020	Capt Lala briefed above personnel as to situation.
1025	Lt. Gariglietti out to 456th. Lt. Corrigan out to 320th. Lt. Hathaway out to 376th. Lt. Morgan out to 319th.
1035	Col March to 320th.
1045	Chap Reid to 456th & 307th Medics.
1045	Maj Hart to G-1
1055	Brig Phipps at CP to get situation from S-3.
1055	Col Smiley returns to CP.
1110	Brig Phipps left the area.
1145	Col Perry CO 73rd A/T Regiment, 30th Corp and Major Hemelryk second in command to see Col March. Has several batteries of 17 pounders. Due in tonight.
1155	Col Perry will advise when batteries arrive.
1155	325th will not arrive today because of Air Corps losses sustained yesterday at ELST while dropping Polish Airborne troops.
1208	Col Whitton of 4th Survey Regt. arrived at CP to discuss survey.
1225	Col Todd at CP
1235	Col Griffith at CP.

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1310		Received copy of operation instructions to CO of 508th and 504th and Royals.
1400		Col Smiley & Capt Noyer to all Battalions.
1400		Maj Hart to G-4.
1400		Col Griffith left CP.
1550		Maj Hart returned to CP.
1530		504th Inf receiving arty fire from behind. Checked all our units. None firing. Turned over to British units (thru LN Off) for further checking. Nothing so far.
1630		Col Hunt returned to 30th Corps. Will be relieved by another officer. We can still get fire from 84th thru Capt Waters (Temporarily)
1635		Maj Scannell and Capt Carr of 462d Btry. 86th Field (Br) S/P guns 25 pdrs into CP. Advise that 124th and 7th batteries on way. Should arrive by tomorrow. 8 guns per btry, 24 available tomorrow when balance arrive.
1635		Capt Carr to remain as Ln Officer. Maj Scammell temporarily replacing Col Hunt.
1635		462d Btry in position at Sq. (6957) will reinforce our fire.
1700		Col March returned to CP.
1800		Col March to C/S office Div for meeting.
1805		Col Smiley and Capt Noyer returned to CP from battalions.
1900		G-3 reports arty firing on our troops at (76[illegible]). Checked with British and our units.
1920		British report SS troops fighting at (72496852).
1920		Maj Scammell (Br) arty reported in to relieve Col Hunt as Ln Off.
1935		S-2 reports Charcoal firing at 88mm at (77955515)
2130		To all Battalions: Slidex message not expected tomorrow.
2135		Capt Gilbert of Ranger Sound Unit reported two enemy field guns firing at (77875903) not fired at as we have patrols in area.
2200		Capt Noyer left CP for Div CP for G-3 reports.
2220		Capt Noyer returned to CP.
2359		Div Arty Status: 319th (728586) Direct support 508 and 2nd Bn 505 320th (733545) General support 376th (720549) Reinforcing 456 and direct support 1st Bn 505 456th (749539) Direct support 505
		23 Sept D plus 6
0555		Radio operator reported balance of 86th British FA now arrived making total 86th FA of 24 guns.

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0830	Capt Furman (British) at CP.
0835	Artillery fire on Infantry troops and Lorries at (802655)
0840	Capt Furman left CP.
0845	British Ln Officer reported that one Btry will fire on (80356125) and 1 Btry will fire on (80206182)
0910	319th reported high velocity ey guns at (783612) 319th fired on them.
0930	Friendly fire has been falling at (777615) Col Smiley ordered all units not to fire in that area until clearance was given.
0930	Armor has pushed through and now have supplies through to the 1st Airborne troops.
0935	British 43d Div has crossed river East of Arnhem. All arty was notified.
1000	Col d(Alessio at CP.
1000	508th has reached its objective and is consolidating its position.
1000	376th status changed to include direct support of 1st and 2nd Bns. of 505th. Still reinforcing 456th.
1005	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1030	Col Smiley left for Division.
1045	Col Smiley returned to CP
1145	Brig Rawlins CRA. 30th Corps Arty in to see Col March. Brig Rawlins said that the 43rd Div would attack by 1230 today. The bridgehead at NIJMEGEN held by 1st Brigade at present. The following arty units can still help us out: 1 Btry of 86th FA; 10 Guns of 84th Med.; 1 Btry of 147th. If Gen Gavin wants 1 Btry 12th S/P 17 pounders have him refer to Gen Browning as this is Corps Reserve. Capt Waters informed Brig Rawlins that the Rangers were furnishing observers for 84th firing this morning. The 7th Med. are cut off to the South and are shooting their way in. Between UDEN and VAGO the Germans got in with 2000 Inf. and attacked yesterday. 101st A/B and British are coming up. Probably won't be in until tomorrow. Ammunition Convoy ordered by Brig Rawlins for us will be given priority after the break through.
1145	Message to Div G-3. Status of 376th changed from reinforcing 456th incl direct support of 1st Bn 505 to reinforce 456th FA incl direct support 1st and 2nd Bns. 505. Signed by Col Smiley.
1205	Major Hart to Div G-1 & G-4.
1215	Major Scammell in CP gave following resume' of current British Arty available.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1215	British Artillery:

"AVAILABLE"

Unit	NO. Guns	Type
462 Btry of 86th Fld.	8	25pdrs.
373rd) Btries 439th) of 55th 378th) Field	24	25pdrs.
250th Btry of 84th Med Field	8	(5.5" or 4.5")
1 Btry of 147th Fld.	8	25pdrs.

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341st Btries 342nd of 86th Fld	16	25pdrs.
1 Btry 7th Med Fld	8	(5.5" or 4.5")
* 124th F. Regt	24	25pdrs.
251st Btry 84th Med Fld	8	(5.5" or 4.5")

* Also in direct support of 69th Infantry Brigade 50th Div.

1220	Major Hart returned to CP.
1300	Lt Weil returned from Sherwood Ranger CP.
1423	Capt Thain 456th S-3 arrived at CP.
1423	Capt Floyd. 456th at CP.
1450	Col Perry arrived at CP.
1455	Col March and Col Perry to Div G-3.
1500	Col March returned to CP.
1510	Chap Reid returned from 456th.
1515	Maj Hart to G-3 & G-1.
1545	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1602	Col d'Alessio at CP. Lt O'Neill at CP.
1610	Lt. O'Neill left CP.
1702	Col Griffith at CP.
1740	Maj Silvey at CP.
1750	Col Griffith left CP.
1815	Maj Silvey left CP.
1830	Col Wright at CP.
1845	Col Wright left CP.
1905	Gen Gavin called Col March for a conference at his CP tent.
1930	Col March returned to CP.
1947	Col Wright arrived at CP.
1947	Col March instructed Col Wright as follows: 320th will be in direct support of the 325th reinforced by the 376th. At present the 376th is reinforcing and in direct support of the 1st and 2nd Bns. and the 456th in direct support

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	of the third Bn. If CO 325 accepts that picture leave it that way with you in direct support of that Bn. Be prepared to move in the morning. 456th must not move out entirely until you're in. 456th will move at first light. You can call thru us to reinforce your fires with British Artillery.
1950	Col d'Alessio arrived at CP.
2000	Col March instructed Col d'Alessio as follows: 505th is going to take over the area to the North of NIJMEGEN. 65th Brigade is moving to ARNHEM. 325th is relieving the 505th. 320th is going to occupy your position and will relieve you in the morning. As soon as they go in (btry by btry) and acknowledge they are ready to fire and Ln. Officers and Observers established, you will move North. Report to us in the morning as to your position.
2010	Capt Barrett, 376th representing Col Griffith into see Col March.
2012	Col Perry to see Col March.
2015	Col Wright & d'Alessio left CP.
2015	Col March told Capt Barrett situation for 376th is unchanged. Capt Barrett left CP.
2020	Col Perry advised Col March that he secured a btry of 4 guns S/P A/T Corps Reserve M-10's for us. It is not attached to us but willbbe in the area for our use. The M-10's were due in at first light and will be here no later than 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Col Perry wanted to know how our Armor (7th) would be employed in the event of a Panzer attack. Col March didn't know but suggested he contact G-3.
2005	Col Perry left to see Col Singleton, Div AT Officer
2025	Maj Hart's instructions on Battalions movement: 376th to send 10 Jeeps and 4 trailers to 320th at 0600. 319th directed to send 10 Jeeps and 8 trailers to 456th at 0600. Jeeps sent to 320th will be used by 456th after 320th has moved. All returned to original units after the battalions are in new positions.
2310	Message through British radio that FO asked for by Col March will be here at 0730 tomorrow morning.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (728586) Direct support 508th. 320th (733545) General support of Div. 376th (720549) Reinforce 456th including direct support 1st and 2nd Bns. 505th 456th 749539) Direct support 3rd Bn 505th.
	24 Sept D plus 7
0733	Capt Robertson at CP. He is the Liaison Officer with the 456th in the next move.
0825	4 Howitzers, 105 and 3 Howitzers, 75; arrived by truck. This completes our necessary 48 guns.
0915	Capt Monger at CP.
0935	Capt Lala to air strip.
0935	Information note on British units 413th S/P Btry 25 pdrs.

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	8 Guns CO Maj Sedgewick of Sherwood Rangers 84th Fld Regt (Med) 24 Guns attached to 1st Gds Div in support of us CO
0950	Col March left CP for Div.
1000	Col March returned to CP.
1015	Col March left CP for G-4
1030	Col March returned to CP.
1057	Col March to 456th.
1058	320th in position-registered and ready to fire.
1110	456th line OK and have changed position and will not send overlay.
1110	Lt French left CP.
1125	Capt Bedingfield at CP about water tanks on wagons.
1149	Lt Stroman here questioning movement of jeeps and trailers between battalions.
1200	Guards Armored Div. (Br) began reinforcing 456th fires.
1205	Maj Lancey to CP to check situation. Also Capt Luce.
1230	376th relieved of reinforcing 456th and relieved of direct support of 1st & 2nd Bn 505th. 84th Med Regt relieved of reinforcing 456th. 456th in direct support of 505th.
1235	Col March returned to CP.
1235	Lt Sullivan to Engrs Map Depot and 376th
1255	Maj Lancey and Capt Luce left CP.
1330	Capt Leptunic Air Ln Officer with Div in CP in reference t to bombing and strafing of area.
1350	456th closed in new area (684622). All transportation left for 376th
1410	Col Fanshawe new Ln Officer to see Col March He will substitute for Col Hunt.
1415	Maj Hart to Div CP
1420	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1425	Div Arty CP to move at 1500.
1620	Col March left to go to forward CP then to 320th & 376th.
1630	Maj Hart left CP going to forward position.
1645	OP 1 closed to new position.
1725	Capt Hufford & Capt Noyer left old CP for new position.
1805	Col March arrived at CP from forward position.
1815	Col March left CP for forward position.
1830	CP opened at new location (704586)

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2315	Lt Stevens liaison representative of 84th Med at CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Reinforcing 320th including direct support 1st & 2nd Bn 325th 320th (74895392) Direct support of 325th 376th (not rept) Direct support of 504th. 456th (68136237) Direct support of 505th. Guards Armored Div Arty reinforcing fires.
	25 Sept - D plus 8
0130	Gen Gavin called to ask about artillery fire going on
0730	British Situation: 84th Med 1 Btry 25.1 8 Guns (5.5) 86th Regt 2 Btries 25pdrs 16 Guns (462341)
0815	Col March to see Gen Gavin.
0845	Col March informed Col Griffith by telephone that he is new Div Arty Executive Officer and to turn his Bn over to Maj Neptune and report at the CP.
0910	Capt Lala at CP.
0930	Capt Lala left CP with instructions for Air OP.
1010	Capt Carr, 86th F Regt (Br Ln Off) to 320th. in CP to get instructions from Maj Scammell.
1100	Col Griffith reported for duty as Executive Officer of Div Arty
1110	Maj Edwards arrived at CP.
1245	Maj Hart returned from visiting all Battalions.
1300	Received Div Hq list of individuals buried in Div cemetary. Dated 23rd Sept.
1325	Col Griffith suggested Bns send in fire possibilities Chart.
1410	456th reports friendly fire falling at (740650) in the Southwesterly direction. All arty units were checked including British. Nothing so far.
1430	Enemy tanks and troops at WYLER.
1445	Col March sent for Capt Lala and gave him some new instructions.
1455	Lt French left for 320th
1640	Ey planes over CP area.
1705	Major Silvey at CP.
1745	Major Silvey departed from CP.
1745	Maj Scammell & Col Fanshawe at CP.
1750	Maj Scammell & Col Fanshawe left CP.

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	25 September D plus 8
1750	Lt French returns to CP
1750	Capt Noyer to G-3.
1820	Capt Lefever, 376th to see Maj Hart.
1930	Nebelwerfer shell fragments received from 319th.
2020	British OP with 376th got a direct hit (Mortar). 1 EM killed and 3 EM wounded.
2025	Capt Farmer, Br Ln Off Med Arty with 320th, at CP. He was under the impression that the 320th didn't need him anymore. Also communication was bad. Col March instructed him to return to the 320th.
2125	Maj Hart back from G-4. Request for 1500 rds of ammunition was approved by Corps. Will get same tomorrow.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Reinforce 320th incl direct support of 1st & 2nd Bn of the 325th. 320th (749539) Direct support of the 325th. 376th (732586) Direct Support of 504th. 456th (685622) Direct Support of 505th.
	26 September D plus 9
0930	British Units: 86th Field Regt 24 guns 3 Btries 84th Med Regt 251 Btry 8 guns.
0930	Col March to British Corps Arty.
1010	Col Smiley left CP for 456th.
1110 to 1115	Ey planes over CP area.
1118	Capt Lifset, 407th QM called Lt French. He wants one (1) officer from each unit at Grave Bridge this afternoon at 1300 to guide in seaborne element. Lt French contacted all Bns.
1145	Col d'Alessio, Lt O'Neill & Lt Sharkey at CP
1215	Col d'Alessio, Lt O'Neill, & Lt Sharkey left CP
1230	Col Smiley returned to CP
1230	Col March returned to CP
1315	British Ack Ack or fighters shot down three ME 109's that came over CP area.
1340	Chap Reid left for 456th and 320th.
1415	Guards Div Arty relieved of reinforcing 456th.
1435	Cub Plane shot down about 1330. Flyers were wounded by enemy ME's fire. (Lt Gargiliettí, pilot and Lt Aiken, observer)
1600	Col Reichle (18th Corps Arty Exec) reported to CP. Travelled in seaborne echelon on detached service per order 18th Corps C O.

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1640	Ey aircraft over CP area.
1715	Maj Wilcoxson (with seaborne echelon) arrived at CP.
1745	Ey aircraft over CP area.
1800	Last of seaborne echelon closed in CP area: 3 Officers, 11 Enlisted Men, 5 trucks, (2½) 5 trailers, (1 ton) 2 Weapon Carriers (3/4 Ton).
1820	Col Wright at CP to see Col Smiley.
1900	Col Wright left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Reinforcing the fires of the 320th also direct support of the 1st & 2nd Bns of 325th. 320th (749539) Direct support of the 325th. 376th (732586) Direct support 504th. 456th (685622) Direct support of the 505th.
	27 September D plus 10
0800	Col March to 319th.
0800	Maj Hart to G-4.
0820	Gen Benchly, 8th Arty Corp Commander at CP.
0830	Maj Hart returned from G-4.
0940	Col March returned to CP.
0950	The Royal Dragoons were identified in our area. Col March asked Maj Scammell about it and he said that as far as he knew, they were not supposed to be in our area.
1010	Col March to Div.
1020	Col March returned to CP.
1025	Chap Reid to 456th.
1130	British Units: 1 Btry 84th-251 Btry 8 guns (5.5") 86th Field Regt 3 Btries 341-342-462- 24 guns 25 pdrs.
1145	Chap Reid returned to area.
1245	50 Tanks reported by Dutch source travelling west headed for Zyfflich (785598). Cub dispatched-Still waiting.
1315	Chap Reid to 307th Medics and then to the Div Cemetary. He will return at 0530.
1425	Lt Hathaway, cub pilot and Lt Walsworth, observer at CP to see S-3 regarding the 50 tanks (see above). State they saw 5. Air Corps was contacted and they are flying this mission at approximately 1600.
1445	Col Smiley to Div.
1500	Col Griffith to 376th.
1505	Col Smiley returned to CP from Div.

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1505	Received Field Memo #3 from Div dated 27 Sept regarding I Salvage of Air Corps Equipment. II Civilian Traffic.
1525	Lt Ishee, 320th AOP observer (See above item 50 tanks) Observed 6 or 7 tanks.
1600	Col Todd at CP.
1600	Lt Oswell, 376th new S-2, to see S-2.
1620	Air OP reported that the 50 tanks reported near Zyfflich are still there.
1645	Gen Taylor, CG 101st A/B Div in to see Col March.
1647	Typhoons will be over Zyfflich in 3 minutes. (re to 50 tanks).
1648	Gen Taylor left CP for Nijmegen.
1740	84th Med FA is being replaced by 7th Med, tomorrow.
2005	376th reports civilian evacuation of Wyler. May signify attack.
2240	Call from G-2: Bomb that had previously landed in 320th area was a light demolition type bomb.
2400	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Reinforcing the fires of the 320th also direct support of 1st and 2nd Bns of 325th. 320th (749539) Direct Support of the 325th. 376th (732586) Direct support of the 504th. 456th (685622) Direct Support of the 505th.
	28 September 1944 D plus 11
0500	Div G-2 reported that part of 504th was being shelled by mortars and Arty from across the Waal Canal from vicinity of factory area.
0600	Counter attack reported in vicinity of Wyler and South East of same.
0650	Ey aircraft overhead. They are being fired on by British Ack ack-Air OP says one plane is going down. Possibly dropped a few small bombs in vicinity.
0745	The ey just dropped a few bombs in vicinity.
0800	Ey personnel bombs dropped in Div Area. (holes in 80th AA's tent)
0800	Sgt Bays, Hq Btry, injured by anti personnel bombs that were dropped in area.
0815	456th reports anti personnel bombs dropped in their area.
0920	A British observer at 376th reports ey tanks and troops at 776616.
1040	Maj Neptune, at CP. He had some new kind of bomb in area. It's like anti personnel bombs. They explode and then a lot of little projectiles scatter over the area.
1110	Col March returned from Div. He said that Division thinks that we've been spotted.

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1110	Col March directed that 456th CO go on reconnaissance for new position.
1125	Col Reichle left CP for 101st A/B Div Hq.
1145	Col Perry at CP.
1220	Lt Ishee, 320th AOP observer at CP, reported to S-3 & left.
1240	Chap Reid to 24th Gen Hosp at Brussels (Driver T/5 Martin)
1247	Capt Bedingfield at CP & left shortly.
1320	Col d'Alessio at CP.
1325	Col Wright & Capts Manning & Monger at CP & staff officers.
1335	Col March called meeting of Bn Commanders of 320th & 456th and instructed them as follows: We are to hold our present position as the British attack thru us to the East. After the attack starts a Corps will come up below us and unless there is an emergency will remain there silent. Col d'Alessio will reconnoiter at approximately (725595735600). The 456th will reinforce the fires of the 376th remaining in direct support of the Bn of 505th remaining in the line. 456th will put a liaison officer with the 376th. 456th will go into position immediately but keep one battery in the old position until set up. The 319th should be able to support the 508th right from where they are. The 320th will move back to their old position and their situation will remain unchanged until further notice. The 319th will reinforce the 320th until the 505th moves up into the line. Col Smiley requested fire plans immediately so that a coordinated fire plan can be made up. General Instructions: Turn in all parachutes. No destruction of chutes or gliders. No private dwellings are to be occupied.
1400	Col Griffith to hospital. Will be gone 5 or 6 hours.
1415	Col Frenshaw British 86th Field at CP and left shortly.
1535	Officer from G-3 to see Col Smiley.
1618	Col March to 30th Corp area.
1620	British Arty Status: 86th Field Regt 2 Btries 25 pdrs 7th Med Regt 8 45's and 8 55's, 1 Btry of each 4 guns 155 (1 Btry of Heavies)
1725	Air Observer from 376th reported in to Col Smiley.
1810	Col March returned to CP.
1815	Col Griffith returned to CP from hospital.
1845	320th in position and ready to fire at (732549)
1930	My aircraft in vicinity are dropping bombs and are being fired on by British Ack Ack.
2000	Col Young, 52d Air Landing Corps, at CP and saw Col March.
2010	Col Young left CP.
2015	My aircraft over head again. They are being fired on by British Ack Ack.
2135	My Aircraft over CP area.

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2135	Ey aircraft dropped anti personnel bombs in 320th area. No casualties reported.
2200	Ey aircraft over CP area.
2220	Ey aircraft over CP area.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct Support 508th and reinforcing 320th 320th (732545) Hq CP. Direct support of 325th. 376th (732586) Direct Support 504th. 456th (730596) Gen Support and reinforcing the 376th.
	29 September D plus 12
0015	420mm cannon and other guns reported at these coord by PW (811613) (820612) 784612)
0110	Arty falling short at (768528) (771526)
0200	Arty falling short at (768528)
0325	Friendly Arty falling again in 320th area.
0645	Air OP going up.
0655	Col March reported that both of Nijmegen bridges were bombed last night.
0815	Maj Norton, G-3 at CP.
0820	Col Griffith stated a change of plan: 505th moves to Groesbeek-456th in direct support of 376th.
0935	Officer from G-3 at CP (regarding air support) for today.
0935	Maj Norton left CP.
0945	Col d'Alessio at CP.
0955	Col March left CP for Div.
1000	Capt Bedingfield at CP and saw Col Griffith. He left shortly.
1020	Col Griffith left CP for Div G-2 & 3.
1020	456th and 319th relieved of secondary mission of reinforcing the fires of 376th and 320th respectively.
1025	Col March returned to Div Arty CP.
1030	Col Griffith returned from Div.
1035	Ey aircraft over CP area.
1050	Observer reported in from 319th to Capt Hufford.
1145	Col Smith British CO of 7th Med FA at CP.
1155	Col Smith left CP.
1215	Lt Walsworth, 376th AOP reported to S-3.
1230	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill at CP.
1235	Lt Walsworth left CP
1240	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill left CP.

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1245	Chap Reid to 376th & 319th.
1300	Col Young at CP & left shortly.
1305	Line with 456th is out, but we have direct communication.
1315	Col Todd at CP.
1315	Lt Clarry, 456th AOP observer reported to S-3 & left.
1355	Col Todd left CP.
1355	Maj McFadden at CP and saw Col March & Maj Scammell. Going into position vicinity of 376th.
1410	319th relieved of secondary mission of reinforcing 320th. 456th relieved of secondary mission of reinforcing 376th. Status of all arty Bns now in direct support of respective regiments.
1535	Lt Oswell at CP and left.
1535	456th closed in new area. Message received by Col Griffith.
1845	Col Fanshawe at CP with 30th Corp Operation Order #22 for Col March.
1935	Col Fanshawe left CP.
1940	Col March to Div G-3.
2120	Col March returned from Div.
2145	Query about firing 40 rds per gun of British Medium in support of 320th firing in the morning. Decided to cut it to 10 rds, per gun as they are rationed 50 rds per gun a day.
2145	By aircraft in vicinity.
2359	Anti Mortar target at "P" Btry.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) DS of 508th 320th (732545) DS of 325th 376th (732586) DS of 504th 456th (745555) DS of 505th
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0845	Col Fanshawe at CP & left.
1000	Chap Reid to all Bns to arrange Sunday Services.
1010	British Arty Status: 86th Field Regt 25 pdrs 16 guns 2 Btries (341-462) 147th Field Regt 25 pdrs 8 guns 1 Btry (413) 7th Med Regt Btry 25/26 (5.5") 8 guns, Btry 27/28 (4.5") 8 guns. 52nd Heavy Regt 419th Btry 4 guns (155mm)
1010	Col March to all Bns in order 319th, 320th, 456th and 376th.
1010	Lt Miller, 319th pilot and Lt Velasco 319th observer, reported to S-3 and left.
1015	Col Griffith to G-2 and G-3.
1020	Capts Cargyle and Hawkins of 319th to see S-2.

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1050	Capts Cargyle & Hawkins left CP.
1100	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1105	Maj McFadden of British Radar Btry to see Col Smiley. Have located mortars.
1115	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP observer reported to S-3 & left.
1120	Col Todd at CP.
1140	Col Todd left CP.
1230	Col Griffith left for Div.
1235	Col March returned to CP then departed for Div.
1245	Col March returned from Div.
1247	Col Griffith returned from G-3.
1248	Brig Mears, 3rd Div CRA CO, at CP and saw Col March.
1318	Col Griffith to British Radar installation.
1330	Brig Mears & Col March left CP.
1335	Lt Foster 456th AOP Observer reported to S-2 & left.
1345	Lt O'Neill & Lt Strahlendorf at CP to see S-2 on situation & left shortly.
1400	Lt Cook 319th observer, and Lt Moorehead pilot, reported to S-2 & left.
1430	Col Todd at CP
1430	Cols Todd & Smiley to C/S tent about expected attack
1435	Lt Roberts at CP to see Capt Hufford and left shortly.
1445	Col Smiley returned to CP.
1500	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1500	Brig Rawlins at CP talked with Col Griffith & Col Smiley.
1500	Brig Rawlins said they were short on ack ack ammo. 10 rds per gun (40 guns) Select 4 targets for ack ack on call fire 1000 yds from nearest troops. Counterbattery to be fired tonight and time later. Brig Rawlins told Maj Scammell to work up harrassing fire program and work in with CB Btry.
1500	8 fixed Btries (ey) spotted around aerial photos. Will be given counter battery ½ hr. 30 field rds per gun if the attack starts plus 20 med rds per gun. If not tonight harrass 40 rds field 60 med all night. 234 Btry priority to 82 for 24 hrs.

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1535	Brig Rawlins & aide left CP.
1540	Brig Mears at CP to see Col Fanshawe.
1545	Col Griffith reported 16,000 men & 100 tanks in possible attack.
1550	Col Griffith told Lt French to call Bns and tell them to draw 1000 rds of HE per Bn immediately.
1555	Brig Mears left CP.
1555	Col Smiley to G-3 for meeting.
1600	Col March to G-3
1610	Maj Neptune at CP.
1610	Five copies of situation as of 30 Sept 1500 received from G-3
1615	Col Wright & Capt Manning at CP.
1620	Lt Foster 456 AOP observer reported to S-3 and left.
1620	Col Griffith returned to CP
1620	Cols March & Smiley returned to CP.
1623	Cols Todd & d'Alessio at CP.
1624	Col March: "A probable attack will be made tonight or tomorrow morning by 16,000 troops and 100 tanks. ie 1 Inf Div, 1 Div formed from the 9th, 18th and 14th Divs." Col Griffith: "No one knows the direction of attack except that it will be in either the 325 sector or the 504 sector. Gen Gavin instructed the inf that they would not under any circumstances abandon their positions, but stay even if tanks came thru. We have our own arty plus the British outfits: 86th Field Regt; 7th Med Regt (1 Btry 4.5-5.5- & 1.5); certain portions of the 84th Regt and 64th Med: Guards Armored Arty & 10 Btrys of heavy ack ack (4 guns ea) The mediums have for the pre attack barrage 20 rds per gun; The field regts 30 rds per gun. If this does not break up the attack the med regts have 60 rds & Field Regts 40 rds. We have moved up in our rear the 3rd Div which will be in there early in the morning to resist if they break thru. We have ordered 1000 rds per Bn moved to your positions. We are making up (with the British) a complete fire plan which we will get you on before you go. We will hit the few logical approaches these tanks can take. No air support at all tonight!" Col March: "Have observers on the alert to call for defensive fires. Alert the British personnel attached to you. You all have at least one radar outfit fixed on mortars. Bn CO's will give all their information on likely approaches to Col Smiley now, before you leave & make any changes later.
1640	CO's gave S-3 plans, for fire.
1640	Battalion Commanders left CP for their respective units.

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1645	Telephone call from A/B Corps saying that 79th Field Regt comes under Col Marche' Command. No one seems to know when they'll be here or how to communicate with them. Col Fanshawe has sent a messenger down to their area to try and contact them. Col Fanshawe has a position ready for them. Col Fanshawe thinks that they are on the move again. 79th is still under Corp and we see no need for them here.
1800	Col Smith, from British Airborne at CP to see British liaison officers.
1840	Chap Reid returned to area.
1840	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct Support of 508th 320th (733544) Direct support of 325th 376th (730586) Direct Support of 504th 456th (745555) Direct Support of 505th
1840	British Arty Status: 86th Field Regt 16 guns 25 pdrs, 147th Field Btry 8 guns 25 pdrs; 7 Med Regt 8 (4.5") 8 (5.5") 4 (155mm): 64 Med Regt 8 (4.5"); 84 Med Regt 8 (4.5") 8 (5.5"); 100 Bde H. AA 40 (3.7") for harrassing fires only. British Arty which may be available during the night but will be in position by first light: 153 Field Regt 16 guns 25 pdrs; 79 Field Regt 24 guns 25 pdrs.
1855	Lt Logeman 320th AOP observer reported to S-2 & left.
1915	Ey aircraft over CP area.
1915	Lt Walsworth, 376th AOP observer reported no ey activity to S-3 & left.
1920	British Capt to see Col Fanshawe.
1935	Col Winton at CP to see Col Smiley.
1955	Col Winton left CP.
2010	Col York to see Col Fanshawe.
2015	Capt Raibl to see Col Smiley.
2030	Capt Raibl left CP
2230	Col Fanshawe left CP.
2300	Capt Hughes, Ln Off from 79th Field Regt at CP & left shortly.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct Support of the 508th. 320th (733544) Direct Support of the 325th 376th (730586) Direct Support of the 504th 456th (745555) Direct Support of the 505th.
	1 October D plus 14
2400	Large scale attack of tanks and Inf at (745510) (746511).
1000	307 Eng reports 10 duds & 6 live rds in their area. Luminous barrels (50 gals) coming down the river. (phoned to G-2)
0355	307 Eng reports civilian wire tapped on their lines.

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0535	Maj Girard Div G-3 to see Col Smiley on situation.
0940	Chap Reid to 319, 320, 456, & Div Cemetary.
1010	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer reported to S-3 on flight, & left.
1035	Col March to 319th & 320th.
1050	Lt Corrigan at CP with report.
1050	Lt Corrigan left CP.
1052	AOP reports smoke in Reichs wald forest. Does not look like camp fires.
1130	Col Winton to see Col Smiley
1145	Col Winton left CP.
1156	Maj Bedell, British at CP.
1205	Col March returned to CP.
1215	Maj Bedell left CP.
1230	Ey tanks reported in woods at (743545).
1330	Col March & Gen Browning (air corp commander) to inapect all Bns.
1400	153rd Field Regt, British reinforcing 456th.
1410	376th Air observer at CP to report on his flight.
1500	Brig Mears, 3rd Br Inf Div, at CP with plans for 325th attack (2 Oct 1944)
1535	Lt Foster, 456th at CP to tell S-2 the situation.
1547	Lt Foster left CP.
1615	Lt O'Neill at CP & left shortly.
1620	Maj Silvey at CP
1627	Lt Cook, 319th Air OP reported to S-2.
1630	Lt Cook left CP.
1625	Maj Silvey left CP.
1625	Col Ackins, CO 153rd Test Field Regt at CP
1635	Received patrol plans and overlay from Div
1645	Received Amendment #1 to RA 30 Corp Operation Instructions #22 received and operation instructions changed.
1710	Col Griffith to Div & 376th.
1730	Lt Logeman at CP
1735	Lt Logeman left CP
1830	153rd Field Arty (Br) relieved of reinforcing 456th.
1840	Col Hardy at CP for instructions.

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1845	Received 30 Corps C/B Intelligence Report 67 dated Oct 1 1600. Also 30 Corps C/B Neutralization Proj #27.
1905	Lt Frazer ASP at CP & left shortly.
1905	British Arty Status: 86 Field 2 Btries (341-462) 16 guns 25 pdrs 147 Field 1 Btry (413) 8 guns 25 pdrs 153 Field 2 Btries(131-129) 16 guns 25 pdrs. 79 Field 2 Btries (313-457) 16 guns 25 pdrs 90 Field 3 Btries (465-357-358) 24 guns 25 pdrs 7 Med 1 Btry (25/26) 8 guns 5.5"
1925	Col Griffith returned to CP.
2140	Message from CG that 79th will not move.
2345	Rocket burning at (761661) and firing.
2320	456th reports tanks at (783558) Passed on to Guards Arm'd Div by Br Ln Off.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct support of 508th 320th (733544) Direct Support of 325th 376th (730586) Direct Support of 504th 456th (745555) Direct support of 505th-7th Med (Br) reinforcing.
	2 October D plus 15
0308	Col Winieke at CP.
0310	Relay message from 456 states "I" Co, 505 needs reinforcements.
0320	Maj Norton at CP to confer with Col Smiley.
0340	Col Winieke & Maj Norton left CP.
0340	376th has been under ey arty fire since midnight. Approximately 150 rds fired in area. 3 men killed.
0455	Maj Siddel Br Ln Off, from 3rd Div Arty at CP.
0626	Tanks & Inf assembling at (77355682).
0900	6 EM (Total MG sec. minus 1 , Hq Btry) hit & injured by ey personnel Bombs.
0905	456th reported to Col March that many trees and dugouts in area were knocked down. 1 casuality.
0905	Lt Frazer ASP at CP & left shortly.
0910	Brig Mears to see Col March
0935	Brig Mears left CP
0950	Capt Cargyle at CP to see S-2 & left shortly.
0955	Lt Col Carmichael of 101 A/B Div (321 FA) at CP. Wants guide to 376th. He was instructed to move Bn into position at approximately (730598) with the mission of reinforcing the fires of the 376th.
1010	Col Griffith & Col Carmichael to 376th.
1030	7th Med (Br) relieved of reinforcing the 456th.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1030	Col Smith, British 7th Med, at CP.
1040	Col Smith left CP.
1055	TAC Air Recon report to S-2.
1100	Lt Roberts & lt Clarry 456 reported to S-2 & left.
1115	British Arty Status: 79th Field, 2 btries, 86th Field 3 Btries, 147th Field 2 Btries, 153rd Field 3 Btries, 64th Med A troop of 211 Btry, 7th Med 1 Btry (25/26) The latter two units will be used only if an emergency occurs. The following are helping 325th exclusively: 3rd Br Div 7 Field Regt 3 Btries, 33rd Field Regt 3 Btries, 76th Field 3 Btries.
1118	Col Perry, 73rd AT Regt to see Col March.
1120	Lt Frazer, ASP, reported to S-2 & left.
1145	Col Perry left CP.
1255	AOP officer (376th) at CP.
1300	Chap Reid to 376th then to 456th.
1300	AOP officer (376th) left CP.
1350	Col d'Alessio at CP to see S-1 & S-3.
1430	TAC/R Recon Report to S-2.
1440	Lt Foster 456th AOP observer reported to Col Smiley.
1445	Lt Foster left CP.
1500	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1500	Maj Furman, Div Signal officer, to see Col Smiley. He said that Div was making a fake move of radios to simulate moving of the Div. Col Smiley consulted with the British regarding about moving theirs. Decided not to move any Arty radio sets as emergency use would be more valuable then any deception.
1535	Col Young, Br 79th Field, at CP.
1537	Maj Silvey at CP to see Maj Hart.
1545	Maj Silvey left CP
1550	Col Young left CP.
1635	Col Todd at CP.
1635	Col Todd left CP.
1840	456th AOP observer and pilot at CP and made report, to S-3 & left.
1905	Ky aircraft over CP are dropping bombs north of our area.
1925	456th requests that we mass fire on a company of Inf digging in at (753513). No reports as to the effect.
2015	Col Fanshawe at CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2025	Received Situation overlays from Div
2035	Col Fanshawe said that the 84th Med Arty (Br) has lost 30 men by ey afr raids in the last 2 days.
2040	Col Fanshawe left CP.
2100	Ey aircraft over CP area.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct support of 508th 320th (732545) Direct support of 325th 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th 456th (745555) Direct support of 505th
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0020	Call from 376th that Br Radar unit was badly damaged by shells. Most of equipment & lorries were damaged. Several personnel were injured. "B" Btry of 376th was also hit.
0800	Five copies of 325th situation overlays received.
0825	376th AOP observer reported to Capt Hufford & left shortly
0950	Lt Foster 456 AOP observer reported to Capt Hufford
1000	Lt Foster left CP.
1000	Col Griffith to 376th.
1000	101st A/B/Div Arty executive in to see Col March.
1020	101st A/B Div Arty executive left CP.
1107	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1120	Lt Corrigan at CP
1125	Lt Corrigan left CP
1320	Col March to the 320th
1355	Chap Reid to 307th Medics.
1400	Capt Noyer brought Maj Elkins, CO 377th FA Bn, 101st A/B Div to CP. 377th will reinforce the fires of the 376th
1425	Capt Britton, Div G-3, at CP. Gave Col Smiley report of targets bombed today by air support. Requested that Col Smiley have cubs check results.
1425	502 (101st A/B Div) combat team relieves 506 combat team in present area. The 502 Combat Team is composed of 502 Prcht Inf, 377th Prcht FA Bn CO Maj Elkins, "C" Co of 326th A/B Engrs. The 377th replaces the 321st in present area.
1440	Col March returned to CP.
1445	Col Todd at CP to check on situation & left immediately.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1445	Received Operation Instructions dated 2 Oct 2200 hrs. "320th Glider FA Bn in gen support reinforcing the fires of 456th Prcht FA Bn effective upon completion of relief of 325th Glider Inf at (032400)
1450	Lt Borrit of 4th Survey Regt in to see if he could do any survey for us. Maj Wilcoxson said "no".
1600	Capt Lala at CP and in area.
1620	British Arty Status: 7th Field 3 Btries; 86th Field 2 Btries (341-462); 76th Field 3 Btries; 147th Field 1 Btry (413); 153rd Field 3 Btries (131-129); For emergency only: 64th Med 2 Btries; 7th Med 2 Btries (25/26-27/28)
1620	Capt Dennis, 101st A/B Div to see Capt Noyer & check on situation & left shortly.
1710	Col Fanshawe at CP with information that the Mortar Radar is completely out of action, due to ey shell fire.
1805	Lt Foster 456th AOP observer reported to Col Smiley & left.
1830	505th Patrol schedule received & given to S-2.
1900	Lt Valasco 319th AOP observer at CP, reported no ey btries firing & left shortly.
2100	Col Winieke at CP
2125	Col Winieke left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct support of 508th 320th (732545) Direct support of 325th. At 2400 will reinforce fires of 456th. (See Operation Instructions Oct 2) 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th. 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th.
	4 October D plus 17
0845	Col Sherbourne 101st A/B Div Arty Executive at CP to see Col March. Col Sherbourne said that they were taking the 377th FA away from us for new mission.
0855	Col Sherbourne left CP.
0916	Received Patrol Report from Div (508th) and gave to S-2.
1110	Chap Reid to 320th, 319th 456th & 376th.
1130	Maj Neptune at CP & left shortly.
1125	Col Griffith to 376th.
1300	Lts Corrigan & Foster at CP & reported to S-3.
1310	Lts Corrigan & Foster left CP
1325	Lt Valasco 319th AOP observer at CP, reported to S-3 & left.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1330	British Arty Status: 86 Field Btries 341-342-462 24 guns; 147 Field 1 Btry 8 guns; 7 Field 1 Btry 8 guns ; 76 Field 3 Btries 24 guns; 7 Med 40 guns) 64 Med 32 guns) Counter battery 84 Med 32 guns) only 153 Field 2 Btries 16 guns
1335	Col Todd & Capt Cargyle at CP & left shortly
1430	British & American barrage (TOT) against woods (77355680) containing 1 Bn German paratroopers and CP. 148 guns used (2 rds each).
1510	Lt Walsworth AOP officer at CP & reported on 1430 barrage Rounds landed within 3 secs. All clustered about houses.
1515	Col Griffith returned to CP
1540	Maj Norton G-3 at CP to give Col Smiley plans for next move.
1610	Capt Luce at CP to see Maj Hart.
1615	Capt Hamer 4th Survey Regt At CP to see Maj Wilcoxson.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (732547) Direct support of 508th 320th (732545) Direct Support and reinforcing the fires of 456th 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th

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0715	Maj Norton G-3 at CP
0730	Maj Norton left CP
1020	Lt O'Neill 456th at CP
1030	Col d'Alessio at CP
1040	Lt Frazer ASP at CP
1050	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill left CP.
1125	Lt Foster 456 AOP officer at CP
1150	Lt Foster left CP
1310	Col Smiley & Col Griffith to G-3.
1330	Col Smiley returned to CP
1345	Col Griffith returned to CP
1350	Col Krause is on Awards Board with Col Griffith
1400	Chap Reid to 307th Medics
1400	AOP observer from 376th reported at CP & left shortly
1405	Col Todd at CP to see Col Smiley
1415	Col Todd left CP
1430	Lt Ishee, 320th AOP observer at CP

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1430	Message from G-3: 325th will relieve 508th in latters area at 1800 hrs Oct 5th. Relief completed by 2400 hrs Oct 5th. 320th will be DS of 325th. 508th will move north of Waal & take general area of 1bde 50th Div. 319th DS of 508th (tomorrow morning)
1530	Lt Clarry 456 AOP observer reported to S-3 & left.
1530	Col March to see Brig Mears, 3rd Div.
1535	British Arty: 86 Field 413 Btry 25 pdrs; 76 Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs; 7th Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs; 153 Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs 121 Med Regt 2 Btries; 7 Med Regt 2 Btries.
1550	Capt Cargyle at CP to check on situation & left.
1645	Col March returned to CP
1620	Lt Ishee 320th AOP observer reported to S-3 & left.
1850	Col Wineike at CP to check on 508's reported counter attack
1855	Col Griffith called 320th to check on counter attack. S-3 said they would check and inform him later.
1855	Lt Foster 456 AOP reported to Maj Wilcoxson & left.
1856	Col Winton called back on counter attack. He said that it was only a small arms fire fight.
1905	Ey shells falling near CP area. Probably shells from counter battery against 121.
2000	Col March to Div G-3 for meeting
2110	Col March back from G-3. 320th will move in morning.
2359	**Div Arty Status:** 319th (732547) Direct support of 508 320th (732545) Gen support and reinforcing the fires of 456th. Reinforcement mission over at 2400. 376th (730586) DS of 504th 456th(739557) DS of 505th.

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	6 October D plus 19
0840	Col March to 320th
0850	Lt Logeman Air OP Officer 320th, at CP and reported to S-3 and left.
0900	Lt Walsworth 376th Air OP Officer reported to S-3 and left immediately.
0930	Col Griffith to G-2 & G-3.
1000	Col Griffith returned to CP and left for hospital.
1000	Col March returned to CP from 320th.
1010	Lt Clarry 456th Air OP Officer at CP and reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1015	Received Overlay showing front lines and disp. trps 456th
1100	British Artillery: 86th Field (3) 341-342-462 25 pdrs. 147 Field (1) 25 pdrs. 7 Field (3) 419-25/26 27/28 25 pdrs. 76th Field (3) 25 pdrs. 7th Med (2) 1 (5.5) & 1 (4.5) 64th Med (2) 1 (5.5) & 1 (4.5) COUNTER 84th Med (2) 1 (5 5) & 1 (4.5) 121 Med (2) 1 (5.5) & 1 (4.5) Battery 52 Heavy (1) 155s
1128	Maj Neptune at CP saw Col March and left immediately.
1225	Lt Logeman 320th Air OP observer at CP reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1240	G-3 at CP to see Div Arty situatiom map and left.
1250	Col Todd at CP and left immediatly.
1255	Lt Walsworth 376th Air OP Officer at CP and reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1310	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1440	Lt Foster 456th Air OP Officer at CP and reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1515	Col Wright called Col Griffith. He is having trouble finding unoccupied place for Bn
1530	Col Wright was advised that Col March would meet him at "A" Btry position to select new location for Battalion.
1540	Lt Clarry 456th Air OP Officer at CP to report to S-3 and left immediately.
1610	Gen McAuliffe, 101 A/B Div Arty CG at CP to see Col March and left immediately.
1630	Col d'Alessio at CP.
1710	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP observer reported to S-3 and left immediately.
2230	Col Fanshawe at CP and left immediately.

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2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support and attached to 508 CT. 320th (732571) Direct support 325th 376th (730586) Direct support 504th. 456th (739557) Direct support 505th.
	7 October D plus 20
0815	Received 505th Patrol Report (night of 6/7 Oct) by messenger.
0904	Chap Reid to 307th Medics.
0940	Maj Norton, G-3 at CP and left immediately.
0945	Lt Foster 456th Air OP Officer at CP reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1145	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Officer reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1215	Chap Reid returned to area.
1315	Lt Clarry, 456th AOP observer at CP and reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1355	British TOT on ey ack ack positions.
1400	350 Bombers overhead headed for Reich.
1430	New wave of bombers. 350 bombers headed for Reich.
1500	Lt Logeman, 320th AOP Officer reported to S-3 and left.
1505	Air Ln Officer from Div at CP and left immediately
1520	British Artillery Status: 7th Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs. 76 Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs. 86 Field 3 Btries 25 pdrs. 147 Field 143 Btry 25 pdrs. 124 Field 25 pdrs. 7th Med 2 Btries (5.5 & 4.5) mixed 64 Med 2 Btries (5.5 & 4.5) mixed 84 Med (5.5) 121 Med (5.5) 53 Heavy 3 Btries 155s 1 Btry 7.2
1540	Lt Walsworth 376th Air OP Officer reported to S-3 and left immediately.
1620	Lt Oswell 376th Air OP Officer at CP and saw Col Griffith.
1630	Lt Oswell left CP.
1805	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Officer at CP reported to S-3 and left immediately.
2011	Lt Eskoff, of 319th & 1 staff Sgt, 2 Cpls. and 1 Pvt reported at CP to stay overnight in this area. They were ditched in Channel coming over on D day. Lt Viol new Ln Pilot from 456th was with them.
2115	New Ln Officer (Air Corps) reported at CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508th CT.

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	320th (73055644) Direct support 325th 376th (730586) Direct support 504th 456th (739557) Direct support 505th
	8 October D plus 21
0830	Message from Main 30 Corps to Second Army: All troops North of River Waal come under the command of 12 Corps at 0100, Oct. 8. 12th Corps assumes responsibility for area North of River Waal at this time. All informed.
0840	Lt Roberts at CP, spoke to Capt Hufford and left immediately.
0905	Col Finkle at CP and left immediately.
1000	Capt Connelly at CP to see S-3 and left immediately.
1005	Col March to Corps Hq.
1200	Col March returned to CP.
1330	British Artillery Status: 86th Field (2) 341-462-342 413 Field (1) 121 Med (2) 7th Field (3) 419- 25/26 27/28 25 Field (3) 76th Field (3) 7th Med (3) 25/26 27/28 84th Med (2) 250 64th Med (2) 53 Heavy (1)
1455	Col March instructed Col Smiley to ration all Bns. to 50 rds per gun per day. No reinforcing fires without clearing thru us. Col Smiley stated this order actually sent out about 4 days ago. (No record.)
1710	Capt Lala at CP and left immediately.
1725	Lt Foster 456th AOP Officer at CP and left immediately.
1845	S-3 Report from 376th received.
1830	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Officer at CP and left immediately.
1830	Col d'Alessio & Capt Thain at CP.
1910	Col d'Alessio & Capt Thain left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT. LO from 86th Field Regt. 320th (73055644) Direct support of 325th LO from 86th Field Regt. 376th (730586) Direct support 504th. LO from 86th Field Regt. 456th (739557) Direct support 505th. LO from 86th Field Regt
	9 October D plus 22
0330	376th reports possible counter attack forming at (77646149). Fired on by British.
0800	Air Ln Officer from Div at CP and left immediately.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
0815	Col March to Div.
0830	Col March returned from Div.
0855	Col March on reconniasance.
0930	Chap Reid to 319th & 320th.
1020	Col March returned to CP from reconnaissance.
1215	CRA 43rd Div at CP to see Col March about CP positions.
1255	Col Geiger Div Chemical Officer to see Col Griffith with pieces of shell that landed in area last night.
1300	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Officer reported to S-3 and left shortly.
1345	Col of 112th Field Regt at CP saw Col Griffith & left.
1415	Maj Norton at CP saw COl Griffith and left.
1445	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill at CP.
1515	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill left CP.
1625	Lt Foster 456th AOP Officer reported to Col Smiley and left shortly.
1810	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Officer reported to S-3 and left.
1820	Lt Walsworth 376th reported to S-3 and left.
1910	British Artillery Status: 86th Field 2 Btries 341-462 16 Guns 25pdrs 147th Field 1 Btry 511 8 " " " 43rd Div Arty consisting of 112 Field 3 Btries PQR 24 guns 25 pdrs 94th Field 3 Btries PQR 24 Guns 25 pdrs 5th AGRA (Army Group RA) consisting of: 7th Med Regt 2 Btries 25/26 27/28 16 Guns 4.5-5.5 121 Med 2 Btries 275-276 16 Guns 4.5-5.5 64th Med 2 Btries 211-212 16 Guns 4.5-5.5 84th Med 2 Btries 250-251 16 Guns 4.5-5.5 52 Heavy Regt 2 Btries 8 Guns 155s
2020	Col Griffith to 376th.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT 320th (73055644) Direct support to 325th 376th (730586) Direct support to 504th 456th (739557) Direct support to 505th One Ln Off from 86th Field Regt to each Battalion.

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0830	Col March to 30th Corps for recon.
0950	Col d'Alessio & Capt Floyd & Lt. Strahlendorf at CP and left shortly.
1035	Col March returned to CP from 30th Corps.
1300	Chap Reid to 456th.
1400	Col March held staff meeting
1405	Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill at CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1420	Col March, Col d'Alessio & Lt O'Neill left CP on recon.
1450	Col Eckman, of 505th to see Col Smiley & Col Griffith.
1500	Col March returned to CP.
1500	Received note from 43rd Div RA regarding location of Hq RA.
1630	Message from Main 30 Corps: "No AA fire whatsoever from 1600 to 1900 hrs today." Notified Hq Btry Div Arty. 320th, 376th & 456th.
1645	Maj Norton at CP to see Col Smiley and left shortly.
1645	British Artillery Status: 86th Field (2) 341-462 16 Guns 25pdrs. 147 Field (1) 511 8 " " " 43rd Div Arty consisting of the following units: 112 Field (3) PQR 24 Guns 25pdrs. 94 Field (3) " " " " 110 Field (3) " " " " 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7th Med (2) 25/26 27/28 32 Guns 4.5-5.5-155s 121 Med (2) 275-276 16 " 5.5 64th Med (2) 211-212 " " 4.5-5.5 84th Med (2)250-251 " " 5.5
2355	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT 320th (73055644) Direct support to 325th 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th Each Battalion has a Liaison Officer from 86th Field Regt
	11 October D plus 24
0920	Lt Logeman 320 AOP Officer at CP reported to S-3 and left shortly.
1304	Received amendment #1 to FO 13 from Div (5 copies) 4 sent to Battalions.
1355	British Artillery Status: 86th Field (2) 341-462 16 Guns 25pdrs 147 Field (1) 511 8 " " " 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7 Med (2) 25/26 27/28 32 Guns 4.5-5.5-155s 121 Med (2) 275-276 16 " 5.5 64th Med (2) 211-212 " " 4.5-5.5 84th Med (2) 250-251 " " 5.5 On call if necessary: 43rd Div Arty 72 Guns 25pdrs.
1410	Chap Reid to 319th.
1440	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Officer at CP reported to S-3 and left. Also Lt Foster 456th AOP Officer at CP & left.
1555	Col d'Alessio & Lt Strahlendorf at CP and Left.
1620	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Officer at CP reported to Col Smiley and left.
1835	Lt Logeman 320 AOP Officer at CP reported to Col Smiley and left.
1850	Maj Norton at CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1925	Maj Norton left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT. 320th (73055644) Direct support of 325th 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th. 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th. One Liaison Officer from 86th Fld Regt to each Battalion.
	12 October D plus 25
0935	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Officer reported to S-3 & left.
1020	Chap Reid to 456th.
1040	Col March to meeting of 30th Corps.
1050	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Officer at CP reported to Major Wilcoxson and left.
1030	Maj Lancey to see Maj Hart and Col Smiley.
1110	Maj Lancey left CP.
1120	Col Griffith to 456th.
1255	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1220	Lt Foster 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1325	Lt Logeman 320 AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1405	Maj Norton at CP.
1430	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer reported to S-3.
1435	Col March returned to CP.
1450	Maj Norton left CP.
1450	Col d'Alessio at CP.
1450	Lt Walsworth left CP.
1500	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1540	Chap Reid returned to area.
1615	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1630	No change in British Artillery Status.
1645	Col March to meeting at Div.
1815	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
2015	64th Med will take over duties of 84th Med as of midnight tonight-- Operation Memo #5 given to British Ln Off for AGRA and 64th.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT 320th (73055644) Direct support of 325th Ln Off from 131 Btry-153rd Fd Regt. 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th. LO from 129 Btry of 153rd Fd Regt. 456th (739557) Direct support of 504th. LO from 130 Btry of 153rd Fd Regt.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	13 October D plus 26
0010	Col Griffith returned to CP.
0830	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
0920	Lt Foster 456th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
0925	Lt O'Neill 456th at CP.
1055	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
1100	Lt O'Neill left CP.
1120	Brig Phipps from Gds Armd at CP.
1145	Brig Phipps left CP.
1155	Lt Logeman 320th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
1310	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
1340	Lt Col Sitler arrived at CP to see Col Griffith for Awards meeting.
1400	Col Griffith held Awards Board meeting with committee Lt Col Sitler, and Lt Col Krause.
1430	Col March returned to CP.
1430	Capt Noyer, Sgt Skinner and Pvt Livengood to 43rd Div with Br liaison officer.
1455	Awards Board Meeting terminated.
1515	Capt Noyer, Sgt Skinner, Pvt Livengood returned to CP.
1525	Chap Reid to 319th, 320th and 376th.
1604	Lt Foster 456th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
1730	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer at CP reported to S-3 and left.
1920	British Artillery Status: 55th Field (3) 373-374-439 24 Guns 25 pdrs. 153 Field (3) 129-130-131 " " " " 147 Field (1) 511 8 " " " 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7 Med (2) 25/26 8 Guns 5.5 27/28 " " 4.5 64 Med (2) 211 " " 4.5 212 " " 5.5 52 Heavy (2) 419 4 " 155s 420 4 " 155s On Call if necessary: 43rd Div Arty 72 " 25 pdrs.
2305	505 called questioning about 4.2 Mortars being fired near their positions. Checked with Div and Div said that there were some 4.2 Mortars yesterday atched for a short period.

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2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT 320th (73055644) Direct support of 325th. Ln Off from 153rd. 376th (730586) Direct support of 504th. Ln Off from 153rd. 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th. Ln Off from 153rd.
	14 October D plus 27
1015	Lt Frazer ASP reported to S-3 and left.
1100	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1133	Chap Reid to 319th, 376th to arrange religious services for tomorrow.
1145	Lt Logeman 320 AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1320	Lt Frazer ASP reported to S-3 and left.
1330	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1455	Lt Foster 456th AOP Observer at CP checked map references and left.
1835	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508 CT 320th (73055644) Direct support of 325th. Ln Off from 131 Btry 153rd Field Regt. 376th (730586) Direct support 504th. Ln Off from 129 Btry 153rd Fld. Regt. 456th (739557) Direct support of 505th. Ln Off from 130 Btry 153rd Fld Regt.
	15 October D plus 28
0845	Lt Walsworth AOP Observer from 376th reported to S-3 and left.
0930	Lt Sullivan to church near NIJMEGEN.
1300	Col Griffith left CP for hospital, 376th area and then to Propaganda Shoot
1325	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1530	Propaganda Shoot - British Artillery.
1530	Maj Silvey to see S-1 & S-3.
1545	British Arty support - No change from Friday, Oct. 13th. or Saturday 14th of October.
1600	Maj Silvey left CP.
1630	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1636	Col Griffith returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508th CT. 320th (73055644) Direct support to 325th. In Off from 131 Btry 153rd Field Regt.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	376th (730586) Direct support to 504th. Ln Off from 129 Btry 153rd Field Regt.
	456th (739557) ("A" Btry 732598) Direct support to 505th. Ln Off from 130 Btry 153rd Field Regt
	16 October D plus 29
0945	Lt Ishee 320th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1130	Brig Phipps, CRA Guards Armd at CP talked to Col Griffith about situation in general.
1140	Brig Phipps left CP.
1330	Col Smiley, Maj Hart and Lt Sullivan left CP for movies.
1350	Lt Walsworth 376th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1355	Col Griffith left CP for movies.
1615	Maj Lancey at CP and left immediately.
1650	British Artillery Units: No change since Sunday, 15 Oct.
1740	Lt Clarry 456th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
1745	Lt Col Griffith, Smiley and Lt Sullivan returned to CP.
1820	Lt Ishee 320th AOP Observer reported to S-3 and left.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) Direct support & attached to 508th CT 320th (733571) Direct support to 325th. Ln Off from 131 Btry 153rd Field Regt. 376th (732587) Direct support to 504th. Ln Off from 129 Btry 153rd Field Regt. 456th (736604) Direct support to 505th. Ln Off from 130 Btry 153rd Field Regt.

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Time	Event	Disposition
	19 September	
1200	PW report from 456: Officer Qtrs 79425471 Telephones 79225469 Btry Arty 80435430 Flak 810550 KRANENBURG local fort manned by civ. North tip Reichswald pillboxes	456 Div G-2
1300	4 rds arty 758535 from East air bursts (From 505)	Div & 456
1325	From 319th: Local underground comdr of ELST (Van Eck Tel K8809-320) reports by phone: 200 Germans left NUISSEN (765723) direction of LENT (710645). Mode travel, weapons unknown. 100 Germans in BEMMEL (735675). Following localities are free of Germans: ELST (705705) HETEREN (635755) ORIEL (682754) VALBURG (663700) ZETTEN (615722) Flak guns at (658689).	Div
1310	Patrol 376 reports three 88s at (725628) 4 tanks at (735615), 4 tanks dug in (768602).	Div
1415	Lt. Butler of 320 reports ey light tanks vic (750585).	
1445	505 Blue reports 10 rounds 105 landed (754546) from East. 7 second sound-flash	456
1455	456 reports 29 rounds on A Btry 1600 mils from CP 1520 mils from A Btry. Probably 105	
1505	505 reports 4 guns (761540). ~~4½ sec.~~ flash burst from East. 3 guns 303 degrees firing on 508.	456
1640	456 reports troops above GENNEP-RIETHORST road at 1600. Expect attack.	Div
	20 SEPTEMBER	
0830	Enemy planes strafing area	

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0845	British report our chutes being booby trapped in 504 sector.	Div
	BBritish radio message overheard. Enemy guns at (705648), causing trouble.	Div
0850	320th area strafed. No damage. 376th area strafed. Claim 3 planes downed	Div
1115	320th report 2 guns shelling bridge over RR at (719541).	Div
1115	Challenge (505) reports Germans being reinforced to total of 100 vic of HORST (770543). Advancing on friendly roadblock. observed at 1100 hours. (from Division).	
1130	456 reported 5 flakwagons and 200 ey inf attacking below RIETHORST.	Div
1145	British report preparing to fire at (716628) on 200 troops.	Div
1240	2 Flakwagons, infantry and 2 MGs at MOOK broke thru.2nd Platoon A Co. and Coldstr Gds Recn committed.	Div
1315	456 Ln O reports 2 PWs interrogated separately report btry 105s at (805561).	Div 319 320 British
1315	319 report enemy captured some of our paratroopers, took their uniforms, turned them loose.	Div. British 456 & 320
1325	PW report from 505 to Div Arty G-3: Driver left Koln Monday morning as did 2 Pcht Regts of 2000 men each. (Trng Regts with no numbers and never in combat) PW was driving Officer leading column of 35 vehicles for 1 of the regts. Supply vehicles all empty. 1 Regt 3 Km SE of REITHORST. Truck column crossed MAAS RIVER at (744482) going SW. Recrossed at 2300 going N at a pt S of MOOK. Both crossings on bridges constructed by German engineers. PW captured at REITHORST. C olumn of trucks did not make 2nd crossing. Column stayed away from towns.	Div
1405	British report ey ferrying troops across river East at CUNE (7249)	Div & 456

Time	Event	Disposition
1410	456 reports firing on inf at (77195383)	Div
1507	4 ey guns firing on our inf from (765-505) Taken under fire by 456 and British	Div
1510	Ey counterattacked (75305035). Reported by Able FO of 456	Div
1510	320th report high velocity guns at (713636). Mortars at edge of woods (715640). Both taken under fire.	Div
1515	320th report piper cub without any markings flying over area	Div & British
1520	Div report knows nothing of above	
1530	CO says to shoot at the above plane.	
1535	British report cub may be theirs.	Div
1540	505 thru G-2 reports 3 MK Vs at (748505) by hotel on lake	456
1600	456 reports 4 guns (150 mm) at (812552) also 2 75 mm not in position (806563) Info from PW	319th & British
1700	508 is receiving arty and 20 mm fire from direction of Wyler. Ey reported in groups of 2s and 3s at (778568).	S-3
1700	British recon units just back from Route 11 to 6 on South bank of Maas River and report no ey. However, ey was crossing River below 6, early this AM.	
2010	3 Tiger tanks, 1 Bn and 2 Cos Inf with SP guns moved from Germany SE of ARNHEM toward NIJMEGEN. Received by secret Dutch telephone 2000. From G-2	319 and Br.
2200	Div reported Hq 6th Para Div at (818527) and requested fire. S-3 requested fire from Guards Armored Div Med Arty.	S-3

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0330	Radio transmission at 0315 received by British OP via underground (RA Guards Armored LO)	Phoned to G-2
	At 2115 hrs 20 Sept:	
	3 Tiger tanks approaching (one with engine trouble) at (110656). Other 2 left road and went East from this point.	

Time	Event	Disposition
	18,000 gals. petrol at (699631)	
	Booby traps along road from VELOREN to ZEEG (6868).	
	Water ditch W roadbend and water contains booby traps (2115)	
	At ELST (7070) 5 ey trucks containing troops with one 210 mm gun going south toward LENS.	
	Fortifications due E of LENS contains one 210 mm gun.	
	One 210 mm at each of the following: (694690) road and rail crossing with ammo ready at 150 meters E. (687687) in orchard (794691) in orchard	
	Light flak (20 mm) all along road S from (711694 to 711687).	
	One pontoon ferry at PANNERDEN at junction of VAAL and BRINE.	
	80 British AB troops held prisoner between KOUTAN and SCHALKWJK southeast of UTRECHT.	
	1 gun at (708630) with 200 enemy. Time 2000 hrs.	
0845	Ey line 765585-765577. Reported by 319.	Div
0910	319th report ey forming for counter attack at (769585).	Div
0915	456 report indefinite no ey tanks and troops moving NW along road at (754500).	Div & Br.
0945	319th report ey line (770593-767588-776576-773568-763556).	Div British 320 & 456
1015	British report 100-200 ey at (707657). In (7166, 7266, ey forming for counterattack. Called on for repeat of fire at (718649) and (721648). Situation cleared up.	Div & 320
1045	British report US troops at (717639 and (716647).	320
1145	British report US troops relayed message that ey guns were active at (716656). Being engaged by British. Inf and horse drawn vehicles on road (7268).	Div

Time	Event	Disposition
1205	456 report front lines approximately from HORST to RIETHORST	Div & 320
1310	Dutch underground reports 2 ey tanks and 400 troops vic. WERCHEREN (Reported by Div)	319
1320	320th report ey arty at (792564)	Div
1345	Div reports ey OP (753619) and at least one truck. (thru 508)	319
1345	Div reports civilians advise 4 Flak-wagons and 1 truck at WERKEREN	319
1400	Div reports Br. Prcht R egt Hq (8354).	
1420	Div reports 504 advise ey laying mines (696698). Civ report	S-3
1420	Div reports Dutch advise: At S end village ELST (706706) is curve in main road. At NE portion S curve is large house. In front of house to S are 2 middle-cal. guns and N of house is 1 gun. All 3 are heavily camouflaged.	M
1530	2 Br tks (687665).	
1530	320th report ey mg and inf (779548). Engaged to good effect	Div
1600	Ey tanks firing at our Inf. Tanks and 1 field gun (778566). 456 firing to good effect.	M & G-2
1600	Ey tanks which were at BEEK (7560) now moving to UBBERJEN (7361)	G-2 & M
1615	Ey troop movement to & from front lines in grid sq (7854 and 7856) reported by 456.	Div & M
1710	320 report ey OP (781545) fired on by 320 good effect	Div & M
1750	Br. report ey Inf (753618). Br firing all available arty TOT 1810 - 2 rds ea gun	Div
1810	319th report ey front (770593) (767588) SE (776570) SW (762557)	Div
1815	Flakwagon at (745515) from Div	320

Time	Event	Disposition
1815	320th report flak guns being fired upon	Div
2140	Div relayed 508 report of flashlights and motors in WYLEK and movement from NE to WYLER SOS reports motor vehicles in HEIKANT. Also they killed 7 unarmed ey paratroopers in RIETHORST	456
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1030	456 firing on motor vehicle movement (782556)	Div
1030	319th reported 508 front: (740612) (772590) (769580) (772572) (772565) (767558) (760555)	Div & 456
1030	456 report 505 line: (772551) (785556) (782550) (781538) (770523) (760520) (748505)	Div & M
1230	320 report they fired on ey OP (779582) 1 direct hit	Div
1245	PW reports Bn CP (725495) from RJ E 2 fence lines S 40 yds (from Div)	376
1245	Div report: Civ rumor that Germans plan to fire WP on these woods to set it afire	Bns
1430	320 report AT gun (776554) fired upon and silenced. Inf (776558) fired upon	
1530	376 report ey using power line pole (75454895) as OP. Fired upon by 376. One man knocked off. Other climbed down	Div
1545	456 reports 1 88 shell (77105159). Asking for mediums	Div Br CBO M
1550	G-2 sends 508 report routing out Germans at WERCHEREN. Ey dug in NE end of QUERDAM (778614) and along WAAL near incinerator at ERLEKOM (780628)	319 320 M
1600	320 report firing SP (782586) good effect	Div & M
1615	319th report PW report 150 mm arty (725657)	Div M Br CBO
1615	319 report 200-500 ey dug in (734656) Pw	Div Br & M
1720	319th report ey sighted at (775585) Strength unknown. Fired at with good effect	Div & M

Time	Event	Disposition
1740	319th report ey counterattack (777626)	Div & M
1745	G-2 reports 505 message. 20 ey at (778544)	S-3 & M
1750	Div reports rangers located Nebelwerfer (754490)	376 & 456
1835	320 report roadblock and 100 ey Inf (778586)	Div & 319
1840	Br report SS troops fighting at LINDEN (6852) CUIJK (7249) MILL (6445) HAPS (7045)	Div 456 & 320
1845	319 reports ey inf dug in (768604) (777613) 1 Co. Reported 88 at (785611)	Div
1750) 1805) - 1820) 1900)	20 ey (778544) Ey moving in woods (768508) Pers and auto weapons (779344) MG (770516) Fired on all pts (456)	Div
1930	320 report 88 at (77955815)	M
1940	Ey lines (763629) (778615) QUERDAN-VOSSENDAAL DEN HEUVEL (775560). Rptd by 319	Div 320 & 456
	Armd inf dug in (777626). Also tanks & half tracks. Inf dug in along rd S of WERCHEREN SE to MOLEN	
2130	Br sound report ey guns (probably 2 105s) at (778704-59030) (B plot)	Div 319 S-3

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0215	456 report Obsr saw 1 large gun firing from (776508) 10 sec flash-bang. Also Nebelwerfer from same area	376 Br Div S-3
0740	319 reports 508 saw tp conc (768618) about 2 Cos. Have fired upon	PW & M
0910	319 reports hi vel guns (783612). No. unknown. Fired upon	Div CBO M
0955	319 report 508 3rd have reached obj and consolidated position	Div
1055	Div report Br Royal saw 2 ey H cal (772577) SP gun (780578) WYLER	S-3 319
	G Co. 777615 508 having trouble. Reinf by H Co.	Div
1100	Br report 200 ey digging (7448)	S3 & Div

Time	Event	Disposition
1130	Br and 319 report MG and Inf (773568)	S-3 Div & 319
1325	Div reports: MG & Snipers (770552) Mort. & Inf (778558) 88 (783548) Inf patrol (773553)	Bns
1350	320 report shot at SP gun (78055505)	Div
1420	319 report 88 vic (798615)	Div
1425	456 report inf & vehicles (791568)	Div
1425	320 fired on mortars (749516)	Div
1515	319 report ey CP (80455744) at least 3 veh. Cannot reach.	Div
1520	376 report fire on vehicles (74754934) At least 1 vehicle destroyed	Div
1550	Br report tanks (732670). Are firing	Div
1603	456 reports Inf (79705646)	
1625	376 fired on flakwagons (74024982) good effect.	Div
1710	Br report ey vehicles (732670). Firing	Div
1716	Br report 12 hy cal guns (795595) Br are firing	Div
1720	CBO reports 3 field guns (7676048975)	S-3 M
1740	Div advises civ report SS troops in area (770515) (780520). They told civ hvy arty would move this area 24 Sept (tomorrow)	S-3 Bns
1830	S-3 advises 12 guns (795595) Btry pn (815600) (320) Btry (820595) (319) 88 (780594) (320) gun fl. (773568) (456 cub)	Div
1845	319 report 2 tanks, 1-88, 40 men (784620) moving NW	Div
1950	319 report 6-150 mm guns (787587)	Div
2025	319 report ey building fires making noise etc. (772630)	Div
2030	Green light (75265171) (from 320)	Div

Time	Event	Disposition
2210	320 reported colored lights in string dropped by plane. Glider pilots feel marking DZ up in 505 area	Div
2245	320 report yellow flare 2000 yds in front of A Btry	Div
2330	320 report 2 ground flares (yellow) in front of A Btry	Div
2335	320 report 1 flare E of A Btry, and 1 S of A Btry about 2000 yds	Div
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0040	G-2 advises 505 combat patrol is back to CP	S-3
0240	Div reports all patrols in 505 area have returned to CP	S-3
0840	Br CBO reports 2 guns (8132554900)	S-3 & M
1350	Royals report 300 Inf (794627) 3-88s	Div & M
1350	Royals report 6 Mk VI (7765) Div.	Div & M
1415	IPW of Div reports: 20 Co I Landschutzen Bn at (795566) Bn CO in shack approx (795564) 3rd Co. about 400 yds behind 2nd Co. 1st Co. exterminated. Practically no forces across WYLER-KRANENBURG RD to NE 2 Co. in front. No tps in front	S-3 and M
1420	319 report 88s (796628) - (Dutch) Btry (794623) - (508)	Div & CBO
1600	319 report ey troops (794623) Adjusted by air OP. Shell landed among tps	Div
1630	320 advise gun psn (79115301). Fired on with good effect	Div
1750	320 report 1 tank (761520) Firing at it	Div
1810	320 report firing on ey tps (74405015) (7945538). Tps & CP (81075447). Effect excellent	Div
1945	Div reports 2-150 guns (77655) firing on NIJMEGEN. 2 guns joined them later this evening. Tps digging in near guns. (reliable Dutch)	CBO

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1945	508 report 2 Dutch police advise 500 ey troops dug in along dyke running generally (788613) to (794626). Three 88s 1 each (799628) (798624) (797628).	Div
2300	CBO reports Nebelwerfer (761486)	Br
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0700	456 - negative report	Div
0940	320 report ey using flame throwing tank vic RIETHORST	Div
1335	Div reports Photos show intact ferry at E622765. Also tracks and weapon pits. Bridges intact (515751) and (539751).	M
1430	Div reports E-820839 Ferry in operation. 5 plns met waiting to cross from W to E. E-884854 to repeat to E-888024. All bridges intact. Much digging and earthwork E-740870, 770870, 770840, 740840. Time 241630. Also works at 786844, 808842, 808830, 787828. E-764750 to 833655. Slit trenches and digging nests E-780725 in operation E-840647 10 barges. E-866673 15 plus barges. Time 241600 - E-707765 R ly bridge out. E-798769 rd bridge intact. E-5343738 ferry active. E-772900 10 vehicle bays.	M
	Time 241610-A - Photo/r E-703772 - 2 large guns dug in	S-3 & M
1506	Br report ey strong pt (785572). Fired by Br	Div
1530	Div reports men dressed as civ vic BRUUK sniping	320
1530	Div reports ey 6 man patrol on foot (746669) at 1300 hours. Road & shldrs (732668) mined. Br attacking BEMMEL. Unoccupied pillbox (738670)	M
1630	320 reports OP (784517) fired on by air OP Good effect	
1750	2 MK IV vic 2nd Bn at 1600. Br tk KO'd one. Other fled. (from 508)	Div
1815	320 report counter attack (746503). No additional fire needed	Div
1925	319 report 325 have counterattacked (745505). Ey using arm'd cars and flame throwers	Div
2010	319 relay report 325 2nd Bn of gun flashes, no guns unknown at (72104950). By church	Div & S-#3

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2245	G-2 relay report 325 Patrol reported Tower used as OP at 727495. Also trs reported in area.	Div G-3

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0710	Div report 504 sent 17 men patrol into woods 773567 to set up OPL met very heavy ey resistance.	M
1020	Br CBO report Gun at 798676	Br Med.
1120	Air OP report motor park at 770505 320 fired Observer reported very effective.	Div
1315	456 report 13 ME 109's overhead, 3 shot down	Div
1335	Div reports at 826505 150 bldgs extend 2000 yds E side North from PT above. 2 bldgs 772517 reinf and used as OP to cover SE approach to road from Div.	S-3
1355	ROYALS reports 800 Inf vic LEUTH 800615. Move to MILLIGEN.	Div
1400	Div reports at 755433 BEUGEN 11th Armd Br Div	Div
1430	376 reports Div rptd 504 2 ey has Hq at LEUTH 1310 hrs 6 ME 109's strafing 376 area.	
1555	Div reports 12el5 rds. Estimated 105mm 3-4 sec flash-bang Az 120° from our OP at 72855305	CBO
1600	320 relay report Chestnut White reports hvy arty from REICHSWALD	CBO
1600	Air OP reports arty at 749999 & 772517. Both adjusted upon	CBO
1635	325 and G-2 reports 12 rds 75-105mm. B Co 717534 1610 hrs (135°) mag	CBO
1635	G-2 reports PW reports 500-1000 ey billetted at at 800615. 2 tanks parked by church	
1635	320 Ln Officer with Chestnut reports 1 shell landed at 707933 obs from 699539. Mag az133°. 2 shells landed at 731513 from 125°	CBO G-2
1750	320 reports ey tank at 781545.	Div
1755	Div reports 800 men evac from front now in KRANENBURG. Hvy guns in KRANENBURG near church (PW)	S-3
1830	Air OP reports BTRY (777486) BTRY (786519) Too dark to adjust	Div M
1835	Div reports 2 tanks, 800 ey at LEUTH (801614)	S-3 &M

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1910	320 reports two red flares dropped from planes just NW of Btry Posns	Div
2030	376 report ey counterattack in DEN HEUVEL WOODS, Bn strength. Occupied houses in E edge of woods. 376th preparing to fire for 504 attack.	Div
2125	CBO report sound location 1 or more guns (79055605)	S-3 & M
2200	456 report 505 advises bomb hit made hole 7' x 20' on N end of road bridge over WAAL. Bridge still passable	Div
2200	456 relayed Dutch civ report 3 planes of parachutists landed in NIJMEGEN during bomb raid	Div
2205	Civ reported leaving Groesbeek and NIJMEGEN about 1600, Say ey coming back	Div
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0615	320 report advance elements 325 have reached near edge of woods on 3 sides	G-3 and G-2
0730	Air OP reports gun flashes at (768512) shot by Br Mediums. Also personnel at (768510)	Div & M
0920	Air OP reports at least 4 guns at (818484) Nebelwerfers (793507)	Div & M
0930	Div PW confirms location heavy arty N of church KRANENBURG. Also 6 MARK IVs at WYLER	S-3 and M
1005	Air OP reports ey inf crossing (767506) Gun flashes (786513). 319th fired	Div & M
1240	Div report from 504: Civ report 50 ey tanks headed west along dyke road. Head of column at ZYFFLICH (785598)	Br - 456 376 - 320
1245	Air Observer gave negative report. Btry reported (805535) Saw nothing	
1301	456 Ln O-1 BEMMEL taken by Br. Now advancing on HAALDEREN. Right flank on river	Div
~~1335~~ 1408	320 report small counterattack at (76955275) Fired. Believed smashed	Div & S-3
1420	Air OP reports 6 or 7 armd veh (800601)	Div

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1600	504 reports that at 1420 PW from 1st Co. Secherungs Bn VI (Area Munster) taken 0900 at (770565). Bn of 3 Co. & Hq Co. formed 17 Sept of Repl. Hq and 1st Co. in area where prisoner taken. 20 and 3rd Cos. toward COLOGNE. 1st Co. has 170 men, 30 of which in trains; 3 old MG armed French rifles. Hq 120 men of which 60 w/1st Co. rest in KRANENBURG. Went into position last nite. Apparently relieved 58th. Trenches prepared. Met troops pulling out. Two 88s KRANENBURG, either side of church on S side of main road. On next street 8 ammo trucks. 2 kms west K (261930) 6 new tanks w/75s.	Div S-3
1600	Div PW states Bn CP of 90th Bn house in woods (754510). 25 tanks and cars SCHIEFBERG (768400) dispersed around houses. 10 tanks (770495) this AM	S-3 M
1640	319th reports (762507) 190 Tng Div PW 4 Btries 400 men each 4 mortars in vic PW report Flak cars (7551)	Div
1610	CBO reports 4 guns (790486) Shelling (755534) Mediums	Div
1615	376 reports 88s at (789526) & (767523) Want Air OP to adjust. 320 firing	Div
2325	~~319~~ XXX Corps report 1 med gun (783505) 84th Br (mediums) fired on it	Div

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0030	Ey heavy guns (783505) (reported by CBO)	S-3 & M
0545	Ey arty (78356365)	S-3 & M
0545	Div reports 504 message F & E Co. rec hvy mortar and arty fire from individual pieces from across WAAL river in vic factory area. Est 88 and heavier. 0450 Hq Co. received hvy shelling. Est 105 German tanks w/88 across river.	CBO
0610	376 report 3rd Bn 504 having counterattack supported by tanks	Div
0625	320 report Med ey btry (802530) Not fired on.	Div & CBO
0625	376 report tank (774563) Fired upon by AT Counterattack came from KRANENBURG	Div
0644	Air OP reports hvy btry at least 4 guns (8159)	Div & CBO

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0645	CBO reports ey btry (832634)	Div
0715	376 report heat off. KO'd AT & personnel	Div
0805	376 report 504 3rd withdrew from DEN HEUVEL WOODS. Ey has 3 tanks, inf in woods. Our tanks can't advance due to open stretch of road. FO ready to shoot anything he sees	Div
0810	456 reports 2 anti-personnel bombs on A Btry. 2 injured. 3 bombs on B Btry. None injured (0737)	Div
0905	456 report ey got two direct hits on highway br. two on Ry bridge (bombs) NIJMEGEN	Div
0930	CBO reports hvy mortar (7805062050)	S-3 & M
1120	376 reports targets fired on: Inf & tanks (775616 AT guns & inf (786604) SP guns and tanks (776616) Guns (803615) Inf and tanks (790629) Trucks (783567) Tank (775618)	Div
1240	Air OP reports gun flash (767490) Fired on by 320	Div & M
1320	325 G-2 reports muzzle blast from 2 loc. 1. Observed (777552) direction of flash 120 degrees mag 2. Observed (761547) direction of flash 106 degrees mag	CBO
1515	Air OP reports smoke & flashes (787554) Believe how position	CBO
1605	Br Med reported ey tank and 105 how (799541) Reported by Sherwood Ranger Yeomanry	Div
1640	Div relays 325 report: Between 1230-1300 increased troop movement (785554) S to (782538). 2 Motorcycles and staff car from (788545) S at 1300. At (756543) several heavy shells close 325 O.P. 1625 at 1530.	
1640	Div reports 504 infor 25 PWs and 1 armored car KO'd	
1655	Air OP reports med. btry (814473).	

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1720	Air OP reports B-25s bombed EMMERICH within last half hour	DIV
	376 report Spitfire with German cross overhead from 1715-1730	DIV
1750	Air OP reports ey arty (763571	
1755	Div reports 3 boatloads of men crossing MAAS from S to N at Villa Nova (6452)	DIV
1905	Air OP definitely reports btry firing (784513)	CBO
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0015	504 G-2 reported PW advised 4 210 mm guns in vic (784612). Also following caliber guns (no. not stated) along road (811613) to (820612) 105 how - 88 gun - 420 mm gun	CBO
	G-2 is rechecking re the 420 mm cannon.	
0300	240 mm gun seen at 1st Bn CP (707639) Az 345 mils to flash. 54 sec time of flight Bridge area. (Reported by G-2)	CBO
0655	Air OP reports Nebelwerfer (798547). Will adjust	DIV
0830	376 air observer fired Nebelwerfers (79965504) Also at (80085529)	DIV
0950	PW reports Div CP and Motor Park (807583)	DIV - S-3 AIR OP
1620	Div relays 508 patrol report: Fire from woods (775570). Heard platoon digging in DEN HEUVEL Woods. 504 patrol reports ey digging in VASSENDAHL. Est 1 CO. Digging on S side of road (790628). 325 patrol reports BRUUK deserted. MG at (782541). Ey spread out NW-SE thru (768560)	S-3 and M
1700	376 reports underground picked up two german women complete with passes etc.	DIV
1715	319 reports field piece (804547) giving trouble to infantry	S3 and M
1700	Div reports 508 advise Nebelwerfer (805546)	319
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0100	CBO reports field guns (805504)	DIV
0140	CBO reports hostile btry (790517)	DIV
0330	325 G-2 reports enemy arty falling in BRUK area	S-3
0715	CBO reports targets NAN (775257546). Mortar	Air OP - 376

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0825	Air OP reports btry med (791517) Br fired. Corrected coord (7944351503)	CBO
1015	G-2 504 reports 2 75 mm at (776615)	CBO S3 - Air OP
1000	508 G-2 reports Sherwood Ranger Yeomanry advise 3 - 105 mm guns firing (7853) 1 gun unknown cal. at (7955)	CBO
1045	Flash battery reports mortar (77905634)	319
1055	Radar reports mortars (77745615) (77535829)	319
1130	G-2 reports 2 15 cm guns (8054)	319-CBO-Div
1130	G-2 reports Sherwood Ranger Yeomanry advise 75 mm gun firing (775530)	Div AOP
1200	G-2 reports 500 ey in area (775554) 2 SP guns cal. unknown (775530) from Sherwood Rangers	S-3 CBO
1320	456 reports ey MGs dug in (77525473). Effect of fire unknown	DIV
1345	508 G-2 reports 6 bbl. mortar (791553)	CBO & 456
1600	376 reports Inf in arm'd vehicle (79415630). Effect Good	Div
1615	456 reports Mortars (783549) Ey CP (77595470)	Div
1700	ASP TAC/R 1335 D9536 to E1733 to E2430 NMS RLYS. NMS. RD D9536 E1733 E2236. Except 2 CT E and 1 MET W AT E0734. E2022 2 MET N NMS AREA E202152 E210130 E167978 E188144 and VILLAGE E-222130. E251130 AM BAND 20 INF ON CYCLES IN ALL DIRECTIONS.	M
	Radar reports mortars (77915822)	376
1730	376 reports vehicle and tank at 1625 hrs at (79826012). Fired good effect Fired at dump (81465729) at 1730 hrs. 2 Hits	Div
1845	456 advised Br observer reported to Inf A 75 or 88 gun at (794554). 411 Yds due E is a doublebarreled mortar	CBO
2000	456 fired on ey activity (774524) Effect unknown	Div
2015	456 advise inf requested fire on above coord. again. Apparently much activity.	Div
2110	456 reports ey laying smoke screen vicinity HORST	Div
2115	456 reports 505 advised they fired two haystacks to burn out MGs	Div
2140	376 advise ey tanks or SP guns moving into factory (7863) Cut motors. Also apparent counterattack forming WYLER	Div

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2200	CBO reports med gun active (79755150) (64th Regt Br. 2 volleys)	S-3
2300	Radar reports mortars (78305788)	S-3
2330	376 reports tanks at (776561148)	Div
2330	456 reports MG firing NW from HERST	Div
2345	456 reports small arms fire due South 3000 yds from town	Div

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0015	Tanks moving from SW corner REICHSWALD to BREEDEWEG (reported by 456)	Div
0020	307 Engr report intense activity at grid sq (7666)- talking, tanks, trucks	Div
0040	Engrs report massing of trucks (7666)	S-3
0040	Engrs report luminous barrels rolling down river 50 gal. capacity (742655)	S-3
0130	G-2 report light in factory building (758660)	S-3
0145	Engrs report 1 75 mm gun between: (757666)-(741651)	CBO
0145	Br Radar report mortar (771563)	456 & Div
0150	320 report: Inf (774526) Inf (772525) Conc 319 Inf (761520) 100 Inf (769522) 456	Div
0150	320 report 4 gun flashes 60 degrees (743525)	CBO
0205	320 report 4 gun flashes 110 degrees (743525)	CBO
0235	320 report 1 gun flash 100 degrees (743525)	CBO
0240	Engrs report SP gun (752661) shooting at Nijmegen bridge	CBO
0250	Radar reports mortar (77765716)	S-3
0300	320 report ey troops across road (747505)	Div & RA
0315	CBO reports radar location of heavy mortars: (785000) - (748400)	Br
0340	G-2 advise Engrs report civ phone hooked into fwd line. Check all lines	Bns
0400	Div report PW 66 Security Rgt - 8 Co. 59 men 3 MGs. 9th Co. 79 men 4 MGs. 1 Bazooka. Holding S half down at WYLER MEER 7th Co. holds N half bridge at WYLER (764598) to SW end of dam (768602) have 2 MG and 2 sqds on both sides of road.	M

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0405	Div report large fire in REICHWALD	
0510	376 report ey arm'd vehicles in ZANDPOOL (7962	G-2
0640	2 tanks (763511) not visible. Reported by 320	G-2
0950	Air OP fired Br on btry (798644) excellent effect	CBO
1145	CBO report gun active (823499) Br 79th Fd Reg fired	BR
1300	320 report 13 American prisoners (763526) (325th 2nd Bn)	Div
1315	320 report German Lt. wanted 1 hr truce to remove wounded. Taken to 1st Bn 325th CP	Div
1400	Sherwood Rangers report Nebelwerfer and 105s (780520)	CBO
1535	Radar report mortar (77935490) movement (77905417	456
1540	320 report med tanks (755520) reported by 2nd Bn 325	AOP
1625	Div report white Very light (766550) followed shortly by arty in area	S-3
1635	320 report 20 medics came up road S BRUUK. Then went back and ey started shelling road	Div
1708	456 report 10 vehicles and several motorcycles passing 1 per minute (835554)	Div
1720	320 report tank (774523)	Div
1732	Div reports 4 tracked vehicles and troops just west of KRANENBURG. Br firing	Br
1743	AIR OP reports gun flashes (824546	CBO
1840	319 report gun flashes (785525) and (796535)	CBO
1900	G-2 report ey conc 1 MG 1 Field Gun and trucks (761661)	CBO & S-3
1930	CBO report 3 field guns (47676058975) height 10 meters	CBO
2115	Engr G-2 reports rocket fire from (761661)	CBO
2130	456 reports 505 lines: 1st Bn: 762533 - 757528 - 757523 - 752517 2nd Bn: 751517 - 742511 - 762562 - 761556 - 765554 770543 - 763533 Yellow flares (775543)	Div
2140	PW reports Ey bn cp at (777516	S-3
2230	456 reports hearing tanks vic (783558)	G-2
2240	Engrs G-2 reports usual nite activity vic bombed out factory (voices, etc.) 200 yds E of factory 3-4? Tanks. Occasional S/A fire into 307 engrs position	

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2230	505 G-2 reports road block (772553) Tanks heard moving N and E 2½ miles away wic KRANENBURG	S-3
2330	504 G-2 reports fire fight taking place (773608) About 2120 20 Germans estimated at (773608)	S-3
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0013	Mortar located (79985658) CBO fired	
0013	Report ey btry firing on Engrs from (763663)	Br
0013	505 G-2 reports road block (768549). Reports 1 truck in front of them.	S-3
0015	508 G-2 reports 6 bbl mortar (776592)	S-3
0030	456 reports hvy mortar conc (456 area) lasting 1/2 hr (74445570)	
0035	320 reported Hvy mortar shelling 325 area. Estimate posn (763506)	G-2
0035	320 report gun flashes (75335055) Mixture of L & M shells landing	G-2
0140	456 report ey inf North sent up two green flares	G-2
0155	376 report things quiet in this sector	Div
0120	Radar report mortar (79635748). Fired on	Div & S-3
0270	Radar report mortar (74705750)	Div & S-3
0225	319 reports ey in DEN HEUVEL (773568)	Br
0255	Radar reports mortar in (79505692)	S-3
0330	Radar reports mortar (78105547)	S-3
0330	456 report I co. 505 need reinforcements. Fired 55 problems in last 3 hrs	
0400	Radar reports mortar (79815676)	S-3
0430	456 reports 505 lines intact	G-2
0430	Radar reports heavy mortar (79665783)	S-3
0435	320 report single gun 127 degrees mag. 150 mm (732544)	CBO
0510	Radar reports mortar (79535851)	S-3
0515	508 report 3 tanks from WYLER. 2 from REICHSWALD about 0345. 1 KO by AT gun 1 by bazooka. Towed off by 3rd	S-3
0530	Radar reports mortar (77535639)	S-3

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0540	CBO report HB (845610)	S-3
0540	Br report PW statement ey attack 1 Bn SS supported by 9 tanks. Heavy casualties inflicted. 1 tank KOd	Div
0640	319th report tanks and inf (77355682)	Div
1010	G-2 report 12 ey in OP at (762611)	376
1100	Div reports 3 to 5 150 mm (783517) From PW	CBO
1100	CBO reports 2 150 mm (792525)	S-3
1130	320 reports 325 3rd Bn 500 yds ahead of X phase line	Div
1155	456 report ey personnel in house (767529) Firing now	Div
1210	456 report movement along road into KRANENBURG from NW	Div
1230	456 ey counterattack (750510)	Div
1235	Br report 86th Field Regt engaged ey btry (815552)	CBO
1535	Radar reports: Btry (786593) Ey mortar (782546) Hostile Btry (793598) Hvy AA firing N ZYFFLICH	Div & S-3
1640	CBO reports Hostile Btry 4 guns (81305520)	S-3
2115	456 report signal light (757543) 2 green flares at 800 m. Red flare (771535) Ey laying WP (749558)	Div
2120	376 report very heavy anti-personnel bomb - 40 separate charges (732588)	Div
2130	PW reports: Gun (83505390) Gun (83405385) Gun (83505385) Gun (83505375) 152 mm Btry (83455370) 152 mm Btry (83305420) 2 - 88 mm Flak Btries (836534) 105 mm Gun-How Btry (883537)	CBO
2400	Guns (774509) (776514) Supplies (784515) moving into REICHSWALD	S-3

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0730	Air OP reports Hostile Btry (824545) - 8 guns (8339053952)	CBO
0823	Air OP firing on btry (765495)	CBO
1035	319 reported train captured. Empty boxes of grenades. Threw grenades on ground. Various people helped themselves	Div
1305	Div report reliable civ report ey have evacuated civ from KESTEREN, OCHTEN and IJZENOORN. Pillboxes (847562) & (847563)	S-3

Time	Event	Disposition
1540	CBO reports 1-150 mm gun (78675238). Firing 86th 7th 76th Fd Regt	Div
1800	456 reports ey digging in (776560) Fired good effect C Btry fired: ey inf (765545250) ey act (76705290) inf (782545)	Div
2250	325 G-2 reports 3 tks and undetermined no. inf 2nd Bn attacked to right of right Co. Flanks held in position and still hold KATERBOSCH All quiet now.	S-3
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0020	376 reports Rocket gun firing (775665) (within 500 yds)	CBO
0425	Flash Btry reports 6 Nebelwerfers (786550)	S-3
0440	CBO reports 6 Nebelwerfers (789550)	S-3
1200	Div reports ey outpost (782555). Approx 30 inf 300 yds N (reported by 505)	456
1245	456 reports Nebelwerfer (783549)	S-3
1505	456 reports ey OP (803543). Fired. Effect undetermined	Div
1525	CBO reports heavy batteries: 3 Hvy AA (852255L5) 6 Hvy AA (85555638) Btry (81175077) Btry (825L4986)	S-3 Div
1540	Div reports hostile btry (81035125)	S-3
1640	Div reports gun (788614)	376
1650	CBO reports 1 med btry (82324982) 3 med btr. (82885322)	S-3
1655	CBO reports 1 med btry (81375327)	S-3
1715	456 reports gun flash (795535)	CBO
1800	319th reports smoke screen (769575) being laid by ey arty	DIV
1920	456 FO reports 2 tanks (764525). Another 2 (773568)	Div & 319
1925	319 reports firing on Nebelwerfer (801552)	Div & S-3
2015	376 fired on tanks (77595880)	Div
2025	376 engaged: 1900 vehicles (78755713) 1925 tanks (77595880) 1955 nebelw. (78985504) 2005 2 half tr (78555975)	Div
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0615	456 reports observed 2 ey tanks (766529)	G-2 G-3

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0607	508 reports long column of tks moving SE to NW on Wyler rd. Sof Wyler tks now stopped.	G-2 Bns
1250	456 reports ey CP next to ammo dump 7825419. Fired upon and area well covered.	Div
1642	Trps vehs at 79745650, effect excellent. JP plane 1700 Small arms fire in sector. reported by 456	Div
1840	320 reports counter-attack on 508 sector	Div
1935	Div reports tank moving into 508 sector	319
2100	456 relay report from PW. 1 Co - 6 Bn - 1 officer/company Bn CO is Captain, 2 nebelwerfers 1 Bn. White Flare- Ey approaching - Red Flare -Open up with S/A Fire - Green Flare Arty Open up on prearranged fires.	Div
2115	456 reports Inf expects attack tonight	Div
2115	376 reports German Hospital in vic of 78755710 defensive sector.	

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0215	CBO reports nebelwerfers at 78985504, 79235475, 79085473, fired by 456 and Br	319, Br
0220	320 reports N Blw 7655 NE last 15 min.	CBO
0825	Air OP reports mortars at 778599 - 376 firing	Div
0910	Div relay reports SKY report of 88mm at 813624	Air OP
1217	456 reports at 1215 505 reported 4 gun btry at 785525. Fired upon 456. 1 gun 784543. 1 gun at 798546	Div,CBO
1615	456 reports at 1610 -SMOKE from woods at 794534 - looks like mortar or howitzer	Div,CBO
1610	Air OP reports gun flash at 799061415 (121 med regt firing)	CBO

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0105	C Co 504 reports tk movement and talking in factory area Zaulbery heard hvy explosion in same place. MG fire at 776616 - reported by white Bn A Co reported by OP reinforced at 778588. Also MG at 779589. C Co patrol went to 779579 in contact with ey - will patrol again at 0300 same area SP gun at 797616.	S-3
0115	Nebelwerfer at 79305493 and 80355384 and 79035497.	G-2,320,456
0120	CBO reports gun or nebelwerfer at 78265606. A location	G-2
0140	B7 reports ey mortar or nebelwerfer at 77425630	G-2,320
0150	B7 reports ey mortar or nebelwerfer at 78556414.	G-2, 320
0200	456 reports considerable ey activity at CR 78105445	TOT 0215, Br
0245	B7 reports mortar at 78405713	S-3
0745	G-2, Engrs reports tk in vic of 77465414. Recently been firing	Air OP

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1030	Div reports sev officers apparently making an inspection at 1020 hrs.	G-3,505
1156	456 reports in of reported 3 88mm at 7954	AOP
1730	AOP reports smoke coming from Tyler and drifting as far as Den Heuvel Woods	Div
1320	465 reports ey 105 btty [illegible] 075238	

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0550	B7 reports ey mortar at 78615711	G-2
1055	320 reports 505 found nothing in REICHSWALD	Div
1410	456 reports nebelwerfer at 778551	Radar
1410	376 reports nebelwerfer at 79185571 engaged	Radar
1415	320 reports nebelwefers at 77945663, 782550, 776554 engaged	Radar
1420	456 reports nebelwerfers at 795548, 772542, 795545	Radar
1730	376 reports 1 tk KO'ed at 77676152.	Div
1730	AOP reports ey btry engaged at 826633 also nebelwerfer at 78365548.	Div
2215	CbO reports single gun engaged at 84755447.	Div
2340	Radar reports nebelwerfer engaged at 80475958	Div

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0510	Div reports that 325 rpts tk vic houses at 771570	G-3
1200	456 reports 105 btry approx 785515	G-3
1250	Div relay report 504 large ey pl 300 yds E of Tyler	G-3
1250	456 reports inf OP at 78455282, ammo dump at 77865383, 1315 - ey inf at 78115447 - all engaged	G-3
1540	456 reports ey activity vic houses at 78115447 78205490 for last 2 days. fired on by 456	Div
1600	456 reports nebelwerfer at 79845478	Div
1640	456 reports 1 gun at 78245655, veh at 79455675 both engaged	Div
1700	325 reports 2 flak towers at 785568	AOP
1729	Div reports suspected portable pillbox camouflaged in haystacks at 78165867-78785836	376

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Time	Event	Disposition
1740	504 reports camouflaged gun at 785563, red flare observed - ey personnel at 766553.	376
1835	456 engaged mortar at 762541, MG at 773557, Nebel at 79505350	Div
1925	320 relay report from OP Cherokee that 4 guns az 155°- 160° 75555720 near edge of [illegible] az 125° (in woods 7954) ..rty or hvy mortar 160° Nebel 175° guns (near REICHSWALD) at 787583 & 781582, 2 big stacks, from which 50 cal bullets ricocheted.	Div, CO

10 OCTOBER

0720	ey mortar at 80165252 , 3 mortars [illegible] ras ..ency ... reported by 47	Fr Ln 6-2

11 OCTOBER

1230	Radar reports mortars at 779400 & 555540 engaged	6-3
1250	320 reports Conc NE bel 79045585 engaged " Nebel. 79555541 " OP gun at 759588 engaged	Div
1255	320 reports dud little longer than side over 1 ft diam. from conc 33	Ord Engrs
1430	320 engaged 2 nebels at 79555541	Div
1507	AOP reports ey arty at 826545 firing on... L	CO

12 OCTOBER

0940	Div reports flak tower at 795597 ..per ... have radar	CO
1050	Fr Ln relay reports Fr AOP engaging ... at 815996	Div
1045	Fr Ln relay reports Fr arty/... gun at 804542	376
1225	47 reports ey mortar engaged by counter-bat...	Div
1240	Div reports arty ... fire [illegible]	CO
1254	47 reports "..." fired 79595565 and "..." fired 81...	CO
1325	47 reports "R" fired 80965237	6-3
1350	Fr fire at 772576	Div
1325	47 reports mortars at 77675 ... and 7... engaged by 376	Div

13 OCTOBER

1100	320 reports green smoke at 772570	Div
1110	456 reports at 1035 hrs 77206011 ... by a ... fd Lt. Inst. Fired on ... engaged	Div

Time	Event	Disposition
1115	456 reports at 1[illegible] hrs 7[illegible]4609 ey inf rated by [illegible] Fired on with good effect	[illegible]iv
1130	456 reports at 1100 hr ey GP judged by rrolonged sound to be at 776652. Rated by [illegible] Lt. Reed	[illegible]
1355	AOP reports 3 guns in [illegible] at 817591	[illegible]
1420	320 reports supply depot at 80305505 engaged	Div
1435	Hr reports working party at 83195627-83055630	Div
1530	320 reports 16-17 veh's at 817557	Div

14 OCTOBER

0900	Div reports on weather-0900-2000: Wind [illegible] veering westerly. 15-20 [illegible]. Weather fair to cloudy [illegible] showers, clouds [illegible] tenths cumulus at 2000-2000 ft. 9-10 tenths at 1000 ft or below in showers. Visibility over 8 miles. Outlook for tonight - fair [illegible] fine	Div
0930	[illegible] reports from [illegible] that 4 guns in [illegible] [illegible] at 824[illegible]. Just [illegible] of [illegible]. Observed [illegible] activity	320
0955	320 reports stores in rectangular shiny [illegible] along rd at 819560.	
1115	Hr reports [illegible] at [illegible]	376
1115	Hr reports working party on entrenchments at [illegible] and 809571	Div
1207	456 reports ey [illegible] - [illegible] near by - contained hay	Div
1219	AOP reports gun flash at [illegible] - [illegible]	Div
1225	376 reports [illegible] north out of [illegible]	[illegible]
1230	Div reported [illegible] moved into [illegible] at 7[illegible]	[illegible]
1310	Hr [illegible] reports [illegible] gun at [illegible] at 785656 - engaged	Div
1520	376 reports [illegible] yes [illegible] church fire started by 376 registration. [illegible] smoke started his fire, so plastered area with [illegible] 50 to 60 feet flames and explosions.	G-2
1535	320 reports, [illegible] company str marching in [illegible] along rd fr [illegible] towards [illegible]	Div
1650	1 [illegible] gun destroyed at 7906[illegible] by 511 field [illegible]	Div
1720	456 reports at 17[illegible] hrs - [illegible] break into 2 parts at 767616.	[illegible] & G-2
1740	456 reports at 1740 hrs 6 guns flashes at 7[illegible]515	[illegible]
1800	AOP reports gun at 80[illegible]3	[illegible]

Time	Event	Disposition
1900	320 reports Ca 1600 from (730573) amber flare	G-2
2000	456 reports mortars (77276070). Engaged	Div
2015	320 reports 12 rds Nebel 2000 hrs (766576) az 125	B-7
2030	320 reports ey OPLR (779583) along rd to (778580)	Div
	15 OCTOBER	
0800	456 report rds 170 mm landed (73805860) from az 2800	Div
1015	376 engaged 2 vehicles (79476146)	Div
1120	SP gun (79405949) Engaged reported by AOP	G-2
1140	Flash Sp reported mortar at (779578)	G-2
1145	320 reports working party digging in hill 37 (8254)	G-2
1205	320 reports tk (771572) being engaged by 320	G-2
1345	376 reports SP gun (78965987). Engaged by 376	G-2
1345	G-3 reports tk destroyed (7741552)	S-3
1501	Radar reports Nebelwerfer (79715535). Engaged	Div
1525	320 report 505 arty fire (784639)-(762631) to SE	DBO
1620	320 reports at 1610 hours 6 bbl mortar landed at and observed from (767567). Az 110 degrees. estimated range 2200 yds	CBO
1725	456 reports guns (77516547) KO'd tk and MG nest (77166199). Ey inf in bikes (77216100). Engaged	Div
	16 OCTOBER	
0530	320 reports suspect possible attack on right flank. Movement indicates troops forming	G-2
0930	Div reports from 504 2 sqads ey dug in with MG around house (774577).	S-3
0945	320 reports working party around gun position (824545). 100 yds N of WYLER a church suspected as mortar position	43 Div G-2
1025	Div relay report 325 at (835555) Ey tps marching S to KRANENBURG	43 Div 320
1100	320 at (78455727). House burning and blowing up	Div

Time	Event	Disposition
1200	456 reports mortar (775610). Heavy gun NE mortar (779578). Horse and cart (789598)	Br Radar
1345	AOP reports ey arty (814556) 2 guns SP	CBO
1450	320 reports nebelwerfer (80035537). Engaged	Div
1710	376 reports engaging nebelwerfer (80005498)	Div
1815	Br In O reports nebelwerfer destroyed by Br (782562)	G-2
1900	320 reports 2 lights vis at 1900 hrs flashing from (761572) at 75 degrees mag and 90 degrees mag.	G-2
1920	320 reports light visible at 90 degree mag from (761572) for 2 seconds	Div
1950	456 reports mortars and MG (78105830) Engaged	Div
1957	456 reports SA and mortar GROESBEEK	Div
2015	320 reports from (761572) az 80 degrees a searchlight great distance out	Div
2030	456 reports intense SA fire (774590)	Div
2100	376 reports conc 1121 nebel shoot. Ambulance hauled off casualties.(772589) and (772586) SA fire.	Div

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1400		456	80435430	4 Gun Btry (FW & SR)	(2)
1500	320		71206400	Prep for British	(3) Per Min for 2 Min OK
2230	320		716635	Ey Arty	LNO will observe OK Col March

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ON CALL	84 Med Regt		780583 800550 746505	Wyler	DF 2061 DF 2062 DF 2063
0910	320		706642	Gun Empl (Not Obs)	To 84 Med-getting obs
1000	320		723629	200 Germans Ey assem area	For clearance-OK check w/Br LO w/320
1045	"		723629	" " "	Clear thru Br Ln w/320 OK
1250	456		German 75 Field How Amm found in quantity.		Can it be used? Get some samples.
1300	456		805561	Btry 105 guns (from 2PW)	Observe 319, 456, Br.
1325	320		695635	Reg for clearance	Not OK unless 504 clears
1330	456		722515	Addit fire-Ctr attack	84 Med Regt-Btry
1500	320		713636	High velocity guns	Cleared by Br and Challenge.
1505	320		715640	Mortars edge of woods	Cleared by Br. and Challenge.
1510	456	Med Regt.	765505	4 Guns firing on Challenge Platoon	16 Rounds
1515	456		753503	Counter Attack forming	Repulsed
1530		Br (84)	722494	Maas Bridge #2226	Harassing-Interdiction
1530		Br (84)	744482	Maas Bridge #2228	Harassing-Interdiction
2215	G-3		818537	6 Para Div Hq/6 RNL	Fire Br Med (84)

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0630	Div Arty	Br (84)	818537	6 Para Div Hq	Scale 3 (72 rds) Completed 0640
0820	319	Br (84)	765585	Ey Penetration	Scale 5 (120 rds) Completed 0825
0820	319	456	765585	Ey Penetration	2 Btries 5 Volleys

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0820	319	320	765585	Ey Penetration	Bn 3 volleys
0825	319				CF Our troops advancing
0845	319		765585-765577	Ey line Approx	
0910	319		769585	Inf forming for attack	
		Br (84)	"		(3) Regt CF
		320	"		(2) Completed conc 18 CF
		456	"		
0915	319		769585	CF (one shell landed in friendly tps)	
0925	319			No immediate use for futher arty fire	
1010	456 CO	319	772568	319th to furnish supt to 2 Bn 505 (in addit to 508) CP of 2 Bn 505 at 712555. 84th Med Regt and 43rd Div Arty to reinforce our fires.	
1200	320		764599	Clear to fire (OK 1 Bn 508)	OK
1215		Br	796555 RJ)		
			797546 RJ)	Request	
			795334 RJ)	Harrassing	
			786528 RJ)	Fire	
			770504 RJ)		
1400	G-2 (508)	Br	75206185	Wy CP & vehicles shot.	
1400	G-2 (Dutch)	Br	7662(Wercheren)	400 typs, 2 tanks 4 Flak W	
1515		Br	795525	Harrassing	
1600	456	319	778566	Ey tanks firing ok from 319th Can observe.	
1635	456	Br	78705665	2 tanks-6 trukks Fld Gun	
1745	Br		753618	Infantry	Br fired all available
1818	Challenge via Champ 2	456	745515	Flak wagon	456 to check with Challenge
1905	320		794589	SP gun	Out of RN-320 too dark to adj

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2100		Br (Capt Watters)	779614 RJ 818537 CP 795525 Area 796555 RJ 797546 RJ 795534 RJ 786528 RJ 770504 RJ	Interdiction and harrassing fire-starting at 2100 on 22nd.	(2201) (2215) (2213) (2211) (2209) (2207) (2205) (2203)
2030	319		815595	Two gun positions (from Inf)	Observe

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1350	376		745487	Ey tanks firing at OP	Moved away before clearance could be granted
1440	319	55th (Br)	734656	2-500 ey troops dug in	Scale 2 8 guns completed - unobserved
1530	Div	376	749506	Nebelwerfer located by Rangers	Observed-Well covered 37 rds.
1745					Adj coord 7540-4904
1745	376	all Bns	74585056	rounds falling short of FO	firing stopped by 1748.
1815	Div	456	778544	20 ey inf in open	Good effect. Bn 4 rds.
1830	320	319	778586	Road block 100 ey inf	
2140	Br (sound)		77875903	2 Field guns	Unsafe to fire-319

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0215	456	86 (Br)	776503	Heavy guns firing also Nebelwerfer	Scale 2-8 guns Not observed
0330	456	"	771505	105 guns firing	Scale 2 observed Target 2049 Roger Btry
0715	319		768618	Inf conc. Req addit fire	Request cancelled before action
0825	319	456 Lt Med	777615	Ey counter attack	Scale 1, Lt and med completed 456 did not fire.
0830	319	86 (Br)	794627	Ey inf assembly	Scale 1 completed effect good
0845	319	86 Med (Br)	79956140	column of trucks & inf	Scale 3 passed on to Corp
0900	Div Arty	Br F	80356125)	Inf and mtr column	Scale (3)
0900	Div Arty	Br F	80206182)	Moving	" (3)
0905	" "	Br M	80206155)	east	" (3)

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0955	456	456	780561	Gun flashes	OK
1130	Br	Br M	773568	SP guns, MG & Inf	Med fired (2) coord 74885613
1200	320	319	763572 78705665	Rds falling here, too.	close to our troops
1405	320	320	749516	Mortars in Woods	OK
1425	456	319	791568	Inf and Vehicles	OK to shoot from 319
1440	456	Br	76805054	Inf and Vehicles	Fired by Br-Adj by 456.DFRC Mission accomplished
1520	320		Adj-8155 5720, 8045 5744	CP Bldgs 3 cars-personnel coming & going	One direct hit Br# B1
1555	Br		732670	Camouf tanks	Fired by Br
1605	456		79705646	Inf observed	For clearance OK
1735	Royals		795595	12 guns	Br Btry
1735	CBO		7676048975	3 Field guns	" "
1745	456		773568	Gun flash(AOP)	OK 319 (Too late-dark)
1750	456		81556000	Btry going in position	Fired scale 1 (4 rds)
1800	320	319	780594	One 88	OK from 319
1840	319		820595	Hvy Btry	See below
See	1750	320	Adj coord	82471-60024 10 meters	Target no. B-3 (84m)

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Night 23-24	Div Arty	Br	794627	RJ	Interdiction and Harrassing Fires
"	"	"	798615	RJ	
"	"	"	82476002	Btry Target B-3	
"	"	"	76764897	Btry	
"	"	"	81555720	CP target B-1	
0845	CBO	319 320 Br	8132554900	2 guns unknown caliber	Completed Scale 2
0935	456	456	775562	1 SP gun	OK from 319
1135	Rangers	320	777522	Ey digging in	For obs & shoot
1230	CBO	Br	813530	Nebelwerfer	Fired-Scale (2)
1400			794627	300 Inf-3 88mm	
1510	Div		703587	Div CP to move to these coordinates at 1630.	
1600	319	319	764623	Ey troops	Air Op-shells landed rightin among

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2000	G-2	84 (br)	777655	4 guns & troops	Scale 3-completed
2305	CBO	Br 84	761486	Nebelwerfer	1 troop scale (2)

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0100	G-2	84 (Br)	777655	4 guns & troops	Scale 1) Harrassing
0300	"	" "	"	"	") Fire
0130	CBO	84 (Br)	761486	Nebelwerfer	Scale 1) Harrassing
0330	"	" "	"	"	") Fire
1315	Br (86)	Br (86)	772571	Unknown	462d Btry (8 25 pdrs)
1515	Br (86)	Br (86)	815544	Hostile Btry	Completed
1520	320		Time fire landing at 763523		Not any of our Bns or British
1645	456	G-3	739669	German officers around map	For clearance-friendly not cleared
1715	320		78295206	Btry	Adj by cub-fired 320
1745	456	BG	74366620	40 Inf	Not safe
1815		Br	755499 CR	) Harrassing HF1	2025&0200
"		"	74366620 Btry	) fire HF2	2315&0030
"		"	793622 RJ	) for Hf3	2300&0015
"		"	797566	) night 25-26 HF4	0300&0500

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1040	CBO	84 (Br)	798676	gun	Scale 2
1100	320	86 (fd)	78155595	tns on rd	3 rds per gun
"	"	"	78155640	" " "	" " " "
"	"	"	78365676	" " "	" " " "
1400	G-3 320 319		755433 Beugen-11 Arm'd Div is at least this far Do not shoot anything on west side of river		
1400	G-2 320		772517	Guns in 2 bldgs	For obs and fire
1435	Lt Corrigan			Cub shot down near hosp-Garigletti & Aiken wounded and in hosp. Shot by ey aircraft about 1315	
1600	376 AOP 320		788508	Arty	600-1000-2000-Lt Walsworth mission stopped.
1620	319		749499	Arty	Cub obs Conc #110 used 319 Bn.
1635	320	Br Med	786519	Btry(was at 78295206 Yesterday)	Fire at 1755. too dark to obs.

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1715	320	Br med	75544989	Register med arty	(after above) OK registered
	320 AOF		777486	Btry	Too dark to adj
2125	CBO	86 (Br)	79055605	10+ more guns	Scale (2) from 2 Btrys

27 September 1944

0535	0542	320	Grid Square 7451	Preparation	Completed 0542
"		319	conc 11-14	"	"
"		86 FD	conc 5-8	"	"
"		84 Med	conc 5-6	"	"
"		319	conc 15-18	"	"
0730	320	Br med	768512	Gunflashes (AOF)	Btry (8 guns) (3) conc no 2 5
0740	"	"	768510	Personnel "like flies" Btry Arty	Excellent effect
0915	320 (AOF)	CBO	818484		Out of range for Med. coord given to CBO
0920	320 (AOF)	320	793507	Nebelwerfer	conc 107 excellent effect
1330	376 (AOF)		785598	5 tanks (Of G-2 Report DESO)	Hold fire awaiting air supt mission
1440	456 (AOF)		800601	6 or 7 arm'd vehicles	" " "
1610	CBO	Br	790486	4 guns (med cal)	Partial adj and (2) #07
1815	Div Arty	Br 84 Med	800601	Arm'd vehicles	Scale (3)

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0030	CBO	Br 7th Med	783505	Hy Hy guns	1 Btry Scale (3)
0500	30 Corps	320	783505	" " "	request to have cub observe
0545	Br ln O 376	7 Med	78356365	Hy arty	Scale 1-FO's line out-lost contact
0635	320		802532	Med Arty ground obs	320 adj & neutralize
0645	AOF		8159	4 gun med Btry	
0645	CBO	7 Med	832694	Btry	Fired unobs by med
0650	320		815539	Btry	Fired by 86th
0855	Rangers	7 med	776616	Tanks & Inf	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0930	Representative of 231 Inf Brig, 50 Div safety line from 7250 along 50 to 77-North along 77 to 52-NE from 7752 to 7954 North along 79 to 63--This safety line-Maas River (Lt Bentall, location -Mill 6345) To net with 7th Medium (Frequency-5735)				
0945	CBO	376	7805062050	Hvy Mortar	
1005	CBO	376	785598	4 tnks moving N	
1150	413 Btry	Br	805546	Btry	
1300	376 AOF	320	767490	Ey Btry	Fired-good effect see CBO target fired 23 Sept
1600	SHY	7 Med	799541	1-105mm l ey tank EMT	Scale 2
1755	AOP	7 Med	783574	Ey guns	
1800	AOP	Med	814473	Ey Btry	Unable to obs-Dusk
2120	Div Arty	84 med	806556	Ey Guns Railway?	Scale (2) Regt
	320	closed in new positions at 1730 as follows: CP 732545, Btry a 731544, Btry B 733547.			
	456	closed in new positions at 2100 as follows: CP 730596, Btry A 732597, Btry B 735598, Btry C 733598			

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0330	320	all units	768528	1 rd of volley falling in friendly area every 20 min.	
0355	"	"	"	"	
0835	Br obs	376	803615	ey pers in area	3 volleys-serenade
"	"	456	798614	" " " "	" "
"	"	2 Btries med	800615	" " " "	" "
"	"	3 Btries light	800615	" " " "	" "
0910	"	376 & 456	803616	Inf in orchard	(3)
0910	"	Br 2 Btry Med & 1 Fd Regt			(1)
1225	Air OF	456	798615	Ey vehicles	
1600	G-2	AOP	807583	Div CP	Register med (only 1st rd observed)
1900		Br	805583	" "	(2) 2 Med Btrys & Fld Regt
1905		Br	807583	" "	(2) Med Btrys & Fld Regt
1830	Rangers	320	763520	Inf in strength Ok from 320. Br fired light regt.	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0130	CBO	Br 7 Med	805504	Ey fld guns	Scale (2)0130 & 0145
0145	CBO	Br 7 Med	790517	Ey fld guns	Scale (3) at 0200
0825	AOP 319	7 Med	791517	Ey fld guns	3 med guns (6) for effect 200 SE
1025	SKY	7 Med	785535	3-105mm	Not fired. Poor obs
1100	Radar	319	77745615	Mortar	For fire (obs
1100	"	376	77535829	"	" " "
1215	320	320	744509	Inf strong point	320 firing. Too close for reinforcing fires
1220	Rangers	456	775530	2 SP guns	
1245	376		800627	Inf (cider w) want fire at 2000 hrs.	Report activity
1310	319	OPts at	761573 and 76055690		(posted)
	319 OP	Br med	774568	Register	
1532		319-456-376-7 med	77265674	1- 1½ Co's of Inf	Serenade-3 volleys
	G-2 376		800626	Amm Dump: Tps MV	Fire at 2000?
1600	319		Rounds over observer at 761573 landed short- (1 man killed, 1 wounded)		
1800	AOP	Br	791550	Ey btry	86 Fld Regt
1903	AOP	376 456	79965504	Nebelwerfers	3 /g/m 3 mim
1905	AOP	376 456	80085529	Nebelwerfers	3 /g/m 3 mim
1910	Radar	376	77525746	Mortars	3 mim
1915		376	77915822	Mortars	3 mim
1920		376	77535829	Mortars	3 mim
1900		319	77745615		3 mim
1730	319	319	766524	Rept gun pos	for 319 only at time
1745	AOP	147	791553	gun pos (flash)	
2200	Radar		78145544 78105548	Gun (Hvy?) " "	(5) 79 Fld Regt at 78125546
2140	456-320		765508	Btry firing	Fired by Br thru 320
2210	CBO	64 Med	79755150	Gun firing	(2)

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2220	456	Br	(792542) (794547) (799547)	Tanks assembling	7 Med & 84 Med TOT 2250 & 2310 Scale 2
2254	CBO	Baker 6	745599	Bearing 60° 30'-Range 3000. mortars	
2310	Baker 6	376	78305788	Mortars listed above	Fired Btry (3)
2346	CBO	Br	823501	Enemy gun	7 Med Scale 2

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0005	320	All	*74555105	Inf & tanks	320, 319, 456, 86 FD, 79 FD U-2

*Correction for 25 pdrs west 200 Add 200

0114	320	CBO	From 743575	Bearing 95°	Gun flash
0115	325	CBO	From 743581	Bearing 100°	Gun flash
0125	Baker 6	456	77915514	Ey gun	4 rds
0146	76 Fd	319	771563	" Mortar	Btry 2 rds
0155	320	319	772525	Inf	Bn 5 rds
0155	320	456	769522	Inf	Bn 5 rds
1445	G-2	153 regt	752661	SP gun (shooting at Bridge)	153 Regt (3) engr 500 short
1455	Radar	319	77765716	Mortar	319
1500	307 Engrs	Capt Kirkwood at G-3 has Radio contact with CO at River			
1545	CBO	Br	785484	Hvy mortar w/in 800 yds	Med regt (1)
0500	CB		79625272	Mortar 60 rds C Location	(3)
0640	320		763511	2 tanks	
0920	Baker 6	319	77245638	Mortar w/in 50 yds	319 to fire
0920	Baker 6	319	77525639 adj coord	Rocket? "	" " "
0940	376 AOP	7 med	798644	Ey arty fire (4 guns)	7 Med (5) Exc effect Target "P3"
1030	319		8153	smoke from camp fires	OP to observe
1055		OP	reports smoke is drifting over woods from North		
1145	CBO	Br	823499	Btry	79th Regt (5)
1425	Baker 6	319	78345614	Mortar (a)	319

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1455	SRY	413	7852	4-105mm	Scale (2) (Report)
1510	319	320	785522	Hvy guns observed by AOP, could not locate.	
1540	Baker 6	456	77935490	Mortar	(B) 456
1545	320	AOP	755520	tanks 1200 yds East of coord	Could not locate AOP searching.
1620	79th	456	782544	German activity	(Fired by 79th) 456 Air OP
1635	CBO	Is it safe to fire W of 79 between 48/54? Yes			
1712	Baker 6	456	78055468	Mortars (A)	456
1716	Baker 6	319	79765645	Mortars (A)	319
1735	456	7 Med	805559	Guns & Veh	(Through 456)
1745	376?	86	823546	Gun Flashes	86th
1900	Engrs		761661	SP, MG several MT	
1920	CBO	CBO	76764898	To fire thru CBO	Suspect 3 how shelling Groesbeek
2330	376	Br (90)	781583	cider red in trouble report	Scale 5
"	"	" 86	782582	enemy pressure-much activity	Scale 5
"	"	" 153	"	"	Scale 5
"	"	" 79	"	"	Scale 5
2345	307 eng	Br med	763663	Btry	Scale 3

2 October 1944

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0005	376	79 Fld	Mike 101	Company forming	Scale 5
0015	B-6	86 Fld	79985658	Nan Target "A" Location	Scale 3
"	Br Ln0	319	761577	report of counter attack	319 had no knowledge
0030	320		763506	Hy mortar	
0035	319	376	761577	verify counter attack - care of it - 376 helping	can take
0140	319	79	77225680	defensive fires	Scale 5
"	"	86	7735564	" "	" "
"	"	319	775572	" "	" "
"	"	456	769561	" "	" "
"	"	All Arty	76745728	Tank's? & Inf penetration	
0200	"	" "	764575	" " "	Scale 5
0225	319	Our Inf now advancing & do not need reinforcing fires until further call			
0230	319	Br	773568	Request addit fire 3 Regts (corps)	(5) (Time Spread until 0300)
0300	Baker 6	376	79505692	Mortar	(2)
0340	" "	456	78105547	"	"
0405	" "	319	79815676	"	"
0430	" "	376	79665783	"	"
0510	" "	319	78535651	"	"
0530	" "	"	77535639	"	Btry (2)
0625	319	456-376 Bn-319	77355682	Tanks & Inf	(5) TOT 0637
0825	Baker 6	456	77495579	Mortar	(A) 456
0845	Air OP	456	826544	Gun Flash	Br Com out (7 Med through 456)
0915	SRY	456	780527	OP Church Steeple	
0938	Baker 6	376	78275844	Mortars	(A) Increase range
1058	SRY	456	795548	Strong Pt in house	
1100	C-3	79	783517	3 to 5 150mm Guns 79th	Scale (2) Mike 4
1215	Air OP	79	787517	Gun Flash	79 Scale (3)(2)
1600	456	320	745502	Men unloading Am	From 456 Obs-320 can Obs

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Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1615	376 OP	376	787633	Gun Flashes (2)	Adj by 376-also 64 Move W300;NW200; N200 (2)
1620	319	Br	81355520	4 Gun Btry	Adj by 319 also Hvy x (5) No shift by heavy
1750	456 OP	456	775517	Btry Adj moved at least 1000 yds	
1815	456	319-320-86th	75005100	Counter attack	(Repeat 200 R) (5) Volleys
1856	Baker 6	376	78795772	Mortars	(B) Btry (3)
1925	456		753513	Inf Co digging	(3) 2 Regts 319 456
1900	Air OP	CBO	76254870	4 Gun Btry(light)	Air Op picked these Guns up by flashes
"	" "	"	799518	4 Hvy or Med guns	in late evening
"	" "	"	80205255	2 or more Hvy gun	Reported to CBO
"	" "	"	802531	3 or 4 Med guns	for action.
"	" "	"	79605115	3 Hvy guns	
1950	307 Engr	376	758668	Ey MT 3 or 4	For 376 Observer
2000	Baker 6	462	78225595	at 2001 A Mortar	Passed to 462 Btry
2005	" "		78585589	2009 A Mortar	Given by Baker 6 to 462
For Tonight	(86th & 376th Laid on WYLER as NB (79th & 321st Laid on BAD WYLER as NB				
2055	456	319	773564	Arm's vehicles	OK to fire from 319
2120	307 Engr	376	763663	Gun firing continously	376 to fire one Btry Adj by Engr or 376 Observer

3 October 1944

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0015	456th	Br	774509	Ey Guns	Btry (1)
0015	456th	Br	776514	Ey Guns	Btry (1)
0730	AirOP	86th	824545	8 Guns	2 Btrys Scale 3 excellent effect
corrected coord			833905395	Target #M18	went up 200 & repeated Scale 2
0930	CBO	86th	81225284	3 Field Guns	Scale (5) M-19
1535	CBO	7-76-86	78675238	1-15 Gun	(A) Scale (3)
1730	Baker 7	AT	739577	will be in Position about 1900	
1735	307 Eng	376th	766655	4-6 Guns-Fired 40rds	
1800	AirOP	456th	782545	Inf	
2105	Baker 7		76905382	Mortar	341 Btry firing
0017	376th LNO2	CBO	775665	(21 Flash) Rocket Gun	

4 October 1944

0445	CBO	86 Fld	789550	6 Nebelwerfers	Rgt Scale 3 456 to observe
0448	Able Flash Spotter	"	786550	6 Nebelwerfers	Med Btry Scale 3
1125	Baker 7		78495678	Mortar	413 B to firing
1345	319th	319-320 376-456 7-76-86	77355680	Bn Infantry	TOT 1430-148 Guns (2) Scale 2 excellent effect
1530	CBO	Br	85225545	3 Hvy AA A Loc	3 Btrys (3) Light
"	CBO	Br	85555638	6 Hvy AA A Loc	3 Btrys (3) Light
"	"	"	84175077	? Guns B Loc	1 Regt "
"	"	"	82544986	? Guns D Loc	1 Regt "
"	"	"	81035125	? Guns	
1650	"	"	82324982	1 Med (A)	7 Med Regt (1)
"	"	"	82885322	3 /Med (B)	76 Fld Regt (1)
1655	"	456	81375327	1 /Med (C)	Br (3)
1730	319 PW & Shell Rep		840583	2 or more 150mm	Scale (3) 3 Btrys 86 Fld
1730	Engrs	376	765656	SP Gun	
1900	CBO	319-376 456	78985504	Nebelwerfers	TOT 1920 (2)
1930	"	319-376 456	79105500	"	TOT 1955 (5)

4 October 1944 (cont'd)

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
2045	Baker 7		772561	Moving object	
2125	CBO		82885322	Btry (3Med)	121 Med (3)
"	"		79445144	" ?	" " "
2230	"		823528	" ?	" Btry (2)
"	"		828532	" ?	" "
"	"		829543 0	" ?	"

5 October 1944

1600	Baker 7	462	77695123	Mortars (c)	
1620	CBO		82495435	AEOC 3 Med	121 Med (5)
1935	(HF)	319-320-376-456	773568	Den Heuvel	(2) TOT
1940 to ?	(((	319th "	77455740 772569	RJ RJ	12 rds/hr(as single rds) 12 rds/hr(as single rds)
1920	CBO	456-320	78985504	Nebelwerfers	(5) TOT 1945
"	"		79065490	"	(5) 1950(Good)
"	"		79235475	"	(5) 1955
0105	"	456th	75084878	"	(2) 0130 TOT

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0215	CBO	456th	78985504	Nebelwerfers	Scale 5 (TOT 0230
"	"	86th Fld	79085473	"	" " " "
"	"	" "	79235475	"	" " " "
0915	SRM	Air OP	813624	88 mm	Check
1100	Air OP 319th	376th	802579	MG & Infantry	
1255	456th	Br	762526	Ey Strong Pt	TOT 1320 1 Field Regt Scale (3)
1550	376th Air OP		80576160	Gun Flashes	376th adj
	"		79900145	" "	121(3) adj (TOT 1630)
1700	376th	Br	77746145	" "	TOT 2000 (2) 2 Field Regts 320 - 376
1655	456th	456th(3)	795535	Nebelwerfers	

6 October 1944 (cont'd)

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1945	CBO	320-376-456-	77805730	4 Nebelwerfers	TOT 2010 OK 320 Bn (5) OK 376
1900		No Fire South of Line 7852-7652 Tonight (Patrol Activity)			
2045	50 Div	" " West " "	770643-770675-750696		

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0115	CBO	320-456	79305493	Nebelwerfers	BN (5) TOT 0125
"	"	Br	80355384	"	Btry(3)(86th Field)
0120	"	320-456	79035497	"	Bn (5) TOT 0145
0125	Baker 7	Br	78265606	" /mortar	Trp (3) (86) 0115 A
0130	456	456 OP	79745422	"	Bn (3)
0145	Baker 7	Br	77425630	Neb or mortar	Troop (3)
	" "	320	77355612	" "	Bn (3) 0135 A
	" "	Br	79315581	" "	Trp (3) 0138
	" "	"	78495637	" "	Btry (3) 0146
0200	456	456 & Br	78105445	Activity(Inf Request)	TOT 0215 (3) 86th Btry 456th
0210	3 Div		779547		(86th Field)
	"		776534		(" ")
0220	Baker 7		78105783	Mortar	(" ") A
	" "		78405713	"	(" ") 0249
1200	456th	Air OP	7954	3 88mm	
1130	504	" "	8061	Installations (Request Obs.)	
1345	376	" "	805630	Ey Gun	Could not Obs.
1350	Gren Gds	" "	799615	3 Med Guns	121 Med Scale 5 M 1
1335	320	" "	782555	Clearance to fire in 456 Sector	Yes
1415	Air OP	320 & Br	785597	Hvy AA	Med Regt (2)
1605	320	Air OP	784554	Susp Gun Pos	(Saw nothing)
1815	456	CBO	78745282	" 105 Gun Pos	
1820	CBO		78675238	Nearest to "suspect" in line above	
1940	"		79615144	Med Gun	
1945	376		777615	Attack?	Quieted down
2155	320		785564	Nebelwerfer susp. 16 Guns (3)(in depth M 26	

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Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
2200	456th		81455351	3 Med guns?	Med Regt (1)
2230	G-3	Br	782548	Mark with Red Smoke for Bombing to East	Lt Col Bassett & Major Scammel

8 October 1944

0550	Baker 7	320	78615711	Mortars	
1415	320	320	782550	Nebelwerfers	Bn (2) Inf Loc
"	320	456	776554	"	Bn (3) Inf Loc
1420	320	320	77945663	"	Bn (3) Flash
1655	Air OP	121 Med	82296316AT20	Ey Btry(4 guns) firing	Btry Scale 3 Repeat M2
1715	Baker 7	320-456	78365548	Nebelwerfer	(1) Air OP saw no target
on call if Mortar fires			79055495	Neb Suspect-Target HX	
2000	Baker 7	86th Fld	77725696	Mortars	1 Med Regt
2030	CBO(F)	" "	80155491	Nebelwerfers	2 Btrys (2)
2000	456		78115447	HF at 0100(90ct)	Btry Scale (1)
2000	"		78205490	" " 0200(90ct)	" " (1)
2200	456		77185175	Bn CP (PW)	AGRA will Fire Med Morning of 9 Oct
2215	CBO	CBO	84755447	1 Med	(CBO)
2300	456		76825210	Possible attack STONK 45 on call	on call from 456
2335	CBO	376 & Br	80475958	Nebelwerfer	TOT 2350 Med Regt 376 Bn(1)

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0330	376	(320-86th) (Field-413) (Btry-7 Med) (456th)	77646149	possible attack from woods No further development	cone. 343 Scale 5 on call
0530	Able Flash Sp 320th		78885597	Nebelwerfer	Bn (3)
1435	376 OP		818598	2 Tanks	Adj by 376. Personnel ran-Trp Med 4-Think both hit
1545	456	Br	78115447	House-Daily Activity	Request Br LNO to Have Med Send Foo
"	"	"	78205490	" " "	and Destroy
1805	"	64 Med	77185175	(Virginia) Bn CP	Scale (3) Fire at 0630 10 Oct

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Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1810	456	Med	79905392 a	Nebelwerfers	Scale (3)
1820	Baker 7		77715835 b	Mortar	Not safe to fire 376
1832	"	"	78815593	Nebelwerfer	Br
2000	CEC		79335390	"	Br 462
2005	-	CMC	78505680	"Bacchus" for CM on 10th.	fire starting 0700
0045	456		78755277	Susp SP Gun	To CBO for Obs.

10 October 1944

0740	Baker 7 Flash	7 Med	80165252	Mortars	

11 October 1944

1230	CEC	84 Med	79405580	Mortars (Neb)	(A) Scale 2 Scale 1
1250	320		79045585	Neb	
"	"		79555541	"	
1345	" Air OP	376	76625992	Inf in foxholes 1/	
1400	" " "	"	775615	MG & Vehicle	
1515	Air OP	Br	826545	Gun Flash	included in schedule shoot
1520	376	376	79945534	3 Neb	
1645	376	Air OP	784648 Area	88mm Gun	Could not find
1720	320	320	80005513	3 Neb	R150 R200
1800	Air OP		804532	Gun Flash	Cannot observe
1825	" "		797547	Neb Flash	" "

2130 43 Div "NC Fire" 2100 to 0400 West of 785567-785548-771545-771535-780535-780530-776530-775516-765515-765506

12 October 1944

1040	CEC	376	804542 a 1218 c	Mortar or SP	TOT 1050 Bn (5)
1230	Baker 7		79765626 a	Mortar	CM
1234	" "		78595568 b	"	"
1314	" "		81425514 a	"	"
1325	" "	426	80965237	"	"
1350	Air OP	376	806584	3 Vehicles	

12 October 1944 (cont'd)

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1420-	G-3 325	Air OP	782561	CP Troop Conv	
1440	320	84 Med	800545	Nebelwerfers	Scale 1 Scale 3 (Mike 6)
1510	Baker 7	43 Div	77465494	Mortar	
1690	Br	84 Med	78356355	Factory-Register Mediums	
"	376		764583	Friendly Fire Too Close	
"	320		772576	" " " "	(From 80 -Not Friendly)
1820	Baker 7	376	77675809	Mortars (B)	Btry (3)
"	" "	"	77775840	" (A)	" "
1835	43 Div	"No Fire" until 0430-760480-760520-770520-770535-785535-785560			
2115	320	153	77225680	#106- Barrage(SOS) for British	
2315	B-7	376	77775836	Mortar	Btry (3) at 2330

13 October 1944

1105		Air OP	801572	Working Party	79555745(corr 351
1215	Flash Sp	" "	815551	" "	cannot observe
"	376		767596	Rounds to close	Not 456
2235	Air OP	456	800626	Trucks at Am Dump	
1243	B-7	374	85995242	Mortar	
1350	Air OP	64	817531	4 Gun Btry-#Q102 Can adjust	R200. Lost, Lost. Drop 100. Btry(3) Effect 100%
1345	320	153	8022555890	Warehouse & Stores	75rds 153 Regt Good effect-No fire
1415	320	"	8139557190	Activity near Bridge	P3
1440	Flash Sp.	"	83195627	Working Party	
"	" "	"	83055630	" "	
1625	Air OP	55	81755535	2 vehicles at house Y2061	Hits on house
1630	320	153	818570	Allied Fighter Plane	25rds-Destroyed, set on fire
1900-	CO	320-376 456		Restriction on Ammunition is Lifted	
1945	43 Div	"No Fire" until	West of 7752-7754-7854-7856		
2210	456	B-7	772607	Suspected Mortar Location	
2245	64 OP	376	783588	Bright Light Seen	

14 October 1944

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0750	320	43rd	(765551) (771553)	Mortars	Unsafe-43rd Div B-7 Checking
0910	B-7	320	78575707	"	
1015	147	Air OP	79926149	Hq Assy Area	No activity Med Do at 800613 Scale 2
1035	456	55	778617	Red Smoke Typhoon (Not Fired)	
1115	153	153	832567	Working Party(20)	Scale 4 376 Obs.
1200	B-7	43 Div	77405161	Nothing definite Possible Mor/Neb	
1220	Air OP	64	81256320	Gun Flash-Can Obs 64 Regt (2)	
1235	505	456 Air OP	783635	MKIII moved in Bldg For Obs.	
1310	Flash SP	153	792542	Nebelwerfer	Br Scale (3)
1425	B-7	320	79155425	Mortar	"A"
1455	"	"	77555504	"	"A" Bn(4)
1755	456	Br M CBO	782515	Gun Flashes	Too dark to Obs
1755	Air OP	CBO	803543	" "	
1830	43 Div	No Fire Line	740480-775530-775540-790550-795550-795560-770560		(until 0330)
1850	456	"No Fire" until 0600 West of 80 North of 60			

15 October 1944

1145	Flash	Br	779578	Mortars	Cleared 376
1235	"	376	776583	Trps around house	
1430	320	Br	853575	Road traffic	7 Med Regt(1) Mike 65 (Trps every 3 Min
1510	B-7	320	79715535	Neb	also 374 Btry
1600	505 G-2	Air OP 456	784639	Gun firing from woods	Saw nothing
1620	376	64 Med	82206075	2 Guns firing	Adj by 376
1655	456	153	82766505	150-200 Inf	Lost Obs;
1710	376	376	81366104	2 Guns(72rds-2 explosions	to AGRA (Y-21)1 Hvy B 1-Med R.
2015	43 Div	376-456-320	"No Fire" until 0500-	750500-765520-775520-775540 800540-800550-785550-785558	

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0030	376	153	78005775	Y2068	(2)Repeat every 10 minutes for 30 Min
"	"	456	781583	RJ (WYLER)	Btr (1) every 3 Min for 30 Mins.

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0030	376	(320	776575		(3)
"	"	(55	788571	RJ	STONK 40 (2) also (1) every 10 min for 30 mins.
"	"	By Relief Taking Place-Truck Movement			
1320	320	B-7	794555	Mortar?	
1345	AOF	55	814556	3 Gun Flashes (V-2070)	(81545552) Scale 3 Scale 3
1412	AOF	153	819553	RJ Reconstruction	(81685552) V2071
1445	Br	AOP	834566	Working party	
1515	Flash	376	77655755	Bldg Fl Hq	
1545	320	7 Med	80045525	Neb.	12M Scale (2)
1615	AOF	456	783600	2 Neb.	
1625	Flash	153	782562	Neb	
1635	320	7 AA	80045525	"	Report
1700	320	64 Med	799551	"	Mike 79 9 guns (3)
1900	43 Div "No Fire" 760500-805540-790565 until 0600				
2315	376	Patrol information indicates Possible dawn attack.			
	"	Changing HFs will fire AM, AK, AI, AD			Bn (2) at 0515
2345	AGRA		78045777	DF2318	Med (2)
2355	"		78155820	CBO observer adjusting mediums on suspected MT	

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Narrative History

During the entire period that our battalions were in position, from 17 October to 11 November, the enemy limited his activity to sporadic artillery and mortar concentrations, and harrassing fire. His concentrations usually proved to have little more than harrassing effect on our own units.

A point of unusual interest is the fact that all four battalions fired from the same position for the entire period-twenty six days without a displacement, the enemy failing to locate any of them

As a result of this period of relative inactivity, all personnel were given an opportunity for an occasional hot bath, a movie, and some form of phusical exercise.

The majority of Division Artillery fire was counter-mortar and harrassing missions. The enemy had a large concentration of nebelwarfers on the Division front, and with the help of the British Radar Station, and a continuous flow of mortar reps from our forward observers, our fire, as that of the British Field Regts., was quite effective.

Counter-battery fire in the sector, except in the case of S P and anti-aircraft guns, was handled by the British Field and Medium Regiments. Again, the cooperation between the British Counter Battery Officer, British artillery units, and personnel of this organization provided for very effective counter-battery measures.

At the beginning of this period, the enemy artillery strenght was low, but he built it up again to possibly one hundred fifty to two hundred guns that could fire effectively against the Division.

On 21 October, Division Artillery and the 95th and 155rd Field Regts., R A, fired concentrations on eleven targets, consisting of enemy CP's, Billets, and troop concentrations, requested by the 325th Infantry. Concentrations on four of the targets were followed by propaganda shells. Positive results were negligible.

On 23 October, Division and British artillery fired successfully in support of a 504th Prcht Infantry raid to capture prisoners. At 2200 hours, the same date, Division Artillery joined the British units in firing concentrations to commemorate the second anniversary of El Alemein.

Beginning on 26 October, and during the following three evenings, Division and British artillery fired heavy concentrations on THORENSCHE KOLEN, ZYFFLICH, KNILSCHEN HOF, and a factory west of MILLINGEN. These four locations were chosen as enemy troop concentration areas. Fires were started in ZYFFLICH the first day. On the third day, each of the concentrations were followed by twenty four propaganda shells. The firing of thes concentrations on the fourth successive day apparently led the enemy to believe we were preparing for an attack, as it drew heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rocket fire. Again the results of the propaganda were negligible.

On 29 October, Division Artillery fired an intensive harrassing fire program - a welcome for fresh enemy troops expected in the line, according to information received from POW's. On this same day occured the only change in missions for Division Artillery for the entire period. The 506th Prcht. Inf. was given a five day rest, and the

319th F. A. Bn. was placed in direct support of the 151 Brigade (British) for the next five days.

On 2 November, 155 Field Regt., RA, fired 100 propaganda shells by request of the 325th Infantry. The following day, the 456th F. A. Bn. and British artillery fired in support of a raid for prisoners on the northern edge of the Division sector.

On 5 November, at the request of 43 Division (British), the 320th and 376th F. A. Bns. each fired 100rounds of white phosphorous into the Reichswald in an attempt to ignite it. Fires were started, but due to a steady rain, were soon extinguished.

At 1200 hours, 11 November, the RCA representative relieved the British RA representative at the Division Artillery CP. In the evening, the 13 RCA Regt. relieved the 456th F.A. Bn., and the 14 RCA Regt. relieved the 376th and 320th F. A. Bns. The three battalions immediately closed station and departed for a bivouac area at Oss. The 319th F. A. Bn. had closed station and prepared to displace at 0800. All battalions remained at Oss the following day.

On 13 November, the four battalions moved to Bourg-Leopold, and on the 14th November, they moved to Camp Suippes, France. Division Artillery Headquarters closed station at Nijmegen, Holland, and closed at Camp Suippes this date.

Thus ended Operation "Market". Division Artillery had fired a total of 125,874 rounds. In the words of the Division Commander "The contribution of the artillery of this Division to the Successes---- has been outstanding and, in many cases, decisive".

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY

U. S. Army APO 469

UNIT JOURNAL

OPERATION MARKET 17 OCT 44 -11 NOV 44

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

17 October 1944 D plus 30

Time Dated	Incidents or messages
0950	Chap Reid to cemetary then to 320th
1012	Col Todd at CP
1020	Col Todd left CP
1110	Col March to Divis
1110	Col d'Alessio at C & left.
1315	Col March returned
1330	Col Todd at CP & l
1400 to 1440	Meeting of Bn CO's at CP & Col Smiley, Capt Mufford & Lt French. (See file for minutes.)
1540	Chap Reid returned to area.
1555	Maj Lancey & Capt Monger, and Capt Knecht at CP.
1600	Maj Lancey, Capt Monger and Capt Monger left CP.
1630	British Units- Same as yesterday.
1840	My aircraft overhead - dropped anti personnel mines.
1845	Capt Lala at CP & left shortly.
2350	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 568th Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 131 Btry 153 Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 129 Btry 153 Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 130 Btry 153 Fld Regt

18 October 1944 D plus 31

0945	Chap Reid to 320, 456 and hospital.
1435	Capt Bergsma and Capt McCrary of the 101st A/B Div at CP to see Col Smiley and left.
1500	Maj Allen, 101st A/B Div to see Col Smiley and left.
1640	British Arty changes as follows: 25 Field 3 Btries (372-374-446 24guns 25 pdrs 153 Fld 3 Btries (129-130-131) 24 guns 25 pdrs C Tp 284 HAA Btry 4 guns 3.7" 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7 Med 2 btries 25/26 8 guns 5.5", 27/28 8 guns 4.5" 64 Med 2 Btries 211, 212 8 guns 4.5", 8 guns 4.4" 52d Heavy 2 Btries 419 4 guns 155s 420 4 guns 155s On call if necessary: 43 Div Arty 72 guns 25 pdrs
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 568th Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 131 Btry 153rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 129 Btry 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 130 btry 153rd Fld Reg

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19 October 1944 D plus 32

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
0835	Chap Reid to 24th Hospital.
1305	Col Griffith to G-1.
1400	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1725	Major Norton at CP & left.
1830	Capt Dixon, British, relieved and left CP
1930	Col Griffith to 376th.
1905	Capt Monk, 7th Medium, reported in to take Capt Dixon's place.
2215	Call from 320th that they will fire one hour later in order to hit an ey chow line.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713603) DS & atchd to 506th Combat team. 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 131 Btry 153 Fld Rgt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 129 Btry 153 Fld Rgt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 130 Btry 153 Fld Rgt

20 October 1944 D plus 33

0915	British Arty-same as Oct 19th
1038	Maj Lancey to see Col March and S-3.
1100	Major Hart to Ordnance.
1120	Maj Wimberley and Lt Peters left CP.
1145	Maj Lancey left CP.
1220	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1410	Chap Reid to 456th
1505	Lt O'Neill at CP and left shortly.
1510	Col Minton at CP to see Col Griffith.
1555	Col Minton left CP.
2010	Capt Lawrence, British Ln officer, at CP & left CP.
[illegible]	Capt Lawrence left CP.
[illegible]	Div Arty Status: 319th (713603) DS & atchd to 506 Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 131 Btry 153 Fld Rgt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 129 Btry 153 Fld Rgt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 130 Btry 153 Fld Rgt

21 October 1944 D plus 34

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
0800	Major Hart & Capt Bedingfield to hospital near Brussels.
0800	Maj Horton at CP & saw S-3.
0845	Maj Horton left CP.
0945	Lt O'Neill at CP & left.
1010	Capt Lala left by plane for 1st Army to obtain supplies for planes.
1010	Col Geiger at CP to see Maj Wilcoxson. Left shortly.
1100	Lt Clarry, 456th AOP observer reported in to S-3. He reported that he was attacked by 3 ey planes. No one was hurt, but plane was shot up. Can be repaired. Left shortly.
1230	Col Griffith to movies.
1500	Chan Reid to 319th and 320th.
1635	Message from G-4: Office now located at (7125c8)
1700	Col Winieke at CP.
1705	Col Winieke left CP.
1900	Col Griffith to 376th.
1900	British Arty Status: 55th Fld Regt 3 Btries (374-373-439) 24 guns 25 pdrs 153 Fld Regt 2 Btries(129-131- 16 guns 25 pdrs. C Tp 284 HAA Btry 4 guns 3.7" 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7th Med Regt 2 Btries 25/26 8 guns 5.5"; 27/98 8 guns 4.5" 64 Med Regt 2 Btries 211 8 guns 4.5"; 212 8 guns 5.5" 52d Heavy Regt 2 Btries 419 4 guns 155s; 420 4 guns 155s. On call if necessary: 43rd Div Arty 72 guns 25 pdrs.
2045	Captain from G-3 to see Col Smiley. He said that S-3 of the 325th wants box barrage 400 yds wide across 325th area at 0615. Col Smiley advised him to have 325th work thru 320th FA Bn.
2045	Col Smilley called Col Wright, CO of 320th FABn, and told him to contact 325th and check on above.
2400	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Combat team 320th (733571) DS of 325; Ln off from 153 fld rgt 376th (732587) DS of 504th; Ln off from 153 Fld Rgt 456th (736604) DS 508th; Ln Off from 153rd Fld Regt

22 October 1944 D plus 35

1455	Col Wright at CP
1515	Col Wright left CP
2035	No change in British units from yesterday.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
2359	376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153 Fld Regt 456th (736004) DS 505th; Ln off from 153 Fld Regt
	23 October 1944 D plus 36
0900	Lt O'Neill at CP to see S-2 and left.
1110	Chap Reid to 307th Medics
1150	Maj Silvey at CP & left shortly.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508 combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln Off from 153rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736004) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt
	24 October 1944 D plus 37
0830	Chap Reid to 319th and 376th.
0840	Col [illegible] new camp site at Suippes, France.
0900	Lt O'Neill saw S-2 & left.
0935	Capt McGuire saw Lt French & left shortly.
1535	Maj Thain at CP.
1600	Maj Thain left CP.
2045	British Arty Status: Same as yesterday, October 23rd
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Combat team. 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln Off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736004) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt
	25 October 1944 D plus 38
1430	British Arty Status--Same as yesterday, October Oct 24th
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln Off from 153rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln Off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736004) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt
	26 October 1944 D Plus 39
0940	Chap Reid to 307th Medics.
1000	Col d'Alessio at CP
1130	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1230	Chap Reid returned to area and then left for 376th & 456th.
1440	Col Griffith to Division.
1500	Col Griffith returned to CP
1830	Col Griffith to 376th.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1830	Col March returned to CP from Suippes, France.
2359	319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt
	27 October 1944 D plus 40
0850	Lt Smith G-2 at CP to get locations of all Bns.
1230	Col Griffith left for Suippes, France.
1530	Maj Lancey, 320th, at CP and left shortly for G-1.
1948	British Arty Status: 55 Fld 3 Btries, 373, 374, 439, 24 guns 25 pdrs 153 Fld 2 Btries, 129-130, 16 guns 25 pdrs C Tp 284 HAA Btry 4 guns 3.7" 5th AGRA consisting of the following units: 7 Med Regt 2 Btries 26/76 8 guns 5.5"; 27/28 8 guns 4.5" 64 Med Regt 2 Btries 211 8 guns 4.5"; 212 8 guns 5.5". 52d Mvy Regt 2 Btries 419 4 guns;155s;420 4 guns 155s. On call if necessary: 43 Div Arty 71 guns 25 pdrs.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd 508th Combat team 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 153d Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt
	28 October 1944 D plus 41
0830	Col Todd at CP for meeting.
0855	Col d'Alessio at CP for meeting.
0855	Maj Pentune at CP for meeting.
0855	Col Wright at CP for meeting.
0900	Meeting held with Col March, above members and Capt Naibl. Subject: Current SOI
0940	Maj Wilcoxson to Division Court Meeting.
1945	Maj Wilcoxson returned to CP.
2300	319th relieved from DS & atchd to 508th Combat team. They are now in direct support of 151st Brigade (Br)
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS 151 Brigade (British) 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 153 Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt

29 October 1944 D plus 42

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1410	Capt Gaines (Div PI) saw Capt Mufford.
1430	Capt Gaines left CP.
1455	Col Wright at CP & left shortly.
1535	Capt Fraser, 456th, to see Col Smiley & left.
1545	Maj Silvey at CP & saw S-3.
1555	Maj Silvey left CP.
1600	No change in British Arty.
1920	Col March and Col Smiley left for 5th Guards Arm'd Brigade (Officers' Mess)
2330	Col March & Col Smiley returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status; 319th (713668) DS of 151st Brigade (Br) 320th (733571) DS of 325th; Ln Off from 155rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (730004) DS 505th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt

30 October 1944 D plus 43

0950	Col March left to visit the Air Field and 376th.
1000	Col March instructed 456th & 376th to hold their ammo expenditure to 50 rds per gun per day as supply was now normal.
1800	Lt Thorne relieved as British Duty Officer. Returned to 43rd Div.
1800	No change in British Arty status.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS of 151st Brigade (Br) 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 153rd Fld Regt 456th (730004) DS 505th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt

31 October 1944 D plus 45

1330	Col Todd at CP.
1400	Col Todd left CP.
1415	Col John Spencer Atkins, R.A.T.D. was relieved from duty as 30 Corps Representative and returned to 153rd Fld Regt.
1418	Lt Col Wilson, 55 (W.S.Y.) Fld Regt RA reported as new 30th Corps Representative.
1418	Lt Ancill, 43rd Div, reported as new British duty officer.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1710	British Arty status unchanged
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS 151st Brigade (br) 320th (733571) DS 328th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 155rd Fld Regt
	1 November 1944 D plus 45
1345	Col Wright at CP & saw Col March.
1400	Col Wright left CP.
1415	Capt Cargile at CP & saw Col Smiley.
1420	Gen Taylor, CG 101st A/B Div at CP & saw Col March.
1445	Gen Taylor left CP area.
1445	Capt Cargile left CP.
1615	Col d'Alessio at CP.
1630	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1640	Col Winton at CP & left.
1655	Col d'Alessio at CP saw Col Smiley.
1730	Col d'Alessio left CP.
1740	British Arty status unchanged.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS 151st Brigade (Br) 320th (733571) DS 328th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt
	2 November 1944 D plus 46
0835	Chap Reid left CP for 307th, 319th and 456th.
1030	Maj Bertuna at CP & left.
1315	Col Norton at CP & saw Col Smiley about 506th Fld, tomorrow.
1415	Col Norton left CP.
1545	Maj Twain at CP to see S-3
1700	Maj Twain left CP.
1900	319th relieved of DS of 151st Brigade (...). Bty D... atchd to 502th Combat team.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS and atchd to 508 CT. 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt
	3 November 1944 D plus 47
0930	Col Winieke at Cp
0945	Col Winieke left CP
1105	Col Fanshawe at CP saw Maj Wilcoxson and left.
1120	Maj Gen Ridgeway, CG 18th Corps in the area.
1330	Capt Lala & Lt Parkinson left for SPA for supplies.
1400	Col Winton at CP and saw Col March.
1426	Col Winton left CP.
1425	Col Todd at CP & left shortly.
1700	Chap Reid to 456th.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508 CT. 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off form 55th Fld Regt.
	4 November 1944 D plus 48
1230	Col March left for 376th.
1325	Maj Wilcoxson to Gen Court
1340	Chap Reid to 319th
1415	Gen Ridgeway CG XVIII Corps, in area & left shortly.
1440	Col March returned from 376th
1550	Maj Wilcoxson returned to CP
1545	British Arty Status: 55 Field Regt 1 Btry & 1 Troop 11 guns 25 pdrs (373-374-439) 153 Field Regt 2 Btries 129-130 16 guns 25 pdrs. C Trp 28h HAA Btry 4 guns 3.7" 5th ACRA Consisting of the following units 7 Med 2 Btries 25/26 8 guns 5.5" 64 Med 2 Btries 27/28 8 guns 4.5" 52 Hvy Regt 2 Btries 419 4 guns 155 mm; 420 4 guns 155 mm On Call if neces ary: 43rd Div Arty 72 guns 25 pdrs.
1630	Col March to Div
1700	Col March returned to CP
1935	Maj Neptune at CP saw [illegible] & left shortly

Time Dated	Incidents or Mes ages
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Ct 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Field Regt 376th (732587) Ds 504th Ln off from 55th Field Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Field.
	5 November 1944 D plus49
1030	Capt Loving, 320th at CP saw Maj Wilcoxson.
1100	Col D'Alessio at CP saw Maj Wilcoxson.
1120	Col D'Alessio left CP
1445	Capt D. N. F. Kempston - M C 7th Med Regt (Br) reported in for duty. Capt Bulkeley (Br) left.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd 508th CT 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th ; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt
	7 November 1944 D plus 51
0745	Gen Phelps CG 17th A/B Div Arty, at CP & left shortly with Col March.
0835	Col March left for 320th & 376th
0930	Col Finkle Div Ord Off, at CP
1000	Col Finkle left CP
1045	Chap Reid to hospital.
1130	Lt Col Booth 17th A/B Div at CP & left.
1145	Gen Phelps & Col March returned to CP
1200	Chap Reid returned to area.
1330	Lt Weil to meeting at Div.
1340	Chap Reid to AOP
1545	Lt Weil returned from Div.
1547	Maj Silvey at CP & left
2100	Maj Neptune at CP and left for 17 Corps.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd to 508th Ct. 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt. 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt.
	8 November 1944 D plus 52
0800	Chap Reid and T/5 Billie G. Martin (Driver) left for Brussels, Belgium.
0935	Gen Ridgeway & Col March left CP for 320th

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1230	Col March returned to CP
1315	Lt Sullivan to 320th
1450	Maj Andrews at CP and saw S-3
1455	Lt Sullivan returned to CP
1455	Col Todd at CP
1457	Col Wright at CP
1500	Col March held meeting at CP for Battalion Commanders.
1600	Maj Silvey at CP & left shortly
1923	Col March to Div to see Gen Gavin
1950	Col March returned from Div
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd 508 CT 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt
	9 November 1944 D plus 53
0835	Col March to Suippes
1030	Gen Mathews, 2nd Canadian Corp & Brig Rawlins, 30th Corps at CP & left shortly.
1830	Col Griffin (Canadian) at CP and talked with Col Smiley & left.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd 508 CT 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt 456th (736604) Ds 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt
	10 November 1944 Dplus 54
1355	Col d'Alessio at CP for meeting at Chief of Staff office (Div)
1425	Lt O'Neill at CP & left
1445	Maj Lancey at CP and left for meeting a t Chief of Staff office with Col Smiley.
1530	Col Gordom, Canadian, at CP & left shortly.
1700	Col Smiley returned from Div.
1700	Col March returned from Suippes.
1735	Col Griffin (Canadian Arty) at CP & saw Col March & left.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (713668) DS & atchd 508 CT 320th (733571) DS 325th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt plus 13th Canadian Fld Regt 376th (732587) DS 504th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt plus 13th Canadian Fld Regt 456th (736604) DS 505th; Ln off from 55th Fld Regt plus 13th Canadian Fld Regt.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	11 November 1944 D plus 55
0830	Col March left for Div Assembly Area.
1100	Col March returned to CP
1200	Col Wilson relieved by CRA Rep. Col Griffin.
1200	Lt Col H. S. Griffin CRA Rep 14th Field Regt RCA 14th Cdn Fld Regt relieved 55th Field Regt (British) 13th Cdn Fld Regt relieved 153rd Fld Regt (British) 3rd Cnd Div relieved 82nd A/B Div.
1834	Checker, 456th has closed station March Order at 1741 hours. Relieved by 13th RCA Regt.
1940	Col Gumby, 17 Corps at CP saw Col March & left.
2000	319th closed in bivouac area vicinity of Oss.
2030	320th Closed station March Order at 1935 Relieved by 14th RCA Regt
2105	376th Closed Station March Order at 2027. Relieved by 14th RCA Regt
2340	320th closed in bivouac area vicinity Oss. (488495)
	12 November 1944 D plus 56
0840	Lt French left for Div Assembly Area.
0845	Col Gumby, 17th Corps at CP & left shortly.
0920	Chap Reid to Div Assembly Area.

DIRECT SUPPORT

14th Cdn Fld Regt, 3 Btries (34-66-8) 24 guns 25 pdrs.
13th Cdn Fld Regt 3 Btries (22-44-78) 24 guns 25 pdrs.
5th AGRA consisting of 3rd Cdn Med Regt 1 Btry (87) 8 guns 4.5".

On Call if Necessary
2nd Canadian Div Arty 72 guns 25 pdrs.

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17 October 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
0600	B-7 reported Mortar (81165239) Located and fired on by British.	Division
1000	376th reported First Aid Station in ZYFFLICH this morning. Ey in foxholes at (76926120) Mortars to East.	Division
1820	376th reported (80425550) Nebel Engaged.	Division
1825	320th reported 1 gun Az 122° (Located (780561) from (75555720)	CBO

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0830	SP gun at 0730 (77775823) Engaged by 376th	Division
0930	Div advised TAC Recon Rpts 171715 that 20 MT Vehs parked on road (805504) (813501) 325th 6rds Mortar 0720 fell between DEN Heuvel and front Lines (782583)(muzzle blast) 12 men at (783562)	43rd CMO
1320	325th reported moving SW on WYLER-KRANENBURG NUTTERDEN highway 3 motorcycles; 57 ey troops in scattered groups. 5 Staff cars and 5 trucks. Moving NE - 4 motorcycles-4 1½ ton trucks- 2 teams of horses pulling carts	320th
1500	376th reported ey activity at X Rds at (827611)	S-3
1515	320th reported ey arty firing smoke on ABLE Btry OP	S-3 Air OP
1730	Air OP reported 2 Nebels at (807551)	Division

19 October 1944

1025	376th at 0950 fired on 1 or more vehicles at (79866005)	Division

20 October 1944

Visibility 4 to 8 miles Deteriorating 1 to 2 miles in rain
Outlook Tonight: Cloudy with occassional rain or drizzle
Wind Increasing Wind W 5 MPH Banking SW and increasing to 10-15 MPH
Weather Fair, Cloudy. Rain this P.M.

20 October 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1550	320th advised 325th of paper falling. PROP.	G-2
1800	320th reported AFO is (763574)	M

21 October 1944

0955	Air OP reported ambulance going South on road at (784652). Later backed into house at (767656)	Division
1040	Air OP reported at 1025 3 ME109 attacked our cub plane at (7458) at 100 ft. Cub hit but not disabled 1 ME shot down by Infantry	Division
1110	320th reported shot down by 131 Btry 153 Fld Regt	Division
1230	456th Ln Rpt 6 wounded evac Numerous dead 5 or 6 hits on house (78816264)	Division
1935	456th Inf Listening Post reported column men approached. Up road toward "E" Co (505) at (77506160) Line between CPO and COM'd LNO was tapped by someone not having Am or English accent	Division

22 October 1944

0105	376th reported 5 truck loads of troops dismounted at house (77775758) and house at edge of woods	Division
1100	Weather: FAIR Cloud: 4/10 to 7/10 1000-2000' Wind: Light NE Visibility: 1-3 Mi improving 3-5 Tonight Fine.	
1430	456th reported enemy Aid Stations at #1 (79566238) #2 (79516202) #3 (79286154) #4 (78146229)	Division
1445	Div advised 505th 2nd Bn that 1 tracked vehicle heard at (777615) at 1430.	S-3
1605	376th reported instrument like pendulum on tower 15 ft. high 10' pendulum. Left and rear vehicle (795566) Truck unloading stuff into hay stack (80075810)	G-2
1606	320th reported Inf (806556) 8 Or 6 men digging in.	G-2
1610	456th reported (78356114) Ey OP	G-2

22 October 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1610	456th reported OP's AFO (76686158) CFO (76485962) BFO (76626402) Bn OP (78146280) Nebel OP's #1 - (783626) #2 (783628) 320th OP's CHEROKEE (757573) (Regt) PAWNEE (76085735) (Mortar) SEMINOLE (76105730) (3rd Bn) MOHAWK (76005740) (2d Bn) CHIEF (75505635) ABLE (763574) BAKER (75885683)	
1750	320th engaged MG's (77485658) and (78005563)	Division
1910	320th reported 2 trucks and tracked vehicle moved into DEN HEUVEL Woods	Division
2005	320th reported suspected Nebel at (77515669)	B-7
2020	B-7 reported Nebel at (77775517)	S-3
2200	456th reported hit Ammo Dump at (77766147)	Division

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1700	456th reported 105mm shells landed (78146280) from NE possibily from factory (802655)	CBO
1810	320th engaged Mortar at (78775647)	Division CMO
1830	320th engaged gun at (78755714)	Division
1840	376th engaged Mortars at (77845822) - (78245812)	Division CMO
2120	320th 'PAWNEE' reported 1 hy gun firing from REICHSWALD	CBO
2345	G-2 reported 504th front - Co CP (778585) (Farmhouse W of Rd) BG CP at (780582) 1st & 2nd Pl of 3rd Co 9th Prcht Inf . probably 3rd Prcht Div.	

24 October 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1120	320th reported 9 Allied Fighters bombing and strafing short of CLEVE.	Division
1245	320th engaged ey CP at (78635718)	Division
1415	320th engaged Nebel at (78445542)	Division
1815	456th reported tracked vehicles on vicinity of ERLEKOM	S-3
1855	456th reported 4 tracked vehicles to left and front of (78146280)	S-3
1930	320th reported gun flashes at (78165743)	CBO

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1700	456th reported SP gun (78916180)(Rptd by Inf) Engaged.	Division
1810	320th engaged Mortars at (78305612)	Division
1930	320th reported gun in vicinity of (780578)- in 376th Sector	376th

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1710	320th reported (819547) Inf Obs saw 3 groups of 9 to 10 men going up and down hill Also saw a gun flash in area but cannot pin point.	G-2 CMO

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0938	320th 'CHEROKEE' reported SP guns firing from 130° M at 0938	CBO
1645	320th reported Mortars VAUXHALL from WYLER 1640 12 rds.	CMO

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0910	320th reported trucks (791549) one occasional truck on road at this point.	Division
1130	320th LNO reported Nebel firing from (796548) 24 rds landed in Br sector at 1127	CMO
1135	320th LNO reported Nebel in position at (791550)	CMO
1345	320th LNO reported Mortar at (796553)	320th CMO

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Time	Item	Disposition
1440	320th reported (855564) and (800565) activity on roads	Division
1610	Bn reported (743573) plane dropped smoke and ey began shelling area smoked.	G-2
1700	G-2 reported (745566)) 20 rds ey arty from E (8064052085)	CBO
1745	Air OP reported ey btry at (803531)	Div CBO

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1100	Bn reported 6 ey entering and leaving house at (78485682) at 1043 hrs	Division
1235	320th reported Mortar at (796553)	CMO
1355	320th engaged log emplacement at (82695427)	Division
1455	456th reported ey plane 1420 destroyed	G-2
1530	320th reported Nebel at (808550)? 109° M Chief	CMO
2340	376th reported tracked vehicle (775601) Wood chopping in VOSSENDAAL-Lights beyond VOSSENDAAL-either (783572) or (7895?1)- Horses and wagons in VOSSENDAAL	G-2

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0905	Air OP reported tank at (763657)	G-2
1050	320th reported (778544) SP gun	CBO
1105	320th reported (80085218) from sound rangers By Btry.	CBO
1139	456th FO reported SP gun at (81446215) (Engaged)	S-3 Div.
1225	456th reported 1 gun heavy shelling Bn OP	CBO
1335	456th reported engaged ey OP at (78446361)	Division
2100	CBO reported engaging 3 Med. (81826015)	Division

31 October 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1515	320th Observer (787562) reported 1 gun 150° along side BEGRAAFPL (781544)	CBO
1920	456th reported 2 ey w/ A-T weapon at (78786270) 2 platoons in trenches from (79006232) to (79006186) 2 MG's (78306188)	Division
1925	456th reported radio frequency 38.2 being jammed.	Division

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1150	320th reported 1125 'MOHAWK' 3 guns flash (812557) 1130 'CHIEFS' 2 gun (80055674) 1135 'CHEROKEE' gun (815557)	CBO
1307	376th reported ey btry (81525979)	CBO Div
1320	320th reported Staff car (Enemy) (80895435) Parked by Bldgs	
1505	320th reported 2 motorcycles (80705435) at 1340 from 'CHIEF'	
1520	320th 'MOHAWK' reported 2 gun flashes 55°M & 57° RN 6000	CBO
1550	456th reported 505th report 1530 1 rd HE Arty landed (782637) observed (780624) 95°M	CBO
1605	376th reported Co Inf w/ motorcycles NE of KRANENBURG	G-2
1607	376th reported (80246164) from 376th adjusted one meduim gun	Division
1635	325th reported 50 Barrage balloons over REICHSWALD 25 balloons over KRANENBURG 1530 4 rds 88 'E' CP from 130°M.	Division S-3
1640	320th reported (79865460) AA gun firing at Air OP	Division
1650	320th reported 3 rds 105 'B' OP 140°M One gun	
1700	Air OP reported 12 Coal cars at (787623). Smoke from docked boat at (780631) Fewer boats on N of River WAAL in 79 & 80 Squares. From (80056270) to (80056260) pits along hedges for vehicles Foxholes every 5 to 10 yds along N-S Rd (794624) to RJ (794627)	

1 November 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1930	376th reported FO at (765584) reported two balls of fire at Az 90° - Great Range- went very high (10,000)	Division
1925	456th reported 505th stopped three women - Ages 19,21,& 22 - enroute to MILLINGEN from NIJMEGEN Also 2 flying Bombs 109° from (76956196)	Division
1930	320th reported Red Prcht flare 100° from (769616) in Germany.	Division
2005	456th Obsvr reported at (767615) red lights in Easterly. NE & Northerly direction- Not flares Time 2000	Division
2007	320th Obsvr at (75885683) reported Red flare lasting 3 to 4 minutes at 160° Az. and two at 65° Az.	Division
2010	376th Obsvr reported double Red flare N of LEUTH N of KRANENBURG, and N of factory on river.	Division
2040	320th Obsvr at (766640) reported Red, White and Green flares - 50 at a time on Az 87°	Division
2042	456th reported flares- different colors at (79086265)- Also K-channel (38 2) Jammed.	Division

2 November 1944

1300	320th LNO reported suspected gun location (777554)	43rd Div
1310	Working party of 50 men on Rd at (850595). Were laying wire-Now appear to be laying mines.	Division S-3
1435	325th OP reported 3 horse drawn vehicles on Rd at (850562)	S-3
1500	Recurrence of flying bombs at 1355 Az 90° from (764585)	Division
1545	320th 'MOHAWK' reported 1 vehicle and 10 men moving NE at (85375640)	G-2
1600	320th reported by A A arty gun at (834553) where road crosses R R from 325th	G-2
1615	320th advised 325th reported by laying smoke at (780556)	G-2

2 November 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1620	376th fired est 300 boxes supplies in piles 8-10 ft High at (80415597). Each box 4'x 1'x 1' Green yellow in color No expl when hit.	G-2
1635	320th advised 325th reported ey A A. arty guns at (816551) - N pf windmill	G-2
1635	320th Obsvr at (768568) reported 12 rds 88mm from 125°M	CBO
1810	G-2 reported from 43 Div - Active Mortar at (80656255)	S-3
1820	376th Obsvr. at (763585) reported at Az 145° several series of three rockets 1 Red and two White.	Division
1830	376th Obsvr at (764586) reported searchlight at 80°	Division
1900	320th Obsvr. at (760575) reported White flare at 90°Az Est. Rn 1500	Division
1905	456th reported Orange flares from vic GROESBEEK landing near Monastery.	Division

3 November 1944

1930	G-2 reported ey of unknown strength hit Co "A" 504th vic (773578) Later some ey sighted at (775580)	S-3

4 November 1944

1200	TAC/R reported 12 L A A. guns at (8167)	M
1410	376th reported rocket launched Az of 1140 ⌀ from (76755965)	Division
1554	320th reported Long range 88 at 120°M from (757573)	CBO
1700	320th reported hit barn at (7?695623) started big oil and gas fire	Division
1805	376th reported rocket launched at 85° from (76765948). Went West.	Division
1830	320th reported 2 rockets launched at 1815 and 1825 at 1600 ⌀ from (730575)	Division

4 November 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
1900	376th reported 2 rockets launched at 1815 and 1820 at 1140 μ and 2000 μ from (76755965)	
1910	CMO reported mortar at (795540)	S-3
2050	320th reported Big Ben launched at 2040 at 1400 μ from (760575)	Division
2120	320th advised 'A' FO reported 2 sets of lights- 7 lights each moving horizontally towards SW- Great Range.	Division

5 November 1944

1030	Br reported rocket projectile fired from burning house at (79095682) - High trasectory but not great range - tracer effect in front - left brown smoke trail.	Division
1330	456th advised 'C ' FO reported metal stakes 3' high and 2' apart on QUER-DAMM from (775608) to (777612) Put in last night.	Division
1600	Air OP reported 3 AA positions at rear end of AT ditch at (777572)	Division
1810	Air OP reported signal lamp in house at (750605) Possibly flashing signals to enemy.	Division

6 November 1944

1745	320th reported round landed on ridge behind 'A' FO - 10 seconds later a Very flare went up from point of impact	Division
1815	Br intercepted German Radio Message - Yesterday Flash Spotters located at 2130 A - At E (740630). At 2124, 3 more at E (740624) to E (740628), At 2212, 2 more at E (759613)	Division
1830	320th reported engaged mortar at (78065794)	Division
1955	320th reported at 1940 ey A/C dropped white flare 300 yds S of A Btry - at 1950, dropped Red flare	Division
2015	320th reported engaged H.V. gun at (78725839)	Division
2030	376th reported 10 rockets fired in hour from Az 117°.	Division

7 November 1944

Time	Item	Disposition
0942	456th reported new digging at (77296498). 3 buildings in area exploded	Division
1100	Fr reported working party at (82735579). Engaged by Br.	Division
1125	320th reported gun at (79555540). Engaged	Division
	9 November 1944	
1300	320th reported engaged H.V. gun at (79375527).	Division
1530	320th fired at Bldg at (79615546). 10 minutes later ambulance pulled up. Fired at CP at (772558). 12 men ran out and got in foxholes.	Division
1900	320th 'B' FO reported 'Big Ben' at 76° at 1815.	Division
	10 November 1944	
1345	320th reported engaging Nebel at (791557)	Division
1350	456th reported concentration of flak guns at (888629)	Division
1900	320th reported engaged 2 SP's at (78825545)	Division
1910	320th reported flak towers on houses at (83895840) and (84205815)	Division
2130	320th reported hostile A/C dropped Red flare to left flank of 'A' Btry	Division.
	11 November 1944	
1310	320th reported 6 Arm'd vehicles moved up road from BRASSELT and turned East on KRANENBURG Rd.	Division

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17 October 1944

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0610	B-7	55 Fld	81165239	Mortar B location	43d Div notified
1015	320	7th Med	837560	Stores dump	Scale (1) (2) (3)
1105	320		776576	Clearance from 376	
1318	B-7	43 Div	79605459	Mortars	(B)
1740	AOP	55 Fld Adj	80245544	Nebel	Y-2073 Scale (3)
1945	43 Div	"No Fire" until 0600 785480-788500-770500-770515-785515-785530-775530-775550-780550-780560			

18 October 1944

0720	AGRA 320	7 Med 376	778579	Gun flashes A SP gun ?	AOP conduct fire 376
0745	320	376	777578	Gun firing	Spotted by 376 FO
1030	320	376	77955774	Clearance OK	
1117	AOP	320	802554	Nebelwerfer	(80285533)
1320	B-7		B79605567	Mortar	(3) Btry 374
1400	456	64 Med	84266356	Co Inf (50)	Chow line scale (3) (2) Y 2081
1410	320	153	Request F Regt (Nutterden-K Hy)		Scale (3)
1450	456	64 med	777614 Red smoke to mark for Air 84166516	30 man work detail	Sup't on 19 Oct Regt (1) surprise Y-2082
1715	320	153	846554	Guns moving into position	Ok to fire 153 (3)
1735	AOP	55 Fld Adj	80785533	2 nebelwerfers	1 btry (2) Y 2083 AOP
1755	AOP	55 Fld	80695536	1 nebelwerfer	1 Btry (1) Y 2083 AOP
1900	Div Arty	55 Fld	80785533	Nebelwerfer	Regt (1) Y 2083
	43rd Div		760480-760500-780550-780565 until 0600		
2300	320		782563	Nebelwerfer	Bn (1) TOT 2315

19 October 1944

0855	AOP	320	778600	Vehicle	Cleared at 376
1415			777614	Red smoke for ASP	At 1500
1515	456 PW 456 7 Med 55 Regt Div Arty 320-376 456-2 F Regts		79756436 77945775	Bldgs-CP & qtrs Active ey area	TOT 1515 Scale 3 TOT 1530 Scale 1

19 October 1944

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1535	456th		791647	2 Staff Cars-mtcycle	Left before our fire
1610	320th		838539	Hy Active CP?	OK to adjust 153 Scale 3
1610	320th		820552	Hy activity-MT	OK to adjust 153 Scale 3
Following 3 targets from civ report (S-2 505) Next 2 from CO 325th					
1830	Div Arty	456-55-153 20 Med Guns	79846444	Mess Line & Qtrs	TOT 1932 (2) TOT 1940 (1) Y 2088
1830	Div Arty	456-153 20 Med Guns	79606397	MG's in Bldg	TOT 1950 (1) Y 2089
1830	Div Arty	456-55-153 20 Med Guns	79756436	CP & Qtrs	TOT 2200 (3) Y 2085
1830	Div Arty	55-153 20 Med Guns	81355575	Engr Bn- 3 Co's	TOT 2135 (3) Y 2090
1830	Div Arty	55-153 20 Med Guns	80905607	RCN Bn	TOT 2140 (3) Y 2091
1830	Div Arty	55th	80756425	Kekerdom-RJ & Bldg	TOT 2205 (2) Y 2074
2000	43rd Div (until 0630)	"NoFire"	750500-755510-765510-765520-780520-780535-790535 790555-770555-770565		
2055	B-7		81305560	Mortar	(3) Btry 374

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1125	376th	Br	77305848	at 1120 Az 260° Friendly rds too close Not AT	
			79506205	Smoke in house	
1600	320th		776558	Clearance	OK to fire
	456th		78906243		
	456th		78806205 Adj		
1805	320th	55 Br Fd	79975456	N.W.	1 Btry (5)
1900	43rd Div	"No Fire"	755480 - 750500 until 0100 hrs 760510 - 790550 - 790560 until 0300 hrs. w/in 500 yds BRUUK between 0300-0600		
1700	456th	153	OK to expend 220 rds(thru Ln) to support patrol activity.		
TOT 1940	(505)	55-153	81146438	CP	(2) Y 2093
2020	(Civ)	55-153	80936435	Billets	(2) Y 2092
1900	Div Arty	Troop 55	80756425	RJ &Billets (1) Five times-2025 Y2074	
1900	Div Arty	Troop 55	82506025	RJ (1) Four times 1945-2025 Y2066	

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1900		Trp 153	81395719	Bridge (1) Four times 2000-2400 Y2067	
			21 October 1944		
0915	AOP		789647	2 Material Obj	
0955	AOP		784652	Amb moving South	Parked at 767656
1030	456	64th Regt	78816264	Ce CP (78766254)	Request Med Y2097
1205	320		Adj 320th 80685500	Nebelwerfer	
1205	320	153rd Regt	Adj 79845509	Nebelwerfer	Y3000 Y3000
1450	456	64th Regt	78906244	Ce CP in house (Tp direct) used 1 gun	
1530	50 Div	No Fire	From river N on 78 grid to 68 grid, then 77 north		
1605		7th Med	See Above	Neb (Repeat effect) Y3000 Scale 2	
1929	456	55 Fld	77716153	Vehicles & Inf Column	DF 2323 (3) Repeat (1) every 5 min
2030	320	55 Fld	80885590	Quarters?	Regt (1) 2110 hrs Y3001
2030	320	153 Fld	80745596	Quarters	Regt (1) 2225 hrs Y3002
2030	Div Arty	55 Fld	80756425	Y2074 Tp (1) 8 times 2020-0630	
		153 Fld	82506025	Y2066 Tp (1) 4 times 0510-0615	
		153 Fld	81395719	Y2067 Tp (1) 4 times 0515-0610	
	43 Div	No Fire	775510-775520-785520-785560 until 0630		
2051	B 7	Br	A 80185543	2045 hrs Neb	Btry (5) Y3003
2055	B 7	Br	A 79915559	2148 Mortar	Btry (5) Y3007
2220	B 7	Br Fld	A 81415491	2212 Neb	Regt (2) Y3004
2220	B 7	Br Fld	A 79815530	2214 Mortar	Regt (2) Y3005
2230	320	Br	80685500	Neb	2 Regts (2) Y3006
			22 October 1944		
0115	376	55 Regt	77655755	Trps in trucks	TOT 0130 Scale 3 Y3008
0130	376	55 Regt	78295720	Neb	TOT 0140 scale 1 Y3009
1150	456		771622	2 Air bursts	Friendly ?
1445	505	AOP	777615	Track vehicle (by sound) not seen	
1800	AOP	Br	79206190	3 guns (Too dark to adv)	Regt (2) 2050 Y3017
2000	43 Div	No Fire	Until 0500	780545-795545-795558	
2005	320		77515669	Neb	320 adj

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1930	Div Arty	55th	80886425	Qutrs Regt (2) (1) 2245 Y3011 1950 Regt	
1930	Div Arty	55th	80206540	Rest area	Regt (1) 2020 Y3012
1930	Div Arty	153rd	82306316	2 AT guns	Regt (1) 2025 Y3013
1930	Div Arty	153rd	79656425	Quarters	Regt (2) 2030 Y3014
1930	Div Arty	153rd	81206450	Quarters	Regt (2) 2035 Y3015
1930	Div Arty	153rd	78785705	HF	Regt (1) 2045 Y3016
1930	Div Arty	153rd	82506025	HF Tp (1) 4 times 2050-2250 Y2066	
1930	Div Arty	153rd	81395719	HF Tp (1) 4 times 2055-2240 Y2067	
1930	Div Arty		81855525	HF Btry (1) 5 times 0615-0740 Y3018	
	320	No Fire	Do not fire in west half of Grid sq 7856 before 0600		
2030	376		776576 ?	Neb	376 Bn (2)
2050	Flash	Br	77506068	Neb	(456-safe) Regt (2) Y3019

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1110	50 Div	No fire	West of 78 Grid line (as previously given)		
1125	456th	55-153 456-376	77776146	Strong pt (house)	TOT 2200 (3) Y3020
1525	Div Arty	284 HAA	81855525	HF Daytime	284 HAA (tp)
1610	376	153	78085829)		Btry (3) TOT 1712 Y3021
1610	376	153	78045777)	To Assist	Btry (3) TOT 1712 Y3022
1610	376	55	77665811)	504 combat	Btry (3) TOT 1712 Y3023
1610	376	55	77915825)	patrol	Btry (3) TOT 1712 Y3024
1610	376	55	77945804)	mission	Btry (3) TOT 1712 Y3025
1610	376	7 Med	78525980)		1710-1740 Btry (1) every 3 mins. Y3026
1610	376	456	78005992)		1710-1740 Btry (1) every 3 mins
1610	376	320	78755711)		Btry (3) TOT 1712 A
1730	—	153	79905468	A loc-Neb	Regt (2) Y3028
1715	456	55	78276355	SP gun	Regt (3) CAPON Y302'
1930	Div Arty	55-153	78485682	Stron point HF	2 TOT 2310 6008
1930	Div Arty	55	81855525	RJ Kranenburg HF Trp 1 Y3018	
1930	Div Arty	55	78805705	RJ S of Wyler HF 7 times Y3030	
1930	Div Arty	153	80756425	RJ Kekerdom HF 1930-2300 Y2074	
1930	Div Arty	153	82706105	CR N of Niel HF	Y3029

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
2200	43 Div	320		750490-750500-770510 785540-785560	Until 0430
2215			797643	Red smoke to mark ASP target 24 Oct	
			24 October 1944		
1210	376		77825850	Co CP	To be fired about
1210	376		78065827	Battle Grp CP	noon (adj)
1035	ASP		797643	Typhoons at 1110 hrs	no smoke
1130	CMO	55th 284 HAA	78145795	NEB TOT 1140	Scale (5) Y3031
1150	Civ	284 HAA	81116438	Hq	Scale 3
1150	Civ	284 HAA	81106448	Billets	Scale 3
1630	320	55-153	77355680		TOT 2300 (3) 6004
1630	376	55-153	78405748	Mess line	TOT 2220 (3) Y3034
1725	320		777558	For clearance	OK
1815	Div Arty		81855525	RJ Kranenburg HF	Trp (1)(Y3018
"	"		80756425	RJ Kekerdom HF	7 times (Y2074
"	"		78805705	RJ S of Wyler HF	1900-2400(Y3030
"	"		82506025	RJ Niel HF	3 times 0700-0800 (Y2066
1950	Flash	376	77825837	MG in house	
2205	Flash	376	780582	Nebelwerfer	
			25 October 1944		
1845	B 7		B 80725472	1830 Neb	Scale (3)
1930	320	376	780578	Gun (?)	
1945	Div Arty		80756425	RJ Kekerdom HF	Trp (1) 10 times (Y2074
1945	Div Arty		81855525	RJ Kranenburg HF	0600-0900 (Y3018
2325	376	320	775570	SP gun Firing in 325	
			26 October 1944		
0130	376	55	77515747	Activity	Regt (2) 2319
0130	376	55	78005760	Activity	Regt (2) 6015
1315	320	7th	77535670	To destroy Hs	
1450	AOP	320	78075826	CP	Destruction 1 pc
1645	456 FO & AOP		783636	Factory to destroy bldg	Y3039
1645	AOP	55	79996175	Ey guns (3 or more)	(5) RCDC Y3037
1645	AOP	55	80046200	Ey gun	(2) RCDC Y3038

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1900	Div Arty	55	79996175	HF (Btry	Troop scale (Yy3037
"	"	55	80756425	HF (RJ-Kekerdom)	(10 times 1930-2300 (Y2074
"	"	55	82506025	HF (RJ-Niel)	(5 times 0100-0700 Y2066
"	"	153	80575617	HF (RJ-Kranenburg)	(Y3040
1900	Div Arty	153	819547	HF (Activity-GP?)	Troop Scale 1 4 times 1930 2100 Y3041
	43 Div	320th G-2	767562	Wagons & MT heard about 2100 every night	
1137	456	30th Corps	76906498	MG firing into 505th area	50th Div firing on this

27 October 1944

1530	376	456	774585		Az 5400 at 1510 Volley of 3-4
1755	320		77325590	HF	For clearance (unsafe)
1800	456	"No Fire" Line until 0500 801649-801638 Then along road SW to 783611 - S to 783600			
1830	43 Div Div Arty	"No Fire" Change 7852-7853-7953-7956 until 0700			
		153	Propaganda in 505 sector - 95 rounds		

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0930	AOP	55	803559	Supply Dump	Regt (3)
0930	320	320	791549	Truck & activity	AOP observed no trucks
1130	320	320	796548 ?	Neb	
1300	43 Div 7753	No Fire Line until 2400 in Squares 7752 - 7852 - 7853			
1335	320		79365525	Pdrsonnel	153 (5) (320 obs)
1350	320		796554	Neb	153 (2) (320 obs)
1430			79545540	Neb	(3)
			855564	Considerable traffic on rd.	
			800565	" " " "	
1445	320		782555	3 vehicles	For clearance OK
1510	Div Arty	G-2	Roll of K-20 Film Taken of Front Today-For prints		
1740	AGRA		791571	Clearance	OK
1745	AOP	AGRA	803531	Ey Btry	Can not adjust (CBO Location AGRA fired)
1835	CBO	153-55	812518	Ey Btry	55 & 153 (5)
	Div Arty	(AGRA (55-153 (320-376 (456	Prearranged fires (1024 rds on 4 targets) See Memo dated 25 October		

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1730	Div Arty	55	78805705	HF (interdiction)	(Section Scale 1)Y3030
"	"	55	80185583	"	(14 times 1830-2400)
"	"	55	80455625	"	Y3047
"	"	55	81135840	"	" Y3048
"	"	153	81406000	"	" Y3049
"	"	153	81056140	"	" Y3050
"	"	55	81826380	"	" Y3051
"	"	55	81656415	"	" Y3052
					" Y3053
2030	376	320	661570? B	Neb	
2045	CMO B7	320	77375669 A	Neb	Cleared by 320
2100	B 7		78595636	Neb	
2100	43 Div	"No Fire" line within 500 yds of rd. 762-561-782559-782561 784560 Given to 320th & 376th			
2212	320	Fire fell 200 yds W of Road-Near 325th outposts (at 2206)			

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1235	CMO	55	78875538	Nebs	##29 Scale 5
1245	Flash 320		80435391	Nebs	
0120	CMO	55	78825508	Nebs	#130 scale 3
0140	CMO	55	78485509	Nebs	#131 Scale 3
1000	320	Ack ack	81405566	Troop movement	Scale (5) N 100 (5) Y3056
1100	AOP	376	782579	Veh	
1105	Flash	320	78585682	6 men entering Hs at 1043 hrs	
1225	456	AOP	79356270	SP gun	
1230	376	55 adj-55	80096149	Med gun	55 (3) Y3057
1240	320	CMO	796553	Neb approx loc 153	
1250	320		819547	Activity	M32 153 (3) (Adj by 320)
1445	Flash	55	80785608	Activity	Scale (3)
1450	376	320	80195640	House activity	
1600	CMO		80476231	A loc Neb or mortar Btry (2)	
1630	CMO	55	79105672	Neb	Regt (5)
1650	"	55	80225502	Mortar	Regt (5)
1650	CBO	153	81886005	Ky Btry	Regt (5)
1630		153	8103554575	Neb	Regt (3) M32
1920	43 Div	No Fire in Squares 7852,7953 and 7952 before 0230. No fire west of 750480-740490-770515-785540-785560 until 0300			
2015	320	55	814055576	Activity	TOT 2040 (1)
2100	320	320	78005563	Light (For Clearance)	2115 No 43 Div

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Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0935	AOP	50 Div	76346566	Tank	To be fired by 50 Div
1145	456	153	81446215	Gun SP	(3) Y3061
1445	CBO	55-153	79946302	HB	TOT 1455 (3) Y3062
1500	Sound R 320		78425541	Neb at 1420	55 (3)
1845	43 Div	320	no fire 760510-785535-785560 until 0600		
1925	CBO	55-153	80085222	4 Field guns	(5) Y3064
1130	BrigPhipps		Col Wilson (CO,55) will take Col Atkins (CO,153) place 1st November.		
2055	CBO	55-153	81826015	3 Med guns	(3) TOF 2105 WL 8160
2325	CMO	55	78305494	Neb (not accurate)	(3)
2350	456	55	80816429	Neb & guns	(3) (search 100) Y3067
	Div Arty Br		HF Y3047-y3053 inclusive 14 times 1830-2300.		

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0150		153	78225739	Neb Y3068	1 Btry (3) Search 100
0245		55	78805988	Neb Y3069, Btry (3) Search 100	
1715	376	456	765607	Smoke rds-Who?	Not 456.
1705	320	55	77655714	Stonk 135° Scale 2 TOT 0010 Followed by scale 1 every 5 min (approx) until 0040	
1400	CBO	55-153	81136003	Ey Btry	Scale (5)
1805	43 Div	No fire	755510-780530-785535-795555-795563 Until 0600		
1925	456	55	79006209	2 plat ey intrenched	Stonk 90° TOF 1945 Scale 5
2355	CMO	153	77715670	Neb	(3) N145
			77405726		

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	320	55	77655714	Stonk 135° Scale 1 HE TOT 0005
		55	As above Scale 2 TOT 0010	) 2/3 HE
		55	" " Scale 1 every 5 min until 0040	) 1/3 smoke
0035	320	55	Continue Scale 1 every 5 min until 0040	" "
0145		55	77905735	Stonk 45° (3)
0150	CMO		78425760	Mortar (3) N 146
1150	CBO	456	78816239	Gun (C)
1315	376	7 Med	81605976	Ey Btry (8152 5979) Obs repts Hits & Explosion Scale (4) Y3072
1345	320	153	818559	Working party 153 Direct
1445	AOP	456	801626	1 Truck
1515	Flash	55	78405749	House AOP Troop (5)

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1555	456		767604 HT 10	Inf (Request extra amm)	OK
1610	376	7 Med	80056156	1 Med Gun Y3074	Troop (3) Adj Fire started
1615	456 Div Arty		Req Am For Obs Target HT 15		OK 100 rds extra for day
1645	376	7 Med	81256174	3 guns Y3075	B (2) Adj exc effect
1600	376	Br Med	83905545	Inf	out of range 376
1600	376	Br Med	84065564	Inf	Br Med obs took over & fired
1745	AGRA	376	781574	Clearance	OK (guns fired)
1720	AOP	CBO	803543	20 mm AA firing	
1900	Div Arty	153	79845648	Ht 12 HF	Troop (1) 6036
"	"	153	80665610	11 HF	5 times 1900-2400 6037
"	"	55	80185583	15 HF	1 Time 0005-0045 6038
"	"	55	80455625	10 HF	6039
"	"	55	78805705	13 HF	6040
"	"	55	81056140	11 HF	6041
"	320 "	153	77385610	32 Stonk 90° HF	Regt (2) per min for 5 min start 0001 6042
2030	43 Div	320-376 NoFire	765520-780520-780540-797550-797560 until 0530		
2240	43 CMO	55	78306008	HT 10 Neb	(3) plus (1) 6043
"	Flash CMO	55	79346000	"	(3) plus (1) 6044
	Plot CMO	55	79925842	Ht 12 Neb (2)	Y3076
0115	CMO	55	79185968	Suspect Neb	Y3077

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0115	CMO	55	79185968	Suspect Neb	Y3077
1050	320	153	818559	Working Party	(5) Direct
1130	153	376	Vossendaal	G-2 Int	(5) Direct 376
1145	320 G-2	153	78255610	Ht 15 36 rds Propaganda at 1630	6007
1145	"	153	77955665	Ht 18 36 rds Propaganda at 1645	6045
1145	"	153	77255715	Ht 30 28 rds propaganda at 1700	6001
1400	D Arty	153	78355750	Ht 20 House-Destroy	Br Air OP
1130	320	55	84005538	Ky working (about 50)	320 obs. Good effect-Ambulance seen
1610	AOP		802531	1 or more med guns	
	376	55	821622	1 gun Med	OK
1725	320	376	779573	HF Clearance	OK
1805	G-3/43	55	80656255	Neb (3)	N 149

TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1930	456	376	799616	Leuth (Btry (1) TOF 0400, 0405, 0407	
"	"	320	784599	Zyfflich)0409, 0412, 0415, 0420	
		153	78606200	Regt (1) 0400, 0401, 0402, 0403, 6048	
		55	79356230	Stonk 130° Regt 0400, 0405 6047	
				Btry 0402, 0404, 0407, 0409, 0412	
1930	Div Arty	Br	80756430	Ht 17 HF)Troop Scale 1 6046	
"	"	"	79845648	HF)2005, 2015 6036	
"	"	"	80665610	HF)2120, 2130 6037	
"	"	"	8105610	HF)0510, 0550, 0515, 0655 6041	
2035	320		767573	1 Rd fell at approx 2025 - friendly	
2040	43 Div	320	775515 - 780530 - 780550 until 0600		
2115	320		784554?	Gun for clearance	OK
2250	CBO	55-153	81306183	Counter Btry	TOF 2315 (3)
2250	CBO	55-153	82206299	Counter Btry	2320 (3)
2340	Flash CMO	55	79005635	Neb	(5)
2345	43 Div CMO		77725680		(2)

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0040	43-AOP	55	779578	Gun	OK from 376
0120	43 Div		77675815	Mortar	Not Safe
0425	456	55	Repeat 6047 Regt (1) Followed by Btry (1) min for 5 min		
0430	Div Arty	376	Repeat fire on Leuth Btry (1)/min for 5 min		
0437	456	55-320-376	Patrol in - no other fire needed - got 3 PW		
1420	320	43 Div	777553	8 Inf in barn	OK
1455	Br	456	Bofors will fire as artillery at 1200-1500 hrs 4 Nov from 7h86h2, 738632 into area north of Waal River (7665)		
1608	AOP	55	789515	3-88mm	No adjustment lost observation
1830	Div Arty	55	80455625	HF	)Troop (1) 6039
"	"	55	78805705	HF	)4 times 6040
"	"	153	79806150	Ht 11 HF (RJ Leuth)	)1830-1930 6049
"	"	153	81906023	Ht 11 HF (CR-Niel)	) 8 times 2000-0800 6050
"	"	55	78556370	Company Mess	Regt (2) TOT 0800 6051

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0020	DivArty	153	79605665	Neb	(5) Search 100 6052
	Div Arty	153	81906024	CR Niel	1 Btry Scale 2 TOT 0800- 6050
	"	55	78556370	Co. Mess	2 Btry Scale 2 TOT 0800 6051
1150	320	153	815540	House-Act	Clearance OK (5)
1420	456	Authorized to expend 100 rds over limit (now used up)			
1445	55-153 319-456		78056538	Co Hq & Quarters	(2) TOT 1515 6053
1500	320	376	77845736	HF for clearance	OK 376

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0020	Div Arty	153	79605665	Neb	(5) Search 100 6052
	Div Arty	153	81906024	CR Niel	1 Btry Scale 2 TOT 0800 6050
	Div Arty	55	78556370	Co Mess	2 Btry Scale 2 TOT 0800 6051
1150	320	153	815540	House Act	Clearance OK (5)
1420	456	Authorized to expend 100 rds over limit (now used up)			
1445	55-153 319-456		78056538	Co Hq & Quarters	(2) TOT 1515 6053
1500	320	376	77845736	HF for clearance	OK 376
1505	320	55	809546	Personnel in houses	Ok use 55
1610	AOP	7 Med	76856558	Materiel	(5) fire effective 6054
1645	319	No fire line		765650-765660-755670	Then NW along Dike Road
1710	BR AOP		777582	Mortar area	Not safe
1750	320		771552	Neb for clearance	(43 Div Not safe)
1900	43 Div		774565	Safe-on call ?	Not safe
1900	43 Div		78145791	Safe on call ?	Yes tonight only
1900	Div Arty		80556415	Ht 12 Kekerdom Orchard)	6055
"	"		6050, 6037, 6049	HF)	Troop (1) 6 times 2000-0600
1900			78005780	Stonk 45°	(2) TOT 2105 6029
1815	43 Div	No fire line until 0600		750500750505, 760505, 760515, 765520, 770520, 785560	
1930	CMO	320	77485650	Mortar	320 Btry (2)

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0810	320	153?	810550	Activity near house	(5) (81195504)
1025	A troop Flash		791568	House to destroy	No (Now burning)
1915	43	376	80525386	50 rds WP (To set	Small fire started
"	"	376	80325400	50 rds WP (Fire to)	" " "
1945	"	320	780520	100 rds WP (100 rds WP (forest)	no fire
1930	43	No Fire Line Until 0600 775515 - 775530 - 785540 - 785560			
1730	AOP	153	79806170	2 guns (observed firing	(Regt (5) search 100 at 1930
1730	AOP	55	81306205	3 guns (could not adjust	(Regt (5) search 100 at 1930
1930	Div Arty	153	81826015	)	Troop Scale 1
"	"	153	82366202	) HF	Five times 2000-2400
"	"	55	80455625	) (see FW report 10 Nov)	
1930	376	55	77505755	) HF-Vossendaal	Btry scale 1
"	"	55	77675757	)	Three times 2200-2400
2040	B 7	55	A 78455776	Neb	(5)
2100	376	55	78005780	Stonk 45° Ky activity	Regt (2)

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
2105	Rep Plot	55	80025434	Neb	Btry (5)
2115	B 7	AGRA	A 78515752	Mortar	Btry (5)
2235	Flash SP		81386228	Neb	
2237	Rep Plot		79926200	Neb	

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	Div Arty	153	80906415	Ht 11 Trenches (3)	(to be fired
	Div Arty	153	78056527	Ht 11 Co CP (2)	on call by
	Div Arty	153	80355595	Ht 15 Stores at RR (2)	(Col Atk ifs
	Div Arty	153	79796170	Ht 11 Stonk 35° Houses (1)	
0915	320	55	80285632	Smoke from Hs (troop)	
1105	505 456			Capt Floyd asked clearance to drop there messages to enemy by cub - G-2 No.	
1115	320	55	81195503	Ey guns	(5)
1215	B 7	KOP 320	80375675	Activity	To observe
1415	320		85155790	Activity at 3 houses CT?	Requested ASF
1500			78105688	Ht 19 Div Arty ck. pt.	(fire later) 6056
1630	FLASH SP 376 OP	55	adj 8400-5822 8389-5836	Tps around house	Adj by 376 obs started fire ammo ? 6057
1655	320	55	8400-5538	10 or more Inf	OK use 55 (3)
1755	CBO	456	767608	Mortar flashes	
1850	CBO	153 & 55	806596	Ey Btry	1 Btry ea TOT 1910 Scale 3
1945	Flash SP	55	81535590	Neb	Troop (5) Search 100
1945	"	153	79705656	Neb	Troop (5) Search 100
1945	"	55	81305560	Neb	Troop (5) Search 100
1945	"	153	79725691	Neb	Troop (5) Search 100
2000	B 7		76905734	Mortar	Not safe 6050
2030	Div Arty	Br	79255990	Ht 15)	HF troop 1 9 times
2030	Div Arty	Br	6037, 6040, 6049, 6050, 6055)		2100 - 0700
2040	320	Br	80355590	Neb within 500 yd	Troop (5) search 100
2050	B 7	Br	79985537	Neb	Troop (5) search 100

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
2100	Metro	Br	Sw gale expected about 2400, speed 30-35 MPH		
2130	CMO	Br	80605508	Neb	Troop (5) search 100
	CMO	Br	81305560	Neb	Troop (5) search 100
2205	Rep Plot	Br	80375518	Neb	Btry (5) search 100
2215	Rep Plot	320	77945650	" ?	Btry (5) Search 100
			7 November 1944		
0030	CBO	Br	788512	Bombard	Regt (2)
0935	AOP 456	456	773649	New digging	Cleared - 319th
1020	Flash	55	82735579	Wk Party (1)	
1120	320	320	79555554	Ky Arty	
1040	376	55	84645576	(25) laying mines	excellent
1420	376	55	84645571	" " "	Adj 8374-5559 6059
1615	320	55		Work Party	
1655	CMO		79945642 B	Neb	Btry (5)
1800	376 376 Div Arty " " " " "	Br (HF)	(77675757 (77505755 (78545738 (78805705 (79856450 (80756435 (82606330 (79956170)	)Btry (1))Three times 2300-0400 Btry (2) TOT 1835 Tp (1) 8 times 1900-0400 Btry (1) 2 times 1900-2400	
			8 November 1944		
0930	AOP	456	781654	Smoke from Bldgs	
1315	AOP	320	772572	Personnel	
1345	456	376	77856000	Personnel	OK to fire
			79706170	Stonk 55°	HF (1) 2 times 2000-2400
			78105770	Stonk 45°	HF (2) 2 times 2000-2400
			78905700		HF Tp (1) 6 times 1800 2000, 6 times 2000-0600
			80635618		HF Tp (1) 6 times 2000 0600
			80756435		HF Btry (1) 4 times 2000-0600

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Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
0015	CMO/B 7	55	78125824	Mortar	Regt (3)
0930	AOP	376	776575	1 Man	
1225	320	320	79395527	H.V. Gun	Bn
1320	AOP Div Arty	55	80255630	Adj 80355637 Ht 10 house trench system	Troop (5) 6060
1435	456		79386233	Stonk 135°	(1) 2005-2025
1430	AOP Div Arty	55	79875648	House	6061
1450	AOP Div Arty	55	790559	House	6062
1515	AOP	55	80755610	Veh in Kranenburg Search 100 (5)	
1730	Div Arty	55	78905700	HF Tp (1) 10 times 1800-2300	
1730	Div Arty	55	80755610	HF Btry (2) 3 times 1800-2300	
1730	Div Arty	153	80856424	Hf Btry (2) 3 times 1800-2300	
1730	Div Arty	153	79706150	HF Btry (2) 3 times 1800-2300	
1730	456	153	79386233	Stonk 135° HF Regt (2) 2005-2025 hrs	
1730	Div Arty	55	79005590	HF Btry (2) 3 times 1800-2300	
1730	376 (504)	153	80006130	Two SP? Btry (5) search 100	

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0930	AOP	320	77205705	Tracked vehicle	
1130	AOP	319	773650	Troops & veh	
1210	320	55	801564	House & tps	
1250	376	55	824544	2 guns	(5)
1700	AOP	7 Med	804618	2 Med guns	(3)
1950	456	153	807633	Ht 10 one HV gun	(5) search 100

11 November 1944

1100	Div Arty 320-376 456		See firing Memo (Armistice Shoot)	
1650	AOP		789598	Vehicle disappeared No fire
1800	456		Closed Station, March Order at 1740	
1935	320		Closed Station, March Order at 1935	

Time	From	To	Coordinates	Description	Action
1950		320		Send 1 vehicle party back to police up AM 12th (Tell 319th also)	
1950		376		Send 1 vehicle party back to police up AM 12th (Tell 319th also)	
2030	376			Close station, march order at 2027	
2045	G-3	320		Div Fwd CP (Msg Cen) changed to 508506)	

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
17 October, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 114 rounds. Neutralized ey MG's at 741692. No change in positions. Fired 7 mission

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 804 rounds. Direct hits on inf in woods at 779570 and on dugouts 793552. Fired on AT gun at 775570. No change in positions. Fired 25 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 419 rounds. Partially destroyed barn containing ey trs at 786614. Set fire to house at 785599. Good effect on ey trs at 777584. No change in positions. Fired 18 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 546 rounds. Direct hits on OP in house at 784610. Excellent effect on mortars and MG's at 779609 and ey activity at 772605. No change in positions. Fired 18 missions.

5. Br Arty reinforcing fires of Div Arty. Fired on nebelwerfers at 799551 and 795555; mortars at 812524 and 796546; and stores dumps at 837560.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
18 October, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 FA Bn support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 204 rounds. Fired on mortars at 756699. Counter-battery at 757709, 757709, 754705 and 760708 No change in positions. Fired 11 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 691 rounds. Direct hits and dispersed ey trs at 773564 and 779578. Hits on house at 782572. No change in positions. Fired 22 issions.

3. 376 Irght FA Bn direct support 504 Irght Inf. Fired 330 rounds. Direct hit on tank or SP Gun at 778582. Scattered in at 804603. Set fire to house at 791599. Hits house at 786571 and 778580.. No change in positions. Fired 15 missions.

4. 456 Irght FA Bn direct support 505 Irght I f. Fired 646 rounds. Excellent effect on inf in buildings at 79 644. direct hits on possible CP at 812632 and O at 793615. No change in positions. Fired 18 missions.

5. Br Arty, reinforcing fires of Div Arty. Fired counterbatt ry at 778579 and 846554; nebelwerfers at 807551 nd 806551; inf chow line at 843654; and work detail at 842652.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
19 October, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 229 rds. Fired on inf and MG's at 743704 and 742704 and on vehicles at 751702. No change in positions. Fired 13 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 620 rds. hits on house at 777601 and on trenches at 779578. No change in positions. Fired 22 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 394 rds. Direct hits on inf in houses at 766600 and 784575 and on ey OP at 784598. No change in positions. Fired 11 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 634 rds. Direct hits on OP at 794653 and on activity at 780 19. Set fire to house at 776590. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

5. Br Arty reinforcing fires of Div Arty, fired on nebelwerfers at 808553. Div Arty massed fires on ey CP and quarters at 798644 and on ey activity at 779578, 38599 and 820552.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
20 October, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 352 rds. Good effect on MG's 743704, 737706 and 755698. Counter battery at 753700. No change in positions. Fired 9 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 500 rounds. Direct hits on ey inf at 786571. Good effect on mortars at 795562. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 257 rounds. Direct hits on inf in houses at 792599, 780585 and 784600. No change in positions. Fired 12 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 670 rounds. Direct hits on ey in house at 797621. Excellent effect on inf dug in at 767607. No change in positions. Fired 26 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty massed fires on mess line and quarters at 798644; MG's in building at 796640; CP and quarters at 798644; Ey Engr Bn at 814558; Ron Bn at 809561; and RJ at 808643.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
21 October 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT: Fired 202 rds. Good effect on MG's at 755598 and 741703 Mortars at 745694. No change in positions. Fired 16 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 647 rounds. Good effect on nebelwerfer at 807550; ey trs at 785578; 792571, and 779568. No change in positions. Fired 28 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 310 rds. Direct hits on Inf in houses at 785559 and 777532. No change in positions. Fired 13 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 1056 rds. Direct hits on activity at 783619 and on ey in house at 783611. No change in positions. Fired 40 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty fired at ey CP at 811644; Billets at 809644; RJ and billets at 808643; RJ at 825603; Bridge at 815572; Co CP's at 788626 and 789624; and nebelwerfers at 807550 and 798551.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
22 October 1944.

S - 3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 505 CT. Fired 343 rds. Good effect on mortars at 756596; inf at 769695; and CP's at 779702 and 767697. No change in positions. Fired 23 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 432 rounds. Direct hits on houses at 789571; good effect on nebelwerfer at 774594 and on ey in woods at 780556. No change in positions. Fired 19 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 458 rounds. Caused casualties at 785598. Direct hits on inf i houses at 776600, 778585 and on queer pendulum structure at 801581. No change in positions. Fired 17 missions.

4. Div Arty and Br Arty fired on nebelwerfers and mortars at 798551, 802-554, 789556, 814549, 798553, 807550 and 783572; Billets at 809559 and 807560; Vehicles Inf at 777715; and inf in trucks at 777576.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 240 rds. Good effect on inf at 737706 and on IP's at 755698. No change in positions. Fired 21 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 403 rounds. Fired on tracked vehicles at 776568 and 776568; nebelwerfers at 775567, 782567 and 794558. No change in positions. Fired 19 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 500 rds. Silenced high velocity guns at 777581 and 778581; fired on mortars at 778581 and 779584; caused explosion at 781583. No change in positions. Fired 21 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 1434 rds. Direct hits and set fire to houses at 776601 and 770600; excellent effect on ey entrenched at 770607; silenced SP gun at 782630. No change in positions. Fired 34 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty fired nebelwerfers at 775567, 776576, 709547 and 775607; counterbattery at 792619, 823732 and 783636; strong point at 778615; quarters at 797643, 812645; and rest area at 804654.

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24 October, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 296 rds. Set fire to house at 746698. Good effect on OP at 746701 and mortars at 751694. No change in positions. Fired 15 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 716 rounds. Direct hits on OP in house at 786572, house at 790579, and personnel in house at 780563. No change in positions. Fired 25 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired All rds. C-used explosions in mortar positions at 782581 and 778590. Direct hits on Inf in house 783599, OP in glider at 773579, and ey CP at 779582. No change in positions. Fired 24 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 656 rds. Direct hitson houses at 787627, 784636 and 803617, on OP at 786614; set fire to houses at 793615 and 803617. Hits on MG's at 787627. No change in positions. Fired 30 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty fired on nebelwerfers at 799547 and 781580; SP gun at 783636; strong point at 785568; CP's at 778585, 781583 and 811644; and billets at 811645.

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25 October, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 5 S CT. Fired 440 rds. Hit SP gun at 742697. Good effect on MG's at 752695. No change in positions. Fired 5 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 431 rounds. Fired on tank at 782574 and houses at 773563. No change in positions. Fired 24 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 445 rds. Direct hits on MG's at 778582, pillbox at 783571, inf in house at 778598 and strong pt at 777575. Started fire in mortar position at 777598 and on vehicle at 778581. No change in positions. Fired 27 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 772 rds. Excellent effect on inf and MG's at 786614. Good effect on activity at 781637, ey MG's at 787614, suspected OP at 787611 and ey digging in at 795624. No change in positions. Fired 23 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing fired harassing missions only.

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26 October, 1944.

S03 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319th Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 348 rounds. Fired on MG's at 741692; vehicles at 730703; SP gun at 728714; and mortars at 735713. No change in positions. Fired 2[illegible] missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 908 rds. Direct hits on ey at 776581. Fired on mortars at 778561, troops at 771564, nebelwerfer at 794557, and 75mm gun at 779560. No change in positions. Fired 30 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 886 rds. Direct hits on ey in houses at 784575; fire started in haystack containing MG's at 783597; silenced mortars at 781580 and automatic guns at 783573. No change in positions. Fired 27 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 555 rds. Fired on ey activity at 77[illegible]15; inf dug in at 785653; snipers at 769709; counterbattery at 797622. No change in positions. Fired 14 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing fired on nebelwerfers at 807647; MG's at 808643 and 819552; and activity at 775575 and 780576; house at 775567; and counterbattery at 799618 and 800620.

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27 October, 1944.

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1. 319 FA Bn direct support and attchd to 508 CT. Fired 415 rds. Fired on MG's at 740704; ey inf at 733710; CP at 742705; and mortars at 748688. No change in positions. Fired 18 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 271 rounds. Good effect on vehicles and troops at 773578 and troops at 769561. No change in positions. Fired 16 missions.

3. 376 Armd FA Bn direct support 504 Armd Inf. Fired 571 rds. Set fire to house at 773599; caused explosions at 777682; good effect on inf at 776576. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

4. 456 Armd FA Bn direct support 505 Armd Inf. Fired 144 rds. Good effect on inf at 769609. No change in positions. Fired 12 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing. No activity during period.

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28 October, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 1138 rds Good effect on strongpoint at 732712; ey inf 748698, 747697 and 745618; MG's at 725716; No change in positions. Fired 16 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 277 rounds. Good effect on vehicles at 783554 and 781553; camouflage net at 790561 and houses at 788558. No change positions. Fired 13 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 628 rounds. Direct hits on inf in houses at 784575, 802564 and 772599; hits on ey CP's at 802583 and 782599; and hits on vehicles at 778599. No Change positions. Fired 27 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 1151 rds. Knocked out MG at 770607. Set fired to gas dump at 784636. Hits on Inf in house at 784618. No change positions. Fied 26 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing, fired on ey btry at 803531; supply dumps at 803559; personnel at 793553; nebelwerfers at 796554 and 795554; and counterbattery at 812518.

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In the Field
29 October, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 151st Bde (Br). Fired 165 rds. Hits on house at 743704. Good effect on LG's at 755698, personnel at 732708, and mortars at 741701 and 757697. No changein positions. Fired 8 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 214 rounds. Fired on camouflage nets at 794560; ey activity at 785568; and houses at 791551 and 771572. No change positions. Fired 10 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 790 rds. Causes casualties on convoy on 783590; silenced mortars at 785599; dirac on houses at 780600, 787567, 777583, and 804560. Fired on medium gun at 800613. No change in positions. Fired 30 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 1689 rds. Direct hits on house at 800628; set fire to haystack containing gun at 796641; excellent effect on ey entrenched at 767608 and 767603; caused casualties on ey in woods at 79[illegible]623 and in culvert at 767604. No changepositions. Fired 47 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing, fired on nebelwerfers at 789554, 804539, 788551, 785551, 796553, 805623, 791567, 81[illegible]46. Troops at 814557; SP gun at 794627; medium gun at 801[illegible]15; activity at 808561; mortars at 802550; and ey btry at 819601.

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In the Field
30 October, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 1st Bde (Br). Fired 87 rds. Hits on OP in house at 745692. Good effect on mortars at 751700. No change in positions. Fired 5 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 430 rounds. Good effect on enemy activity at 780556, MG's at 775566 and ey activity at 780653. No change in positions. Fired 9 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 486 rds. Direct hits on OP in house at 784601 and inf and vehicles at 775598 excellent effect on mortars at 784575 and on vehicles at 777581. No change in positions. Fired 15 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 710 rds. Silenced SP gun at 814622 and ey gun at 802614. Excellent effect on MG's at 778615 and ey digging in at 787603. No change in positions. Fired 23 missions.

5. Div Arty and Br Arty reinforcing, fired an extensive harassing program during the night to interfere with reported change over of ey troops. Fired on activity at 814554; SP gun at 814622; ey battery at 799630; and nebelwerfer at 784554.

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In the Field
31 October, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 151 Bde (Br). Fired 19 rounds. One registration missions only. No change in positions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 249 rounds. Excellent effect on ey activity at 773568. No change in positions. Fired 6 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 33 rds. No change in positions. Fired 3 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 649 rds. Direct hits on house at 781637. Good effect on ey entrenched at 771611 and 778613. No change in positions. Fired 17 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty, reinforcing fired counter battery at 818602, 808-643, and 811000; fired on nebelwerfers at 783540., 808643, 782574, and 788599.

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In the Field
1 November, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 151 Bde (Br). Fired 271 rounds. Caused casualties among personnel at 742703. Destroyed 4 vehicles at 733715. No change in positions. Fired 12 missions.

2. 3[illegible]0 Gli FA Bn direct surrport 325 Gli Inf. Fired 1293 rounds. Direct hit on CP in house at 787559 and on house at 79[illegible]569. Bn fired 853 rds diversionary fire in preparation and support of 325 patrol activity. No change in positions. Fired 12 missions.

3. 376 Frcht FA Bn direct support 504 Frcht Inf. Fired 682 rds. Direct hits on ey guns at 811619 and on ey in house at 77[illegible]580. Excellent effect on ey guns at 816598 and 802616. Set fire to haystack containing ey at 798563. No change in positions. Fired 16 missions.

4. 456 Frcht FA Bn direct support 505 Frcht Inf. Fired 675 rds. Excellent effect on vehicles at 800628 and personnel at 767604. No change in positions. Fired 19 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fires on ey personnel at 790621, and 818559; nebelwerfer at 777567; counterbattery at 7[illegible]62[illegible], 81[illegible]598, 801616 and 813617, the last three were adjusted by 376 [illegible] with excellent destructive effect; mortars at 784576; 20mm AA guns at 80[illegible]3; and inf at 839556.

6. Air [illegible]'s conducted fire on vehicles at 800628; personnel at 767604. Visibility excellent.

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In the Field
2 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 151st Inf Bde (Br). Fired 174 rds. Excellent effect on mortars at 742704 and 753705, ey OP at 748710, and ey inf at 735709. No change positions. Fired 6 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 249 rounds. Silenced ey guns (88's) at 796556. Good effect on ey in house at 782559. No change in positions. Fired 10 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 350 rds. Direct hits on inf in houses at 784575 and 777582, vehicles at 7[illegible]9565 and supply dump at 804560. Caused explosions among ey troops at 811619 and gun position at 816598, fire and explosions in house at 721599. No chan in positions. Fired 16 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 304 rds. Good effect on ey personnel at 792616, 769609, 791628, 759618 and 767604 and on mortars at 7[illegible]861[illegible]. No change positions. Fired 14 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fired total of 1[illegible]9 rds of propaganda on ey positions at 783561, 78[illegible]567 and 773572. Fired on nebelwerfers at 783601, 793[illegible]0, 790584, 792597 and 807626; ey working parties at 818[illegible]59 and 84[illegible]534; and counterbattery at 80[illegible]31 and 321[illegible]22.

6. Air OP reportedey personnel moving into woods at 797[illegible] and adjusted fire on woods. Located ey batteries at 802531 and 801539 and adjusted fire on latter. Also reported numerous small cooking fires plainly visible in forward part of Division early in morning.

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In the Field
3 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support ant atckd to 508 CT. Fired 636 rds. Destroyed ey OP at 759697. Good effect on MG's at 741703; ey btry at 752698 and 780657; mortars at 770670 and 752698; Strongpoint at 769680. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 739 rounds. Direct hits on buildings at 776553, 778552, 788570, 785571, 792 and 786554 and on tower at 793561. Caused explosions in nebelwerfer position at 784557. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 500 rds. Direct hits on inf digging in at 780600; house at 793600; possible CP at 787568; and inf in house at 784572. Caused explosions and fires on mortars at 793600. Set fire to house at 794592. No change in positions. Fired 23 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 380 rds. Good effect on road block at 770603 and on ey personnel at 767604 and 769800. No change in psotions. Fied 11 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fired harassing fire throughout hours of darkness and rearranged fires in support of 505 patrol activity. Counterbattery at 813618, 822630, 779578 and 789515. Fired on nebelwerfers at 790364 and 777568.

6. Air [illegible] observed inf in fox holes from 72542 to 773543. Adjusted fire on 20mm AA Gun at 805545. Observed that boats along ALL River had been moved from area 8066 to 7966. Fires conducted on ey btry at 788516.

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In the Field
4 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 856 rds. Direct hits on SP gun and OP at 754694. Fired on ey troops at 759684, 769666, 768683, 752698 and 785670, and counter attery 768689 and 779674. No change in positions. Fired 39 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 642 rounds. Direct hits on tower and barn at 793561. House at 791557 and along road at 773572. Set fire to building containing gasoline stores at 797562. No change in positions. Fired 20 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 230 rds. Direct hits on wpns pit at 805612 and hits and set fire to house at 793600. Fired on mortars at 798583 and 793585. No change in positions. Fired 12 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 663 rds. Fired total of 466 rds screening fire for withdrawal of 505 patrol. Fired on ey personnel at 767607. 767603 and 803611. No change in positions Fired 13 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fired harassing fires on RJ at 798602, CR at 819602 and on mess line at 786637. Fired on Nebelwerfer at 796567; activity around houses at 815540 and 809546; Co Hq and Billets at 781654; and on misc material at 772653.

6. Air OP adjusted fire on personnel near windmill at 784574; on personnel and material at 771657; buildings at 781654; and gun pit at 80[illegible]613. Observed many propaganda leaflets on ground in DEN HEUVEL area; fox holes and slit trenches at 808642, 774649 and 763657; saw house explode at 774661 (probably result of fire by 319th).

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5 November, 1944.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atc d to 508 CT. Fired 73 rds. Destroyed house at 767693. Fired on ey personnel at 775[illegible], 765662, 779696, 762677, 768679, 771669 and 765677; MG's at 767662, 768665 and 757680; and mortars at 752698 and 760 89. No change in positions. Fired 28 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 6[illegible] rounds. Direct hits and set fire to ho es at 787568, 798563, 790558, 798565 and 785566. Set fire to house and barn at 792567. Fired on ey personnel at 797562 andmortars at 775565 and 782561. No change in positions. Fired 24 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direc t support 540 Prcht Inf. Fired 369 rds. Set fireto haystack at 778578. Fired on ey personnel at 787604, and 802584; mortars at 778582, 788581 and 792599, and MG's at 779584. Displaced two guns to 74765784 for harassing missions. Fired 1[illegible] missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 367 rds. Fired on ey activity at 787627, 771600, 777616 and 767603; MG's at 774601; and mortars at 767604. No change in positions. Fired 14 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fired on bivo ac area in orchard at 809642; mortars at 7755 5 and ey activity at 810550. Harassing fires at 780578, 798615 and 807561.

6. Air OP observed house on fire at 791568; 2 med guns at 812533; new diggings at 797619; factory on fire at 783637; houses burning at 782561; road block at 765598; signal lamp flashing from a house at 750605; and gun flashes at 798618 and 812620. Conducted fire on haystack at 781575.

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6 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support 508 CT. Fired 832 rounds. Fired on ey inf at 755699, 754698, 757680, 772695 and 764762 and mortars at 756699, 772674, 759703 and 752697. No change in positions. Fired 39 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 413 rounds. Direct hits on houses at 790559 and 798565. ~~xxdx222~~ Fired 102 rounds of smoke into REICHSWALD in attempt to set woods on fire, which resulted in small fires only. Fired on ey activit at 773564 and 773563. No change in positions. Fired 17 missions.

3. 376 Jrcht FA Bn direct support 504 Jrcht Inf. Fired 481 rds. Fired 96 rounds of smoke on REICHSWALD and started small fires. Direct hits on houses at 785600 and 782599. Silenced nebelwerfers at 791599. Caused large fire and explosions 50 yds north of Durch in LYFFLICH. No change in positions. Fired 24 missions.

4. 456 Jrcht FA Bn direct support 505 Jrcht Inf. Fired 467 rds. Fired on ey activity at 769609, 768602 and 771601. No change in positions. Fired 21 missions.

5. Div Arty with Br Arty reinforcing fired on nebelwerfers at 785578, 800543, 81 623 and 799620; mortars at 785575 and 767608. Counter battery at 812550; and ey activity at 804568, 852579, 840554. Attempts to set fire to REICHSWALD with White Phosphorus were stopped by rain.

6. Air OP conducted fire on ey dugout at 803618 and tree at 787612. Observed that crawl trenches east of DEN HEUVEL had been extended west from 776568 to house at 774568 and new digging in area 786610.

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1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and att'd to 508 CT. Fired 301 rds. Missions fired include the following:
   Mortars 761689
   Personnel 77126923, 75106908, 757689

2. 320th Gli FA Bn fired 20 missions. 753 rds in direct support of 325 Gli Inf. Missions fired include the following:
   Nebelwerfers 77225680, 77945650
   SP Guns 79295902, 80685596
   Patrols 77295639, 77295239
   Houses 78505680, (burned) 79005670

3. 376 Ircht FA Bn fired 18 missions, 286 rds in direct support of 505 Inf. Targets engaged.
   Personnel in houses 799 5838, 6 direct hits
   AT gun in house 77365908, 5 direct hits
   Gun 80506015
   OP 77945815

4. 456 Ircht FA Bn fired 19 missions, 519 rds in direct support of 505 Ircht Inf. Missions fired include the following:
   Mortar 76705080
   Personnel 79456095, 78526310, 78566109, 77365095
   98336110, 78526310
   Nebelwerfer 78646110

5. 55th and 153d FA (GDS Armd Div Arty) fired in direct support of 82d A/B Div Arty. Missions fired include the following:
   Nebelwerfers 81535590, 77705655, 78105697, 81305660
   79725691, 80355590, 79985537, 80605508
   81305560, 78135481, 80375518, 80875586,
   76905742, 79945642
   Guns 81195503, 80605960
   Personnel 83895836, 84005538
   Nebelwerfer locations were secured from Flash Spotter of Br 4th Survey Regt. counter-mortar Officers and shell-reps from units of the division.

6. Air OP patrolled for 8½ hours with fair observation in a strong wind.

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1. 319 Gli atachd to 508 CT. Fired 23 missions. 784 rds in direct support of 508 Inf. Missions fired include the following:
   OP 75646890
   MG's 76397618, 75706905, 76476566, 766664.
   Mortars 752698, 76756995, 75456950, 762698, 75806926, 75556985.
   Personnel 77126923, 76127069

2. 320 Gli FA B fired 19 missions, 455 rds in direct support of 325 Inf Missions fired include the following;

OP's in house	77145706
Personnel	77305660, 78505780, 77255725, 77355654.
OP	78515738
Vehicles	78405402 2 direct hits
House	79635528 5 direct hits

3. 376 Frcht FA Bn fired 20 missions. 420 rds in direct support of 504 Inf Missions fired include the following:

Mortar	80375657
MG's in house	78205977, 77465816
Personnel	80315625, 79125979
Nebelwerfer	79135988

4. 456 FA fired 20 missions. 366 rds in direct support 506 Inf. Missions fired include the following:

MG in house	79856256 80236285
Personnel	77856000 80236385
Ammo dump	79136206

5. Air OP patrolled 9½ hrs with fair to poor observation. Adjusted fire on personnel at 77856000 and on buildings in ZANDPOL.

6. 55th and 153d FA Regt (Gds Armd Div) reinforced the fires of Div Arty.

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DIV ARTY No change in positions.

1. 319 atchd to 508 CT. Fired 20 missions. 583 rds. Missions fired include MG's at 768664 764764
Infantry at 75766865.

2. 320 fired 16 missions. 471 rds in direct support of 325 Gli Inf. Missions fired include the following.

Personnel	79315522, 79615546, 77175563, 77155727
	78975678
CP	77495566
Tents	79965626

3. 376 fired 22 missions, 387 rds in direct support of 504 Inf. Missions fired include the following:

MG's	77555755
Mortars	77795806, 80375677, 79125985, 79125985
Personnel	77415740, 79696007, 77975829
Guns	81756032

4. 456 fired 23 missions, 566 rds in direct support of 505 Inf. Missions fired include the following:

Mortars	79156200
Vehicles	80186361
Personnel	80236385, 77207169, 77366005, 78986304, 78586135, 77706159, 77186102, 79236141.

5. 55th and 153 FA Regts (Gds Armd Div) reinforced the fires of Div Arty. Missions fired include the following:

Houses	79875648, 79005590, 80255630
Houses & vehicles	80755610
Mortars	78125824

Both organic and reinforcing artillery furnished usual lullaby in from of harassing fired throughout night.

6. Air OP patrolled 8 hrs with poor visibility, above 1000 ft there was considerable snow. Adjusted fire on three houses, four inf groups and vehicles. Ambulance was seen leaving RICHTERS GUT after fire was placed on house. Three vehicles was seen in KRAUENBURG and smoke was observed coming from building in KRAUENBURG (drawing reward of 120 rds). Vehicles were observed at 803638. There has been an increase in the small armsfire directed at the air OP the ~~last two days.~~

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Hq 82nd A/B Div Arty
In the Field
10 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 319 Gli FA Bn direct support and atchd to 508 CT. Fired 523 rds. Fired on personnel at 754699 and 771[illegible]701. MG's at 764[illegible]75. Vehicles at 773655; and mortars at 754699. No change in positions. Fired 22 missions.

2. 320 Gli FA Bn direct support 325 Gli Inf. Fired 420 rds. Direct hits and set fire to house at 799565. Burned 3 houses in supply dumps at 798554 and caused 12 explosions in building flying Red Cross flag in same area. Inflicted casualties on trps in road at 79[illegible]566 and on ev activity at 793557. Fired on tracked vehicles at 774570. No change in positions. Fired 14 missions.

3. 376 Prcht FA Bn direct support 504 Prcht Inf. Fired 581 rds. Direct hits on houses at 783580 and 77[illegible]20; on truck at 81[illegible]; MG's at 780583; and on inf at 815582. No change in positions except sniper guns rejoined their batteries. Fired 26 missions.

4. 456 Prcht FA Bn direct support 505 Prcht Inf. Fired 687 rds. Set fire to vehicle at 790614 and house at 781602; fired on inf at 802613 and 780619. No change in positions. Fired 24 missions.

5. Div Arty with Dr Arty reinforcing fired on tracked vehicles at 77[illegible]1; trps and vehicles at 773[illegible]50; trps around house at 801[illegible]64; and counterbattery at 824544 and 804618.

6. Air OP conducted fire on truck at 77[illegible]570; vehicles and trps at 773650; and counterbattery at 804618. Observed ev personnel near 793[illegible]15; Nebelwerfer at 772501; gun flashes at 81[illegible] and 801710.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
11 November, 1944.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

1. 390 Cml FA Bn direct support 325 Cml Inf. Fired 1129 rds. Caused explosion near SP gun at 788554: fired on nebelwerfer at 793552, ey trps at 772568, 785574, 795574, 780550, and 780549: and ey gun at 798554. No change in positions fired 32 missions.

2. 376 Armd FA Bn direct support 504 Armd Inf. Fired 1022 rounds. Direct hits on CPs at 774591: fired on mortars at 780509 and 785568: personnel at 778576 and 781576: and on OP at 781576. No change in positions. Fired 28 missions.

3. 456 Armd FA Bn direct support 505 Armd Inf. Fired 1510 rds. Fired on ey inf at 774615, 777616, 795610, 786611, 802614, 774601. NO change in positions. Fired 41 missions.

4. Div Arty with Br reinforcing fired counter-battery at 807633. Armistice Day Celebration Shoot consisted of a total of 1054 rds. Fired on 14 selected targets.

5. Air OP - NTR.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/cjc

23 September, 1944

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM :
:
NUMBER . . . . . 1 :

AIR OBSERVATION POSTS

1. Observation aircraft will be operated on the following schedule for patrol, weather permitting:

HOURS	UNIT			
	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
0700-0730	320th	376th	456th	319th
0750-0810	376th	456th	319th	320th
0820-0845	456th	319th	320th	376th
0900-0930	319th	320th	376th	456th
0950-1010	320th	376th	456th	319th
1030-1100	376th	456th	319th	320th
1130-1145	456th	319th	320th	376th
1200-1220	319th	320th	376th	456th
1245-1315	320th	376th	456th	319th
1340-1400	376th	456th	319th	320th
1420-1500	456th	319th	320th	376th
1530-1600	319th	320th	376th	456th
1615-1635	320th	376th	456th	319th
1700-1735	376th	456th	319th	320th
1755-1820	456th	319th	320th	376th
1830-1900	319th	320th	376th	456th

2. Radios in aircraft on patrol missions will be operated on "F" channels. (EXCEPTION: If patrol plane fires a mission for the battalion to which it is assigned, then it will be on battalion channel).

3. On a definite mission requested by a battalion, the patrol plane will be called to ground by a ground set at the air strip prior to take off of battalion plane.

4. Only one ship shall be in air at one time unless approved by this headquarters.

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DISTRIBUTION:
1 - CO, Ea Bn
1 - CO, Hq Btry
6 - Air Officer
1 - S-3
1 - File

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
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BY AUTH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/ojd

27 September, 1944

CHANGE 1 :
TO :
OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM 1 :

AIR OBSERVATIONS PLANES

1. Opn Memo 1 is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor.

2. Effective 1200 hours 27 Sept 44, observation aircraft will be operated on the following schedule for patrol, weather permitting:

HOURS	UNIT			
	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30
0700-0755	319th	320th	376th	456th
0805-0850	320th	376th	456th	319th
0910-1000	376th	456th	319th	320th
1015-1055	456th	319th	320th	376th
1105-1150	319th	320th	376th	456th
1155-1245	320th	376th	456th	319th
1300-1340	376th	456th	319th	320th
1405-1500	456th	319th	320th	376th
1510-1600	319th	320th	376th	456th
1620-1700	320th	376th	456th	319th
1715-1810	376th	456th	319th	320th
1820-1905	456th	319th	320th	376th
1905-1930	319th	320th	376th	456th

3. Radios in aircraft on patrol missions will be operated on "T" channel. If patrol plane fires a mission for the battalion to which it is assigned, plane and FDC radios will switch to bn "F" channel after giving target designation and warning "switch to F".

4. Patrol plane locating a target in area other than its bn zone will report it to DivArty (using Div Arty call) for assignment of battalion to fire.

5. Each battalion will monitor "T" channel at all times.

6. Only one ship will be in the air at one time unless approved by this headquarters.

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Commanding

OFFICIAL:
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DISTRIBUTION:
1 - Ea Bn & Hq Btry Div Arty
6 - Air Officer
1 - S-3
1 - File

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JMS/wfs

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6 October 1944

CHANGE 2 :
To :
OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM I: :

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AIR OBSERVATION PLANES

1. Operations Memorandum I Change I paragraph 2 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

2. Effective 1000 hrs 6 Oct 44, observation aircraft will be operated on the following schedule for patrol, weather permitting.

HOURS	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12	OCT 13
0100-0755	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th
0825-0905	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th
0940-1025	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	Div Arty
1055-1135	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	Div Arty	320th
1210-1255	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	Div Arty	320th	376th
1325-1420	456th	320th	376th	456th	Div Arty	320th	376th	456th
1450-1530	320th	376th	456th	Div Arty	320th	376th	456th	320th
1605-1650	376th	456th	Div Ar	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th
1720-1815	456th	Div Ar	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th
1820-1905	Div Ar	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th

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DISTRIBUTION
1 - Ea Bn & Hq Btry Div Arty (-1 Sq)
6 - Air Officer (3rd)
1 - S-3
1 - File

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/ojl

21 October, 1944

CHANGE 3)
TO)
OPERATION MEMORANDUM 1)

AIR OBSERVATION PLANES

1. Operations Memorandum 1, with change 1 and change 2, is hereby rescinded, and the following substituted therefor.

2. HOURS	Oct 22 Oct 30	Oct 23 Oct 31	Oct 24 Nov 1	Oct 25 Nov 2	Oct 26 Nov 3	Oct 27 Nov 4	Oct 28 Nov 5	Oct 29 Nov 6
0635-0730	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th
0750-0840	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th
0900-0945	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	divarty
1010-1050	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	DivArty	320th
1120-1205	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	DivArty	320th	376th
1225-1320	456th	320th	376th	456th	DivArty	320th	376th	456th
1345-1425	320th	376th	456th	DivArty	320th	376th	456th	320th
1445-1530	376th	456th	DivArty	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th
1555-1650	456th	DivArty	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th
1715-1805	DivArty	320th	376th	456th	320th	376th	456th	320th

3. Radios in aircraft on patrol missions will be operated on "T" frequency. If patrol plane fires a mission for the battalion to which it is assigned, plane and FDC radios will switch to bn "K" frequency after giving target designation and warning "switch to "K".

4. Patrol plane locating a target in area other than its bn zone will report it to Div Arty (using Div Arty call) for assignment of battalion to fire.

5. Each battalion will monitor "T" frequency at all times (even though firing mission with air OP on "K" frequency).

6. Only one ship will be in the air at one time unless approved by this headquarters.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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6 - Air Officer
1 - S-3
1 - File

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
25 October, 1944.

Prearranged Fires for Propaganda Shoot.

1. TARGETS

Number	Coordinates	Rt	Area
6010	77806150	15	Thorenasche Kolen
6011	78555985	12	Zyfflich
6012	79356235	12	Knilschen Hof
6013	79806440	12	Factory

2. SCHEDULE

a. Thursday 26 Oct '44. All fire HE, scale 2

TOT	Number	Units to Fire	Special Instructions
1905	6010	55, 153, 376, 456	456 shoot THE
1912	6011	55, 153, 320, 376, 456	376, 456 shoot THE
1920	6012	55, 153, 376, 456	456 shoot THE
1927	6013	55, 153, 456, AGRA	75's "Caps on"

b. Friday 27 Oct '44. Propaganda

TOT	Number	Unit to Fire	Special Instructions
1700	6010	1 Btry 153 Field Regt	24 rds Propaganda
1710	6011	" "	24 rds "
1720	6012	" "	24 rds "
1730	6013	" "	24 rds "

c. Saturday 28 Oct '44. All fire HE, scale 2

TOT	Number	Units to Fire	Special Instructions.
1905	6010	55, 153, 376, 456	456 Shoot THE
1910	6011	55, 153, 320, 376, 456	376, 456 shoot THE
1915	6012	55, 153, 376, 456	456 shoot THE
1920	6013	55, 153, 456, AGRA	75's "Caps on"
1925	6010	55, 153, 456	456 shoot THE
1930	6011	55, 153, 456, AGRA	456 shoot THE
1935	6012	55, 153, 456	456 shoot THE
1940	6013	55, 153, 456, AGRA	25's " Caps on"

3. AGRA is requested to furnish one medium regiment where indicated in above schedule, 26 and 28 Oct '44.

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DISTRIBUTION:

4 - 153 Field Regt	2 - 376 Prcht FA Bn	2 - 505 Prcht Inf
4 - 55 " "	2 - 456 " " "	2 - CG 82d A/B Div
2 - 320 Glider FA Bn	5 - AGRA	2 - CO, Staff, File

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
25 October, 1944

PREARRANGED FIRED 25 Oct 44

To facilitate 504 combat patrol entry in VOSSENDAAL Woods at 2130.

1. TARGETS

Number	Coordinates	Ht	
6001	77255715	30	House
6002	77155707	32	House
6003	77335723	28	House
6014	77305685	33	Don Heuvel
6015	78005760	20	Lagewald Stonk 90°
2319	77515747	25	Vossendaal Woods

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2. SCHEDULE * Targets to be engaged

TOT	Btry of 320th	376	153	55	
2120	6001-6002-6003	2319	6014	2319	Scale 2
2125	" " "	On call	"	6015	Scale 1
2130	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 2
2132	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2135	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2140	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2145	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2150	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2155	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1
2200	" " "	"	"	"	Scale 1

Btry of 320th on 7768571h 2130-2200 hrs unless otherwise engaged.

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DISTRIBUTION:
320th
376th
Bn Ln O

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
29 October, 1944.

SPECIAL HARASSING FIRES - Night 29 - 30 Oct.

1. A change - over of ey troops vic DEN HEUVEL on 29 Oct is expected (82d Div G-2 Report, 19 Oct 44)

2. TARGETS for harassing fires to welcome newcomers:

Number	Coordinates	Ht	Remarks
327	7792 5660	18	
670	7725 5615	22	
6001	7725 5715	30	
6002	7715 5707	32	
6003	7733 5723	28	
6008	7848 5682	15	
6016	8032 5625	12	
6017	7908 5585	14	
6018	7960 5640	12	
6019	7905 5685	14	
6020	7890 5707	14	
6021	7855 5975	12	
6022	7830 5630	16	
6023	7830 5643	16	
6024	7800 5615	16	
6025	7725 5673	34	
6026	7750 5670	26	
6027	7770 5715	24	
6028	7730 5640	25	
6029	7800 5780	24	Stonk 45°
6030	7755 5750	26	Stonk 140°
6031	7808 5829	10	
6032	7788 5836	16	
6033	7830 5890	10	
6034	7832 5724	14	
6035	7738 6004	14	

3. SCHEDULE - Direct support Battalions

a. 320th Glider FA Bn
327, 670, 6001, 6002, 6003, Btry one volley on each six times 2200 - 0200 hours

b. 376th Front FA Bn
6031, 6032, 6033, 6034, 6035, Btry one volley on each nine times 2100 - 2400 hours

c. Other fires ON CALL.

4. SCHEDULE - British Artillery Reinforcing
a. Allotment of Targets (see attached table)
b. Timings (see Appx A)

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DISTRIBUTION:
55 Field Regt - (10) RA 43 Div -(1) 320 (&325)-(5) CG 82d Div-(1)
153 Field Regt -(7) Hq 5AGRA -(1) 376 (&504)-(5) CO,Staff,File (2)
Hq RA Gds Armd -(1) CCRA 30 Corps Rep(2) 456 (&505)-(2)

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HF TASK TABLE IN SP 52d A/B DIV NIGHT 29 - 30 OCT.

1. ALLOTMENT OF TARGETS

Target	To be Engaged by	Method	Engage At	Totals
6016	1 Tp 153 Fd Regt	HE Scale 1		
6019	1 Tp 153 Fd Regt	"		1500
6017	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"	- A & B	to
6018	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"		2200
				4 Tps
6006	1 Tp 153 Fd Regt	HE Scale 1		
6020	1 Tp 153 Fd Regt	"		1800
6021	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"	- C & D	to
6022	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"		2400
6023	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"		6 Tps
6024	1 Tp 55 Fd Regt	"		
6027	1 Btry 153 Fd Regt.	HE Scale 1		2000
6025	1 Btry 55 Fd Regt.	"		to
6026	1 Btry 55 Fd Regt.	"	- E, F, & G	0600
6028	1 Btry 55 Fd Regt.	"		4 Btrys
6029	153 Fd Regt.	HE, STONK	- H, I, & J	2000
6030	55 Fd Regt.	Scale 1		to
				0600
				2 Regts.

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APPX A

TIMING FOR HF PROGRAMME

A	B		C	D
1500	1805	2005	1805	2140
1525	1825	2035	1825	2210
1610	1855	2045	1910	2240
1705	1910	2110	1932	2305
1720	1932	2120	2005	2340
1750	1955	2145	2035	2355

E	F	G	H	I	J
2055	2225	0220	2015	2200	0305
2130	2320	0330	2100	2250	0455
2200	0035	0415		0010	
	0130	0535		0050	
				0115	
				0155	

NB All Timings are, TIMES OF FIRING

DISTRIBUTION:
55 Field Regt (10)
153 Field Regt (7)
Hq RA Gds Armd (1)
RA 43 Div (1)
Hq 5 AGRA (1)
Br Channel (1)
CCRA 30 Corps Main (1)

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/ojl

CHANGE 4 To
OPERATION MEMORANDUM 1

6 November, 1944.

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AIR OBSERVATION PLANES

1. Change 3 to opn memo is hereby rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

2. Effective 0645 hrs 7 Nov 44, observation aircraft will be operated on the following schedule for patrol, weather permitting.

HOURS	Nov 7 " 14	Nov 8 " 15	Nov 9 " 16	Nov 10 " 17	Nov 11 " 18	Nov 12 " 19	Nov 13 " 20
0645-0750	320	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456
0805-0845	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty
0915-1010	456	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty	320
1030-1115	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty	320	376
1150-1245	320	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456
1300-1340	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty
1410-1500	456	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty	320
1520-1605	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty	320	376
1630-1725	320	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456
1730-1800	376	456	DivArty	320	376	456	DivArty

3. Radios in aircraft on patrol missions will be operated on "T" frequency. If patrol plane fires a mission for the battalion to which it is assigned, plane and FDC radios will switch to bn "K" frequency after giving target designation and warning "switch to "K".

4. Patrol plane locating a target in area other than its bn zone will report it to Div Arty (using Div Arty call) for assignment of battalion to fire.

5. Each battalion will monitor "T" frequency at all times (even though firing mission with air OP on "K" frequency).

6. Only one ship will be in the air at one time. Only trained battalion observers will be taken as passengers, except when request (through interested arty bn) for specific individual to be taken up has been approved by this headquarters.

7. Observers will adjust fire by giving SENSINGS ON G-T LINE (100 ~~yds~~, 50 ~~mils~~) unless instructed otherwise on a particular mission.

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DISTRIBUTION:
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6 - Air Officer
1 - S-3
1 - File

Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
10 November 1944

Firing Memo

1. To celebrate ARMISTICE DAY (among other things), the following ~~gun~~ progarm will be fired 11 November 1944:

TOT	NUMBER	COORDINATES	HT	BN VOLLEYS AND AMMUNITION		
				320	376	456
1100 hrs	6071	77355680	33	3 HEAT	3 HE-FQ	3 HE-FD
1105	6072	77305635	23	3 HEAT	3 HE-FQ	3 HE-FD
1110	6073	78226612	14	4 HEAT	4 HE-FQ	4 HE-FD
1115	6074	79655550	14	4 HE-FQ	4 HEAT	4 HEAT
1120	6075	78005615	17	4 SMOKE	4 SMOKE	4 HE-FQ
1125	6076	77955663	18	3 HEAT	3 HE-FQ	3 SMOKE
1130	6077	78505682	15	4 HE-FQ	4 SMOKE	4 HEAT
1135	6088	78005773	23	4 HE-FQ	4 HE-FD	4 HE-FD
1140	6089	78275760	22	6 HE-FQ	6 HEAT	6 HEAT
1145	6090	78555738	17	4 HEAT	4 HEAT	6 HE-FQ
1150	6091	78305980	14	6 SMOKE	6 HR-FD	6 HEAT
1155	6092	79706148	11	---	6 HE-FD	6 HEAT
1200	6093	78306188	14	---	4 SMOKE	4 HEAT
1205	6094	77806140	15	---	4 HR-FQ	4 SMOKE

2. Targets of opportunity take precedence over scheduled fires.

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DISTRIBUTION:
2 - 320th
2 - 376th
2 - 456th
1 - G-3
1 - Air OP
1 - CO & File.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 U. S. Army

11 November, 1944.

SCHEDULE OF MOTOR MOVEMENT ARTY BNS 11-12 NOV.

1. In compliance with Movement Order No 1, Headquarters 82d A/B Division, dated 10 November 1944, the following supplemental schedulekfor Artillery Battalions is published for night 11-12 for night 11-12 November, 1944:

Unit	Bridge 10 Head Arr	Bridge 10 Tail Clear	Grave Bridge Head Arr	Grave Bridge Tail Clear	RJ 581509 Head Arr	RJ 581509 Tail Clear
319th FA Bn	1800	1830	1840	1940	1900	1990
320th FA Bn	1832	1840	1912	1920	1932	1940
376th Adv	1852	1900	1932	1940	1952	2000
456th Adv	1842	1850	1922	1930	1942	1950
320th FA Bn	2205	2235	2245	2315	2305	2335
456th FA Bn	2245	2315	2325	2355	2345	0015
376th FA Bn	2325	2355	0005	0035	0025	0055
As Re'qd.	0005	Bns Request Time From Div Arty				0200

2. After closing in HEES area, 456th FA Bn will maintain radio contact with Div Arty. All Battalions will keep a runner at Div. Fwd CP (480510).

FRANCIS A. MARCH

OFFICIAL:
SMILEY

DISTRIBUTION:
1 - 319th FA Bn
1 - 320th FA Bn
1 - 376th FA Bn
1 - 456th FA Bn
1 - G-3
1 - File.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U.S. Army JWS/cjc

23 September, 1944

OPERATION MEMORANDUM :
:
NUMBER 2 :

AIR OP WARNING SYSTEM

1. Each battalion will organize a ground observation post for the purpose of alerting our Air OP's upon the approach of hostile airplanes. Ground OP's will have a definite zone of responsibility, but will report any hostile planes seen.

a. Zones of responsibility:

319th - North to East
320th - West to North
376th - South to West
456th - East to South

2. Upon the sighting of an enemy plane from any direction by a ground observation post, the Air OP will be alerted over the T channel, or if the OP is firing a mission on a battalion channel that battalion will be notified to warn the Air OP. Direction and number of enemy planes will be given.

3. Each battalion will monitor T channel when Air OP is in the air and provide communications between its monitoring set and its ground OP.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
6 October, 1944

Operation Memorandum No. 3

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"No Fire" Line

1. "No Fire" line is interpreted as follows:

a. No artillery fire will be placed west of "no fire" line except as follows:

(1) By direct support artillery within its zone of action
(2) On call from 82d A/B Div Arty
(3) After clearance by 82d A/B Div Arty

b. Harassing or interdictory missions will be fired only after clearance by 82d A/B Div Arty, except that direct support artillery need not clear within its zone of action. This provision is for protection of patrols. Actual targets, however, may be fired on without clearance if east of no fire line.

2. No fire line for 82d A/B Div:

a. Do not fire west of line 760514 - 7854 - 7861 - 795620.

b. No fire line will be changed as the situation warrants, by verbal or written message.

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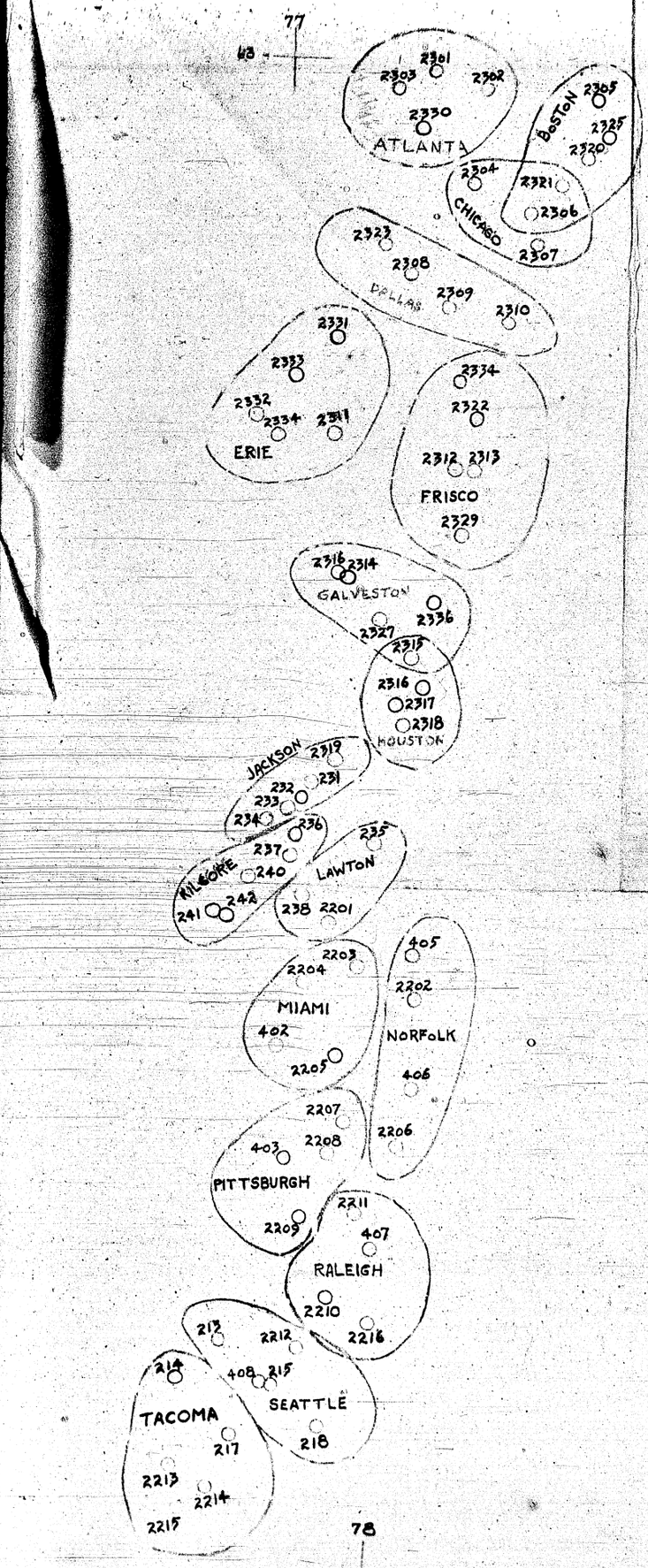

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U.S. Army

AJS/ojl

10 October, 1944.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 4)

DEFENSIVE FIRE PLAN

MAPS. 1/25,000 6SW and 12NW.

1. All concentrations or call (by number or by group) as assigned below. Ammunition: HE 5 volley (Scale 5).

Group	320 FA Bn	376 FA Bn	456 FA Bn	55 F Regt	153 F Regt	Btry C 147 F Regt	84 Med Regt
ATLANTA		2303	2330	2302	2301		
BOSTON	2305	2306	2305	2321	2306	2325	2320
CHICAGO		2304		2307	2306		2321
DALLAS	2308	2323		2310	2308	2308	2309
ERIE	2334	2332		2333	2331	2322	2311
FRISCO	2312	2329	2324	2312	2313	2322	2313
GALVESTON		2316	2314	2326	2327		2315
HOUSTON	2328	2318		2317	2318	2328	2315
JACKSON	234		233	232	231		2319
KILGORE	241	242	240	237	236		
LAWTON	238		238	2201	235		
MIAMI	2204		402	2205	2203		
NORFOLK		405		2206	406	405	2202
PITTSBURGH	2209		403	2208	2207		
RALEIGH	2211		2211	2210	2206		407
SEATTLE	408		213	2212	215		218
TACOMA	2218		214	2213	2215	2214	217

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Conc. No. (Task)	Coord. (Map Ref)	Alt (Ft) Meters
213	7674 5283	20
214	7642 5251	23
215	7718 5251	18
217	7684 5211	22
218	7756 5218	20
231	7731 5729	30
232	7725 5716	32
233	7714 5707	35
234	7700 5700	36
235	7684 5683	32
236	7718 5688	32
237	7719 5670	33
238	7730 5647	28
240	7687 5633	35
241	7661 5624	28
242	7669 5621	25
402	7713 5516	22
403	7720 5428	20
405	7819 5593	15
406	7821 5485	16
407	7791 5358	16
408	7708 5250	19
2201	7752 5616	20
2202	7819 5559	16
2203	7775 5589	18
2204	7735 5569	21
2205	7760 5590	20
2206	7809 5441	16
2207	7767 5435	15
2208	7756 5434	18
2209	7738 5382	18
2210	7761 5318	16
2211	7780 5384	16
2212	7739 5280	16
2213	7642 5183	27
2214	7671 5168	25
2215	7648 5150	34
2216	7794 5300	16

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Conc. No. (Task)	Coord. (Map Ref)	Alt (Ft) Meters
2301	7812 6202	10
2302	7850 6280	15
2303	7780 6287	12
2304	7843 6206	14
2305	7939 6274	12
2306	7891 6180	15
2307	7894 6157	12
2308	7795 6131	12
2309	7827 6107	15
2310	7875 6094	10
2311	7738 6004	12
2312	7836 5980	12
2313	7858 5980	12
2314	7753 5895	10
2315	7808 5829	15
2316	7747 5897	12
2317	7790 5794	26
2318	7804 5777	26
2319	7751 5747	25
2320	7932 6225	10
2321	7911 6204	12
2322	7850 6018	10
2323	7771 6153	14
2324	7836 6043	10
2325	7943 6244	12
2326	7823 5874	10
2327	7780 5861	12
2328	7816 5806	18
2329	7843 5929	11
2330	7802 6246	11
2331	7736 6083	12
2332	7675 6016	10
2333	7704 6051	10
2334	7694 6001	12

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1 - Fa 153 Field
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1 - CRA 43d Div
1 - CRA Gds Armd Div
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U.S. Army JMS/ojl

11 October, 1944.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 5)

DEFENSIVE FIRE PLAN

Map Ref: 1/25000 6SW and 12NW.

1. All concentrations on call (by number or by group) as assigned below:
Ammunition: HE 5 volleys (Scale 5)

	320 FA Bn	376 FA Bn	456 FA Bn	55 F Regt	153 F Regt	Btry of 147 Fld F Regt	84 Med Regt
ATLANTA		2303	2330	2302	2301		
BOSTON	2305	2306	2305	2321	2306	2325	2320
CHICAGO		2304		2307	2306		2321
DALLAS	2308	2323		2310	2308	2308	2309
ERIE	2334	2332		2333	2331	2332	2311
FRISCO	2312	2329	2324	2312	2313	2322	2313
GALVESTON		2316	2314	2326	2327		2315
HOUSTON	2328	2318		2317	2318	2328	2315
JACKSON	234		233	232	231		2319
KHORR	241	242		237	236		
LAWTON	238	2203	238	2201	111		405

Conc. No. (Task)	Coord. (Map Ref)	Alt (Ft) Meters
111	7793 5670	21
231	7731 5729	30
232	7725 5716	32
233	7714 5707	35
234	7700 5700	36
236	7718 5688	32
237	7719 5670	33
238	7730 5647	28
240	7687 5653	35
241	7661 5624	28
242	7669 5621	25
405	7819 5593	15
2201	7752 5616	20
2203	7775 5583	18
2301	7812 6292	10
2302	7850 6280	15
2303	7780 6287	12
2304	7843 6206	14
2305	7939 6274	12
2306	7891 6180	15
2307	7894 6157	12
2308	7795 6131	12
2309	7827 6107	15
2310	7875 6094	10

Conc. No. (Task)	Coord. (Map Ref)	Alt (Ht) Meters
2311	7738 6004	12
2312	7836 5980	12
2313	7852 5980	12
2314	7753 5895	10
2315	7808 5829	15
2316	7747 5897	12
2317	7793 5701	26
2318	7804 5777	26
2319	7751 5747	25
2320	7932 6225	10
2321	7911 6204	12
2322	7850 6018	10
2323	7771 6153	14
2324	7836 6043	10
2325	7946 6244	12
2326	7823 5874	10
2327	7780 5861	12
2328	7816 5806	18
2329	7843 5929	11
2330	7802 6246	11
2331	7736 6083	12
2332	7675 6016	10
2333	7704 6051	10
2334	7694 6001	12

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DISTRIBUTION:
CORA XXX Corps
320, 376, 456
55 Field
153 Field
147 Field
84 Med.
CG 82d A/B Div
CRA 43d Div
CRA Cds Armd Div
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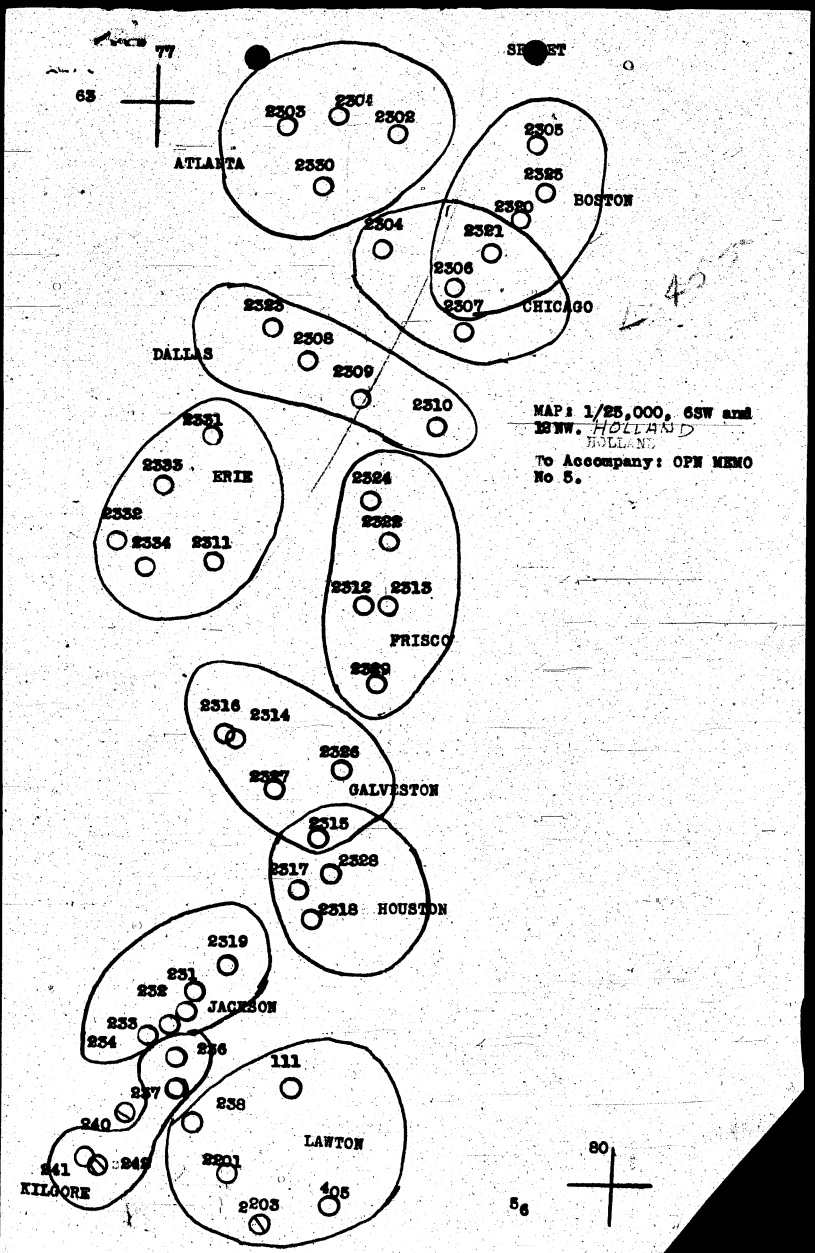

MAP: 1/25,000, 6SW and 12NW. HOLLAND
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/ojl

19 October, 1944

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 5)

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DEFENSIVE FIRE PLAN

Map Ref: 1/25000 6SW and 12NW.

1. All concentrations on call (by number or by group) as assigned below:

Ammunition: HE 5 volleys (Scale 5)

	320th	376th	456th	55	153	7 Med Btry
ATLANTA		2330	2303	2302	2301	
BOSTON	2325	2306	2305	2321	2306	2320
CHICAGO		2304	2304	2307	2306	2321
DALLAS	2308	2323	2323	2310	2308	2309
ERIE	2334	2332	2332	2333	2331	2311
FRISCO	2322	2329	2324	2312	2313	2313
GALVESTON		2316	2314	2326	2327	2315
HOUSTON	2328	2318	2328	2317	2318	2315
JACKSON	234		233	232	231	2319
KILGORE	241	242		237	236	
LAWTON	238	2203	238	2201	111	405
S O S Task				2323	236	

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DIST:
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CG 82d A/B Div
CRA Gds Armd Div
153 Field
CRA 43d Div
55 Field
7 Med.
Lt Col ATKINS
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1-ea, 320, 376, 456

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army JWS/wfs

29 September 1944

DEFENSIVE FIRE PLAN

319th

Conc No.	Coord.	
106	78225680	
107	77305640	
108	76705620	
109	78505680	
110	78005615	Emergency Barrage
111	77935670	Normal Barrage
112	78855705	

320th

Conc No	Coord.
213	76745285
214	76425251
215	77185251
217	76845211
218	77565218
220	76785168
221	77695099
222	76925053
223	75895089
224	75535055
225	75514990
226	74415019
227	74084950
228	72734956
229	73434977
230	74124941

376th

Conc No.	Coord.
DF D	78186292
DF E	78506287
DF F	77806287
DF J	78436206
DF M	79396274
DF O	78916180
DF P	78946157
DF R	77956151
DF S	78276107

Cons No.	Coord.
DF 2	78756094
DF 4	77386004
DF 8	78365980
DF AD	78585980
DF AF	77535895
DF AI	78085829
DF AS	77475897
DF AK	77985794
DF AQ	78045777
DF AM	77515747
DF AN	77095700
DF AP	77815683
DF AA	78506018

456th

Cons No.	Coord.
401	76145606
402	77135516
403	77805428
404	76085318
405	78195593
406	78215485
407	77915358
408	77085250
409	79455452

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
15 October, 1944.

PROPAGANDA SHOOT - 15 OCT '44

1. TARGETS

Number	Coordinates	Ht	Remarks
P1	7771 6153	14	(same as DF 2323)
P2	7871 6116	15	
P3	7891 6180	15	(same as DF 2306)
P4	7985 6150	10	
P5	7932 6225	10	(same as DF 2320)
P6	8000 6268	14	
P7	8020 6156	10	
P8	7836 6043	10	(same as DF 2324)

2. SCHEDULE

TOT	153	55	456	376	320	AGRA	AMMUNITION
1330	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1		HE - Scale 1
1332	P1						P Shell - 4 Rds
1335		P2	P2	P2	P2		HE - Scale 1
1337	P2						P Shell - 4 Rds
1340		P8	P8	P8	P8		HE - Scale 1
1342	P8						P Shell - 3 Rds
1345		P3	P3	P3	~~P3~~		HE - Scale 1
1347	P3						P Shell - 3 Rds
1350		P5	P5	P5	~~P5~~	P5	HE - Scale 1
1352	P5						P Shell - 4 Rds
1355		P6	P6	P6	~~P6~~	P6	HE - Scale 1
1357	P6						P Shell - 4 Rds
1400	P4	P4	P4	P4	~~P4~~	P4	HE - Scale 1
1405	P7	P7	P7	P7	~~P7~~	P7	HE - Scale 1
1407	P4						P Shell - 4 Rds
1409	P7						P Shell - 4 Rds

3. GENERAL

a. 153 Field Regt will shoot all propaganda shell with height of burst 100 yds above ground, concentrated.
b. 456 FA Bn will see that propaganda ammunition is delivered to 153 Field Regt gun positions (Coordinate with 505)
c. ~~320 FA Bn will fire TIME (ala burst) on~~ (P4, P5, P6.
376 FA Bn will fire TIME (air burst) on (P1, P7, P8.
456 FA Bn will fire TIME (air burst) on P1, P2, P3, P8.
d. 5 AGRA is requested to furnish additional fire, where indicated in above schedule.

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DISTRIBUTION:
4- 153 Field Regt
4- 55 Field Regt
2- 320 Glider FA Bn
2- 376 Prcht FA Bn
2- 456 Prcht FA Bn
5 - AGRA
2 - 505 Prcht Inf
2 - CG 82d A/B Div
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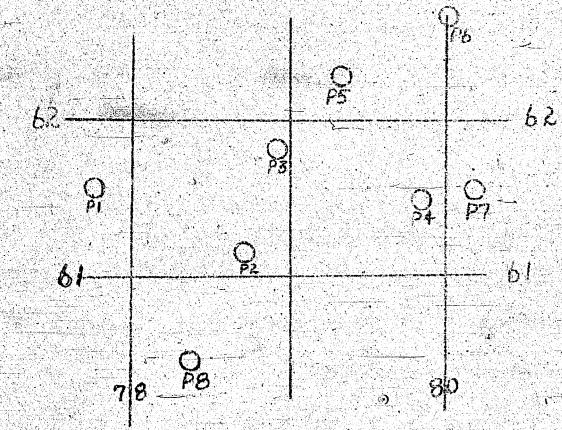

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
In the Field
20 October, 1944.

PROPAGANDA SHOOT - 21 Oct '44

1. TARGETS

Number	Coordinates	Ht
6001	77255715	30
6002	77155707	32
6003	77335723	28
6004	77355680	32
6005	77305637	24
6006	78005610	17
6007	78255610	15
6008	78485682	15
6009	79005586	14
Y 2090	81355577	12
Y 2091	80905607	12

2. SCHEDULE

TOT	1 Btry 153	2 Btrys 153	55	320	376	456	AGRA	AMMUNITION
1700		6002	6001	6002	6003	6003		HE Scale 2
1702	6001							P Shell 16 rds
1705		6004	6004	6004	6004	6004		HE Scale 1
1707	6004							P Shell 16 rds
1710		6005	6005	6005	6005	6005		HE Scale 2
1712	6005							P Shell 16 rds
1715		6006	6006	6006	6006	6006	6006	HE Scale 1
1720		6007	6007	6007	6007	6007	6007	HE Scale 1
1722	6007							P Shell 24 rds
1725		6008	6008	6008	6008	6008	6008	HE Scale 2
1730		6009	6009	6009	6009	6009	6009	HE Scale 1
1735		Y2090	Y2090				Y2090	HE Scale 2
1740		Y2091	Y2091				Y2091	HE Scale 2

3. GENERAL

a. One Btry of 153 Field Regt will shoot all propaganda shell (72 rds) with height of burst 100 yds above ground, concentrated. Corrections for observed lateral drift of leaflets will be applied if practicable.

b. Note that all targets except 6006 include houses in area.

c. 320th will fire TIME on 6004, 6005, 6006, 6007, FD on 6002.
376th will fire TIME on 6006, 6007, 6008, 6009, FD on 6003.
456th will fire TIME on 6008, 6009, FD on 6003.

d. Targets of opportunity take precedence over scheduled fires, for direct support battalions.

e. 5AGRA is requested to furnish additional fire, where indicated in above schedule.

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DISTRIBUTION:
4 - 153 Field Regt
4 - 55 Field Regt
2 - 320 Glider FA Bn
2 - 376 Prcht FA Bn
2 - 456 Prcht FA Bn
5 - AGRA
2 - 325 Glider Inf
2 - CG 82d A/B Div
2 - CO, Staff, File

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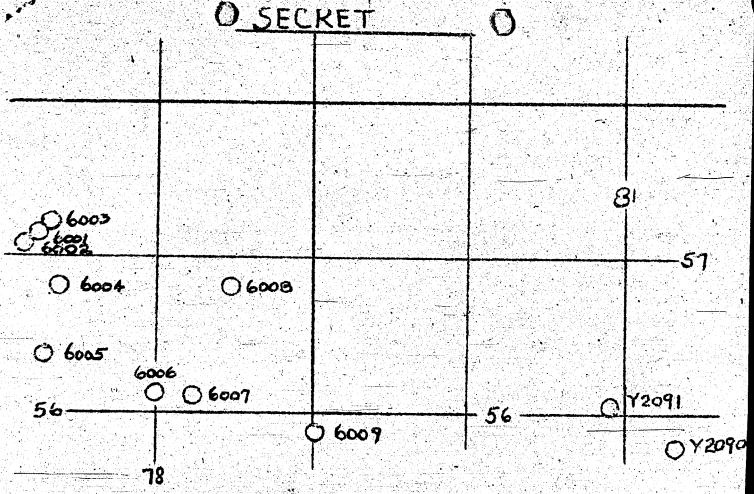
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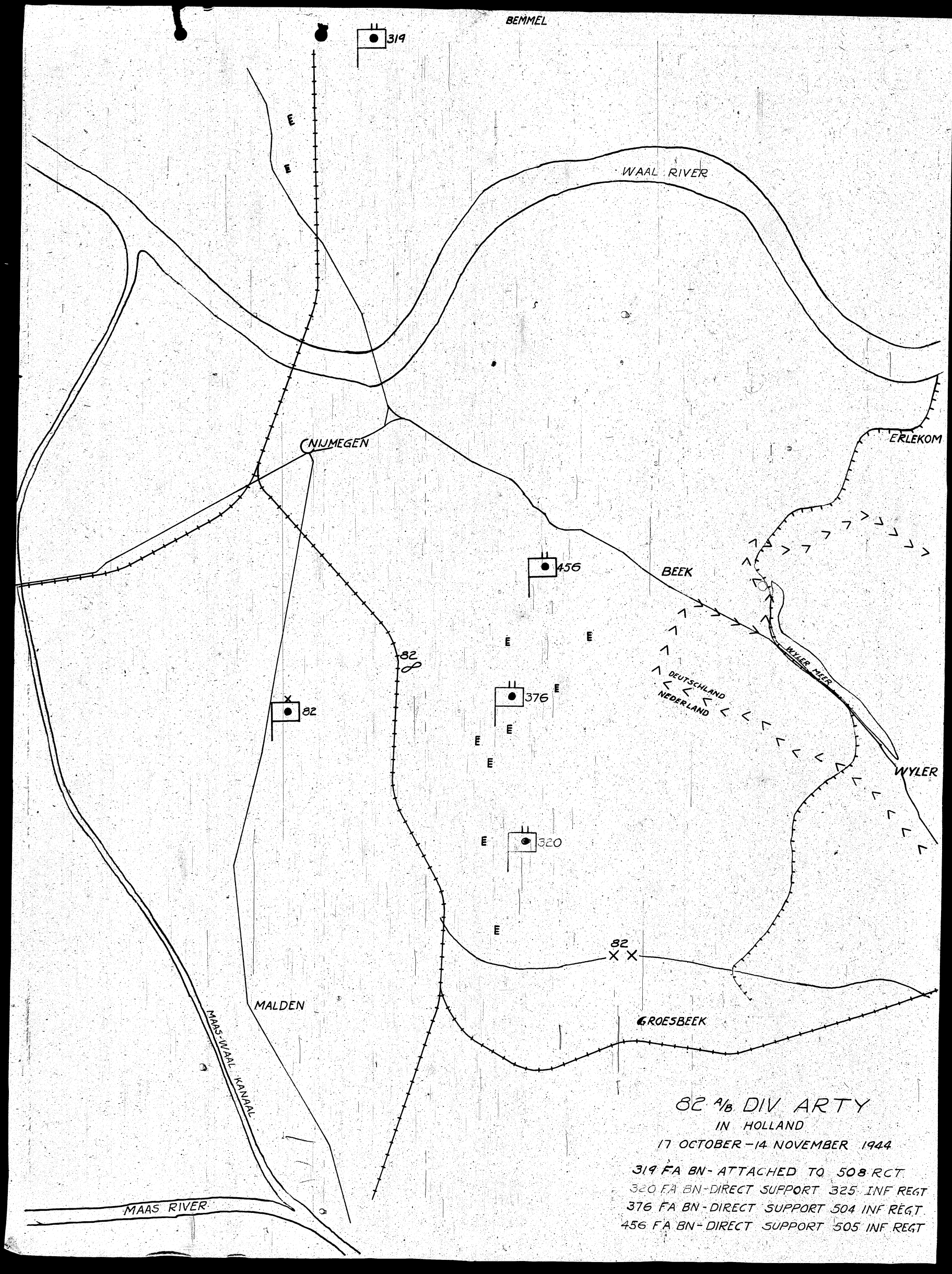

82 A/B DIV ARTY

IN HOLLAND

17 OCTOBER – 14 NOVEMBER 1944

319 FA BN - ATTACHED TO 508 RCT

320 FA BN - DIRECT SUPPORT 325 INF REGT

376 FA BN - DIRECT SUPPORT 504 INF REGT

456 FA BN - DIRECT SUPPORT 505 INF REGT

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82d A/B Div Arty - History

18 - 31 Dec 1944

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 United States Army.

NARRATIVE HISTORY

From 18 December, 1944. To 31 December, 1944.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

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The 82d Airborne Division Artillery was alerted at about 1720000 December 1944 at Camp Suippes France, for a move northward to help stem the German penetration into Belguim begun the previous day. The leading elements of the Division Artillery left by motor convoy at 161035 December, 1944. The convoy was to proceed to SPRIMONT, BELGIUN and there receive further instructions. Upon arrival they were ordered to proceed to WERBOMONT and it completed the remaining distance after darkness had fallen.

After a cold trip the Division Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Battery closed in the designated CP area near WERBOMONT, BELGIUM (530003) at 023019 December 1944. The 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion travelling in combat team groupment with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regimental CT had arrived several hours earlier while the other battalions joining their respective regiments midway en route arrived some time later in their bivouac areas in the vicinity of WERBOMONT.

Upon the committment by the Division Commander of the 504th and 505th Parachute Infantries East of WERBOMONT the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion was placed in direct support of the 505th and the 376th in direct support of the 504th Parachute Infantry. The 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion was placed in general sup ort of Division and reinforcing the fires of the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, with the 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion in general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion.

At 191000 December, the 254th Field Artillery Battalion consisting of twelve (12) 155mm howitzers, tractor-drawn, under command of Lt Col William E. Thompson was attached to the Division and assigned the role of general support. The 290th Field Artillery Observation Battalion commanded by Major Wojdyga was also attached to the 82d Airborne Division at 1000 and set up a CP on December 19 coordinates (505022) at 1100.

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At 1600 the Bns were located at the following [illegible]:

319th Gli FA Bn	(53[illegible])
320th Gli FA Bn	(53[illegible])
376th Prcht FA Bn	(54[illegible])
456th Prcht FA Bn	(53[illegible])

After a unit commanders' meeting at the Division Artillery CP and upon the orders of General March the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion displaced at 2000 to (629978) and the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion displaced at 2130 to (562998).

On the 20th a liaison officer from CCB artillery 3rd Armored Division reported to the Division Artillery Headquarters. Trips to the forward Division CP were made by General March and other members of his staff to perfect plans for artillery support of the limited objective attacks of the 504th and the 505th to the East to clear the area in preparation for the later thrust deeper Eastward. The purpose of this latter move was to screen the withdrawal of elements of the 106th Infantry Division and the 7th Armored Division from the St. VITH area. At 1605 the 254th Field Artillery Battalion displaced to (522010). The 290th Field Artillery Observation Battalion was relieved at 1800 from attachment to the 82d Airborne Division and attached to XVIII Corps. At 2235 as the infantry moved Southward and Eastward the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion displaced and went into position in the vicinity of coordinates (567952). The 319th, 320th and 254th Field Artillery Battalions displaced Southeastward during the evening. During the day the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion fired 145 rounds in direct support of the 504th Parachute Infantry, and the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion fired 49 rounds in direct support of the 505th Parachute Infantry.

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On the following day 21 December, 1944, the Division Artillery CP displaced at 1400 to (575935). Captain Lala, Division Artillery Air Officer arrived from the base camp at Suippes France, and was instructed to make plans to bring the planes forward as soon as weather conditions would permit. On 22 December the movement of the Division Eastward commenced in earnest. All organic and attached artillery units were in action for the first time in the campaign. Considerable enemy vehicular movement was reported by forward observers to the South in the REGNE, OTTRE and JOUBLEVAL area as the 2nd SS Panzer Division units fought stubbornly to break through our lines and open a pathway to LIEGE. At this time Mark VI Tiger Tanks were encountered by this Division for the first time in many numbers. The attacks were shunted off to the West to the MANHAY area after the 325th successfully counterattacked at REGNE and then withdrew during the night. Just before midnight the artillery units were all alerted for a possible airborne attack when the German Air Force attempted with unknown success to resupply the troops cut off in the STOUMONT pocket to the North.

Elements of the 106th Infantry Division and 7th Armored Division commenced withdrawal through our lines during the night of 22nd and 23rd December 1944. The 592nd Medium Field Artillery Battalion from 106th Infantry Division was attached at 0700 hours 23 December to the 82d Airborne Division Artillery and placed in general support of the Division by General March. The fighting to the South continued and the situation in the vicinity of MANHAY became extremely fluid. Liaison officers from the 592nd Field Artillery Battalion and the 3rd Armored Division Artillery reported to the Division Artillery CP. On the following day the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion was moved to the South to continue in direct support of the 504th Parachute Infantry which unit less its 1st Bn had moved South. The 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion took over direct support of the 1st Bn of 504th which remained in the North to assist in clearing the STOUMONT pocket. Considerable hostile enemy aircraft was reported overhead but no damage to artillery units was reported. The Division Artillery CP was moved back to coordinates (478039). The 319th, 320th and 456th also moved Northwestward during the night as the Division upon orders from higher headquarters withdrew to the defensive line TROIS PONTS-ERREA-BRA-MANHAY.

The following day Christmas Day the Battalions from their new positions continued to fire and helped considerably to break up the attacks of the 62nd Volks Grenadier Division and the 9th SS Panzer Division from the South. The Division Artillery CP was moved to the CHEVRON area (569005). As the 325th Infantry Regiment was now in Division reserve the 320th Field Artillery Battalion was placed in general support of the Division. The 376th Field Artillery was now in direct support of the 504th and 1st Bn 325th, the 456th was in direct support of the 505th, 319th FA was in direct support of the 508th Infantry and the 254th in general support.

December 26 and 27 continued uneventfully. Routine firing both observed and unobserved took place. A heavy fog and snow caused poor visibility and both the cub planes and forward observers had difficulty picking up profitable targets. At 210027 December the 211th Field Artillery Group commanded by Col F.A. Dixon by order of XVIII Corps was given the mission of reinforcing the fires of the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery. Effective 0600 28 December the 591st Field Artillery Battalion led by Lt Col Hoover, was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division and placed in general support of the Division, which mission was changed the following day to reinforcing the fires of the 319th. The following day the artillery of the 740th Tank Battalion consisting of six (6) self-propelled 105mm howitzers was attached to the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion to reinforce its fires.

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The 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion through its FDC coordinated and cleared all missions fired by the 740th Assault Battery. At this time the artillery status was as follows:

319th Gli FA Bn	D/S 508th Prcht Inf
320th Gli FA Bn	D/S 325th Gli Inf
376th Prcht FA Bn	D/S 504th Prcht Inf
456th Prcht FA Bn	D/S 505th Prcht Inf
501st FA Bn	Reinforcing fires of 319th
740th Assault Btry	Attached to 456th FA
254th FA Bn	General Support
211th FA Group	Reinforcing fires of Div Arty

This situation continued through the close of the year. As the Division improved its defensive positions the artillery Battalions perfected their camouflage and arrangements for local defense during the period up to and including December 31.

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1029	Left Suippes, France.

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0230	Closed in CP area at (530003) Sheet 13 Marche 1:100,000.
0230	456th came in as combat team with 505th; other Arty Bns under Div control. 319th in General support and reinforcing 456th. 320th in general support and reinforcing the 376th. 376th in direct support of 504th. 456th in direct support of 505th.
1000	Col Wright at CP and left shortly.
1000	254th FA Bn (155mm) how. tractor drawn, reinforcing Div Arty in position at 0930. CP located at (521006). Col Thompson, CO. 290th FA Obsn Bn will set up today. Maj Wojydgo, commanding.
1020	All Bns in position, but not ready to fire.
1100	Bn CP 290th FA Obsn Bn opened at K505028 now.
1310	Gen Buechler, XVIII Corps at CP and saw Gen March.
1345	Gen Buechler left CP.
1345	Maj Wojdygo at CP.
1345	Gen Gavin at CP.
1415	Gen Gavin left CP.
1420	Maj Wojdygo left CP.
1500	290th reported unidentified chutists dropped at (5108).
1600	Div Arty Status: 319th - (532992) 320th - (530005) 376th - (544005) 456th - (537991)
1630	Col Neptune, Col Todd, and Col d'Alessio at CP for Unit Commander's meeting.
1645	Gen March held meeting for all Div Arty CO's.
2000	456th displaced to (629978).
2130	376th displaced to (562988).
2145	Maj Champlin called. He informed us that the 376th has closed out old CP.

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1000	Col Wright at CP and left.
1000	Capt Carney, 3rd Arm'd Div at CP.
1000	Gen March to forward CP.
1000	Capt Raibl and communication party out to lay wire to

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	forward switchboard.
1000	376th in position. "A" 1st plat (5624698824) "A" 2nd plat (5620998918) "B" (5617998961) "C" (5656599452)
1040	Gen March returned from fwd CP.
1100	Col Wright and Capt Manning at CP & saw S-3.
1105	Lt Percival XVIII Corps at CP.
1110	Maj Wojdyga at CP.
1110	Lt Percival gave the following information: As soon as the Asst Commo receives the Corps Arty authenicator he will check in to the Corp Arty fire control. (SOI later) Information: XVIII Corps would like to know the Call Sign of Div Arty in the fire control net. Also if any fire (hostile) has fallen in Div Arty area, and if the obsn Bn has any sound or flash locations, and is the observation party making plans to move forward.
1110	Maj Wilcoxson left with Capt Carney, Ln O 391st FA Bn (combat command B third Armd Div) for Div fwd CP.
1130	Maj Wilcoxson and Capt Carney returned to CP.
1330	Col Wright at CP.
1330	Gen March left for fwd CP.
1430	Col Perry, 1st Army Arty, at CP.
1435	Capt Luce at CP and left shortly.
1445	Col Perry left CP.
1515	Lt Percival left CP.
1605	254th displaced are now at (522010).
1605	376th and 456th are now located at 562983 and 629978 respectively.
1605	Col Reeves, 1st Army Arty, at CP and saw Gen March.
1625	Col Griffith informed 319th to report to Combat Team Commander for instructions to move. 320th was also notified.
1630	Col Wright left CP.
1700	Gen March returned to CP and held meeting.
1720	Capt Monger at CP and left shortly.
1800	290th FA Obsn Bn is relieved from attachment to 82d and atchd to XVIII Corps and remain in present position.
2230	Request medium interdictory arty fire on armor at (8650983?).

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2235	456th displaced. New CP will be at (667952).
2235	319th, 320th, and 254th are displacing to SE tonight.
	21 December 1944
0530	Gen March, Col Smiley, Capt Hufford, Lt Weil, Lt. McNally, Lt. Machemehl and Sgt Skinner left for fwd CP.
0445	254th (3) in position ready to fire.
1010	Capt Carney left CP.
1400	Closed out old CP.
1925	Col Griffith, Col Smiley, Lt Weil, and Sgt Skinner arrived at new CP from fwd CP.
2145	Lt McNally and Capt Hufford arrived at CP from fwd CP.
2115	Gen March arrived at Cp from fwd CP.
2230	Maj Wilcoxson and Col Landeau arrived at CP from rear CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (668894) DS 508th 320th (636896) DS 325th 376th (598998) DS of 504th 456th (667951) DS 505th 254th (624897) Gen Support (atchd) 991st FA 155 SP Corps Arty 187th FA 155 how Corps Arty.
2240	Closed in new CP (575935)
1900	Capt Lala, Air Officer arrived at CP from Suippes, France.
1300	Lt Parkinson and party arrived at CP from Suippes, France.
	22 December 1944
1103	Message from Div "Clearance given to begin harrassing fires with 82d Div Arty.
1110	Col d'Alessio and Lt O'Neill at CP.
1200	Gen March returned to CP.
1225	Col d'Alessio and Lt O'Neill left CP.
1245	From AVIII Corps "No fire anywhere S of 93 Grid line except on observed targets known to be enemy.
1350	Capt Luce at CP and saw Maj Hart.
1420	Ey tanks reported entering (654863).
1445	40 ey vehicles reported at (645850)1
1400	Capt Luce left CP.

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2300	Col Wright and Col Norton at CP.
2345	Col Wright and Col Norton left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (668894) DS 508th 320th (636896) DS 325th 376th (598998) DS 504th 456th (667951) DS 505th 254th (624897) Gen Support and atchd.
2145	Civilians reported Chutists dropped at (531973).
	23 December 1944
0730	Gen McMahon with party at CP from 106th Div Arty.
0810	Gen McMahon and party left CP.
0820	Msg from Corps: "German chutists dropped at (7090).
0905	Maj Shortley, Capt Mitz, and Lt Frazer, Air Support party at CP and left shortly.
0930	Capt Connely at CP and saw Maj Hart.
1000	Chap Reid left for Arty Bns.
1015	Col Ireland at CP and saw Col Griffith and left.
1030	Gen McMahon at CP with Party (106th Div)
1100	Gen McMahon and party left CP.
1105	Maj Andrews at CP.
1115	Maj Andrews left CP.
0700	592d FA 155mm Howe 106 Div -- Gen Support of Div (atchd).
1450	Maj Scott, 7th Armd at CP.
1455	Gen Buechler at CP.
1455	Maj Scott left CP.
1455	Gen Buechler left CP.
1500	Gen March left for Arty Bns.
1730	Gen March returned to CP.
1735	Gen March to Div.
1900	Orders received for all units to draw gas masks for all personnel.
1900	Lt McNally to Div for overlay.
2000	Lt McNally returned to CP.
2100	Gen March returned to CP.
2100	Col Martin CO 7th Armd Brig in conference with Gen March.
2120	Col Martin left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status:

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	24 December 1944
0610	16th FA (155how) atchd to Div Arty (9th CCB)
0750	Gen March called 376th to alert them for move south with 504th.
0755	Gen March called 456th and informed them to take over liaison and direct support of remaining 504th Bn Cider Red.
0800	Gen March informed Col Neptune to move south with 504th.
0825	Gen March to Div CP.
0902	Gen March returned to CP.
0930	Maj Hart out on rcn for new CP position.
0930	Col Thompson CO 254th at CP.
0935	Gen March to Div CP for meeting.
1100	Col Neptune at CP.
1110	Col Neptune left CP.
1100	30th Div cub plane crashed near CP area.
1145	Maj Lancey and Capt Monger at CP & saw Gen March.
1210	Maj Lancey and Capt Monger left CP.
1210	Col d'Alessio at CP and left shortly.
1230	150 ey aircraft reported overhead in three different flights.
1430	Maj Lancey at CP and left shortly.
1550	Msg received from 376th. "Circle minus 1 btry laid and ready to fire on Survey Data. Communication established with Ln Officer and FO parties. (59729026) Fire possibilities Chart to follow: (See Message File)
1600	Gen March held meeting for all Unit CO's.
1645	592d Ln Officer left CP for his organization.
2000	Closed in new CP at (#478039)
	25 December 1944
0440	Rear party arrived at new CP.
0505	319th, 320th and 456th closed in new position.
0515	254th radio completely destroyed.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
0515	Troop and vehicle activity at 70129496-70069326.
1700	Arrived at new CP.
2130	Rear cat arrived at new CP.
2400	Div Arty Status: 319th DS of 508th 320th DS of 505th 376th DS of 504th and 1st Bn 325th 320th and 254th in General Support.
	26 December 1944
1055	Capt Luce at CP.
1100	Mr. Whitson arrived at CP from Camp Suippes.
1115	Col Griffith to 376th.
1130	Mr. Whitson left CP.
1145	Capt Luce left CP.
1150	Maj Hart to G-4.
1225	Col Thompson CO 254th arrived at CP
1235	Col Thompson left CP.
1300	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1415	Col d'Alessio and Maj Thain at CP tossee S-3.
1430	Gen March left to visit Arty Bns.
1505	Col D'Alessio and Maj Thain left CP.
1600	Gen March returned to CP.
1635	Col Thompson at CP.
1645	Col Thompson left CP.
1645	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1700	Capt Lala arrived at CP.
	27 December 1944
0915	Gen March left CP.
0900	Capt Lala left CP.
1155	Gen March returned to CP.
1405	Col Neptune at CP.
1420	Col Neptune left CP.
1430	Maj Silvey at CP.
1445	Gen March left for 319th.
1500	Maj Silvey left CP.
1535	Col Jones, CO 240th at CP.

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1550	Col Jones left CP.
1645	Gen March returned to CP from 319th.
2100	320th displaced CP to (548964). From Gen Support to direct support of 325th.
2100	591st (105mm 2) atchd effective 0800 tomorrow.
2100	211th group (XVIII Corps) Arty will reinforce fires of Div Arty. Col Dixon, CO.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 254th - Gen Support (atchd)
	28 December 1944
0915	Col Dixon at CP (211th FA Grp)
0930	Col Dixon left CP.
1015	Col Thompson at CP.
1020	Col Hoover, CO 591st at CP.
1025	Gen March instructed Col Hoover to put his Bn in position in the old 320th area.
1035	Col Hoover left CP.
1045	Col Thompson left CP.
1120	Gen March left for Arty Bns.
1130	Lt Rosenthal, 591st arrived at CP as Ln Officer.
1400	Chap Reid to 319th for overnight stay.
1510	Col Carlson, 188th at CP to see Col Griffith & left.
1600	Bn Commanders at CP for meeting (Assigned and atchd) Gen March discussed the current situation with the unit CO's and Div Arty staff. He also issued verbal orders for all units to requisition winter clothing to provide for all personnel.
1815	Lt Laubenheimer, Ln Off from 211th Grp reported at CP.
1945	Lt Machemehl, Corps Ln Off, to Corps CP and returned.
2145	Maj Moosmann left CP.
	29 December 1944
0900	Maj Hart left CP for Camp Suippes.
1115	Lt Rosenthal, Ln Off from 591st left CP for 591st CP.
1115	591st FA will furnish Gen support for 319th and establish Ln with 551st Front Inf.
1115	740th Btry assault guns (6 105mm hows) in direct support of 456th.

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1120	Capt Lala left CP for cub plane field.
1155	Capt Lala returned to CP.
1210	Lt Rosenthal returned to CP.
1400 to 1420	Col Dixon CO 211th Group in conference with Gen March and Col Griffith at CP relative to displacement of 592d Bn.
1445	Col Mathewson, Arty CO, XVIII Corps at CP for conference with Gen March.
1545	Col Mathewson left CP.
1550	Gen March left for Div.
1500	Chap Reid returned from 319th.
1640	Col Wright and Capt Longer at CP, discussed current situation with Col Smiley.
1640	Capt Raymond relieved Lt Rosenthal as Ln Officer from 591st.
1930	Lt Machemehl, Ln Off from Corps Arty left for Corps Arty CP.
2045	Memo to all unit Commanders from Div re: British Air OP's Auster MK4-5 recd and distributed to assigned and attached units.
2100	Lt Machemehl returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th DS of 508th; 591st Gen Support of 319th 320th DS of 325th 376th DS of 504th 456th DS of 505th; 740th Btry (atchd) DS of 456th 254th General Support of Div 211th FA Group - reinforce fires of Div Arty.
	30 December 1944
0855	Col Thompson at CP. Col Griffith instructed Col Thompson to use the Pozit fuze only at night or when clearance is given through this Headquarters.
0940	Gen March left for Div CP and from Div CP to Battalions.
0940	Ltr from CG to CG FUSA requesting that 320th be issued 12-105mm howitzers M2A1 in lieu of present M3 for duration of this operation (cpy in Correspondence file).
1205	All units were informed to keep on the alert for a possible ey prcht attack and increased ey air activity.
1330	Maj Gaines, 254th S-3 at CP for conference with Maj Wilcoxson.
1345	Lt Prusi C.E. atchd to div as camouflage Officer at CP for conference with Capt Rufford.
1505	Gen March left for 325th and 456th.
1645	Capt Luce and Capt Longer at CP to see Lt French about the ration situation.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1750	Gen March returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 254th - Atchd - Gen Support 591st - Reinforcing fires of 319th 740th Btry - Gen Support and reinforcing fires of 456th 211 Grp - Gen Support 240th - Gen Support 592d - Gen Support 991st - Gen Support 187th - Gen Support
	31 December 1944
0905	Col d'Alessio at CP for review of situation maps.
0910 to 0920	Representatives from S-3 sections of each unit arrived at CP preparatory to trip to Corps CP for demonstration of pozit fuze.
0940	Col Griffith with a representative from S-3 sections of each unit left CP for Corps CP to witness demonstration of Pozit fuze.
0945	Gen March left CP for 30th Inf Div CP.
1010	Col Thompson at CP to see Lt Col Wilcoxson on the present situation.
1130	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1315	Gen March returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 254th - Gen Support 591st - Reinforcingifires of 319th. 740th Btry - Gen Support and reinforcing fires of 456th. 211 Grp - Gen Support 240th - " " 592d - " " 991st - " " 187th - " "

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	18 December, 1944	
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	19 December, 1944	
1403 (307 Engr.)	Bridge at 569-935 blown. Will be repaired as soon as possible. Bridges at 568935 and 568936 are intact. Civilian reports bridge at 576935 intact, probably jeep bridge.	C.G. S-3
1500 (290th FA)	11 unidentified paratroopers reported to have landed in vic 5108. Time - 1440.	G-2
	20 December, 1944	
0030 (Corps)	First Army wants to know as soon as possible if bridges at 674937 are blown.	G-2
0050 (G-2)	7th Armored Division Sgn at 2200 said bridges were blown.	Corps
0540 (G-2)	Ey armor, vic 725050 at 0205 heading west. Length of column - 20 minutes.	All Bns
0655 (G-2)	RR bridge at 682476 intact. Bridge at 675436 held by Co C, 51st Engrs. 505th sent 2 bazooka teams to support. Report sound of armor N of road to Bluen. Assumed crossed RR bridge and are hiding in tunnel (682476).	Corps
1000	G-2 called: 504th reports civilian saw 30 ey tanks in Pahier (6100) yesterday. This report substantiated by visual evidence on road. Tanks left yesterday and civilian believe they are at Chaveux. (6051).	All Bns. Map
1105 (G-2)	2 bridges at Trois Ponts blown. Amer group at that point can see 2 bear ey tanks. Ey using U.S. M-8's and trucks.	Map All Bns.
1155 (G-2)	Bridge at La Tour blown by U.S.	All Bns.
	504: Column ey tanks [illegible] La Gleize (6505) to Stoumont.	Corps

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1245 (Corduroy S-2)	Observer at Trois Ponts verified two bridges blown. Bridge about a mile south still O.K. RR bridge at Trois Ponts still intact. Observer could hear ey armored forces on other side. Received 12 to 15 rds of 88's. Flash-bang 3 to 4 seconds.	G-2 & Corps
1340 (376th)	Column of tanks traveling W from La Gleize has reached Stoumont.	Corps
1545 (456th)	3 tanks on road at 67679936 at 1538. A bear to be Shermans but are in enemy territory. Also MG in house at 676985.	G-2 Corps G-2
1555 (376th)	Engaging Ey Inf at 625001.	
1615 (456th)	Tank battle in progress vic of 678992.	
1640 (G-2)	Adjacent unit P/W states German tps. instructed not to fire on U.S. tanks carrying Letter "Z".	3rd Amd. Div.
1640 (G-2)	Right boundry 18 VG Div Pirgel (L2992) Ormont (L0892) Henderfeld (L0093) Deadenberg (P8685) Left boundry 6 PZ Army.	
1740 (376th)	Ey Inf at (637016) 376th fired.	
1740 (376th)	Capt Oswald reports ey column now out 30 tanks (at Stoumont).	G-2
	21 December, 1944	
1030 (320th)	F/O reports sound of S/A fire coming from Regne (6185)	G-2 S-3 Map
(1040) (Engrs)	Ey R/B at (575853)	Map
1050	15 tanks and 1 co. Inf at 685985.	
1100 (Corps)	Tanks & Inf reported as friendly.	
1230 (3rd Amd. Div)	3 tanks supported by infantry threatening Hotton.	G-2 Map Corps
1440	376th report battalion at 1100 fired on infantry at (6415-0022) Effect good.	Map
1450	QM Capt reports 3 trucks shot up west of Regne (6185). On returning to get drivers, trucks destroyed & drivers missing.	Div.

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1515	504 reports at 1400 2 jeeps with 4 men each dressed in American uniforms fired on sentry at Cheneux. 1 Vehicle escaped - 1 vehicle captured but men escaped into woods.	Div Corps 1525
1515	508 reports a column from neighbor unit gave them info that ey infantry would attack at 1400 hrs at 595842. (This afternoon 456th lost radio-set on A & C frequency (See 456 rept of destruction)).	Div Corps 1525
1805	"K" channel 456th radio was jammed for 1/2 hr (28.3 megacycles)	
2034	Ey attempted to cross river at 683678, 456th fired with good result and also knocked out one tank.	
2120	1 S/P gun near coor. (704983). 504 captured 23 P/W from 2nd Pzr at Cheneaux.	
2330	456 S-2 report. Armor & Inf passing through Alsomont.	

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0500 (G-2)	505 Patrol reports: Heard tanks & Inf at 700950. Distinguished 2 trucks & armored cars at (701953). 4 tanks at (700932). 11 tanks at (698947) Time:0220. G-2 believes telephone wires are tapped.	Map Bns.
1025	Ey counter attack at Hinderhausen (7887) at 1000.	Div
1230 Div	(505) Ey coming across river at Trois Ponts. (505) Attack on "D" Co at La Tour. (325) Ey has 2 MG: Bus in E & W of X at 576853. (505) at 1100: 1 tank dug in at 698897. 3 SP guns, towing 3 75's and loaded with men, moved from N into Alsomont.	Corps Arty Map
1300 (254th)	Observer at A-29 reports ey apparently about 5 miles S on General Line.	Map
1340	325 reports Ey vehicular movement into Ottre. By 1340 had counted 40 vehicles.	G-2 320th Map
1330 (456)	Ey Inf at (684861) preparing to cross river in rubber boats. Fired on twice Good effect.	G-2 Map Camp

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
1401 (320th)	Firing on 1 tank vic Ottre.	G-2
1430	4 88mm guns vic 597850-597853	320th Corps Div 2
1420	325th: Ey tanks 100(?) entering town (655863 Joubieval	Map Corps
1515 (254th)	20 unidentified vehicles moving out from Ottre evidently toward Joubieval.	Div Corps
1518 (456th)	Inf supported by armor advancing toward F/O. (681996)	Corps
1525 (320th)	1 tank supported by inf moving up highway from Petite (642837)	
1550 (320th)	1 towed 88 at (644848)	Div.
(320th)	Ey tanks entering Joubieval now turned back to woods (653-657) Now estimated 125 armd vehicles in area.	
1600 (456th)	505: Garrison in Lanaux (7100-6520) Have evacuating civ. Any returning shot on sight.	Div
1600 (314th)	Our rcn patrol located by recn patrol (6583) identified as from P.G. Fest.	Div
1610 (456th)	Tanks & Inf bottled up at 6830-6884.	Corps Div.
1630 (376th)	Our armor is moving into La Gleize (6703). and is in position. They went in from the N or E and F/O sees German half tracks (2 half-tracks, 3 tanks) going into town from south side. Fire fight in progress.	Div Map
	Inf empl. at (645028) (MG) Inf empl at Chapelle St. (MG) Anna (645-030).	
	MG 2 - 300 yds below road at above point.	
1630	Recvd message from 3rd Armored giving positions of TF & CC as of 162522 Dec.	Map File
1825 (456th)	3 engine transport seen flying over 457th FA area.	Div
1840 (376th)	Ey plane circled over La Gleize. Germans shot up flares, apparently as signals. Plane dropped nothing.	Div
1905	Observer reports voices & probably tracked vehicles in Ottre. Number unknown.	Div

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
1950	106 Div reports: 30 ey light armored vehicles moving on Joubienal (6586) 1600 hrs.	Map (old)
2030 (Div)	20 transports will be over Stavelot area - Parachute alert.	319,320 376,456, 254, Btry
2010 (456th)	Planes passed over Stavelot coming this way single formation at 3000 ft.	G-2
2025	2 Ey planes circled over La Cleize at 2000. Ey troops shot up flares.	G-2
2145	Civ. rpt. chutists dropped (531973)	G-2
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0030 (Corduroy)	Enemy planes circled area of Corduroy and dropped flares flew E.	
0040 (320th)	3 Amber flares 6000 ft. 2 red at 6200 ft followed by large numbers of different colored flares. Then one white flare. Ey plane circling CP area.	
0610	From G-2 Div: At 0537 white bn rpts, an attack against right flank "E" Co. at 573864. So far only small arms fire. No enemy contact at CP to S of that point.	
0655 (Corps)	Paratroops dropped at 7090.	Div 319,320
0855	Ey Inf forming up at 56713854. Engaged by arty.	Div 320
0955	Ey inf forming at 574845 engaged by Arty. also Ey Inf forming at 581844 engaged by arty.	Div
1125	Possible tank threat at 444852 - 3rd Armored to fire.	Div
1135	Increasing threat from 565850.	Div
1145	Hostile Btry, cal. ? at 580849.	Div
1220 (320th)	3 ey 1/2 tracks at Pihain. Arty engaging.	Div
1350	Ey tanks 659037	Div 376
1550 (3rd Armd)	Statement from Off P/W that a TG Bn is in Beffe (4286), remainder of Division in La Roche	Div
1600	Ey arty fire from Ottre	Div.

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
1605 (320th)	Ennal 7120f381. 3 tanks, 6 1/2 tracks, 50 men	Div
1610	Ey inf moving from Joubieval NW	Div
1630 (508th)	1 Regt of ey inf assembling at Road (68486-6f0854).	Div
1710	Ey attacking road block at (575853) from S.	Div
1720 G-3	Road block (575853) taken by ey.	Div 2
1720 (320th)	Green flares 3000 yds S of RJ(575853).	Div
1735 (592nd)	1 Red & 1 white flare a parently shot up vic 540f30	Div
1800	Ey took X 575853 - tanks su posedly moving N toward Bagne (4 bvy tanks, 1 light).	Div
1835	4th Pz regt had orders to go to Warber- mont tonight (Later - 4 Bn of 2 Pzr.)	Div
1845 (320th)	White parachute flare up from ground 1000 yds N of A Btry (6491)	Div
2035	2 Ey planes strafed X 575853.	Div
	1-38 with crosses on tail, no other marking - circled column S of Lierneux. Flew off and joined 2 others.	
2130	XVIII Corps message to Div G-2. "P/W captured by 3rd Armored Div stated that ey would Attack at dusk 23 Dec vic 5785 with intentions of taking Vielsalm."	
2345 (456th)	JU 52's in single formation, 3 min apart fro ing su lies at 630f83.	G-2
	24 December, 1944	
0005	Flare dro ped Frchts behind C Co. Harness, Cmd In inf found 3 dummies - 2 troopers killed by C Co.	
0315	Tanks at CR 546876	
0330	Tanks at CR 576853. 1000 yds W of Grandmenil - Regt. of Inf. (520900).	
0345 (G-3)	Town of Odeigne now in German hands.	
0400	German column advancing from CR 576 853 along road to CR 546876.	

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
0510	P/W captured at coords 476902. They claim there will be a dawn attack at Priscol. One said there were 3 companies another a regiment. Our heavy armor in Manhay. Engrs. are mining approaches. There is no observation of critical points.	
0735 (320th)	Vehicles heard moving into Ottre.	Div
0820 (G-2) Master	Master reports ey launching attack w/superior forces from Odeigne.	CG S-3
	Captured document shows a Corps to attack Bolton.	
0820 (G-2)	325th CC calling for all available Arty on Regne.	Div
1215 (325th)	Fraiture (586862). Still in our hands. Situation is somewhat stabilized.	
1225 (G-2)	2 flights 36 ea ey aircraft. 1 flight 75 ey aircraft headed for our area - notify all.	All Ins & 254
1350 (Corps)	Unidentified tank at 677991-683001.	456th
1400 (Corps)	Ey swimming river at 660017	Div, 456 376
1435 (16 Amd FA)	2 or 3 tanks in Bihair (625841) Arty engaging.	Div
1445 (320th)	Tanks & Inf leaving Regne towards S. Firing time fire on them.	Div
1510 (Corps Arty)	2 ey tanks - 1 1/2 track & personnel, north edge of Alsemont (698 978)	Div 456th
1630 (319th)	Cannon Co at approx (_____). Shelled 319th men intermittedly during day.	
2134 (320th)	Ln position at 35JMLEBSHQAHKMAH KI Time signed 2130.	
	25 December, 1944	
0930 (456th)	682970 Ey captured a 610 radio. T Channel 27 5 K channel 38.2	All Ins, Div
1035 (254th)	Air OP reports 13 unidentified vehicles moving from RJ 545875 SW to town Odeigne. Clearance obtained and are registering on RJ. One target hit & seemed to explode.	Div
1055	2 vehicles crossed RJ at 545875 & went NE to Malempre	

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
1100 (376th)	Tank battle reported around 5493.	Div.
1115 (320th)	520893 & 200 yds due E - ea SP gun. Given to McCoy to fire.	Div
1120 (456th)	At 685654-701248[illegible] 7[illegible]6-8326 ea activity.	Div
1240	Parachute equipment [illegible] at 523871	All Ens.
1240	Telephone lines being [illegible]. Security measures to be followed.	All Ens.
1600 (376th)	376th has contact [illegible] with 7th Armd. and attack started at 1500 OK so far.	
1600 (456th)	155mm shell fell at 6[illegible]97 on azmuth [illegible] of 4600 at 1600 hrs.	Div Corps
1645 (376th)	By counterattack [illegible] strength at 567827)	Div
1740	Captured at [illegible] (6[illegible]) Famonville (6602) and Amelope (6[illegible]) 9th SS Pz Div moving in and along side roads from there to Trois (6703) to attack at le Sleire (6604) Stoumont (6807) [illegible] (7307) Moody (4112) Hamelle (7290).	Div

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0740	Last nights [illegible] indicate patrolling and probing activity by enemy. 508 & 325 had fairly sever small scale attacks involving 1 co. or more. 508 had a few half-tracks in their area. No penetrations. Identified: 1[illegible] [illegible] ent. in 504 area. 62 VG Div in 505 area - 1st Bn 25 in 505 area.	Corps
0700	Inf assembling ([illegible]) [illegible] by arty.	
0835	MG (2 or 3) at [illegible]	
1030	Command L.O. with [illegible] reports: Counter attack against 1st Bn 325 ([illegible]) Enemy strength 2 Cos. [illegible] by had pushed back HQ Co's. McCoy moved CP 200 yds. Circle 52 yds.	Div
	376th received shelling last night - cal. 105mm from 30 to 50 m/s. from vic 5515-8365.	Div
	By patrol at 5[illegible] also contains firing into town ([illegible]).	Div
1045	Armor moving N on road in (5497 sq) up to 5486. It has a lift and moved into woods. Arty and Air Corps engaged.	Div

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1100 (Corps Arty) S-2	Columns of dust at 610880 - appears moving N for last 1/2 hr. Are waiting for them. Fired on and found to be ey armor that spread out.	Div
1150	Corps Ants Liv P/W interrogator to question P/W concerning effect of our artillery.	Div G-2
1150 (7th Armd.)	P/W from 7th Co (4th SS Pz Gren Regt) 2nd Pz Div in 5591. Co. strength 118. Have 2 light how's - 2 medium how's - 4 hvy [illegible]'s. Said they will probably attack again.	Div
1210 (7th Armd)	A civilian report states 500 ey Inf and many tanks in Manhay (7th Armd firing).	Div
1230 (376th)	1 Bn ey tanks 542092 N to Manhay.	Div
1300 (376th)	Fired on Co. Inf along road at 59099208 Effect good.	Div
1315	A Sgt. with 489 Bn reported 489 Bn had captured a P/W who reported Tres La Chislaing to be taken today. Manhay in ey hands with approximately 500 Inf & tanks.	Div
1330 (Corps)	General Ridgway: "Any US cub plane flying over positions tonight or tomorrow night may be fired upon.	Div All Bns
1340 (254th)	Air CP reports 20 vehicles in woods off road at 5560[illegible]25. Heading NE. 254th continuing to observe - will fire.	Div
1340 (508th)	Bn of ey Inf in Heirlet - arty will engage	Div
1422 (320th)	8 shells [illegible] in 320th area - High angle fire, approx. 105mm from South.	Corps
1425 (Air CP)	3 ey vehicles at 5[illegible]9105 - assembling area engaged by arty.	Div
1530 (376th)	Ey vehicles along rd at 58[illegible]15 & in town at 5[illegible].	Div
1750	Ey attacking 504. 2nd Bn - 376th firing also Corps arty. (5900-9220) Bn strength.	Div
1755	8 rds [illegible] fell in 2nd Bn 504 area First [illegible] in this operation.	Div Corps

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
1820	Report to General March on whether. Any ey arty registration was made on our positions: 319th - 2 stray rounds - NO 320th - 8 rounds volley - NO 376th - None 456th - None 254th - None	
1930	P/W taken by 504. 2nd Bn states he saw 8 belwerfers being towed down path vic (601904).	S-3
1940	All bns and this Bn destroyed all copies of 1st Army G-2 estimate # 40 issued with G-2 report #153.	Div
2100	Cub plane flying high over 376th positions. Checked with Corps Col Russell instructed to shoot it down and report.	Div All Bns Corps
2145	Cub plane again over 376th. They are firing.	Div
2145 (G-2)	S-2 called: 508 S-2 said substantial amts of ey troops at Fosse (6596) Odrimont (6291) Hierlot (6192) would like cubs to observe in morning. Hierlot has Bn (per Tac/R) Hierlot also on arty harassing list tonight.	S-3 Air OP
2250	668954 - 100-200 troops & vehicles	Div S-3
2235	Light recon plane over 376 & 456 area	
2330	P/W who deserted at 1630 today: 2 guns (150) 569903. 4 or 5 Mk IV tks. at 569902. B Co. CP - CR 571907. 75mm gun at 672955.	Div
2350	By 2 motor plane overhead.	

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0150	JU-88 pilots jumped approx K5908 (0115 hrs).	
0400	3 medium SP guns at 645843.	S-3
0555	Patrol reports ey personnel around houses at 667954 & 654964. At latter location were several 1/2 tracks.	
0850	From Photo Cover flown yesterday - 3 medium SP guns sighted [illegible] at 645843.	S-3 Corps
1150	Engaged by 376th: 1100 - 5 Arm'd vehicles 59819264 1125 - Inf 59539531 1133 - Flak wagon 59169300	Div
1155	Suspected gas shell (Chloropicrin) landed in 505 area. Making tests now.	Div Corps

TIME	DESCRIPTION	FROM WHOM
1150 (328th)	Ky plane dropped bomb 1000 S of CP	Div.
1425 (376th)	6 tanks and 25/30 men (5265-6275 (Arty engaging)	Div
1435 (376th)	Our troops still in Lanhay. 6 P/W taken 1 I/C stated: Ky had planned to attack on 25th but it had been called off & our AP said this morning hit U.S. troops as go up in vicinity. In Lanhay attack ky troops suffered no losses but we had 14 casualties from our own fire.	Div
2030 (376th)	P/W reports much vehicular movement heard at 5[illegible]80. (Det coming up)	Div
2215 (7th Armd)	Inf in woods at 5626-10 & 5536-04 Arty engaging.	Div

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0110 (376th)	504th area getting some arty fire and some activity	Div
0415 (7th Armd)	Troop concentration at 8566-047.	
0450	P/W interrogated by 504: On 27 Dec the 5th & 8th Co's, 9th SS Tk Regt in Berlemont (6505-77) at 1300 yesterday. They were not preparing to leave. 5th & 8th Co's in Lierneux (61-6). Also 2 Inf Co's from an Inf Regt of 6th SS Div. Vehicles of 7th & 8th Co's are scattered through village.	S-3 Corps S-2
0450	6 Arty pieces on west side of road between Verlemont and Lierneux, about (600824). The guns in position 200 meters off road and about 80 meters apart. Last seen 1700 Dec 25th.	Map S-3 Corps G-2
Corps	2nd Wn Div has retired 8 with only 10 tanks left. Given to Div by Im G	Div G-2
1050	By front-lines - 5635-6200 - 5700-6250 - 5800-6275 - 5900-6275 - 6000-6300.	
1100 (328th)	3 truckloads Ky Inf unloaded at 5656-14	Div
2015	P/W reports: 6th btry of 3-105mm How's 182nd Arty Regt (Arty of 62d VG) in area 6479-10. Also CP at 6256-30.	Corps Arty S-2
2045	P/W from last night said: At midnight Oddeing (5382) filled to overflowing with tanks and small vehicles of 2nd SS Pz, at (5460-8[illegible]) at the point of bend of road 3 arty pieces. At 6362-[illegible]) in the sheds of Wux a tank repair shop. At (6460-[illegible]) small vehicle repair depot.	S-3

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
2230	504 Patrol reported at 2010 today: Platoon ey assembling area 590923-590926, 593923-593926.	Corps
	Flash of S/P gun at 59059270.	
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0830 (456th)	Fired on troop concentration at 650960 at 0530.	Corps
1035	Engaged S/P gun at 597921 at 1004.	Div Corps
1235 (Corps)	P/W reports 2 ey OP's at 5993.	
1240 (320th)	From 325th Patrol: At 570916 - 100 ey infantry. At 562914 - 50 ey Inf. at 564911 - ey Inf.	S-3
1250 (320th)	155 round landed 5[illegible]2925 from 6200 ~~/~~ causing casualties.	S-3 Corps
1310 (320th)	Round bigger than 105mm landed 552 925, in 325th 1st Bn CP. Seriously wounded 2 men. Came from 6200~~/~~, part of volley - ther rds cleared.	CG S-3 Corps
1640 (Cub pilot)	Flak encountered by our cub plane from vic 5591 and 5993 (Light puffs of smoke).	Div
	30 December, 1944	
0315 (Div)	Harness patrol heard tanks in Lierneax Heard at 2200-2230.	Corps Arty 326,456
	Same line 2 P/W's captured by 504 saw 2 bns of tanks in Lierneax. P/W was told they would attack Liege this morning supported by plenty of tanks. P/W from 3rd Co 20th SS Pz Regt.	
1140 (Air Co)	(5909) Ey dug in along edge of woods. Arty engaging.	Corps Div
1215 (Corps)	Be on lookout for parachute attack today.	All Bns
1600 (G-2)	P/W at Div reports: Bn CP at 621919 Troops spend daytime outside - nights in La Chapelle & Odimont (2 civilians)	S-3 Corps
1645	P/W reports most of our arty fire lands on outskirts of Odimont (over 200 l & r 200)	S-3 Corps
1645	504 patrol reports sound of digging on reverse side of slope (5992) Ramont.	S-3 Div

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1645 (cont'd)	Suspect Kepelwerfers along creek in front of remont (5992)	Div
1700 (320th)	Sound of troops at 564911.	Div
1825 (G-2)	Bn OP at (560899) in a house.	S-3
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0555 (376)	325th patrol: reports reaching Malempre without contacting ey. (Div reported 325 moved out outpost line).	Div
1015 (456th)	505 patrol: ey platoon 659962 ey platoon 657973 Co dug in 661977-664980 ey platoon 663973-665974 Arty piece 653949 MG 657961.	Corps Div S-3
1110 (456th)	Jet propelled plane over area at alt. 900 ft.	
1630 (376th)	376th fired at OP 5911-9239 which is believed to have been firing Hy guns into Bra.	
1630 (376th)	376th reported their observer saw nebel werfer in [illegible] quad of Sq 5990 (will check).	Div
1715 (G-2)	Countersign for 311200 Dec to 011200 Jan will be replaced immediately by alternate No. 1. (From [illegible] to [illegible]).	CG All Ens Atchd Sgt of Guard
1920 (456th)	592d FA Bn guard in Rahier at 1905 reported an unidentified plane was overhead at 1900. From one of the houses a light was flashed 3 times after an interval it flashed 3 more times and plane continued. 456th sending out party to investigate - will advise.	Div
1940 (Corps)	290th Obs. Bn. reports [illegible] cage near (537937) Some of 1[illegible]0 SS troops broke out.	Div 376,320 Stry
2040 (Corps)	50 Inf found near Malempre with gas masks.	Div
2115	456th reports their OP saw same plane passing over Bierfomont. Saw light signal given from a house in town.	Div

TIME & UNIT	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSITION
2230	Div wants us to check on item (2 Pz Div at La Roche-Houffalize) with Corps.	
2230 (Corps arty)	75th Div reported a flare revealed at (538965) at 1910 hrs. 30 men in a barn, 50 men who ran into woods.	

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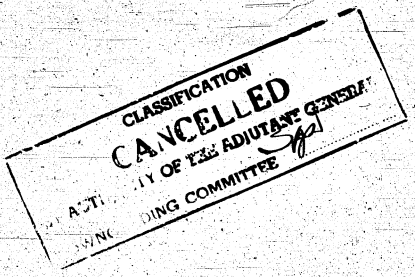

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	~~DESCRIPTION~~	ACTION

In accordance with verbal orders issued by CG Div Arty at approx 2300 hrs on 17 December, all bns and Div Arty Hq left Camp Suippes starting at 0900 hrs 18 Dec. 456th marched as part of 505 CT. Div Arty Hq and remaining battalions followed. On reaching tentative destination near BASTOGNE received instructions to continue on to WERBOMONT.

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0230			Hq & Hq Btry at WERBOMONT		
0930	CG		254 FA Bn (155 How - Tractor drawn) reinforcing 82d Now in position (CO Lt Col Thompson)		
1000	CG		290 FA Obsn Bn, supporting 82d - (Ready on 20th) CO Maj Wojdygo		
	319		532992	Bn in position, ready	
	320		530005	" " " "	
	376		544005	" " " "	
	456		537991	" " " "	
1430	CG	319,320	Road to South cut by ey. Be prepared to fire any direction		
2145	376		Closed in new area		
2300	456	G-2, McCoy	Challenge Blue reached objective at 2245		

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0030	McCoy	G-23,456	674984(bridges)	Master wants to know: 1) If bridges are blown 2) Obsn placed on bridges immediately 3) Fire placed on bridges as soon as possible if not blown	
0050	G-2	McCoy, 456		Recde party from 7 Armd Div said both bridges blown (recd 2200)	
0540	G-2	McCoy	725050	Ey armor heading West at 0205 length of column - 40 minutes	
0600	G-3	McCoy		Challenge contacted 120 men Co C 51st Engr, holding West end of bridge. Still intact	
0700	McAdam			Be prepared to fire on bridge if ey atks	
0700	G-2		682976	RR bridge intact - ey suspected crossing and hiding in tunnel	
0745		456	Msg by rad	Displace forward	
1030	456	Div	630978(CP)	Expect btrys in position by 1030	
1515	456		676985	LG in brick bldg	
1545	376		625001	Ey infantry	
1710	376		637016	Ey infantry	
1935	G-3			Possible air support mission tomorrow	
2005	376		636014	Preparation for 504	
2237	456	XVIII	68509837	(Request interdictory fire Ey armor fired at 2400-991st-Good effect 5 volleys)	

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1110	456	XVIII	683994	15 tanks	Friendly
1110	456	XVIII	685985	1 Co inf	
1135	XVIII		695985	Safe to fire	
1205	456		70109795	1 Bn inf	unable to obs
1235	456		680990	2 ey half-trks	Req reinf fire
1330	456	XVIII	69749785	RJ hvy veh & trks	Bn interdictory
1350	456	XVIII	682984	Inf and armor	
1425	456	XVIII	698977	Bn inf and supporting armor passing thru ALSOMONT (6997)	
1445	456	XVIII	685975 to 685985	Inf and tanks, adv in attack, request ammo from 319 - fire requirements heavy	
			687975 to		(3) Bn TOT 1513 (3) Bn 5 volleys
				Request screening fire - Effect Good	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1640	456	XVIII	ALSOMONT	Inf and armor	(2) Bn 5 (volleys) Lift screening fire
2120	456	Value	697977	Ey troops conc	10 rds per hr
	XVIII		697979	Spasmotic harassing fires during night	
	"		697975	" " " " "	
	"		70939764	" " " " "	
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0730	456	XVIII	702950	Ey infantry	McCoy assigned
			703961	" "	Value to fire
0930	7 Armd		Request fires placed 1000 yds South of GOURY 720770 and CHERAIN 665775 on roads leading into towns from South		
0900	XVIII		664774 and		x21
			664773	Interdict	1 volley con x20
1020	7 Armd		7987 at 1000 - HINDERHAUSEN		
1020	7 Armd		Conc 20 & 21	not desired	
1045	376	XVIII	642026	Clearance to register	
1050	XVIII		No fire West of 71 Between 91-96		
1105	456		No fire North of 02 or North or East of SALM		
1130	7 Armd		Do not fire x20 and x21 now - not needed, will call for fires if needed later		
1130	456	XVIII	69759755	Much activity -	request fire #50 on river
1200	456	XVIII	698988	Ey column	
1205	456	Div CG	All poss fire rd ALSOMONT to TROS PONTS		
1230	XVIII	319,320,456	No fire anywhere South of 93 grid line except at observed targets known to be enemy		
1230		254	697978	Turn 1 btry to fire	How many can turn
1245		254	697978	Btry (1) per min for 15 min	(C-1) when ready
1345	376	XVIII	Fire falling on own troops - Believe to be friendly fire, fr North (CHENEUX)		
1400	320		644852	1 tank-can obs	OK to fire
1430	3 Armd		597850 & 597853	4-88mm guns	
1450	C/S	320	645850	Veh & tks on road	OK to fire fr 33
1500		254	645850	" " "	2 btrys (3) continue with 1 per min for 30 min
1405	456	XVIII	685010	Attacking tanks	No clearance
1500	456	XVIII	681996	Inf supp by armor	cleared at 1540
1515	376		649027	Ey SP	No
1650		319	64368494	Ey armor in OTTRE	Bn 1-320 obs 1 rd 600R 800-
1720	XVIII		704961	Rocket Gun	OK to fire 456
1845		320	645850	Veh - Ey activity	
1845	3 Armd	320	590850	Ey Btry	OK 'til 2300
1850	3 Armd	320	585846		" " "
1900	Div	3 Armd	300 yds SE fr CR 5785	Request interdictory fire all night	
1900	3 Armd	320	581850 N of 58	Mortars	OK to fire (close
1945	456	XVIII	700935	Veh on road	
2005		254 & 320	645851	Ey activity in OTTRE	Bn 6
2100	Div Arty	254 & 320	645852 #1	OTTRE	(Bn 4 2110 Bn 1 2112, 2115, 2130 Bn 1 2315, 2350, 0020, Bn 2 0045)
"	" "	320	654862 #2	RJ	4 Gun Btry 1 22 times 2100-0800
"	" "	319	652837 #3	RJK	Bn 1 2112, 2115, 2130
2225	" "	"	"	also Btry 1 12 times during night	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2210	320	XVIII & 3 Armd	595835	Request interdictory fire all night	OK from XVIII Req to 3 Armd
2205	320		Target #1 may be fired up to 0100, #3 all night		
	456	XVIII	HFs - 11 by Corps, 4 by 456		OK Corps will fire
			23 December, 1944.		
0200	XVIII	254, 456	Two loaned cub planes, Radios on Freq 27.0. Call signs LRC 7, LRC 8.		
0349	3 Armd	320	58808423	Ey inf - can adjust	OK 320
0550	320	254	645852	Activity in OTTRE	XVIII - OK fire
0615	320		587851	Ey activity	OK
"	"		583848	" "	"
"	"		583850	" "	"
"	"		579849	" "	"
0700	3 Armd		593850	Infantry	XVIII - OK 320 - OK
0725	320		567855	Infantry	320 - Doubtful
0840	3 Armd	320	567855	Infantry forming	Clear
0855	3 Armd	320	No fire line along 85	5583 - 5586 - 562860	570856 - 5785
0910	3 Armd	320	5083 to 5385	to 550868 to 570854	to 570850 to 580850
0945	3 Armd	254	574843	Bn 2	Conc # E3
	3 Armd	254	581844	Btry 2	
1000	3 Armd	254	554836	Btry 2	
			545828	Btry 2	
			56458460	Btry 2	
0930	G-3	A OP	Check bridges at 652833 and 684856 when cubs are available		
1030	3 Armd	254	581844	Obs Fire - adjusted by 3 Armd Obs	Conc # E4
1035	320	3 Armd	571857	No clearance	
1115	254	320	645852	Armd vehs	Obs Bn 1
1118	3 Armd	254	554836	C-6 B 2	One rd per gun
			545828	C-7 B2	every 5 min for
			545846	C-8 B 2	1 hr
1125	G-3	A OP	Check area VIELSAM, SALM RIVER, and ST VITH		
1135	XVIII	456	SPINEAUX 7096 Clearance		OK
1158	254	320	C#4 500SS 500LL - Machine Guns		Not fired
1200	McCoy	3 Armd	580849	Ey Btry	3 Armd Fired
1220	320	254	BIHAIN	3 half tracks	Btry 6
1240	3 Armd	254	between 545828 and 554836-Interdiction- 4 rds per hr		
1310	XVIII		Cub planes should be in about 30 minutes		
1315	254	320	640846	Tps & auto wpns	Can obs - OK
1350	254	320	650854	Registration	OK to register
1415	3 Armd	592	498847	Prep for atk	
"	"	"	492842	" " "	
1430	O	592	623839(RJ)	Register by cub thru Div Arty	
1420	XVIII			Another cub for use	
1450	319		Rpt hvy veh movement and inf, moving E fr 670845 to 687851.		
		254	Have cub check on above - identify as German		
1515	456	187	71209361	3 tks, 6 half tracks 50 men - McCoy OK to shift Value 400M South	
1530	376	XVIII	656025	SP firing - Ident as G	OK 30 Div and XVIII
1625	319	254, 320	683860-690855	Regt of Inf and 5 tks	Bn 1 and then as desired by Observer
1625	376	XVIII	648028	SP firing	Disapp by XVIII
1645	320	254	691854	Inf Regt, 5 tks	Adj coordinates
1715			CR 576853	Ey force pushed	
1750	320	254	CR 576853	Interdic (tanks,etc)	2 rds per half min for 30 min
1920	376	XVIII	65850180	Clearance	OK

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0325	320	254	576853	Tanks (CR)	2 Btrys (1)
0450		254	56858593	Tanks	1 Btry (Fire by 320 Obs)
0500		592	56858593	Tanks	1 Btry 1/min for 10 min
0515		XVIII	566866		100 rds
0630		592	56858593	CR	1 rd/min for 60 mn
0645	o 376		635014	Fr Az6000M - one piece 15 rds (Friendly arty fire)	
0500		592	566866	St Jaques CR	1 rd/2 min for 60 min
0746		254	OTTRE		2 volleys
0800		376	Move SW (leaving 1 btry near CHENEUX) to supt 504 -1 Bn)		
0800		456	Take over Support of one Bn of 504 on left of 505		
0815	320		638848	Obs to adjust 254	
0825	254		61308540	Tanks approaching REGNE	
0830		XVIII, 254, 592	537862	Ey concentration	TOT 0855
0832	319		690853	Ey activity-Reg Med	
0915	325	592,254	613856	REGNE	5 volleys
1010	319		690854	Armor-Packed	
1040		XVIII	No fire SW of line 710960 to 680900 (OK'd by 456)		
1110		XVIII	611856 & CR 576853 & 566866		Interdiction 30 min
1355	7 Armd	320	587858	Clearance	OK
1410	Cub	16 Armd FA	617847	4 or 5 tanks	16 Bn Volleys (several hits)
1445		XVIII	No fire North of 85 between 60 & 63		
1505	Cub	16 Armd FA	617845	Tanks	Btry (2)
1510	319		698750	Friendly fire by single gun	
1525	254		61508485	Tiger Tank	OK
1525	254	16 Armd FA	626839	CP	OK Bn (2)
1700		254	645851		HF until 2000 hrs

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0310	XVIII		566866	For clearance	OK
0305	319	XVIII	695904	Reg Med (1 hr before)	Must clear by
"	"	"	697899	" " " "	1500 meters
"	"	"	706897	" " " "	Move further E and shoot
0335	XVIII		543881-548893	Road Interdiction	Btry (1) every 3 min for one hr
0400	XVIII		57628527	For clearance	OK
0400	320	XVIII	5491	alert for possible fire	
0420	320		Bn closed in new area		
0445	456		700965		Btry (2) - 155mm
0445	319		Bn closed in new area		
0700	376	Div Arty	55539616	Bn CP	Circle closed in
	"		55339583	A Btry	new position at
	"		55749620	B "	0700
	"		55569620	C "	
0830	Div Arty 254 456		Planes (AIE 7&8) to register Bns corduroy on 545875 and checker on 548870.		
0900	McCoy	Div Arty	529048 9	Do we have obsn for Omaha	319, 320, 254 no obsn
0930	456	" "	682970	Ey captured 610 and Officer 610 on K channel 38.2 and T channel 27.5 - set in good working order 376, 456, 254, 319, 320, Div and Div Arty, and McCoy notified.	
1030	254		545875	Direct hit on vehicle which exploded 13 others headed SW from RJ into ODEIGNE - OK fr McCoy to fire	
1100	376		Tank Battle 2000 yds South of RJ 537945		
1115	320	XVIII	520893	Ey SP Gun	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1120	456	XVIII	695954	Ey trps & vehicles	
"	"		70129496	Ey activity	
"	"		70069326	" "	
1230	A OP		2 planes of 254 FA have arrived (no news of Lala)		
1550	Div Arty		No fire line 550900-600920-660960-695960-690980-680990		
1550	Div Arty	319,376 456,254	No fire 550-900-600920-660960-690980-680990		
1700	376	320,254	575923	Counterattack	
1700	376	320,254	587927	1 Co Ey Inf	
1745	G-3	XVIII	551912	Friendly arty fire from NW (325)	
1815	G-3		HF'S 63058775 2 71858005 1 62759165 3	All night " " " "	
2220	376	XVIII	550903 61858905 63058775 62759165	SP Gun	Cleared. McCoy to fire

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0020	376	XVIII	Friendly fire in 5591 square (100yd South Tri le Chesaing)		
0650	376	254	55209038	Inf forming (cntratk)	
0830	McCoy	376	55209038	" " "	-Circle NO attack
0950	G-3	Cub	Check cider area (Vic LEIRNEUX)		
1010	319	254	617884	Tank column	Adj Missions
1035	Wring	376	55209038	Inf assembling	Clear
1120		254	61259095 CR 60488935 Bridge	Interdict B (2) rds/hr four hours	
1150	Wring	376	5591 550908, 552909, 555909, 551905,553907, 554904, 557906	PW : 1 Bn SS Forming at	
1220	254		579923	Road Block	No
1230	376	254	548892	Bn ey tks N to MANHAY	Air OP to fire 254
1240	Wring		No fire line 5590-5389-5389		
1250	G-3	254	602920	Flak wagon	
1345	319	XVIII,254	613921	Column of Inf	Bn (3) Con 49
1450	456		6980934B	veh & personnel	
1530	456		68269770	Req destroy bridge	Clearance OK
"	"		698975	Inf Regt CP	
"	"		708961	Suspect Ey Btry	
1615	376 PW	XVIII, 319, 320, 376	590920	approx Div strength	TOT 1640
1755	376		590922		TOT 1805
1800	319	254	614921	HIERLOT-Tps & Veh	2 B (3) - vl 1/2 hrs 0800
1915	McCoy	254	60609235	Ey Btry	40 rds
1915	376	254	58049130	Bn CP	20 rds
1930	G-2PW		601904	Nebelwerfers	20 rds
2200	G-2	XVIII	61409210	HIERLOT - Tps (Bn)	" "
"	"	"	62759165	ODRIMONT- "	" "
"	"	319,456,254	65259535	rOSSE - Tps	Bn (4) TOT 2315
2235	456	" " "	668954	100-200 tps & vehs	Bn (4) " 2325
"	"	" "	670964	" " " "	Bn (4) " 2335
2305	7 Armd	376	556908	For clearance	Not Safe
2310	7 Armd	"	558904	" " (vehs)	OK to fire
2330	7 Armd	"	558904	Clearance for HF all nite - OK	
2345	376(PW)	XVIII	569903	2 guns 150mm	
"	"	"	568902	4 Mk IV Tks	
"	"	"	571907	Co CP	
"	"	"	569908	Btry 120mm mortars	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0120	XVIII	376	59259284	Guns	
"	"	"	60609235	"	
"	"	"	60192D	"	
"	"	319	61669198	"	
"	"	"	62009145	"	
0150	319	254	612938	Attack	Btry (6)
0240	"	"	61329382	"	" (6)
1135		254	Prepare for ASP on HERNEUX		
	(On way 1230)		2 rds N6289	1 rd 614890 - Red Smoke	
1310	254	254	595925	Inf Assembling	OK to fire
1315	376	254	592931	FLORET (Activity)	254-Observed
1320		XVIII	No fire line 5590-6093-6998		
1325	319	XVIII	628916	ODRIMONT-Trp activity	2 Btrys (5) vol
	"	254	615921	HIERLOT " "	TOT 1345 2 Btrys (5) vol
	"	319,456, 254	622919	LA CHAPPELLE "	TOT 1345 2 Btrys (3) vol
1420	376	254	56659075	4 tanks-30 pers	376 to fire-254 to obs
1440	456	254	652953	Pers & veh	Observed
1500	376 PW	XVIII	611910	Bridge almost repaired	
1530	456	254	65959635	veh column-trps	Btry (5)
1535	376	254	611910	Bridge	Btry (5) Zone
1545	Wring		538904 to 547909 - DF		Clearance
1615	Cub	376	594928	Gun Flash	
1625	254	254	592931	FLORET	Obs (Checker 376 OK)
1735	7 Armd	376	56169093	Clearance - to check DF OK	
1735	7 Armd	376	55889073	" " " " " "	
1755	456	254	65369532	FOSSE-Trps vehs	Btry (3)
1850	456	XVIII	65709685	Regt'l Area	TOT 1915
"	"	456-319	65309685	" "	" " Bn (5)
"	"	254	65709685	" "	" " Bty (5)
"	"	XVIII,456	66659740	" "	" 1925
2000	376	320,376, 254	58809195	Veh-Bn strength	TOT 2015 Bn (5)
2045	456	XVIII	680984	For clearance	OK
2205	7 Armd	376	562910-553904	Inf in woods	OK-320th
2345	7 Armd	320	546904	For clearance	OK
2355	320	Tonight only OK to shoot below 91 Grid Line			

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0045	376	254	57259130	CR	Plat (1) 4 times in hr, cont 2/hr 'til 0400
0135	319 PW		62449150	4 lt howitzers	For obs &
"	"		62509140	15cm How btry, to move in today	fire later
0415	"	320	55669047	To Conc	OK to fire
0950	CG	254	56949065	Interdict (All day)	Pl (1) twc per HF
	"		57009080	" " "	" " "
	"		57259130	" " "	" " "
0950	CG	XVIII	Continue Interdiction on Div Front during day per (Col Penn)		
1000	CG	All Bns	Continue Interdiction in own sector (same fires as HF's 27-28 Dec)		
1000	"	254	61509195	Interdict all day	Pl (1) twc per
	"	"	65259539	" " "	" " "hr

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1000	CG	254	60259215	Interdict (All Day)	Pl (1) two per hr
"	"	"	61508800	" " "	" " " "
1050	Wring	320	56159094	Clearance OK	
1100	Wring	320	553904 to 562910	Clearance OK	
1135	456PW	254	690932	Trp Conc	B (5) Zone
1140	456PW	254	680936	Veh traffic	Pl (1) per hr
1210	376	254	611910	Bridge - B 5	Pl (1) two per hr
1220	CG	254	63108775	Interdict	" " " "
1515	319PW	254	62449150	4 lt howitzers	B (5) - Zone
1515	319PW	254	62509150	15 cm How Btry	" "
1320	376,254	254	59209301	Mortars	Can adjust
1545	" "	254	59159310	Activity	" " OK
1630	Wring	320	55309035	Clearance	OK
			56149088	"	OK
1635			No fire 554910-563914-567918		
1650	376	320	579923	Counterattack	Fired 580920 Bn (5)
1750	376	254	59159308	Activity	Btry (3)
1910		7 Armd	554910-570912-6093 - NO FIRE		
1930	30 Div	456	670900-670980-680970-680965-710965 - NO FIRE LINE		
1935	376		56559250	6 Short rds	
1935	456PW		675982	Bn Inf	
2040	376		55749619	105mm from 6000M apprx	1 rd at a time
2040	320	7 Armd	NO FIRE IN 5590 Sq fr 2100 hrs until cleared by 320th FA Bn		
2030	320		555955	Short rd - 1 out of volley	
2055	XVIII	30 Div	BERGEVAL 6896 E along 96 Grid until 0500 29 Dec		
2150	456	" "	675982	Clearance OK until 2220	
2200	7 Armd		552904	For Clearance	OK to fire
"	"		553903	" "	" " "
"	"		561909	" "	" (2230)
2200	Div Arty	591	67459105	3 105-how	Bn (10) 200yd zone
"	" "	"	62459145	4 lt how	Bn (10) " "zone
"	" "	"	61159100	Bridge	Btry (5) Bty 1 6/hr 'til 0400
"	" "	"	59089125	RJ	Bty (1) 2/hr 'til 0800
2230	456	30 Div	675982	Inf Vic RR Sta	TOT 2245 B 6
2245	7 Armd	376	52008965 -540908965-540905-550905-555910		NO FIRE
2315	Div Arty	254	56459108		Not Safe 320
"	" "	"	56959075 o89	HF	Pl (1) 3/hr til
"	" "	"	57259130 o90	"	" " "0800
"	" "	"	59619179 o91	"	" " " "
"	" "	"	59199225 o92	"	" " " "
"	" "	"	59049265 o93	"	" " " "
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0030	456	254	67009643	HF	Pl (1) 3/hr til
	"	"	65209532	"	" " " 0800
	"	"	69109524	"	" " " "
0100	376	XVIII	568923	4 rds fr 6400M apprx	1 min interval
			56859260	0054-0058 - 10 single rds	
	320	NO Fire	5691 Square until Day		
0430		254	61159100	Bridge	Bty (1) 3½/hr 'til 0800
0915	G-3	376	575918	Ey gun	575935
0955	CG	254	611910	Bridge Interdict	B (5) Pl (1) two "hourly
"	"	"	56558925		" " " "
"		"	593894		" " " "
"		"	604903		" " " "
"		"	64809105		" " " "
"		"	62208915	LIERNEUX	" " " "
"		"	69459337		" " " "
1030	456		67469786	Clearance OK	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1100	456	254	66689782	Pers in house-will adj	
1145	376	254	598921	SP	Bn (4)
1207	456	McCoy&591	675972	Bn Inf	Fired TOT1300
1240	319	211 Grp	604930	Inf Assembling	" " 1310
1300	G-3		Div to close fwd CP at 1730 & move to rear CP		
1335	319	254	61459215	Activity	Bn (1) Zone,
"	"	"	62779174	"	" Fire Twice
1335	254		545875	Clearance to Register--OK	
	254		65329546	" " " "	
	254		61259094	" " " "	
1350	320		552925	Rd in Chestnut GP (155mm)	
1430	456	240,456,254	66789534	50 Tps	Bty (5) TOT1445
1445	319PW	211,319,254	615930	80 Tps	" (6) " 1500
1450	456	319	643965	Rds landing too close-warn 319th	
1455	456	30 Div	68009852	CP? For Clearance	OK to fire
1545	Sub 1A	254	620890	Ey Gun(Adj 62748944)	Bn (10)
1555	XVIII		Interdiction fires stopped due to good visibility and saving ammo		
1620	Inf	254	591930	FLORET	Use WP, incend.
1845		211	63739223	Ey Btry	3 Btys (6) HF 69
"		"	62748944	" "	" " " " 68
"		"	63739223	" "	" " " " 69
"		254	59989296		Pl (1) 1/hr HF23
"			68009170		" " " "24
"			64709105		" " " " 25
"			62058990		" " " " 26
"			63059265		" " " " 27
"			597591250		" " " " 28
1000	7 Armd		NO FIRE LINE 52308975-534892-543892-543905-550905-555910.		
2030	Div Arty	211 Grp	614889	TOT 2120	Bty (6) (6) (2)
"		254	619890	" 2050	" (6) (6) (2)
"		591	615893	" 2150	Bn (2) (2) (1)
2200	7 Armd	320	561903	Susp Gun-for clearance - Not Safe	
2230		254	56058995	MALEMPRE	Btry (1) 4/night

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0110	G-2	456	65759525	Co Inf in bldgs	TOT 0410 hrs
"	"	254	"	" " " "	Bn (4)
"	"	211 Grp	"	" " " "	
"	"	319	"	" " " "	
0130	456	456	659963	Ey activity	TOT 0425 hrs
"		319	"	vic houses	Bn (2)
"		254	"	"	Bn (2)
0320	319	XVIII	611947	Two shells, slight interval, est 105mm, fr 2850, Landed apprx 0300 flash-sound 8 sec.	
0450	320		561903	Gun	OK to fire
0600	G-2	Air OP	611910	Want to know cond. of BRA & TROPPE'	
0900	Air OP	G-2	611910	Bridge - Lt Strocham-appeared blown but could not tell for sure. No traffic on road-flew along 93 line 2000 yds fr bridge. Lt Cook-bridge among trees-could not see it-no movement	
1000	ASP	254	611910	Bridge (On call)	3 red(converged)
			637897	BRUX " "	one red, 2 white
			64708975	MENIL " "	one red
0955	Cub	254	611910	Bridge-Adj	Destroy-3 hits
1030		254	611910	Bridge	B (3)
1125	ASP	254	637897	Tank repair shop	B (5)
1215	254	254	595904	Ey Gun	Can Obs
1215	ASP	254	64708975	Motor Shop	B (5)
1245	376	A OP	58659220	Nebelwerfers	Approx location

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1255	CG	254	611910	Bridge	B (3)
1445	591	254,591	59509038	Ey CP	TOT 1500 Bn 3
1520	320	376	57109148	HF Clearance	
			56939078	" "	
			57009108	" "	
			56859043	" "	
			57289130	" "	
1550	376	254	60158938	Ey Gun	B (1) Zone
1555	319	254	59849055	Weapon	B (2) Zone
1555	319	254	604920	Nebelwerfer	B (1) Zone
1700	319	376,456	614921-628916-660940 NO FIRE		
1930	320	75 Div	Inside Boundary N89 Grid Line		
1930	75 Div		BoundaryE90 to 5489		
1935		254	55988914	HF on RJ	Pl (1) 3/hr
2120		254	56108892	MALEMPRE TOT 2145 Btry 6 continue	Pl (2) 2/hr
		211	56188882	" " "	Btry (4)
2230	XVIII 30Div	456	700000-730000-700970-730970 NO FIRE until 0800		

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0510	320		NO FIRE N of 555904-560904-563906-563913 etc Given to 75 Div Arty, 376, XVIII		
0750	McCoy	254	62759166	Infin bldgs TOT 0810	Btry (4)
"	"	591	"	" " " "	Bn (4)
0915	ASP	254	637897	BRUX	On call
"	"	"	64708975	MENIL	On call
1040	254		59939088and 604906	4 pieces	will adjust
1330	320	376	570916-565892-557894 NO FIRE - Patrols operating NW of line		
1335	CG	320, 376 591,75 Div	525900-5585-5987-6088-6089 592900-592927- Armor to patrol		
1335	CG	456,319 591, 30 Div XVIII	620935-6790-700895 SALM RIVER Armor to patrol Area Armor Recce IN FORCE		
1450	456	254, 591, 456, 320	67459840	TOT 2000-2005	Cracker 1 Bn (5) 1 Bty 254 1 Bty 591
1540	703 TD	376, 254	605934	Tank or SP	
1545	254		699908	Clearance	OK
2000	75 Div	320	No fire N of 5388-5688 until 0700		
2000	320	75 Div	Special No fire 550910-558910-550890-558890- Until further notice		
2100	320	75 Div	NO FIRE 555905-570912		
2330	Div Arty		No fire until further notice:		
	" "	456,376,319	555905-570912-600930-680974		
2245	319	254,319,320	60709322	1 Co dug in	(4) - TOT 2310
"	"	376-211	61009322	" "	" - " "
"	Div Arty	211	62709160	ODRIMONT	(4) - TOT 2330
"	" "	254	62509140	Btry- 200 yd Zone	(5) - " "
2315	30 Div	456	NO FIRE 8300-7600-6898		
2330	Div Arty	254-211	61858905	LIERNEUX	TOT 2400
"	" "	" "	67009640	BERGEVAL	3 on appropriate target as laid
"	" "	" "	56158885	MALEMPRE	
2350	G-2	XVIII	691930	MONT- Supply trains	
2359	7 Armd	254	572893	Gun Flash	Btry (6) Zone TOT 0020

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APO 469 United States Army.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORTS

From 18 December, 1944 To 31 December, 1944.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
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In the Field
192000 Dec 1944.

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1. 319th FA Bn in generalsupport and reinforcing 456th FA Bn. No firing during the period. Location: CP 532980; A 532992; B 534987.

2. 320th FA Bn in general support and reinforcing the 376th FA Bn. No firing during the period. Location: CP 535005; A 530005; B 534008.

3. 376th FA Bn in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf Regt. No firing during the period. Location: CP 524989; [illegible]

4. 456th FA Bn in direct support of 505 Prcht Inf Regt. No firing during the period. Location: CP 575003; A 572008; B 575007; C 573005.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm Howitzers) [Tractor Drawn), in general support. Location: CP 522011.
290th FA Obs Bn attachedto Div Arty. Location: CP 505028.

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To: 201800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. No firing during the period. Bn CP at 532992. Displacing forward (SE).

2. 320th FA Bn in direct support of 325th Gli Inf. No firing during the period. Bn CP at 535005. Displacing forward.

3. 376th FA Bn in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. Bn CP at 564991. 24 rounds fired.

4. 456th FA Bn in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. Bn CP located at 629978.

5. 290th FA Obs Bn relieved and attached to XVIII Corps Arty, effective 1800 hours.
254th FA Bn in general support. Bn CP located at 522010. No firing during period.

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In the Field
212030 December, 1944

S-3 Periodic Report

1. Headquarters Division Artillery established forward CP at 615895, displaced to 57359345.

2. 319th FA displaced to 669894, fired no missions in direct support 508th Prcht. Inf.

3. 320th FA displaced to 6368089680, fired no missions, in direct support 325th Gli. Inf.

4. 376th FA fired 3 missions on infantry in town at 62640065, 63660112, 63880141, effect excellent, displaced to 59809985, and fired 5 missions on infantry and armored column at 63250174, 64150022, 65730152, effect good, fired 318 rounds. in direct support 504th Prcht. Inf.

5. 456th FA displaced to 665954, no report on missions fired, in direct support 505th Prcht. Inf.

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From: 211800 Dec '44
To : 221800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn direct support 508th Prcht Inf. Fired two missions. Fired on armored vehicles at 64368494, and 65318477. Fired 32 rds, effect unknown. Bn CP at 66868946.

2. 320th FA Bn in direct support 325th Gli Inf. Fired 8 missions. Fired on tanks and infantry at 65628612, Scout car 65207582, 125 vehicles at 64388467, enemy movement 64098485, fired 612 rounds effect excellent. Bn CP at 636896.

3. 376th FA Bn in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. Fired 6 missions. Fired on bridge at 63850192, fired 42 rounds effect good. Bn CP at 59809985.

4. 456th FA Bn in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. Fired 43 missions. Fired on infantry and tanks 698950, inf crossing river at 68369790, troops at 70009495, truck convoy 70009570, inf and vehicles 68349980. Effect excellent. Fired 1075 rounds. Bn CP at 668953.

5. 254th FA Bn (155 How) general support of Division. Fired 4 missions. Fired on tanks and trucks at 63878432-64548491. Effect unknown. Fired 630 rds. Bn CP at 622898.

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From: 221800 Dec 44
To : 231800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn. Fired 9 missions (579 rounds) in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on enemy vehicles at 653842, tanks 69398584, vehicles and personnel 682850, effect good. Bn CP at 66868946, "A" Btry displaced to 66368991.

2. 320th FA Bn. Fired 32 missions (759 rounds) in direct support of the 325th Gli. Inf. Fired on enemy counter attack at 58508530, inf. in trucks 64528500, inf. 64748461, machine gun 65108607, effect good. Bn CP at 636896.

3. 376th FA Bn. Fired 1 mission (35 rounds) in direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on tank at 65760277, effect very good. Bn CP at 59809985.

4. 456th FA Bn. Fired 46 missions (1628 rounds) in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on inf. and vehicles at 68349980, inf. and mortars 68590034, vehicles and inf. 68869899, vehicles and troops 7106-9390, mortars 67719894, 3 tanks 677988, effect good. Bn CP at 668953.

5. 254th FA Bn. (155mm) attached, Fired 23 missions (438 rounds) in general support of the Division. Fired on troops at 645852, 574843, enemy vehicles 645852, inf. and tanks 69138544, effect good. Bn CP at 622898.

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From: 231800 Dec '44
To : 241800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn fired mission (956 rds). In direct support of 508 Prcht Inf. Fired ey vehicles at 69108547, personnel 68995526, AA wpns 695842, CP 68908636.

2. 320th FA Bn fired 24 missions (1278 rds). In direct 325 Gli Inf fired on Inf at 66028583, tanks 61228504, tanks in town 61308565, tanks and Inf 60858516, effect good. Bn CP at 636294.

3. 376th FA Bn fired no missions. (Registered on CK Pt #1, 8 rds.). In direct support 504th Prcht Inf. Bn CP at 5972 026.

4. 456th FA Bn fired 30 missions (870 rds). In direct support 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on tower at 67999802, personnel 71249498, troops on road 712957, effect good. Bn CP at 662953.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm How) attached. Fired 27 missions (1330 rds). In General support of Division. Fired on troops at 690854, troops 613856, tanks 613863, no remarks on effect. Bn CP at 622898.

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From: 241800 Dec '44
T o : 251800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn. Fired 23 missions (499 rds) in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on a company of Inf at 629928, tks 70558950, effect on Inf good. Bn displaced to 66868946.

2. 320th FA Bn. Fired 6 missions (122 rds) in genera support of Div. Fired on tks and veh at 65208582, effect unknown. Bn displaced to 571-989.

3. 376th FA Bn. Fired 18 missions (633 rds) in direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on enemy activity at 605929, counter attack 575-923, effect good. Bn displaced to 55539616.

4. 456th FA Bn. Fired 8 missions (241 rds) in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on SP and 10 men at 20009495, effect unknown. Bn displaced to 619002.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm) attached. Fired 11 missions (479 rds) in general support of the Division. Fired on enemy vehicles at 53813618, counter attack 575923, effect good. Bn displaced to 57479998.

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To : 261800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn. Fired 13 missions (1057 rds) in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on pers & veh at 62849534, inf CP 63699526, ey guns 61809205, effect very good, Bn CP at 59769962.

2. 320th FA Bn. fired 3 missions (188 rds) in general support of Division. Fired on tks & inf at 62909500, effect unknown. Bn CP at 571989.

3. 376th FA Bn. fired 24 missions (931 rds) in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on inf [redacted] assemblying at 52209038, ey veh 58819105, effect excellent. Bn CP at 55539616.

4. 456th FA Bn. fired 9 missions (105 rds) in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on ey guns at 67479664, effect good, Bn CP at 619002.

5. 254th FA Bn. (155mm)attached. fired 21 missions (420 rds) in general support of the Division. Fired on otr atk at 55209038, tks 61158791, no remarks on effect. "A" Btry displaced to 56879968, Bn CP at 57479998.

6. Organic and attached Battalions fired harrassing missions on the following points, 573922, 57799202, 57609212, 57649224, 54798926, 54258948, 54008943, 54538943, 627940, 61858905, 63058775, 62759165, 56508920, 64609040, 61858905, 63058775, 62759165, 56508920, 64609040, 61858905, 63058775, 62759165, 56509040, 64609040, 61259095.

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To : 271800 Dec '44
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1. 319th FA Bn fired 30 missions (2569 rds) in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on atk at 608944 - 614949 (1191 rds - atk repulsed), SP gun 60229342, CP 624944, direct hits on CP, Bn CP at 59769962.

2. 320th FA Bn fired 4 missions (76 rds) in general support of Division. No report of tgt's. Bn displaced to 548964.

3. 376th FA Bn fired 40 missions (2088 rds) in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on ctr atk at 590922, inf assemb 593931, SP gun & inf 59059290, effect very good. Bn CP at 55539616.

4. 456th FA Bn fired 32 missions (1415 rds) in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf, Fired on troops and veh at 659968, inf on rd 6870-9817, mortars 67439794, effect good. Bn CP at 619002.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm)atchd. fired 31 missions in general support of Division. Fired on troops at 58759198, Bn CP 58049130, ctr atk 612938, no remarks on effect. Bn CP at 57479998.

6. Organic and attached Bn's fired harrassing missions on the following points:60609235, 65239534, 65809582, 612909, 603903, 6525-9535, 668954, 60959296, 60739275, 61379304, 610923, 614928, 65249540, 60249243, 62579348, 60959296, 60739275, 61379304, 61009230, 614928, 61819207, 56509020, 55908895, 59209225, 58809195, 58739304, 59179305, 60159246, 58039132, 59009220, 59819264, 584911, 59039265, 66509850, 66369806, 66649782, 66585603, 65829576, 682977, 670964.

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1. 319th FA Bn fired 29 missions (1100 rds). In direct support of 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on tanks at 603930, inf 65309685, mortars 6257942 Effect good. Bn CP at 59769962.

2. 320th FA Bn fired 12 missions (315 rds) In direct support of 325th Gli Inf. Fired on vehicles and personnel at 58809195, counter attack 580920, Effect unknown. Bn CP at 54729646.

3. 376th FA Bn fired 21 missions (965 rds). In direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on armor TOT at 58809198, counterattack 57329207, inf in woods 568914. Effect good on inf. Bn CP at 55534616.

4. 456th FA Bn fired 34 missions (1505 rds). In direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on Inf in woods at 647966, mortars 67649771, trs concentrated at 670964. Effect generally good. Bn CP at 60960022.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm) atchd. Fired 21 missions (515 rds). In general support of Div. Fired on trps at 65329546, ctr btry 62449150, mortars 59209301. Nor remark on effect. Bn CP at 57479998.

6. 591st FA Bn (105mm) atchd. In general support of Div. Occupied positions. Bn CP at 572989.

7. Organic and atchd Bns fired harassing missions on 40 points.

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To : 291800 Dec 44
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1. 319th FA Bn fired 30 missions (666 rds) in direct support of t the 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on half tracks at 62129448, inf 641960, CP 630949, tp conc 61399409, effect very good. Bn CP at 50769962.

2. 320th FA Bn fired 15 missions (326 rds) in direct support of the 325th Gli Inf. Fired on inf digging in at 56149150, Command Car 57009076, effect on car good. Bn CP at 54729646.

3. 376th FA Bn fired 15 missions (434 rds) in direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on SP & inf at 575923, inf digging in 590-920, effect unknown. Bn CP at 55539616.

4. 456th FA Bn fired 41 missions (1783 rds) in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on tps at 650960, pers in house 66699733, ey OP 67929827, ey CP 68009852, effect very good. "D" Btry in pos at 61560075, Bn CP at 60960022.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm) atchd. fired 30 missions (796 rds) in general support of the Div. Fired on SP at 598921, tps assemb 675572, ctr btry 62748944, no remarks on effect. Bn CP at 57479998.

6. 591st FA Bn (105mm) atchd. fired 57 missions (531 rds) in general support of the Div. Fired on ey btry at 63739224, guns neaut. Bn CP at 572989.

7. Organic and attached Bn's fired harassing missions on 61 pts.

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To : 301800 Dec 44
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1. 319th FA Bn fired 29 missions (731 rds) in direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf. Fired on ey veh at 62689428, inf and bldg's 63609529, mortars 629943, effect on inf excellent. Bn CP at 95769962.

2. 320th FA Bn fired 16 missions (523 rds) in direct support of the 325th Gli Inf. Fired on tks & [redacted] veh's at 56459108, effect good. Bn CP at 54729646.

3. 376th FA Bn fired 17 missions (501 rds) in direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf. Fired on inf digging in at 59049234, nebelwerfer 59439241, gun flashes 60158938, effect excellent. Bn CP at 55539616.

4. 456th FA Bn fired 31 missions (1268 rds) in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. Fired on ey strong point at 66749608, mortars 6746-9772, inf in hse 66339796, effect good. Bn CP at 60960022.

5. 254th FA Bn (155mm) atchd. fired 25 missions (747 rds) in gen support of the Div. Fired on ey CP at 614884, bridge 611910, ctr btry 595904, exploded ammo dump on ctr btry mission. Bn CP at 57479998.

6. 591st FA Bn (105mm) atchd. fired 10 missions (309 rds) in gen support of the Div. Fired on ey veh at 62569329, btry of rocket guns 60149112, no remarks on effect. Bn CP at 57189888.

7. Organic and atchd bn's fired harassing missions on 46 points.

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To : 31/1800 Dec '44
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1. 319 fired 27 missions (596 rds) in direct support of 508 Prcht Inf Regt. Fired on personnel at 60089380, mortars 62999407, vehicles 63029485, effect fair. Bn CP at 59769962.

2. 320 fired 9 missions (316 rds) in direct support of 325 Gli Inf Regt. Fired on trp movement at 56459108, SP gun 56379097, effect good. Bn CP at 54729646.

3. 376 fired 10 missions (368 rds) in direct support of 504 Prcht Inf. Fired on mortars at 569913, personnel in woods 58979262, inf 593929, no remark on effect. Bn CP at 55539616.

4. 456 fired 38 missions (2217) in direct support 505 Prcht Inf Regt. Fired on trps dug in at 664980, half tracks 66849782, mortars 67929827, gun 65759598, effect good. Bn CP at 60930022.

5. 254 (155 mm) atchd. Fired 13 missions (208 rds). In general support of division. Fired on trps at 62759866. Ctr btry 60189092, personnel 59159311, Btry neutralized. Bn CP at 57479998.

6. 591 (105mm) atchd. Fired 6 missions (142 rds) in general support of division and reinforcing fires of 319. Fired on nebelwerfers at 600911, 3 half tracks 60379032, effect good on half tracks. Bn CP 57189888.

7. Organic and atchd Bns fired harassing missions on 28 points

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From: 311800 Dec '44
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1. 319 FA Bn fired 30 missions (706 rds) in direct support of 508 Prcht Inf Regt. Fired on inf at 60749323, inf at 63779476, mortar 606930, effect on mortars neutralized. Bn CP at 59769962.

2. 320 FA Bn fired (420 rds) 115 missions, in direct support of 325 Gli Inf Regt. The missions fired included the following: inf 60709322, 6330904O and 56529124.

3. 376 FA Bn fired 10 missions (652 rds) in direct support of 504 Prcht Inf Regt. Fired on town at 59229306, MG 58759323, ey OP 59529240, effect generally good. BN CP at 55539616.

4. 456 FA Bn fired 27 missions (1376 rds) in direct support of 505 Prcht Inf Regt, fired on platoon of inf at 675983, inf 675983, inf 67509788, inf on road 674986, effect good. Bn CP at 60930022.

5. 254 FA Bn fired (350 rds) 15 missions, in general support of the Division. Missions fired included the following: Counter-battery 62509140, 57208930, 62348856. Bn CP at 62109192, inf at 6070-9322, 61858905, 67009640, 56158885, 65229536 and 674981.

6. 591 FA Bn (105mm) atchd fired 22 missions (299 rds) in general support of Division and reinforced fired of 319. Fired on vehicle at 59509038, inf 65179518, no remark on effect. Bn CP at 57189888.

7. Organic and atchd Bns fired harassing missions on 36 points.

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APO 469 United States Army.

S-3 OPERATION MEMORANDUMS AND MEMORANDUMS

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army

MEMORANDUM:

26 December 1944

TO : All Units.

SCHEDULE FOR AIR OBSERVATION

	27-12-44	28-12-44	29-12-44
TIME	BN PLANE	BN PLANE	BN PLANE
0800-0910	376	456	254
0900-1010	456	319	376
1000-1110	319	320	456
1100-1210	254	376	319
1200-1310	376	456	320
1300-1410	456	319	254
1400-1510	319	254	376
1500-1610	320	376	456
1600-1700	254	320	319

NOTES:

1. Radios will operate on T frequency - Bns monitor T frequency.

2. Observers will secure all possible intelligence information and pass to own Bn and Div Arty.

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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
APO 469 U. S.Army
27 December 1944
In The Field

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 1)

AIR OBSERVATION

1. There will be a two plane patrol from 0800-1700 hrs daily. One plane will patrol the sector from Road Junction (550910) along MIR to crossroad (588937); the second plane will patrol from CR (588937) along MIR to Road Junction (678992).

2. Communications - Plane will use its own battalion call sign for the day, followed by 1A for right sector; 1B for left sector. Example: XSJIA. This may be abbreviated after contact is made by using only 1A and 1B for the respective sectors. Except in case of a doubt in identity during the flying sechedule, the full call sign will be used only to check in and check out of the net. Bns will monitor T frequency. Fire missions will be handled on T frequency, (except that planes may fire own Bns on Bn frequency when T frequency is crowded).

3. Schedule:

	Dec 27 30 Jan 2 Etc Right:Left Sector:Sector	Dec 28 31 Jan 3 Etc. Right:Left Sector:Sector	Dec 29 Jan 1 Jan 4 Etc Right:Left Sector:Sector
0800-0910	376 : 319	320 : 254	376 : 456
0900-1010	320 : 254	376 : 456	320 : 319
1000-1110	376 : 456	320 : 319	254 : 456
1100-1210	320 : 319	254 : 456	376 : 319
1200-1310	254 : 456	376 : 319	320 : 254
1300-1410	376 : 319	320 : 254	376 : 456
1400-1510	320 : 254	376 : 456	254 : 319
1500-1610	376 : 456	320 : 319	376 : 456
1600-1700	320 : 319	254 : 456	320 : 319

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
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DEFENSIVE FIRES

Conc No	Coordinates	Altitude in Meters	Remarks
D 1	56969076	405	
" 2	56749116	380	
" 3	56609142	430	
" 4	56749174	420	
" 5	57249136	390	
" 6	57389182	370	
" 7	57789186	370	
" 8	57609215	400	
" 9	59249094	440	
" 10	58809196	360	
" 11	58229296	390	
" 12	58469254	390	
" 13	58789276	350	
" 14	59059264	380	
" 15	58789300	350	
" 16	59009332	350	
" 17	59209344	330	
" 18	59189318	360	
" 19	59349328	350	
" 20	60209268	350	
" 21	56469110	420	
" 22	58409112	430	
23-30	Unassigned		
D 30	55369132	405	
" 31	55509143	400	
" 32	56049164	395	
" 33	56189172	395	
" 34	55869078	450	
" 35	55889100	430	
" 36	55669086	440	
" 37	56049110	425	
" 38	56269106	435	
" 39	56209125	415	
" 40	56209156	405	
" 41	56409150	415	
" 42	56389170	410	
" 43	55369046	455	
" 44	54929108	410	
" 45	54709150	375	
46-50	Unassigned		
D 50	64469638	365	
" 51	64729660	375	
" 52	65129676	320	
" 53	65429696	380	
" 54	66049696	360	
" 55	66529760	360	
" 56	67009800	350	
" 57	67369862	370	
" 58	65229532	430	
" 59	66609600	425	
" 60	67009654	450	

Conc No	Coordinates	Altitude in Meters	Remarks
61-70	Unassigned		
D 70	6030930	330	
" 71	60059575	360	
" 72	61059455	430	
" 73	61959405	440	
" 74	62159435	440	
" 75	62809545	380	
" 76	63659620	410	
" 77	64809485	500	
" 78	64259415	555	
" 79	62659385	440	
" 80	62359375	460	
" 81	61209385	425	
" 82	62909460	460	
" 83	63209480	450	
84-90	Unassigned		

Note: All fires ON CALL.

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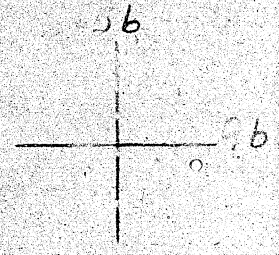

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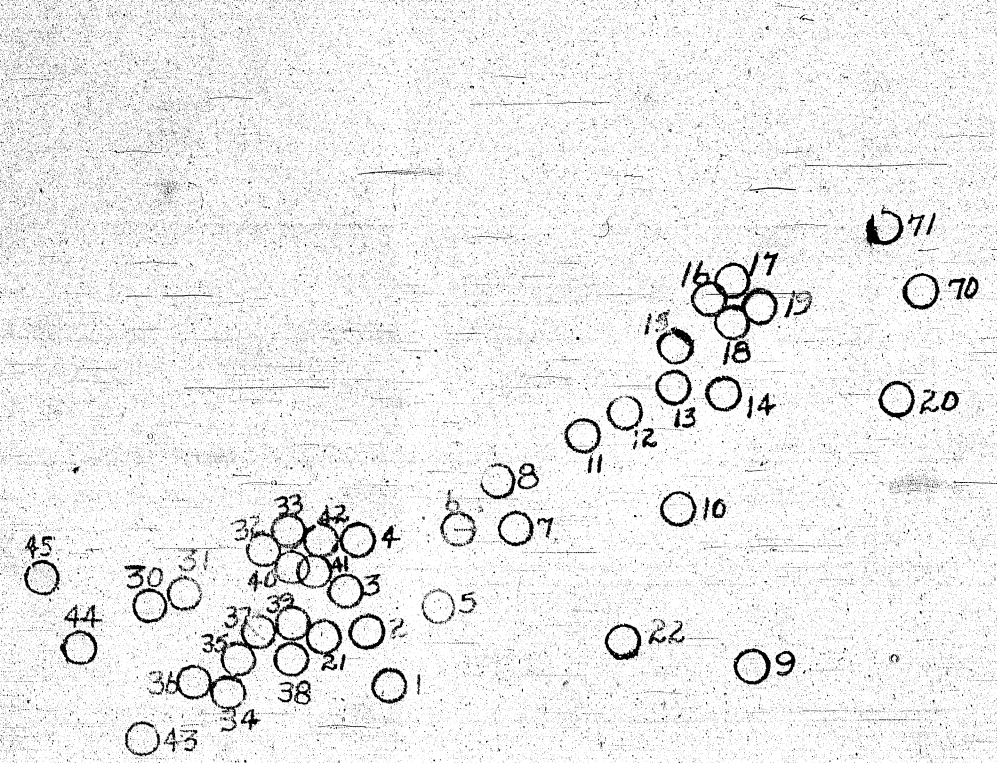

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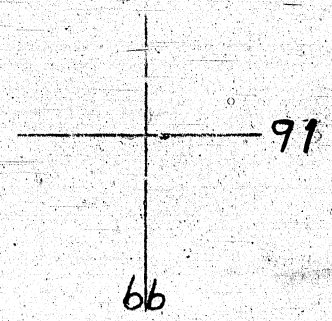

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" 1	57628524	CR	
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" 3	56208880	RJ-Malempre	
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" 6	56548924	Bridge	
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" 10	58429112	CR	
" 11	57808806	RJ	
" 12	58768650	CR	
" 13	59108860	CR	
" 14	59408944	CR-Stocque	
" 15	59249096	CR	
" 16	59109126	CR	
" 17	59669030	RJ-Jevigne	
" 18	60349032	RJ-Lansival	
" 19	60209200	RJ	
" 20	61109100	Bridge	
" 21	60908837	RJ	
" 22	60848562	CR-Regne	
" 23	61228578	Regne	
" 24	61668930	CR	
" 25	61888880	CR-Lierneux	
" 26	62168910	" "	
" 27	62568940	RJ	
" 28	62068992	RJ	
" 29	61429[illegible]	RJ-Hierlot	
" 30	62769[illegible]	RJ-Odrimont	
" 31	62909244	RJ-Amcomont	
" 32	63069266	CR	
" 33	63708966	RJ-Brux	
" 34	6[illegible]	RJ-Verleumont	
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" 36	630[illegible]	RJ	
" 37	636[illegible]	CR-Hebronval	
" 38	64[illegible]	RJ	
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" 40	64609045	CR	
" 41	65348734	RJ-Sart	
" 42	6546[illegible]	RJ	
" 43	65[illegible]	RJ	
" 44	66[illegible]	CR-Coronne	
" 45	66[illegible]	RJ	
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" 53	67929458	RJ	
" 54	69089525	Rochelinval	
" 55	69779498	Bridge	
" 56	70149496	la Neuville	
" 57	69089305	CR-Mont	
" 58	69429340	RJ-Petit Balleux	
" 59	69889352	Bridge	
" 60	69629270	Main Highway	
" 61	69829260	Bridge	
" 62	68049170	CR	
" 63	68489100	CR	
" 64	69588918	CR-Roncheux	
" 65	70078938	CR	
" 66	70408940	RJ-Vielsam	
" 67	70608890	CR-Vielsam	
" 68	70008824	Bridge	
" 70	69368682	Bridges-Salmchateau	
" 71	69708672	RJ-Salmchateau	
" 72	68008714	RJ	
" 73	60608916	RJ	
" 74	62809087	CR	
" 75	66679113	CR	

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

1 January 1945 To 11 January 1945

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

1 JAN - 11 JAN

On the morning of New Year's day 1945 General March held a meeting at the Division Artillery CP for commanders of artillery units at which time plans for future operations were discussed. At that time the status of Field Artillery Battalions were as follows: 319th was in Direct Support of the 508th the 320th in Direct Support of the 325th 376th in Direct Support of the 504th 456th in Direct Support of 505th. In addition to these, the 591st reinforced the fires of the 456th. General support was furnished by 740th (in addition to the above) also the 254th, 211th Group, 240th, 592d, 991st, and 187th were in general support of the division artillery.

Another meeting of all unit commanders of division artillery assigned and attached was held at the CP on the following afternoon when the Annex to FO was distributed and explained by General March and Colonel Griffith. A new combat team was attached to the division and the 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion therefore became attached to Division Artillery and occupied positions. This Battalion was in direct support of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

A P/W captured at this time stated the 12th VG Division had relieved the 9th SS Panzer Division on our front. We were also advised that the many recent cases of units hearing tanks (without seeing any) indicated the possibility of the Germans using a public-address system to mislead us. Also the first case of the German use of floodlights at night was brought to our attention.

The division attack to the south was launched at 0630 on 3 January. The objective was a line along the Salm River from TROIS POINTS to SALMCHATEU and thence along a line running roughly north west back to BRA. The 319th was in general support until the employment of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. The 320th was in direct support of the 325th. 376th in direct support of the 504th. 456th in direct support of the 505th and had attached to them the Assault Gun platoon of the 740th Tank. The 591st FA was in general support of the division with particular attention paid to zones of the 325th Glider Regiment and the 505th Parachute Regiment. The 275th FA was attached to the Division Artillery for general support and reinforcing fires of the 320th. The following units reverted to Corp Artillery Control, after being relieved from general support of the Division. 211th Group, 592d, 991st, and 187th Battalions.

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The FO had designated four phase lines "Sicily", "Italy", and "Normandy" with Holland as the objective. The attack commenced at H hour with the 517th Prcht Inf on the left flank. The 505th in the center and the 325th on the right flank, with the 508th poised behind to move thru the 325th when the latter reached their objective and then continue on to the "Holland" phase line.

At 1000 hours that day the 505th was 1000yds in front of the Line of Departure. At noon the 517th was 1500 yds beyond the LD and in mid-afternoon TROIS POINTS was clear and the center of the 517th line was at MONT Du FOSSE.

At 0800 hours the next morning, the 325th right flank was on the "Sicily" phase line with their left flank approaching it. By mid-morning the 505th had reached the "Sicily" line en toto. During the day two TOTs were fired; the 376th displaced to (618974) and the 517th were attacked by a small force of Tiger Royal tanks from which it was reported 6 bazooka rounds "bounced off". Corps relayed news that the British had taken BURE and WAVREILLE and that the 9th SS Panzer had attacked LONGCHAMPS with tanks and had been repulsed.

The 325th was half way up the hill toward their "Italy" phase line by mid-afternoon of 5 January. At this time the 504th Prcht. Inf. which had been committed between the 517th and the advancing 505th had reached hill 450 on the "Italy" phase line. The 275th Armd FA Btn (105 SP) was attached to Div Arty and was in position for general support. During the day the 319, 320, 376, 456, and 460 were ordered to displace. The 319th was assigned to general support and reinforcing the fires of the 320th FA Bn. as the 508th up to this time, had not been committed.

The Div Arty CP displaced to the new location (633972) at which place all unit commanders met for a conference with General March on 6 January. At 1500 hours, the 319th, 254th, 275th and 591st Bns were instructed to be prepared to mass all fires on the ridge (which was to be the objective of the 508th Prcht Inf) on call. During the Afternoon 30 shells with a strange humming sound landed in the division area. None of these shells were heard or seen to explode. Corps Artillery were notified and made an investigation.

At this time the regiments had reached and established an MLR approximately at the original "Italy" line or slightly behind it. An Operations Instruction was issued which instructed units to resume attack 7 January at 0630 hours to the original "Holland" line which had been extended slightly to the south. The Corps boundary and x phase lines had changed somewhat. The 517th were to clean up a small triangle and then hold the left flank while the 504, 505, 325th continued on and the 508th moving thru the 325th occupied the ridge which overlooked the "Holland" line.

This operation was carried out the following day.

On January 8th, a wholesale displacement was ordered. The 319th moved to (646908), 320th to (639917), 456th to (670895), 460th to (636952), 254th to (629923). 591st relieved from attachment to

Division Artillery.

The Div Arty CP moved on the following day to a schoolhouse at (621910) and General March informed the staff that the 75th Div Arty would relieve us as soon as they could move in and register. The 460th displaced again to (667963).

General Stanford, CG of the 75th Div Arty, visited the CP Jan 10th to see General March who invited him to set up in our building. On this day the 320th was relieved and displaced to the Division reserve area.

At 0225 hours, January 11, the 75th Div Arty advised that their Bns had taken over support. The 82d Div Arty thereby became reinforcing. At 0900 hours the 82d A/B Div Arty was relieved by the 75th Div Arty and Bns started movement to their new areas. The 319th to (625146) the 320th to (612103) the 376th to (621118) the 456th to (632156). The 460th FA was relieved and placed under operational control of the 75th Division. The 275th FA relieved from attachment to this Hq and the 740th Assault Gun Platton was relieved from attachment to the 456th FA Bn.

During these eleven days the 319th fired 62 missions expending theron 2163 rounds. The 320th fired 48 missions expending 2041 rds. The 376th fired 113 missions using 4637 rounds while the 456th fired a total of 182 missions and expended 8023 rounds.

The organic 82d A/B Div Arty therefore fired a total of 405 missions and expended 16,864 rounds of ammunition.

The supporting units" records show that the 460th fired 48 missions using 1503 rounds; the 254th fired 110 missions expending 2935 rounds, the 591st fired 158 missions expending 5183 rounds and the 275th fired 24 missions expending 1323 rounds.

The grand total for Division Artillery and supporting units for this period amounts to 745 missions fired with an expenditure of 27,808 rounds.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

28 January 1945 To 31 January 1945

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

28 JAN - 31 JAN

In the former dining room of the rectory at BORN (848934) on 27 January at 2045 hours, General MARCH held a meeting of all artillery unit commanders relative to dispositions for the attack to commence at 0600 hours the following day, driving toward the EIFEL sector of the SIEGFRIED LINE.

Progress would be charted by 5 phase lines, named respectively ALABAMA, IDAHO, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN.

This Division would pass thru the 7th Armored Division and attack in its zone, protecting the right (S) flank of Corps and maintaining contact with the 1st Division on the left flank. The 325th Glider Infantry Regiment would attack on the left, with the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion in direct support. The 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment would attack on the right with the 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion in direct support. The 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion and 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion would be in general support, the former reinforcing the fires of the 320th Field Artillery until such time as the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment and the 505th Parachute infantry Regiment moved into the line.

Two additional Field Artillery Battalions were attached to Division Artillery for general support, the 254th Field Artillery Battalion (with 12-155 Howitzers) and the 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (with 18-105 S/P guns).

The 18th Field Artillery Group, consisting of 12 - 8" howitzers, and 12 - 155 guns, would reinforce our fires, as would the 7th Armored Division Artillery (consisting of the 434th, 440th and 489th Field Artillery Battalions).

The 320th Field Artillery Battalion had 12 - 105 M2 Howitzers, the 319th Field Artillery Battalion and 456th Field Artillery Battalion each had 12 - 75 Pack Howitzers. The 376th Field Artillery Battalion had 18 - 75 Pack Howitzers, organized in 3 batteries of 6 guns each. To the 319th Field Artillery Battalion was attached the Assault Platoon of the 740th Tank Battalion with 6 S/P 105 Howitzers.

The artillery strength of Division Artillery (plus attached units) was therefore: 42 - 75 Howitzers, 36 - 105 Howitzers and 12 - 155 Howitzers.

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Due to lack of roads in the area, the 307th Engrs were assigned the task of opening and maintaining present road net and building a series of roads along the axis of advance for the movement of troops, supplies, and artillery.

The enemy forces in opposition (as per G-2) consisted of elements of the 18 VG Div, 246th VG Divs. the 12th SSPFz Div (a small battle group), the 326th VG Div and the 905 Assault Gun Brigade (consisting of 10 - 75 mm guns on Mk IV Chassis). These remnants had taken part in the ill fated ANGRIFFSOPERATION "GREIF" which was to have swept thru us to the sea.

H hour minus 40 was announced by the thunder of the Corps Artillery as they began their preparation for the attack, which continued to H plus 30. Their fire was concentrated on enemy batteries, locations of known ey establishments and key transporation centers. A total of 569 rounds were expended on this mission, and harrassing and interdiction fire at long ranges continued thru the day. The Day dawned foggy and cold and the infantry moved forward slowly thru deep snow, meeting scattered resistance. By 1520 hours the 504th Inf had reached the 1st phase line ALABAMA and by 1755 some of their units had reached the 2nd phase line UTAH. By 2025 the 504th Inf was intact on UTAH with the 325th Inf slightly behind.

The Division Artillery firing this day was very light, only 86 rounds being expended. Air OPs were active but fog and ground haze restricted their activity. Enemy counterbattery was extremely light.

29 Jan was cloudy and continued cold with snow flurries. At 0530 the 456th reported their new location at (92169696). Their mission was now direct support of the 505th Inf who had been committed. The 320th also moved to (886952) and was given the mission of general support and reinforcing the fires of the 456th FA. The 319th FA moved to new positions (921967) and their mission was direct support of the 508th Inf, now committed. The 254th moved to (85389378). At 0600 the 7th Armored Division Artillery was relieved from reinforcing our fires. At 1000 hours, the 505th Inf, moving thru the 325th Inf, had elements 2000 yds beyond UTAH and at 1110 the 508th, moving thru the 504th psns, had a line approximately 800 yards short of phase line, IDAHO.

The following day was a wholesale moving day. The Division Artillery CP displaced to WERETH (934951). The 319th displaced to the town of HALENFELD, the 320th FA moved to (929969) on the outskirts of the same town, with a mission of direct support of the 325th Inf. The 376th FA moved to HERRESBACH (9048922) to better carry out their mission of direct support of the 504th Inf. The 456th FA moved to the shattered town of HONSFELD (967989) ; the 254th moved to (90739563) and the 400th FA to (93799476)

At 1110 hours, the 325th Inf was 2/300 yards beyond IDAHO. A P/W taken reported fifteen 88 guns on road between MANDERFELD and HERRESBACH (just outside our right boundry) which report, with others, indicated this area to be a veritable "88 alley". At 1515 hours the 508th Inf reached their objective and a summing up of the day's work revealed that the enemy had yielded 400 prisoners and 300 dead. Corps Artillery had fired on enemy CPs at HALLSCHLAG, ORMONT and KREWINKEL. They also fired several TOTs on enemy targets.

Late that afternoon, patrols of the 325th Inf crossed the border and the 82d Abn. Division again invaded the "sacred soil" of the Reich.

On 31 January, warm winds caused a thaw and the 319th and 320th FA moved their pieces thru the heavy Belgium mud to new positions, the former at (965991) and the latter at (970988) both near HONSFELD. The 320th was now in direct support of the 325th Inf until 0300 hours when it took over general support and reinforcing fires of the 456th FA. At 2210 hours, 505th Inf reported their men on the MICHIGAN phase line. Here they first encountered the outposts of the SIEGFRIED LINE and reported seeing the fabled "dragons teeth". Patrols were sent out that night to explore the fringes of the line. No special missions were fired by Corps during this period.

Fog and ground haze made observation impossible except at very short ranges.

An interesting item of the day was the capture of a German 400 mm gun near (013989). It had been partially destroyed before capture and was not believed to have been fired as the ammo was still in place and intact. During the four day period, the Division Artillery organic battalions fired 75 missions, expending, thereon 3,285 rounds of ammunition. Attached units fired 49 missions expending 1,889.

Not including Corps fire, a total of 124 missions, with an expenditure of 5,174 rounds fired during this four-day period.

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UNIT JOURNAL

1 January 1945 To 11 January 1945

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
	1 January 1945
1100 to 1130	All unit commanders of Div Arty, assigned and attached, at CP for meeting. Plans discussed for future operations.
1930	Gen March left CP for Division and 254th FA Bn area.
2145	Gen March returned to CP.
2205	Col. Weston, CO Arty CCB 9th Armd at CP for conference with Col Griffith.
2359	Div Arty Status:

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319th - DS of 508th
320th - DS of 325th
376th - DS of 504th
456th - DS of 505th
254th - Gen Support
591st - Reinforcing fires of 319th
740th - Gen Support & reinforcing the fires of 456th
211th Group - Gen Support
240th - Gen Support
592d - General Support
991st - Gen Support
187th - Gen Support

2 January 1945

0300	460th Proht FA Bn attached and occupied position.
1030	Gen March left CP for Division.
1115	Col Mathewson, XVIII Corps Arty officer at CP.
1200	Gen March returned to CP.
1250	Lt Laubenheimer, 211th Group Liaison Officer, left CP and returned to his unit for duty.
1400	Capt Israel reported at CP as 3rd Armd Liaison Officer.
1500	Col Hoover at CP for conference with Gen March and left shortly.
1535	All unit commanders of Div Arty, assigned and attached, at CP for meeting. Annex to FO published and distributed explained by Gen March and Col Griffith.
1800	All S-4 of all units recently attached to Div Arty at CP for meeting with Major Hart re: Ammunition and Supply.
1900	Gen March and Captain Raibl to forward CP.
2140	Gen March and Capt Raibl returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status:

319th - DS of 508th
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991st - Gen Support
460th - Gen Support

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
	3 January 1945
0845	Gen March left for forward CP.
0900	Col Thompson, CO of 254th FA Bn, at CP. Col Griffith informed him of the new limitation on ammunition.
0915	Chaplain Reid left CP for 456th area.
1030	Col Thompson left CP.
1430	Col Griffith left CP to visit forward positions.
1620	Gen March returned to CP.
1645	VCCG to 591st to displace.
1805	Col Griffith returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 460th - DS of 517th Prcht Inf 254th - Gen Support of Division 275th - Gen Support of Div and reinforcing the fires of the 320th 591st - Gen Support of Division
	4 January 1945
1330	Major Hart left for forward CP at Gen March's request.
1500	Col Thompson at CP to review the current situation with Col Griffith.
1530	Col Thompson left CP.
1620	Maj Hart returned to CP with information: "No displacement tonight."
2100	376th displaced to (618874).
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 460th - DS of 517th Prcht Inf 254th - Gen Support of Div 275th - Gen Support of Div and reinforcing the fires of the 320th 591st - Gen Support of Div
	5 January 1945
1030	Gen March ordered 319th, 320th, 376th, 456th and 460th to displace to new positions immediately.
1130	320th displaced to (625866).

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1330	Col Griffith to forward CP.
1335	460th displaced to (650975).
1520	Col Griffith returned to CP from forward CP.
1525	Col from Ninth Armd Div Arty at CP to see Col Smiley.
1525	Col Thompson at CP to see Col Smiley concerning displacement of his unit.
1745	Capt Raymond, Ln Off from 591st relieved and returned to his unit for duty.
1800	275th Armd FA Bn, 105mm self-propelled attached and are now in position.
1930	Capt Raymond, Liaison Officer from 591st, returned to CP for duty as liaison officer.
2000	Two (2) Air Support Officers arrived at CP.
2015	Capt Moss, Ln Officer from 275th, reported at CP for duty.
	6 January 1945
1000	Col Griffith left CP for forward CP.
1025	Capt J.C. Kelso, 18th Corps, at CP to relieve 2d Lt Machnemehl as liaison officer.
1200	Col Griffith returned to CP with information concerning moving to new CP.
1400	Closed CP and displaced to forward CP.
1500	Arrived at forward position and set up CP. (633972)
2100	All unit commanders at CP for conference with the Commanding General. Opr Memo copy of which is filed herewith discussed and explained.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 460th - DS of 517th Prcht Inf 254th - Gen Support of Div 275th - Gen Support of Div and reinforcing the fires of the 320th 591st - Gen Support of Div.
	7 January 1945
0945	Gen March left for Div.
1145	Col Todd at CP to review the current situation with S-3 and left immediately!
1300	Major Hart left CP, to reconnoiter for new CP.
1530	Major Hart returned to CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 254th - General Support 460th - DS of 517th 275th - Gen Support and reinforcing the fires of 320th 591st - Gen Support
	8 January 1945
1030	Maj Hart left for forward CP to reserve bldgs for Div Arty CP.
1100	Gen Stanford, 75th Div Arty CG, at CP to see Gen March on present situation.
1110	Capt Luce at CP to see Lt French on supply of equipment and left shortly.
1130	Capt Frazier at CP.
1135	Capt Frazier left CP.
1240	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1340	Maj Hart and Lt Shockley to forward CP to reserve bldgs for Div Arty CP.
1530	Maj Hart and Lt Shockley returned to CP
1530	Gen Stanford and aides with Col Griffith left CP to visit forward CP.
1330	Meetin of all unit CO's at forward CP. Subject: The Pozit Fuze and relief of the Division.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 254th - Gen Support 460th - DS of 517th 275th - Gen Support and reinforcing the 320th.
	9 January 1945
0900	First group left CP for forward CP and arrived at forward CP at 1015.
1130	Second group left CP for forward CP.
1250	Closed in and set up new CP at (621918)
1730	Gen March arrived at CP from Div CP.
2045	Col Thompson at CP and saw S-3 on present situation.
2100	Col Thompson left CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2100	Gen Stanford, CG of 75th Div Arty, at CP to see Gen March on relief of the 82d A/B Div Arty.
2135	Gen Stanford left CP.
2135	Gen March informed the staff that the 75th Div Arty would relieve the 82d A/B Div Arty as soon as they can move in to our areas and set up.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th 320th - DS of 325th 376th - DS of 504th 456th - DS of 505th 460th - DS of 517th 254th - GS of Div 275th - Gen Support of Div and reinforcing the fires of the 320th
	10 January 1945
1015	Gen Cashman, G-1 of 75th Div, and Capt McCoy at CP to inquire about a location for their CP when they relieve the 82d A/B Division.
1030	Gen Cashman and Capt McCoy left CP.
1030	275th Armd FA is atchd to 82d A/B Div Arty as of 0800 9 January 1945.
1045	Gen March at CP from Division CP.
1115	Col Thompson at CP to see Col Griffith.
1350	Gen Stanford, CG of 75th Div Arty, at CP to see Gen March. Gen March advised him to set up his CP in our building.
1450	Gen Stanford left CP.
1627	Distribution of Opn Instr. No 3 to Ms/C and one on file.
1600	Gen Stanford arrived to set up CP of 75th Inf Div Arty.
1730	Maj Gen Prickett at CP for conference with Gen Stanford and Gen March.
1805	Gen Prickett left CP.
	11 January 1945
0200	All arty battalions were changed from direct to reinforcing fires of 75th Div Arty.
0800	The 82d A/B Division Artillery were relieved by the 75th Inf Division Artillery.

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TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1115	Advance party of CP displaced.
1330	Arrived at forward position at (848934) set up and occupied forward CP.
1430	Trucks returned to rear CP for personnel and equipment.
1430	S-3 and Captain Graham of 254th at forward CP. They left coordinates of 254th.
1530	Col Thompson, CO of 254th at CP and left two enlisted men as Battalion Agents.
1700	Col Smiley with S-3 section and Captain Hufford with S-2 section arrived at CP.
1900	Col Griffith and Lt. French arrived at CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th General Support and reinforcing 376th 320th Direct Support of the 325th Inf. 376th Direct Support of 504th Inf. 456th General Support and reinforcing the 320th. 254th (atchd) General Support of Division 400th (atchd) General support of Division. Reinforcing 7th Armd Div Arty 434th FA 440th FA 489th FA 18th FA Group

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0915	Captain Paswell, Liaison Officer from 400th FA Bn. reported at CP for duty.
0930	Lt Weil left CP to report for duty at 1st Inf Div CP as liaison officer.
1140	Col Mathewson, XVIII Corps Arty at CP for conference with Colonel Griffith.
1210	Col Billingslea at CP for conference with Col Griffith.
1230	Lt McNally left CP for Division G-2.
1240	Col Billingslea left CP.
1300	Lt French returned to CP.
1400	Col d'Alessio at CP for conference with Col Smiley.
1415	Lt McNally returned to CP.
1430	Gen March left CP for 325th CP.
1440	Capt Lala at CP and reported his section's position and for further orders.
1445	Col Tucker at CP to inquire about a cub plane ride.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1515	Gen March returned to CP and moved to Div forward CP.
1550	Col Griffith left CP for Division forward CP.
1640	400th FA Bn reported coordinates of CP - (87259172).
1715	Col Griffith returned to CP from Division forward CP.
2000	Maj Weber reported at CP for duty as Liaison Officer for 7th Armd Div Arty.
2010	Col Thompson at CP for conference with Col Griffith.
2030	Gen March arrived at CP.
2045 to 2200	All unit commanders at CP for meeting. Situation explained and objectives outlined by Gen March.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - General support reinforcing 376th 320th - Direct support of 325th Inf. 376th - Direct Support of 504th Inf. 456th - General Support reinforcing the 320th 254th - Atchd. General Support of the Division. 400th - Atchd. General Support of the Division. Reinforcing 7th Armd Div Arty. 434th FA 440th FA 489th FA 18th FA Group.
	28 January 1945
0600	"H" Hour for attack by units of Division. Arty supporting units as indicated (272400).
0950	Capt Lala at CP for conference with Col Griffith and Col Smiley and to arrange for supplies for Det.
1015	Capt Lala left CP and returned to the Air Strip.
1005	Col Thompson and Captain Graham of 254th at CP for conference with S-2 and S-3.
1030	Col Thompson and Captain Graham left CP for their unit.
1055	Major Soma, Executive and S-1 of 254th, at CP for conference with Lt. French re: S-1 Reports and supplies.
1130	Major Soma left CP for his unit.
1300	Lt Center CO 3808 QM Tk CO with 15 trucks 6x6 2½ T reported at CP. Trucks with drivers assigned to units as indicated below. 319th - 4 320th - 3 376th - 5 456th - 3
1400	Capt Monger, S-2 of 320th at CP for conference with Capt Hufford.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1410	Capt Monger left CP for his unit.
1510	Gen March at CP for conference with Staff. Gen March discussed the present situation and our present missions.
1530	Gen March left CP for Division forward CP.
1515	Lt Weil, now on duty as Liaison Officer with 1st inf Div, at CP for conference with S-3 and for further instructions.
1600	Lt Weil left CP for 1st Inf Div CP.
2015	Lt Burnett reported at CP as Liaison Officer from 87th Inf Div Arty.
2359	Attack reported going very well.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th (86999065) GS and reinforcing the 376th 320th (863953) DS of the 325th Inf. 376th (872918) Ds of the 504th Inf. 456th (885953) GS and reinforcing the 320th. 254th (85159400) General Support of the Division 400th (87259172) General Support of the Division Reinforcing 7th Armd Div 434th FA 440th FA 489th FA 18th FA Group. Div Arty CP at (848934)
	29 January 1945
0530	456th reported in position at (92169696) in direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf.
0830	Col Thompson and Capt Graham at CP for conference with Col Griffith and to review the present situation.
0920	Lt French left CP to reconnoiter for a forward CP.
1055	Lt McNally to Division forward CP.
1058	Col Ellis Executive Officer of 30th Inf Div Arty at CP for conference with Col Griffith and Col Smiley.
1110	Col Ellis left CP for unit.
1115	Col Connor of S-3 section XVIII Corps Arty at CP for conference with COl Griffith.
1210	Col Connor left CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1120	Col Thompson at CP for conference with Col Griffith and to consult the situation maps.
1135	Col Thompson left CP.
1145	Lt Center, CO of 3808 QM Tk CO reported at CP with six 6x6 2½T trucks. One to follow later. Assigned as follows: 1 Hq Btry Div Arty 2 320th FA Bn 2 376th FA Bn 2 456th FA Bn
1325	Lt French returned to CP after locating position for forward CP.
1330	Lt McNally returned to CP from Division forward CP.
1220	320th reported that one Btry had occupied new position and registered.
1345	Lt French left CP for location of new CP.
1430	Col Thompson at CP for brief conference with Col Griffith.
1700	Lt French returned to CP.
1830	Capt Graham of 254th FA Bn, at CP and inquired about "Water Points".
1935	Col Thompson at CP for conference with Col Griffith re: displacement, route, and new position.
1955	Col Thompson left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - (86859054) DS of 508th 320th - (886952) General Support and reinforcing 456th 376th - (872918) Direct Support of the 504th Inf. 456th - (92179697) Direct Support of the 505th Inf. Hq Div Arty - (848934) 254th - (Atchd) General Support of the Division. (85389378 400th - (Atchd) General Support of the Div (872918). The 7th Armd Div Arty relieved from reinforcing at 0600 29 January 1945.
	30 January 1945
0730	Preparation for the advance party from CP to displace forward to new position.
0815	Advance party of CP personnel under command of Lt French displaced from CP.
0930	Advance party arrived at forward CP at (934951). Considerable delay occasioned in getting CP properly set up because organization which was moving out of CP building got vehicle stuck on the side road leading to CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
1030	Colonel Smiley and advance party of S-3 section and Capt Hufford arrived at new CP and set up sections.
1035	Col Thompson of 254th at CP to check location and for conference with Col Smiley on the situation.
1100	Col Wright at CP for conference with Col Smiley.
1715	Col Griffith arrived at CP.
1715	Capt Boyd at CP for conference with Col Griffith and Col Smiley.
1830	Rear party under command of Maj Wilcoxson arrived at CP.
1930	Col Thompson at CP for conference with Col Griffith and Col Smiley.
2359	Div Arty Status: Div Arty CP (934951) 319th (92109670) Direct Support of the 508th Inf. 320th (92969696) Direct Support of the 325th Inf. 376th (94809220) Direct Support of the 504th Inf. 456th (96759896) Direct Support of the 505th Inf. 254th (90739563) General Support of the Division. 400th (93799476) General Support of the Division.
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0830	Lt French left CP to reconnoiter for new CP.
0830	Col Thompson, CO of 254th FA Bn at CP for conference with Col Griffith and to review the current situation with him.
0900	Col Thompson left CP.
0905	Maj Butterfield, 1st Army at CP to see Col Griffith about present situation.
0920	Maj Butterfield left CP.
0830	Col Thompson left CP.
1055	Capt Lala at CP to review present situation and to get further news and instructions from Col Griffith and Col Smiley.
2130	Col Wright at CP for conference with Major Wilcoxson on movement of his battalion. Gen March was contacted by phone at Division forward CP and he instructed Col Wright that his Battalion would move in the morning, after a recon had been completed.
2145	Col Wright left CP.
2145	Lt McNally left CP for Division forward CP to pick up some overlays.
2155	Lt MCNally returned to CP.

TIME DATED	INCIDENTS OR MESSAGES
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th - DS of 508th Inf 320th - DS of 325th Inf 376th - DS of 504th Inf 456th - DS of 505th Inf 254th - GS of Division 400th - GS of Division 460th - GS of Division Reinforcing 18th FA Group

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Time and Unit	Description	Disposition
	1 JANUARY 1945	
0425 - 508 3rd Bn	Observed from (587962) 1 gun az 315 degrees. Approx. 1000 yds. This gun believed to be ey gun fires only when other pieces are being fired. (508 has a patrol out looking for same)	Div G-2
1140 - Air Ob	Smoke screen observed at (675986)	Div G-2
1710 - G-2	Lt. Smith called. 2nd Bn 504 reported 125 rounds 105 landed their sector [illegible]-1700 Wanted Cub plane up.	Advised could not sent cub up after dark.
2220 - [illegible]	2 [illegible] and 6 wheeled vehicles (est) located by [illegible] (59109126). ([illegible] 3 rds and vehicles took [illegible] Heading West)	Div G-2
	2 JANUARY 1945	
0010 - 376th FA	FO #3 reported vehicular movement vic JOVIGNY	Div G-2
0020 - 376th FA	504th P/W reported Bn CP at (564902). in house (visible on air photo)	Div G-2
~~0115~~ - 7th Arm'd Div Arty	Bright lights illuminating their area to the NW	Div G-2
1145 - Air OP	Footbridge at (678978) Possible " (676983)	Div G-2
1300 - 254th FA	OP can see troops moving south from LEPNEUX. Col. troops spaced 25/50 yds interval Also approx 5 Volkswagons	Div G-2
1300 - Air OP	Personnel moving south from TROIS PONTS	Div G-2
1330 - 254th	Col. (see above) now consisted of vehicles heavily loaded with men. Col. now moving SW toward REGNE	Div G-2
1645 - Div G-2	Reports along Corps front of tanks heard but not seen indicates ey may be using P/A system to mislead us. Check any suspected cases immed by foot patrols. P/W taken 1300 by 75th Div vic (5591) from 89th Regt 12th VG div stated his div relieved 9th SS Pz Div. 504 and 508 will secure iden as soon as possible to check this.	319th FA 320th FA 376th FA 456th FA 254th FA 591st FA 460th FA

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2100 - Div G-2	Ey Co CP in house across street from church in MALEMPRE. Bn CP in house at RJ 562891	S-3 75th Div
	3 JANUARY 1945	
0400 - XVIII Arty	Message for all attached units, organic units and 30th Div Arty	30th Div Arty (Companion)
	"By direct order McCoy 6. no FA liason plane will be flown East of the Champion-Custom boundry prior to 030930"	Air Strip (by messenger)
1025 - 456th FA	505 now 1000 yards in front of LD as of 1000 hours	S-3 Corps
1240 - 320th FA	P/W taken by 325th reports guns at (633917). Mortars at (639930) NE to (634926)	S-3 Corps
	No info as to cal. or number By Bn CP at (629925)	
1255 - 460th FA	517th front 1500 yards beyond LD	S-3 G-2 Corps
1335 - 320th FA	591st engaged tanks dug in at (626926)	S-3 Corps
1540 - 460th FA	TROIS PONTS clear and troops 800 yards south of that point	Fwd CP Corps
	Center of line runs to MONT DU HOG	
	Right flank is 2200 yards South of LD	
1540 - LO	3rd Armd front lines: (585932)-(585912)-(555899)	Corps 320th FA
	2nd Armd front lines: (520865)-(515860)-(455848)-(444854)	
1540 - 456th	Bridge at LD over which 505 took off is still passable although under mortar fire	
1610 - G-2	From XVIII Corps IP:	S-3
	4 gun heavy btry (69188077)	
	3 gun lt (75988015)	
	4 gun hvy (77198184)	
	3 gun lt (77158178)	
	3 gun lt (69198088)	
	4 gun hvy (76108022)	
	3 gun lt (77068201)	
	3 gun lt (77008195)	
1635 - 456th	2 guns cal.? at (6302198060)	

Time & Unit	Description	Disposition
1815 - 320th	Front Lines: 609931 - 609930 - 617928 - 619002B5 62359245-629925-63059255-63059270	
2015- 456th	Bn CO of 164th FGR reports regt'l supply dump at (682837)	

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0800 - 320th	325th right flank now on phase line "Sicily" Left flank almost there	S-3
0845 - 460th	Ey counterattack (665959) 3 armd'd vehicles and infantry. Incl. Tiger Royal tank from which 6 bazooka rounds bounced off.	Div G-2
1010 - Corps	British have EURE (2368) and MAVREILLE (2272) BASTOGNE: 9th SS Pz attacked LONGCHAMPS (5363) with 35/50 tanks and regt inf. Repulsed 12th SS Pz attacked (6263-6062-605615-604609) with 15 tanks and inf. All our lines restored. 9th and 12th Pz in BASTOGNE area. 2nd SS Pz not at BASTOGNE	S-3
1030 - Div G-2	30th Div made diversionary foray from (684993) to (687982). Started at 0830	S-3 Map
1040 - 460th	Ey vacated (668978). 81 PW taken	
1040 - 456th FA	505 at "Sicily" Base line complete at 1030	S-3
1325 - 456th FA	Ey arty btry (654999) We are engaging	Div G-2
1330 - Div G-2	P/W reported a 5 gun bty (694932)	Div G-2
1545 - Div G-2	At 1525 - 2 ey tanks accompanied by unknown number of Inf at (666954)	S-3
	505 C/ attacked at (653928) by 1st Co 295th VGR Regtl CP at (666964)	
1600 - 460th	517th said 2 bn volleys time fires recd vic (669963). (Asked for additional info)	
1655 - 320th	320th firing on SP guns and personnel at (623906).	Div G-2
1900 - 456th	Ey btry (650990) Ey mortars at (653912) Engaged ey in woods (653914) and (640905) From P/W six 75s (664589940) P/W from 295th Co. of 18th VG. Div said Co was reinforced in Counterattack	Div G-2 Corps

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	5 JANUARY 1945	
0510 - 460th -	15 rounds hostile ey fire received (See Shellrep form)	Corps CBO
0845 - 504th -	Ey infantray (685937) & (668953)	Div G-2
0845 - 376th -	Firing on infantry (682912)	Div G-2
0845 - Div G-2 -	16 T bridge across SALM river south of GRAND HALLEUX only bridge in vicinity.	
1045 - Corps	15 tanks at (610892 < 10 tanks in LIERNEUX	Div G-2 S-3
1310 - 517th	Est platoon/Co Inf moving South from 672978.	Div G-2
1345 - S-3	2 tanks at (702938) Arty engaged	Div G-2
1350 - 376th FA	6 Volkswagons (700959) Corps eng.	Div G-2
1400 - Div G-2	P/W reported 3/75 mm guns at fork of road (665895) last night. Ey planning to move in 6 more.	S-3
	Ammo dump several days ago at (1680874)	
1330 - 376th	Ey vehicles on road (705932) Moving SE	Div G-2 S-3
1440 - 320th FA	325th half way up hill to the "Italy" phase line	Div G-2 S-3
	Fired on SP MG with good effect at (64348953)	
~~1315 - 320th FA~~	~~A P-47 (Allied) crashed 1000 yds north of 320th pn (6296)~~	~~Corps~~ Div G-2
1535 - 504th	Reached hill 450 on Italy line	S-3
1540 - 320th	Bn received credit for 75 mm gun (62329048) Also report ey is evacuating AMBREMONTAINE	
1655 - Div G-2	Conc of armor and vehicles at (700933) at 1600 hours. Air Corps attacked once. Have reformed	Corps

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		6 January 1945	
0205	Div G-2	Six 75 AT guns P (665895) west of GARONNE source PW.	Corps
0300	Div G-2	Bn ammo dump P680-874) source PW.	Corps S-2
1030	Div G-2	CP of 62 VG Div at ST MARIE (685859). CP of 109 or 164 Regt at SALM CHATEAU (From captured map)	Corps S-3
1115	460th	Ey Btry (105) at (698944) (engaged) Also btry at (713948	S-3 Corps Div
1200	460th	S/A fire 200 yds south of TROLS points 1155. Heard by 460th FO	Div
1210	Corps	No arty reported. Unit on right flank. Has advanced about 2000 yds. Meeting SA fire. Ran into 40 ey inf at (708974) at 1130. From 30 Div 2 signed at 1130)	Div
1230	460th	PW reports regt of SS troops in GRAND HALLEUX (699935)	Corps, Div
1550	320th	Arty KO'd Horse drawn gun at (640890) 1530 hrs. KO'd a tank (636882) 1535 hrs. Now firing at suspected tanks at (649896) 1550 hrs.	
1355	456th	3 tanks and 50 inf at (658897) 591st Bn firing	Corps G-2
1510	Div G-2	505th (Agee) reported 30 shells with strange humming sound landed in area. None heard or seen to explode. One landed 3 ft from personnel and buried itself 6-8". (called Corps Arty 2) He said have our ord officer call Corps 8 and get bomb disposal crew if necessary.	Corps G-2
1800	320th	Ey minefield in S edge of woods at (621943) Trip wires and A/P mines	Corps G-2
1815	456th	Arty piece at (646893) Arty engaging.	Corps G-2
2300	3rd Armd	(653885) Much activity. Personnel in woods. Arty engaging.	Div G-2

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2300	376th	(68079332) & (68709347) Heavy tank movement	Div G-2
2400	376th	Capt Oswald checked on above report MONT Inf advised tanks milling about at (686934)	
2400	S-3	Corps wanted to know if hostile btry program had cut down our shelreps since 2300	
		7 January 1945	
0800	320	325th in MENIL	Div S-3
0815	456th	505th has advanced 500 yds all along	Corps S-3
0820	320th	325th 400 yds past MENIL Engaged SP gun at (638889) MG at (654884)	Corps S-3
0820	456th	3 PWs from 295 VGR say Arty at (671898)	Corps
0825	320th	325th 3rd Bn 200 yds past NORMANDY Tanks at (668882)	Corps
0900	320th	325th 2d Bn on objective digging in have contacted 3rd Bn	Corps
1030	376th	Engaged 3 HD Arty pieces . Column of Inf moving S at (70659246)	Corps
1045	456th	New unit coming into line in front of 505th-Assembling in RENCHEUX *UNIT UNKNOWN.	Corps
1125	456th	Arty activity (87958900) Engaged Arty (672900)	Corps
1130	376th	Engaging 2 H/D Arty pieces and 2 groups of inf - 150 each - at (70779290. 1115 hrs	Corps
1220	456th	(679913 - 674906) Blue Challenge lines.	
1655	Corps Arty 2	DOCHAMPS (4983) in ey hands. We hold surrounding country	
1655	"	REGNE (6185) & VERLIEUMONT (6287) occupied but not cleared.	
1655	"	3rd Armd Tps at (6388)	

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2040 - Div G-2	10th SS Pz has been alerted to attack us tomorrow. Probably from the south (Above info from Corps)	S-3

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1620 - 319th FA	Ey at (69468582) 23 vehicles 10 tanks 150 troops	Div G-2 Corps
2020 - Corps	P/W reports conc of 9th SS Div tanks at LANGLIE (650825)	3rd Armd 83rd Div

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1200 - 456th	Engaging tanks and infantry at (70408825)	Corps Div
2112 - 456th	3 truckloads Inf unloading (6988S030)	Corps Div

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1000 - 456th FA	Engaged ey inf at (70259975)	Div
1935 - 460th FA	P/W reported 500 ey inf (710915)	S-3 Div

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	28 JANUARY 1945	
0030 - 456 FA	P/W from 3rd Prcht Div reported 250 to 300 men at VALENDER (910957). They are armed with 10 Pzfausts. Morale low.	G-2 Corps map Bns
0030 - G-2	P/W reports MGs at (904936) (906935) A/T at (902927) Ey outpost (903917) - (915943)	320
0500 - 320	Deserter reports Btry 75s 500 yds S of contact point 5.	Hostile Btry file
0610 - 320	325 Inf in place. Nothing to report. 1st Div evidently jumped off at (0530 hours). No contact with ey as yet; had trouble moving armor thru snow	S-3
0640 - 320 FA	1st Bn 325th Inf crossed ID. No resistance encountered.	S-3
0800 - 320 FA	325 Inf meeting little resistance. Heavy going thru snow	7th Div Corps S-3
0805 - 456 FA	P/W reports 75 mm gun approx (922877)	Corps S-3
0805 - 320 FA	Leading Co. 325th 2nd Bn at (908940)	7th Div Corps S-3
0815 - 319 FA	Negative report	
0830 - 1st Div	One regt at Br (933977). Clearing town at (927987). Time: 0815 hours	Corps
0845 - 376 FA	504 Inf at (902918) and (9091). Meeting some resistance	7th Div G-2
0935 - 320 FA	325th Inf 2nd Bn at TEXAS phase line. 1st Bn 600 yards short.	G-2 7th Div
0940 - 376th FA	504 Inf not advanced. Met mild resistance.	G-2 7th Div
1010 - 1st Div	Lines (933988) - (918977) - (910970) (902964) - (898960).	7th Div S-3

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1010 - 319 FA	504 Inf at Point 11. Resistance increasing	Corps G-2 7th Div
1015 - 456 FA	325 Inf on TEXAS phase line	Corps
1020 - 320 FA	325 destroyed road block (905918) with bazookas	G-2 7th Div
1030 - 376 FA	504 Inf 300 yards beyond point 11	S-3 G-2
1100 - 320 FA	1st Bn 325 Inf 300 yards beyond contact point 1. Have contacted 504. 3rd Bn beginning to move out.	S-3 Corps
1200 - 320 FA	325 Inf 1st Bn reached McKinley Road	S-3 Corps
1205 - 456 FA	325 Inf 300 yards beyond 1. KO'd road block at Ref. Pt. 1	S-3 Corps
1220 - 376 FA	504 Inf 1000 yards beyond Point 11. Preparing to move to (13)	Div S-3 Corps
1400 - 320 FA	325 Inf front line now at OHIO on right flank.	G-2 376 FA
1520 - 376 FA	504 Inf on ALABAMA phase line	7th Div S-3 Corps G-2
1640 - 320 FA	At 1500 hours 325 1 bn 400 yards E of OHIO on right regt boundry. 2nd Bn: 5/600 yards N of boundry and 300 yards W of Ohio 3 Bn at "TEXAS"	S-3 G-2 Corps
1705 - 456 FA	Road AMEL-HERPENBACH passable for vehicles Road S from RJ (903967) still mined. Road AMEL to (897950) cleared of snow. Clearing road south to MEYERODE.	S-3
1755 - 376 FA	504 Inf 3rd Bn at UTAH at 1700 hours 2nd Bn moving from ALABAMA line to HERRESBACH 3rd Bn closing up on ALABAMA Expect to take HERRESBACH tonight	Corps S-3 320 456 Div G-2 254 1st Div 7th Div

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1845 - 320 FA	325 Inf 1st Bn to take (935951) tonight. 3rd Bn to pass thru and take high ground. 2nd Bn to continue along regt'l bndry	456 G-2 254 1st Div 7th Div
1915 - 1st Div	P/W reports 3rd Prcht Div CP (96889277)	G-2 S-3 7th Div
2000 - Lt.Weil LO- 1st Div	1st Div line: (942005) - (950992) (940981) (920968)	G-2
376 - 2000 FA	No change reported	
2020 - 456 FA	No change reported	
2020 - 319 FA	No change reported	
2025 - 376 FA	504 Inf 1st Bn on UTAH 2nd Bn " " 3rd Bn " " and in HERRESBACH	G-2
2045 - G-2	SCHONBERG is a main escape route.	S-3
2155 - 376 FA	No change reported	
2210 - 456 FA	No change reported	
2220 - 319 FA	No change reported	
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0545 - 319 FA	No change reported	
0830 - 320 FA	No change reported	
0835 - G-2	7th Arm'd Div report bypassed 20 ey and 1 tank (882883) Passed 2 gps ey (100 men) at (883876) and (883872)	
1000 - 456 FA	505 Inf had elements 2000 yards beyond UTAH. Regt'l CP (945957).	G-2
1050 - 456 FA	505 Inf 2nd Bn on objective (958974)	G-2 Corps S-3 319 376
1055 - 376 FA	No change reported.	
1110 - 319 FA	As of 1050 hours - 508 Inf line 500 yards short of IDAHO on south, 1000 yards short on North	Corps G-2 S-3 320 456
1205 - 376 FA	Same message as above	

Time and Unit	Description	Disposition
1215 - 319 FA	No change reported	
1220 - G-2	P/W reports tank repair shop at ORMONT	Corps
1405 - 456 FA	505 Inf 2nd Bn at IDAHO phase line	
1600 - 456 Air	Ey troops reported evacuating HOLZHEIM	
1710 - 319 FA	Bn displacing to (921966)	S-3
2115 -456 FA	Escape Route HONSFELD via ROUTE 2 to HOLLERATH LO with 1st Div	G-2
2100 - Lt. Weil	LO with 1st Div reports they took 25 PW from HONSFELD	G-2
2100 - Air	Col. 2000 vehicles (05975105) and (98200065) headed east	
2245 - G-2	Corps P/W reports 15 88s from (988927) to (999932), 150 meters S of road, 3 rows of 5 parallel to road. 5 20 mm quad mts from (995934) to (998938) 20 meters N of road - all dug in this morning	S-3

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0940 - 319 FA	508 Inf advanced slowly and steadily meeting light resistance. Advance eles 1800 yards E of HOLZHEIM (9796)	S-3 G-2
0945 - 320 FA	Fired on S/P gun (99409798). Effect unknown	
1010 - 320 FA	325 Inf approaching: (982984) (984975) (990966)	G-2
1040 - 376 FA	504 Inf in HOLZHEIM (9795) and MEDENDORF (9793)	G-2
1110 - 456 FA	325 Inf is 2/300 yards beyond IDAHO	G-2
1210 - G-2	Ey regt. train (142951) Ey Btry Psn (973910) Ey regt. train (993984)	Corps 376 320
1245 - 319 FA	508 Inf psn: CP (975957) 1st Bn (977956) 2nd Bn (95995) 3rd Bn (002940) 504 1st Bn (992940)	Corps G-2 Bns
1325 - 319 FA	508 BN: CP - no change 1st Bn (987958) 2nd Bn (996965) 3nd Bn (002955)	Corps G-2 Bns

Time and Unit	Description	Disposition
1325 - 8th Corps Arty	P/W (291530) said 15 - 88 mm guns due in from (988927) to (999932) along S side of road between MANDERFELD (0093) to HERRESBACH (9492) Guns to depth of 100 meters apart in three rows. Conc A/T guns from (995935) to (998938) along N edge of road incl 5 flak guns	Corps G-2
1345 - G-2	"Captured map shows German Div CP at HALLSCHLAG (0895) Regt'l CPs at ORMONT (0892) and KREWINKEL (0393). Suggest fires on these places. Col. Winton"	Corps G-3 Message F.
1345 - G-2	Stiff resistance at MEDENEDER R SW of IGELNONDERHOP (9994) to ANDLER (9791). Units of all 9 cos 47 Engr Brigade 848 A/T Bn, 246 Div Arty, 5 and 8 Prcht Regts in N half of sector. Stubborn delaying action by 3 Prcht Div and S/P guns continues.	S-3
1515 - 319 FA	508 Inf 3rd Bj on objective at 1505 hrs. Some ey taken. No known casualties. Regt. mission completed. Regt. front coords: (0040) - (9755) to (00709700) to (00309646) to (01209600).	Corps G-2
1600	319-376-400 fired on four 88 psns (99099400). Psns later captured by Inf who found guns destroyed.	G-2 Corps
1815 - 319 FA	No change reported.	
2015 - 319 FA	No change reported.	
2215 - G-2	Col. Winton called. Had P/W report of ey forming up for defense at two rd junctions outside MANDERFELD (002937) and (000938).	Corps S-3
1155 - G-2	Col. Winton: P/W taken today stated enemy route went thru STADTKYLL (1495) and JUNKERATH (178947).	Corps
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0005 - 319 FA	No change reported	
0110 - 456 FA	1st Div on KENTUCKY phase line	
0845 - G-2	Captured map showed lt or med gun psn (08749274).	Hostile Btry File
0804 - 319	Radio message: "Request additional fire on (008953) Tank attack with infantry" (8 tanks - heading for LANGERATH)	S-3 G-2 Corps

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Time and Unit	Description	Disposition
0830 - 319 FA	300 Inf assembling for counterattack (009945)	G-2 320 254 400 376 Corps
0930 - 456 FA	1st Div lines (005015) (004017) (005025) (004027)	
1030 - 319 FA	Inf assembly taken care of. Friendly tps approx. at (005945)	G-2 Corps S-3
1105 - 376 FA	No change reported	
1440 - 456 FA	1st Div on MICHIGAN phase in strength	S-3
1445 - 319 FA	508 front: (003966) - (006962) - (014974) (020976) - (010986) - (012989850).	S-3
1500 - 376 FA	No change reported	
1500 - 319 FA	508 front: (013987) - (014978) - (018967) - (016970) - (013957)	S-3
1655 - G-2	Captured German 16" gun at (013989)	G-2
1940 - 319 FA	Report knocked out 2 tiger tanks out of 8 in shoot (008953) this morning. Captured German 14" gun at (023989). Dragon teeth found at (025984)	G-2
2055 - 456 FA	505 Inf tps now at pt. 26. Expect to be on MICHIGAN within 1 hour	G-2 S-3
2105 - 456 FA	Tanks (no. unknown) seen (029027) Headed South. FO's have been alerted.	G-2
2145 - Corps	Tank attack (029029) at 2000 hrs (1st Div Tank attack at (006052) 5 tanks at 2000 hrs. Took 2 P/W from 12 SS (1st Div)	G-2
2150 - G-2	P/W arty CP (99959940) (territory now in our hands)	S-3
2200 - 319 FA	Info on dragons teeth covered completely in 508 S-2 report of this date	G-2
2210 - 456 FA	505 Inf on MICHIGAN line solid	S-3 G-2

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0030	G-2		614920	HIERLOT - Shoot propaganda 178 rds shells can be drawn sometime tomorrow.	
0235	XVIII		NO FIRE - 5691-5688-5388-5385-4785		
0500		254	62109192	Bn CP	Btry 10 Zone 200yd
0730		254	NO FIRE 555905-570912		
		XVIII	600930-680974		
1100	7Armd		Firing Pozit Fuze - Next 30 min.		
		1A	Stay E of 58 Grid Line		
1115	320	376,XVIII	2 rds Smoke at 566916 at 1105 from North		
1140	319		6797-6795	Smoke Screen	
1135	591		Friendly fire falling at 606947		
1150	376	XVIII	At 1145 155mm rds falling short at 591942 (1 rd of volley) 300°		
1200	376	XVIII	592941	1 rd 155mm - Az 300°	
1205	376		596941	2 rds smoke fr N fell. Time 1105.	
1240	320		549918	4 rds 155mm at 1220 hrs fr 600 mils	
1305	75 Div	320	NO FIRE 530894-530870-548870 to 548894 From 1230 to 1700 hrs		
1330	320	75 Div, 591,254	NO FIRE LINE 570913-560905-560897		
1350	75 Div		544896-544904-560896-560904 1400 to 1600 hrs		
1430	XVIII		Only 592d reinforcing fires of 82d Div Arty		
1540	XVIII		NO FIRE LINE 465860-486830-555867-523895		
1612	456	254	674981	Ey CP	Will adjust
1725	7 Armd		566870	Clearance	Check w/75 Div
1800	376	30 Div	68119811	Mortars	Request Clearance - OK
1840	319 PW	319,591	614936	Co CP	TOT 0210 254, 376,591,319 5
2125	75 Div	319,591	515890-495850-4785 - NO FIRE		
2150	320,254	254	58809185	Veh sounds	Btry 1
"	"	"	59109130	" "	" "
2200	XVIII		NO FIRE 4505-4702-4785-5585-5590-5690-5691		
2240	254	254	56959080 and 57009098		Btry 6
"		320	"	"	" "
"		591	"	"	" 3
"		376	"	"	" "
2359	376 PW	376,320, 254	564902	Bn CP	TOT 0050 4

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0210		254	597913	Tank movement heard	Pl 1 4/hr
			HF 10-15-16-19	in vicinity	
0340	460		In position - will register at first light		
0930	254		669950	Activity	will adjust
0940	320		Request permission to register - granted 33 & 34		
0941	319	XVIII	No friendly fire in Harness Area after 2100 hrs		
0950	30 Div		675983	Infantry	No clearance
0935	320		Closed in new area		
0950	Div Arty	320	Do Not register - 45608600-52008600-53608650		
1350	XVIII		56708880 - All fire N of Line to be cleared thru Direct support battalions		
1415			As of 020900 - 75th Div assumed operational control of Cider Area		
1510		254	LIERNEUX		B 1 twice per/hr
1510	254	376	570914 to 575920	Pozit -	Clearance - OK
1440		591	614920	Propaganda shells - 100 yds in Air TOT - 1600 hrs - NO SHOOT - HOLD	
1645	XVIII	All Bns	Period of NO FIRE fr 1900-1915, 1945-2000		
2030	376	254	59109306	- HF	pl 1 2/hr0000-0530
	319	"	63029485	- "	Btry 1 2125-0625
	"	"	61769382	- "	Btry 1 -0615
	"	"	604931	-	Btry 1 2135-0620

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0800	3 Armd	254	605933 to 605920 (Prep) Pl 1 every 5 min A-8 in 200 yd bounds. Start 0830 until cancelled		
0800	456	254	62459440 (Prep) Btry 1 every 3 min 0820-0830		
1010	G-3		Have cub check bridge at 611910 when possible		
1100	3 Armd	320	608937	Inf	For clearance OK (above)
1115	3 Armd	320	62529138	Ey Btry	Clearance -OK
1130	3 Armd	320	61509080	Ey Btry	OK
1130	3 Armd	320	62529138	Ey Btry	OK
1145	3 Armd	254	62449150	Ey Btry	Bn 5
1152	3 Armd	254	Lift Fire on A-8 (see above)		
1224	XVIII		698868		Clearance-OK
1225	XVIII		703892		" "
1235	3 Armd	320	604935		Circle-to fire
1235	3 Armd	320	603930		" " "
1245	320 FW	XVIII,456	639930	Ey Gun	8" How Bn 1
1245	320 FW	XVIII,456	634926	" "	OK
1305	Div FW	320	638924	Bn CP(AMCOMONT)	
1410	Div Arty	XVIII	HF 33,34,43,45,57,58,63,64,70,72 Pl 1 4/hr		
1445	320	"	62759219	SP-Tanks	Cancelled-too close
1445	456	"	65359376	Regt CP-	Safe to fire
1445	320	"	62909240	Req additional fire- Cancelled - too close	
1500	592	460	66749540		Clearance-OK
1505	XVIII		70538899		" "
1510	320	254	62909240	AMCOMONT	2 Btry 5 -will adjust
1515	3 Armd	320,591	614920	Neutralize Bn 5 - OK	
1527	456	XVIII	65359376	Lift Fire	
1600	30 Div		NO FIRE 686980-718990-770990		
1600	376	3 Armd	593915	Inf	Clearance - Safe to fire if observed
1630	CG	460	Alotted 250 rds		
1650	CG	591	Displace to new positions at once		
1655	460	254	667959	Mortars	w/adjust Lost contact w/obs
1705	G-2	460 clearing 254	66719533	Reg't CP	Adj by 460 (close)
1730	460	254	66629770	Ey in town	Fire by 254- All by 460
1800	XVIII	460	68809388	Ey Btry	Safe to fire
1823	456	XVIII	64659080	ABREFONTAINE	TOT 1930
1915	456		NO FIRE 91 & W Boundary along 91 to 6791- N along 67 to E boundary		
1940	456	XVIII	65339375	Regt CP	
2015	456	XVIII	652837	Regt Supply	
2240	460	254	67049640	Inf in town	Btry 49 on call-cancelled

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0005	320	254	62069198	(F3)(IOWA)	0200-Btry 2 0202,0204,0206, 0208, 0209 1
"	"	"	61509195	(F1)(FLORIDA)	Pl 2 Same as above
"	"	"	61459205	(F2) (CALIFORNIA)	2 " "
0015	"	319	61509195	(F1)(FLORIDA)	Same as first
"	"	"	61459205	(F2)(CALIFORNIA)	" " "
0715	"		NO FIRE AT 611921-619921		
0730	XVIII		698893 RENCHEUX	TOT 4-6 Bn's	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0750	460	254	66289524	Strong Pt	Obs Fire
0845	460	254	665959	Counter attack	
0945	456	XVIII	658908	AT Guns	
1030	Div	460	684993-687982	30 Div operating in this area	
1135	376		Clearing old area		
1350	460	254	67579349	3 Gun Btry	200 yd Zone
1420	376		Closedin new area		
1435	456	XVIII	66958950 to 66668945 - Regt CP Conc of troops		
		1 Bn Med			TOT 1500
		254	66928938	Bn 5	TOT 1500
		591	66808944	Bn 8	TOT 1500
1505	320	254	62729162		2/hr 5 min TOT 1530
1600	XVIII		NO FIRE LINE 56508700-62009000 Effectife 1530		
1620	456	254	69059304	RJ (MONT)	2 Btys 5 Zone
	"	"	66958943	"	" " "
	"	"	68659356	RJ	1 Btry 2 "
1635	376	591	69679499	"	Btyl 4/hr
	"	"	69759350	"	" "
	"	"	69629273	"	" "
1700	460	3 Armd	612908	Request clearance	Not granted
1730	320	3 Armd	623907		OK to fire
1730	376	254,591	686936	HF & Interdict Pl 1 3/hr	Cease
"	"	" "	687935	" "	" " fire at
"	"	" "	689932	" "	" " 2030
"	"	" "	688933	" "	" "
1910	456	591	69328980	Interdiction	Pl 1 4/hr - 0800
		"	69008985	"	" " "
1945	320	254	633904	"	Pl 1 2/hr - 0800
2000	376		NO FIRE LINE 684925-692942		
2010	456	320	6490-6890-6892 (320 says OK to start at 6390)		
2010	376	254	68759348	Bridge	Out of range
	"	"	69829258	"	" " "
	"	591	69659265	RJ	Pl 1 2/hr until 0800
	"	"	69459338	RJ	" " "
	"		Cease fire on 4 mission (1730 above) at 2030		
2040	XVIII		69869260	Clearance	OK
			69709338	"	"
			70408945	"	"
2200	Div Arty	XVIII	6290-6890-6892-695940 - N along River		
2200	460	376	460 will not fire W of 665 or S of 953		
2150	460	376	Other units firing in 517 sector use Sicily as NO FIRE		
2300	XVIII		70078940	Vehicle Conc	OK to fire
			69908926	" "	" "
			69638919	" "	" "
			69058867	" "	" "

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0320	460	254,591	68049650	Tanks & Inf	Only adj fire
0350		591	68689625	Bridge	Pl 1 4/hr
0515		254	68459655	100 yds alternately-1 4/hr until 0800	
0625	460	591	68109642	Inf and Tanks	Btry 5 CP
0720	460	254	68229772		Pl 1 3/til 0830
			68579741		" " "
			68689627		" " "
			69669500		" " "
0730	460	591	68229772		Bty 6 & B 1 10/0830
0730	460	376	DAIROONT	Clearance	NO (504)
0830	376	591	682912	Inf one Co	Will adjust
0830	460	254	Continue interdiction (see above)		
0855	460	254	68109640	Infantry	Will adjust
0900	460	376	668953	Clearance	Not in area
0930	376	254	68929322	Infantry	Bn 5 (Zone)
		591	69189343	"	Bn 5
0935	460		Slow down interdiction (3/hr & 2/hr)		
0935	CG	460	Displace		
1020	456	XVIII	Request interdiction on Bridge at VIELSALM		
1110	320		In position at 625955		

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1120	460	591	682975	MGs and Mortars	
1146	456	320	645897	Tank and SP Gun	
1155	460	591	673973	Infantry	
1207	460		In new position and ready to fire		
1255	376	591	705932	Vehicles on road	will adjust
1255	376	591	702938	2 Tanks	Will adjust
1320	376	XVIII	700959	6 vdkswagons	
1325	456	254	668894	Assy Area	TOT 1345 B 5
1450	456	320	64668974	For clearance	OK until 1700
"	"	"	687897	" "	" " "
"	"	"	689896	" "	" " "
1530	XVIII		69739730	Clearance	OK
			69209786	"	"
1535	Air Supt	591	700934	Flak Units	
1515	" "	"	70209233	AiR Supt targets - Mark w/smoke	
"	" "	"	70529316	" " "	" "
1600	Div A rty	591	64188865	CR	Pl 1 6/hr til 0800
	" "	"	67888745	COMTE RJ	
	" "	"	69168853	RJ	
	" "	"	69008925	CR	
1700	460		NO FIRE LINE - to 69 Grid		
1800	Div Arty	XVIII	NO FIRE 6389-665890-665900-6892-6992-6998		
1815	376		NO FIRE 675915-690930 N to boundary		
1840	Div Arty	376	NO FIRE 6389-665890-665900-680900-680920-690930-690935-697940-697960-690980		
1730	376	591	Interdiction		B 4 Pl 1 6/hr 2 hrs
"		"	69169300	MONT	" " " "
"		"	69559318	"	" " " "
2040	456	320	64668974	Clearance	Not between 2230-0300
			63708970	"	" " " "
			63909960	"	" " " "
2050	320			GRAND SAUT	HF
2130	Div Arty	591	68918924	RJ	Pl 1 4/hr til 0800
	" "	"	69588918	RJ	" " "(Use Pozit)
	" "	"	69809260	WoodBridge	" " " "
	" "	"	697096 30	" "	" " " "
2130	" "	276	65878830	RJ	" " " "
	" "	"	64208865	CR	" " " "
	" "	"	64608865	Troops	Btry 1 4/nt POZIT
	" "	"	65308855	"	" " " "
2230	" "	"	66058700	CR	Pl 1 2/hr til 0800
	" "	"	65358730	CR-SART	" " " 20% Pozit
	" "	"	6573873	CR-GRAND SARD	" " " " "
	" "	"	67558690	CR-SAINCHATEAU	Pl 1 4/hr til 0800 20% Pozit

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0505	460	254	69689500	Bridge-HF	Pl 1 6/hr 0600-0800
0850	XVIII		WASSERRUVAL	Clearance	OK every 10 min
			HENUCOURT	"	" " "
			SPILEUX	"	" " "
			WARNE	"	" " "
0930	Div Arty	254	69918791 8	Interdiction	pl 1 4/hr until 0600
	" "	"	68578707 9	"	" " "
	" "	"	69458674 11	"	" " "
	" "	"	69728672 19	"	" " "
	Div Arty	319	66538800 13	"	" " "
	" "	"	65768796 14	"	Pl 1 6/hr til 1700
	" "	"	65348732 17	"	" " "
0940	" "	591	70759294	"	Pl 1 3/hr til 1700
	" "	"	69989247	"	" " "
	" "	"	70958930	"	" " "
	" "	"	70678882	"	" " "
	" "	"	7079884 1	"	" " "
	" "	"	70058824	"	" " "

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0940	Div Arty	275	69168854	Interdiction	Pl 1 3/hr 1700
	" "	"	68038713	"	" " "
	" "	"	68188769	"	" 4/hr "
	" "	"	67728740	"	" " "
	" "	"	66088698	"	" 3/hr "
	" "	"	65818684	"	" " "
1025	G-2	254	685889	CP 62 VG Div	Out of Range
1100	376	591	69849260	Interdiction	Pl 1 4/hr 1700
	"	"	69789379 21	"	" " "
	"	"	69109304 22	"	" " "
1130	460	XVIII,591	693944	Ey Btry	Bn 5 - 1 C
	"	"	713948	" "	" " - 1 C
1130	Div Arty	XVIII	Bridge at VIELSALM-Interdiction and SALMCHATEAU		
1345	456	320	6455897 4	Ey Gun	TOT 1415 - 320 5 254 By 8
1400	456	591	658897	Tanks & Inf	
1615	XVIII	30 D.A	695945 East to 720945 N to 720990 to 760000 due E		
	"	3 Armd	740880 to 787870 S 787840 Due W - No Fire		
1700	456	254,275,591	644885	Nebel (2 Btrys	TOT 1755
1715	320	" " "	645879		TOT 1735 5
		and 456			
1755	XVIII		69799505	Clearance	
	"		70139497	" O	
	"		70059526	"	
	"		70429518	"	
2010	Div Arty	XVIII	Lift fire at 69849260		
2010		XVIII	NO FIRE 638888-660895-6891-6893-6993-690935-697940-697945		
2040	83 Div		NO FIRE LINE 6086 E to 6286 NE to 6588		
2230	3 Armd		641885	Correction to front lines	
2250	XVIII	376	68809388	Guns- Clearance	Not safe (376)
	"	320,456	646893	" "	OK (320 & 456)
	3 Armd	254,591	648886	Personnel	5
	"	" "	653885	"	5
2240	456		662919-695910	Not safe to fire (Patrol on road)	
2400	376	254	691931	HF until 0630	Pl 1 6/hr along rd
	"	"	69709345	mtr movement	" " "

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Cancel HF's at 0615

0100	320	275	65908885	Btry 5 on each Zone fire 200 yds	
		"	65058880	at 0130	
		"	65408850	at 0500	0500 cancelled
		"	64708850		
0215	376	XVIII	690916		Hit between 0300-0600 2 Bns 155mm
	"	"	700924	HOURT	
	"	"	700933	GRAND HAILLEUX	2 on each at appx
	"	"	691931	MONT	0430
0445		XVIII	Cease Firing all our HF at 0615 hrs		
0600		275,591,254	" " " " " "		
0615		XVIII	70308940	VIELSALM 3/hr	Interdict til 1200
		"	69809260	Wood Bridge "	" " "
	CF 0815	"	69759360	" " "	" " "
		"	69558692	SALMCHATEAU "	" " "
		"	69558917	RENCHEUX "	" " "
0635		"	70008823	Bridge "	" " "
0805	376	460	691953	Co Inf - for clearance	OK
0745	319	591,276,254, & XVIII	Cease Fire on HF on ridge		
0810	3 Armd		658878	For clearance	OK to fire
0820	376		CF on bridge		
0824	319	591,275,254	662883	ABLE	TOT 0830
0837	376	XVIII	70100320	Troops	
0855	320	319	661875	Troops	No clearance

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0940	3 Armd	320	648884-662884-662872 - NO FIRE		
0950	319	3 Armd	659882	Tanks	Clearance OK
0955	376	254	7065926	3 Btrys & Co Inf	
1020	275	XVIII	70779286	100 Inf	OK to shoot
1020	376	XVIII	700933	SP	
1025	376		700932 to 700936 - Smoke Screen (Air Supt Miss)		
1025	376	376	700923	Smoke Screen	30 minutes
1030	319	275,254	659883	Armor	Bn 5
1030	"	" "	662883	Able	Bn 3
1047	456	XVIII	69588919	Trp Conc	Bn 5 8" How
			70008823	Approaches to tn	"
			70278935	of RENCHEUX	"
1100	3 Armd	319	660884	Tanks	Clearance OK
1115	319	254,275	682883	Able	Bn 5
1117	376	275	70779290	2 Guns 155mm moving - West	X57 Bn 3 Twice
1125	376	XVIII	700933		
1135	456	254	66728945	2 SP Troops	Bn 3
1145	254		702924	1 Ey Gun	Will adjust
1155	319	275,254	662883	Able	Bn 2
1205	3 Armd	275	Smoke from 657877-654874		Btry 5 2/min lift 1300
1210	3 Armd	591		Ck Pt 67	" " " "
1235	319	254,456,591	675880		TOT 1300 Bn 5
1245	376	XVIII	695958	30 Personnel	No clearance
1320	CG	XVIII	SAINCHATEAU		1 Bn 240 How Pozit
1355	456	254	691885	Clearance OK	TOT 1420 Bn 3
1400	376	XVIII	69659400	Bldg full of Krauts	Direct Hit
1410	3 Armd	591	654874		B 1 - 1 rd per/min Smoke
1415	456	XVIII	VIELSALM	INTERDICTION	
1425	319	254,275	679874		
1435	456	254	670891	Tank Movement	
1440	456	XVIII	69558917	RENCHEUX	TOT
1500	456	XVIII	692897	Inf moving in from town	TOT
1540	456	254	684899	Strong Pt	2 Btrys 2
		591	679891	Inf dug in	Bn 4 ½ Pozit
		275	682897	Inf dug in	Bn ½ Pozit
1540	3 Armd	319	660884	AT Fire	Check our TD'S
1905	Div Arty	XVIII	NO FIRE 6687-7087-700945		
1915	XVIII		NO FIRE 575841-605845-620843-630845-670870-700-850		
	83Div		30 Div - No Change		
			NO FIRE 585890-590845-630845-658880		
2030	3 Armd	320	NO FIRE LINE 585840 to 590845 to 630845 to 630845 to 670870 to 657884 to 650884		
2230	XVIII		688550	ST MARIE - Clearance OK	
"	"		6885	ROVODOE "	"
2255	G-2	XVIII	7288 Sq	NEUVILLE-Regt'l trps of 294 VG Regt	
2300	XVIII	591 & CG	591 to revert to 7th Armd Div. 090800. CO report to Div Arty CO in the morning.		
"	"	CG	Col Morton & Civ expert to discuss Pozit fuzes with arty Bn & Inf Regt COs. Arrive 1330 tomorrow		
2358	319	591	68288610	Ey Arty-Can adjust	
		254	71608830	Ammo dump & much movement - Btry 1 3/hr until 0800	

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0050	3 Armd	320	NO FIRE 654890-6589-6787 (Have people in woods 652885)		
0300		XVIII	69858925	Ey Inf	Bn 1
0715	Div Arty	XVIII	66408835-67458825-69158850		(Bn 1 ea - 155mm)
0800	" "	"	68558810-66608850		(Bn 1 ea - 155mm)
0715	" "	591	66358815-67108830-68058815-67908745		
0715	3 Armd	254	66758815-66158845-66908860 (667883 by 275)		

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0930		XVIII	Continue Interdiction fires		
0950	30 Div	376	697950	Vehicles	Clearance OK
0955	456	XVIII	69488918	Interdiction	Until lifted
		"	69868925	"	" "
1310	3 Armd	319	675874	AT Guns	Clearance OK
1400	3 Armd		699861 to 702856		ON CALL
1325	3 Armd		NO FIRE LINE 84 Grid Line		
1530	456		All but "D" Btry Closed		
1532	CG	319	Displace		
1555	319	254,XVIII	697867	Trks & personnel moving South	
1600	376	XVIII	695955	Interdictions	STOP
1615	3 Armd		Message to CG - called to Col Norton		
1620	319	XVIII	69048543	Veh (ABREFONTAINE) (Continued)	
1740	3 Armd	254	69268599		Btry 10
1745	376		Patrols to GRAND HALLEUX and 701917 to return by 2200 hours		
1755	Div Arty	XVIII	Change in NO FIRE LINE 700910 to 705910 to 705945		
1930	Div Arty	XVIII	No FIRE LINE 87 Grid Line from 660 to 705 then due North		
2000	7 Armd		NO FIRE LINE 695945 to 720945-720990 to760000		
2100		319,320, 254,456,376	NO FIRE LINES N & W of 7084 82 A/B N & W of 604870		
2200		254	72158985	Btry Suspect	Btry 5 Zone-Pozit
			71968938	" "	" "
2240	3 Armd		707868	Clearance for HF - OK	
			9 January, 1945		
1045	CG	460,376	460 to reinforce 376 furnishing direct support to 3d Bn 517 (atchd to 504)		
1100	254	319,456	70358923	Clearance to Register - OK	
1135	3 Armd	319	698868	Clearance	Not safe now, will notify when
1200-	254		72258810	Clearance to register - OK	
1210	3 Armd		70518705 and 705865	" " "	- OK
	456		72258510	" " "	- OK
1222	456			Lift fires effecting Patrol to VIELSALM	
1223		XVIII	70538899 and	" " "	" "
			70438918	" " "	" "
1215	376			Patrol going into GRAND HALLEUX	
1215	319			" " " SALMCHATEAU	
1225	376	275	Conc 428	Co Inf	OK to fire
1230	3 Armd	319	70518705	Clearance	OK
		254	70518705	Troop Conc	Bn 6
1415	319	319	704860	Plat Inf, carts & veh-Bn 5 TOT 1430	
	"	254	706863	" " "	" Btry 5
	"	254	706866	" " "	" " "
1430		320	Closed in new CP (62129196)		
1500	319		Temporary NO FIRE IN 708650		
			NO FIRE 7184-7884-680828-652828-652830-630830-630835-6085		
1515	456	456,319,254	706889	Co Inf	Bn 5,2 Btrys 5 TOT 1520
1525	"	XVIII	705890	" "	Med Bn 5
1535	3 Armd	319	703863	Ey Activity	Not Safe-probably ours
1545	3 Armd	319	NO FIRE 672867-694869-702852-699848		
	3 Armd	319	700864		
1600	XVIII		681859	Vehicle Conc - Ours	
1604	319	3 Div	NO FIRE 700855-700866-704872 N along 705		
1720	376	254,XVIII	705910-7191 N to 710945		
1740	456	XVIII	705885 to 710885 North		
1915	XVIII		NO FIRE VII Corps 700855-700840-600825 to 550825		
1915	XVIII		NO FIRE 30 Div 730993 to 730950 to 760950 to 760990 to 767000		

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1935	Div Arty	254	70349000	HF's	Stop 2105 Pl 1 3/hr til 0700
2005	3 Armd		70008539	Clearance	OK
2015	AVIII		30 Div NO FIRE LINE - No Change		
2038	3 Armd	319	697869	Clearance	OK
2050	3 Armd	319	698848	Clearance	OK
	3 Armd	319	698868	Tanks moving S. Can fire between 69-70 S of 86	No clearance

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0030	3 Armd	254	69808650	Assy pt	ConcBn 2 - to be fired at 0700
"	"	"	70178498	" " " E 7 - cleared by 319 Bn 2	
0940	Div Arty	899	NO FIRE 7184-7194 E along 94		
1050	XVII,30 Div		NO FIRE 700945-720945-720990-760000-830000		
1210	376		NO FIRE 7191-7291-7295		
1230	Div Arty	XVIII,275, 460,254, 456	NO FIRE 700855-700865-705872-705885-710885-710910-720910-720945		
1235	254		707884	OP	
1250	AVIII	254,275	NO POZIT FUZE UNTIL 1700 Hrs (Aircraft up)		
1400	XVIII	456	704906	Vehicles in fld	OK
"	"	376	71859369	Check Registration	
"	254	456,319	707888	Trp Conc in Bldg	OK
1525	254	319	70268800 708928	Clearance	OK
1630	XVIII	376	703929	Clearance	OK
		376,456	704910	" to register	OK
1845	319	254	700976	Interdiction	Btry 2 2230-0130-0600
			700879	" " " " "	
			701884	" " " " "	
			703887	" " " " "	
1910	XVIII		NO FIRE VII Corps 700855 to 700840 to 600825 to 550825		
1910	XVIII		NO FIRE 30 Div 700945-720945 to 720790 to 760000 to 830000		
1935	460 FW	460,376, 319,254, 456	710915	500 Inf	Bn 5 TOT 2200
2035	83 Div		NO FIRE 600840 to 610840 to 610832 to 630830 to 650830 to 650825 to 680825 to 680830 to 600840		

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0030	319		508th now 100% replaced in line
0225	CG 82 Arty	All Bns	75 Div Arty takes over support - 82d Div Arty reinforcing - Provisions of Opn Instr #3 apply
0900	CG	376	Close Stations March Order
0915	CG	456	" " " "

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1415	Capt Lala		3 planes now at new field - others coming today.		
1430	XVIII	320,376	825827-900870-920090-920960-950990-980060-NO FIRE Special-Eff unitl further notice 900955-935957-938015-910901		
1620	7 Armd		No FIRE 838854-868854-888820 then S Nothing W of 84 Grid Line		
1645	1 Div		NO FIRE 887956-9196-9397-9499-9500-9502		
1715	XVIII		NO FIRE 9087-875856-9082(Eff 1600)		
1908	XVIII		Ammo allotment - 18th Grp 666th FA Bn 250 rds per day - 195th FA " " 100 " " "		
2100	1st Div		FRONT LINES: 938010-930002-917986-914980-900976-901965-885960		
2230	7 Armd		NO FIRE 864858-867860-900870-900880-888892-910820-910940-900950-890958		
2240	"		Temporary NO FIRE EXTENSION: 910920-940920-940956-910956-910920		
			28 January, 1945.		
0315	XVIII	319,320,376,456,254,400	NO FIRE 9082-9086-9389-9396-9699		
0630	320	1st Div 7 Armd	901940	Friendly Arty Fire-7 Armd say 591 supt 424 was firing, did not know 325 atkd	
0630	7 Armd	XVIII	898888	Clearance	
	"	"	903887	"	
	"	"	902867	"	
	"	"	885860	"	
0840	1st Div		NO FIRE: 887955 to 910960 to 940970 to 940990 to 940000 to 950000 to 950020		
0915	VIII		NO FIRE: 8889-8885-9085-9080 etc		
0920	1st Div	320	911952	50-60 Inf moving S	OK to Fire
0940	254	320	925945	No clearance	OK beyond UTAH
1030	254	254	93789464	Lt Gun (by sound)	OK to fire
1050	XVIII	Corps Trps only	9389 to 9390 to 9699 N to Boundary-NO FIRE		
1140	320	1st Div	VALENDER(90890956)	OK for 1 Div Arty to fire until 1240 hrs	
1140	1st Div	320	916954	Clearance	OK to fire
1300	320	1st Div	VALENDER	No clearance	1st Div trps in town
1505	Div Arty	" "	NO FIRE: UTAH		
1600	1st Div		NO FIRE: 930964-940970-960990 and North		
1610	" "	320	923962	Clear for Reg	OK
1615	Div Arty	254,376,400,319	NO FIRE: 9590-9598-9699		
1635	Div Arty	400	94459575	Interdiction	Pl ① 4/hr on
			94389612	"	ea til 2000
			95609425	"	"
			95859258	"	"
			96829112	"	"
1700	XVIII	320	93569524	30 Inf	OK to fire
1730	319	376	906899	OP ?	
1800	Div Arty	254,XVIII,376,320,400 319,456	NO FIRE: 9086-9389-9390-9690-9699		
1905	" "	1st Div	NO FIRE: 940875-9695-9690		
1920	1st D.A.	400,254	96889277	CP 3rd Para Regt	B ⑧ TOT 1940
2100	376 & G-2	XVIII,254,376,319	953888	Ey activity-SCHONBERT-Bns ③ Corps 3 Bns ② TOT 2115	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2130	XVIII for 7 Armd	376	89768840 89908852 89868870 89778892 89708906	Inf assembling for atk " " "	OK " " " "
2300	1 Div PW	320	941962	5 small cal guns	(5) Zone TOT 2350
2230	CG	456	Displace at 2400 to pos vic 920963		
2400	Lt Fellman		Capt Boyd will check in Rad Net at 0630		
2000	Div Arty	XVIII 254	12 Points 5 Points 5 Points	H & I " "	Pl (1) 2/hr 2100- " 0900 "

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0100	CG	319,376	504 will stop at UTAH, 508 push to IDAHO	
	"	320	325 " " near " , 505 " toward "	
	"	319,400	400 will reinforce 319th	
	"		456 (supt 505): 2320 (supt 325) will mutually reif	
0250	XVIII		NO FIRE: 9390-9389-9287-9187-9182	
0320	319	319,XVIII, 400,376,254, 320,456	NO FIRE: 9490-9892-9899	
0400	320	1st Div	NO FIRE: Below 97 Grid Line (Spec Exception)	
0530	456		CP 92169696 Bn Closed in new position	
0840	1st Div		NO FIRE: 9702-9698-9497 5-9459 to 9897 and S	
0922	319	254	975957	Interdict til further notice - Pl (1) 4/hrs
0925	1st Div	456,320	NO FIRE: 970020-970990-944970	
0940	XVIII		NO FIRE: 9598-9897- 9 (Spec exception)	
1215	18th Grp		666th FA Bn CSMO	
1220	376 FW	254 319,400 XVIII	96489092 689th CP 97039386 404th CP 00069142 246th CP	Bn (3)
1235	1st Div	456	NO FIRE: 9899-9700-9703	
1305	Div Arty	XVIII,320, 456,376,400, 319	NO FIRE: 9999-9992-9490	
1315	319	254	985938 Inf Assembly	Will adjust
1430	320		Closed in new position	
1505	XVIII	254,376,319, 400,320	NO FIRE: 9187-9987-9999-9710-9703	
1510	87 Div		NO FIRE: 9186-9187-9287-9290	
1515	319	254	97369548 Infantry	Will adjust
2040	Div Arty	XVIII,254, 376,400,320, 319,456	NO FIRE: 9289-9992-015975-9900-9700	
2110	" "	18th Grp-254-	96629068 GP 689 Regt	Bn (2) TOT 2135
"	" "	" XVIII-	00059145 GP 246 Div	Bn (4) TOT 2145
2130	" "	254	94788874 H & I	Pl (1) 2/hr-Stop 1530
"	" "	"	97049130 " " " "	"
"	" "	"	96348985 " " " "	"
"	" "	"	96889124 " " " "	"
2145	" "	XVIII	Twelve Harassing & Interdiction Mission for Day	
2300	XVIIIPW	319,254,18Gp	98959275 15-88mm Guns	Bn 2 TOT 0010
"	"	" "	99309290 " " " " "	" 0015
"	"	" "	99759325 " " " " "	" 0020
"	"	" "	99609350 5-20mm Quads	
"	"	" "	99759365 " " "	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0015	376		Fwd element closed; rear btry moves at 0200		
0045	400		Last btry will move in 10 min; first in position and ready		
0030	1st Div		NO FIRE: 9804-9903-9900		
0325	1st Div		01009722	Gun (from CBI)	OK to fire
0630	18th Grp		195 FA Bn started displacing at 0400		
0700	456		976981	Tank Atk	Do Not fire
1215	18th Grp		999689	Cl for Reg	
1400	Div Arty	254,376,319, 320,1 Div, XVIII,400	NO FIRE: 9790-0295-0200-0101		
1525	376	XVIII	97079032	88 & MGs	
1600	87 Div	254,400,376	NO FIRE: 944900-944890		
1630	1 Div	320	987996	Inf in open	Clearance OK
2100	Div Arty	400	02349565 No.6 H & I	Pl (1) 3/hr til 0600	
"	" "	"	02549488 " 7 "	" "	"
"	" "	"	00749345 " 10 "	" "	"
"	" "	"	02529516 " 22 "	" "	"
"	" "	"	02529460 " 23 "	" "	"
"	" "	"	01979810 " 2 "	" "	"
2145	1 Div		NO FIRE: 0005-0101		
2210	G-2	XVIII	00729340		
1225	Div Arty	456	You will clear through this Hqs before using Wilson Road.		
1255	" "	G-3	Request clearance for 319th to use Wilson Road from 0800-0830(HEPPENBACH to HOMSFELD). 1/2 hr between serials.		

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0300	Div Arty	1 Div,456, XVIII,320, 254,376,319	NO FIRE: 0201-0400-0497-0395-9991		
0304	376	XVIII	970910-980911 Vehicles on road-OK East of 98 Grid		
0800	319	400,254	Above 50L 50S	Repeat Fire	Corps to fire
		400	" 300L 200S	" "	
0745	319	400,254	008953	Tanks	Bn (5)
0830	1st Div		NO FIRE: 020018-000040-978036		
0930	319	319,254,376 400,320	009945	300 Inf	Bn (5) 1 TigerKO Good eff onInf
0945	XVIII		Can use 400 rds 155mm how daily with DEMAND		
0945	XVIII		0497-0400-0302-0107-N to Bdry NO FIRE LINE		
0950	319		008957	Inf in Barn	
0955	1st Div		NO FIRE: 010070-030020		
1145	Div Arty	400	010950	Propaganda shell	(40) on ea
		"	003936	News on Russian	" " "
		"	007934	Front	" " "
1205	456	254	021000	Interdiction	Pl (1) 4/hr
1225	319	"	031966	"	" "
1220	376	400	00759345	"	" "
1235	319	254	013963	Inf dug in-Bn	Bn (2)
1245	376		970913	For clearance	No-Friendly ts
1255	XVIII		NO FIRE: 945870-960870-960897-9897		
1335	Div Arty	400	00159365	Interdiction	Pl (1) 2/hr til stopped
"	"	"	01559330	"	" " "
1415	XVIII	376,320,400, 254	NO FIRE: 945830-945870-970870-970898-980900-030950-040970-040030-010070-010080		

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1430	Div Arty	XVIII,456, 320,376, 400,254	NO FIRE: 9890-0395-0497-0403-0303		
1550	376	XVIII	970913	3 Tks & Inf Digging	OK 87-XVIII
2000		XVIII	00809328	Rd movement (2100-	Bn (2) TOT2120
"		400	00759345	" " 2400)	" "
"		376	00659340	" " "	" "
"		254	03259670	150mm Gun	" TOT2015
"		254	00559345	150mm Gun	" TOT2120
2005	Div	320	OK to use road to displace now		
2025	319	254,400	031967	4 Co Inf, Tanks	B(3)
2030	"	XVIII	"	Add fire by Rad	3 Bns 2 med, 1 hvy,
2350	320		Bn closed, CP at 970988		
2000	Div Arty	XVIII	36 Interdiction missions during night		
"	"	400	10 " " " "		
"	"	254	6 " " " "		
2355	456	XVIII,319, 320	Temporary NO FIRE EXT: 0402-0502-0601-0697-0497		

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3. Schedule:

TIME	Jan 3,6,9,12 15, etc Right Sector	Jan 3,6,9,12 15, etc Left Sector	Jan 4,7,10,13 16, etc Right Sector	Jan 4,7,10,13 16, etc Left Sector	Jan 5,8,11,14 17, etc Right Sector	Jan 5,8,11,14 17, etc Left Sector
0800-0910	320	591	376	456	254	319
0900-1010	376	456	591	319	591	456
1000-1110	254	319	254	456	320	254
1100-1210	591	456	320	591	376	319
1200-1310	320	254	376	319	254	456
1300-1410	376	319	591	456	320	591
1400-1510	254	456	320	254	376	319
1500-1610	320	591	376	319	320	591
1600-1700	376	319	320	254	376	456

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4. a. ASP opens BASSE-BODEUX (F6497) 261800A Jan 45.
   b. See Division Adm O - to be published.

5. a. Index 1-305, SOI in effect

   b. Rad silence until 2-2 hours

   c. Lateral lines - left to right, as coordinated by Div Arty Com O

   d. CP's
      (1) Div Arty CP at BORN (549910)
      (2) Units to report.

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1. Schedule:

	Jan 28 Etc	Jan 29 Etc	Jan 30 Etc	Jan 31 Etc	Feb 1 Etc
0800-0910	319	320	376	456	254
0900-1010	320	376	456	254	Div Arty
1000-1110	376	456	254	Div Arty	320
1100-1210	456	254	Div Arty	320	376
1200-1310	254	Div Arty	320	376	456
1300-1410	Div Arty	320	376	456	254
1400-1510	320	376	456	254	319
1500-1610	376	456	254	319	320
1600-1710	456	254	319	320	376
1700-1810	254	319	320	376	456

2. Communication:

a. Planes will operate on T frequency (32.5), using daily battalion call letters suffixed by 1.

b. Plane will check in and out with own battalion, and will report targets outside own battalion zone to Div Arty for instructions on unit to fire.

c. Battalions will monitor T frequency.

3. Reports.

a. Observers will report all signs of enemy activity and installations to Div Arty.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS)
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1. In compliance with par 3g, FO No 17, Hq 82d A/B Div dated 9 Jan 1945, the following mutual arrangement of CG 82d Div Arty and CG 75th Div Arty is announced for compliance by units concerned:

a. 319th FA Bn - in direct support of 508th Prcht Inf, passing to reinforcing fires of 897th FA Bn on orders of CG 82d A/B Div Arty.

b. 376th FA Bn - in direct support of 504th Prcht Inf, passing to general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div) on orders of CG 82d A/B Div Arty.

c. 456th FA Bn - in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf, passing to general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div) on orders of CG 82d A/B Div Arty.

d. 460th FA Bn - direct support of 517th Prcht Inf and reinforcing fires of 376th to operational control of CG 75th Div Arty on orders of CG 82d A/B Div Arty.

e. 897th FA Bn - in general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div) and reinforcing fires of 319th FA Bn, until directed to take over direct support of 289th Inf by CG 75th Div Arty.

f. 899th FA Bn - in general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div) and reinforcing fires of 460th FA Bn, until directed to take over direct support of 291st Inf by CG 75th Div Arty.

g. 730th FA Bn - in general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div) until directed to take over general support of 75th Div by CG 75th Div Arty.

h. 254th FA Bn - in general support (82d A/B Div and 75th Div), relieved of attachment 82d A/B Div and attached to 75th Div on orders of CG 82d A/B Div Arty.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS (Confirming Verbal Orders)

MAPS: 1/25,000

1. 319th Glider FA Bn.

Direct support of 508th Prcht Inf from present positions.

2. 320th Glider FA Bn.

Direct support 325th Glider Inf from present positions. New positions to be selected in the vicinity of MENIL (6589). Movement to new position on order of this Headquarters.

3. 376th Prcht FA Bn.

Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. from present position.

4. 456th Prcht FA Bn.

Direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf from present position. New positions to be selected in the 6690 grid square. Movement to new position on order of this Headquarters.

5. 460th Prcht FA Bn.

Direct support of the 517th Prcht Inf from present positions. Movement to previously designated new position by echelon at first light 7 January, 1945.

6. 254th FA Bn. (155 H)

General support of the 82d A/B Div from present position. Guns will be laid so that the fire of one btry may be placed as far to the left as 1000 yds north of LA NEUVILLE. New positions to be selected in the vicinity of ODRY C.T. Movement to new position on order of this Headquarters.

7. 275th A. FA Bn (105 SD)

General support of the 82d A/B Div and reinforcing the fires of the 320th Glider FA Bn from present position.

8. 591st FA Bn (105 H)

General support of the 82d A/B Div and reinforcing the fires of the 319th Glider FA Bn from present position.

9. The 319th Glider FA Bn, 254th FA Bn, 275th A FA Bn, and 591st FA Bn to be prepared to mass all fires on the objective of the 508th Prcht Infantry.

10. Div Arty CP - No change.

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F.O. No. 9

MAPS: GSGS 4041, Sheets 80SE, 81S, 92NE /SE, 93N/S

1. a. See Annex No 2 Intelligence
   b. See F.O. 16

2. 82d A/B Div Arty supports the attack of the 82d Div. It will be prepared to mass all fires in the Division area of responsibility. D-Day and H-Hour to be designated.

3. a. 319th Gli FA Bn

1. General support of the Division from present position. It will revert to direct support of the 508th Prcht Inf upon the employment of that regiment.

2. Positions and routes of advance as shown on overlay.

3. Move to new position on orders from this Hq.

b. 320th Gli FA Bn

1. Direct support of 325th Gli Inf from present positions.

2. Future positions and routes as shown on overlay.

c. 376th Prcht FA Bn

1. Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf and general support Division from present position.

2. Future positions and routes as shown on overlay.

d. 456th Prcht FA Bn

~~Atchd Assault Gun Platoon 740th Tank Bn~~

1. Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf from present positions.

2. Future positions and routes as shown on overlay.

e. 591st FA Bn

1. General support of Division with particular attention to the zones of the 325th Gli Inf and 505th Prcht Inf.

2. Position and routes as shown on overlay.

f. 254th FA Bn

1. General support of Division from present positions.

2. Future positions and routes as shown on overlay.

3. Move to new positions on order from this Hq.

g. 460th FA Bn

1. Direct support of 517th Prcht Inf from present positions.

2. Future positions and routes as shown on overlay.

x. 1. Registration from new positions prior to attack limited to one (1) gun per battalion and only on prior approval of this Hq.

2. AOP normal.

3. Posit fuzes will be used to the maximum within already prescribed limits.

4. One-half (1/2) U/F will be dumped at Btry positions of units. Basic Loads will be maintained.

4. See Annex No. 3 Administrative Order.

5. a. Current SOI in effect.

b. Div Arty CP to be at HAUTE-FODEUX. Time to be announced later.

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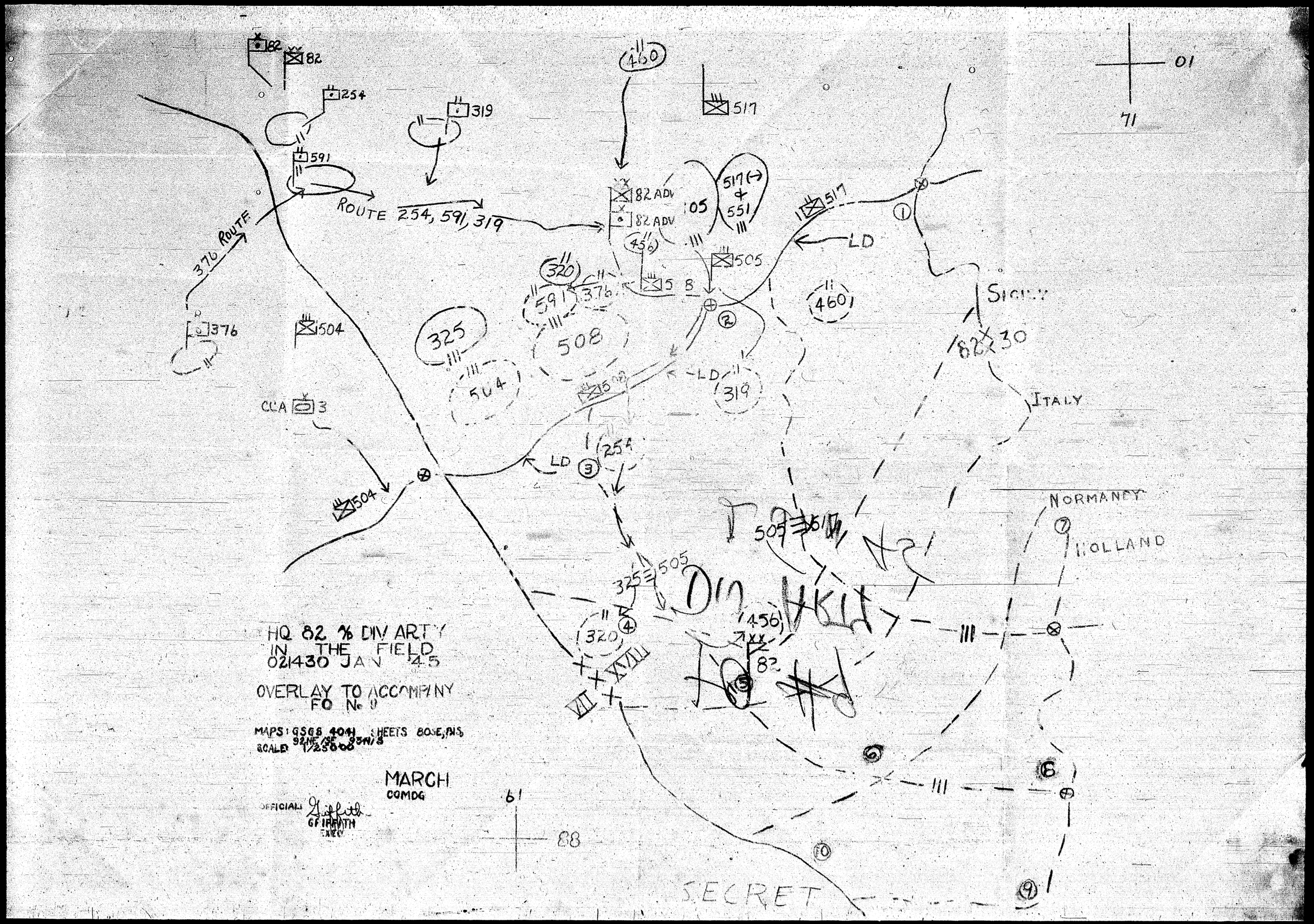

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MAPS: GSGS 4041 SHEETS 80SE, 81S, 92NE/SE, 93N/S
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NARRATIVE HISTORY

1 February 1945 To 19 February 1945

The first day of February, 1945, found the 82d Airborne Division (under command of XVIII Corps Airborne) on German soil, still advancing in the attack toward the EIFEL sector of the SIEGFRIED LINE. Progress was being charted by five phase lines, respectively ALABAMA, UTAH, IDAHO, KENTUCKY, and MICHIGAN (objective). The 508th, 325th, 504th and 505th Infantry Regiments were in the line with their assigned artillery support. i.e. 319th Glider FA Bn (reinforced by the assault platoon of 740th Tank Bn) in direct support of the 508th Parachute Infantry; the 320th Glider FA Bn in direct support of the 325th Glider Infantry; the 376th Parachute FA Bn in direct support of the 504th Parachute Infantry; and the 456th Parachute FA Bn in direct support of the 505th Parachute Infantry.

The artillery strength was as follows: 319th FA and 456th FA each had 12/75 Pack Howitzers. The 376th FA had 18/75 Pack Howitzers organized as three batteries of 6 guns each. The 320th FA had 12/105 M-2 Howitzers. To the 319th FA was attached the assault platoon of the 740th Tank Battalion consisting of 6 medium tanks mounting 105 howitzers.

In addition to the above, the following units were attached to Division Artillery; the 254th FA with 12/155 Howitzers, the 400th Armored FA with 18/105 S/P guns, and the 460th FA with 16/75 Howitzers. Reinforcing the fires of Division Artillery was the 18th FA Group with 12/8" howitzers and 12/155 guns.

At 0800 hours, word was relayed to the Division Artillery CP, located in a farm house in WERETH (935953) that the 505th Infantry was on the MICHIGAN (Final) phase line. Later in the day the 87th Division took MANDERFELD (007933) and elements of that command reached the high ground overlooking the OUR River.

An overlay was received containing additional phase lines and revealing that the axis of the XVIII Corps attack had been turned slightly NE and extended through the SIEGFRIED LINE.

The 504th Infantry moved forward to renew the attack at 0600 hours 2 February. By 0800 hours the 325th Infantry reported their troops in the first line of bunkers of the SIEGFRIED LINE and the attack progressing toward NEUHOF (043023). At 0830 the 325th Infantry were in NEUHOF and cleaning out the remaining enemy who were holding out in cellars. A TOT was fired on a hill overlooking the town from which our troops were receiving fire.

Under a lowering sky, four artillery units moved through the Belgian mud to new pos[illegible]4th FA to (969989), the 400th FA to (999975), a battery ("A") of the 376th FA to (000968) and the Div Arty CP to HOLZHEIM [illegible]

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At 2330 hours that night, the 87th Division attacked toward LOSHEIM (030966) moving across a segment of the Division flank. At 0200 hours they had taken LOSHEIM and units were approaching KREWINKEL (038933). By 1010 hours, all of the 508th Infantry front was cut off by the 87th's advance. During the day the 319th FA displaced to (014995). A TOT was fired on FRAUENKRON (073978) on intelligence secured from a PW who revealed that three Battalions of enemy parachute infantry (estimated 800 men) were assembled waiting to go into the line that night.

During 3 February, Corps Artillery fired 29 interdiction missions for the Division Artillery and joined with our battalions to fire on BERK (095992) as troops were reported at that point by several PWs. During the night enemy planes dropped flares in the vicinity of NEUHOF.

General March held a meeting of unit commanders 4 February, at the CP, to review details of the relief of Division Artillery on or about 6 February. The TOTs continued; three on FRAUENKRON, and three on BERK. A message was relayed to Division Artillery that in what was evidently an extreme case of "fog of war" German troops (in a neat column of twos) marched into the 504th Infantry area, only to be made abruptly aware of their error.

Two units were relieved from attachment to Division Artillery, the 400th FA and the 460th FA.

During 5 February, our infantry units were relieved by the incoming infantry of the 99th Division, and our FA Battalions fired missions for both supported and relieving infantry. On the following day, at 1100 hours, 82d Airborne Division Artillery was relieved by the 99th Infantry Division Artillery and units moved to the rear for rest and refitting; 319th FA to ABREFONT (6491), 320th FA to SART (6587), 376th FA to LANSIVAL (5989), 456th FA to BRA (5793), 254th FA to GORONNE (6789) and Division Artillery CP to LIERNEAUX.

During the foregoing period, the organic and attached Bns fired 282 missions, expending thereon 12,367 rounds of ammunition (also 135 rounds of propaganda). During the same period, Corps fired 83 missions of harrassing and interdiction fire.

The 7th of February was spent resting and preparing for the next mission.

On 8 February, the 456th FA was attached to the 505th Regt Combat Team, as an element of TASK FORCE A; the battalion moved to (026362) at 1825 hours.

TASK FORCE A had been given the mission of assisting the 78th Division in the capture of the great SCHWAMENAUER dam, which was believed

to have been prepared for demolition with the object of flooding the ROER valley in the event of an allied attack on the SIEGFRIED LINE. TASK FORCE A was to seize and hold the high ground north of the dam and also cut the NIDEGGEN-SCHMIDT Road.

The Division Artillery CP moved through the broken dragons' teeth and shattered bunkers of the SIEGFRIED LINE to the German town of ROTT (922327) on 8 February. On the following day, the forward echelon of Division Artillery CP moved to HURTGEN (046359) in the HURTGEN FOREST. The 319th FA moved to (042369) in direct support of the 508th Infantry thereby relieving the 460th FA. In addition the 320th and 254th FA moved from their rest camps to assembly areas.

On 10 February the 508th and 505th Infantry reported reaching their objectives, i.e. the high ground dominating the west bank of the ROER River. The 320th and 376th moved forward from their assembly areas, the former to (035326) and the latter to (049333) with the mission of general support. An air OP strip was established and aircraft were operating in the afternoon. At 2000 hours, the 460th FA was relieved of attachment to the 82d Airborne Division and the 254th FA closed at (019324) with a general support mission. Enemy planes were over the CP area and strafed in the vicinity.

On 11 February, TASK FORCE A was dissolved and the FA Battalions involved were relieved from Combat Team committments and assumed Direct Support missions. The enemy withdrew his remaining elements East of the ROER, destroying the last remaining bridge as he went. He immediately began preparing to repel any attempt of ours to cross the river. Two displacements were made that day, the 319th FA to (042369) and the 456th to (037327).

The next seven days were spent in mopping up the area and preparing to cross the ROER. The artillery fired harrassing and interdiction fires and air OPs checked maps and aerial photos for exact locations of pill-boxes and casemates, also troop movements which would indicate future enemy action. Minefields of all types were found in the Division sector and the artillery had some losses of men and equipment. Corps Artillery, in conjunction with Division Artillery, fired TOTs on ABENDEN and the medieval fortress town of NIDEGGEN on the east bank of the ROER. The 376th and 320th FA Bns, their infantry units not committed, remained in general support. On 12 February, the 400th Armored FA was reattached to Division Artillery and moved into position at (042369). On 13 February the 82d Airborne Division was released from attachment to XVIII Corps and attached to III Corps. The Division Artillery CP displaced to HURTGEN.

Aerial observation on the 14th revealed the enemy throwing up their fascined earthworks along the ROER bluffs, and protecting them with barbed wire entanglements and chevaux de frise. By this time they had created three distinct belts of defense, the ROER belt, the EMBKEN belt and the ZULPICH belt, each being a more-or-less continuous line of trenches with towns along the lines utilized as strong points.

On this day the 320th displaced to (030298), and, with committment of a Battalion of the 504th Infantry, the 376th FA changed status from General Support to Direct Support of the 504th. The 456th displaced to (075307). The 987th FA Bn (155 S/P guns) less "A" and "C" Batteries, was attached to Division Artillery, although its guns did not go into position at this time as they were undergoing ordnance maintenance.

On the 19th, the 9th Division Artillery assumed responsibility for Direct Support in our sector at 2300 hours. The 82d Airborne Division Artillery (with organic Bns) assumed a reinforcing role. The attached Battalions (254th, 400th and 987th) passed to control of 9th Div Arty.

After firing harrassing and interdiction missions until 0800 hours 19 February, the four organic Battalions displaced to assembly areas in the rear.

From this point, echelons were sent via truck to CAMP SUIPPES, FRANCE, and the balance of Division Artillery moved via train from AACHEN, the following day. All Battalions finally closed at CAMP SUIPPES, FRANCE, on 23 February.

During the period from 10 February to 19 February, Division Artillery (organic and attached) fired 500 missions, expending thereon 15,456 rounds of ammunition. Corps Artillery fired 88 harrassing and interdiction missions, as well as numerous TOTs.

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	1 February, 1945
0830	Major Hart left CP to reconnioter for new CP.
0930	Lt. French left for the Engineer's CP.
1000	Col Wright at CP for conference with Major Wilcoxson on movement of his Battalion. General March was contacted at Division Forward CP and he informed Colonel Wright to move his battalion in the morning.
1130	Lt French returned to CP.
1715	Major Hart returned to CP. Div Arty Hq will move forward in the morning.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn - DS of 508th Prcht Inf 320th Gli FA Bn - DS of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn - DS of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - DS of 505th Prcht Inf 254th FA Bn - GS of Division 400th FA Bn - GS of Division 460th FA Bn - GS of Division Reinforcing: 18th FA Group.
	2 February, 1945
1215	Div Arty Hq left for new CP.
1405	Arrived and set up new CP.
1700	Major Wilcoxson and Lt McNally arrived at CP from rear CP.
1730	Major McCollum, Div PM at CP for conference with Colonel Griffith and Major Hart.
1800	Major Mc Collum left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn — DS of 508th Prcht Inf 320th Gli FA Bn — DS of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn — DS of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn — DS of 505th Prcht Inf 254th FA Bn — GS of Division 400th FA Bn — GS of Division 460th FA Bn — GS of Division Reinforcing: 18th FA Group.
	3 February, 1945.
1000	Colonel Thompson at CP for conference with Colonel Griffith.
1030	Colonel Thompson left CP.
1045	Lt McNally to Division.
1400	Captain Luce at CP for conference with Major Hart concerning transportation.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn — DS of 508th Prcht Inf 320th Gli FA Bn — DS of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn — DS of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn — DS of 505th Prcht Inf 254th FA Battalion — GS of Division

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	3 February, 1945
2359	Div Arty Status:(cont'd) 400th FA Bn GS of Division 460th FA Bn GS of Division Reinforcing: 18th FA Group.
	4 February, 1945
0830	General March at CP held meeting for all Unit commanders and Staff. Subject: Relief of Div Arty on 6 February, 1945.
1300	Colonel Griffith left for 320th to investigate why their arty rounds were falling short in the 1st Inf Division area on the night of 31 January 1945.
1415	Colonel Griffith returned to CP after his investigation. Made a report of his finding and submitted it to General March.
1520	Lt Weil returned to CP for duty after being relieved as Ln Officer with 1st Inf Division.
1600	400th and 460th were relieved from attachment to 82d Abn Div Arty
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn DS of 503th Prcht Inf 320th Gli FA Bn DS of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn DS of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn DS of 505th Prcht Inf 254th FA Bn GS of Division
	5 February, 1945.
1145	Captain Boyd, Ln Officer left CP for 87th Inf Div.
1215	Captain Boyd returned to CP.
1230	Ln Officer from XVIII Corps Arty (Abn) left CP for 90th Inf Div Arty CP .
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn DS of 503th Prcht Inf 320th Gli FA Bn DS of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn DS of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn DS of 505th Prcht Inf 254th FA Bn GS of Division
	6 February, 1945
1100	82d Abn Div Arty was relieved by the 89th Inf Div Arty.
1100	Hq 82d Abn Div Arty left CP and moved to the rear for a rest.
	8 February, 1945
1000	Div Arty closed in new area. CP established at (922327) in town of ROTT.
1825	456th closed in new area. CP located at (026362). In direct support of 505th. Operating as CT under Task Force A control who is operating with V Corps under supervision of 1st Army.

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	9 February, 1945.
0715	319th closed in area. CP located at (042369). In direct support of 508th. Operating as CT, under Task Force A Control who is operating with V Corps; under supervision of 1st Army.
1020	320th closed in new area. Located at (035326). In general support of TFA under Div Arty Control.
1330	254th closed in new area. CP located at (842323)
1630	Div Arty CP established at (046359). S-2 and S-3 sections operating at this position.
	10 February 1945.
1030	General March visited CP. Gave Staff up-to-date information and picture plans.
1115	General March left CP.
1300	Colonel Todd at CP for information on present situation. Reported to General March for instructions in reference to reconnaissance for future battalion position.
1700	Two ey planes (ME109) flew over CP installation and strafed arty positions about 500 yds East of CP. Much flak was fired. One plane was shot down by one of our AA outfits.
1900	456th displaced and closed in new area. CP located at (036327)
1945	376th FA Bn closed in new area. CP located at (049333)
2000	460th relieved from attachment to 82d Abn Div Arty.
	11 February, 1945
1000	**Task Force "A" was disolved.**
1400	Colonel Neptune, CO 376th and Colonel d'Alessio, CO 456th at CP for information on current situation.
1620	Major Wilcomson returned from Paris leave for duty.
1630	General March at CP. Gave instructions to Captain Raibl and gave information on future possibilities.
1710	General March left CP.
	12 February, 1945.
1000	Colonel McClain, CO of 400th FA, at CP and reported to Colonel Smiley.
1100	Major Buddemeier 634th AAA at CP for conference with Colonel Smiley.
1120	Major Buddemeier left CP.
1140	Captain Caswell Ln Officer from 400th FA reported at CP.

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	12 February, 1945 (cont'd)
1330	319th displaced their CP. Now located at (066342).
1345	400th displaced their CP. Now located at (042369).
	13 February, 1945.
0945	Colonel Wright and Colonel Thompson at CP. Left at 1050.
0955	Colonel d'Alessio at CP and left at 1040.
1015	Colonel McClain at CP and left at 1100.
1025	General March at CP to give instructions to the above Commanding Officers.
1030	Lt Robers. Ln Pilot, at CP for information on current situation.
1100	Major Buddemeier at CP and left at 1120.
1105	Lt Machemehl, Ln Officer from XVIII Corps (Abn) relieved. Captain Curtis of III Corps on liaison with 82d Abn Div Arty.
1300	Colonel Griffith at CP and left at 1320.
1320	Chaplain Reid left for Channel Rear CP at ROTT.
1700	CP displaced to another CP about 500 yds Southwest in the town of HUNTGEN.
1800	82d Abn Div Arty is relieved from attachment to XVIII Corps and is now attached to III Corps.
	14 February, 1945.
1000	General March arrived at CP.
1015	Colonel d'Alessio at CP.
1035	Colonel Todd at CP.
1100	Photographers are at CP area. They took photos of General March and scenes of the CP.
1100	General March left for Division CP.
1215	Captain Lala at CP. Colonel Griffith advised him to get his Cub planes in order, as they would be used in a few days.
1230	General March returned to CP.
1400	Colonel Thompson at CP to see Colonel Griffith and Staff.
1445	Colonel Thompson left CP.

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	16 February, 1945.
1000	General March to Division CP.
1030	General March returned to CP.
1115	Major Hart notified the 'Promotion Board' that there would be a meeting at the Div Arty CP at 1330 hours.
1300	General March left for Division.
1315	Colonel Dunn at CP to see General March. General March was at Division so he went there to see him.
1330	Promotion Board held meeting and applicants were interviewed.
1345	Colonel Thompson at CP and discussed current situation with Colonel Smiley.
1400	Colonel Griffith left CP for 376th CP.
1615	Colonel Griffith returned to CP.
1630	Colonel Griffith informed all Unit Commanders (by order of General Gavin through General March) that they would have a show-down inspection for "loot" among their troops (paying particular attention to civilian stoves)
1700	Promotion Board adjourned.
1715	General March returned to CP.
	17 February, 1945.
0900	General March held meeting with all Unit Commanders and Staff discussing movements and time of departure from their areas when relieved by Ninth Inf Division.
1030	Div Arty CP displaced and moved to Camp Suippes.

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Time	From	Item	Disposition
0600	319th	No changes to report	
0800	376th	No changes to report	
0800	456th	505th on Michigan phase line. 1st Division advancing beyond Michigan.	
1000	319th	No changes to report.	
1000	456th	No changes to report.	
1200	319th	No changes to report.	
1200	456th	No changes to report.	
1330	456th	Ey troops at (044023) moving East. 505th lines (023992) 030000) (021000) (030020) (030028) (029028) 1st Div lines (027038) (030040) (030050)	S-3
1405	456th	Negative report.	
1410	319th	No change in front. Engaging Inf vicinity (027964).	
1730	456th	Observer reported enemy activity vicinity coordinates (034024). Observer fired on by mortar fire and wounded; Unit to report to Div Arty. Further when observer reaches 456th Hq. Time: 1500 to 1600.	S-3 Corps
1745	87th	87th Div Arty Ln reports MANDERFELT taken and elements on high ground overlooking OUR River.	S-3 Corps
2000	319th	No changes to report.	
		2 February 1945	
0245	G-2	Three 75mm guns at (058971) from PW German artillerymen.	
0820	376th	504th pushed off between 0600-0615. No communications. FO's apparently have not time to set up radios. Believe advancing steadily.	S-3
0820	320th	325th in first line of bunkers of Siegfried line. Attacking toward NEUHOFF. Met S/A fire. No arty or mortar fire.	S-3
0820	G-2	320th in NEUHOFF. Mopping up. Considerable number Germans dug in cellars etc. S/A fire encountered A/T gun knocked out our lead tank. Fire fight now going on.	S-3 S-2 (320)

Time	From	Item	Disposition
0915	376th	504th leading elements 500 yds East (30) meeting no resistance	
0940	456th	Have 1/3 NEUHOFF and sending another Bn in to hold	S-3
1215	Lt Weil	First Division: 3rd Bn 18th Regt (053057) to (051057) to (052062) 26th Regt: (034072) - (034070) Second Division: 23rd Regt: (013107) 9th Regt: (009123)	S-3
1305	376th	Resistance around 504th observer (055005) slackening. Inf mopping up bunkers in vicinity	G-2 S-3
1310	456th	505th P/W from 189th FA & another 505th P/W stated Siegfried line being reinforced, 25 to 30 men per bunker. Done last night, 1st Division is at (052060) where they found minefields. 509th at (026976)	G-2 S-3
1320	456th	505th at (045995) to (035978)	S-3 Div
1405	325th	Enemy tanks on main roads leading East and South East from NEUHOFF (057036) (Interdictory fire)	S-3 Div Corp
1500	G-2	325th in NEUHOFF received fire from hill (057036) (TOT on same) 2 Bns 5 volleys (I & D)	S-3
1510	456th	505th - I Bn at (05009800) to (04509760)	S-3 G-2
1520	456th	Mine found at (030983) Area supposedly cleared	S-3
1620	319th	No changes to report	
1630	456th	505th 1st Bn at (050980) - (045976) Roadblock at (035983)	Div S-3 Corps
1830	319th	No changes to report	
1840	320th	Engaging tanks and Inf at (04750245)	Div S-3
2010	319th	FO reported for afternoon: 3-150mm moving NE on road at (033962) Vehicles parked (030962)-(033966) Gun dug in at (050941) KO'd pers carrier (046920) SP gun in barn (029965)	
2020	Lt Weil	Contact patrol of 10 men leaving from 1st Bn 18th at 0100 hrs for coordinates (042035)(054059) in hands of 1st Div. (061145) also in their hands	S-3
2040	320th	SP gun at (09950140)	

Time	From	Item	Disposition
0100	G-3	87th Div jumped off at 2330 for LOSHEIM Meeting light resistance Using own arty fire	319th
0200		87th had LOSHEIM 500 yds from KREWINKEL (039933)	S-3
0605	319th	No changes to report	
0620	320th	No changes to report	
0810	319th	LO's can see 87th moving across their front from LOSHEIM East and Northeast	S-3
0915	376th	504th 1st Bn at 41	S-3
0945	320th	Engaging ey CP at (04650240)	Div
1010	319th	All of 508th front cut off by 87th Div	
1120	320th	Engaged Inf in house at (05160270) Also at (057025)	Div
1205	319th	Negative report	
1215	456th	Negative report	
1259	320th	Enemy Inf Bn moving NW thru draw from coordinates (063012)	Corps Div
1300	1st Div	2nd Div elements at (084142)-(070145)-(048159) and)037140)-(014115) 1st Div Dexter at (037067) Decoy at (050065) to (055060) and (055055)	
1515	254th	FO reports SP Guns at (070025)	Corps Div
1525	Div	PI located 4 gun btry (08210182)	Corps S-3
1550	320th	325th front line from (049051) to (044022)	Div
1555	G-2	200 vehicles at BLANKENHEIM (2305)	Corps S-3
1605	320th	(08270370) Ey btry (engaging)	Div
1630	400th	2 Ey tanks at (067027) (Engaging)	320th FA
1640	320th	Suspected Ey OP (05500230) (Engaging Mortars at (06190283) (Engaging)	Div Div
1650	376th	Message on 504th front lines from 376th (See Message File)	S-3
1710	400th	2 Ey tanks (05240318) (Engaging)	320th Div
1755	320th	Horse-drawn arty and 25 men (06750230) Headed West (Engaged at 1748) Part of general build-up in area. Intentions undetermined if attack or defense	S-3 Div Corps
1825	320th	Suspected gun position (085026) Suspected gun position (069018) Ey dug in (058021)	S-3 Corps

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2035	456th	No changes in report	S-3 Div
2110	376th 320th	3 Bns ey prcht Inf in (072978)PRAUENKRON planes dropping flares 3-15 minutes NE of NEUHOFF	S-3 Div
2110	1st Div	Front lines (050065)(055060)(055055)	S-3
2135	376th	504th P/W's also stated more troops in Berk (Div CP)	S-3
2145	320th	No changes to report	
2215	320th	2 white flares HONSFELD (Az 400)	S-3 Div
2245	319th	No changes to report.	

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0600	319th	No changes to report	
0855	319th	No changes to report	
0945	320th	Engaging mortars at (06330276) 325th captured 6 P/W's with 2 A/T guns Report 2 SP's or tanks at (06250240)	Div Corps
1010	456th	Negative report	
1020	319th	Negative report	
1030	319th	Ey mortars (05610236) Tanks (06250242)	Div Corps
1050		TOT on FRAUENKRON	Div
1155	1st Div	Unit of 1st Division (034075)(032078)	320th
1215	320th	Ey mortars (05440278) Engaging	Div
1315	376th	No changes on report	
1415	320th	Platoon Inf (05850215) (Engaged)	Div
1445	456th	Negative report	
1510	320th	Ey Inf (05320396) (12 men) (05090392) (12 men) (Engaged)	Div
1700	1st Div	Contact 1st Div and 82d Abn at (042034)	Div
1950	1st Div	1st Div Front Lines: (059051) (058061) (063078) (054081) (053088)	S-3
2140		Report to Corps 2 Ey shelling of Div sector for period extremely light Estimated 20 rounds	
2140	319th	No changes on report	

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		5 February, 1945	
1240	376th	Investigating site of concentration last night at (05598868) and found 60 dead ey. (Intermittently (1 Btry) (Inf adj) (fired for 1½ days)	G-2
1605	319th	FO reports ey slipped into some pillboxes unoccupied by new outfit. Fire fight at (055985) No call for arty	G-2
		9 February, 1945	
2030	G-2	15 rounds Hvy Nebelwerfer (Az 320M) fell vic BERGSTEIN (0733) in afternoon from SE Tremendous flash Crater 12 ft wide, 5 ft deep in had clay. Fragments 1" thick indicate shell 12/14" dia.	S-3
		10 February 1945	
0900	319th	508th on objective	S-3
1015	319th	508th just short of Elm phase line. A Bn moving toward Pt (20)	S-3
1030	456th	505th on phase line (George)	S-3
		11 February 1945	
1005	319th	No changes to report	
1230	319th	No changes to report	
1630	456th	Ey OP at (114333) (Engaged) Ey Inf in house (107332)	
1645	456th	Ey OP (110318) (Engaged)	
1745	319th	No changes to report	
1900	319th	No changes to report	
2020	456th	No changes to report	
2150	456th	No changes to report	
		12 February, 1945	
0800	319th	No changes to report	
0950	456th	No changes to report	
1210	456th	Ey movement at (10633210) Engaged	Div
1220		Ey MG and troops at (112309) Engaged TOT	Div
1255	G-2	508th patrol reported ey preparing emplacements vic (110323)	S-3
1355	456th	No changes to report	
1600	319th	Nothing to report	
1615	456th	Engaged ey OP (10633210) Engaged ey troops in houses (10163110)	
1800	456th	Engaged MG's (11813285)	G-2 S-3

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2115	456th	Jeep (wire crew) hit mine at (061331) 3 men killed, 2 seriously hurt	S-2 S-3
		13 February, 1945	
0800	456th	Nothing to report	
0805	319th	Nothing to report	
1015	319th	Nothing to report	
1215	456th	Engaged ey AA position (11593293) Engaged ey OP (095345) Engaged trps (111318) Engaged OP (123324)	G-2
1420	319th	Nothing to report	
1800	319th	Nothing to report	
1810	456th	Engaged OP at (113336) Engaged ey troops (106315)	G-2
1900	456th	TOT on ABENDEN Drove ey out at 1530 A few ey now fighting back Requesting another TOT	S-3 G-2
2000	Corps	From PI - 4 heavy mortar positions probably occupied at (11483346)	S-3
2140	456th	A/A (11593293) (Engaged 1121 (108 rds)	
		14 February 1945	
0815	456th	FO observed ey movement at (10893206) and (113306) Both engaged.	
1330	400th	(10903412) Ey OP Engaged	
1430	456th	(10833189) Ey OP Engaged (106317 Ey OP Engaged Ey at (115315) Engaged	
1715	G-2	Tomorrow night from 2000 to 2400 No firing on area within radius - 6/700 yds HETZINGERHOFF 91032)	S-3
1943	320th	Flares - observed at (05353167) (1940) Az 1810 AT 6350 amber flares long way out Chandlier type	
2000	319th	Nothing to report	
2005	456th	Nothing to report	
		15 February 1945	
1000	319th	Nothing to report. Have observers out looking for pill-boxes	
1010	456th	No changes Arty falling in SCHMIDT	

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1050	376th	504th Polish P/W reports Hvy tank (105634430) MG (09883371) MG (10383415) MG (09083456) MG (0893475) MG (in house) (09813382) LT tank (09003480) MG (09903462) Inf dug in (along ridge) (09363460) to (09993462).	G-2 Corps
1140	320th	Ey btry (138340) Engaging	G-2 Corps
1230	400th	3 fire missions HMG (10983438) MG (10363364) Mortar (10873395)	G-2 Corps
1550	319th	No change to report	
1555	456th	No change to report	
1800	456th	No change to report	
2010	456th	No change to report	
2016	319th	No change to report	
2100	G-2	Possible pillboxes at (118322) (121322) (123318)(127326) (11303035)	Corps
		16 February 1945	
0650	G-2	Movement enemy vehicles on road leading W in NIDEGGEN outskirts.	Corps S-2
0925	456th	Ey 2 man patrol in area at (0115) hr)	G-2
1000	400th	Fired at ey mortars (09823468)	G-2
1025	456th	Vehicles with supplies going into ABENDEN at crossroads (11863070). No observation. Smoking certain areas in vic.	G-2
1200	Corps	TOT on gun position (13763322). Verified by shelreps.	G-2
1210	400th AOP	Fired on 6 haystacks (121341). Resulting in clould of red and orange dust.	G-2
1200	456th	No change to report.	
1210		(13713169) Medium gun (14593088) Med gun	Corps
1555	400th	Ey OP at (109319) Engaged	G-2
1630	400th	3 missions - 1500 - House & trench (11903441) 1400 - ey activity (10643420) 1630 - ey OP (11133180)	G-2
1725	1st Div	Smoke pots set out in NIDEGGEN (116332)	G-2
1825	PI	Bldg in WOLLERSHEIM shows signs of ey activity. Possible CP (17753110)	S-3

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1830	456th	MG at (110305) Ey OP (114337) (103302) Ey in house and digging around house (119338) Ey around house (112311) Ey around house.	Div
2030	456th	(113337) House with activity has displayed Red Cross flag.	G-2
2030	254th	(11943375) Oil Dump (fired)	G-2
2310	78th Div	A P/W (Czech) taken by 78th stated rear echelon of 272d Inf Div and another Div at EICKS (2125)	

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0810	456th	No changes to report	
0830	319th	Nothing to report	
1010	456th	No changes to report	
1220	456th	No activity	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0930	Div Arty	400	007934	Propaganda leaflets	
	"	"	00089136	"	"
1150	1st Div	254	NO FIRE 0109-0504		
1215	319	320,400	023957	7 trks, 7tks, 130 EM - TOT 1240	
1230	319	254	14009577	Troops	B ④
1305	376	XVIII	00769343	Activity(Tks)	Bn ⑤ to be completed by 1400
1305	376	254	00929330	Activity	Btry ⑤
1305	376	254	00689334	"	"
1335	XVIII		NO FIRE 01 to 94		
1340	376	319	018955	For clearance	OK
1340	376	319	024957	" "	OK
1380	376	319	02309565	" "	OK
1420	XVIII		NO FIRE - 9682-960875-010875-0194-0395-0497-0597-0506		
1440	Div Arty	254	04009576	Interdiction	Pl ① 4/hr
1440	" "	"	02609439	"	" ⑥ " stop at 1900
1440	" "	"	03929473	"	" ⑥ "
1250	1st Div		NO FIRE - 0405-0506-0109		
1545	319	320	056962	Tank	
1555	376	XVIII,254	034926	Ey Guns -254 adj 03619017 XVIII 04299064	
1615	376	376	022956	Ey Supply Dump	OK to fire
1830	319	XVIII	013943	Clearance	OK 1855
1830	XVIII	319	NO FIRE - 9682-960875-030875-0395-9596-0506-0311		
2140	376		LAST BTRY CEASE		

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0235	G-2(PW)	XVIII	058971	3-75mm Guns	Corps to shoot
0300	456		032013	Heavy cal coming from W Friendly?	
0330	Div Arty	254,320, 376,319	NO FIRE - 0390-0395-0596-0504-0605-0607		
0345	320	254	04700164	Preparation	B 1/min 0350-0400
"	"	"	04480206	"	" " 0402-0407
"	"	376	04490126	"	" " 0350-0400
0630	Div Arty	254	05690242	Btry ② cont Pl 1 6/hr til 0900	
		XVIII	04660328	(W)	
		"	05440280	(AA)	
		"	05720350	(BB)	
		"	05600395	(CC)	
0700	320	254	04470306	Interdiction-Btry ① 12/hr-stop 1420	
	"	"	04920235	" " "	
0715	Div Arty	XVIII	04660328	" - " ① every 5min until 0800	
				" - " ① every 10 min until 0900	
0925	1st Div	320	NO FIRE - 0607-065050-0504		
0925	XVIII	254	NO FIRE - 0311-0408-0707-0705-0504-then S to Boundary.		
0950	320	254	044030	Interdiction	Pl ① 6/hr til 1420
1020	320	XVIII	04670323	Interdictory	Bn ⑤ (8" How)
1030	"	400,254	05440280	(AA) 254 Bn ④ (BB) 400 Bn ⑥	
"	"	" "	05720350	(BB) " "	
"	"	" "	05600395	(CC) " "	
1240	Div Arty	320,254, 456,XVIII, 319,400	NO FIRE - 0504-0702-070974-0395		
1410	CG	254	04750236 to 04880236 - 04510198 to 04640180	Interdiction Pl ① 3/min/30min	
1435	1st Div		070025	Clearance	OK

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1438	320	254	045020	Tanks & Inf	Btry (4)
1445	320	254	045024	" "	" (3) (STOP)
1500	G-2	XVIII	057036	Arty	
1505	319	400	029964	Personnel	
1505	1st Div		053042	Clearance	OK
1510	320	254	See Above Interdiction		Pl (1) 3/min
1635	320	400	AA BB CC	Ease Fire (only mission being fired)	
1715	"	XVIII	AA BB CC	" " " " " "	
1715	320	376	049017	Inf assem-for clearance	
1800	320	320,XVIII, 376,319	NO FIRE - 0390-0395-060974-0702-060045		
2000	Div Arty	254	04890235	Interdiction	Pl (1) 3/hr
2145	"	"	04950284	"	Pl (1) 3/hr
2145	"	"	04940255	"	Pl (1) 3/hr
2305	1st Div	320	NOFIRE - 0109-0408-0607-0706-0605		
2323	XVIII		NO FIRE - 0702-0605-0706-0607-0408-0109		

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1135	320	254,400, XVIII,460	057025	Inf (Bn)	Bn (5) POZIT
1255	320	460	065011	Bn inf mov NW, in draw	Bn (2), then Pl (1) 2/hr along draw 500 yds NW
1300	320	400	05650220	R	Pl 4/hr-til 2300
"	"	"	05750265	S	Pl 4/hr- " "
"	"	"	06520195	T	Pl 2/hr- " 2000
1300	320	254	065024	Inf moving on Rd	Bn (2)
1350	320		052024	Expected atk	
1400	320	254	06260390	F-44 #5	Pl (1) 2/hr til 2100
"	"	"	05850264	F-46 #19	" " " 2300
"	"	"	05520238	F-47 #20	" " " "
"	"	"	05760420	F-45 #6	" " " 2100
1430	"	"	04940255	F-43 #C	" " " "
"	"	"	04950284	F-42 #A	" " " "
"	"	"	04890235	F-36 #28	" " " 2300
1430	320	456	05450277	D	B (1) 4/hr til 2100
"	"	"	05600300	E	" " " 2300
1435	"	254	065036	#24	" (1) 2/hr " 2100
"	"	"	06650340	#30	" (1) 2/hr " 2100
"	"	400	06240140	Between Pts	B (1) 4/hr " 2000
"	"	"	06100183	" "	" " " "
1520	320	254	070025	SP Gun	
1530	G-2	254	08210182	4 Gun Btry	Bn (3)
1545	320	254	08270320	Ey Btry (F-51)	
1635	G-2	XVIII	09459910	EY HQ	TOT
1655	400		054030	2 Tanks	Clearance - OK
1715	456	376 OK	053986	Bunker	" - OK
2110	376	XVIII	072978	3 Bn Inf	TOT
2200	Div Arty	XVIII	094991	(BERK)	TOT
2215	"	460	06260390	Interdiction #5	Pl (1) 1/hr til 0900
"	"	"	05760420	" #6	" (2) 3/hr " "
"	"	"	05720350	" #33	" (3) 1/hr " "
"	"	"	05600395	" #34	" (4) " " "
"	"	"	05380393	" #35	" (5) 3/hr " "
"	"	"	07059803	" #36	" (6) " " "
2359	"	254	06630336	" #30	" (5) " " "
2315	Div Arty	400	05640240	45 Rds Propaganda shell	
"	"	"	07259775	45 Rds "	"
"	"	"	06650150	45 " "	"
2359	320	254	06850173	CP	Bn (1)
"	"	"	085026	Gun	Btry (5)
"	"	"	06500275	Harassing	2 Btys (1) one time
"	"	"	06180260	"	" " (1) " "
2400			XVIII Fired 24 H & I Missions		
"			460 " 8 " "		
"			254 " 1 " "		

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0945	460	CG	Have rec'd orders from 517 Inf to move at 1430 hours. (They are now part of CT)		
1030	460		Closing Station		
1040	376	XVIII	07129790	Activity	TOT (2 Bn)
1122	CG	320,254,456, 319,376	Unit CO's report to CP at 1400 hrs		
1155	1st Div		NO FIRE - 0109-0409-0608		
1255	G-2	XVIII	1096	KRONENBERG	TOT
1315	1st Div	320,456, 254	NO FIRE - 0705-0707-0409		
1330	87		NO FIRE 0 - 0797-0597-0595-065950-065930-050930-050900		
1630	376		06689916	Asslt Gun	No clearance
"	"		06629902	" "	" "
1635	"	254	082035	Traffic jam	Bn (4)
1700	629 TD	"	058028	Tanks (will adj)	Clearance OK
1710	1st Div	320	052045	Inf	Clearance - No
1735	376	XVIII	07129790	SP & Inf	TOT
1900	XVIII		NO FIRE - 0797-070115		
2050	320	254	06630336	H & I #30	Pl (1) 3/hr
"	"	"	05720350	" #33	Pl (1) 2/hr
"	"	"	07080265	" #37	Pl (1) 3/hr
"	Div Arty	XVIII	27 Points	H & I night 4-5	Feb

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0510	G-3		At 0455 Control of Sector turned over to 99th Div		
0620		XVIII	Continue HF until noon (or Call)		
1710	320	254	06300260	N51 between	Pl (1) 3/hr til 0900
"	"	"	06600280		
"	"	"	05750260	N52	Pl (1) 1/hr "
"	"	"	05800210	38	" " " "
"	"	"	05520238	F47	" " " "
"	"	"	06260390	F44(5)	" " " "
"	"	"	08100352	17	" "1/3/hr"
1830	376	254	05580234	Mortar location-Btry (2)	
2010	XVIII		NO FIRE - 0990-090935-0998-0898-0801-0702-070095100095-1016-148181		
2020	XVIII		NF CHANGE - (070935-070955-090955)		
2030	1st Div		NFIRE - 0590-085929-085940-0794-0609650797 0898-0801-0702		
2100	XVIII		NO FIRE CHANGE - 090977 and S on 09		
2110	Div Arty	319, 320, 376,456, 254	NO FIRE LINE - 0990-0998-0898-0801-0702-0707		

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1825	456		CP at 026362

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1015	319		closed at 0715 hrs. CP at 042369. Bn CO and parties on Rcn (left about 0815) FO & Ln Os and parties taking positions.
1020	320		Closed at 1020 hrs (except slight element)
1230	254		CP at 842323
1235	CG	254,320	Bn CO, Com O, Surv O to meet CG in Hurtgen.
1300	254		Bn Closed at 1300 hrs.
1315	319		Last element leaving now (all remaining personnel
1630	---		Div Arty Adv CP established at 046359.

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0100	254		Bn in Position CPat 019324		
0200	320		Bn in Position CPat 035326		
0540	319	254	09213327	MG dug in	Adj by 319
1200	CG	319	Make Recn for Pos N & W of BRANDENBERG		
1400	254	320	11023178	Reg both bns by Air OP	
1900	456		Bn closed - CP at 036327		
1945	376		- CP at 049333		
1955	319	XVIII	11473317	MG, Mortars, etc 2 Hvy Bns	

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1000	XVIII		NO FIRE - 500 meters E of River 102037 to 127290	
1045	CG	376	Be prepared for D.S 504 in present 508 area- study wire routes	
"	"	320	Be prepared for D.S.325 in present 505 area- study wire routes	
1150	319		Bn closed A-055349; B-057350; CP:no change.	
2130	XVIII	320,400 254	105mm M-2,6000 rds. 320-3500 rds; 400-2500 rds.	
			155 (M102 or MklA1)w/ch M2 or M3 - 300 rds	
			M107 w/green bag - 270 " 1200 rds	
			w/white bag - 630 "	
			75mm ammo unrationed	
			120600 to 160600 ammo allowances	
1130	456	376	11283099 Abandoned Ey mortars-TOT Bn (6) at 1200	
"	"	320	11203088 " " " " "	
"	"	254	11233110 " " " " "	
"	"	XVIII	112310 " " " " "	

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1330	319		CP at - 066342. Closed at 1330 hrs.	
1430	400		A-0444536381; B-0462736066; C-0423534986.	
"	"		Hq-042369. Bn closed 1345 hrs.	
2030	Div Arty	320	H1 H&I until 0900	Pl (1) 6/night
"	"	320	Town #1 (ABENDEM) " " "	Pl (1) 4/night
"	"	400	H2 " " "	Pl (1) 1/hr
"	"	"	R11H " " "	Pl (1) 1/hr
"	"	376	R10B " " "	Pl (2) 6/night
"	"	"	R10C " " "	" (1) " "

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1135	456		095345	OP?	OK 1st Div
	G-3		95-31	Pilot bailed out.	
1350	456	254	145287	Co Ey	Bn (5)
1500	456	376	11283099	ABENDON	" (5) TOT 1530
"	"	320	11203088	"	" (5) " " "
"	"	254	11233110	"	Bn (3) " " "
1650	1st Div	456	111319	Personnel	
1850	Div Arty	320,376, III Corps	NO FIRE LINE - 1035-1133-115300		
		254	11253095		Bn (2) TOT at1930
		320	11203088		" " "
		376	11283099		" " "
		456	ABENDON		" " "
2215	III(PI)	376,400, 319,254	11489346	4 Hvy Mortars	Bn (1) TOT 2240
2350	Div Arty	254	14572842	Ey Inf (Repeat)	Bn (1) POZIT
2030	"	254	9 Points	H&I(until 0900)	
"	"	400	10 "	" " "	
"	"	320	9x "	" " "	

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14 February, 1945.

TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1030	456	320	12033284	Personnel	Bn (3)
1110	254	254	125335	Ey Work Party	Adj Btry.
1135	Air OP	254	132360 (G12)	4 Ey Guns	Adj 13173608
1140	456		145287 (G3)	Inf	
1220	400		103344	OP-Clearance	Safe to fire-376
1240	456	400	125343	6 MT	
1345	III Corps	456	110320	Vehicles	Clearance OK
1405	400	IIICorps	112303	Interdiction	Clearance OK
1455	Air OP	456	122321	2 MT will adj	
			11423359	Susp	
1625	376	254	09713382	House	W/adj (1 Hr)
1645	376	1st Div, 319, III Corps	NO FIRE ON FOLLOWING AREA AFTER 1800 HOURS - 094344-096350-104350-103343. LIFTED AT 0130 HRS.		
2030	Div Arty	254	2 Points	H&I (until 0900)	
	"	400	7 "	" " "	
	"	320	9 "	" " "	

15 February, 1945.

0130		III Corps, 1st Div	SPECIAL NO FIRE LINE LIFTED. PRESENT NO FIRELINE 1035-1133-115300		
0945	1st Div		115325	Ey Inf-can Adj	OK to shoot
1000	254		099348	SP ?	" " "
1130	400	376	100347	Hvy MG-can adj	" " "
1145	Air OP	320	137339	2 Gun Flashes	Bn (6)
1800	376	1st Div, 400,254, 319,III Corps	TEMPORARY NO FIRE (2000 until notified) 090343-094353-104348-102343		Cancelled at 0400 Hrs.
1840	456		114305	Clearance	OK
"	"		112303	"	OK
2030	Div Arty	400	11 Points	H&I (until 0800)	
	"	320	9 "	" " "	

16 February, 1945.

0950	400	376	092347	Mortar	Clearance OK
1315	Air OP	320	13703252	Gun	Bn (4)
1405	254	254	108333	Concrete Pill Box	
1415	376		10953382	Irregular Outline ?	
1420	456	320	114308	Ey Personnel	
1500	254		10643342	Adj coord on Pillbox	
	"		101346	MG position-unoccupied	
1600	400	Div Arty	109319	En OP	Clearance OK
"	78Div		NO FIRE - River to 110289-1128-115265-1126-0926		
1750	376	III Cor 1st Div	NO FIRE - 090343-094353-104348-102343-		
1755	376		NO FIRE - 09803382		
2100	III Corps	AOP	Keep clear of discus sector 171200-171230 hrs.		
2000	Div Arty	320	6 Points	H&I 2000-0900 hrs	220 rds
	"	254	6 Points	" "	192 rds
	"	400	8 Points	" "	246 rds

17 February, 1945

0030	325	319	107320 to 108328	HF 2 rds/min from 0035 to 0235 hrs to cover approach to W bank of river.	
1140	456	254	10503170	MG (concrete)	
1730	III Corps	All units	HAUSTON 123288	Friendly fire falling short. No units fired near area.	
2100	456	320	11583140	MT noise-Approx 0330 hrs-Btry (4) POZIT on call	
1900	Div Arty	319	4 Points	H&I (Until 0900)	
"	"	320	10 "	" " "	
"	"	376	4 "	" " "	
"	"	254	2 "	" " "	

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18 February, 1945.

TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1540	376	400,319	094334	Friendly fire	
1900	Div Arty	319	7 Points	H&I(Until 0800)	
"	"	376	6 Points	" " "	
"	"	320	6 Points	" " "	

19 February, 1945.

0800 9th Division took over 82nd Airborne Division's area. 82nd Airborne Division relieved of all responsibility.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 United States Army.

OPERATION MEMORANDUMS

FROM 1 FEBRUARY, 1945 - TO 19 FEBRUARY, 1945.

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Initials
16 Feb 1945

Hq 82d Abn Div Arty
APO 469 U. S. Army
In The Field
16 Feb 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM
NUMBER 8)

AIR OP OPERATIONS

1. The Air Op's base field is located at approximately 901265. All patrols are flown from this strip.

a. The patrol planes will operate on Div Arty "T" Channel (Freq 32.5).

b. All battalions will monitor this channel from 0800-1800.

c. A patrol plane may change to ~~their~~ Sn frequency only when T frequency is crowded.

d. The patrol plane will use the call signs of their Sn followed by 1-Able. If two planes are in the air, the second ship will use 1-Baker, third ship 1-Charlie, etc.

2. Patrol Schedule:

TIME	Feb 16, 21, etc.	Feb 17, 22, etc.	Feb 18, 23, etc	Feb 19, 24, etc	Feb 20 25, etc
0800-0910	376	320	254	319	456
0900-1010	456	376,400	320	254	319
1000-1110	319	456	376,400	320	400,254
1100-1210	254,400	319	456	376,400	320
1200-1310	320	254,400	319	456	376
1300-1410	376	320	254,400	319	456,400
1400-1510	456,400	376	320	254,400	319
1500-1610	319	456,400	376	320	254
1600-1710	254	319	456,400	376	320
1700-1810	320,400	254	319	456,400	376

3. There will be one plane standing by on a forward strip (035356) daily from 0830 hrs to 1700 hrs. This plane is to be used for any emergency or rush mission that cannot be handled by the patrol plane in the air.

a. Div Arty - S-3 will clear all missions for this plane.

b. Call signs for plane will be "Div Arty call sign followed by 1-George".

4. Battalions desiring air observation additional to that provided for above will make request to Div Arty S-3.

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2 ea - 319, 320, 376, 456, 254, 400, 987
1 - CG 82d Abn Div
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1 - CG, Staff, File

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)
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NUMBER . . . . . 7)

CODE NAMES

1. In compliance with paragraph 4b, Movement Order No. 5, Headquarters 82d Abn. Div., dated 070900 Feb 45, the following new code names for artillery are announced:

82d Abn Div Arty	ANDY
319th Gli FA Bn	ANDY RED
320th Gli FA Bn	ANDY WHITE
376th Prcht FA Bn	ANDY BLUE
456th Prcht FA Bn	ANDY BLACK
254th FA Bn	ANDY GREEN

2. The use of old code names is prohibited. New code names, as above, will be used for CP markings, ~~telephone directory~~, wire tapping, and all other purposes, effective on departure from present area.

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2 - CO, 82d Abn Div
2 - Ea unit (319,320,376,456,254)
5 - CG, & Staff (Div Arty)

Gen March
Col Smiley
Capt Hufford
Capt Reid
Capt Bedingfield
Capt Raibl
Capt Lala
Lt. French
Lt. Shockley
Lt. McNally
Lt. Weil
Lt. Parkinson
Lt. McNamehl

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* Div Arty *
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Hq 82d A/B Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army
7 February 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)
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NUMBER 6)

CODES

-1. To allow convenient coding of coordinates without the necessity of carrying a written code or coding device the following is authorized for use within Division Artillery:

a. Refer to code as Dog Able Charley (Div Arty Code). Precede all messages using this code by DAC if there is any question of confusion on code used.

b. Use for code the current countersign (password and reply). Omit recurring letters. Add letters in alphabetical order (omitting any letters previously used) starting next with alphabetical letter after first letter of password - until there are ten usable letters. These letters are code for figures 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0 in sequence. Use three letter groups.

(1) Examples:

(a) W H I T E R V S X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Code for 827546 thus is (DAC) - XHV-ETR

(b) K E R S K E Y D R A F T I
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Code for 827546 thus is (DAC) - FSA-VIB

c. Advantages of this code are that the user need only know the countersign and a few simple rules. Note that code will change daily at noon, as the countersign changes then. Be careful to avoid errors in striking out recurring letters.

d. The slidex and other prescribed codes may still be used for sending coordinates.

2. For the sake of brevity, and limited security, the following code words may be used within Division Artillery.

FOUL - Friendly artillery fire (falling at)
SCORE - Front lines (located at)
SLIDE - Displace as previously arranged
POP - Using POZIT FUZE (Use as "PRO POPS to 880927 at 2230" for warning to subs.)

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DISTRIBUTION:
1 - ea 319,320,376,456,254,400
2 - CO, Staff & File

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6 Feb 45

Hq 82d Abn Div Arty
APO 469, U S Army
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1. 82d Abn Div is relieved by 28th and Div Arty(forward) during period 6/6 Feb 1945.

2. 82d Abn Div Arty to be relieved from support mission on take-over by 28th Inf Div Arty. Time to be announced by CG, 82d Abn Div Arty.

3. Div Arty (less Fd Arty Bn (Reinforced) will move to billet areas vic VIELSALM on 6/7th 1945.

4. Unit Billet Areas. (See overlay - showing Unit Billeting Areas - VIELSALM Area, Hq 82d Abn Div 040'00 6 Feb 45):

Hq 82d Abn Div Arty	Billet area
319th Inf Bn	[illegible] area
320th Inf Bn	[illegible] area
376th Prcht Fd Hosp	[illegible] area
456th Prcht F[illegible]	[illegible] Area
258th Engr Bn	[illegible] area

5. TF [illegible] (See Para 3 (b))

6. Routes: TF [illegible] to VIELSALM (Overp TF) BUTCHERTAGE - WAIMES - GD 5162 and Hqtr - moves to LIERNEUX - RECHT - PETIT THIER - VIELSALM.

d. March Table

Serial	11a	11b	11c	11d	11e	11f
Unit	Hq Btry (Fd Arty)	456	319	376	320	258
March units	1	2	2	3	3	5
Trans: Org	25	32	67	38	41	82
Addt'l	5	14	15	15	11	0
Head passes IP	1130	1150	1205	1305	1435	1530
Tail clears IP	1140	1235	1305	1405	1500	1620
Closes in VIELSALM area	1440	1500	1535	1635	1650	1800

Notes: (1) Serial 50's are [illegible] point 6/6.
(2) March units will [illegible] variable.
(3) Five minutes [illegible] moves.
(4) Route markers to [illegible] - by Div Hqs.

[illegible] by road

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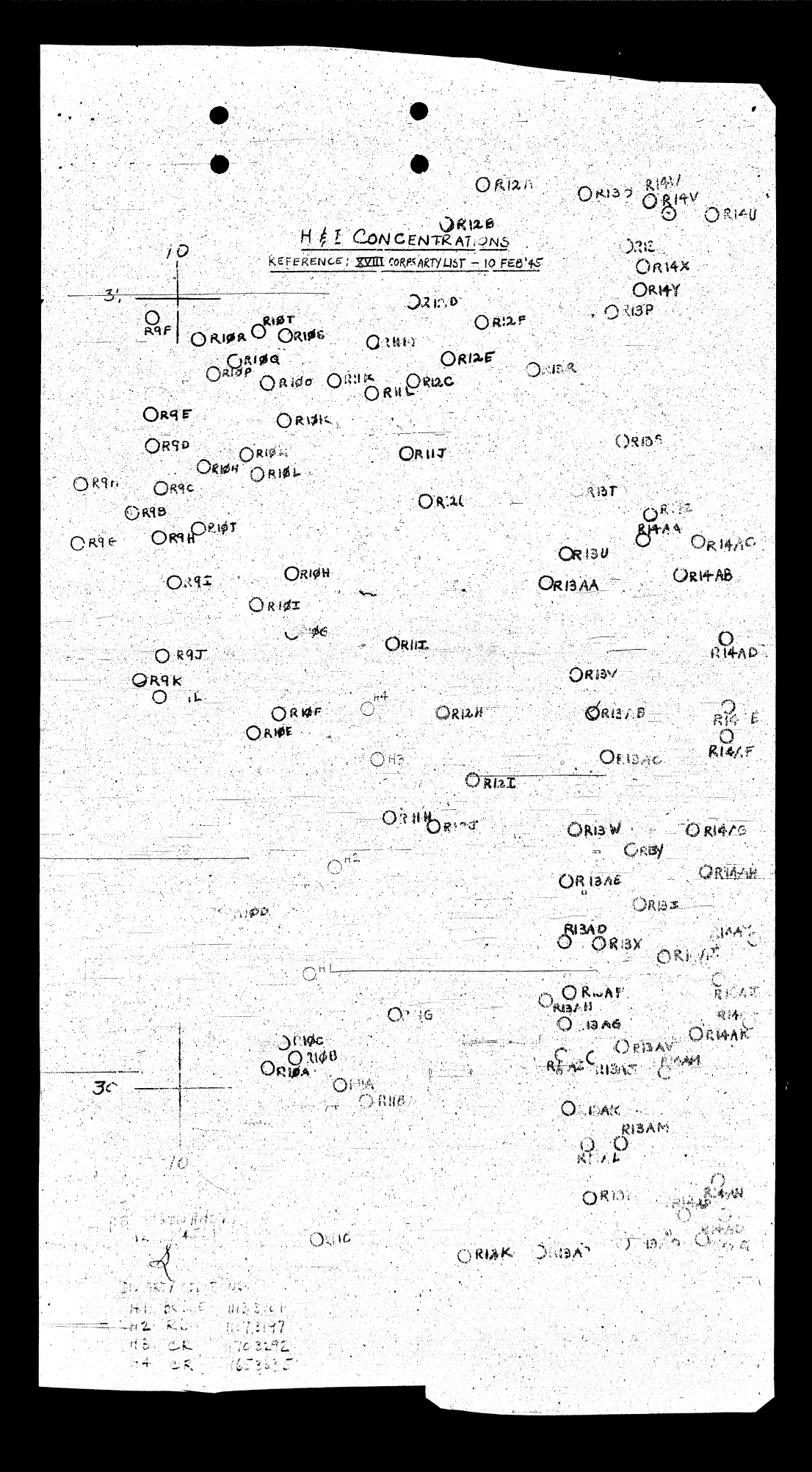
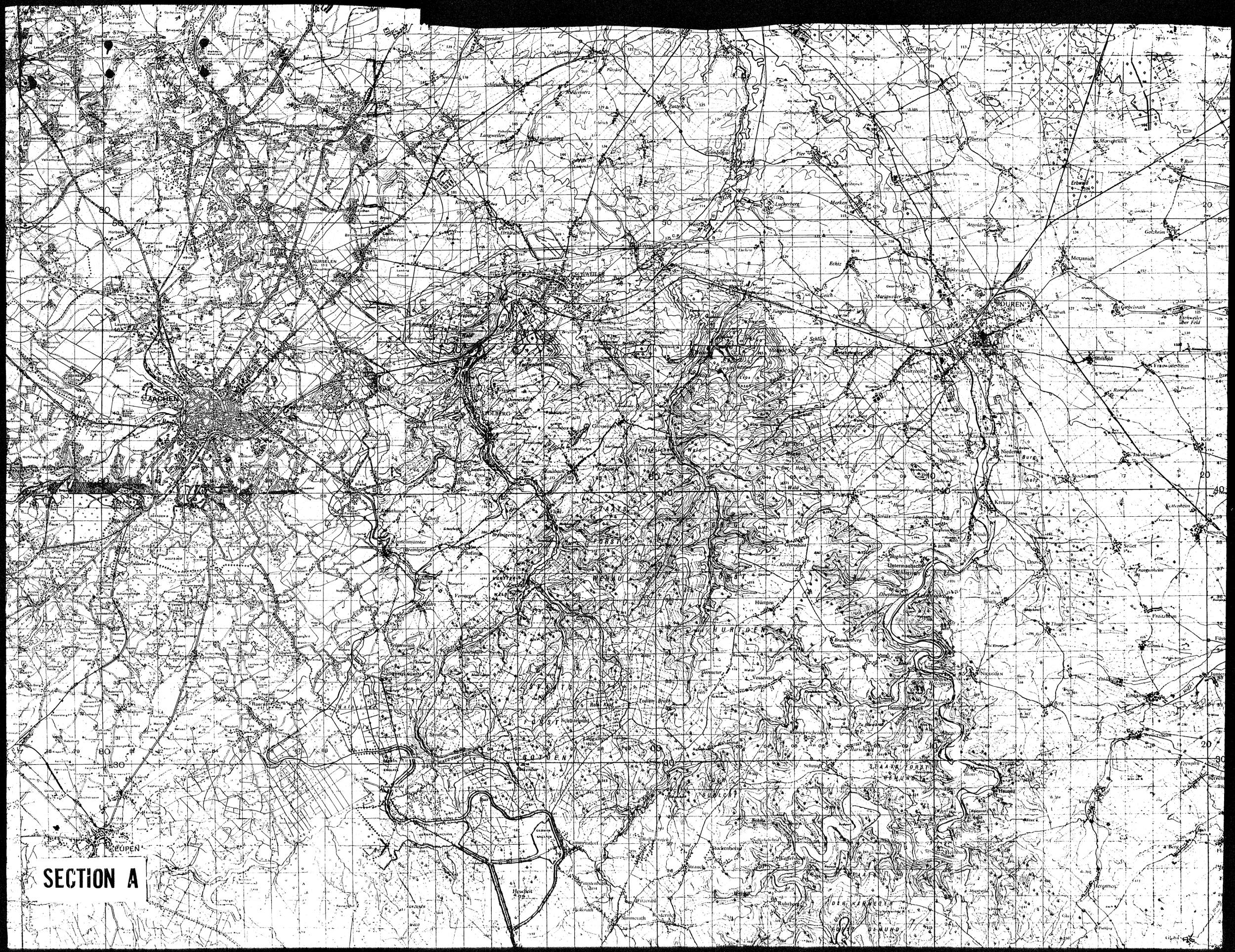
5 - Div Arty (319, 320, 376, 456, 258)
3 - CG, 82d Abn Div Arty

H & I CONCENTRATIONS

REFERENCE: XVIII CORPS ARTY LIST – 10 FEB '45

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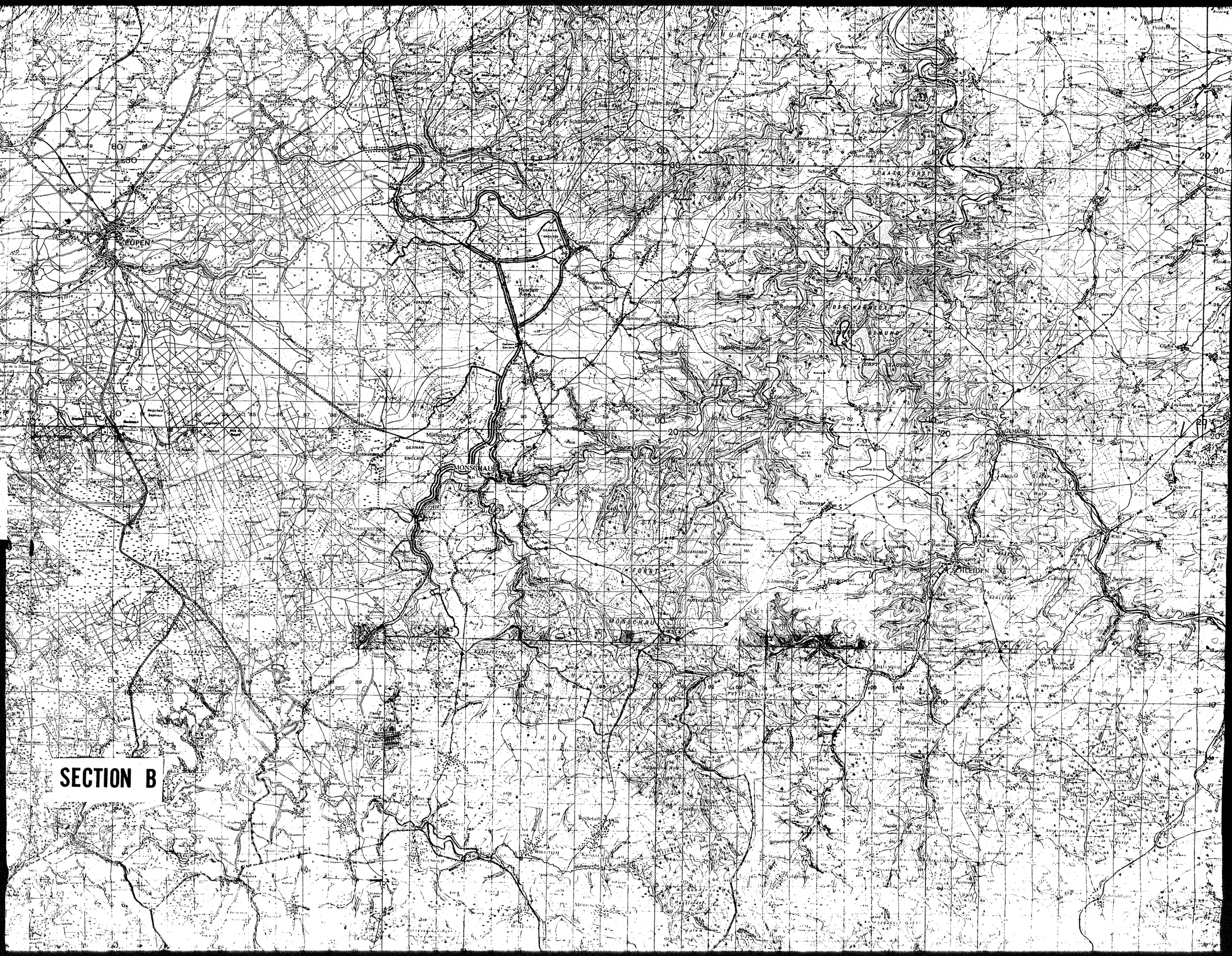
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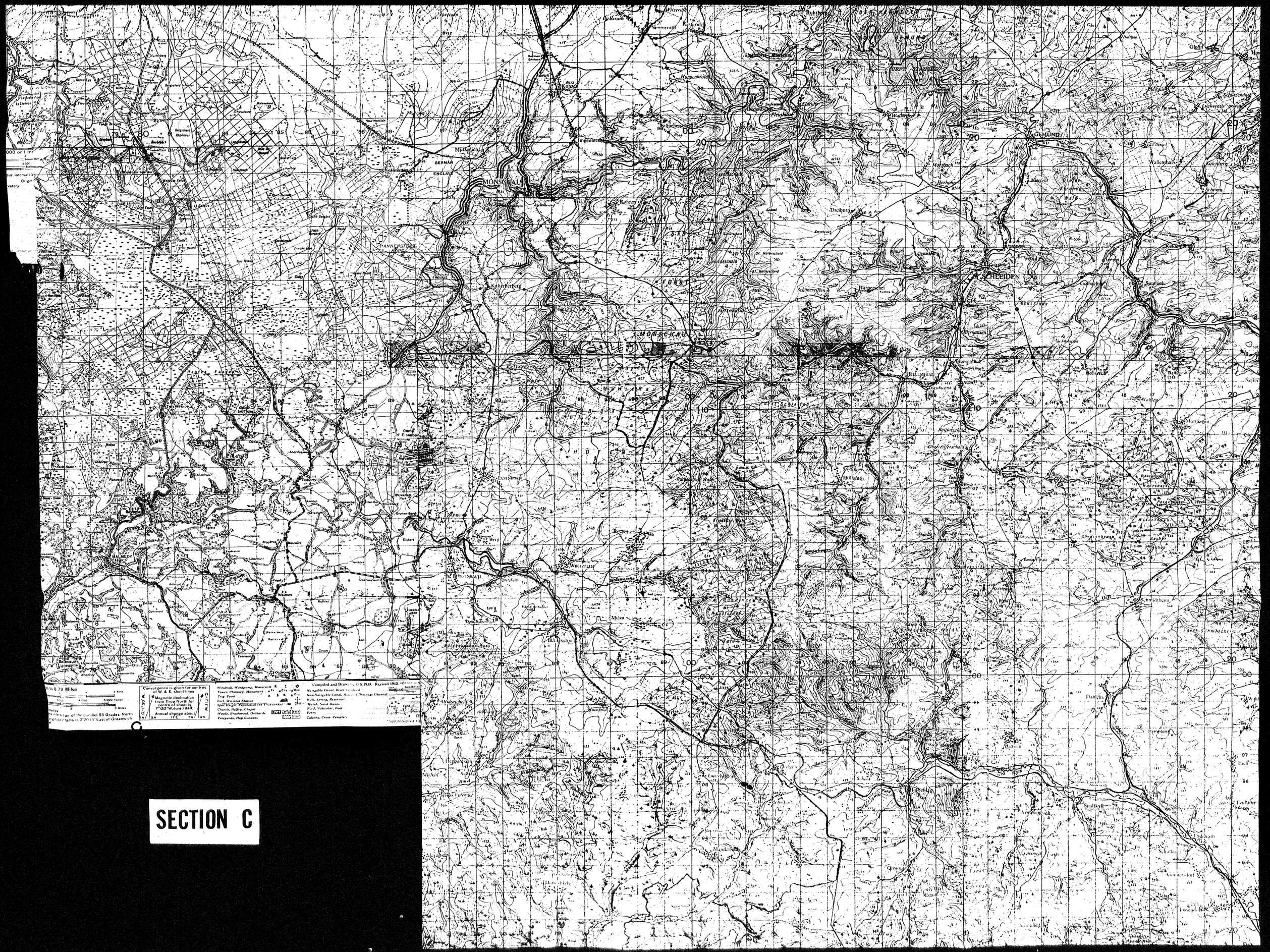
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NARRATIVE HISTORY

2 April - 15 April 1945

RHINE OPERATION

The 82nd Abn Div Arty left CAMP SUIPPES, FRANCE, prosaically via motor convoy on the rainy morning of 2 April and proceeded to the vicinity of COLOGNE, GERMANY, where a CP was put into operation at 2110 hours in WEIDEN (F-366608). The CP and Billets had been selected by Major Hart (Div Arty Adj) who, with an advance party from each unit, had left CAMP SUIPPES the previous day for this purpose.

Early on the morning of 3 April, infantry units of the Division began relieving units of the 86th Inf Div then in psn along the bank of the RHINE RIVER, north and south of COLOGNE.

General March, CG Div Arty, held a meeting of all arty CO's at 2000 hours at which time Div FO 19 was distributed and the situation reviewed. The 1st and Ninth US Armies had made contact vic PADERBORN, cutting off large numbers of ey troops in the RUHR "sack". The XXII Corps (15th Army) was holding the west bank of the RHINE while mopping up operations were carried on east of the river. This Division

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under XXII Corps was to assume responsibility for the defense of the sector extending approximately from WORRINGEN (3975) to GRAU RHEINDORF (5340); patroling to the E bank of the river; with the 101st Abn Division on our left (N) flank and the 12 FUS (Belgian) on the right flank.

Dispositions of organic bns were to be as follows: the 376th Prcht FA Bn (with 18-75 mm Pack Howitzers) was to be in direct support of the 504th Parachute Inf Regt which was assigned a sector north of COLOGNE. The 320th Glider FA Bn (with 12-105 mm M-3 Howitzers) was to be in direct support of the 325th Glider Inf Regt assigned to the city of COLOGNE and its environs. The 456th Prcht FA (with 18-75 mm Pack Howitzers) was assigned a direct support mission with the 505th Parachute Inf Regt which was to hold the southern (right) sector down to division boundary. The 319th Glider FA Bn (with 12-75 mm Pack Howitzers) was to be in general support and reinforce the fires of the 320th Glider FA Bn.

In addition to the above, the 417th FA Group, was to be attached, in position, to Div Arty as well as two bns of the 20th Armored Div, i.e. 412th FA Bn (with 18 SP 105s) and the 414th FA Bn (with 18 SP 105s) which would be in general support and reinforce Div Arty's fires. The artillery of the 86th Division would remain in place as reinforcing arty until relief

was effected.

At this meeting, General March also underscored instructions regarding the apprehension of civilians after the curfew; the off-limit status of COLOGNE; penalties for fraternization and looting; patrolling of wire lines due to prevalence of wire tapping in the area; and the ammunition allotment.

The allotment for the period 1 - 6 April was to be: 1200 rounds for the 105 -3; 2700 rounds of 75 mm allotted to 456th and 376th FA Bns; and 1800 rounds to the 319th FA Bn. The 155 howitzers would be allotted 20 rounds per gun per day, the SP 105s 30 rounds per gun per day and the 8" gun 10 rounds per gun per day.

The 82nd Abn Division officially relieved the 86th Infantry Division 0829 hours 4 April and the 417th FA Group was relieved from the 86th Infantry Division and attached to the 82nd Abn Division at the same time. Our arty bns had moved into positions as follows: 319th FA to (435540); 320th FA to (442567); 376th FA to (440607) and the 456th FA to (439402). The Air OP was established at (377602) with 5 Cub planes on hand. (Additional planes were to arrive within a few days.)

The echelons of arty units which left CAMP SUIPPES by train arrived at STOLBERG (F-0341) and were guided to their respective bns.

The 417th Group was assigned as follows:

672nd FA (12-155 How) in GS and reinforcing the fires of the 320th; the 805th FA Bn (12-155 How) in GS and reinforcing fires of the 456th FA Bn and the 746th FA Bn (12-8" How) assigned to General Support. The 672nd FA displaced and closed at new position (384689) on 5 April 1945.

The enemy's fog of war was abruptly dissipated on the night of 5/6 April, when, as his 20 mm guns raked the RHINE bank, and searchlights and flares frantically probed the night skies, 'A' Co. of the 1st Bn, 504th Prcht Inf, with attached units and arty liaison from the 376th FA Bn, crossed the RHINE and with shattering speed attacked and seized HITDORF (428738).

At daybreak, the ey had recovered somewhat and his arty commenced laying concentrations on HITDORF and LANGEL (on the opposite bank of the RHINE). Mid-morning our Air OP flashed a warning that 5 boats were heading across the river from the captured town. They proved to be loaded with the first contingent of much-desired PWs from HITDORF. At 1245 hours, Div Arty fired on a counterattack on the captured town, the ey's first concerted reaction.

Two displacements were made that day, Div Arty CP to (366605) and the 672nd FA to (410630).

After holding HITDORF for approx two days, and

capturing 60 PWs (thereby establishing the CP for the North COLOGNE sector) the patrol was completely withdrawn from HITDORF. As they withdrew the 97th Infantry Div of the XVIII Corps attacked northward across the SIEG river and advanced up to 4000 yards.

Several times, in the ensuing few days, arty covering fire was placed on the ey shore to cover individual soldiers swimming back across the river.

The ammunition allocation for the second period fluctuated somewhat. The 155s and 8" howitzer allocation was halved and for a short period it appeared there would be no 75 mm ammunition at all. This situation was short-lived and while ammunition for the heavier pieces continued to be rationed, we were able to obtain unlimited 75 mm ammunition.

On 9 April, the 414th and 412th FA Bns of the 20th Armored were relieved from reinforcing the fire of Div Arty. Also, the 672nd was relieved from reinforcing fires of the 320th FA and assigned the mission of reinforcing fire of the 376th FA, in addition to mission of general support.

A terrific explosion during the night of 10 April revealed that the Germans, still apprehensive after HITDORF, had blown the east end of the wrecked HOHENZOLLERN bridge at COLOGNE, possibly to forstall any further attempts to cross.

By this time the 13th Armored Div (of XVIII Corps ABN) passed thru the 97th Inf Div and attacked North, advancing 7000 yards and on 11 April had reached their initial objective vic (5267).

The 546th FA Bn (155 guns) was assigned to 417th Group and moved to (402602) in general support. The 790th FA Bn (8" How) were also attached and moved into position (433592). The 805th FA displaced to (378725) on 12 April and were assigned to general support. The 541st FA Bn (155 guns) was attached to 417th Group and closed at (397671). Their mission; general support.

With the advance of units of the XVIII Corps, the ey's defensive positions along the East bank of the RHINE opposite 505th and 325th areas collapsed completely. During this period, Div Arty maintained contact with the 13th Armored and the 97th Divisions as they advanced.

News of the steady advance was tempered by the announcement of the tragic death of the Commander-in-Chief, which was received the morning of 13 April. Brief memorial services were held by all units. That night, unit guards were alerted after 505th sentries had been fired upon by occupants of a black sedan and also had shot at three persons who ran when challenged.

On 14 April, the 417th Group and attached Bns were relieved of attachment to 82nd ABN Division as of

1800 hours, although they continued to fire at Div Arty request. From this time on, organic arty units of the 82nd did no firing but began outlining the work they were to do in assisting the Military Government in guarding and policing areas.

Until 1200 hours 16 April, the 417th Group fired on targets requested by the 13th and 97th thru Div Arty. At that time they began to displace, on Corps order.

The following day, our organic units moved to new locations to take up duties in connection with Military Government of the area.

During the period 4 April to 15 April, Div Arty and attached units fired 729 missions, expending thereon 13,058 rounds of ammo of all types. 97 C/P pans were plotted, a third of which were considered worthwhile targets and were fired upon.

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From 28 April To 30 April 1945

ELBE RIVER CROSSING OPERATION

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

28 April - 30 April 1945

ELBE RIVER CROSSING

The 82nd Airborne Division, with the cessation of hostilities along the RHINE RIVER, had been conducting military government in and around the city of COLOGNE.

On 26 April, Major Hart, Div Arty S1, with an advance party from each artillery unit, left WILDEN (F-366608) for the UELZEN area, near the ELBE RIVER in Northern Germany, to establish an artillery CP for the forthcoming operation, the ELBE crossing.

Two days later, at 0630 hours, elements of Hq and Hq Btry, Div Arty, as well as elements of each of the bns, left COLOGNE via motor truck for DORNTE (997957) stopping overnight en route vic WIEDENBRUCK. At 1500 hours the same day, the balance of the arty personnel, minus personnel [illegible] scheduled to arrive several days later.

The motor convoy arrived at DORNTE 0830 hours 29 April. Later that day the Div Arty CP was moved to (007245) vic BLECKEDE and the organic bns went into position nearby; the 319th FA (12-75 mm Pack How) at (0[illegible]) [illegible] 320th FA (12-105 mm M-3 How) at (039234).

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Division Operation Instruction #6 indicated that the 505th Parachute Inf, with the 43rd FA Bn (105 How M-2) in DS and the 280th FA Bn (105 How M-2) reinforcing the 43rd fires, would upon arrival relieve without delay elements of the 5th Br Div by mutual agreement of the commanders concerned. The mission was to cross the ELBE RIVER and establish a limited bridgehead. In addition, the 13th Inf of the 8th Div (attached to the 82nd Abn Div 1200 hours 28 April) was to relieve elements of the 5 Br. Div in their assigned sector and actively support the attack of the 505th Prcht Inf by planned fires and fires of opportunity as requested by that unit.

The 325th Glider Inf (with the 320th FA in DS) was to be prepared to cross the ELBE in column behind the 505th to exploit the bridgehead with offensive action to the E and NE and the 504th Parachute Inf Regiment was to be prepared to cross behind the 325th and operate offensively to the E or NE. In addition to the artillery mentioned above, the 748th FA (8" how) and the 351st FA Bn (155 How) of the 472nd Gp were to reinforce the fires of Div Arty.

Troops were advised of the proximity of Russian troops and flare signals of recognition were prescribed.

The location of the 43rd FA at this time was (009263) and the 280th FA Bn (009249 6). An airstrip for Cub observation planes was established (009221).

In the early hours of 30 April, the 505th Inf attacked across the historic ELBE near LECKEDE (0026) at three different points and by 0350 had reached their first phase line. At dawn the enemy began shelling crossroads and the river bank quite heavily. By 0500 hours, the 505th Inf had reached their second phase line. Later in the day the 456th FA took over its customary DS role with the 505th Inf as of 1900 hours and closed in a new area (040290). The 43rd FA Bn reinforced the fires of the 456th FA and also had an additional DS mission with the 121st Inf (attached to 505th Inf). The 280th FA Bn was assigned to reinforce fires of the 456th FA Bn.

The 319th and 320th were assigned to reinforce the fires of the 376th FA Bn (in DS of the 504th Inf about to go into the line 1 May).

The 472nd FA Gp continued to reinforce fires of the 82nd Abn Div Arty with the 351st and 748th FA Bns.

During the day the 505th Inf continued its advance and by 1850 hours had reached the final phase line, while news was received that the town of STIEPELSE (somewhat beyond the final phase line) had been taken.

This marked both the end of the month and the end of this particular phase of the operation.

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From 3 APRIL 45 to 16 APRIL 45

RHINE OPERATION

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RHINE OPERATION 3 APRIL 45 to 16 APRIL 45

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		3 APRIL	
		No Entry	
		4 APRIL	
1437	746 FA	Observer at (456701) reports flak bursts at (3400 m) 5000 yard range	G-2
1438	746	Obsvr at (449615) reports MG and flak at 1430 mils, 9000 yd range	G-2
1445	746	320 AOP adjusted on light flak at (53596256)	G-2
1515	805	8 men observed walking out of MONHEIM, turned N, disappeared (409772)	G-2
1540	672	3 men near house at (40457581)	G-2
1545	672	Obsvr at (390744) reports flak at 400 mils, near MONHEIM	G-2
1602	805	3 men digging emplacement at (531492). 8 or 9 personnel behind emplacement	G-2
1650	805	Suspected ~~ex~~ O in Church steeple (51295241). Activity noted in Vic	G-2
1700	319	7 barges anchored from (459668) to (465656). Apparently in good condition. 100-150 feet long. Anchored at each end with 5-ton anchors. Observed from (451668).	G-2
1818	746	Obsvr at (449615) reported train moving on at (470615).	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2025	320	1 flare seen at approx (443567)	G-2
2045	456	150-200 tps in villageLIBUR (533490)	G-2
2050	G-2	Message #49. Coords of ey AA guns in vicinity (Message file)	Map AOP
2105	320	AOP reported increased activity on far side of river	G-2
		5 APRIL	
0028	805	Truck convoy 8 vehicles moving N or NE vic RANVEI (5048)	G-2
0140	746	MG fire during last 20 min. 1 mortar shell vic OP. Compass 1227. Range unknown. Time: 0131.	G-2
0328	746	AOP reports searchlight. Y az 954. On for 10 minutes. Stopped 0325	G-2
0335	746	AOP reports 3 more searchlights az 589 on and ofr.	G-2
0400	417 GP	GP will fire at 3 searchlights (49366847) and one searchlight (51286625) if they come on again	G-2
1200	376	Nothing to report.	
1200	319	Nothing to report	
1200	320	Nothing to report	
1340	456	Ammo dump (505511) 88 gun emplacement (493488) Ey AA gun psn (516433)	G-2
1405	319	Engaged personnel (464674)	G-2
1405	456	Engaged 4 AA guns (516433) (4 direct hits)	G-2
		Possible OP in church (489479)	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1600	376	Nothing to report	
1610	456	Engaged OP (489479) and (506455). Ey in houses (513436) and (507518)	G-2
1615	319	Nothing to report	
1730	320	Tower on bridge (461606) yesterday displayed a nazi flag today a white one	G-2
1800	376 320 456 319	Nothing to report	
1815	376	Air OP engaged searchlight at (408752)	G-2
1820	805	6 men working (535490) at 1110. (Fired 10 rounds)	
		Smoke from dugout and 3 men working (52664926) at 1145 hours.	G-2
		Slit trench at (479559).	
		OP (48255[illegible]) prepared during night.	
		OP (48155590). Engaged.	
1840	456	AA psn. Suspect ammo dump nearby. Suspect several guns (534487). (Engaged)	G-2
1900	805	Ey in bldg (47925623) Observed 1750 hours. Engaged)	G-2
2000	376 320 319 456	Nothing to report	

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		6 APRIL	
0221	746	My MG az 1118. Firing steadily	
0445	746	Searchlights (52286625) Engaged	Corps
0445	G-2	Report from Sgt Newbury of B Flash at Cider Blue OP out or communication. Relayed report 2 searchlights (51036461) (51086464).	376 Corps
0520	320	325th patrol returned. Mission accomplished. No casualties. Obtained several PWs	G-2
0800	320 456 320 319	Nothing to report	
1000	Air OP	Several small boats (5) heading across Rhine toward (423738)	376 G-2
1005	376	Boats (above) contain PWs. Our observer with 504 patrol reports they have most of their objective. CP set up in town.	G-2
1010	376	Recon and two elements lost their transportation. Swam back across RHINE. About 4 missing now. Expect their return	G-2
1010	320	Activity at house (47435695).	G-2
1025	456	Air OP reports personnel around (515442) - (504465) - (508518). Possible mortar psn (509520) Engaging	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1045	805	Ey action house and dugout (47925623). Engaged. 1 hit	G-2
1055	672	Sniper in A btry area. Fired on battery personnel at 0315	G-2
1130	319	3 smoke pots set off (459669) behind large barge. Cannot see any ey movement	G-2
1200	376	Flak at (408759) and in 4076 square	Corps G-2
1225	G-2	3 tanks (434747).	Corps
1235	456	LNO 3 reports at 1227 hours German soldiers reported walking az 1515 mils, 2 at a time at 15 min intervals (506465).	G-2
1230	320	4 rounds mortar fire landed at 489551. Coming from approx (50065657).	G-2
1245	376	Firing on counterattack at HITDORF. Also firing 20th Armored arty	Corps G-2
1410	456	Possible CP (49454999). Activity around RR car (537516)	G-2
1400	376 320	Nothing to report	
1430	376	FW reports 5/88 guns in circle. 50 yards apart. 200 yds N. 3/20 mm guns in triangle, 100 yards apart. 88s at (448856). Guns at (440856) and (453826). Troops in HILDEN and RICHRATH. Road between is MSR	101 Div Corps
1430	805	Two trucks entered AA psn (518414)	Div Corps
1430	AIR OP	AA gun (434749)	G-2 Corps

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1520	456	AA psns (531486) and (471483) possible dug-in CP (488490). Activity in WAHN (5451)	G-2 Corps
1710	456	Mortar (505517)	G-2
1740	319	Fired on several barges on RHINE (459667)	
1740	376	LNO 3 reports searchlights fired on last night were canted at 45 degree angle. After being fired upon went out completely. Then came on in vertical psn and gave 4 definite flashes and went back to 45 degree angle.	G-2
1745	456	At 1739 undetermined number of tanks and half tracks moving into NIEDERKASSEL.	G-2
1800	417	Obsvr (449615) reports 3 flashes of apparently large guns vic (505594) at 1737 hours.	G-2 Corps
1800	376 320	Nothing to report	
1845	417	Gun flashes (1 gun) approx (466675)	G-2 Corps
1930	417	805 engaged 5 halftracks (5070-4667)	G-2
1950	805	Engaged SP gun (535519). 20 rounds. Good effect	G-2
2015	294	Smoke screen east of RHINE. N edge at 477652	
2015	318	Nothing to report	
2120	805	Obsvr at (496524) received rounds from 1/150 mm from vic 535519. Engaged with 20 rounds at 1942. Assumed neutralized.	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2150	376	2 boats coming upstream from far side to our side.	G-2
2200	456	Ey SP heavy cal (549519).	
		Suspected OP in church (512524) (4 direct hits)	
		Gun shelling OP. (535519).	
		1 gun. cal. unknown shelling A OP.	
2220	290	Searchlights (52407526) (49926712) (48366858) (50166711) (48127028)	G-2 S-3
2225	417	White flares both sides of Rhine followed by searchlights.	

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0145	417	Searchlights (46926558) (48236671) (49606474) (48666368) (48776327) (48006576)	G-2
0520	290th	Searchlight (50037192)	G-2
0800	All Bns	Nothing to report	
0940	Air OP	AA gun (443740). Engaging	G-2
1000	456	Activity during night at (482478) and (516426)	G-2
1015	376	FO reports 20 searchlights in use during night. Used in banks of 5. 3 minutes at a time. Engaging AA gun (438746)	G-2
1020	417	Suspect Troops occupying house (508519). Ey soldiers entered woods (511474. Smoke from orchard (509510.	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1200	319	1 wagon and 3 ey personnel at (479673)	G-2
		Fired on suspected CP (466669). 4 direct hits and set afire	G-2
1200	320	1100 hours. 20 ey observed in houses (493566)	G-2
1200	456	Ey OP (505517). 4 hits. Co troops - 60 men - (519519). Fired upon. Area well covered.	G-2
1400	320 319	Nothing to report	
1525	417	At 1439 hours 746th reported 3 vehicles traveling N on road at 49340618.	G-2
		At 1430 hours 746th reported between 15/20 RR cars located (49146204) and (49146192). No personnel in vicinity	
		At 1430 between 30/40 RR cars at (49386125) and (49386110). Engine in vic. All standing still.	
1600	320	1415 hours. Smoke from tower (477561). Reported to Inf	G-2
		1555 hours. Air Corps hit something az 2150. Big explosion	
		Air obs reported 10 ey on street (524549). Time 1610 hours.	
1600	319	Nothing to report.	
1630	417	OP 626 2 chimneys smoking in factory (488106360) (488106314O).	G-2
		OP 626 2 water towers, one steaming (4885063110). At 1525 hours.	
		805 Checker OP obs 6 men entering bldg at (506463). 16 rounds fired 1510. Bldg. destroyed. No one emerged	

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1645	376	OP observed American officer. Capt. or Lt. at (434733. Walking. Put no fire line around him.	G-2
1650	456	FO reported amber flare up at 1646 hours. 1000 yards East of NEIDERKASSEL	G-2
1700	320	1657 hours. 2 Ey pursuit planes flying SW over COLOGNE cathedral.	Air Strip G-2 456 417 GP Radio net
1715	805	OP 653. 1 C-47 turned back across RHINE by intense AA fire from 5147. Approx ten 90 mm shells and MG fire	G-2
1840	805	88 psn at (501485)	H/B list
1855	746	2 vehicles (2½) (5189565245) Seen at 1847 hours	G-2
2025	376 319	Nothing to report	
2035	320	6 Ey trucks at (472588). Fired upon. 1 truck hit. Rest escaped. Will continue to observe.	G-2
2055	456	1800 hours (523425) activity. Fired C/E 1810 hours (518428) Veh and movement. Fired 1823 hours (521542) Ey OP and Pers. Fired 1930 hours (497517) Entrenched pers. Fired 2000 hours (492511) Gun psn. Fired. 1 Direct hit	G-2
2100	376	Ey infiltrating out of HITDORF and RHEINDORF. Meeting between two and moving to woods (4474). (TOT fired)	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2105	294	Blue smoke pot landed 200 yards in front of OP (463646)	G-2
		88 landed (461646).	
2120	294	Rifle fire from oppo bank (461660) at 2113 hours	G-2
2120	294	Roman candles from (461644). Groups of four	G-2
2145	417 OP	2026 hours. Conc fired by 746 at (46475914). 1 vehicle observed in bldg. Other vehicle near bldg. Effect unobserved but had good coverage.	G-2
2225	294	Flash location of searchlight (49677167). 2211 hours.	G-2
2225	376	Nebelwerfer (435750).	S-3 G-2
2225	376	Searchlights: LANGEL 1400 mils 10/12000 yards out two lights 5274 - 5374 WORRINGTON - 1600 mils 10/12000 yards out one light (48495074)	294th Obs Bn for checking
2235	376	Plane dropped bundle with light on it (488609)	G-2
2330	417	Considerable searchlight activity	G-2
2340	376	Patrol into MITDORF. Found town filled with ey.	G-2

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0005	294	Flash location of searchlights (49687168) (48077133) (Corps fired 1 btry on ea light)	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
0140	417	Fired on searchlight (50087191)	G-2
0550	320	0530 hours. 1 boat apparently empty floated downstream. 15 minutes later another boat also empty, followed. (Both fired upon)	G-2
0600	All Bns	Nothing to report	
0800	320	OP reports tractor pulling 2 box cars (466588).	
0830	376	12 single rounds of 150 mm fell vic HITDORF from 2130 to 2200.	G-2
0955	320	Explosions and apparently oil fires vic (5157)	G-2
1000	376 319	Nothing to report	
1050	456	By laying smoke screen (496525). Activity (507517) and in WAHN	G-2
1200	All Bns	Nothing to report	
1535	456	Mortar firing from vic (509518)	G-2
1540	320	2 MG (493559). Registered on for firing tonight	G-2
1820	456	Civ walking around. If shot, crawl like soldier.	G-2
1915	376	Amer soldier swimming across RHINE. Arty furnished covering fire	G-2
2140	294	1 gun med. Cal. (46307593).	S-3
2210	805	At 2220 hours 20/30 vehicles headed N about 980 mils az from (49575239).	G-2
2238	294	20 soldiers fighting fire (48806483)	G-2 S-3
2245	20 Amd.	RR gun (492736).	
2257	376	Raiding party landed in area. Engaged by Inf. 1 KIA 3 captured 2 escaped (46406618)	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2300	20th Arm'd	1 round (280 cal) landed (40137136)	Shellrep
2330	294	Ey MG (491743)	G-2

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0915	S-3	325th Inf patrol met hvy automatic fire in middle of river last night and did not get across.	
1215	456	Personnel around bldg believed ammo dump (517508) Will engage	G-2
1220	G-2	P/W reports	
		Gun psn (495750)	S-3
		2 MG (477677)	376
		2 MG (477675)	456
		Bridge mined (477715)	
		Road block (480723)	
		Tank obstacle (479481)	
		5000 gal. gas (47106981)	
		Arty Psns (500745)	
1550	376	S/P 88 firing from psn near (455737) 3 second interval between bursts az. 1200. 3000 yards.	S-3
1550	505	House with personnel (507516)	456
1750	456	Personnel around houses (510519). Fired - Good Results	G-2
2115	417	OP in tower (48554995). Fired on.	
		OP 651. Reported heavy AA conc from Vic WAHN.	G-2
		OP 651 Wagon traveling N from LIBUR with white flag.	
		OP 601. Reported man with MG running out of house (46885771.	
2135	417	626 OP observed large fire covering 1 block (53956020).	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
2145	417	OP 652 reports: 2 apartment houses side by side. Ey soldiers have been moving from house to house (492566).	G-2
2200	456	2 half tracks and personnel (518429). Fired on	G-2
		30 ey and 1 MG (496506).	G-2
		MG firing (49725173) Above engaged	G-2
2235	456	Two half tracks (51754265) Will engage	G-2
2235	294	12 or more vehicles moving S at (445728)	G-2
		10 or more vehicles moving S (472665).	G-2
		10 APRIL	
0010	294	Sound OP picked up RR gun (4774-9237).	Corps
0020	320	1 Ey soldier wearing civ clothes over uniform shot approaching W side of HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE (KOLN)	G-2
0130	320	Large explosion occurred at E end of HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE (KOLN)	G-2
0355	376	5 tanks (41067482) to (41337467). 1 tank (428737)	G-2
0855	294	Gun location (48406936)	S-3 376
1700	417	Arty piece going into psn (52730-62910). 12 men in vic. 746 firing. 8 rounds 1 hit	G-2
1840	376	NIEHL has been in process of evacuation all day.	G-2

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1850	417	Fuel tank (47096987) Fired	G-2
2000	320	Tower (471581) set afire	G-2
2000	417	Burning building (46246096)	
		11 APRIL	
0237	417	Truck with lights along bank of river with several personnel walking in front (46855745).	G-2
0950	320	Ey CP (48855915).	G-2
0950	417	8 fresh slit trenches (49624760)	G-2
		Ey MG (498520)	G-2
1156	456	Civ with belongings moving back into MONDORF from N	G-2
1200	G-2	French laborer escapee from PORZ: A/T obstacle (537553) Engr Dump (52005336) MG and arty (52025338) OP and MG (51855490) Searchlights (51685513)	
1200	376	Movement out of BLEE observed by OP	G-2
1230	417	Heavy cycle traffic on overpass (493661). 2 smoke screens (480651) and (484647)	G-2
1420	805	B-26 crashed at (495495)	G-2
1440	417	Mess Hall (469568). Approx 25 men in bldg. Set afire	G-2
1450	456	Demolitions in MONDORF and N	Corps G-2
1455	456	12 people around B-26. Shot 1 Red and 1 yellow flare	G-2 Corps

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1500	456	2 US Jeeps 2 tanks 1 half track in LIBUR	G-2 Corps
1500	505	Tanks shelling LIBUR and WAHN	S-3 Corps
1505	417	US bombers attacking UCKENDORF.	G-2 Corps
1455	325	10 ey walking NE on road (49185662) carrying full field and 1 MG	G-2
1525	456	Tanks in WAHN (US)	G-2
1630	417	Explosion (50581435) 2 Vehicles going S on hiway (5257) 6 men going N (5259). 3 vehicles moving NW on road (51965813)	G-2
1835	417	Ammo dump blew up (54375972)	G-2
1830	746	Convoy of US tanks and trucks (539569)	G-2
1920	417	US vehicles coming into town (557515)	G-2
2015	320	Explosions in MULHEIM:	G-2
2055	320	Heavy battle at (484578)	G-2
2135	320	MGs firing on W bank of RHINE (466579) and (475564)	G-2
2145	320	MGs firing S and SE from base of ADOLPH HITLER bridge	G-2
2200	294	Ammo dump blew up (49296618)	G-2
2215	319	US tanks at (480665).	S-3

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0030	13 Arm'd	CP of 3rd PARA DIV (647580) CP of 3rd PARA (Fwd) (609588)	G-2 G-2
0540	G-2	Dutch refugee: FDC in farmhouse MIDDENAUEN (445761)	S-3
1045	376	2 Half tracks seen in HITDORF	S-3

Time	From	Item	Disposition
1630	319	Friendly troops apparently moved N of Autobahn. Vis limited	S-3
1800	294	100 soldiers marching N and NE at (486660) at 1705 hours	S-3 G-2
0		**13 APRIL**	
1000	All units	Nothing to report	
1200	All units	Nothing to report	
1610	805	2 ey tanks (45657475) Fired on. 1 hit.	G-2
2030	817	25 ey soldiers in house (45007405) Fired on	G-2
2345	G-2	3 ey in US uniforms ran when challenged by 505 guard. 1 killed 2 escaped. (466490)	All units
		2100 hours vic (477508) black civ sedan going SW containing 3-4 ey in US uniforms with sub machine gun	
		14 APRIL	
1725	376	Large fires burning area E of MULHEIM	G-2
1930	376	RO 2 reports fires in STALHEIM (479654)	G-2
		15 APRIL	
1640	807	30 men entering woods (456747).	
1715	Corps	1 Med gun (44928318)	13th Div
2115	Corps	1 Med gun (44928318) 1 gun (41808005) 1 gun (40808050)	S-3
2140	Corps	1/88 (47467626) 1/88 (39108477) 2/88s (415856) PW report	S-3
2335	Corps	Large cal. gun (49047438)	S-3

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		16 APRIL	
0025	Corps	1 light gun (41088210) 1 light gun (44068292) 4 gun battery (40808005)	S-3
0420	Corps	1 Med gun (43587932)	S-3
0710	319	30 Russian DPs from camp. Lt. Eskoff will return after screening	G-2

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ELBE CROSSING OPERATION 29 APRIL to 30 APRIL 45

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		29 APRIL	
2030	Corps	Air OP reported water rising in BLECKEDE area (0128)	G-2
		30 APRIL	
0350	43 FA	2nd Bn 505 on Phase Line 1	G-2
0500	456	505th 2nd Bn on Phase Line 2	
0610	G-2	Buffaloes operating on ey side of ELBE River.	S-3
		Large explosion (009269).	
~~0610~~	~~43~~	~~F/W located ey gun psn (062338).~~	Corps
0620	294	1 tank and 4 vehicles (01772661)	S-3
0945	Corps	Air OP reports S/A fight along line (0429-0431-0432)	G-2
1420	Corps	At least 5 tanks observed moving W at (105278). Engaging	S-3 G-2
1850	43 FA	1st Bn 505 forward elements on Phase #5	G-2
1900	456	STIEPELSE taken	G-2
2100	376	Unidentified plane over 376 FA, then across river over STIEPELSE. Dropped heavy bomb.	G-2
2135	G-2	Captured map shows: Div CP TINKENBERG (082306) Div CP GRESSE (003370) 4-12.8 guns RR (142344) 4-12.8 guns RR (")	Corps
2340	G-2	4-12.8 guns RR (149344) 4-105 guns (123301) 4-105 " (135278) MLR - BLENCHER (063338)-TINKENBERG (082306) E along River to PRETEN (116300).	Corps

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1 April 1945

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1430	Maj Hart with advance party from each unit left Camp Suippes, France, for purpose of securing CP's and billets for Div Arty which is to move forward following day.

2 April 1945

0930	Div Arty CP, with Hq Btry left Camp Suippes, France enroute to Forward CP in Germany which had been established by Maj Hart preceding day. Convoy (Serial) led by Capt Hufford and following 319th Gli FA Bn.
2050	Convoy met at Modrath, Germany, by Maj Hart, and led to Weiden, Germany where billets had been selected for CP and personnel.
2110	Arrived at Weiden, Germany, unloaded equipment and established CP)36806015)

3 April 1945

0130	Two guides from each battalion report to Div Arty CP for instructions and map references to railroad station.
0945	Battalion agents from 319th Gli FA Bn and 376th Prcht FA Bn reported to CP.
0945	Col Griffith, Exec, left CP for Stolberg.
1030	Maj Hart, S-1 departed from CP for Div QM, 320th Gli FA Bn; G-1 and G-4.
1035	Coordinates of Battalion CP's: 376th Prcht FA Bn (408629); near Bickendorf; 319th Gli FA Bn (395600); 320th Gli FA Bn (443570); 456th Prcht FA Bn (40664741).
1100	Col Wright, CO, 320th Gli FA Bn, reported at CP looking for Maj Hart and left immediately.
1200	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1300	Col Griffith returned from Stolberg.
1400	Maj Hart, S-1, to Ordnance and ASP.
1440	Col Griffith, Exec, left CP for Bn CP's: 319th and 320th Gli FA Bns and 376th and 456th Prcht FA Bns.
1700	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1800	Capt Lala at CP to see Maj Hart about rations for EM at Air CP.
1810	Col Griffith returned to CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
2000	Meeting of all Battalion Commanders at which situation was discussed and missions assigned.
2110	Meeting of all Battalion Commanders was adjourned.
	4 April 1945
0829	82nd Abn Division relieved 86th Inf Division.
0900	All units advised by phone that 82nd had taken over the area and 417th FA Group relieved from 86th Inf Div and attached to the 82nd Abn Division.
1000	Lt Weil left CP as Liaison Officer for 101st Abn Div Arty.
1120	Brig General Gjelsteen, 86th Inf Div Arty CG at CP to discuss with General March about liaison planes.
1120	Maj Hart S-1 left CP for 86th Inf Div Arty CP
1200	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1300	Lt Shockley at CP for conference with Maj Hart in reference to buildings for billeting of Hq and Hq Btry.
1345	Maj Hart, S-1, to 86th Inf Div Arty CP.
1355	Col Swift, Ass't Div Commander at CP to confer with Col Griffith.
1410	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1415	Col Swift left CP.
1430	Maj MacLaren, Exec 284th FA Obn Bn at CP for conference with Maj Hart.
1500	Maj MacLaren 284th FA Obn Bn left CP.
1510	Maj Hart, S-1, to G-4.
1700	Maj Hart returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: Attached: 417th FA Group including 746th FA Bn (8" How); 805th FA Bn (155mm How); 672nd FA Bn (155mm How). Reinforcing: 20th Armd Div Arty (less one Bn). 320th Direct support of the 325th Gli Inf 376th Direct support of the 504th Prcht Inf. 456th Direct support of the 505th Prcht Inf 319th General support of Division and reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn. Reinforcing 417th FA Group.

5 April 1945

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
0915	Maj MacLaren, Exec. 294th FA Obn Bn. at CP to see Maj Hart and left immediately. Capt Hufford, S-2, to see Maj Hart concerning order for propaganda shells.
0930	General March left CP to visit 86th Inf Div Arty CP, 82nd Abn Div Cub plane field; made flight over Rhine river for observation; inspected area to which 82nd Hq Div Arty will displace to in future.
1000	Maj Hart, S-1, and Col Griffith Exec. to 86th Inf Division CP.
1045	Maj Webber, Exec. and Capt Densolw, Madical Officer, from 672nd FA Bn at CP to see Maj Hart and pick up S.O.A.P.
1100	Maj Hart returned to CP and gave instructions and information to Maj Webber and Capt Densolw. Capt Densolw had conference with Capt Redingfield.
1105	Col Studebaker, XXII Corps Arty at CP for conference with Col Griffith
1125	Maj Webber and Capt Densolw left CP
1140	Col Griffith returned to CP
1145	General March returned to CP.
1300	Maj MacLaren, Exec. from 294th FA Obn Bn, at CP to discuss situation with Lt McNally, S-2.
1315	Lt Rice, XXII Corps, had discussion with Lt Shockley on communications.
1400	Lt Devine S-4, 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP to see Maj Hart about ammunition.
1410	Capt Connelly, S-4 319th Gli FA Bn, at CP to see Maj Hart.
1415	Lt Taylor, SSO at CP to confirm order on occupying of buildings in area and distribution of Stars and Stripes to the attached units.
1420	Lt Devine, 456th Prcht FA Bn, left CP.
1430	Maj Capp, XXII Corps, to see Maj Hart concerning allocation of ammunition tounits.
1435	Lt Taylor, 82nd Division, left CP.
1440	Col Studebaker XXII Corps left CP
1445	Capt Oswell S-2, 376th Prcht FA Bn at CP reporting what was observed of the enemy and what patrols had observed and accomplished.
1500	Maj Capp, XXII Corps, left CP.
1520	Capt Connelly 319th Gli FA Bn, left CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1600	Capt Bedingfield, Med O, at CP to see Maj Hart.
1620	Maj Page and WO Smith 746th FA Bn at CP to see Maj Hart concerning S-1 problems and left immediately.
1645	Maj Hart, S-1, and Col Griffith, Exec, to 86th Inf Div Arty CP.
1650	Capt Luce S-4, 320th Gli FA Bn, at CP to see Maj Hart and left immediately.
1700	Maj Silvey, Exec, 319th Gli FA Bn at CP to see Maj Hart and left immediately.
1730	Maj Hart and Col Griffith returned to CP.
1830	672nd FA Bn displaced and closed at 1815 hours. New CP at (384689). 20th Armd Div Arty (less one Bn) General Support of 82nd Abn Division and reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn.
2040	Maj Einhorn Liaison Officer 417th FA Group, at CP to see Maj Hart about ammunition allocation.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th. 320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf. 376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf. 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. 672nd FA Bn - Gen support reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn. 805th FA Bn - Gen support reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn 746th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division. 20th Armd Div Arty (less one Bn) reinforcing 82nd Abn Div Arty and assigned the mission of general support and reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn. Battalions included in the 20th Armd Div Arty are 412th and 414th Armd FA Bns. (413th Armd FA Bn is reinforcing 101st Abn Div Arty).
	6 April 1945
0930	Div Arty CP displaced and colsed at new CP (366605)
1130	Lt Weil at CP to confer with Col Smiley, S-3, on present situation.
1345	Col Heiser Exec, 97th Div Arty at CP for conference with General March and for information on the present situation.
1415	Maj Hart S-1 to ASP to inquire about allocation of ammo to units.
1420	General March gave instructions to Maj Thain S-3, 456th Prcht FA Bn concerning use of ammunition.
1430	General March questioned fire line of 456th Prcht FA Bn per telephone.
1510	New fire line received from 456th Prcht FA Bn effective 1900 hours today until further notice.
1515	Capt Raibl returned to duty from Riveria.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1530	Capt Raibl left CP.
1605	Lt Weil left CP as Liaison Officer to 101st Abn Div Arty.
1610	Capt Lala and Capt Hawkins 319th Gli FA Bn at CP to see Col Smiley and discuss results of a shoot by air observation.
1630	Capt Raibl at CP to see General March.
1650	Col Heiser 97th Div Arty left CP.
1655	General March and Capt Raibl left CP to inspect CP radio set-up.
1715	General March returned to CP with Col Heiser, 97th Div Arty.
1800	Col Heiser, CO, 97th Div Arty left CP.
1925	Maj Hart, S-1, returned to CP.
1935	Lt Machemehl, XVIII Corps Arty, at CP to see Col Smiley and Capt Pufford.
2000	Lt Machemehl XVIII Corps Arty left CP
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	7 April 1945
0830	Maj Hart, S-1, to Division.
0900	Capt Oswell, S-2, 376th Prcht FA Bn, at CP to see Capt Brock about present situation.
0920	Col Griffith, Exec, to Division for General Courts-Martial meeting.
0930	General March and Major Hart to Cub plane airstrip to present promotion of Major to Capt Lala; visited 20th Armd Div Arty and inspected gun positions hit by enemy artillery; then visited 376th Prcht FA Bn CP.
0945	Capt Oswell, S-2, 376th Prcht FA Bn, left CP.
1000	Col Ham CO 20th Armd Div Arty visited CP to see General March to discuss Div Arty situation.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1030	Maj Hart. S-1, returned to CP.
1100	Col Griffith, Exec, returned from Division.
1300	Col Wiel, Exec, XVIII Corps Arty at CP to see General March on present situation.
1310	Col Griffith Exec to 82nd Abn Division.
1320	Col Winton G-2, discusses the present situation with Col Smiley, S-3.
1325	Lt McNally S-2 to CW Liaison Office to pick up messages.
1330	Capt Hall Counterbattery Officer XXII Corps Arty discussed situation with Capt Hufford, S-2.
1340	Lt Weil In O to 101st Abn Div Arty confers with Col Smiley S-3 on present situation.
1350	Capt O'Neill S-2, 456th Prcht FA Bn brought shell fragment ot Capt Hufford S-2.
1355	Lt McNally, S-2, returned to CP.
1405	Capt Eskoff, Comm O and Capt Gargile, S-2, 319th Gli FA Bn, at CP for information concerning artillery fire.
1410	Lt Waring, G-2, at CP for information concerning S-2.
1415	Col Todd, CO, 319th Gli FA Bn confers with Col Smiley.
1420	Maj Lancey, Exec 320th Gli FA Bn at CP to see Staff.
1425	Capt Eskoff and Capt Gargile 319th Gli FA Bn left CP.
1430	Col Todd, CO, 319th Gli FA Bn and Maj Lancey, Exec, 320th Gli FA Bn left CP for their unit.
1435	Capt Hall, XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1445	Capt O'Neill 456th Prcht FA Bn left CP.
1500	Col LeVake, CO, and Maj MacLaren, Exec 294th FA Obn Bn at CP for information concerning present Division Artillery set-up and data on ev counterbattery.
1530	Lt Waring G-2 left CP for Division.
1535	Col LeVake and Maj MacLaren, 294th FA Obn Bn left CP.
1540	Col Smiley S-3 to Cub plane airstrip.
1550	Col Horton CO, and Capt McDonald, Adr Officer, XXII Corps Arty at CP to get present Div Arty set-up. Col Horton had conference with General March.
1625	Col Horton and Capt McDonald, XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1715	Col Smiley, S-3, returned from Cub plane airstrip.
1820	Col Griffith, Exec returned from Division.

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2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th 320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf 672nd FA Bn - Gen support reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn 805th FA Bn - Gen support reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn 746th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division. 20th Armd Div Arty (less one Bn) reinforcing 82nd Abn Div Arty and assigned the mission of general support and reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn. Battalions included in the 20th Armd Div Arty are 412th and 414th Armd FA Bn (413th Armd FA Bn is reinforcing 101st Abn Div Arty).
	8 April 1945
0955	Maj Hart S-1, discussed allocation of ammo to units with Col Smiley, S-3.
1000	Capt Oswell, S-2, 376th Prcht FA Bn at CP for information of present Div Arty situation.
1015	General March to 82nd Abn Division.
1030	Capt Oswell, 376th Prcht FA Bn left CP.
1035	Col Griffith, Exec to 82nd Abn Division
1045	Capt O'Neill S-2 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP to see Capt Hufford
1115	Unit commanders were notified by telephone of a meeting of all Unit Commanders (including commanders of separate battalions) at 1330 hours today in the War Room at 82nd Abn Division.
1120	Col Griffith, Exec, returned from Division.
1130	General March returned from Division.
1245	General March to 82nd Abn Division for Unit Commanders meeting
1300	Col Wright CO, 320th Gli FA Bn and Col d'Alessio, CO, 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP to get present situation
1320	Col Wright and Col d'Alessio left CP for meeting of Unit commanders at 82nd Abn Division War Room
1340	Lt Arnold Ln C 97th Div Arty reported to 82nd Abn Div Arty.
1400	Maj Hart, S-1 visited 320th Gli FA Bn.
1640	Maj Hart returned to CP.
1650	General March returned to CP.

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2359	Div Arty Status:
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	9 April 1945
0830	Col Griffith, Exec, left CP to visit Battalions.
0835	Maj MacLaren, Exec, 294th FA Obn Bn at CP.
0935	Maj Wilmore, Exec, and Capt Brown, S-2, 541st FA Bn arrived at CP with Maj Pinhorn, Ln O, 417th FA Group to discuss present situation.
1000	Maj Reeves, Exec, 805th FA Bn at CP for location of 805th FA Bn Rear Echelon personnel and left immediately.
1015	Capt Lewis, BC, Btry 'B' 294th FA Obn Bn discusses Div Arty situation with Staff.
1025	Maj Wilmore and Capt Brown, 294th FA Obn left CP.
1030	Capt Lewis, 294th FA Obn Bn, left CP with Maj MacLaren who reported back to his organization.
1100	Col Griffith, Exec, returned to CP.
1240	Col Ham, CO, and Capt Guth, Comm O, 20th Armd Div Arty at CP to discuss the situation with the Staff.
1255	Capt Guth, 20th Armd Div Arty, left CP for XXIII Corps.
1300	Lt Sullivan, Ass't S-2, 320th Gli FA Bn, in to see Capt Hufford and Staff.
1325	General March and Capt Redingfield, Med O, went to the hospital.
1335	Col Ham, 20th Armd Div Arty left CP.
1345	Maj Wilmore, Exec, and Capt Brown, S-2, 541st FA Bn, in CP to see Col Smiley.
1355	Lt Sullivan, 320th Gli FA Bn, left CP.
1400	Maj Wilmore and Capt Brown, 541st FA Bn, left CP.
1410	Lt Weil, Ln O to 101st Abn Div Arty at CP with information for S-2 and S-3.
1435	Capt Baehler, Ass't S-3, 417th FA Group and Lt Rice, Ass't S-3, XXIII Corps Arty at CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1440	Maj Hart, S-1, to Ordnance.
1450	Capt Baehler, 417th FA Group and Lt Rice, XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1500	672nd FA Bn relieved from reinforcing fires of 320th Gli FA Bn and assigned to reinforcing firing of 376th Prcht FA Bn (in addition to general support). 412th and 414th Armd FA Bn relieved from reinforcing fires of 82nd Abn Division Artillery.
1510	Col Mathewson XVIII Corps Arty. at CP to see General March.
1535	Capt Luce, S-4, 320th Gli FA Bn. at CP.
1540	Col Mathewson, XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
1555	Capt Luce, 320th Gli FA Bn. left CP.
1600	Lt Weil In C left CP for 101st Abn Div Arty
1630	General Swift, Ass't Div Commander at CP.
1650	Col Echols CO, 417th FA Group at CP and left immediately.
1750	General March returned to CP.
1800	Maj Hart, S-1, returned to CP.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th 320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf. 376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. 672nd FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn 805th FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn 746th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division 20th Armd relieved from miss on of reinforcing 82nd Abn. Div Arty and moved out of position.
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0900	Col Griffith, Exec. to 82nd Abn Division.
0925	Lt Rice Ass't S-3 XXII Corps Arty at CP to give data to S-3 concerning present mission.
0955	Lt Rice XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1000	Col Horton, CO XXII Corps Arty and Lt Black, XXII Corps Arty at CP to see General March.
1030	General Pinnel, Commandant FA School, in to see General March.
1045	Lt Wilkinson, Acting Adjutant, 578th FA Bn at CP to see Col Smiley.
1145	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1215	General Pinnel General March and Col Horton left CP

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1230	Lt Rice Ass't S-3 XVII Corps Arty left CP.
1315	All Battalions notified by telephone not to fire any missions until further notice from Div Arty.
1330	Maj Crawford XVIII Corps Arty at CP to see General March.
1335	Capt Raibl in CP to see General March and Maj Crawford.
1345	Maj Crawford and Capt Raibl left CP.
1350	Col Griffith Exec. left CP for XVII Corps Arty.
1400	Col Penn S-3 XVIII Corps Arty. at CP.
1645	Col Ross CO Maj Natali S-3 Capt Tallon Ass't S-3, Lt Ryan Ass't S-2 790th FA Bn in to see Col Smiley.
1715	Col Rose Maj Natali Capt Tallon Lt Ryan, 790th FA Bn left CP.
1730	Col Griffith, Exec returned to CP.
1915	Capt Brady reported as In O from 13th Armd FA Bn.
2200	790th FA Bn closed in position.
2300	790th FA Bn ready to fire.
2359	Div Arty Status: 319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support and reinforcing 320th 320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. 672nd FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn 805th FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn 746th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division.

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0130	546th FA Bn closed in position.
0310	546th FA Bn ready to fire.
0400	790th FA Bn registered.
1000	Capt O'Neill S-2 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP.
1030	Capt O'Neill 456th Prcht FA Bn left CP.
1040	Following battalions atched to 417th FA Group: 790th FA Bn 8" How. CP (433592) 546th FA Bn 155mm Gun. CP (503602) 790th closed 2200 hours 10 April 1945 546th closed 0130 hours 11 April 1945 541st FA Bn (155mm Gun) expected to arrive today. One 105mm Bn of 26th Div Arty will arrive today and reinforce fires of 82nd Abn Div Arty.
1055	Col d'Alessio CO, 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1300	Lt Weil, Ln O to 101st Abn Div Arty at CP to see Col Smiley.
1310	Lt Machenehl, XVIII Corps Arty at CP to see Staff.
1315	Col Griffith, Exec to 82nd Abn Division.
1330	Lt Machenehl, XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
1415	Lt Rice Ass't S-3, XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1430	Lt Weil, Ln O left CP for 101st Abn Div Arty
1500	Lt Rice XXII Corps Arty left CP.
1600	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1700	Capt Luce, S-4, 320th Gli FA Bn, at CP.
1805	Col d'Alessio, 456th Prcht FA Bn, left CP.
1910	Capt Luce, 320th Gli FA Bn, left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status:

319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th
320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf
376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf.
456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
672nd FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn
80Sth FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division
746th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division
28th Div Arty reinforcing fires of 82nd Abn Division with one battalion light artillery (105mm) and 1/2 use of medium battalion.

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0850	Col Griffith, Exec to XVII Corps Arty
0940	Lt Walsworth 28th Div Arty at CP.
1010	Lt Walsworth 28th Div Arty left CP.
1040	General March to 82nd Abn Division.
1050	Capt Eilinger, XXII Corps Arty, at CP to give Capt Hufford shell fragments and get the Div Arty situation.
1100	General Perry, 28th Div Arty Commander, Col Horton, XXII Corps Arty, Lt Morrison, 28th Div Arty at CP to see General March.
1115	Lt Skipworth Ass't Sound O 294th FA Obn Bn at CP.
1130	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1135	Lt Skipworth 294th FA Obn Bn left CP.
1145	Capt Eilinger, XXII Corps Arty, left CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1150	General Perry Lt Morrison 28th Div Arty and Col Horton, XXII Corps Arty. left CP.
1315	General March returned to CP.
1340	Col Neptune. CO. 376th Prcht FA Bn. at CP.
1345	Maj Hart S-1 to Ordnance.
1400	Maj Crawford XVIII Corps Arty at CP.
1445	Col Neptune. 376th Prcht FA Bn left CP.
1515	Maj Crawford. XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
1600	Col Penn, S-3. XVIII Corps Arty at CP.
1800	Maj Hart returned to CP.
2330	541st FA Bn laid and ready to fire.
2359	Div Arty Status:

319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th.
320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf
376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf.
456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
672nd FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn
905th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division
746th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division
790th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division
546th FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division
541st FA Bn - General support of 82nd Abn Division.

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0100	Received radio news of death of President Roosevelt.
0840	Capt Rufford. S-2 to Cub plane airstrip.
1000	Col Penn S-3. XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
1005	General March to 82nd Abn Division
1110	General March returned to CP.
1140	Capt Rufford returned to CP.
1310	Lt Machemehl XVIII Corps Arty at CP to see the Staff.
1405	Lt Machemehl. XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
1455	Lt Rice. Ass't S-3 XXII Corps Arty. at CP.
1500	Lt Weil Ln O to 101st Abn Div Arty. arrived at CP.
1520	Lt Rice. XXII Corps Arty, left CP.
1530	Col Penn, S-3. XVIII Corps Arty at CP to see General March.
1535	Lt Weil Ln O returned to the 101st Abn Div Arty.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1800	Col Penn. XVIII Corps Arty left CP.
2359	Div Arty Status:
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	14 April 1945
0300	Div D.A. Message from SHAEF: All units will assemble at 1000 hours 14 April 1945. Each unit's commanding officer will conduct a brief ceremony for President Roosevelt. After the ceremony there will be a one minute of silence.
0330	790th FA Bn closed station (Authority XXII Corps Arty)
1000	Hq and Hq Btry assembled in Battery area in tribute to our late President Roosevelt.
1030	Units were notified of a Unit commanders meeting at the Div Arty CP at 1130 hours today.
1045	Col Todd 319th Gli FA Bn Col Wright 320th Gli FA Bn. Col Neptune 376th Prcht FA Bn. Col d'Alessio. 456th Prcht FA Bn Capt Raibl Hq Btry at CP for meeting
1050	General March to 82nd Abn Division.
1120	General March returned to CP.
1130	Meeting of Unit commanders in General March's office.
1150	Unit commanders meeting was adjourned.
1210	746th FA Bn relieved of firing responsibilities as of 141200.
1425	Maj Page 746th FA Bn at CP to see Col Griffith.
1430	Col Griffith Exec. and Maj Page 746th FA Bn left CP.
1530	Col Griffith returned to CP.
1825	Maj Einhorn. In C 417th FA Group departed for unit.
2359	Div Arty Status:
	319th Gli FA Bn - Gen support & reinforcing 320th 320th Gli FA Bn - Direct support of 325th Gli Inf 376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf 805th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division 746th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division 546th FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division 541st FA Bn - Gen support of 82nd Abn Division

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
	No entries

16 April 1945

1000	Capt Oswell. 376th Prcht FA Bn. in to see Capt Hufford and left shortly.
1015	Col Horton XXII Corps Arty in to see General March and left shortly.
1300	General March Col Smiley S-3 Col Griffith Exec attending meeting at 82nd Abn Division CP.
1345	General March Col Griffith. Col Smiley returned from meeting at Division.
1500	Col Wright. 320th Gli FA Bn and Col Todd. 319th Gli FA Bn. in CP with Col Smiley and left shortly.
1530	Capt Luce. 320th Gli FA Bn. in CP in left shortly.

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Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1130	Maj Hart, S-1, with advance party from each unit left WIEDEN for purpose of securing CP's and billets for Div Arty.

27 April 1945

No entries.

28 April 1945

0630	Elements of Hq and Hq Btry left for assembly area, vicinity of ULZEN by motor convoy, led by Lt Clausen.
0915	General March, Col Griffith, Col Smiley left WIEDEN for Div Arty CP at DORMTE.
1200	43rd FA Bn atched to 82nd Abn Division.
1500	Personnel of Hq Btry left WIEDEN by motor convoy for DUREN. Lt Bloxom, train commander, and Hq Btry boarded trains at DUREN for LEHRTE.
1600	Motor convoy arrived at vicinity of ULZEN for overnight bivouac.
1800	General March, Col Griffith, Col Smiley arrived at DORMTE and established Div Arty CP.

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0100	Motor convoy of Hq and Hq Btry, led by Lt Clausen left vicinity of ULZEN for DORMTE.
0830	Motor convoy of Hq and Hq Btry arrived at Div Arty CP in DORMTE.
1100	Col Rush CO, 472nd FA Group at CP and left immediately.
1130	Col Raymond Exec, 8th Div Arty at CP and left immediately.
1150	319th Gli FA Bn Motor convoy closed in area at DORMTE.
1500	Capt Patrick XVIII Corps Arty, also representing 472nd FA Group reported to S-3 as Ln O.
1530	Div Arty CP displaced to (007245)(vicinity of BLECKEDE)
1830	Hq and Hq Btry arrived at (007245) and established Div Arty CP.
1700	General March left Div Arty CP to stay at 82nd Abn Division CP.
1755	Col Todd and Col Wright CO's, 319th and 320th Gli FA Bns, respectively, checked in at CP.

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
2359	Div Arty Status:
	Organic battalions in position (with elements traveling by motor convoy). 43rd FA Bn (105 How) Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf. 280th FA Bn (105 How) Reinforcing fires of 43rd FA Bn. 748th and 351st FA Bns (472nd Group) reinforcing Div Arty fires.
	30 April 1945
1010	Capt Monger, 320th Gli FA Bn, at CP and left shortly.
1020	Capt Lala at CP and gave shelrep to Capt Hufford, S-2. About 40 cy shells landed in area of Cub plane airstrip.
1130	General Mathewson, XVIII Corps, at CP.
1300	Col D'Alessio CO, 456th Prcht FA Bn at CP. Requested permission to reconnoiter across the river.
1305	Col Russell XVIII Corps Arty at CP and left shortly.
1330	Col d'Alessio, 456th Prcht FA Bn, left CP.
1345	General Mathewson XVIII Corps left CP.
1900	456th Prcht FA Bn placed in direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.
2200	~~43rd FA Bn~~ relieved from attachment to 82nd Abn Div Arty. Direct support of 12lst Inf.
2215	456th Prcht FA Bn closed in new area. CP (040290)
2359	Div Arty Status:
	376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 504th Prcht Inf 456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct support of 505th Prcht Inf.

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
Apr 2 -	2100 hours	Div Arty closed in area	CP located at	366608	
Apr 2 -	2130 "	319th " " "	CP " "	395600	
Apr 3 -	0115 "	320th " " "	CP " "	443570	
Apr 3 -	0230 "	376th " " "	CP " "	408629	
Apr 3 -	1215 "	456th " " "	CP " "	406471	
1305	319th	Div Arty	Displaced and now located at-CP-436640; A-441636; B-438639.		
1645	376th	" "	Displaced and now located at CP-440667; B-434699; C-444647		
1710	320th	" "	Displaced and now located at CP-44245675; A-44945575; B-44525641		
1915	456th	" "	Displaced and now located at CP-439482; A-467525; B-447479; C-459467		
			All Battalions in position and ready to fire.		

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0903	Div	Div Arty	82nd Abn Div took over sector as of 0829.		
0035	320	" "	Bn closed in area assigned at 0035.		
0045	Hq Btry	" "	Btry closed in area assigned at 0045		
0300	376	" "	Bn closed in area assigned at 0300.		
0330	319	" "	Bn closed in area assigned at 0330		
0700	456	" "	Bn closed in area assigned at 0700.		
1100	86th D.A.	" "	In O reported that 101st has taken over fr 97th Div at 0700		
1150	All Bns	" "	All Bns registered and ready to fire.		
1450	320	746	539625	Flak Guns(shot at plane)-16 rds fired by 746-Target neutalzd	
1600	86th Div	" "	NO FIRE LINE - N of 385765-410765-410770 then due E.		
1605	86th Div	" "	Permission to fire on OP at 48376344 - OK		
1750	101st		NO FIRE LINE - East bank of river		
1900	672 FA Bn	" "	492746	Locomotives	
2015	456th		531491	100-200 personnel	TOT 2050
"	"	456th	"	" " "	Bn (3)
"	"	805th	"	" " "	2 Btrys (3)
2045	86th	376th	485636	MG & Mortars	OK to fire
2135	Div Arty	417th Gp	531491	H & I 2200-0700	Pl (1) 1/hr & 2 Bty (2) 1/night
"	" "	"	525585	" " "	Pl (1) 1/hr
"	" "	"	491746	" " "	Pl (1) 1/hr
2140	" "	All Bns	NO FIRE LINE - 4761 line SE to 5156 N 1000yyds East of River		

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0750	320	Div Arty	524545	12 pers in bldg	456th fired
1350	417 Grp	376	46356675	15 Inf	
1515	A OP	746	472676	Btry Lt Arty	Neutralized
0900	20 Armd	Div Arty	31096991	TASSEL (20 Armd DivBA)	
"	"	" "	37457220	TARIFF (412th FA Bn)	
"	"	" "	40216989	TASTEFUL (414th FA BN)	
2100	101st D.A	376	NO FIRE - 4076-4077-415780-415800-395815		
2115	Div Arty	805	528472	H.F. Pl (1) per hr	2100-0600
"	" "	"	504485	" " "	" "
"	" "	"	506601	" " "	" "
"	" "	"	531488	" " "	" "
"	" "	"	52075507	" "	(6 times only)
"	" "	"	52145656	" "	" "
"	" "	"	51585946	" "	" "
2120	" "	456	504485	2 H (1) 1 per hr	2100-0600
"	" "	"	531488	" " "	" "
2125	" "	319	513673	1 H (1) 1hr	" "
"	" "	"	505634	2 H (1) 1hr	" "
2130	" "	414	490718	1 H (1) 1/2 hr	" "
"	" "	456	504485	Bn (2) TOT 2206 hrs	
"	" "	805	"	" (2) " "	
2130	" "	456	531488	Bn (2) TOT 2210 hrs	
"	" "	805	"	" (2) " "	

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDIANTES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0945	672nd	Div Arty	410630	Location of new OP	
1800	Div Arty	672	43407482	CR-Interdiction-	1 Gun 1/10 min
"	" "	"	40457575	"	cut to once per
"	" "	"	40857590	"	hr at 2100 hrs
1435	Air OP	672	434749(43347587)	Gun Flashes	Neutralized
1915	Div Arty	746 "B"	456752	I Fire-1Gun	(1) every 15 min to 2100
"	"	"	45257648	I Fire- "	" " "
1900	"	Air O	North Sector	2 additional obs planes-took off at 1910 hours.	
1935	Air OP	672	430765	3 vehicles	Btry (1) adj QA
2355	376	417 Grp	45957270	vehicles	1 gun (1) 4/hr
"	"	"	47976574	Flak wag & tk	4 after 0200 'til 0700

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0145	376	Div Arty	495655	Tanks	1 gun (1) 2/hr
			486685	"	" " "
0255	376	" "	47936574	Trk Convoy	1 gun (2)
0325	101	" "	390756to 400770 to 415778 to 4181 NOFIRE LINE EFFECTIVE NOW 'TIL FURTHER NOTICE		
1225	Div Arty	456	532491		TOT 1245
1225	" "	"	529471		" 1300
"	" "	805	"		" " B (2)
"	" "	"	532491		" 1245 B (1)
1450	Air OP	746	480660	Gun Flashes	
2100	672	672	46385938	5 trks, 1 tk,	Btry (1) obs by
"	320	"	461937	personnel	" " 320
230	376	672,746,376, 412,414	44157426	Personnel	TOT 2210
2100	Div Arty	805	548512	H&I B 1 2115 B (2) 2135 1 every 15 B 1 2120 B (1) 0615 min to 2400	
2110	" "	417 Grp	42957648	" 1-1/2 hr 2130-0630	
"	" "	"	43407486	" " " " "	
"	" "	"	45107412	" " " " "	
"	" "	"	45947269	" " " " "	
"	" "	"	48257276	" " " " "	
"	" "	"	47687386	" " " " "	
2145	" "	319	47096726	" Pl (1) 1-1/2 hr 2130-0630	
"	" "	"	47306618	" " " " "	
"	" "	"	48036766	" " " " "	
2320	" "	"	4678712 (sub for 48036766)	" " " 2330-0630	
2250	376	Div Arty	453735	Rocket Mortar - Sound Flash	

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1600	Air OP	319	46406675	10 Inf	Conc 118
1945	97 Div	Div Arty	5342-5504 73 N ON 55 - NO FIRE LINE 456, 417		
2000	A OP	672	437750	Flak Guns	Target & A mmo Dump destroyed
2050	97 D.A.	Div Arty	NO FIRE LINE - 5342-5649 E ON 49 N on 62		
2155	294	417 Grp	46307593	88mm Gun or Btry	B 1 volley center
2355	294 Obsn	746	491743	RR Gun(?)	B 1 (200 Yd Zone)

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0005	294	319	46406618	MG Firing Tractor	B (1) volley
1220	G-2 Civ	746	47106981	5000 Gal gas storage	Prep 8" shoot
1830	97 D.A	Div Arty	55895113	Pl (1) Volley 2/hr	805 will shoot
"	"	"	55855135	'til 2400	" " "
"	"	"	53124895	Btry (2) 2 volley	" " "
"	"	456	54905384	Btry (1) volley 2/hr 'til 2400	
"	"	"	54355115	" " " "	
"	"	"	53124895	" " " "	
"	"	"	54454747	" " " "	

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2245	Div Arty	417	52956475	P ① 1hr 2400-1200	
"	"	456	52754723	P ① 1hr 2400-1200	
"	"	417	Continue H&I until 101200 (or until further notice)		
"	"	456	" " "	" (2400 change to P1)	
			10 April, 1945.		
0400	376	Div Arty	41067482	5 Tanks	746 Bn - B②
0400	"	"	41337467	(?) Tanks	746 Bn - B②
0900	Div Arty	294	48406936	Nebelwerfer	376 will fire
1030	"	417,456,	NO FIRE-SOUTH OF 55 GRID LINE EAST OF RHINE o		
1035		320			
1035	97	Div Arty	NO FIRE LINE IS RHINE RIVER		
1145	Div Arty	456	46307593	Flak Gun	B① volley at
			463755	positions	1155cont
			45947269	Air Support	w/plat① every
				Mission	2 min for 6 min
1145	Div Arty	417	47687386	Flak Guns Air	Own Fire scheme
			49687168	Support Mission	
			50087191		
1325	Air OP		472489	Searchlight	(No "No Fire"Line
1350	Div Arty CG		NO FIRE - S of 60 grid line - OK to shoot above 60		
1459	Div Arty	417	533677	40 veh in woods	
1410	Corps	417 Gp 8"	4970069205	Railway Gun(Air Support)	
1415	D.A. CG	All Units	NO FIRE EAST OF RIVER		
1435	320	Div Arty	46506130	1 0 and 10 Men, MG - OK to Fire	
1545	97 D.A.	All Units	NO FIRING SOUTH OF 60 GRID LINE OR EAST OF 60 GRID LINE		
2030	13 Armd	Div Arty	5255-5260, East on 60 -- 320th		
			No firing E of 52 Line -- 417		
			11 April, 1945		
0125	294	Div Arty	55206573	Medium Gun	417-8" B④ -155 Zone 2
0445	97D.A.	546	60525436	Hvy Gun	40 Rds
0900	417	Div Arty	790 FA closed 2200	Ready to fire 2300, all Registered	
			546 FA " 0130	" " " 0310, " "	
1300	376	"	42957376	Req 746 fire at 1500	
1304	456	"	NO FIRE LINE- E OF RHINE		(fr 97th D.A.)
1745	Air OP	417 Grp	526606	Gun Flashes	To XVII for CL Okd by CG 82d Div Arty
1755	13Armd		RIVER TO 500555-5060-7060 NO FIRE E OR S OF THIS LINE		
1820	Div Arty	Air OP	547592	4 Gun Btry (could not identify)	
1815	"	417,376, 456,319,320, XXII	NO FIRE LINE-RIVER TO 500555-5060-7060 NO FIRE E OR S OF THIS LINE		
1850	AVIII	Div Arty	547592	Clearance to fire granted	
2000	Air OP	"	500695	Gun Flashes	417th Grp
2100	13 Armd	"	NO FIRE LINE-5143-5646-5153 along R to 5060-6060-6055 EAST ON 55		
2115	"	"	541639	Tank Park	
2115	"	"	576657-579661	BEGLLADBACH	
2115	"	"	595633	BERNSBURG	
2115	"	"	516671	DURWALD	
			12 April, 1945		
0025	Div Arty	417	609588	3 Para Div CP	Bn ⑤ 1c apart
	"	"	613563	How Btry	Bn ⑤ - " "
	"	"	533647	Delbruck	120 rds
	"	"	541639	Tank Park	"
	"	"	576657	Bergladbach	"
	"	"	579661	"	"
	"	"	595633	Bensburg	"
	"	"	540610	Bruck	"

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0030	456	Div Arty	Reported good hits	on 3rd Para Div CP	
0930	417	"	39157588	Gun Flash	Bn (2)
1030	Air OP	"	707661	Friendly Tanks	
1030	417	"	Titan closed New Position at 0600 Ready to fire All btrys registered		
1040	28 D.A.	"	39746930	CP 107th FA Bn	
			35547293	CP 108th FA Bn	
			315695	CP Div Arty	
1130	13 Armd	" sent out to all units	NO FIRE LINE-43736073-606565650 6560 EAST		
1140	Air OP	746	468719	AA Gun	OK to 13 Armd for clearance
2100	504	Div Arty 28,417,376	NO FIRE - 4573-450745 W to 420745		'til 2300-dawn
2340	417Grp	Div Arty	541 FA Bn laid and ready to fire 2330		

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1000	13 Armd	790	BENSBURG-5963	Req all available	Bn (10)
1034	"	"	" "	Repeat TOT 1100 hrs	Bn (10)
1145	546		Bn closed 0805 ready to fire 0915		
1510	CCB	13Armd,417	55757035	Reg Bn 3 on Call DUNKERHOFE	OK-Clear
1605	376	Div Arty	45527495	Tanks(805 fired)	Eff unknown
1945	417	"	451741	20 Ey pers & Empl	-OK to shoot observed
2120	Div Arty	XXII, 28	NO FIRE EAST OF RHINE		
"	"	101st	" " " " "		
2315	"	417	445727	RHEINDORF	All (5) TOT2330
"	"	"	"	"	" (5) " 2355
2315	"	376,28	427739	HITDORF	" (10) " 2330
"	"	"	"	"	" (10) " 2355

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0912	13 Armd	Div Arty	NO FIRE-E of River S of 4373 to 7595		
1820	"	"	NO FIRE-S of 76 E of River		
2230	376	"	430738	4 Tanks Firing S	-OK to fire
2245	"	"	447724	5 Tanks " "	-OK to fire

15 April, 1945

0115	13 Armd	417 #1	51607723	2 Light AA	(12)
"	"	" 2	51607737	3 Light AA	(12)
"	"	" 3	53437676	4 Heavy AA	(24)
"	"	" 4	53867685	3 Light AA	(12)
"	"	" 5	54047662	3 Light AA	(12)
"	"	" 6	50147720	Inf Bn CP	(24) x 2
"	"	" 7	49877621	FA Bn CP	(24)
"	"	" 8	563798	5 Army Corps Ho	(24) x 3
"	"	" 9	4680	Town	(12) x 2
"	"	" 10	483818	Town	(12) x 2
"	"	" 11	4885	Town	(12) x 2
"	"	" 12	432854	Town	
"	"	" 13	400858	Town	
"	"	" 14	380870	Town	
0255	XXII	Div Arty	Message from Maj GEN Ridgway: 13th Armd may cross Wupper tonight. Bns will not fire S of Line Nilden (4385) - Oligs (4985) until further notice		
0843	13 Armd	Div Arty	4077, 4478, 4579	Towns (Requested)	
0850	Div Arty	417 Gp	4478, 4579,	Prep. on towns	Bn (5)
0900	101st Div A.	417th Gp.	Clearance granted to fire 4077.		
0910	Div Arty	108	4077	Town	Bn (5) Volleys

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TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0930	Div Arty	13Armd	3 Towns plastered as requested-ammo expended 180rds		
1110	13 Armd	417Grp	4680, 447817	Towns	Bn(3)
			495785	Town	Bn(3)
			483818	Town(Intersed)	Bn(1)
1228	13 Armd	Div Arty	Heavy resistance at Town 525745-Req TOT 1245 hrs		
1230	Div Arty	417	525745	TOT 1245 hrs	Bn(4)
1600	13 Armd		NO FIRE SOUTH OF 80 GRID LINE		
1730	XXII	417 Grp	44928318	1 Med Gun	OK-13Armd Btry Zone
1910	13Armd	Div Arty	NO FIRE IN HITDORF		
2330	"	417Gp	441829	Hvy Gun	P(1) 3 times
"	"	"	449831	Med Gun	per hr stop
"	"	"	447817	Intersection	at 0800
"	"	"	483882	"	"
"	"	"	482853	"	"
"	"	"	461844	"	"
"	"	XXII	418862	In Fss area	XXII CORPS
"	"	"	447848	Intersection	ARTY FOR FIRE
"	"	"	4385	Town	
"	"	"	444859	Intersection	
"	"	"	388908	"	
"	"	"	394917	"	
"	" c	"	444886	" POZIT ONLY	
"	"	"	432914	" " "	
			16 April, 1945		
0250	13 Armd	XXII	460800	POZIT ONLY	XXII CORPS
"	"	"	452797	" "	ARTY FOR FIRE
"	"	"	471808	" "	They will cease
"	"	"	39108477	1 88mm Gun	firing 0630.
"	"	"	913856	2 88mm	Use Pozit when
"	"	"	44928318	1 Med Gun	possible, or
"	"	"	41808005	1 Gun	WP to 10%
"	"	"	40808050	1 Gun	
0420	13 Armd	" c	43587932	1 Med Gun	
0715	"	"	404802	BAUBERG	TOT 0730 hrs
2	"	"	432857	HILDEN	completed by
"	"	"	394835	URDENBACH	0810 hrs.
1012	"	Div Arty	NOR FIRE SOUTH OF GRID LINE 81		
1033	"	"	NO FIRE LINE-SOUTH OF 87 LINE. CANCEL FIRES OF SECTORS		
1105	"	"	NO FIRE SOUTH OF 90		
1120	26 Div	"	406794	volkswagon	
1310	13 Armd	"	NO FIRE SOUTH OF 95 GRID LINE		
1408	13 Armd	"	NO FIRE UNLESS CALLED FOR U TIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.		

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AIR OBSERVATION

1. Air OP field - Coord. 375601.

2. There will be a two plane patrol 0700-2000 hrs daily. One plane will patrol division front north of bridge 4660 at Cologne, the other plane will patrol division front south of bridge 4660.

3. COMMUNICATIONS - Plane will use its own battalion call sign for the day, followed by 1 Able for NORTH sector or by 1 Baker for SOUTH sector. This may be abbreviated after contact is made by using only 1 A and 1 B for respective sectors. Bns will monitor T frequency during hours of air OP operation. Fire missions will be handled on T frequency.

4. Air observers will report all intelligence information to Div Arty S-2.

5. SCHEDULE:

DATE	Apr 5,9,13 17,21, etc		Apr 6,10,14 18,22, etc		Apr 7,11,15 19,23, etc		Apr 8,12,16 20,24, etc	
TIME	UNIT North	UNIT South	UNIT North	UNIT South	UNIT North	UNIT South	UNIT North	UNIT South
0700-0800	319	320	672	456	376	805	DivArty:	320
0755-0900	672	456	376	805	DivArty:	320	319	417 Gp:
0855-1000	376	805	DivArty:	320	319	417 Gp:	672	456
0955-1100	DivArty:	320	319	417 Gp:	672	456	376	805
1055-1200	319	417 Gp:	672	456	376	805	746	320
1155-1300	672	456	376	805	746	320	319	DivArty
1255-1400	376	805	746	320	319	DivArty:	672	456
1355-1500	746	320	319	DivArty:	672	456	376	805
1455-1600	319	DivArty:	672	456	376	805	417 Gp:	320
1555-1700	672	456	376	805	417 Gp:	320	319	746
1655-1800	376	805	417 Gp:	320	319	746	672	456
1755-1900	417 Gp:	320	319	746	672	456	376	805
1855-2000	319	746	672	456	376	805	DivArty:	320

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1. STATUS (as of 1800 hrs 5 April, 1945).

319th Gli FA Bn - Gen'l supt and reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn
320th Gli FA Bn - Direct supt 325th Gli Inf
376th Prcht FA Bn - Direct supt 504th Prcht Inf
456th Prcht FA Bn - Direct supt 505th Prcht Inf
672nd FA Bn - Gen'l supt and reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn
805th FA Bn - Gen'l supt and reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn
746th FA Bn - Gen'l supt
20th Armd Div Arty (less one bn) - Gen'l supt and reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn.

2. AMMUNITION

a. Allocations for period 1-6 April (0600 hrs) are:
319th Gli FA Bn - 1800 rds (75mm how)
320th Gli FA Bn - 1200 rds (105mm how M3)
376th Prcht FA Bn - 2700 rds (75mm how)
456th Prcht FA Bn - 2700 rds (75mm how)
672nd FA Bn - 20 RPG/day (50% for reinforcing mission)
805th FA Bn - 20 RPG/day (50% for reinforcing mission)
746th FA Bn - 10 RPG/day.

Unexpended portion of above allocation will carry over to next period. New allocation not yet announced.

3. RESTRICTIONS ON FIRE

a. Certain equipment and installations now in enemy territory will later be valuable to Allies. Fire will not be placed on barges, factories, and railroad rolling stock unless seen to be active (personnel in vicinity, steam up, or other such indication).
b. All units may fire observed missions on worthy targets outside NO FIRE line, without further authorization.

4. CONCENTRATION NUMBERS

a. Units may use any concentration numbers desired but in passing numbers to another unit will precede numbers by identifying letters assigned as follows:

Hq Div Arty - J		672nd FA Bn - Q	
319th Gli FA Bn - K		805th FA Bn - R	
320th Gli FA Bn - L		746th FA Bn - S	
376th Prcht FA Bn - M		20th Armd Div Arty - T	
456th Prcht FA Bn - N		412th FA Bn - U	
417th Gp - P		414th FA Bn - V	

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MAP: GERMANY, 1/50,000, GSGS 4507, Sheets 38, 39, 40, 59, 60.

1. a. See Int Annex to FO 19, Hq 82d Abn Div, 3 April, 1945.

b. (1) First and Ninth US Armies have made contact vic PADERBORN, cutting off large numbers of ey trs in RUHR Area. 15th Army holds W bank of RHINE R opposite ey pocket while mopping up opns on E bank are carried out. XXII Corps regroups and continues active def of RHINE R, patrolling vigorously to E bank during hours of daylight and darkness. 97th Div on N flank of 82d Abn Div to be relieved by 101st Abn Div. (See overlay). 12th Fusilier Bn (Belgium), of First Army on S flank of 82d Abn Div (See Overlay), 20th Armd Div in XXII Corps res vic BARDENBERG (K-3650.)

(2) 82d Abn Div effects relief of 86th Div during period 3-4 Apr and assumes responsibility for def of sector (See overlay)

2. 82nd Abn Div Arty supports the division.
Atchd: 417 FA Gp
746 FA Bn (8" How)
805 FA Bn (155mm How)
672 FA Bn (155mm How)
Reinforcing: 20 Armd Div Arty (less one battalion).

3. a. 320th Gli FA Bn - dir supt 325th Gli Inf.
b. 376th Prcht FA Bn - dir supt 504th Prcht Inf
c. 456th Prcht FA Bn - dir supt 505th Prcht Inf.
d. 319th Gli FA Bn - General support.
e. 417th FA Gp (atchd) - General support and -
672d FA Bn reinforcing 376th Prcht FA Bn (limited to 10 RPG/day.)
805th FA Bn reinforcing 456th Prcht FA Bn (limited to 10 RPG/day.)
746th FA Bn reinforcing 320th Gli FA Bn (limited to 5 RPG/day.)

x. (1) Position areas - see overlay.
(2) Firing chart 1:25,000 Grid sheet and Map.
(3) Survey - SOP.
(4) Air OP - SOP.
(5) Non-fraternization policies will be strictly enforced.
(6) CP and battery position security will be organized to counter any local acts of ey violence. Communications will be secured against sabotage.

4. See Adm O. No. 1 to accompany FO 19, Hq 82d Abn Div, 3 Apr 45.

5. a. Current SOI.
b. CPs - see overlay

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From 29 APRIL 45 to 30 APRIL 45

ELBE RIVER CROSSING OPERATION

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29 April, 1945

TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
2014 hrs	320th Div Arty		320th A & B Btrys laid registered as of 2005.		
1800 hrs	505th	XVIII	0042 3336	GOTHMAN	Fire at Approx.
"	"	"	0000 3354	"	2300 hrs
"	"	"	050 256	STIEPELSE	"
"	"	"	0484 2585	"	"
"	"	"	066 241	NEU GARGE	"
"	"	"	071 227	VIEHLE	"
"	"	"	030 275	WENDISCHTHUN	Fire 2400-0100 hr
"	"	"	009 269	HOUSES	"
"	"	"	004 274	DIKE	"
"	"	"	0214 3150	HOUSES	Fire at 0100 hrs
"	"	"	0424 3168	BANDCKOW	"
"	"	"	0400 2895	HINTERHAGEN	"
"	"	"	also 9935	BOIZENBURG	Clear with
"	"	"	" 964 365	HIGH POINTS IN VIC.	British

30 April, 1945

0605	43rd XVIII	062 338	Eny Btry Suspect	XVIII
0805	" Air OP	047 275	2 Eny Guns	Saw no guns
0810	Air OP	088 298	10 Infantry	Friendly
0830	" 43rd	047 275	4 Gun Btry	Not safe (505th)
0920	472 Gp "	028 329	Clear to register	OK
1000	CG - 376,319,320	- 319,320 to reinforce 376th		
1025	G-2 (PW) XVIII	15122960	2 - 128mm guns	
1040	XVIII 43	073 243	100 pers can adj	OK to fire
1125	Air OP	083317-071291-065285	Smoke guns?	Fired by 280
1115	43rd	Fwd elements 1st Bn at -	052295	
1125	" XVIII	062 338	Btry Pos (PW)	Fired by 43rd
1135	" 472	018343	Res Co in woods (PW) Maj Map)	Bn (5)
1220	1 B Air OP- "	055 344	Gun flashes	Bn (3)
1245	" "	" "	"	Bn (1)
1350	456th 43rd	058 259	Personnel	By 456-Ol by 43rd.
1420	XVIII 320	0712 2634	5 Guns	Bn 2 Air OPs
1455	"	0632 2512	Identified By Pers.	OK
1525	280 472	072 332	Gun flashes	Air OP fired
1530	DA "	Move center Line-351 FA-500X R		OK from XVIII
1825	43rd "	132320-122300	Train	Fired by Air OP
1920	" 456th took over direct support of 505, as of 1900 Hours			
2000	Air OP 472 Gp	081 298	Hvy Vehicle and truck	
2230	294 FA Bn "	0224 3514	Active gun pos.	Fired 8" How. Pozit
2245	XVIII 43rd	0574 2550	Gun position	To 43rd for clearanc and to fire.

UNIT LOCATIONS

UNIT	HQ	A	B	C	&	CLOSED AT
Div Arty	007 245					291530
319th	049 242	045 235	033 237			291755
320th	039 234	040 229	035 235			291750
376th	033 247	0365 2435	0377 2474	0370 2407		291900
456th	0152 5210-0116 2511		0146 2493	0158 2465		291930
43rd Bn	9999 2635-9990 2574		9930 2496	9972 2490		291200
280th Bn	0092 2496-0052 2518		0093 2478	0104 2468		291630
Air strip	009 221					291530
376th	0504 2555					300930
456th	040290	040 292	040 289	043 285		302215
Air OP						
Fwd strip	036 276					302215
280th	052 296					302215
376th	0864 2274	Closed vicinity at				301230

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AIR OP SCHEDULE

1. Reference: SOP - AIR OBSERVATION, 82nd Abn Div Arty, 25 April, 1945.

2. Air Strip - Coordinates 009221.

3. There will be a one plane patrol 0600-2100 hrs daily - covering division front.

4. Until further notice, patrol planes will check in and out of net with Div Arty (See par 3c, SOP).

5. Schedule

TIME	Apr 30 : May 1, : May 2, : May 3, : May 4, : May 5, :
	May 6,12 : 7,13,19 : 8,14,20 : 9,15,21 : 10,16 : 11,17,23 :
	18,24,30 : 25,31, etc : 26, etc : 27, etc : 22,28 : 29, etc
0600-0710	280 : 376 : 456 : 43 : 319 : 320
0700-0810	456 : 280 : 376 : 319 : 320 : 319
0800-0910	376 : 456 : 280 : 320 : 43 : 280
0900-1010	43 : 376 : 456 : 280 : 319 : 43
1000-1110	320 : 43 : 376 : 456 : 280 : 319
1100-1210	319 : 320 : 43 : 376 : 456 : 320
1200-1310	280 : 319 : 320 : 43 : 376 : 456
1300-1410	456 : 280 : 319 : 320 : 43 : 376
1400-1510	376 : 456 : 280 : 319 : 320 : 43
1500-1610	43 : 376 : 456 : 280 : 319 : 320
1600-1710	320 : 43 : 376 : 456 : 280 : 319
1700-1810	319 : 320 : 43 : 376 : 456 : 280
1800-1910	280 : 319 : 320 : 43 : 376 : 456
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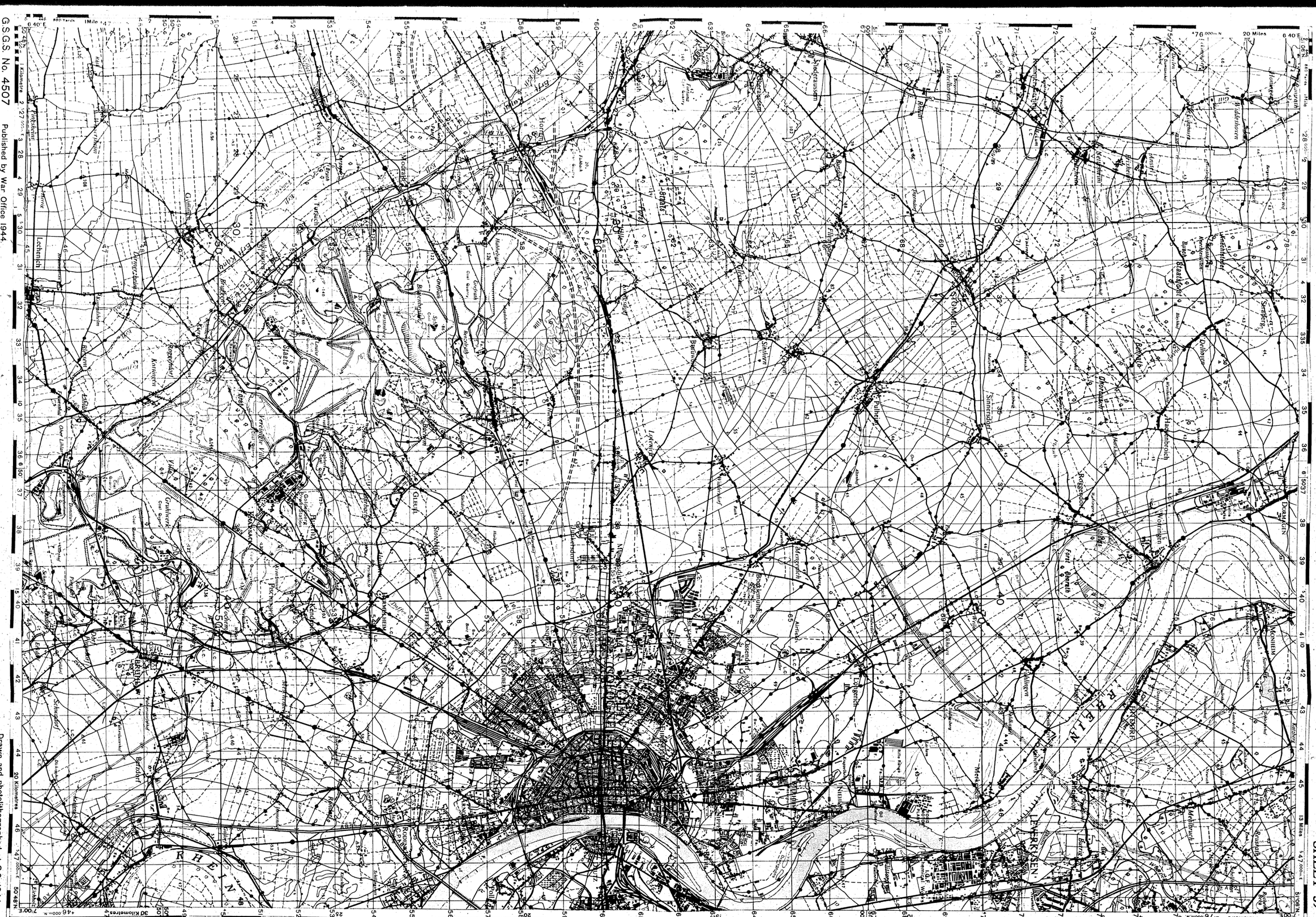
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For the Commanding General

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ELBE RIVER CROSSING

The period from 1 May to 5 May which marked the completion of the ELBE RIVER CROSSING OPERATION consisted, in the main, of pursuit of the demoralized German forces in the area. On the first day of the month the 504th Parachute Infantry (with 376th FA in Direct Support, reinforced by fires of the 319th and 320th Glider FA) crossed the ELBE.

Division Artillery CP moved to 131260 and the battalions displaced as follows: 319th FA (128229) 456th FA to (132254), 376th FA to (085223), 280th FA reinforced fires of the 456th FA and the 205th FA Gp consisting of the 207th FA (8" How) and the 768th FA (155 How) reinforced the fires of Div Arty. The 43rd FA Bn reverted to control of 8th Div Arty at 1000 hours. Train elements arrived at respective bns during the day.

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The 504th Inf crossed the pontoon bridge near BLECKEDE at 0220 hours and jumped off E at 0500 hours, advancing 9 miles against slight opposition. The 325th Glider Inf crossed the BLECKEDE bridge and closed in SUMTE (1026) area. The 505th Inf continued its advance and consolidated gains.

By 1145 hours, 2 May, Inf elements had reached the final phase line extending from DOMITZ (355105) N along the canal and road to LUDWIGSLUST (505320). Due to lack of resistance and the consequent rapid advance, all units displaced once or more during the day and did little firing. The 320th FA displaced to (500315), 319th FA (412210) 376th FA to (381174), 456th FA to (461290).

The 280th FA was relieved from reinforcing fires of the 456th FA and was assigned to reinforce fires of the 320th FA. The 205th Gp continued its mission of Div Arty reinforcing fire.

At 2120 hours, in the baroque splendor of the ducal palace of Friederich Franz IV, Grand Duke of

Mecklenburg and Schwerin in LUDWIGSLUST, General von Tippelskirch unconditionally surrendered the 21st German Army to Major General James M. Gavin, Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division.

A few moments later, across the street in the Div Arty CP where candles flickered under the brooding portraits of German warlords, an historic message was received:

> "GERMAN 21st ARMY FACING US HAS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY TO THIS DIVISION. DO NOT ENGAGE APPROACHING GERMANS. ACCEPT THEM AS PRISONERS."

It took only a few moments for the word to reach the artillery units and thus, at approximately 2130 hours 2 May 1945, the promise of the division song was fulfilled. "We're All-American and fight we will - till all the guns of the foe are still", and the European phase of the great airborne oddessy, which had covered Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Ireland, England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany, came to its end.

The following day units took up the work of

speeding the remnants of the Wehrmacht toward the rear. The 376th FA moved to (389150), and the 280th to (422266), the 205th Gp to (235282).

At 1300 hours, General Francis A. March, Div Arty CG, was directed by the Division CG to meet the Commanding General of the Russian forces with whose forward elements our Reconnaissance platoon had established contact.

Flying over the territory between the American and Russian forces in a Cub plane, General March landed behind the Russian lines in the vic GRABOW (560270). Proceeding to the Russian CP he met Major General DZENIT, second in command of the Russian Army in NW Germany and Brigadier General FINSOVICH, CG of the Russian Armored Corps opposite the 82nd Airborne Division. Describing our front lines to the Russian Generals, arrangements were made for a meeting between the Russian Generals and Major General Gavin, CG 82nd Airborne Division. General March then returned to the Div CP via Cub plane.

On 4 May, Div Arty units moved from vic LUDWIGS-

LUST as follows: Div Arty CP to LOOSEN (361283). 319th FA to ALT KRENZLIN (385304); 320th FA to KRENZLINER HUTTE (384297), 376th FA to LOOSEN (363280), 456th FA to LEUSSOW (371258), 205th Gp to (233283), 280th Bn (422266), 207th FA (238245) and the 768th FA (254234). Their missions were to clean and maintain materiel, to keep PWs moving toward camps and take up tasks of military government.

On 5 May, 376th FA Bn moved from LOOSEN to PICHER (4134) and all units appointed MGOs and began their new, somewhat prosaic, tasks.

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EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS
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CONDUCT OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
4 May 1945 - 2 June 1945

On 4 May, 1945, Div Arty units took up the task of military government in the area SW of LUDWIGSLUST, Mecklenburg, Germany. The Nazis having carried out with Teutonic thoroughness their prescient threat to "slam the door of history behind them" had left a most chaotic situation with prisoners of war, displaced persons and refugees of all nations in the area.

Each battalion, (including Hq Btry Div Arty) together with the 207th and 768th FA Bns of the 205th FA Group and the 280th FA Bn attached, were assigned areas of responsibility. They were to set up necessary road blocks, Ky Material dumps and administer and control any DP camps or PW camps located in their areas. Administering these camps included feeding the personnel, furnishing medical service and supervising sanitation measures.

German and Austrian civilian refugees were to be housed by the indigenous population. PWs were evacuated to either the DELLIEN (1228) or ZEETZE (1719) PW camps. Displaced persons were segregated, i e Eastern DPs, including Polish, Hungarian, Russian, Yugoslavian, Czechoslovakian, Lithuanian and Ukranian, were sent to

the former LUFTWAFFE AIRFIELD near LUDWIGSLUST (5230) operated by the 320th FA Bn and the Western DPs, i.e. French, Belgian, Dutch and Italian, to the DP camp at TREBS (253257) administered at first by the 207th FA Bn of the 205th FA Group and later by the 456th FA Bn. This camp eventually handled a total of 16000 DPs during our administration. Hq Btry, Div Arty administered the village of LOOSEN, where the Div Arty CP was located. Eventually all organic Bns (except the 319th FA Bn) had a Camp as well as an area to supervise.

On 6 May, the officers appointed to advise and assist each Bn CO in his task met at Div Arty CP and, with Lt. Hook from 82nd Abn Div MG Office, reviewed instructions and set up standard procedures for the posting of proclamations, the appointment of Burgomeisters, handling of curfew violators, etc.

The first big task was the screening of all personnel in the area, which involved combing out the full-fledged Nazis and turning them over to CIC authorities for imprisonment and trial. Then came the herculean task of securing food, bedding and other necessities for the thousands of Displaced Persons, a large number of them women and children.

At first straw was obtained in the areas for bedding. This was later augmented by ordering the Burgomeisters to requisition one blanket per person in the area. Cooking utensils and clothing were requisitioned from Germans in the same manner. All Wehrmacht stores of clothing were

seized, including approximately 9000 new unifroms, and were distributed to the DPs. Food was also "requisitioned" and potatoes, milk, butter and vegetables thereby added to the diet of the DPs.

Later a camp for Eastern DPs was established at MALLISS (298188) by the 280th FA Bn (which Camp was later taken over by the 376th FA Bn). With the removal of these DPs from the LUFTWAFFE FIELD CAMP, the latter place was used to house liberated Allied PWs.

On 18 May, the 320th and 376th FA Bns were assigned additional territory to administer as at 1200 hours the following day, the 205th FA Group and the 280th Bn were relieved from attachment to Division Artillery. Military government was continued (with organic bns) until 1200 hours 2 June 1945 when the area was relinquished to the 5th Division (British).

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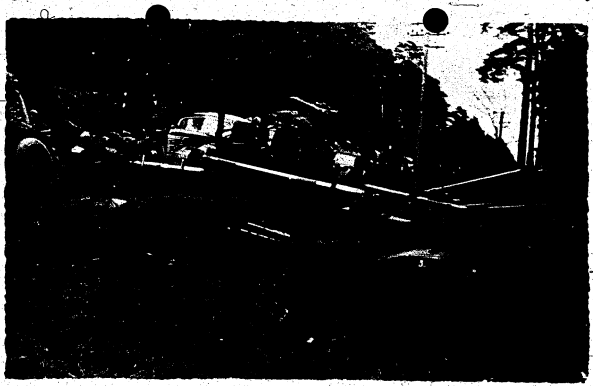

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ELBE RIVER CROSSING OPERATION 1 MAY to 3 MAY 1945

Time	From	Item	Disposition
		1 MAY 1945	
0530	G-2	15 to 20 MG along MLR on dike 20 mm gun located (06452490). 12 sentry posts of 4 men each along river bend. Mission hold and if attacked fire 3 red flares P/W states 26 to 28 88s and 12.8s supporting BG BAUER Vic KRUSENDORF (0826) and SUMTE (0025)	S-3
0655	472	Friendly troops in VIEHLE	G-2 S-3
0840	Corps	White flags flying in: VOCKFEY (1419) COLEPEND (1419) POMAN I (1517) POMAN II (1519)	S-3
0910	Corps	Friendly troops at DARCHAU KUHREN HAAR	G-2 S-3
0930	56	Friendly troops at points 29 and 30.	G-2 S-3
0935	456	505 on Phase Line #2. Moving forward	G-2 S-3
0955	280	Booby trap (009248). Putty-like mass weight 1/2 pound in toe of jackboot. exploded when removed and dropped on ground. 2 men injured.	G-2 S-3
1035	456	3rd Bn 505 Inf on Phase Line #3	G-2 S-3

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Time	From	Item	Disposition
1040	Air OP	2 vehicles going S (105280) Will continue to observe	
1045	29 Div	Arrangements made to accept surrender ZV Rocket Div 10,000 men and 1500 vehicles (completely motorized)	G-2
1105	376	504 Inf units in HAAR. Town deserted	G-2 S-3
1135	Corps	Friendly troops in NEUHAUS.	S-3
1150	G-2	Reconnaissance patrol in NEUHOFF	S-3
1150	G-2	P/W reports two 12.8 guns (15122960) Have rec'd precise C/B fire. Can't move guns as no transportation. Can't fire without receiving C/B.	S-3
		P/W report: 3/3.7 cm AA guns and 3/4 bbl. 2 CM AA guns (147297)	Corps S-3
2145	456	Air OP reported gun flashes (256255)	

2 May 1945

0730	320	E Co of 325th Inf 500 yards east of (185269)	G-2 S-3
1020	Air OP	150 ey surrendering to Recon platoon (268263)	G-2
1030	Air OP	Friendly troops (262282)	G-2
1040	Air OP	German observation plane intact on ground (315312)	G-2 S-3
1150	Air OP	Germans surrendering (365323)	G-2

3 May 1945

1015	Air OP	Russian Armored column met by 2 of our Div jeeps (555267)	G-2

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1 May, 1945

TIME	FROM	TO	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
0620	43rd	472 Gp	0474 3750	Prep. (strong point Unobs.) Bn 1 5 times per hvy. to be lifted by 43.	
1040	Air OP		105 285	2 lge veh moving south-Not positive identity.	
1155	@#2 82nd	XVIII	147 297	6 AA Guns	
1155	"	"	1512 2960	2 - 12.8 guns	
1155	472 Gp		072 342	2 gun btry firing	OK (Air OP)
1345	43rd	XVIII	047 375	Friendly fire falling (472 Gp Cf)	
1435	376th		0864 2274	Closed at 1230.	
1930	505th		1631-1927-1925 - NO FIRE LINE		
1945	XVIII		130362-145345-165344- Towns-Fire on them until 2100 hrs.		
2145	456 OP		256 255	Gun flashes RR Gun	

2 May, 1945

1045	82nd DA	XVIII	5340-5324-3709	NO FIRE LINE	

UNITS LOCATIONS

UNIT	HQ	A	B	C	CLOSED AT
319th	128 229	124 228	125 231		011800
Div Arty	132 260				011830
456th	132 254	1274 2571	1285 2553	1324 2561	011730
320th	134 261	1296 2644	1298 2668		011935
280th	0974 259	1021 2583	0995 2599	0941 2580	011830
376th	172 196	1734 1968	1700 2014	1628 2026	011230
280th	214 261	2102 2686	2116 2665	2133 2639	021130
376th	381 174	346 146	349 147	364 161	021330
319th	335 137	3359 1365	3376 1397		021300
319th	412 210				021955
280th	842 726	8429 7264	8426 7264	8428 7257	021800
Div Arty	504 319				022015
456th	416 291				022030
320th	502 315				031715
205 Gp	235 282				031530
207th Sn	289 245				031530
768th Bn	254 234				031530

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ADM O # 19 (accompanies no field order).

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Note : Adm Os # 17 and 18 are also in effect.

I. SUPPLY.

A. Class I.

1. Rations. Trkhd 973 vic HILBERGEN T005040 - all units

2. Corps water points -

HAGENOW	T300430
GODDINGEN	T025220
PRETEN	T120300
UELZEN	X895895
HILBERGEN	T005040
GRAMBOW	T347640
PLEDAH	T205450
PICHER	T410340
LUBTHEEN	T235284
TEMS WOCS	T320205

B. Class III. Trkhd # 972 vic BOSTELWIEBECK S960100 - all units.

C. Class II and IV.

1. QM

a. Depot opens new location vic SENNELAGEN B680530 090800. Closes old location vic WALDNIEL F987923 061700.

b. PX warehouse opens new location vic SENNELAGER B680530 140800. Clos old location vic VIERSEN F064967.

2. Medical.

a. Medical depot # 15 now open BEVINSON S9002.

b. 640 Med Clr Co now open new location HAGENOW T3043. Closed old location HAMBROCK X910877 - corps troops only.

II. EVACUATION.

A. Casualties. Corps Clr Sta now open new location HAGENOW T3043. Closed old location HAMBROCK X910877

B. Enemy Materiel.

1. Each division will immediately establish within division zone reporting location to Corps G-4:

a. Captured materiel dump for Class II and IV supplies.

b. Captured materiel dump for Class V supplies.

2. Each division will report through technical channels location of any Class I and III supplies for disposition.

3. Items of intelligence value will be guarded to prevent pilfering and reported through technical channels.

4. Priority on disposition of Class V supplies in following order:

a. Small arms and engineer explosives - evacuated

b. Mines and grenades - evacuated or destroyed (unboxed mines or grenades will be destroyed in place).

c. Powder charges and primers - evacuated or destroyed.

d. Bombs will be defuzed, and fuzes evacuated or destroyed

e. Projectiles and unfuzed bombs - evacuated or destroyed.

f. Large dumps will be reported for disposition.

C. PWs - there will be no evacuation of enemy PWs. Divisions will establish and maintain necessary holding cages in division areas.

III TRAFFIC.

A. Circulation.

1. Corps Routes A and B - see Operations Instructions #18, this headquarters, 041330, issued separately.

2. Divisions control traffic within division areas.

3. No traffic between division areas except necessary administrative and medical traffic.

IV SERVICE TROOPS.

A. QM - 4252 QM Truck Co vic HAGENOWER HEIDE T313402.
3435 QM Truck Co vic HAGENOWER HEIDE T313402.

B. Medical - 188 Med Bn open new location HAGENOW T3043. Closed old location UELZEN X8989.

C. Ord.

1. 294 Ord MM Co open new location HAGENOW T300429.
Closed old location DAHLENBURG T010145 - 8 Inf Div & atchd troops except FA, TD, and Tk Bns.

2. 308 Ord MM Co open new location LUDWIGSLUST T510320.
Closed old location DAHLENBURG T010145 - 82 Abn Div & atchd troops except FA, TD & Tk Bns.

3. 554 Ord Hv Maint Co (Tk) open new location WITTENBURG T215515.
Closed old location STROHE S974050 - 7 Armd Div & atchd troops
All TD & Tk Bns.

4. 475 Ord Evac Co open new location WITTENBURG T215515 - evacuates from division coll pts to corps coll pt at WITTENBURG T215515.

5. Corps troops not attached to divisions may obtain emergency repairs from nearest maintenance company.

6. Ord MM Cos will furnish emergency repairs to FA units attached to divisions.

D. Engr.

1. 1477 Engr Maint Co (-) BOIZENBURG S990351

2. Corps map depot HAGENOW T3043.

E. CWS - 19 Cml Maint Co SALZWEDEL Y3078.

V. PERSONNEL.

A. Stragglers - Corps coll pt HAGENOW T3043.

B. Recovered Allied PWs.

1. Divisions will collect, organize into camps, feed, provide medical service, and adminster all recovered Allied PWs in their respective areas. The standfast policy will be rigidly enforced.

2. Non-divisional units finding Allied PWs in their vicinity will establish necessary guards to insure that this personnel stands fast and notify division concerned of number, location, and nationality of recovered personnel.

3. Corps will arrange for evacuation of all recovered Allied PWs from the area.

VI MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Rear echelon Corps Headquarters HAGENOW T3043.

B. Division rear boundaries ELBE River exclusive of river and bridges and approaches to Bridges A and B.

C. Division lateral boundaries - see Operational Instructions # 18, this headquarters, 041330, issued separately.

D. 123 Finance Disbursing Section HAGENOW T3043.

E. Military Government - see Annex 1

F. Issue of Wines and Liquors to troops.

1. The Supreme Commander has directed that champagne on the scale of one bottle to four individuals be made available to all US divisions East of the Rhine, on withdrawal to rest areas, for the purpose of a divisional celebration. Where champagne is not available in sufficient quantities it will be supplemented with wine.

2. Commanders are responsible for the distribution and arrangements for the celebration in compliance with the desire of the Supreme Commander that officers and enlisted men share and share alike.

3. Brandy and cognac also are available for issue to all Ninth US Army units under conditions as outlined below:

a. Brandy or cognac will be issued upon the withdrawal of the unit from the line on the basis of one bottle per ten individuals.

b. Issue to individuals will be by the glass for consumption on the spot. Unit commanders are charged with proper supervision of the issue.

c. Officers and enlisted men will share and share alike.

d. Storage and handling of all of the above stocks will be on the basis of a separate class of supply.

e. Special handling will be exercised throughout.

4. It is essential that the stocks referred to in paragraph 1, above reach each division in the rest area in ample time so that the spirit in which this issue has been granted by the Supreme Commander may be achieved.

5. Requisitions will be prepared by all separate units on QMC Form No. 400 and submitted to Conquer QM Class II and IV Depot located at the railroad station in WALDNIEL K977920. Basis to be included on all requisitions will be a list of the parent unit and attached units showing aggregate strength of each. Requisitioning officers will certify that amounts requisitioned do not exceed authorized allowances and that the personnel figures represent the actual strength of the organizations.

6. Any publicity considered desirable in connection with this celebration will be cleared through Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

G. Other adm details - no change.

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Annex 1 - Military Government.

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ANNEX 1 TO ADM O # 19 - MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

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I. GENERAL POLICY

A. For over-all policy see SHAEF Handbook for Military Government in Germany dated December 1944.

B. Troops will contact civilians only through military government except when this is obviously impracticable. Their conduct toward civilians will be correct at all times.

C. The directive of the Supreme Commander regarding non-fraternization will be scrupulously followed by all military government personnel, notwithstanding their official necessary contact with civilians.

II DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES.

A. Displaced persons and refugees uncovered will be frozen in place, under guard if necessary, until traffic permits their repatriation and return to homes. Every effort must be made to prevent their interference with military operations - see paragraph 4.

B. Identical circulation restrictions to those imposed upon German civilians will be applied to displaced persons and refugees until repatriation is possible.

C. Displaced persons camps and refugee camps uncovered will be placed under guard by the unit uncovering the camp and a prompt report made to this headquarters of such action taken together with information as to location of the camp, number of inmates, food supply on hand, condition of health and sanitation, and names of persons in charge.

D. Personnel for control and administration of displaced persons and refugees will be responsibility of divisions concerned.

1. Allied displaced persons will be segregated from enemy nationals and held in separate enclosures. Eastern and Western bound allies will be segregated wherever practicable.

2. Divisions will keep displaced persons and refugees found in camps uncovered in place, until such time as repatriation and return to homes is possible. Division personnel will be used for this purpose.

3. Divisions will establish collecting points where displaced persons and refugees will be cared for and segregated. These points must be established on a basis whereby they can take care of their occupants for an indefinite period. Location of such collection points will be reported to this headquarters (Att: A. C. of S., G-5).

4. Divisions will operate road blocks and check points for the purpose of arresting uncontrolled movements of displaced persons. Displaced persons so collected will be shunted into division collecting points where they will be held pending removal to more permanent camps.

4. Only those displaced persons picked up while actually on the roads or out of control will be put in division collecting points. Those remaining voluntarily on farms or in place as factory workers, etc. will not be moved under any circumstances. Those who wish to stay in place will be strongly encouraged to do so.

E. Displaced persons will be fed insofar as possible from local German foodstocks. When these prove inadequate, military government personnel may request assistance through Corps G-5 who will make available any captured German foodstocks possessed at such times by Second British Army.

F. All armed displaced persons, regardless of nationality will be relieved of their weapons and ammunition.

III ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR.

A. Allied prisoners of war within German PW camps are a G-1 responsibility.

B. Those uncovered outside such camps and readily identifiable by CIC as Allied PWs will be returned to such camps for evacuation through G-1 channels.

C. Those outside PW camps and not readily identifiable as Allied PWs will be handled as displaced persons.

D. All American and British PWs will be evacuated through G-1 channels whether readily identifiable or not.

IV CIRCULATION OF CIVILIANS.

A. Divisions are encouraged to permit the widest possible circulation (up to curfew hours and 5 Km travel restriction) in order that vital civilian activities may be carried on.

B. No civilians will be allowed to cross the ELBE River or the ELBE-TRAVE Canal. Divisions desiring to evacuate Westbound DPs will request bridge clearance from Corps G-5.

C. Troops will be advised at all times of circulation restrictions in order to avoid confusion.

D. Curfew hours are established as follows:

28 April to 9 May	2200 to	0615
10 May to 23 May	2215	0600
24 May to 6 June	2230	0530

E. No use of civilian vehicles will be allowed except when specifically authorized by military government and those delegated so to do by mil. govt.

H. The attention of all echelons is invited to MG Law # 161-Frontier Control.

V. BLACKOUT - complete blackout will be enforced between the same hours as those detailed above under curfew.

VI EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS AND TROOP BILLETING.

A. There will be no evacuation of civilians without prior approval of division military government officers and clearance through Corps G-5. All echelons are referred to letter, this headquarters, "Handling of Civilians", dated 27 January 1945.

B. This restriction on civilian movement does not limit the authority of commanders to move civilians within town limits in order to segregate the civil population from the military and to provide billets for troops. Military government, although not charged with the responsibility of troop billeting, should be advised of such movement of civilians and will help by having local officials make the necessary arrangements for finding other housing for the dispossessed civilians.

C. The following types of buildings will under no circumstances be occupied by troops:

Churches
Hospitals
Historical monuments.

The following types of buildings will not normally be occupied by troops:

Public utility buildings
Administration buildings necessary to continue local administration.

VII CIVILIAN FEEDING.

A. There will be no feeding of civilians enemy or Allied, in Army messes or with Army rations. Edible garbage from Army messes may, however, be given out to civilians through organized civilian collectors, when local situations are critical enough to warrant this action.

B. Should cases of insufficient diet on the part of the civilians be brought to the attention of the military, the nearest military government installation should be advised of the facts. It will be the complete responsibility of the German people to feed themselves.

C. The location of stocks of food will be immediately placed under guard and the nearest military government installation be advised in order that these stocks may be employed for feeding Allied displaced persons.

D. Displaced persons will be fed a daily ration containing a minimum of 2000 calories. Local German burgermeisters will be made responsible for the proper feeding of displaced persons and refugees, including the provision of food, stoves, cooking utensils, etc.

VIII CIVILIAN SUPPLIES.

A. Foodstuffs - food may be requisitioned from Army through Corps G-5 when absolutely necessary. Local food resources must first be exhausted. It should be borne in mind that Army stocks for this purpose are very limited and inaccessible.

B. Medical supplies.

1. Medical and surgical supplies may be requisitioned from Army through Corps G-5 when needed.

2. German stocks of medicaments will be conserved and utilized whenever uncovered.

3. German local administrators will be required to furnish blankets, soap, eating and cooking utensils, whenever available, for use by displaced persons and refugees.

4. Blankets, soap, and DDT powder may be requisitioned through this headquarters.

IX MILITARY COURTS.

A. Each division military government staff and each military government detachment will appoint at least one officer to serve as summary court for the trial of civilians charged with violations of laws, orders, and ordinances.

B. Civilian nationals, other than German, committing crimes will be arrested and held for disposition of their cases pending decision by higher authority as to the manner in which they will be handled. Such persons committing offenses against Allied troops, however, will be tried and dealt with in the same manner as are German civilians.

C. Civilians sentenced to prison sentences of less than thirty (30) days will be incarcerated in local jails whenever available. A military government prison is located in VECHTA for offenders with longer sentences.

D. All cases, insofar as possible, will be tried at the source of the offense.

X CIVILIAN LABOR.

A. German civilian labor may be used by military government detachments for the administration and housekeeping work of displaced persons and refugee camps, typists, interpreters, cooks, etc.

B. For other uses, Unit P&C Officers should make all contractual agreements. Military government will assist through its control over local governmental administrators.

XI PERSONNEL.

A. Only four military government detachments will be available for the time being. They will be deployed as follows:

Det in HASELOW
Det in SCHONEBERG
Det in SCHWERIN
Det in WISMAR

B. It is expected that a Russian liaison officer will be made available to Corps G-5. This officer will be used throughout corps zone in connection with displaced persons problems and will select other Russians for use in this work.

C. The four detachments listed above will undertake military government administrative responsibility for the landkreise of which these cities are the kreisstadte.

XII TROOP CONDUCT TOWARD CIVILIANS.

A. Troops will not molest civilian transport authorized by military government to operate. Other sources will be reconnoitered from which to secure needed vehicles.

B. Civilians equipped with proper military government armbands and passes will be respected by troops while such civilians are in execution of their detailed duties. Troops are reminded that interference with such civilians often negates their efforts to maintain law and order and to put utilities needed by troops into operation, etc.

C. Troops will respect all buildings and other installations posted Off Limits by military government.

D. Troops improperly representing themselves as military government personnel will be punished. Any reports of such conduct will be promptly transmitted to this headquarters, Att: A. C. of S., G-5.

XIII ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF DIVISION MILITARY GOVERNMENT STAFFS.

A. Due to the shortage of military government detachments it will be necessary for division military government sections to function additionally in the following capacities:

1. Posting of enactments.

a. Only the following will be posted - Proclamation No. 1.
Ordinance No. 1.
Curfew.
Surrender of Firearms.

b. Records will be maintained of such postings and reports rendered promptly to Corps G-5 indicating what enactments were posted, together with date and time of posting and person performing the service. Blank forms for such purposes are available through Corps G-5.

2. Establishment of military government and local administration.

3. Collection of arms. Cameras and binoculars will not be collected but their use will be prohibited.

4. Licensing necessary civilian vehicles for essential civilian use.

5. Limited functioning in the issuance of passes, appointment of acting burgermeistors, police, etc.

XIV REPORTS.

A. Division staffs will report daily to Corps G-5 utilizing First US Army form. No copy will be sent to Second British Army - two copies will be sent to Corps.

B. Detachments will report daily to Corps G-5 using regular Second British Army Detachment Report Form.

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Maj Gen

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Annex 1 - Military Government.

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469 U. S. Army

UNIT JOURNAL

1 MAY 1945 - 5 MAY 1945

ELBE RIVER CROSSING
OPERATION

S E C R E T

UNIT JOURNAL

1 May 1945

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
0730	56th FA Bn reinforcing fires of 43rd FA Bn.
0930	376th FA Bn displaced to (05042555)
1000	Col Wright, CO. 320th Gli FA Bn at CP.
1030	Col Wright, 320th Gli FA Bn left CP.
1315	General Mathewson, Lt Machemehl, XVIII Corps Arty at CP and left immediately.
1530	Div Arty CP displaced from (007245)
1730	Div Arty CP established at (131260)
2130	Meeting of Battalion CO's to discuss present situation.
2215	Meeting of Battalion CO's was adjourned.
2030	Div Arty CP closed at (131260) 319th displaced and closed at (128229) 376th displaced and closed at (085223) 456th displaced and closed at (132254) 280th FA Bn reinforcing fires of 456th FA Battalion. 205th FA Group and 768th FA Bn reinforcing fires of Div Arty. 43rd FA Bn reverted to 8th Div Arty.

2 May 1945

2000	319th FA Bn displaced and closed at (412210) 320th FA Bn displaced and closed at (500315) 376th FA Bn displaced and closed at (381174) 456th FA Bn displaced and closed at (461290) 280th FA Bn relieved from reinforcing fires of 456th FA Bn and assigned to reinforcing fires of 320th FA Bn; 205th FA Group reinforcing fires of Div Arty.
2125	Message from Division: German 21st Army facing us has surrendered unconditionally to this Division. Do not engage approaching Germans. Accept them as prisoners.

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CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 7/6/46

(over)

3 May 1945

Time Dated	Incidents or Messages
1300	General March was directed by Commanding General, 82d Abn Div to meet the Commanding General, Russian Forces with whose forward elements our Rec Detachment has established contact. General March flew over the territory between the American and Russian Forces in a Cub plane.

4 May 1945

2330	Div ARTY CP displaced to LOOSEN (361283) 319th FA Bn to ALT KRENZLIN (385304) 320th FA Bn to KRENZLINER HUTTE (384297) 376th FA Bn to LOOSEN (363280) 456th FA Bn to LEUSSOW (371258) 205th GP to (233283) 280th FA Bn to (422266) 207th FA Bn to (238245) 768th FA Bn to (254234)

5 May 1945

0800	376th FA Bn displaced from LOOSEN to PICHER (4134)

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Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty
Apo 469, U. S. Army
In the Field
5 May, 1945

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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS)
NUMBER 15)

MAPS: GERMANY, 1:50,000 Sheets 2533, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2734, 2735, 2733.

1. Reference: Gen Inst 13, Hq 82nd Abn Div, 4 May, 1945.

2. Effective at once units will commence securing sub-areas as designated on attached overlay and enforcing Military Government therein.

3. SCREENING. Thoroughly screen all personnel to determine their status.

a. German or Austrian civilian refugees will be housed with local inhabitants of towns and villages within units assigned sector.

b. PWs will be evacuated to either the DARLEN (1228) or ZELTZ (1719) camps.

c. Displaced Persons will be evacuated to either the DARLEN or ZELTZ Camps until DP camps become operative after which they will be sent to DP camps.

d. Recovered Allied PWs will be conveyed under charge of an xxx officer to Allied PW Camp at Luftwaffe barracks and turned over to Lt. Law.

e. Personnel whose classification is doubtful will be detained and CIC notified (call Champion 2).

4. SURVEY. Survey sub-areas for installations of critical military importance, including food stocks, clothing and arms dumps. Report all such installations to this headquarters. Explosives and weapons will not be collected at this time - however sub-area commanders may collect any such items they consider potential sources of danger. Civilian cameras and radio receivers will not be impounded.

5. MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

a. To advise and assist the battalion commander, each battalion will appoint a military government officer. Major Hart will serve as Div Arty MG Officer. MG Officers will receive instructions at Div Arty Hq 060900 May 1945.

b. See Annex 3 to Adm O 3, Hq 82nd Abn Div, 30 April, 1945.

6. DP CENTERS. Displaced persons centers will be established and maintained as follows (see par IV, Annex No 1 to Gen Instr No 13, Hq 82nd Abn Div, 4 May, 1945.

a. [illegible] CENTER for Eastern (Russian, Polish, etc) DPs at Luftwaffe Field (5230) - by 320th Gli FA Bn.

b. [illegible] for Western (French, Belgian, Dutch, Italian) DPs at Trebs (253257) - by 305th FA Group.

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1 Incl. Overlay showing sub-areas assignments

DISTRIBUTION:
1 - Ea 319th, 320th, 376th, 456th, 280th FA Bns
1 - 305th FA Group
1 - CG 82nd Abn Div
1 - CG, Staff, File

SECRET

S E C R E T

Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army
In the Field
9 May, 1945

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 16)

(Supersedes Opn Memo No 15. Overlay to accompany Opn No 15 remains in effect with Opn Memo No 16).

1. Reference Opn Inst 14, Hq 82nd Abn Div, 8 May, 1945.

2. Units assigned or atchd to Div Arty will:
a. Occupy and secure assigned sub-areas and enforce Military Government therein.
b. Operate and control DP Centers as designated.
c. With least practicable delay, comb and screen assigned sub-areas for:
(1) Abandoned or cached arms, ammunition and explosives.
(2) PWs and DPs.

NOTE:
Look in every room, basement, etc of houses for persons. Weapons or explosives seen in houses will be seized and householder charged, however no minute search for weapons in houses will be bade except for spot checks and where circumstances are suspicious.
d. Conduct limited training program.

3. TROOPS AND SECTOR BOUNDARIES. See overlay to accompany Opn Memo No 15.

4. ARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES.
a. See Adm Instr No 5 to accompany Opn Instr No 14, Hq 82nd Abn Div.
b. Dumps for salvage and enemy material collected in sector 5 (Div Arty) will be established as follows:
(1) 205th FA Gp - one dump, at place selected by 205th.
(2) 456th Frcht FA Bn - one dump, vicinity LEMGOW (3725).
(3) 376th Frcht FA Bn - one dump, at place selected by 376th.
(4) Unitsdesignated above will establish and maintain dump in accordance with par 2b, Adm Instr No 4, Hq 82nd Abn Div, and will provide necessary guard on dump.
(5) Collecting unit will transport dump material to most convenient dump as establish above.
c. 205th FA Gp will secure ordnance and ammo installation vic TREBS.

5. DPs and PWs.
a. See Annex 1 to Opn Instr 14, Hq 82nd Abn Div.
b. Unitsto operate DP Center, with responsibility for control, administration, feeding, sanitation, medical service:

TREBS DP CENTER (252258)	- 205th FA Gp.
LUFTWAFFE DP CENTER (527298)	- 320th Gli FA Bn
KALLISS DP CENTER (298168)	- 280th FA Bn

6. TRAINING.
a. Units will initiate extensive athletic programs immediately.
b. All personnel will be inspected without delay for full field equipment and instructed in its proper wear. Schedules of inspection will be submitted to this Hq.
c. Units will conduct ceremonies of battalion size in accordance with schedule of bands as published by Div G-1
d. Weapons, vehicles, and equipment maintenance will be emphasized.

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DIST: Same as Opn Memo No. 15.

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Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army
In the Field
16 May, 1945

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 17)

MAPS: Germany, GSGS 4416, Scale 1/25000, Sheets 2533, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2732, 2733, 2734.

1. Reference: Opn Instr 13, Hq 82nd Abn Div, 4 May, 1945.

2. The 319th FA Bn will occupy the town of Lubtheen (2328) and surrounding vicinity without delay. Effective 1200 hours 17 May, 1945, subareas are reassigned as per attached overlay, except subareas now secured by 280th FA Bn. On verbal order of CG the responsibility of this sub-area will be given to the 320th and 456th FA Bns (see overlay).

a. Unit commanders turning over areas to other units will furnish complete information concerning status of areas (i.e. dumps, refugees, DPs, etc). It is the responsibility of both the relieved and the relieving unit commanders that this information is completely transmitted.

3. Combing and Screening. All subareas will be checked for combing and screening.

4. Police of Road and Shoulders. Each unit is responsible for the police of all roads and shoulders in assigned sub-areas. (see note 1). German PWs or German civilians will be used for this purpose.

5. Military Government. As per OM #15, Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty, 5 May, 1945.

6. DP Centers. Displaced Persons Centers will be operated and maintained by present units.

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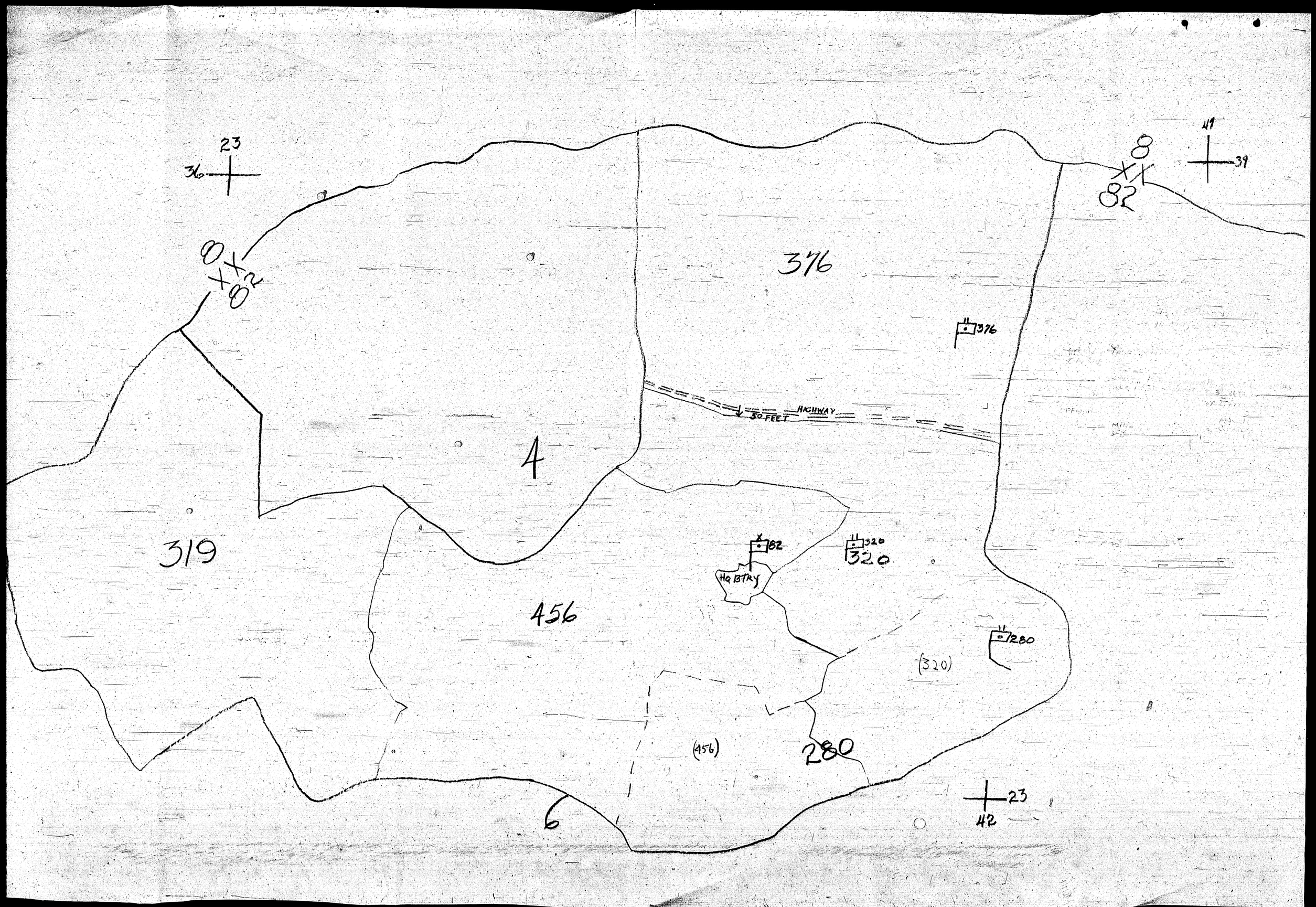
NOTE: The southern boundary of 376th FA Bn sub-area will include main highway and land fifty feet south of highway.

1 Encl. Overlay showing sub-area reassignment.

DISTRIBUTION
1 - Ea 319, 320th, 376th, 456th 280th FA Bns.
1 - 265th FA Group
1 - CG, 82nd Abn Div
1 - CG, Staff, File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Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty
APO 469, U. S. Army
In the Field
18 May, 1945

Change to Operation Memorandum No 17.

MAPS: Germany, GSGS Scale 1/25000, Sheets 2633, 2634, 2733, 2734.

1. Effective 1200 hrs 19 May, 1945, 320th and 376th FA Bn will take over responsibility and secure additional area as indicated on overlay.

2. Unit Commanders concerned will immediately contact CO 80th AA At Bn, as to status of new area (i.e. dumps, road blocks, refugees IPs, etc).

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DISTRIBUTION:
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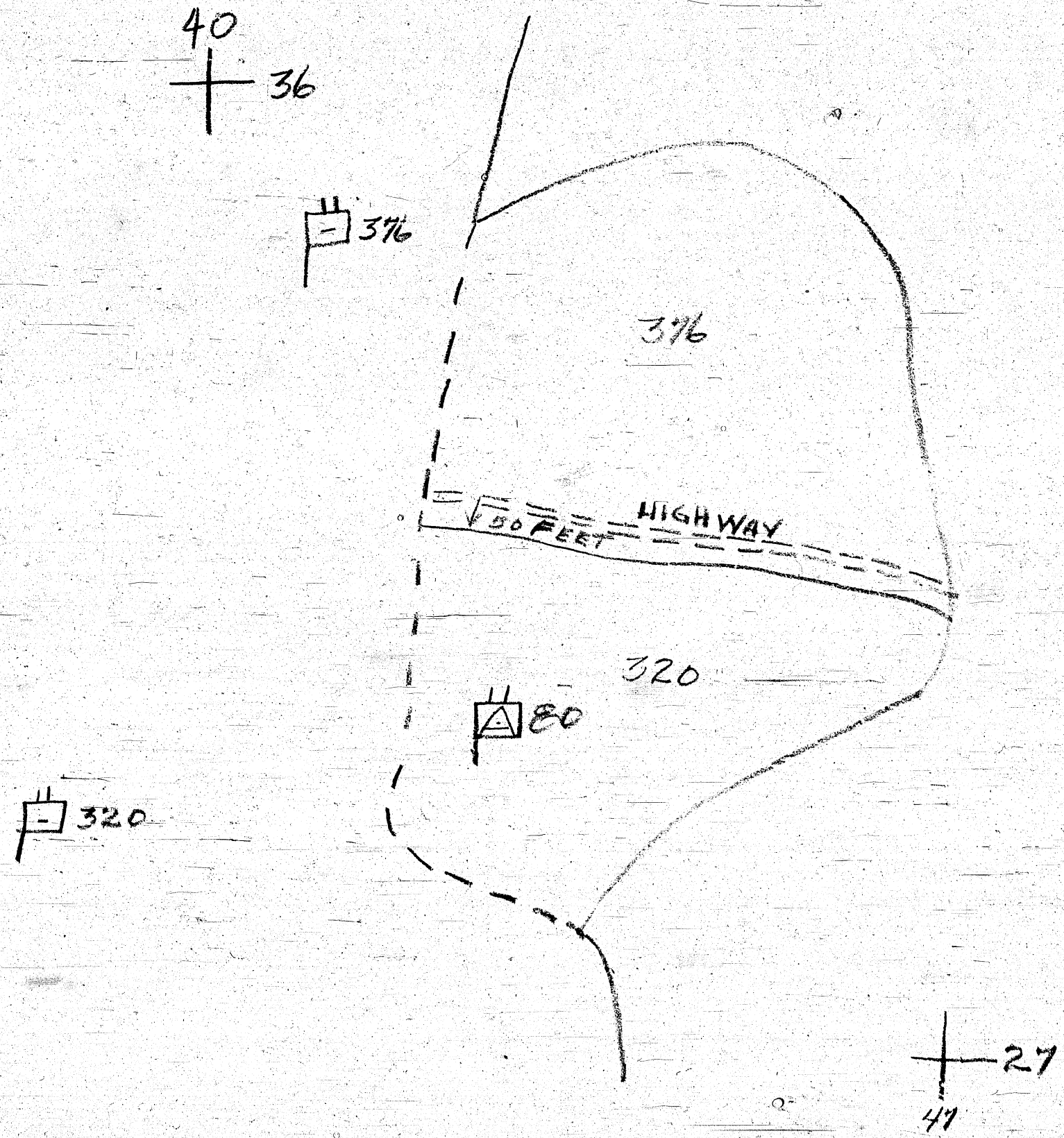
1 - 320th
1 - 376th
1 - 456th
1 - 80th AA
1 - CG, 82nd Abn Div
1 - CG, Staff, File



Hq 82nd Abn Div Arty
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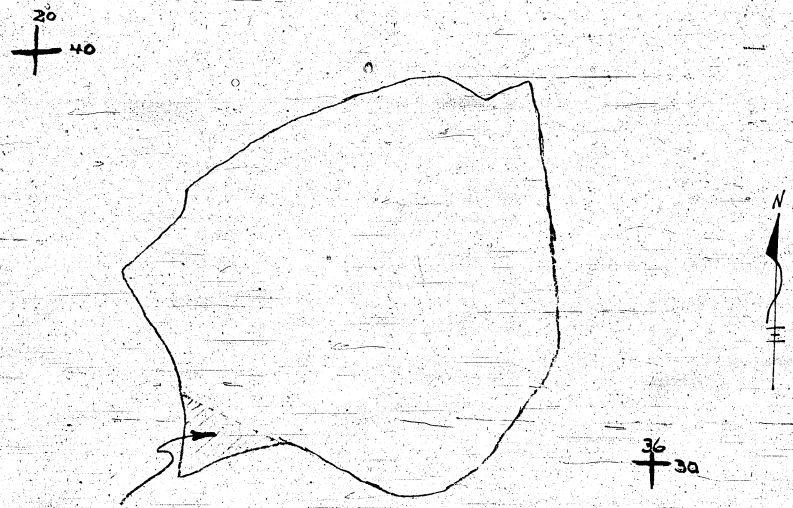
18 May 1945

Overlay to accompany
change to Opn Nom.

CHANGE IN
307TH ABN ENGR BN
SECTOR 4

Div Arty

MAP · 1:100000 SHEET L-5



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BEEN ADDED TO SECTOR 4 PER
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BY LT COL. SMILEY OF DIV. ARTY.

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307TH ABN ENGR BN
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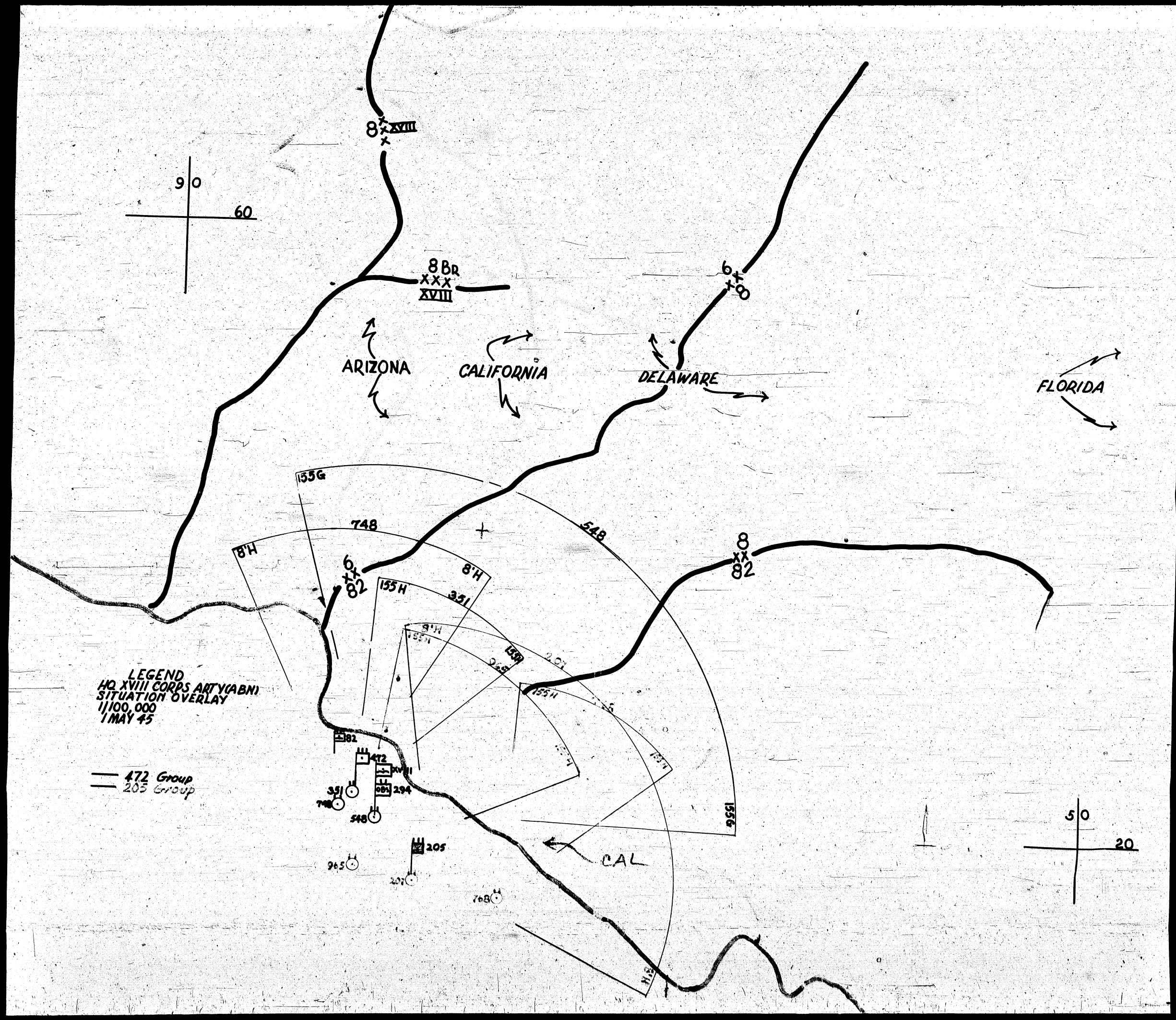

LEGEND
HQ XVIII CORPS ARTY(ABN)
SITUATION OVERLAY
1/100,000
1 MAY 45
472 Group
205 Group
ARIZONA
CALIFORNIA
DELAWARE
FLORIDA
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CENTRAL EUROPE 1:100,000
SHEET L 6.
FIRST EDITION.

SCHWERIN

REFERENCE

Road classification is NOT based on reconnaissance. Reliability uncertain.

Motor Highway (independent of road system) Reichsautobahn.
- 2 carriage ways each metalled and 7·5ms. wide.
- Connecting points with road system where known.
- Under construction.

Main Roads. Reichsstrassen with route numbers:
- Metalled and mostly 6ms. wide. (56)

Other Main Roads. (mostly Landsstrassen (1.Ordnung) metalled and 5·5ms. average useful width.

Secondary Roads. Metalled and 4ms. average useful width.

Other Roads and Cart Tracks. Not always motorable and often unmetalled.

Paths.

Causeway.

Railway. Multiple track (normal gauge) with station.
- Single track " " broad gauge, light branch.
- Under construction.
- Narrow gauge, tram and track.

International Boundary.

Church, Chapel, Monument.

Cemetery, Christian, and non Christian.

Wireless station, Tower, Lighthouse.

High Tension cable and Power station.

Watermill, Windmill, Windmotor.

Lock, Water gate, Dam.

Aqueducts, over and underground.

Spring, Water cistern.

Swamps, Mud flats.

Contours, Trig point, Spot height. (·80)

Woods, Brushwood.

Vineyard, Orchard.

Embankment, Old earthworks, Barrow.

Sand and gravel, Cliff (sometimes Quarry).

Contour intervals 25 metres above 50 metres.
10 metres below 50 metres.

HEIGHTS IN METRES.

Scale 1:100,000 or 1 Inch to 1·58 Miles

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SALZWEDEL M.5.	WITTENBERGE M.6.	NEURUPPIN M.7.

G.S.G.S. 4246. Germany 1:750,000.

Mile / Kilometre

GERMAN GLOSSARY

Abhang	Slope	Kl	Klein	Small			
Acker	Cultivation	K.O	Kalkofen	Lime Kiln			
Bach	Stream	Kap	Cape				
Bar	Bay	Lpl					
Berg	Mountain	Lpl. Pl	Landungs platz	Landing Place			
Bgw.	Bergwerk		Loch	Hollow			
Irgw.	Mine	Mü	Moor	Bog, Swamp			
Brücke	Bridge		Morast	Swamp			
Brunnen	Well	Nddr.	Niederer	Lower			
Bühel	Hillock	Ob., Obr	Ober	Upper			
Dorf	Village		Platte	Wood Clearing			
Ebene	Plain	Qu	Quelle	Spring			
			Rodfeld	Cleared Land			
Fabrik	Factory		Riff	Rocks, Reef			
Fähre	Ferry		Riffe	Rocks			
(Kahn Fähre)	(Passenger Ferry)		Rücken	Ridge			
			Schloss	Castle			
(W.F.)	(Wagen Fähre)	Vehicle Ferry	Schlucht	Gorge			
Feld	Field	See	See, Lake				
Felsen	Rocks		Spitze	Peak, Point			
Fluss	River		Stadt	Town, City			
Furt	Ford		Stein	Rock			
Gau	District, Province	Stbr	Steinbruch	Quarry (Stone)			
			Sumpf	Swamp, Marsh			
Gebirge	Range		Tal, Thal	Valley			
Gefilde	Open fields	T	Teich	Pond			
Graben	Ditch		Ufer	Shore			
Grenze	Boundary, Frontier	Unt. Ufr.	Unter Vorwerk	Under Farmbuilding			
Hafen	Harbour	Vw	Wald	Woods			
Hain	Grove		Wasser behälter	Reservoir			
Haide	Heath, Prairie	Wbg.	Wasserleitung	Water tank			
Hinter	Back, Rear			Water conduit, Aqueduct			
Hof	Farm, Courtyard		Wiese	Meadow			
Höhe	Hill, Height	Whs	Wirtshaus	Inn			
Hügel	Island	Zgl	Ziegelei	Brickyard			
Insel				Tor Kas			

Names of topographical feature, e.g. Wald, are given on this sheet in their German form and no attempt to translate them has been made.

Convergence is given for centre of W. & E. sheet lines.

Magnetic Declination 1944 at centre of sheet
From True North 4°02'W. (June 1944)
From Grid North 7°W.
Annual change about 9'E.

G.N.T.N. C.-2°44'E. G.N.T.N. C.-3°35'E.

To determine magnetic north line connect the pivot point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH as plotted on the degree scale of the north edge of the map.

EXAMPLE OF 6-FIGURE REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

LETTER	FIGURES	
	East	North
Square	Two three-digit numbers read from left and bottom margin of square	Two three-digit numbers read from left and bottom margin of square
	Eastings	Northings

REFERENCE: LETTER Square 1000 Reference to nearest 100

Nearest similar reference 500 kms. distant

GRID DATA

NORD DE GUERRE

Projection	Lambert (Modified) Conical Orthomorphic
Spheroid	Du Plessis (Reconstructed)
Origin	55 Grades N. & 0 Grades E. of Paris
False Co-ordinates of Origin	600,000 metres E. 300,000 metres N.

Longitude of Paris is 2°20'14" East of Greenwich

COMPILATION DIAGRAM

34	35	36	37	38	39	
22	1910	1910	1909	1931	1931	1931
23	1910	1910	1924	1926	1914	1911
24	1924	1910	1910	1910	1890	1935
25	1910	1924	1924	1910	1881	1911
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27	1906	1924	1924	1924	1913	1932

Authorities

Areas shown shaded revised from air photographs.

Germany 1:100,000 Sheet 33. 1937.
For details of sheet numbers of 1:25,000 shown see Compilation Diagram.
Road classification from G.S.G.S. 4246.

G.S.G.S. No 4416
Revised, drawn and photolithographed at O.S. 1944.

CENTRAL EUROPE 1:100,000
SHEET L5.
FIRST EDITION.

LAUENBURG

REFERENCE

Road classification is NOT based on maintenance. Reliability uncertain.

Motor Highway. (Independent of road system) Reichsautobahn
- 2 carriage ways each metalled and 7·5ms. wide.
- Connecting points with road system where known.
- Under construction.

Main Roads. Reichsstrassen with route numbers 56
- Metalled and mostly 6·0ms. wide.

Other Main Roads. (mostly Landsstrassen I. Ordnung) metalled and 5·5ms. average useful width.

Secondary Roads. Metalled and 4ms. average useful width.

Other Roads and Cart Tracks. Not always motorable and often unmetalled.

Paths.

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Wireless station, Tower, Lighthouse.

High Tension cable and Power station.

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Lock, Water gate, Dam.

Aqueducts, over and underground.

Spring, Water cistern.

Swamps, Mud flats.

Contours, Trig Point, Spot Height. 20 40 60

Woods, Brushwood.

Vineyard, Orchard.

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10 metres below 50 metres.

HEIGHTS IN METRES.

Scale 1:100,000 or 1 Inch to 1·58 Miles

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G.S.G.S. 4346, Germany 1:250,000

GERMAN GLOSSARY

Abhang	Slope	Kl.	Klein	Small	
Acker	Cultivation	K.O.	Kalkofen	Lime Kiln	
Bach	Stream		Kap	Cape	
Bai	Bay	Lg.	Lager	Camp	
Berg	Mountain	Lg.Pl.	Landungs-platz	Landing Place	
Bgw.	Bergwerk	Mine	Loch	Hollow	
Brgw.	Brunn	Marsh, Swamp	Mdl	Mühle	Mill
	Brücke	Bridge	Moor	Moor, Bog, Swamp	
Br.	Brunnen	Well	Ndr.	Niederer	Lower
Bhl	Bühel	Hillock	Ob., Obr.	Ober	Upper
Dorf	Dorf	Village		Platte	Wood Clearing
Etsme	Damm	Quay	Qu.	Quelle	Spring
Fabr., Fbr.	Fabrik	Factory		Rasthof	Covered Lorry Park
Fähre	Ferry			Riff	Rocks, Reef
(K.F.)	(Kahn Fähre)	(Passenger Ferry)		Rücke	Ridge
(W.F.)	(Wagen Fähre)	(Vehicle Ferry)		Schloss	Castle
Feld	Field			Schloss b.	Gorge
Fels	Rocks			See	Sea, Lake
Flss	River			Spitze	Peak, Point
Forst	Forest			Stadt	Town, City
Gau	District		Stbr.	Standrohr b.	Quarry, Stone
Gebirge	Range			Sumpf	Swamp, Marsh
Graben	Open fields			Tal, Thal	Valley
Grbch.	Ditch			Teich	Pond
Grenze	Boundary, Frontier		Unt. Ufr.	Unter	Under
			Vw.	Verwerk	Earthenbuilding
Hafen	Harbour			Wald	Woods
Haide	Grove			Wasser	Reservoir
Heide	Heath, Prairie			beihalter	Water tank
Hntr.	Berk, Brae		Wfg.	Wasserleitung	Water-conduit, Aqueduct
Hof	Farm, Courtyard			Wiese	Meadow
Höhe	Hill, Height		Whs.	Wirtshaus	Inn
Hügel	Hill		Zgl.	Ziegelei	Brickyard, Tile Kiln
Insel	Island				

Names of topographical feature, e.g. Wald, are given on this sheet in their German form and no attempt to translate them has been made.

Convergence is given for centre of W & L sheet lines.

Magnetic Declination 1943
at centre of sheet
From True North 8° 28' W (Dec. 1943)
From Grid North 7° 00' W
Annual change about 9' E.

G.N.T.N. C. 1° 58' E.

G.N.T.N. C. 2° 44' E.

To determine magnetic north line connect the grid point 'a' on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH as plotted on the degree scale of the north edge of the map.

EXAMPLE OF 4 FIGURE REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET
LETTER T
POINT SCHWASTOW
Grid
Two figure square of square and four figure square in which the point lies. Two figure square of square and four figure square in which the point lies.
Eastings Northings
Easting 0064 Northing 7114
REFERENCE T 0064 7114
Sheet Square Square Easting Northing
Nearest similar reference 500 kms. distant

GRID DATA

NORD DE GUERRE

Projection	Lambert (Modified)
	Conical orthomorphic
Spherical	Du Portet (Hayford Ellipsoid)
Origin	55 grades N. & 6 Grades E. of Paris
False Co-ordinates of Origin	600,000 metres E. 200,000 metres N.
Longitude of Paris	2° 20' 14" East of Greenwich.

COMPILATION DIAGRAM

	28	29	30	31	32	33
22	1936	1924	1908	1936	1924	1924
23		1924	1934	1934	1924	1924
24	1926	1924	1905	1924	1919	1919
25	1922	1924	1910	1936	1908	1936
26	1937	1934	1939	1936	1936	1904
27		1924	1936	1938	1934	1936

Authorities

Germany 1:100,000 sheet 44 1937.
For dates and sheet diagrams of 1:25,000 sheets see Compilation Diagram.
Road classification from G.S.G.S. 4346.

Area shown shaded revised from air photographs.

Kilometres 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

Miles 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

G.S.,G.S. Nº 4416

Revised, drawn and photolithographed at O.S. 1943.

CENTRAL EUROPE 1:100,000
SHEET M 6.
FIRST EDITION.

WITTENBERGE

REFERENCE

Road classification in NDT based on recognisability. Reliability uncertain.

Motor Highway (independent of road levels) Rec/Restriction
2 carriage ways each metalled and 7·5ms wide
Connecting points with road system where known
Under construction

Main Roads Reichsstrassen with route numbers
Metalled and mostly 6ms wide

Other Main Roads (mostly Landstrassen I Ordnung) metalled, and 5·5ms average useful width

Secondary Roads Metalled and 4ms average useful width

Other Roads and Cart Tracks Not always motorable and often unmetalled

Paths

Causeway

Railway Multiple track (normal gauge) with station
Single track
Under construction
Narrow gauge, tram and track

International Boundary

Church, Chapel, Monument
Cemetery, Christian, and non-Christian
Wireless station, Tower-Lighthouse
High Tension Cable and Power station

Watermill, Windmill, Windmotor
Lock, Water gate, Dam

Aqueducts, over and underground
Spring, Water cistern
Swamps, Mud flats
Contours, Spot height, Triangulation pillar

Woods, Brushwood

Vineyard, Orchard

Embankment, Old earthworks, Barrow

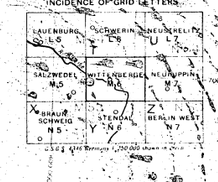
Sand and gravel, Cliff, Sometimes Quarry

Contour intervals 25 metres above 50 metres.
10 metres below 50 metres.

HEIGHTS IN METRES

Scale 1:100,000 or 1 Inch to 1·58 Miles

INDEX TO ADJOINING SHEETS AND INCIDENCE OF GRID LETTERS



GLOSSARY

Abhang	Slope		Hügel	Hill	S
Acker	Field	I.	Insel	Island	
Bach	Stream	Kl.	Klein	Small	
Bai	Bay	K. O.	Kalköfen	Lime Kiln	
Berg	Mountain	Kap		Cape	
Bgw.		Lpl.			
Bgwk	Bergwerk	Mine	Ldgs Pl.	Landungsplatz	Landing Place
Bruch	Marsh, Swamp			Hollow	
Brücke	Bridge	Mü.	Mühle	Mill	
Br.	Brücke		Moor	Moor, Swamp	
Bu.	Bude	Nsg.	Naturschutzgebiet	Nature Reserve	
Df.	Village	Ob., Obr.	Ober	Upper	
Dorf			Platte	Wood Clearing	
Fabr.		Qu.	Quelle	Spring	
Fbr.	Factory		Rasenfeld	Cleared Land	
Fähre	Ferry		Riff	Rocks, Reef	
(K. F. = Kahn-Fähre)	(Passenger Ferry)		Ruine	Ruins	
(W. F. = Wagen-Fähre)	(Vehicles		Rücken	Ridge	
Feld	Field		Schloss	Castle	
Felsen	Rocks		Schlucht	Gorge	
Fluss	River		See	Sea, Lake	
Forst	Forest		Spitze	Peak, Point	
Gau	Nazi District		Stadt	Town, City	
			Stein	Stone	
Gebirge	Range	Stbr.	Steinbruch	Quarry (Stone)	
Gelände	Open fields		Sumpf	Swamp, Marsh	
G. Gr. Graben	Ditch		Tal, Thal	Valley	
Grenze	Boundary	T.	Teich	Pond	
			Ufer	Shore	
Hafen	Harbour	Unt. Unr.	Unter	Under	
Hbn.	Grove		Vorwerk	Farmbuilding	
Halde	Slope, Hillock		Wald	Woods	
		Wsb.	Wasser		
Heide	Heath, Prairie		Ionhälter	Reservoir	
Hinr. Hinter	Back, Rear		Wiese	Meadow	
Hof	Farm	Whs	Wirtshaus	Inn	
	Courtyard	Ziegel.	Ziegelei	Brickyard, Tile Kiln	
Höhe	Hill, Height				

Names of topographical feature e.g. Wald are given on the sheet in their German form and no attempt to translate them has been made.

Arrangement is based on centre of W. & L. sheet lines

Magnetic Declination 1944
at centre of sheet
From True North 4° 05' W. (Jan. 1944)
From Grid North 7° 12' W.

Annual change about 9' E.

G. N. T. N.
C. 2° 44' E

G. N. T. N.
C. +3° 30' E

To determine magnetic north line, connect the grass point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH as plotted on the degree scale of the north edge of the map.

EXAMPLE OF GRID REFERENCE (ON FOUR FIGURE SYSTEM)

The Square shown is referred to as 6090

The first figure or letter is read from the bottom or top of the square

The second figure is read from the left or right hand side of the square

REFERENCE 6090

Reference to number repeated 100 kms. distant

GRID DATA

NORD DE GUERRE

Projection	Lambert (M[illegible])
	Conical Orthomorphic
Spheroid	Du Plessis (modified)
Origin	55 Grades in minutes E. of Paris
False Co-ordinates at Origin	600 kilometres E.
	[illegible] kilometres N.

Longitude of Paris = 2° 20' 14" East of Greenwich

COMPILATION DIAGRAM

	34	35	36	37	38	39
27	1936	1924	1924	1924	1911	1932
28	1911	1924	1919	1926	1936	1932
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Authorities

Germany 1:100 000 Sheet 50 1937
1:25 000 Sheets 2734 31 2934 14
2834 33 3034 34 3134 34 3234 14

Any other major revision from air photographs since

For dates and sheet numbers of 1:25 000 sheets see Compilation diagram

Railway classification from German 1:250 000 Railway Map 1935

Road classification from G.S.G.S. 4246 W.E. Kilo Ed. 1 1:250 000

ALTITUDE TINTS

G.S.G.S. No. 4416

Drawn and photolithographed at O.S. 1944

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AGO MICROFILM
ITEM NO: 2082

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

23 January 1947

SUBJECT: Unit's Historical History for Calendar Year 1946.

TO : Historical Records Section, War Department Records Branch
The Adjutants Generals Office, Washington 25, D.C.

In compliance with Army Regulation 345-105, with changes, the following report is hereby submitted:

A: Original Unit
(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 82nd Infantry Division Artillery
(2) 25 March 1942
(3) Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
(4) Letter War Department, 14 February 1942, AG 320.2 Space OR(2-10-42) and Executive Order 9049 dated 6 February 1942.
(5) Officers were assigned by War Department and some were transferred from other organizations. The Enlisted Cadre was from the 9th Infantry Division. Fillers were volunteers and draftees.

B: Changes in Organization
General Order # 24.15 August 1942 and pursuant to Letters Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Subject Activation of 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions dated 30 July 1942 and 5 August 1942 and General Orders numbered 86 and 88 Headquarters 3rd Army dated 8 August 1942 and 10 August 1942, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 82nd Infantry Division Artillery was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 82nd Airborne Division Artillery.

C: Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted
(1) At beginning or period: 5 Officers and 58 Enlisted Men
(2) Net Increase each month

January 1946	None
February 1946	None
March 1946	2 Officers, 29 Enlisted Men, 1 WO
April 1946	0 Officers, 5 Enlisted Men,
May 1946	0 Officers, 6 Enlisted Men,
June 1946	None
July 1946	None
August 1946	0 Officers, 6 Enlisted Men,
September 1946	0 Officers, 18 Enlisted Men,
October 1946	0 Officers, 25 Enlisted Men,
November 1946	0 Officers, 46 Enlisted Men, 2 WO's
December 1946	1 Officer , 0 Enlisted Men,

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(3) Net Decrease each month

January 1946	None
February 1946	1 Officer , 57 Enlisted Men
March 1946	None
April 1946	1 Officer
May 1946	2 Officers,
June 1946	2 Officers,
July 1946	0 Officers, 10 Enlisted Men
August 1946	None
September 1946	None
October 1946	None
November 1946	None
December 1946	0 Officers, 17 Enlisted Men

(4) Total 3 Officers,112 Enlisted Men, 2 WO's

D: Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof:

(1) Arrived New York Port of Embarkation by HMS Queen Mary, 1000 hours 3 January 1946 from TSA Tidworth Wilts, England, Departed Via train 3 January 1946 for Camp Shanks, New York for permanent change of station. Arrived at Camp Shanks, New York 1830 hours 3 January 1946.

(2) Unit departed Camp Shanks, New York 1330 hours 15 January 1946, arrived at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1400 hours 16 January 1946 for permanent change of station.

E: Marches: No Change.

J: Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: Completed.

K: Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: Completed.

MARVIN R. RICHARDSON
Captain, FA
Commanding.