

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

### a. Enemy Front Lines.

(K860610)-(K870600)-(K876597)-(876583)-(K850570)-(K835560)-(K820550)  
(K823530)-(K820500).

### b. Defensive Organization.

SIEGFRIED LINE is still main enemy defensive position. It is supplemented by field fortifications, anti tank ditches, and mine fields in the Division zone.

### c. Units in Contact.

1st and 2nd Battalions, and 42 Fortress MG Battalion (3rd Battalion), 330th Infantry Regiment, 183rd Infantry Division in northern part of Division zone. PWs indicate 1150th Regiment is the old number of the 330th Regiment and that the two are in reality one regiment. 148th Infantry Regiment, 49th Infantry Division was also contacted in this sector. 47th Fortress MG Battalion, 49th Infantry Division, was identified in the RIMBURG (K8458) area. In the southern part of Division zone, 57th Fortress MG Battalion was identified.

### d. Artillery.

Estimate 3 light battalions, 3 medium batteries and possibly 1 battery of 210mm capable of intervention in Division zone. Much of the enemy artillery is believed to have displaced to the rear for defense in depth.

### e. Reserves.

Elements of 183rd Infantry Division may possibly be considered as enemy reserves. 3rd Battalion, 404th Infantry Regiment, and 1st and 3rd Battalions, 352nd Infantry Regiment, 246th Infantry Division are unlocated, but are probably in the vicinity of AACHEN (K8343) or are en route to this area. Uncommitted elements of 47th and 57th Fortress MG Battalions may be held in local reserve by the enemy. There is no information of other reserves moving to this area.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

### a. General Summary.

During the night of 2 - 3 October, the enemy attempted to destroy the bridge across the WURM RIVER in the northern sector by mortar, artillery, nabelwerfer and a single plane attack. Movement in the UBACH (K8659) area was noticed during the night, and artillery fire was placed on it. During the day of 3 October, the enemy in the northern sector defended stubbornly on the high ground overlooking PALENBERG (K850598). This ground was used by the enemy for observation to direct mortar and artillery fire on our troops, the town, and bridge across the WURM. During the morning the enemy mounted a counterattack with about 50 infantry, supported by mortar and artillery fire, which was repulsed. Late in the period, the town of UBACH was captured by our troops. In the central sector, intense small arms fire was encountered from the RIMBURG CASTLE (K843585). The attack was held up for a time until this obstacle was reduced, and the castle was checked, room by room. Artillery fire was heavy on the roads leading into RIMBURG, in the town and on the castle after it had been captured. In the southern sector, enemy resistance was strong from the outset and consisted of small arms fire and mortar fire from the AT ditch along the edge of the woods. Our artillery fired on this position several times, before our troops were able to advance beyond it.

### b. Operation of Component Elements.

#### (1) Artillery.

Artillery fire was moderately heavy throughout the period. 28 SHELLREPS received, 9 counterbattery missions fired. One report of 30 rounds of 150mm from a single gun. Enemy artillery fire was generally from the East and Southeast. The pattern of fire seemed to be about half the fire falling on our forward elements (especially on the bridges across the WURM RIVER) and the other half on roads in the rear as interdiction fire.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

### a. Enemy casualties, including Prisoners.

Total PWs taken today - 266. Total for operation - 294. Total to date - 10,345. Enemy dead buried today - 0. Total for operation - 0. Total to date - 321. Enemy tanks destroyed today - 0. Total for operation - 0. Total to date - 153.

### b. Weather and visibility.

Generally clear with occasional overcast. Scattered showers in the afternoon. Visibility good. Forecast for 4 October - scattered clouds increasing to broken - good visibility. Favorable for air in the morning, moderately favorable in the afternoon. Poor trafficability, otherwise favorable for ground operations. Forecast for 5 October - improving, broken clouds, good visibility, favorable for ground operations.



c. Miscellaneous.

(1) 1st Infantry Division received a tank attack at 022345 October which was preceded by a heavy barrage of tank and mortar fire. The attack drove in the outpost, but was cleared up by 030130 October.

(2) PWs comment on the effectiveness of our tactics against the pillboxes. Particularly were they impressed by the attacks from the rear. They were also impressed with the accuracy of the small arms fire which is reported to have killed a number of men manning the weapons in the embrasures by striking them right between the eyes. A number of machine guns were jammed also by this fire. PWs were unimpressed by the aerial bombardment of 2 October. PWs who were in field fortifications were impressed by our artillery fire.

(3) Officer PW stated that it was the intention of the Germans to make COLOGNE an open city if the Allies reached there.

(4) 80 PWs who were taken from 5th Company, 148th Infantry Regiment, 49th Infantry Division, had never been issued gas masks. Other PWs who had thrown their gas masks away were asked what they would do if the Germans used gas. PWs indicated that they never thought of that.

(5) Interrogation of PWs revealed that an infantry formation of battalion strength was ordered to counterattack from the Northeast at about 022400 October, but the density of our night artillery fires repulsed the attempt.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The enemy can

(1) Delay our advance with the forces now in contact

(2) Make an all-out defense of the SIEGFRIED LINE using all available reserves.

b. Discussion.

Capability 4 a (2) is indicated.

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Order of Battle Notes for period ending 2200 October 1944.

1. PWs belonging to the following units were processed by the division cage today:

183 Inf Div,	330 Gren Regt, HQ	1
	I Bn	67
	II Bn	43
	III Bn (42 MG Bn)	36
	14 Co	37
	Total	184
49 Inf Div,	219 Arty Regt	1
	47 Fortress MG Bn	28
	148 Inf Regt	14
	57 Fortress MG Bn	1
	303 West Bn	4
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2. 330 Gren Regt (183 Inf Div): It has been confirmed that at least parts of 1150 Gren Regt had been absorbed by this unit before it left DOELLERSHEIM, AUSTRIA. 42 Fortress MG Bn forms III Bn of 330 Gren Regt now. 12 Co (formerly 4 Co, 42 MG Bn) is therefore composed of an Engr Plat, Mortar Plat and Bicycle Plat.

Personalities: CO: Lt Col HAMFLER. I Bn: Capt BUHVOGEL. 2 Co: Lt HUEHLHAUPT. 3 Co: Lt HOFNER. 4 Co: Lt MASSER. II Bn: Capt GEISINGER or Capt RABS (LABS). 6 Co: Lt SCHNEFF. 8 Co: Capt RAUCH. IIIBn: KOHLER. 12 Co: Lt SCHMITZER. 14 Co: Lt KARTNER (BARTEL?).

3. 57 Fortress MG Bn was identified by PW. It was formed at EGOLSTADT (INGOLSTADT ?) on the Danube in the beginning of September. Personnel consists mostly of hospital cases from Russia. Organized in 3 Cos, each 4 Plats with 3 MGs. In sector since 30 September. CO: Capt RUSCHA, FPN-31332.

4. 303 West Bn was identified by PWs. It was formed at PADERBORN in the middle of September. At this time it absorbed the remnants of 305 West Bn. CO of 4th Co: Lt STADELMANN.

5. Capt HOFF is CO of 47 Fortress MG Bn. CT HOFF, previously reported as under 49 Inf Div, is therefore identical with 47 Fortress MG Bn.

6. As stated previously it has been the policy of the German High Command to form Panzer Grenadier Brigades, using for this purpose the remnants of mauled Panzer Divisions. Six of these Brigades have been identified so far and their location is given below. Others are known to be forming. They constitute a mobile reserve which may be used for counterattacks.

105 Pz Brig	ARNHEIM
106 Pz Brig	VII Corps Sector.
107 Pz Brig	XIX Corps Sector.
111 Pz Brig	XV Corps sector.
112 Pz Brig	XV Corps Sector.
113 Pz Brig	XII Corps Sector.

7. SHAEF quotes an AFHQ report about a PW from 211 Gren Regt, who had the following document on his person:

"Gefreiter Hans MULLER, Stabsk 2/XI is blind in his left eye and the vision of the right eye is seriously diminished. He is unable to recognize a superior on the street and is therefore medically exempted from saluting."

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# SECRET

Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Corlett, Armor 6, and Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, 031538A October 1944.

Gen. Hobbs informed Gen. Corlett that we have this thing busted, that Sutherland is in the "U" goose egg and moving in the new direction. The northern place is opened up for the armor. Ernie wanted to know if he could utilize the northern crossing and Gen. Hobbs told him he could. Gen. Corlett stated we could turn that crossing over to him, and that he will put out a letter of instructions to that effect. Gen. Hobbs advised him to get a verification from Ernie. He said we can't look behind us when we move in the new direction and so that will have to be taken over by Powerhouse. Gen. Corlett asked about the pillboxes. Gen. Hobbs said they are coming in and kicking them from the rear. We have just intercepted a German document that says we have busted 39 pillboxes. Gen. Hobbs stated that unless he was terribly over-optimistic, we have broken this thing. Gen. Corlett asked if he could report this to Army. Gen. Hobbs told him we are sitting on that high ground and looking south; and if that wasn't busting through, he didn't know what it is.

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Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, and Gen. Harmon, Powerhouse 6, 031549A October 1944.

Gen. Harmon told Gen. Hobbs that he just returned from the north bridging and they are having a little fight at Ubach, but that his outfit and ours are getting together and are going to attack. Gen. Hobbs said he got the report that they were going to button up for the night, but Gen. Harmon assured him his outfit is going up to "X", and in the morning the outer column is coming across and will shoot for "W". Gen. Hobbs told him the northern bridge ~~is~~ is his and that we will have some dribblets through there, but they will filter through. He advised Gen. Harmon that he would have to take over the protection of the northern bridge, and to fix it up with Johnson.

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Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Corlett, Armor 6, and Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, 031600A October 1944.

Gen. Hobbs stated that he is getting more optimistic about this all the time and that he did not think it too early to advise our neighbors on the right it is about time they plan to start the thing tomorrow morning. We will be headed in that direction. Gen. Corlett asked if we would be near the place we are to meet. Gen. Hobbs told him our goose eggs are only four miles away now, that we are on "U" and will be on "S" tomorrow morning. They have to apply the pressure south so nothing comes up our way. Gen. Corlett said that Gen. Harmon says it is sticky around Ubach. Gen. Hobbs stated they are east of it right now so he assumes they have pretty well gone through it. He is going to be up in "X" tonight, and push for "W" in the morning. Gen. Hobbs said if Army could get one more infantry division behind us that we can go to hell and breakfast. He feels this is a pretty big thing.

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Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, and Col. Sutherland, Crisis 6, 031802A October 1944.

Gen. Hobbs told Col. Sutherland that he has done a bang-up job. Col. Sutherland said he would have liked to have gone farther, but they will do more tomorrow.

Gen. Hobbs advised him to tuck in good for the night. Col. Sutherland stated they will be all right for the night, and they are tied in with their neighbors on the left.

END

Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, and Col. Johnson, Croydon 6, 031809A October 1944.

Col. Johnson said that McDowell didn't get on the objective "W", that he just ran into something, and he wanted permission to stop for the night. Gen. Hobbs stated he should definitely stop because there is no necessity for him to go out there. He advised Col. Johnson to tuck him in on the most suitable terrain. Col. Johnson said his other unit has been up against the cliff and slag piles and did not get anywhere this afternoon. Gen. Hobbs again advised him to tuck them in and tie in with the neighbors on the right.

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Summary of telephone conversation between Gen. Hobbs, Custom 6, and Col. Mansfield, Powerhouse 5, 040943A October 1944.

Gen. Hobbs asked what the prospects are of OCA pushing through to their goose egg. Col. Mansfield stated it would be late this morning before OCB is over, but he is sure that OCA will push through by dark. Gen. Harmon is down pushing OCB right now. Gen. Hobbs asked him if he understood that the protection to the north is up to his outfit. Col. Mansfield said he understood this.

END



## 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

From 030001A Oct 44

To

Place (775555)

Time		Ser No	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
030115		1		Tp fr Maj Kremer, Armor 3: Maj Kremer said that Danger had called for air, the Jerrys were throwing everything they had at them. He wanted to know if we were having any trouble tonight. Capt Carbin informed him everything was quiet. K said this might indicate a withdrawal from Aachen.	Capt C.
	030115	2		Tp to Col Grant, Danger 3: C: Just got call Fr Maj Creamer telling me of the situation over there. G: Yes, it is over in our Dagwood area. We received a Hvy barrage between 2330 and 2345 consisting of Tk and mortar fire and followed by Atk with Tks. They got into our "K" Co area and created quite a lot of confusion, the Atk has shifted over to our Red Bn now it has not petered out yet but I think we have it under control.	Capt C.
	030120	3		Tp to 120th Inf: C: Anything new down in your area? - Nothing. Lemon Red received 8 or 10 Rds of harassing Arty fire and Cuff received about a 10 Min concentration of MG fire. C: Danger, on the R of Lemon has received a lot of fire and I wondered if you had gotten any..	Capt C.
030210		4		Fr Danger 3: We got word that everything had quieted down at 0130. "K" Co got most of the Atk but as far as we know there was no penetration of the main line. The outpost was driven in or captured. Our Comm were out down there and so we haven't got the full report or an estimate of the strength they are checking on that now.	Capt C.
030240		5		Fr Capt Singleton, 117th Inf: S: I wonder if we can get some air cover over here tomorrow morning? C: We are going to have some tomorrow morning. S: It looks as if up in the town of Uback they are forming a counter Atk and we want to get some planes on it. C: Why don't you put Arty on it? S: We are pouring it on now, are throwing everything at them. C: If you can give me the location and a definite target we will have the planes Atk it in the morning. We will have Armd Rcn too. S: I can't give you a definite location, all we can do is hear them, we are not sure where they are. The thing to do is to get some Cubsup and try and find them. C: I will talk to the Arty right away, but if you can give us a definite target we can put the planes on it.	Capt C.
030245		6		Msgs from 1st Inf Div.	File
	020300	7		G-3 Periodic Report No 111.	File
030510		8		Tp Fr Custer 3: "C" reports enemy digging in along their front. Think they have brought in reinforcements. Lemon Red reports an occasional round of mortar and a few rounds of small arms in their "A" Co area.	Capt C.
030525		9		Fr 2d Armd Div: G-3 Periodic Reports No 44 and 45.	File
030700		10		To Croydon 3, Capt Singleton: C: You remember Col Johnson being worried about his flank? Col Stephens says that the unit on your L was ordered to send down a Bn to fill in the gap and make contact with you. S: We haven't had anyone down there, where were they going to contact us? C: I don't know, Corps has taken care of that so tell the Col not to worry. S: Call them up and have them get some one down here.	Capt C.
030707		11		Tp fr Maj McCown, 119th Inf: We jumped off on schedule.	Maj Thomas

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030725		12		To 117th Inf, Lt Neilson: T: Did you get off on time this morning? N: Yes, as a matter of fact a little early. We wanted to get them out before they got a lot of Arty dumped on them, but they are getting it anyway, they are throwing everything they have at us, both Arty and mortar.	Maj Thomas
030747		13	030747	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson asked for some antiaircraft to protect our bridges. They can also help protect it from ground attack.	Capt L.
030758		14	030758	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Capt Lane asked what was in the town in front of them and was told some busted houses. Col Johnson said that they were on that spur track on the N end of the town cutting toward X. They had uncovered one pill box.	Capt L
030800		15	030800	Tp to Major Long, 531st AAAW Bn: Major Thomas asked if they could furnish protection for the bridges until Corps got up and was told yes.	Maj T.
030806		16	030806	Tp to Major Long, 531st AAA AW Bn: Col Stephens told Major Long that Corps had some AA that they were not using and to put in a request for some to protect our bridges right away.	Col S.
030826		16	022400	Fr XIX Corps: Sitrep No 233 as of 022400A Oct 44.	File.
030830		17	030830	Tp to Major Hill, S-3, 117th Inf: Major Hill said that Crank was passing through the forward edge of V going to W. They were receiving fire from the unit on their right's sector. Our other unit is shifting F over to the right toward X. They are going up in a column of Cos, F leading. To the W of X the cliff makes difficult terrain. Crank is receiving small arms.	Maj T
030832		18	030832	Tp fr Major Long, 531st AAA AW Bn: Corps will take care of the bridges. Probably won't be there till afternoon.	Capt L
030838		19	030838	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked what was holding them up and what they were doing about it. Major McCown said they were going to move 2 Cos plus Co of Tanks and TD along the bdy through the area that has been cleaned out by Croydon. Col Quinn in going to command it and the S-3 is going down with communications. We cleared this through Croydon.	Col H
030840		20	030840	Tp fr Col West, XIX Corps: Col Hassenfelt gave Col West the latest situation.	Col H
030844		21	030844	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that Amins was on the cliff to the NW of the slack pile. McDowell is passing through A. He should be entering Ubach now.	Col H.
030850		22	030850	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Col Hassenfelt told him to let him know when your outfit swinging through the boundary gets on the ridge so that he can notify the artillery, and also let your artillery know.	Col H
030844		23	030844	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Hassenfelt told him not to worry about that town on his left. A Bn is going to move into that.	Col H
030904		24	021700	Fr FUSA: AAA Sitrep No 60 from 010601A to 020600A Oct 44.	File.



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In	Out				
030913		25	030913	Tp fr Major Hill, S-3, 117th Inf: Crank is passed PL 8. They are encountering small arms, mortar and artillery. They are running into dug in positions. Crew is having trouble getting up toward X. They are 400 yards SW of X.	Col H
0	030920	26	030920	Tp to Col Jenna, Powerhouse 3: Col Hassenfelt said that there was some discrepancy on the orders given to your FM on the road priority. We will have to have priority for our supply and evacuation vehicles. Col Hassenfelt said that we would have very few vehicles going through and that we had a fight and had to have supplies. Col Jenna said that he would call their FM and tell him to let single vehicles through.	Col H
	030934	27	030934	Tp to Col Sutherland, CO, 119th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked Col Sutherland if they could get the 3d Bn loose to swing up through the boundary to give Quinn more strength. Col Sutherland said that the 3d was in contact and it would be very difficult to pull even part of them out. Col Sutherland said that he thought Quinn would go and suggested that we wait and see how he went before trying to pull the 3d. He said that if Quinn didn't go, then they would have to send the 3d up.	Col H.
030930		28	030930	Tp fr Croydon: The bailey is in.	
030940		29	030940	Tp fr Major Williamson, S-3, 120th Inf: Major Williamson said that they had secured both ends of the tunnels they had made the move toward yesterday. The Germans had been living in them. A little destroyed equipment was found. The roads in that area are being checked for mines. Major Thomas gave him the situation of the 117th and 119th.	Maj T
	030950	30	030950	Tp to Col Jenna, Powerhouse 3: Col Hassenfelt told him that Col West was just in and they had discussed the use of the roads with the Corps Commander and it was agreed for us to send single vehicles through. I told them that we had already settled it and they will probably mention it when they get to your CP. Col Jenna said that he had already instructed his FM to give us priority on the roads.	Col H.
030915		31	030900	Fr 1st DivL 1 Co, 1st Bn, Dextrous moving back to original position.	File.
030915		32	030800	Fr 1st US Inf Div: Sitrep No 1458 - 030800A - ....	File.
030956		33	030956	Tp fr Major Hill, S-3, 117th Inf: We captured a PW who stated that there were 3 assault guns, possibly 8, and a regimental CP in Beggendorf, and asked for some dive bombing on it if possible.	Maj T
	030957	34	030957	Tp to Major Hill, S-3, 117th Inf: You can expect TOT and 240's on Beggendorf.	Maj T
	031002	35	031002	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Capt Lane asked how they were coming on the castle and was told that it was about 50-50. The first group of buildings were cleared out but they were receiving machine gun fire from the buildings in the rear. Most of the fire that prevents it from being cleaned out is coming from the SE across the railroad on that hill and until that is taken it will be difficult to clean it out.	Capt L.
031001		36	031001	Tp fr Capt McBeth, XIX Corps: Capt McBeth was given the latest information by Major Thomas.	



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Time		Ser No	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
031008		37	03	Tp fr Sgt Serena, Div Engr O: Bailey bridge in at site N <sub>0</sub> 1 (847598).	
031005		38	030900	Fr First US Inf Div: Sitrep No 1459 as of 030900A.	File.
031017		39	031000	Fr Msg Ecn: Sitrep No 1460, as of 1000, 1st Inf Div, no change.	
030806		40	030800	Fr XIX Corps: Weather forecast.	File.
	031016	41	031016	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked what Col Johnson thought of having the unit go through. Col Johnson said that there was nothing to stop them as far as he knew. He had not seen any antitank guns, and outside of some mines he knew of nothing to stop them.	Col H
	031034	42	031034	Tp to Crisis: Capt Lane asked if they knew the castle's name and was told that the only information they had was that it was called Rimberg Castle.	Capt L
031038		43	031038	Fr Ln O, 119th Inf: Task Force Quinn - Col Quinn, C O, Col Edwards, Ex O, Capt Smithers, S-3 - composed of I and B Cos, and one platoon of mediums, and two platoons of Tank Destroyers. They are going to operate on the castle.	
	031041	43	031041	Tp to S-3 Section 117th Inf: Capt Lane asked who commanded Company B, 117th Infantry and was told Capt Robert Spiker of West Virginia.	Capt L
031042		44	01000	Fr 119th Inf: Overlay showing phase lines to be used for distance designation.	File.
	031050	45	031050	Tp to 119th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked what direction that Task Force was going to take and was told it was going across Col Johnson's bridge and were going to swing through the gap Johnson used to move is battalion through and going right on down into U. Col Hassenfelt asked if they were going to work on the castle and was told no they were bypassing the castle. Cox has that castle now.	
	031100	56	031100	Ttp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked how things were and was told that the 2d Bn trying to was having trouble getting up over the cliff. They are trying to the W and NW by the big slack pile. They are getting small arms, mortar, and artillery.	
031108		57	031108	Tp fr Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Herlong has a toe hold in the woods across the railroad with C. He is on the rear side of the pill boxes and has three already. A is still on the W side of the Rr, but we have two platoons of K and L across the Rr. In Cox's sector E is up to the Rr and are holding there until the castle is completely cleaned out. They are searching it room by room.	
031112		58	031112	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that E Co was guarding the bridges and that Aimen is having a hard fight to get up to X without E. We would like to have powerhouse guard the bridge when they get up so that we can give E to Aimen.	Maj T.
031122		59	031122	Tp to Col Towne, Air O, XIX Corps: Col Hassenfelt told him that we had a captured map that showed some stuff at Limmich (K9766) and said that if there were any mediums available he would like to have them put on that. The 275th Div <del>EX</del> is in that area in rear of the 183d, with Hq in the town. Col Towne	

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	031122	59	(Cont'd)	said that there were no mediums available today, but that he would turn over the first dive bombers that came in. Col Hassenfelt said that he had some other targets that were on the immediate front and more important to us now. Priority No 1 - Biggendorf (895595) a regimental CP there. At (9158) Div CP at Baesweiler in target area No 2. Col Hassenfelt said that we had artillery on Beggendorf but that they would like a mission to try and pick up anything there. Col Towne said that he would turn the first air that came in over to Brightside. Col Hassenfelt said that he would give these targets to Capt Trearse.	Col H
	031131	60	031131	Tp to Col Johnson: Major Thomas told Col Johnson that Powerhouse going to swing on up and would relieve the pressure on Aimen and that Col Hassenfelt wanted something left in to protect the bridge. Col Johnson said he would like to get E relieved as soon as possible as Aimen need it.	Maj T.
031140		61	031140	Tp fr Col Sloan, XIX Corps: Danger reports that the Germans are smoking the area about 2 Kilometers N of Aacken. It is sufficiently heavy to obscure observation. Col Hassenfelt said that we would have our Cubs look in that direction.	Col H
	031136	62	031136	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Col Hassenfelt notified Major McCown that the armor was going to go through at 1200 and that Task Force Quinn would have to be out of the way. Major McCown said that they were across the bridge S of it. He said that when the foot column headed by I crossed the bridge they ran into some MG fire. The tanks ran into a pill box at P 3 that had been bypassed or something and that held them up but that it was knocked out now.	Col H.
031125		63	030940	Fr XIX Corps: Ask that capture of any flying bombs, flying bomb sites, long range rockets, long range rocket sites be reported to this office by the most expeditious means.	File.
031125		64	022400	Fr 29th Inf Div: G-3 Report No 114 - 020001 - 022400A Oct 44.	File.
031125		65	022100	Fr 29th Inf Div: Letter of Instructions No 30.	File.
031138		66	031030	Fr 803d TD Bn: Sitrep No , as of 031030 Oct 44.	File.
031125		67	022400	Fr XIX Corps: G-3 Periodic Report No 118. (See Journal for distribution).	File.
031158		68	031158	Tp fr Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Our tanks are in the vicinity of the factory at the western end of PL 5. They have captured quite a few prisoners and are within 300 yards of making contact with Cox. The bulk of the Infantry is not across because the MG held them up but that is taken out now and they are crossing. We monitored the tank radio and they reported taking a lot of prisoners and said they did not have enough infantry to take care of them.	
031201		69	031200	Fr Msg Cen: Sitrep from 1st Div at 1200, no change.	
031210		70	031210	Tp fr Col Johnson, Ex O, 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that Powerhouse was passing through. Col Johnson said that he had suggested that they swing around behind the two slag piles and clean out that ridge running west so that Aimen could get up on X. He did not know whether or not they were going to do it.	
031224		71		Tp fr Capt McBeth, XIX Corps: We had a report through Arty that leading Elms of 117 have reached town of ZuUbach at 876571 is that correct? - No they are at Ubach at 864590 with the 1st to their rear.	Capt L



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In	Out				
031230		72		Tp fr Capt <sup>Mc</sup> Beth, XIX Corps: That smoke reported sometime ago, That is not correct and it is not enemy smoke, it seems they put that down themselves, that is just N of Aachen.	Capt L
031232		73		Tp fr Maj McCown, 119th Inf: TF Quinn captured 135 prisoners most of them from the boxes on <del>the</del> around that factory.	Capt L
031235		74		Tp fr Col Johnson, 117th Inf: Powerhouse has stopped for some reason or other, I believe they are scared of tank mines, our tanks are up in Ubach and they don't have to worry about that.	Capt L
	031255	75		Tp to Maj McCown: Where is the TF? - 300 yards NE of the factory at end of PL 5, in those woods working them out, that is as 1245.	G-3
031307		76	031307	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that Powerhouse had stopped and asked what for. Col Hassenfelt asked if any had crossed the front lines and was told 5 or 6. Col Johnson said that he was just told that they were receiving artillery fire in the valley, the same stuff we got, but that they were going to push on.	Col H.
031308		77	031308	Tp fr Msg Cen: Sitrep from 1st US Inf Div 1300, no change, No 1463.	
031305		78	031200	Fr 105th Engr C Bn: Sitrep No 218, as of 031200 Oct 44.	File.
031316		79	031316	Fr Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Crisis across PL 1.	Map
031200		80	031100	Fr 29th Inf Div: Overlay showing disposition of trs, bdys, & objts	File
031400		81	031400	Tp fr 117th Inf: Crank on PL 9. Meeting mortar, artillery, small arms.	
031406		82	031406	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Major McCown said that the artillery was quite heavy, that they had lost two TDs. Col Hassenfelt asked if they were coming down the ridge and was told that they were. He said that E Co has taken 30 prisoners. C Co is 100 yards from the E edge of the woods. Herlong held them up. Herlong is holding them up there. A Co is getting quite a bit of stuff around there and if they turn they will get shot in the back. A has elements across the tracks. The right flank is pretty well pinned down until we get some pressure from the ridge.	Herlong Col H
03	031414	83	031414	Tp to Major Hill, S-3, 117th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked how Powerhouse was doing and was told that an artillery barrage was holding them up. Major Hill said that Grunch was plugging on. C Co has captured 100 prisoners that Crisis drove over in their area.	Col H
031416		84	031416	Fr G-2: Password 1200 04 Oct to 1200 5 Oct 44: Password - Walking - Phonograph - Alternate - Stupid - Phoney.	
031419		85	022400	Fr 7th Armd Div: G-3 Periodic Report No 49.	File.
031419		86	022330	Fr 7th Armd Div: Operations instructions....	File.
031427		87	031420	Fr Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Task Force Quinn on PL 2 at the intersection, E of the G in Remberg.	Capt I
	031452	88	031452	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Maj McCown said that they had the castle cleaned out and were on Obj U now.	Maj T

Time		Ser No	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
	031500	89	031500	Tp to Col Johnson, B0, 117th Inf: Col Hassenfelt asked if the armor was going through. Col Johnson said they were messing around and that Franklin had only seen 6 go through. Col Johnson asked who was protecting that road to the N and Col Hassenfelt said one Bn was. Col Johnson said it was not up there and Col Hassenfelt said he would check on that right away. Col Hassenfelt said that when Powerhouse goes through Col H. to W we were going to have Johnson swing down through Ubach to Y.	Col H.
	031459	90	031459	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Infantry: Col Hassenfelt told Major McCown that in getting to Objective Y he thought it would be a good plan to swing to the rear of TF Quinn and clean out Ubach. Major McCown said that McDowell was pretty much stuck. Col Hassenfelt told him that the Armor was going through McDowell to W and that they would swing McDowell along with the 119th:	Col H.
031520		91	031520	Tp to Col Johnson, Co 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that McDowell says he is past P 9 and the CO of the powerhouse unit is up there and is contemplating going through to his objective. McDowell will let me know when and if he does. Col Johnson asked if he was going to stop at W. Col H. said no, he was supposed to go to 2 and 3. Col Johnson said that Aimers was tied up against a cliff and doesn't know if he can go to W. Col Hassenfelt said that if powerhouse goes through to W we are going to take McDowell and swing him down to Y.	
031524		92	031524	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson asked if E Co was going to be relieved from watching the bridge. Aimer is doing a lot of fighting and needs him. Col Hassenfelt asked him if he could not use part of the 1st. and Col Johnson said that they were engaged. Col Johnson said that he was not going to say anything to McDowell about going to Y until the armor gets going.	Col H.
	031536	93	031536	Tp to Powerhouse 5: Col Hassenfelt said that he had a report from the Bn that is down W of Obj W in that town, they are about 2/3 of the way through. They report that your leading unit which was headed for W has stopped in rear of them. Was it contemplated that they go to W. N, the leading unit that crossed the bridge is going to X. The units that comes later is moving to W. Col Hassenfelt said then the S bridge outfit will be going to W. Powerhouse 5 said it doesn't look like we are going to be able to use the S bridge. Col Hassenfelt told him that we had Obj U now. He told Powerhouse 5 that as soon as someone passed through the Bn just W of "W" down to Y. we would sent it	Col H.
031545		94	031545	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: McDowell says the armor is apparently cooking up a plan where he will get up in the vicinity of W and the Armor will take cover behind him for tonight. Col Hassenfelt said that they were supposed to go to X, the second column is supposed to go to W.	
031550		95	031550	Tp fr Major Micheal, XIX Corps: Capt Powers gave him the latest situation.	
031555		96		Fr Maj Giles, 117th Inf: Crank is 200 yards past PL 10, Crew is still having trouble. They are meeting the same small arms, burp gun, mortar and some Arty.	Capt P
031610		97		Fr 30th Rcn In: Msg	File



Time		Ser No	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
	031605	98		Tp to Col Southerland: The Armor is going to swing toward X now, are you going to swing that <del>in</del> down there around those pill boxes? - Cox is going to swing around up there between U and Y on that high ground. - The 117th will have two units free to swing on down there and protect your flank.	G-3
	031612	99		Tp to Col Johnson: The Armor driving N to X and will probably be there tonight, you had better let Ammonds occupy that town. They will relieve E Co either tonight or tomorrow., let him continue to hold that place until relieved. One unit of 119th is going to move down along boundary and get on that high ground between U and Y and come in on those pill boxes from the rear	G-3
031635		100		Tp fr Col West, X <del>2</del> X Corps: Wanted the latest situation and Info regarding bridges. - Situation given by G-3.	G-3
	031637	101		Tp to Maj McGown, 119th Inf: What is the situation? - Herlong moved up in the vicinity of HERBACH, A is still bogged down, I pushed straight in town where hit some pill boxes going into the woods, those fellows are still dug in, M and K are right up against them. As soon as I works in around the rear of those things it should be duck soup. Moving CP to where Apex had crossing. Cox is about the center of the ridge.	G-3
031656		102	031508	Fr XIX Corps: Sitrep 234	Map, File
031703		103		Tp fr Col West, XIX Corps: I am getting a letter of instructions out and want to give 2d Armd the all 3 bridges. - No just the 2 northern bridges in the vicinity of Marionburg. We have people there protecting those and we want to pull out of there and they will have to put something in there to protect that thing. - I will get on them. - We do not want to go to S until we can get 117th to protect that flank.	G-3
031740		104	031740	Fr Radio: NewCP Loc 119th (842589). 1715A.	
031805		105		Tp <del>fr</del> Col Johnson, 117th Inf: E Co is being relieved by a unit from Powerhouse on bridge. There is heavy Arty falling and I think somehow we should be able to get a line on it. I am still wondering who is protecting that left rear flank.	Capt P
031811		105		Fr Hq Co: G-3 Report.	File
031825		106		Tp fr Col Southerland, 119th Inf: Holding on the reverse slope of the hill, there is nothing on U but if we get on the forward slope it will be direct fire. Tomorrow we will pull Brown out of the valley up on the ridge. Cox's cans were stopped in the sunken road, Cox has only gotten a short way beyond the RR, We will push Cox at first light tomorrow, he istied in with Herlong.	G-3
031830		107		Tp fr Col Johnson, 117th: Powerhouse has not gotten out of Ubank, they never moved out of the place for X according to one of my Bn Comdrs, McDowell is buttoned <del>up/oh/that</del> just short of PL 11. He ran into some stuff on PL 11 that was dug in. Ammonds pulled back to where he was last night after being around the cliffs and slag piles all day.	G-3

## 2. OWN SITUATION:

a. Our front line or most advanced elements:

See Overlay

b. Location of troops, CP's, boundaries, etc:

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c. Location of adjacent units and supporting troops:

See Overlay

d. Description of our operations during period covered:

RCT 117 (Reinf) ATK 030700 Oct 44 per Div. Ord.; 3rd BN moving thru 1st BN to go through UBACH and seize Obj. "W"; 2nd BN moving toward Obj. "X". 1st BN remained on Obj. "V", mopping up. ATK was slowed by mines, and heavy enemy ARTY and mortar fire. ATK was slowed by for use of 2nd Armd Div completed. At 0930 The Bailey Bridge HEINTZ BEGAN TO CROSS THROUGH US, AND FWD ELMS OF ARMOR JOINED OUR 3RD BN. AT 1200 TASK FORCE

e. Estimate of combat efficiency of our command, 80 %

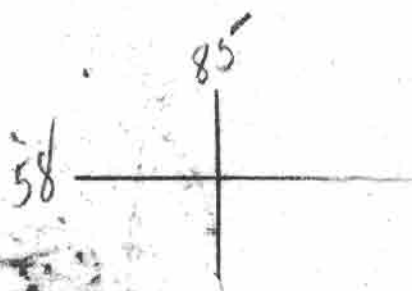
Co "E" was relieved from guarding bridge site by UNIT OF 2ND ARMD. 2ND BN moved to flank resistance and reach OBJ. "X", but due to congestion of route chosen, were ordered to hold up by CROCODON 6. 3rd BN ordered to button up at 1840 approx 500 yds short of Obj. "W". All units of 2nd Armd and our troops buttoned up for perimeter defense. All pillboxes captured yesterday were sealed up during night. Bridge sites subjected to heavy ARTY fire during period

f. Result of operations.

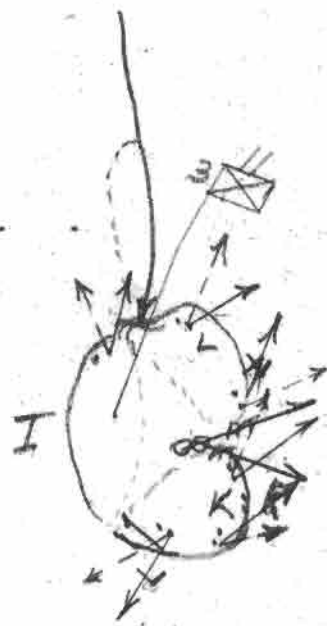
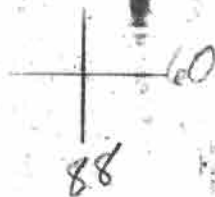
RCT 117 (Reinf) can't to move on Objs. "X" and "W". Stiff resistance encountered and heavy enemy ARTY fire fell on our forces during day. Bailey Bridge completed on MSR. 2nd Armd moved across bridge at 1200, up to fwd elms of 3rd BN.



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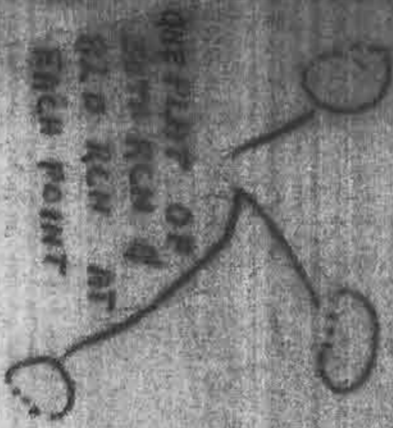
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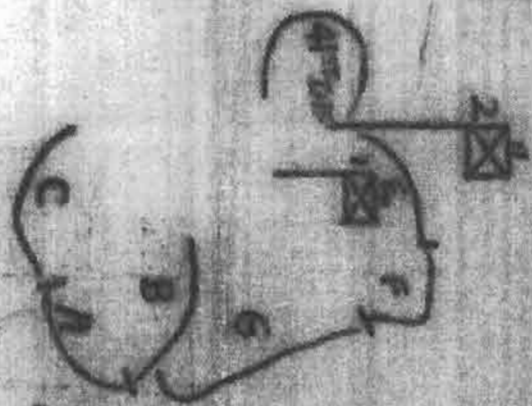
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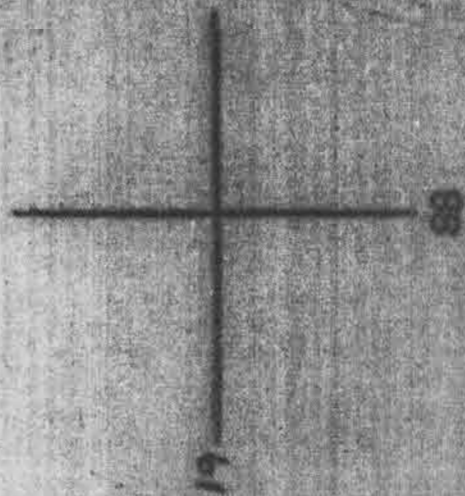


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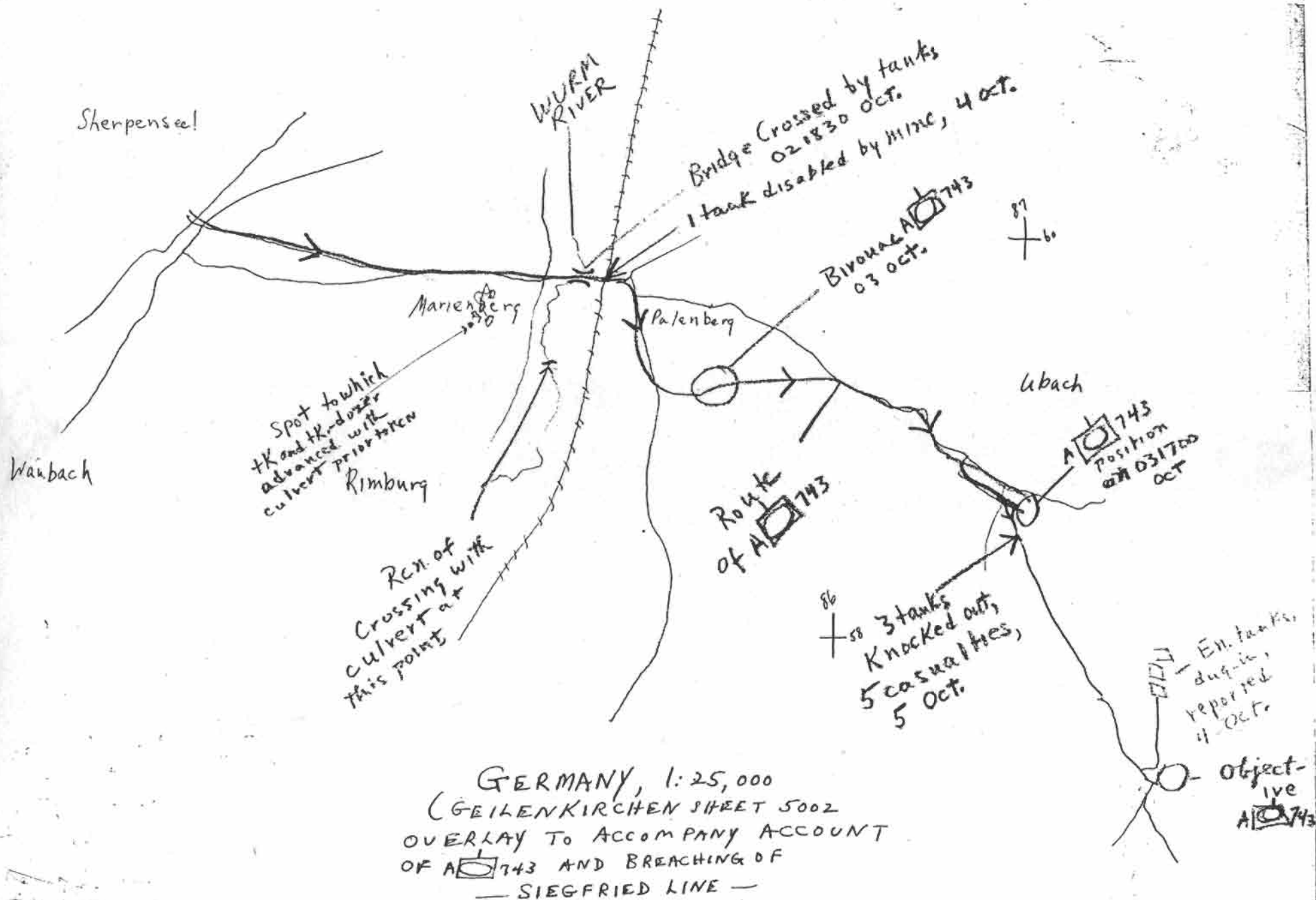


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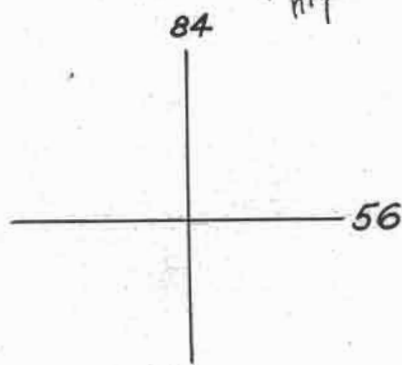
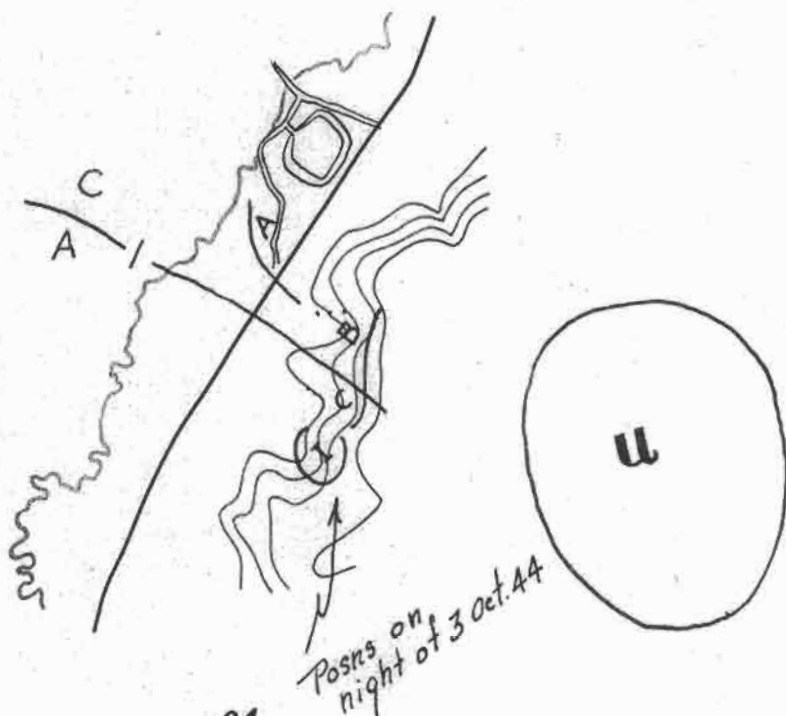
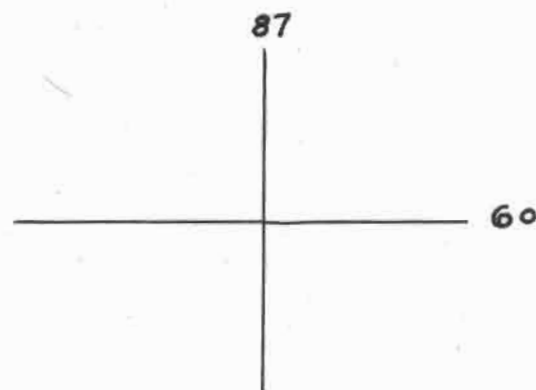




BREACHING THE SIEGFRIED LINE  
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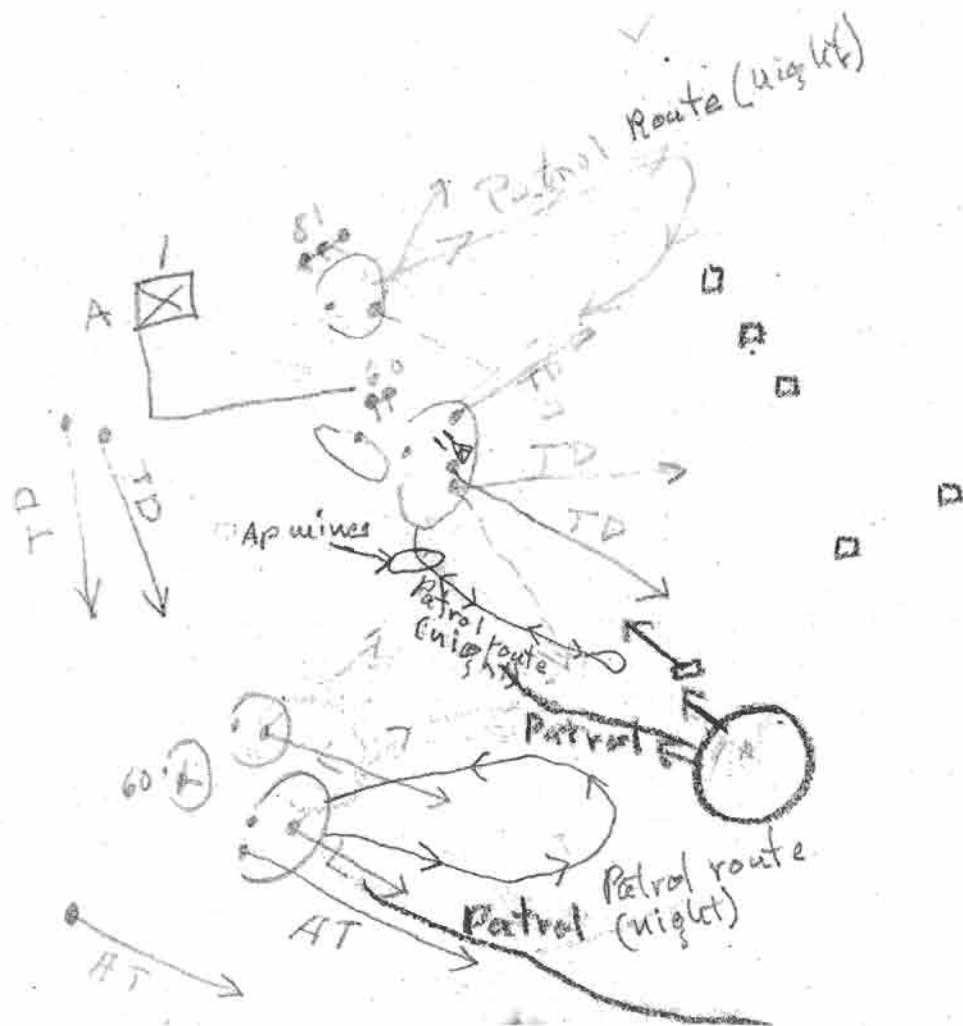


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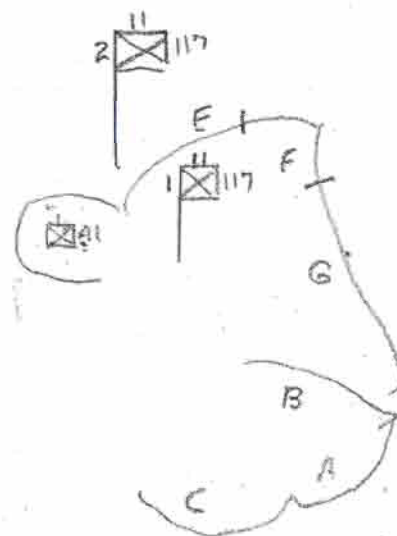
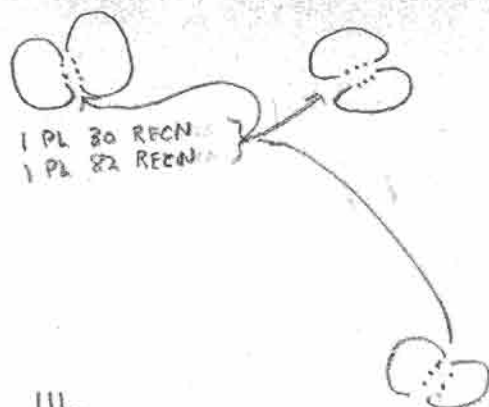
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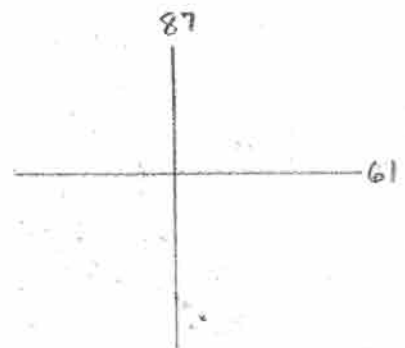
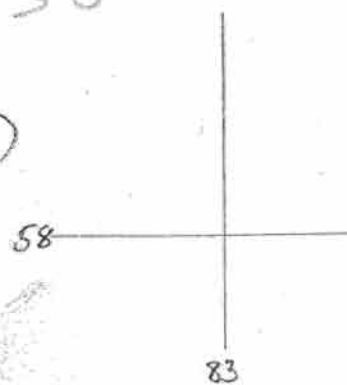
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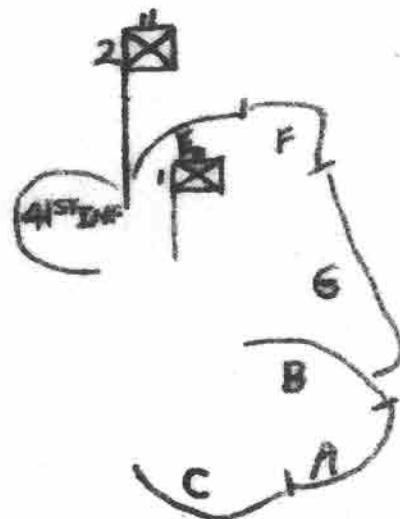
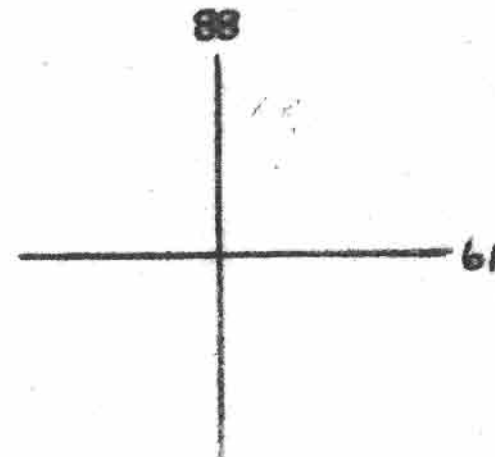
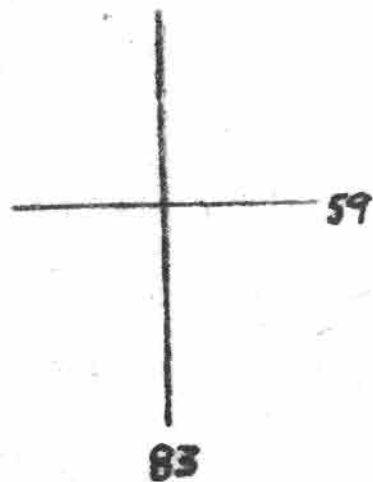
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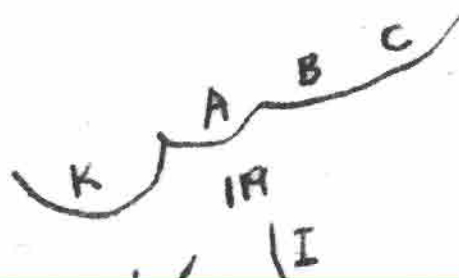
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Maps: Central Europe, 1/25,000.

1. a. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 108.

b. 2d Armd Div continues Atk to N, NE and E, VII Corps operates on S flank, 1st Inf Div attacking N to Obj vicinity (8846), 29th Inf Div continues to protect left flank of the XIX Corps W of GEILENKIRCHEN.

2. 30th Inf Div continues Atk 040700A Oct 44 seizes Objs "L", "M", and "S" prepared to continue Atk to Objs "N", "O", "P", and "Q".

3. a. Inf.

(1) 117th Inf, Atchd 1 Co 743d Tk Bn will Atk to SE 040700A Oct 44, seize Obj "M", protect left flank of Div prepared to continue Atk to Objs "P" and "Q" on Div order. The 3d Bn will remain in present positions until passed through by CC "B" of 2d Armd Div.

(2) 119th Inf, Atchd 2 Cos 743d Tk Bn, continue Atk 040700A Oct 44, seize Objs "L" and "S", prepared to continue Atk to Objs "N" and "O" on Div order. 1 Bn will be moved through sector of 117th Inf and Atk Obj "L" from N, NE. Movement through zone of 117th will be coordinated with CO, 117th Inf. As Atk progresses S all enemy resistance within zone 119th Inf E of WURM RIVER will be reduced.

(3) 120th Inf, less 3d Bn, Atchd Co "D" 743d Tk Bn, 1st Bn 116th Inf, (1 Co 821st TD Bn), 823d TD Bn (less 1 Co), continue to protect right flank of Div from present positions, prepared to seize Objs "R" and "K" on Div order.

b. Other Units: No change.

4. No change.

5. No change.

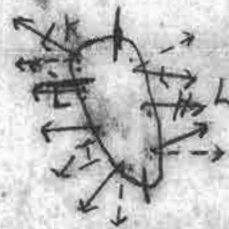
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BREACHING THE SIEGFRIED LINE

[Notes taken by Captain Ferriss at the CP of the 119th Inf (same location as on 2 Oct) on 3 Oct 44. On arriving at the CP at 1215, I learned that the CO had placed Lt Col Quinn in charge of the task force consisting of Companies B and I, 11 tanks, and a platoon of TD's. I was told that this TF had crossed the Wurm River at Marienberg and was moving south on the east side of the river.]

1225 -- Lt Col Quinn, CO of TF, reports taking 135 PWs out of boxes near factory at obj V. He plans to move S along front of 1st Bn, while 2d Bn goes for obj U. CO warns him not to get too far off high ground, i.e., too far into woods, though pressure on the rear of German troops in the woods will, or should pull 1st Bn through. Herlong advised.

1235 -- Scotty (S-3, 2d Bn) reports castle clear.

1243 -- Brown told by CO what Quinn's doing and urged to push on through woods to meet him. Idea is for all to get on U by 1400. "We have a job to do then."

1247 -- Maj Hill (S-3, 117th) reports that 2 A. D. is still behind leading elements of 117th. Hill thinks Germans last night reoccupied boxes from which Quinn took his PWs, using underground passages perhaps. 117th had cleaned them out.

Vic of CP, 119th, shelled for 1 - 2 hours.

1512 -- Maj Hill reports that MacDowell is just past PL 9.

1516 -- Smithers (working with Quinn) reports I Co at 843574 -- no sign of 1st Bn -- not meeting enemy -- CO orders TF Q to halt and make contact with 1st Bn

1520 -- CO tells Herlong of Smithers' report and says he must get up through woods and contact Quinn's force as soon as he can.

1523 -- S-3 explains to 3d Bn location of I Co ("leading elm of TF Q") and urges 3d Bn to move on up so as to contact TF Q to the E. Q can't move down into woods



as they'd run into friendly fire.

1525 -- Smithers reports that B Co (CO, McBride) on tail of TF Q, has made some contact with C Co and run into fire fight. CO talks to Quinn and tells him that B Co and its platoon of tanks will revert at once to (1st Bn). Herlong to pull himself forward with the help of B Co and platoon of tanks. (This decision then given to Herlong). Quinn also told to release I Co to 3d Bn as soon as some contact made with 3d Bn. (This then given to Brown.)

1534 -- Brown told to tie in on Herlong's R till both Bns get to obj "U"; then proceed to "S" (ditto to Herlong).

1537 -- Cox told it's ok to proceed direct toward obj Y; CO's reason for giving up possible plan of having 2d Bn go through 117th's sector and attacking Y from N was fear of 2d Bn's becoming "involved" with 117th and 2 A. D. [CO obviously still worried re terrain and enemy defences which 2d Bn will encounter in attacking obj Y from ~~west~~]

1539 -- CO calls Cox back. In view of difficulty of getting tanks up steep slope (NE of Herbach), he'd better count on attacking toward obj Y from N, going by way of high ground between U and Y. [CO had been informed by Div that 117th might be given obj Y.]

1550 -- CO tells Quinn to continue helping 1st and 3d Bns get up hill; 3d Bn not to go on to S till U secured.

1605 -- Cracker 5 asks for targets. Told to fire on high ground between U and Y; also on obj S. 841562 is ok, but Merksteins Hofstadt too close.

1550 -- Scotty (S-3 of 2d Bn) says 2d Bn is coming out of woods in their sector.

[CO says 117th not going to push McDowell onto Y tonight. But CO is going to push Brown onto S tonight, if possible.]

1616 -- S-3 learns from 1st Bn that C Co is pulling out of woods.

1619 -- S-3 of 3d Bn says his troops are E of RR; that they're in touch with I Co by radio; I Co about 700 yds (2) away. S-3 of 3d Bn told that I Co plus tanks

are attached to 3d Bn at once; that 3d Bn must push on up hill as fast as possible, coordinating with I Co and tanks; that 3d Bn has farthest to go. S-3 of 3d Bn reports resistance mainly from boxes.

1621 -- Quinn told of attachment.

1630 -- 119th CP commences move to Rimbung.

[119th S-2 says 3 Bn, 148th Inf Regt, identified vic of Rimbung, where all PWs taken today came from.]