

30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

From 010001A Oct. 14
To
Place (775555)

Time		Ser No	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
040030		1		Fr 105th Engr C Bn: Sitrep 220. S-3 Report No 110.	File
040200		2		Fr XI ^A Corps: Sitrep No 235.	File
040230		3		G-3 Periodic Report No 112.	File
	040210	4		To 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: Have you anything to report? S: Everything is quiet. We have had some Arty cme in, but nothing unusual.	Capt C.
	040212	5		To 119th Inf: How is everything down there? F: Coming along quiet. The bridge down here, the treadway, has been knocked out, or rather a tier has been knocked out, they are working on it now. C: What knocked it out? F: The Engr that reported it didn't know what it was. C: Get the dope on it and call me back.	Capt C.
	040300	6		To Powerhouse 3: How are things on your front? - Everything is quiet.	Capt C.
	040305	7		To Latitude 3: How are things on your front? - No change. It is quiet.	Capt C.
040315		8		Fr 119th Inf, Capt Freeman: The Engrs have 2 squads working on that bridge, one squad from 2 different Cos. It was a tank dozer that pulled the bridge out of line this afternoon. It is the steel treadway supported by trelis. C: Anything else? F: Starting about a half hour ago "F" Co had an enemy unit attempting to work around their R flank. First they got MG fire then detected those people trying to get around there. They have been putting mortar fire on them.	Capt C.
040342		9		Fr 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: Enemy is smoking/positions.	" "
040510		10		Fr 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: S: 3d Bn is having a counter Atk. C: How much. S: Not much, apparently they have everything pretty well in hand. C: Do they need any help? S: I don't think so, we don't know. We are out of wire Com with them and have them by radio all they said was "We are getting slight counter Atk, details later." We are throwing all the Arty we can in there now. C: Keep me informed.	Capt C.
040525		11		Fr 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: The 3d Bn is in pretty much of a fight. Our plan was to move Curlew down to relieve Crank and have them go on down, but we can't move Curlew because the Armor is all over that road up there and they are placing Arty fire all along that road, and we also can't disengage Crank while they are being atk. What we want to do is get permission to delay the time of our Atk until this threat is over or at least until it clearifys itself. Crank is getting a hell of a lot of Arty fire down there and a lot of automatic fire, they are actually being Atkd. C: Is there anything else we can do? S: No, all we want is permission to hold up on the time of Atk as Curlew can't be moved up there. The way it looks now the Armor won't be able to get moving on that road for a while. C: I will talk to Col Hassenfelt.	Capt C.
040530		12		Fr G-2: G-2 Periodic Report No 108.	File
	040545	13		To 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: C: I talked to both Col H and the C/s and the C/s said he would leave it to Col Johnson as to when they would move that 1st Bn but he would like	

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040515		13	Cont.	a little more Info, how are they holding up, do you need any help, etc. S: Holding up all right and do not need any help but the Atk is still continuing. A good suggestion that came from up there is if we get this stopped cold and send them on home to move the armor out of that area and right on through and then we can move on up. C: Where is the armor going? S: East. C: Are they going through the Bn? S: They are practically on top of them, they are helping them out. They said it was a moderate Atk but are getting a lot of Arty. C: Any armor? S: Dug in Tks but they haven't come out yet. They are getting fire from 20mm flak guns and the dug in Tks.	Capt C.
	040516	14		To Armor 3, Capt McBeth: Capt Carbin gave Capt McBeth a summary of the situation.	" "
040600		15		To Custer 3, Capt Ray: Everything is quiet here.	" "
040615		16		Fr 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: S: The counter Atk was about a Co, maybe a little less than that but they all seemed to be armed with burp guns. We smeared them. It is 6's decision to hold Crank in place until the armor moves out and relieved the pressure on them and the minute they push out there to have Crank ready to move. C: The C/s wants to be sure they don't sit there all day. S: They won't sit there all day, we are all agreed on that. C: Is the armor moving? S: They are moving past here right now, they were supposed to have moved at 0630. C: Let me know when they start to move.	Capt C.
	040620	17		Capt Carbin relayed the situation to Capt McBeth.	" "
	040625	18		To Latitude 3: What is your situation this morning? - Has been a quiet night. Had no Atk and gained no ground. One of our Cos did push forward but we are not sure just where they are.	Capt C.
040650		18		To 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: How are you getting along now? S: Everything seems to be all right just talked to Ln O from the armor and he thought they would be moving right off. Crank is still engaged with some dug-in Tks. If the armor can get up there and take them out or get some air on it right away Curlew can move in and Crank can move out without too much delay. It will only take the 1st about 40 mins to get up there. They have their guides and quartering party there right now, but those dug in Tks still have the 3d engaged.	Capt C.
040700		19		Fr Col Ellis, Div Arty: How is that counter Atk coming up there from the N? T: We hadn't gotten a call on that who is getting it? E: Croydon. T: Will call them.	Maj Thomas
	040703	20		To 117th Inf, Capt Singleton: T: What is going on down there? S: 2d Bn is getting a little counter Atk now. They don't seem to think it is much. The people coming against them are carrying demolitions, don't know what the purpose of it is. Don't know how many more are coming, but what they can see now it is not much.	Maj Thomas
040716		21		Fr 119th Inf: We percalated on time.	Capt Lane
040720		22		Fr Det ZU 21 weather Sq: Weather forecast for XI ^A Corps sector for 040800 to 050800.	File

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040758		23	040758	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: There 5 or 6 tanks running around at (87465866). He said that Powerhouse has some stuff up in there but will not do anything as it is not in their zone.	Maj T.
	040806	24		Tp to Capt Trearse, Air Support O: Major Thomas told him about the tanks in journal entry 23 and asked him to try and get some air on them.	Maj T.
040806		25	040806	Tp fr Capt Trearse, Air Support O: I just called Corps and they say that Powerhouse has asked for some air on enemy tanks in that area that we reported tanks and they will take care of them.	Capt L.
040808		26	040808	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson asked if we understood that Powerhouse was not passing through McDowell's outfit, it is going the otherway. Some one said that I could not move McDowell until Powerhouse passed through. The unit of Powerhouse that is supposed to go through McDowell is not in sight yet and if we wait for them to go through McDowell we will not, I think, be able to move today. Capt Lane said that he would take that matter up.	Capt L.
040822		27	040822	Radio Msg Fr S-3, 119th Inf: Major McCown requested an air mission on the SE half of Obj "S". There are 88's, 75's and possibly tanks, but it is probably self-propelled guns. Major Thomas asked if the slidex message giving Crisis's location and opposition they were meeting.	
	040824	28	040824	Tp to Capt Trearse, Air Support O: Major Thomas requested air on the target given in Journal Entry No 27.	Maj T.
040834		29	040834	Armd Rcn Radio Msg Fr S-3, 119th Inf: Request air mission/on eastern half of Obj U, enemy tanks in that vicinity.	
	040838	30	040838	Tp to Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Major Thomas told Col Johnson that Col Stephens said that when McDowell cleaned out that stuff in front of him he could move on down. Col Johnson said an estimated Co was still hitting Aimens.	
040846		31	040	Fr Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Just before daylight we received a counterattack in vicinity Berkstein Hofstadt driving straight into the woods and hitting I Co. I Co was pretty badly disorganized and lost quite a few leaders. Herlong threw A Co on the right of I Co to fill in the gap and attacked with B to relieve the pressure. The tanks were not able to get up to B Co. They lost one tank and one TD attempting it. There are enemy tanks at (851578) (851581) and one specific location at (853577). Col Hassenfelt asked why they didn't put artillery on the counterattack before it got a good start and was told that the artillery had been firing counterattack missions since daylight. Major McCown said that a PW reports two companies dug into a new line at Merkstein.	Col H.
	040859	32	040859	Tp to Col Sloan, Armor: Col Hassenfelt said that we need an air mission on Herbach that there were a lot of tanks there that would hold up the operation to the S unless they were knocked out. He said that the air officer had requested this mission and was told that Powerhouse had priority on air. Col Sloan said that see what he could do about it.	Col H.

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040908			33	040908	Fr Sig O: Due to compromise by the enemy of Slidex Key list for Oct 4, 5, and 6th. The following key settings will effective for dates showing: SOI Item 17-8 - October 4 - Spare Setting A. October 5 - Spare Setting B - October 6 - Spare Setting C.	
040855			34	042000	Fr 1st US Inf Div: Situation overlay.	File.
040855			35	031715	Fr XIX Corps: Letter of Instructions No 41.	File.
040855			36	031700	Fr FUSA: AAA Sitrep No 61 from 020601A to 030600A Oct 4.	File.
040918			37	040918	Tp fr Major Jensen, Air O, XI ^A Corps: We have planes working with you now. Capt Trearse should be able to do what you want him to with them.	Col H.
040920			38		Fr Radio: Msg from 119th Inf: Enemy counterattack estimated 1st Bn plus 04. Tanks on 1st and 3d at (844570). All units receiving direct fire of 88s and 75s.	
040914			39	040914	Tp fr Col Sloan: I talked to Maj Jensen and he says he is getting the air strike for you.	
040934			40	040934	Tp fr Major Beck, Danger 3: Major Thomas gave Major Beck our latest situation.	
040950			41	040950	Tp fr Air Support O: The planes have hit Herbach and are strafing it now.	
040954			42	040954	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, Col H asked if Maj McCown had gotten what he wanted. Major McCown said to call them off that they landed about 200 yards from us. They landed in the vicinity of some of our tanks. The first two runs were good. The last two were on top of us. The last fell on Herlong.	Col H.
041002			43	041002	Tp to Major McCown: Col Hassenfelt asked if there were any changed. Major McCown said there were no appreciable changes since last night. Cox is disengaged. Brown is heavily engaged in the same position as last night.	Col H
040948			44	040948	Tp to Col Jenna, Powerhouse 3: There is observation on the bridge that we are using from the high ground just West of X. We can't even get a truck across without getting artillery on it. Powerhouse 3 said that he had 16 planes up and would bomb it. Col Hassenfelt said it was too close to bomb. Powerhouse 3 said that if Col Hassenfelt would give him some coordinates that he wanted artillery on that he would put three Bns on it.	
041012			45	041012	Tp to Col Sloan, G-3 Section, XIX Corps: Col Hassenfelt gave Col Sloan the latest situation.	
041010			46		From C of S: Summary of tp conversation between Gen Hobbs and Col Sutherland Crisis 6, 031802 Oct 4; Summary of Tp conversation between Maj Gen Hobbs and Col Johnson, Croydon 6, 031809A Oct 4; Summary of tp conversation between Gen Hobbs and Col Mansfield Powerhouse 5 040943A Oct 4; Summary of telephone conversation between Gen Corlett and Gen Hobbs Custom 6, 031538 Oct 4; Summary of tp conversation between Gen Hobbs and Gen Harmon Powerhouse 6 031549A Oct 4; Summary of tp conversation between Gen Corlett Armor 6 and Maj Gen Hobbs Custom 6 031600A Oct 4.	File.
0			47	041023	Tp to Col Jenna, Powerhouse 3: We would like to smoke part of that hill to try and stop that artillery fire on the bridge. We would like to smoke (849603)-(855603). The wind is from the S to NE and it will take it over the high ground. We will smoke it. Col Jenna that was only about 200 yards from the bridge and that he would check with CC B and let Col Hassenfelt know....	

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	041040	48	041040	Tp To Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: What damage did the air do? Major McCown said that one man killed, one injured in Herlong's outfit. They did not straf the tanks, they thought it was a very good job. Two planes strafed in rear of our front line but as far as we know it hurt no one.	Maj T.
	041047	49	041047	Tp to Major McReynolds, Ex O, 117th Inf: Major McReynolds said that one tank had broken into K Co area. They are moving TD up to take care of it. Powerhouse is sitting on the road not doing anything. We are going to carry on with the original plan as soon as the tanks are taken care of. Major Thomas asked him to find out if Powerhouse was going to X as the Col was anxious to know.	Maj T.
041056		50	041056	Tp fr Major Kramer, XIX Corps: Capt Lane gave him the latest situation.
041059		51	041059	Tp fr Major McReynolds, Ex O, 117th Inf: Major McReynolds that that that opposition on the left had been pushed back. I could not find out anything about Powerhouse from Major Hill and Powerhouse's Ln O just checked out. We picked up a Msg from McCown saying they were receiving direct fire from tanks on the right. Our TDs are operation on it. They have information that Powerhouse is forming something to take care of that.	Maj T.
041026		52	041026	Tp fr Col Sutherland, CO, 119th Inf: Col Sutherland said that he wanted to tell Col Hassenfelt about the situation in the valley. He said he was going to have to leave L to keep the Germans from infiltrating into the valley. That leaves Brown with K Co plus the badly shot up I Co and he will have a tough fight when he tries to clean out the top side. General Hobbs asked if Col Sutherland was getting Cox loose to get on L, and was told that he would get there. Col Sutherland gave General Hobbs the same information that he had given Col Hassenfelt. General Harrison told Gen Hobbs that he felt it would be a good thing for Col Birks to move up and that the ridge in front of him so that they could get direct observation on the ground in front of Sutherland. General Hobbs said that the artillery had said that they did not need that, that they had observation. General Harrison said that if Col Birks moved up it would push in the OPs of the Germans and sort of give them a scare and would keep them from maneuvering around. General Hobbs said that he would give it consideration.	
041104		53	041104	Tp fr Powerhouse G-3 Section: It is all right to smoke those L coordinates you asked about providing you coordinate with the FOCs.	Capt
041110		54	041110	Tp fr Msg Cen: Sitrep from 1st US Inf Div as of 1100, no change.	
041105		55	041105	Tp to Asst Div Engr: Col Hassenfelt told him that we were going to smoke the high ground that the enemy had observation from on our bridge from 12 to 1 and asked him to Tell Major Sterba to try work on the bridge and see if that took the artillery fire off of it.	Col H.
041116		56	041116	Tp fr Major Sterba: Major Sterba said that the Germans had the bridge already zeroed in and that they did not need observation any more and that his experience with smoke has been that it caused trouble. He said he felt that if he put something down there that it would draw a lot of fire and endanger the bridge that we already have in there.	(Cont'd).

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041116		56	(Cont'd)	There one in further down that will handle light stuff. As soon as the infantry cleans it out around there we will maintain that road so that we can get another one in there. Major McReynolds said that he had just talked with his 6 and that McDowell was receiving fire from enemy tanks on the left now, and from some on the right a few minutes ago. Col H said that the ones on the left were being engaged by artillery now. Major McReynolds said that Powerhouse was moving a little. Col H asked if they were going to X and was told that they did not know.	Col H
041118		57	041118	Tp fr S3, 119th Inf, Major McCown: Major McCown requested an air strike on (858583) (858585). There are self-propelled guns at those coordinates. They are firing at Herlong's tanks. Col Hassenfelt said that until Cox comes up in the rear of that stuff and takes it out that the rest will not be able to move. Major McCown said that Herlong was attacking S and SW and that his tanks were getting fire from the coordinates that he had just given him. He said that Cox was near the Eastern most AT ditch of the two AT ditches SE of Palenberg. Major McCown said that the support Engineers were not covering the pill boxes and that one that they had knocked out had been reoccupied.	Col H Col H
041126		58	041126	Tp to Lt Harold, 105th Engr Bn: Col Hassenfelt told him that the support engineers were not covering up the pill boxes, that one knocked out had been reoccupied, and to check with Crisis on it as they were the ones that reported it.	
041137	041137	59	041137	Tp to Major McCown, S-3, 119th Inf: Major Thomas asked if G Co had gone to join Cox, and was told no, they were sitting. Major McCown said that Cox was going with 2 Cos.	Maj T.
041202		60	032400	Fr 2d Arm'd Div: G-3 Periodic Report No 46.	File.
041130		61	041000	Fr 803d TD Bn: Sitrep No 37 as of 041000 Oct 44.	File.
041230		62		Radio Msg fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Unit on right is sending people through us now. Powerhouse isn't doing a thing and we can't move until they do something.	G-3
041115		63		Fr XIX Corps, G-3 Periodic Report.	File
041250		64		Fr XIX Corps: Sitrep 235	File
041304		65	041300	Tp fr Custer 3, Major Williamson: Our outfit moved on schedule.	
041308		66	041308	Radio fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: The outfit that was supposed to cut into my area and then back to their own is mixed up with my I Co. Are they going to turn and go about their business. Major Thomas told him that they were supposed to turn and proceed on their mission. If they clear Col Johnson said that if they cleared out of the way he might put Franklin in between McDowell and them. Major Thomas said that he would check with Crisis and see that they proceeded on to their mission.	
041300		67	041200	Fr 105th Engr C Bn: Sitrep Mreport No 221.	File.
041326		68	041326	Tp fr Col Witte, G-3, 29th Div: Col Witte asked if Lemon Red was still attached to us. Major Thomas said he thought they were going to be relieved but as of now they were still attached. Col Witte, said he was going to send his Ln O over.	Maj T.

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041348		69	041348	Tp fr Col Witte, G-3, 29th Inf Div: What is being done with Lemon? Col Hassenfelt told him they were going to move up and occupy the area we were moving out of. We are going to move E. Col Birk's outfit is going to move E up against the line.	
041356		70	041356	Tp fr Col Johnson, CO, 117th Inf: Col Johnson said that there was a lot of fire coming from the woods in his rear. He asked what was going to happen if he pulled Franklin out. Col Hassenfelt said that he would have to put Aimens in there. Col Johnson said that Aimens was in a fight now. There are about 300 enemy forming at one point and 250 at another. Col Hassenfelt said that the Armor was supposed to take care of that. Col Johnson said that he couldn't find out what the armor was going to do	
041355		71	041355	Tp fr Div Engr, Major Sterba: Major Sterba said there was a lot of observed artillery fire that could come from the coal piles falling on the pill boxes around Rimberg, and that they couldn't get in to cover them up. We are covering up the pill boxes as fast as we can get to them.	Col H
041410		72	041410	Tp fr Custer 3: Custer 3 said that the northern unit was on FL Q and that the southern unit was meeting heavy small arms fire from Q. They say they have put artillery on it but they are still receiving small arms fire from the location of where the artillery landed.	Capt P.
041411		73	041411	Radio to CO, 117th Inf: Leave Franklin where he is until Objs L and N are reached. Col H asked if K that unit had moved through McDowell yet and was told no, they had not. Col Johnson said that Aimen was engaged in that cliff fight and that it was getting late and that if he was left there he could handle it as he has it zeroed in with artillery and mortars.	Col H.
041414		74	041414	Tp fr Major Williamson, S-3, 120th Inf: Major Williamson asked when Curve was supposed to move.	Capt P.
041415		75		Fr G-2: Password 051200 - 061200 - Password Thimble - Worsted. Alternate - Stupid - Phoney.	
041420		76	041420	Fr Capt Hewitt: The Germans have increased their firing since the smoke was laid down. They have the place pretty well zeroed in.	Capt L.
041422		77	041422	Radio fr CO, 117th Inf: Powerhouse has not passed through McDowell. I have stopped Franklin and will leave him where he is. If it gets much later it would be better to leave Aimens where he is. Col Hassenfelt said that they would leave him where he was.	
041436		78	041200	Fr XIX Corps: Sitrep No 236 as of 041200 Oct 44.	File.
041445		79	032400	Fr 29th Div: G-3 Periodic Report No 115.	File.
041445		80	032000	Fr 1st US Inf Div: Situation overlay as of 032000A Oct 44.	File.
041430		81	041430	Tp Major Williamson, S-3, Custer: Curve is to begin movement to new area as soon as possible.	Capt P.
041452		82	041452	Tp fr Col West, XIX Corps: Col West asked when the Blue unit of Birk's was going to move and was told it was moving now.	Col H.

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041450		83	041445	Tp fr Custer 3: Our N unit is on PL R. The S unit is about 500 yards beyond Q. The S unit is meeting lots of small arms fire.	Capt P.
041537		84	041537	Tp to Major McCown: Col H asked where Cos was and was told in the S edge of Ubach waiting to get his tanks up. They have to use Powerhouse's road. There is one tank holding the column up and as soon as that is knocked out the tanks should go on up and join Cox. Col H said that he would like Cox get down to at least Zinc tonight. Major McCown said that Cox was working on an AT gun now. Maj McCown said that they had pulled out I and put K in. I had to reorganize. Col H asked who was going to make contact with Frankland and was told that they would have K make contact. Maj M said that K was going to take over G area. G is moving to join Cox. Col H asked what was in front of that and was told Herlong was up there. Col H asked what was in between Herlong and Frankland and was told nothing, that they had requested a unit to be put in there earlier. Col H asked how far they had gotten and was told that G Co had just left. Col Hassenfelt told Col Sutherland that he had better hold G Co, that the C of S was going to talk to the General about putting him in between Herlong and Frankland.	Col H
041550		85	041550	TX Radio from CO, 117th Inf: Powerhouse did not get very far out in front of McDowell and I would like to make certain that they don't pull out and leave him sticking out on a limb. Col H told him that they were supposed to remain in there. He said that we were sending instructions down by Ln O.	Col H
041552		86	041552	Tp to Capt Trearse: Fill box at (84725630).	
041553		87	041553	CP 2d Armd Div: (785583).	Map
041555		88	041440	Fr XIX Corps: Special Sitrep as of 041415A Oct 44.	File.
041600		89		Instructions to Lt Adams and Lt Reese, InsOs: I am giving you an overlay showing area and general line to tie in on and limiting point at head of cut. The 117th will have to shift over and tie in with G Co. We want that done and Trs well dug in all along in there and prepared to meet any counterattack that may be thrown at them. Have Cox work down to zinc line and tie in with 3d Bn 117th, we do not want them in cellars, we want them out where they will have fields of fire and well dug in, get out of town, stop early enough so they can dig in for all around defense.	G-3
041625		90		Tp fr Maj Williamson, 120th: C Co at Q plus 600, A is about 400 short of PL R, A is on the right C on the left. the 2d is about half-way between R and Obj. A is right on the boundary, and C is astride the boundary between Bns. B is still back.	Capt P
041625		91		Fr 119th Inf: FO 28 with overlay.	File
041715		92		Tp fr Col Johnson, 117th Inf: Pyramid swing around to the N and are shooting into the 2d Bn. Tell them to quit shooting in Palenburg we are there. The 119th never cleaned out those woods, and if I want to make contact I will have to go around in back of the factory and Atk through the woods. How about using the same point we had last night? - That factory is cleaned out. - There are still Germans in the woods there they have never been cleaned out. I am getting tired of doing their fighting for them.	G-3

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041750		93	042200	Fr Crash G-3 Report	File
041755		94	042200	Fr Div Hq Co G-3 Report	File
041759		95		Tp fr 119th Inf: Herlong is tied in on the right, G Co is plugging a gap in there..	Capt P
041820		96		Tp fr Lt Aldrich, 120th Inf. They closed in at 1730, that is I in the northern, K in the middle and L on the tail. Our B is just about where grid line 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ behind A Co, There is no appreciable change in C and A.	Capt P
041835		97		Tp fr Maj Williamson, S-3, 120th Inf: Is leamon red still attached to me? - That unit is detached from you as 444 of the time that Regtl Comdr went down and took over. - He is here and says as soon as Com is complete he will take over.	Capt P
041905		98Tp		Tp fr 119th: G Co is tied in with C, there is no tie in between A and L.	Capt P
041930		99		Tp fr Lt Aldrich, 120th Inf: Cuff received a counterattack at 1900 it originated from there left front, it has been repulsed. I am trying to verify this now and will call you back on it.	Lt B
041933		100		Fr G-2: Notes for Co Comdrs.	File
041815		101		Fr G-4: TWX Msg on Expenditures of Am.	File
041934		102		Fr ZU 21: Weather Forecast.	File
	041935	103		Overlay showing boundaries and Objs., see file copy for distribution.	File
041936		104		Fr 30th Rcn Tr: G-3 Periodic Report.	File
041937		105		Fr 105th Med Bn: S-3 Report 107.	File
041938		106		Fr 105th Med Bn: Sitrep 171	File
041955		107		Fr 30th QM Co: G-3 Periodic Report.	File
042047		108		Tp fr Maj Williamson, S-3, 120th I f: That guy is taking over the Curve CP we are giving him some assistance on the wire, Cuff is just on the edge of Obj on the N tip of it. They have that town pretty well bottled up, there are snipers in there, C and A the same, B in rear not committed. The enemy has that mine and we have the town. We are receiving Arty fire coming from the 1st of the 119th and on up in that town of Herbach, our Arty is trying to shoot at it, they can see the flash.	Capt P
	042015	109		Letter of Instructions to Units, see file copy for distribution list.	File
042208		110		Fr 30th Div Arty: Unit Report 113.	File
042208		111		Fr 29th Inf Div: Letter of Instructions No 31.	File
042208		112		Fr XIX Corps: Letter of Instructions 42.	File
042210		113		Fr 119th Inf: Unit Report with overlay.	File

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	042225	114		Tp to Col Towne, XIX Corps: We request 2 missions as early as possible in the morning, we have a particular target and would like it hit, it is a town at K876574 zuUBACH and another target K856577 HERBACH, we can mark targets with red smoke. - You will have Clm cover and you will have to use it when it reports in, all air has been committed, the mediums are taking care of PELICT (?) and ELMHOVEN, we will try and get strike as early as possible. I will make the 1st Sq to Powerhouse available for those targets, we will let you know in plenty of time, they will be handled just like the others.	Capt P
042302		115		Fr 743d Tk Bn: Status Report	File
042303		116		Fr 743d Tk Bn: Sitrep	File
042305		117		Fr 117th Inf: Unit report with overlay.	File
042310		118		Fr 120th Inf: Unit report with overlay.	File
042311		119		Fr 743d Tk Bn: Unit report with overlay.	File
042315		120		Fr 105th Engr C Bn: Unit Report and Sitrep.	File
042345		121		Fr 823dTD Bn: Unit Report, Overlay, TD Report.	File
042345		122		Fr 531st AAA Bn: S-3 Periodic Report.	

BREACHING THE SIEGFRIED LINE

[Notes taken by Captain Ferriss at the new CP of the 119th Inf (in a basement in Rimburg) on 4 Oct 44. On arriving at the CP at 1400, I learned the following from Captain Salzman, of XIX Corps Headquarters: The units of the 119th Inf were ^{then} in approximately the same positions as last night except the 2d Bn had moved to Ubach via Palenburg, whence it would attack to the south. The 1st Bn ~~and~~ I Co received a counterattack at 0500, reportedly in 2 company strength (G and H Co, 149th Regt) and 4 tanks. This was repulsed, but only after some heavy casualties, especially in I Co. Due to the casualties in the regiment, the CO had requested an additional Bn from Division. Cox at the time had four tanks and 4 TD's with this 2d Bn, then in the southern outskirts of Ubach. Their obj is "L" (a new obj).]

1405 -- Col Purdue arrived from 30 Div Hq and says that Hobbs believes everything depends on Cox' atk. CO explained that Cox needed to be reinforced badly. Mentioned his request for an extra bn.

1415 -- Quinn at 30 Div Hq says Hobbs denies request for extra Bn. Says to use a Bn of 119th. CO indicates he'll send 1st Bn.

1425 -- Message and overlay sent by LO to Herlong instructing him to disengage and move with tanks to join Cox.

1435 -- CO tells Hobbs he's opposed to pulling 1st Bn out now, since Herlong is presently engaged with two or three German companies. CO thinks 1st Bn could be pulled out tomorrow A. M. and sent via Cox' route through Obj L to obj S.

Hobbs answered

1437 -- Herlong told by CO that Hobbs has authorized CO's keeping Herlong on present mission for rest of day, if necessary. So, bulk of Herlong's outfit will

remain; but G Co will be replaced by K Co and G will join Cox.

1438 -- Maj Phillips: Cox now has 6 tanks in Ubach; he's held up in town (really southern outskirts) due to jam created by 2 A. D.

1448 -- G Co alerted to move. Told to pull in outposts.

1452 -- Phillips learns from Cox' rear CP that Cox' column does not know where Cox is.

1450 -- CO tells Cox that G Co and four tanks are joining him; that Cox' own 6 tanks are in Ubach (where Cox is) but have not found inf or Cox himself; that Cox must keep off roads to enable unit of 117th to move to its obj, M; that Cox is to get to obj L by all means by dark; that G Co and tanks will have to move by road that runs NE from Rimbürg, then East to Ubach, since this is only defiladed route; that G Co will move cross country with above road as axis of advance, if necessary to keep road open for 2 A. D. and 117th.

1500 -- Maj Attebury arrives at CP -- reports 1st Bn and 3d Bn getting lots of arty -- I Co in bad condition (later report: "I" has 62 men).

1510 -- CO expresses opinion that Hobbs is mistaken in thinking (as Quinn reported he does) that as soon as we get to obj L, the enemy in woods will pull out. CO believes they're safer in boxes than elsewhere; and that there's a helluva lot of stubborn resistance facing 1st and 3d Bns. Says that 120th was committed at 1300 to take 2 obj's.

1530 -- S-3 learns that 117th is not now moving toward M, is just sitting at present; and that it and 2 A. D. are held up by 1 German tank.

1530 -- CO tells Brown to reorganize I Co and recover as much as possible; begin planning on how to take over 1st Bn's positions in A. M.

1535 -- G-3 of 30 Div called. He's concerned about gap between 1/119 and 1/117.

Thinks G Co should not be moved out on this account. CO tells him it's a choice between plugging gap with G Co or making sure that Cox gets to obj L by adding G Co to Cox' force. "Can't do both." G-3 to call back.

1540 -- Col Purdue arrives at CP. He calls Hobbs and says situation at Ubach is not good. 2 A. D. is about in same position as it was at noon. Lt Col Frankland's Bn is not going to move. Purdue thinks it would be fatal to send Cox toward obj L tonight. He recommends waiting till 2 A. D. can do job it's supposed to; then have both Frankland's Bn and Cox' outfit atk together tomorrow. Hobbs thereupon orders CO not to move Cox tonight and hold G Co to cover gap between 117th and 1st and 3d Bns of 119th. These orders given to S-3, 2d Bn, and to CO, Company G.

1545 -- A has KO'd 1 box at 841579; both A and C moving slowly -- this reported by Lt Col Edwards, an ass't of Lt Col Brown.

[Col Sutherland aptly queried Lt Col Edwards, "How's the pillbox war coming?"]

No. 109

Maps: GSGS 2541, 4249, 4338, 4-9-R1-R2-S1-S2 1/100,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines.

(K850603)-(K860610)-(K867613)-(K870610)-(K880600)-(K885590)-(K880580)
(K855575)-(K840563)-(K832540)-(K826520).

b. Defensive Organization.

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

c. Units in Contact.

1st and 2nd Battalions, and 48 Fortress MG Battalion (3rd Battalion), 330th Infantry Regiment, 183rd Infantry Division, are believed to man defenses in Division zone. The following units were identified in counterattack roles during the period: 6th Company and 8th Company (formerly 2nd Company, 57th Fortress MG Battalion) 149th Infantry Regiment, 49th Infantry Division vicinity (K843577); 1st Battalion, 352nd Infantry Regiment, 246 Infantry Division and elements of 1st and 2nd Companies, 219th Engineer Battalion, 183rd Infantry Division vicinity (K875583); elements of 1st and 2nd Companies, 219th Engineer Battalion, 183rd Infantry Division vicinity (K859600). 2nd Company, 149th Infantry Regiment, 49th Infantry Division was identified in the southern part of the Division zone.

d. Artillery.

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

e. Reserves.

Immediate reserves include uncommitted elements of 183rd Infantry Division. 3rd Battalion, 404th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, 352nd Infantry Regiment, 246th Infantry Division are unlocated, but are probably in the vicinity of AACHEN (K8343) or en route to this area. In the COLOGNE (F4560) area, 1st and 2nd SS Panzer Divisions are reported regrouping. 26th Infantry Division is reported reforming in the MULHEIM (F4864) area, preparatory to coming to 1st U.S. Army sector.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary.

Enemy resistance was stiff throughout the period, with a number of counterattacks launched by the enemy in an effort to restore his positions and knock out our bridges across the WURM RIVER. The period was characterized by a heavy volume of artillery fire and fire of direct fire weapons. In the northern sector, the enemy smoked the positions of our troops at 0345 but did not attack at that time. At 0500, the enemy counterattacked in the vicinity of (K875583) from the Southeast, and continued to try to break through our defenses in that area until about 1300. The counterattack was supported by a heavy volume of artillery fire and fire from 5 or 6 tanks. By 0650, there was still fire from dug-in tanks, but the enemy's main effort had apparently been beaten off by our artillery fire. At 0700, the enemy also counterattacked from the North in the vicinity of (K859600). This attack was repulsed by 1000. The enemy placed a large volume of artillery fire on UBACH (K8659) - the heaviest that our troops in this area had ever received. Artillery and mortar fire were also heavy in the vicinity of the bridges across the WURM RIVER in that sector. A counterattack to the Southwest in the vicinity of (K859600) took place at 1700, and continued sporadically throughout the rest of the day. This attack was also well supported by artillery. In the central sector, the enemy counterattacked at 0500 from the Southeast in the vicinity of (K843577). This attack was supported by a light artillery barrage and possibly 3 tanks. The attack drove our troops back initially in that area, and the enemy entered the woods. Shortly after the enemy entered the woods, his own artillery began falling on his troops and assisted in breaking up the counterattack. Our artillery and infantry finished the job, and the enemy was driven back to the eastern edge of the woods. However, our troops in this sector continued to be heavily engaged throughout the period. A large volume of enemy artillery fell in the town of RIMBURG (K8458) and on the roads leading into it. In the southern part of the Division zone, the enemy defended the town of KERKRADE (K8253) in bitter house-to-house fighting. Enemy resistance consisted almost entirely of small arms, automatic weapons, mortar, and light artillery fire. Late in the period, an increase in the volume of artillery fire was noted. A considerable number of T-mines were encountered in this area. A small counterattack at 1846 was repulsed by our artillery fire.

S E C R E T

c. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Artillery.

Artillery fire was heavy throughout the period. Most of the fire came from the Southeast. The targets apparently were our leading elements, the bridges across the WURM RIVER, the towns of UBACH and RIMBURG and the road nets. 18 SHELLREPS received, 5 counterbattery missions were fired. The heaviest concentration reported was of 50 rounds of 105mm.

(2) Engineers.

The enemy used T-mines extensively in the KERKRADE area in order to deny us the use of vehicles in that area.

(3) Tanks.

5 or 6 tanks were reported in the vicinity of (K874586). A smaller group was reported at (K853577). In the northern sector, the enemy used tanks in a dug-in role as direct fire weapons. In the central sector, they were employed in support of a counterattack but were apparently confined to the roads.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Casualties, including Prisoners.

PWs taken today - 192. Total for operation - 486. Total PWs to date - 10,537. Enemy dead buried today - 13. Total for operation - 13. Total to date - 334. Enemy tanks destroyed today - 0. Total for operation - 0. Total to date - 153.

b. Weather and visibility.

Low overcast all day. Visibility good. Favorable for smoke, moderately favorable for air, favorable for ground operations. Forecast for 5 October - scattered clouds early tomorrow. A few light scattered showers throughout the period. Good visibility. Favorable for air and ground operations.

c. Miscellaneous.

(1) All units will report to G-2 any incident of flying bombs or long range rockets, together with sites for these weapons.

(2) Forward observers reported that when a pillbox was taken by our troops a flare would be directed over it from an adjacent pillbox, and enemy mortar and artillery fire would come down on the pillbox shortly after.

(3) Division Artillery reports that our troops still do not recognize the value of SHELLREPS. One of our units reported through command channels that it had received a heavy volume of artillery fire throughout the period. Yet only 3 SHELLREPS were received from this particular unit.

(4) One instance was reported of enemy reoccupying a pillbox after it had been taken by our troops.

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 now current.

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S E C R E T

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

183 Inf Div, 330 Inf Regt	
I Bn	12
II Bn	58
III Bn	10
13 and 14 Cos	4
219 Engr. Bn	37 84
49 Inf Div, 149 Inf Regt	
(2,5,8,9 Cos)	8
148 Inf Regt	
(9 Co, Bn SCHLISIO)	4
OTs JAECKEL, CON FALTE, WIEBERS, NATHAN	22
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2. I Bn, 352 Regt, belonging to 246 Inf Div was identified by 119th Inf. This is another one of the "Volks Grenadier Divisions" reformed in the vicinity of PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. All three regiments of this unit (352, 404, 689) had previously been identified in the ANCHEN sector by 1st US Inf Div. Personnel consists of naval and airforce troops, convalescents, as well as recruits. Personalities of 352 Inf Regt: CO-Maj EGGERSDORFER. I Bn: Capt TREUTLER or KREUTNER. 1 Co: Lt PLANK. 2 Co: Lt RIES. II Bn: Capt HOESLE. 5 Co: Lt SCHUSTER. 6 Co: Lt ULBRICHT. 7 Co: Lt GELFERT.

3. 219 Engr Bn (183 Inf Div) which consists of 2 Cos had been laying mines for the past two weeks. In the night from 3 to 4 October it was brought in the pillboxline in the ZWEIBRUGGEN sector. Each Co has a strength of 150 men and is armed with 10 LMGs and 2 80 mm Mortars. Bn CO: Capt WISTUBA. 1 Co: Lt HUBER.

4. 57 Fortress MG Bn became part of 149 Inf Regt (49 Inf Div) on October 2. The three MG Cos became the Heavy Cos (4,8,12) of this Regt, while the 4th (not previously reported) became the 13th Co.

5. Personalities of 149 Inf Regt: I Bn: CO-Lt STACH, APO 28958. 5 Co: Lt REUTTER. 1 Co: Lt HERZOG.

6. According to PWs the Germans are using a new type AT mine, called "R" Riegel-Mine. It is 80 cm long, 10 cm wide, contains 9 lbs of explosive and is set off by 500-600 lbs pressure on any part. Fuze number 42, similar to a Russian fuze, is employed.

7. Higher HQ reports that 26 Inf Div reforming at MUEHLHEIM and is considered a possible candidate for this front.

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II. CONCLUSIONS

a. Capabilities

1. Delay, with frequent small counterattacks in battalion strength or less and ultimately to withdraw to the EAST bank of the RHINE.

2. Halt our progress as much as possible by limited counterattacks until his situation is relieved elsewhere providing him with the forces to mount a successful general counterattack. By a limited counterattack is meant the employment of a battle group or reinforced Panzer Brigade.

3. Launch a major counterattack to restore the SIEGFRIED LINE. This would entail a force of from 7 to 10 battalions of infantry, 5 to 7 ~~battalions~~ ^{BATTALIONS} of artillery 20-30 SP guns and 50-75 tanks.

b. Discussion

Capability 1--delaying action--is improbable as a plan of enemy action. It would be contrary to his theory of SIEGFRIED LINE defenses. His commitment of all of his available forces along this line indicates his intention of defending here in an all out effort to avert total defeat. Delaying action is contrary to intentions. His behavior in other examples has not been one of withdrawal but stubbornly clinging to positions with repeated counterattacks.

Capability 3--major counterattacks--is improbable in the next day or two. Pressure on other parts of the front, unavailability of units, and his long enforced policy of immediate commitment of units as they arrive indicates a coordinated effort improbable at this time.

The most probable capability consistent with his practices and theory is a series of limited counterattacks hoping to stop or slow down our advance, hoping that weather and successes on other sectors will make available to him sufficient forces to later beat back our penetration. Counterattacks of this type, in strength of from 3 to 5 battalions of infantry, 5 battalions of artillery, and 20-40 tanks, is a probability at any time, with the principle direction of threat from the Southeast.

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Subject : Report on conversations between different pillboxes of the Siegfried Line on ~~XXX~~^{OCT} Sept 4th and 5th 1944. This was made possible by the fact that one of the bunker crews had to surrender before they were able to destroy the communication system. T/5 Earnest A. Pokel of IPW #42 and Pvt. Siegfried F Brand of Hq Co 117th Inf were assigned to intercept all telephone calls. The result was as follows :

~~Sept.~~^{OCT} 4th
2000

Pillbox 244 calling 2nd Co CP:

Hello, Lt Hofner there ? Whats the password for tonight ? -

Lt Hofner speaking. Password for tonight is Gold * Silver. -

Lt, I want to report two men missing since 1400 and I have up to now no casualties. Thats all. - OUT

2015

Pillbox 244 calling 2nd Co CP :

Lt, I want to report that I just saw 32 enemy tanks but a call from Bn CP says they observed 57 tanks across the bridge. Another thing - we are running out of rations. Any chance to get some food up to us ? I still have a complete crew of 7 men. -

Lt Hofner : All right; of these seven men leave four inside and keep three at all times outside the bunker as guards. I'll try to get some food to you . OUT

2111

Unidentified Bunker calls CP :

Please, send an NCO, and one man on a bicycle. I have six casualties HAGEN*cas., WALLENTAG, HOEFLEN, SCHMITD and FREDLEN - dead. I myself have a face wound. -

CO * How did that happen ?-

Answ - We received mortar fire while defending the bunker from the outside. -

CO - All right, I'll send somebody over and make arrangements for the evacuation.

2120

Unidentified Bunker calls Cp :

Sir, two men of my crew are missing, one of them took the heavy MG

with him. Their names are BULLERRADER and HATERGER.-
CO - All right you make out an affi davit and let two witnesses sign it. OUT

2125

CP calling a bunker :

CO - Let BRUNNER bring the cas to the 2nd Co CP, we have the truck ready, but be careful there might be some enemy tanks on the road by now. *

ANSW - Now damn it, what a mess ! How can we evacuate under these circumstances ? I'll see what I can do . - OUT

~~Sept~~ 5th 44

0015

Unidentified Bunker calls CP :

Sir, out of four men, counting myself, two have become casualties. Furthermore, a dead man has been brought to my bunker. What am I to do ?

ANSW - Evacuate them.

CALLER - The dead one too ?

ANSW - Yes, of course, the dead one too. OUT

0600

CP calls a Bunker :

EM : Is it you, Heinrich ?

ANSW : Yes, how is the general situation ?

EM : Dont worry! (lowers his voice to confidential tone) OUR STUFF HAS BEEN ROLLING SINCE 0215. -

ANSW: Thanks God, I hope they make it !

0900

CP calls Bunker # 240

CO - Janovsky, if you see tanks coming from Frelenberg, call me immediately and ring four times.

Janovsky - I have a lookout posted. OUT

0910

Bunker 240 calling CP :

1st Sgt Janovsky : Sir, we sighted two tanks on Rd Marienberg-Frelenberg. OUT

1030

Bunker 240 calling CP :

Sgt Janovsky : Sir, I counted 80 tanks coming over the bridge, and I have one casualty. The Tommies (?) are running back but the tanks keep on coming.

Lt Hofner : Did you say eight tanks ?

ANSW : No Sir, e i g h t y ! They came over the bridge in close column.

Lt. Hofner : God damnit ! (Himmel Donnerwetter !!!) IM I'll request Arty barrage immediately.

1145

Bunker #275 calls CP :

Will lay down heavy mortar concentration on RR Station Palenberg.
Please observe and report on effect.

1155

Cp calling Bunker 275 :

Lt Hofner : Pretty good hitting, but little too much left towards North Palenberg. Correct to south.

1200

Bunker to CP :

Lt Hofner, Sir, the Americans shoot smoke shells along the whole line. I believe they prepare to attack.

(shortly after that another bunker gave report to the same effect)

1230

A Bunker to CP :

Sir, the Americans shoot incendiary shells and move towards the Coal mine. (Speaker appears to be very jittery.)

1240

Bunker 240 calling Cp :

Sgt Janovsky : We received enemy fire. Three of my men are badly hurt : KUCHLER, EBERHARDINGER and SCHREITINGER. Two are shell shocked and one passed out. My strength is now two or three men. The Americans apparently try to attack the coal mine under the cover of smoke. We will hold the bunker as long as possible ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ and then.....? There is no way of retreat any more !

Lt Hofner : We'll see if we can evacuate your wounded men after dark. Stay inside from now on. Heil !

1400

Bunker 240 to CP ;

Sgt Janovsky : What are we going to do now ? American troops passed us and are already at the power station.

Lt Hofner : Stay where you are at. OUT

1440

A Bunker calls Cp :

Sir, the American troops are advancing towards the Bn Cp and bypassed us already.

1500

CP gives following order to two pillboxes :

Men, be careful, we think american tanks will try to attack the pillboxes from the rear.

1530

A Bunker to CP :

Sir, the Americans are at the Bn CP and we are receiving fire. -

ANSW - Hell yes, so do we.

1540

Pillbox # 244 to CP ;

Sir, we receive MG fire from the dir. coal mine.

Lt. Hofner : Just get inside . OUT

1555

Lt Hofner calls from a different bunker to CP :

Lt Hofner : Is there any news ?

ANSW : No, they are still firing at us with MGs.

Lt Hofner : All right, I'll be back as soon as the Arty fire lets up.

1600

A Bunker to ~~another~~ one :

I cant get connection with the CP any more. How about you ?

ANSW : Hell, we cant get in touch with them either. That son of a bitch beat (Hofner) it, without getifying us. Ten tanks are approaching from the power station. What the hell are we going to do ? -

First man : Lets try to make it back to our lines after dark. OUT

1650

Between two pillboxes :

A ; You know where Hofner is ? M

B : I heard he left for the 2nd Pillbox on left of the cemetery. Try to fight your way back tonight. -

1900

(Wagner of CO CP tried invain to contact Sgt Janovsky. Said that he himself were in the second bunker on the left of cemetery)

1930

Wagner to Sgt Jorosen in Pillbox 275 :

Wagner : Are you still alive ?

Jorosen : Yes

Wagner : I'll come over soon. OUT

2000

(Wagner tries to call CP but gets no reply. Seemed to have casualties in bunker and wanted to arrange evacuation for them)

*Phone went dead after this, and
interpreter stayed in for 12 hours longer
without results. SCS*

*Reproduced by every
higher headquarters
including SHAF. B*

CIC DETACHMENT 50

2105 4 October 44

TO A.C. of S., G-2

The following information was obtained from Mr. LA HAYE, Hindenburgstraat 50, HERTZOGENRATH, who came thru our lines on 3 Oct. He is a refugee in HEERLEN, and his loyalty as a Dutch citizen was vouched for by reliable HEERLEN citizens:

120
① Civ saw 15-20 teller mines placed on curve of road (in front of his home at Hindenburg 50, HERTZOGENRATH ~~xxxxxx~~ coordinates) at 843532. They are not very well camouflaged

② Civ saw them placing dynamite 3 weeks ago on west side of tunnel which runs under RR at 844534. Ger soldier told him they planned to blow ~~kniz~~ tunnel on Amer approach.

③ Road which runs NE from 833528 to RR at 844534 believed mined as several people have been reported killed or injured from mines. He didn't actually see mines, however.

omit (There is a network of roads, and RR at 845535 (approximately) area of network 400 yards) which contain blown bridges, and mines. More definite info is as follows:

④ Road which runs East-West and crosses stream (river) at 845532- bridge blown.

⑤ Road which runs East-West from RR at 844532 to cross road at 846532 is mined.

⑥ Road tunnel which goes under RR ~~BRown~~ at 843532 is blown.

⑦ Bridge over river at 84505345 is blown.

⑧ Between RR and river at 844534 he believes there are ~~xxx~~ two camouflaged pill boxes. They look like brick houses but he is almost certain that the brick wall are superimposed over concrete. He had seen no guns.

ARTY ⑨ (Artillery (number or size unknown) seen firing from hill at 854534 on 2 Oct.

He said mines were laid at the following places:

on road which runs past church at 844534

⑩ on road 100 meters N. of cemetery at 843538

100 meters north on road which intersects Ger frontier at 840542.

page 2. (contd, info from civ LA HAYE)

✓ The telephone service is out in HERTZOGENRATH

He claims the mines in road are poorly camouflaged; that they usually sprinkle a little fresh sand over the mine.

There is a trench (2 meters wide and two meters in depth) which runs from 835546 to 840522, he has heard from other civilians.

The civ has been forced to remain in his home, consequently he has not been able to make accurate observations of vehicular traffic past his home. He has seen only dispatch cars, recons, and a couple of tanks.

He has heard from refugees that there are some Ger concentrations in vic of BAESWEILLER, however he could give no further info on them. He did say that a few Ger soldiers have been known to say they will fall back to BAESWEILLER. Some have been seen going in that direction, however in very small groups.

James E. Mackey Jr
Agent CIC
CIC Det 30

8399 5430 - to 8930 5335

Y from 837529 to RR 842526 from there
it follows ^{side of} embankment of narrow gauge RR ^{to} 8466523
Jme

HT ditch

ack
reply

P1

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ARTY

SIG O

FROM: 04 2200
(Date & hour)

TO : 04 2200
(Date & hour)

Unit: 117th INF.

Date : 04 OCT. 44

Place: 825598

MAPS:

1. ENEMY:

a. Units in contact: UNITS IN CONTACT WITH 219th ENG. BN.
3 CO. 352ND BN. + 3RD, 13th + 14th COS OF 370th REGTS.

b. Reserves that effect our situation:

EN. HAS PULLED TROOPS FROM OTHER SECTOR OF THIS FRONT
TO USE FOR HIS COUNTERATTACKING FORCE. NO OTHER RESERVES
BEHEIVED IN THIS IMMEDIATE AREA.

c. Description of enemy activity during period covered by this report:

OUR 3RD BN RECEIVED C. ATTACK FROM SE AT 0530 + EN CONTINUED TRYING TO BREAK INTO
THEIR AREA UNTIL 1300. (ELE. OF 2 BNS + 7 TKS WAS EN STRENGTH). OUR 2ND BN RECEIVED C. ATTACK
FROM THEIR NE AT 0700 WITH A STRENGTH OF ABOUT 1 BN. THIS ATTACK WAS NOT AS DETERMINED
AS THE OTHER ATTACK FROM SE. THE HEAVIEST ARTY FIRE, IN VOLUME, THIS UNIT HAS EVER
RECEIVED WAS CONCENTRATED ON UBALTE TODAY (105MM + 150MM) SOME ARTY AND A LARGE
VOLUME OF MORTAR FIRE ON BRIDGE SITE ALL DAY, THIS WAS OBSERVED FIRE BUT NO DIRECT WAS RECEIVED
ON BRIDGE.

d. Estimate of enemy strength, material means, moral, and his probable knowledge of our situation:

ELEMENTS OF THREE BNS. AND A FEW TKS.

e. Conclusions covering plans open to the enemy which can effect our mission, including the earliest time at which the enemy can put each into effect:

- SECTOR FOR
- (1). PULL UP TROOPS FROM SOME OTHER COUNTERATTACK
TO SPLIT OUR FORCES. (WITH STRENGTH OF A BN.) IT IS NOT BELIEVED
MUCH MORE THAN ONE OR TWO BNS CAN BE SPARED FOR COUNTERATTACK.
 - (2). DEFEND WITH ALL OUT EFFORT IN PRESENT POSITION TO GAIN
TIME FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

MIS. NO TKS K.O. TODAY.

45 PW'S TAKEN TODAY SEE IPW REPORT.

284 TOTAL FOR OPERATION.

1739 TOTAL TO DATE (INCLUDING MEDICS)

Custom G-2

IPW Team No 42
Hq, CROYDON

From: 032200
To: 042200
Report No 60

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report
TO: Custom 2

Unit	EM	NCO	O
330 Regt			
Hq Co	1		
1 Co	1		
3 Co	1		
13 Co	3		
14 Co	1		
219 Eng Bn			
Hq	1		1
1 Co	10	1	
2 Co	19	4	
352 Bn			
3 Co	1		
	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

Total up to date: 1566
Total for operation: 280

A. Status of capture: Most PW's were received from the attacking units, i.e. the 1 and 2 Co's of the 219 Eng Bn. and units of the 330 Regt in the region of N of PALENBERG. Prisoners from the 352 were caught NE of UBACH, AS WELL AS 1ST & 2ND CO 219th ENG. BN

B. Organization and equipment: 13 Co, 330 Regt: This Co which usually consists of three canon platoons has in the case of the 330 Regt 1 Canon platoon with four 75 mm canons and two mortar platoons with four 120 mm mortars each.

The 219 Eng Bn consists of two Co's of four platoons each. The three light platoons have three MG's each while the heavy platoon contains two 81 mm mortars and two h MG's. The original strength of these Co's was 120 men.

The 352 Bn is another Volksgrenadier Bn which was also formed recently. The Bn consists of four Co's with approximately eighty men in each. Men in these Co's are from all branches of the service. As far as could be ascertained they were trained as infantry.

C. Disposition and strength: Units of the 330 Regt and the 219 Eng Bn made a counterattack early this morning with the mission to retake the first-line bunkers and capture our bridge site. Men were ordered to fight to the end and no consideration was given for a possible retreat. It was ascertained that the Eng Bn 219 has suffered approximately 100 casualties.

The 352 Bn was stationed of late in WUERSELEN where it was supposedly acting as Div reserve for the 246 Div. PW did not know number of Div. The Bn left at 2130 from this area in the direction of PALENBERG. Prior to making contact with our units the 3 Co of the 352 Bn dug themselves in. Before beginning the

he Co dug in. Prior to the unit's movement into our sector it moved from the second line of bunkers into the third line. In this sector the 2 line of bunkers is located in front of EINDORF with the 3rd line of bunkers being located behind WUERSELEN.

Targets: Service Co of 219 Eng Bn and other units is located at PRUMMERN (9064). PW's noticed many soldiers in town two days ago. Arty was said to be on outskirts of the town. Other targets have already been reported to S-2.

Personalities. CO, 2 Bn, Capt WISTUBA. CO, 13 Co, Lt GUTSCHE

Miscellaneous: Mine field was located and overlay drawn at HATTRATH (850670)

H. G. KURTH

Capt, FA

OIC, IPW Team No 42

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The following is a "free" translation of excerpts from a journal kept for the past few weeks by a German federal official who resides over the border in Holland, but had his office in Aachen. He describes the German retreat through Holland as follows:

✓ - "The streets were filled with retreating columns...for a real German it was a disgusting sight, to watch the troops pass by....All of the road from Maastricht to Aachen was jammed during the first few days with long columns of men and all types of vehicles. At first there were many small groups of stragglers who had banded together and were travelling in every sort of vehicle.....This was very unpleasant to see....There is much horse traffic and very few Army vehicles.... 480 Russians have passed, also some Belgians. They were supposed to build defensive positions in the Netherlands.Here in Holland the men stay away from church on Sunday so that they will not be conscripted for labor.

Some soldiers have stayed in my tenement drinking whiskey and listening to the radio. One unit of 20 men had three large radio sets in their car.....Others are spending their time stealing chickens, ducks and other things. They say that they have to stay because their horses are too tired. This seems strange to us as they do not much love their animals. They finally leave after we have reported them to the officers.....The soldiers who stayed in my tenement told many stories of their action against the enemy and of their own heroism. In the morning they were arrested by an officer because they have avoided fighting the Americans and were shirkers.....

On my return today I have found a division staff living in my home. The General himself is to sleep in my son's room and the message center is in the library. I have talked to the General and he had advised me very strongly to stay in Dutch territory and not to return to Germany. The General did not stay, however, but moved away this night. When he left he again advised me to keep my family in Holland and await developments.

✓ - Himmler himself has visited Aachen and Maastricht and his opinion was that an evacuation of Maastricht was unnecessary. However, an evacuation of Aachen was finally ordered by Hitler himself. The ~~train~~ ^{train} is supposed to have one train a day to shuttle people from Aachen to Cologne. Everyone is surprised to hear of the evacuation which is in the hands of the party.

3 The Americans have come. This morning I passed by an American tank with its 10 man crew. Americans do not bother with us civilians. All the village is talking about 10 Americans who went to church to receive communion. The villagers say "These seem to be a different kin of people from the Germans who persecuted the Catholics."

4 I have been reading an American propaganda paper. Of course it contains many lies but we are so starved for news that we read it and try to tell what is true. People have said that the trains carrying the refugees went only part way to Cologne and let the people out in the country to shift for themselves. Those that did get in to Cologne found no place to go and no one to care for them. We don't know what is happening.....the talk is so confused.....the stories are very discouraging.

Seized in HORBACH (K810498) by CIC 30
in the home of DR. CARL
VON TELSER BERENSBURG -
REGIERUNGSRAT OFFICIAL - 04 OCT 44

RADIO

Unit Report

04 Oct 44

119

Units in Contact - See I PW Report.

Summary of En. Situation: Throughout the night the enemy continued to shell our positions. This fire was particularly heavy in the town of RIMBURG, roads leading into the town and R/S at 833577. At approx. 0500 the enemy made a counterattack toward the W. and NW across the open ground at 845574 and from the town of MERKSTEIN HOFSTADT. This attack was supported by a light arty barrage, 1 tank (and possibly 3) the enemy pushed our I Co. back and entered woods at approx. 843574 - the tank or tanks using road leading into woods at MERKSTEIN HOFSTADT. After entering the woods the tanks & inf. used spraying type fire rather than aimed fire. Shortly after entering the woods the enemy arty assisted in breaking up the attack by laying arty on its own tanks - the attack was finally broken up by our arty and heavy MG.

from an adjacent Company. ~~It was~~
 that the enemy was attempting to retake
 pillboxes previously lost and the woods. After
 the arty & M.C. fire the enemy pulled back
 near the East edge of the woods. The remainder
 of 3rd Bn was held up generally along the R.R.
 tracks during the day by ~~any~~ enemy
 small arms fire, heavy M.C. fire & arty.
 The first Bn met heavy small arms fire
 and light arty fire early this morning. "C" Co
 assisted in breaking up counterattack
 against "I" Co. 1st Bn was finally able to
 move S. through the woods a short distance
 knocking out at least 1 pill box. 1st Bn also
 reported that the enemy had reoccupied 1 pill
 box during the night which had previously
 been captured. This pill box was retaken by
 our forces during the day.

Second Bn was unable to advance so was
 assigned a route through 117th area to
 advance S thru N.B.A.C.H. to Obj. "L". This
 advance was halted in the southern part of
 N.B.A.C.H. by direct fire from small caliber
 H.T. gun and small arms fire.

Arty: arty was particularly heavy in town of
 RIMBURG, Roads leading into town and
 R 1833577. Arty was also heavy during

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at the period on front line troops
specially in town of W. BACH. Artillery was
of light and some medium variety
also quite a bit of direct fire was reported
and time fire.

Strenger
S-2

30th Inf Div Arty
Molenberg, Holland
4 October 1944

UNIT REPORT NO. 113:

Par 1 to accompany Unit Report No. 113.

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Units in contact: No change.

b. Enemy reserves: Unknown.

c. Enemy activity: Artillery continued heavy, mostly from SE, landing in our leading elements on bridges across Wurm River and in town of Ubach, and some falling on road nets in rear. Eighteen Shellreps received and five CB missions fired. Heaviest concentration reported was 50 rounds of 105mm.

d. Estimate of situation: No change.

e. Negative.

f. Misc: In 119th sector it was observed that in many instances when a pillbox was taken, a flare would be shot in that direction from an adjacent pillbox and shortly thereafter the captured pillbox would be showered with mortar and artillery barrage.

Our front line troops still apparently do not appreciate the value of Shellreps. In 117th sector, reports thru command channels indicated heavy artillery, yet only 3 Shellreps received throughout period. Counter-battery can only be effectively executed when information is transmitted to the rear by Shellreps, either complete or partial.

Mitchell
MITCHELL B
S-2

TO:

C-2

FROM:

C-3

Crank (3-117) receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ att from E and SE in undetermined strength at 0500. Lots of artillery coming in both on the troops and in vicinity of Wbach.

INITIALS		DISTRIBUTION		CLASSIFICATION
MAP		30. Recon Tr	Div Sig O	Armored Forces
B		117 Inf	Div QM O	AT Units
		119 Inf	Chem O	AAA
G-3		120 Inf	Ord O	Artillery
B	✓ B	Hq Div Arty	Prov. U	Aviation
		113 FA Bn	Engineer	Cas & PW
DISTRIBUTION		118 FA Bn	Surgeon	Cavalry
C.G.		197 FA Bn	Arty	Chem War
A.D.C.		230 FA Bn	Corps	CP's
✓ B	C of S	105 Engr Bn	Adjutant G	Def Org
G-1		105 Med Bn	Air S.P.	Engineers
G-4		Div Hq Co	GIC	Infantry
In Off		Atchd Troops	MTI	Misc (Enemy)
Date		743 Tc Bn	OB	Pat & Rec
04 Oct		823 TD Bn	PI	Periodic Rpts
Time In		531 AAA	AT Off	Reserves
0550				Supply & Evac
Time Out				Terrain & Wea
				Units in contact
				Misc (Journal)

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TO: G-2 FROM: G-3

Counterattack against 3rd Bn 117 was made by a unit estimated as company size. In addition to the fire from artillery, the enemy used burp guns, 20 mm AA guns and fire from dug in tanks. The attack seems to be just about finished. Our artillery gave them quite a going over, and Powerhouse had people in there who helped take care of it.

INITIALS	DISTRIBUTION	CLASSIFICATION
MAP	30 Reg. Inf	Div Sig O
B	117 Inf	Div QM O
	119 Inf	Chem O
G-2	120 Inf	Ord O
	Hq Div Arty	Prov H
	113 FA Bn	Engineer
DISTRIBUTION	118 FA Bn	Surgeon
C.G.	127 FA Bn	Army
A.D.C.	230 FA Bn	Corps
C of S	105 Engr Bn	Adjacent H
G-1	105 Med Bn	Air S.P.
G-4	Div Hq Co.	CIC
In Off	Atchd Troops	INT
Date	743 Tk Bn	OD
4 Sept	823 TD Bn	PI
Time In	531 AAA	AT Off
0630		
Time Out		

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TO: _____ FROM: 117

2d Bn Receiving Counterattacks.

ESTIMATE 75-100 MEN

INITIALS		DESCRIPTION		CLASSIFICATION
M.P. K		30 Hon Tr	Div Sig O	Armed Forces
		117 Inf	Div Q1 O	AT Units
		119 Inf	Chem O	AAA
I-3		120 Inf	Ordn O	Artillery
		Hq Div Arty	Prov II	Aviation
		113 FA Bn	Engineer	Cas & PW
DISTRIBUTION		118 FA Bn	Surgeon	Cavalry
C.G.		127 FA Bn	Army	Chem War
A.D.C.		230 FA Bn	Corps	CPis
C of S		105 Engr Bn	Adjacent H	Def Org
G-1		105 Med Bn	Air S.P.	Engineers
G-4		Div Hq Co	CTC	Infantry
In Off		Atchd Tr cps	MTI	Misc (Enemy)
Date		743 Tc Bn	OB	Pat & Rec
4 Oct		823 TD Bn	PI	Periodic Rpts
Time In		531 AAA	AT Off	Reserves
0750				Supply & Evac
Time Out				Terrain & Map
				Units in contact
				Misc (Journal)

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INITIALS	DISTRIBUTION	CLASSIFICATION
MAP RLW	30 Rec Tr	Div Sig O
	117 Inf	Div QM O
	119 Inf	Chem O
G-3 JOL	120 Inf	Ord O
	Hq Div Arty	Prov M
	113 FA Bn	Engr
DISTRIBUTION	118 FA Bn	Surgeon
C.G.	127 FA Bn	Army
A.D.C.	230 FA Bn	Corps
C/S	105 Engr Bn	Adjutant G
G-1	105 Med Bn	Air S&P
G-4	Div Hq Co	CMC
Ln Off	Atchd Troops	MM
DATE	943 Td Bn	CB
TIME IN	923 TD Bn	PM
1150	923 AAA	AB CFF
TIME OUT	1ST DIV	
		Armd Forces
		AT Units
		AAA
		Artillery
		Aviation
		Cas & PW
		Cavalry
		Chem War
		CP's
		Def Org
		Engineers
		Infantry
		Misc (Enemy)
		Pat & Recon
		Periodic Reports
		Reserves
		Supply & Evac
		Terrain & Wea
		Units in Contact
		Misc (Journal)

G-2 MESSAGE FILE AND JOURNAL

TELEPHONE RADIO VERBAL X LIASON OFFICER MSGR TO G2 FROM 117 INT

IDENTIFIED 1ST + 2d COMPANIES, 219 ENG. BN. WHO WERE PULLED FROM THEIR PILLBOXES JUST NE OF GEILENKIRCHEN TO COUNTERATTACK THIS MORNING AT 0530 ALONG WITH THE 3D CO, 246 INF DIV WHO WERE LIKEWISE PULLED FROM THEIR PILLBOX JUST E OF WURSELEN FOR SAME COUNTERATTACK. BOTH UNITS CLAIM THEIR PILLBOXES NOW VACANT. GETTING VERY GREAT VOLUME OF ARTY FIRE IN THE TOWN BEHIND CRANK.

352 Bn

INITIALS	DISTRIBUTION		CLASSIFICATION
MAP			
<i>RUT</i>		30 Rec Tr	Div Sig O
		117 Inf	Div CM O
		119 Inf	Chem O
		120 Inf	Ord O
G-3		Hq Div Arty	Prov M
<i>SK</i>		113 FA Bn	Engr
		118 FA Bn	Surgeon
		197 MA Bn	Army
DISTRIBUTION		230 FA Bn	Corps
C.G.		105 Engr Bn	Adjutant G
A.D.C.		106 Med Bn	Air G.P.
C/S		Div Hq Co	CM
G-1		Atchd Troops	ML
G-2		743 Tr Bn	CB
Ln Off		582 TD Bn	FM
DATE		581 MA	AG OFF
FILE IN			
<i>1215</i>	<i>RUT</i>	<i>1ST DIV</i>	
TIME OUT			

TO: FROM: 119

2 BN 119 HELD UP S. EDGE
 OF UBACH BY DIRECT
 FIRE FROM S.

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TO: FROM: 117

Conversation picked-up 1400:

Pillbox called C.O. - What are we
 to do, Americans passing us? They are
 at power station now.

C.O. reply: go into pill box.

1440: - Amer tro passing toward Bn. C.P.
 by-passed us.

1500: - C.O. CP giving orders to two pillboxes:

Be on lookout for 2 tks which are attacking
 us on rear.

1530 - Americans at Bn. C.P. 2 pillboxes seeing
 fire ~~at~~ vic. mines. what to do?
 Reply stay in pillboxes

INITIALS		DISTRIBUTION		CLASSIFICATION
MAP		30. Rec. Tr	Div Sig O	Arm'd Forces
RLK	✓	117 Inf	Div QI O	AT Units
		119 Inf	Chem O	AAA
3		120 Inf	Ord O	Artillery
AK	✓	Hq Div Arty	Prov M	Aviation
		113 FA Bn	Engineer	Cas & PW
DISTRIBUTION		118 FA Bn	Surgeon	Cavalry
C.G.		127 FA Bn	Arty	Chem War
A.D.C.		230 FA Bn	Corps	CP's
C of S		105 Engr Bn	Adjacent H	Def Org

TO:

FROM:

117

Pillbox #270 on my left - the
company CP pillbox are retreating to
pillbox in cemetery (#244). Will
make break for our lines tonight.
Pillbox 240 requests a messenger.

INTERCEPT ON PILLBOX TP SYSTEM

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MESSAGE FILE AND JOURNAL

1. MESSAGE FROM RADIO VERBAL LIASON OFFICER MSGR

TO:

G-2

FROM:

Armor 2

Tac/TR 1500 hrs

K 7887 2 fire tranches running E and W
K 7976 2 hvy gun positions out of our area
K 6868 U. S. veh. in town
K 7079 fire observed
K 6594 bridge out (Engr but out of
our sector)

air men request #1

Heinsberg (K 8575) to K 8594. no movement
seen on RR or rd.

request #2 between Cologne + Dusseldorf

Pilot gets as far as F 0166 when forced to turn back
because of bad weather - no movement seen

INITIALS	DISTRIBUTION	CLASSIFICATION
MAP	30 Rec Tr	Div Sig O
	117 Inf	Div QM O
	119 Inf	Chem O
G-3	120 Inf	Ord O
	Hq Div Arty	Prov M
	113 FA Bn	Engineer
DISTRIBUTION	118 FA Bn	Surgeon
C.G.	197 FA Bn	Arty
A.D.C.	230 FA Bn	Corps
C of S	105 Engr Bn	Adjutant M
		Arm'd Forces
		AT Units
		AAA
		Artillery
		Aviation
		Cas & PW
		Cavalry
		Chem War
		CP's
		Def Org

TELEPHONE _____ RADIO _____ VERBAL _____ LIASON OFFICER _____ MSGR _____

TO: _____ FROM: IPW 42 -- 117 Inf

Mines were laid Sep 24 to 3 Oct by 1st Co of Engr Bn 219.
 Sept 23rd to 3rd Oct by 1st Co. of Engr Bn 219
 These fields have from 4 to 8 rows of mines. Mines are 2 per Meter.
 The field is all across road.



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Scale 1:25000

Words are cleared here

OVERLAY
 SHOWING
 MINE FIELDS
 SCALE 1:25000

Mines are in regular German pattern. Fields are being 24 meters but have different length. The fields are arranged in a regular pattern.

INF. GIVEN BY PWs THAT HELPED LAY MINES. Mines are T mines which are covered.

DIST. FROM PW-42 Cryden

					CLASSIFICATION
		30 Rcn Tr		Div Sig O	Arm'd Forces
		117 Inf		Div QI O	AT Units
		119 Inf		Chem O	AAA
		120 Inf		Ord O	Artillery
		Hq Div Arty		Prov M	Aviation
		113 FA Bn	✓ CPC	Engineer	Cas & PW
		118 FA Bn		Surgeon	Cavalry
		127 FA Bn		Army	Chem War
		230 FA Bn	✓ OR	Corps	CP's
		105 Engr Bn		Adjacent H	Def Org
		105 Med Bn		Air S.P.	✓ Engineers
		Div Hq Co		CIC	Infantry
		Atchd Troops		MTI	Misc (Enemy)
		743 Tk Bn		OD	Pat & Rcn
		823 TD Bn		PI	Periodic Rpt
		531 AAA		AT Off	Reserves
					Supply & Terrain
					Unit
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TELEPHONE x-- RADIO VERBAL RLH LIASON OFFICER MSGR

TO FROM 117 Inf

Artillery and mortar still fairly heavy. Let-up in bridge area where mortars have been worse than artillery. However Ubach, artillery today was heaviest we have ever encountered.

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7-2 MESSAGE FILE AND JOURNAL

TELEPHONE x-- RADIO VERBAL RLH LIASON OFFICER MSGR

TO FROM 119 Inf

Identified near Ubach, PW from 2 Co, 352 Infantry Regiment who stated whole 1st Bn was in area, having moved to the attack directly between 0300-0400 this morning. Also 42 MG Bn, also 5 Co, 149 Infantry Regiment. PW from 352 states there will be another counterattack tonight. We will attempt to get more detail and pin him down as to location, strength and unit making counterattack.

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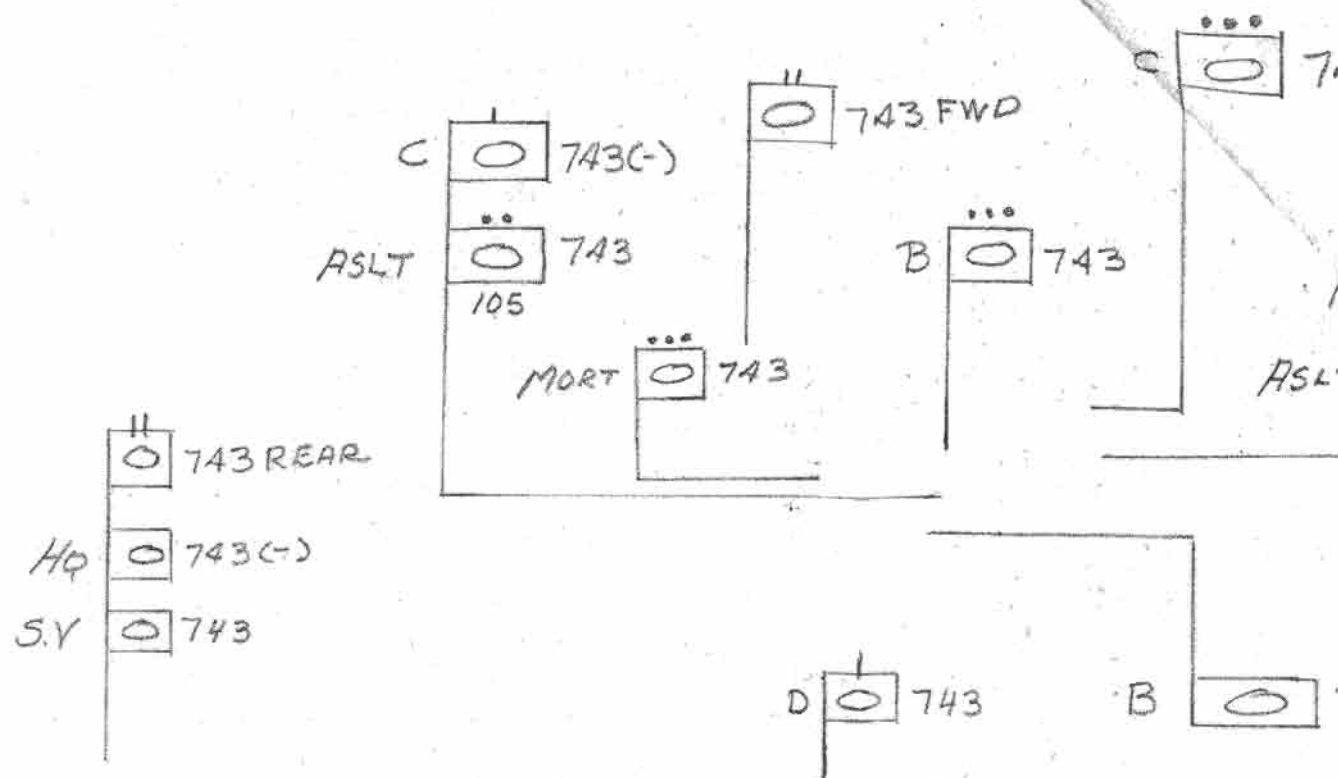
TO FROM 2nd Armd Div

Worse resistance at K880590 - - identified in that vicinity, 13 (mortar) and 14 (AT Company), 330 Infantry Regiment. Mortar Co has 120 mm mortars. Also resistance from artillery, AT weapons and dug-in tanks.

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3RD TANK BATTALION
 20 DECEMBER 1944
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 By: PT N/A Date: 6/7/05



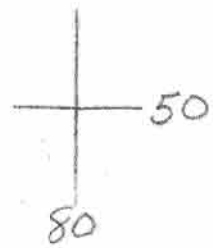
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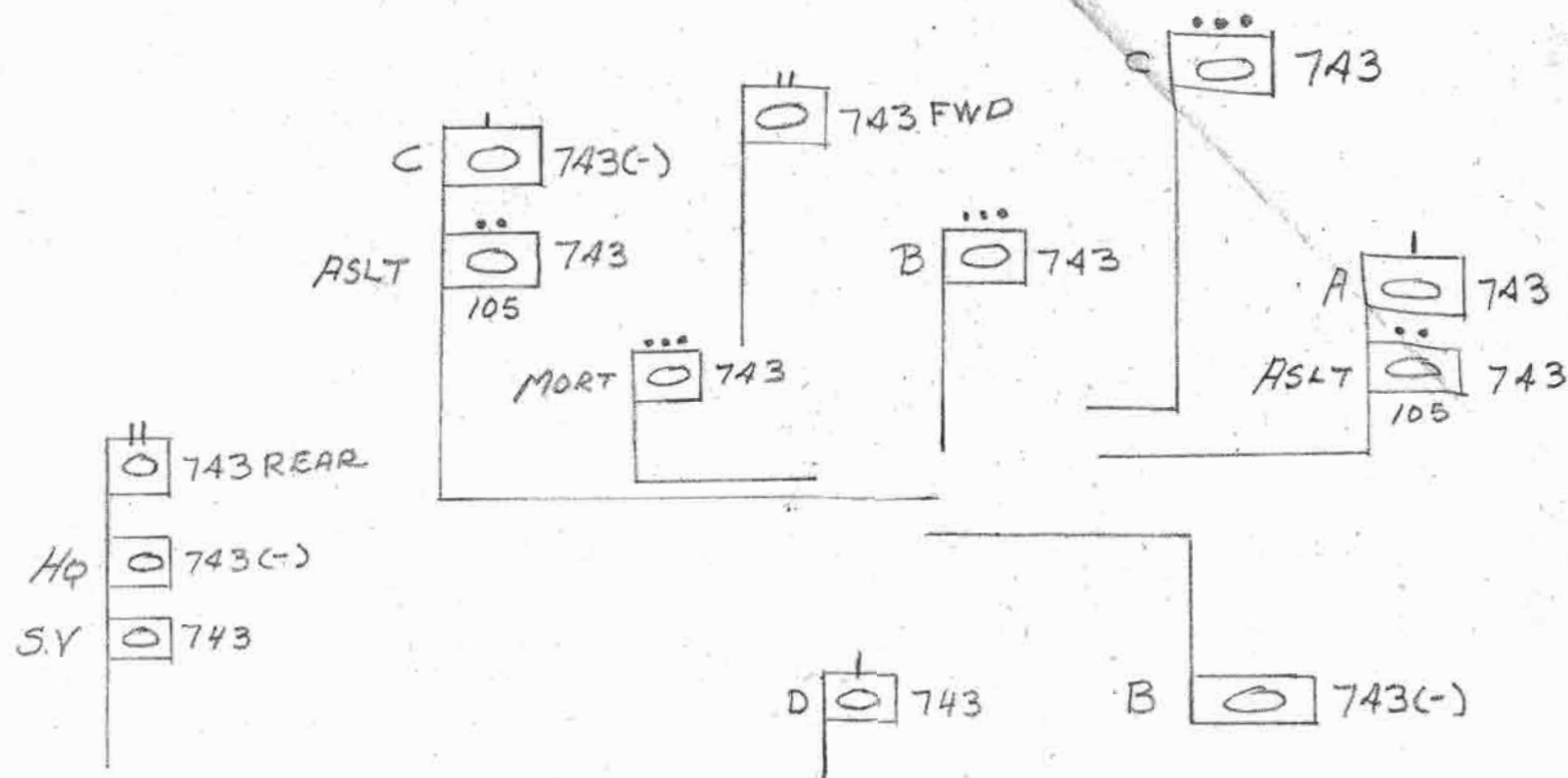
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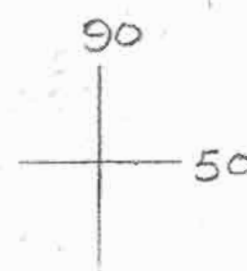
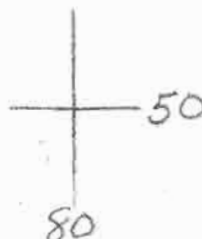


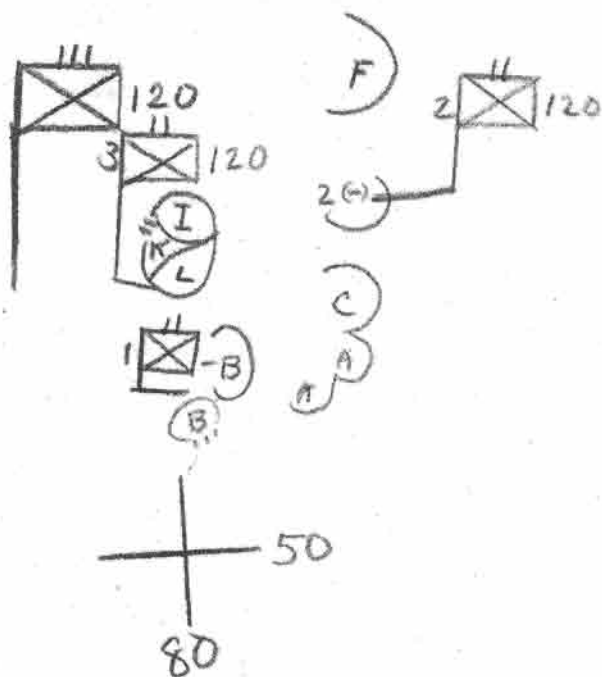
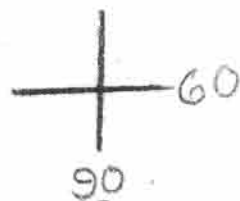
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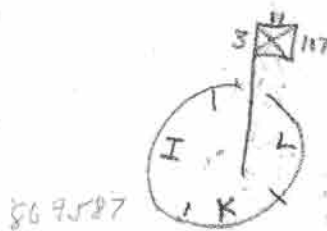
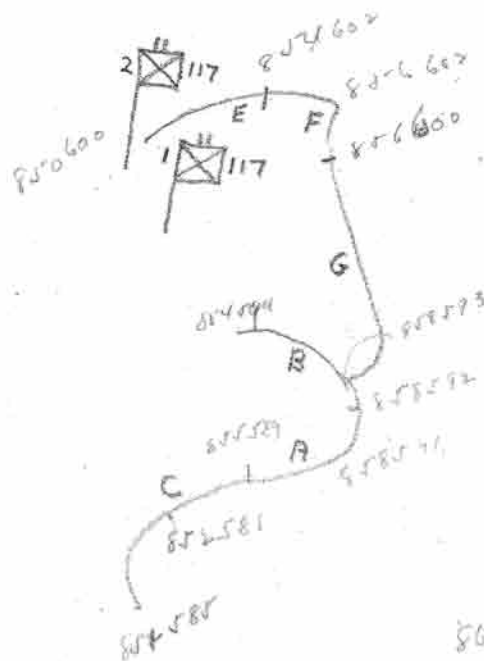
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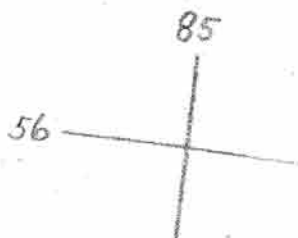
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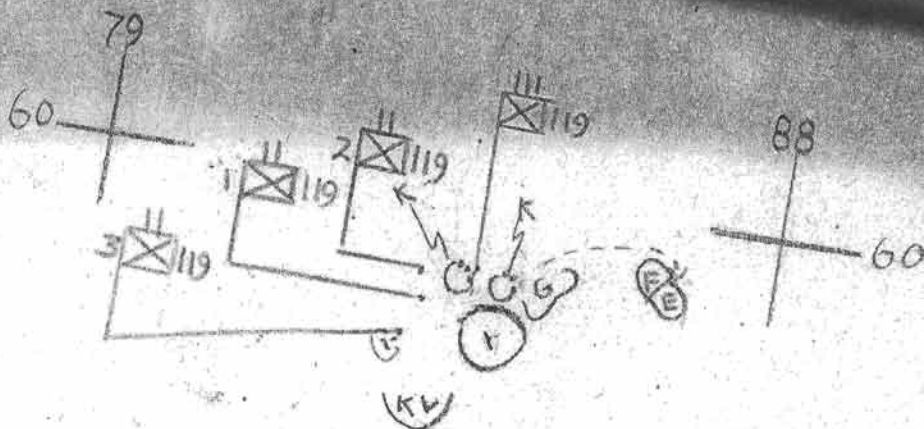
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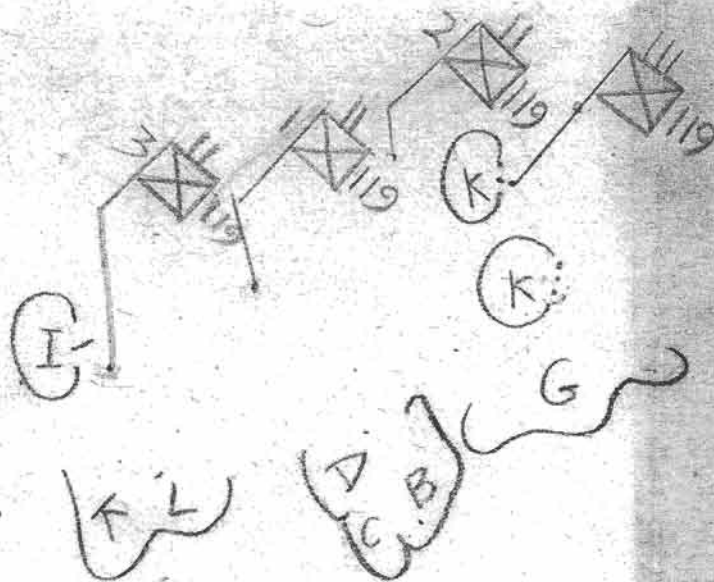


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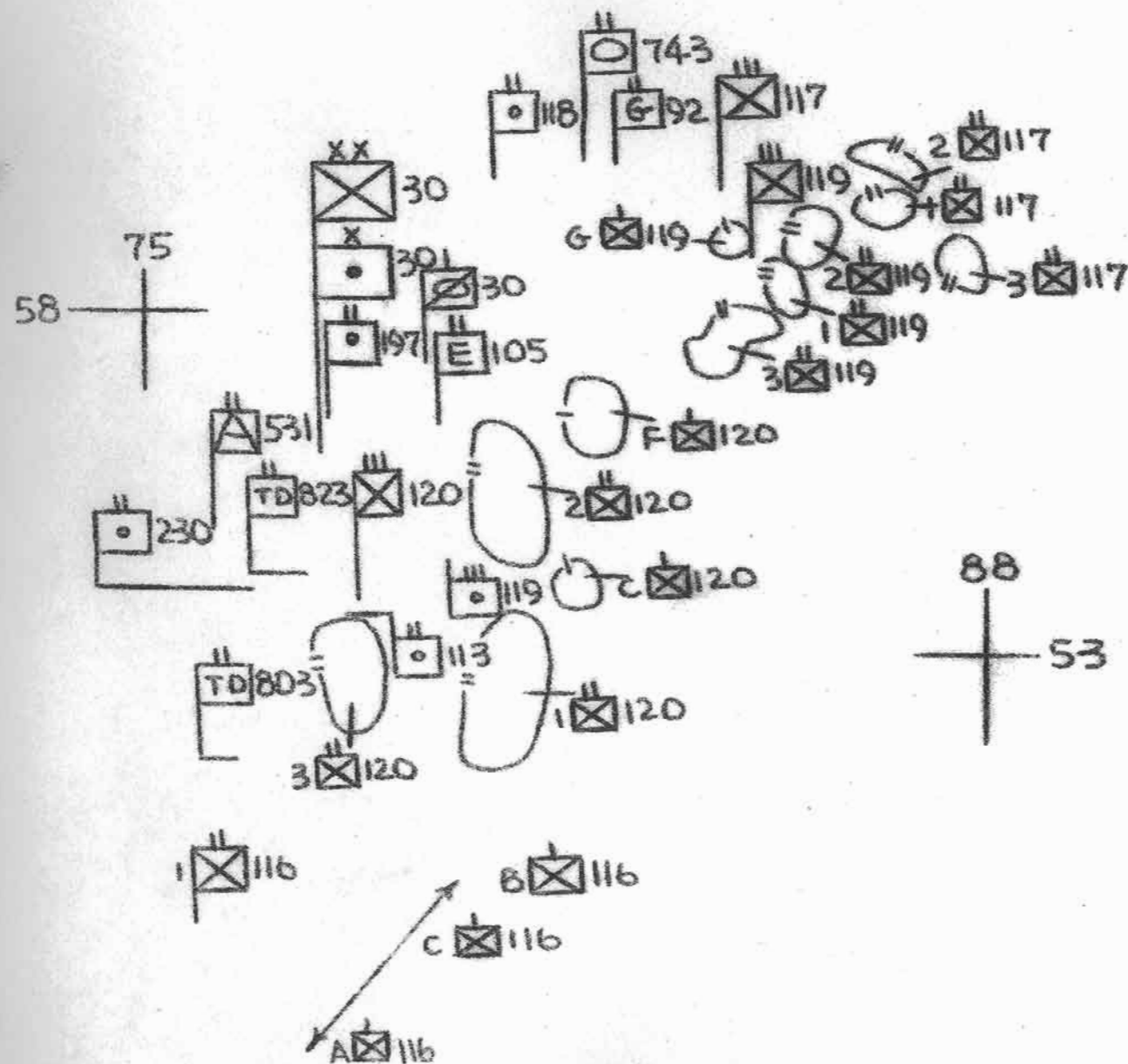
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49019th Inf
Overlay showing disposition
of units of 119th Inf
042200 Oct 44
Maps: Central Europe
Scale: 1/25,000

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1 Plat TD
7 TRS



~~SECRET~~

CP 30TH INF DIV
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MAP - CENTRAL EUROPE

SCALE 1/100,000

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B ^{||} TD 823
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C [|] TD
|

B [|] TD
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823rd TD Battalion
042200 October 44

MAPS: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1/100,000.

Overlay to accompany Unit Report #104

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UNIT REPORT

From: 032200 October 1944
To : 042200 October 1944

Date: 04 October 1944
Unit: 119th Infantry

2. a. See Overlay.

b. " "

c. " "

d. The regiment jumped off on time with 1st and 2d Bns. moving forward according to plan and "I" Co. moving up on the flank of the 1st Bn. to drive down across the front of the 3d Bn., clearing out pillboxes as it went. By 0710 however, the enemy counterattack, which had been building up against "I" Co. since 0500, forced them back somewhat. The pressure continued however, and by 0803, although "I" Co. had withdrawn between "A" and "C" Cos., it was badly shot up and disorganized.

Heavy fire was received on all parts of the regimental front so that the 2d Bn. was directed at 0850 to move to the N. and E. through the 117th Inf. area and reach Obj. "L" from the north. They did this but were held up around 1350 by confusion of units, caused by elements of the 2d Armored Div. going through the 117th Inf. area. At 1540, upon recommendation of Col. Purdue, the 2d Bn., less "G" Co., was directed not to advance on Objective "L" but to tie in with the 117th Inf. and remain in Ubach.

At 1437, the 1st Bn. was directed to clean up their area before pushing to Objective "S". At 1850, "G" Co. was attached to the 1st Bn. in its mission of closing the gap between the 119th and the 117th Inf. Two platoons of "K" Co., at first scheduled to replace "I" Co. with the 1st Bn., were sent to cover the crossing at Rimberg at 1439.

e. Weather and Visibility: Sunny and Clear.

f. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory.

g. Result of Operations: Three pillboxes knocked out and a widening of the breakthrough of initial line of fortification was affected.

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B. 042200 Oct 44

C. 1st Bn - 854594, 859592, 85505899, 852588, 851585
2nd Bn - No change
3rd Bn - 867586, 867589, 870590, 872589, 870586, 867586

D. _____

E. E 1 - No change

E 2 - No change

E 3 - No change

E 4 - No change

F. None

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. Our front line or most advanced elements:

See Overlay

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

See Overlay

c. Location of adjacent units and supporting troops:

See Overlay

d. Description of our operations during period covered: RCT 117 (Reinf.)
PREP. TO ATK 040700 Oct 44, TO SE TO SEIZE Obj. "M.", BUT 3RD AND
END BN'S WERE COUNTERATTACKED BY APP. 2 BNS SUPPORTED BY
TNKS AND A HEAVY ARTY CONCENTRATION AT 040830 Oct 44. ONE TK
PENETRATED 3RD BN AREA, BUT COUNTER ATTACK WAS REPULSED AFTER
HEAVY FIGHTING. AS RESULT OF ATK AND CONGESTION OF ARMOR IN OUR

e. Estimate of combat efficiency of our command. AAAA, AS WELL AS 1 BN
OF THE 119TH OUR ORDERS
WERE CHANGED AND ALL
UNITS REMAINED UNCHANGED.
WE RECEIVED VERY HEAVY
ARTY FIRE THROUGHOUT PERIOD.
1ST BN IN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH
CRISIS ON AN FLANK.

f. Result of operations.

Essentially no change in our dispositions
during period. 3RD BN AND END BN REPULSED A
COUNTERATTACK OF APP. 2 BNS, ATTACK BEING PRE-
CEDED BY A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ARTY AND
SUPPORTED BY TNKS.

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S - 3 UNIT REPORT

From: 032200A Oct 44
To: 042200A Oct 44

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Front line or most advanced elements: See overlay.
- b. Location of troops, CPs, boundaries, etc: See overlay.
- c. Location of adjacent units and supporting troops: See overlay.
- d. Brief description of operations during period covered by report:

Movement of a platoon of Co. "A" completed at 0305 to vicinity of 815528, where it had the mission of cleaning area to that point, and protecting the right rear of elements of Co. "C" to the North East of that point.

At 1100, alert orders received from Div to be prepared to attack at 1300 to seize Obj "R" & "K" as previously planned in accordance with FO 33, this Hq. Later orders received to atk at 1300, and 2d Bn moved out with Co. "G" leading, column of companies. 1st Bn started their movement at 1330, attacking toward Obj "K", initially at 1350 meeting resistance in the form of heavy small arms fire from the outskirts of the town to their front. The resistance encountered by Co. "C", leading element of 1st Bn, was mainly sniper fire, the enemy involved in this action requiring individual action to eliminate this menace, although considerable enemy were fortunate to be taken prisoner in spite of their tactics.

At 1900, units of both the 2nd & 1st Bns had reached areas as shown on overlay with their forward elements, and were ordered to consolidate as shown. During the advance of the 2nd Bn, artillery fire, believed to be coming from the NE, was consistent; and falling in concentrations of about 20 rds in a period of two minutes at times. 2nd Bn received an estimated ten casualties from snipers.

The following attachments in effect during operation: 1st Bn; 1 plat Reg AT Co., Co. "B" 823d TD Bn (less 1 plat), 1 plat Co. C 105 Engrs. 2nd Bn; 1 plat Reg AT Co., Co. "C" 823d TD Bn (less 1 plat), 1 plat Co. C 105 Engrs, Co. "D" 743d Tk Bn (less 1 plat).

- e. Concisely worded estimate of combat efficiency of our command:

Morale & combat efficiency: Excellent.

- f. Results of operations during period covered by reports:

Advance to areas as shown, and preparations for continuing of advance in morning.

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UNIT REPORT —
NO. 104104

FROM: 032200 Oct 44
TO: 042200 Oct 44

UNIT: 823rd TD BN
PLACE: Holland, 773534
TIME: 042230 Oct 44

MAPS: N.W. FRANCE & BELGIUM, 1/100,000

2. OWN INFORMATION:

- a. See overlay
- b. See overlay
- c. Not applicable

d. At 021200 Oct 44, A Company was detached from the 258th FA Bn. and attached to 30th Div. Arty.. 2nd Bn moved to 786525 at 1100; C Company CP moved to 829565 at 1520 and CG1 put a section at 825547 and a section at 825544 at 1710 to complete all the moves for the period. During the period A Company from indirect fire positions fired one registration and eight (8) concentrations for a total of 991 roundsHE at targets within Germany.

e. Combat efficiency satisfactory.

f. There were three moves and eight (8) concentrations fired during the period.

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From: 030001A Oct 44
 To : 032400A Oct 44
 Hq 30th Inf Div
 (775555)
 040200A Oct 44

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1. See overlay.
2. See overlay.
3. See overlay.
4. Weather and Visibility: Weather - Cloudy and cool. Visibility - Fair.
5. Our operations for period.
 - a. Inf.

(1) 117th Inf, Atchd 1 Co 743d Tk Bn, at 030700A Oct 44 continued to Atk in its zone. 3d Bn crossed the WURM River and passed through the 1st Bn with the mission of seizing Obj "W" (884590). 2d Bn with the mission of seizing Obj "X" (866602) continued to advance slowly under Hvy MG and mortar fire. 1st Bn remained on Obj "V" (854590) with the mission of protecting the L flank and mopping up in that area. The Atk progressed very slowly due to mines, Hvy Arty and mortar fire. At 1840A elements halted for the night as shown on overlay, organized defensive positions and prepared to continue the Atk at 040700A Oct 44.

(2) 119th Inf, Atchd 2 Cos 743d Tk Bn, at 030700A Oct 44 continued the Atk on the SIEGFRIED LINE. 2d Bn aided by Tks slowly reduced enemy resistance in the castle at RIMSBERG. At 0817A the 1st and 3d Bns were definitely stopped by Hvy MG fire from vicinity railroad tracks. A task force consisting of Co "I", Co "B", 1 Co of Tks, and 1 Co of TDs (SF) was organized and at 1015A moved S on both sides of the river cleaning out enemy resistance, and at 1250A established contact with the 2d Bn. At 1522A the 1st Bn made contact with the task force 1,000 Yds W of HERBACH. After making contact with the 3d Bn at 1616A the task force was dissolved. As the 1st and 2d Bns moved E they came under direct fire from the high ground W of HERBACH slowing movement considerably. At 1700A all units were directed to halt, organize best defensive positions, and prepared to continue the Atk at 040700A Oct 44.

(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), continued to protect the R flank of the Div by active patrolling along front and operation of 3 OPs by I and R Flat. 3d Bn in Div Res.

(4) 743d Tk Bn - "A" Co Atchd to 117th Inf, "B" and "C" Cos Atchd to 119th Inf, "D" Co Atchd to 120th Inf.

(5) (a) 823d TD Bn (less "A" Co) Atchd to 120th Inf. "A" Co in support of 119th Inf.

(b) 803d TD Bn (SF), less Co "A" - "B" Co supported the 119th Inf, "C" Co supported the 117th Inf.

b. 30th Recon Tr, Mecz, protected the L flank of the Div and maintained contact with elements of the 29th Inf Div.

6. Combat Efficiency: Superior.

7. Result of Operations: Div continued to advance slowly against very determined enemy resistance, reduced innumerable pill boxes, continued to widen the gap penetrating more deeply into the SIEGFRIED LINE, allowing elements of the 2d Armd Div to cross the WURM River in Div zone and move to the N and NE.

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GP 30th Inf Div
(775555)
042100A Oct 44

FO 43

Maps: Central Europe, 1/25,000.

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

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b. b. 2d Arm'd/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 Obj "L" and "M", ^{+ "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 Arm'd 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 Inf ~~should~~ ^{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, (10608821st 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.

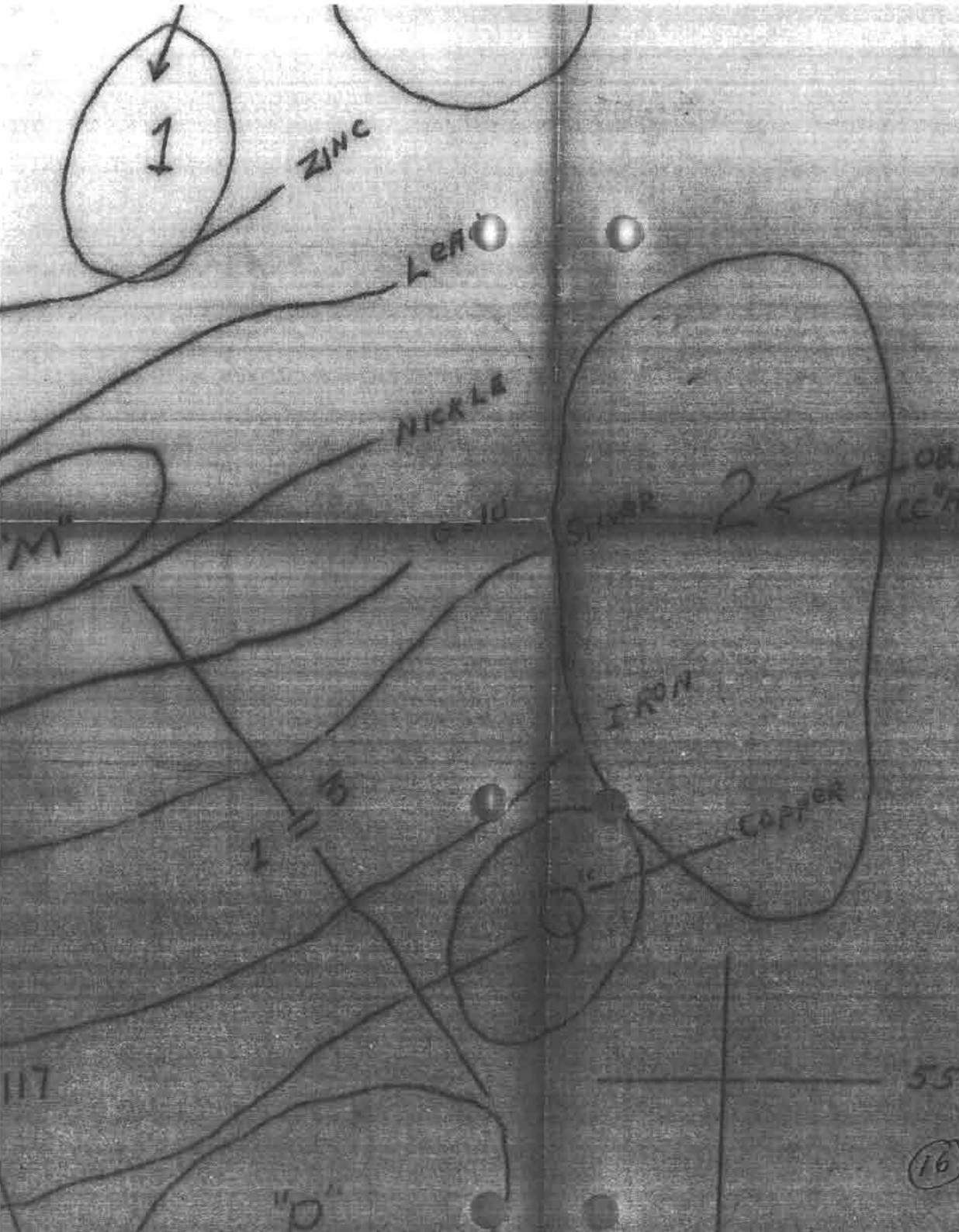
5. No change.

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 2. a. 1st BN will move from present loc-
 ation to position now held by 3rd
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 relief of 3rd BN by 0700. 1st
 BN will remain in this position
 until passed through by CC "B",
 prepared to move on REGTL ORDER
 to OBJ "P".

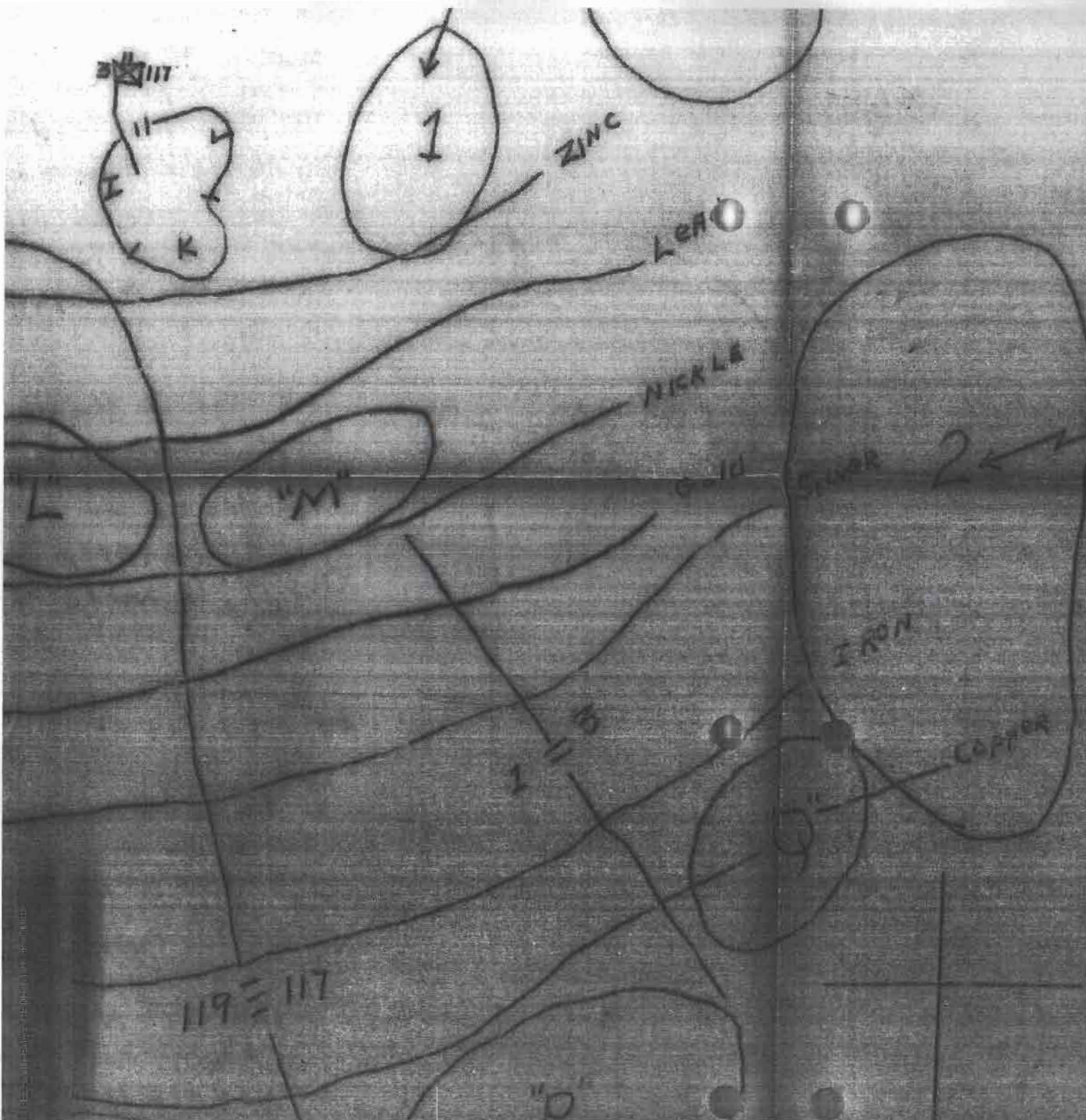
b. 2nd BN remain in present loc-
 ation, prepared to move on REGTL
 ORDER.

c. 5th BN Attack Co. 743rd TR BN
 will ATK. 040700 OCT 44 and seize
 OBJ "M", prepared to CONT. ATK to
 OBJ "Q" on REGTL ORDER.

d. Cannon Co. direct support of
 BN, displacing as necessary.

3. 3rd BN will furnish necessary guide-
 lead 1st BN into position. REGTL. Liaison
 officers of 1st and 3rd Bns. will be available
 for use as guides to conduct 1st BN
 quartering party to 3rd BN AREA.

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 WILL ATK. 0400
 OBJ "M", PREPARE
 OBJ "Q" ON HGT

4. CANNON CO.
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