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Maps: 1/50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front Line: No change.
- b. Defensive Organization: No change.
- c. Units in Contact: No change on 29th Division front. 30th Infantry Division reports the following identifications:

513 Schnelle Abt., 30 Schnelle Brigade
517 Schnelle Abt., 30 Schnelle Brigade
Elements of 2 SS Panzer DAS REICH
2nd Bn, 17 SS Pz Gren GOSTZ VON BERLICHINGEN, Div. Arty.
2nd Bn, 984 Gr. Regt.
13th & 14th Cos, 984 Gren. Regt.
Fusilier Bn, 275 Inf Div
3rd Bn, 275 Div Arty
Engineer Bn ANGERS
Hq Co, 726 Gren. Regt., 716 Inf Div

2nd Division reports 9th Co, 5 Para. Regt. identified at (609655). VIII Corps reports identification of Ren. Bn, 2 SS Panzer DAS REICH. 4 Mark IV tanks encountered on 30th Division front were manned by members of 2 SS Panzer DAS REICH who claimed that the tanks had been borrowed from the 9th SS Panzer. This is unconfirmed.

- d. Artillery: No new artillery positions located during period.
- e. Reserves: 1st Division reports motor and troop movements South from vicinity LA HAIES - vicinity ST MARTIN DES BASQUES. It is believed that some of this movement was due to civilians being evacuated from that general area. FUSA reports troop movements West from the 1st Division front; strength probably one division. The identification of the 513 and 517 Schnelle Abt. indicate that the 30th Schnelle Brigade which was withdrawn from this Division sector to positions South of 100 is not available for reserves as was previously thought. Note: The unit has apparently been badly decimated. The strength of the 513th was stated by PW to be about 50 men.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD. The enemy continued improvement of defensive positions and some light artillery fire and mortar fire was encountered during the period. Some minor reconnaissance patrols were encountered on the right flank of the center sector.
- a. (1) Artillery: 4 shell reports received during the period.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. No PWs taken. Casualties unknown.
- b. Morale on 30th Division front was poor. In many cases, positions overrun disclosed numbers of enemy who did not fire but remained hidden in their foxholes awaiting capture. Shortage of food and ammunition seemed to be the chief cause of it.
- c. 175th Infantry reports one instance unconfirmed that the enemy is using the M1 rifle. There is an unconfirmed report that the Germans in an adjacent sector have employed signs in English reading "Roads cleared to hedges". 116th Infantry reports strafing by two planes bearing Allied markings believed to be Mustangs. 121st Engineers report four tellermines with pull-type detonators have been found in foxholes along the side of roads in the 175th Infantry area. Two box mines were also located.
- d. The following Order of Battle information was obtained on units of Infantry Regiment:

8th Co	Strength 120	1/3 foreign.
CO -	Oblt STROBEL	
1st Sgt -	MAZUR	
2nd Platoon -	Sgt. RUNGE	
7th Squad -	Cpl. SCHUSTE	
6th Co	Strength 100-120	1/3 to 1/2 foreign
CO -	Oblt WILKE	
Platoon Ldr. -	Sgt. MILLER	
Squad Ldr. -	Sgt. WALTER	

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. Possibility of counterattack with elements being moved from 1st Division front appears possible though unlikely to be immediate. Otherwise, no change.

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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 30 July 46

35th Inf Div
576935
081900 (July 1944)

No. 1

Maps: France 1/50,000. Sheets SE/6, SE/2, SE/2, SE/1, SE/5.

Note: This report is compiled from XIX Corps G-2 Periodic Report from 070001 to 072400 July 1944 as supplemented by work sheet of XIX Corps as of 081800 July 1944.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization: On the front of the 29th Inf Div the enemy continues to improve his defensive position. On the front of the 30th Inf Div many front line defensive positions have been overrun and defences are now located in hedgerows. Strong points indicated in vicinity of St. Jean de Daye.
- c. Units in contact: See overlay.
- d. Artillery: See overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: The 2nd SS Pz Div is now believed to be in reserve on the left flank of the German Army. (See overlay). 277th Inf Div is on its way to the N possibly to the sector of the First US Army - date of arrival dependent on delay which our air can inflict on movement from the

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary: Enemy continues to defend offering strong resistance to our patrols delaying our advance.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery: Enemy arty fire is mostly harassing.
 2. Aviation: Two ME-109's were over sector of 29th Inf Div at 060545. No bombs were dropped, neither were troops strafed.
 3. Infantry: On the front of the 30th Inf Div enemy was delaying the advance by hedgerow fighting. Aggressive action by the enemy was limited to small counterattacks.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Morale of foreign elements is believed to be low as evidenced by statements of PWs.

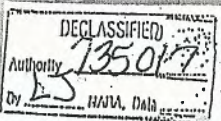
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

See future reports.

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From: 081800 July 1944
To : 092100 July 1944
35th Inf Div
092400 July 1944

No. 2
Map: France 1/50,000. Sheet 8F/2.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - no change.
- c. Units in contact - see overlay.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention. No indications of reinforcements on our immediate front. Believed the 277 Inf Div moving into general area from S of FRANCE.
- e. Supply and evacuation establishments. Supplies are being unloaded at ST. THOMAS DE ST LO 4961 and brought up from main supply depot at RENNES.

2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary. Enemy patrolling was reduced but there was continued counter-patrolling measures.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Armored forces: A limited attack was repulsed in area of 30th Div (See overlay)
 2. Artillery: Light harassing artillery fire in our zone.
 3. Tanks: Tanks supported attack on 30th Div. Mark IVs identified and estimated 5 enemy tanks were destroyed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. No PWs taken. No enemy dead buried.
- b. Weather: Scattered showers tomorrow afternoon, visibility good with little change in temperature.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. Enemy can continue to defend with forces shown on overlay with limited counterattacks.
- b. Enemy can attack reinforced by GHQ artillery and tank troops reinforced by the 277th Div on its arrival in this sector.

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From: 092100 July 1944
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35th Inf Div
102300 July 1944

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Map: France 1/25,000. Sheets 52 JEAN DE DITE, ET LO.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
 - b. Defensive organization - See overlay for known organized strong points. Patrols into enemy area 1-1/2 miles encountered light resistance. See overlay for located mine field.
 - c. Units in contact - 203d Regt. of Lehr Division reported by PW in area.
 - d. Artillery - Light harassing fire into rear installations. See overlay.
2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:
 - a. General summary - Enemy continued on defense with counter-patrol measures.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - (See overlay)
 2. One tank with L.L.G. reported (See overlay)
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - a. No PWs captured and no enemy dead buried.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: - No change.

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From 102100 July 1944
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Map: France 1/25,000. Sheet ST JEAN DE PAYS, STAG.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - See overlay.
- Defensive organization - Strong point at ST JILLES 483000 continued to hold out. Believed to be elements of Hon Bn of LANC Division. Organized resistance by rifle and machine gun fire along entire front. Limited counterattacks.
- Units in contact - See overlay.
- Artillery - Location and overlay.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention. No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:

- General summary - Enemy delayed the advance with artillery, machine gun and rifle fire from organized strong points. Also delayed the advance along the front with sniper and machine gun fire.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Artillery - 3 Hr. barrage beginning at 0145 fell on 157th Pz and 216th PA. Scattered artillery fire over entire area from 0200 to 0400.
 - Infantry - Strong combat patrol attack vicinity right flank. Delayed advance by sniper and machine gun fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Unknown number of German dead. 12 PW captured.
- Morale of enemy from occupied countries apparently low.
- Weather - Generally fair and slightly warmer. Little if any precipitation for next 24 hours.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- Enemy can continue to defend with forces shown on overlay with limited counterattacks.
- Enemy can attack reinforced by GHQ troops and the 277th Div on its arrival in this sector.

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35th Inf Div
122200 July 1944

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1. **ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:**
 - a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
 - b. Defensive organization - See the location of the two known strong points on overlay.
 - c. Units in contact - 1st Bn of 897th, 2d Bn of 899th, and 3d Bn of 898th. The 897th generally located on our right sector, the 899th in the center and the 898th on the left.
 - d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention. No change.
2. **ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:**
 - a. General summary - The enemy continued to hold the strong point at ST GILLES 485698 until neutralized by our forces. This strong point was originally held by approximately 200 enemy who were forced to evacuate after our artillery preparation fires. Continued hedgerow defense.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Medium artillery fire fell throughout the forward zone during the day.
 2. Infantry - Strong point at ST GILLES defended, continued hedgerow defense along the entire front.
3. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - a. Unknown number of German dead found at strong point ST GILLES. Two wounded enemy evacuated through clearing station. Ten PWs captured.
 - b. Weather - Cloudy throughout the day with scattered showers.
4. **ENEMY CAPABILITIES:** No change.

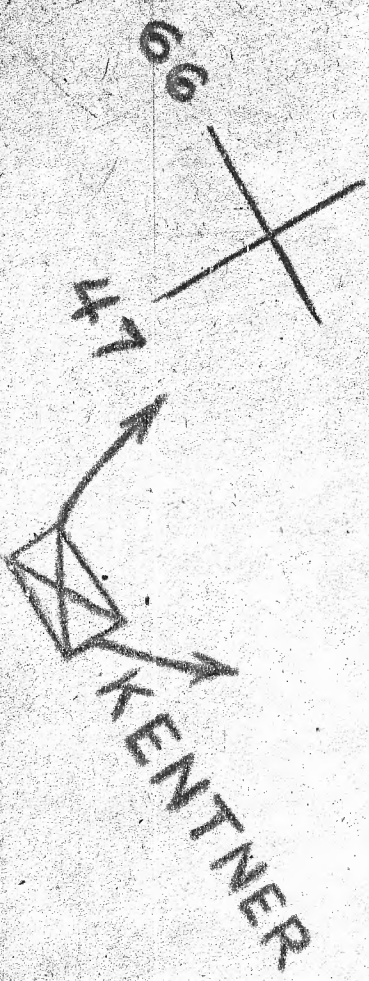
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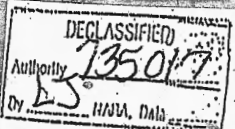
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35th Inf Div
132200 July 1944

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Map: France 1/25,000. Sheets ST JEAN DE DAYE, ST LO.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - See overlay.
- Defensive organization - Possible strong points identified - See overlay.
- Units in contact - 1st Bn of 897th Regt, 3d Bn of 898th Regt and 3d Bn of 899th Regt are on our front. These regiments are all part of the 266th Div which is still in Brittany. The enemy lines face towards LAVIER RIVER with the 897th on the left, the 899th in the center and the 898th on the right. The units are made up of a large amount of foreign elements with usually one officer per company. These units came into the line with approximately 800 men per Bn and have suffered severe casualties. The 266th Pioneer Co. has also been identified thru a PW captured on our west sector. Twelve men deserted the enemy last night.
- Artillery - See overlay.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.
- Supply and evacuation establishments - See overlay.

2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:

- General summary - Enemy continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Artillery - Medium artillery fire fairly accurate sporadically during the period.
 - Aviation - Unknown number of enemy planes over the area dropped at least six bombs in the west sector.
 - Infantry - Continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense supported by mortar and machinegun fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Unknown number of German dead. Twenty-four PWs captured. Total for operation 46.
- Enemy's probable knowledge of our situation - Enemy has captured some prisoners and we have left some dead, so it must be assumed enemy is aware of our general situation.
- Weather - Light rain tonight and tomorrow morning, clearing in the afternoon. No change in temperature.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

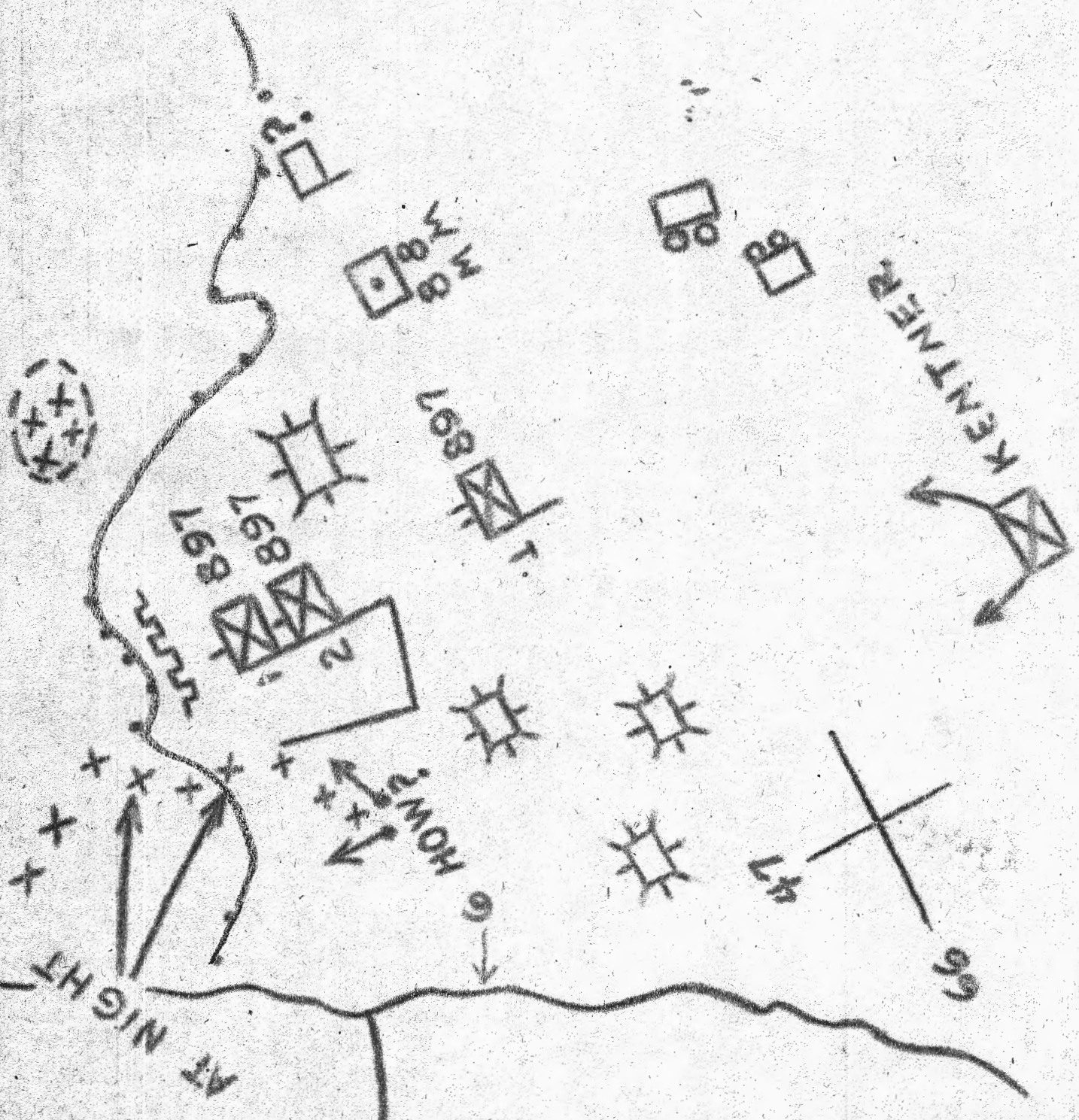
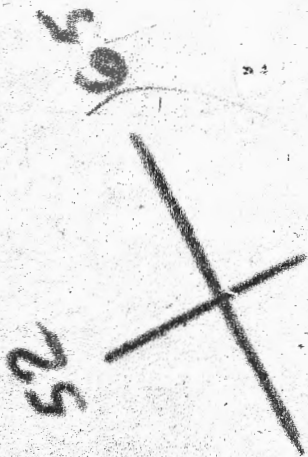
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Map: France 1/25,000. Sheets ST JEAN DE DAYE, ST LO.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See located strong points. Mine fields and booby traps were encountered on our west sector.
- c. Units in contact - No units other than 1st Bn 397th, 3d Bn 398th and 2d Bn 399th were contacted in our zone.
- d. Artillery - See overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention. No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATION DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense using heavy machine gun and mortar fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - A noticeable slackening of artillery fire on our left sector. Continued intensive artillery fire on our right sector very accurate.
 - 2. Aviation - FW 190 flew over the area at approximately 1420. No strafing noted and no bombs were dropped.
 - 3. Infantry - Continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense.
 - 4. Administrative elements - Believe that enemy is bringing supplies and also evacuating across the LA VIRE RIVER at sunken bridge at RAMPAN 4866. Supply point also believed located at LES ROMAINS 5165.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Unknown number of German dead. Fifty three prisoners were captured during period. Total for operation 99.
- b. Weather - Low overcast tonight and tomorrow morning with light rain in latter part of morning. Broken clouds during late afternoon. Slightly cooler tomorrow.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

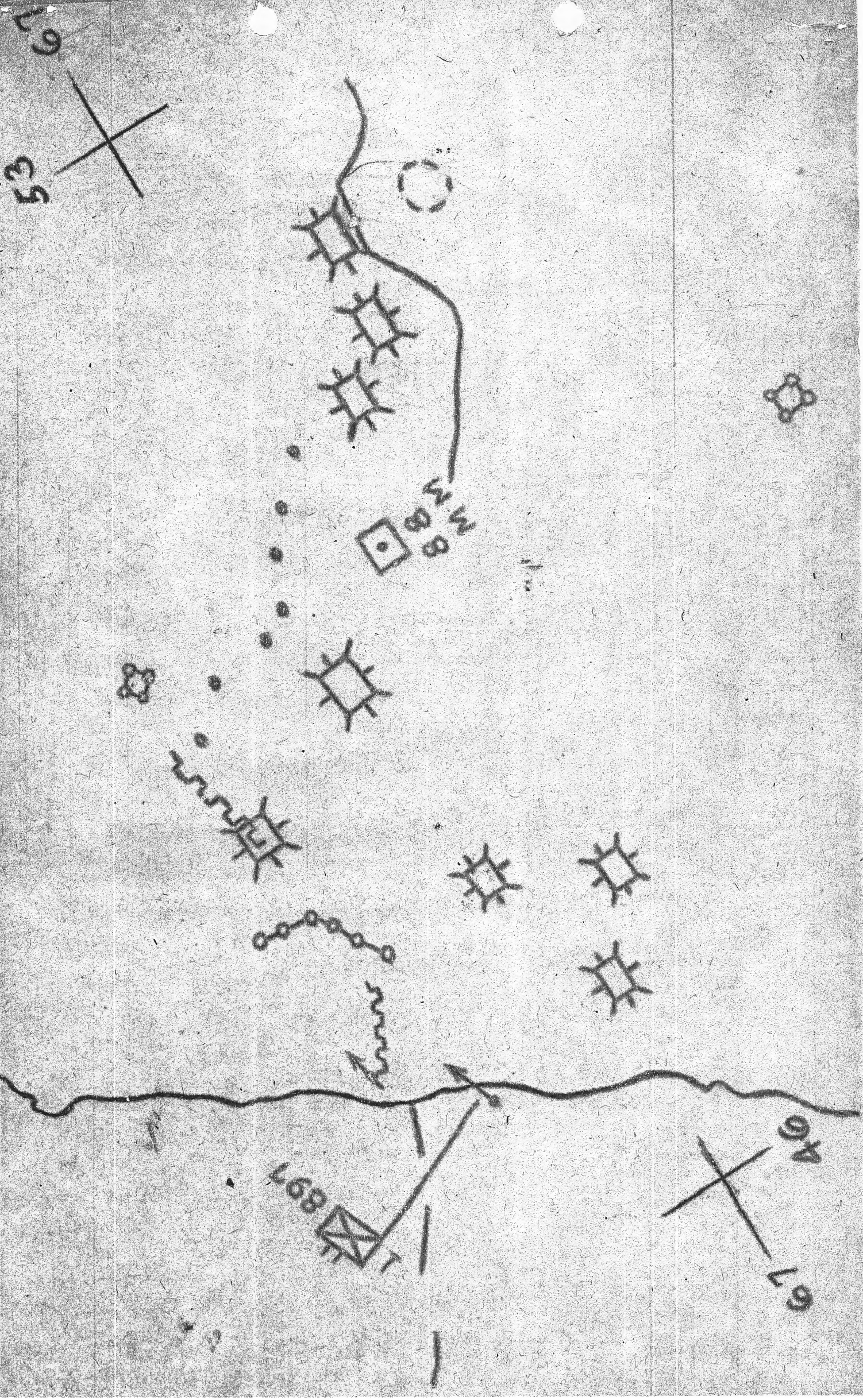
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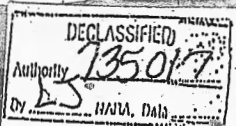
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 152200 July 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - The strong point LE CARILLON 498685 continued to hold out under artillery fire. See located strong points on overlay.
- c. Units in contact - In addition to the units previously identified elements of the 2d Bn 897th Inf were located on our west sector. In the east sector it is believed the 2d Bn 943d Regt. and the anti-tank Co of the 352d Regt. are located as shown on the overlay. In addition PWs from the 353d Fusilier Bn were taken on our east sector. All units in contact have suffered heavy losses in men and material and no replacements have been reported.
- d. Artillery - See overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.
- f. Supply and evacuation establishments - See overlay.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense holding out at the strong points as shown on overlay.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Medium intense artillery fire, fairly accurate, fell in the forward areas.
 2. Infantry - Continued to hold up the advance with machine gun, rifle and automatic fire. Infiltrated between our lines in the center of our sector.
 3. Tanks - Report of PW, it is believed that the anti-tank Co. of the 352d is astride the road in our east sector blocking the advance of tanks.
- c. Miscellaneous - A report from a PW states that KENTNER has been relieved of command of battle groups in our sector. There were no unusual markings on planes reported in our sector last night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Unknown number of enemy dead. 136 prisoners were taken during period. Total for operation 235.
- b. Morale - PWs report that the effect of our artillery fire is very demoralizing and causes a great number of casualties, and that our mortar fire is very accurate.
- c. Weather - Overcast tonight and tomorrow morning, with low broken clouds in the afternoon, good visibility, with little change in temperature.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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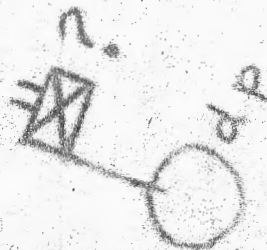
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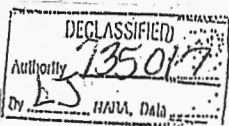


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SUBJECT: Security of Information.

TO : Corps, Division and Separate Unit Commanders.

1. A report has been received by this Headquarters that the enemy has captured a map disclosing both phase lines and dates by which these lines were expected to be reached.

2. The practice of carrying marked maps into forward areas not only may give advance information of our future plans, but may, in addition, be used as material for the enemy propaganda machine.

3. It is therefore directed that all personnel take all reasonable precautions to protect and prevent the capture of such items as marked maps and classified documents. Information classified as Secret will not be taken forward of regimental CP's.

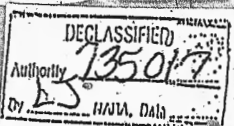
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Maps: France 1/25,000. Sheets ST JEAN DE DAYE, ST LO.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line--Enemy continues to hold strong points in W sector. See overlay for enemy front line in E sector.
 - b. Defensive organization--see overlay.
 - c. Units in contact - No new units were identified in our front during the period. It is now believed that the 2nd Bn of the 897th Inf recently identified on our front was brought up to reinforce the 1st Bn of the 897th which has undergone severe losses.
 - d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.
 - e. Supply and evacuation establishments - See overlay.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD
 - a. General summary - Enemy continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Medium intense artillery fire fell over the front areas during the period.
 2. Infantry - Continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense with medium intense mortar fire and heavy automatic weapon fire.
 - c. Miscellaneous - See attached order issued by the commander of the enemy troops in our sector. See also attached as an annex an overlay showing enemy mine field locations.
3. MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Unknown number of enemy dead. 130 prisoners were taken during period. Total for operation 365.
 - b. Weather - Overcast tomorrow morning with little change in temperature.
 - c. Password - AMATEUR reply THEATRE from 1200 17 July to 1200 18 July.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

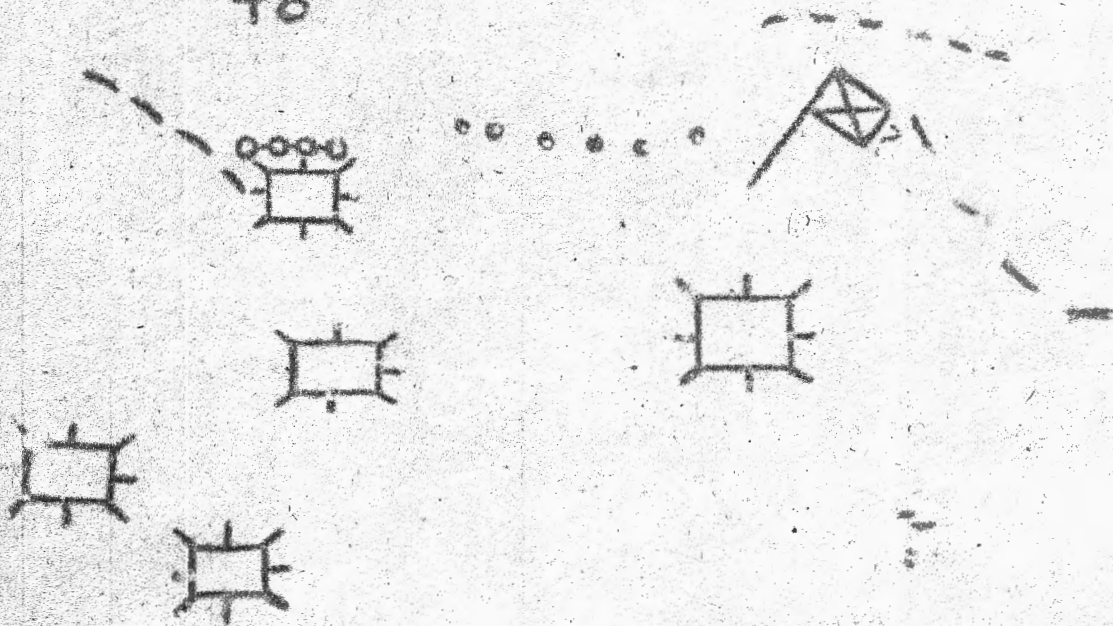
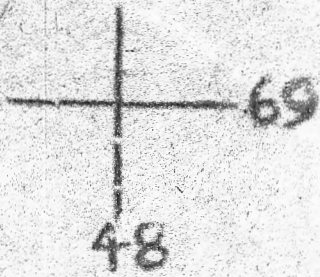
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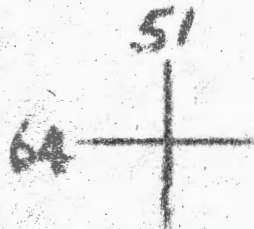
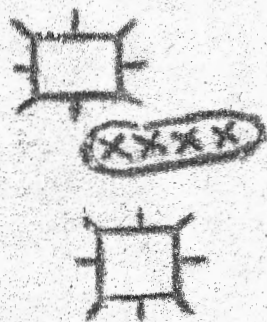
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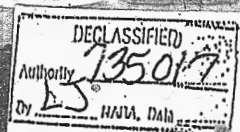
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Which Is On Our Front.

Combat Team Kentner

Place of Operation
24 June 1944

Special Order

This is the first time this unit fights as a combat team and they
should be given special instructions.

1. Entrenching:

Against us will be used mortars, artillery and bombs and the
only protection for personnel and ammunition is entrenching. He should
build a fox hole deep enough for protection against tanks and be able
to use your rifle and have room for enough ammunition.

2. Camouflage:

S.O.P. on camouflage and is same as ours.

3. Alternate Positions:

All weapons will be set up in depth. One position must cover
the other. Everybody must know whom he covers. All heavy caliber must
be able to cross fire.

4. Fire Plan and Fire Tactics:

Everyplace on MIA must be covered; machine gun positions cover
only flanks.

a. To have more fire power.

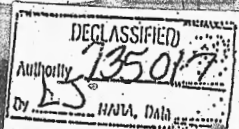
b. Not to be detected easily.

c. To make use of the rapid fire power.

These guns should be covered by other positions. Snipers
will have a good field of operations. They are not to shoot unless they
are positive they can hit the enemy so as not to give away his position
if he should miss. This point should be particularly stressed to every
man.

5. Smokescreens:

The enemy is using smokescreens in his operations. You should
wear your gas mask when they are using it because it makes you a little
sick in the stomach, but it is not serious. Do not be afraid of the
smokescreen (This to be stressed to all men). The enemy will not wear
his gas mask because he will use the smoke as cover in advancing. You
are strictly forbidden to fire into the smokescreen. The positions of
the MIA are so covered that it will be very easy to detect the enemy
in the smoke by ear or by eye. When sure of identity open fire, aim
well at every visible figure, stay in your position even if you cannot
recognize who is in front of you. Every man is forbidden to leave his
position, except messengers.



6. Tanks:

Be on the alert every moment for the appearance of enemy tanks. This point should be stressed to every single man. He should be told that the man in the tank has only a limited amount of visibility. The man in the fox hole will not be observed if his hiding place is well concealed. We have enough weapons to take care of them at close range. Those weapons are: the Faustpatronen (Reedlers anti-tank grenade discharge) The Ofenrohr (Bazooka) If possible let them get close or behind you and then open fire. Do not lose your head. Have a good concealed position, be calm and aim well. Make sure you have a good field of fire to both sides and in back of you, so that if the tank passes by you, you will have the opportunity to fire at one of its weak points.

Instructions for machine runners and riflemen: - It is useless to fire at tanks unless they are accompanied by troops, then fire so as to isolate the troops from the tanks. Then you will be able to fire at the tanks and troops separately. It has been found from past experience that the American troops are cowardly. Any of our organized resistance will stop their attacks. Just remember two things: they are: build a good concealed fox hole, be calm and have a good aim and use all your weapons.

7. Counterattack:

On account of the bad morale of our enemy every counterattack was successful. The attack should be made with such speed that the enemy will be unable to get his heavy weapons into position. Surprise is an important weapon.

8. Air Superiority:

Every movement of heavy vehicles will be forbidden to move between the hours of 0630 and 2300 because of the enemy's air superiority. On rainy days the time of vehicle movements will be different and will be announced later according to the enemy air activity, they will always be on the alert for enemy planes. Heavy vehicles are forbidden to use main roads without plenty of trees for cover.

9. Movements in the forward line:

In the daytime all movements in the forward lines are forbidden unless behind cover of hedres or ridges. Food can only be brought up during the night or under complete cover. In the front line you will have only the necessary outposts, which will move only by night.

10. Firing at enemy planes:

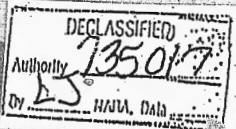
I forbid anyone to shoot on any airplane unless clearly recognized as a dive-bombing attack, then using the following weapons:

- a. Three 20mm AA guns or combined fire of a platoon or six light machine guns - For planes up to 300 meters high or in horizontal position.
- b. One platoon or three light machine guns - For planes up to 100 meters high or in horizontal position.

Troops in front lines will not fire so as not to give away their positions.

11. This order will be issued to all units in the command not later than the night of the 25th of June before moving into the MLR. For rear echelon troops the night of the 27th of June.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Enemy continues to hold strong defensive positions in center sector of the Div front. See overlay for enemy front line in sector of 320th Inf Regt.
- b. Defensive organization - Strong points - see overlay, mines and obstacles, see mine map attached.
- c. Units in contact - New units identified in our front during the period were elements of 915 & 916 Inf Regts, also PW's were captured from 2nd Bn 943rd Inf Regt. See overlay for locations.
- d. Artillery - location, see overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - PW's state elements of 14th Parachute Regt are located S ST. LO.
- f. Supply and evacuation establishments - See overlay.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General summary - Enemy continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense with stubborn resistance along the MLR in sector of our center regiment.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - 1st Bn of our right regiment received most intense artillery concentration between 0800 and 0900 today since the entrance of this unit into combat.
 2. Infantry - Continued hedgerow to hedgerow defense with counterattack in the sector of our left regiment at 2055.
- c. Miscellaneous - PW report shows that elements of the 897th Inf Regt are being withdrawn from this sector to an area S of ST. LO. This report, however, is questionable. Other PW reports indicate that artillerymen are being used as infantrymen in the sector of our left regiment.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. 86 prisoners were taken during period. Total for operation 465.
- b. Weather - Clear tonight with light fog tomorrow morning. Visibility only fair during morning, otherwise good. Favorable for photography, air activity and ground operation. Showers Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.
- c. Password - VEGETABLE reply COMPOUND from 1200 18 July to 1200 19 July.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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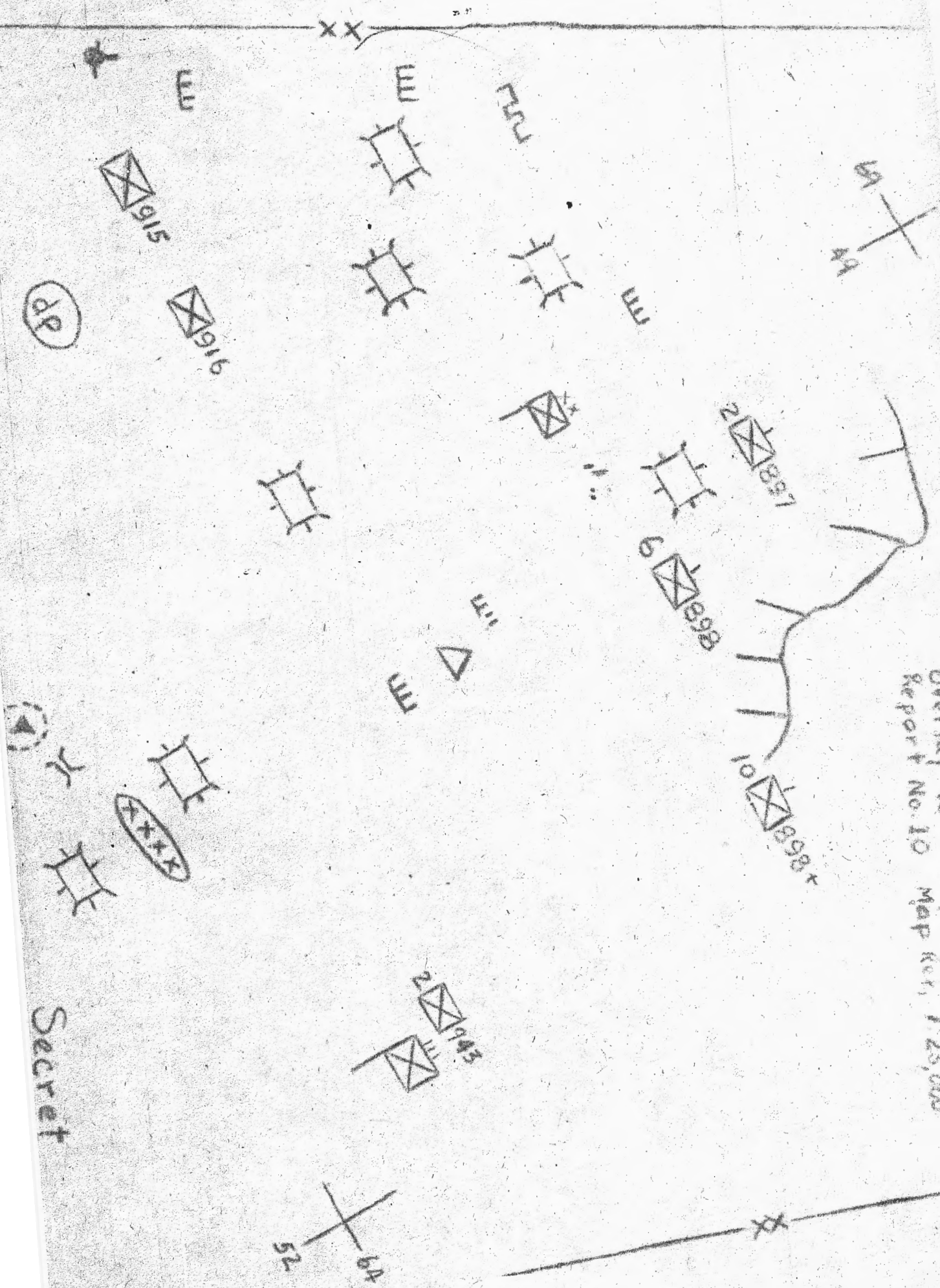
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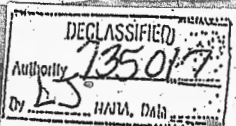
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - No contact with enemy along entire front other than mortar fire in right sector and artillery fire in center sector.
- b. Defensive organization - Mines and booby traps along roads and in buildings throughout area occupied by the Division (See mine map attached).
- c. Supply and evacuation establishments - PW reports show supply establishment at LA MANCELLIERE (508576).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy withdrew from positions along entire front under cover of darkness this morning leaving considerable amount of abandoned equipment.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Anti-aircraft Artillery - Artillery liaison plane fired on by AA btry (see overlay).
 2. Artillery - 88 fire interdicted bridge in center of sector throughout period (see overlay)
 3. Aviation - One ME 109F over area (520717) tree-top level, flying SE, no bombs dropped, no strafing, mission undetermined.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Thirty-eight prisoners were taken during period. Total for operation 542.
- b. Weather - Showers tonight and tomorrow morning, low overcast during morning becoming broken during the afternoon.
- c. Study of enemy plans for future operation is set forth in translation of captured document attached. Entitled "Combat procedure against numerically and materially superior opposing forces."
- d. Password - TRUTH reply MYSTIC from 1200 19 July to 1200 20 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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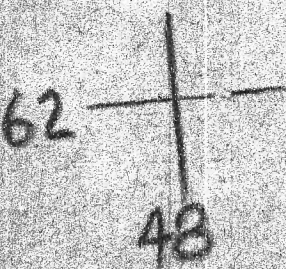
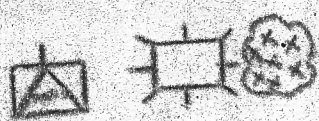
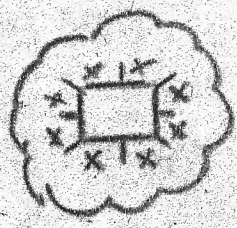
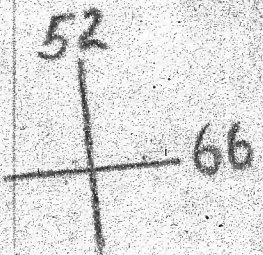
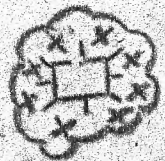
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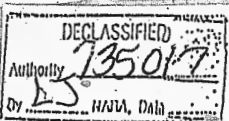
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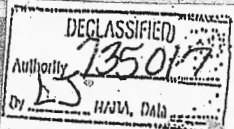
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Combat Procedure Against Numerically and Materially Superior Opposing Forces

1. Daily reports from the front show that our losses are too high compared to the achievement. These by the most part are caused by artillery and mortar fire. These steady losses reduces our combat strength nor can further replacements be expected. They must be reduced since our reserves are rapidly disappearing. Reinforced shelters, deep fox holes, well camouflaged trenches, taking advantage of natural cover in each and every prepared position, etc., will reduce our losses considerably. It is every officers and every non-commissioned officers responsibility to see that men under adverse conditions, take above protection measures.

2. It is a mistake when opposed by a materially superior enemy to have the front lines too strongly manned during the day time. The front lines cannot entrench deeply enough to prevent recognition by the enemy, therefore, they will suffer heavier casualties. They will suffer most from enemy artillery and mortar fire. If the front lines are strongly manned it will not be possible to effect a defense in depth nor to launch an immediate counterattack. In this type of country automatic weapons fire will not stop an enemy attack (especially if smoke is employed or the attack is made at night) but: a. By pre-determined field of fire by our heavy weapons (including artillery and mortar fire) covering the potential areas of approach and penetration. b. By so thoroughly concealing the strength of MLR the enemy is deceived. c. By immediately executing a counter-thrust in the MLR as soon as the enemy has penetrated our lines.

3. I am under the impression that some people tend to regard the foremost outpost as MLR and consequently allow their defense in depth to be insufficiently manned. Before the actual MLR you must have observation posts to prevent a surprise enemy attack even though a preparatory artillery barrage be employed. It is the function of these outposts to bear the initial impact of the enemy assault and to prevent his reconnoitering of the MLR. The observation posts, as well as the combat outposts, will be placed in advanced parts of our territory. It is a disgrace to the troops in the area before the MLR to allow a single penetration by the enemy. Obstacles, mines, snipers, patrols should make such a penetration impossible. A reconnaissance in force of the MLR should be immediately recognized and counter measures so employed that the effort is destroyed at birth. A few successes will inspire our troops with confidence of having overcome a numerically superior enemy. If possible, the forward outpost should advance leaving behind dummy positions in order to notify the effectiveness of the enemy artillery fire. If the enemy assault is concentrated in a narrow sector after a heavy preparatory artillery barrage our forces should counter-attack his flank. We must immediately employ the same methods of defense as of 1918. From deep zones of defense, from numberless well camouflaged defensive strong points, with well chosen field of fire will



the successful counter-thrust and counter-attack emerge. Inter-locking fields of fire must cover the entire front. By the courageous counter-attacks of our reserves will the penetration of our enemy be stopped and destroyed.

4. It is the mission of the infantry to separate the enemy infantry from supporting tanks by well aimed single fire. Well entrenched, well camouflaged and clever exploitation of terrain, they let the tanks approach. Well coordinated sudden fire at close range is destructive to the enemy. The anti-tank troops will destroy the tanks by surprise fire from the flanks. The defensive weapons further behind the lines (including artillery) will remain camouflaged and silent. This is essential to counteract a tank penetration.

5. Artillery and mortar batteries in their prepared positions are responsible after artillery preparation. The enemy cannot receive any supporting fire. They must pin down the enemy reserves by concentrated fire and destroy them. Whoever in the heat of the battle waits for a call from infantry for supporting fire sends the fire too late. Because of scarcity of ammunition we cannot afford to fire at random. The units must have their own special observer to see the effects of the fire on the target. The observers in the forward outposts will be totally concerned with the infantry actions. Therefore, Battalion and Battery Commanders will have to employ tactics, observe and direct the fire themselves to get best results in the heat of the battle.

6. Channels of communication will be disrupted by fire, therefore we have to rely on radio and messengers. The Battalion and Company messengers should be thoroughly familiar with routes. The same applies to supply columns and evacuation columns for wounded.

7. Goldbricks and stragglers will be most severely dealt with. The efficient non-com or officer will attend to this. A lightly wounded man will not need support to get to the first aid station. Those supporting helpers are goldbricks. Whoever leaves his friends in the heat of the battle with only a light wound while he can still fight well is a coward and should be treated as such.

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LA VIRE RIVER

18 July 1944

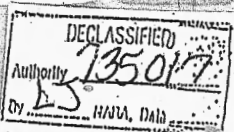
The LA VIRE RIVER from St. Lo to LA MEAUFRE averages about 100 feet in width, maximum depth of river about 10 feet, the average depth being about 5 feet. It has been reported that the depth 60 feet below the Bridge at FORT NEPERT is only 2 feet. The speed of flow is less than 3 kilo per hr. Bottom is lime silt.

Banks of the LA VIRE north of ST LO are moderate, varying from 12% to a maximum of 26%. Banks are of slate covered with about 3 feet of firm, easily workable ground. Road approaches in section considered from ST LO to 473640 are steep on the east bank though the west bank in this area averages about 10 to 12%. North of 473640 both banks are moderate about 10 to 14%.

Between ST LO and LA MEAUFRE there are three locks located at the following points: 484700, 470642 and 493634. South of ST LO are additional locks and two dams, however, there is no lake or reservoir which could be used by the enemy to flood the lower parts of the river. By opening all of the locks and corresponding spillway openings of the river control system the river can be drained to about 1 foot depth in about 12 hours. The river is tidal to about 5076. It is unfordable for vehicles from ST LO to the sea.

The closing of the lock at 484700 and the damming effect of the destroyed FORT NEPERT bridge has caused a rise in the river level to near maximum.

North of ST LO there are few positions which would offer serious obstacle to an assault crossing of infantry. The road net work on both sides is adequate to support such an operation, however, heavy traffic would be mostly confined to the class 3 or 4 roads which are attainable from the river principally at the bridge locations above.



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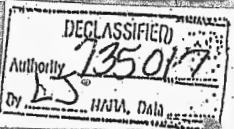
1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line - See overlay for nearest enemy elements.
 - b. Defensive organization - See mine map attached.
 - c. Artillery - see overlay.
 - d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - see overlay.
 - e. Supply and evacuation establishments - see overlay.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
 - a. General summary - Not in contact with the enemy during period, although enemy harassed forward areas with artillery and mortar fire.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Scattered 88mm artillery fire heavier in the W sector.
 2. Aviation - At 1601 three enemy planes tentatively identified as ME 109's flew over the forward area towards SE. One ME 109 flew over rear installations at same time toward E.
 3. Infantry - Small patrol captured in W sector.
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - a. Unknown number of enemy dead. Forty-six prisoners were taken during period. Total for operation 588.
 - b. Weather - Fair tonight and tomorrow morning - Light fog and haze improving in the afternoon.
 - c. Ice plant in ST LO completely mined. Civilian reports woods at 508614 are mined and that artillery may be emplaced there. Germans have been combing ST LO and the country-side for civilian clothes. Tank tracks were picked up by the air in the area SE of ST LO but no tanks were visible. There are hasty defense works on the high ground S and SE of ST LO. Captured message indicates 2nd Pz 985th Rert a part of 275th Inf Div is in the vicinity of ACNEAUX (486627).
 - d. Password - ZERO reply SCOUNDREL from 1200 20 July to 1200 21 July.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line - The 113th Cav in our S sector continued to meet enemy outposts along the line indicated. (See overlay).
 - b. Defensive organization - See mine overlay attached. For illustration of German defensive organization of the ground see sketch attached.
 - c. Units in contact - See attached diagram of the 275th Inf Div, of which the 2nd Bn 985th Inf is a part. This latter unit has been identified on our front.
 - d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - The 8th and 14th Para Regts or portions of them may now be in reserve in sector of this Division.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
 - a. General summary - The outpost line of the enemy harrassed the advance S of ST LO of our own elements, and enemy mortar and artillery fire, accurately directed, fell in our forward areas.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Aviation, combat - Between 2300 and 2320 enemy planes believed to be JU-88's came in over the area from the S and dropped flares followed by bombs and strafing in our W sector. Not over six planes were involved in the raid.
 2. Artillery - Intermittent accurate artillery fire fell on forward position.
 3. Infantry - Outpost line of enemy continued to harrass our forward elements.
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - a. Very few enemy casualties. 1 W captured. Total for period 589.
 - b. Weather - Light intermittent rain this evening and tomorrow afternoon. Slightly cooler tonight and tomorrow.
 - c. Friendly tanks in our sector have now been camouflaged with OD paint.
 - d. Password - WONDER reply PENTHOUSE from 1200 21 July to 1200 22 July.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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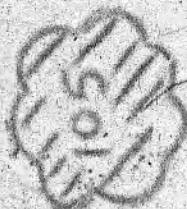
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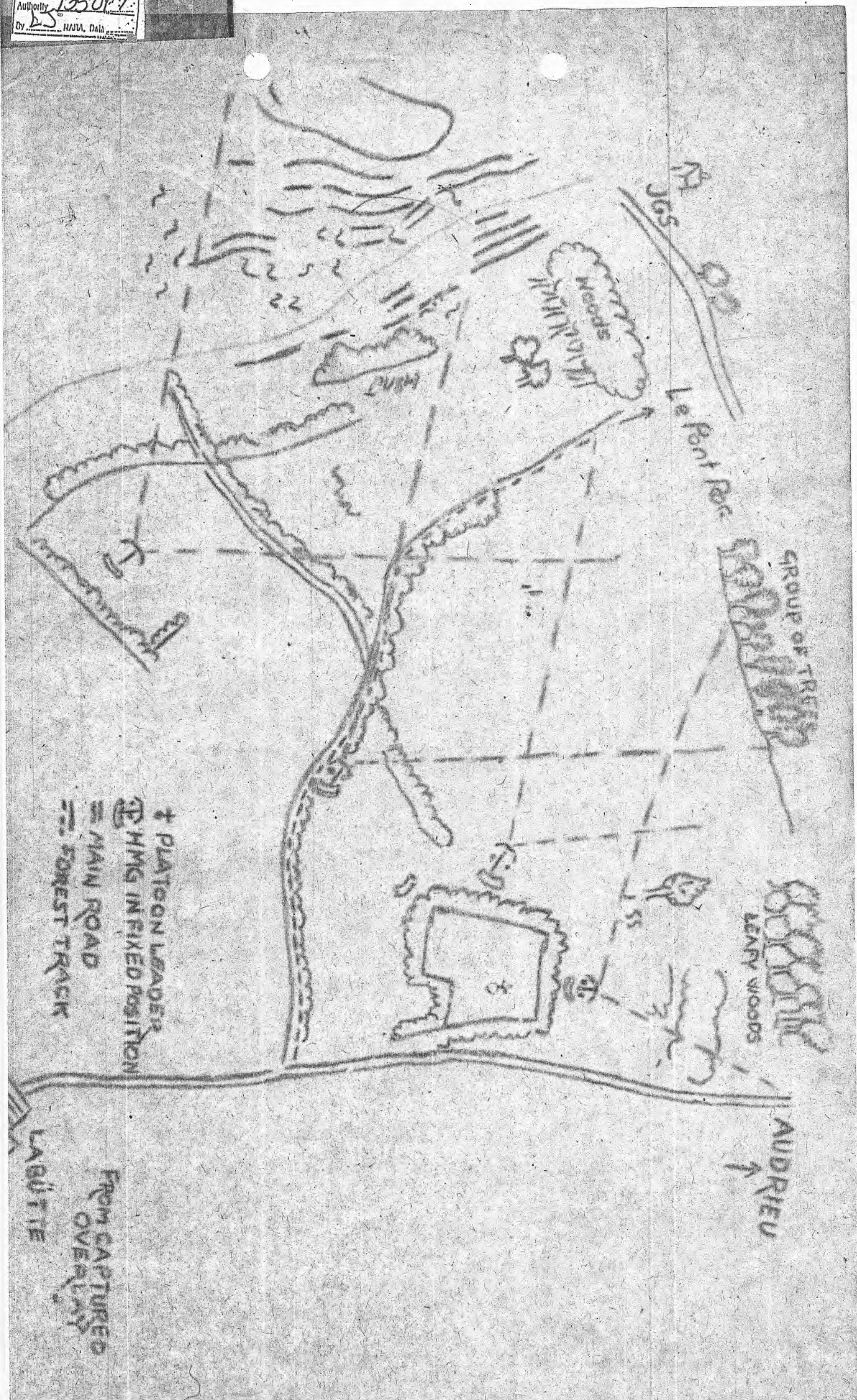
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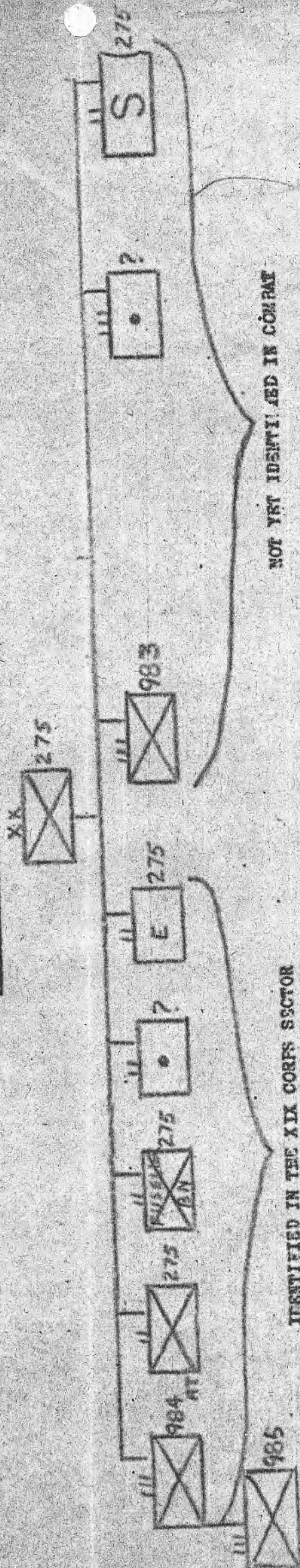


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PRISONER OF WAR INFORMATION ON 985TH INF REGT

1. The 985th Inf Regt left SE MAZIE 6 July and 2nd Bn was committed the morning of 19 July in the vicinity of ST LO. The 6th Co was in prepared defensive position at 501827. P's also states that 983rd Regt is on its way to this vicinity. 275th Division was activated in January 1944 and it is composed of Prussian officers and enlisted men from SAXONY.
2. The Division has recently been through an intensive training program which caused considerable dissatisfaction among the enlisted men. Personnel strength to which P's belonged was 140 enlisted men. The Rm was at full strength at the time of commitment. The Regt has only two Pns.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - For position of enemy outposts, see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See mine map overlay attached and mine field in addition believe located at 563641. See fortifications as shown on overlay.
- c. Units in contact - see overlay.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change. The 8th Para Regt and the 5th Para Regt are identified in the units sector on our left. That unit reports that the personnel of those Regts are of German extraction and are excellent soldiers.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy harrassed our front line units and rear areas with medium and light artillery fire. Mortar fire fell in our forward areas.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Intermittent accurate artillery fire fell, inflicting some casualties in our forward and rear areas.
 2. Infantry - Enemy continued strong counter-patrol measures.
 3. Miscellaneous - It is believed that some of the artillery fire is being directed by German agents left in this area.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Ten PW's were taken during period. Total for operation 601.
- b. Weather - Clear tomorrow morning with light showers in late morning and afternoon. Little change in temperature.
- c. Shoulder patches on troops in the forward areas will not be photographed by amateur photographers. All units are prohibited from disclosing their present or former geographical location either on the continent or in UK. Circular #33 of STOUA is not relaxed.
- d. Password - WATCHWORD reply VITAMIN from 1200 23 July to 1200 24 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

1. Enemy can continue present counter-patrol activities and harrassing artillery fire.
2. Enemy can execute limited counter-attacks in our sector with forces shown on overlay.

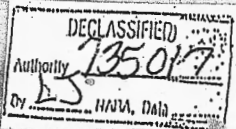
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - No change, see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See mine map overlay. See also Photo Interpretation Report No. 1.
- c. Units in contact - It is believed that some units of the 8th Para Regt are located in our sector. See overlay.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy harrassed our front line units with artillery and mortar fire during darkness of the period.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Aviation, combat - Four or five enemy planes flew over the area without bombing or strafing between 2050 and 2055.
 - 2. Artillery - Intermittent artillery fire fell in our forward and rear areas during the hours of darkness. Medium intensive artillery fire fell on our forward areas.
 - 3. Infantry - Infantry patrol of 7 men were contacted at 517626 at 2000. Enemy continued counter-patrol activities.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. One PW taken during period. 7 Russians taken in civilian clothing escaped from the German Army. Total PW's for operation 609.
- b. Weather - Clear tomorrow with little change in temperature.
- c. It is believed that small patrol assisted by smoke attempted a river crossing in the vicinity of 454657.
- d. Numerous false gas alarms have spread throughout the area. Use of toxic agents by the enemy at this time is quite improbable. Small arms fire will not be used to give a gas alarm.
- e. Password - PURITAN reply MUSTER from 1200 24 July to 1200 25 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - No change, see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See mine map overlay.
- c. Units in contact - PW 5th Co 914th Regt, 352nd Div, captured in sector of 134th Inf definitely locates this unit S of ST LO (see overlay). Statements of PW also confirm the presence of paratroops E ST LO TORGNI SUR VIRE Hwy. (see overlay).
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy harassed our front line units with artillery and mortar fire during darkness of the period. No aggressive patrol activity reported during period.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Intermittent artillery fire fell on our forward elements.
 - 2. Infantry - Active infantry patrols captured 6 PW's from 5th Co 914th Regt, 352nd Inf Div. No counter-patrol activities reported.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 8 PW's captured during period. Total for operation 617.
- b. Weather - Scattered clouds increasing tonight and becoming low overcast at dawn and remaining throughout morning, breaks appearing by noon. Broken clouds in afternoon. Favorable for ground operations.
- c. PWs report that they were informed of attempt on Hitler's life on 21 July in form of brief paper circulating among troops, stating that bombs had been dropped on him while he was on his way to Western Front. The following day another paper was circulated containing abstracts of Hitler's speech in which he said that the attempt has failed since it was God's will that he should continue the fight against the Allies.
- d. Password - OMELET reply THOUGHTFUL from 1200 25 July to 1200 26 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

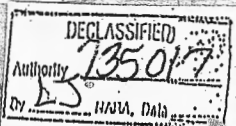
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No. 18

Maps: France 1/25,000. Sheets ST JEAN DE DAYE, ST LO.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line - No change, see overlay.
 - b. Defensive organization - Enemy continued to dig in positions. See also mine map overlay.
 - c. Units in contact - Our right unit captured 3 PW's from the Pz Lehr Div. See overlay.
 - d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
 - a. General summary - Enemy continued to dig in, harassed our front lines with light artillery fire and employed counter-patrol activities.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - There was less artillery fire in this period than in the last 72 hours.
 2. Aviation - One enemy plane reported over our forward area between 2400 and 0200. No bombing or strafing reported.
 3. Chemical - The enemy has employed smoke and flares in our forward areas during the past 24 hour period.
 4. Infantry - The infantry continued small arms fire and counter-patrol activities throughout the period.
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - a. Total of 3 PW's captured during period. Total for operation 620.
 - b. Weather - Rain tonight and tomorrow morning, improving during the afternoon. Slightly cooler.
 - c. An extract from Battle Order #11 of the enemy stated that fighter and reconnaissance planes in the sector of the Normandy front will wear a black and white spiral painted on their spinners commencing 20 July.
 - d. ~~Password~~ - KNOWLEDGE reply MORON from 1200 26 July to 1200 27 July 44.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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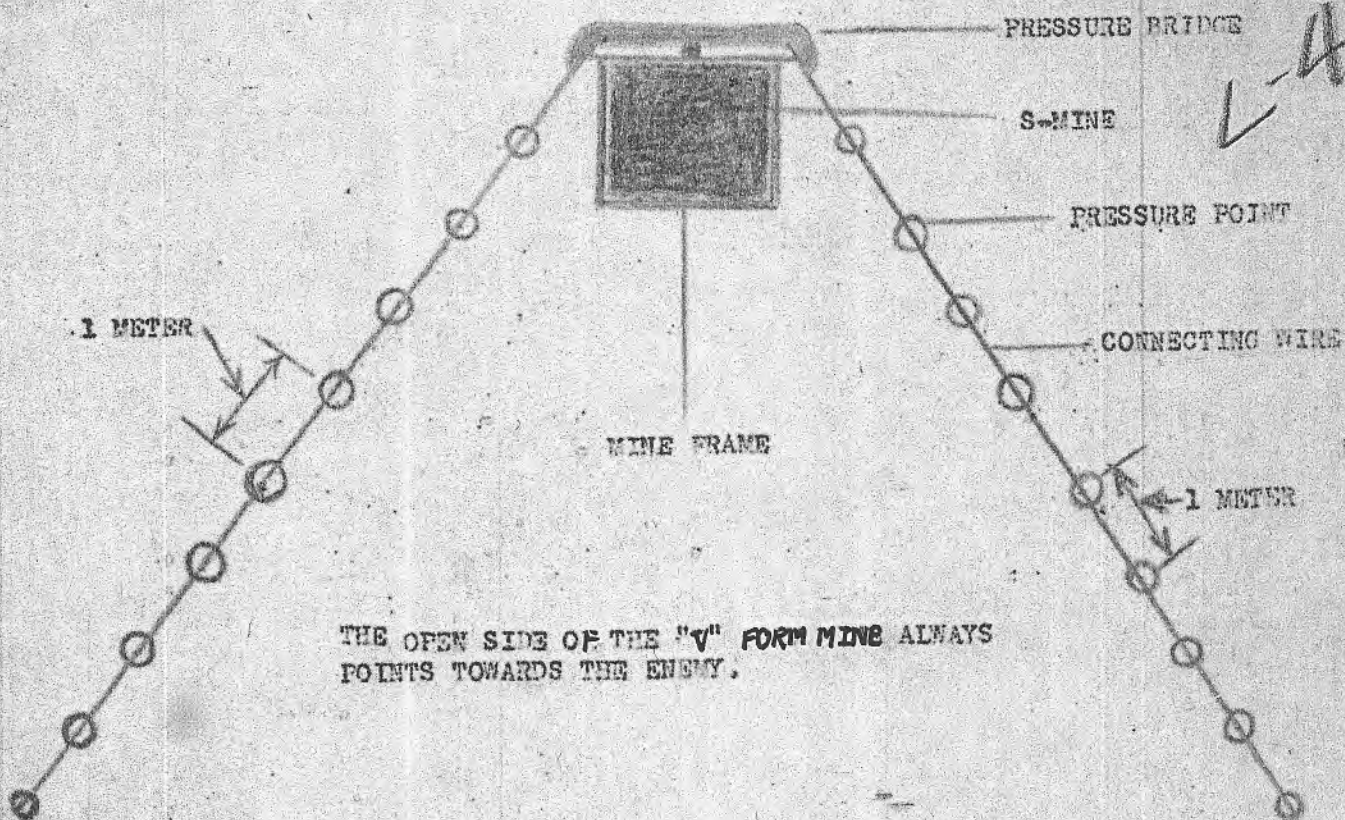
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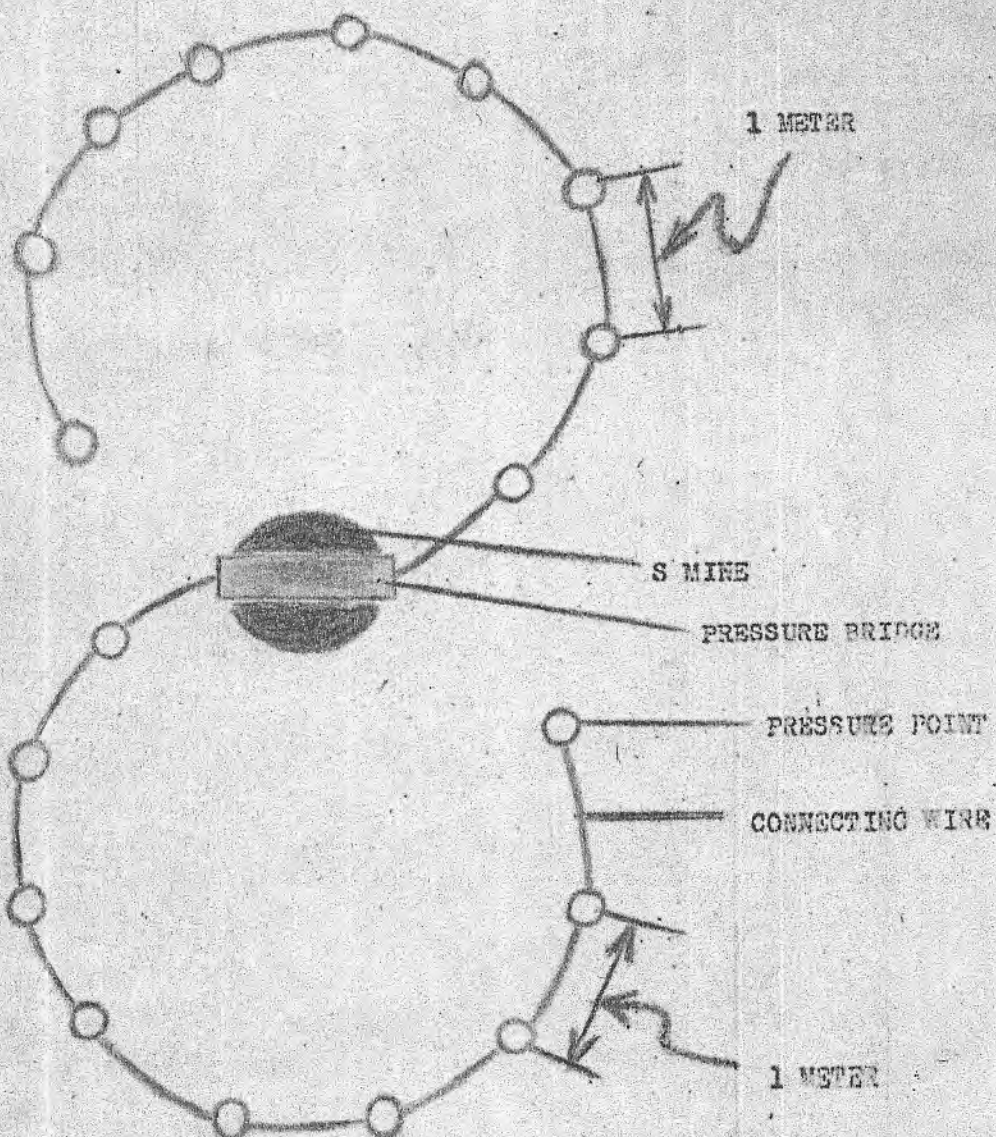
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - No change, see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See mine map overlay.
- c. Units in contact - Statements of PW's captured from Hq Co 8th Regt, 3rd Para Div, showed that this Regt had a present strength about 1900 men and that this Regt replaced the 9th Para Regt on the 15th of July. For specific location, see overlay.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continued to harass our front lines with rifle fire and a minimum of artillery fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Very light artillery fire in our forward areas.
 - 2. Infantry - The infantry continued small arms fire and counter-patrol activities throughout the period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 2 PW's captured during period. Total for operation 622.
- b. Weather - Cloudy tonight and tomorrow morning becoming clear by mid-morning. Little change in temperature.
- c. See Observation Control re-produced this date.
- d. Password - HOARSE reply GUILTY from 1200 27 July to 1200 28 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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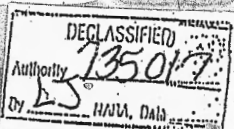


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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - See strong points as shown on overlay and the mine map overlay attached.
- c. Units in contact - Approximately 25 PW's captured from the 6th Co, 985th Inf Regt in location E of the river.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy continued to defend although PW's state that the artillery and elements of the infantry opposing us began withdrawal sometime before 1200.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Very light artillery fire during the entire period.
 - 2. Aviation - Raid by 3 enemy aircraft (2 FW 190's and 1 ME-109) about 2250; these planes strafed and dropped bombs. A partly filled gas tank dropped by one of these planes fell at 493663 causing 1 casualty.
 - 3. Infantry - The infantry continued to harra ss our lines with mortar and machine gun fire during the period - holding the strong points. See overlay for strong points.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 29 PW's captured during period. Total for operation 651.
- b. Weather - Overcast tomorrow morning with showers during the afternoon. Little change in temperature.
- c. Password - FAUCET reply LIMBER from 1200 28 July to 1200 29 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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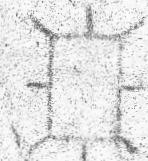
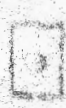
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Maps: France 1/25,000. Sheets 34/16 SW, 34/16 SE, 34/14 NW, 34/14 NE.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - There was no organized enemy front line as such at end of period. See overlay for defended positions.
- b. Defensive organization - See overlay and mine map overlay attached.
- c. Units in contact - In our left sector PWs were captured from Hq Co of the 8th Para Regt and from the 2nd Bn of the 8th Para Regt, in our center and R sector PWs were captured from the 6th Co, 985th Regt, 2nd Bn 897th, 1st Bn 897th, 2nd Bn 898th, Fus Bn 352nd Div, 2nd Bn 916th Regt and Regt1 Hq 915th Regt.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - The 2nd Pa Grenadier Regt has been reported in the vicinity of 5052.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy withdrew his forces leaving small covering forces of automatic weapons strategically placed.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Moderate artillery fire in forward areas during period.
 - 2. Aviation - Between 0150 and 0225 approximately 20 planes made three raids on the area, dropping bombs and strafing. One of these raids was made in the vicinity of our clearing station. At 2330 two planes were reported over the area and at least one bomb was dropped in the area 137th Inf.
 - 3. Infantry - Enemy withdrew leaving infantry covering force of automatic weapons.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 60 PWs captured during period. Total for operation 711. This total is from 2100 27 July to 2400 28 July 44.
- b. Weather - Intermittent rain tomorrow morning and early afternoon. Slightly cooler tomorrow.
- c. Password - EMBLEM reply DEPRIVE from 1200 29 July to 1200 30 July 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- 1. Enemy can withdraw leaving covering force of automatic weapons.
- 2. Enemy can defend with remnants of forces at his command along high ground between 571578 and 535558.

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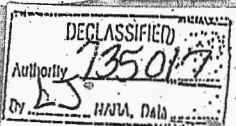
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Maps: France 1/25,000. Sheets 34/14 NE, 34/14 NW.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Corps reports that on our flank the units are meeting resistance from a line north of and parallel to Highway No. 3.
- b. Defensive organization - See overlay also mine clearance operations as reported 292000 July by 60th Engr Bn.
- c. Units in contact - Our left unit captured PWs from the 8th and 15th Para. Regt. and 352d Fus. Bn.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy continued to withdraw leaving behind only those soldiers who were out of contact with their units.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Light artillery fell in the forward areas during the period.
 - 2. Aviation - Between 2241 and 2304 at least 8 enemy planes were over the area dropping flares, bombs and anti-personnel bombs. ST. LO was bombed during that period.
 - 3. Infantry - Enemy withdrew during the entire period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

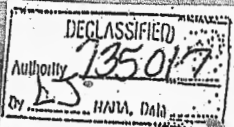
- a. Total of 59 PWs captured during the period. Total for operation 740.
- b. Weather - Light drizzle predicted for tomorrow morning and little change in temperature.
- c. Password - WARDEN reply WAMPUM from 1200 30 July to 1200 31 July 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - see overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - The enemy defended along the line and from fortified positions shown on overlay.
- c. Units in contact - Elements of all three Bns of the 8th Para Regt have been identified on our front.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - no change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy defended along the line shown on overlay.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Artillery - Artillery from self-propelled guns fell in the forward areas.
 - 2. Aviation - between 0502 and 0524 approximately 12 planes, type undetermined, came in from the SW and dropped flares in the vicinity of ST LO. After flares had been dropped, bombs and anti-personnel bombs were dropped. At 1730 2 ME-109's flew over the area toward the SW. No bombs or strafing was reported.
 - 3. Infantry - Enemy defended during the entire period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 10 PWs captured during period. Total for operation 780.
- b. Weather - Haze tomorrow morning with intermittent showers in the afternoon.
- c. One PW stated that the Germans habitually put Red Cross flags on supply vehicles. Information obtained from French civilian.
- d. TORIGNI is reported to be crowded with Germans both infantry and paratroops and a moderate amount of armor mounting 105's.
- e. Password - WELSH reply THANKS from 1200 31 July to 1200 1 August 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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SYMBOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POSITIONS

I - Symbols for single installations:

1. WLR = FED Tactical border lines and CP's Btl. and Btry included are BLUE — Position symbols are BLACK

2. Explanations:

 PLANNED  UNDER CONSTRUCTION  FINISHED

For example:



AT Position Planned



Gun Position Under Construction



Dugout, safe against fragments

3. Symbols for different kinds of installations:



MG Positions



Mortar "



Firing Position For Guns



Artillery Obs. Point W/Dugout



Infantry " " " "



Dugout, safe against fragments



Dugout, Bomb and Shell-Proof



Mined Connecting Tunnel



Trenches

X...X...X Barbed Wire Installation Planned

XX...XX...XX " " Under Construction

XXXXXXXXXX " " Single Lane Finished

XXXXXXXXXX " " Double Lane "



A T Ditch



A T Obstacle (Road Block)



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Main Fire Direction of Position
(The Point Of The Arrow Is The Exact
Position Of Gun)



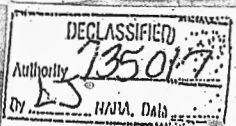
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50M Wide



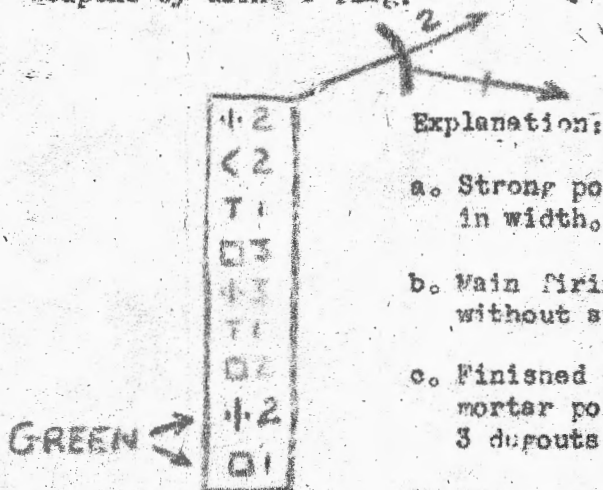
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	Mine Field, 300 S Mines 300m Long 40m Wide
	Obstacle Prepared
	" Finished
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	Preparation to Inundate An Area
	Area Inundated

II. Strong Points:

If there is more than one installation in one place, the following system will be used.

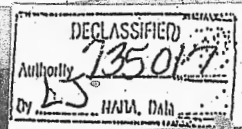
1. The strong point will be indicated by a black box with exact scale and firing direction of MG's and A T guns.
2. The following is a sample how to indicate all positions and weapons by using a flag: -



Explanation:

- a. Strong point (8mm) covers 200 meters in width.
- b. Main firing direction for D/G (Arrow without sign with number)
- c. Finished (Black) 2 MG positions, 2 mortar positions, 1 A T position 3 dugouts
- d. Under construction (Red) 3 MG positions, 1 A T position, 2 dugouts.
- e. Planned (Green) 2 MG positions 1 dugout.

3. Additional positions will not be added but a new flag will be made, to avoid errors.



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Maps: France 1/25,000. Sheets 34/14 NE, 34/14 NW, 34/14 SE, 34/14 SW.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay for location and nature of front line.
- b. Defensive organization - See overlay and mine map overlay attached.
- c. Units in contact - See overlay for the units in contact on the right, center and left sector of our zone.
- d. Artillery - See overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - The enemy withdrew, fighting a delaying action to present line.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - 1. Armored Forces - 35 to 40 tanks were reported by reconnaissance aviation at 5646 - See overlay.
 - 2. Artillery - Front line units received medium intensive artillery fire during the period.
 - 3. Aviation - Between 0040 and 0107 unknown number and type of enemy planes were over the area, dropped flares and bombs. At 2345 unknown number of enemy planes over the area.
 - 4. Infantry - Continued delaying action and defense in zone of advance of the Division.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Total of 7 PWs captured during the period. Total for operation 786.
- b. Weather - No change reported.
- c. Civilians report that the enemy is disorganized and that various groups of well disciplined soldiers are putting up resistance.
- d. Password - THEATER reply WHALE from 1200 1 August to 1200 2 August 44.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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