

80th A.D.

Davis

Time sequence of action at HAN sur NIED

1. Units of 317th spent the night in vicinity of LUPPY.
2. Left LUPPY 0800 11 Nov 1944.
3. Arrived BECHY 1030 11 Nov 1944.
4. Formed with units of the 6th Armd Div and pushed off at 1100 11 Nov 1944.
5. At 1145 enemy vehicles left woods going toward HAN sur NIED. Lt Col Hines and Lt Col Burnett went to the edge of the woods.
6. 1210 enemy tanks moved out of HAN sur NIED toward VATIMONT.
7. 1210 TDs took tanks under fire.
8. 1215 Lt Yetman called for fire on VATIMONT.
9. 1230 Concentration placed on VATIMONT.
10. 1230 Time fire on HAN sur NIED by the 6th Armd forward observer.
11. 1240 Col Hines ordered infantry CO forward with 5 tanks.
12. 1250 Column pinned down by enemy fire from high ground behind HAN sur NIED.
13. 1320 Capt Craig, now Major, urged his men toward the bridge.
14. 1345 Capt Craig's men reached the bridge--3 tanks on the bridge.
15. 1400 Got across the bridge to the first house.
16. 1415 Moved to second house down the road.
17. 1445 Capt Craig got tanks off bridge and up into firing position behind houses.
18. 1500 Eight Germans ran from trench and were killed by tank MG.
19. 1500 to 1700 troops in town and behind the railroad embankment had fire fight with the enemy.
20. 1715 Col Hines crossed the bridge with 15 men and contacted Capt Craig.
21. 1730 Companies C and B crossed the bridge.
22. 1800 Capt Craig organized the Bn for the defense of the town.
23. 1800 Capt Brown crossed bridge with eight medium tanks.
24. 1810 Capt Smith crossed with seven light tanks.
25. 1820 An armored infantry crossed the bridge.
26. 1830 Companies B and C cleared the town.
27. 1845 Organized defense of the town.
28. 1930 German motorcycle was hit, one occupant killed, the other got away.

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