

s-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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From: 152200 Sep 44  
To: 162200 Sep 44

Hq 318th CT  
In the field

162200 Sep 44

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: FFI rpt EPLY (U8636) is enemy strong point with tks, Arty and Inf trps.
- c. Units in contact: CT 912; 1st, 2d, 3d and Hq Cos of 3d Engr Bn; 1st and 2d storm Cos (attd to 29th Pa Gr Regt; 4th, 6th and 7th Cos, 1121st Gr Regt, 553d Div; 115th Gr Regt (attd to 3d Pa Gr Div); CT 11.
- d. Arty: PW states Arty pos of 6 guns at (U826360) on 15 Sep.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: An undetermined number enemy trps and estimated 28 tks vic FORET DE FACQ; estimated 4 Bns vic BOIS DE RUMONT and BOIS DE FAULX.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy made three unsuccessful counterattacks against MOUSSON HILL today and two equally unsuccessful atks against LOISY - one at 0415, the 2d one at 0700. The 2d atk on LOISY came fr the NE and was made by an estimated 200 Inf trps supported by 4 tks plus hv Arty and mortar fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Arty: Enemy Arty fire received: S BELLEVILLE (U7925) at 0435; hv Arty fire fell vic (U825274) at 1530; 7 rds vic LE FONT DU MONS (U7928) at 0402; vic LOISY (U8031) at 0845; at (U817272) hv Arty fire fell at 1715.
  - (2) Engineers: Enemy laid booby traps along MOSELLE R vic S of FONT A MOUSSON; only one type pull-release booby trap, with one wire attd on each trap was used; fences often used as anchor points.
  - (3) Infantry: A group of 9 Germans surrendered voluntarily vic VILLE AU VAL 152400. At 0100 an undetermined number enemy tks and trps made attempt to pass W vic LANDRUMONT, but were dispersed by Arty fire. 50 enemy trps and 2 tks rptd (U800325) and an undetermined number trps vic (U8233) at 0100. Hv MG fire received vic MOMENT at 152350 and again at 160400. 30 enemy trps observed dispersed by Arty fire vic LOISY at 0600.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs taken today: 70; total to date: 725.
- b. (1) CT 912 was formed first part of Sep 44, arrived this vic 10-12 Sep; formed of Reservists fr Casual Centers, most of whom have previous combat experience; ages fr 18 to 42 yrs. CT consists of 4 Cos; 2d Co str: 140 men, armed with LMGs.
  - (2) One Assault Co, attd to 1119th Gr Regt, consists of 2 Engr plts with bicycles; 1 plt armed with LMGs, the other one with machine pistols.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

To delay our advance to the E with elements of 3 Divs, and to counterattack with small harassing forces fr N, E and SE.



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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: No change.
- c. Units in contact: 3d Co, Assault Bn (APKI); Ass Co, Fusilier Bn (number unknown).
- d. Arty: Enemy Arty rptd: 1 btry 150mm guns at FAULA (U868228) 0750; vic LOUVIGNY (U8641) at 1155; vic (U838251) at 1310; 2 rocket projectors at (U835305) at 0050; HW states 10th & 11th Btries 1553d Arty at FAULA at 1050; FFI rptd 3 SF 105mm guns at BRATTE (U885250).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy activity today consisted mainly of Arty & mortar fire, and scattered harassing patrols.

b. Operations of component elements:

(1) Arty: HV enemy Arty fire on MORVILLE (U845365) at 1145; intermittent Arty fire vic VILLE AU VAL; rd fr ATTON to MORVILLE shelled at 1115; MILLERY (U8225) at 1126; vic (U805385) at 1155; vic (U8530) at 1300; vic AUTREVILLE (U8726) at 1310.

(2) Engr: Rd fr MONT A MOUSLON N to MITTOVILLE rptd mined. FORET DE FAGU rptd mined on all roads and trails. Mines rptd on rd N of CHAMPEY (U7741).

(3) Infantry: Enemy patrols rptd along N edge BOIS DE RUMONT and S edge BOIS DE MANCHE 1235. Contact made with enemy of unknown str vic (U8530) at 1300. Mortar fire received vic AUTREVILLE (U8126) at 1300. Enemy resistance at MILLERY fr 171700 until 181300; enemy evacuated town at 1400. IANDRAMONT rptd clear of enemy 0910.

(4) Tanks: Unknown number enemy tks rptd vic (U853305) at 1340.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs capt today: 17; capt 17 Sep but not included in report: 63; total to date: 870.

b. Arty liaison rpts 1 - 510 radio captured by enemy has been jamming requests for fire missions.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. To harass our position with Arty and mortar fire and scattered patrol activity.

b. To launch local counterattacks fr E, NE, or SE with 2 Bns Inf.

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To: 191800 Sep 44

Hq 318th CT  
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191800 Sep 44

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: Air Corps trps rptd in trenches and strong points along edge of Hill 375 vic (U877283). Enemy OPs rptd at (U835237) and (U826244). German Hq rptd at 1730 to be at CR at (U861327).
- c. Units in contact: 3d Co, Assault Bn AOK I; March Bn 'AOKY'; 553d Fusilier Bn; Tng Regt 'TOUL'; 8th Co, 1120th Gr Regt, 553d Gr Div; Sturm Co, 1119th Gr Regt, 553d Gr Div.
- d. Arty: PW states enemy 105mm btry located at (U869244) 182400.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: 5th SA Pz Div rptd on way to this area fr Northern ITALY. Assault Bn AOK I rptd withdrawn to SAARBRUCKEN for reorganization and return to this area 22-23 Sep.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy activity today was centered principally in BOIS DE ST CLEMENT vic (U850305) where a friendly patrol in force encountered stiff enemy resistance.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Arty: Enemy Arty fire fell vic W edge of woods (U835315) and vic S edge of woods (U838307) at 182350; vic (U832269) at 182400. Intermittent enemy Arty fire, 6 rds every 5 min, at (U805270) at 190500; Arty and mortar fire rptd falling vic (U848306) at 191545; 3 rds at (U816311) at 1545.
  - (2) Infantry: PW states one Bn of ~~Assault Bn AOK I~~ in SERRIERES (U82) at 181000; also 1 btry 120mm mortars, direct fire wps, and some AGs in same vic. PW states disposition of enemy trps vic BOIS DE LA RUMONT (U8524) at 182400 as follows: 1st Bn, 1119th Gr Regt on Hill 340 vic (U860276); 2d Bn, 1119th Gr Regt on Hill 375 vic (U877283). Enemy SA and automatic fire rptd BOIS DE ST CLEMENT vic (U850305) at 1200. 2 enemy MGs and 10 enemy trps at (U850305) and 1 MG at (U850315) at 1345. Enemy sniper activity rptd in ST GENEVIEVE 1500. SA fire rptd vic MOREY (U848265) at 1345. BOIS DE BAUZARD clear of enemy 0940. At 1720 an undetermined number of enemy trps were rptd to have infiltrated back into N edge of BOIS DE BAUZARD vic (U8482) and into woods NE fr there vic (U846322) where there are some entrenchments. At 1750 an enemy mortar pos rptd located at (U850322)

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs capt today: 7; total to date: 877.
- b. Morale of Assault Bn AOK I extremely low due mainly to large percentage of Poles in Bn, many of whom have deserted. Morale of majority of younger enemy trps of German nationality still good as they still have high hopes that Germany will win the war.
- c. A medic PW states that Col Holcher, CO of 553d Gr Div and all sma' units in this sector such as Tng units, March Cos, Cts, etc., gave orders at about 172000 Sep for all German trps in sector to retreat eastward. All off to gather trps in their vic and take charge of evacuation. Poor communications and small rearguard action accounts for stragglers.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change.

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front line: On a line N to S fr EPLY (U860366) to CLEMERY (U863338) to (U8631) to SERRIERES (U864282) to Hill 340 (U861277) to MOREY (U848265) to MILLERY (U820255).
- b. Defensive organization: No change.
- c. Units in contact: 553d Fusilier Bn; Assault Co, 1119th Gr Regt; 1121st Gr Regt; CT KUHAK; CT GRATZ.
- d. Arty: Enemy Arty btrees rptd (U890639/3) and (U88023607) at 191930; 2 guns rptd at 1800 located at (U868264). Civs rpt several enemy guns located near BRATTE vic (U887252); 3 guns just W of BELLEAU vic (U857270) 3 enemy Arty pieces rptd moved fr BELLEAU to the E at 1500.
- e. Supply and evacuation establishments: 2 75mm guns, 1 AT gun and 2 trk abandoned by enemy in MUIS DE MANCHE vic (U849294) found 1055.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy activity today consisted of scattered resistance, and intermittent Arty and mortar fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Arty: At 1115 8-10 rds enemy Arty fell vic MOREY (U845265), coming fr SK; 8 rds rptd received (U817249) at 191800; 3 rds at (U837290) 201400; Arty and mortar fire received vic AUTREWILLAS (U8126) at 200700; (U858290) at 1545; 40 rds vic (U835325) at 1600; interdictory Arty fire on rd Jct at (U835290); 6 rds at (U856290) at 1545.
  - (2) Engineers: Mines rptd on rd (U841182) to (U824194) at 192005.
  - (3) Infantry: Enemy mortar fire rptd received (U855243) at 191845. enemy opposition rptd in woods (U850305) at 192000 with SA, mortar and direct fire fr SP gun. 15 enemy rptd in woods (U8524) at 191845. OP of 2d Bn, 1121st Ps Gr Regt rptd to be at (U8525). 4 medium mortars rptd located at (U868348); 1 105mm How rptd located at (U890378); rd block covered by MGs just E of BELLEAU vic (U861268); 20 enemy trps rptd at (U847278) at 1600; civs rpt 12 enemy and several mortars in BELLEAU at 1500. Arty obsn rptd 4 trk loads enemy trps moving S at (U887399) at 1615; enemy SA fire rptd (U8631) at 1545. Estimated 3 Cos enemy Inf deployed on line between EPLY (U860366) and (U864306).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs capt today: 4; total to date: 881.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To make local counterattacks fr E with str not to exceed 1 Bn.
- b. To delay our advance by harassing Arty and mortar fire plus scattered str points of resistance.

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS BY END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy front lines: No change fr MPEY to MOREY; fr MOREY it extends SE to (U875248) and along E edge of BLIS DE A RUMONT.

b. Defensive organization: Inf entrenchments with LMGs at (U865303); enemy defensive line SE of MOREY at (U8626).

c. Units in contact: 438th Repl Tng Bn, CT Hildebrande; CT Glatz; CT Kuchar; 1121st Inf Regt, 553d Inf Div.

d. Artillery: Enemy Arty pos rpta on hill W of MOREY (changes pos twice daily) - main targets are FAIRISE and MILLERY RJ on tr; concentrations. Enemy Arty pos rpta located: (U896274), (U872276), (U869227). 2 80mm mortars each at (U865307) and (U867302). 2 Inf Hows at (U870307).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy strongly resisted our advance to SE with SA and automatic fire fr prepared entrenchments, supported by hvy concentrations of Arty and mortar fire.

b. Operations of component elements:

(1) AA Arty: 6 20mm guns rpta at SIVRY (U874268) at 1100.

(2) Artillery: Hvy concentration of enemy Arty fire rpta fell fr 1030 to 1130 in BLIS DU BUZON vic (U844263); hvy concentration of enemy Arty and mortar fire at (U839268) at 1245; Arty fire fr 2 enemy bties fell at (U854257) at 1300.

(3) Engineers: PW states road SE of MOREY is to be mined.

(4) Infantry: PW interrogated 202000 stated 3 Cos of 553d Inf Div dur in on three sides of MOREY - 1 hvy wps Co with 80mm mortars, the other two rifle Cos; str 5-70 men per Co; 9 LMGs per Co plus 9 AT grenades. Another PW states that about 200 men in MOREY. At 202210 5-10 enemy veh (believed trks) rpta at (U864306) moving toward LESIERES. An undetermined number enemy trps rpta digging in vic (U862247) at 1245. PW states that a German Bn CP is located in a chateau N of MOREY vic (U846266); 1121st Regt '1 CP rpta located in MONTMAY (U895227). Air ren rpts cla enemy trps moving E on road fr SIVRY (U874268) at 1400; enemy trps rpta observed leaving woods at (U875248) going into BRATTE (U885250) at 1530.

(5) Miscellaneous: Three enemy white flares rpta fired over BELLEAU at 201830. One red flare fired by enemy immediately prior to sending a hvy Arty and mortar concentration on ground occupied by our trps vic (U839268) at 1245.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs capt today: 2; total to date: 883.

b. Recently captured enemy documents denote meaning of their signal flares as follows: White: front lines; Red: advance Arty fire; Green: Enemy atk; Purple: enemy trks approaching. (NOTE: Meaning of flares changed frequently.)

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.



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e. Enemy's probable knowledge of our situation. IWS reportedly mention that our outposts at night are not very security-minded. They are too noisy, thus giving their positions away and making it easy for enemy troops to infiltrate our lines under cover of darkness.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To counterattack IR E IR via SAK LAKA D. BBLERA with 100 (M).
- b. To delay along present line.
- c. To seek harassing attacks IR SAK LAKA.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: MARVILLE-SUR-SAILLÉ (U8430), ST-JUR-SUR-SAILLÉ (U8535), CLEMENCY (U8634), MANONCOURT (U8732), LEXIERES (U8730), SERRIERES (U8628), SIVRY (U8727), Hill 407 (U9027), FAULX (U9026), LAYR (U9224).  
 b. Units in contact: CT Biesebaum; CT Hillmer; CT 912; 5th Co, 92d GAF Tng Regt; 1st Co, 553d Fusilier Bn; 1st Bn, 1121st Inf Regt, 253c Inf Div.  
 c. Artillery: Guns (cal unknown) rtd to be (U8323), (U833230 and (U828227) at U830. Btry at (U870279); 2 guns (U91225) and (U902242) at 221925; (U902253) at 221840; (U903261) and (U879269) at 21910; btry at (U906337) at 222115; vic (U883279) at 230120.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy was forced fr BRATTE (U8825) and BELLEAU (U8627) back to SIVRY (U8727) and Hill 407 (U9027).  
 b. Operations of component elements:  
 (1) Hvy concentrations of enemy Arty rtd falling vic (U868250) at 222100; hvy Arty fire rtd falling vic (U873248) at 230700; hvy Arty and mortar fire rtd falling vic (U895264) at 1700.  
 (2) Engineers: Road rtd mined at (U843244); rtd camouflaged mines on road entering FAULX fr W; mines rtd on main road CUSTINES-MALLELÉY fr (U829227) to (U821227); mined road block near cemetery W edge MALLELÉY (U8422); roads rtd mined S CUSTINES and at (U846225).  
 (3) Infantry: PW states that 1st Co, 3d Hillmer, 5th & 7th Cos of 1121st Inf Regt entrenched in woods in that order extending fr vic (U8525) S toward MALLELÉY at 222215; 1st Co, CT Hillmer and 5th Co, 1121st Regt each has str of 60 men and 6 LMGs; one 1st Lt commands both Cos. Hvy enemy mortar fire on MURRY 222230. PW cast vic (U8624) about 222200 was on patrol with 20 other enemy sent out to recon area in preparation to advance enemy pos to W. Mortar pos rtd located (U853263) 230350. MG rtd near lone house vic (U857268) and enemy trps digging in generally along unimproved road fr (U858271) to (U854273) at 230350. Enemy SA fire received vic (U873248) 230750. Our leading elements held up E edge BUIS DE LA HUME NT at 0920 by flanking MG and SA fire. A captured 2d Lt fr 1st Bn, 1121st Inf Regt states that his 1st Bn left FAULX night 22-23 Sep, travelled via LAYR (U920235) to MOIVRON (U9126) to reinforce 2d Bn, 1121st and CT Hillmer. 200-250 enemy trps rtd entrenched on hilltop at (U878235). CUSTINES and MALLELÉY rtd evacuated by enemy night 22-23 Sep; FAULX, MALLELÉY, BELLEAU rtd by davs clear of enemy 1500.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs cast today: 22; total to date: 916.  
 b. Morale: One enemy soldier picked up two of our propaganda leaflets, walked into MURRY and surrendered; stated large numbers of other enemy would surrender but feared being shot by Americans.  
 c. Other enemy intelligence: Radio intercept of enemy msg gives location of their MLR as follows: fr CR NW of LEXIERES to road SW of SERRIERES to road just E of SIVRY to Hill 407.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To counterattack fr any point along line LEXIERES, SERRIERES, SIVRY, Hill 407, MOIVRON with 3 Bns Inf.  
 b. To delay along that line.  
 c. To harass our pos with mortar and Arty fire.

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To: 241800 Sep 44

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Maps: TOULON and FAUBA - scale 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AND ENEMY PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.  
Units in contact: CT Scheibnflug; CT Hilmer; CT 912; 1st, 2d, 3d Cos 1121st Regt; 5th, 6th, Assault Cos, 1119th Regt; 1st, 2d, 4th Cos, 3d Frcht Tng Regt.  
c. Artillery: Air rpts group of enemy Arty guns at (U886376) 231745.  
d. Supply and evacuation establishments: Enemy trkload of ammo, clothing and equipment rptd at SERRIBES vic (U847279) at 231815.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy launched frontal and flanking counterattack on Hill 407 (U9027) during early morning, but was repulsed by 0730. Enemy continued to fight fiercely throughout the day for Hill 407 but at end of period it remained in our hands.

b. Operations of component elements:

- (1) AA Arty: Intense enemy AA fire rptd by Air at (U886376) 231745.  
(2) Artillery: 6 rcs enemy Arty fell (U8926, at 240445; enemy Arty fire rpta fell (U893264) at 241130.  
(3) Engineers: Br rpta blown at (U846279); engs rpt abatis just below fork in road N out of FAUBA at (U866234) 240020. Justice rpts road fr B VALERES N through woods to FAUBA, & to COSTLES and S of B OXIERES clear of mines 240020.  
(4) Infantry: Enemy cmt at SERRIBES, estimated 100 men, rptd moving toward SIVRY at 231615. 1 Co Inf moving into CLEMERY, and enemy digging in W LAMONCOURT at 231735. MG fire received fr Hill 340 (U8627) 231945. 60 enemy trps one 2 veh, possibly tks, rptd moving into MAILLY (U93) fr N at 231845. MGs rpta vic (U832350) & (U8535) at 232327. AW fire rpta received from (U851293) at 240210. Patrols rpt MG fire received (U845373) at 232550; SA and MG fire received (U866306) at 240130; movement of trps and veh at (U847373) at 232340. PW states Co of 40 men entrenched vic (U845246) and Co of 70 men vic (U861238) at 231600 (both Cos armed with rifles and MGs). Approximately 175 enemy in SIVRY 240900. PW states 1st Bn, 1121st Regt at (U915270). Hvy AA fire received at (U895260) fr vic M IVRON at 241210. Enemy patrol forced back vic BELLEAU (U8526) at 240500. Enemy counterattack repulsed vic (U896264) at 240730. PW states 1st Bn, 3d Frcht Tng Regt holding line fr MT TOULON (U8728) to JHANDLINCOURT; Regt 1 CP located JHANDLINCOURT. Enemy Inf assembly area rpta (U915270) 241020; Enemy elements rpta vic (U900268) withdrawing to E; enemy trps rpta observed vic (U9125) 1557. Enemy MG fire fr SIVRY rpta 1335; enemy SA fire rpta vic BELLEAU 1715. Hvy enemy SA, AW and mortar fire on Hill 407 (U898268) 1750.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs capt today: 42; total to date: 958.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Enemy capable of defending present positions with estimated 750 trps  
b. To launch local counterattack with not more than 400 trps.  
c. To reinforce present positions with unknown str.

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To: 251800 Sep 44

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251800 Sep 44

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Maps: IOWA, FRANCE - scale 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: CP 1119th Regt rptd located IVRY (U874268) 0935, in Ath House S of CR; CP of CT Hildebrand rptd located on fwd slope MT TOULON vic (U877273).
- c. Units in contact: CT Hilmer: CT 912; 1st Bn Hq Co, Assault Co, 2d and 6th Cos. 1121st Regt; 1st, 2d, 4th Cos, 3d Front Tnc Regt; 5th - 9th Cos CT Scheibenflug; 9th Co, 92d GAF Regt; CT Biesebaum; 6th Co, 1119th Regt.
- d. Arty: Enemy gun rptd located vic (U877268).
- e. Supply and evacuation establishments: Water and how am dr rptd located in SIVRY (U874268) on E side of town 0935.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Period marked by heavy fighting, with little change in lines.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) AA Arty: 2 20mm AA gun rptd located in MT TOULON vic (U877283) 0935.
  - (2) Arty: Enemy Arty fire rptd falling on MARVILLE (U83) and along road MAIRY-BOULAY (U8833) to ATTON (U7933) at 242140.
  - (3) Engineers: Br rptd out at WELNY (U8933).
  - (4) Infantry: CCB, 6th Arm'd rptd many trps and veh on road moving N at (U9325) and (U9331) beginning 241835. Intermittent enemy mortar fire falling on BRATTE (U8825) beginning 0830. Our fwd elements on Hill 407 (U898268) pinned down by enemy SA and AW fire 0900. 4 enemy bazookas and an observer rptd in SIVRY (U874268) 0935. 6th Co, 1119th Regt rptd dug in S SIVRY, 7th Co, 1119th dug in NW SIVRY 0935. CT Hildebrand (str 200-250 men) rptd dug in on Hill 340 (U861277) and MT TOULON (U877283) 0935. 15 enemy observed digging emplacement at (U887272) at 1545 were dispersed by on fire. 1 Co enemy trps rptd dug in MOIVRON (U9126) 1330; PW states 2d Bn, 1121st Regt in MOIVRON. Enemy red flare observed just prior to hvy concentration enemy mortar and Arty fire on our trps located on Hill 407 vic (U895270) 1435. 15 mortar shells fell E edge BRATTE 1505.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs capt today: 30; total to date: 988.
- b. Other enemy intelligence: An Off PW states that Col Loehr, CO 553d Div, was relieved of command and replaced by a Maj Gen 23 Sep because of having withdrawn fr PAULX without Corps order. This change of Comdrs, PW states, resulted in the German counterattack on morning of 24 Sep. Div spread between PORT SUR SAILLE (U8435) - BOIS DE MANCHE (U8530) - MOIVRON (U9126).

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Enemy capable of defending present positions with estimated 750 trps.
- b. To launch local counterattack with not more than 400 trps.
- c. To reinforce present positions with unknown str.
- d. To further harass our position with Div Arty, believed to have been brought into position during period.



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Answers are a consensus of opinion from several Bns from a Cannon Co (13th or I.G. Co) of the 1119th Gr Regt.

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Answers</u>
1. a.	None
b.	None
c.	Stay in position until forced to change.
d.	None used, except in case of Assault guns.
e.	Not in 13th Co.
f.	Inf & w were controlled by plato., btr. & pl. cov.
2. a.	None
b.	No knowledge.
c.	No Arty units in forward areas.
d.	No 81 gun used recently this sect r.
3. a.	In case of this Cannon Co, no restrictions on use of mortar, and no previous authorization from S.O.
b.	Nearly exclusively HE ammo is used; only in case of need of c fus.s for air burst against Inf targets.
c.	Not generally applicable in Cannon Co.
d.	Direct observation.
e.	No unobserved fire.
f.	Center of impact used for registration.
g.	If possible, auxiliary adjusting sights are used.
4. a.	How fire most effective for destruction of troops. How Arty fire in general greatest morale breaking factor.
b.	Of course.
c.	At night.
d.	Depending on the importance of their own fire mission.
e.	Yes.
5. a.	Top of high ground if terrain and visibility permit.
b.	3-4 men.
c.	Yes; manned at night, details sleeping in foxholes.
d.	Generally by wire.
e.	Effective if accurate and wind favorable.
f.	From fixed positions in the defense, by forward observers in the attack.
g.	No.
h.	No.
i.	Only with motorized or armored units, essentially in case of Assault guns.

/s/ Theodore E. Gittman  
/t/ THEODORE E. GITTMAN  
2d Lt, SAC  
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## S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From 261800 Sep 44

To: 271000 Sep 44

H. 318 CT

271000 Sep 44

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Maps: FO and FRANCOIS - scale 1/50,000.

## 1. SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: no change.
- b. Defensive organizations: CP 12/111 rtd fr West rtd to be in MARI.
- c. Units in contact: last identification of 13/XII (str rptd 15/10/44).
- d. Artillery: Civ rpts enemy Arty of unknown caliber regularly located in SW end of summit at St JAMES (089152780) 261930. Enemy Art. battery rptd located (0881358) at 262020, (0883392) 262130; (0883396) and (0883395) at 262240.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: Civ sources there are approx 700 enemy trps in area around two general positions (0883392) 261930. 2 rds (500 men primary) 200 BAR, 100 MG, 100 MORT, 100 S.

## 2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy launched two local counterattacks during period from 263000 to Hill 340, and one repulsed by 2000. Another rptd at 1735 on Hill 340 estimated 200 trps. At other point along line enemy continued to attack in pre-arranged positions with MG, Art, mortar fire, supported by Arty.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) AA Arty: 20mm AA gun rtd firing fr vic Hill 340 (088) toward (0861278) at 270100.
  - (2) AT units: 7 AT guns rtd by Air rtd at (0884289), 2 guns (believed AT) at (0862280) and (0863284).
  - (3) Artillery: 8-10 rds enemy Arty rtd fall (0823350) at 262047 coming fr vic RACOURT (083), RJ (0814334) interdicted Arty fire at 262035; 8 rds at (0815354) 262340; 10 rds (0820335) 262045; (0826310) at 262246; hvy harassing fire during night 26-27 Sep at (0861278).
  - (4) Aviation: 1 enemy aircraft rptd over area 1500.
  - (5) Infantry: Civs rpt 50 enemy trps in SIVRE 261935. 40 enemy rptd in cave under church in SIVRE 271115. mortar fire rptd falling along front between CLEMERY and CHELIGNOT at 262240. Enemy rptd to have atk road block at (0862268) at 270100. Enemy combat patrol encountered vic Hill 340 at 270331. Patrols rpt MG fire received (0851336) at 262330; enemy occupying high ground vic Hill 212. 200-300 enemy trps rptd dug-in fr MIVRE up slope of hill to Hill 219 at 271000. Hvy AA and mortar fire rptd received vic MIVRE 271000. Enemy SA and mortar fire fr vic AJMOURT rptd 270845. enemy atk Hill 340 (08627) fr SW at 270300 with estimated 150 men; atk repulsed by 270800. Undetermined number enemy trps rptd in MONVILLE (08436) at 270555. 10 enemy rptd dug-in along road fr (09226) to (0932267) at 270708. PW states 2 enemy MGs at (0862278) and 2 80mm mortars and 2 MGs 200 yds SE this point. Enemy SA rptd (0892278). Enemy counter-attack by estimated 50 trps on M. REVILLE (08436) at 271735.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs capt today: 0; total to date: 990.
- b. Supply and equipment: Arty rpts approx 20 enemy vehs knocked out afternoon 26 Sep vic RJ (0908369). 18 M-dr vehs and 10 str vehs rptd moving SE fr (0950285) to (0966291) between 261800 and 261900.
- c. Other enemy intelligence: The str, organization and identification of enemy units facing CT 318 in present sector is not definitely known. However, on 17 Sep CT 11 was identified as having mission of defending low ground S of ATTEN up to FORST DE FACQ, and on 20 Sep CTs Glatz and Kuchar were identified as line of resistance extending fr (0848309) to (0870304), and it is believed

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and 2d Cos (not known).

CT Slatc - Str and organization: 2 Cos, total about 150 men plus one mortar section.

CT Location - This CT consists of 2 platoons, 2d Co, 3d Co, and 1 How mortar section. On Assault Bn A-1 (First Army High Command). On 20 Sep remaining men of 2d Co was 24 men, 3d Co 40 men. Normal strength is not known.

4. and 1st AF 11th: To be with unknown unit.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 271800 Sep 44

To: 281800 Sep 44

Hq 318th CT  
In the field

281800 Sep 44

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: No change.
- c. Units in contact: Identifications fr PWs: 1st and 2d Cos, 1119th Gr Regt, 553d Gr Div.
- d. Artillery: Patrol rpts enemy btry Arty (U8728) at 272325.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Little contact with enemy during period in our sector, except harassing automatic wpns and mortar fire and several enemy combat patrols in vic BOIS DE MANCHE SEILLE during night 27-28 Sep.

b. Operations of component elements:

(1) Artillery: 4 rds enemy Arty fell (U885288) at 280105; 15 rds vic BRATTE (U8824) at 280545; 40 rds Hill 340 (U8627) at 280605; LEYR (U9223) at 280550; (U842320) at 280650; hvy Arty and mortar fire rpta received during night 27-28 Sep at (U854314).

(2) Aviation: 2 ME 109s atkd Arty in plane over ATTON 1400 - failed to shoot it down.

(3) Infantry: Enemy patrol rpta vic LaS MENILS (U8028) at 272200. MG rpta firing fr (U8631) at 280225. Section of MGs rpta firing fr CHATEAU DUMBASIE (U8434) at 280400. Patrols rpt MGs (U861328), (U855328), (U855330), RENAISSANCE FARM (U858328) at 280105; MG E end Main Street MORVILLE; enemy patrolling MORVILLE; enemy concentrated in E and S part of town. Enemy counter-attacked Hill 340 at 280600 fr SIVRY (U8626) and MT TOULON (U8628); atk repulsed at 280700. Enemy SA fire rpta N of LEYR at 280555. Hvy enemy mortar fire received (U842320) at 280650. MORVILLE (U8436) rpta cleared of enemy by 319th at 280815; PORT SUR SEILLE rpta cleared of enemy at 280925. 80 enemy trps rpta crossed the SEILLE R to E.

(4) Miscellaneous: Green and amber flares rpta fired by enemy at (U850288) and (U848285); 2 white flares 3000 yds E LANDREMONT 272140.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs capt today: 4; total to date: 1000.
- b. Morale: 1st and 2d Cos, 1119th Regt low, due to our hvy Arty fire.
- c. Other enemy intelligence: 1st and 2d Cos, 1119th Regt were in pos vic SERRIERES and committed in counterattack on Hill 340 280600; atk was repulsed with apparently hvy losses to their 1st Bn. Str and organization of 1st and 2d Cos before commitment: 50 men each (1st Co had received 18 replacements fr Bn trains); 2d Co had 1 MG per squad. 1 MG plt, atchd to 2d Co, lost all their MGs about 15 Sep. Wpns of both Cos = 98K rifles and a few Machine Pistols for NCOs.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

S-2 PLANADIC REP RT

From: 281800 Sep 44

To: 291800 Sep 44

Re: 310th CI

In the field:

291800 Sep 44

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Maps: 1:50,000 (1:50,000) - 1/20,500.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY: PLANADIC.

- a. Enemy front line: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No new identifications.
- c. Artillery: Enemy btr. rtd located (U885362) 281700; captured 2 guns (75mm) at (U870267) W of SIVRY (UP727) - intense mortar barrage (U81761) - 2 guns rtd vic (U8c5285) at 290920.
- d. Supply and evacuation establishments: 1st states train in 1121st Regt in THBAU-1-1-1 (U9434).

2. OPERATIONS: PLANADIC.

General summary: Enemy operations in our sector during 24 Sep consisted of mortar activity and harassing Arty and mortar fire.

- a. Operations - component elements:
  - (1) Arty: 1st Arty rtd 1st gun vic (U8655) 282200.
  - (2) AT units: 2 direct fire rtd located in BALS (U8533) and another at (U855339) at 281930. 1st gun vic (U862290); 1 AT gun at (U862290) 281800.
  - (3) Artillery: enemy Arty rtd fire (U86472) at 282235; 30 rds (U837390) at 281930; Hill 340 (U8627) 290600; 1st Arty (U8434) 290610.
  - (4) Infantry: 1st states Co 1121st Regt in THBAU (U9026); 1st En vic Hill 340 (U8627). 30 rds enemy mortar fire rtd received (U837331) fr 282000 to 282015. MG fire rtd fr (U859368) at 282300. SA fire rtd vic Hill 340 (U8627). Flares rtd vic Hill 340, 1st Arty (U8436), and 1st Arty (U8631) during night 28-29 Sep. Patrol rtd fire, 1st Arty vic 1st Arty (U857340); 1 MG (U866346); 1 mortar (U865348); 1 lvy caliber Arty vic (U85362); SA & MG fire at BALS (U8526) between 282000 and 282100. 1st Arty rtd clear of enemy at 290800. SA fire rtd fr vic BALS 291300. 1st Arty rtd in line fr (U86803145) to (U867317) - 3-A men in each hole vic BALS at 2900. MG entrenched at (U871316) 291330.

3. PRISONERS: PWs capt today: 0; total to date: 1000.

4. UNIT CAPABILITIES: No change.

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From: 291800 Sep 44  
To: 301800 Sep 44

Hq 318th CP  
In the field

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/20,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No new identifications.
- c. Artillery: Enemy Arty or mortar pos rptd (US38341) at 291715. FFI rpts probable gun pos at (U912275) in quarry in front of tile factory. Gun rptd located (US93331) 300620. Cive rpt enemy Arty btys located (US7682820) and (US7642662).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy operations in our sector during period were of defensive nature - consisting of sporadic Arty and mortar firing, laying AP mines and harassing our night patrols with SA and MG fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) AA Arty: Enemy AA fire fr vic BFLY on Arty in plane 291740. Enemy AA fire fr direction CLEMERY on Arty in plane 301510.
  - (2) AT units: FFI rpts 3 SP guns of unknown caliber operating between MUMBY and JEANDELINCOURT.
  - (3) Artillery: Enemy Arty rptd falling on Hill 340 at 0610, 1115 and 1700; B.L. MAU at 1145. Enemy Arty rptd falling on PORT SUR SEILLE 1650.
  - (4) Aviation: Enemy plane rptd dropping flares over ATTON (U7933), PONT A MAUSSON (U7735) at 292100.
  - (5) Engineers: FFI rpts booby traps and mines in streets of BRATTE. Arty rpts all roads leading out of BRATTE mined with AP mines.
  - (6) Infantry: Enemy mortars rptd locate (US69277), (US7492833) at 292100. Civ rpts enemy mortars (US75370) at 291820. 4 rds enemy mortar fire fell (US38237) 292000. MG fire rptd vic MERVILLE (US44365) at 292330; vic PONT SUR SEILLE (US535) at 300400. Patrol rpts MG & SA fire received fr vic RJ (US67299) at 292330; Hill 220 clear of enemy at 292300; considerable enemy activity in MOIVRON at 300245. Enemy yellow flare rptd vic CLEMERY (US633) at 300430; blue flare at 300440; yellow flare 30450. Amber flare rptd on CR (US93265), white flare over BRATTE 301230. Night patrols rpt enemy vehicular activity S of CLEMERY 29-30 Sep - no activity noted N & W of CLEMERY. FFI rpts SIVRY evacuated by enemy at 292100. Arty rpts continuous enemy activity during day at Renaissance farm (US49327); enemy activity noted in hedgerow 300 yds E LIXIERES. Patrol of 25 men (thought to be enemy) rptd approaching BILLEAU fr SIVRY 291835.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs capt today: 0; total to date: 1000.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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NANCY 29 September 1944

INFORMATION FROM FFI AT PONT A MOUSSON  
DATED: 28 September 1944

CLEMERY AREA

1. The village of CLEMERY is held by about two Infantry Cos of reduced strength (200 men). 1 Co is stationed at CLEMERY; the other at BENICOURT.
2. Positions:
  - a. The first outpost is at the Renaissance farm and its mission is to cover the road from ATTON to NEMENY. It is composed of one AT gun and some MGs. W of the position, the road is blocked by trees felled by the use of dynamite.
  - b. At QUATRE FERS, 100 metres W of the CR there is an AT gun protected by some AW.
  - c. On the road from CLEMERY to PORT SUR SEILLE, 200 metres W of the CR there is an outpost with AW.
  - d. On the brook which goes from vic the church of CLEMERY and ends 200 metres NE of spot height 161.3, there are MGs and mortars E of the brook.
  - e. E of BENICOURT, about 200 metres there are some AA guns.
3. According to the Germans, they are on the defensive and their mission is to delay the American advance.
4. The village of CLEMERY has not been hit by American Arty although many shells have been falling around it. The Renaissance farm has been partially destroyed.
5. The population of CLEMERY is 500, including refugees. As a reprisal measure, on 26 September 1944, the Germans rounded up all men over 15 years of age and sent them away probably to Germany.

Lt Col de PREVAL  
Commander of Dept. FFI  
BOLEY

(Attached to S-2 Periodic Report #28 as an Annex).

From: 30100 Sep 44  
To: 011800 Oct 44

Hq 318th CT  
In the field

011800 Oct 44

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/20,000.

### 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: PW states remnants of 1st Bn, 1119th Gr Regt in defensive pos NE slope Hill 340, about 500 yds NW SIVRY. CP of 1st & 2d Cos at easternmost house in SERRIERES (US67283); 1st Bn CP, 1119th in cave on MT TOULON; Regt's CP in farm bldg nearest to road of Rue Les Frances (US91294).
- c. Units in contact: Identified fr PWs: 1st & 2d Cos, 1119th Regt.
- d. Artillery: 88mm rptd vic JEANDELICOURT (U92) at 301940. PW claims enemy Arty located N side MT TOULON (US78284).

### 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy activity in our sector during period consisted of intermittent Arty and mortar firing.

#### b. Operations of component elements:

(1) AA Arty: Enemy AA fire received by Arty in plane vic EPIX (US3) 301800. Enemy AA fire received by Arty in plane fr vic MANONCOURT 011615 (plane called for Arty fire on gun - result not known).

(2) Artillery: Interdicting enemy Arty fire rptd falling W slope Hill 340 at 302320; gun vic CHEMIN-T rptd firing toward LES MENILS at 302020.

(3) Engineers: Engrs rpt rifle lying beside dead enemy at (US50294) beely trapped with pull-type bakelite trap charged with dynamite, found at 011800.

(4) Infantry: Patrols rpt: 2 enemy MGs located LES 4 FERS (US61327); CP 200 yds S LES 4 FERS on E side of road; saw 3 man enemy patrol at (US54325) 010045; enemy ops digging in at (US64303), (US66900), (US64295), (US63299); MG at (US66900); enemy trp movement along road between (US61286) to (US66299); 2 amber flares fr Hill 212 (US70313) at 010300; 2 enemy riflemen at (US68314); mortar located at (US64318); heard estimated 20 enemy on Hill 212; saw a few fox holes N slope Hill 212. 2 enemy mortars rptd in MOIVRON (U92) 301700. 4 MGs vis (U927263) rptd neutralized at 301800. AN fire rptd received vic MOIVRON at 010225, vic KILLERS LES MOIVRON (U92) at 302400; mortar and MG fire received fr (US52333) 010300; MG fire received fr vic Renaissance farm (US532) at 010345. Enemy trps rptd vic Renaissance farm at 010900. Considerable enemy activity rptd observed vic HESBAICOURT (U9037) and fires observed in HENICOURT (US633), MAILLY SUR SEILLE (U9035), CHENICOURT (U9329), AIGNOCOURT (U9328) at 010830. FFI rpts MGs located (US64320) (US62323), (US61326).

c. Miscellaneous: Enemy smoke fr NW slope MT TOULON (US73290) to LIXIERS (US73295) at 010810. GLEMERY screened by enemy smoke 010830. Arty rpts 6 enemy vehs towing something, travelling NW toward EPIX at 1630

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs capt today: 2; total to date: 1002.

b. Morale: Both PWs taken today were deserters. They claim that a whole plt of 9th Co, 92d GAF was ready to desert, but circumstances were unfavorable. All soldiers, they say, have the safe-conduct leaflets with them and are trying to surrender. Our Arty fire also continued to be a morale breaker.

c. Other enemy intelligence: Idaho rpts withdrawal of enemy to N

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Par 3c (cont'd). continuous action for approximately one month and is badly depleted. At the present time it is committed near CHATEAU SALINS.

All Panzer units in this general area are now engaged by our forces between BACCARAT and CHATEAU SALINS; they comprise the 106th, 111th, and 113th Pz Brigades; 11th and 21st Pz Divs. The total number of tanks and assault guns left in these units, as estimated from PW reports compiled by higher Headquarters, is approximately 120. These Panzer units are under the control of a Panzer Corps, commanded by Gen Mantenfel, with Headquarters at DIEUXE.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

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From: 0322008 Sep 44  
To: 0322008 Sep 44

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In the field

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Map: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: Scattered elements between MAUSE and M-SALLE RIVER.
- b. Defensive organization: Enemy preparing defenses on high ground E of M-SALLE RIVER on line METZ - MESSUM - NANCY.
- c. Mines in contact: Elements of 3d and 15th Div of Divs.
- d. Supply and communication establishments: Enemy unloading equipment, majority identified as Sig equipment at (972372) at 022105.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

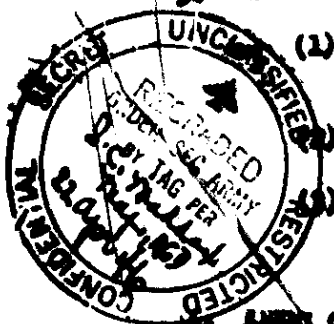
- a. General summary: Bulk of enemy forces have withdrawn to high ground E of M-SALLE RIVER where he is preparing hasty defenses.
- b. Operation of component elements:
  - (1) Aviation: Enemy air active during period; bombing and strafing rptd in Div Sector.
  - (2) Engineers: Mines rptd at (690302), rd at (676360) blocked by ten trees, mined and booby trapped; rd block of trees and iron rails at (U640073) - rd mined 1 km N of rd block. Bridge mined at (U790023).
  - (3) Miscellaneous:
    - (a) At 030755 enemy rptd holding M-VIANT (6428), ROBINES-KH-NAYE (715130), and SAHARAIN (755225) with MGs and 20mm.
    - (b) Enemy harassing patrols active tapping in and cutting telephone lines in Regt's area.
    - (c) MG suspects (2629998), (U741996), and (U797002).
    - (d) 6 Arty pieces at (U833070); AT guns (U641021).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (1) PWs captured 10 mi S COMMERCY belonged to 2d Co, 3d Regt Bn, 3d Div of Div; arrived FRANCE 28 AUG 44. 1st and 2d Cos committed at BAILLE-DUS blowing bridges and laying mines. Personal equipment of 1st, 2d, and 3d Cos: 2 MGs per platoon, mine, wire and dynamite. 30% of personnel of above Cos Austrians. Extracted fr BAILLE-DUS 31 Aug to ST. NINIEL. 1 Sep ...ive Bn returned direction of METZ.

ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

To counterattack fr SE with 2 Divs supported by armor and Arty.



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From: 032200Z Sep 44  
To: 042200Z Sep 44

Hq 318 CT  
In the field

042200Z Sep 1944

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: Scattered and disorganized elements 3-5 km W of M. S. LES H.
- b. Defensive organization: Enemy continues preparing defensive positions on high ground just E of M. S. LES H.
- c. Units in contact: Elements of 3d and 15th Gr Divs, and 3d Arty Inf Regt.
- d. Artillery: 1 Btry 75mm rptd (U815305), 1 Btry 75mm (U822281), and 1 Btry small Hows (U823274).
- e. Elements of Herman Goering Pz Div rptd in E. R. HAYE, app location (U7915). 3d Arty Inf Regt rptd E. T. (U685088).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary: Main enemy force continues to improve defensive positions just E of M. S. LES H, leaving a few scattered troops of R 4th mission to harass and delay our advance.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Antiaircraft artillery: AA Btry rptd (U720178).
  - (2) Artillery: All main rds leading E to M. S. LES H are under Arty Obs. Arty fire, rptd U41800, received at (U7427), (U7018), and (U771260). Arty Co located in water tower (U7728).
  - (3) Engineers: Rds mined (U7217); fr (U42239) to (U755250); fr M. S. LES H (U648259) to M. VIANT (U640268); and fr CR at (U738234) to (U760254).

3. CASUALTIES: 3 PWs taken - 2 fr 2d Co, 3d Engr Bn; 1 fr 4th patrol #40.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: To delay or defend fr prepared positions on E bank of M. S. LES H supported by Arty reaching W of R, and/or to counterattack fr SE with strength estimated at 1 Div.

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Hq 318th CT  
In the field

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Map: Topo Map of FRANCE - scale 1/1 0,000.

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy front lines: extend S fr DIEULOUARD (778284), along N edge FORST DE LAVANT GAIDE to (775218), thence W along N edge BUIS DE L'IVE DUM to point (745218), thence S to MUSSELIE R.

b. Defensive organization: PFI rpts weight of enemy defenses in NANCY being shifted to E and NE. 2500-3000 Germans detained in NANCY morning 5 Sep and moved N on E bank MUSSELIE R, indicating a general strengthening of positions all along E bank of R. At least 1 Bn of 92d GAF Regt outposting area W of R in 318th sector.

c. Units in contact: 3d and 15th Gr Divs, 3d Arch Tng Regt, 92d GAF Regt, and 80th Constructive Bn.

d. Artillery: Estimated 10-15 Btrys Arty in FORET DE HAYE with unknown number of Infantry and a few tanks. 1 Btry 75mm (815305); 1 Btry 75mm (822281)

e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: At present enemy is receiving reinforcements (number unknown) fr disorganized units retreating fr S and SW. Civ rpts approximately 6000 Germans in NANCY

f. Supply and evacuation establishments: Civ rpts large supply depot located in FORET DE HAYE.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General summary: Enemy reinforcing positions all along main defense line E MUSSELIE R with trps and Arty, leaving delaying forces W of R, equipped with automatic rifles and light MGs. Delaying forces are dug in on high ground and temporarily limiting our rem.

b. Operations of component elements:

(1) Antiaircraft artillery: 20mm AA fire rptd 1030 fr vic (795227).

(2) Antitank units: 6 AT guns and 100 men rptd 0900 in MARBACHE (801236).

(3) Artillery: SAIZERALS (7623) under enemy Arty fire all day 5 Sep. Arty fire received also at (701178); (768268); (743275); (754277); (764280); and (764320).

(4) Engineers: Arty rpts that bridges located at (772183), (821198), and (812246) appear to be intact. Rds mined (709160) and (722177); rd block of large trees (7829). Civ rpts mines on RR at (712160); Dem at VILLE-ST-STIENNE (708144) rd block c. ly morning 5 Sep.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. HWs today: 4; total to date: 111.

Identifications: 1st Co, 1st Bn, 92d GAF Regt is operating in area W of MUSSELIE R. Armed with Model 1915 light MGs. *27 Aug*

b. Civ rpts that Adolph Hitler, his wife, and children are enroute to NANCY. It has also been rptd that Divs fr ITALY and GERMANY are enroute to NANCY.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

**CANCELLED**

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: Enemy is capable of delaying action along present front line W MUSSELIE R; defending MUSSELIE R line with str estimated at 2d combat Divs reinforced with Arty; and launching a counterattack fr SE with 1 Div composed of disorganized elements retreating fr S and SW, supported by Arty and AF wps.

From: 052200 Aug 44  
 To: 062200 Aug 44

318th CT Hq  
 In the field

062200 Aug 44

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Maps: Topo Map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: Fr BELLEVILLE S to (803238), thence W to (804240), thence S along W edge of FORET LAVANT GARDE to (779200), thence W to (736195).
- b. Defensive organization: PW states C of 3d Bn, 92d GAF Regt in BELLEVILLE. Cive rpt rd fr SALZERAIS through woods to FOREY blocked and entrenchments along it. Entrenchments and MG emplacements along N edge FORET LAVANT GARDE fr (774240) to (778200). Entrenchments located (792193) and (793200). Arty Ops located (805272) and (816268).
- c. Units in contact: 92d GAF Regt only unit identified in our sector.
- d. Artillery: Btry located at (813231) 1930; 2 guns at (775225) at 1830. 12 Germans and 1 gun at (741194) at 1930. 88s located at (808290) and (831290). 20mm AA guns located (793268).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary: Enemy fiercely resisted our attempts to occupy our obj with MG, mortar and Arty fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Artillery: Enemy fired on our trps today with arty and mortars fr vic BELLEVILLE. 10 rds Arty fell at (747243) at 1600 and on high ground and edge of woods W of BELLEVILLE (072) 1400 - 1800. Mortar fire fell at (785245) at 1730.
  - (2) No rpts of enemy air activity today.
  - (3) Engineers: Cive rpt all bridges (four) at LIVAUDUN out, except 1 narrow stone br wide enough for jeep. Rd blocks at (779232) and (782219).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 1 PW captured today; total to date: 312.
- b. PW captured vic BELLEVILLE identified as fr 3d Co, 3d Bn, 92d GAF Regt. 3d Bn committed vic BELLEVILLE and MARBACHS. Strength: 650 men. 3d Co of 3d Bn has 3 plts with 2 IMGs (Model 15) each. PW further states 1st and 2d Bns, 92d GAF Regt not in line.
- c. Cive rpt that all trps seen in FORET LAVANT GARDE wore Air Corps uniforms. German trps in SALZERAIS 4-3 Sep wore khaki uniforms and had 'Afrika Korps' on cuffs.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To delay along present front line in our sector in str estimated at 1 Regt (92d GAF Regt) reinforced by mortars, AT guns, 20mm AA guns, and supported by Arty fr E and SE fr pos located on E bank MOSELLE R.
- b. To counterattack fr FORET DE HAYE with 1 Div.
- c. To harass by Arty fire fr pos E MOSELLE R.

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To: 072200 Sep 44

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: extend fr BELLEVILLE in a line generally S to a point (7920).
- b. Defensive organization: FFI rpts that on 5 Sep 92d GAF Regt 1 CP located (832223). Entrenchments rptd along rd fr (777220) leadin into FORET LAVANT GARDE.
- c. Units in contact: 92d GAF Regt (our sector).
- d. Artillery: FFI rpts btry German guns at (848187) 5 Sep. PW claims to have seen on 5 Sep an Arty emplacement at (848160). Btry rptd believed to be 150mm (815235).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: enemy trps, supported by 50mm and 80mm mortars and Arty fire fr S of River, put up stiff resistance today but showed signs of breaking with our trps occupying Hills 326 and 356. At 1600 it was rptd that 150-200 enemy trps were observed retreating S to R. Enemy holds BELLEVILLE, MANBACHE, RUMPHY and LIVAUDUN. He also holds commanding terrain to our front which affords him excellent observation of our movements.

b. Operations of component elements:

- (1) AA Arty: AA fire received fr vic SAIZERAIS (7622); 2 enemy 20mm knocked out S of Hill 356 (7921) at 1252; 20mm fire rptd in FORET LAVANT GARDE at 1335.
- (2) Arty: Arty fire fr pos E of R fell throughout the day in woods occupied by our trps in vic of following coord: (7725), (7824), (785225) and (788205).
- (3) Engineers: 4 rd blocks rptd between (800338) and (812336) at 1600. Rd rptd mined (745340) at 1630. BR at FR UARD rptd held intact to permit German trps to retreat fr W side of R.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 9 PWs today; total to date: 321.
- b. Enemy rptd low on food and ammo.
- c. PW states that mission of 92d GAF Regt is to hold FORET LAVANT GARDE as rearguard action in front of RIVER M. SALLE R. No retreat orders. 1 PW, a Pole, claims that entire 92d GAF Regt in disorder. 9th Co, 3d Bn, 92d GAF Regt composed of remnants of 8th, 9th and 11th Cos, combined 1 Sep 44. 12th Co has light and medium mortars (50mm and 80mm), 1 plt of which was chd to 9th Co with 2 of each. No hvy MGs. Combat str of 9th Co about 200 men - about 12 LMGs in Co.  
FFI rpts that all trps seen on W side M. SALLE R were AF Force uniforms exclusively.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To defend remaining ground they hold in FORET LAVANT GARDE with str estimated at 1000 trps, reinforced by mortars, 20mm AA guns, and supported by Arty fr S and SE fr pos located on E bank M. SALLE R.

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From: 072200 Sep 44  
To: 082200 Sep 44

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In the field

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Map: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Enemy organization: Location Regt 1 Gr 92d GAF Regt (837226); 1121st Regt 1 GP (844227). Enemy well dug in along our front lines.
- c. Units in contact: PW identifications: 7th Co, 1119th Regt; 5th Co, 1120th Regt; 3d Co, 1121st Regt, 553d Gr Div. CT 'Chalons' (stragglers fr front unit. One PW states the 29th Pz Gr Regt located just N NANGY.
- d. Artillery: Btry (8416); 8 guns (8130), btry (848187).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy reinforced during night 7-8 Sep with elements of 553d Gr Div (possibly 1 Bn fr ea Regt); launched counterattack this morning in our sector supported by tks. Enemy still holds BELLEVILLE, MARRACHA, POMPEY and LIVERDUN.

b. Operations of enemy elements:

- (1) Arty: Enemy interdicting Arty fire fell throughout early morning, beginning 0030, on Hill 306. Arty fire fell throughout the day along N and W edges of FORET LAVANT GARDE and E edge of BOIS de LIVERDUN.
- (2) Aviation: Enemy air active today but no hostile act committed.
- (3) Engrs: Rd blocks rptd via (780232), (805214), (795224), (790216) and (800225).
- (4) Infantry: Enemy put out strong combat patrols on Hill 326 and launched counterattack fr via POMPEY.
- (5) Tanks: 7 - 12 enemy tks were rptd in action today in support of ground trps.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 56 PWs today; total to date: 377.
- b. Morale: Low.
- c. Supply and equipment: Enemy has new equipment.
- d. Terrain not under our control: Terrain to our immediate front very dense undergrowth, making offensive action difficult. Terrain held by enemy affords him excellent observation.
- e. Other enemy intelligence: Information regarding use of signal flares by 553d Gr Div given as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Red	-- -- Enemy atk
White or amber	-- -- Mark our front line
Green	-- -- Enemy strong
Whistling	-- -- Enemy tank
Purple	-- -- Attack

(NOTE: Above use of flares is SOP within 553d Gr Div and has been taught me in school).

Str and orgn of 553d Gr Div: 1119th and 1120th Regts ea has 2 . . . of which consists of 3 rifle Cos, 1 MCV upns Co and 1 Inf How Co. In 7th Co are 3 Inf plts and 1 MCV pl. Ea sqd in Inf plts equipped with 1 LMG and 3 rifles (similar to our M-1) some with telescopes, and 1-2 sub-MGs (model '43). 4th plt has 4-5 MGVs. Str of Cos 100 men. 8th Co has 3 plts, 1st and 2d with 6 80mm mortars, 3d plt 3-4 120mm mortars.

1121st Regt: 3d Co str 80 men; 1st and 2d plts over 50% carbine '41, half with telescopes; 3d plt all equipped with sub-MG '43; 4th plt 3-4 MGVs, 1 MG per sqd in rifle plts. 4th Co med and how mortars. AV str in Regt 80-120

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

To continue to defend FUREY LAVANT GARDs in present str, and to launch a counterattack fr SE with 1 Div reinforced.

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Maps: Topo Map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT AND OF FORT D.

- a. Enemy front lines: M. SELLER line fr BELLEVILLE S to L'AVANT.
- b. Defensive organization: 29th rz Gr regt rptd began organizing defensive positions along M. SELLER R 3 Sep.
- c. Units in contact: 553d Gr Div.
- d. Artillery: Enemy Arty btry located at (U844246), believed knocked out by our Arty. Civ rpts Arty btry in woods approximate coord (833242, 1900).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Bulk of enemy forces withdrew from FORT L'AVANT GARDH during night 8-9 Sep to a side of it, leaving scattered pockets of resistance to harass our advance. Our forces pushed through FORT L'AVANT GARDH today and now occupy pos on a bank of MOUSSELE R fr BELLEVILLE S to L'AVANT.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) AA Arty: Light AAA fire rptd falling at (U790212) 0600.
  - (2) Arty: 6-8 rds Arty fell on outskirts of FORT A. US. N 0845. Interdicting enemy Arty fire fell on SAIZERALS throughout the day. Mined interdicting Arty fire falling in MARBACH 1700; 3-5 rds at 10 min intervals; fire coming fr direction (U833242).
  - (3) Engineers: Rd fr MARBACH to BELLEVILLE rptd at 1315 to be heavily mined. BR across rd at MARBACH blown 0835. Bns blown at (U812245) and (U830225). Rd blocks rptd vic (U780234), (U805214), (U795224) and (U808225). Trails leading fr Hill 326 rptd blocked and mined.
  - (4) Infantry: Enemy trps seen crossing a t. s in civ boats at (U779182); last elements believed to have made crossing by 1800.
  - (5) Tanks: 2 enemy tks rptd 1700 at (U808216).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 5 IWs today; total to date: 382.
- b. Morale of enemy unit in contact: Low.
- c. Identified today as being a part of 553d Gr Div was the 1553d Assault Gun Bn. Str and orgn: 160 men, 3 Cos; 15 - 75mm assault guns (8P) mtd on Mk III chassis; 5 guns per Co. All 15 gns committed W of R in FORT L'AVANT GARDH 8 Sep.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

To defend MOUSSELE R Line with 2 Divs reinforced.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION IN THE AREA.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: Enemy installation rptd at 1010 dug in at (U775166) - appeared to be AA or MG pos.
- c. Units in contact: 553d Gr Div, 1553d AC Bn, CT 9 - identified.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Very little activity today except for minor skirmishes rptd at 1150 in IVARDUN, and sporadic sniper and MG fire fr E side of R vic MAREBACHE.
- b. Operations of component elements
  - (1) Artillery: Interdicting arty fire fell on SALMAGNE throughout the day; rptd falling on rd at (U7723) at 1900.
  - (2) Engineers: Civs rpt tunnel over canal at IVARDUN is mined (U772188). Rd block of trees, with mines and trip wires stchd, at (U788251); rd block of trees at (U791260).
- c. Miscellaneous:
  - (1) Enemy foot patrol rptd vic (U782261) at 2000.
  - (2) During night 9-10 rep enemy sent up 5 flares over R, 2 at COSTINES and 3 at junction of R SALLA and R UNTHE R, probably indicating that enemy expected our forces to cross R during the night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 2 PWs captured today; total to date: 448\*.
- b. (1) CT 9, identified today, has str of 80-90 men, mostly fr Casual centers and overage for combat. 9 MGs and 98K rifles in CT; no mortars nor automatic wns. CT committed 7 Sep in FORET LAVANT GARDON vic MAREBACHE.  
(2) 3 enemy AT guns of Russian make captured today: 1 x 184 -45mm, mtd on wire wheels. Russian designation "RUS 32". Equipment of 1 Bn, 553d Gr Div.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. - No change.

(\*Count of PWs submitted in previous reports or in par 3a above received from IIW 76-1)      ous. Correct total as given

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

1. ARMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: Civs rpt enemy CP located (U825270) and CP at (U830275) - about 60 Germans at CP. Civs rpt small gun or mortar at (U825260); 20-20 Germans with MGs at (U8224); 12 Germans in MG nest at (U822257).
- c. Units in contact: 1121st Gr Regt, 29th rz Gr Regt.
- d. Arty: FFI rpts gun and How btrys at (U811315), (U830275), (U845230), (U860328) and (U815230)
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: Unknown.

2. ARMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Only enemy activity observed today consisted of occasional Arty fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Arty: Enemy Arty fire rptd falling on SAIZERAIS (U760226) at 1830, and (U7620) at 0525.
  - (2) Engr: Civs rpt that Germans stretch wire fr tree to tree with grenades atchd, along rd E of R to protect their pos. All rds rptd mined fr MARBACH to POMPEY and fr POMPEY to BELLEVILLE.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. No PWs taken today.
- b. Civs rpt: 60-100 Germans in POMPEY 1800 and at 1930 reinforcements in unknown number were coming in to POMPEY, armed largely with automatic wps - no Arty observed. 1 Civ claimed to have overheard a German sgt say they were planning a counterattack tonight; all Civs ordered out of POMPEY by 2000 tonight. German trps wading back and forth across R today at POMPEY.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To resist a river crossing with 2 Regts, supported by tks and Arty.
- b. Launch a local counterattack fr vic POMPEY with 1 Regt.

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/100,000.

**1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.**

- a. Enemy front lines: MOSELLE R Line fr DIEULOUARD S to POMPEY.
- b. Defensive organization: Civs rpt 5 MGs vic (U825232) at 1735. Mortar rptd (U792311) at 1753.
- c. Units in contact: 29th Pz Gr Regt; 1553d AG Bn; 33d Arty Regt, 15th Pz Gr Div.

**2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.**

- a. General summary: Enemy employed MGs, mortar and Arty fire to prevent our trps crossing MOSELLE R and advancing to E but was compelled to give ground.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Artillery: Enemy Arty fell on DIEULOUARD (U780284) throughout day; 20 rds fell vic (U749285).
  - (2) Aviation: 1 ME 109 shot down in Div sector by friendly aircraft at 1500.
  - (3) Engineers: Rd clog of trees at (U796284); rd fr LIXIERES (U874296) to JEAN DELINCOURT (U905280) rptd wires strung between trees with grenades atchd.
  - (4) Infantry: Enemy mortar fire received at (U807317) 112345, DIEULOUARD (U780284) 120755. MGs located (U825232), (U793312) and (U82963962).

**3. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- a. PWs captured today: 1; total t date: 449.
- b. Morale of enemy: poor.
- c. PW, fr 4th Co, Air Corps Tng Regt #71, 1st Div #1, states that 1 wk ago 3-4 Cos left REIMS, trfd to NAMY and formed into CT Hillman. Co str 100-120 men; 3 plts per Co; 9 LMGs (Model 15) per Co.

**4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.**

- a. To counterattack fr NE or SE in str of 6 Inf Bns, supported by 1 Co tks, 1 plt AGs and 4-6 btries Arty.
- b. To delay along present lines in above str.

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: No change.
- c. Units in contact: 5th Btry, Arty Regt #3, 3d Pz Gr Div; 2d, 3d, 6th and 10th Cns, 29th Pz Gr Regt, 3d Pz Gr Div; 2d Co, 3d Pz Bn identified.
- d. Artillery: Arty btry rptd (U798346); Arty bttries rptd located at (U83336), (U875275) and (U875275) at 1520; flash of enemy guns at 12225 vis (U83336); 20mm gun rptd at (U860268) 1600; PFI rpts 4-5 AAA guns 400 yds S of RR at (U838223) to (U845223).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Enemy launched counter atk fr N and NE vic ST GENEVIEVE (U8131) at 0555 with small arms and MG fire and tks. Counteratk repulsed at 0835. A second enemy counterattack fr vic AUTREVILLE (U8126) at 0700 was repulsed by 1330.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) Anti-aircraft Arty: AAA fell N of ST GENEVIEVE (U813316) at 1340.
  - (2) Artillery: Hv enemy Arty fire fell in area between (U785290) and (U795275) at 0430; and vic (U809274) throughout the day.
  - (3) Armored forces: 10 75mm guns on Mk IV chassis (SP) committed in counter atk 0300, - two were knocked out.
  - (4) Engineers: Rd block and mines rptd at (U788262) at 122246; rd block rptd (U818353); rd block of fallen trees at (U814336). *Recover RT*
  - (5) Infantry: Mortar, MG and AT fire received (U798290), (U8028) to (U83) at 0600. Counter atk fr NE vic ST GENEVIEVE (U8131) at 0500 with small arms and MG fire. Enemy trs seen leaving LOISY (U73) and going N into FORET DE FACQ (U83) at 1425. Enemy ctm rptd moving S out of CUSTINES (U82) at 2030.
  - (6) Tanks: 2 enemy armd guns fr 3d TD Bn knocked out at (U800292) at 0800. 10 Mk IV tks vic MOUSSON (U785353) at 1030.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. HWs capt today: 125; total to date: 574.
- b. HW states today's red signal: We k; yesterday's green-white; Advance Arty fire fwd.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a.
- b. To counter atk fr NE or SE with 3 Bns supported by 1 Co tks, Gr and 6 bttries Arty.
- b. To continue to delay our advance in above str.

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Maps: 1:50,000 map of FRANCE - scale 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Defensive organization: MG pos rptd at (U770342), (U780343) and (U787343); 5 MGs rptd covering S slope of hill at FONT A MOUSSON (U7635). CP of 1st Bn, 1121st Regt rptd in a castle in center of MORY (U848266).
- c. Units in contact: New identifications: 2d Co, 3d Engr Bn, 3d Pz Gr Div; 6th Co, 1119th Gr Regt, 553d Gr Div; 3d Co, 115th Pz Gr Tng Bn.
- d. Artillery: Enemy Arty rptd vic MORY (U82); (U853336); (U873295), (U875275).
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: Cive rpt 3500 trps and tks in BOIS DE FAULX (U8620) 13 Sep.
- f. Supply and evac establishments: Fr capt documents: Cl III Dp (U959167); Ord Dp (U9822).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary: Intermittent shelling by enemy continued throughout the day. Our forces occupied MOUSSON (U7835) at 0930, meeting little resistance; were counterattacked by enemy force estimated at 2 Cos at 1526, but were able to repulse it. A counterattack against others of our forces occupying LA FALAISE was successful in temporarily dislodging them, but a later counterattack by our forces regained the lost ground.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  - (1) AAA: AA fire rptd received N of ST GENEVIEVE (U813316); 20mm gun located at (U860268).
  - (2) Arty: 16 rds of enemy arty fell (U7830) at 0750; (U8126) and (U818299) at 1000; 10 rds at (U805280) and 30 rds vic (U8228 at 1015; (U788318) at 1112; (U794325) at 1130.
  - (3) Engr: Rd blocks rptd at (U818353); (U814335). Trees on rd mined at (U815359). Trap wires with AP mines rptd every 20 yds between (U782336) and (U774348).
  - (4) Inf: MG fire rptd fr vic (U849294) 1320; MG and AW fire received voc (U817267) 1350. A counterattack by an enemy force estimated at 2 Cos of Inf was launched on MOUSSON fr N at 1330 but was repulsed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. 32 PWs capt today; total to date: 606.
- b. (1) PW fr 6th Co, 1119th Gr Regt, 553d Div states that 5th & 6th Cos arrived fr vic MORY with tks 0600 14 Sep to counterattack and take as initial obj MOUSSON HILL.
- (2) MCOs in 115th Pz Gr Tng Bn have all had combat experience; rest of men are young, with only 6-8 wks in Army and no combat experience.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To counterattack fr NE with a force of 600-800 men, and fr SE with 1 Regt.
- b. To continue delaying action with MGs, Arty, and mortars.

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Maps: Topo map of FRANCE - scale 1/50,000.

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION A. END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite line; enemy holds PONT A MOUSSON, (exclusive of MOUSSON), ATTON, ST GENEVIEVE, MILLERY and Hill 351.
- b. Defensive organization: None rptd.
- c. Units in contact: Identified fr PWs: 5th and 6th Cos, 1119th Gr Regt, 553d Gr Div; 2d Bn 1121st Gr Regt; 10th Co, 29th Pz Gr Regt; 2d and 3d Cos, 115th Pz Gr Tng Bn, 15th Pz Gr Div; 103d Tk Bn, 3d Pz Gr Div; 2d and 3d Cos, SS March Bn.
- d. Arty: Enemy Arty locations rptd located: 2 105mm guns (U840315) at 0930; (U830315) at 1240; PW states 8-10 guns vic (U820360) at 0740.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention: 2d Bn, 1119th Regt, 1 Bn 92d GAF Regt rptd in BOIS DE LA RUMONT; 2d Bn, 1121st Regt and 593d AA Bn rptd in FOREST DE FAULX; SS CT Schmidt and 1 Bn 115th Regt rptd in FOREST DE FACQ; 25-35 tks rptd vic LANDREMONT (U8329); 60-70 tks and other veh rptd at (U8942) at 2000.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary: Enemy launched 3 counterattacks simultaneously at 0600 and a fourth atk at 1600 today. One atk, coming fr NE and made by 115th Pz Gr Tng Bn, supported by fire fr PONT A MOUSSON, succeeded in retaking ATTON and at the same time cutting off our forces occupying MOUSSON HILL.

Remnants of the 29th Pz Gr Regt reorganized in FOREST DE FACQ and from there launched an atk with 2 Bns (consolidated into two Cos) abreast, directed against LOISY (mission of 2d Bn on ~~2424~~) and ST GENEVIEVE (mission of 2d Bn on left). 3d Bn failed to take LOISY, but 2d Bn took ST GENEVIEVE.

A third counter atk at 0600 was launched fr E by 115th Pz Gr Regt, SS March Bn, 103d AG Bn and an unidentified Pz unit, between ST GENEVIEVE and LANDREMONT but were driven back.

The fourth counter atk of the day was made fr SE fr vic MORKY and BELLEAU at 1600 by elements of 1119th and 1121st Gr Regts, 553d Gr Div; 92d GAF Regt (attd to 553d Div by Gen Order), and 1553 Arty Regt. This atk was stopped by our Arty before making contact with our trps.

b. Operations of component elements:

(1) Arty: Enemy Arty fire received: 50 rds vic (U786302) and 48 rds on MOUSSON HILL at 0500; HEZAUMONT (U810295) at 0505; (U8130) fr 0500 to 0800; interdictory fire SW LOISY (U7930) at 0645; 15 rds estimated 240mm vic LOISY at 1225; 15 rds estimated 240mm vic LOISY at 1225.

(2) Tanks: Enemy tks rptd at (U880310) at 0920; 8 tks vic (U830294) at 1025; 2 tks at (U834312) 1138; 15 tks at (844326) at 1400; 2 tks at (U848278) 1340; 23 tks vic ST GENEVIEVE at 1435; 10 tks vic LANDREMONT 1/

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

PWs captured today: 49; total to date: 655.

## 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. To atk fr SE with 4 Bns Inf plus Div organic Arty, and fr NE with 6 Bns Inf, supported by 25-35 tks, organic Arty of 1 Div and 1 Regt, plus Arty estimated to be 240mm.

b. To continue to defend present pos in above str.