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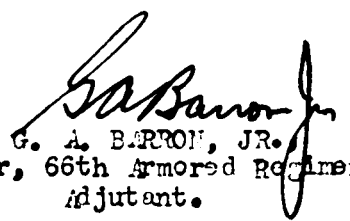
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THRU : Commanding Officer, Combat Command "A", 2d Armored Division.

TO : Commanding General, 2d Armored Division.

Attached hereto is Report of Operation for period 1-31 August 1944, for the 66th Armored Regiment, with S-1, S-2 and S-4 Supplements.

For the Commanding Officer:


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Report of Operation for Period
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1 August 1944

At 0001B Aug 1944, 66th Armd Regt, CC"A", was in contact with the enemy in the vicinity of BEAUCOUDRAY, FRANCE (see overlay #1); all elements of the Regiment (- Hq Co, 66th Armd Regt) were under direct control of Commanding General, CC"A".

At 0500B, a combat team of 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, 3rd Bn, 22 RCT, and a platoon of Co B, 704 TD Bn, moved on order of Commanding General, CC"A", on TESSY SUR VIRE (see overlay #2). A ground mist screened the movement of the combat team advantageously, and excellent progress was made. A column of enemy reconnaissance and personnel vehicles was overrun with complete destruction thereof. The leading element, Co G, met the first substantial resistance on the outskirts of TESSY SUR VIRE, where two medium tanks were destroyed by enemy bazooka fire. Two medium tanks of Co G actually entered the town, but were destroyed by mines and anti-tank fire, the personnel being captured.

In the meantime, at 0830B, the column was cut along the axis by two German Mark V tanks which approached the column from the left flank. One enemy tank was destroyed and the other forced to withdraw under damaging fire. Under cover of smoke laid by the Mortar Platoon, 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, the remainder of the column closed upon on Co G in the vicinity of LA POEMLIERE. The attached infantry had been dismounted from the tanks at 491475, and moved forward on foot to rejoin the tanks at LA POEMLIERE. At 501470, Co G suffered the further loss of two medium tanks by gun fire from German Mark V tanks hidden in that vicinity.

At 1430B, after re-organizing, the attack continued astride the road to TESSY SUR VIRE with medium companies abreast, Co H, 66th Armd Regt on left and Co G, 66th Armd Regt, on right. Extremely heavy resistance again was encountered in form of dug-in and roving enemy tanks, causing a further loss of four medium tanks of Co G.

Co B, 66th Armd Regt, provided rear guard for the battalion's advance. A report was received that enemy tanks were coming in from the flank to attack the combat trains, but the attack did not materialize.

At approximately 1800B, the Battalion reached its objective successfully, securing the high ground NW of TESSY SUR VIRE. At 1900B a platoon of Co H, 66th Armd Regt, was given mission of cleaning out town of TESSY SUR VIRE and the forward slopes of hills to East and Southeast of town. The objective was secured and held through several heavy artillery concentrations on the area.

The fierceness of this combat is evidenced by the loss of 15 medium tanks and one light tank by the battalion, and the destruction of two German Mark V and six Mark IV tanks, plus 11 other guns and vehicles.

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At 0800B, 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, Reinforced, was ordered by Commanding General, CC"A", to move into the attack at once with the mission of seizing high ground (Hill 112, see overlay #2) and securing same. The battalion moved out with Co F, 66th Armored Regiment, and attached infantry company from 2nd Battalion, 22nd RCT, 4th Division, a platoon of Co A, 702 TD Bn, as the assault elements to a line of departure at the CR 474457, where the 175th Infantry Regiment had established its furthestmost point of advance. At 1045B arrangements were made with the 175th Infantry Regiment to pass the tanks thru their lines.

A reconnaissance of terrain was completed and at 1130B, the assault column swung off the road into the attack with the left flank guiding on the road. At this time, two German tanks with supporting infantry were observed covering the road. The attack was preceded by an artillery concentration of the German tanks observed, and in front of the leading assault element.

The attack reached a point 483458 at 1410B. At this time, air reconnaissance reported three enemy tanks to the immediate front, hidden in a group of houses. The terrain would not permit maneuver to flank these enemy tanks due to presence of sunken roads on the left flank and direct fire on the right flank from the south. A medium tank was lost in the attempt. As artillery fire failed to destroy these tanks, air support was requested which arrived in 30 minutes. The air knocked out two tanks and reported seeing no more in vicinity. The assault elements then moved forward into the attack, and came under direct fire from enemy tank that had moved in undetected from the left flank, causing a loss of one of our medium tanks. The entire area was subjected to an intense concentration of enemy shell fire coming from the right flank and front.

Plans then were formulated to move the sector of advance to the south about 300 yards and thru the use of artillery fire and rapid movement endeavor to flank this strong point and continue with the mission assigned. The jump off was delayed by another heavy enemy artillery concentration which resulted in numerous casualties among the supporting infantry. While the infantry was being re-organized, instructions were received that the 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment (reinforced) had been committed to the attack on the left side of the axis of advance and was now 300 yards to the left rear. 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, had been following 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, on axis, contact being maintained between the elements by 2nd Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 66th Armored Regiment. As the 2nd Battalion came abreast at 2130B, the attack jumped off; 1st Battalion moving aggressively with Co I in the lead, reached the objective Hill 112 at 2345B with but 12 medium and 15 light tanks in combat operation.

At 1300B, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, Reinforced, received orders for an advance on TESSY SUR VIRE along the left of the axis - VILLEBAUDON - BEAUCOUDRAY - TESSY SUR VIRE. Enemy resistance was first encountered at BEAUCOUDRAY and Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, issued orders for the tank attack to be made in the following formation: Co E, 66th Armored Regiment, leading with Co D, 66th Armored Regiment, echeloned to left rear, Co A, 66th Armored Regiment, with Platoon of Co B, 702 TD Bn attached, proceeding down axis. The Battalion assault gun and mortar platoons were to support the attack from positions 500 yards south of CHEVRY.

The attack moved out and Co E encountered a heavy concentration of enemy tanks supported by infantry. Moving aggressively into this concentration, elements of Co E destroyed five of the enemy tanks.

As the 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, advancing along the axis of advance encountered enemy tanks trying to intercept the advance of the remainder of the Bn, but by aggressive action destroyed two enemy tanks, causing remainder to withdraw.

In this encounter, 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, Reinfd, captured 100 prisoners and killed approximately 150 Germans before proceeding with its mission. The 2nd Bn continued to advance to a point approximately 1000 yards west of EAST SUR VIRE when ordered by Commanding General, CC"A", to consolidate for the night (see overlay #2).

2 - 3 August 1944

66th Armd Regt assembled and spent this period re-organizing, in the maintenance of vehicles and weapons, and rehabilitating personnel in the areas shown on overlay #3. All attached units were released to organizations.

The ground gained was consolidated and taken over by elements of the 30th Inf Div.

Field Order No. 5, CC"A", (see supporting papers) was received and plans were formulated and perfected for an attack on the city of VIRE.

Maintenance Co, 66th Armd Regt, worked at the recovery, evacuation, and repair of damaged vehicles. Replacement vehicles were drawn. Service Co, 66th Armd Regt, resupplied unit and processed replacement personnel to their organizations. On Aug 2, the Regiment had 80 medium tanks, 50 light tanks, and 14 armored cars in operating condition. 93 enlisted men and 13 officer replacements received.

4 August 1944

The 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, reinforced, acting as advance guard for CC"A", moved out at 0600B along route shown on overlay No. 4. No organized resisting was encountered until the Battalion reached BEAUMESNIL. Here a mine field slowed the column until a passage was cleared by the Engineers. The column then advanced to BEAUMESNIL ROBT, RJ 592355, where leading elements received direct fire from a German Mark V tank which was destroyed by artillery fire.

At this point the elements of Rcn Co, 66th Armd Regt, leading the advance, were withdrawn, the Battalion moved forward in column of companies, Co D, 66th Armd Regt, leading, to clear resistance along axis of advance of the Combat Command. The advance continued against moderate resistance to a point near CHISEL, 600349, where heavy enemy artillery fire and direct AT fire from high ground near LA PILLIERE, 599345, destroyed four medium tanks and one light tank. The battalion was ordered to consolidate and withdraw to an assembly area near LA HUARDIERE, 595356, where it spent the night.

At 1800B the 1st Battalion was located at 580357 and was given the mission of seizing and securing high ground West of VIRE (Hill 219) 615315, after a delay of 1½ hours due to bridge construction on axis of advance, the advance continued through mortar and machine gun fire to point 582338 (see overlay No. 4) where leading elements encountered a mine field on the road. The medium tank elements of the Battalion then were deployed astride the road and continued the advance until fired upon by three enemy tanks camouflaged in houses. These enemy tanks were immediately engaged and destroyed by Co I, 66th AR. At this time friendly infantry troops (con't on Page 4)

were contacted from 29th Inf Div. Investigation disclosed the Unit had the same objective as the 1st Bn, both Armd Regt. By the time co-ordination was effected, it was too dark for further operation and on order Commanding General, CC"A", the 1st Bn consolidated its position at 583336 for the night.

3rd Bn, both Armd Regt, was in CC"A" Reserve, moved by bounds along the axis and was not committed. The Battalion assembled for night as shown on overlay #4.

5 August 1944

Hq both Armd Regt received Field Order #6, CC"A", which constituted the Bns and gave their missions as follows (see annex No. 2 and overlay #5).

<u>1st Bn, both AR, Reinf</u>	<u>2nd Bn, both AR, Reinf</u>	<u>3rd Bn, both AR</u>
1st Bn, both AR	2nd Bn, both AR	
1 Co, 2nd Bn, 119 Inf	2nd Bn, 119 Inf (-1 Co)	--
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Engr	1 Plat, Co A, 17th Engr	
<u>Artillery</u>	<u>CC"A" Control</u>	
14th FA Bn	Hq CC"A", 2nd Armd Div	
65th FA Bn	both Armd Regt (-3 Bns)	
119 FA Guard	Co A, 17th Engr (-2 Plats)	
	Co A, 702 TD Bn	
	Co A, 48th Med Bn	
	Co D, 195 AA	
	Det Co A, Maint Bn	

1st Bn Reinf: Attack to secure high ground West of VIRE to cover passing of CC"A" thru VIRE. Follow last unit of CC"A" passing thru VIRE.

2nd Bn Reinf: Attacks on order after 1st Bn, both Armd Regt, objective has been reached, continues advance to South.

3rd Bn, both AR: Follow 2nd Bn, both AR on order.

1st Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinf, moved out on its mission at 0800B, reaching point 610330 where enemy automatic fire was received. The situation was vigorously developed, pushing the enemy aside and the Battalion, reinf, reached and secured the objective at 1015B.

The objective was consolidated and made secure, the tanks in perimeter defense positions covering by fire roads leading from VIRE to the west and south. Small persistent counterattacks were successfully repulsed on the West flank throughout the day.

At 1800B orders were received from Commanding General, CC"A", for the 1st Bn with attachments to attack South and East from its position on Hill 219 and secure hill due South of VIRE (630307). The Battalion Commanding Officer returned to CC"A" for instructions and was cut off from returning to his battalion due to the fact the enemy had infiltrated and completely surrounded the position. The Commanding General, CC"A", was advised that it was the belief of the Battalion S-2-S, now commanding, that enemy armor and infantry in the vicinity would be able to retake Hill 219 if an attack as ordered were undertaken. Orders for attack were modified to the extent

that Co G, 119 Inf, with one tank company were to make the attack.

The attack was launched; resistance in the form of small arms fire, bazooka, and AT guns was encountered immediately upon the attacking forces leaving hill. The force was ordered to disengage due to the lateness of hour and return to its former position. This was accomplished and 1st Bn, both AR, reinforced, consolidated for the night on Hill 219 without further incident.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, reinforced, preceded by Rcn Co, 66th Armd Regt (-1 Plat) moved out at 0800B on its assigned mission, reaching a point 800 yards North of MARTILLY, where the force sustained heavy artillery concentrations and direct fire from German tanks. Reconnaissance was withdrawn at T622328, 2nd Bn, reinforced, proceeding into the attack. Progress was slow, orders were received at 2100B to assemble the battalion in area 614344 for night.

The objectives the 2nd Bn failed to take due to the tenacious German resistance encountered, later required the use of a force the size of an Inf Div to secure.

The 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued to follow the attack by bounds as CC"A" Reserve, closing in assembly area at 606347 for the night. It was not committed.

6 August 1944

The 1st Bn, Reinforced, received orders during the night to attack and secure high ground South of VIRE, 630307, starting attack at 0800B. This was delayed until 0830B due to a heavy ground fog. At 0830B, Co F, 66th Armd Regt and Co G, 119 Inf, as the assault wave passed thru lines held by friendly infantry and were immediately taken under heavy small arms and AT fire. The attack pushed forward to 614309 in the face of increasing enemy small arms and antitank fire. The enemy, apparently using one of our burning tanks for a base point, saturated the area for a radius of 500 yards with heavy mortar fire. The forward elements were engaged in a fierce fire fight with the enemy and due to no chance for re-supplying in the past 48 hours, the ammunition and F&L situation was critical. The trains were located to the rear of the battalion and the enemy had infiltrated between them and the combat elements. Permission was requested and granted to the effect that small groups of combat vehicles be sent to the trains for re-fitting. This was started at 1100B and due to the fact it was necessary to fight through the German forces to get to the trains, the re-supplying was not completed until 1730B.

Information was received at approximately 1100B that 3rd Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinforced, had been committed and was moving to the attack on the right flank of the 1st Bn. The operational plan was for the 3rd Bn to draw abreast of the 1st Bn, and then for both Bns to push the attack on forward to the high ground South of VIRE.

At 1730B orders were received from Commanding General, CC"A", to the effect that until further orders all vehicles of the command were to be kept off all roads, priority going to the 29th Inf Div. 1st Bn, Reinforced, less vehicles being resupplied at the trains, with 3rd Bn, Reinforced, consolidated on the hill and prepared defenses for the night.

During the period of defense organization, small arms fire was observed coming from the South and Southeast; a quick reconnaissance revealed that two of the Bns

of friendly infantry had withdrawn from the perimeter defense of the hill without notification and the enemy, realizing this, had launched a counterattack. The enemy counterattack and attempt at recapturing the ground lost to them was quickly repulsed. A battalion of the 110th Inf arrived in the area at this point and took over the defenses vacated by the before mentioned infantry elements. The remainder of the night was spent without further incident.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, was ordered to take up assault positions near those occupied the end of the previous day. This was accomplished at 1900B. Not being committed, the 2nd Bn withdrew to an assembly area for the night.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, with 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt, received orders to make contact with the 1st Bn at 09317 and to coordinate with them in an attack on the high ground south of VIRE.

At 0730B, 3rd Bn moved out of assembly area in column of companies, moving SW to LE PLANT then East toward VIRE. The attack progressed rapidly to a point 598322. Here, a leading tank of Co B was destroyed by artillery or mortar fire. While trying to by-pass the resistance at this point, Co B lost another tank by direct AT fire from a point 591310.

The battalion went into an assembly area in the vicinity of RJ at 600321 where orders for continuation of the attack were issued and coordination with elements of the 29th Inf on the right flank was affected. The battalion was subjected to numerous concentrations of mortar fire while in the assembly area. The attack was launched with the highway as the axis, with Co H on the right, Co G on the left. Co B constituted the reserve and rear guard. The attack progressed satisfactorily against moderate resistance.

The terrain encountered by Co H on the right side of the road was too difficult for a fast movement, so Co H crossed to the left side and followed Co G. The leading elements of the force, after destroying several AT guns and numerous German infantry, succeeded in drawing abreast of the 1st Bn at 1500B.

At 1630B, rear elements of the battalion were counterattacked by German tanks and infantry, losing three T-2 recovery vehicles and three medium tanks which were undergoing maintenance. Co G was ordered to meet and repel this counterattack which after a fierce fire fight, it succeeded in doing. Co G was ordered to return to the battalion assembly area upon the completion of the action and the 3rd Bn, Reinf, coordinating with 1st Bn, Reinf, spent the night in assembly area without further incident.

7-8 August 1944

On August 7, 1944, orders were received to the effect that Col. Collier was relieved of command 60th Armd Regt and would assume command CC"A". Lt Col WILLIAM M. STOKES, JR was assigned 60th Armd Regt and assumed command thereof.

During this period, all elements of the Regiment were withdrawn into assembly area as shown on overlay #7, continuing with the mission of securing the high ground at 618315. Much needed maintenance of vehicles, weapons, rehabilitation of personnel and re-organization was undertaken.

9 August 1944

66th Armd Regt remained in assembly areas undergoing maintenance and personnel rehabilitation.

Orders were received at 1700B creating TASK FORCE "A" (see Annex No. 3) under command Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, and consisting of troops as follows:

66th Armd Regt (-1st and 3rd Bns, Rcn Co, and Co A (-1 Plat)
1st Plat, Co A, 17th Engrs
2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-E Co)
Co A, 702 TD Bn
14th Armd FA Bn
Det Co A, 48th Med Bn

Task Force "A" was attached to 28th Inf Div and given mission of passing thru lines of 109 Inf at 100600B and attack generally down ridge toward Hills 305, 320, and 338 in order to secure HILL 367.

At 2400B commanders of attached units met at CP 66th Armd Regt where orders for fulfillment of assigned mission were issued (see Annex #3).

10 August 1944

At 0300B the Advance Guard, followed by the remainder of Task Force "A" crossed the IP (see FO #2, 66th Armd Regt) and moved rapidly to an attack position in the vicinity of CHAMP DU BOULT (544270) closing in attack position at 0530B.

At 0700B, Co D, 66th Armd Regt, reinf, (with platoon light tanks from Co A, 66th Armd Regt, and Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt), crossed LD in the assault, with Co E, 66th Armd Regt, following in close support.

Enemy fire from AT guns located on high ground in vicinity of LA CHARTRIE was received by leading elements immediately after passing thru front lines of friendly infantry, destroying three tanks before the enemy guns were over-run and destroyed. Exceptionally difficult terrain was encountered; swampy ground, sunken roads and heavy hedgerows necessitated continuous use of the tank dozer to prepare the advance. Co D, 66th Armd Regt, advanced under heavy enemy mortar and artillery concentrations to a position SE of GATHEMO (570235) destroying two German mortar positions, killing or wounding 75 German infantry and gun crews and destroying six AT Guns of large calibre. At 1212B a platoon of tanks from Co A, 66th Armd Regt, entered GATHEMO and succeeded in reducing remaining resistance within town.

Co E, 66th Armd Regt, was passed thru Co D, 66th Armd Regt, at this point and continued the attack against very determined enemy resistance to a point near LA FOURBERIE (588223) destroying four AT guns of large calibre, several ammunition carts, miscellaneous vehicles and 50 German infantry and gun crews. The task force advanced to a point near LA BERTHELIERE (580225) where it consolidated for the night.

Heavy enemy artillery concentrations were received in the assembly area periodically throughout the day and night, the fire following any movement of the force accurately. The enemy had excellent direct observation of the axis of advance.

Dust clouds created by vehicular movement drew immediate fire.

Remainder of 66th Armd Regt, under control of CC"A" remained in assembly areas as indicated, performing maintenance, etc.

11 August 1944

At 0800B, Task Force "A", continued the attack with Co D, 66th Armd Regt, and Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt, as assault elements, supported by Co E, 66th Armd Regt and Tank Destroyer Platoon. The force advanced to positions near LA HAULE (601229) under constant enemy artillery fire and meeting stiff German resistance in the form of bazooka, AT and small arms fire. 50 to 100 Germans were killed in the advance. Co D, 66th Armd Regt, with Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt, consolidated and held the ground taken for the night, while remainder of force assembled at LA ROCHE (585228) for the night.

Remainder of Regiment remained in assembly areas; 1st Bn was put on 30 minute alert for movement to join Task Force "A" but was not committed.

12 August 1944

At first light the attack of Task Force "A" was resumed with Co E, 66th Armd Regt, passing thru Co D, 66th Armd Regt, with the mission of seizing and securing CR 338 until relieved by elements of the 28th Inf Div, which took place at 1330B. At 1500B Task Force "A" rejoined CC"A"; attachments were released and the 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, placed in Corps reserve in the vicinity of LA ROCHE.

At 1130B 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, received orders from CC"A" to proceed to assembly area on North edge of GATHEMO.

At 1600B orders were received creating a Task Force consisting of Co I, 66th Armd Regt, Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt, 1 Plat Co A, 17th Engrs, 1 Plat Co A, 702 TD Bn, and Assault Gun and Mortar Platoons, 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, under command of Bn Executive Officer with mission of proceeding by route indicated (see overlay #9) South and then East to GER.

The remaining elements of the 1st Bn were attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-) put under command of Commanding Officer, 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt. At 1845B the Task Force under Bn Exec Officer, 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, moved out on its assigned mission, moving rapidly to the town of VENGEONS (619225) where a mine field was encountered. The advance was delayed and leading elements only able to reach CR at 616224 by 2130B. Turning South at that point the leading elements immediately were engaged by the enemy with small arms and bazooka fire. The fire fight continued for an hour, during which time the remainder of the force coiled-up behind the elements engaged. The assembly area was subjected to heavy concentrations of large calibre mortar fire. At 2230B orders were received to consolidate if possible, on ground held, or withdraw to minimum distance and secure for night. Ground already held was consolidated and made secure for the night.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was placed in CC"A" reserve and ordered to move to new

assembly area vicinity one mile North of GATHEMO at 1630B.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, continued in XIX Corps Reserve, and proceeded with maintenance of vehicles and personnel.

13 August 1944

At 0700B task force under Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, followed by remainder of force under Commanding Officer, 41st Armd Inf Regt, moved toward its assigned objective. Orders were received to secure and consolidate defenses at CR at 616174. Leading elements reached this point at 1100B and remainder of second force closed immediately behind it. Defenses were set up and Force as constituted remained there thru out day without making contact with the enemy. Just prior to dark, 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was ordered to move to an assembly area at 631119, where it remained without incident for the night.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, now with 1st Bn, 112 Inf Regt attached, in CC"A" reserve, moved at 0100B to new assembly area one mile East of GATHEMO.

At 0830B, 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, upon receipt of orders, left assembly area with infantry mounted on tanks followed advance of 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, thru SOURDEVAL, closing into assembly area one mile south of SOURDEVAL. At 1500B orders were received to pass thru 1st Bn zone at 715173 and continue the attack.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, with infantry mounted on tanks moved South in column of companies to GER - MORTAIN Road, turned East toward GER, assembling in vicinity of 640120.

The advance was screened by Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt.

At 1900B orders were received to make an attack East toward GER to relieve pressure on Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt. The attack was launched and continued until dark. Terrain offered considerable difficulty and advance was slow. Leading elements reached 650125 and gains were consolidated at this point for the night.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, remained in XIX Corps reserve.

14 August 1944

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, received orders at 0300B for an attack on HILL 329 (787125) but at 0830B these orders were rescinded and instead received a mission of proceeding toward FLERS. At approximately 1130B 1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, moved to an assembly area on the West of GER (697137) and awaited further orders. No further movement for the day was ordered and ground held was consolidated.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, moved to an assembly area at 1100B vicinity of two miles West of GER. At 2000B 3rd Bn moved to another assembly area three miles SE of GER and spent the night.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, remained in XIX Corps reserve.

Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt, covered the advance of regimental units to new assembly areas. 1st Plat covered Co A, 17th Engrs, in mine lifting operations en route. 3rd Plat discovered mine field at T709145 which was by-passed.

15 August 1964

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, with 1st Bn, 112 Inf Regt, attached, received mission of attacking and securing HILL 329 (788125). The Battalion moved out of assembly area at 0800B in column of companies, crossed ELAKHE River at LOULAYE - L'ASBAYE (795047), continued attack to HILL 329.

Leading elements received direct AT fire from a point 793120 and the battalion coiled on the left side of road short of this point. Attack was launched from this position with a platoon of Co B, 60th Armd Regt, on the right side of the road (790118) and Co G, 60th Armd Regt, securing high ground to left (780124).

Co H, 60th Armd Regt, with one company of 112 Inf Regt attached, was to attack and secure the road center at 795121, leaving a road block on each road as it was cut. The attack was launched at 1100B, meeting light enemy resistance and accomplishing mission of securing road net at 1200B.

At 1500B an enemy M48 tank proceeded by a motorcycle and three reconnaissance vehicles attempted to force a passage thru the east road block; the enemy tank was destroyed and other vehicles captured. At 1700B elements of the 30 Inf Div relieved the 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, of its security mission and the battalion assembled at 789120.

The 1st Bn, 112 Inf Regt, then attached to 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, was relieved from attachment at this time.

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, was given the mission of supporting 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, in its attack and to be prepared to attack to the East or North while 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, consolidated its objective.

At 0930B 1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, moved to an assembly area in vicinity of 718123.

Moving by bounds, following attack of 3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, 1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, proceeded to vicinity of 783113, picking up Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt, en route. Notification was received at 1330B that the 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, reinf, was successful in securing HILL 329 and the 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, reinf, was not committed. Heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fell in the areas occupied by 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, causing some casualties.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, was released from XIX Corps reserve and at 1500B moved by bounds following attack of 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, to assembly area in vicinity of HILL 329 (779118) closing at 1615B. 2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, received enemy artillery fire while in this area but was not committed to action.

Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt, provided flank security for columns moving on HILL 329 and outposted same at 1100B.

16 August 1944

Orders were received to the effect that both Armd Regt were to assemble in Division assembly area for a 48 hour period of maintenance of vehicles and weapons, rehabilitation of personnel.

Both Armd Regt closed in Division assembly area vicinity BARENTON at 1400B and proceeded with maintenance and rehabilitation. (See overlay #13.)

17 August 1944

Both Armd Regt in assembly area vicinity BARENTON. Training consisted of showdown inspections of clothing and equipment. Ordnance inspection of vehicles by Army inspection team. The Regiment received a high rating.

Warning orders were received that both Armd Regt would move from present area to assembly area in vicinity of SEES, FRANCE, at 180045B.

18 August 1944

Both Armd Regt moved from vicinity BARENTON to assembly area vicinity SEES, France, closing at 1653B after having traveled 84 miles (see overlay #14). Remainder of day was spent in maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

Orders were received that reconnaissance had made no contact 28 miles east of Sees and both Armd Regt would be prepared to move after 0700B 19 August in two columns (See Annex #11). If movement was not ordered, day was to be spent in maintenance.

19 August 1944

Morning of 19 August was spent in the maintenance of vehicles.

Both Armd Regt left area vicinity Sees at 1210B and proceeded to assembly area in vicinity of LONGY DUE PERCHE (857181) closing at 1750B, traveling 38 miles. No resistance was met. (See overlay #15).

20 August 1944

Orders were received that CC"A" would attack North in its zone (see Annex #12) at 200800B September 1944.

Rcn Co, 66th Armd Regt, was ordered to proceed CC"A" in its zone, establishing and maintaining contact with 30 Inf Div on right and CC"B" on left. Move rapidly to contact enemy; upon contact brush aside inferior forces, contain and develop strong enemy forces until passed thru by advance guard. Reconnoiter crossings of the AURE RIVER in CC"A" zone. Report condition of bridges and fords. These missions were accomplished and a reconnaissance screen put out across the AURE RIVER.

20 August 1944 (con't)

CC"A" moved in single columns from assembly area in vicinity of 850100 on route shown (see overlay #10). Co H, both Armd Regt, was attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt, forming the Advance Guard for the column. 1st Bn, both Armd Regt, was placed in CC"A" reserve.

While en route, 2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, with one company 41st Armd Inf Regt, attached, was given mission of right flank guard of CC"A". The both Armd Regt (-) closed in assembly area vicinity of LA CADELLIER (041343) and spent the night.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, reinf, assembled in vicinity of BASALINES (048378).

At this time, all elements of the Regiment were under CC"A" control.

Co H, both Armd Regt, as part of the Advance Guard, attacked at 1450B at 035390 to secure river line along the AURE. The mission was accomplished and the Advance Guard relieved by Rcn Co, both Armd Regt, Reinf.

21 August 1944

Orders received gave elements of both Armd Regt mission of continuing attack in two columns to seize objectives as indicated (see Annex #13). Rcn Co, both Armd Regt, to reconnoiter in zone and reconnoiter for possible crossings of ITON RIVER.

1st Bn, both Armd Regt, remained in CC"A" reserve.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, in right column left areas at 0730B, attacking along axis with objective southeast of DAMVILLE (512128). Artillery and mortar fire was received, and an attack was launched with Co A holding, Co D, 41st Armd Inf Regt, attacking dismounted and Co E in position to support by fire. Right column secured and outposted this objective at 1830B and secured itself for night. Ten prisoners were taken.

both Armd Regt (-1st and 2nd Bns, both AR) in left column proceeded along axis to vicinity of ROLAN, France (081479) and secured for the night.

Co H, as part of the Advance Guard, moved out of assembly area at 035380 at 0900B with the mission of securing the high ground SW of DAMVILLE. Resistance was light, and objective was taken at 1300B. DAMVILLE was secured for the night. (See overlay No. 17).

22 August 1944

All elements of both Armd Regt continued on assigned missions, attacking north. Rcn Co, both Armd Regt, secured crossings of ITON RIVER and also provided flank security for the CC"A" column; captured 88 prisoners and inflicted 35 casualties on the Germans.

1st Bn, both Armd Regt, continued in CC"A" reserve, performing security missions along the length of the column.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, in right column launched attack on objectives D, F, and H, succeeding in reducing resistance and securing the objectives by 1305B; the battalion was then given mission of crossing ITON RIVER and securing high ground in vicinity of BONEVILLE. Final objective being secured at 2030B. All elements remained at 129012 for the night.

both Armd Regt (-Rcn Co, 1st and 2nd Bns, 66th AR and Co H, 66th AR) in left column proceeded along axis following the attack by bounds and executing special missions as follows:

At 1000B, 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was ordered to clean up road between objective G and H. Co B, 66th Armd Regt, moved out at 1640B to secure LD (112591). Co G, 66th Armd Regt, passed thru Co B, 66th Armd Regt, at 1715B and continued on objective H. Objective H secured at 1830B. Co B, 66th Armd Regt, ordered to assemble at 082619 and was secure in this assemble area at 2200B, having captured 18 prisoners.

Co H, 66th Armd Regt, attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-), left assembly area at 0730B with mission of securing high ground east and west of DAMVILLE. Objective was secured at 1300B and Co H, 66th Armd Regt, continued attack along axis toward CONCHES, capturing 299 enemy prisoners, killing 50 enemy who offered resistance and succeeded in reaching a position 3 miles NE of CONCHES (086365) where it secured for the night.

At 1430B Platoon Co G, 66th Armd Regt, assigned mission of mopping up LE SACQ, France.

23 August 1944

All elements of 66th Armd Regt, received orders to continue attack North with final objective the SEINE River (see Annex #14).

Rcn Co, 66th Armd Regt, was assigned the mission of reconnaissance in CC"A" zone, maintaining contact with CC"B" on left and 82d Rcn Bn to front. 87 prisoners were taken.

66th Armd Regt in two columns as constituted was ordered into the attack at 0730B.

Mission of Right Column - securing successive objective and consolidate on Objective R.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, moved out of assembly area at 1000B, meeting medium strength resistance, and reached objective N at 1400B. At 1700B, an attack was again launched to secure CR at 061911. Enemy positions and columns were penetrated and wiped out by successive encircling movements which threw the enemy into utter confusion. At 2030B, the FOREQUEVILLE - ELBEUR highway was reached, and blocked with roadblocks. As a result of a series of independent actions, 105 prisoners were taken, 30 Germans killed, 30 enemy vehicles of all types captured, 2 Mark V and 1 Mark IV tanks destroyed. At 2030B, the Battalion went into an assembly area west of FOUQUEVILLE. Further action during the night accounted for one Mark V tank, 6 Nebelwerfers, 3 Rocket Launcher vehicles, 7 scout cars and 50 horse drawn carts, 15 more prisoners were taken and 8 more enemy killed.

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, remained in CC"A" Reserve and closed in final assembly area at 073000 at 2345B.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, moved out from area at 110008 at 0630B, attacking NE across the ITON River with ELBEUF as its final objective. Repeated thrusts and penetrations were made into enemy units trying to reach the SAINE crossing at ELBEUF. Between 95 and 100 vehicles and combat pieces were destroyed en route, 225 prisoners were taken. The force was assembled S of ELBEUF in the vicinity of 150949 and area security established. That night, 25 German vehicles including one Mark V tank were destroyed as they attempted to penetrate the battalion's road blocks. One light tank was lost thru enemy tank fire. Enemy casualties inflicted were enormous.

24 August 1944

All elements of the 60th Armd Regt continued on originally assigned mission.

Ren Co, 60th Armd Regt, provided flank security for all three battalions in the advance.

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, moved into the attack at 1130B with the mission of cutting roads running west and north out of ELBEUF. In vicinity of 050949, leading elements received small arms fire and direct fire from AT guns. Heavy rain made observation and maneuver very difficult. Artillery and mortar fire came into the area, and direct fire was received from enemy tanks. Air support was requested, and an estimated 8 enemy tanks were destroyed. Orders were received to consolidate, which was accomplished by 1930B at 060905. During this operation, 3 Mark IV, 2 Mark V tanks, and 5 small enemy vehicles were destroyed, 25 enemy were killed and 75 prisoners taken.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, continued in the attack NE and reached a point on road between MARTOT and CAUDEBEC LE ELBEUF. The battalion later returned to its assembly area at 150949. Several enemy vehicles were destroyed, and 15-20 Germans killed. Enemy traffic on MARTOT-CAUDEBEC LES ELBEUF Road was completely halted during the action.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, assembled in area 060914, had continuous small actions during the night with enemy vehicles attempting to penetrate roadblocks. During day, defensive zone was extended to cover area vacated by 1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, at 065905. At 2100B, the battalion consolidated at 061091. During this period 25 prisoners were taken and 4 enemy killed, 5 combat vehicles and a 155mm S.P. Gun was knocked out.

Co H, 60th Armd Regt, attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt, left area at 064915 at 0900B to attack and secure CR at ST PIERRE DES FLEURS. This was accomplished at 1300B. Numerous German vehicles were destroyed. Co H secured the town for the night. (See overlay #18).

25 August 1944

All elements of both Armd Regt continued on above mission.

Ren Co, both Armd Regt, provided a reconnaissance screen and flank security for 1st and 2nd Bns in their attack on ELBEUF.

1st Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinf, by Co E, 41st Armd Inf Regt, 1 Plat Co A, 702 TD Bn and Ren Co, both Armd Regt (-2 Plats) got under way at 0900B on the mission of cutting the road running west out of ELBEUF. Attempt to move out of area vicinity of LE THUIT - SIGNOL were frustrated by intense concentration of heavy artillery, AT and nebelwerfer fire. Air support failed to relieve the situation. On order Commanding General, CC"A", the battalion withdrew to area vicinity LA SAUSSAY, closing at 2130B (092950). It was later found that 1st Bn, both Armd Regt, had held a considerable portion of the enemy's available forces, thus expediting appreciably the advance of the other two columns.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinf, moved into the attack at 1100B, in coordination with a battalion of the 109th Inf, 28th Div. At 2000B, after fierce enemy resistance was overcome, the objective right flank sector of ELBEUF was secured. The Battalion assembled at 133977 and put out necessary roadblocks. Three Mark IV tanks and two Mark V tanks were destroyed. 150-175 Germans were killed and 100 prisoners taken. Co D, both Armd Regt, lost two tanks by enemy tank fire.

3rd Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinf, was placed in CC"A" Reserve at 0830B and all attached elements released. The remainder of the day was spent in necessary maintenance of vehicles. Location 060914.

Co H, both Armd Regt, attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt, left assembly area at 088958 at 1100B with mission of securing RJs at ELBEUF 109986. The objective was taken against light resistance, at 1400B. 38 combat vehicles of various types were destroyed; one Mark V and one Mark IV tank were destroyed. Co H aided 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt, in securing north sector of EL BEUF for the night.

26 August 1944

both Armd Regt continued on mission of securing ELBEUF and the road nets adjacent the city. 3rd Bn, both Armd Regt, remained at 060914, working at maintenance and re-organization.

2nd Bn, both Armd Regt, secured sector in ELBEUF at 133977 until 1930B at which time the battalion withdrew to vicinity of BECHALLE (117912) for the night.

1st Bn, both Armd Regt, Reinf, was relieved of attachments and withdrew to an assembly area at 1225B, at 105889. (See overlay No. 19).

27 August 1944

All elements of the Regiment moved to a new assembly area vicinity 068916.

28 August 1944

CC"A" moved the entire command from 2nd Armd Div assembly area vicinity of 117912 to vicinity 472625, traveling approximately 48 miles. See Annex No. 18 and Field Order No. 16, 27 Aug 1944. All units closed by 0600B 28 Aug 1944. The remainder of the day was spent at maintenance of vehicles.

29 August 1944

The entire command devoted day to maintenance of vehicles and re-organization. Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt, reconnoitered for crossings of the SEINE River (see overlay #21).

30 August 1944

60th Armd Regt prepared to move under order CC"A" set forth in FO #17, Hq CC"A" (attached) in two columns.

3rd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, moved out at 0900B of assembly area 475609 as left column. Co H was detached for CC"A" reserve. Phase line "F" was crossed at 1740B; AT fire was encountered at 819957 and battalion coiled at 844937 for the night. Only light resistance was met.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, left assembly area at 0645B. Meeting only light resistance, the right column traveled 43 miles to a position 3 miles NE of phase line "F".

Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt, provided a security screen for the two columns, coiling for the night at 856952. 49 prisoners were taken.

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, went into Division Reserve.

31 August 1944

The advance was continued in two columns under orders in FO #18, Hq CC"A" (attached).

Rcn Co, 60th Armd Regt, again provided a screen for the two columns, advancing to R272388, 63 prisoners were taken. 10 vehicles were captured or destroyed; two medium bombers were captured, largely intact.

1st Bn, 60th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

2nd Bn, 60th Armd Regt, Reinf, advanced against light resistance, crossing phase line "L" at 1100B (see overlay #22) and "N" at 1435B. An enemy horse-drawn convoy, including artillery, was shot up by Co A, 60th Armd Regt, 8-10 wagons and guns destroyed, 11 prisoners taken. At this time, additional orders were received to attack across the DOMS River and establish a bridgehead at 274355.

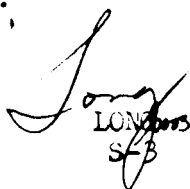
west of BORISSICOURT. This additional mission was accomplished at 1800B. The force coiled here for the night.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, Reinf, moved into the attack at 0745B and advanced generally NE, by-passing all centers of resistance. The force coiled at 233308 at 1715B, and received orders to take high ground in the vicinity of 276379. The attack was launched at 1930B and the objective secured at 2015B.

The two columns advanced 56 miles in this attack. 65 prisoners were taken.

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Maintenance Company, 66th Armored Regiment
Report of Operation for Period - 1 - 31
August 1944.

Maintenance Company, 66th Armd Regt, during the period August 1 - 31, 1944, maintained the vehicles of the 66th Armd Regt and of all the units attached to CC"A". Three battalion maintenance crews were assigned to the three battalions of the Regiment and repaired the vehicles of those battalions on the spot or if necessary evacuated them to Maintenance Company for higher echelon maintenance. Much of this work was accomplished under adverse conditions and enemy fire.

In addition to the maintenance of vehicles, Maintenance Company served in the additional capacity of an intermediate supply and processing point for all Class supplies, replacement vehicles and personnel. During this period, 30 medium tanks were drawn and issued to the combat elements of the Regiment.

The combat trains of CC"A" were under command of the Commanding Officer, Maintenance Company, and none were lost as a result of enemy action.

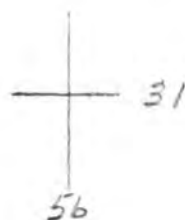
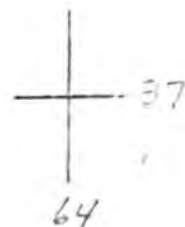
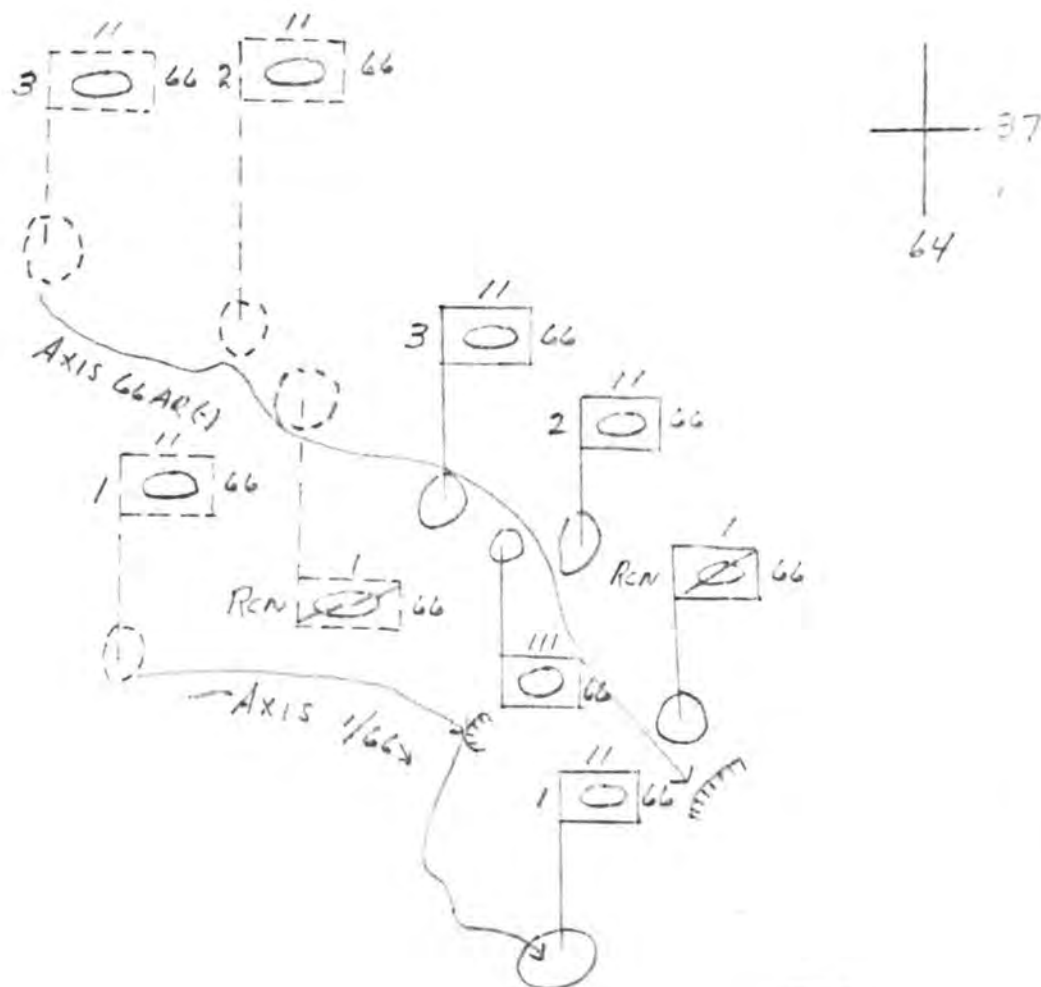
The tank dozers of Maintenance Company, 66th Armd Regt, were attached to various elements of CC"A" as dictated by the situation and aided greatly in the success of the operations.

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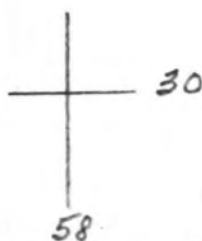
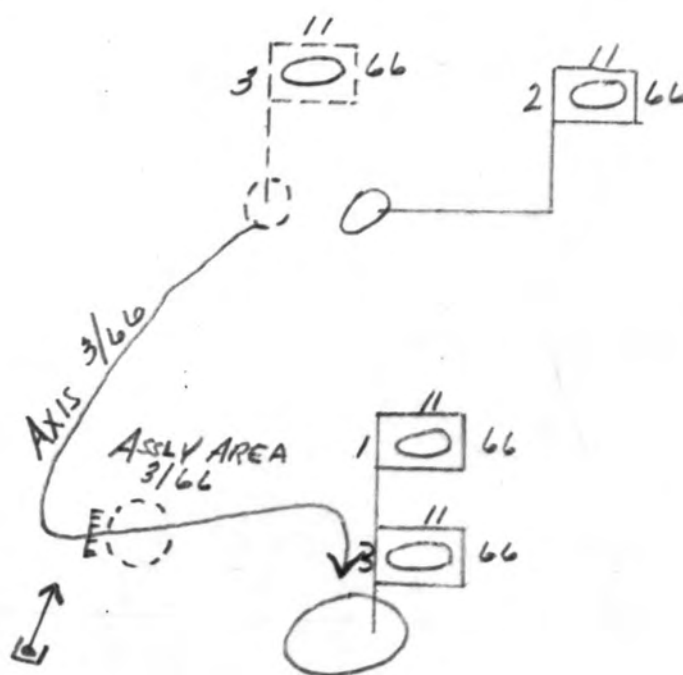
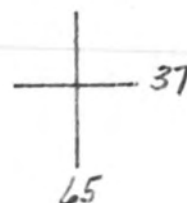


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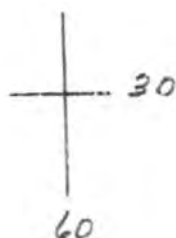
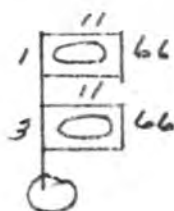
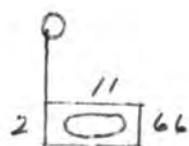
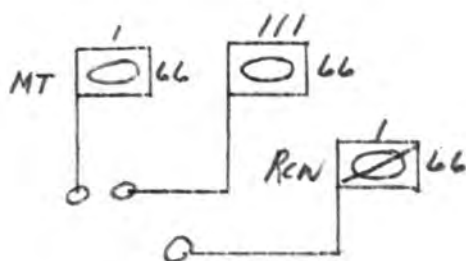
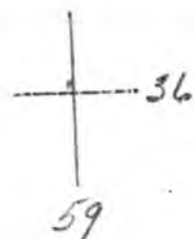
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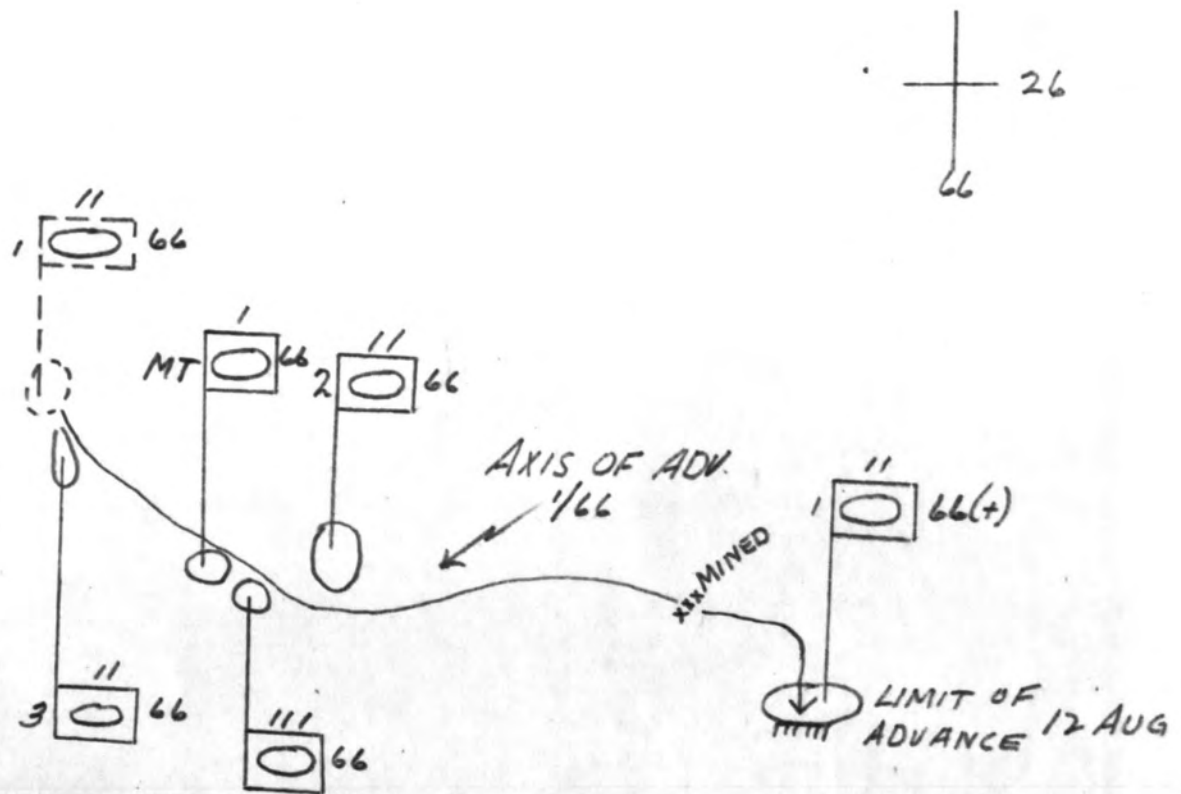
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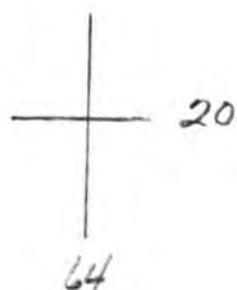


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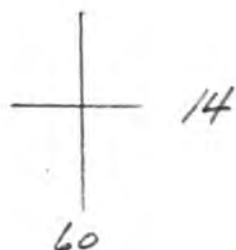


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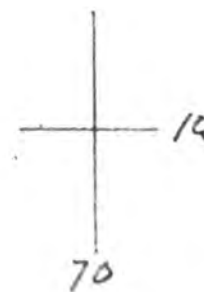
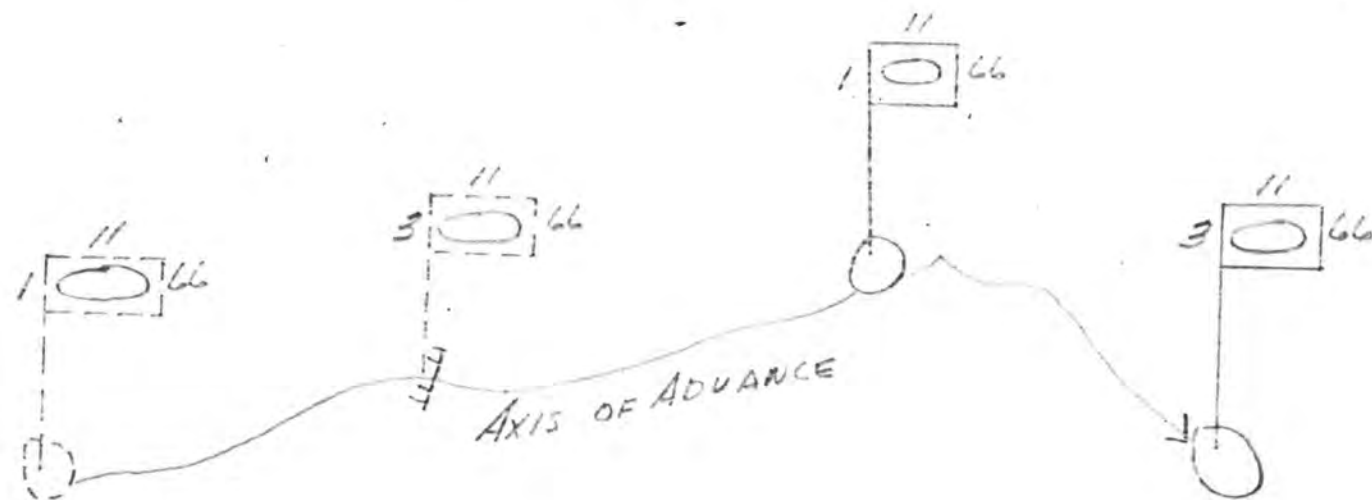
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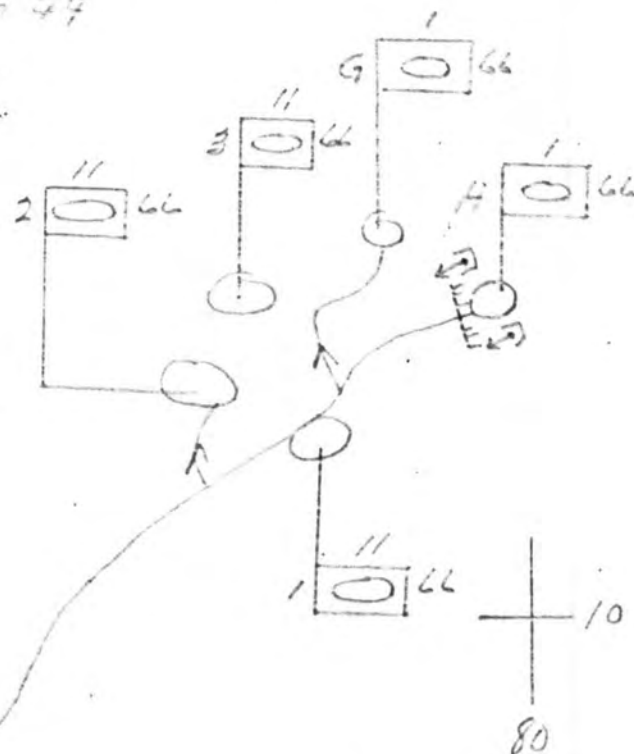
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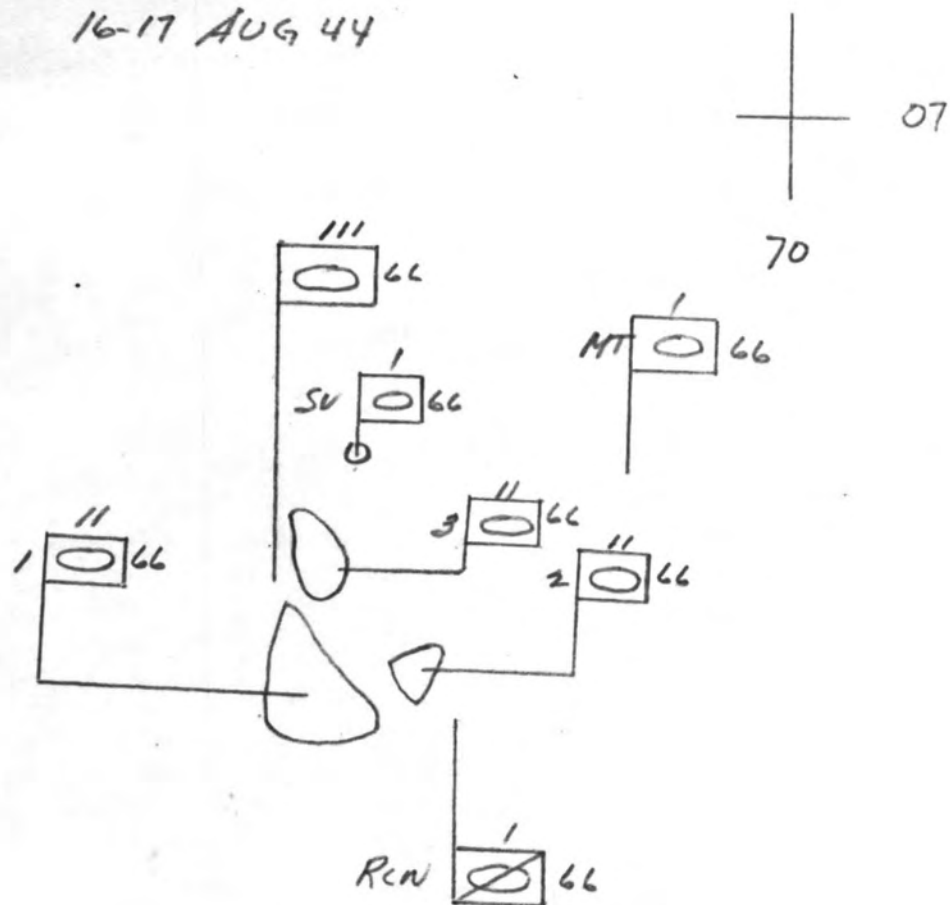
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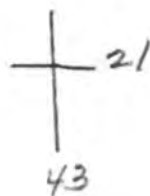
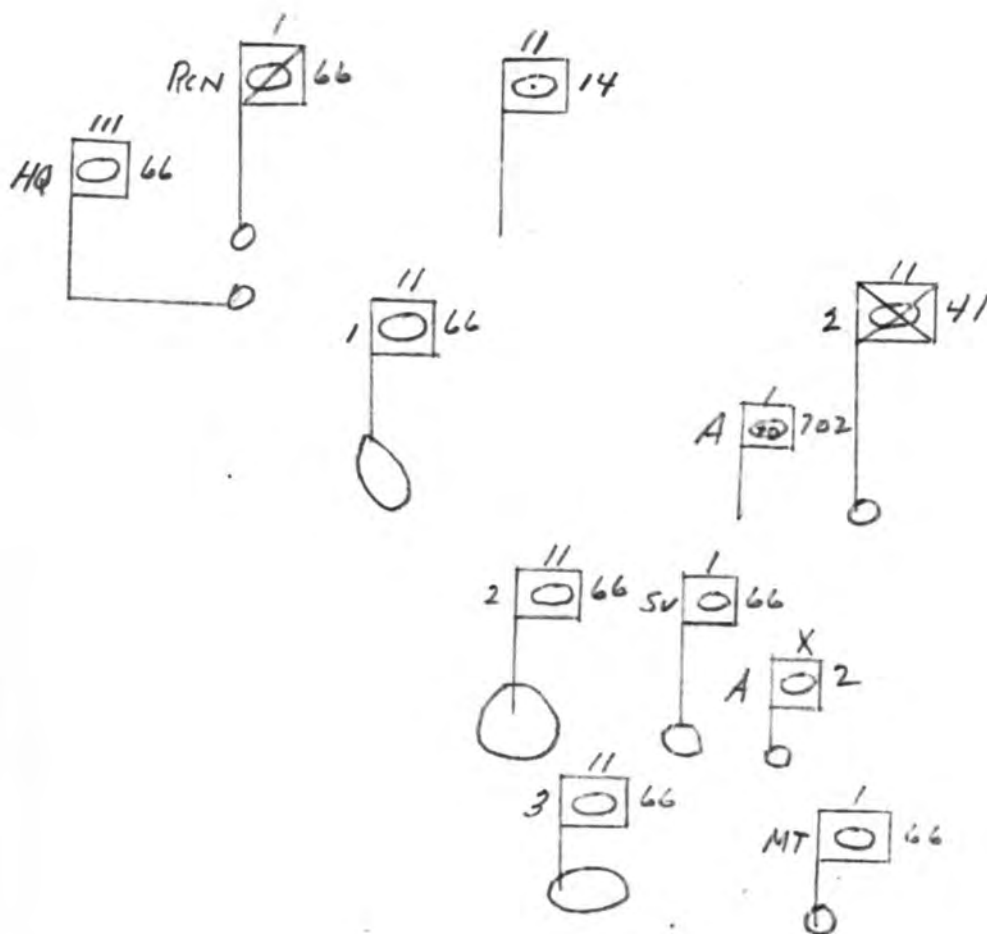
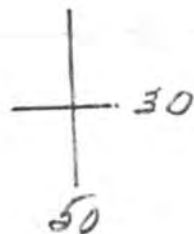
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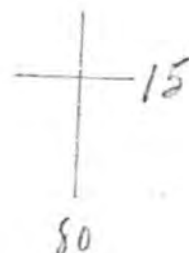
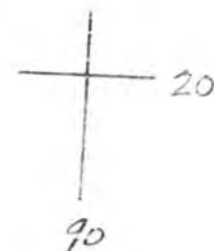
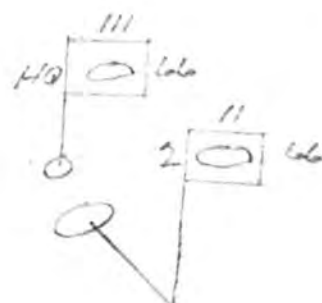
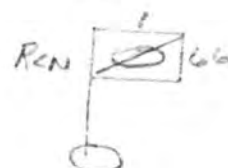
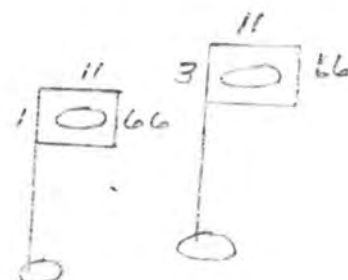
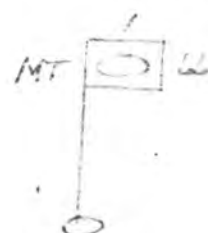
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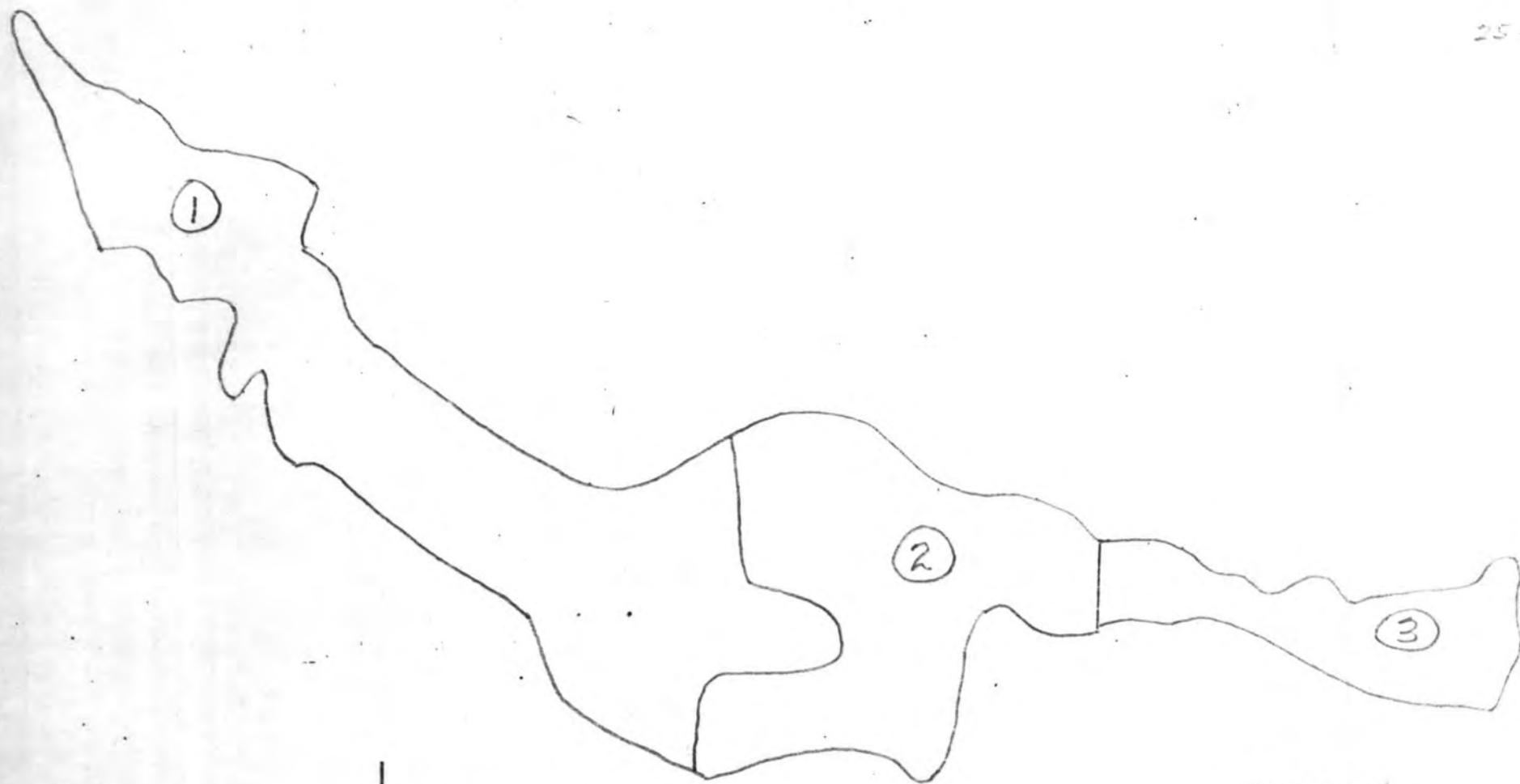


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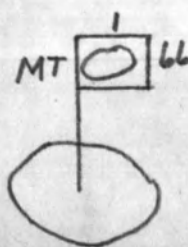
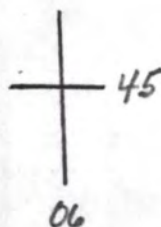
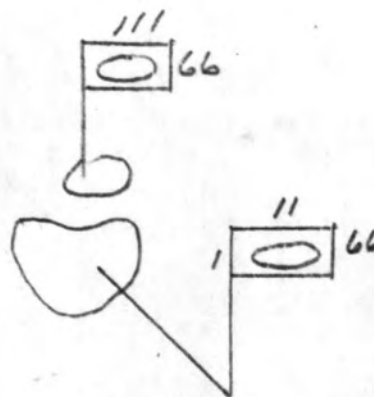
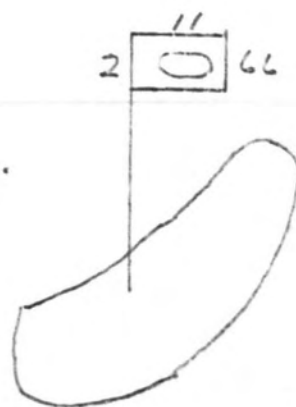
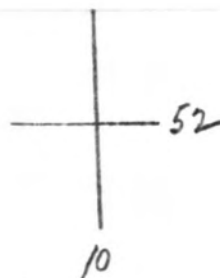
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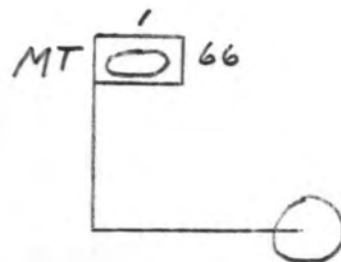
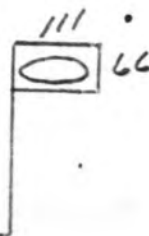
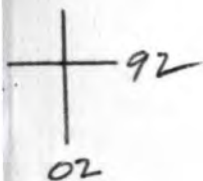
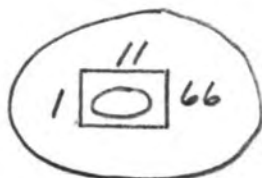
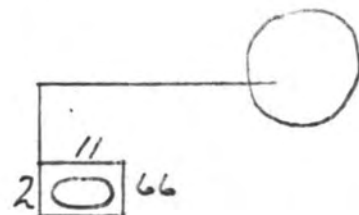
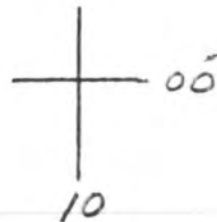
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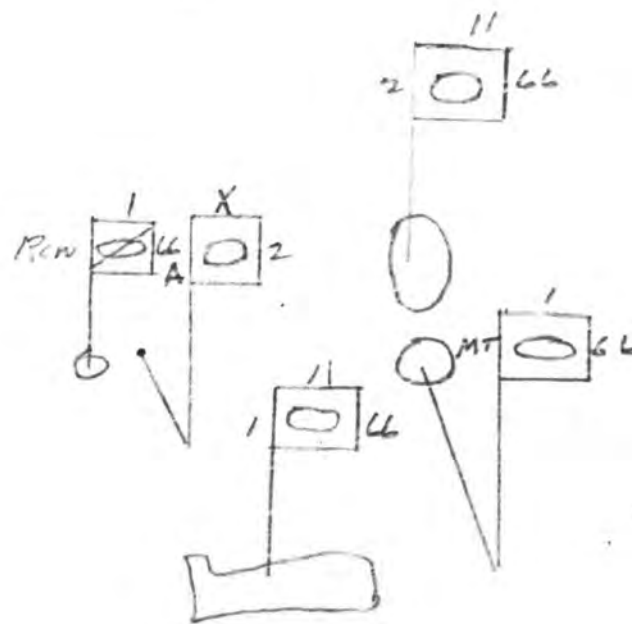
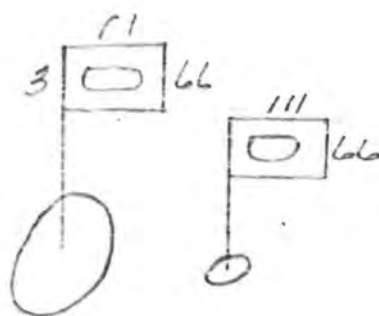
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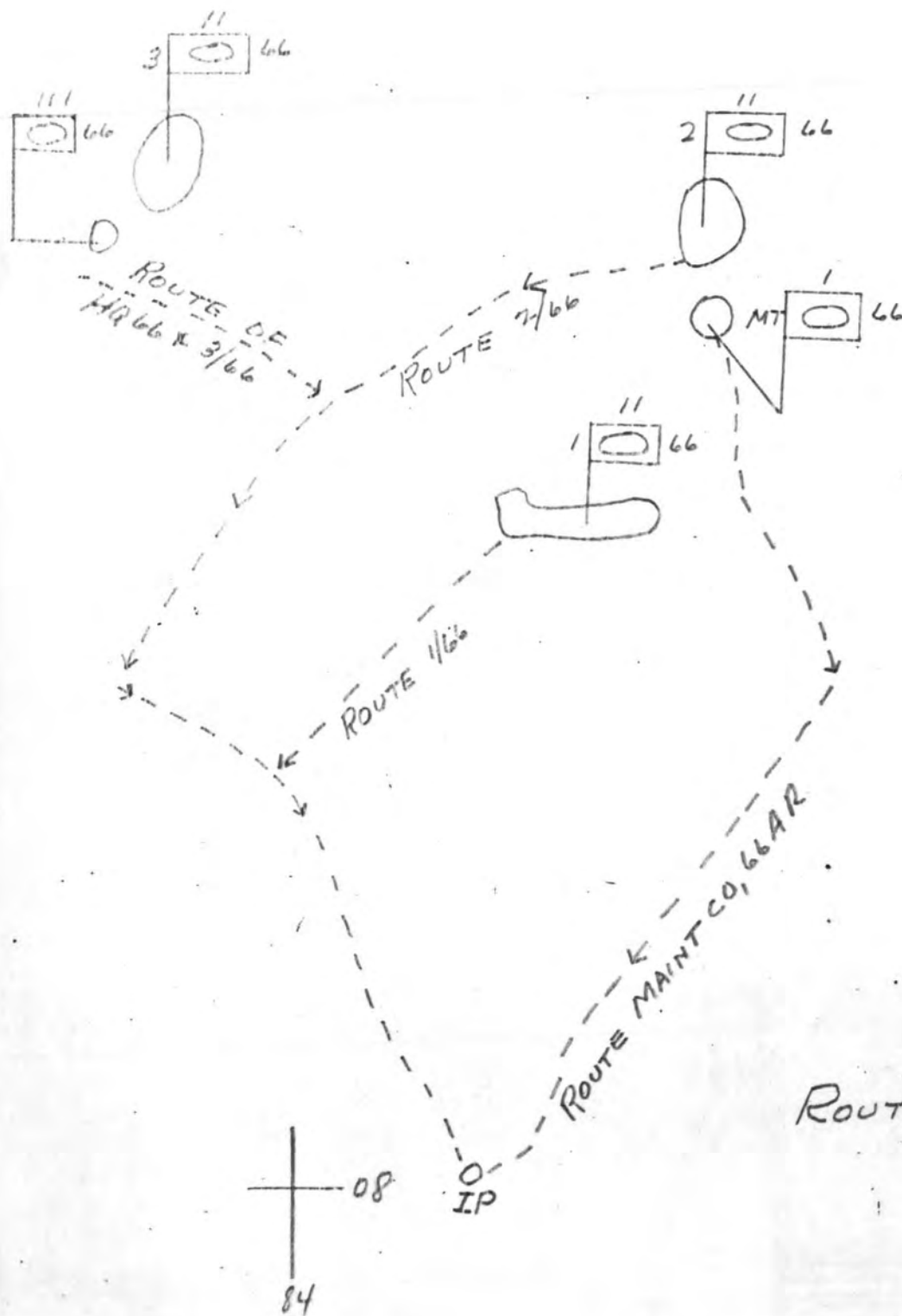
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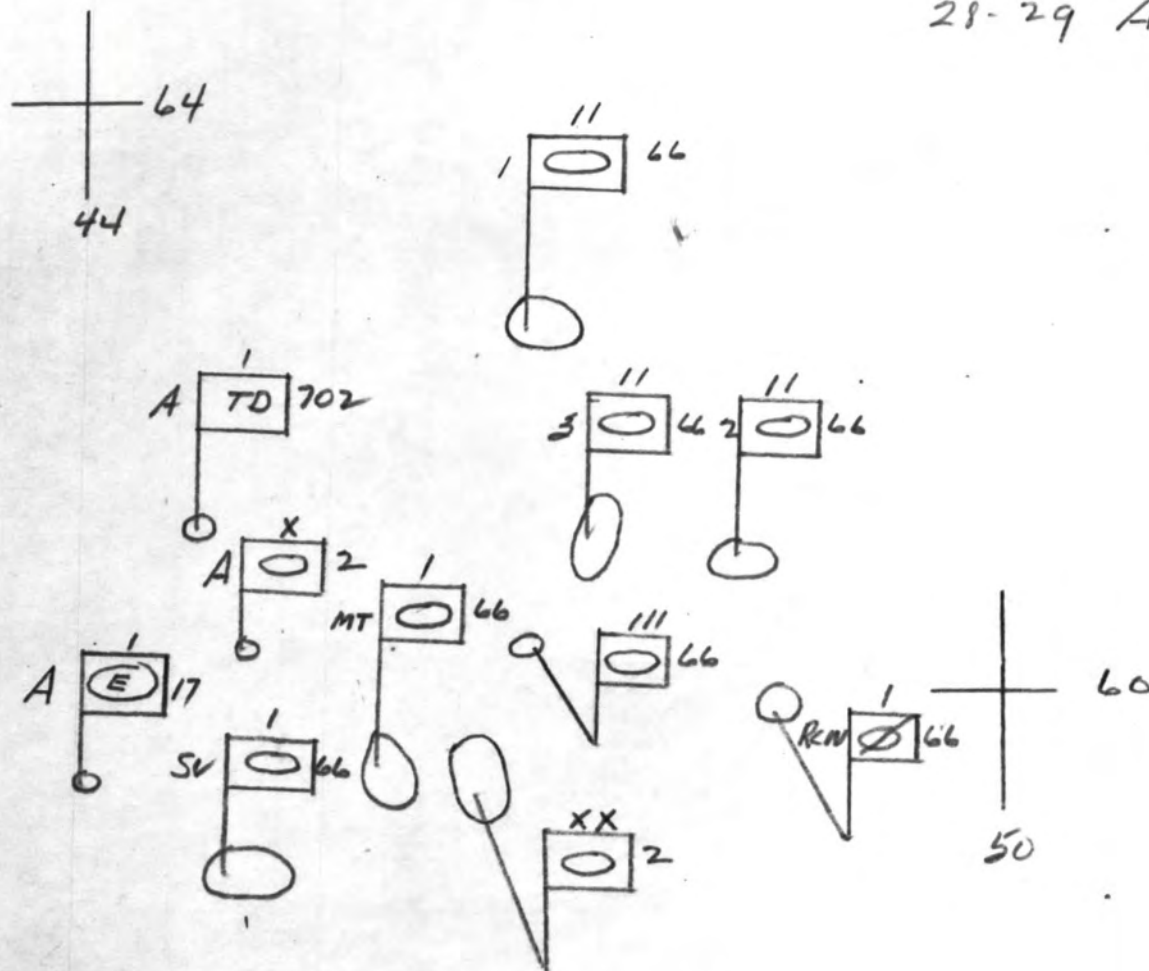
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HQS 66 AR

DISPOSITIONS 66 AR
AND ADJACENT UNITS
28-29 AUG 1944



OVERLAY NO. 21

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HEADQUARTERS 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT

A. P. O. 252
2 September 1944

S-1 Supplement

Battle Casualties for the Period 1-31 August 1944

1 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"	1	2
Ron Co		2
Co "H"		2
Total	1	6

1 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		2
Co "B"		1
Co "E"		1
Co "G"		5
Co "H"		1
Total	0	10

1 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "B"		4
Co "F"		1
Hq Co 2d Bn		2
Co "H"		4
Total	0	12

1 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "B"	1	
Total	1	1

1 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "B"		2
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Co "G"	1	4
Co "H"		2
Med Det		3
Total	1	13

1 August 1944 - SIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"		1
Co "F"		2
Total	0	3

1 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "E"		2
Co "H"		2
Total	0	4

1 August 1944 - Total

<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
3	49

2 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "C"		1
Co "F"		4
Co "G"		3
Co "I"		2
Total	0	10

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S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

2 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "A"		1
Co "C"		2
Co "E"	1	
Co "F"		3
Co "G"		1
Total	1	8

2 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Maint Co		1
Co "G"	1	
Co "I"	1	
Total	2	1

2 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "I"		2
Total	0	2

2 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Maint Co			1
Hq Co 1st Bn		1	1
Co "B"			2
Co "D"			1
Co "F"			5
Total	0	1	10

2 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "G"		3
Total	0	3

2 August 1944 - SIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "F"		1
Total	0	1

2 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
	3	1	35

3 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "G"		2
Total	0	2

3 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"	1	
Total	1	0

3 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 1st Bn		2
Co "E"		1
Co "F"		1
Total	0	4

3 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co			1
Serv Co		1	1
Hq Co 1st Bn			1
Hq Co 2d Bn			2
Co "D"	1		3
Total	1	1	8

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

3 August 1944 - MIA
Off EM

Hq Co 3rd Bn 5

Total 0 5

3 August 1944 - Total
Off WO EM
 2 1 19

4 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Co "G" 1
 Total 0 1

4 August 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Ren Co 1
 Co "E" 1
 Co "F" 1
 Co "G" 1
 Total 0 4

4 August 1944 - MIA
Off EM
 Co "G" 1 11
 Total 1 11

4 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 1 16

5 August 1944 - KILLED
Off EM
 Ren Co 2
 Co "E" 1
 Total 0 3

5 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Ren Co 2 4
 Co "C" 1
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Co "E" 3
 Total 2 9

5 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Ren Co 1
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Co "E" 1
 Hq Co 3rd Bn 1
 Total 1 4

5 August 1944 - LIA
Off EM
 Ren Co 1
 Co "E" 1
 Total 1 1

5 August 1944 - CE
Off WO EM
 Ren Co 3
 Co "D" 2
 Hq Co 3rd Bn 1
 Total 0 1 5

5 August 1944 - MIA
Off EM
 Co "F" 2
 Total 0 2

5 August 1944 - SIA
Off EM
 Co "D" 1
 Total 0 1

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

5 August 1944 - Total

<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
4	1	25

6 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"	1	3
Co "D"		2
Co "E"		1
Co "G"		1
Total	1	7

6 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"		2
Hq Co 2d Bn		1
Co "E"		4
Co "G"		3
Total	0	10

6 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Hq Co		1
Maint Co		1
Hq Co 1st Bn	1	
Co "B"		3
Hq Co 2d Bn		1
Co "E"		4
Total	1	11

6 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"		1
Hq Co 2d Bn		2
Co "E"		1
Co "F"		1
Total	0	5

6 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"		8
Total	0	8

6 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "B"		1
Total	0	1

6 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "E"		2
Total	0	2

6 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	2	44

7 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "A"		3
Co "B"		1
Co "F"		1
Co "H"		1
Total	0	7

7 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Co "F"		1
Total	0	2

9-1 Supplement for August 1944, cont'd.

7 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co	1	
Hq Co 1st Bn		1
Co "A"		2
Med Det		1
Total	1	4

7 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Serv Co		1
Hq Co 1st Bn		4
Co "A"		1
Co "F"		2
Co "I"		1
Total	0	9

7 August 1944 - SIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "F"		1
Co "I"		2
Total	0	3

7 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	1	25

8 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "F"	1	2
Total	1	2

8 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Co "C"		1
Total	0	2

8 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "C"	1	1
Total	1	1

8 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		2
Co "A"		1
Co "B"		4
Co "F"		1
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Co "G"		3
Total	0	12

8 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	2	17

9 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Co "G"		2
Total	0	3

9 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 3rd Bn		2
Co "G"		1
Total	0	3

9 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 1st Bn		1
Total	0	1

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

9 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Serv Co		1
Co "E"		1
Co "F"		2
Co "G"		3
Total	0	7

9 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Co "G"		2
Total	0	3

9 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	0	17

10 August 1944 - None

11 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Total	0	2

11 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Hq Co 2d Bn	1	
Co "D"		1
Co "G"		3
Total	1	5

11 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 3rd Bn		4
Co "I"		1
Total	0	5

11 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	1	12

12 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "E"		2

Total

	0	2
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12 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Serv Co		1
Hq Co 2d Bn		1
Co "G"		1

Total

	0	3
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12 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	0	5

13 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Hq Co 3rd Bn	1	
Total	1	1

13 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Maint Co		1
Total	0	1

13 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co		1
Co "E"		1
Hq Co 3rd Bn		1
Total	0	3

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

13 August 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Total 0 1

13 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 1 6

14 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Ron Co 3
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Total 0 4

14 August 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Co "B" 1
 Co "E" 1
 Total 0 2

14 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 6

15 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Co "I" 1
 Total 0 1

15 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Ron Co 2
 Co "I" 1
 Total 0 3

15 August 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Hq Co 1st Bn 1
 Med Det 1
 Total 0 2

15 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 6

16 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Hq Co 1st Bn 2
 Co "F" 4
 Total 0 6

16 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Hq Co 1st Bn 2
 Total 0 2

16 August 1944 - LIA
Off EM
 Co "F" 1
 Total 0 1

16 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 9

17 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "I" 3
 Total 0 3

17 August 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 3

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

18 August 1944 - None

19 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM

Co "E" 1

Total 0 1

19 August 1944 - Total
Off EM

0 1

20 August 1944 - None

21 August 1944 - None

22 August 1944 - KILLED
Off EM

Hq Co 2d Bn 1 1

Total 1 1

22 August 1944 - SIA
Off EM

Hq Co 2d Bn 1

Total 0 1

22 August 1944 - Total
Off EM

1 2

23 August 1944 - KILLED
Off EM

Co "G" 1

Total 0 1

23 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM

Co "B" 1

Co "G" 1 4

Total 1 5

23 August 1944 - CE
Off EM

Co "G" 1

Med Det 1

Total 1 1

23 August 1944 - SIA
Off EM

Co "G" 1

Total 0 1

23 August 1944 - Total
Off EM

2 8

24 August 1944 - KILLED
Off WO EM

Hq Co 3rd Bn 1 1 2

Med Det 2

Total 1 1 4

24 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM

Hq Co 3rd Bn 2

Total 0 2

24 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM

Hq Co 1

Hq Co 3rd Bn 1

Med Det 5

Total 0 7

24 August 1944 - Total
Off WO EM

1 1 13

25 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM

Serv Co 1

Total 0 1

S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

25 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM

Hq Co 1

Total 1 0

25 August 1944 - LIA
Off EM

Hq Co 1

Serv Co 1

Total 1 1

25 August 1944 - CE
Off EM

Co "F" 1

Total 0 1

25 August 1944 - Total
Off EM

2 3

26 August 1944 - KILLED
Off EM

Ron Co 3

Co "C" 2

Co "E" 1

Co "H" 1

Co "I" 2

Total 0 9

26 August 1944 - SWA
Off EM

Ron Co 1

Hq Co 1st Bn 3

Co "C" 6

Co "E" 1

Co "I" 1

Total 0 12

26 August 1944 - LWA
Off EM

Ron Co 6

Hq Co 1st Bn 3

Co "C" 1

Hq Co 2d Bn 2

Co "E" 1

Co "H" 1 1

Total 1 14

26 August 1944 - LIA
Off EM

Co "I" 1

Total 0 1

26 August 1944 - CE
Off EM

Hq Co 1st Bn 1

Co "E" 1

Co "I" 1

Total 0 3

26 August 1944 - MIA
Off EM

Co "B" 1

Total 0 1

26 August 1944 - SIA
Off EM

Hq Co 1st Bn 3

Total 0 3

26 August 1944 - Total
Off EM

1 43

9-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

27 August 1944 - KILLED

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Co "D"		1
Total	0	2

27 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"	1	1
Co "D"		9
Co "F"		1
Co "I"		1
Total	1	12

27 August 1944 - LWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "A"		1
Co "C"		2
Total	0	3

27 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Co 2d Bn		1
Co "I"		1
Med Det		2
Total	0	4

27 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "D"	1	4
Total	1	4

27 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	2	25

28 August 1944 - CE

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co	1	
Co "A"	1	
Co "F"		1
Total	2	1

28 August 1944 - LIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Ron Co		1
Total	0	1

28 August 1944 - MIA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Maint Co	1	
Total	1	0

28 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	3	2

29 August 1944 - None

30 August 1944 - SWA

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Co "H"	1	
Total	1	0

30 August 1944 - Total

	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
	1	0

31 August 1944 - None

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S-1 Supplement for August 1944, Cont'd.

TOTALS

	<u>off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
KILLED	6	1	57
SWA	8	0	95
LWA	9	0	81
LIA	3	0	20
CE	5	3	94
MIA	3	0	34
SIA	0	0	10
	<u>34</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>391</u>

G. A. Barron Jr.
G. A. BARRON, JR.,
Adjutant.

SECRET
Intelligence Supplement
for period
1-31 August 1944

1-4 August

The regiment advancing on TLEBY-SUR-VIRE came in contact with elements of the 84th Inf Div., 363rd Inf Div., 353rd Inf Div. and one battalion of assault guns (20-25) and the equivalent of a battalion of tanks (25-40). The enemy made a determined attempt to retard the advance of the regiment by the use of two infantry divisions on the Corps front. These units were supported by heavy mortar fire and supplemented by sporadic, harassing artillery and tank or S/P guns. Only after heavy pressure from our troops was a withdrawal by the enemy effected.

5-6 August

The enemy occupying the high ground in the vicinity of VIRE utilized their OP's to good advantage and held on with dogged determination. Contact was made with the 1st SS Pz Div.

7-8 August

Not in Contact

9-15 August

The regiment with the 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment in the leading wave seized GATHIMO against determined enemy troops which had held up an infantry division for several days. The regiment now on high ground proceeded along the GATHIMO-TINCHEBRAY road where small groups of organized resistance supported by mortars and artillery were met.

16-19 August

The enemy, by occupation of selected strong points has attempted to deny our movement to the North. In the VENEUIL area existed a battalion of the 17th Regiment of the 344th Inf. Div., West of VENEUIL were elements of the 344th Inf Div., and to the East were elements of the 17th GAF. All of these troops were recently brought up from the PARIS area to prevent Allied troops from cutting off retreating enemy from the FALAISE GAF.

20-22 August

During this period the regiment had numerous minor engagements with isolated groups. Over 400 prisoners of war and about 150 enemy killed. The enemy surrendered in groups, and in one case a whole company, when they learned they were fighting tanks. The PW's taken were from the 17th GAF and stragglers from numerous other units.

23-26 August

During this period the regiment continued to push North and link up with the Canadian XX Corps in the vicinity of ELBEUF. The enemy continued his stubborn resistance to our advance elements. Numerous tanks and isolated groups of retreating enemy were continuously being reported. The enemy became more confused as our advanced elements approached ELBEUF.

In the south of the main road, enemy vehicles were using a main road in both directions in an attempt to escape the trap. Here the destruction of enemy was decisive and complete. Elements of the 116th Pz Div., 2 SS Pz Div., 21st Pz Div., 3rd Para Div., and the 84th, 271st, 272nd, 277th, 331st, 334th, 348th, 353rd, 326th, 708th Infantry Divisions. Morale in most cases was poor. Numerous Russians were among the prisoners taken in the vicinity of LIBOUR.

27-29 August
Not in Contact

30-31 August

The regiment made a crossing of the SEINE River at ROSNY which had previously been secured by the U. S. 79th Inf. Div. Only elements that came in contact with our advance elements were stragglers of units that were able to escape across the SEINE River.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

During this period no casualties were sustained by enemy air. Only an occasional lone plane was observed by day.

In enemy night attack was made on GETHUIC on 11 August but no casualties were sustained.

MAPS

Complete coverage in the 1/50,000 and 1/100,000 scale was issued down to include platoons. However, there were limited distributions on several 1/40,000 sheets. There were no 1/25,000 maps or aerial photographs available.

TERRAIN

The terrain for tanks improved as we approached the SEINE River. The rolling ground and scattered woods provided good approaches. In the vicinity of VIRE the terrain channalized the operation which reflected on our tank losses.

TOTAL CASUALTIES AFFLICTED ON THE ENEMY DURING PERIOD 1-31 AUGUST

FW's	2510
KILLED (estimated)	809
TANKS DESTROYED OR CAPTURED	62
VEHICLES DESTROYED OR CAPTURED	264
A/T and S/P GUNS DESTROYED OR CAPTURED	28

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S-2

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S-4 Annex for Period August 1 - August 31, 1944

During the period August 1-31, this unit was operating under battalion conditions.

Class I - Unit reserve of two C rations and one K ration maintained. Supply replenished to units daily with exception of those times when tactical situation did not permit the operation of trucks in unit areas. Guides were sent to alternate Supply Point, Maintenance Company CP, and trucks guided forward.

Class II - Class II supplies were adequate. They were drawn from forward truck heads delivered to unit supply trucks in field trains, and issued to the individual at each rest period.

Class III - Class III drawn from forward truck heads and delivered directly to units from alternate supply point. Supply adequate.

Class IV - Replacements made available to units as needed. Supply lines definitely extended and replacement of heavy equipment somewhat slower than previous month, but adequate in every respect.

Class V - Class V drawn from forward truck heads and delivered, as required, direct to units from alternate supply point. Supply adequate and no unusual difficulties encountered.

File
HIT S-4
Major

SECOND ARMORED DIVISION
Second Armored Division

APC 252
5 August 1944

PC #5

<u>Order of March</u>	<u>Time Length</u>	<u>Head Crosses IF</u>	<u>Tail Clears</u>
<u>Rcn Co, both AR</u>	8 min	040600B	040608B
<u>Advance Guard</u>	30 min	06235	0653B
2nd Bn, both AR			
2nd Bn, 119 Inf (-1 Co)			
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng			
<u>Hq CC"A"</u>	0 min	06583	0704B
<u>14th AFA Bn</u>	25 min	07073	0732B
<u>1st Bn, both AR (w/1 Co 119th</u>	25 min	0737B	0802B
Inf & 1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng			
Bn atchd)			
<u>Hq both AR</u>	5 min	0807B	0812B
<u>3rd Bn, both AR</u>	25 min	0817B	0842B
<u>Co A, 702d TD Bn</u>	5 min	0847B	0852B
<u>Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)</u>	4 min	0855B	0859B
<u>Co A, 48th Med Bn</u>	5 min	0902B	0907B
<u>Maint Co, both AR (w/aet, A Co</u>	15 min	0910B	0925B
Maint Bn, 2 AD & Combat			
Trains, CC"A", atchd)			

- (1) IF - See overlay attached.
- (2) Route - See overlay
- (3) Rate of March - 15 mph
- (4) Distance - 75 yds between vehicles.
3 min between march units
5 min between serials.
- (5) Guides - Units will furnish own guides. 2 AD MFs will be posted along route.
- (6) Essential F&L & Ammo Trucks released to battalions and separate companies. Remainder of combat trains march with Maintenance Co, both AR.
- (7) Field trains remain present area, to be moved forward by Division Trains Commander.
- (8) D Btry, 195th AAA Bn, march with 14th AFA Bn, and Maint Co, both AR.
- (9) Control Officers: IF - Capt Bifano
Tessy-Sur-Vire - Capt Lawler
Pontiaroy - Furnished by both AR

ROSE
Cmdg

OFFICIAL:

POWER
S-3

FO #6

MAPS: GSGS 4250 - 1/50,000

1. a. No Change.
b. XIX Corps continues attack to secure Corps objective. CC"B" attacks in zone of 28th Div.
2. CC"A" continues attack in zone of action of 29th Inf Div to secure objective.

TROOPS

- a. 1st Bn, both AR (reinf)
1st Bn, both AR
1 Co 2d Bn 119th Inf
1 Plat Co "A", 17th Eng Bn
 - b. 2d Bn, both AR (reinf)
2d Bn, both AR
2d Bn 119th Inf (-1 Co)
1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn
 - c. 3rd Bn, both AR
 - d. Artillery
14th AFA Bn
65th AFA Bn
119th FA Group, consisting of
1 Bn, 155mm Gun
2 Bns, 155mm How
 - e. CC"A" Control
Hq CC"A", 2 AD
both AR (-3 Bns)
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)
Co A, 702d TD Bn
Co A, 48th Med Bn
D Btry, 195th AAA Bn
Det, Co A, Maint Bn
3. a. 1st Bn, both AR (reinf) attacks to seize high ground west of VIRE to cover passing of CC"A" through VIRE. Follows last unit of CC"A" passing through VIRE.
b. 2d Bn, both AR (reinf) attacks on order after 1st Bn, both AR (reinf) objective has been reached, continues advance to south.
c. 3rd Bn, both AR, Co A, 702d TD Bn, Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats), Hq & Rcn Cos, both AR will follow 2d Bn, both AR (reinf) on order.
d. CC"A" artillery will support the action of CC"A".
e. Btry D, 195th AAA Bn will protect the artillery.
x. (1) Vehicles not essential to combat for two day period will be kept off roads and in bivouac areas until further orders.
(2) This order will not be carried into battle by any unit.
 4. No change.
 5. a. Current SCI.
b. Changes in CPs to be announced.
c. Axis of Signal Communication - See overlay.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
SECOND ARMORED DIVISION

A. P. O. 252
091700B July 44

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction to Confirm Verbal Orders.

TO : All Units, CC"A", 2d Armored Division.

1. a. Intelligence Annex to follow.
b. (1) XIX Corps continues attack to S and SE at 100600B to secure high ground GATHEMO - VENGEONS - ST SAUVEUR DE CHAULIEU.
(2) 28th Div continues attack night 9-10 August to secure GATHEMO.
2. a. A task force from CC"A", 2 AD, commanded by the CO, 60th AR, is attached to 28th Div and passes through the front lines of the 109th Inf Regt at 100600B and attacks generally down the ridge toward hill 367 in order to secure hill 367.
b. Troops:
60th AR (-1st & 3rd Bns, Ren Co, & Co A (-Plat)).
1st Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn.
2nd Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co)
Co A, 702d TD Bn
14th AFA Bn.
Det Co A, 48th Med Bn.
3. a. CC 60th AR will send a liaison officer with CW and FM radio to CP 28th Div at once.
b. Artillery:
(1) 14th AFA Bn will reconnoiter positions NW of GATHEMO afternoon 9 August and leave present area at 092300B to occupy positions reconnoitered.
(2) 14th AFA Bn in direct support of task force. Reinforcing fires will be furnished by 28th Div Arty and five (5) Bns of Corps Arty.
c. Task force less 14th AFA Bn, departs from present area at 100300B. Route of march to be announced.
d. Air support will be available. Planes rendezvous GATHEMO 100600B.
4. a. Co A., 48th Med Bn will supply Med evacuation.
b. Field trains remain present area.
- b. Communications:
a. Radio communication between 28th Div and task force will be via CW and FM radio with liaison officer from 60th Arm'd Regt at 28th Div CP operating in command nets of 60th AR.
b. Current SCI, 2 AD.

JOHN H. COLLIER,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT
APO 252

9 August 1944

FO #2

MAPS: Map of France, VIRE and MORTAIN SHEETS 6F/6 and 6G/2, 1/50,000.

1. a. Intelligence - See Div G-2 Periodic Report.
b. XIX Corps consisting of 28th and 29th Divs and Task Force 66th Armd Regt will attack enemy lines along general front 565238 - 635300.
2. a. Task Force 66th Armd Regt will move in accordance with attached march table to area GATHEMO (565237) with mission of passing through the lines of the 28th Div and attacking down east-west ridge to secure high ground HILL 367 (665216), preparing to meet counterattack from south and east.
b. Troops:
Hqs 66th Armd Regt
2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-A Co plus 1 Plat)
2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-E Co)
Co A, 702 TD Bn
1st Plat, Co A, 17th Engrs
14th Field Arty Bn
Det 48th Lcd Bn
3. a. Advance Guard (see march table) move rapidly to establish contact with enemy, developing situation to expedite, committing of main body. Employ engineers to remove mines, road obstacles and establish by-passes when necessary.
b. 14th Field Arty Bn - support action of column enroute to objective, displacing well forward. 14th FA Bn will reconnoiter position NW of GATHEMO afternoon 9 Aug and leave present area at 092300B to occupy new position.
c. Co A, 702 TD Bn - cover column against interruption enroute and on objective against armored counterattack.
d. 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-E Co) eliminate anti-tank obstacles enroute and secure objective.
e. H Hour - 100300B.
f. When head of column is committed, rear of column coil-up forward.
g. Guides enroute by 2d AD MPs and Rcn Plat, Hq 66th Armd Regt.
4. Administrative:
a. SOI - 2d Armd Div in effect.
b. 66th Armd Regt - Command Net.
c. Command Post - At head of Main Body.
d. Trains: Commander - Capt Headly, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 66th AR.
Combat Trains - To Capt Headly - assembly area to be announced.
Service Trains - Remain in present area.
e. Medical: Organization detachments with organizations. One Section 48th Med Bn establish treatment station at Champ du Boulton (543270) marching independently of main column. To be in position by 0600B 10 Aug 1944. Normal evacuation from axis of advance to this station.

5. March Table.

<u>Advance Guard</u>		
1 Plat Co A, both AR	1	0300 0301
Co D, both AR	5	H plus 0
Co D, 41st AIR (-1 Plat)	4	H plus 0 H plus 10
1st Plat, Co A, 17th Engrs	2	H plus 10 H plus 12
1st Plat, Co A, 702 TD Bn	2	H plus 12 H plus 14
AG Plat, 2nd Bn, both AR		
Mortar Plat, 2nd Bn, both AR		
Med Det	5	H plus 14 H plus 19
Maint Det		
<u>Hqs both Armd Regt Fwd</u>	2	H plus 21 H plus 23
<u>Main Body:</u>		
Co A, 702 TD (-1 Plat)	4	H plus 25 H plus 29
2nd Bn, 41st AIR (-D & E Co)	12	H plus 29 H plus 41
plus 1 Plat D Co		
Co E, both AR	5	H plus 41 H plus 46
<u>14th FA Bn</u>		Independent March Unit
<u>Trains of above units</u>		H plus 46
<u>Section 48th Med Bn</u>		Independent March Unit

x. IP - RJ at 600335.

Control Officer - Lt Raines, Hqs both Armd Regt.

Rate of March - 10 mph.

Distance between vehicles - Sight - 75 yds on first light.

Blackout lights may be used.

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5. March Table.

<u>Advance Guard</u>			
1 Plat Co A, both AR	1	0300	0301
Co D, both AR	5		H plus 6
Co D, 41st AIR (-1 Plat)	4	H plus 0	H plus 10
1st Plat, Co A, 17th Engrs	2	H plus 10	H plus 12
1st Plat, Co A, 702 TD Bn	2	H plus 12	H plus 14
AG Plat, 2nd Bn, both AR			
Mortar Plat, 2nd Bn, both AR			
Med Det	5	H plus 14	H plus 19
Maint Det			
<u>Hqs both Armd Regt Fwd</u>	2	H plus 21	H plus 23
<u>Main Body:</u>			
Co A, 702 TD (-1 Plat)	4	H plus 25	H plus 29
2nd Bn, 41st AIR (-D & E Co)	12	H plus 29	H plus 41
plus 1 Plat D Co			
Co E, both AR	5	H plus 41	H plus 46
<u>14th FA Bn</u>		Independent March Unit	
<u>Trains of above units</u>		H plus 46	
<u>Section 48th Med Bn</u>		Independent March Unit	

x. IP - RJ at 600335.

Control Officer - Lt Raines, Hqs 66th Armd Regt.

Rate of March - 10 mph.

Distance between vehicles - Sight - 75 yds on first light.

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Hq 28 Inf Div
APO 28
091110B Aug 44

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MAP: France, GSGS 4250, 1/50,000.

1. a. Current intelligence reports.
b. XIX Corps and other forces continue atk.

2. 28 Inf Div:

atcd: 630 TD Bn

447 AAA A. Bn

744 Tk Bn

Task force A, 2 Armd Div

1 Bn Med Tks (less Light Co less 1 plat)

1 Bn Armd Inf (less 1 Co)

1 Bn Armd Field Arty

1 Co TD (SP)

1 Plat Engrs

atks at 100000B Aug, seizes intermediate Objs in zone and drives hard to occupy Corps final obj in zone.

Zones of action - Overlay.

3. a. Task Force A move early 10 Aug from present position and at 0600 atk objs A - B - D and push on to capture Hill 367. Revert to CCA when it crosses Div left (E) boundary. LD - Overlay.
- b. 109 Inf atk from present position at 0600 in conjunction with Task Force A, Capture Obj A and A-1, organize and hold them prepared to continue advance on Div order.
- c. 110 Inf (-1st Bn Div Res) atk from present position at 0600, push rapidly S in zone and occupy Obj B in conjunction with atk by Task Force A. Organize and hold position prepared to advance on Div order.
- d. 112 Inf atk from present position at 0600, seize Obj C and in conjunction with atk by Task Force A seize Objs D and D-1. Organize and hold positions prepared to advance on Div order.
- e. 28 Div Arty support by successive concentrations. Maintain wire com to Arty of Task Force A.
- f. 103 Engr C Bn road maintenance, priority to route of Task Force A. Prepare to assist advance of that force. Appropriate equipment will be available at selected locations.
- g. 28 Rcn Tr assign one plat to each regtl zone to maintain contact.
- h. 630 TD Bn coordinate AT defense, one company direct support each regt.
- i. 447 AAA A. Bn - normal AA defense.
- j. 744 Tk Bn support Div operating initially in zone of 109 Inf.
- k. 1st Bn 110 Inf await orders in present position in Div Res.
- x. (1) Route of Task Force A - Overlay. - Will be clear of all obstructions by 0400. All AT guns defending portions of this road will be off the road-way. Physical road blocks (mines and barricades) if used on this road, must be removed by 0400.
(2) Front lines will be outlined with yellow smoke at approach of Task Force A.
(3) All personnel of the Div will be familiarized with this plan.

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Hq 28 Inf Div
APO 28
102330B Aug 44

Message To: Distribution.

Reference FO 7.

1. Boundaries and objectives unchanged.
2. 109 Inf consolidate and hold present position.
3. 110 Inf (-1st Bn, Div Res) attack at hour selected by CO, seize Obj B, organize and hold it. Coordinate attack with action of Task Force A through DMZ.
4. 112 Inf attack at hour selected by CO, seize Objs C and D, organize and hold position around Obj D. Coordinate attack with action of Task Force A through DMZ.
5. Task Force A assist attack of 110 Inf. Attack as early as practicable, overrun Obj D, assisting attack of 112 Inf and pass out of zone to capture Hill 367.
6. 28 Div Arty: Interdiction and harassing fires throughout the night 10-11 Aug and successive concentrations on call thereafter.
7. 74th Tk Bn: One Co operate in direct support of each Inf Regt as soon as Co can contact the regt, moving along the highway running through Objs A - B - D.
8. 630 TD Bn: Coordinate AT defense, one Co operating in direct support of each regt.
9. 447 AAA Arty Bn: Normal AA defense.
10. 28 Rcn Tr (-Plat) protect right flank of Div operating on roads CHAMP DU BOULT - EUDERIE and east to Div boundary and maintain contact with Cav Gp which is protecting Div and Corps right flank initially in vicinity of Hill 333. Plat of Rcn Tr maintain contact with 29 Inf Div on left.
11. 103 Engr C Bn: Maintenance of roads in Div zone, including minefield clearance and removal of road blocks.
12. Miscellaneous:
 - a. All weapons in forward zone be provided with alternate positions.
 - b. Inf establish and maintain contact with unit to left; 109 Inf also maintain contact with unit on its right.

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Hq 28 Inf Div
APC 28
112330B Aug 44

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1. The Div

Atchd: 630 TD Bn
744 Tk Bn
447 AAA AW Bn
113 Cav Gp
Task Force "A"

attacks 120700B Aug making main effort on its right to seize Objectives F-1 and F.

2. 113 Cav Gp protect Div and Corps right flank and maintain contact with 9 Inf Div.

3. Inf Regts, with atchd Tk and direct support TD Cos attack in present zones.

4. Task Force A continues attack on Objective D and Hill 367. When it crosses Div left (E) boundary Task Force A becomes attached to 29 Inf Div.

5. Rcn Tr continue present mission.

6. 447 AAA AW Bn continue present mission.

7. 28 Div Arty support Div.

8. 103 Engr C Bn continue present mission.

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HEADQUARTERS AIS CORPS
APO 270

111500B Aug 44

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions #17.

TO : See Distribution:

1. The enemy is reported retreating along the front of VII Corps. The V Corps will advance immediately to a line through Truttemer le Grand.
2. XIX Corps resumes attack at 1900 driving to the S in its zone.
3. 29 Inf Div will advance rapidly to secure Hill 367 and the hill south of St Sauveur de Chaulieu, prepared to advance to the E to seize road junction at 683223.
4. 28 Inf Div advances to the S in zone and seize the line Brouains - Sourdeval - ridge at 313 (628202).
5. 113 Cav Gp is attached to the 28 Inf Div immediately.
6. XIX Corps Arty will support advance of XIX Corps.
7. Task Force A after seizure Hill 338 will proceed rapidly to Hill 367 and be attached to 29 Inf Div when it crosses the left boundary to the 28 Inf Div.
8. Elements of CCA, 2 Armd Div, when passed through by infantry, will revert to Commander of CCA, and will be prepared for rapid action to the S.

CHARLES H. CORLETT
Major General

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
APO 252
In the Field
142330B Aug 44

FO #10

MAPS: GSGS, 4250, scale, 1/50,000, sheets, MORTAIN.

1. a. Germans are holding defensive positions in considerable strength along the EGRENNE river. Their defenses consist of strongpoints on high ground and stream crossings. Stream crossings are mined and bridges are blown. It is likely that he will continue defensive action along the present line, holding high ground N and NE of EGRENNE river. Increased use of arty fire from positions along this high ground may be expected. Small groups of tanks from the 1st SS Pz, Adolph Hitler, have been identified in this area.
b. No change.
2. a. Combat Command "A" continues attack to seize and secure Hill 329 at 0800B, 15 August 1944.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR assemble in present area, move on order.
b. 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) hold bridgehead of EGRENNE river until passed through by 3rd Bn, 66th AR (reinf), assemble on order, prepared to move forward to objective under control of CO, 1st Bn, 66th AR.
c. 3rd Bn, 66th AR (w/1st Bn, 112 Inf, 1 plat Co A, 17th Eng, 1 Plat Co A 702d TD Bn atchd) attacks at 0800B 15 Aug 1944, passing through forward elements 2d Bn, 41st AIR, seize and hold Hill 329.
d. 1st Bn, 66th AR (w/2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) atchd) follow 3rd Bn, 66th AR (reinf) on order.
e. Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-1 Plat) follow 1st Bn, 66th AR (reinf) on order. Maintain crossing of EGRENNE river until all elements of CCA have crossed.
f. Co A, 702d TD Bn (-1 Plat) follow Company A, 17th Eng Bn (-) on order. Provide anti-tank protection for column enroute to objective.
g. 14th AFA Bn support the action of Combat Command "A".
h. 66th AR (-3 Bns), Rcn and Mt Cos) move forward on order.
x. Only combat vehicles with the exception of maintenance and medical sections, will cross the EGRENNE river until further orders.
4. a. Combat trains normally accompanying units assemble in present area by battalions. Move forward on order.
b. Maintenance Co, 66th AR, with current attachment of combat trains remain in present location. Move forward on order.
c. Company A, 48th Med Bn provide medical evacuation.
5. a. Advance CP, Combat Command "A" follows 3rd Bn, 66th AR (reinf).
b. Axis of signal communication: GER - LONLAY l'ABBAYE - HILL 329.
c. Current SOI, 2 AD in effect.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
SECOND ARMORED DIVISION

APD 252
18 August 1944

MEMO TO: All Units.

MOVEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. CC"A", 2 AD moves from present area to an assembly area in the vicinity of SEES, FRANCE commencing at 180645 18 Aug 1944:

2. March Table

<u>ORDER OF MARCH</u>	<u>TIME LENGTH</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>TAIL</u>
Rcn Co, 60th AR	10	0645B		0655B
Advance Guard	35	0700B		0735B
1st Bn, 66th AR				
Co E, 41st AIR				
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng				
Hq CC"A"	6	0740B		0746B
14th AFA Bn	25	0751B		0816B
Main Body:				
60th AR (-1st & 3rd Bn, Rcn, Sv & Maint Cos & w/2d Bn 41st AIR (-1 Co) atchd)	55	0821B		0916B
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-1 Plat)	5	0921B		0926B
Co A, 702d TD Bn	5	0929B		0934B
Reserve				
3rd Bn, 60th AR	30	0939B		1009B
Co A, 48th Med Bn	6	1014B		1020B
Maint Co, 60th AR	10	1023B		1033B
Serv Co, 60th AR	5	1036B		1041B

- IP - 638008.
- Route - To be announced.
- Rate of March - 15 mph
- Distance - 75 yds between vehicles.
3 min between march units
5 min between serials
- Guides: LP guides will be posted at critical points along the route. Rcn Co, 60th AR will supplement the LP guides where necessary.
- Control Officer at IP - Capt Bifano, Hq CC"A".
- Trains:
 - Organic F & L, maintenance, medical and kitchen sections and one ammunition truck per battalion released to organizations.
 - All ammunition trucks in excess of 1 per battalion march with Maint Co, 60th AR.
 - Baggage and supply trucks march with Service Co, 60th AR under control of CC"A" Field Trains Commander.
 - Upon arrival in new area and after refueling F & L trucks in excess of 1 per company will report to and remain with Maint Co, 60th AR.
 - Kitchen trucks will report to CC"A" Field Trains Commander on order.
- Route to IP - BARENTON - DOLFRONT road is reserved for use of 82d Rcn and CC"B" exclusively. Units of CC"A" on that road will use trails to get to IP.

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ANNEX 10

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HEADQUARTERS COLBAT COMMAND "A"
SECOND ARMORED DIVISION

APC 252
18 August 1944

WARNING ORDER:

1. a. Rcn has reported no contact 28 miles east of SEES. EAST of this point to EURE river, small groups of enemy and roadblocks may be expected. The first organized enemy resistance will probable be met along EURE river.
b. (1) 2d Arm'd Div be prepared to move EAST in multiple columns at any time after 190700B Aug 1944.
(2) Probable N boundary 2d Arm'd Div zone: E - W line thru SEES. S boundary unknown.
(3) Probable formation 2d Arm'd Div: Combat Commands abreast, CC"A" on the S (right), Div Res to follow CC"B", Div Arty to follow CC"A", Div CP to follow combat elements of CC"B", Div Tns echeloned to right rear following Div Arty.
(4) Probable destination - EURE RIVER.
(5) 32d Rcn Bn now reconnoitering eastward.
2. CC"A" be prepared to move east in one or two columns at any time after 190700B Aug 1944.
3. a. Formations of CC"A":

ONE COLUMN

Rcn Co, 00th AR
1/66 w/2/41 & 1 Plat A/17 atchd
Hq CC"A"
14th AFA Bn
00th AR (-1 & 3 Bns, Rcn, Sv &
Lt Cos, plus 2/41 (-1 Co) atchd)
A/17 (-1 Plat)
A/702d TD Bn
3/66
A/48
Maint Co, 00th AR

TWO COLUMNS

Right Column

1 Plat Rcn 00 AR
1/66 w/2/41 &
1 Plat A/17 &
1 Plat A/702 atchd

Left Column

Rcn 00 (-1 Plat)
2/66 (-1 Led Co
plus 1 Co 2/41
1 Plat A/17)
Hq CC"A"
14th AFA Bn
2/41 (-2 Cos)
A/17 (-2 Plats)
A/702 (-1 Plat)
Hq 66th AR
3/66
Maint Co, 00th AR

- b. Other details to follow.
- c. Stand-to 190600B Aug 1944 if no orders are received prior to that time.
- d. All units on one hour alert for movement effective at once.
- e. If no orders are received by 190700B Aug 1944, day 19 Aug will be devoted to maintenance and reorganization until such time as movement orders are received.

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
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200100B August 44

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MAPS: GSGS: Map of France, Scale: 1/50,000 and 1/250,000.

1. a. The Germans occupy a MLR, GACE - LAIGLE - VERNEUIL - DREUX. The enemy will probably defend this line strongly and act against a breakthrough to the NORTH of this general line with a stubborn rear-guard action, employing road blocks and mines covered by AT guns, tanks and infantry. The enemy is capable of counterattacking in our sector with as many as 50 tanks. Enemy artillery has been observed NORTH of the AURE River. Enemy units which will probably be contacted in our sector are the following:

1. Armored - 116 Pz Div) with possible
977 Pz Div) tank strength
2d Pz Div) of 150 tanks
177 Pz Div)
21 Pz Div)
2. Infantry - Elements of Inf Divs
which have withdrawn from
the WEST. Total strength
approximately 15000.

In addition to the above, four Inf Divs and one Para Div have been reported moving to this sector from PAS DE CALAIS area, and may be expected to arrive shortly. Total strength estimated as approximately 30000 Inf (no tanks). For additional information see Intelligence Annex to accompany FO#12, Hq 2d Armd Div.

- b. (1) XIX Corps attacks NORTH in its zone (see Annex No 1 attached) on 20 August 1944; 30th Inf Div on right, 2d Armd Div on left, 28th Div holding on left flank of 2d Armd Div initially, following 2d Armd Div on order.
(2) Third US Army attacks to the NORTH on right of XIX Corps.
(3) 113th Cav Group protects left flank of XIX Corps.
(4) 2d Armd Div attacks NORTH in its zone (see Annex No 1 attached) at 200800B August 1944; CC"A" on right, CC"B" on left, Div Res following CC"B".
4. a. CC"A" attacks NORTH in its zone (see Annex No 1 and Annex No 2 attached) at 200800 August 1944.
b. Troops - No change.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR move from present location at 200600B August 1944, preceeding CC"A" in its zone. Establish and maintain contact with 30th Inf Div on right and CC"B" on left. Move rapidly to contact with enemy. Upon contact, brush aside inferior forces, contain and develop strong forces until passed through by advance guard. Reconnoiter for crossings of AURE River in CC"A" zone. Report condition of all bridges and location of possible fords.

- b. CC"A" (-Rcn Co, 66th AR, Combat & Field Trains) move from present location over route indicated on Annex No. 2 attached, to contact in accordance with march table, Annex No. 3, attached.
 - c. Combat Trains under CO, Maint Co, 66th AR, remain in present location, reconnoiter for assembly area, vicinity of MARCHAINVILLE, move on order CO, 66th AR.
 - d. Field Trains revert to control of Trains Commander, 2d Armd Div, in present location.
 - x. (1) When head of column is held up for a period longer than five (5) minutes for any reason, all units coil forward off the road.
(2) SOP reports on crossing IP and phase lines and upon initial contact with enemy. Combat reports hourly on the hour.
- 4. a. 2d Armd Div Adm Order to follow.
 - b. Axis of supply and evacuation - axis of advance.
- 5. a. Current SOI, 2d Armd Div in effect.
 - b. Axis of Signal Communication - Axis of Advance
 - c. CP CC"A" remains present location until 200840B Aug 1944, thereafter follows Advance Guard.
 - d. Other CPs to be reported.

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ANNEX #3 March Table.

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ANNEX #3 to FC #11

MARCH TABLE

ORDER OF MARCH	TIME LENGTH	HEAD	IP	TAIL
<u>Advance Guard</u>	35	0815B		0850B
2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co)				
Co D, 60th AR				
B Btry, 14th AFA Bn				
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn				
1 Plat, Co A, 702d TD Bn				
<u>FWD CP CC"A"</u>	2	0855B		0857B
<u>14th AFA Bn (-) Btry)</u>	20	0902B		0922B
<u>Main Body</u>				
Hq CC"A" (-Fwd CP)(plus FWD CP 60th AR)	7	0929B		0936B
2d Bn, 60th AR (-1 Co) with 1 Co	25	0941B		1006B
2d Bn, 41st AIR atchd				
3rd Bn, 60th AR	25	1011B		1036B
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-1 Plat)	5	1041B		1046B
Co A, 702d TD Bn (-1 Plat)	5	1051B		1056B
Hq 60th AR (-Fwd CP)	7	1101B		1108B
<u>Reserve</u>				
1st Bn, 60th AR (-1 Plat Co C)	25	1113B		1138B
<u>Co A, 48th Med Bn</u>	7	1143B		1150B
<u>Rear Guard</u>				
1 Plat Co C, 60th AR	2	1155B		1157B

- IP - See Annex No 2 attached.
- Route - See Annex No 2 attached.
- Rate of March - 12 mph
- Distances: 75 yds between vehicles
3 min between march units
5 min between serials
- Control Officer at IP - Furnished by 60th AR.
- Btry D, 195th AAA Bn marches with units it now supports.

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DATE: 212400Z Aug 44

MAPS: GSGS: 4250, scale: 1/50,000.

1. a. The enemy has been fighting a rear-guard action to delay our advance to the NORTH. In view of probable lack of first class reserves, and the current lack of organization, this may be expected to continue. Road blocks (mines) covered by small arms, mortar and anti-tank fire will probably continue. It is possible that counter-attacks will be launched against our left flank by armor which has escaped from the ARGENTAN - FAIRISE pocket, or against our right flank by troops moving SOUTHWEST from PAS DE CALAIS. Identification of major enemy units in this sector include the 344th Inf Div and the 17th GF Div.
- b. (1) XIX Corps continues attack NORTH in its zone. 30th Div on the right, 2d Armd Div on the left, 28th Div following 2d Armd Div.
(2) 2d Armd Div continues the attack in its zone 220800Z Aug 44, CC"A" on right, CC"B" on left, Div Res following CC"B".
(3) Co B, 82d Rcn Bn will operate in front of CC"A", 2d Armd Div, reconnoitering to the NORTH in its zone (see operations overlay attached) and maintain contact with 30th Inf Div on right.
2. CC"A", 2d Armd Div continues attack 220800Z Aug 44 in two columns to seize objectives indicated (see operations overlay attached) and cross ITON River in its zone, prepared to continue attack to the NORTH.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR move out 220600Z Aug 44, reconnoiter in zone indicated, (see operations overlay attached) reconnoiter for possible crossings of ITON River in its zone.
- b. Left Column consisting of 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) with Co H, 66th AR, 1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn, 1 Plat Co A, 702d TD Bn attached, attack at 220730Z Aug 44 to seize and secure objective C. Upon securing objective C, be prepared to attack on order to seize and secure objectives E and G. If objective C is secured prior to 220730Z Aug 44, attack at 220800Z Aug 44, to seize and secure objective E and G.
- c. Right Column consisting of 2d Bn, 66th AR with Co D, 41st AIR and 1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn attached, attack at 220800Z Aug 44 to seize and secure objective D. Upon securing objective D, be prepared to attack on order, to seize and secure objectives F and H.
- d. The following elements under CC"A" control follow left column in sequence indicated on order:
 - Fwd CP, CC"A"
 - Co A, 17th Eng (-2 Plats)
 - Co A, 702d TD Bn (-1 Plat)
 - Hq CC"A" (-Fwd CP)
 - 3rd Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co)
 - Hq 66th AR
 - 1st Bn, 66th AR
 - Co A, 48th Med Bn
 - Maint Co, 66th AR (with Combat Tns).

- e. 14th AF Bn support the action of Combat Command "A".
- x. German mine fields have been located in open fields. All personnel will be instructed to reconnoiter fields for mines before entering or crossing.

4. No change.

- 5. a. Current SOI, 2d Armd Div in effect.
- b. CP, CC"A" follows left column.

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
APC 252
In the Field
230100B Aug 44

MAPS: GSGS: 4250, scale: 1/50,000.

1. a. No change.
b. No change.
2. CC"A", 2d Armd Div continues attack 230730B Aug 44, final objective SEINE River in its zone, prepared for further operations to the N on order.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR move at 230600B Aug 44 reconnoiter in zone of CC"A", on left and 82d Rcn Bn to the front.
b. Right Column as now constituted attack 230730B Aug 44 to secure successive objectives indicated (see opns ovly), consolidate on objective S.
c. Left Column as now constituted attack 230730B Aug 44, to secure successive objectives indicated, consolidate on objective R.
d. Remaining elements under CC"A" control follow left column on order.
e. 14th AFA Bn, support action of CC"A".
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI, 2 AD,
b. CP, CC"A", follows left column.

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
APO 252
In the Field
250100B Aug 44

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MAPS: FRANCE, GSGS: 4250, scale: 1/50,000.

1. a. No change.
- b. (1) XIX Corps attacks H-Hour 25 Aug 44 to seize and secure town of ELBEUF.
(2) 109th RCT, assisted by 2d Bn, 66th AR, attacks on right to seize and secure town of ELBEUF. Div Res, 2d Armd Div will protect rear of 2d Bn, 41st AIR and 99th Inf Bn.
2. a. CC"A", 2d Armd Div, attacks H-Hour 26 Aug 44, to seize and secure objective shown (see opns ovly atchd).

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b. <u>1st Bn, 66th AR (reinf)</u>	<u>2d Bn, 41st AIR (reinf)</u>	<u>99th Inf Bn (reinf)</u>
<u>1st Bn, 66th AR (-1 Plat)</u>	<u>2d Bn, 41st AIR (-2 Cos)</u>	<u>99th Inf Bn</u>
<u>Co E, 41st AIR</u>	<u>Co H, 41st AIR</u>	<u>1 Plat, Co H, 66 AR</u>
<u>1 Plat, Co A, 702d TD Bn</u>	<u>Co H, 66th AR (-1 Plat)</u>	
	<u>1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn</u>	
	<u>1 Plat, Co A, 702d TD Bn</u>	

CC"A" Control

Rcn Co, 66th AR
66th AR (-1st, 2d, 3rd Bn
Rcn Co)
3rd Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co)
14th AFA Bn
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)
Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plats)
D Btry, 195th AAA Bn
Co A, 48th Med Bn
Det, Maint Bn, 2d Armd Div.

3. a. (1) Rcn Co, 66th AR (-2 Plats) move at H-1, protect left flank CC"A".
(2) 1 Plat, Rcn Co, 66th AR assemble vic CP, CC"A", prepared to execute reconnaissance missions on order.
- b. 1st Bn, 66th AR (reinf) attack at H-Hour, secure first objective, block all roads leading to that objective from SW and N, move to seize and secure final objective (see opns ovly atchd).
- c. 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-) (reinf) attack, crossing LD at H-Hour, seize and secure objective in zone (see opns ovly)
- d. 99th Inf Bn (reinf) attack, crossing LD at H-Hour, seize and secure objective (see opns ovly).
- e. 2d Bn, 66th AR assist 109th RCT in seizing and securing town of ELBEUF.
- f. Cos D & G, 41st AIR released from atchd CC"A", effective when elements of 109th RCT pass through present position 2d Bn, 66th AR, at which time they become atchd to Div Res, 2d Armd Div.
- g. 14th AFA Bn support action of CC"A".
- h. 3rd Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co) Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plats), & Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats) assemble at H-Hour in CC"A" Res, in vic of area indicated on atchd opns ovly.
- x. H-Hour to be announced.

4. a. Current SOI, 2 AD.
b. Fwd CP, CC"A", initially vic crossroads 081946.
c. Reports upon crossing LD, phase lines, and arrival on objectives.

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
APO 252
In the Field
261345B Aug 44

FO #15

MAPS: FRANCE, GSGS: 4250, scale: 1/50,000

1. Omitted.

2. a. CC"A" as now constituted will garrison and defend ELBEUF, relieving all elements of 109th RCT now in the town.

TROOPS

b. FORCE A

(Commanded by Major Etter)
2d Bn, 41st AIR (with H Co, 66th AR
H Co, 41st AIR)
2 Plats, Co A, 702d TD Bn
1 Plat, Co D, 66th AR
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn

FORCE B

(Commanded by Lt Col Harkness)
2d Bn, 66th AR (reinf)
99th Inf Bn
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn

CC"A" Control

Rcn Co, 66th AR
1st Bn, 66th AR (-dets)
3rd Bn, 66th AR (-Hq Co)
CC"A" Hq
Hq, 66th AR (2d Bn, Co H, 1/2 Co G-)
Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plats)
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)
Co A, 48th Med Bn

3. a. Force A will garrison and defend the town of ELBEUF from W and N, effect relief of all elements of 109th RCT, man all road blocks and outposts now held by 109th RCT. This relief to be accomplished by 261500B Aug 44. Boundary, (see opns ovly atchd).
b. Force B will garrison and defend the town of ELBEUF from E and SE, boundary (see opns ovly atchd).
c. 99th Inf Bn will move reserve company from present location to effect immediate relief of all elements 109th RCT in the area of Force B. Balance of 99th Inf Bn will move to positions as ordered by CO, Force B upon being relieved in present area by CO, Force A.
d. CC"A" (-Force A & Force B) in reserve, present locations.
e. 14th AFA Bn will support entire garrison.
x. The town of ELBEUF will be held until relief is effected by other friendly troops. This relief to be effective on order from this hq.
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI, 2 AD in effect.
b. Wire communication to Force B as soon as possible.
c. Radio - no change.
d. Fwd CP, rear CP, CC"A" (see opns ovly atchd). Others to be announced.

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Hq CC"A", 2 AD
APO 252
In the Field
271000B Aug 44

FO #16

MAPS: GSGS, 4250, FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. a. Omitted.
- b. (1) XIX Corps concentrates 26-27 Aug in an area SW of MANTES-GASSICOURT.
(2) 2d Armd Div moves to assembly area starting at 252000B Aug 44.

2. CC"A", 2d Armd Div moves to assembly area starting at 271815B Aug 44.

3. a. March Table (Approximate only)

<u>ORDER OF MARCH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>TAIL</u>
Rcn Co, 66th AR	10		1815B		1825B
Hq CCA	8		1830B		1838B
2d Bn, 41s AIR	30		1853B		1923B
14th AFA Bn	30		1938B		2008B
66th AR (-Rcn Co)	135		2023B		2238B
Co A, 17th Eng Bn	8		2253B		2301B
Co A, 702d TD Bn	8		2304B		2312B
Co A, 48th Med Bn	8		2315B		2323B

- (1) IP & Route: See overlay
- (2) Rate of March: 12 mph until 2130B, 10 mph thereafter.
- (3) Distances: 75 yds between vehicles.
15 min between battalions.
3 min between march units.
- (4) Halts: None scheduled.
- (5) Guides: 2d Armd Div MPs will be posted at critical points along route. Rcn Co, 66th AR will supplement MP guides where necessary.
- (6) Control Officers: IP - Capt May
ST AQUILLIN DE PACY - Furnished by MP
EVEREUX - Furnished by MP.
- (7) Btry D, 195th AAA Bn marches with 14th AFA Bn and Maint Co, 66th AR.

b. Each March Unit will coordinate with March Unit ahead for time tail of unit ahead clears IP; March Table, par a, is only approximate due to traffic conditions. Liaison between each unit and preceding unit will be established.

x. Night fighter protection will be over both columns tonight.

4. a. Combat trains released to units for the march.
- b. Field trains released to units in new assembly area at 280700B Aug 44.
5. a. Radio silence, effective 271530B Aug 44, until further orders. All stations maintain listening watch on all receivers.
- b. Report arrival and closing in new assembly area.

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Hq CCA, 2 AD
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In the Field
310110 Aug 44

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MAPS: GSGS: 4250, FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. a. See G-2, 2d Armd Div Periodic Report.
b. (1) 2d Armd Div continues movement at 310630B Aug 44.
(2) Weather permitting, air support will be available.
2. a. CCA, 2d Armd Div continues movement in its zone at 310630B Aug 44, moves rapidly, by-passes resistance.
b. Troops - No change.
3. a. Rcn Co, 800th AR move at 310630B Aug 44, reconnoiter in zone of CCA, covering all alternate routes, utilizing one platoon on each axis. Maintain contact with British on left.
b. Right Column move at 310730B Aug 44 on axis indicated (see ovly atchd).
Order of March - no change.
c. Left Column move at 310730B Aug 44 on axis indicated (see ovly atchd).
d. 14th AFA Bn support action of CC"A"
x. (1) All elements of CC"A" will move N of horizontal grid line 94 in CCA zone by 311200B Aug 44.
(2) Units will establish liaison with preceeding unit in column. Units will move forward when preceeding unit clears.
(3) Vehicles will display only yellow fleurscent panels.
4. No change.
5. a. Current SCI, 2d Armd Div.
b. CP, CCA follows advance guard, right column.

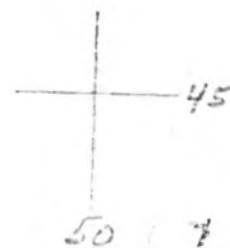
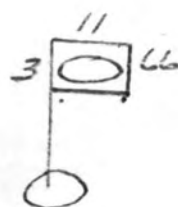
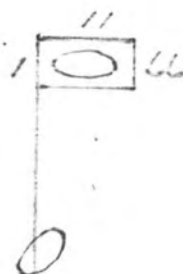
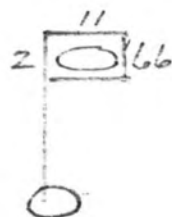
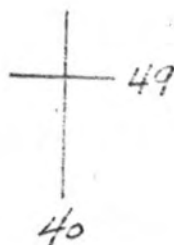
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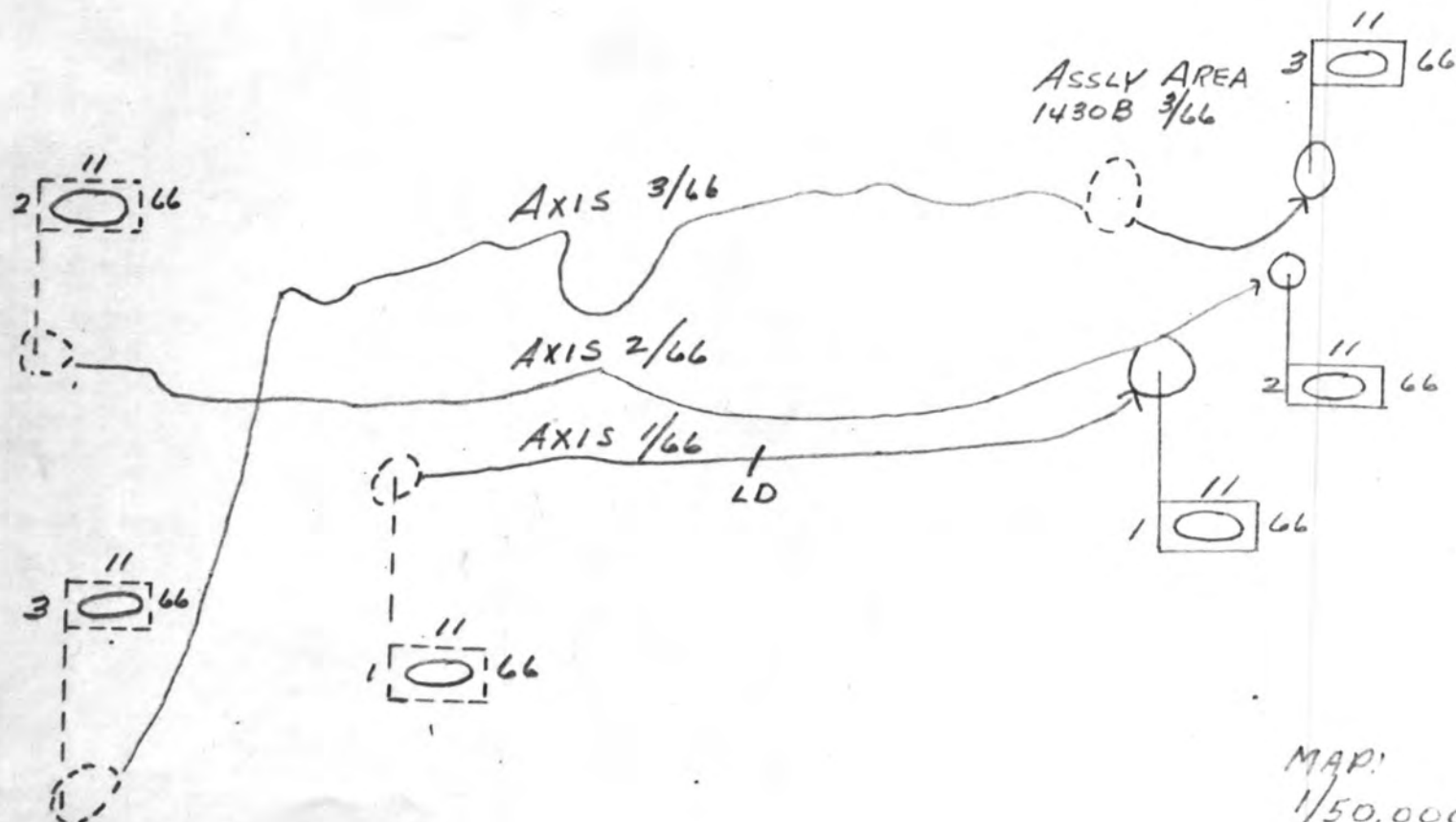
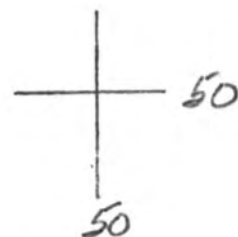
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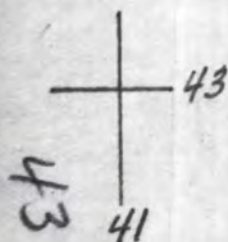


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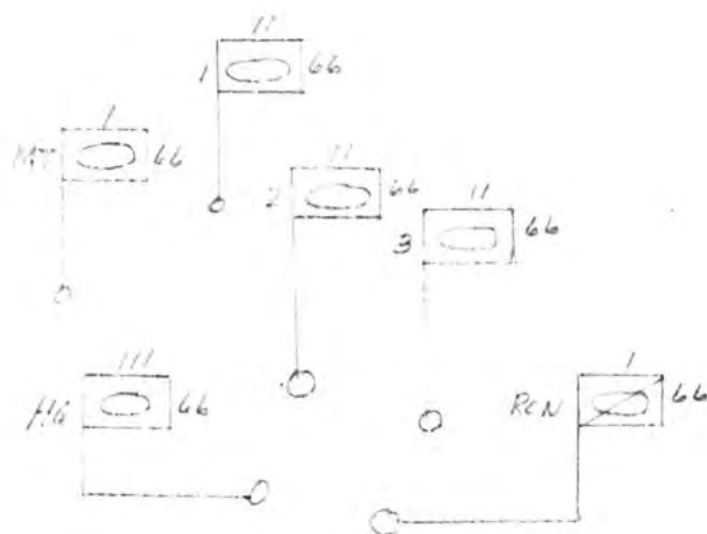
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REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1944

1 Sept 1944

66th Arm'd Regt assigned to CC"A", 2nd Arm'd Div, was split into two columns as shown below and was located in areas as indicated (see overlay #1).

Right Column

2nd Bn, 66th Arm'd Regt (-1 Co)
1 Co, 2nd Bn, 41st Arm'd Inf Regt
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn
1 Btry, 14th Field Arty
Fwd CP, CC"A"
14th Field Arty (-1 Btry)
Hq CC"A"
2nd Bn, 41st Arm'd Inf Regt (-)
1 Co, 2nd Bn, 66th Arm'd Regt
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-)
Co A, 702 TD Bn (-)
Co H, 66th Arm'd Regt
Co A, 48th Med Bn
Maint Co, 66th Arm'd Regt

Left Column

Hq 66th Arm'd Regt
3rd Bn, 66th Arm'd Regt (-1 Co)
1 Co, 2nd Bn, 41st Arm'd Inf Regt
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn
1 Plat, Co A, 702 TD Bn

1st Bn, 66th Arm'd Regt was in Division Reserve.

At 0200B orders were received from CC"A", assigning mission of 66th Arm'd Regt as follows. (See Annex #1).

Rcn Co, 66th Arm'd Regt: Move out at H-Hour, secure complete information of all crossings of SOMME RIVER in CC"A" zone, by-pass resistance wherever necessary to accomplish mission.

Right Column: Move at H-Hour plus 1/2 hour along axis as indicated.

Left Column: Move at H-Hour plus 1/2 hour along axis as indicated.

Rcn Co, 66th Arm'd Regt moved out as ordered, encountering enemy resistance along axis and reached a point N666922 which they secured for the night.

RIGHT COLUMN advanced against enemy resistance to the vicinity of BOUSSICOURT (274355) where patrols were sent out to investigate crossings of the CANAL DE LA SENSER. The patrols upon completion of mission rejoined the 2nd Bn, 66th Arm'd Regt

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in an assembly area at 274355 which they secured for the night.

LEFT COLUMN: Advanced along axis encountering light enemy resistance and succeeded in reaching a point in the vicinity of 660945 which they secured for the night.

The **RIGHT** and **LEFT** COLUMNS advanced a distance of 57 miles.

At 2230B, while 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve was closing in assembly area in vicinity of ALBERT, FRANCE, (see overlay) an enemy convoy of trucks and armored cars attempted to penetrate their lines, after a fire fight lasting until 0100B, the attempted penetration was smashed and all enemy vehicles were either captured or destroyed. The remainder of the night was spent without further incident.

2 Sept 1944

Mission of **LEFT** COLUMN under command of Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt was to seize and secure high ground **EAST** of ORCHIES, FRANCE.

LEFT COLUMN moved from its assembly area along axis as indicated, meeting light resistance. Leading elements reached the objective at 1055B, securing it at 1250B. Road blocks were established on all roads leading in and out of ORCHIES, FRANCE. At approximately 1615B, orders were received to move **LEFT** COLUMN to an assembly area in the vicinity of BACAY, BELGIUM, and to secure itself for the night, closing at 1740B after travelling 43 miles.

RIGHT COLUMN left assembly area at 0815B, advanced along axis as indicated, reached Corps objective and secured it by 1700B, remaining there for the night. A reconnaissance party of 66th Armd Regt crossed Belgium border at 1230B.

Orders from CC"A" were received assigning missions of both columns of occupying and securing the area as shown. (See overlay #2 and Annex #2).

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve left assembly area in vicinity of ALBERT, FRANCE, proceeded to new assembly area in vicinity of 821162.

3 Sept 1944

All elements 66th Armd Regt (-1st Bn) remained in assembly areas as shown on overlay #2, performing maintenance of vehicles, weapons, and rehabilitation of personnel.

Orders were received (see Annex #3) to sweep woods and likely hiding places within areas occupied for the purpose of flushing the enemy from them.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve moved from present assembly area to a new assembly area in the vicinity of 830240, closing at 2005B.

4 Sept 1944

Orders were received (see Annex #4) to move by infiltration to new assembly areas in the vicinity of WILLIMEAU, BELGIUM. (See overlay #3). Movement started

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at 0930B and 66th Armd Regt had closed at 1200B in new assembly areas. Road blocks were established on all roads and a system of patrols was activated.

The remainder of the day was spent in maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

5 Sept 1944

Day was spent in maintenance of equipment.

At 1845B orders were received continuing the attack at 0600B 6 Sept 1944. 66th Armd Regt was split into two columns as shown (see Annex #5).

Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, in command of LEFT COLUMN.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

6 Sept 1944

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, as advance guard for RIGHT COLUMN of CC"A" moved from its assembly area at 0530B, proceeded along axis and succeeded in reaching a position EAST of CANTINES (427305) where it secured for the night.

LEFT COLUMN under command Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, left assembly area at 0600B continued along axis, mopping up all resistance as encountered and after advancing 50 miles to an assembly area in the vicinity of STOQUOIS, BELGIUM, set up road blocks and secured itself for the night.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued in Division Reserve.

Orders were received at 1950B to continue attack along axis at 0600B 7 Sept (see Annex #6).

7 Sept 1944

RIGHT COLUMN left assembly area vicinity CANTINES, advanced along axis, closing in assembly area in vicinity of RHODES SAINTE AGATHE (802487) encountering no enemy resistance enroute.

LEFT COLUMN advanced along axis traveling a distance of 50 miles, closing into an assembly area (see overlay #4) in the vicinity of RATTEMBERG, BELGIUM, encountering no enemy resistance while enroute.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

8 Sept 1944

Orders received to continue advance and RIGHT COLUMN moved out along axis encountering no enemy resistance enroute, closed into assembly area in vicinity of STEVOORT, BELGIUM (248602) and secured for the night.

8 Sept 1944 (con't)

LEFT COLUMN advanced 50 miles along axis and closed in assembly area (see overlay #5) in vicinity of DIEST, BELGIUM. A patrol was sent into town of KEMPT and cleared it of 11 enemy stragglers.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued in Division Reserve.

9 Sept 1944

Day was spent in assembly areas performing maintenance of equipment.

The attached infantry reinforced with sections of light tanks were sent throughout areas to sweep them of any enemy that might have infiltrated.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

10 Sept 1944

Day was spent in assembly areas (see overlay #6) performing maintenance.

Sweeps were continued thru out areas for possible enemy infiltration.

Rcn Co, 66th Armd Regt, patrolled Albert Canal for presence of enemy and reconnoitered for possible crossings.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued in Division Reserve.

11 Sept 1944

Day spent in assembly areas performing maintenance. Sweeps of areas continued.

At approximately 1500B, Co B, 66th Armd Regt, was alerted for movement to meet a German force reported to be crossing the ALBERT CANAL in assault boats. The report proved false and Co B was released from alert at 1800B.

Rcn Co continued patrolling canal and maintaining outposts.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve.

12 Sept 1944

Day spent in maintenance, sweeps of areas continued.

Rcn Co, 66th AR, secured bridge across ALBERT CANAL.

At 1530B, 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was put under control of CC"A" and alerted for movement. At 1600B Co F, 41st AIR and a Platoon, Co A, 17th Eng Bn, was attached to 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt and Co G released from 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt and attached to 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt. Orders were changed on movement status and 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, as now constituted remained in present area for the night.

12 Sept 1944 (con't)

Orders were received from CC"A" at 2400B (see Annex #7) assigning mission to 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, of continuing advance along axis and seizing successive objectives as indicated.

66th Armd Regt (-2 Bns with Co A, 702 TD Bn attached) to remain in present area in CC"A" Reserve and move on 30 minute notice.

13 Sept 1944

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (reinf) left assembly area vicinity KEMPT at 0630B advanced along axis encountering slight enemy resistance while enroute and succeeded in reaching a point 401666 where they secured for the night. (See overlay #7).

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, left assembly area vicinity of STEVOET proceeded to assembly area NORTH of KEMPEBCHHIDE (324650) without being committed.

At 1800B 13 Sept 1944, 66th Armd Regt (-) Reinf, under command of Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, consisted of the following troops: (See Annex #8).

Hqs 66th Armd Regt
3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-G Co)
99th Inf Bn
65th Field Arty Bn
Det Co A, 48th Med Bn
82d Rcn Bn, Reinf with Co D, 17th Eng Bn.

The 65th FA Bn went into position to support the force at 1815B as shown. The 99th Inf Bn reported at 1950B and was disposed as shown (see overlay #8). 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was at the time under control of Commanding Officer, CC"A" and engaged with the enemy. It was not until 2200B that they were able to secure themselves for the night and at that time they reverted to control of Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt. Companies A and B, 99th Inf Bn, were attached to 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, and were used to outpost and secure the line held by 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remainder of 99th Inf Bn were assembled in area as shown. 82d Rcn Bn with Co D, 17th Eng Bn attached were protecting left flank of the Corps, with outposts and patrols as indicated.

14 Sept 1944

Orders were received from Commanding Officer, CC"A", assigning mission of 66th Armd Regt as follows:

Attack in two columns in zone assigned, to secure objectives as shown on overlay. (See overlay #9).

Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, ordered this attack to be made in two columns, composition as shown below: (See FO #3 Hq 66th AR, 14 Sept 44 (Annex #9).

RIGHT COLUMN as constituted moved into the attack, crossing the LD at 0645B, cleaned out town of WINTERSLAG-CITE continued on prescribed route securing

14 Sept 1944 (con't)

Objective 4 at 1030B meeting light resistance and mined road blocks enroute. Objective 4 being secured, RIGHT COLUMN continued on mission assigned, reaching OBJECTIVE 8 at 1700B. Reducing resistance at OBJECTIVE 8, RIGHT COLUMN secured itself for the night. Enemy mortar and artillery fire was received during the occupation of OBJECTIVE 8 and harrassing fire was received through out the night with no casualties suffered.

LEFT COLUMN as constituted moved into the attack at 0930B meeting resistance just NORTH of OBJECTIVE 4, reducing this the column moved along prescribed route after reducing numerous mined road blocks, resistance in form of machine gun, mortar and artillery fire succeeded in reaching OBJECTIVE 9 at 1845B, securing it for the night at 1930B.

65th Field Arty was in support and fired missions as called for.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in CC"A" Reserve left area NORTH of KEMPENSCHHEIDE proceeded along right axis of CC"A" advance and closed into assembly area NW of LANAKEN (522568).

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued in Division Reserve.

15 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-) Reinf received orders (see Annex #10) to seize and secure OBJECTIVE 11, secure approaches into zone from North at Objective 9, sweep zone between North boundary and axis, Objective 6 - 8, from East to West from Z to Y. Upon completion of sweep assemble in present area.

Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, issued order for attack on Objective 11 to be made from the North from Objective 9 in conjunction with an attack from the South with a force from Objective 8.

Attack was launched at 0715B by both forces, the objective was reached at 0830B, found to be free of the enemy except for snipers. At 1000B the force from the North was ordered to return to Objective 9. Harrassing enemy artillery fire was received on Objective 11 thru out afternoon and night.

Sweeps of areas as ordered were completed and no enemy was found.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, sent out sweeping force in their zone and two platoons from Company E were sent to bridge site to help secure it for night.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued in Division Reserve.

16 Sept 1944

As of 2400B 15 Sept, the following troops were under command of Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, operating as North Force of CC"A":

Hqs 66th Armd Regt
3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt
99th Inf Bn
65th FA Bn
Platoon Co A, 17th Engrs
Det Co A, 48th Med Bn

16 Sept 1944 (con't)

Elements of this force were in areas as shown on overlay, securing North boundary XIX Corps between Objectives 6 and 9 and the line 9 to 10 along VAART CANAL. 82d Rcn Bn under CC"A" was outposting line 6 - 9 and maintaining contact with British to the North. The following verbal orders were received from CC"A": "Effective first light 16 Sept 1944 you will be responsible for securing the Corps Boundary on the North from 6 to 9 and the Division front along VAART CANAL from 9 to 7. 82d Rcn Bn (plus D Co, 17th Engrs) is attached to your command Platoon Co H, 17th Engrs, relieved".

At 0500B the following order (in substance) was received from Commanding General, 2nd Armd Div:

"You have additional mission of bridging the VAART CANAL and clearing all enemy troops from area between the VAART CANAL and MEUSE RIVER in the Division Zone. Group Engineers will be placed at your disposal".

Pursuant to initial order, security of Division Front west of VAART CANAL was effected at 0645B, relieving elements of CC"A" at Objectives 7 and 10 and Bridgehead south of 10.

It was the necessary to set up and effect a new defensive plan in order to release necessary troops to establish new Bridgehead and clear the island. At 0930B following verbal orders were issued by Commanding Officer, Task Force "Stokes":

" Comdg Officer, 82d Rcn Bn (plus Plat Co H, 66th AR and Plat Co B, 99th Inf Bn) take over present security line. Comdg Officer, 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-) and Comdg Officer, 99th Inf Bn (-) will assemble their commands in designated areas. Comdg Officer, Group Engrs, with Comdg Officer, Co D, 17th Engrs, to reconnoiter for bridge sites and possible crossings in vicinity BORCHAREN".

Limited bridge facilities were located near BORCHAREN, and RECKHAM was chosen as the site to bridge.

At 1130B, following verbal orders issued by Comdg Officer, Task Force "Stokes" to be effective upon completion of relief and assembly of 99th Inf Bn and 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt:

99th Inf Bn (Plat Co G, 66th AR and Co B, 66th AR, attchd) will secure bridge site EAST of RECKHAM, seizing objectives "A" to "E" and clearing area. Bridge Northeast MAASTRICHT will be used for crossing initial elements.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-) will be prepared to move on order upon completion of bridge. You will pass thru 99th Inf Bn at Objective "E", advance aggressively to secure final objective - line LANKLAER - STOCKHEIM, clearing all enemy from your area. A and B Companies, 99th Inf Bn, will be attached to you for this mission.

Co D, 17th Engrs, will secure west bank of Canal at RECKHAM and be prepared to cross elements of 99th Inf Bn in assault boats.

65th FA Bn in direct support.

16 Sept 1944 (cont)

Group Engrs will be prepared to construct bridge at RECKHAM upon securing of 1000 yard bridgehead on EAST bank.

All units on WEST bank be prepared to support attack with assault guns and mortars remaining on that side".

At 1700B Co C (Plat Co B, 66th AR and Co H, 66th AR) attacked on axis shown on overlay. Upon securing line X - Y, they were reinforced by 99th Inf Bn (-Co C) crossing VAART CANAL on partially demolished bridge at BORGHAREN.

Troops subjected here to heavy artillery concentration for twenty minutes, supplemented by direct fire from 88mm Guns located EAST of MEUSE.

By 2130B battalion reached a line 300 yards South of Objective "A". This was secured for the night.

Bridge sections were built during the afternoon on that part of the Canal that was cleared and floated down Canal at night to point near line secured by infantry.

At approximately 1000A leading elements of 66th Armd Regt crossed into HOLLAND.

Rcn Co, 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, and Maintenance Co, 66th Armd Regt, were under direct control of CC"A" and were split into Task Forces as shown on Annex #11.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, released from Division reserve and reverted to control of CC"A" and moved to an assembly area in vicinity of GROOTSVELDEN, HOLLAND, closing at 1745B.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, as part of Task Force "A" advanced along axis on order and reached a position in vicinity of HEERSTRAAT (658506) which it secured for the night.

17 Sept 1944

Task Force "Stokes": Attack resumed at 0623A. At 0800A, 99th Inf Bn, reinforced with "H" Co, 66th Armd Regt (-1 Plat). Resistance met consisted mainly of automatic weapons, mortar and bazooka fire. Maps proved inaccurate and advance was slowed by dikes, streams, and wooded areas not shown on maps.

Objective "E" was secured, bridge completed and 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, crossed to island by 1600A. Reconstitution of forces and mopping up continued until 1815A.

Due to rain and fog, visibility was very poor. 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, reinf, ordered to secure at Objective "E" for night and attack at 0700A 18 Sept 1944.

Task Force "C": Task Force "C" was alerted at 0100 for an attack to start at 0700A on objective in vicinity of HUNNEKOM. Task Force "C" was split into two columns as follows:

Right Column (Ex O 1st Bn, 66th AR

Co I, 66th Armd Regt
1 Plat, Co C, 66th Armd Regt
Assault Gun Plat, 1st Bn, 66th AR
Two TD's

Left Column (CO, 1st Bn, 66th AR

Co F, 66th Armd Regt
2 Plats Co C, 66th Armd Regt
Mortar Platoon, 1st Bn, 66th AR
2 TD's

Reserve

1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn

Task Force "C" moved into the attack in one column, upon passing thru VALKENBURG (658536) split as shown above. Both columns of Task Force "C" reached a point in the vicinity of BJ (675555) encountering enemy resistance in the form of small arms fire.

Task Force "A" at this time relieved the right column of Task Force "C" which rejoined the left column, consolidating Task Force "C" into one column.

Task Force "A" and Task Force "C" coordinated in an attack on objectives at 676585 and 685585, meeting light resistance coming under enemy artillery and mortar fire and succeeded in securing objectives at 2000A, remaining there for night.

18 Sept 1944

Task Force "Stokes": VUCHT seized in initial attack by 0745A; attack was continued through intermediate objectives to final objective. Considerable resistance was encountered beginning at Objective "G". The enemy was dug in and supported by mortars and artillery; at final objective, fire from four 88's was encountered, two of them were knocked out by direct tank fire, others neutralized by artillery. The doggedness of the enemy infantry resistance was extreme, in many cases they remained in their trenches when the tanks came by, and it was necessary to get them out in some cases by WP grenades and by pistol fire from tank turrets. Each town was mopped up by the combined use of tanks and infantry.

At 1735A final objective LANKLAER - STOCKHEIM was secured, organized and area cleared.

At 1230A, 82d Rcn Bn, was released from Task Force "Stokes" by order Commanding General, 2nd Armd Div.

At 1700A, 65th FA Bn was released from Task Force "Stokes" by order Commanding General, 2nd Armd Div.

At 1500A, following orders from Commanding General, 2nd Armd Div:

"Upon completion of mission, turn over security responsibility to 99th Inf Bn and proceed at 0800A 19 Sept to area vicinity BEEK (6461) in Division Reserve".

18 Sept 1944 (con't)

Task Force "A" and Task Force "C" continued attack at 0700B along axis with Task Force "A" on the right.

Task Force "A" reached Objective 4, blocked all roads and secured same for night.

Task Force "C" reached Objective 5, blocked all roads and secured same for night.

19 Sept 1944

Task Force "Stokes": Relief of all Task Force "Stokes" elements by 99th Inf Bn completed at 0545A.

Movement to new area begun at 0800A via MAASTRICHT, closing new area 1020A.

Task Force "C" ordered to continue advance along left axis seizing objectives 3, 6, 9, and 12.

Task Force "A" on right of Task Force "C" was to attack and secure objectives 2, 5, 8, 11, and 13.

Task Force "C" launched attack at 0700A, meeting no enemy resistance, crossed GERMAN FRONTIER at 1400A and advanced rapidly to Objective 9, reaching it at 1500A.

Task Force "A" launched attack along right axis seizing objectives, 2, 5, 8, and 11 and secured Objective 11 at 1500A.

Task Force "C" was ordered to relieve Task Force "A" of security of Objective 11. This was accomplished by 1630A. Task Force "A" upon being relieved by Task Force "C" of security of Objective 11 assembled in an area between Objective 11 - 7 - 10 on the right flank of Task Force "C".

At approximately 1730A Task Force "C" received a counterattack consisting of 8 SP guns and an infantry regiment reinforced.

Task Force "C" was ordered to hold Objective 11 against this counterattack while Task Force "A" launched an attack against the enemy's right flank and rear. The attack was launched with artillery support and all SP guns destroyed and the counterattack successfully repelled by 2000A.

Task Force "C" remained on Objective 11 for the night while Task Force "A" returned to its former assembly area in the vicinity of 830655.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was in Corps Reserve and located at BEEK, HOLLAND (641605) performing maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

20 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR in Corps Reserve) remained in areas indicated (see overlay #10) outposting a line as shown and securing ground held.

20 Sept 1944 (con't)

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, sent a platoon of light tanks on route reconnaissance (see overlay #11), enemy machine gun and small arms fire was encountered at check point 5. A platoon of medium tanks with F.O.'s were sent out to reinforce the light tank reconnaissance party. An artillery concentration was laid in the area from which the fire was received and then the area was swept by the tanks. The enemy force was reduced.

21 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR in Corps reserve) remained in areas indicated (see overlay #10) continuing to outpost and secure ground.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, sent out a platoon of light tanks on route and general reconnaissance. The reconnaissance force met no resistance. At approximately 2030B an enemy counterattack was launched in front of position occupied by Co E, 66th Armd Regt, moving from the general direction of BAUCHEM, GERMANY, consisting of infantry supported by tanks. Artillery supported by tank 75mm fire from Co E, 66th Armd Regt, directed by the F.O., was laid on the enemy attacking force and after the fire had destroyed two enemy tanks the German force withdrew.

22 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3d Bn, 66th AR, in Corps reserve) remained in areas, continued outposting and maintenance of vehicles.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, sent out a tank force of one light and one medium tank platoon on reconnaissance mission. Force located enemy infantry and SP guns at 860650 and the F.O. called for and received a concentration of artillery on them. Enemy activity observed at 855661 and artillery was laid there also. The artillery concentrations were observed to have had good results on both positions.

23 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3d Bn, 66th AR in Corps Reserve) continued holding mission, maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, received orders to be prepared to attack along general route indicated (see overlay #11) using Co D, 66th AR and Co A, 66th AR with the mission of destroying and disrupting enemy forces encountered along axis of attack. The attack was delayed by order of CC"A" until 24 Sept.

24 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3d Bn, 66th AR, Corps Reserve) continued holding mission, etc.

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, launched attack as ordered by CC"A", a platoon of medium tanks took hull down positions SOUTH of HILL 103 as right flank guard, one medium and one light tank platoon proceeded to BERGSHOF and took positions to fire. The town of BERGSHOF was screened by smoke fired by the mortar platoon of 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt. The enemy was strongly entrenched and supported by numerous AT

24 Sept 1944 (con't)

guns in woods West of NEIDERSHIDE and in the woods WEST of BAUCHEM. The AT fire received from these locations caused us a loss of five medium tanks, two being destroyed, three recovered. Artillery was laid on these positions and tank force ordered to return to assembly area, which it did under cover of smoke laid by the mortars of the Battalion.

25 - 29 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt remained in areas as shown (see overlay #10) continuing to secure ground held, maintaining reconnaissance patrols into enemy lines, performing maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

On Sept 25, 2nd Bn, 66th AR (-E Co, 66th AR) was placed in CC"A" reserve.

On Sept 26, 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-G Co) was released from Corps reserve and reverted to 2nd Armd Div.

30 Sept 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) as relieved by elements of the 29th Inf Div assembled in areas as shown (see overlay #12).

Co G, 66th Armd Regt, released from 113 Cav at 2100A and reverted to 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt.

Maintenance Company, 66th Armd Regt, during the period 1-30 Sept maintained the vehicles of the combat command at highest operating point possible. The Battalion Maintenance Crews worked directly with their respective battalions. Maintenance Company served as an intermediate supply and processing point for all classes of supply and replacement personnel and vehicles. The combat trains of CC"A" were under command of Commanding Officer, Maintenance Company, during this period and suffered no loss due to enemy action.

Service Company, 66th Armd Regt, remained with Division Field Trains during the period 1-30 September.

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HEADQUARTERS 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT

A. P. O. 252
2 October 1944

S-1 Supplement

Battle Casualties for the Period 1-30 September 1944

<u>1 September 1944 - LWA</u>			<u>10 Sept 1944 - 12 Sept 1944 - None</u>		
Off	<u>RM</u>		<u>13 September 1944 - LWA</u>		
Co "H"	1		Off	<u>RM</u>	
Total	0	1	Co "G"	1	
<u>1 September 1944 - Total</u>			Total	0	1
Off	<u>RM</u>		<u>13 September 1944 - SWA</u>		
0	1		Off	<u>RM</u>	
<u>2 September 1944 - LWA</u>			Co "G"	1	
Off	<u>RM</u>		Total	0	1
Co "C"	1		<u>13 September 1944 - Total</u>		
Hq Co 1st Bn	1	1	Off	<u>RM</u>	
Total	1	2	0	2	
<u>2 September 1944 - Total</u>			<u>14 September 1944 - LWA</u>		
Off	<u>RM</u>		Off	<u>RM</u>	
1	2		Ron Co	1	
<u>3 Sept 1944 - 8 Sept 1944 - None</u>			Co "B"	1	
<u>9 September 1944 - LIA</u>			Total	1	1
Off	<u>RM</u>		<u>14 September 1944 - SWA</u>		
Hq Co 1st Bn	1		Off	<u>RM</u>	
Co "D"	1		Ron Co	1	
Total	0	2	Total	0	1
<u>9 September 1944 - Total</u>			<u>14 September 1944 - Total</u>		
Off	<u>RM</u>		Off	<u>RM</u>	
0	2		1	2	

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9-1 Supplement, 66th AR, for Sept 1944, cont'd.

15 September 1944 - KIA
Off EM
 Med Det 1
 Total 1 0

15 September 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Ron Co 1
 Total 0 1

15 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 1 1

16 Sept 1944 - 17 Sept 1944 - None

18 September 1944 - LIA
Off EM
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Total 0 1

18 September 1944 - KIA
Off EM
 Hq Co 3rd Bn 1
 Total 1 0

18 September 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Co "H" 1
 Total 1 0

18 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 2 1

19 September 1944 - KIA
Off EM
 Service Co 1
 Co "E" 1
 Total 0 2

19 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "D" 2
 Total 0 2

19 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 4

20 September 1944 - KIA
Off EM
 Co "D" 2
 Total 0 2

20 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 2

21 September 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Co "D" 1
 Total 0 1

21 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 1

22 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "A" 1
 Total 0 1

S-1 Supplement, 66th AR, for Sept 1944, Cont'd.

22 September 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Co "A" 1
 Total 0 1

22 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 2

23 September 1944 - None

24 September 1944 - KIA
Off EM
 Co "D" 1 1
 Total 1 1

24 September 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Hq Co 2d Bn 1
 Total 1 0

24 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "F" 1
 Co "I" 1
 Total 1 1

24 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 3 2

25 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "D" 1
 Total 0 1

25 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 1

26 September 1944 - MIA
Off EM
 Co "D" 1
 Total 0 1

26 September 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Co "D" 1
 Med Det 1
 Total 0 2

26 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 3

27 September 1944 - None

28 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "I" 1
 Total 0 1

28 September 1944 - Total
Off EM
 0 1

29 September 1944 - LWA
Off EM
 Co "G" 1
 Total 0 1

29 September 1944 - CE
Off EM
 Co "G" 1
 Total 0 1

29 September 1944 - SWA
Off EM
 Co "G" 1
 Total 1

S-1 Supplement, 66th AR, for Sept 1944, cont'd.

29 September 1944 - Total

Off EM

0 3

30 September 1944 - None

TOTALS

	<u>off</u>	<u>W/O</u>	<u>EM</u>
KILLED	3	0	5
SWA	2	0	4
LWA	3	0	12
LIA	0	0	3
CE	0	0	5
MIA	0	0	1
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HEADQUARTERS 36th ARMORED REGIMENT
A.I.C. 252

9 October 1944

Intelligence Supplement
for period
1-30 September 1944

1-4 September

After the crossing of the GEME RIVER on the 29th of August the same general situation exists in which the enemy is retreating rapidly and the only PW's taken are stragglers taken by our rapidly advancing reconnaissance elements. PW's taken were not told exactly where to go except to the "NEXT HIDEOUT LINE". The morale of all PW's was poor. All of them were astounded at the rapidity of our advance. PW's were from the 276th Infantry Division and 47th Infantry Division.

9-10-11 September
Not in contact.

12 September

During this period the ALBERT CANAL was crossed. The enemy made no determined stand at any critical point. Our patrols advanced to the East generally meeting only S/A fire. Some small groups of tanks, evidently unorganized, were in area as well as a few pieces of artillery and 88mm guns. PW'S taken were all mostly infantry.

13-14 September
Not in contact.

15-19 September

The Regiment as "STOKES" TASK FORCE "A" as a part of Combat Command "A" pushed the enemy beyond the MAAS RIVER where the enemy prepared defensive positions, particularly N.E. of MAASTRICHT. In this area the enemy discarded their uniforms for civilian clothes and armed with S/A, grenades, and some bazooka's, used houses along the route of advance for sniping at our troops. PW's taken were all mostly from the 22nd FLIEGER REGIMENT which was organized as a German Infantry Regiment. These PW's had passed flight examinations and were all in excellent physical condition. Some had only 6 to 10 days training as Infantry and were then put into the lines. Morale of these troops was good in comparison with that of other troops taken prisoner. Other units on this front who were under control of the 5th German Army were from the 176th Infantry Division, 275th Infantry Division, and the 271st Infantry Division. During all this period the enemy continued to resist vigorously our advance with heavy artillery fire, A/T guns, Infantry, S/A, and automatic weapons. The enemy infantry although offering stubborn resistance with S/A and automatic weapons, generally retired on approach of our tanks. During this period 875 PW's were taken by the 66th Armored Regiment.

20-21 September
Not in contact.

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22 September

During this period our troops pushed the enemy East of BRUNSSUM where he dug in. Mortar and artillery fire continued to be received. Enemy units in contact were 176th Infantry Division with 351st Infantry Regiment, 343 Infantry Regiment, and 330th Infantry Regiment. Enemy activity was limited during this period to artillery fire and resistance to our patrols by automatic weapons.

23-29 September

Not in Contact

30 September

The Regiment continued to hold the line East of BRUNSSUM until relieved by the 29th Infantry Division.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

During this period it was noticeable of the increasing number of armed patriots that appeared when U.S. troops entered towns. Leading elements were able to obtain information from civilians and use it in their movements. The Belgian underground were found to be completely organized, and were able to give accurate information. During this advance the Regimental Intelligence Officer was able to make contact with quite a number of underground agents.

MAPS

During this period complete coverage in the 1/50,000 and 1/100,000 scale was issued down to include platoons. However, there were limited distributions made on several 1/50,000 sheets. Distributions on the 1/25,000 were also limited, thus excluding platoons.

ENEMY AIR

No casualties were sustained by enemy aircraft during this period. Enemy aircraft in number were observed at night on several occasions but no casualties were sustained.

TERRAIN

The terrain was fair. Due to rainy weather the tanks could not get off the roads without bogging down, although in some sectors the rolling ground and scattered woods provided good approaches.

TOTAL CASUALTIES ASSESSED ON THE ENEMY DURING PERIOD 1-30 SEPTEMBER

PW's	2,493
Killed (Estimated)	533
Guns (S/P & A/T)	16
Vehicles (Miscellaneous)	87

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S-4 Annex for Period September 1 - September 30, 1944

Class I - During the period September 1 - 30 Class I supplies adequate. Daily deliveries made to troops, and attached Infantry serviced, operated from forward truck heads.

Class II - Class II supplies picked up from forward truck heads and delivered to unit supply trucks located with service trains. Delivery made to companies at appropriate times by individual company supply trucks. Class II generally adequate, requisitions submitted weekly.

Class III - During this period the supply lines were extended, F & L was not available in sufficient quantity to keep the command rolling. Approximately six days were lost due to lack of fuel. Rationing was necessary and all vehicles were serviced on a mileage basis. At the end of the period the situation had not been relieved.

Class IV - Class IV supplies adequate considering limited requirements.

Class V - Class V supplies kept to unit level, although there was a definite shortage of some types of ammunition. Requirements light over entire period. During the period September 1 - September 30 inclusive, this unit extended its supply lines to a great extent. This caused appropriate difficulties both to this unit and higher echelons of supply. However, generally the supply situation was adequate in that all units in the Division were given their prorata share.

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In the Field
010200B Sept 44

FO #19

MAPS: GSGS: 4450, FRANCE, 1/50,000

1. a. It is expected that the enemy will employ what anti-tank defenses he has in this area immediately beyond our OPLR.
b. (1) CC"B" moves in zone beginning at 010600B Sept 44, with similar mission to CC"A".
(2) 82d Rcn Bn operates in zones of CC"A" and CC"B". Moves at 01600B Sept 44.
2. a. CC"A" continues advance in zone shown on ovly, beginning at H-Hour, 1 Sept 44.
b. Troops: no change.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR move out H-Hour, 1 Sept 44, primary mission to secure complete information of all crossings of SOMME River in zone CC"A", by-passing all resistance wherever necessary to accomplish this mission. Information of all crossings is desired upon arrival of leading elements of Combat Command on Phase Line SUGAR.
b. Right Column moves at H-Hour plus one half hour, 1 Sept 44, on axis indicated. (see ovly). Order of march: no change.
c. Left Column moves at H-Hour plus one half hour, 1 Sept 44, on axis indicated, (see ovly).
d. 14th AFA Bn; no change.
x. (1) Units establish liaison with preceeding unit in column. Units will move forward when preceeding unit clears.
(2) Air support available, weather permitting.
(3) Ovly accompanying this FO is supplementary to ovly accompanying FO #18 this Hq, dated 31 Aug 44.
(4) H-Hour will be announced; be prepared for H-Hour at 0630B.
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI.
b. CP located at head of Main Body right column enroute, thereafter to be reported.

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ANNEX #1

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SECRET
AUTH: CO, CC"A", 2 AD:
INIT: *[Signature]*
DATE: 022010 Sept 44

FO #20

MAPS: GSCS: 4040, scale: 1/ 50,000

1. a. Unknown.
b. (1) Information of adjacent troops is shown on ovly.
(2) 82d Ron Bn furnished listening posts as shown.
2. a. CC"A" will occupy and defend the area shown on accompanying overlay for the night.
b. Defense will be set up in all directions.
c. Be prepared for further offensive operations on 3 Sept 44.
3. a. 66th AR (-1st & 2d Bns, & Ron Co) will occupy and defend the area shown.
b. 2d Bn, 66th AR will occupy and defend the area shown.
c. 2d Bn, 41st AIR will, upon arrival in this area, occupy and defend the area shown. It will take over road blocks shown, manned by Ron Co, 66th AR.
d. Ron Co, 66th AR will occupy and defend the area to be occupied by 2d Bn, 41st AIR. When relieved, Ron Co will leave a skeleton crew at each block in order to give the 2d Bn, 41st AIR the advantage of having seen the ground in daylight. Furnish patrol shown on ovly.
e. A Co, 702d TD Bn will man the road blocks shown on ovly.
f. A Co, 17th Eng Bn will assist in constructing road blocks.
g. H Co, 66th AR will occupy and defend in area shown. Contact 14th FA upon arrival in area.
h. 14th AFA Bn will be prepared to furnish concentrations in front of all road blocks requested on ovlys.
x. (1) Each unit will take care of local security within own areas.
(2) Telephone communication will be used where possible.
(3) Contact between outposts will be from right to left.
(4) Hourly reports will be made by all units to this Hq on the hour.
(5) All guns will be sited and range cards prepared for defense. Roads will be physically blocked and guarded. All traffic will be challenged.
(6) Furnish overlay of positions and outposts, and locations of defensive fires required.
(7) All vehicles will be camouflaged and during darkness fluorescent panels will be removed.
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI.
b. CP location as shown.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
SECOND ARMORED DIVISION

APO 454
3 Sept 44

MEMORANDUM:

To : All Units, Combat Command "A".

1. All units will thoroughly investigate woods and likely hiding places within their areas without delay for the purpose of flushing the enemy from these places. Such individuals and small parties are known to be present and continually moving in. Such areas will be kept under constant surveillance.

2. All roads and trails within areas will be reconnoitered without delay and report of usable roads made to this Headquarters. Since the TOURNAI - ORCHIES road is open to single vehicles only, supply roads to all areas are required. S-4, CC "A", will reconnoiter for a supply route to the rear which will not interfere with traffic on the above road.

3. All road blocks will be maintained until further notice and so maintained that enemy vehicles attempting to enter or leave this area on these roads can be destroyed or captured.

4. Only single vehicles will utilize the TOURNAI - ORCHIES road.

5. Rcn Co, both AR will establish a listening post as far east on the TOURNAI - ORCHIES road as possible. Radio communication will be maintained. The purpose of the post will be to give timely warning of any enemy movement toward west or wouth-west out of TOURNAI.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
SECOND ARMORED DIVISION

APC 252
4 Sept 44

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Units, Movement Order.

1. Units will move to new areas by routes shown beginning on order.
2. a. Order of march (Routes shown on overlay)

Route #1
14th AFA Bn
A Co, 17th Eng Bn
66th AFA Bn (65th)
Co A, 48th Med Bn
Tns
Co A, 702d TD Bn
Co H, 66th AR

Route #2
2d Bn, 41st AIR
Rcn Co, 66th AR

Route #3
2d Bn, 66th AR
Hq CC "A"
66th AR (-)

- b. (1) Movement will be by liaison with unit preceeding.
(2) Size of unit, time of movement, spacing will depend on traffic on ORCHIES - TOURNAI hwy. Each unit will post an officer at the crossing of its route and the ORCHIES - TOURNAI Hwy. Movement across hwy will be only in the intervals between serials and march units of convoys moving on ORCHIES - TOURNAI Hwy. Full advantage of these breaks will be taken in order that the command can close in new area as soon as possible.
 - c. Each unit will be responsible for own guides along routes.
 - d. Road blocks as shown on overlay will be set up immediately and will be taken in on order of this Hq after command has closed in new area.
 - x. (1) Present bivouac areas will be left in an excellent state of police.
(2) Closing reports will be made immediately.
(3) Upon arrival in new area, units will immediately secure the areas for which they are responsible.
5. a. Current SOI.
b. CP opens at 898461 on order. Units will be informed.

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INIT: WWH
DATE: 051945B Sept 44

Hq CC"A", 2 AD
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In the Field
051845B Sept 44

FO #21

MAPS: GSGS: 4336, FRANCE & BELGIUM, 1/100,000 & 1/50,000

1. a. See current G-2 Estimate, Hq, 2 AD.
b. (1) XIX Corps advances rapidly to E. British XXX Corps on left, US VII Corps on right. Corps Cav screen by 113th Cav Group. 30th and 79th Inf Divs advance rapidly E in zones behind 2d Armd Div.
(2) 2d Armd Div advances rapidly to E at 060600B Sept 44 on a wide front (5 columns) (CC"B" on right, Div Res in center, CC"A" on left) in Corps zone, behind Corps Cav screen, cleaning up pockets of resistance in Corps zone.
(3) 82d Rcn Bn operates in front of 2d Armd Div in Corps zone.
2. a. CC"A" advances rapidly to E in two columns at 060600B Sept 44 cleaning up pockets of resistance in zone.
b. Troops
Left Column
66th AR (-1st, 2d Bns, 1 Plat, Co H, Rcn, & Maint Cos)
Co F, 41st AIR
65th AFA Bn (with B Btry, 467 AAA Bn atchd)
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn
1 Plat, Co A, 702d TD Bn
Detach, Co A, 48th Med Bn
Field Trains, CC"A" (Serv Co, 66th AR)
Right Column
Advance Guard:
2d Bn, 66th AR (-Co D)
Co D, 41st AIR
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn
Fwd CP, CC"A"
14th AFA Bn (with Btry D, 195 AAA Bn (-1 Plat) atchd)
Hq CC"A", (-Fwd CP)
Main Body
2d Bn, 41st AIR (-2 Cos)
w/Co D, 66th AR atchd)
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plat)
Co A, 48th Med Bn (-detach)
Maint Co, 66th AR (with 1 Plat, Btry D, 195 AAA Bn & 1 Plat, Co H, 66th AR atchd)
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR, move afternoon 5 Sept 44, to vic phase line DOG in CC"A" zone. Move at 060600B Sept 44, rcn in CC"A" zone.
b. Left Column, move at 060600B Sept 44, advance rapidly over axis indicated (see ovly), clean up pockets of resistance encountered.
c. Right Column, leading element cross IP at 080615B Sept 44, advance rapidly over axis indicated (see ovly) clean up resistance encountered.
x. Order of march from present assembly area for Right Column will be as listed in par 2 b, above, of Left Column as designated by CO, 66th AR. Movement into column will be by liaison with preceding unit in column.

3. x. (1) Scheduled Halts: There will be a fifteen minute halt at the end of the first one hour and forty-five minutes of marching (0745B-0800B), and at the end of each one hour and fifty minutes of marching, thereafter (0950B-1000B, etc).
- (2) Forward Echelon, Hq, 2d Armd Div, will march in the right column following Hq, CC"A" (-Fwd CP). 2d Bn, 41st AIR will establish liaison with forward echelon, Hq, 2d Armd Div for movement.
- (3) Units will retain one hours supply of gasoline in their vehicular tanks at all times during this march. Units will notify this headquarters when their gasoline supply is nearing the one hour operational level.

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4. a. Essential F&L and Ammo sections released to battalions and separate companies. Remainder combat trains of right column move under CO, Maint Co, 66th AR, of left column move as directed by CO, 66th AR.
- b. CC"A" Field trains move with left column.
5. a. Current SOI.
- b. CP CC"A", remains present location until 060600B Sept 44, follows advance guard, right column thereafter.

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INIT: MTH
DATE: 061950B Sept 44

Hq CC"A", 2 AD
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FO #22

MAPS: GSGS 4336, FRANCE & BELGIUM, 1/100,000 & 1/50,000

1. a. No change.
2. See FO #21, Hq CC"A", 5 Sept 44.
3. a. Rcn Co, 66th AR, remain present location, rcn in CC"A" zone on order.
b. Left Column move at 070600B Sept 44, advance rapidly along axis (see ovly atchd to FO #21, Hq CC"A").
c. Right Column, move at 070600B Sept 44, advance rapidly along axis (see ovly atchd to FO #21, Hq CC"A").
x. (1) All elements will clear present assembly area by 070830B Sept 44. In moving from present area into column on axis vehicles will close up to 50 yds distance between vehicles until assembly area is cleared. No distance between serials and march units until all elements clear assembly area.
(2) Unit guides will be posted along route during march. Guides will not be relieved until head of succeeding unit passes.
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI.
b. Cp, CC"A" remains present location until 070600B Sept 44, follows advance guard, right column thereafter.

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ANNEX #6

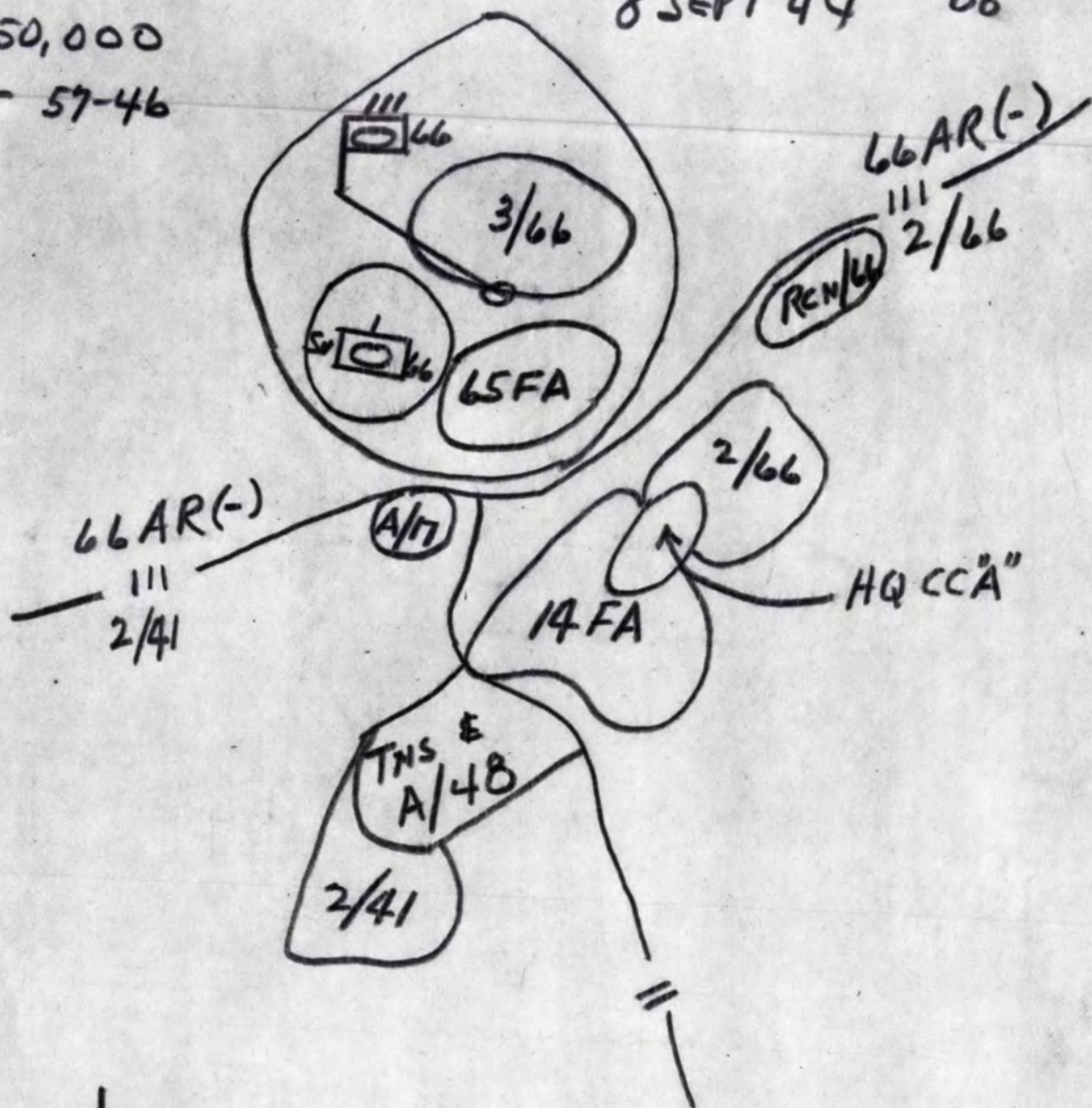
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INIT: WMMH

DATE: 122345B Sept 44

Hq CC"A", 2 AD

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In the Field

122345 B Sept 44

FO #23

MAPS: GSGS 4040, FRANCE & BELGIUM, Scale: 1/50,000

1. a. Current G-2, 2d Armd Div Estimate.
b. CC"B", 2d Armd Div operates on right of CC"A". 11th Armd Div (British) operates on left.
2. a. CC"E", 2d Armd Div attacks 130630B Sept 44 to clear enemy from Div zone N of ALBERT Canal.
b. Troops:

82d Rcn Bn	14th AFA Bn
66th Armd Regt (-1st & 3rd Bns)	D Btry, 195 AAA Bn w/1 Plat,
w/Co A, 702d TD Bn atchd	Btry B, 467 AAA Bn atchd.
3rd Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co) w/Co F,	Co C, 17th Eng Bn, w/Co A,
41st AIR & 1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn	17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats) atchd
atchd	Co A, 48th Med Bn
2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) w/Co G, 66th AR	
& 1 Plat, Co A, 17th Eng Bn atchd	
3. a. 82d Rcn Bn move 130630B Sept 44. Maintain contact between 2d Bn, 41st AIR & 3rd Bn, 66th AR. Protect left (N) flank CC"A". Maintain contact with 11th Armd Div (Br) on left. Rcn along left (N) flank of CC"A". Co D in reserve to be committed only on order from this hqs.
b. 3rd Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co)Reinf, move at 130600B Sept 44 over route indicated (see ovly), attack and seize successive objectives shown. Upon reaching objective 5, consolidate prepared to release Co F, 41st AIR and to support attack of 2d Bn, 41st AIR, reinf on objective 6.
c. 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) Reinf, attack at 130630B Sept 44, seize successive objectives shown. Upon reaching objective 4, consolidate prepared to take over Co F, 41st AIR and to attack to seize and secure objective 6.
d. 66th AR (-2 Bns) w/Co A, 702d TD Bn atchd, remain in present location in CC"A" Reserve, prepared to move on 30 min notice.
e. 14th AFA Bn w/Div Arty, 2d Armd Div in general support, support the action of CC"A". Fire narrassing and interdicting fires during night 12-13 Sept 44. Fire 20 min preparations on objective 1 from 0610B to 0630B Sept 13, 1944.
f. D Btry, 195 AAA Bn w/1 Plat, Btry B, 467 AAA Bn atchd, support 14th AFA Bn, Maint Co, 66th AR & Serv Co, 66th AR.
g. Co C, 17th Eng Bn w/Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats) atchd, secure bridge over ALBERT canal at K275664.
h. Co A, 48th Med Bn support action of CC"A".

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4. No change.

5. a. Current SOI, 2d Armd Div in effect.

b. CP, CC"A", moves 130600B Sept 44 to K 328670, thereafter follows axis of 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-) Reinf.

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In the Field
132300B Sept 44

FO #24

MAPS: GSGS, 4040, FRANCE & BELGIUM, Scale: 1/50,000

1. a. See S-3 Periodic Report.
b. CC"B" continues to operate on right of CC"A", 11th Armd Div (Br) on left.
2. a. CC"A", 2d Armd Div, continues attack at 140645B Sept 44 to clear enemy from Div zone N of ALBERT Canal.
b. Troops:
 - 82d Rcn Bn w/Co D, 17th Eng Bn atchd
 - Rcn Co, both AR
 - both AR (-1st & 2d Bns, Rcn, Serv & Maint Cos)
 - w/99th Inf Bn & 1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn atchd
 - 2d Bn both AR (-1 Co)
 - 2d Bn 41st AIR w/Co D, both AR & 1 Plat Co A,
 - 17th Eng Bn atchd.
 - 14th AFA Bn
 - 65th AFA Bn
 - Btry D, 195 AAA w/Btry B, 467th AAA Bn atchd.
 - Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)
 - Co A, 702d TD Bn
 - Maint Co, both AR
 - Co A, 48th Med Bn
3. a. 82d Rcn Bn w/Co D, 17th Eng Bn atchd, move at 140645B Sept 44. Maintain contact between both AR (-) & 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf. Protect left (N) flank of CC"A". Maintain contact with 11th Armd Div (Br) on our left. Rcn in CC"A" zone.
b. Rcn Co, both AR, maintain outpost at 1457596 until further orders. Move on order to right of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf. Protect right flank of CC"A", Rcn in zone.
c. both AR (-) reinf, attack at 140645B Sept 44, to seize successive objectives indicated (see ovly). Move in multiple columns wherever routes permit.
d. 2d Bn, both AR (-1 Co) remain in present location in CC"A" Reserve, prepared to move on 30 min notice.
e. 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf, attack at 140645B Sept 44, seize successive objectives indicated (see ovly). Move in multiple columns wherever routes permits.
f. 14th AFA Bn, in direct support of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf, in general support of remainder of CC"A".
g. 65th AFA Bn in direct support of both AR (-) reinf, in general support of remainder of CC"A".

- h. Btry D, 195 AAA Bn, w/Btry E, 407 AAA Bn atchd, support 14th AFA Bn, both FA Bn, Maint Co, both AR & Serv Co, 66th AR.
 - i. Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats) secure N side of bridge at K330029.
 - j. Co A, 702d TD Bn, remain in present location in CC"A" Reserve prepared to move on 30 min notice.
 - k. Maint Co, both AR, remain in present location, move on order.
 - l. Co A, 48th Ld Bn, support action of CC"A".
4. No change.
5. a. Current SOI, 2d Armd Div.
b. CP, CC"A", remains present location until 140630B Sept 44, thereafter follows axis of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf.

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HEADQUARTERS 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT
APO 254

14 Sept 1944

FO #3

1. a. CC"A" continues on original mission in same zone in columns abreast.
b. Information of enemy - No change.
2. a. This force attacks in two columns to secure objectives shown on overlay.
b. Troops.

<u>Right Column</u> 3d Bn, 66th AR (-1 Med & Lt Co) (plus 1 Plat B Co) Hq 66th AR Fwd 1 Co Inf Plat Co A, 17 Eng Bn (-1 Sqd) Reserve Co B, 66th AR (-2 Plats) 99th Inf Bn (-2 Cos) Hq 66th AR Rear	<u>Left Column</u> 1 Medium Tank Co 1 Plat Co B, 66th AR 1 Co Infantry 1 Sqd Co A, 17 Eng Bn
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3. a. Right Column will attack at 0645A, clearing town in its zone and continuing to other objectives on axis shown on overlay.
b. Left column will assemble in vicinity of town cleared by Right Column. Column to be formed upon release of Co G, 66th AR, from CC"A" control. Left column will then proceed along axis securing objective as on overlay.
c. Force Reserve under CO, 99th Inf Bn moving initially to a position in rear of LD when cleared by other elements, will advance along Right axis by bounds on order Force CO. Reserve CO will be responsible for security of bridge from time bridgehead Co is relieved to form left column until Force clears.

99th Inf Bn (-2 Cos) will move initially Portee and will be prepared for dismounted action with either column, or to the south flank.

d. The 05th FA Bn, firing initially from present positions, will be in support of both columns.

x. (1) Arty fires called for on objective 1 will be cleared with 65th and 14th FA Bns.
(2) Advance beyond objective 6 will be on order.
4. a. Axis of prisoner evacuation - axis of advance Right Column.
b. Refueling - When time and supply permit.
5. a. Advance CP opens 0645B with Right Column.
b. SOI - Normal.

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"Z" FORCE

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"Z"

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"O" FORCE

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RESERVE

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MAP: 1/50,000
SHEET 47

LEGEND

ROAD BLOCKS

#1 & 2 99 INF REMAIN IN PLACE

#3 & 4 99 INF TO BE REMOVED TO

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"Z" = ZEIN (EXO)

"O" = O'FARRELL (CO)

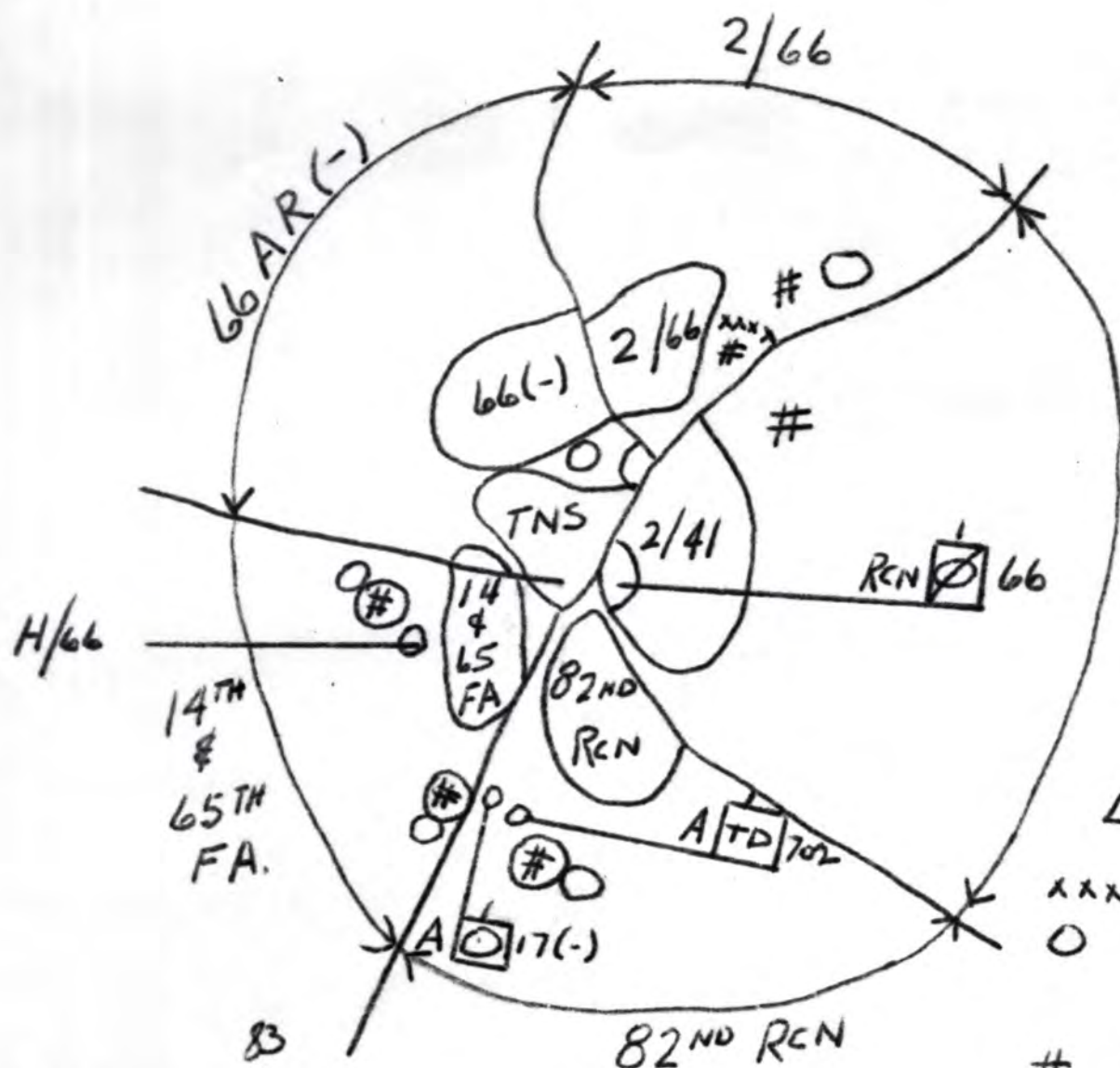
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BY 82d RCN BN
ROAD BLOCK BY 2/66
ROAD BLOCK BY A/P 2TD

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In the Field

142300B Sept 44

FO #25

LAPS: CGCS: 4040, FRANCE & BELGIUM, Scale: 1/50,000

1. a. No change.
b. No change.
2. a. CC"A" continues attack morning of 15 Sept 44 to secure W bank of WILLEMS VAART Canal in zone and to clear the enemy from zone.
b. Changes as follows:

DETACH
Co E, 41st AIR from 2d Bn, 41st AIR

ATTACH
Co E, 41st AIR to 2d Bn, both AR
3. a. 82d Rcn Bn with Co D, 17th Eng Bn attach, move at 150730B Sept 44, patrol between objectives 5 & 7 until released. Sweep area from E to W between axis objective 6 - objective 8 and objective 5 - objective 7 to Y. Protect left (N) flank of CC"A" between Y and Z. Maintain contact with 11th Armd Div (Br) on left (N).
b. Rcn Co, both AR move at 150730B Sept 44, sweep area between S boundary of CC"A" and route followed into present area from E to W to Y. Cover all roads S of both AR (-) - 2d Bn, 41st AIR boundary between X and Y in CC"A" zone. Maintain present road block. Upon completion of sweeping mission assemble in present area.
c. both AR (-) reinf, seize and secure objective 11, secure approaches into zone from W at objective 9. Sweep zone between W boundary and axis objective 6 - objective 8, from E to W from Z to Y. Upon completion of sweeping mission reassemble to secure line objective 9 - objective 8.
d. 2d Bn, both AR (-1 Co) with Co E, 41st AIR atchd, move at 150730B Sept 44 with a force consisting of Co A, both AR and 2 Plat, Co E, 41st AIR to sweep from E to W from Z to Y between axis objective 7 - objective 5 exclusive and axis of Rcn Co, both AR inclusive. Upon completion of this mission this force will assemble E of Y on E side of axis objective 7 - objective 5 and await orders. Remainder of 2d Bn, both AR (-) reinf, remain in present location prepared to assist in sweeping area between Z & Y or to hold present line on order.
e. 2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co) with Co D, both AR and 1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn atchd, secure line objective 10 - objective 7 and approaches into objectives 7 & 10 from S, E, & N. Be prepared to assist in sweeping area between Z & Y on order.
f. 65th AAA Bn in direct support of both AR (-) reinf, in general support of CC"A" less both AR (-) reinf.
g. 14th AAA Bn in direct support of CC"A" less both AR (-), in general support of both AR (-).
h. D Btry, 195 AAA Bn no change.
i. Co A, 702d TD Bn & Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats), remain in present location prepared to assist sweeping of area between Z to Y on order.

3. Laird Co, 60th AAA Co A, 48th Med Bn support the action of CC"A".
4. No change.
5. a. SOI, 2 AD, 15 - 21 Sept 44 compromised. Radio and code and link signs for 15 Sept will be used. In all other cases SOI, 2 AD for 10 Sept 44 will be used 15 Sept 44.
b. CP, CC"A" remains present location.

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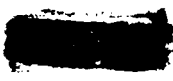
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In The Field
132300B Sept 44

FO #24

MAPS: GSGS, 4040, FRANCE & BELGIUM, Scale: 1/50,000

1. a. See S-2 Periodic Report.
b. CC"B" continues to operate on right of CC"A", 11th Arm'd Div (Br) on left.
2. a. CC"A", 2d Arm'd Div, continues attack at 140645B Sept 44 to clear enemy from Div zone N of ALBERT Canal.
b. Troops:
 - 82d Ron Bn w/Co D, 17th Eng Bn atchd
 - Ron Co, 66th AR
 - 66th AR (-1st & 2d Bns, Ron, Serv & Maint Cos)
 - w/99th Inf Bn & 1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn atchd
 - 2d Bn 66th AR (-1 Co)
 - 2d Bn 41st AIR w/Co D, 66th AR & 1 Plat Co A,
 - 17th Eng Bn atchd.
 - 14th AFA Bn
 - 65th AFA Bn
 - Btry D, 195 AAA w/Btry B, 467th AAA Bn atchd.
 - Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)
 - Co A, 702d TD Bn
 - Maint Co, 66th AR
 - Co A, 48th Med Bn
3. a. 82d Ron Bn w/Co D, 17th Eng Bn atchd, move at 140645B Sept 44. Maintain contact between 66th AR (-) & 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf. Protect left (N) flank of CC"A". Maintain contact with 11th Arm'd Div (Br) on our left. Ron in CC"A" zone.
b. Ron Co, 66th AR, maintain outpost at K457598 until further orders. Move on order to right of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf. Protect right flank of CC"A". Ron in zone.
c. 66th AR (-) reinf, attack at 140645B Sept 44, to seize successive objectives indicated (see ovly). Move in multiple columns wherever routes permit.
d. 2d Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co) remain in present location in CC"A" Reserve, prepared to move on 30 min notice.
e. 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf, attack at 140645B Sept 44, seize successive objectives indicated (see ovly). Move in multiple columns wherever routes permits.
f. 14th AFA Bn, in direct support of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf, in general support of remainder of CC"A".
g. 65th AFA Bn in direct support of 66th AR (-) reinf, in general support of remainder of CC"A".



- b. Btry D, 195 AAA Bn, w/Btry E, 487 AAA Bn atchd, support 14th AFA Bn, 66th FA Bn, Maint Co, 66th AR & Serv Co, 66th AR.
- c. Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats) secure N side of bridge at X336629
- d. Co A, 702d TD Bn, remain in present location in CC"A" Reserve prepared to move on 30 min notice.
- e. Maint Co, 66th AR, remain in present location, move on order.
- f. Co A, 48th Med Bn, support action of CC"A"

4. No change.

- 5. a. Current SOI, 2d Arm'd Div.
- b. CP, CC"A", remains present location until 140630Z Sept 44, thereafter follows axis of 2d Bn, 41st AIR reinf.

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ANNEX #1 - Opns Only

DISTRIBUTION:

82d Rec Bn	-1	66th AFA Bn	-1	CC"B", 2d Arm'd Div	-1
Rec Co, 66th AR	-1	B Btry, 195 AAA Bn	-1	Div Res, 2d Arm'd Div	-1
66th AR (-)	-1	Co A, 17th Eng Bn	-1	G-3, 2d Arm'd Div	-2
2d Bn, 66th AR	-1	Maint Co, 66th AR	-1	Hist Sect, 2d AD	-1
14th AFA Bn	-1	Co A, 48th Med Bn	-1	S-1, CC"A"	-1
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AUTH: CO, CC"A", 2 AD
INIT: *mmh*
DATE: 160500B Sept 44

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In the Field
160500B Sept 44

FO #26

MAPS: GSGS 4040, FRANCE & BELGIUM, Scale: 1/50,000

1. a. There are indications that the enemy is reinforcing his defensive line behind the railroad line running generally N out of MAASTRICHT to K6056 thence generally E.
b. 30th Inf Div holds bridgehead on W bank of MAAS River at MAASTRICHT. 2d Arm'd Div crosses MAAS River at MAASTRICHT and advances in zone, CC"A" on right, CC"B" on left.

2. a. CC"A", 2d Arm'd Div will be prepared to move on order after 160800B Sept 44 over route indicated to seize and secure objectives indicated (see ovly).

b. Troops:

Ron

Ron Co, 66th AR

Task Force A

2d Bn, 66th AR (-1 Co)

Co D, 41st AIR

1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn

1 Plat Co A, 702d TD Bn

Task Force B

2d Bn, 41st AIR (-2 Cos)

1 Co, Med Tanks 2d Bn, 66th AR

Task Force C

1st Bn, 66th AR

1 Co, 2d Bn, 41st AIR

1 Plat Co A, 17th Eng Bn

1 Plat Co A, 702d TD Bn

CC"A" Control

Hq CC"A"

14th AFA Bn

Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plats)

Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plats)

Co A, 48th Med Bn

Maint Co, 66th AR

3. a. Ron: Move on order after 160800B Sept 44 over route indicated. Contact elements of 30th Inf Div holding line on CC"A" axis, arrange for leading elements of CC"A" to pass through. Post guides as necessary. Maintain contact with CC"B" on left. Pass through friendly front lines. Ron in CC"A" zone. Upon contact with enemy assemble prepared for further missions on order.
b. Task Force A move on order over route indicated, pass through friendly front lines via objective 1, seize and secure objective 1, advance along right axis thereafter, seize and secure successive objectives 2 and 4.
c. Task Force C follow Hq CC"A" (-Fwd CP) over route indicated, advance along left axis from objective 1, seize and secure objective 3 and 5.
d. 14th AFA in support action of CC"A".
e. Task Force B, Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plat), and Co A, 702d TD Bn in CC"A" reserve. Follow right axis from objective 1.

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x. Movement from present area across MAAS River.

(1) Order of March

Ron Co, 66th AR
Task Force A
Fwd CP, CC"A"
14th APA Bn
Hq CC"A" (-Fwd CP)
Task Force C
Task Force B
Co A, 17th Eng Bn (-2 Plat)
Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plat)
Co A, 48th Med Bn
Maint Co, 66th AR

- (2) Task Force A will move on order. Movement of elements thereafter will be by liaison with preceding element.
(3) 1st Bn, 66th AR will join column in MAASTRICHT.

4. No change.

5. a. Current SOI, 2d Arm'd Div.

b. CP, CC"A" remains present location until further notice. Follows Task Force A along right axis from objective 1.

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ANNEX -- #1 Only

DISTRIBUTION:

Ron Co, 66th AR	-1	Co A, 17th Eng Bn	-1	S-1, CC"A"	-1
66th AR	-2	Co A, 702d TD Bn	-1	S-2, CC"A"	-1
1st Bn, 66th AR	-1	Co A, 48th Med Bn	-1	S-3, CC"A"	-1
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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy front line -

Enemy is believed to be occupying area east of VAAKT canal in our sector with the exception of a beachhead which has been established across canal vicinity LAUSHEDE.

b. Units in contact -

See PWI Annex.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General summary -

Only small isolated groups of enemy were encountered during period.

b. Operations of component elements -

(1) Artillery - One 88mm gun reported at 608546.

" " " " " 627542 (civilian report)

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(2) Infantry - 200 enemy reported dug in from 631645 to 634542. One sq. 16 troops reported at 608556.

3. UNDESIRABLES.

a. Estimated enemy casualties -

Data taken, 108

b. Civilians report 100 Germans in building at 558676. All are dressed in civilian clothes and have grenades and small arms. Address of house: 50 Garten-Pfeiler. Civilians also report there is a 35 year old woman and 4 sons who are spies in civilian clothing in same vicinity.

There has been a noticed increase in number of pro-Germans. This was evidenced this morning when civilians rushed to feed PW's.

(Reported by 86 A.R.) C.I.C. requested to investigate this locality.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. To vigorously defend positions he now holds. When driven from these positions, to cover his withdrawal by strong rear guard action.

b. To counter-attack in the space between British and U.S. forces.

c. To withdraw to prepared positions and fortifications east of MAUBE river (Siegfried line).

d. To launch local counter-attacks against our bridgehead vicinity MASTRICH.

e. Capability a. is favored.

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HQ CC "A" 2d A.D.
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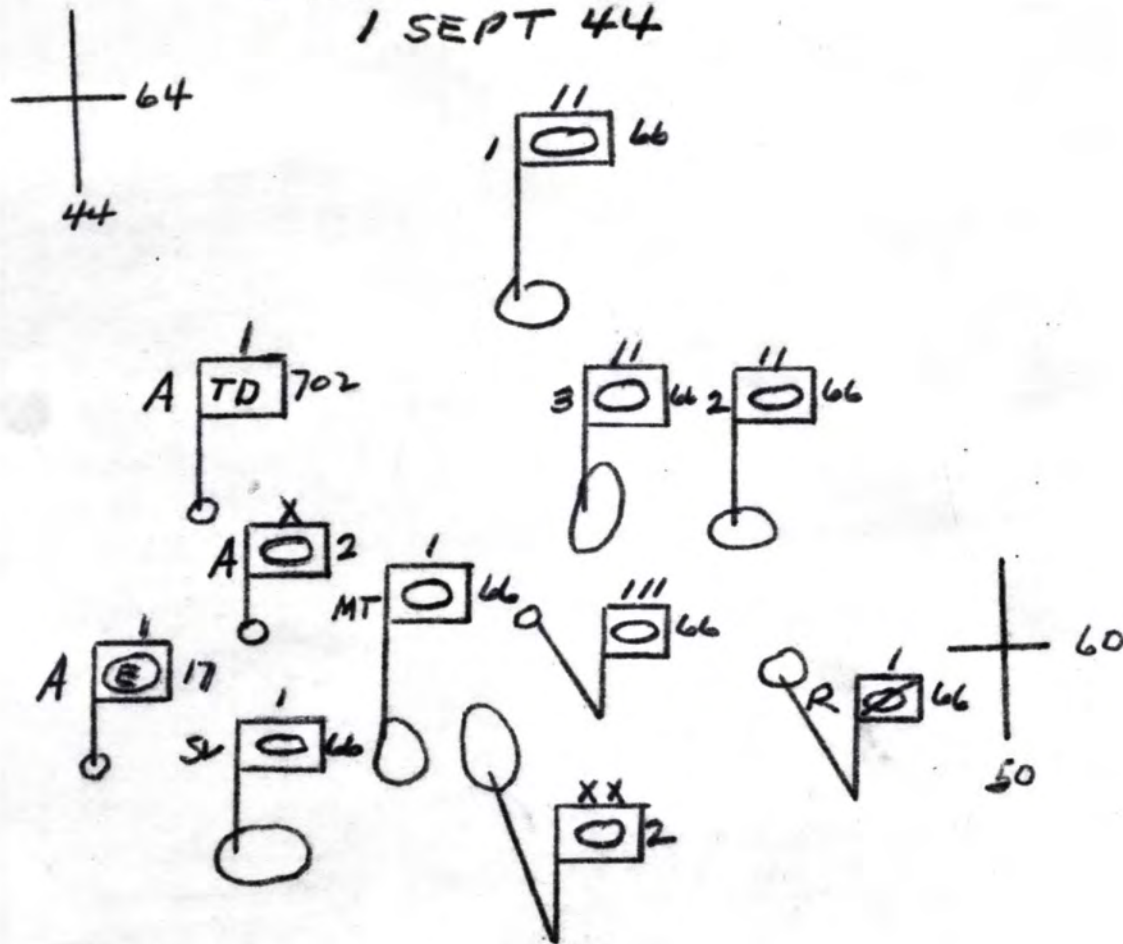
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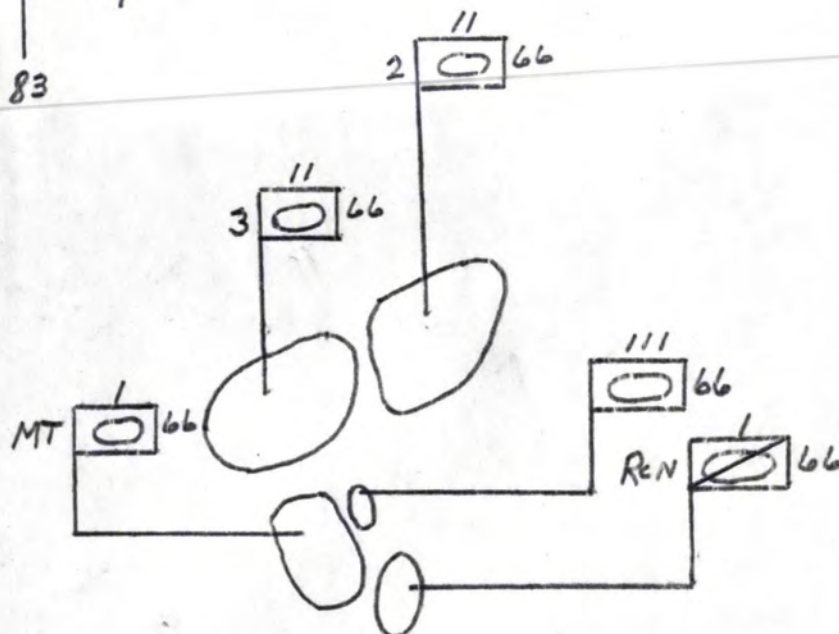
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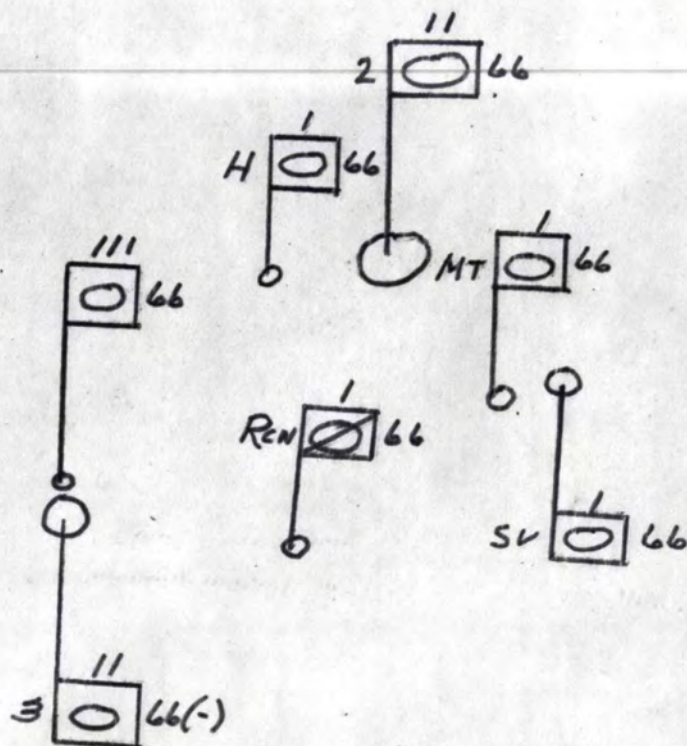
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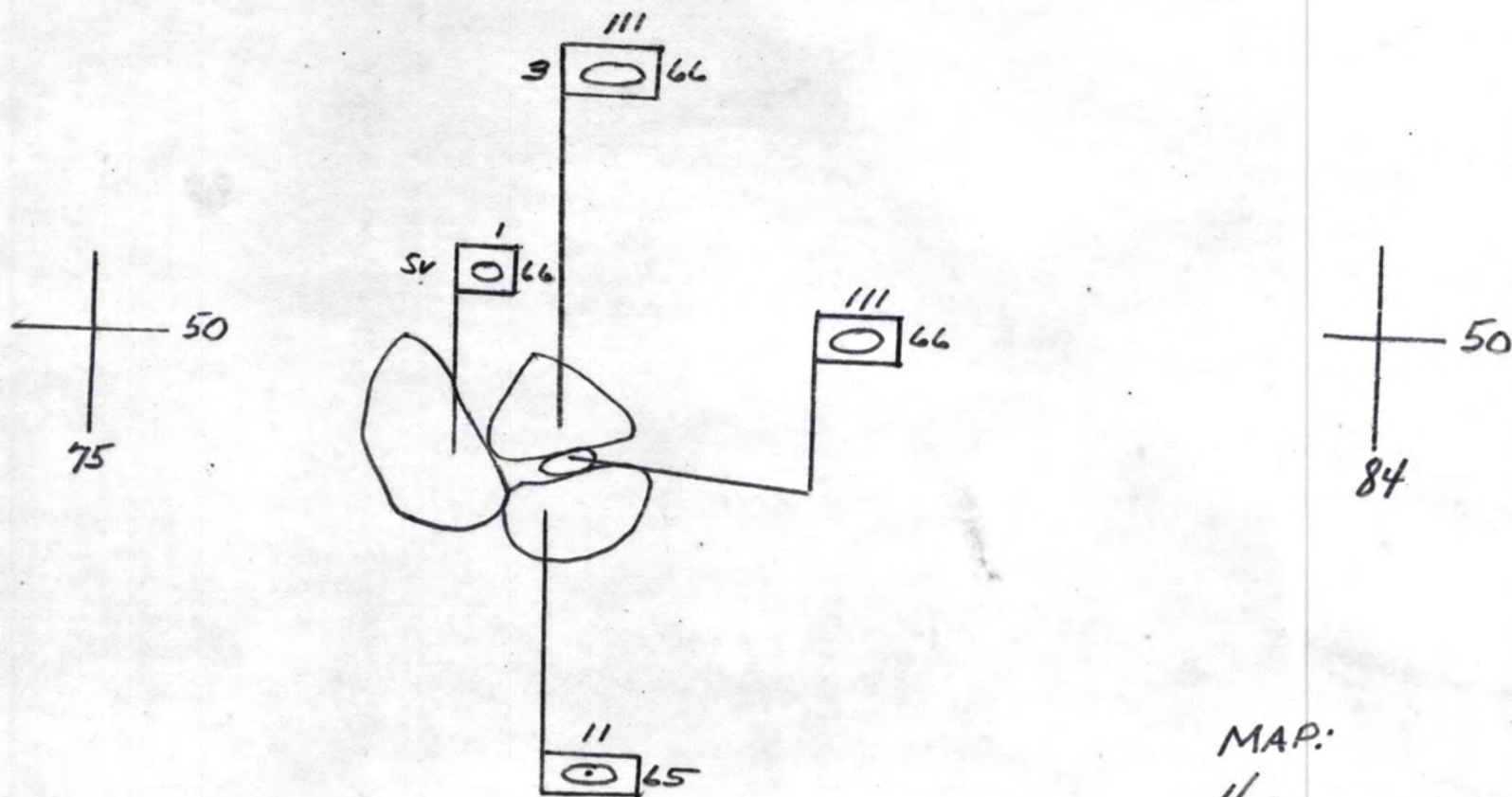
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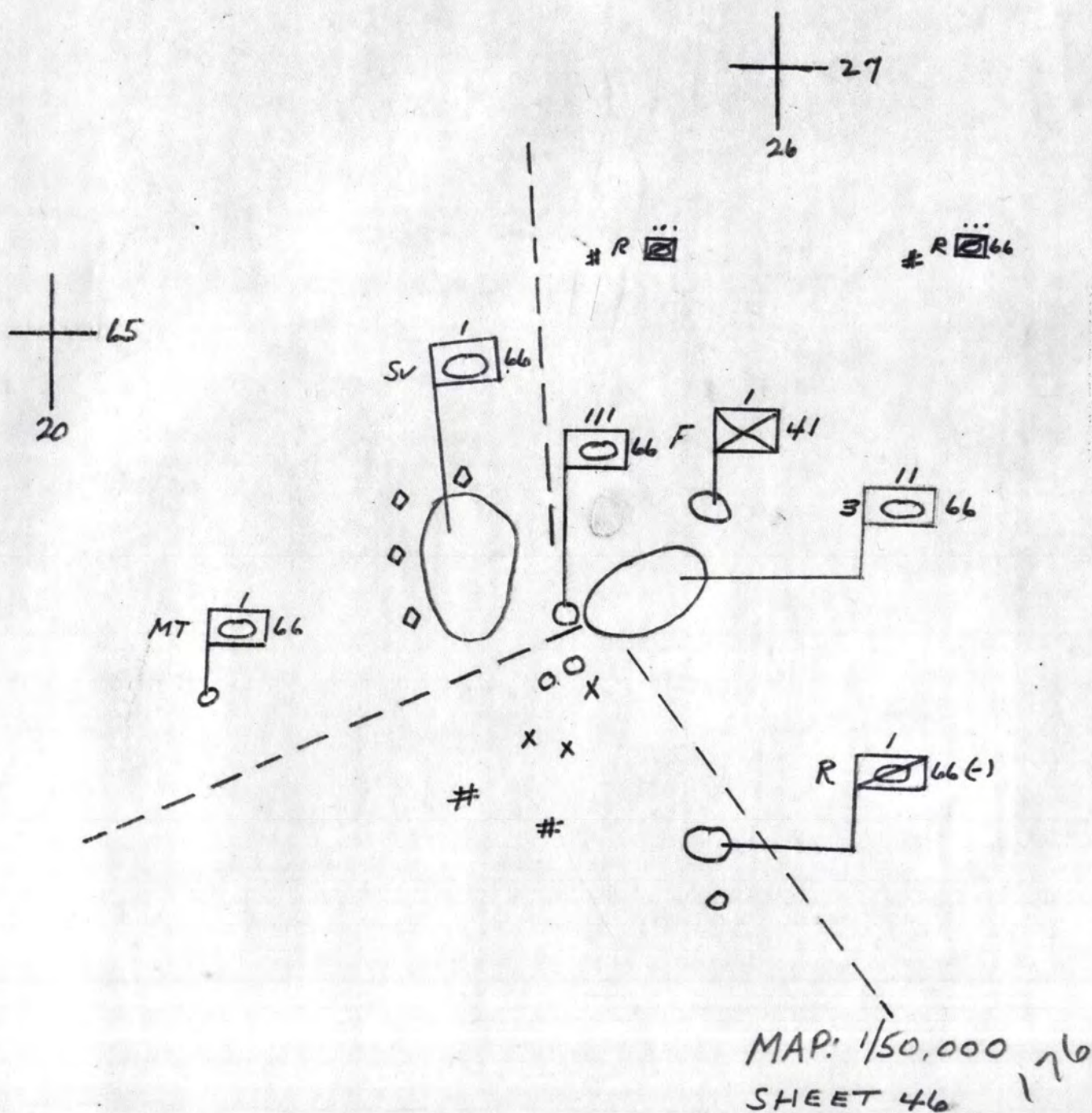


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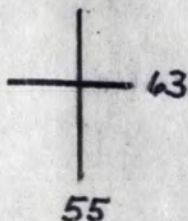
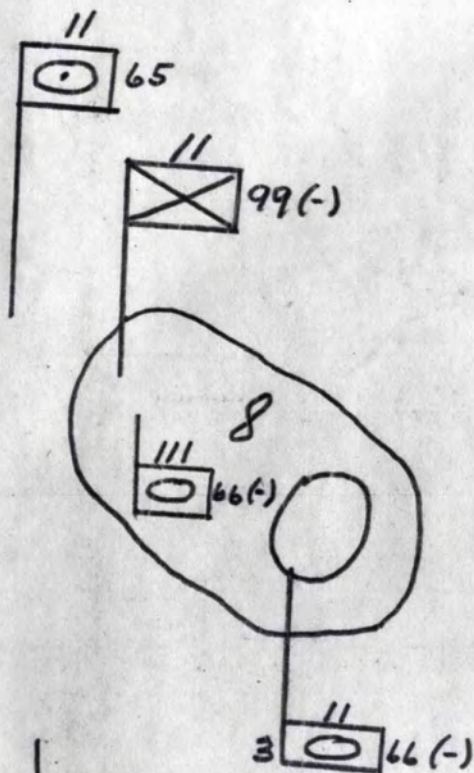
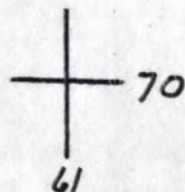
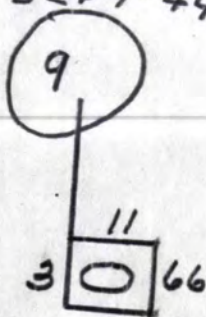
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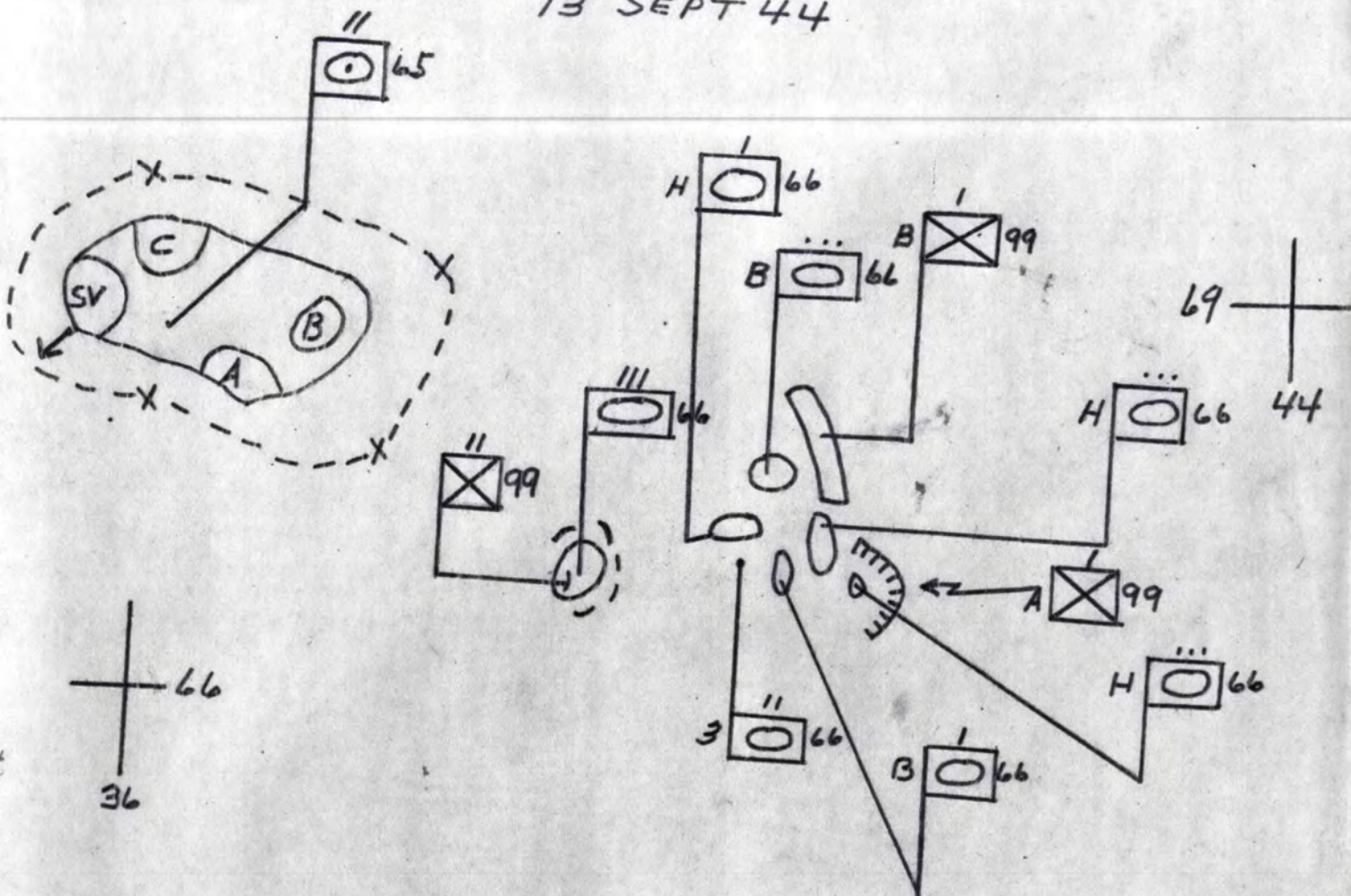


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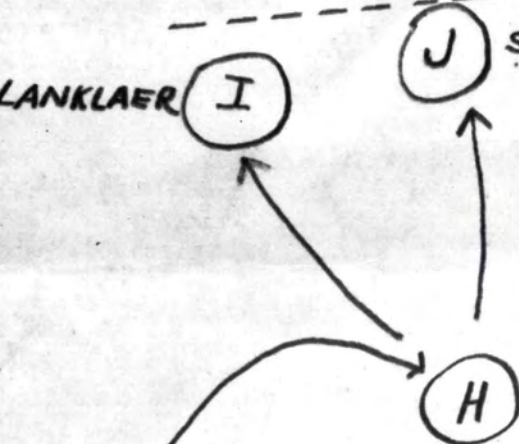
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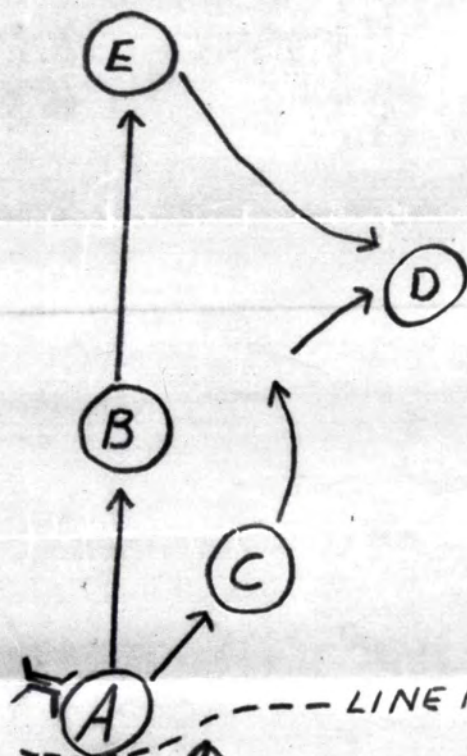
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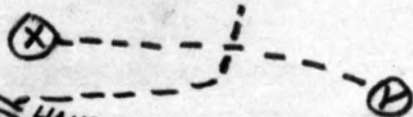
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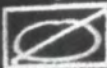
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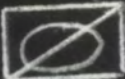
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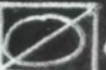
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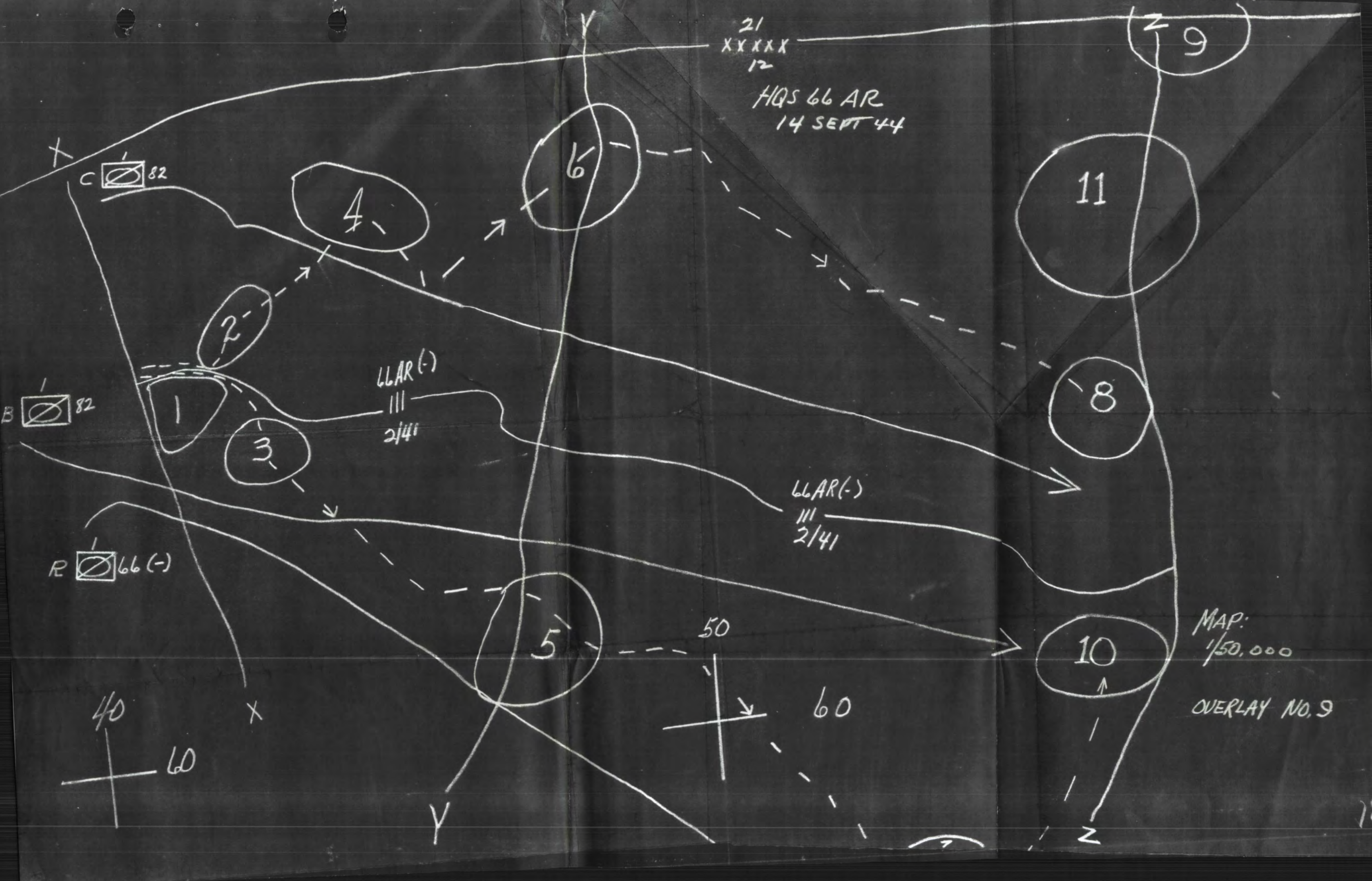
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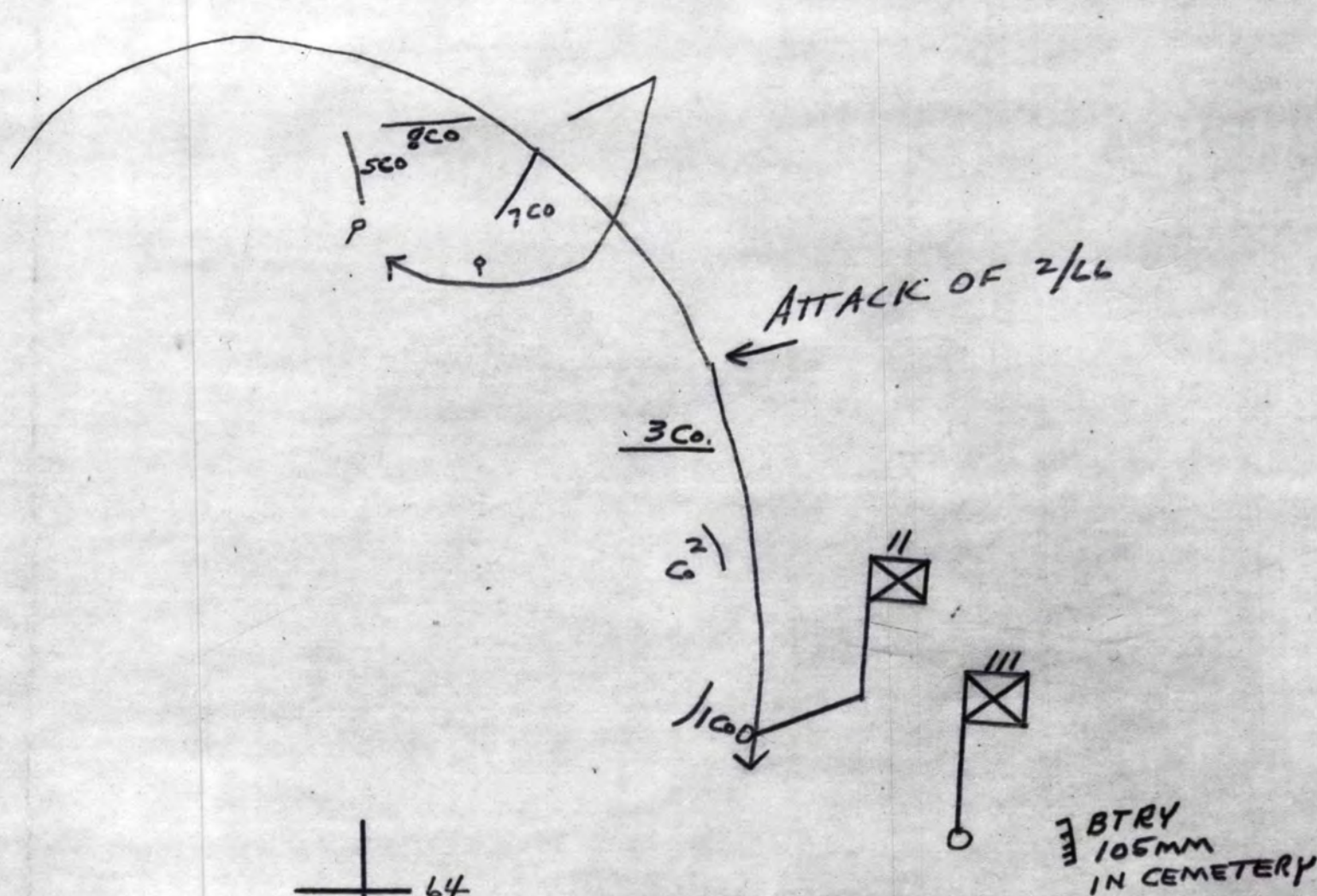


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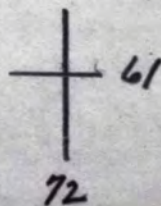
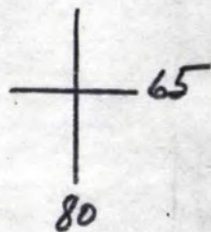
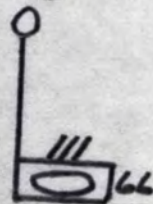
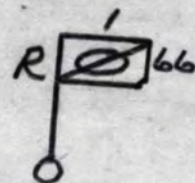
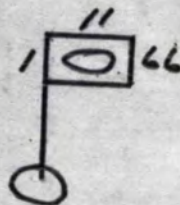
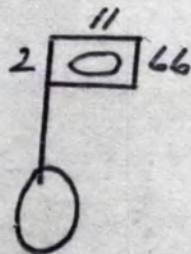
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HEADQUARTERS 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT

A. P. O. 252
2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Operations.

THRU : Commanding Officer, Combat Command "A", 2d Armored Division.

TO : Commanding General, 2d Armored Division.

Attached hereto, report of operations for the 66th Armored Regiment during the period 1 - 31 October 1944, with S-1, S-2 and S-4 supplement.

For the Commanding Officer:

G. A. Barron, Jr.
G. A. BARRON, JR.,
Major, 66th Armored Regiment,
Adjutant.

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66TH ARMORED REGIMENT
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OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 1-31 OCTOBER 1944

1 October 1944

66th Armored Regiment assigned to CC"A", 2nd Armored Division was in the process of being relieved of its zone of responsibility by the 29th Infantry Division and proceeding by infiltration as elements were relieved, to an assembly area as shown (see overlay No. 1).

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was placed in Division Reserve.

Orders were received from CC"A" assigning future mission of 66th Armd Regt as follows: (See Annex No. 1).

Be prepared to follow CC"B" in two columns through breach in SIEGFRIED LINE created by 30 Inf Div, clear area in zone and secure 2nd Armored Division objective in zone.

TROOPS

LEFT COLUMN

2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt with
1 Plat Co A, 17th Engr and
1 Plat Co A, 702 TD attached
Fwd CP CC"A"
14th FA Bn
2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt (-1 Co)
Co A, 702 TD (-2 Plats)
Co A, 17th Engrs (-2 Plats)

RIGHT COLUMN

Hqs 66th Armd Regt
1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt
1 Co 2nd Bn, 41st Armd Inf Regt
1 Plat, Co A, 17th Engrs
1 Plat, Co A, 702 TD

Reconnaissance Company, 66th Armd Regt, was to move with rear elements of CC"B" over both routes, mark routes and post guides to objective No. 1, assemble on objective No. 1 prepared to maintain contact with CC"B" on left and contact between columns of CC"A" on the RIGHT on order.

LEFT COLUMN: Move on order over LEFT ROUTE in order of march as shown. Move, pass thru breach in SIEGFRIED LINE, secure objective No. 1 within zone, prepared to advance on objective No. 2 on order. Upon securing each objective, establish contact with RIGHT COLUMN and clear lateral routes to RIGHT COLUMN.

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RIGHT COLUMN: (Under command Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt) move on order over **RIGHT ROUTE**, pass thru breach in **SIEGFRIED LINE**, secure objective No. 1 in zone prepared to advance on objective No. 2 on order.

"D" Day had not been announced and elements of the Regiment remained in areas as shown perfecting plans for forthcoming mission and performing maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

2 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (3rd Bn in Div Res) remained in assembly areas as shown on overlay No. 1 performing maintenance and rehabilitation of personnel.

Training was conducted as a refresher course in the use of the flame thrower against pill boxes. All flame throwers were inspected for serviceability.

Routes were reconnoitered as far forward as the situation permitted; generally to the vicinity of the **WURM RIVER**.

3 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (3rd Bn, 66th AR, in Div Res) remained in assembly areas as shown prepared to move on order of **CC"A"**. Maintenance of vehicles continued. Additional route reconnaissance was made.

4 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (3rd Bn, 66th AR, in Div Res) remained in assembly areas as shown prepared to move on order of **CC"A"**.

Maintenance of vehicles and crew training was conducted throughout day.

At approximately 1500A the Company of Infantry attached to the **RIGHT COLUMN** (Co D, 41st AIR) was released and ordered to return to its parent organization. **2d Bn, 41st Inf, was then placed in CC"B"**.

At a unit commanders meeting at 1900A at **CC"A"**, the Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, received the following orders:

"Effective upon crossing the bridge over the **WURM RIVER** the **LEFT COLUMN** will advance to objective **WILLIAM**; upon securing it, advance to objective No. 2. The **RIGHT COLUMN** after crossing **WURM RIVER** advance to **YOKE**, then exert pressure by fire and movement,

to anti-tank ditch and if situation permits, on the town of OLTWEILER to assist the advance of the LEFT COLUMN".

5 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR, in Div Res) was placed on 30 minute alert for movement at 1000A.

Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, was relieved from command of the RIGHT COLUMN and given command of the LEFT COLUMN. The RIGHT COLUMN, under command of Commanding Officer, 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, operated directly under control of Commanding Officer, CG"A".

3rd Bn, 116th Infantry was attached to the LEFT COLUMN and arrived at 66th Armd Regt assembly area at approximately 0930A.

Leading elements of the LEFT COLUMN moved out of assembly area along axis as shown and crossed IP at 1200A (see overlay No. 2). Upon reaching the bridge at 848799, and in the towns of MARKENBURG and PALENBURG the column came under heavy enemy artillery fire which continued throughout the day. The LEFT COLUMN continued the attack encountering anti-tank guns, pill boxes, and dismounted enemy infantry but succeeded in reaching and securing a position for the night on objective No. 1. (See overlay No. 3). Two of our tanks were lost as a result of this action.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve received orders to move to a new assembly area at 0700A in the vicinity of 686614 and closed at 1000A after traveling a distance of 6 miles and encountering no enemy resistance.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, as part of RIGHT COLUMN moved from its assembly area along axis with the mission of seizing and securing OLTWEILER, GERMANY, at 0800A, and after crossing WURN RIVER succeeded in reaching a point at 888702 after taking 35 prisoners and reducing all enemy resistance encountered.

5 October 1944

LEFT COLUMN continued the attack at 0730A with Co H, 66th Armd Regt and Co L, 116th Inf Regt, in assault and Co D, 66th Armd Regt, in support to seize and secure the CR in the town of BLANSTEIN, GERMANY. Co E, 66th Armd Regt, was receiving heavy AF fire from their position BLANK and while the enemy guns were being neutralized by enemy fire, a force consisting of Co D, 66th Armd Regt, and Co K, 116th Inf Regt, plus TD platoon from Co A, 702 TD Bn, was employed in an attack toward the NORTHEAST with the mission of seizing and securing the town of RECHENBERG, GERMANY.

The force consisting of Co E, 66th Armd Regt, and Co L, 116th Inf Regt, secured the objective after reducing stiff enemy resistance in the form of AF guns, artillery and infantry. This force destroyed two AF guns, estimated killing 30 German infantry, and took 30 prisoners.

The force attacking REGGENDORF, GERMANY, from the **SOUTHEAST** (Co D, 66th AR and Co K, 116th Inf Regt) after laying an artillery concentration on it succeeded in securing it after cleaning the town of numerous German infantry, many of whom were taken prisoners, and destroying one dug in enemy tank. The **LEFT** COLUMN secured itself for the night as shown (see overlay No. 3).

At 2100A a company of German infantry was reported in the vicinity of the area and artillery was laid on them which succeeded in killing approximately 25 and disorganizing the remainder. The remainder of the night passed without further incident.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve remained in present assembly area.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, alerted at 2400A for movement into attack at 0700A with the 30 Inf Div on the RIGHT and 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, on the LEFT.

Co I, 66th Armd Regt, with 2 platoons of Co I, 116th Inf Regt, was assigned mission of seizing and securing the high ground just NORTH of ALSDORF (890555). Upon securing objective to remain there in support of 30 Inf Div until ALSDORF had been secured. Mission of Co I, 66th Armd Regt and Co I, 116th Inf Regt, was accomplished early in the afternoon and force rejoined remainder of battalion on the RIGHT FLANK who were continuing mission of seizing high ground WEST of OIOWEILER with the front line position generally along the highway running SOUTHWEST and NORTHEAST into ALSDORF.

Co I, 66th Armd Regt and Co I, 116th Inf Regt, attacked objective No. 2 OIOWEILLER from the SOUTH securing high ground to the SOUTH of objective in vicinity of 940554.

At approximately 1800A orders were received from CC"A" to dig in with all around security using as front line the highway running NE and SW from OIOWEILLER to ALSDORF. The A-T DITCH running NW and SE in vicinity of 901558 was crossed with little difficulty but enemy AT fire was received after crossing at 930558. Approximately 20 enemy machine teams were reduced by the attached infantry and 3 SP 75mm German AT guns were destroyed by the tank force in this operation. A loss of two medium tanks were suffered in this action by 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt.

7 October 1944

LEFT COLUMN resumed the attack at 0730A with the town of BAESWEILER, GERMANY, as the objective and with Co E, 66th Armd Regt, Co A, 66th Armd Regt, Co L, 116th Inf Regt, Co F, 116th Inf Regt, and the Assault Guns as the attacking force.

7 October 1944 (cont)

Co D, 66th Armd Regt, with **Company K, 116th Infantry Regiment**, had the mission of continuing to sweep the town of BAESWEILER, GERMANY, for remaining enemy and to secure it until relieved by Reconnaissance Company, 66th Armd Regt. The relief was effected at 1100A and Co D, 66th Armd Regt, with **Company K, 116th Inf. Regiment** rejoined the force in the attack on BAESWEILER.

The attack on BAESWEILER, GERMANY, was successful. Numerous mines were encountered and approximately 100 enemy prisoners were taken.

One TD M10, one light tank, and two medium tanks were disabled from A-T mines in the town of BAESWEILER prior to its being swept by a platoon from Co A, 17th Engineers.

A task force under command of Commanding Officer, 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, consisting of Co E, 66th Armd Regt, and Co L, 116th Inf Regt, was ordered by Commanding Officer, CC"A", to assist the 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt to take the town of OIDTWEILER, GERMANY. The task force moved thru BAESWEILER and took up firing positions NORTH of OIDTWEILER. In doing this they came under direct AT fire which caused the loss of one tank. The AT guns were engaged, and one was destroyed.

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, attacked OIDTWEILER from the SOUTH flank with companies disposed as follows: Co F attacked frontally, Co I attacked from the SOUTH, and Co C was held in reserve. Under heavy artillery fire, the 1st Bn moved toward the objective, supported by fire from the 2nd Bn, knocked out two German SP guns, destroyed or captured numerous enemy infantry and seized the objective.

Two medium tanks were lost by enemy action in this attack.

The attack was terminated at 1800A by order of Commanding Officer, CC"A", and Co E, 66th Armd Regt, was ordered to occupy a defensive position along the SE edge of BAESWEILER; Co L, 116th Inf Regt, plus a platoon from Co M, 116th Inf Regt, was used to outpost the tanks. Co D, 66th Armd Regt, with Co K, 116th Inf Regt, was used to outpost the line on the NORTH of BAESWEILER. 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, outposted the town of OIDTWEILER for the night.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve remained in present assembly area.

8 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR, in Division Reserve) remained in dug in front line positions securing ground taken in previous days attacks.

At 0730A Co E, 66th Armd Regt, with a platoon of Co L, 116th Inf Regt, launched an attack in conjunction with 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, with mission of cleaning out the woods NORTH of OIBWEILER.

Co E, 66th Armd Regt, with platoon of Co L, 116th Inf Regt, went into defensive positions EAST of town to support action of 1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, as it swept woods and town for Germans that might have been missed or had infiltrated.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, remained in Division Reserve, in vicinity of URACH, GERMANY. At 0815A Co H, 66th Armd Regt was alerted for possible movement to the SOUTH in support of CC"A".

Co H, 66th Armd Regt, was not committed, remained in assembly area and was released from alert at 1600A.

9 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in position as shown (see overlay No. 4) continuing to hold and secure the ground occupied.

Platoon Co A, 17th Engineers, attached to 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, continued to sweep the roads in the sector for the presence of mines.

Co I, 66th Armd Regt, from the vicinity of 904555 attacked SOUTH toward SCHAUFENBERG in support of the 30 Inf Div. Meeting light enemy resistance in the form of small arms fire they succeeded in reaching a point at 915546 where they organized the ground taken for defense.

Co D, 82nd Recon Bn, was put into position ~~in BARSHEILAN~~ near 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, and placed in CC"A" reserve.

Co H, 66th Armd Regt, was detached from Division Reserve, was attached to CC"A" and was put in support of Co I, 66th Armd Regt for their attack; not being committed, Co H, 66th Armd Regt, reverted to Division Reserve and returned to original assembly area.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-Co H, 66th AR) remained in Division Reserve in its present assembly area.

9 October 1944

At 2345A enemy vehicles were reported moving in front of positions held by Co E, 66th Armd Regt, and fire was laid on them by the F.O. The area was shelled intermittently thru out the night.

Reconnaissance Company, 66th Armd Regt, continued to hold and secure the town of BECCENDORF, GERMANY.

10 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) continued to hold and secure the ground gained.

All areas were swept by the Engineers for the presence of mines and booby traps, and patrols were sent out to ascertain whether or not there had been any enemy infiltration.

Experiments were conducted as to the best means of crossing the ANTI-TANK DITCHES encountered.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve conducted route reconnaissance to North, East, and Southeast.

11 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions. Enemy artillery was active thru out day.

At dusk enemy aircraft were over the area and fragmentation, anti-personel, and parachute bombs were dropped, and some strafing took place.

12 October - 17 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions. Enemy artillery fell intermittently thru out area. Enemy air was active nightly dropping fragmentation and anti-personnel bombs.

12 October - 3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, in Division Reserve received orders to proceed to BARNBERG, GERMANY, at 1730A upon arrival to be attached to the 116th Inf (-1 Bn), 30th Division.

The mission of the 3rd Bn was to support the attack of the 30th Division on WERSZEL, GERMANY. This operation had as its objective the cutting of northern and northeastern routes of communication in the west of the AACHEN Sector. The 3rd Bn closed in assembly area at 0500G at 1730A. Co H was attached to the 119th Inf and moved

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to join that unit at 1230A, near K853516. At 1800A, Co H, 66th Armd Regt, moved to new assembly area at K851511, and at 1900A was released from attached to 119th Inf and attached to 3rd Bn, 120 Inf.

13 October 1944

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, attached to 30th Division had following dispositions of troops:

Co B, 66th AR, attached to 2nd Bn, 116th Inf, at 863490; Co G, 66th AR, attached to 1st Bn, 116th Inf; Co H, 66th AR, attached to 3rd Bn, 120 Inf.

Co B, 66th AR, attached to 2nd Bn, 116 Inf, moved into the attack to the SOUTH at 1230A reached a point 863490 and secured there for the night.

Co G, 66th AR, moved into the attack with 1st Bn, 116th Inf, at 1400A toward WURSELEN reached 865492 where the attack was stopped by AT fire, artillery and small arms and there secured for the night.

14 October 1944

3rd Bn, 66th AR, with elements attached to 116th Inf (-) were committed as follows:

At 0630A Co G, 66th AR, with 1st Bn, 116th Inf, launched an attack toward WURSELEN and upon reaching 866491 received fire from a MK VI tank, artillery was laid on enemy tank and fire from the tanks brought to bear on it. The attack continued forward (SOUTH) and Co G, 66th Armd Regt, upon reaching the road running East and West at K865485, the enemy laid a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire with direct AT gun fire on the attacking force. The Infantry was forced under a smoke screen laid by the tanks to withdraw to a position in defilade at 865448.

At approximately 1600A the enemy launched a counter-attack at Co G, 66th Armd Regt, preceeded by an artillery concentration, the counter-attacking force consisting of infantry supported by MK V tanks. The attack was repulsed with no loss of ground already gained.

At approximately 1600A, Co B, 66th Armd Regt, launched an attack to the SOUTH and successfully reached a point at K861484 where they secured for the night.

15 October 1944

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, attached to 30th Inf Div was committed as follows:

Co G, 66th AR, attached to 1st Bn, 116th Inf, launched an attack at 0900A with mission of seizing and securing CR at 866486 and had advanced approximately 300 yards when heavy AT fire was received causing tanks of Co G, 66th AR, to halt in defile while an artillery "stonk" was placed on the CR.

A second attack was launched by Co G, 66th AR, down the main road and succeeded in reaching a position approximately 200 yards from the objective where heavy AT fire again stopped the attack. Artillery was placed on the CR again and the attack moved forward to a point at 866485 where heavy AT fire and poor terrain forced the tanks to withdraw to defiled positions at 866487 where they secured for the night.

Co G, 66th AR, was under enemy artillery, mortar, and AT fire all during the above action and suffered a loss of three tanks.

Co B, 66th AR, attached to 2nd Bn, 116th Inf, launched an attack with the infantry and succeeded in reaching 861480 where it secured for the night. Co B, 66th AR, suffered the loss of two light tanks due to AT and artillery fire.

Co H, 66th AR, attached to 3rd Bn, 120 Inf, launched an attack and succeeded in reaching the road at 869489 where it secured for the night.

16 October 1944

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, attached to 30 Inf Div was committed as follows:

Co B, 66th AR, with 2nd Bn, 116th Inf, launched an attack to the SE at 0800A but due to intensive enemy artillery, mortar, AT, and tank fire were unable to advance. A section of light tanks and 3 medium tanks were sent to secure CR at 861480.

Co G, 66th AR, with 1st Bn, 116 Inf, launched an attack and kept trying thru out the day but due to the intensive enemy artillery, tank, and AT fire were unable to advance.

Co H, 66th AR with 3rd Bn, 120th Inf, was unable to make any forward movement due to intense enemy fire.

17 October 1944

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, with 30 Inf Div remained in defensive positions.

18 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) continued to hold defensively the ground as indicated in overlay No. 4. Enemy artillery was received intermittently thru out day.

3rd Bn, 66th AR, attached to 30th Inf Div continued to hold defensively area occupied by them.

At approximately 1400A, Co B, 66th AR, received a German counter-attack and by 1600A were able to repulse it successfully with no loss of ground.

19 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defense of area occupied. Due to increasing enemy activity and movement, were alerted at 0400A for possible German counter-attack. The contemplated counter-attack did not materialize and troops reverted to normal status at 0900A.

20 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions previously occupied. Enemy artillery fire was received intermittently thru out the day, enemy aircraft was overhead at dark. Little or no damage was caused by enemy action.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, attached to 30th Inf Div remained in positions as previously occupied, making minor changes in tank positions to improve defensive security.

21 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions, enemy artillery was active as usual. No unusual happenings occurred during period.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (attached to 30th Inf Div) received artillery fire in the area occupied by the battalion trains at 0500A causing the loss of two gas trucks.

Co H, 66th AR, was ordered to move four tanks EAST along the RR tracks to a point at K871489 and contact the infantry of the 30th Division who were supposedly already in position at that point.

At approximately 1230A a German tank, moving up under cover, succeeded in knocking out two of Co H, 66th AR tanks. The remaining two tanks withdrew behind the line held by the infantry.

21 October 1944 (cont)

A tank of Co G, 66th AR, on a road block at 867484 was knocked out by direct fire of an enemy tank from a distance of approximately 75 yards.

At approximately 2000A Co H, 66th AR, was put in CC"A" reserve and ordered to move to an assembly area in the vicinity of 880589.

3rd Bn, 66th AR (-3 Co's) moved to a new assembly area at X854503.

22 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions as previously occupied. Little enemy activity occurred.

3rd Bn, 66th Armd Regt (-Co H) was relieved from attached to 116th Inf, 30 Division, and placed in 2nd Armored Division reserve.

Movement by infiltration to a new assembly area in the vicinity of UBACH, GERMANY (867589) was begun at 1800A and completed at 2145A.

Co H, 66th AR, in CC"A" reserve remained in assembly area at 880588.

23 October - 27 October 1944

66th Armd Regt (-3rd Bn, 66th AR) remained in defensive positions preparing plans for the 1st Bn, 405 Inf which was to take over the defense of the sector. Reconnaissance was made of routes to and of assembly areas for the regiment.

3rd Bn, 66th AR (-Co H) remained in assembly area in 2nd Armored Division reserve.

Co H, 66th AR, remained in assembly area in CC"A" reserve.

28 October 1944

At approximately 1930A the 1st Bn, 405th Inf started taking over the defense of the sector, relieving a platoon at a time of the 3rd Bn, 116th Inf, in the front line positions previously held by them.

At 2340A orders were received from CC"A" relieving Commanding Officer, 66th Armd Regt, from responsibility for security of the sector and stating that the Commanding Officer, 1st Bn, 405th Inf, had assumed the above responsibility.

3rd Bn, 116th Inf, cleared the area at 2340A and 2nd Bn, 66th Armd Regt, was alerted to move at 0500A by platoon infiltration to an assembly area as shown on overlay No. 5.

28 October 1944 (cont)

Reconnaissance Company, 66th AR, was relieved of defensive sector at BEGGENDORF by Co A, 82d Rcn Bn, and moved to assembly area at K773634.

29 October 1944

At 0500A the 2nd Bn, 66th AR, began withdrawing A Co from its position near OI DTWEILER, followed at 0540A by Co E and elements of Bn Hq and Hq Co and at 0830A had withdrawn all elements and begun the march to the new assembly area near INDENBODEM, HOLLAND. 2nd Bn closed in new area at 0940A. The forward CP, 66th Armd Regt, withdrew by infiltration to an assembly area near CR 876588, thence to the new assembly area (see overlay No. 5) closing there at 1030A. 1st Bn, 66th AR, completed withdrawal from positions near OI DTWEILER and closed in new assembly area near MERKLEBEEK, HOLLAND, at 1215A. 1st Bn, 66th AR, was placed in Division Reserve in present location.

3rd Bn, 66th AR, in CCA reserve remained in position in the vicinity of UBACH.

Units in position West of the WURM RIVER were placed in CC"A" Reserve, subject to movement on one hour's notice. A period of maintenance, rehabilitation of personnel and equipment, re-supply and limited training was begun for all elements.

At 2230A, 1st Bn, 66th AR, received orders entailing a move to the vicinity of NEERBEEK, HOLLAND, at 0700A on 30 October. The movement was made under command of Commanding Officer, Division Reserve (Col Hinds) and was made for the purpose of providing a mobile reserve force astride the SITTARD - MAASTRICHT Road as a counter-measure to an armored threat developing north of SITTARD.

30 October 1944

1st Bn, 66th Armd Regt, departed MERKLEBEEK area at 0700A and marched to NEERBEEK, HOLLAND, closing in assembly area there at 0950A.

66th Armd Regt (-1st Bn, 66th AR) remained in present locations. Day was spent in maintenance, cleaning, and re-stowing of all vehicles, rehabilitation of personnel, and installation of tank "trunk extensions" (devices designed to give increased flotation to tracked vehicles when operating over boggy terrain) = Reconnaissance of routes to forward assembly areas near UBACH were made for the purpose of facilitating the employment of this force in the event of a penetration of the 2nd Armored Division defensive sector.

31 October 1944

The day was spent in maintenance and winterization of vehicles, rehabilitation of personnel, resupply of equipment and training of newly assigned personnel.

Routes to and assembly areas within the Sector of CCB were reconnoitered to facilitate employment of this force in event of a penetration of the 2d Armored Division Sector.

1st Bn 66th AR, in Division Reserve remained in assembly area in the vicinity of NEERDEEK, HOLLAND.

3rd Bn 66 AR, in CCA Reserve remained in assembly area in the vicinity of UBACH, GERMANY.

Maintenance Company 66th AR, during the period 1-31 October maintained the vehicles of the Combat Command at highest operating point possible. The Bn Maint Crews worked directly with their respective battalions. Maintenance Company served as an intermediate supply and processing point for all classes of supply and replacement personnel and vehicles. The combat trains of CCA were under command of the C.O. Maintenance Company during this period and suffered no loss due to enemy action.

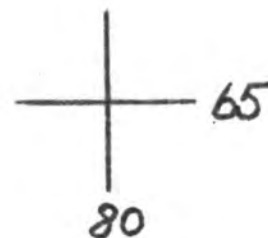
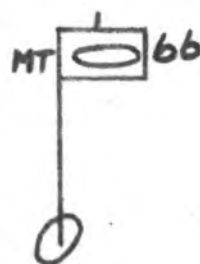
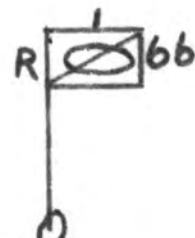
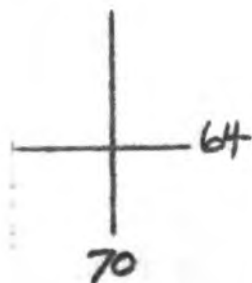
Service Company 66th AR, remained with the Division Field Trains during the period 1-31 October 1944.

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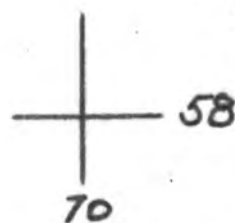
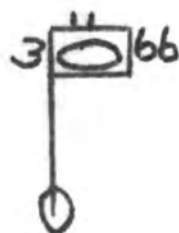
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1. a. See current G-2 summary, 2 AD and S-2 summary, CC"A", 2 AD.
- b. XIX Corps protects right flank 21 Army Gp and left flank First US Army, breaches SIEGFRIED Line, advances E in zone to secure the line ROER River in zone.
 - (1) 7 Armd Div moved 290700A Sept 44 to high ground S of DEURNE. From DEURNE, 7 Armd Div will move N via OPLOO and attack S along the W side of MAAS River to clean hostile resistance between the MAAS River and the PEEL Swamp and make contact as early as practicable with 1 Belgian Bde advancing from the S.
 - (2) 1st Belgian Bde began advancing N along W side of MAAS River at 290700A Sept 44 to deny crossing of MAAS River to enemy in vic of ROERMOND.
 - (3) 30 Inf Div reinf attacks H-Hour, D-Day (to be anned) (target date 1 Oct 44 dependent upon availability of air support) in conjunction with a saturation air attack, breaches SIEGFRIED Line in the direction WAUBACH (K8259) - RIMBURG (K8459) and seizes division objective; reduces that portion of the SIEGFRIED Line S of breakthrough and cuts roads leading N and NE from AACHEN; and establishes contact with VII Corps via WURSELES (K8749).
 - (4) 29 Inf Div (-1 Combat Team) relieves 2d Armd Div of that portion of XIX Corps front which 2d Armd Div now holds; protects Corps left flank along the general line GANGLER (K7867) (excl.) - GELLENKIRCHEN; and assists passage of 2d Armd Div through gap in SIEGFRIED Line behind 30 Inf Div.
 - (5) 113 Cav Gp began advancing N along E side of MAAS River at 290700A Sept 44 to threaten ROERMOND.
 - (6) 2d Armd Div (-Co G, 66 AR and Co C, 702 TD Bn) moves immediately behind combat infantry and tank elements of 30 Inf Div, cleans out area N of 30 Inf Div between WURM and ROER Rivers; secures division objective; and protects Corps left flank E of GELLENKIRCHEN (K8764) until relieved by 29 Inf Div. 2d Armd Div then moves through gap in SIEGFRIED Line in the order: CC"B", CC"A", Div Res. 82d Ren Bn protects right flank of Div and maintains contact with 30 Inf Div on right.

2. a. CC"A", 2d Armd Div assembles in Vic WURM upon orders of its present mission by 115th RCT, 298th Inf Div, prepared to follow immediately behind CC"B" in two columns through breach in SIEGFRIED line created by 30 Inf Div; clears area in zone; and secures 2d Armd Div objective in zone.

b. TROOPS:

Rcn

Rcn Co, 66 AR

Left Column

2d Bn, 66 AR w/1 Plat Co A, 17

Engr Bn & 1 Plat Co A, 702d

TD Bn attached

Fwd CP, CC"A"

14th AFA Bn

2d Bn, 41st AIR (-1 Co)

Co A, 702d TD Bn (-2 Plats)

Co A, 17 Engr Bn (-2 Plats)

Right Column

Hq 66 AR

1st Bn, 66 AR

1 Co, 2d Bn, 41st AIR

1 Plat, Co A, 702d TD Bn

1 Plat, Co A, 17 Engr Bn

CC"B"

2d Bn, 66 AR

Co A, 48 Med Bn

3. a. Rcn Co, 66 AR: Move company (-2 Plats) with rearrangements of CC"B" over both routes, mark routes and post guides to objective 1 (see ovly), remaining two platoons follow tail of right column. Assemble on objective 1 prepared to maintain contact with CC"B" on left and contact between CC"A" left and right column on order.
- b. Left Column: Move on order over left route in order of march listed in par 2b above, pass through breach in SIEGFRIED Line, secure objective 1 in zone, prepared to advance on objective 2 on order. After securing each objective, establish contact with right column and clear lateral routes to right column. 14th AFA Bn support action of both columns of CC"A" from vic objective 1.
- c. Right Column: Move on order over right route, pass through breach in SIEGFRIED Line, secure objective 1 in zone, prepared to advance on objective 2 on order. One medium tank company will be held in reserve to be committed only on order from this headquarters.
- d. Maint Co, 66 AR and Co A, 48th Med Bn support action of CC"A". Remain in present location. Move forward on order.
- e. Effective upon attachment, 82d Rcn Bn protect right flank of CC"A" and maintain contact with 30 Inf Div on right.
- f. Effective upon attachment, 65 AFA Bn will cross WURM River on order and support action of CC"A" from vic of objective 1.
- x. (1) Both columns will lead with medium tanks.
 (2) Two (2) tank dozers will march near the head of each column.
 (3) One Platoon of engineers will follow the tail of the medium tanks in each column.
 (4) In each column, one platoon of infantry will ride on 2d Plat of Medium tanks in columns until contact is made with ey.
 (5) Engr bridging equip remain with Maint Co, 66 AR until ordered forward.
 (6) No 2-1/2 ton trucks will accompany either column. All units will enter initial breach in SIEGFRIED Line stripped for combat. All excess vehicles will remain with combat trains. Traffic control will be rigidly enforced.
 (7) All full-track vehicles will have grousers attached to tracks.

- (8) Maximum use will be made of available flame throwers in reducing pill boxes. All flame throwers will be carried well forward by all units.
- (9) Pill boxes will be made inoperative after taking by sealing apertures and entrances using tank dozers.
- (10) Extensive use will be made of incendiary grenades in combating snipers in buildings.

- 4. a. Water - full vehicular cans and canteens will be carried. Water carried will be used for drinking only.
- b. Rations for three (3) days will be carried on all vehicles.
- c. All vehicles will carry full basic load of ammo and full tanks of gasoline.
- d. Only medical and maintenance sections of combat trains will accompany units. Remainder of combat trains revert to CC"A" control under CO, Maint Co, 66 AR.
- e. Field trains assemble at present location of Serv Co, 66 AR after CC"A" moves from assembly area vic MERKELBEEK and revert to control of Div Tns Cmdr.
- 5. a. Current SOI, 2d Armd Div.
- b. CP, CC"A" remains present location until further notice, follows left axis across WURM River.

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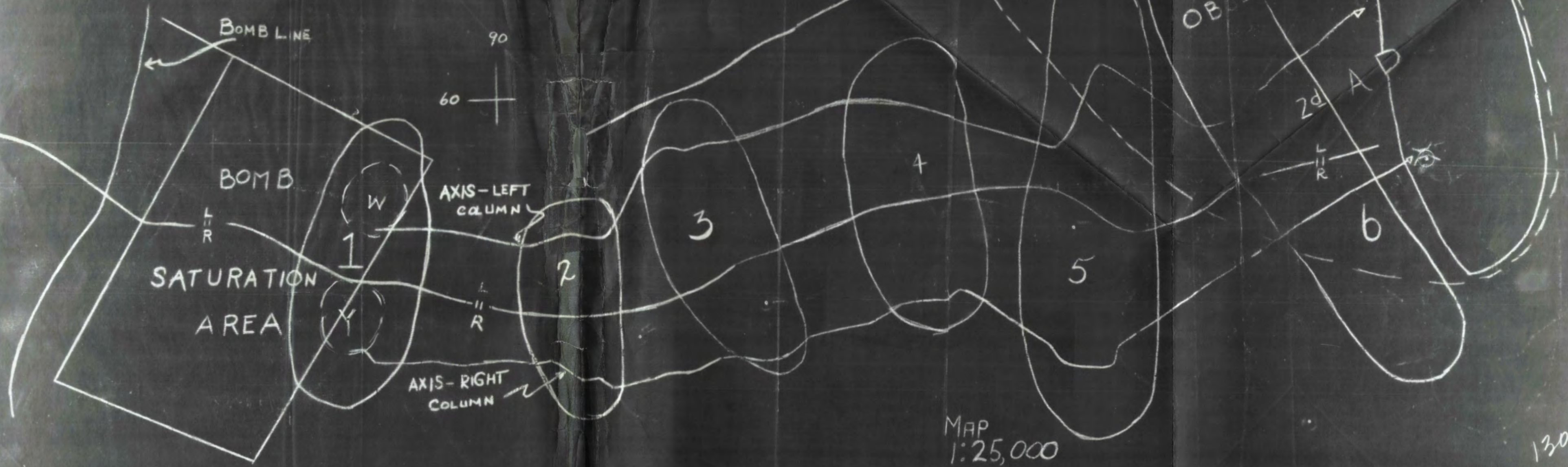
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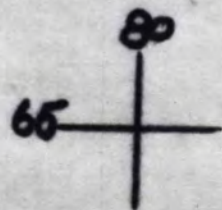
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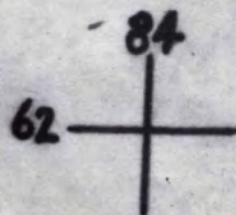


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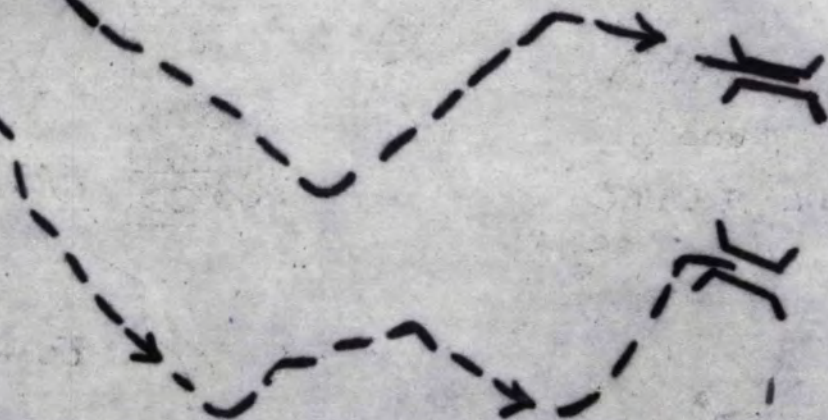
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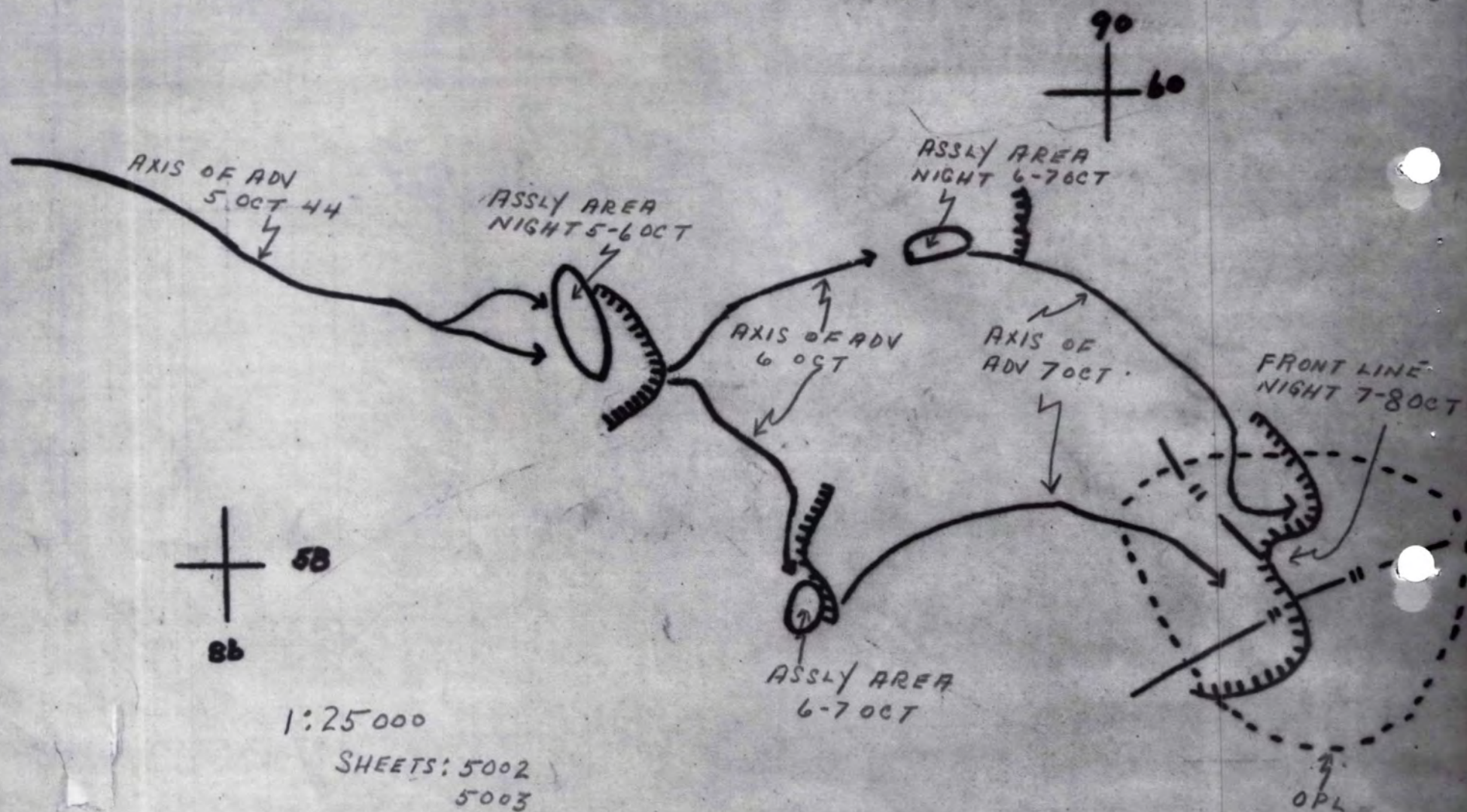
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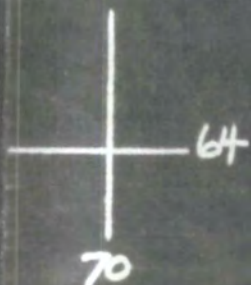
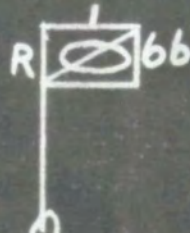
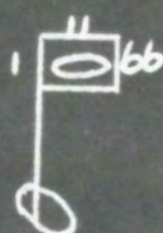
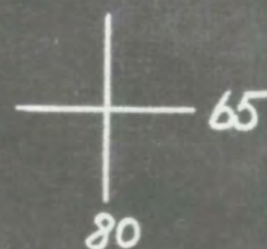
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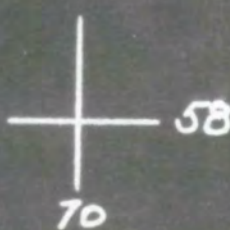
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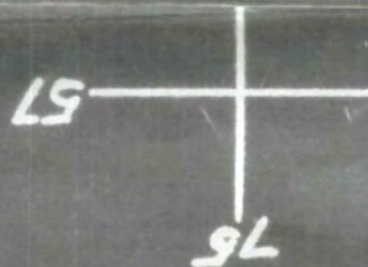


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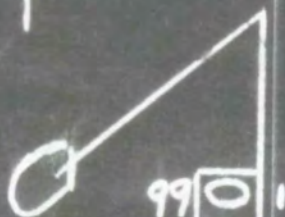
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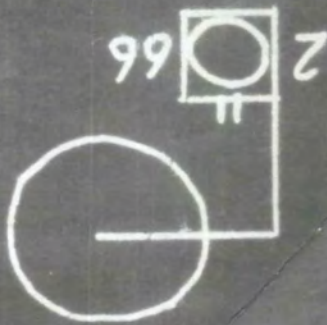
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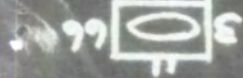
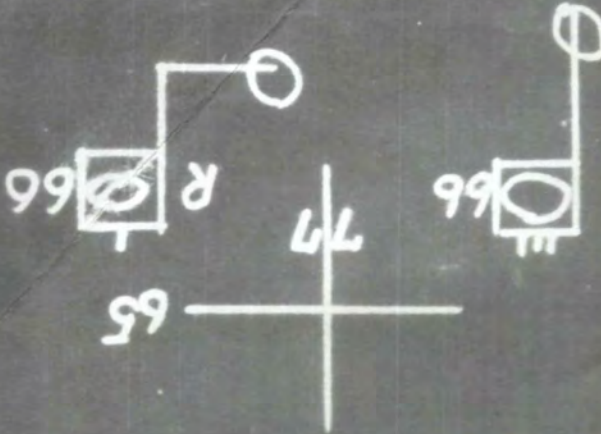
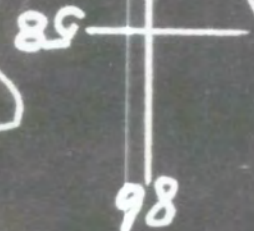
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