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SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO: Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, APO 469, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 and paragraph 4 Daily Bulletin #177 Hq 82d A/B Division dated 27 July 1944 unit history for the 307th A/B Engr Bn of the Normandy Campaign is herewith submitted.

2. This history is for the 307th A/B Engr Bn less Company "C" which remained in base camp.

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RECORD OF ACTION ON SGT GABRIELSON, PFC DOBSON, & PVT CLANCY

Sgt Gabrielson, Pfc Dobson, and Pvt Clancy landed in St SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, one landing on a house. Clancy and Dobson got together the first night, and Sgt Gabrielson joined them after two days. All roads were being heavily used, and many troops were moving into St SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. There were many bivouacs around the town, and it was being bombed heavily by Allied planes. On Tuesday our planes failed to hit the bridge, but on Wednesday they succeeded in demolishing it. The Germans worked on the bombed bridge Thursday, but our planes again hit it again on Friday. This bridge is across the DOUVE RIVER East of town.

There are antiaircraft guns on knolls to the South of the town. No troops were South of the Prairie. The Germans had very few trucks and were using wagons which our planes were not strafing. There were some half tracks and light tanks in the town, and there are four (4) 72mm guns at (2691). While we were staying there in town a man at the Post Office took care of us.

72 men were ferried across DOUVE RIVER to the North by Frenchmen. One of the men was Col MENDEZ.

One of our planes crashed at (2491) - tail number was 2101025. It was burned and all men were killed. One of the wallets had the name Jacobs and the number 508 in it. There are 20 parachutists in towns at RAUVILLE (2095) in a house. Also there are from ten to twelve (10 to 12) men in VINDEFONTAINE. No Germans are in the latter place.

There were no Germans in BOIS DE LIMORS until the 13th for our men were there. A patrol came across DOUVE RIVER from LA MARE DE RAUVILLE (2293) in rubber boats at dark and stay until the next night at dark.

At ST SAUVEUR the Germans have some of our equipment bundles and are testing our rifles on a rifle range there.

After being forced out of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE by Allied bombing we moved across the Prairies to BOIS DE LIMORS. Then we traveled across country to around the vicinity of ETIENVILLE where we met an American patrol. Then we reported to our unit at 1700 June 14th.

REPORT OF ACTION, COMPANY "B"

CAPTAIN JOHNSON:

I landed about one mile West of GUEUTTEVILLE on June 6. Joined with Lt. McVickers of 2nd Bn, 508 Inf and moved into position SE of GUEUTTEVILLE on high ground. I attempted to contact my Co the remainder of the day on 300 Radio. Was joined by Major Warren of 1st Bn, 508 Inf and went under his command. Contacted Lt. Col. Schenley, CO of 2nd Bn, 508 Inf and was instructed to join him at (307936) about 2030 on D day. At 2330 we advanced and took HILL #30 located at (311942). We reorganized and went into an all-round defensive position. I stayed there until 1930 on D / 3 at which time I was relieved and returned to Division to report in. Reported to Bn at 0630 on D / 4.

LT WHALEN:

I landed on the East bank of the DOUVE RIVER in the SE edge of ST SOUVEUR Le VICOMTE. Swam the DOUVE RIVER to West bank and tried to get into town to locate main body of troops, was unable to get there due to MG emplacements. I retired to high ground S of ST SOUVEUR Le VICOMTE and stayed there until 2400 D day. Then I recrossed the DOUVE RIVER at (215935) and proceeded NE the balance of night. Hitting REIGNVILLE in the morning of D / 1 at 1000. Then turned E and crossing main road S of ORGLANDES, noticed German Hdqrs there and heavy traffic. The road was patrolled by scout cars and half tracks. I cut communication lines S of ORGLANDES then moved SE stopping about a mile NW of PICAUVILLE, and cut communication lines. Then proceeded towards PICAUVILLE. Contacted the enemy and then moved towards ETIENVILLE. Noticed heavy German artillery concentration mile West of PICAUVILLE. Stayed in the vicinity of PICAUVILLE D / 2 and D / 3. While there, noticed heavy German concentration about a mile NE of there. On D / 4 moved East toward the MERDERET RIVER and contacted American troops at 1500 West of river. Reported to Division and then to Bn.

RECORD OF ACTION OF CPL BORGES & PVT STEVENS

On the morning of 6 June Cpl Borges and Pvt Stevens came in with the first wave. Due to chutes opened up we did not jump, and went back with the plane. On the morning of 7 June at 0630 Cpl Borges & Pvt Stevens came in with the resupplies and were dropped in the vicinity of PICAUVILLE in an orchard, landing in trees. Six other paratroopers from the 505 were dropped there, all have been killed, two being strung up in trees by the Germans. Cpl Borges and Pvt Stevens were surrounded at this spot with MG and snipers for four days. All they had were 3 D rations each and 1/2 canteen of water. After water was gone they collected the dew from the brush with their handkerchiefs and wet their lips. Besides being surrounded by the enemy we also had artillery shells bursting all around.

On 9 June two Germans came down the road with a MG and tripod, came into the orchard and set up the gun 8 ft away from the ditch we were in. These Germans sat there and ate & smoked. After being there for about twenty minutes they moved out. During our time there we tried to get away one time, but found ~~there was no~~ use trying so we came back in and stayed there until the morning of 11 June at 0900 when the 90th Div pushed through and we got out with safety. We were too weak to get along so they took us to their CP and kept us there and fed us. Later on in the day they returned us to our unit.

RECORD OF ACTION ON LT CAPPA, CO "B"

Dropping at approximately 0208 on D-Day I landed near the center of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. Failing to find any of my stick before daylight I was forced to hide. With the help of the kind French my chute was buried and I hid in the upstairs of a bicycle shop. They fed me for about five days until they evacuated the town. Groups of the enemy were always in my vicinity making it difficult to leave the town. I remained in the town until the Americans crossed the DOUVE RIVER. The altitude we jumped from seemed high (around 600 ft) and we were fired upon coming down. Enemy activity in the town was much without heavy armor. The troops did not seem first line. French counted 153 paratroopers prisoners brought through the town.

RECORD OF ACTION ON S SGT WATTERS, PVT KING, PVT ZWIR, &
PVT PETERSEN

S/Sgt Watters made a parachute jump on D Day landing across the DOUVE RIVER North-east of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. Sgt Watters and Pvt Zwir stayed in this area from 6 June to 13 June. During this time they were surrounded by Germans. They made one attempt to go North, but ran into a machinegun emplacement and well fortified positions. Upon knowing this they decided to go back to their positions again. All this time they saw German troops maneuvering back and forth, also seeing a thirty-car troop train coming in from the North. These troops were unloaded in this area. On the fifth and sixth day our planes bombed the town of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE which led us to think the Germans had left the town. Sgt Watters and Pvt Zwir decided to cross the river and enter the town. They were brought across the river by five French civilians. After crossing the river they saw the Germans retreating toward the DOUVE RIVER, which led us to believe our troops were coming through. We then stayed at this point until our troops arrived. We were then picked up by the 505th CT and sent to Div CP. En route to Div CP we picked up Pvt King and Pvt Petersen, who were staying in an area close by.

Pvt King reports on or about the third day of his stay in this area, which was North of ETIENVILLE. About fifty American paratroopers were marched by under heavy German guards. The civilians reported these troopers were being marched to VALOGNES.

RECORD OF ACTION ON PVT BISHOP, CO "B".

Pfc Bishop states on the morning of 6 June at 0200 he made a paratrooper jump and landed near PICAUVILLE, FRANCE. He landed in enemy territory and was surrounded by German MG emplacements and small arms fire. He stayed in this area until 1100 the next day. At 1100 June 7th Pfc Bishop was captured by 3 Germans who took him to a German Hq. Here he rendered assistance to American and German personnel. Later this day he was taken to a German Hospital 2 kilometers NW of ORGLANDES. At this hospital Pfc Bishop states the Germans left the Americans first aid men take care of their own patients. Pfc Bishop also states that our wounded have been treated very well by the Germans. He was at this hospital until 16 June at which time the Americans captured the hospital. At 1500 Pfc Bishop returned to his unit, on 17 June.

RECORD OF ACTION, COMPANY "A"

1st Platoon, Company "A" (Lt McDermott)

Moved up to causeway at 1030, D # 3. Moved mines off bridge and also moved all disabled tanks and vehicles from causeway. About 3/4 way across causeway removed a teller mine road block allowing our vehicles to pass. Platoon advanced across causeway and remained there until the bridgehead was secured. Then returned back and re-organized, and then removed all mines from causeway and also used mine detectors on road across causeway until stopped by small arms fire. Then were used as reserve defense line on right flank.

About 2000 a break in the line came and we were moved to the front and stayed there until relieved at 1500 D # 4.

2nd Platoon, Company "A" (Sgt Loveless)

Left our Co area 0830 on D # 3 and arrived at 1st Bn, 325, about 2130 located at 325951. Then we moved out to RR and went up RR to (316977) and turned West on side road that was under water. We were to remain with 1st Bn until they take AMFREVILLE. We remained with Bn CP at (305968) until we were ordered to lay mines across three roads. My squad remained at Bn CP until 0700 D # 4. About 0730 we were shelled and had to move out to (308972), the old CP, and stayed there until 1730 because we were surrounded by enemy. The 2nd & 3rd Bn of 325 contacted the enemy and drove them away. We stayed there until about 1830 then moved back to our company which was located (305964). We were there about an hour then moved out to (304963) and stayed there overnight. On D # 4 we made road from aid station located at (305968) to (305963) so we could be moved out. We had two men wounded. They were Lt Irike and Sgt Lasley.

RECORD OF ACTION ON SGT ROBINSON AND SQUAD

At 00045 Sgt Robinson and his squad plus four men from third squad took one company of 508 Pcht Inf across DOUVE RIVER in an assault on BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE using eight assault boats. This was done with the assistance of a French guide. The crossing was successful and the 508 was in position without a shot being fired. While this was being done the rest of Co "A" stood by with assault boats to ferry the rest of the troops across in the event the foot bridge the engineers have been putting in would have failed.

RECORD OF ACTION OF LT KLEIN & DETAIL

Lt Klein and 38 EM attached to 2nd Bn 508 Pch Inf. Left Bn 2000 June 13. Joined 508 Pch Inf at 2100, crossed DOUVE RIVER 0500 and moved up in column with 508 to a point one (1) mile and a half South of BEUZEVILLE LA BASTILLE. Encountered a Mark III and a French light tank. Bn knocked these tanks out, then with out any resistance moved South to a position approximately 1/2 mile North of LAUNAY. Then went into a position prior to attack. 2nd Bn launched attack at 1700 and drove the enemy to the outskirts of BAUPTE and spent the evening mopping up the snipers in this area.

Morning of the 14th Sgt Lajoie and a detail of seven men prepared bridge at (315851). This bridge was not blown.

In the afternoon a detail of men under S/Sgt Bolmowski destroyed a culvert at (293859). At the same time a detail under Cpl Gaskey and Cpl Berges destroyed railroad bridge at (295851).

One platoon of infantry from the 508 provided security in order to accomplish this mission.

Lt Klein and his detail were relieved from the 508 at 2300 June 14. Returned to unit.

RECORD OF ACTION OF LT KLEIN, CO "B"
(From 2nd July to 7th July)

The evening of 2 July 1944 at 2200 Lt Klein and two squads left Bn area and attached to 508th Inf. Upon arrival Lt Klein was given the mission of clearing roads and shoulders of mines and booby traps in 508 sector. At this time Lt Klein assigned Sgt Reckenbach and his squad to 2nd Bn 508 Inf, and assigned Sgt ~~Shaw~~ ^{L.A.J.} and his squad to 3rd Bn 508 Inf. At 0630 July 3rd these two squads moved out and swept roads for mines and booby traps, which made it possible for the tanks to advance. This work was done under continuous heavy small arms and mortar fire. Total casualties was nine men, three wounded by shrapnel of mines, and six wounded by shells and mortar fire. At 2000 Lt Klein and his two squads were assigned a mission with Co C, 508 Inf, to sweep for mines. This mission was completed at 0100 July 4th at which time they went into bivouac for the night.

At 0600 July 4th Lt Klein and his men started to sweep for mines in the 508 sector. This was done throughout the day under heavy small arms fire. Many mines were found. At 0900 Lt Whalen and one squad of Co B under Sgt Gaskey left Bn area and joined Lt Klein with 508 Inf.

At 0600 July 5th Lt Klein and platoon started sweeping for mines until 1700 this date at which time 62 enemy Teller mines have been found and removed.

At 0600 July 6th Lt Whalen and his squad under Sgt Gaskey swept for mines until 1200. This was done under heavy small arms and mortar fire. The mission was successfully completed and made it possible for the tanks to advance. At 1200 these squads were relieved and put into regimental reserve. They then swept for mines in the 508 area.

The morning of July 7th at 1000 all missions were completed and the squads returned to 307 Engrs CP.

RECORD OF ACTION OF LT FINLAYSON, CO "B"
(Statement by Sgt Gaskey)
(July 2nd to July 7th).

The evening of July 2, 1944 at 1745 Lt Finlayson and one squad under Sgt Gaskey left Bn area and attached to 508 Inf. Lt Finlayson had a mission assigned to him of clearing roads and shoulders of mines and booby traps.

The morning of July 3rd at 0630 Lt Finlayson took part of a squad with mine detectors and Sgt Gaskey followed with the rest of the squad with bangalore torpedoes to blow hedges if so required. This squad swept for mines in the 507 sector under continuous heavy small arms and mortar fire. Mission was completed and made it possible for the tanks to advance. At 0900 Cpl Denahue was wounded in leg by machine pistol. Squad continued to sweep for mines until 1200 at which time Pvt O'Neill was killed by enemy mine. Also Lt Finlayson was wounded and evacuated. Sgt Gaskey then took over the squad until 1600 at which time Lt Clumson joined and took over the squad. The squad then continued to sweep for mines and cleared several road blocks. This job was completed at 2400 at which time they were relieved by 507 Inf. Then returned to 307 Engrs CP for the night.

At 0600 July 4th Lt Whalen and one squad under Sgt Gaskey left Bn area and joined Lt Klein with 508 Inf.

RECORD OF ACTION OF LT CAPPA, CO "B"
(From July 2nd to July 5th)

On the afternoon of 2 July 1944 at 1400 Lt Cappa and his platoon left Bn area and attached to 505 Inf. Upon arrival at 505 Inf Lt Cappa was assigned the mission of sweeping roads for mines and clearing obstacles to VARENQUEBEC, FRANCE. At this time Lt Cappa assigned Cpl Smith and 3 men to Co B, 505 Inf, to neutralize bridge already prepared for demolition, also sweep for mines. With infantry support they completed their mission.

At 0600 Lt Cappa and his platoon left to sweep roads in the 505 sector. At 0730 Lt Cappa's jeep with supplies was hit and blown up by 88mm shell. This delayed the movement until 1100 at which time Lt Cappa received a resupply from the rear area. This was done under heavy shell fire. No one was hurt during the incident. At 1430 Lt Cappa and his platoon reached VARENQUEBEC. This was done under constant shelling. From VARENQUEBEC the platoon went Northwest and swept for mines until 1700. At 1900 the platoon proceeded to continue to sweep for mines West on the Northwest road until 2215. Then moved into bivouac for the night.

At 0400 July 4th Lt Cappa and his platoon moved out attached to 1st Bn of 505 for an attack South. This mission was to sweep roads which started at 0845 following the attack. 0930 Lt Cappa and his platoon returned to Bn CP after being turned back by small arms and heavy artillery fire. At 1030 the platoon attempted this mission once more. Mission completed this time up to the point where roads were unpassable. At this point the platoon ran into artillery fire causing one casualty. Mission was completed and the platoon returned to bivouac area.

At 1250 July 5th the platoon was relieved fr 505 Inf and returned to 307 Engr C

RECORD OF ACTION OF LT ERL, 2ND PLATOON, CO "A"
(From July 3rd to July 7th)

On the morning of 3 July 1944 at 0510 Lt Erl and his platoon of Co 'A left Bn area and attached to 325 Inf. This platoon was given a mission of clearing roads of mines and booby traps. Cleared 4000 yards of roads from LA DRANGUERIE to LA POTERIE, FRANCE. The roads were heavily mined in this sector. Eight road blocks were found with the average of eight Teller mines #2 and #3 in each. These road blocks were removed under heavy mortar and artillery fire. This platoon was continuously ahead of the supporting tanks with mine detectors which drew a considerable amount of fire.

At about 1030 while moving North on Road (4) at (252878) LA HAY DU PUIT, the platoon reached a pocket of resistance, and after putting up a strong fight was able to continue on the job of sweeping the roads for mines, having captured (2) prisoners. Due to the aggressiveness of the platoon the tanks were able to keep abreast of the infantry advance. During this mission the Second Platoon had three casualties: Tec 5 Oehmke, who was hit with shrapnel in the eye; Pvt Welch who was hit by enemy machine gun; and Pvt McAdams who was hit in the leg with shrapnel. Second platoon also reports the removal of booby traps out of vegetable gardens which was one of the Germans tricks. Also many charges have been removed from trees which were ready to be blown across road. Had this been done it would have delayed the advance one full day.

The Second Platoon was relieved 4 July 1700 by one squad of First Platoon under Lt McDermott and Sgt Harris who continued on with same mission of clearing roads of mines and booby traps. Also during this day Sgt Robinson and his squad captured (23) German prisoners. While using the mine detectors along a road, a group of Germans was sighted, and at the point of the mine detectors these Germans surrendered.

5 July 0730 Sgt Nixon and his squad left Bn area and relieved Sgt Harris and his squad in the 325 sector. Sgt Nixon's squad continued clearing roads under heavy small arms fire the greater part of the day.

On 6 July 0730 Sgt Robinson and his squad left Bn area to relieve Sgt Nixon and his squad. This squad continued sweeping for mines under small arms fire and occasional shelling.

On 7 July 0730 Sgt Breidenbaugh and his squad left Bn area to relieve Sgt Robinson and his squad and continued on same mission. At 1030 this date the Engrs have been relieved fr 325 Inf and returned to Bn CP.

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RECORD OF ACTION - NEPTUNE
From 6 June 1944 to 17 SEPT 1944

The 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, less Company "C", arrived in BELFAST, IRELAND on 10 December 1943. A light training program was instituted and a group of instructors from Companies "A" and "B" under Lt Erl, Co "A", and Lt Finlayson, Co "B", gave a mine and demolition school for division and attached troops. On 14 February 1944 the Battalion less Company "C" moved by rail from GARVAGH, NORTH IRELAND, to BELFAST, and from there to LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, by troopship. From LIVERPOOL this unit moved by rail to ULLESTHORPE and BURBAGE, ENGLAND to areas designated by advance parties who had moved by ferry and truck.

An intensive training program stressing mines and demolitions and airborne engineer tactics was carried on from 1 March to the latter part of May. The Battalion took part in all the field problems and airborne exercises. Many lessons, which proved invaluable in the NORMANDY campaign, were learned while operating with the Infantry regiments. Company "C" rejoined the Battalion from ANZIO, ITALY, on 23 April 1944.

On 25 May 1944 H&S Company of 5 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 59 EM left ULLESTHORPE, ENGLAND by truck and rail for SAINT MARYS HILL staging camp in WALES. From 25 May until 29 May vehicles were water proofed and equipment of all personnel were checked. On 29 May the vehicles were loaded aboard ship, WEBB MILLER

On 29 May 1944 Bn Hq, Companies "A" and "B" left ULLESTHORPE and BURBAGE by truck and rail for marshalling areas near the take-off fields. Company "B", less 3rd Platoon, was stationed at SALTBY FIELD, the 3rd Platoon being stationed at SPANHOE FIELD, Company "A" at RAMSBURY FIELD, and Bn Hq and Squad from Company "A" at MEMBURY FIELD. Company "B", less the 3rd Platoon, was attached to the 508th Combat Team, and the 3rd Platoon was attached to the 505th Combat Team. All members of this unit were briefed on the mission just prior to taking off by plane and glider, and those going in by sea were briefed just prior to embarking. All members were enthusiastic about the operation.

On 3 June 1944 H&S Co boarded ship at CARDIFF, WALES, and put out in the harbor. On the night of 5 and 6 June 1944 Company "B" with the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Palmer, took off by C-47s for the scheduled drop zones near CHEF DU PONT and ST MERE EGLISE, FRANCE.

On 6 June 1944 at 2100 the first glider echelon consisting of Bn Exec, S-2 & S-3, and ADE, plus a squad from Company "A", left Membury Field and landed in FRANCE at 2300. The entire glider load landed safely and dug in in the vicinity of the drop field.

The first troops from this unit to land in FRANCE was Company "B", landing with the 508th Combat Team and the 505th Combat Team at 0208 on 6 June 1944. Lt Klein and Lt Finlayson and their sticks landed on the DZ. Lt Connally landed East of DZ and proceeded Southwest with 10 men, picking up two more of his own stick and glider personnel from the 80th AA, Sig Co, and Div Hq. The party contacted the infantry and the rest of the platoon in the vicinity of LA FIERRE, FRANCE. Lt Connally was then given command of Company "B" of the 508th Inf to take up a defensive position at the bridge across the MERDERET RIVER one-half mile Southwest of LA FIERRE.

At 1500 hours on the same day an infantry officer took command of Company "B", 508th Prcht Inf, and Lt Connally rejoined the 3rd Platoon, Co "B", 307 A/B Engr. Bn. The 508th Combat Team attacked the bridge at LA FIERE at 1700 but were repulsed by armor. At 1800 the Germans attacked with heavy fire and tank support. The 3rd Platoon took up defensive positions at LA FIERE to the railroad bridge across the MERDERET RIVER one-half mile Northwest of LA FIERE. Several German counterattacks were repulsed here, the platoon holding its positions.

The first glider echelon, consisting of Exec Off, S-2 & S-3, ADE, and one squad from Company "A", landed near BEAUVAIS, FRANCE, approximately 1 mile North-Northeast of ST MERE EGLISE about 2300 6 June 1944, the glider loads being pinned down by enemy fire until about 0200 hours. At this time Major Bedell, Capt Kirkwood, and one-half of the Company "A" squad moved out and contacted the 4th Division. Glider pilots, Capt Williams, and the remaining one-half of Company "A" squad, moved out at 1000 7 June after helping recover the weapons and evacuate the wounded from the gliders. At 1300 7 June the first glider echelon was reunited except for one machine gunner of Company "A" squad.

The second glider echelon (Company "A" less one squad) took off from Ramsbury and Aldermaster Fields at 0505 7 June 1944, all gliders landing safely in the vicinity of HEBERT, FRANCE, about three-quarters of a mile Northwest of ST MERE DU MONT at 0700 7 June 1944 behind friendly troops. Company "A" organized and was on the road at 0930, moving out with the 325th Glider Inf Regt toward CHEF DU PONT. The Company was attached to the 325th Inf Regt by command of Major General RIDGWAY in the vicinity of ST MERE EGLISE, primary mission of the 325th Combat Team to contact division forces at this location. The 1st Platoon was attached to the 3rd Bn to blow bridges and culverts South of LE PORT and LEISVILLE; the 2nd Platoon was attached to 2nd Bn with assigned mission of securing CHEF DU PONT. Both missions were accomplished. The 325th Combat Team contacted division elements near ST MERE EGLISE about 1800 hours. The engineer company was relieved from attached to the 325th Inf Regt and bivouaced two miles Northeast of CHEF DU PONT.

At 1500 8 June the 3rd Platoon, Co "B", was relieved from attached to the 508th Combat Team and returned to battalion control. The 1st Sgt of Co "B" reported to Bn CP with the information that only he and three men of the 1st and 2nd Platoons had been contacted since the jump. Capt Jedrzejewski functioned as Div Engr and Bn Commander since landing. A radio message from Major Bedell was received at 1100 at Bn CP, asking for our location, and Major Bedell and party joined Co "A" at 1500. Major Bedell assumed command of the battalion. No word has been received from Lt Col Palmer, Bn C.O., or Capt Johnson, Co "B" C.O. Lt Tribe and the 2nd Platoon of Co "A" moved out with a battalion of the 325th Inf to tape inundated road and check for mines on the attack across MERDERET RIVER one mile West of LA FIERE on the railroad causeway to AMFREVILLE, leaving battalion area at 2230.

On 9 June the seaborne elements consisting of H&S Co, and Med Det arrived at the battalion bivouac area near CHEF DU PONT. This group sailed from CARDIFF, WALES on 6 June at 0700 and landed at RED BEACH, FRANCE at 1600 8 June, landing in barges and digging in for the night. The seaborne elements joined the battalion at 1600 9 June 1944. All elements, parachute, glider, and seaborne, were present except Bn C.O., Co "B" C.O., and two platoons of Company "B".

At 0030 9 June Lt McDermott and the 1st Platoon of Company "A" moved out with the 325th Inf to clear causeway across MERDERET RIVER West of LA FIERE of enemy tanks and trucks which had been knocked out by our anti-tank fire. Major Bedell and Capt Jedrzejewski joined the company at this site and crossed the causeway with the infantry and tanks. This crossing was covered by enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery.

Para. Tec 5 Yonkin was killed when removing mines on the eastern approach to the causeway. Company "A" was called on by the infantry to support one company isolated on the northern flank of the thrust. During the day of 9 June a detail from Bn Hq salvaged life rafts, glider tow ropes, and life belts to resupply parachute elements cut off by the enemy, being located on the West bank of the MERDERET RIVER on HILL 30. Equipment was delivered to the 508th Combat Team at 1400. Battalion moved to new location on the road one mile West of ST MERE EGLISE. Water points were set up and operated at ST MERE EGLISE for division units. This area was under constant artillery fire.

On 10 June Company "A" relieved by the 90th Division. The Battalion made road reconnaissances and checked areas held by the division for mines. Reconnaissance of the DOUVE RIVER was made for possible crossings. Capt Johnson reported to the battalion CP at 0600. The water point at ST MERE EGLISE reported more heavy shelling.

Lt Whalen reported to the battalion on the evening of 10 June. He had landed in the Southeast edge of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE and had proceeded to gain contact with friendly troops. On his return he noticed on the road South of ORGLANDES a German Headquarters with heavy traffic and being patrolled by scout cars and half tracks. After cutting communication lines here, Lt Whalen proceeded towards PICAUVILLE and cut more communication lines Northwest of this village. On the West of PICAUVILLE he noticed a heavy enemy artillery concentration, and on the Northeast a heavy German concentration of troops. On D plus 4 Lt Whalen contacted American troops at 1500 and reported to division his enemy observations.

On 11 June two Co "B" EM reported to Bn. Lt Klein made a reconnaissance of the bridges South of ETIENVILLE. Captain Decker and 3 EM of H&S Co opened safes in Todd Headquarters at ST MEREEGLISE. Drawings of fortifications on the COTENTIN PENINSULA were found in the safes. The Bn S-4 obtained bridging equipment and assault boats from the VII Corps Engineer. Equipment was salvaged from resupply parachute bundles and more mines and engineer equipment were secured.

At 2200 hours on 13 June the 3rd Platoon of Co "B" was attached to the 508th Combat Team and moved to assembly area West of DOUVE RIVER. This platoon crossed the river with the 508th Combat Team and fought with them, blew a bridge West of BAUPTE, and checked the area of advance for mines and booby traps.

The 2nd Platoon of Co "A" was assigned the mission of operating 12 assault boats to ferry the assault company of the 508th Combat Team across the DOUVE RIVER one mile West of BEAUZEVILLE LE BASTILLE. The entire company was ferried across at 0030. The company landed with complete surprise, not a shot being fired; and we sustained no losses in personnel or equipment. At approximately 0100 the artillery barrage ceased. During the ensuing advance a machine gun in BEAUZEVILLE LE BASTILLE was knocked out. The 1st Platoon of Co "A" assembled an infantry footbridge between the abutments of a blown causeway bridge. The entire 508th Combat Team moved across this bridge, reaching the village by 0230. Corps Engineers assembled a Bailey bridge, starting by 0300 and being assisted by all elements of Co "A" by 0600. The single-single Bailey bridge was completed by 0830, permitting jeeps and anti-tank guns to cross. The 2nd Platoon of Co "A" set up local security for the bridge on

Hill Southwest of BEAUZEVILLE LE BASTILLE against possible enemy attacks.

From 14 to 18th of June a general engineer reconnaissance was made, including the checking of roads in advance of the division infantry for mines and booby traps, operating water points, supplying maps, mines and demolitions, and a reconnaissance for tank crossings.

On the 18th of June the companies loaded bridging material in preparation for river crossing operation. At 2210 Co "A" moved to crossing site near MONTESSEY, one and one-half miles Southeast of PONT L'ABBE. Company "A" ferried the 1st Bn of 325th Inf and one Bn of 508th Inf across the DOUVE RIVER to LE FENGREY, using 25 assault boats. One Bn of 325th Infantry was ferried, starting at 2345, and was completed at 0030. One Bn of 508th Infantry was ferried, starting at 0700, and was completed at 0930. This was accomplished with complete surprise and without a shot being fired. No casualties were sustained in personnel or equipment. The 3rd Platoon of Co "B" left bivouac area at 2220 and placed a foot bridge across the stream 1/2 mile East of VINDEFONTAINE at 0035 for the crossing of two companies of the 507th Infantry. This was accomplished with complete surprise, not a shot being fired. At 0230 this platoon of Co "B" commenced construction of a bridge to handle crossing of jeeps and anti-tank guns at VINDEFONTAINE. Completing this at 0400, the platoon started work on another bridge at VINDEFONTAINE, which had been damaged by shell fire. Work was discontinued due to enemy shell fire until 1200 when Corps Engineers arrived to make the crossing with treadway bridging. This platoon then checked for mines and booby traps behind the assault. A squad of Co "B" left the bivouac area at 2230 for crossing site near CLANVILLE one mile Southeast of PONT L'ABBE. At 0001 they took one squad of the 325th Inf South across the DOUVE RIVER to a cave 1/4 mile Southeast of QUENAUDERIE for a diversionary maneuver, using two assault boats. Some shots were fired, but no casualties in personnel or material was sustained. This squad returned to the battalion after successfully completing their mission. At 2240 a detail from Co "B" under Lt Whalen left the bivouac area and moved across the DOUVE RIVER with the 325th Inf to clear the town of LES MOITIERS EN BAUPTOIS of mines and booby traps.

On 21 June the battalion moved across the DOUVE RIVER to about one mile North of VINDEFONTAINE. The division was in a holding position and the engineers built roads through the BOIS DE LIMORS, checked division area for mines and booby traps, operated water point, and made ground engineer reconnaissance. Company "A" put up screens on the ETIENVILLE - ST JORES road to guard against enemy observation from HILL 131. The battalion continued clearing roads of mines and booby traps. At this bivouac area the battalion was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire from enemy forces located on HILL 131 and surrounding area.

Preceding the attack of 3 July Co "A" had one squad guarding a bridge at ETIENVILLE and one squad guarding a bridge at VINDEFONTAINE. They were relieved on 2 July and two platoons of Co "A" were attached to the 325th Combat Team. On 3 July at 0630 hours the division jumped off from a static position with engineers assigned as follows: 1 squad of Co "B" under Lt Finlayson with 507th Inf, 2 squads of Co "B" under Lt Klein with 508th Inf, 2 squads of Co "B" under Lt Cappa with 505th Inf, and two platoons of Co "A" with the 325th Inf. Engineer groups were assigned to Regimental Combat Teams on the strength of engineer estimate of situation. All engineer units functioned in the advance with the infantry, always preceding the tank and tank-destroyer units and sometimes in front of supporting infantry. The area had been heavily mined by the enemy and numerous road blocks had been set up. The battalion sustained considerable loss in mine detector crews due to enemy fire. Numerous casualties were sustained by enemy small arms and artillery fire, due to the bulky silhouette of the mine detectors and close proximity of tanks. Occasionally enemy fire would be so intense as to cause

slight delay in clearing roads. However, the infantry and supporting tanks were never held up by enemy obstacles.

An estimate of the value of mines and road obstacles;

- a. Some casualties have been caused.
- b. Some delay has been caused in spots.
- c. Due to the efforts of our engineer clearing parties, the enemy pioneer obstacles had no effect on the tactical situation. The whole resolved itself into a sort of game between the pioneers and the engineers.

The NORMANDY CAMPAIGN has proven the value of general engineer training for airborne engineer units. This battalion, although understrength by the fact that only two letter companies were involved and more than half of one company listed as battle casualties, was able to carry out and successfully complete all engineer tasks assigned to it by the division. The nature of the work accomplished covered the whole of the regularly assigned engineer duties. Water points were operated, extensive use was made of mine detectors, probes and improvised mine pulling apparatus. The assault crossings made were considered highly successful, as on no crossing was the infantry fired on until after reaching the enemy shore. Camouflage was stressed to all units and screens put up on a highway directly under enemy observation proved most satisfactory.

E. A. BEDELL,
Major, 307 A/B Engr. Bn.,
Commanding.

During the period of July 14, 1944 to September 17, 1944, the Battalion was stationed near Leicester, England. "A" and "B" Companies were stationed at Burbage, while "C" and H&S Companies were at Ullesthorpe. Most of the men and officers went on leave during this period. An extensive training program, capitalizing on the lessons learned in the Normandy Campaign was initiated.

On August 10, 1944, a provisional line company, Company "D", (Parachute), was formed as a result of experience gained in Normandy when the Battalion was in support of the augmented Division consisting of four combat teams rather than the usual three. Company "D" was under command of Lt. Chaplinski, became a part of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team.

The Battalion continued with training and normal garrison duties and was fully equipped and ready when, after several alerts, it boarded the gliders and planes for the invasion of Holland on September 17, 1944.

COMPANY "A"
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
APO 469, U. S. ARMY

RECORD OF ACTION - NEPTUNE
From 7 June 1944 - To 15 July 1944

Company "A" (Glider) was assigned to support operations of the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment in the initial phase of its airborne operations. It landed by glider on the morning of D plus 1, 7 June 1944, at approximately 0700 in the area Southeast of STE MERE EGLISE, FRANCE. Landings were made in CG-4A and Horsa gliders at scattered points within a 2 mile radius of the town. Casualties were negligible and the company effected assembly at 0930 with approximately 100% of its strength, including three 1/4 ton trucks with trailers, all tools and explosives intact. It was attached to the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment.

At 1200 hours, 7 June 1944, one squad of the 1st Platoon successfully blew the bridge and culverts North of LIESVILLE, which was threatened by counter-attack of enemy forces attempting to cross the DOUVE RIVER from the South. The 2nd Platoon supported operations of the 2nd Bn, 325th Glider Infantry in the direction of LA COQUERIE and CHEF DU PONT. When the 2nd Battalion, 325th Glider Infantry, was withdrawn on completion of its mission, the 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 307th A/B Engr Bn, continued to make road repairs and to clear them of mines to permit tank support of division elements attacking at the bridge over MERDERET at CHEF DU PONT.

At 1900 hours, 7 June 1944, the company was detached from the 325th Glider Infantry and reverted to division control and became the sole Division Engineer group at that time. By 0800 on 8 June 1944, the company has made a complete reconnaissance of the MERDERET RIVER valley for possible engineer crossings. During the day of 8 June 1944, it salvaged equipment supplies from wrecked gliders and from dropped parachute bundles over approximately 100 squad miles of the area then secured or partially secured by the division elements East of the MERDERET RIVER.

As a result of its survey of the river it was deemed possible to effect a crossing of the MERDERET valley across the inundated area about 2,000 yards North of LA FIERE. The 2nd Platoon was attached to the 1st Bn, 325th Glider Infantry to support its crossing of the river and its advance toward AMFREVILLE. It marked the submerged road across the inundated area with tracing tape, checked for mines and laid mines for three road blocks West of the MERDERET RIVER, and its members fought as riflemen when an attack was made against superior German forces at AMFREVILLE. All of these operations were conducted between 1130 hours, night of 8 June and dawn, 9 June, under constant small arms fire and heavy shelling. It continued operations with the 1st Bn, 325th Glider Infantry when it moved into defensive position in the center of the enemy territory near CAUGUIGNY, West of the MERDERET RIVER and fought off constant assaults throughout the day of 8 June.

Meanwhile on 9 June, the 1st Platoon was working with the 2nd and 3rd Bns of the 325th Glider Infantry attacking across the bridge over the MERDERET RIVER at LA FIERE. Since dawn of 6 June, parachute elements of the division had denied use of this crossing to the strong German forces West of the river. At 1030 hours, 9 June, the 1st Platoon removed three disabled German tanks and one vehicle from the bridge and causeway under observed artillery fire, zeroed on the tanks. This enabled our tanks to advance in support of the infantry. In preparation for our tank operations, the platoon de-mined the causeway under similar hazardous conditions. Although it was originally planned that this work would be done after the infantry had seized the bridgehead, the platoon proceeded with its work before the artillery preparation in order that nothing would delay the infantry assault. When the bridgehead West of the MERDERET was seized,

the 1st Platoon proceeded to clear mines and debris from roads to every possible point where enemy fire permitted. Between 1830 and 2000, junction was effected with the 1st Bn, 325th Glider Infantry and Company "A". The 307th A/B Engr Bn reorganized and moved to a point Southeast of AMFREVILLE, on the right flank of the bridgehead. At 2000, 9 June, a heavy German counterattack breached the defensive line and Company "A" was moved into the gap and blocked it successfully until 1500 hours on 10 June. While holding this position, the company built a road to the aid station in the defensive area which had been held by the isolated group of the 507th Parachute Infantry from 6 - 9 June and the wounded were evacuated.

On 11 June, reconnaissance of the DOUVE RIVER for possible crossings and bridgeheads to the South was completed. At 2215, 12 June, the company moved into position to assist in crossing the DOUVE RIVER between MONTESSEY and LIESVILLE. At 0045 on 13 June, the 1st Platoon of Company "A" put one company of the 508th Parachute Infantry across the river in the dark in assault boats. This crossing was effected so quietly and skillfully that not a shot was fired and the infantry company was enabled to take the enemy by complete surprise. The balance of the company established a foot bridge across the river toward BEAUSEVILLE LA BASTILLE. At 0430, 13 June, still in darkness, the 2nd Platoon put a BAILEY BRIDGE across the river, while remainder of the company removed mines in the newly won bridgehead and defended it while the 508th Parachute Infantry moved across. The company maintained and defended the DOUVE crossings until 1630 on 13 June.

Between 13 and 17 June, the company performed engineer duties of every type and prepared for a crossing of the DOUVE RIVER to secure a bridgehead at BAUPTOIS on 18 June. As a result of its reconnaissance, the site selected was one Southeast of LES MOITIERS EN BAUPTOIS. At 0030 during the night of 19 June, the 2nd Platoon, using 25 assault boats, moved one battalion of the 325th Glider Infantry across the river without a shot being fired. At 0730, it successfully ferried one battalion of the 508th Parachute Infantry across.

Between 20 June and 3 July the company built and maintained road nets in the BOIS DE LIMORS, camouflaged the highway which was under direct observation from HILL 131 two miles North of LA HAYE DU PUIT. During this period the company maintained a guard on the bridge across the DOUVE RIVER at PONT L'ABBE and across the fork of the DOUVE RIVER near VINDEFONTAINE.

Company "A" participated in the attack on HILL 131 with one platoon, the 2nd Platoon, in support of the 325th Glider Infantry. The mission of the platoon was to clear mines and road blocks and to repair roads for our forces. During our advance the 1st Platoon of Company "A" was called on to clear mines and road blocks in the advance of the 325th and 507th Infantries. All roads were cleared and tanks and tank-destroyer units were able to move abreast with the infantry.

On 7 July 1944 Company "A" was relieved from duties with the infantry elements. From that date until assembling for departure on RED BEACH, Company "A" collected, deactivated, and disassembled, to clear out of all explosives, mines, booby-traps, and firing devices, for training of newly arrived replacements.

Company "A" embarked on an LST at RED BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 2030 July 13, 1944 and disembarked at SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, 2100 July 14, 1944. The company then entrained for LEICESTER, ENGLAND, at 0815 15 July 1944 and arrived at base camp at 1415 July 15, 1944.

COMPANY "B"
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
APO 469, U. S. ARMY

RECORD OF ACTION - NEPTUNE
From 6 June 1944 to 15 July 1944

Company "B", 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, was assigned for the invasion in the following manner: 1st and 2nd Platoons attached to the 508th Prcht Inf, 3rd Platoon attached to the 505th Prcht Inf. The mission of the 1st and 2nd Platoons was to blow the bridges over the DOUVE RIVER in the causeway at ETIENVILLE while the town was under attack by the 2nd Bn of the 508th Prcht Inf. The 3rd Platoon was to remove any demolitions on the bridge over the MERDERET RIVER West of ST MERE EGLISE or, in the event of its being destroyed, rebuild same after its capture by the 1st Bn of the 505th Prcht Inf. All platoons took off from England on 5 June 1944 and jumped on the continent at 0215 on 6 June 44. The 1st and 2nd Platoons landed over a wide area from ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE East to PICAUVILLE. The 3rd Platoon landed approximately 2-1/2 miles Northwest of ST MEREEGLISE.

Scattered groups from the 1st and 2nd Platoons joined with elements of the 505th, 507th, and 508th Prcht Infantry in their attack against the enemy. Other isolated groups began working their way back toward friendly lines, observing enemy installations, bivouacs, and transportation facilities. One such group under Lt Whalen reached our lines on the 10th of June after being behind enemy lines for 4 days. They reported numerous enemy installations and also the condition of the DOUVE RIVER in the vicinity of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. Another group under Sgt Gabrielson reached our lines on the 14th of June after being behind enemy lines for 8 days. They reported enemy activity South of the DOUVE RIVER and also the conditions of the river in the vicinity of ETIENVILLE.

The 3rd Platoon under Lt Klein, after landing and assembling, moved South to the vicinity of LA FIERE where they reported to the C.O. of the 2nd Bn of the 505th Prcht Inf. They were immediately put into a defensive position at the bridge with other units of the 2nd Bn. After the bridge was attacked by Co A, 505th Prcht Inf, the platoon returned to the Bn CP. About 1500 the enemy counterattacked and the platoon was placed in a defensive position along the river from the bridge to the railroad bridge. It remained in this position under fire until 2300 on 7 June. During this time it established road blocks to the rear on all roads and the railroad. It was relieved and sent back into bivouac with the 505th Prcht Inf.

On 9 June 1944 all elements were detached from the infantry and assembled as a company. At that time there were 3 officers and 40 EM. During the next few days the company strength was brought up to 5 officers and 70 EM by the return of the men who since D-Day had been scattered over a wide area. On 11 June the 3rd Platoon under Lt Klein was attached to the 508th Prcht Inf for the attack in the vicinity of LAVIEN-VILLE with the mission of preparing and blowing bridges in this area. They moved into the attack with the infantry at 2100 hours 13 June. On the 14th of June one bridge was prepared for blowing, one culvert and a railroad bridge were blown, all in the vicinity of BAUPTE.

From 16 June to 18 June the company was sweeping all roads behind the advancing troops from ETIENVILLE to ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. Lt Cappa rejoined the company after 11 days behind enemy lines. Lt Cappa was kept in hiding, fed and given information by patriotic French civilians in the town of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. On 18 June one platoon under Lt Klein was attached to the 507th Prcht Inf, a detail under Lt Cappa to the 325th Glider Inf, and a detail under Lt Whalen to the 325th Glider Inf. Lt.

Klein was to build two bridges West of CRETTEVILLE for jeep traffic immediately after the crossing was made by the 507th Prcht Inf. Lt Cappa was to ferry the squad from the 325th Glider Inf across the DOUVE RIVER to act as a diversionary action, while Lt Whalen was to sweep the roads South of the DOUVE RIVER immediately behind the advancing infantry. All of these missions were accomplished.

From 18 June to 3 July 1944 Company "B" was actually engaged in clearing mines, maintaining road nets, and neutralizing enemy road blocks, and establishing road blocks in front of our own units. The area was bounded by the DOUVE RIVER to the North and East, the BOIS DE LIMORS and FOREST DE MORT CASTRE to the West, and the PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES to the South.

On 3 July 1944 the division made the attack on HILL 131 two miles North of LA HAYE DU FUITS; Company "B" was broken into small detachments to provide engineer elements with the 507th, 507th, and 508th Combat Teams with the primary mission of all engineer detachments to clear all road blocks and mine fields abreast of the infantry advance. Casualties from small arms, mortar and artillery fire were particularly heavy, but all missions were accomplished and the entire road net assigned to this company was cleared by 8 July 1944.

Specimens of new enemy mines and booby traps were collected for further training until 11 July 1944, when the company moved to RED BEACH, NORMANDY, embarked on 12 July 1944 on LSTs. Company arrived at SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND on 13 July 1944 and moved by rail to the base camp at BURBAGE, ENGLAND, arriving there on 14 July 1944.

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
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RECORD OF ACTION - NEPTUNE
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Radio and driver personnel from Hq & Serv Co, attached to Company "A", this Bn, made glider landings in Horsa and CG-4A gliders near ST MERE EGLISE, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944, D-Day.

The seaborne echelon of Hq & Serv Co under Capt Decker sailed on D-Day, 6 June 1944, at 0700 hours from CARDIFF, WALES. On D plus 2 a landing was made at RED BEACH, FRANCE, at 1600 hours. The company collected and marched two miles inland where it dug in and remained for the night. The following day the company proceeded on foot to a new area to establish a CP with Battalion Headquarters at a point one mile West of ST MERE EGLISE, arriving there at 1900. At 2200 personnel began to get ammunition for Company "A" which was engaged at that time in crossing the MERDERET RIVER.

From 9 June to 10 July the company operated by sections, each section performing its normal combat duties, assisting the line companies in performing their missions. These duties comprised of water supply, division engineer supply, battalion supply, map distribution, preparation of mine markers, etc, transportation, communications, all being tied up with the activity of the battalion as a whole.

Patrols were sent out on 10 June to salvage equipment from air resupply bundles in the vicinity of the bivouac. Resupply of lost individual equipment was being carried out continuously. Mines, ammunition, and bridge equipment were being procured and sent forward. Water points were being established and operated.

On 11 June Capt Decker and three EM went to ST MERE EGLISE to open vaults of the Todd Headquarters, using explosives and torches. French currency, defense maps and overlays were found in the vaults and were turned over to Division CIC personnel.

A water point was set up at ST MERE EGLISE on 12 June. During the night two of the three men operating the point were wounded by shrapnel from enemy shells. Up to this point no casualties had occurred in the company.

On 15 June a second and third water points at FRAUCQUETOT and near LA BONNE-VILLE were set up. During the entire operation there were from one to three, usually two, water points in operation at all times, supplying our troops, the 9th Division, and other units, the water being usually taken from streams. The wells in FRANCE did not contain sufficient water to meet our needs.

Truck drivers hauled supplies for the engineer mission on the DOUVE RIVER on 19 June.

Enemy 88mm shellings were particularly heavy throughout the day on 25 June. The water point at FRAUCQUETOT was subjected to daily shelling. It was operated by Pfc Smith, who received a minor wound from shrapnel on 16 June.

The 8th Division water supply units moved in to occupy our water points when that division relieved our division.

The company moved on 11 July to the embarkation area approximately 2-1/2 miles Northwest of GREEN BEACH and bivouaced there for the night. The following day the company loaded on an LST, bedded down for the night. The company disembarked at SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND and entrained for ULLESTHORPE, ENGLAND, arriving there on the 15th of July.

During the campaign there was a total of eight casualties, of which three were the result of wounds received in action.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
APO 469, U. S. ARMY

RECORD OF ACTION - NEPTUNE
From 6 June 1944 to 15 July 1944

The following is a brief narrative of medical activities during the Normandy operation. The 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion was committed, less Company "C" and rear echelon elements. The personnel included in the medical service to the battalion consisted of the battalion surgeon and five enlisted men as a headquarters unit, three company aid men with Company "B" (Prcht), and two company aid men with Company "A" (Glider). The company aid men were distributed one to each platoon. The battalion surgeon and the five EM accompanied Headquarters and Service Company by sea. As of necessity the battalion was split up not only during the actual invasion but during the ground operations as well. Company "A" went in with the 325th Glider Infantry, Company "B" less one platoon went in with the 505th Parachute Infantry, and one platoon of Company "B" went in with the 507th Parachute Infantry. During the landings, parachute and glider, the casualties were evacuated through the nearest aid stations. The Battalion Aid Station was first set up with the assembled battalion on D plus three near ST MERE EGLISE. Each company aid man remained with his company all during the time we were in the combat zone. One parachutist company aid man was Missing in Action from the beginning. His entire platoon, with a few exceptions, was also reported Missing in Action as well, consequently another aid man was not needed to replace him immediately. One other parachutist company aid man had to be evacuated due to illness after the first week; it therefore became necessary to assign a man from the aid station to replace him. Due to the nature of our operations (Engineer) it was necessary to divide the companies into platoons and sometimes into squads in order that we might serve four infantry regiments. This in turn required additional aid men to be withdrawn from the battalion aid station to fill this need. This arrangement was not constant however because upon completion of a job or mission the various elements of the battalion were drawn back to the CP. The longest any of the men were away was during the HILL 131 engagement two miles North of LA HAYE DU PUITTS, when they were away for five days. As mentioned before when they were away during these times all evacuations were accomplished through that particular infantry battalion aid station with which they were attached. On numerous occasions the aid men would help out the infantry aid men in the care of their wounded when the occasion did not take them away from their own units. Our battalion aid station remained at the battalion CP at all times. The work done here was mostly illness, and care of minor lacerations, abrasions, and foreign bodies and other smaller wounds incurred while out on a mission. When the entire battalion would be out on a mission, such as the crossing of the DOUVE RIVER, the battalion surgeon accompanies the largest element of engineers, in this one instance Company "A". There was no T/E transportation with the detachment, but there was a jeep available for evacuation at all times. The equipment was transported with Hq & Serv Co by 2-1/2 ton trucks. This was entirely satisfactory and caused no inconvenience. The medical equipment, aside from individual kits, included a chest flight service, chest MD #1, chest MD #4, gas casualty chest, one large box plasma, six litters, a small box of miscellaneous drugs for sick call, a small blanket set, splint set, crash splint unit, and a small wall tent. This amount of equipment may seem like a lot at first glance but it is adequate for almost any circumstance or length of time in the combat area without worry of resupply. It is believed that the crash splint unit and the chest #4 could be dispensed with on

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further operations, however, if necessary. The most valuable piece of equipment was the flight service chest. It contains just about everything necessary for an aid station with the exception of splints. It is one piece of equipment that should never be left behind. There was no need for resupply in the detachment but had the occasion presented itself they could have been procured on a moments notice from the 307th Medical Company. The detachment's personnel showed gratifying results of their training in the combat zone and too much cannot be said for their individual acts of heroism and disregard for their own personal safety. Their work was praised by all the engineer line officers and men. The battalion surgeon recommends that during the actual landing of a parachute company a medic or at least a man well trained in first aid should be with each planeload of men. It is common knowledge that parachutists are scattered over a wide area when they jump and sometimes it is several days before some of the various planeloads report to the CP. Therefore one good man with that planeload would be worth his space. This is not only the battalion surgeon's opinion but also several of the line officers. The battalion surgeon also recommends that only that equipment that is actually and absolutely necessary and nothing more should be taken along. Too much equipment is a nuisance and a waste of valuable transportation.

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307TH INFANTRY ENGINEER BATTALION
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212100 June 1944.
In the field.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS
From 201000 June to 211300 June

- A. Bn and all Company CPs moved to (268904).
- B. No Change.
- C. Bn moved to new bivouac area.
Water point at (252944) closed.
Removed enemy mine road block (259381).
Checked roads for mines and marked with signs. (see overlay).
Engineer reconnaissance conducted in division area.
Maps and other engineer supplies distributed to units within the division.
- D. No Change.
- E. See overlay for road classification.
See overlay for roads checked for mines and marked.
See detail of enemy road block.

For the Division Engineer:

R. F. Williams
R. F. Williams,
Capt., 307 A/B Engr. Bn.,
A-2 and A-3.

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25 May 1944.

7 June 1944.

- 25 May H&S Co of (59 EM, (5) Os, & (1) WOJG left Ullestherpe at 0705, loaded on train at 0800. Arr in Leicester at 0845. Left Leicester at 0900, arr at Pencoed, St Marys Hill, Wales, at 1600. Moved into staging area.
- 26 May Usual camp duties.
- 27 May Waterproofing vehicles.
- 28 May Waterproofing vehicles.
- 29 May Loading vehicles on ships. Name of ship Webb Miller, MT 213.
- 30 May Usual camp duties.
- 31 May Usual camp duties.
- 1 June Usual camp duties.
- 2 June Usual camp duties.
- 3 June Left St Marys Hill at 0130. Loaded on train at 0300, arr at decks at Cardiff 0500. Loaded on ship Webb Miller at 0715. Moved out inot harbor at 1910.
- 4 June Still in harbor.
- 5 June Still in harbor.
- 5 June Co "B" took off at Spanhee.
- 6 June H&S Co set sail to sea at 0700.

2100 1st Glider echelon (see manifest) took off Membury Field. Over channel 2150. Landed 2300 (see glider Commander's report). Pilots and passengers dug in ditch at edge of field. Jeep removed from glider.

0208 Co B:

Landed Lt Klein & Lt Finlayson at (325972) on DZ.

Landed Lt Connally at (340977) East of DZ.

Lt Connally went SW with 10 to 12 men from his stick. Picked up glider (80th AA) (Sig) and (Hq) personnel at (334973). Went to Bn Hq at La Fiere, arr by daylight. Met Lts Klein & Finlayson at La Fiere.

Lt Connally put in command of Inf Co B. Took up defensive position at Bridge ().

1000 Inf Co B given back to Co B Officer who had been found since noon.

1500 Returned to Bn CP at La Fiere after Co A Inf attacked bridge ().

1700 Germans counterattacked bridge ().

1800 3rd Plat put in defensive position at La

307 A/B Engr Bn

7 June 1944

7 June H&S Co - At sea.

1st Glider echelon - Major Bedell,
Capt Kirkwood, & $\frac{1}{2}$ squad move out
under MG fire.

Pass thru arty fire at Reaville (3897).
With front line of 4th Div, to Arty
assembly area at (381975). Picked
up Pfc Steven Paris, Co B, 507 Inf.

Capt Williams, glider pilots, & $\frac{1}{2}$
squad remain at glider with jeep.
Contact TD unit attached to 4th Div
at (364976). Help extract arty pieces
from wrecked gliders in vicinity and
evacuate wounded.

Capt Williams and group move out of
dug-in position near glider.

Capt Williams, pilots, and group
report in at Arty assembly area
(381975). Pvt Viette shows up in
neither group. He had machine gun
gun and was lost from Major Bedell's
group.

Pilot and co-pilot sent to Arty pilot
pool to be evacuated (8 June with PWs).

Pvt Henry S. Gavazza, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 508
Inf joins group.

Pvt Edward J. Pietrowski, Co B, 508 Inf
joins group

Major Todd, FA, attempted to get thru
to Div at St Mere Eglise - no success.

3rd Plat, Co B -

Given mission to mine roads ()
against tank (Road block). 3 men sent on
this.

Plat relieved of defensive position at
La Fiere. Pulled back to bivouac (3296)
with 505 Inf.

~~7 June H&S Co landed on Red Beach, France, at
1600. Loaded in landing barges. Arr in
area 2 miles off beach at 1830. Dug in &
stayed for the night.~~

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From: 7 June 1944

To: 8 June 1944

Place:

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7 June Co A:

Take off Ramsbury and Aldermaster.
Landed (see glider commanders' report)
Assembly at (4093), here found out all
gliders OK.
Attached to 325 by General Ridgway,
moved to (362932).
Mission given to Co A. One squad to go
with 3rd Bn to blow bridges & culverts
at (328917) & (334918). 2nd Plat went with
2nd Bn to Chef du Pont (328938) to make
any road repairs necessary & remove ob-
stacles or mines.
Crater in fill blown at (334918)- 2 craters,
6 ft deep, 10 ft wide, one under each rail,
put cut across fill.
Blew out concrete culvert 20 ft gap (328917),
gap over water, roadbed 5 ft above water.
Co moved into bivouac (3496). Capt Jedrziwski
to Div Hq. Co A detached from 325 Inf.
Co moved to bivouac (337948)
8 June H&S Co landed on Red Beach, France, at 1600.
Loaded in landing barges. Arr in area 2 miles
off beach at 1830. Dug in & stayed for the night.

1st Glider Echelon:

Major Todd FA reports Div at (336962) can get
thru St Mere Eglise between shellings.
Radio contact with Co A, got their location
(336948). No word from Col Palmer.
Group moves from (381975) to Co A assembly area.
All joined at Co A area. Viette with Co A.
507 & 508 men go to Div for reporting back to
their units.
Lts Connally, Klein, & Finlayson and 42 EM of
3rd Plat Co B at (332959). Detached from 505,
now in Bn.

Co A:

Mission given Co A, reconn on river and river
crossings around Merderet River from (3293) to (3298).
Report turned in to Chief of Staff on Merderet River.
3rd Plat Co B detached from 505 & joined Bn.
Mission given to pick up equipment and supplies from
dropped bundles and gliders - mines, explosive,
dinghies, rations, ammunition. (Report on items rec'd).

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8 June 1944

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500 8 June Bn Hq:
Capt Kirkwood & T/Sgt Lott to Div Hq &
set up ADE function.
700 Capt Kirkwood given enemy situation.
1000 Capt Williams to Div Hq, picked up rations,
then to Corps Information Center (382932),
found them moved out.
1230 Lt Tribe & 2nd Plat of Co A moved out with
one Bn of 325 in an attack over RR bridge
(320967)-(315976)-(308972) mission to tape
underwater road and check for mines.
3rd Plat, Co B:
Platoon moved to new bivouac area (333971).
Relieved of duty with 505, back to bn.
Moved to biv at (332960).

9 June H&S Co:
Moved out of area to area (1) mi West of
St Mere Eglise at 1300. Arr at 1600 and
established OP & organized Bn at 1900.
Exec Off left for Div OP & returned at
2000. At 2200 S-4 left for ammo dump to
supply Co A.

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9 June 1944.

130 9 June Lt McDermott & 1st Plat Co A moved
to bridge (314956) to move wrecked
tanks & check for mines in our Div
advance over bridge towards AMFREVILLE
at (295968).
00 Capt Jedrziwski out to 1st & 2nd Plat
bridges to observe.
30 Capt Williams to Div Hq to get maps
request, was told by Major Ketterson
to hold up on request since Div
reserve had arrived.
00 Guide placed at St MERE EGLISE to
point in H&S Co who was said to be
moving up from beach.
30 Capt Williams to Corps Hqtrs at (4196)
to turn verbal engr situation report
to Corps Engr, covering the MEDERET
RIVER, the bridges, and the Div area,
having no mines in it. Gave out CP
location. That Col Palmer, Capt Johnson,
& two platoons of Co B have not been
contacted yet.
30 Capt Decker & Capt Gibson arrived at
CP from beaches.
10 2 messages from Major Bedell instructing
us to concentrate Bn at B Co area (333960).
45 Lt Connally & Lt Clausen picked up rubber
reconn boats for movement across MEDERET
at (318944) to 508 Prcht group.
30 Capt Decker moved to H&S Co biv at ()
to move H&S Co to Bn assembly area. Mr Miller
with 5 trucks still at beaches, they are
to come in later.
15 Capt Gibson, Lt Clausen, & Lt Connally
came by to pick up glider tow ropes to
operate ferry across MEDERET at (318944).

9 June 1944

130 9 June Lt Connally came with OK to move.
 210 Lt Klein on reconn for new biv.
 Lt Clausen & Capt Gibson return
 with glider tow ropes, pick up
 Lt Connally and take off for river
 crossing 1220. Above return to biv
 1230. Lt Connally to Div for inform-
 ation as to move. 1330 Sgt Meyer
 and parts of 2 squads returned to
 biv. Bridge was crossed and inundated
 road taped. Rest of Plat (2nd, Co A)
 (Lt Tribe) still across.
 345 Lt Clausen & Pvt Langner take load
 of Co A equipment to new area
 415 Capt Gibson to Div Hq.
 430 Bn CP to new area (332959)(Capt Williams)
 500 Capt Gibson Lt Clausen to new CP, then
 to Div Hq.
 600 H&S Co personnel arr at biv area (foot-
 sore due to wet shoes).
 605 Word sent to Major Bedell with Co A
 driver who ret for mine detectors that
 Bn is formed in forward biv.
 630 Capt Kirkwood came to Bn CP, reported
 Co A relieved fr attached to 325 Inf
 and are to maintain the road (314957)
 (302961). Sgt Meyer sent to Co A with
 10 men. Lt Clausen to (305960) to
 report to the Major.
 300 Capt Gibson reports rations in Div at
 2100 and that he was going to find
 Class I dump and get rations for tonite.
 Also reported 1 man killed, 1 wounded,
 in McDermott's platoon.
 310 Capt Jedrziewski came in for rations.
 330 Passwords given to Companies.
 335 Major Bedell returns to biv, reports
 at 1030 under barrage at 1040, 2 to 3
 hundred yds fr bridge, moved forward
 with assistance of medium tank. Hauled
 wrecked German vehicles off bridge &
 causeway & assisted 325 & 507 in attack
 across causeway and after plat reverted
 to Bn control it swept causeway for mines,
 and as far as the CP of 325 at road(309959).
 Apprx 1700 Lt McDermott's plat moved out NW
 fr 325 CP to reinforce right flank of 325. On
 causeway Co A plat lost 1 man killed, 1 miss-
 ing, 1 wounded.
 300 WP set up at (337957).

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From 0001 June 10

To 2400 June 10

Place.

130 S-4 returned from ammo dump with ammo for Co A.
 630 ~~Exec Off~~ Capt Johnson joined Bn. (See record of action).
 630 ~~S-4 returned from ammo dump with ammo for Co A.~~
 745 ADE arr at Bn CP fr Div.
 815 ADE returned to Div CP.
 855 Exec Off left for Div CP.
 915 S-4 delivered ammo to Co A at front.
 915 Exec Off returned from Div CP.
 920 S-2 left to locate map depot at ESB S-2, to find out
 availability of maps for Div.
 100 Exec Off left for front lines to contact Co A.
 105 S-4 returned from delivering ammo at front lines.
 110 S-2 reports back from ESB and gives report on map supply.
 145 Exec Off returns from front lines.
 200 ADE reports to Bn OP, with message for Exec Off.
 200 1 1145 CG desires continued study of the B Co was assigned this
 DOUVE RIVER fr present South bound- job at 1205.
 dary to ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.
 Are there any boats S of DOUVE
 330 S-2 left for Div CP.
 335 2 Div cemetery located 300 yds W of road
 junction (363933) Reported to S-2.
 345 3 Submit daily estimated loss report
 for last three days consolidated Reported to S-1.
 to date, thereafter for 24 hr per-
 iods to reach this Hq by 0430.
 345 4 17 SS Div reported unloading fr RR Reported to S-2.
 at ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE-LA HAYE
 DU PUTS - and LESSAY.
 400 5 508 reports trip wires attached to Reported to S-2.
 explosives on both sides of road
 at (310920). Don't know how far W
 they extend.
 445 S-2 reports back from Div. sends Lt Finlayson B Co to
 GRAINVILLE (307995) to check on mine fields.
 500 Co A was relieved fr front by 90th Div. Reported to
 biv area at 1600. 1 Off 4 EM wounded (see record of action).
 500 S-4 checks all Cos for rations
 300 Lt Whalen joined Bn (see record of action).
 320 Exec Off left for Div CP.
 330 Exec Off returns from Div CP.
 2000 6 1955 WP opened at (347969). Reported to ADE.
 330 Air raid in area. Bombs were dropped by 12 planes.
 No bombs hit engr area, but in adjoining areas. 2 planes
 shot down by our fighter planes. During this raid two EM
 were hit by shrapnel at WP located (347969). Raid ended
 at 0015.

0001 June 11

2400 June 11

00 Cpl Borges & Pvt Stevens, Co B, returned to Co. (See report of action);

10 Exec Off left for Div CP.

30 Exec Off returned from Div CP, and calls a meeting of all COs and staff at 1045.

50 Meeting adjourned. Subj: Discussion of personnel mines.

15 S-4 left for ammo dump at beach to get mines.

20 A detail of men from H&S Co left to pick up mines at 325 area.

55 Exec Off left for Div CP

00 Lt Klein B Co left to make reconn of bridge S of ETIENVILLE.

00 Capt Decker and 3 EM blew up one safe and two were opened with torch in ST MERE EGLISE. Money and documents were found and were turned over to CIC, G-2 Section.

10 S-1 left to make reconn on mine fields in 325 area.

45 S-1 returned from reconn.

50 Exec Off returned from Div CP.

15 1415 1 Our WP (347969) is being shelled. What action shall we take? Reported to ADE.

20 Lt Klein returned fr reconn of bridge S of ETIENVILLE, AND reports bridge intact.

30 Exec Off and Lt Klein left to make reconn of bridge S of ETIENVILLE.

00 Exec Off orders one plat of Co B to be atch to 508 for proposed attack in the vicinity of ~~LAISVILLE~~ LAVIENVILLE. Plat will be prepared to blow bridge.

1530 2 Two enemy fighter planes crossed area. Reported to G-2.

00 Capt Russell, Med Det, left to check on casualties of this unit at the 307 Med Co.

120 3 1100 Reports to 7th Corps at 0330 that parts of 17 SS PZ appeared in forest of CERISY T6570. AT gun & 2 men of SS captured near OARENTAN.

125 Exec Off & Lt Klein report back fr bridge reconn.

140 Exec Off and S-2 left for 7th Corps to check on bridge material.

1650 4 6E5 (63) 5F2 & 6F1 (63) 31/18 (50 each expected 31/18 NW, 31/16 NE & NW (50 each).

145 5 1100 Report last night of enemy use of gas vicinity ST MERE EGLISE investigated and found false.

120 S-4 returns fr ammo dump with mines.

125 Exec Off & S-2 returned fr 7th Corps.

130 Exec Off left for Div CP to report bridge material

140 Capt Russell, Med Det, returned fr 307 Med. No report on casualties.

125 Exec Off returned fr Div CP.

115 Lt Chaplinaki & 12 EM left for engr dump at Green beach to get bridge material.

130 2 EM reported to Bn fr 7th Corps with air compressor.

00 S-1 left for Div CP.

130 S-1 returned from Div CP.

140 S-3 left for Div CP.

2245 6 2240 All gliders of this unit have been accounted for. Reports have been submitted to G-2 on glider commander forms. Reported to G-1.

15 Lt Chaplinaki and detail return with bridge material.

15 S-3 reports back from Div CP.

NOTE: Co A made road reconn at LEISVILLE and bridge in area of BEUZEVILLE.

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120001 June

122400 June

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1800 S-4 left to G-4 to check on transportation.
1810 Exec Off left for G-3, Div CP.
1820 S-4 returned fr G-4.
1820 ADE reports to Bn CP with Div Field Order.
1855 S-4 left for supply dump at Green Beach.
0900 S-3 left for reconn.
0910 ADE returned to Div CP.
045 Exec Off returns fr Div CP
145 S-3 returns fr reconn.
155 S-1 left for Div CP.
210 S-4 returns fr supply dump.
300 S-4 left for supply dump for assault boats.
310 Exec Off left for Div CP.
315 S-3 left to make reconn.
400 Exec Off returned fr Div CP.
530 S-3 returned from reconn.
615 S-4 returned fr supply dump with assault boats.
730 H&S Co supply detail left to pick up life preservers.
740 Exec Off left for 508 CT area.
815 S-1 left for G-1 Div CP.
850 H&S Co supply detail returned with equipment.
855 S-1 returns fr Div CP.
930 Exec Off returns fr 508 CT.
2200 Capt Johnson aptd acting Exec Off, Lt Connally as acting
CO, Co B. Major Bedell has been acting Bn CO as of 6 June.
2215 Co A & 1st Bn of Co B 1st

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307 A/B Engr Bn

130001 June 44

132400 June 44

OUT

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Engrs put assault bridge across DOUVE RIVER and got troops across

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Engrs put Bailey Bridge across DOUVE RIVER. This was completed by 0730.

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S-4 in rear area was called to bring extra bridging material & mines forward.

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CG directs all gas masks in organization to be collected and put into a unit pool under supervision of Gas Off to be moved as organization equipment until situation calls for reissue.

30

S-1 & Comm Section returns fr bridge site.

15

Sgt Robinson & his squad of Co "A" who have led the assault troops with assault boats returned to area. (See record of action)

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Sgt Robinson, Co "A", reports thru Pvt Viette that French civilians say roads have been mined toward CHERBOURG. This was reported to S-3.

30

Word was received to move to new area.

00

CO arrives from bridge site. On his way back to CP he was shelled.

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Bn left area en route to new area. (299921) near MONTESSEY Arr at 1800 and set up CP.

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Co "A" returned fr bridge site, after having led the assault across DOUVE RIVER.

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CO left for Div CP.

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2 EM of Co "B" returned to their unit.

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1710 WP at (347969) closed.

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WP opened at (299927).

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CO returned fr Div CP.

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One plat, Co "B", still with 505 Inf to blow bridges & other engr work.

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From 140001 June 1944
TO 142400 June 1944
Place _____

TIME N OUT	SERIAL NO.	ITEM DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
30			Lt Finlayson and a small detail of men, Co B, left area to sweep roads clear of mines behind front lines from ETIEN-VILLE to ST SADVEUR LE VICOMTE.	
30	1	1020	Champion requests you put up signs marking WP.	
45			CO left for bridge site.	
25			Area East of engrs has been strafed by four German fighter planes. This was reported to G-2.	
45			CO returns fr bridge site.	
XX1330	2		WP opened at (297927)	Sent to ADE.
45			Exec Off and Asst S-4 left for Green Beach for engr supplies.	
45			CO and H&S CO left to make recon at front lines.	
30	3		Request 100 copies of following maps: 1/150,000 - 6E5 LA HAYE DUPUITS; 1/25,000 - 31/18 SE CARENTAN	Reported to S-2.
45			S-1 left to make recon.	
30			3 men fr Co B reported to their unit. (See record of action).	
45			CO and H&S CO returns fr making recon at front lines.	
30			Exec Off and Asst S-4 returned fr Green Beach.	
30			S-1 returns fr recon.	
0	4		Keep G-4 informed of no. of vehicles captured. Captured vehicles will be kept within unit area when possible. Will not be sent outside the Div area under any circumstances.	Reported to S-4.
5			Lt Finlayson and detail of men return fr sweeping roads for mines at front lines.	
0			Lt Klein reported to Co B. (See record of action).	
			Co "A" standing by to assist 325 Inf in engr work.	

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HEADQUARTERS
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
APO 469, U. S. ARMY

14 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statement of French Civilian to a Soldier of This Unit.

TO : G-2, 82nd Airborne Division.

No. ?, a Frenchman of Chef du Pont, who was forced to take a wagon load of supplies (oats or gasoline) to Cherbourg for the Germans on or about June 1st, reported the following:

1. 6 "very large" anti-aircraft guns 500 meters (direction?) from RR station at VALOGNES.

2. 3 kilometers Northwest of VALOGNES at the bridge on the CHERBOURG road there is a house "Maison de Maitre" which must be a communications center because there are many wires and cables coming to it from all directions.

3. Going "down the hill" on the VALOGNES - CHERBOURG road just before entering CHERBOURG there are many mines placed in the road (AT?). These are dug right into the road surface, cemented in and covered with a coating of sand. They are well camouflaged. On this mountain there is plenty of ammunition and much artillery (type ?) in 4 ft thick concrete emplacements, all dug into the ground. Ammunition also in caves.

For the Division Engineer:

R. K. Williams
R. K. WILLIAMS,
Capt., 307 A/B Engr. Bn.,
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From: 150001 June 1944

To : 152400 June 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
0930				S-3 left to make recon on WPs.	
1145				S-1 left for G-1, Div CP.	
1205				CO left for Advanced Div CP.	
1230				WP was moved to (297927).	Reported to ADE
1300				S-1 returned fr Div CP.	
1310				CO returned fr Adv Div CP.	
1445				CO left enroute to front lines.	
1600				CO returned fr front lines.	
1725				CO left for Div CP.	
1800				S-3 left to locate and setup new WP in 508 Area.	
1805				CO returned fr Div CP.	
1925				S-3 returned and reports WP opened at (290882).	Reported to ADE.
1955				S-3 left to Corps Hq. Also to make recon on supply dumps.	
2050				S-3 returned fr Corps Hq.	
2130				CO left for Div CP.	
2210				CO returned fr Div CP and calls meeting of all COs and staff.	
2230				Meeting adjourned.	
2330				Bn got some information on Col Palmer by Pfc Martin, Co B, who was driving truck for 1st Bn 508 Inf. This report is in the hands of a M/Sgt of 1st Bn 508, also several Officers of 508.	

Co B searched for mines in forward CP area.

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From 160001 June 44

To 162400 June 44

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
0830				ADE arr at Bn CP and reports a German counterattack in the 9th Div area, which occurred during the night.	
0845				ADE left for Forward Div CP.	
0945				CO left for Div CP to check reports of Col Palmer.	
1115				CO returned fr Div CP and reports that there are no basis on the report on Col Palmer.	
1120				S-3 left to make recon for new WP.	
1300				S-3 returned and reported new location for WP (251944).	
1355				CO left for Div CP. Then to Corps Hq to check on bridging material.	
1410				S-3 section left to set up WP.	
1445		1	1220	All units except inf units will collect hand grenades and turn them over to inf units or to Div Ammo Off.	
1545				Lt Whalen and 4 mine detector teams Br B Co left to search for mines and booby traps with the 505 CT	Reported to S-4
1745		2		Forward WP opened at (251944)	Reported to ADE.
1745		3	1430	Submit requests for Class 2 supplies urgently needed.	Reported to S-4.
2020				Lt Whalen and 4 mine detector teams returned. Reports no mines or booby traps have been found in 505 CT area, nor in STSAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.	
2020				4 men report to Co B fr ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. (See record of action).	
2215				S-1 returns fr recon on burials of our men in this Bn. Reports 5 found at Church in RAUVILLE (212949).	
2230				CO returns fr Corps Hq. Also fr front lines. He has ordered the Bailey Bridge fr Corps Hq to front lines. This was brought forward. He then supervised putting this bridge across the DOUVE RIVER at (197947). The pneumatic float bridge also was put across the river in this sector.	

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1 meter apart along hedge row. This field was reported to the 148TH ENGRS for removal.

For the Division Engineer:

A. F. Williams
H. K. WILLIAMS
Capt., 307 A/B Engr Bn.,
S-2 and S-3.

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To 172400 June

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0800				CO left for Div CP to attend meeting on bridge our engrs are to put across DOUVE RIVER South of ETIENVILLE.	
1030				S-1 left for Div CP with reports and identification of 5 men fr this Bn who are buried at (212949). He then went to (212949) for more information on these men, also 3 others.	
1050				S-3 left to check WPs then to rocket gun emplacement at (228944). Then make recon on bridge across DOUVE RIVER.	
1150				CO returns fr meeting at Div CP. Also brings Lt Cappa back to Bn fr Div CP. (See record of action of Lt Cappa.	
1315				S-1 returns fr (212949) graveyard and reports 2 more burials but no identification.	
1400				S-3 returns fr WPs reports that Pfc Porwarelli whom when being shelled last night left WP en route to Bn CP. Thus far he has not reported in to Bn CP. S-3 also states while at CROSSVILLE he has discovered Co Hq papers fr 1058th Reg. All papers have been turned over to G-2. S-3 also reports he has taken pictures of bridge at ST SAUVEUR while being bombed by the Germans.	
1500				Pvt Bishop, Med fr Co B, returns to his unit. (See record of action on Pvt Bishop).	
1600		1	1430	New Div Ord Dump located at (266949). Reported to S-4.	
2140				Capt Russell has been called to 80th AA Bn to the scene of one man fr the 505 Inf who has shot himself in the arm. He rendered first aid and then sent the patient to hosp. Capt Russell then returned to area at 2215.	

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From 180001 June

To 182400 June

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0920				CO left for Div CP to a meeting being held there.	
1015				S-3 left for Div CP to deliver maps to G-2.	
1130				CO returns from Div CP and reports subject of meeting was on bridge and situation for tonights operation.	
1145				S-3 returns fr Div CP, has delivered maps to G-2, and has situation. Also checked WPs.	
1200				Capt Russell reports Pfc Percarelli in 128th Evac Hosp.	
1210				Exec O and Lt Klein, Co B, left for 507 area to attend a meeting with Gen Howe.	
1600				Exec AO and Lt Klein return fr meeting with Gen Howe. Exec O then reports to CO that the meeting was on discussion on bridge which the Engrs are to put across DOUVE RIVER.	
1600 - 2000				Engr Cos were loading bridging material in preparation and getting ready for tonights mission.	
2210				Co A moves out to crossing site SE of LES MOITIERS - en - BAUPTDIS. Here they will taken one Bn of 325 across on assault boats. This was accomplished without a shot being fired.	
2220				Lt Klein & 1 plat of Co B left area to construct a jeep bridge W of CRETTEVILLE across a stream that leads into DOUVE RIVER. This was done to assist the 507 Inf across	
2230				Lt Cappa and 1 squad of Co B ferried one squad of the 325 across DOUVE RIVER W of ETIENVILLE to act as diversionary effort.	
2240				Lt Whalen and 1 squad of Co B left and moved across DOUVE RIVER behind the 325 to clear the town of LES MOITIERS - en - BAUPTOIS of mines and booby traps.	

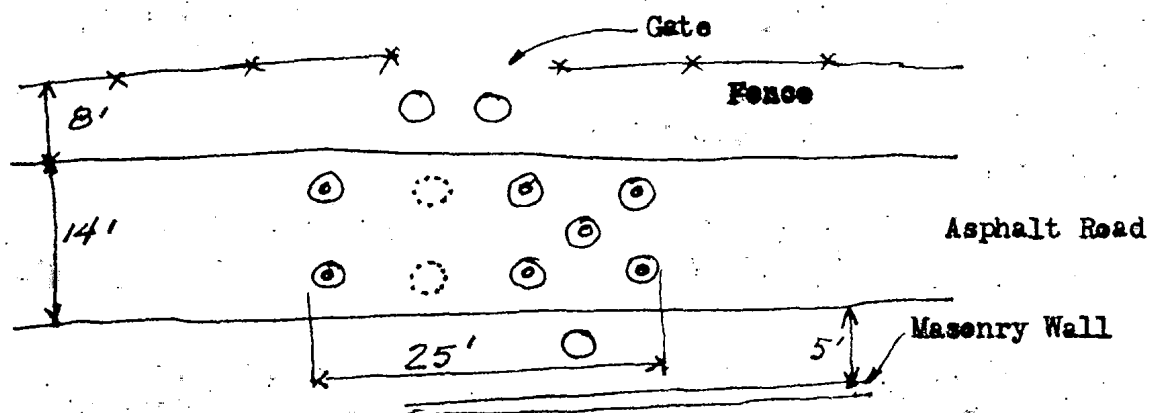
Weather: clear.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr BnFrom 190001 June
To 192400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0030			Co A completed ferrying one Bn of 325 across DOUVE RIVER at (278910) using 25 assault boats for this operation. This was completed without a shot being fired.	
0035			One Plat of Co B completed foot bridge across stream at (282897) to assist 507 across.	
0230			This plat of Co B constructed a bridge for jeeps and anti-tank guns across (278891). This was completed by 0400.	
0400			One plat of Co B started work on bridge at (276891) which had been damaged by shell fire.	
0730			Co A ferried one Bn of 508 across DOUVE RIVER at (278910). This was completed at 0930.	
1010			All bridges were in, troops and vehicles moving across.	
1045			Cos moved back to biv area. Left small no. of men by bridge to defend and maintain bridges.	
1050			S-3 left for Div CP to draw up defensive line for Div.	
1200			Corps Engrs arr at bridge site and put treadway bridges across.	
1220			Exec O left for VIII Corps to make plans for Bailey bridge.	
1245			CO returns fr bridge site.	
1310			S-3 returns fr Div CP and reports to CO. Defensive lines have been drawn up and overlays have been made.	
1415			CO left for Div CP.	
1700			CO returns fr Div CP reports subject of meeting was divisions next operation.	
1800			Div has been transferred into VIII Corps. This was reported by S-3.	
2210	1	2210	Bridge completed at 2210.(278891). Reported to CO.	
2215	2		Explosives left by 207 Engrs for bridge should they be placed.	Reported to S-1.

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- 3 - No. 1 Teller mines, right side up.
- ⊙ 7 - No. 3 Teller mines, upside down, buried in asphalt
- ⊖ 2 - Filled holes, no mines, dummy.

No multiple mines, no beebie traps.

No mines in surrounding fields.

All work new. Mines had been in place no more than two days.

SKETCH: DETAIL OF GERMAN MINED ROAD BLOCK AT (259881).
CLEARED 1830 JUNE 20, 1944.
NO SCALE.

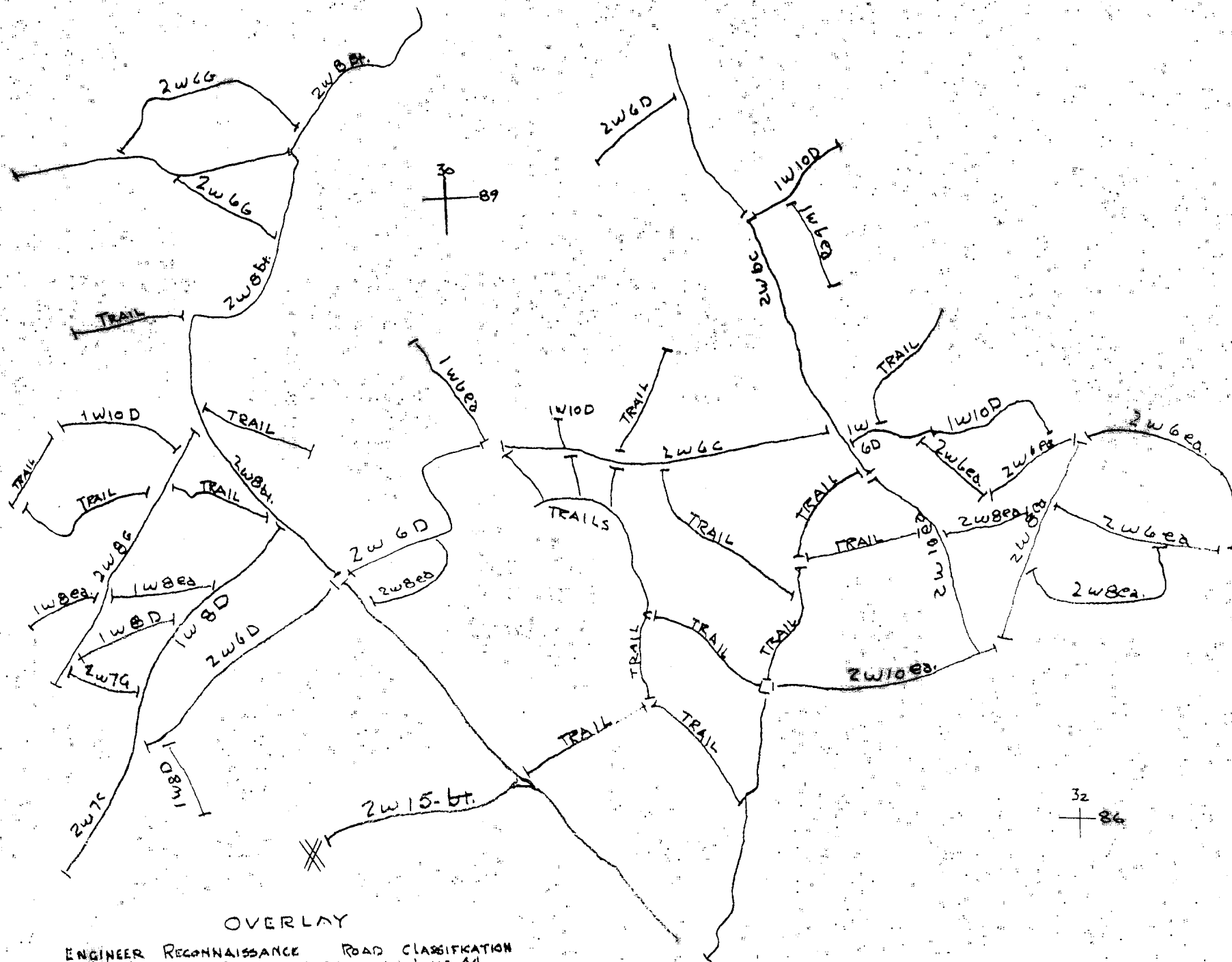
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Organization 307th A/B Engr. Bn.

From 210001 June
To 212400 June

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0810				Bn left biv area at (299921) en route to new biv area at (268904) S of LES MOITIERS EN BAUPTOIS.	
1000				CP was set up and reported to G-3.	
1015				G-4, Capt Marion, called S-4 to furnish the Div Arty with 2 camouflage nets, 27 x 27. These were picked up at supply dump and delivered to Div Arty.	
1040				Telephone message from G-4 to make shortage of all signal T/E and report to G-4 by 1200. This was reported to S-1 and S-4.	
1100				ADP called and asked for location of engr troops. This was reported to S-3 and a reply was made by S-3.	
1300		1		Officers sales store opened at (400960). Reported to all Officers.	
1530				WP closed at (252944).	Reported to AD
1630				CO calls meeting of all Os on discussion of next operation.	
1700				Meeting adjourned.	
1705		2	1315	Casualties with fractures are reaching 307 Clearing Sta without splints and in shock. No casualties will be evacuated unless adequately splinted. Speed in evacuation cannot replace adequate medical care.	Reported to Med C
1705		3	1315	Report losses to date of medical personnel, officers, & EM, replacements received if any. Replacements Os & EM required to bring to combat strength, i.e. T/O, plus 15%. Report required 22 June 1200.	Reported to Capt Russell.
1705		4	1405	Shortage report due this date from Champagne compass lensatic, 1 each.	Reported to S-4.
1710				CO left for Div CP.	
1900				CO returned fr Div CP reports operation delayed for 24 hrs.	
2010		5	1830	Corrected location of Os Sales Store is (390940). PW collecting point at (263890) open at 22 June 0700.	Reported to All Os & S-3.
2220		6	1805	Request 307 Engrs clear areas and routes shown on attached overlay of booby traps & mines as soon as possible. Recommend this be accomplished by C Liaison fr 307th. Report to Hq 505 to coordinate with 505 Demol	Reported to CO.

Weather: Cloudy with rain until noon. Afternoon clear.



OVERLAY

ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION AREA 21 JUNE 44
 MAP: 1:25,000 SHEET 31/18 SE

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Organization 307th A/B EngrBnFrom 220001 June
To 222400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0130			Telephone call fr Challenge wants 2 squads fr Co B report to 505 at 0730 to remove mines and booby traps at BOIS de LIMORS.	
0245			Telephone call fr Challenge stating that 2 squads fr Co B to report to 505 at 1000.	Reported to CO
0400			G-2 calls S-2 and orders the password to be changed & to use alternate instead of regular password.	
0830			CO left for Div CP.	
0900			Lt Cappa and 1 plat of Co B left area to remove mines & booby traps as ordered by 505 Inf. from (240912) S to (232893).	
0910			CO returns fr Div CP with orders of defense for operation which has been delayed for 24 hrs.	
0920			CO calls a meeting of staff and Co Comdrs and explains order of defense.	
1015			CO and Exec O left to make recon of switched position.	
1050	1	0930	Units will submit estimate of transportation required to move entire units to a rear area or a port. On drawing up these estimates it will be assumed that a transportation has been turned in.	Reported to CO
1115			CO and Exec O return fr recon.	
1205			CO left for Div CP.	
1400			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1535 1535	2		A P51 with Allied striping dove and made a strafing run going N along road (264890) to (262904). No MG fire heard.	Reported to G-2
1635	3		One round airburst approx (269904) from AZ 250. Guess 105mm, 1 gun.	Reported to G-2
1639	4		One round airburst approx (269904) from AZ 250. Same gun.	Reported to G-2
1657	5		One round cal unknown 88 (?) from AZ 220. Landed at (268905) engr area.	Reported to G-2
1800			Two suspicious men were apprehended, who were wandering around in engr area. These men were turned over to S. Later turned to CIC.	
1930			CO left for Div CP.	
1945	6	1835	Road clear fr road junction (232892) to (234902) and fr road junction (244901). Four Teller mines, 1 S mi one prepared explosive found at coord (232891).	
2010			CO returns fr Div CP.	Reported to S-4

Weather: Clear.

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Organization 307 A/B Engr Bn

From 230001 June 44

To 232400 June 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0001			Detail fr Co A put in road screens to conceal crossroad at (263890) fr observation at church ST JORES (267851). This consisted of vertical 29' x 29' camouflage nets placed across road at (263889) and (263886).	
0200			Co A detail returned to area.	
0800			Bn standing by for next operation. 1 plat of Co B still with 505 Inf.	
1200	1	2030	Consolidated material status report due at Champion 4 by 1200 24 June.	Reported to S-4.
1215			Sgt Green fr 826th Aviation Bn was atchd to Engr Bn to keep situation with S-2 and keep his Bn informed on the situation.	
1245			CO left for Div CP.	
1330			S-2 left for inspection of camouflage work which had been done by Co A.	
1345			A detail fr each Co left to check all roads in division area and forward to front lines for mines and booby traps.	
1410			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1415			S-2 returns fr camouflage inspection.	
1550			CO left for Div CP.	
1600	2	1530	Submit material status report to appropriate supply branches by 1200 24 June.	Reported to S-4.
1600	3	1600	Meeting at Champion 4 at 2000 tonight. Should attend.	Reported to S-4.
1620			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1700			CO puts orders out to all men in Bn to pick up all mines seen laid along shoulders of road. This order was issued to a 2-1/2 ton truck from 508 Inf blown up and burned at 1245 this date. Approximately 150 yards of crossroad (263890).	
1730			WP closed at (290882).	Reported to ADE.
1800			Details fr Cos report back fr search for mines along roads. Co B reports 6 cases of mines plus 1 mine without spider or detonator at (309909). Lt Finlayson reports picked up 28 mines at crossroad (281868). Lt Whalen reports picked up 2 mines at (276895). Co A reports: Lt Ogan picked up 15 mines at (268878), 1 mine at (277891), also reports our inf has mine field at of 20 mines at (267876). Mine field at of 15 mines across road N of bridge (265872). Mine field of 20 mines across road at (260882). Daisy chain of 10 mines at (251884). Mine field of 15 mines at (250886). Mine field of 20 min at crossroad (262889). These mine fields are properly guarded.	

Weather: Clear.

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Organization 307 A/B EngrBn

From 240001 June
To 242400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0815			CO left for Div CP.	
0940			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1030			Detail of 5 men fr Co A sent out to put up camouflage nets across road at (263899), also repair one that had been torn down by truck at (263896).	
1305			CO left for Div CP.	
1400			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1500			Co A sends detail out to put up camouflage net at (263886), also put up sign markers "low nets".	
1525x 1525	1		Inclosed keys were found near the truck that was wrecked by mines.	Reported to CO, 508.
1535			Telephone call fr MP Plat stating that camouflage nets put up by Co A have been torn down. These nets are at the MP outpost (263886).	
1540	2	1400	Engr Bn will take over the guarding of bridges at (280892) and (269928) eff 241800.	Reported to CO.
1550			S-2 left to make recon for new WP.	
1 1700	3		Phone to be put in for VINDEFONTAINE bridge guard can be put in anytime after 1800 this date. To be installed at road junction (282892). Report of Sgt Loveless who is in charge of guard. Sent to CO, Sig Co.	
1700			Co A is furnishing guard at bridges at (280892) and (269928), guard starting at 1800 this date.	
1715			Co A detail returns fr putting up camouflage nets.	
1720			S-3 returns fr recon for WP and reports one has been located at (273908).	
1815	4		Bridge telephones are installed, ETIENVILLE bridge will be called bridge no. 1, VINDEFONTAINE bridge will be called bridge no. 2.	Reported to CO.
1815 1845	5		WP opened at (273908).	Reported to ADE.

Co B still with 505 Inf, cuts roads in the BOIS DE LIMORS fr (233898) to (239902), fr (241902) to (238908), fr (237906) to (230901) to by-pass crossroads at (234903) which is under observation and constant shell fire.

2315 Lt Cappa and his plat of Co B report back to Bn fr 505 Inf.

Weather: Clear.

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Organization 307 A/B Engr Bn

From 250001 June
To 252400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0730			WP closed at (273908).	Reported to ADE.
0800			Lt Whalen & his plat of Co B left Bn attached to 505 Inf to build roads in 505 area.	
1040			CO left for Div CP.	
1100			Two prisoners were turned in by bridge guards to S-2, who in turn turned them in to PW inclosure.	
1135			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1600			Bn was resupplied with new clothing.	
1715			Red Cross has supplied Bn with smokes and toilet articles.	
1800			Lt Whalen and his plat of Co B return to Bn fr 505 Inf. Reports they have repaired expedient bridge at (232904). Also built roads at (228901), (227907), (220903) to bring ammo to front lines.	

Shelling by 88s prolonged throughout the day by the enemy.

Weather: Clear.

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Organization 307 A/B Engr. Bn.

From 260001 June
To 262400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0235	1	0215	All Arty TD'S and tanks with VIII Corps will fire 1/2 hr. Arty preparations starting at 260730 to simulate corps attack. Maximum of 1/6 unit of fire will be used for this purpose. The 81mm and the 60mm mortars will be fired from primary alterante or other positions at the discretion of commanders concerned.	Reported to CO.
1330			CO left for Div CP.	
1405			Report fr G-3 friendly mines previously reported by 90th Div as being at (085889) is corrected to read (084889) which places mines of West side of road.	Reported to CO
1420			CO returns fr Div CP and reports Germans announce fall of CHERBOURGH. Our Hq reports there is still street fighting going on.	and S-3, ret to G-3.
2300			Shelling occurred in and around Engr area.	

Co "A" guarding bridges as previously reported.

Weather: Cloudy with light rain.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 270001 June

To 272400 June

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0920				MP Plat reports camouflage net torn down at Post #1.	
0925				Detail fr Co A left to repair camouflage net at Post #1.	
0930				Recon was made for duds and shell holes. Shelling occurred between 2230 and 2300. No duds or shell holes have been found in Engr area.	
1000				Orders have been put out by this Hq to all Co's that no food of any kind will be purchased by personnel of this Bn.	
1035				Report of friendly mine fields fr G-3 giving location Reported to S-3 and returned to G-	
1040		1		Report of simulated attack at 260730. Reported to CO and S-3.	
1100				Detail of Co A returns fr repairing camouflage net at MP Post #1.	
1155				MP Plat reports camouflage net torn down at Post #3.	
1210				Detail fr Co A left to repair camouflage net at MP Post #3.	
1410				CO left for Div CP.	
1450				Detail fr Co A returns fr repairing camouflage net at MP Post #3.	
1635				CO returns fr Div CP.	
1930				G-2 awaits Corps return fr CHERBOURGH and reports the damage in CHERBOURGH is not as great as has been expected and that the port will be in operation within a short time.	

Division announced fall of CHERBOURGH. No official time has been sta

Co A guarding bridges, as previously reported.

Weather: FAIR.

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From 280001 June 44

To 282400 June 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0915			CO left for 505 and Div CP.	
1125			CO returns fr 505 and Div CP.	
1130	1	1030	Champion DAO opened at (261919).	Reported to S-4.
1150	2		Recon plane for 28 & 29 will be the same as had been for 27 & 28 with the exception of the lang range recon which will be continued.	Reported to S-3.
1200	3	1145	Gen Order #27 FUSA dtd 18 June 44, Subj Ltr Conduct of Troops in Service Areas, and inclosure FUSA Ltr dtd 18 June 44 will be read to all Cos by roster, to be read in groups not to exceed a squad in size. Report in writing will be turned into this Hq by 281800.	Reported to all COs.
1235			S-3 left for 1st Army Map Depot at (415930) to pickup maps for Div.	
1440			S-3 returns fr 1st Army Map Depot and reports maps have been received.	
1750			CO left for Div CP.	
1800			S-3 left for 505 Inf and Div Arty to make arrangements for operations to occur during the night.	
1830			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1910	4		Do not send patrols West of causeway.	Reported to CO, S-3.
1915	5		CO to report to G-3 at 2000.	Reported to CO.
1945			CO left for Div CP.	
2040			CO returns fr Div CP.	
2110			CO left for Div CP.	
2130	6		ADE has contacted Div Arty on tonight's operation.	Reported to S-3.
2130	7		G-2 orders maps to be picked up by our S-3.	Reported to S-3.
2135			S-3 left for Div G-2.	
2145			S-3 returns fr Div G-2 and reports maps for G-2 will be picked up in the morning.	
2230			CO returns fr Div CP.	

Co "B", Lt Finlayson and his recon party, has prepared and made a recon of routes to be used in tonight's mission.

Co "A" guarding bridges as previously reported.

Weather: Clear.

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From 290001 June
To 292400 June

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0205			Recon party under Lt Finlayson of Co B left Bn area.	
0430			Recon party of Co B returned. See record of action of recon party.	
0820			S-3 left to pick up maps at 1st Army Map Depot.	
0830			CO left for Div CP.	
0915			CO returns fr Div CP and explains situation to staff.	
1100			CO left for Div CP.	
1115			S-3 returns fr 1st Army Map Depot with maps.	
1215			CO returns fr Div CP and calls meeting of all staff and COs.at 1315.	
1345			Meeting adjourned. Subj: Discussion on next operation, CO giving situation.	
1640			S-3 left for 1st Army Supply Echelon.	
2115			S-3 returns fr 1st Army Supply Echelon.	

Co "A" guarding bridges as previously reported.

Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.

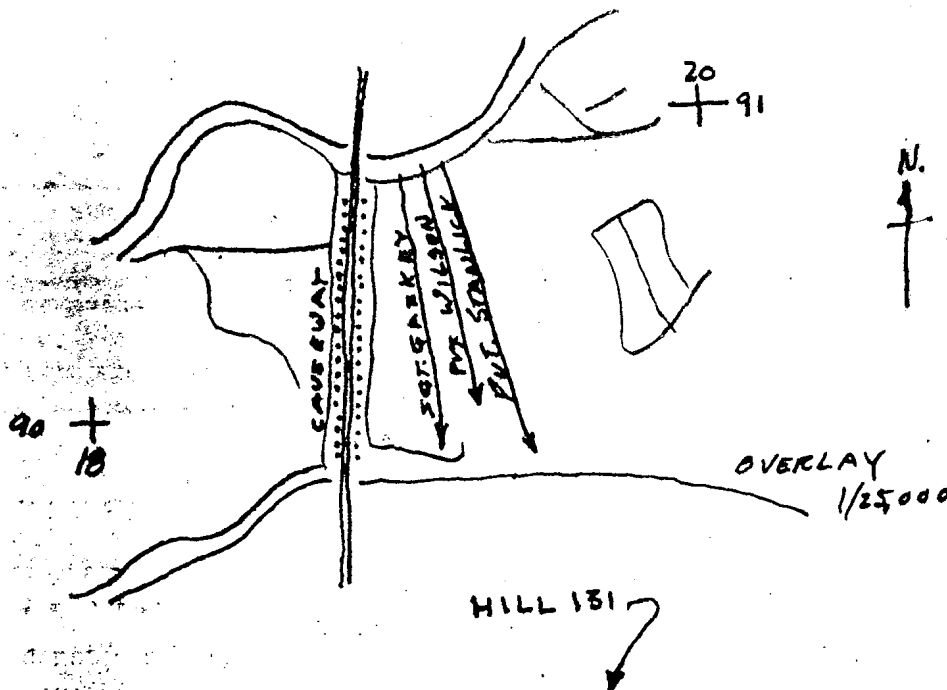
HEADQUARTERS
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
APO 469, U. S. ARMY

29 June 1944.

REPORT FROM SGT GASKEY, PVT STANLICK, AND PVT WILSON, men from 3rd platoon, Co "B", 307 A/B Engr. Bn., and members of a patrol which made an engr reconnaissance of the condition of PRAIRIES MARCAGNEUSE just East of the causeway (189903).

LT FINLAYSON, Platoon Commander, on asking for volunteers, had every member of his platoon apply for membership in the patrol.

The patrol left from (191908) (see overlay), each member working independently at 50 yard intervals. This was at 0205 29 June 44 after the moon had gone down. No one fired on the reconnaissance personnel. Sgt GASKEY and Pvt WILSON returned at 0310. Pvt STANLICK returned at 0340.



Statement of SGT GASKEY:

I left the hedge row on the North side of the PRAIRIES, distance from the hedge row to the bank of the creek about 20 yards. There was 3 or 4 inches of water in this area but the ground was hard. I attempted wading the creek and went up over my shoulders before getting half way across, so I went 5 or 6 yards to the East and waded across there. The creek here was up to my neck, about 5 ft 6 inches deep and 15 ft to 20 ft wide. The creek bottom was semi-fluid mud and I was up to my knees in mud, accounting for only 3 ft 6 inches of water above the mud. The South bank was dry and 6 inches above the water. There was a hedge row across the PRAIRIE so I walked across upright. The whole PRAIRIE is covered with grass, some 6 inches high and some 24 inches high.

Every 10 to 15 yards I got down and felt of the ground for water but it was dry. I believe a jeep could drive across the PRAIRIES here. The PRAIRIES looked as if water had been there at one time but had dried up. There were a few shell holes, but there was no water in them. None of the grass was matted down and it seemed that no cattle or personnel had been in this area. There are anti-landing poles on the PRAIRIES but no barbed wire on them. I went within 20 yards of the hedge row on the South of the PRAIRIES. I could see that the ground was dry and sloped up to the hedge row, for the Germans were using some flares. I couldn't find another creek on the South side of the PRAIRIE. There were several dips for rivulets, all across but all were dry. I came back by the same route checking the above information. I met PVT WILSON, and we came in together. There were no indications of anti-personnel or anti-tank mines. I believe we did not leave paths across PRAIRIES because the grass is of different tallnesses and we did not go in an exact straight line. A man could cross the PRAIRIES in a low crouch and not be silhouetted all the way across. The water in my shoes made a loud noise whenever I hit the ground. During the crossing and return I saw no lights in German territory but I heard a great deal of heavy motor traffic. It sounded like heavy trucks coming in very low gear and as if they were turning off a main road. These sounds came from just West of HILL 131.

Statement of PVT WILSON:

I left the hedge row at approximately (191908) and going generally South went 15 yards to the edge of water. For 5 yards the water was 6 inches deep with hard bottom. Next the creek was 5 ft 6 inches deep of which about 2 feet was muck bottom. The other bank of the creek was hard ground but was covered with from 2 inches to 4 inches of water. This extended for about 30 yards in what seemed to be a flat place in the PRAIRIES. The ground out on the PRAIRIES was dry and completely covered with water-grass from 6 inches to 24 inches high. There were spots in the PRAIRIE where it seemed a mortar shell had hit and the grass was laid open. The ground was only damp in these places. I saw no cow dung, no barbed wire, and no mines. It sounded like Broadway, all the German trucks moving around on what must have been the main road just West of HILL 131. The sounds were like those of heavy trucks. I did not hear any tracked vehicles. There were machinegun bursts every now and then to the Southeast, apparently indicating the progress of our infantry patrols. I got to within about 150 yards from the South hedge row when I heard someone up ahead of me. I thought this might be a German listening post; as I circled around towards the causeway, I heard someone else and I hit the ground. I could see a man for 30 yards for he was silhouetted against the West where there were no hills. I recognized this man as a member of our patrol. Mostly because we were not wearing helmets. It was Sgt GASKEY coming back in, so I returned with him. The tall grass in the PRAIRIE is wiry and makes a lot of noise as you pass through it.

Statement of PVT STANLICK:

I left the hedge row at approximately (191908) to make the easternmost reconnaissance run. It was 20 yards from the hedge to the edge of the creek. It was all solid ground and under 4 inches of water. The creek was 5 ft deep

and 6 ft wide. For about 40 yards beyond the creek the ground was under about 4 inches of water with hard ground underneath. There were some shell holes in the PRAIRIE, some about 4 ft deep. There was no water in these shell holes. The ground under the sods seemed to be a dry gumbo and peat-like. The only paths I saw seemed to be like muskrat runs. I saw no cattle paths. There were anti-landing posts in the PRAIRIE but there was no barbed wire on them. There were no indications of mines. There was no one firing from the opposite side and I proceeded all the way over and back upright. The grass on the PRAIRIE varies. In some patches it is about 24 inches high, elsewhere about 8 inches to 10 inches. I didn't see any cow dung indicating cattle had been in this area. I think a jeep could cross if it stayed out of shell holes and if there were bridging over the creek. About 50 yards from the South side hedge I ran into water 6 inches deep but under the water I sank in mud knee deep. This spot was 10 ft wide. From the South edge of the water to the hedge the ground sloped up and was dry, like the PRAIRIE.

It is believed that along the South edge of the PRAIRIE ~~SECTION~~ at this point there is not a continuous stream line but a series of "duck ponds" or low spots holding water.

For the Division Engineer:

R. E. Williams
R. E. WILLIAMS,
Capt., 307 A/B Engr. Bn.,
S-2 and S-3.

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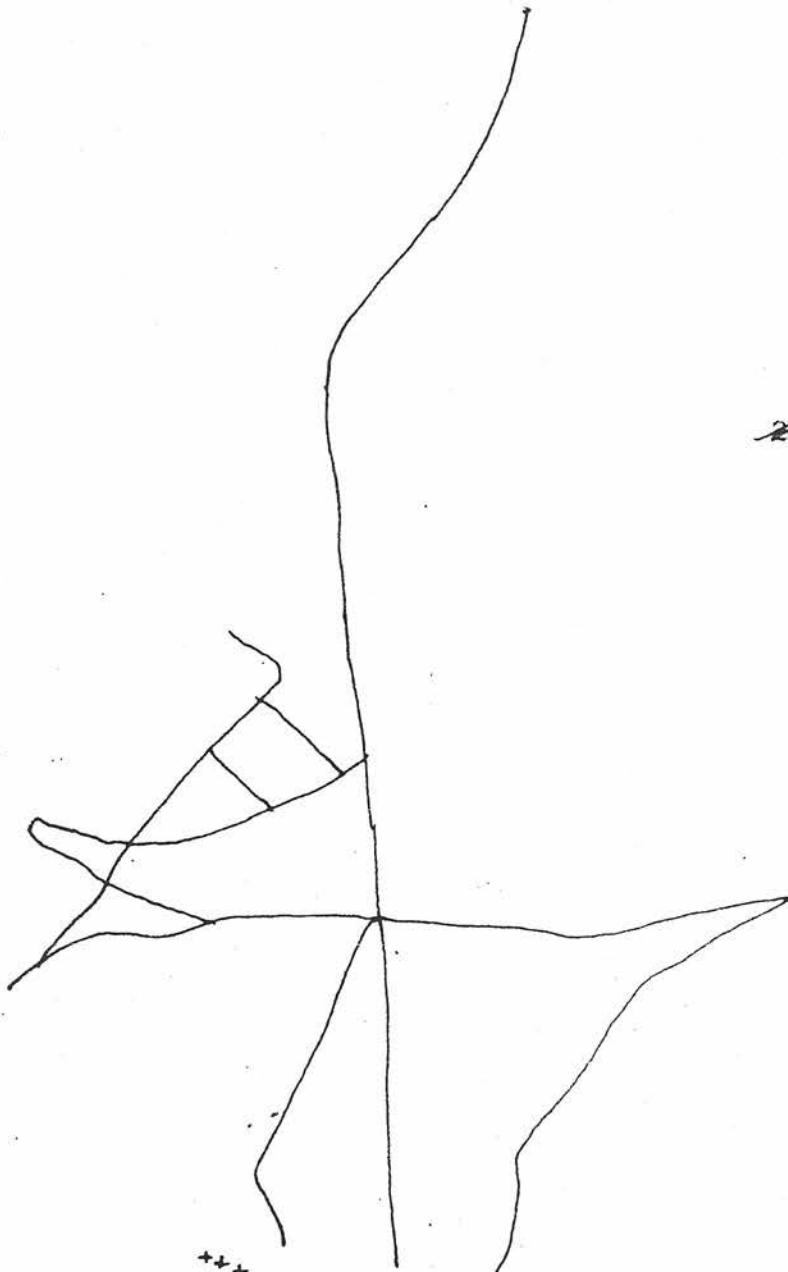
To 302400 June 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0845			CO left for Div CP.	
0930			CO returns fr Div CP.	
0945	1	0830	All units should have on hand 1 complete shelter tent for ea Oand for ea 2 EM. Notify G-4 of existing shortages and submit requisitions therefor to OM at once.	Reported to S-4
1000			CO calls meeting of all COs and staff.	
1020			Meeting adjourned. Subj: Planning of next operation.	
1200			Lt Klein and plat of Co B left area to lay "Sommerfield" road mats fr BOIS DE LIMORS (239902) to (234898). This is being built for 505 and 508 Inf for the use of 2-1/2 ton trucks. This plat also removed 4 Teller mines at (231898).	
1500			Co A guard detail was relieved fr guarding bridge at (269928) by Corps Engrs.	
1545	2		CO of Co B to report to Regt Comdr at Challenge Regtl CP at 1600.	Reported to CO of Co B.
1600			Lt Cappa and plat of Co B left Bn area to relieve Lt Klein's plat laying "Sommerfield" road mats.	
1800			Lt McDermott and plat of Co A left area and joined Lt Cappa's plat of Co B laying "Sommerfield" road mats near BOIS DE LIMORS area.	
2350			Co A and B platoons completed road work and returned to Bn area.	

Company "A" still guarding bridge at (280892).

Weather: Fair with scattered clouds.

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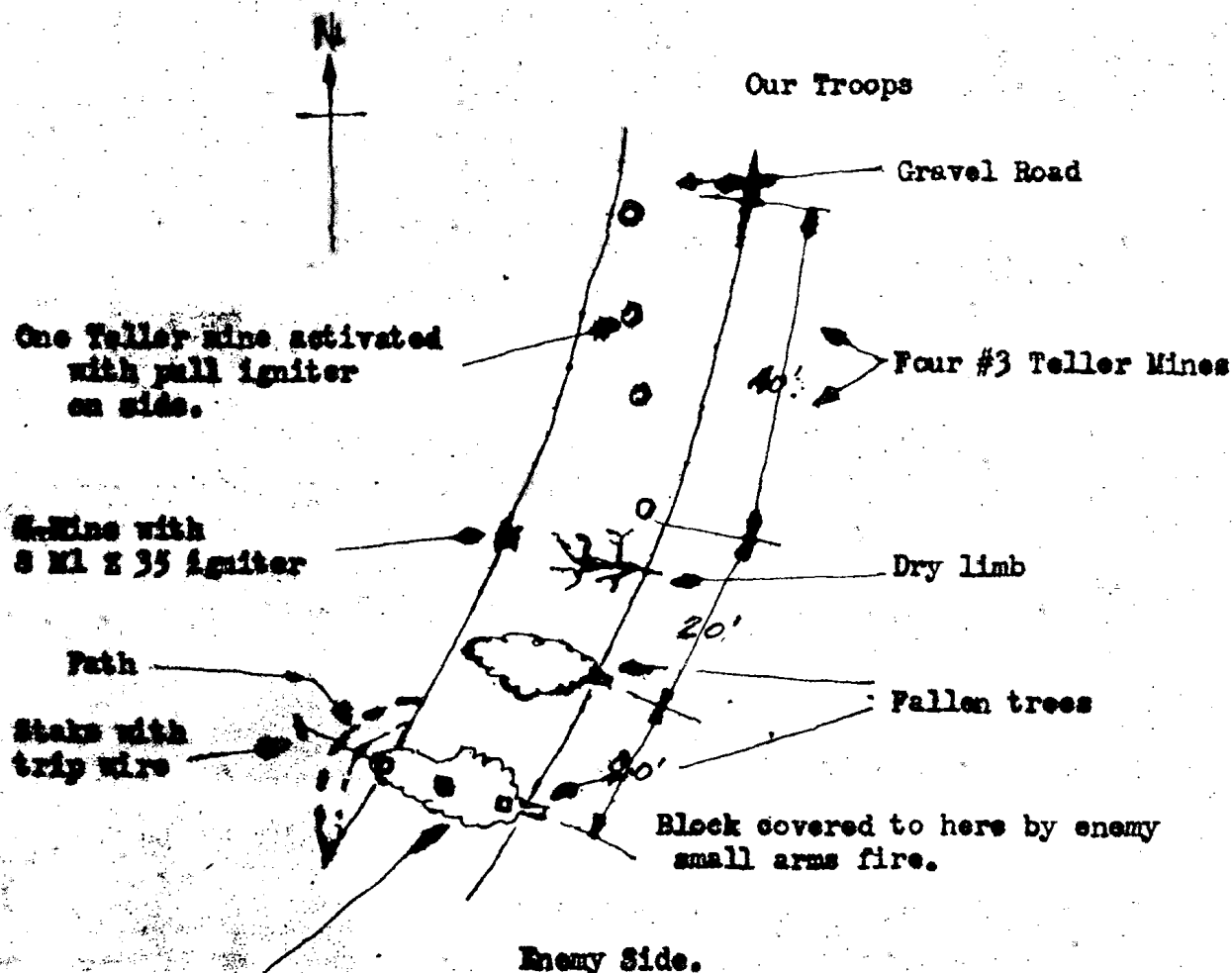
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Infantry states
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OVERLAY SHOWING ROADS CHECKED FOR MINES AND SIGNS POSTED
MAP: 1/25,000 31/18 SE.

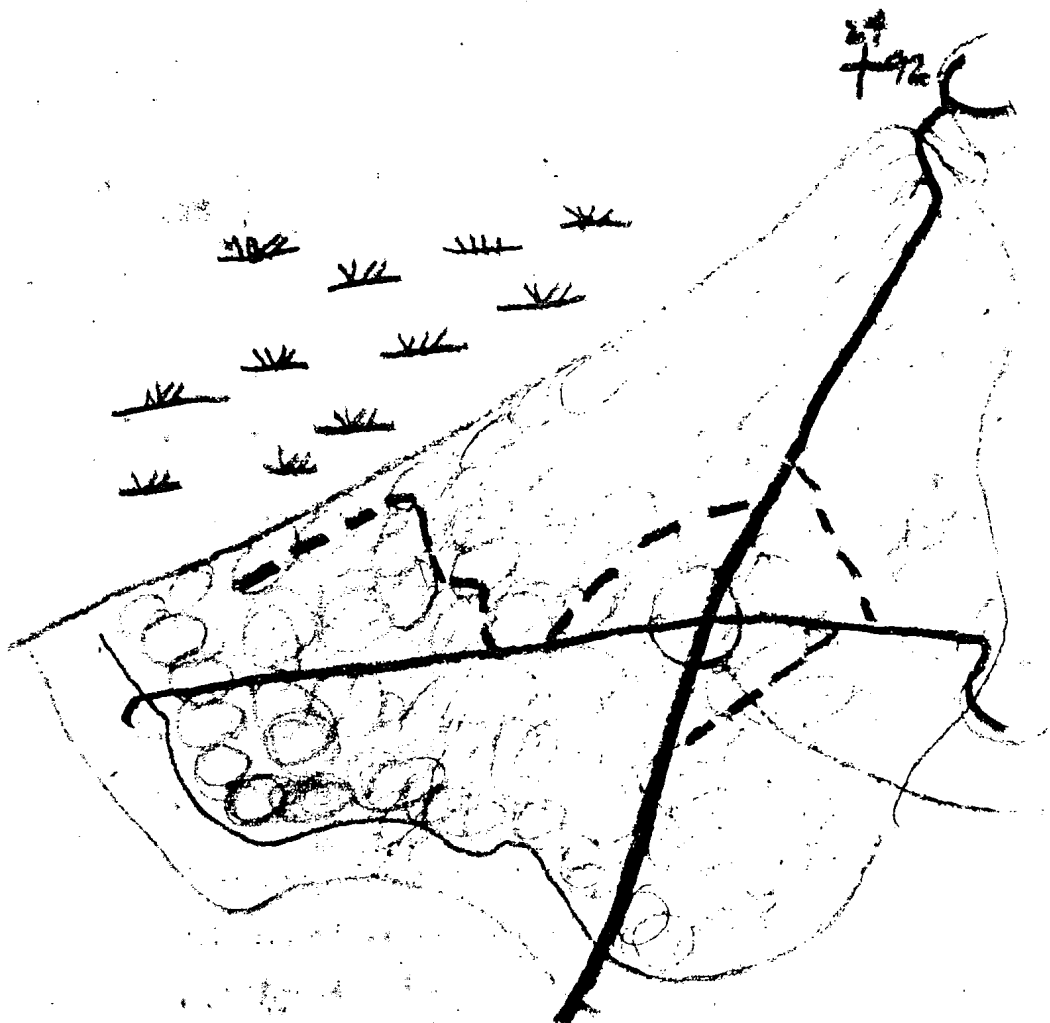


Three prepared charge booby traps with ZZ 42 igniters. Two are wired to branches to prevent stepping over trunks or moving trees from road without detonation.

DETAILS OF ENEMY ROAD BLOCK AT (231890) No Scale

Teller mines left in place, AP mine and traps removed.

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Frequent
Enemy
Artillery
Targets.

Under Enemy
Observation and
Constant Artillery
Fire.

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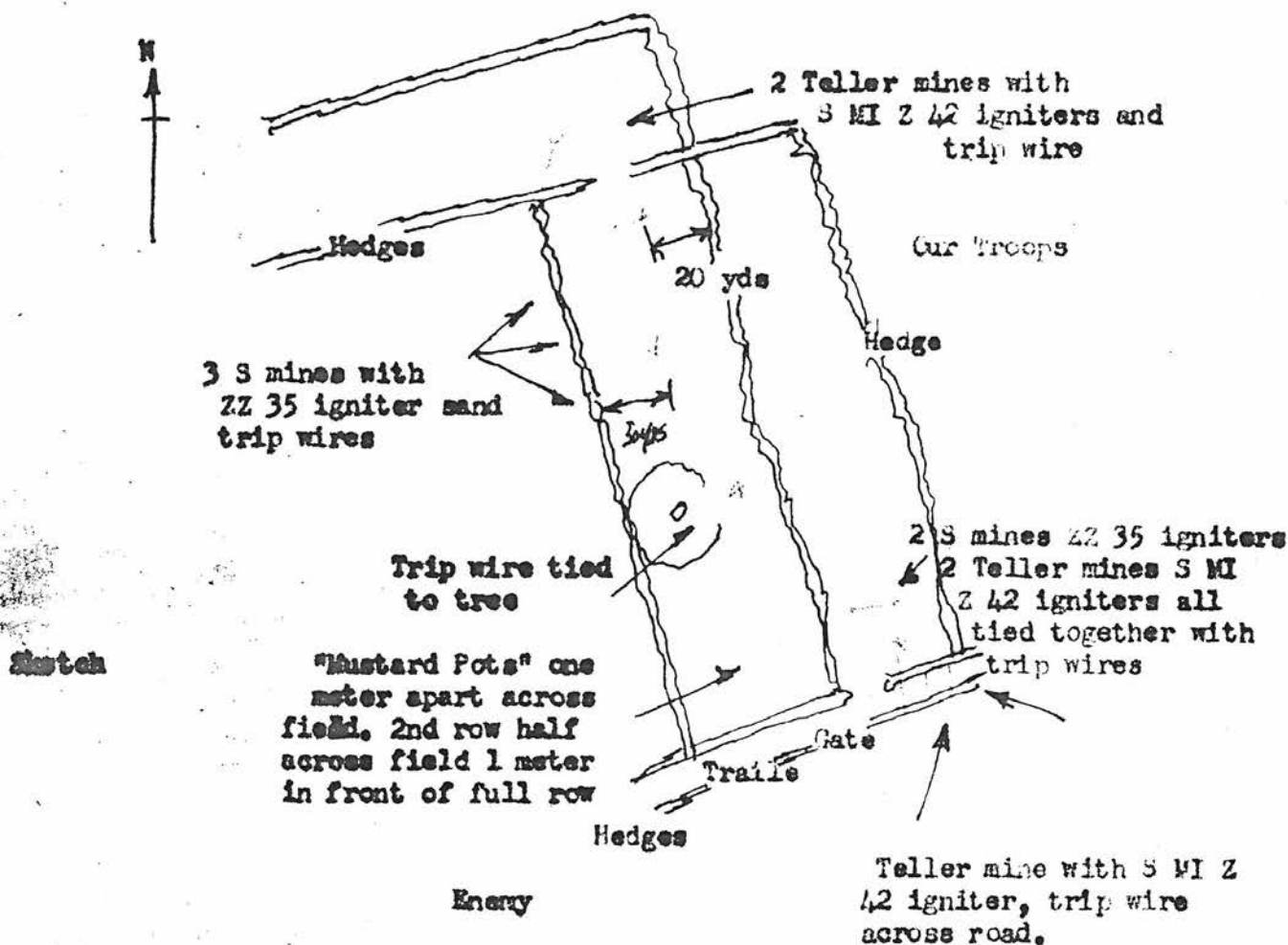
OVERLAY — DETAILS OF ROADS IN
BOIS DE LINORS. 1/25,000.

————— Hard earth road 12 ft. wide. All about the same construction. Some have been used more than others. Passing possible almost anywhere if one vehicle pulls aside and stops.

— — — By pass roads built to pass shelled area. Only a woods trail built for jeeps. 2-1/2 T trucks would find difficulty in using these. Passing possible at spots if one vehicle pulls aside and stops.

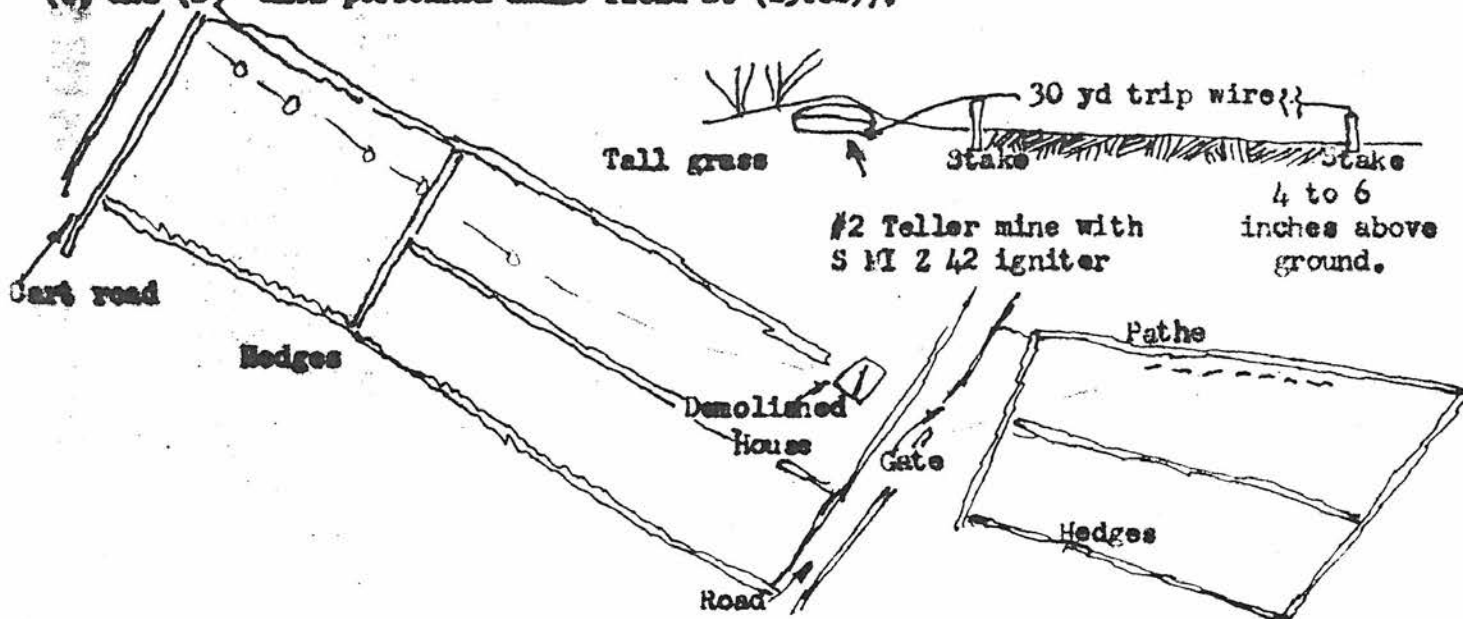
Continuation of mines and road blocks found in 82d Airborne Division to date (See overlay).

(6) Anti-personnel mine field at (217893).



(A) and (B) areas investigated, nothing found.

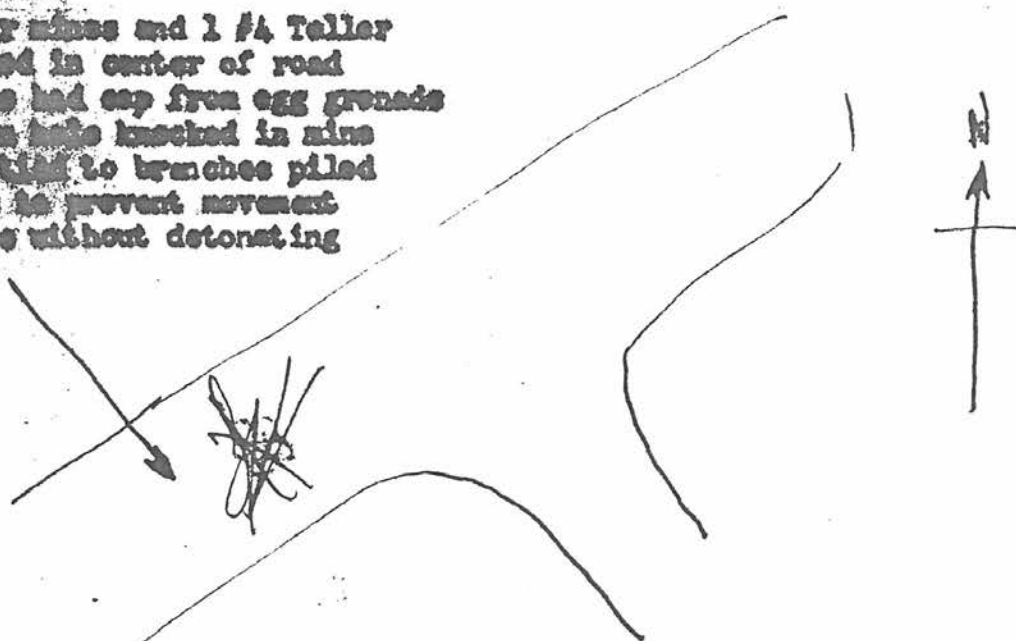
(C) and (D) anti-personnel mine field at (230889).



- (F) Road block at (250880) 6 #2 Teller mines
- (G) Road block at (229869) 2 trees across road, no explosives.
- (H) Road block at (230866) 8 #2 Teller mines staggered.
- (I) and (J) Road block at (227854).

Foxhole with 22 #2 Teller mines
 On edge of foxhole was egg grenade
 Cap stuck in broken bottom of Teller mine.

6 #2 Teller mines and 1 #4 Teller
 mine situated in center of road
 Bottom mine had cap from egg grenade
 inserted in hole knocked in mine
 Trip wire tied to branches piled
 over mine to prevent movement
 of branches without detonating
 mine.



Note: Grenade caps did not detonate mines when set off with
 pull wire.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 10001 July 44
To 12400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0925			CO left for Div CP.	
1040			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1100			Detail of Co A of 6 men was sent out to repair shoulders of road and to move wrecked truck completely off road at (263894).	
1215			Co A detail has completed their duties and returned to area.	
1430			S-3 left to make a recon of PRAIRIES.MARECAGEUSES.	
1535			CO left for Div CP.	
1620			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1730			S-3 returns fr recon of PRAIRIES MARECAGEUSES. Sees no additional inundation caused by recent rains.	
1815	1	1530	Change #1 to Adm Order #1 FUSA dtd 29 June 44 Vehicle markings will be repainted(G). Basis 1 qt per 40 vehicles, requiring repainting. Requisition will state no.of vehicle requiring remarking,units with vehicles requiring remarking will submit requests to Div Engr Supply Off by 021700. Markings will be legible 24 hrs after receiving paint. This also applies to captured vehicles. Reported to S-4.	

Company "A" still guarding bridge at (280892).

Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 020001 July 44

To 022400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0730	1	0635	Patrol activity 2-3 July will not be extended beyond short patrol line.	Reported to CO, S-2
0930			Chaplain Riddle has conducted services in Bn area.	
1030			CO calls meeting of all staff and Co Comdrs.	
1050			Meeting adjourned. Subj of meeting was next operation.	
			CO gave situation.	
1400			Lt Cappa and platoon of Co B left Bn area, atchd to 505 (
1700			Chaplain Ryan conducted services in Div area.	
1745			Lt Finlayson and 1 squad of Co B left Bn area, atchd to 507 Inf.	
1815	2	1730	D-Day is 3rd of July 44, H-Hour for VIII Corps is 0530.	
			82d Div will attack at 0630.	Reported to CO, S-3.
2000	3	1950	Co B 148th Engrs set up CP at 2000 at (270904), all but heavy equipment here.	Heavy equipment to report at 2400
				Reported to CO, S-3.
2200			Lt Klein and 2 squads fr Co B left Bn area atchd to 508 1	

Company "A" still guarding bridge at (280892).

Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr BnFrom 030001 July 44
To 032400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0510			Lt Erl and platoon of Co A left area attached to 325 Inf.	
0530			CO left for front lines.	
0700	1	0620	Fr CO. Have Gibson send for small portable generator. Will need four lights at Div CP as soon as possible.	Reported Tp S-4
0730			Lt Klein arr at Bn CP fr 508 Inf to pick up 2 mine detectors. Also stated that he had 4 casualties.	
0910	2	0845	Fr CO. Jeep in 505 sector blown up by shell fire. Call/Dave for details and replace if possible.	Reported to Exec O.
0925	3	0852	(Lt Connally) Fr CO. Coord approx (246866)-(237876)-(230882)-(218886)-(204890).	Reported To Ex, S-3.
0930	4	0925	Lt Connally called at 0845, have sent jeep and supplies. Have only 1 jeep left. Sent Lt Chaplinski for generator.	Reported to CO.
0935			Telephone call by Sig Co. 4 mine detectors have been repaired and are ready for use. Co A left at once to pick up same.	
0940	5	0920	Fr CO. Send 1 squad with 4 additional mine detectors to Lt Klein vicinity (LA COTELLERIE) squad to return if not needed.	Reported to Exec O.
1010			Lt McDermott fr Co A left for LA COTELLERIE with 4 mine detectors.	
1030			Lt Connally reports back to Bn CP to pick up 3 mine detectors to be used in the 505 sector.	
1105			Lt Connally left Bn CP en route to 505 sector.	
1137	6	1135	Fr McDermott. With Lt Klein at Regt CP. Trying to contact Lt Connally. Material not needed so far.	Reported to Exec O.
1310			Lt Klein reports to Bn CP with situation. This was reported to Exec O and S-3. Also with orders for 1 platoon fr 148 Engrs to build a bridge at (217881). This bridge had been blown by the enemy.	
1330			Lt Klein left Bn CP en route to bridge site.	
1335			This Bn was notified that Lt Finlayson had been lightly wounded in the 507 sector and needs replacements.	
1345			Lt Walton and 1 platoon fr 148 Engrs left area to put treadway bridge in at (217887).	
1400			Lt Clausen left Bn CP to replace Lt Finlayson with 50 Inf.	
1440			Lt McDermott and detail fr Co A left to sweep roads of mines and booby traps fr (215890)-(217881)-(211882)-(202887)-(187882).	
1430			ADE reports to Bn CP and gives location of front line. Also location of Div CP. and orders demolition plat.	

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
				under Lt Cappa to sweep roads for mines fr (VAREN-GUEBEC) at (215890) West to (201894), (188890) also the reserve of Co A personnel under Lt McDermott to sweep roads as above.	
1435				Telephone call fr Div CP. Engrs to put gravel in Div CP area.	
1445				ADE left Bn CP en route to Div Forward CP.	
1450		7	1430	Fr CO. Coord now (244867)-(242874)-(239877)-(230873)-(228877)-(202867)-200878)-(178880)-(179885)-(191889)-(191897).	Reported To Ex ^A , S-3.
	1500	8	1445	Called Winslow when you told me to and delivered your message to him. Am using some of Co B 148 Engrs to put gravel at Div CP upon Col Moorman's request. Reported CO.	
1500				Mr Miller and detail fr 148 Engrs left to pick up gravel & deliver to Div CP.	
1600		9	1555	Fr CO. What is our reserve strength now? Reported to Ex (
	1605	10	1600	Strength 1 squad, also Capt Jedrziwski. Reported to CO.	
1645		11	1640	Fr CO. Squad at bridge which is Co A's bridge guard is relieved. Pick up immediately. Reported to Exed (
1650				Co A sent truck out to pick up bridge guard at (280892).	
1700				148 Engrs report bridge completed and traffic going across Site of bridge (217887).	
1745				ADE reports to Bn CP and gives situation. Also with new orders by CG.	
1800				Co A guards return from bridge and are now in Bn reserve.	
1810				ADE left Bn CP en route to Div Forward CP.	
1910		12	1908	Fr CO. Call Capt Kirkwood and have Frese come to this CP prepared to stay. Reported to Exec O	
1920				Co B, 148 Engrs, return to Co area from bridge site. Also reports they have a small maintenance and guard crew at bridge.	
2000				Mr Miller and gravel detail fr Co B, 148 Engrs, return to Bn Area.	
2025		13	2005	Fr CO. Sweep roads between following points, coord (2518 (242881)). Reported to Exed O.	
2100				CO returns fr front lines and gives situation to Exec O.	
2250				Lt McDermott and detail fr Co A sweeping roads for mines booby traps return to Bn area. Report all roads assigned to him are clear of mines. No mines have been found.	
2310		14	2245	Fr Lt Erl. Most of the time cannot contact you on radio. Work main road clear to LA POTENE, filled in crater at (235866), marked mines and improved roads at (225859)-(226859). Tank obstacle at (235863). Unimproved road to the right of this. Main road clear. PW captured-3. Reported to CO, S-3	
2315		15	1920	Resume advance at daylight at 0530 4 July. JP to the outer limit of Div zone. Co A of 86 Chem Bn is attached to Div A eff at once. Reported to CO	

Weather: Cloudy with rain.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 040001 July 44

To 042400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0030			Lt Clausen and detail fr Co B who had been under Lt Finlayson and atchd to 507 returned to Co Area. Reports all roads swept which had been assigned.	
0100	1		Fr ADE. Units to be ready to jump off at 0600 but not to do so except on Div Order.	Reported to CO.
0745	2	0744	Fr ADE. Road block at (231881) on main road must be removed immediately.	Reported to Exec O.
0745 0745	3	0745	To CO. Capt Jedrziwski gone to start Lt Erl clearing roads for arty.	Reported to CO.
0758	4	0757	Note overlay sent to you by Capt Williams, road block was mine field now taken out.	Reported to ADE.
0810			Tel fr G-2, 1st USA stating job at CHERBOURG port cancelle for our engineers.	
0815			Lt Whalen and 1 squad fr Co B left Bn area en route to 508 Inf sector to clear roads of mines and assist Lt Klein in same sector.	
0820	5	0744	Fr CO. Part I. Synopsis new order left boundary 508 cross road (221869). Unimproved road to SW road junction (21084 all to 508 inclusive. Regts attack 0800 OBJ line held by 505 and NEUFMESNIL HILL 95 ridge E to LA POTERIE - FAUDE* MER. Patrols to ST GEORGE - LA HAY DU PUITTS Highway - railroad crossing at (200843).	
			Part II. Rwy W to LA HAY DU PUITTS and ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. Nothing S of above except on Div Order. 2nd 507 remains in place. 507 close on 325 at 1/2 mile interval. Protect E flank of Div and 325. Reported to Ex O, S-	
0830			Lt McDermott and detail from Co A left Bn area to sweep for mines fr (240860) to (250890).	
0904 0904	6		Reserve strength now is one squad of Co A with 1 mine detector. Co B, 148 Engrs, is out on mine sweeping, but I don't know where. Suggest Major Bedell try to get Major Jeffries to cooperate on work thru his Bn.	Reported to CO.
1130			S-3 section left area to make a recon for new WP location. Also set up WP.	
1146	7	1110	Symbol #15 at field is for as indicated on captured on captured overlay at coord (220869) and (221869). Anti-tank mine at road junction (222868). Reported to S-3.	
1213	8	1205	Fr Lt Klein. Road between point 10 & 11 cleared of mines.	Reported to Ex O, S-3.
1301	9	1300	Situation with Lt Erl and 2nd Plat of Co A is same as had been this morning.	Reported to Ex O, S-3.
1315	10	1225	Fr Co B, 148 Engrs. Attached overlay shows road clear and those in process of being cleared. Reported to CO, S-3.	

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1320				Lt Connally returns to Bn CP and reports the following: Two bridges at (204894); larger bridge prepared for demolition but captured intact, other bridge not prepared for demolition. See Engr Operations Report for detail of charges.	
1400				CO returns to Bn CP fr front lines and gives situation to Exec Off.	
1405				S-3 section return fr recon for WP and have set up WP.	
	1410	11		WP opened at (215890).	Reported to ADE.
1520				ADE called and reports mine field in 456 sector at (213-895).	
1540				Detail fr Co A left Bn area to pick up mines in 456 sector at (213895).	
1610				CO left to make recon, then to Div CP.	
1640		12	1330	Div supply dump now opened at (271913) Class I, II, & III	Reported to S-4.
1800				Detail fr Co A return to Bn area fr 456 sector.	
1830				CO returns to Bn CP.	
1835				Lt Erl and plat of Co A was relieved fr 325 Inf and return to Bn area. Lt McDermott and one squad left Bn area atc to 325 Inf as relief for Lt Erl and his detail.	
2045				CO left for Div CP.	
2240				CO returns fr Div CP and gives situation to Exec Off.	

Weather: Fair.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 050001 July 44

To 052400 July 44

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0730				1 squad fr Co A left to fill craters at LA DAUDERIE the 507 sector and one crater at POTERIE in 325 sector.	
0740		1	0730	Fr Lt Klein. 1 squad began clearing mines at 0600, other squad began clearing at 0730.	Reported to CO.
0800				1 squad fr Co A left Bn area to assist Lt McDermott sweeping for mines in 325 sector.	
0925				CO left for Div CP.	
1040		2	0830	Fr Lt Klein. Road fr 26 to 27 cleared.	Reported to Ex O, S-
1131		3	1130	Fr Lt Klein. Roads in this sector now cleared. I am sending overlay showing repairs required.	Reported to Ex O, S-
1250				Lt Cappa and his plat was relieved fr 505 Inf and returned to Bn Area.	
1310				CO returns fr Div CP.	
X 1335		4	1330	Has road 26 to 23 been cleared?	Reported to Lt Klein
1335		5		We did not clear the road but S-3 of 508 reported it cleared by an unidentified unit and says it is opened to traffic.	Reported to CO, S-3.
1355		6	1350	We would like you to check whether or not it was Lt Cappa who was the unidentified unit who cleared the road 23 to 26.	Reported to CO, S-3.
1405 1405		7		Lt Cappa did not clear the road. Have your plat check road shoulders 23 to 26 and report when it is clear.	Reported to Lt Klein
1510				CO left for Div CP.	
1710		8		Road clear fr 23 to 26. Small sector fr LA POTTERIE is clear. Many road junctions and cross roads do not have signs yet.	Reported to Ex O, S-
1725		9		Fr Lt Klein. Information available fr last request regarding roads. See operations overlay.	Reported to S-3.
1815				CO returns fr Div CP.	
1820				1 squad fr Co A under Sgt Nixon reld fr 325 and ret to Bn.	
1848		10	1840	Fr Lt Klein. If Lt Whalen has not left Bn tell him to please bring road clear signs.	Reported to CO.
2240		11		Fr Lt McDermott. Our mission to date. Everything is well. We are closing down for the night.	Reported to CO, S-3

Weather: Fair and cloudy.

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From 060001 July 44

To 062400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0730			Sgt Robinson and his squad left Bn area to relieve Sgt Nixon and his squad in 325 sector.	
0815			Sgt Nixon and squad returned to Bn area fr 325 sector.	
0900			CO left for Div CP.	
1010			S-3 left for Div CP, then en route to inspect WPs.	
1100			Lt Connally was appointed Captain per SO 179, FUSA, dtd 1 July 1944.	
1230			S-3 returns fr Div CP, also fr making inspection of WPs.	
1345	1		Would like to know as soon as road 22-1/2 South has been cleared.	Reported to CO, S-3.
1420			CO returns fr Div CP.	
XXXX 1435	2		Remove mine field at (185853) South side of HILL 95. This mine field reported by Corps as information fr PW. It is supposed to consist of three rows of Teller mines, iwth ten mines in each row. Do this when tactical situation permits.	Reported to Lt Klein.
1702	3		Have been to location given in message. See nothing. The cords I received are (185853). Will you recheck.	Reported to CO, S-3.
1920	4		From road 22-1/2 South to road junction is cleared.	Reported to CO, S-3.

Weather: Fair with occasional rain.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 070001 July 1944.

To 072400 July 1944.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS ETC	ACTION TAKEN
0750				Telephone call fr ADE stating that the AT Off with 505 Inf has found a German radio complete and wants an Engr Off to inspect same for booby traps.	
0800				One squad fr 2nd Plat Co A left Bn area to relieve Sgt Robinson and his squad with the 325 Inf.	
0820				Lt Cappa left Bn area to inspect German radio which had been found by AT Off with the 505 Inf.	
0840				CO left for Div CP.	
0940				CO returns fr Div CP and gives situation to Exec Off.	
0950				S-3 left for Div G-2, with information on glider landings.	
1000				Lt Cappa returns to Bn fr 505 area.	
1010				CO left for Div CP.	
1045				Telephone call fr ADE stating all engrs atchd are relieved and will return to their unit. The engrs will continue road maintenance and search for booby traps and mines in Division area.	
1120				CO returns fr Div CP.	
1150				Lt Klein and platoon return to Bn area after being relieved from 507 Inf.	
1215				Squad of Co A returned to Bn area after being relieved by 325 Inf.	
1315				Co A left Bn area to maintain roads and search for booby traps in Div area.	
1330				Co B left Bn area for search of mines and booby traps in Div area. Also to make a road passable for traffic in 507 Inf area.	
1530		1		Will be a unit comdrs meeting at Champion Forward CP at 20 hrs tonight 7 July.	Reported to CO.
1700				Co A returns fr searching for mines and booby traps in Div area. Several anti-personnel mines have been found.	
1700				Co B, 148 Engrs, who were in support of Div, left Bn area	
1915				CO left for Div CP.	
1930				Co B returned to Bn area fr building in 507 area.	
2130				CO returns fr Div CP.	

This date all Companies were relieved and returned back to Engr Bn CP.
(See record of action by companies).

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain.

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ORGANIZATION 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 08001 July 1944
To 082400 July 1944.

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0945			CO and S-1 left to make recon of engr proposed CP.	
1150			CO and S-1 return fr recon of CP.	
1200			Sgt Greene of Avn Engrs was unattached and returned to his unit.	
1330			S-3 left to make a recon for WPs in engr proposed area.	
1550			S-3 returns fr recon. Reports two locations for WPs have been found.	
1705	1	1130	Bathing facilities at following points: (221870) (211867) (195863).	Reported to CO, S-3.
1710	2		Units will submit to the Div Engr Supply Off their requirements for crating material to crate items which have been authorized for shipment back to UK.	Reported to S-4.

Company "A" searched for mines in vicinity of lake at (195863) near BLANCH-ELAND area. Also have established a shower unit in this area.

Company "B" searched for mines in vicinity of VARENQUEBEC. The following mines have been found: S mines, Teller mines, "Mustard Pot", and mortar shell. Also got a Schu mine from the 826th Avn Engrs as a sample. Co A of 826th Avn Engrs had cleared these mines in the vicinity of CHERBOURGH

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 090001 July 44.
To 092400 July 44.

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0800	1		There will be a meeting of all unit S-4s at Div G-4 Office at 091000. Supply officers will have their crating requirements and truck requirements for movement of equipment from port to home station.	Reported to S-4.
0945			S-4 left Bn CP to meeting at G-4 office.	
1130			S-4 returns fr meeting at G-4 office and explains details to CO.	
1145			Telephone call fr G-1. S-1 to report to G-1 at 1400 this date.	Reported to S-1.
1310			CO calls meeting of all staff and Co Comdrs.	
1350			Meeting adjourned. Subj Preparation for move to new area.	
1355			S-1 left Div CP, to attend meeting at G-1.	
1430			S-1 returns fr Div G-1 and reports subject of meeting was on next move.	
1800			Water point at (214891) was turned over to 8th Div persone	

Weather: Cloudy with rain.

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Organization 307th A/B Engr Bn

From 100001 July 1944.
To 102400 July 1944.

TIME		SERIAL	TIME INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	NO.	DATED	
0800		1	1945	Shower facilities open at (289910). Reported to CO, S-3.
0810		2		All patients to clear thru advanced clearing station new site (351982) after 1400 day of movement. Reported to Capt Russ
0845				Capt Gibson left Bn CP en route to Rear Echelon by plane.
1400				CO left for Div CP.
1440				CO returns fr Div CP.
1930				Co B left to repair roads in Div area.
2000				CO left for Div CP.
2050				CO returns fr Div CP.
2050				Co B returns fr repairing roads in Div area.

Weather: Cloudy with rain.

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From 110001 July 44
To 112400 July 44

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
09008			CO left for Div CP.	
1010			CO returns fr Div CP.	
1100			S-3 left Bn CP en route to Ord CP.	
1215			S-3 returns fr Ord CP.	
1620	1		On move each individual will carry his gas mask complete with; other CW material. will be turned in at Div dump at (268917) at once. Apparatus decontaminating 1½ qt will remain on vehicle.	Reported to CO, S-4.
1930			S-3 left for Div CP.	
2000			S-3 returns fr Div CP with movement order for Bn.	
2100			Co B left area en route to beach; then to rear area in England.	

Co A preparing for movement.

Weather: Fair

From 120001 July 44
To 122400 July 44

0800			CO and Exec Off left Bn area en route to airport; then en route by plane to England.	
0830			S-3 and detail fr each Co left to make a recon of route to embarkation point.	
1015			S-3 and detail returns fr recon.	
1130			Bn CP closed, and en route to beach for embarkation to England.	
1630			Bn Hq, H&S Co, and Co A arrived at embarkation area approx 2½ miles NW of GREEN BEACH and biv here for night	

Weather: Clear.

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From 130001 July 44
To 132400 July 44

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
2315				Bn less Co B left embarkation area en route to beach. Arrived at GREEN BEACH at 2145. Standing by to load on LST #391.	
2355				Troops loaded on LST and bedded down for the night.	

Weather: Cloudy with rain.

From 140001 July 44
To 142400 July 44

0400				Moved out into channel to form convoy.	
0945				Convoy sailed en route to England.	
2100				Arrived in outer channel at SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND	

Weather: Clear.

From 150001 July 44
To 152400 July 44

0400				Moved into dock at SOUTH HAMPTON.	
0530				Disembarked and en route to railroad station.	
0550				Arrived at railroad station in SOUTH HAMPTON.	
0815				Left SOUTH HAMPTON by rail en route to home station.	
1415				Bn arrived in ULLESTHORPE, ENGLAND.	

Weather: Clear.

HEADQUARTERS
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION
A-1 469, U. S. Army

091000 June
in the field

ENGINEER REPORT
From 081800 June 091800 June

A. Bn CP 333959
H&S Co CP 333961
Co A CP 336958
Co B CP 333959

B. Lt Col Palmer, Bn Commander, and Capt Johnson, Co B Commander, have not been contacted since jumping into the area vicinity of ETENVILLE.

C. Co A, consisting of two platoons, was engaged as follows:

082230 second platoon, Co A, moved out attached to 325 Inf Regt in an attack over railroad bridge (320967, 315976, 308972), taped in inundated road and swept area for mines and booby traps. 091630 this platoon detached from 325 Inf and reverted to Company control.

-090030 first platoon, Co A, moved to bridge (314956) to assist in removing wrecked German tanks and vehicles and to check the mines in Division advance over bridge toward AMFREVILLE (295968). 091040 moved on bridge. 091630 they were sweeping and repairing road on causeway to the northwest to 303960. 091700 Co A was moved to (308965) to reinforce infantry (Combat).

Third platoon, Co B (Pecht), remained in bivouac. First and second platoons, Co B (Pecht), which jumped in vicinity of ETENVILLE have not been contacted.

H&S Co, (Seabornes) arrived to vicinity of Bn CP 091600.

D. No shortages in airborne equipment. Bn consisting of three line platoons and the very scanty airborne engineer equipment are limited to only small scale emergency engineer work.

E. Road from (305970 to 315975) under 18 inches of water, bridges and road still intact and is being used by our vehicles.

Causeway (310959) (314957) had some German antitank mines placed on surface of road which were removed by Co A during advance on bridge.

F. Roads in Division area, jeep tested, show no indication of enemy mines.

Roads in Division area are substantially as classed on 1/25,000 map.

Bridge at (319969) thirty foot wide steel deck, steel girder railroad bridge with steel deck flush with top of rail except between gauge lines where steel deck is flush with bottom flange of rail.

Bridge at (314956) stone arch reinforced by piling to take Mark IV tanks, our medium tanks have crossed this bridge.

Bridge at (321930) three-span concrete bridge intact.

071900 June Co A blew concrete culvert at (329916) leaving twenty-foot water gap, water with soft bottom on both sides of causeway, no by-pass, also at 071900 blew ten-foot gap in railroad causeway (333918), craters only six-foot deep, bottom of crater still nine feet above water, this causeway probably still passable to track vehicles.

MERDERET RIVER from (319920) to (320980) impassable because of swamp, mud, etc.

Co B used dinghies to ferry supplies to isolated troops across MERDERET RIVER at (318945).

For the Division Engineer:

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1 Seventh Corps Engr
F 6-2, 82d A/B Div
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R. K. Sullivan
R. K. Sullivan, Capt.,
307 A/B Engr. Bn.
-2 and -3.

HEADQUARTERS
307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION

104100 June
In the field

REPORT OF FIELD OFFICER
From 091300 June to 101600 June

A. No change.

B. Capt Johnson, Co Commander of Co "B", reported in to Battalion at 0600 from Island Area of 508 Pzcht Infantry - Vicinity (3194).

C. Co "A" assisted 325th Inf by engineering works and combat - vicinity (295968).

Co "B" investigated and marked mine field at (304994).

His Co working on re-supply & re-equipping of Battalion, set up water point (347969).

D. No change.

E. Wooden box type AT mines found at (304994). Booby traps set with gull type ahead grenade at (323988). German pioneer PW whose mission was to guard bridges at (269928) stated bridge blown by bomb morning of 6 June. Booby trap consisting of trip wires attached to explosive reported at (3194).

Return unknown.

A parachute officer who swam DOUVE RIVER 200 yds South of Bridge at SAUVY LA VICENTE states valley is not inundated - river is 30 to 40 ft wide and more than 6 ft deep.

For the Division Engineer:

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R. F. WILLIAMS, Capt.,
307th A/B Engr. Bn.,
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ADDENDUM: Mine road block over bridge (315994):

Consisted of 7 No 1 Teller mines
8 No 3 Teller mines
3 No 4 Teller mines

All but the No 4 Teller mines show evidence of having been in place for a long time. Mines were dug right into road surface with screw fuse cover flush with road. No. 1 mines had fuse protruding above surface with safety bolt clips in place and with indicator set at "sicher". There were no multiple mines and none were booby trapped.

Evidently this was a pre-prepared road obstacle which could be passed until the setting of mines. Also that untrained personnel are arming the obstacles. These mines were removed by 1800 June 10th by this unit.

A similar obstacle has been reported at (305960) consisting of nine mines.

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In the Field

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 101800 June to 111800 June

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. H&B Co - Salvaging equipment from Air Resupply bundles in area. Continued resupply of lost individual equipment. Procured mines and bridge equipment.
Co "A" - Reconnaissance of river crossing in vicinity of (330905).
Co "B" - Inspected hospital in ST MARE EGLISE for mines and booby traps.
Reconnaissance of river crossing at (307915).

D. No Change.

E. Dam at bridge (303994) inundates valley to NW. Valley not inundated immediately SE of bridge. Bridge at (309910) demolished. Road (325902) under fire east of water. Booby traps reported at (300010), this has not been checked by our troops.

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122100 June
In the Field

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 111800 June to 121800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Hqs Co - Opened vaults of the Todt Headquarters in ST LOUIS BOULDER using explosives and torches. Defense maps and overlays turned over to Div CIG personnel. Procuring bridge equipment.
Co A - Organization for river assault. Reconnaissance of bridge (309911).
Co B - Checking for mines and booby traps in area 307 Med (82nd Div) Hosp.
No mines found. Mines reported usually turn out to be ammunition left in area. Reconnaissance of bridge (309911).
- D. No Change.
- E. Maps with defensive positions marked were turned over to Division.

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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 121800 June to 131800 June

- A. Bn CP and all Co CPs moved to (299921).
- B. No Change.
- C. Operated assault boats for attack on BEUXEVILLE LA BASTILLE (308910) with attached troops. This Bn made footbridge crossing for attacking infantry at (309911), later put up Bailey Bridge for supporting vehicles. One platoon of Co B attached to 508th CT for blowing bridges at (290892) (314859) (293859) (295831) and other engineer work.
- D. No Change.
- E. Talking with the natives in this section we found that they were used to move the Germans and their equipment to the North. These natives stated on the route there they passed units of pioneer troops working on mine fields and at several places were led through sections of highway that was mined. They also stated that the mines were buried in the roads and well camouflaged. We have no report as to the location of these mine fields.

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142100 June 44
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ENGINEER OPERATIONAL REPORT
From 131800 June to 141800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Closed water point at ST MERE EGLISE.
Opened water point at (297927).
Procured and issued maps to Division.
Checked road PICAUVILLE - LITTEVILLE for mines; none found.
Platoon of Co "B" attached to 508 CT for engineer duties.
Reconnaissance of bridge (269936) for capacity to cross tanks.
Reconnaissance of area vicinity (268945) for tank crossings.
- D. No Change.
- E. Mines and fortifications near CHERBOURG (see attached letter to G-2 82d A/B Div).
Sketch of anti-landing obstacles attached.

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152100 June 1944
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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 141800 June to 151800 June

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

- C. Platoon of Co B attached to 508th OT blew culvert (293859) and single track railroad bridge (296851) at 1800 June 14th. This platoon prepared bridge (315850) for demolition. This bridge intact to now. 508th Infantry blew bridge (278891).

Platoon, Co B, attached to 508th OT detached and returned to Bn area 2300 June 14. Road (269954) to (271942) checked for mines and marked with signs.

General engineer reconnaissance carried on in Division area.

Maps prepared and distributed to Division troops.

Reconnaissance of bridge South of STEENVILLE. Nine (9) hours and an engineer company needed after materials at site to make crossing.

Water point now located at (297927). This water point is continually moved for there are only small shallow wells of little capacity in area. Medics have prevented us from using water from rivers in the area. Only stagnant bodies of water are accessible. We have resorted to a restriction of issue of water to our own troops only. Under this control we will be able to furnish our division with well water.

D. No Change.

- E. Bridges (278891), (293859), and (296851) blown.

Bridge (315850) prepared for demolition.

Roads in Division area are substantially as indicated on 1/25,000 maps.

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161800 June 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 151800 June to 161800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Water points opened at (290882) and (252944). These with the water point at (297727) make three operated by this unit.
Outlined new division bivouac area for mines.
Road (240936) to (234952) checked for mines and marked with signs.
Town of ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE checked for mines by detector parties.
Assigned infantry in crossing DOUVE RIVER at ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE.
General engineer reconnaissance in division area; special engineer reconnaissance of river crossings (2888), (2991), and (2493).
- D. Some water supply equipment damaged by shell fire at (290882). However sufficient water supply equipment on hand for present operations.
- E. Conflicting reports state bridge (1) is blown and (2) is intact at (314851). Status undetermined at present.
No mines found in division area today. 30 Teller mines reported beside road at (326863). Booby trap reported in chateau (227944) with large charge. Unconfirmed. Large concrete emplacement for rocket gun at (228944).

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17 June 1944
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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 161800 June to 171800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Continued engineer reconnaissance in division area. See Overlay. Checked roads from (234952) to (205955) for mines and marked with signs.
- D. No Change.
- E. No mines found in area today.
Gas emplacement (228944); see attached sketch.

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182100 June 1944.
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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 171800 June to 181800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. This unit has been procuring bridge equipment and assault boats, organizing assault parties for river crossing, operating water points, and delivering maps to units in division.
- D. No Change.
- E. Civilian reports to soldier of this unit that edges of anti-tank ditch around ~~CHAMBERS~~ contain anti-tank mines.

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192100 June 1944
In the field

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 181800 June to 191800 June

- A. No Change. Bn CP and all Co CPs located at (299921).
- B. No Change. Lt Col Palmer, Bn Comdr, has not been contacted, since jumping into the area vicinity ETIENVILLE on D/D-1 Day.
- C. Cos loaded bridging material in preparation for river crossing operation. At 2210 Co A moved to crossing site at (281916). Co A ferried 1st Bn of 325 Inf and one Bn of 508 Inf across BOUVE RIVER to (278910) using 25 assault boats. One Bn 325 Inf ferry started at 2345 completed at 0030. One Bn 508 Inf ferry started at 0700 completed at 0930. This was accomplished with complete surprise and without a shot being fired. No casualties sustained in personnel or equipment. Co A returned to Bn bivouac area at 1045. One Plat Co B left biv area at 2220 placed a foot bridge across stream at (282897) at 0035 for the crossing of two companies of 507 Inf. This was accomplished with complete surprise and without any shots fired. At 0230 this plat Co B commenced reconstruction of bridge to handle crossing of jeeps and anti-tank guns at (2788 91). Completed at 0600, then platoon started work on bridge (276891) which had been damaged by shell fire. Work discontinued due to enemy shell fire until 1200 when Corps Engrs arrived to make crossing with treadway bridging. This platoon checked assault for mines and booby traps. A squad of Co B left Bn area at 2230 for crossing site at (250935). At 0001 they took one squad of 325 Inf South across the BOUVE RIVER to (250924) for a diversionary maneuver using two assault boats. Some shots were fired but no casualties in personnel or material was sustained. This squad returned to Bn area at 0100. At 2145 detail from Co B left Bn area and moved across BOUVE RIVER with the 325 Inf to clear the town of LES MOITIERS EN BAUTUIS (269920) of mines and booby traps.
- D. No Change. No shortage in airborne equipment. Bn now down to not more than three and one-half line platoons. With the very scanty airborne equipment the Bn is limited to small scale emergency engineer work.
- E. Booby traps found at causeway at (279891) consisting of 400 rail 100 lb and prepared charge explosives. Trip wires extended along the side of the causeway. This area has been marked with warning signs. Water points operated by this Bn at (290882), (252944), (277944).

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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 191000 June to 201000 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Checked road LES MOITIERS LE SAUTOL (269920), (261910), (262497), and surrounding roads for mines and marked roads with signs. Provided security detachment for bridge and causeway (279891). Conducted engineer reconnaissance in division area. Turned in bridging equipment to engineer depot. Water point (277927) closed. Water point opened at (269900).
- D. No Change.
- E. Reconnaissance shows tank crossing at (242919). Between this point and (243901) the ground is too soft for tank crossings. Woods "BOIS DE L'INFER" contains large trees and is dense. Tanks probably could not operate in this woods. Bridge at PRETOT (266872) reported "strong stone arch bridge" by infantry sergeant. It is in enemy hands. Culvert (273038) is blown. Gap 39 ft. wide, 33 ft. along road, 10 ft. deep at sides, and 4 ft. deep in center. Stream here is 4 ft. wide and 1 ft. deep. Ground around this point spongy but possibly passable to tanks. Stream no obstacle North of this culvert. Railroad bridge (278852) blown. Gap is 14 ft. wide and 29 ft. along roadway. There is a 10 ft. drop to the water. Stream 8 ft. wide. Road North of bridge possibly passable to tanks, area to South impassable. At railroad station siding (312852) there is a shed containing 300 railroad ties and 3 leader conveyor belts; 50 mining type side dumping railroad cars, one long flat car and one standard "wagon". Highway bridge at BRUPTES (315851) is intact. Double span stone arch bridge 24 ft. wide, 25 ft. span each arch and 10 ft. from water to crown of arch. A block of 15 M1A1 mines here. Railroad bridge beside highway bridge above intact. Single track bridge 14 ft. wide, 30 ft. long, 10 ft. above water, flat slab and girder concrete bridge. No mines at APPEVILLE (325860) as previously reported. Infantry road block of 8 M1A1 mines at (280868). Bridge and causeway (277911) repaired by Corps engineers for 1000 lb traffic.

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22100 June
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OPERATION OF THE ENGINEER BATTALION
From 201800 June to 221800 June

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. Delivered mines to units of the division and dispatched reconnaissance parties for setting up defensive position.

One platoon of engineers to 505th Inf Area to pick up mines and booby traps from (240912) South (232893).

Our bivouac area shelled today - no casualties.

No Change.

Reconnaissance reports that since we have been static for two days, all roads through our front are blocked with mines and road blocks.

(218900)
(231890)
(248885)
(251882)
(258875)
(266870)
(280866)
(290857)

This is not confirmed by engineer reconnaissance.

No mines or booby traps found on roads in BOIS DE LINGUS.

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22100 June
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OPERATION OF THE ENGINEER BATTALION
From 201800 June to 221800 June

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. Delivered mines to units of the division and dispatched reconnaissance parties for setting up defensive position.

One platoon of engineers to 505th Inf Area to pick up mines and booby traps from (240912) South (232893).

Our bivouac area shelled today - no casualties.

D. No Change.

Enemy reports that since we have been static for two days, all roads through our front are blocked with mines and road blocks.

(218900)
(231890)
(248885)
(251882)
(258875)
(266870)
(280866)
(290857)

This is not confirmed by engineer reconnaissance.

No mines or booby traps found on roads in BOIS DE LINDERS.

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231800 June 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 221800 June to 231800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. From 0001 to 0200 a detail from Co A put in road screens to conceal cross roads (263890) from observation at church, ST JAMES (267851), this consisted of vertical 29' x 29' camouflage nets placed across road at (263889) and (263886). Platoon of Co B rechecked roads in BOIS DE LIMONS for mines. None found on roads (234903) to (244899), (234903) to (231890), (234903) to (218900). German signs placed along this road warn of mines. Since none were found, it is believed these woods used for ammunition storage. Dugouts along roads indicate this fact.
- Enemy road block at (231890) consisting of 4 "Teller" mines, 1 "S" mine, and 1 "prepared" explosive booby trap. Booby traps removed from road block but teller mines left in place for our own road block. Tracing tape placed around mines to indicate road block to our own troops.
- Reconnaissance made from (225896) along edge of woods to (240893) for laying of a protective mine field. Woods found dense and consisting of large trees that would prohibit operation of mechanized vehicles without the use of anti-tank mines.
- This platoon of Co B is building extra roads in BOIS DE LIMONS for use of Infantry. Extent and location not known at present.
- At 1245 truck blown up at (263892) by M1A1 mines. These were mines stacked on shoulder of road by our Infantry last night in readiness for a road block if necessary. Details from the Battalion were sent out to clear debris from road and to pick up all unguarded mines left by Infantry in the division area. Instructions were put out to have mines stored beyond ditches of roads at road block points.
- Water point closed at (290882) at 1730.
- D. No Change.
- E. Road block of 8 M1A1 mines at (280868) still in place across road. Other road blocks in division area consist of M1A1 mines stacked by the road and Infantry parties to place them across road in case of an enemy advance. Location of 505th Infantry blocks as above (218900), (231902). Other locations unknown as Infantry was issued mines and no report of their use has been received. The 325th Infantry has "Daisy Chain" consisting of 20 M1A1 mines tied on a rope at 1 foot intervals at (249887). These mines have clips in them and are on side of road. Infantry intends to pull clips and drag "Daisy Chain" across road upon approach of enemy vehicles. Look-out post is 100 yards toward enemy from this road block.
- Reconnaissance in Division area shows that water supply is a difficult problem in that wells are of small capacity and stream lines are being shelled.

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242100 June 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 231800 June to 241800 June

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. Company "B" cut roads in the BOIS DE LIMORS from (233898) to (239902); from (241908) to (238908); from (237906) to (230901) to by-pass cross roads at (234909) which is under observation and constant shell fire. Company "A" put in additional road screens at (263899) and (263896) to conceal activities on road (261909) to cross road (263890). Company "A" took over guarding of bridges at (250892) and (269928). Water point opened at (273908).

D. No Change.

E. See attached sketch of enemy road block at (231890) reported 23rd June. Infantry positions for road blocks with guards to place mines in case of enemy approach:

(267876)	- 20 M1A1 mines
(265872)	- 15 M1A1 mines
(260882)	- 20 M1A1 mines
(251884)	- 10 M1A1 mines (daisy chain)
(250886)	- 15 M1A1 Mines
(262889)	- 20 M1A1 mines

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252100 June 1944.
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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 241800 June to 251800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Co "A" guarding bridges as formerly reported.
Co "B" repaired expedient bridge (232904), made jeep road thru woods (228901) - (227907) - (220909) to bring ammunition to front lines along concealed route.
Conducted engineer reconnaissance along PRAIRIES MARCAGEUSES.
Water point (275900) closed. This spring pumped dry after 100 gallons taken.
Reconnaissance continues for water points. Division Medical Officers still present near of DOVE RIVER and tributaries.
- D. No Change.
- E. See overlay for reconnaissance information: PRAIRIES MARCAGEUSES.
Heavy log obstacles (231890) now used for friendly obstacles.
Our Infantry using trip wires and incendiary grenades for warning booby traps.

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261300 June 44.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 251800 June to 261800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Co "A" guarding bridges as previously reported.
Clothes drawn and issued to personnel of Bn.
M pull firing devices drawn and issued to infantry regiments.
Officers of Co "B" were at 905 Inf in BOIS DE LIMORS making an estimate of
mines and booby traps in that unit's line of advance.
- D. No Change.
- E. Use to be made of pull devices by infantry unknown of at present.
It is estimated that a fair quantity of mines and booby traps have been
installed on our division front since it has become stabilized. This is
based on two facts. First, enemy mines and booby traps encountered have
been progressively better made and more numerous. Second, since our front
has become stabilized the enemy is going about making visible defensive
positions, emplacements, and barbed wire.

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271800 June 1944.
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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 261800 June to 271800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Company "A" replaced road screens which were blown down by wind in vicinity of crossroads (264870)
Issued Maps and maintained Water Point.
- D. No Change.
- E. Nothing to report.

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281800 June 44

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 271800 June to 281800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Company "A" guarding bridges as previously reported.
Picked up and delivered maps. Operating water point.
- D. No Change.
- E. Nothing to report.

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291800 June 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 281800 June to 291800 June

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Reconnaissance made of PRAIRIES MARCAEUSES (See report).

Check made on roads in BOIS DE LIMORS (See overlay).

Operated water point. Picked up maps at depot. Guarded bridges as previously reported.

- D. No Change.
- E. See report of reconnaissance made in PRAIRIES MARCAEUSES.

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ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 291800 June 301800 June

~~301800~~ June 1944.

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Company "A" relieved of guarding bridge at (269928) by Corps Engrs. Co "A" continues the guarding of bridge at (280892). Placed gravel on earth road vicinity (268909) which had become impassable due to rains in last 36 hours. Company "B" placing "Summerfield" matting on by-pass road (239902) to (234898) so that road can be used by 2-1/2 ton trucks. This company removed 4 Teller mines in road block (231890) previously reported June 23rd and 24th, 1944.
- D. No Change.
- E. It is believed rains in last 36 hours have considerably affected the condition of the PRAIRIES MARCAGNEUSES which has been previously reported.

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011800 July 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 301800 June to 011800 July

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. Company "A" cleared wrecked truck completely off road at (263894) and repaired the shoulders of road at this point.

Company "B" made turnouts on by-pass road (239902) to (234898).

Companies "A" and "B" completed placing "Sawmfield" matting on above by-pass road at (2300).

D. No Change.

E. This morning Russian deserter crossed PRAIRIE MARSHES just east of company (18905). Observation from North bank sees no additional inundation caused by recent rains.

Concrete runways and emplacements at (181924). Similar to position reported at (228943) 17 June 1944.

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021800 July 44
In the Field.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 011800 July to 021800 July

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. Companies organizing work parties, procuring supplies, and moving to unit areas of units to which they are attached.

D. No Change.

E. Nothing to report.

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031030 July 41
In the field

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 021800 July to 031800 July

A. No Change.

B. No Change.

C. One squad of Company "A" relieved of guarding bridge (280892).

General placed on road vicinity (280910).

Companies broken down into attached squads and platoons advancing with tank destroyers and tanks in assault area. (See Overlay).

D. No Change.

E. See overlay for roads cleared of mines and marked. Details of road blocks, later.

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041830 July 44
In the Field.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 031800 July to 041800 July

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Squads attached to combat teams checking and marking mine fields and booby traps in forward areas.
Remainder of Bn on mine sweeping details, clearing roads of mines and booby traps in Division Area (See overlay).
Water point opened at (215890).
- D. Some loss in mine detectors due to progressing under small arms and shell fire.
- E. 2 bridges at (204874). Larger bridge prepared for demolition but captured intact. Other bridge not prepared for demolition. Explosives:

- 8 #3 Teller mines w/o igniters
- 4 wooden boxes with 144 one-half pound explosives, plus
30 pieces loose marked FMJ SPRING KORPER 28
124 LIEP 44
FP .02 H.6 60/20

- 9 3 kg prepared charges
- 22 1 kg prepared charges

Received 1/30,000 map captured showing mine fields in area. Copies have been made and 9th Div notified. Anti-tank mine fields are substantially as shown.
#5 mines with 2 #1 2 35 igniters and Teller mines #2 and 3 are being encountered in the area. Typical fields are:

(1) 12 #2 Teller mines removed from crater (246884)

#2 Teller mines at (242884)

4 #5 mines removed from road (215895) - (217900). Booby traps along this road, even a large rock booby trapped.

Road blocks:

7	Teller mines removed	(255875)
8	"	(255874)
8	"	(244868)
8	"	(242870)
8	"	(237866)
8	"	(236865)

Mines at (225859) not removed.

Many mines multiple.


Many mines booby trapped.

- (3) Note: Many mines found are without igniters. PW states mines are pre-placed w/o igniters. Igniters to be inserted at last moment. Russian soldiers

either don't care or are afraid of mines so they throw igniters away when given them to place.

"Mustard pot" anti-personnel mine fields are being encountered. Known fields (213895) (235866) (234874). Mustard pot mine, less blasting cap, accompanies report. One anti-personnel mine field at (216895) consisting of mortar shells with adapters for 2242 igniters and trip wires was found. Mortar shells were completely buried. One of these, less explosives cap, accompanies report. Prepared charges with booby trap knob and fuse device in notched trees scattered over entire area. These set so as to appear as an incomplete cutting charge for abatis. One of these charges, less explosive cap, accompanies report.

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051830 July 44
In the Field

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 041800 July to 051800 July

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Squads attached to combat teams checking and marking mine fields and booby traps in forward areas.

Remainder of Battalion on mine sweeping details, clearing roads of mines and booby traps in division area (See overlay).
- D. No Change.
- E. See overlay for roads cleared of mines and for road classification.

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061300 July 1944.


ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 051300 July to 061300 July

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Bn split up and details continue to clear mines and booby traps in the division area.
- D. No Change.
- E. See attached sketches for enemy obstacles found in division area to date

The location of obstacles is practically identical to the location as shown on the captured enemy overlay.

Road Junction (18585) investigated, no mines found. Search for mines in fields south of HILL 95 will continue when cleared of small arms fire.

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061830 July 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 061800 July to 061800 July

- A. No change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Attached groups of engineers returned to Battalion control. Battalion continues to maintain roads and to check for mines in the division area.
- D. No Change.
- E. Notes on minefields in division area:
 - Multiple mines as previously reported have not been found in this area.
 - Mine fields and road blocks do not follow any standard pattern. Apparently the design of these is left to the individual placing them.
 - The enemy had been in position for a week knowing we would again take up the attack. His fields and blocks near our lines were complicated whereas those placed while we were "pushing" him were poor jobs, often unarmed.
 - While being pushed, he seemed short of igniters.
 - The only clever "trick" used was the putting of mortar shell booby traps in vegetable gardens.
 - There is no standard sign such as a jerry can indicating his mines. The AP field at (219869) did have signs "MINES" and barbed wire across gateways.
 - Frequently wrecked harvesting machinery is found in the road blocks. This may be that the enemy is wrecking them to hinder agricultural production.
 - Some casualties have been caused. Some delay has been caused in spots. But, in general, the enemy pioneer obstacles had no effect on the tactical situation. The whole resolved itself into a sort of a game between the pioneers and the engineers.

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081800 July 44.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 071800 July to 081800 July

- A. No Change.
- B. No Change.
- C. Clearing mines and maintaining roads in division area.
- D. No Change.
- E. See attached sketches.

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APO 469, U. S. ARMY

091800 July 1944.

ENGINEER OPERATIONS REPORT
From 081800 July to 091800 July

A. No Change.

B. Strength of Battalion leaving England:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
24	280
Losses in landing, assembly, and fight for organized area. These are mostly	
parachutists believed to be prisoners of war. This includes Lt Col Palmer,	
Battalion Commander. June 5th to 8th.	
4 KIA	39 WIA 8 KIA .
Losses in river crossing and assault across MENDREY RIVER June 9th to 12th.	
1 WIA	9 WIA
	1 KIA
	5 WIA
	1 Hosp
Losses in DOUVE RIVER crossing and assault BEAUZEVILLE la BASTILLE area June	
13th to 15th.	
0	0
Losses in cross-peninsula operation: ETIENVILLE - ST SAUVEUR la VICENTE June	
16th to 18th.	
0	1 KIA
	2 Hosp
Losses in DOUVE RIVER crossing and assault south of AIRVILLE June 19th to	
21st.	
0	1 Hosp
Losses in holding position south of DOUVE RIVER June 22nd to July 2nd.	
0	2 Hosp
Losses in attack operation HILL 131 - LA HAYE DE FUITS July 3rd to July 7th.	
1 WIA	1 KIA
	15 KIA
Present strength July 9th:	
18	195 (Preparation)

C. Water point at VARENGUEBEC (214891) turned over to personnel of 8th DIVISION. Checked in division area for mine fields and reported same to Corps Engrs.

D. Organizational equipment turned in to Army Supply.

E. German map showing mine field location identical to map formerly captured by 1st and sent in to Corps was captured by the 505 Inf. This indicates that many maps are made of a mined area since two of a mined area have been captured by this division.

Anti-personnel mine field found at (212891) consisting of mustard gas mines.

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1 meter apart along hedge row. This field was reported to the 148TH ENGRS for removal.

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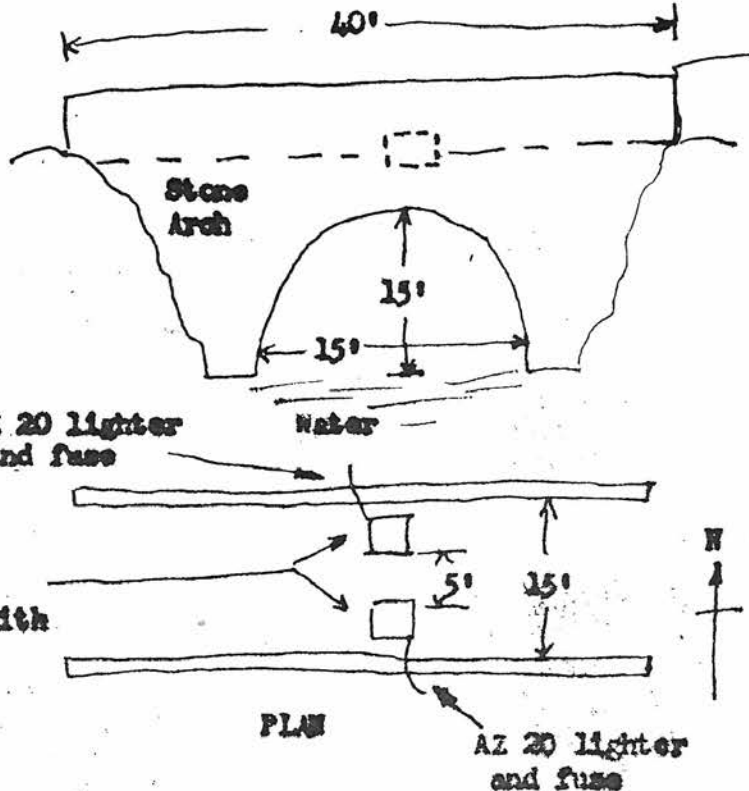
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Bridge at (200973) prepared for demolition by enemy but captured before by flank raiding party of 50th Infantry which crossed during darkness prior to 1-hour.

2 charges, each containing
4 Teller mines
4 cases explosives with loose blocks
15 prepared charges

AZ 20 lighter and fuse



DETAILS OF MINE FIELDS AND OBSTACLES LOCATED TO DATE IN 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION AREA

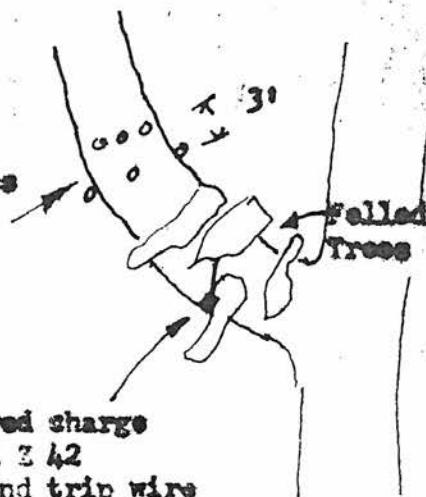
See Overlay Map

1 - 3 Teller mines with trip wires. Mines buried. Two had been set off, killing German soldiers.

2. Road Block at (213077)

6 - #2 Teller mines buried
1 - booby trapped mine multiple

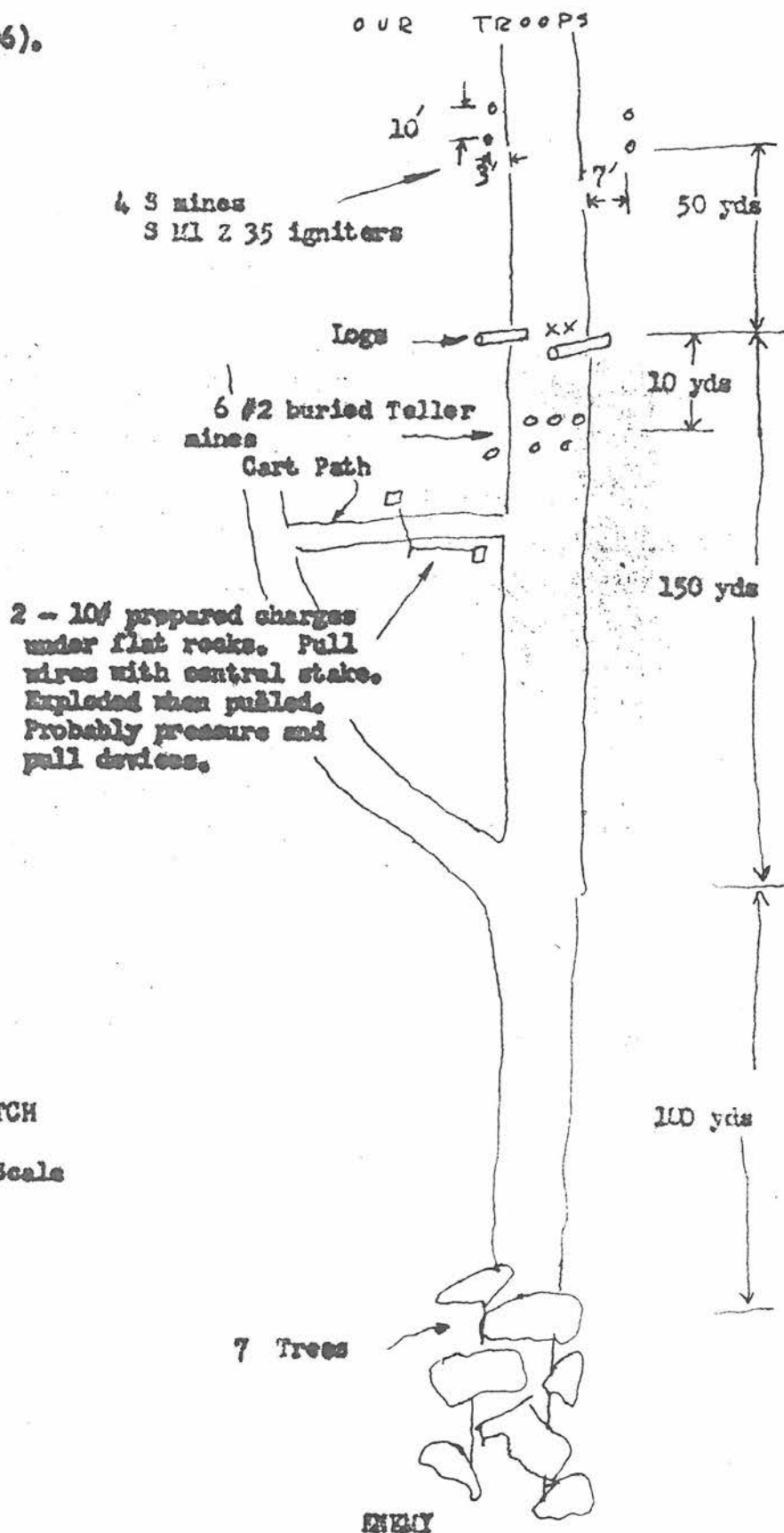
2 Kg prepared charge with S M1 Z 42 igniter and trip wire



(3). 2 mortar shells with S M1 Z 42 igniter and trip wires in onion patch.

(4). 3 mortar shells with trip wires and S M1 Z 42 igniters in vegetable garden.

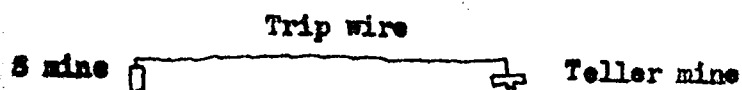
(5). Road Block at (215896).



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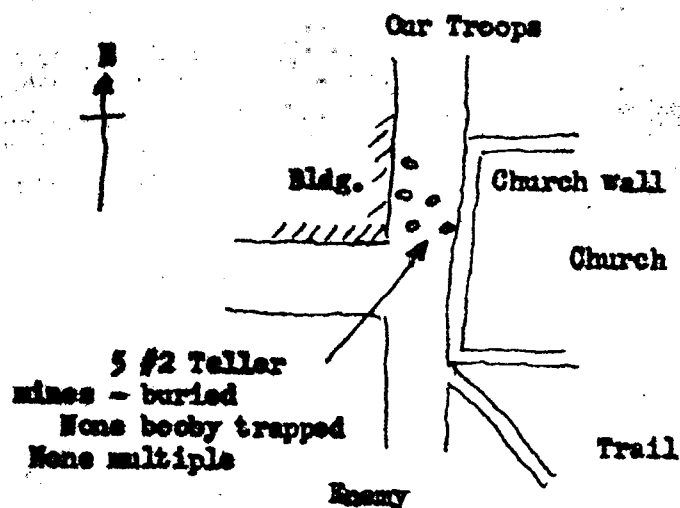
Not to Scale

- (6). Anti-personnel mine field at (219892), consisting of booby trapped Teller mines, 8 mines, and "mustard pots". "Mustard pots" on top of ground and 2 feet apart. "8" mines and Teller mines connected with trip wire.

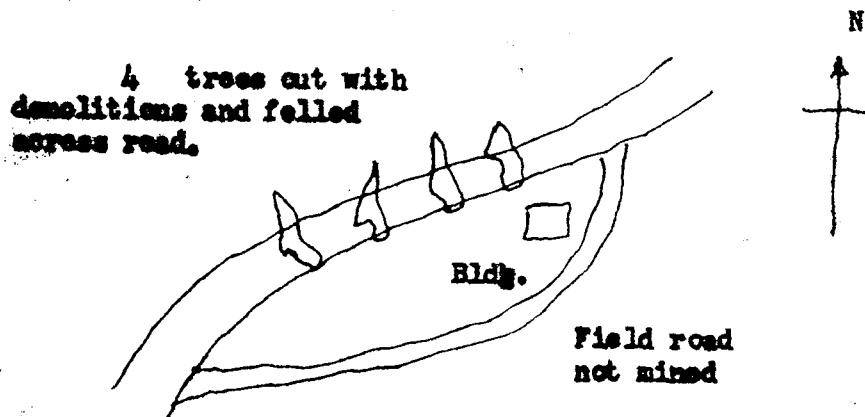


- (7). Infantryman's booby trap consisting of trip wires tied to potato masher grenades.

- (8). Road block at (215890).



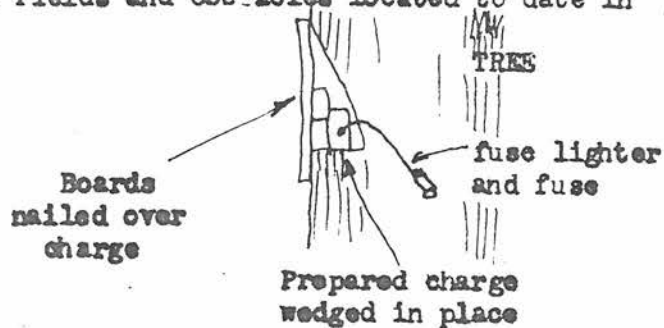
- ((9). Road block at (200887).



Continuation of Rept. "Details on Mine Fields and Obstacles located to date in 82d Airborne Division Area.

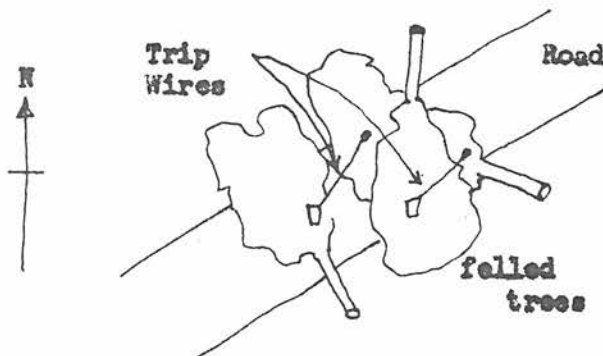
- (10) PREPARED CHARGES in trees as cutting charges for making abatis. None detonated.

Location: from (209889) to (216880).

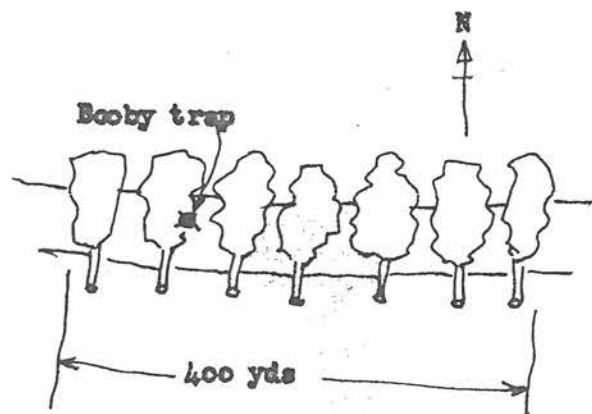


- (11) Road block at (219884)

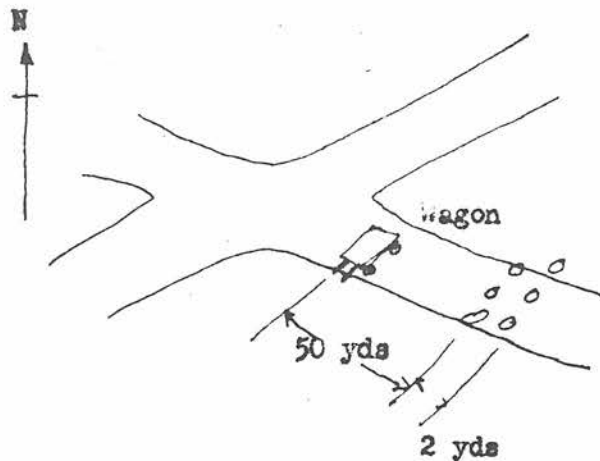
2 prepared charges
booby traps in felled trees



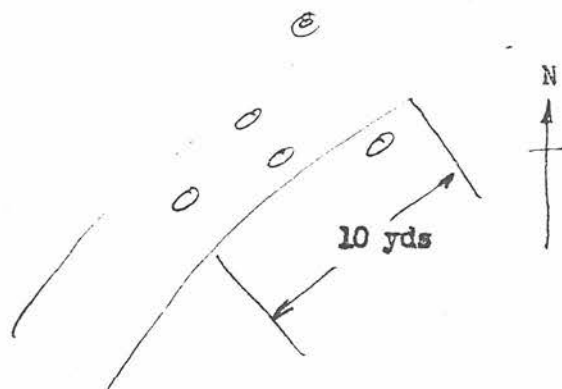
- (12) Road block at (218881) to (222879) consisting of 7 trees across road. Contained one booby trap. Booby trap was set off but was believed to have been pressure type igniter as no explosion was heard. Trap was fourth man to trap was log.



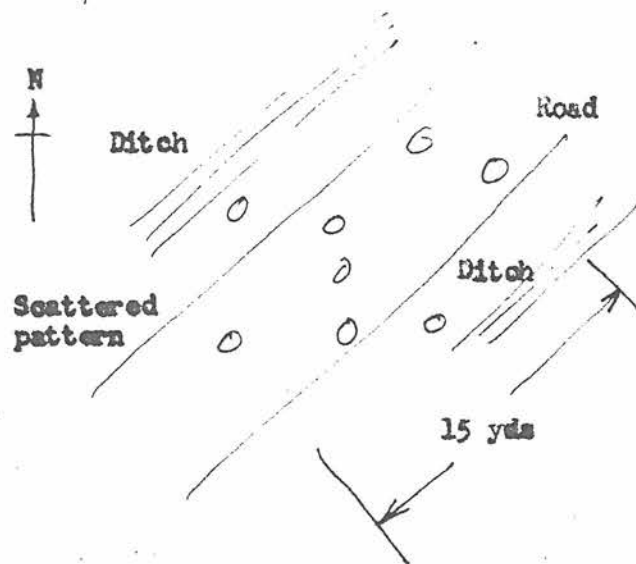
- (13) Road block at (229888) consisting of a wagon block with 6 #2 Teller mines buried. None booby trapped. None multiple. Mounds of loose dirt over mines made them visible from a distance.



- (14) Road block at (228879)
consisting of 5 #3 Teller mines.
None booby trapped.
None multiple.



- (15) Road block at (237885)
consisting of 8 #3 Teller mines.
6 were upside down and 2 right
side up.
Buried, none booby trapped,
none multiple.

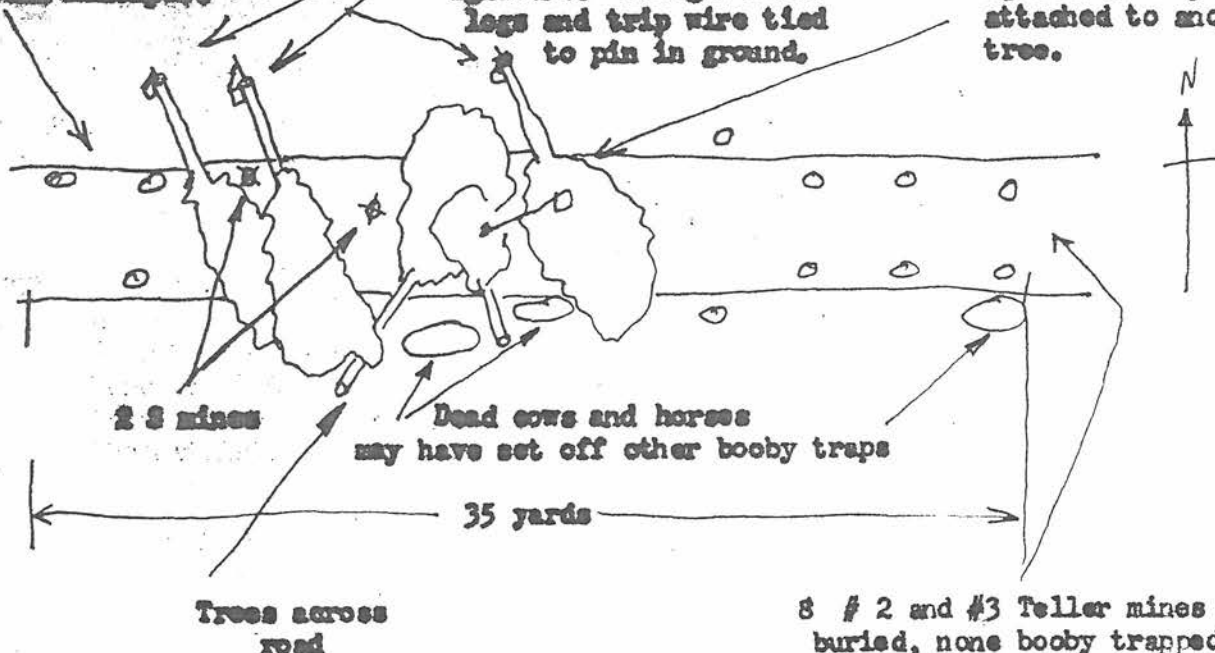


- (16) Road block at (240887).

3 #3 Teller mines buried
None booby trapped
None multiple.

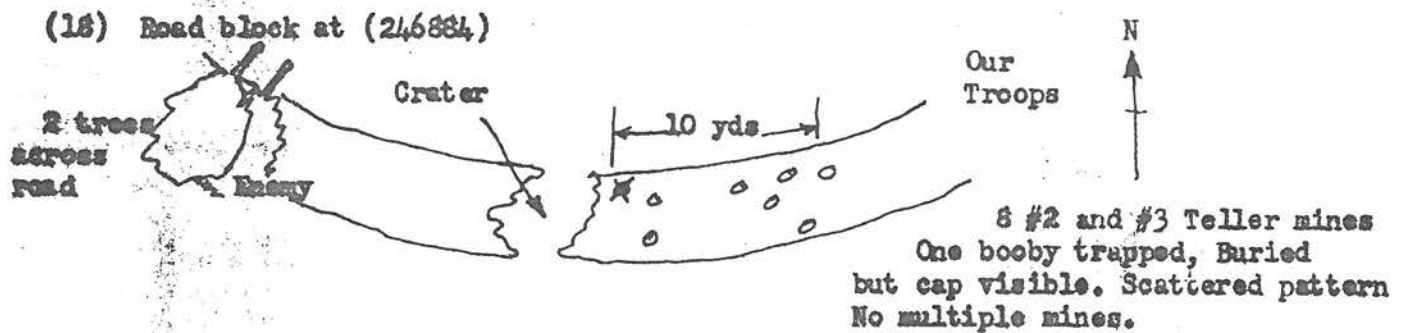
3 2 kg prepared charges
booby traps 8 MI Z 42
igniters. Charges under
logs and trip wire tied
to pin in ground.

2 kg prepared charges
booby trap. 8 MI Z 42
igniters. Trip wire
attached to another
tree.

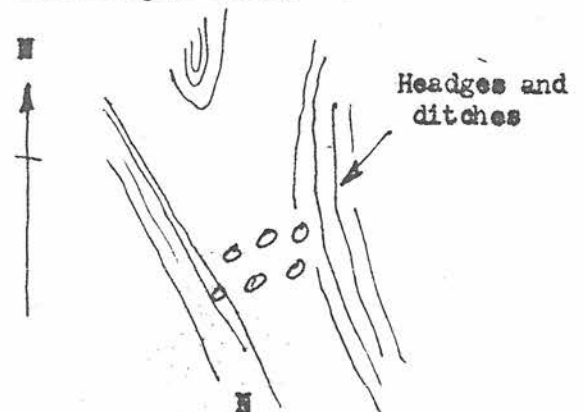


8 # 2 and #3 Teller mines
buried, none booby trapped,
none multiple.

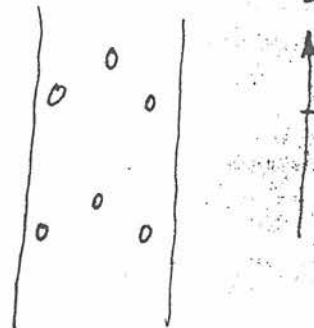
- (17) Proposed road block at (242885) consisting of 2 #3 Teller mines beside road. Enemy just didn't get around to put these in.



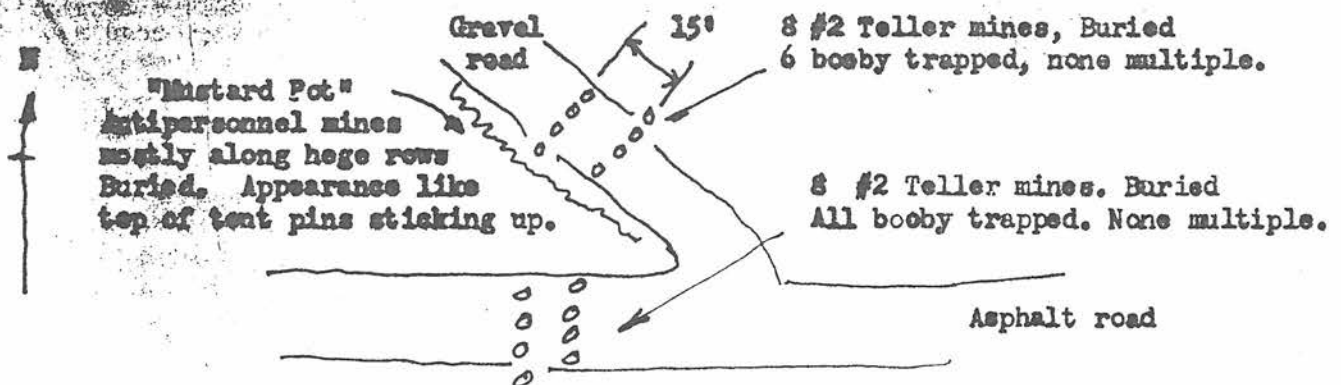
- (19) Road block at (242890) consisting of 6 #2 Teller mines, buried, none booby trapped, none multiple.



- (20) Road block at (251890). consisting of 6 #2 Teller mines, buried, but each had a white rag tied to it which was visible. None booby trapped, none multiple.

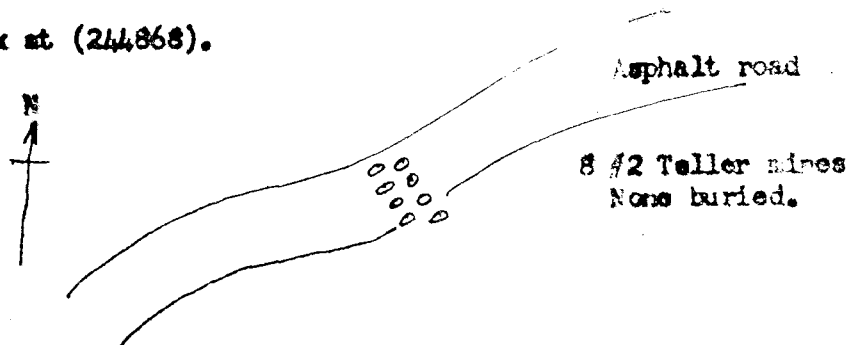


- (21), (22), and (23) Road Block at (254875).

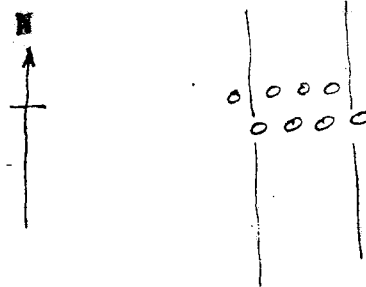


- (24) Road block at (248873) consisting of three trees across road. Prepared charges in trees but no firing devices had been put in. In addition wagons and other debris strewn on road.

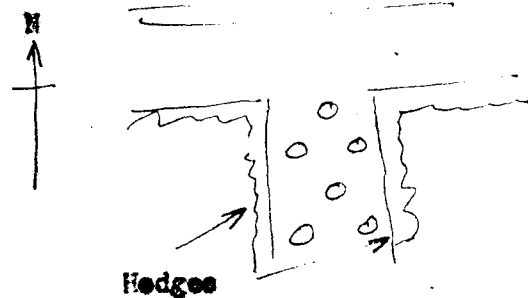
- (25) Road block at (244868).



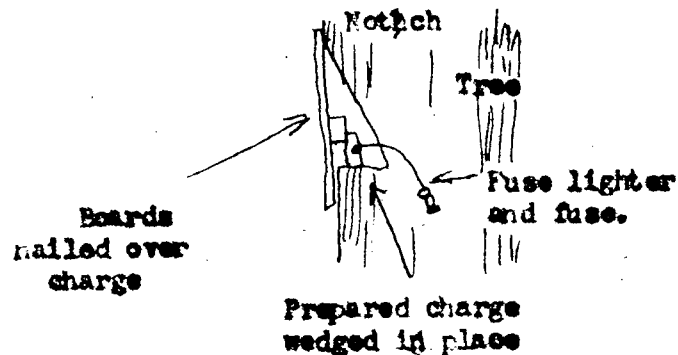
- (26). Road block at (242870).
consisting of 8 #2 Teller mines
Buried. None booby trapped.
None multiple.



- (27) Road block at (237876).
consisting of 6 #2 Teller mines
Buried. None booby trapped.
None multiple.



- (28) Prepared charges in trees
as cutting charges for making
abatis. None detonated.
Location (238872) to
(234874).



(29), (30), (31), and (32)
Road blocks at (236857).

8 #2 Teller mines
Scattered pattern
Buried, none booby
trapped, none mul-
tiple.

("Mustard Pot"
antipersonnel mines
in onion patch.

6 #2 Teller mines
Buried, none booby
trapped, none multiple.

Wagons, trees, etc.
on trail

Hedge

Bldg.

Asphalt road

70 yds

(33) and (34) Road Blocks at (224859)

Metal dummies.

8 #2 Teller mines
Buried, None booby
trapped, None multiple.

20 yds

20 yds

8 #4 Teller mines
buried, none booby
trapped, None multiple.
2 had wooden plugs instead
of igniters.

In Out
20 yds

(35) Road block at (221856).

Knocked out
MK III tank

Bldg

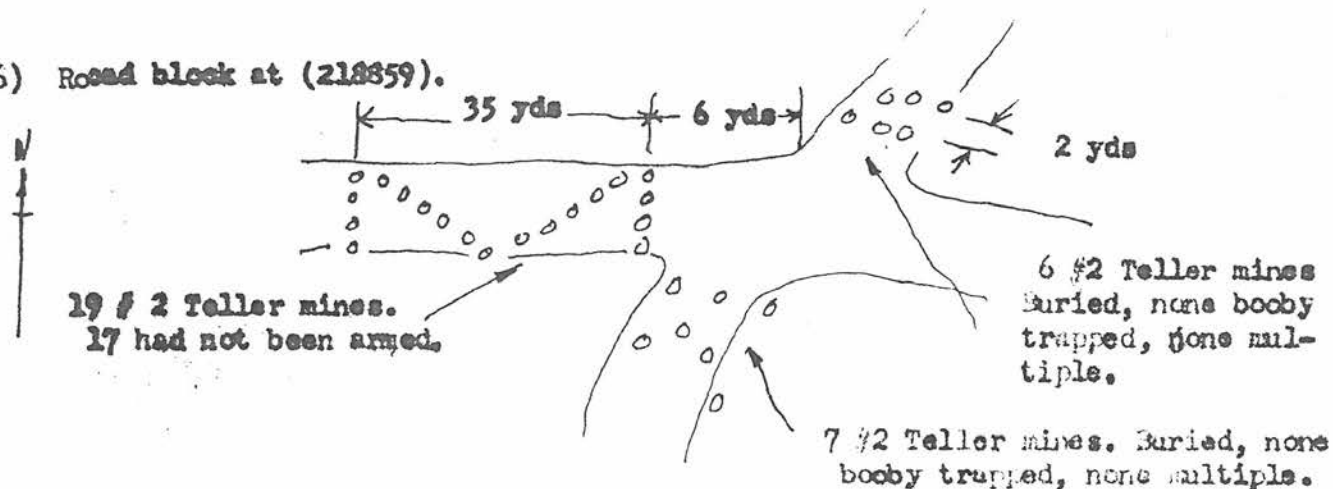
Bldg.

3 holes 2 ft
diameter, 18 inches
deep.

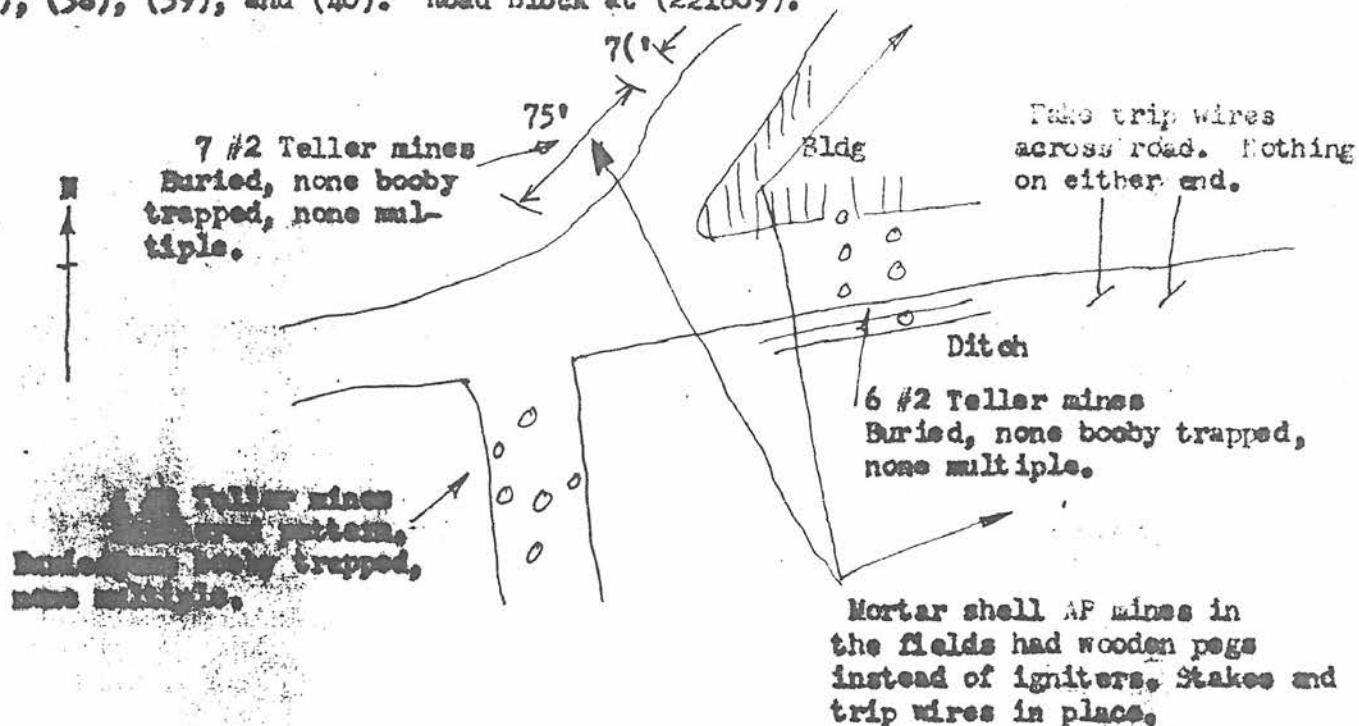
Broken /ay mower.

6 wooden blocks
in asphalt. 6 #2 Teller
mines in ditch. Enemy had
no time to install.

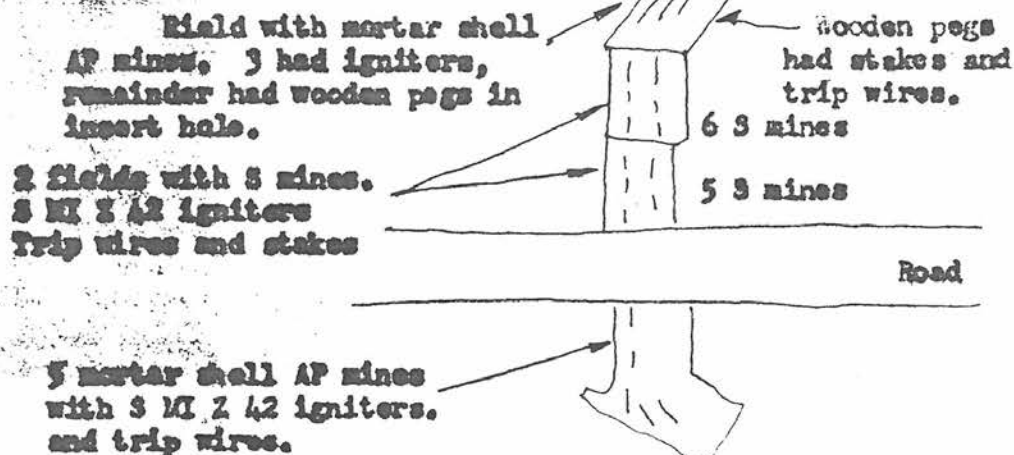
(36) Road block at (218859).



(37), (38), (39), and (40). Road Block at (221869).



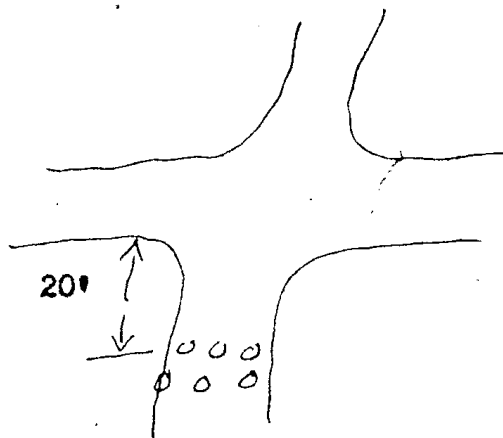
(41) Antipersonnel minefield at (219869).



(42) Road block at (217871) consisting of 6 #2 Teller mines in ditch. All were armed but none had been placed on road.

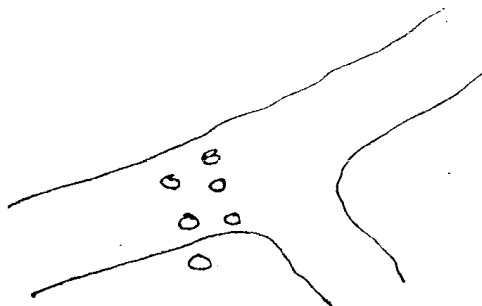
(43) Road Block at (217868).

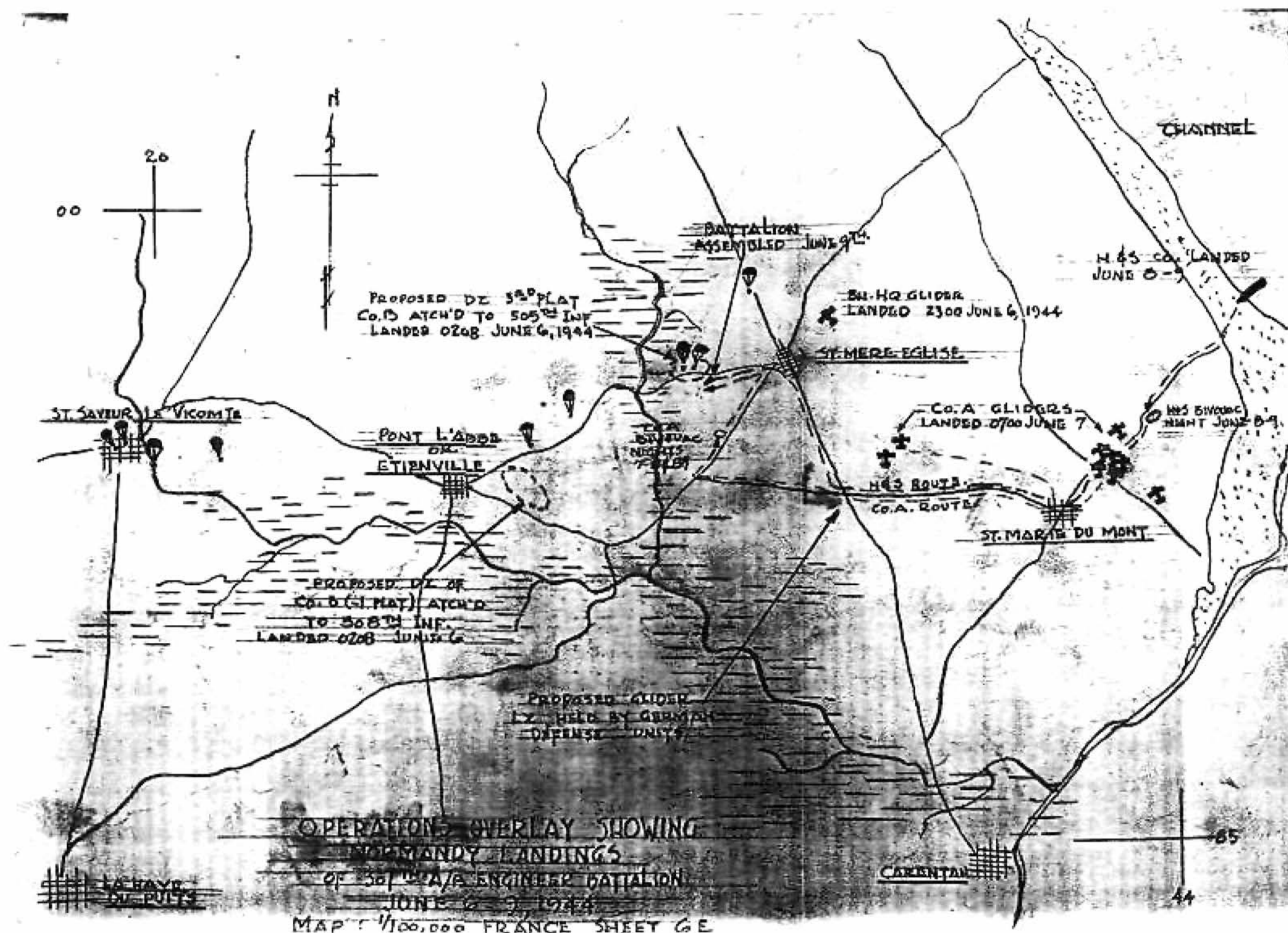
5 #2 Teller mines
1 #3 Teller mines
Buried, none booby
trapped, none multiple



(44) Road block at (210866).

6 #2 Teller mines
Buried, none booby
trapped, none multiple.





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307 Airborne Engg Bn 10 August 1944
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B - Navigator
C - Bombardier
D - Observer
E - Flight Surgeon
F - Photographer
G - Radio Operator Gunner
H - Engineer Gunner
I - Armorer Gunner
J - Paratroops on Jump Status
K - Gunner
L - All others on Flying Status
Z - Not on Flying or Jump Status

* TYPE OF CASUALTY CODE:

KIA - Killed in Action
DOW - Died of Wounds received in Action
DOI - Died of Injuries received in Action
SWA - Seriously Wounded in Action
SIA - Seriously Injured in Action
LWA - Lightly Wounded in Action (Hospitalized)
LIA - Lightly Injured in Action (Hospitalized)
MIA - Missing in Action
GAS - Seriously gassed (Hospitalized)
PCW - Captured by Enemy
INT - Interned as result of enemy action
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10 June 44
(Date)

ASN	LAST	NAME FIRST	MI	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	TYPE CAS	MRU ONLY	DATE OF CASUALTY	FLY- ING STA	PLACE	REMARKS
33418401	Pastarich	Matthew	(NMI)	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		All casualties occurred
36522695	Porcarelli	Joe	P	Pfc	CE	LNA		11 June 44	Z		in France
35290545	Nelson	Carl	R	Pvt	CE	LNA		11 June 44	Z		
36457917	Inke	Richard	H	Pfc	CE	LIA		6 June 44	J		
35092815	Northern	Harry	H	Pfc	CE	LNA		7 June 44	J		
12078130	O'Neill	John	J	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil	M	Pfc	CE	LNA		9 June 44	Z		
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil	M	Pfc	CE	Duty		10 June 44	Z		
32162514	Chia	Fong	G	Pvt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
32784924	Clancy	Joseph	E	Pvt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
31219377	Connelly Jr	John	L	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
33694910	Conney	Korman	J	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
11049224	Cunningham	Ralph	J	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
33600839	DeSousa	Wassie	(NMI)	Pvt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
20406908	Kills	Klmer	(NMI)	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
13027360	Hause	Robert	K	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
13059421	Schuchart	Charles	E	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
6557991	Tedewski	Jack	L	Pvt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
20402585	Thomas	Raymond	W	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
11065749	Wagner	Jacob	C	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		

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11042041	Wheeler	Paul	D	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		All casualties occurred in France.
35000123	Zair	John	R	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
31157705	Hughes	Thomas	P	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
37506691	Jonas	Pearcy	Q	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
32439143	Joseph	Horace (NMI)		Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
37541171	King	Stanley	H	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
13090866	Kreiser	Roy	K	Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
13073457	DiFabbio	Frank (NMI)		Tec 5	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
39183714	Goins	Thomas	G	Tec 5	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
13039592	Morrow	Robert	A	Tec 5	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
35411824	Pennington	Lawrence	A	Tec 5	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
12038377	Vallance	Charles	H	Tec 5	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
35415542	Beathard	Weldon	S	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
18014120	Bishop	James	G	Pfc	MD	MIA		6 June 44	J		
33100425	Brown	John	H	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
13087839	Calix	Elmer	G	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
33175272	Deban	William	J	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
19099177	Gach	Theodore	I	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
14125463	Hecker	Ralph	W	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
33225335	Hallman	William	H	Pfc	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		

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36176385	Tonkin Paul W	Tec 5	CE	KIA		8 June 44	2		All casualties occur
35044168	Lesley Anthony G	Sgt	CE	KIA		9 June 44	2		In France
01108358	Sweeney Alexander F	2 Lt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		
36414311	Lambert Lewis J	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		
39615493	Lansard Gaylord A	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		
33575647	Levernight Karl T	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	VTM KID	
31362688	Maloney Francis J	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
33394148	Marcello Vincent A	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
32699574	McMillan Edward P	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
32191687	McMurry Joseph C	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
35803109	Moore Casper (M)	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
18248014	Paasmore Joseph H	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
20818772	Polayson Lemita Y	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
39194297	Peterson Tom D	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	
38106659	Pharriss Arthur O	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J	KID	

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35290895	Welch	Edgar	B	Pfc	CE	LNA		4 July 44	Z		ALL Casualties occurred
32680895	Meldams	Clarence	J	Pvt	CE	LNA		4 July 44	Z		in France.
36410144	Smith	Paul	B	Cpl	CS	LNA		4 July 44	J		
35044168	Lesley	Anthony	G	Sgt	CE	RTD		8 July 44	Z		fr LNA 9 June 44
33600839	DeSousa	Moses (NMI)		Pvt	CE	KIA		12 June 44	J		fr KIA 24 June 44
35749065	Martin	Richard P		Pfc	CE	LNA		5 July 44	J		
13107191	Donahue	Joseph	A	Cpl	CE	RTD		9 July 44	J		fr LNA 3 July 44
14069055	Nichols	Carl	B	Pvt	CE	RTD		9 July 44	J		fr LNA 3 July 44
38406659	Pharris	Arthur	G	Pvt	CE	RTD		8 July 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
33108625	Brown	John	H	Pfc	CE	RTD		8 July 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
20417075	Edmondson	Charles K Jr		Pvt	CE	MIA		6 June 44	J		
20220398	Terpke	Michael (NMI)		Pvt	CE	LNA		7 June 44	J		fr LNA unknown date
38406659	Pharris	Arthur	G	Pvt	CE	RTD		13 June 44	J		fr RTD 8 July to RTD 13 June
33108625	Brown	John	H	Pfc	CE	RTD		13 June 44	J		fr RTD 8 July to RTD 13 June
35290545	Malone	Carl	R	Pvt	CE	RTD		17 July 44	Z		fr LNA 11 Jun 44 to RT
01103442	Tribe	Robert W		1st Lt	CE	RTD		20 July 44	Z		fr LNA 9 Jun 44 to RTD
01102724	Finlayson	Adrian J		2d Lt	CE	RTD		20 July 44	J		fr LNA 3 July 44 to RTD
12148912	Hager	Albert	P	Cpl	CE	RTD		20 July 44	J		fr LNA 3 Jly 44 to RTD
14123142	Parke	Charles H		Pvt	CE	RTD		25 July 44	J		fr MIA 7 June 44 to RTD
17031210	Karnish	Raymond	P	Sgt	CE	LNA		14 June 44	J		

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3738750	Boeman	Billy	A	Pfc	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		All casualties occurred in France
3767037	Langrehr	Henry	O	Pfc	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
16054338	Hylett	James	R	Pfc	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
33057523	Smash	Louis (NMI)		Pfc	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
19064076	Arnold	Henry	L	Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
31241524	Borucki	Venceslaus	W	Pvt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
32305943	Brookins	Leo (NMI)		Pvt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
33330546	Yeo	William W		Cpl	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
12025255	Siddall	Klmer	Q	Cpl	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
6978947	McKeeby	Benjamin L		Cpl	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
13053899	Kearney	Harry (NMI)		Cpl	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
39009404	Langford	Everette H		Sgt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
15102739	Gaffney	Walter	R	Sgt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
19106131	Gabrielson	John	C	Sgt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
35206585	Rplin	John	B	Sgt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
11042952	Matters	Vernon	O	S/Sgt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
20317850	Carwood	Theodore H		S/Sgt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		
01104309	Arden	James	L	2nd Lt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
0456430	Highley	James	A	1st Lt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		
01102267	Helwig	Edward W		1st Lt	CE	MIA	-	6 June 44	J		

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35000123	Zwir	John	R	Pvt	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		in France. fr MIA 6 June 44
37541171	King	Stanley	H	Pvt	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
20938772	Petersen	Leslie	V	Pvt	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
39194297	Petersen	Tom	D	Pvt	CE	RTD		10 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
32784934	Clancy	Joseph	F	Pvt	CE	RTD		15 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
33679331	Frederick	Charles	F	Pvt	CE	RTD		29 June 44	J		fr LIA 6 June 44
31241524	Dorucki	Venceslaus	W	Pvt	CE	INA		27 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
14049055	Nichols	Carl	E	Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
36478326	Frobese	William	E	Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
16096857	Rockenbach	Ralph	T	Sgt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
34731017	Clark	William	H	Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
13107191	Donahue	Joseph	A	Cpl	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
36384053	Estrella	Mateo (BMI)		Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
12094855	Droogan	Cornelius	J	Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
39198234	Tenschler	Johnny	W	Pvt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
12148912	Mayer	Albert	P	Cpl	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
16101999	McCarthy	Frank	C	Cpl	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
30110272	Finlayson	Adrian	J	2nd Lt	CE	INA		3 July 44	J		
35289216	Osborne	Delmer	J	Cpl	CE	INA		3 July 44	Z		
36034369	O'Neill	Daniel	J	Pfc	CE	RTA		3 July 44	J		

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01100038	Cappa	Alfred	J	1st Lt	CE	MIA	+	6 June 44	J		All casualties occurred in France.
020611	Palmer	Robert	S	Lt Col	CE	MIA	—	6 June 44	J		
20220398	Tarpko	Michael (NMI)		Pvt	CE	IMA		Unknown	J		
20317850	Cerwood	Theodore H		S/Sgt	CE	LIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA to LIA 6 June 44
35536460	Wagner	Eugene F		Pfc	CE	IMA		7 June 44	J		
14123342	Parks	Charles H		Pvt	CE	SWA		7 June 44	J		
33679331	Frederick	Charles F		Pvt	CE	LIA		6 June 44	J		
01103442	Tribe	Robert W		1st Lt	CE	IMA		9 June 44	Z		
14099566	Clements	John H., Jr		Pvt	CE	IMA		9 June 44	Z		
33241286	Sommer	Charles F		Pvt	CE	IMA		9 June 44	Z		
20317850	Cerwood	Theodore H		S/Sgt	CE	IMA		22 June 44	J		fr LIA 6 June 44 to RTD
18014420	Bishop	James C		Pfc	MD	CAP		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44 to CAP
18014420	Bishop	James C		Pfc	MD	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr CAP 6 June 44 to RTD
01100038	Cappa	Alfred J		1st Lt	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44 to RTD
01108358	Sweeney	Alexander F		2nd Lt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr KIA date unknown to KIA 6 June 44
33241286	Sommer	Charles F		Pvt	CE	RTD		24 June 44	Z		fr IMA 6 June 44 to RTD
12070130	O'Neill	John J		Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr KIA unknown date to KIA 6 June 44
36522695	Parocelli	Joe F		Pfc	CE	RTD		11 June 44	Z		fr IMA 11 June 44 to RTD
14051334	Kylett	James R		Pfc	CE	IMA		17 June 44	J		fr KIA 6 June 44
20908606	Anderson	John R		Pvt	CE	KIA		18 June 44	J		

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35415562	Seathard	Weldon	S	Pfc	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
19099177	Cach	Theodore I		Pfc	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
31157705	Hughes	Thomas	P	Pvt	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
32175104	Tedeschi	Jack	L	Pvt	CE	RTD		7 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
35536460	Wagner	Eugene	F	Pfc	CE	RTD		26 June 44	J		fr LFA 7 June 44
35044168	Lasley	Anthony	G	Sgt	CE	INA		9 June 44	Z		fr SMA 9 June 44
32162514	Chin	Foon	G	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
12489143	Joseph	Horace (NMI)		Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
13575647	Levernigh	Karl T		Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
14248034	Pasmora	Joseph	H	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
11042041	Wheeler	Paul	D	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
30308606	Anderson	John	R	Pvt	CE	RTD		19 June 44	J		fr MIA 19 June 44
33175272	Dobson	William J		Pfc	CE	RTD		25 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil M		Pfc	CE	INA		12 June 44	Z		
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil M		Pfc	CE	RTD		30 June 44	Z		fr INA 12 June 44
13600839	Dodson, House	(NMI)		Pvt	CE	KIA		24 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
33310586	Lee	William W		Col	CE	KIA		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
11042952	Batters	Fernan	G	S/Sgt	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
19106111	Calderman	John	G	Sgt	CE	RTD		15 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
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Pfc Wilson, Austin E.	18209705
Pvt Arellanes, Augustine L.	39249767
Pvt Cannon, Russell D.	36757887
Pvt Clancy, Joseph F.	32784924
Pvt Davis, Johnnie E.	14123487
Pvt DeMar, Frank E.	33694474
Pvt Durben, Fred H.	15084385
Pvt Ellis, Samuel F.	14050159
Pvt Frederick, Charles F.	33679331
Pvt Gabrielson, John G.	19106131
Pvt Gallinari, Paul L.	32273592
Pvt Grove, James M.	33272607
Pvt Hall, Jessie D., Jr.	6969929
Pvt Hinman, George A.	19179695
Pvt Huddleston, Otis B., Jr.	14131718
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Pvt Rumbaugh, Carroll B.	6891940
Pvt Schenck, Richard H.	33760598
Pvt Shirey, Max H.	34435485
Pvt Standlick, Donald J.	36569410
Pvt Stevens, James F.	14045258
Pvt Thomas, Ivan L.	95091481
Pvt Watts, Wilbur E.	35867383
Pvt Zair, John R.	35000123

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CAPT	CONNALLY, DAVID G., JR.	0 453893
1ST LT	CAPPA, ALFRED J.	0 1100038
1ST LT	KLKIN, ROBERT E.	0 1103261
1ST LT	WHALEN, EDWARD P.	0 1100823
1/Sgt	Katona, John (NMI)	7030363
S/Sgt	Bolmowski, Harry (NMI)	36517257
S/Sgt	Miale, Frank M.	20153968
S/Sgt	Watters, Vernon G.	11042952
Sgt	Gahkey, Jesse L.	14124074
Sgt	Lajoie, Leslie W.	11035970
Sgt	Vismeski, Theodore B.	33287233
Cpl	Best, Howard R.	20913192
Cpl	Borges, Manuel (NMI), Jr.	11096229
Cpl	Thomas, Sterling H.	18013439
Tec 5	Baron, John (NMI)	33108614
Tec 5	Dobson, William J.	33175272
Tec 5	Lyda, Hoyle H.	14030498
Tec 5	Makepa, James K.	39164846
Tec 5	Mumford, Hugh D.	33030102
Pfc	Beathard, Waldon S.	35415562
Pfc	Bishop, James C.	18014420
Pfc	Brown, John H.	33108625
Pfc	Couture, Florian E.	31059692
Pfc	Day, Daniel R.	12138958
Pfc	Gach, Theodore I.	19099177
Pfc	Gambacini, William S.	20324036
Pfc	Harty, Peter (NMI)	32005287
Pfc	Hunsberger, Harry M., Jr.	13098440
Pfc	Nixon, Harold (NMI)	34123644
Pfc	Odom, James E.	34707848
Pfc	Partridge, Walter J.	6880370