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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

STATISTICAL REPORT ON REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED 2 NOVEMBER 1944.

<u>AGCT SCORE</u>		<u>AGE</u>	
GROUP I	- - - - 0	19 yrs.	- - - - 4
GROUP II	- - - - 5	20 yrs.	- - - - 1
GROUP III	- - - - 11	21 yrs.	- - - - 2
GROUP IV	- - - - 14	22 yrs.	- - - - 3
GROUP V	- - - - 2	23 yrs.	- - - - 1
		24 yrs.	- - - - 0
		25 yrs.	- - - - 2
		26 yrs.	- - - - 1
		27 yrs.	- - - - 1
		28 yrs.	- - - - 2
		29 yrs.	- - - - 1
		30 yrs.	- - - - 0
		31 yrs.	- - - - 2
		32 yrs.	- - - - 5
		33 yrs.	- - - - 2
		34 yrs.	- - - - 5

<u>NO. OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	
35 wks.	- - - - 1
37 wks.	- - - - 7
38 wks.	- - - - 6
39 wks.	- - - - 6
41 wks.	- - - - 1
43 wks.	- - - - 3
46 wks.	- - - - 4
48 wks.	- - - - 2
49 wks.	- - - - 1
100 wks.	- - - - 1

<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	
Unqualified	- - - 0
M-1	- - - 32
HMG	- - - 16
Carbine	- - - 2

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STATISTICAL REPORT ON REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED 3 NOVEMBER 1944.

	AGCT SCORE
GROUP I	2
GROUP II	7
GROUP III	22
GROUP IV	29
GROUP V	0

	NO. OF WEEKS TRAINING
20 wks.	1
22 wks.	1
23 wks.	25
24 wks.	6
25 wks.	2
28 wks.	2
30 wks.	1
32 wks.	6
33 wks.	1
40 wks.	3
45 wks.	1
48 wks.	4
59 wks.	1
63 wks.	1
75 wks.	2
86 wks.	1
94 wks.	1
96 wks.	1

	AGE
19 yrs.	8
20 yrs.	4
21 yrs.	4
22 yrs.	3
23 yrs.	7
24 yrs.	3
25 yrs.	3
26 yrs.	7
27 yrs.	4
28 yrs.	1
29 yrs.	1
30 yrs.	2
31 yrs.	4
32 yrs.	0
33 yrs.	2
34 yrs.	4
35 yrs.	0
36 yrs.	2
37 yrs.	1
38 yrs.	0

	QUALIFICATION IN ARMS
Unqualified	1
M-1	59
LMG	6
HMG	5
Carbine	3

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STATISTICAL REPORT ON REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED 10 NOVEMBER 1944.

<u>AGCT SCORE</u>	<u>AGE</u>
GROUP I - - - - - 0	19 yrs. - - - - - 2
GROUP II - - - - - 4	20 yrs. - - - - - 1
GROUP III - - - - - 4	21 yrs. - - - - - 0
GROUP IV - - - - - 7	22 yrs. - - - - - 1
GROUP V - - - - - 0	23 yrs. - - - - - 0
	24 yrs. - - - - - 1
<u>NO. OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	25 yrs. - - - - - 0
27 wks. - - - - - 2	26 yrs. - - - - - 0
28 wks. - - - - - 3	27 yrs. - - - - - 1
32 wks. - - - - - 1	28 yrs. - - - - - 1
33 wks. - - - - - 5	29 yrs. - - - - - 2
38 wks. - - - - - 1	30 yrs. - - - - - 0
54 wks. - - - - - 2	31 yrs. - - - - - 3
131 wks. - - - - - 1	32 yrs. - - - - - 0
	33 yrs. - - - - - 0
<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	34 yrs. - - - - - 2
Unqualified - - - - - 0	35 yrs. - - - - - 1
M-1 - - - - - 15	
HMG - - - - - 8	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED 21 NOVEMBER 1944.

AGCT SCORE		NO. OF WEEKS TRAINING	
GROUP I	4	25 wks.	44
GROUP II	53	30 wks.	41
GROUP III	95	35 wks.	9
GROUP IV	125	40 wks.	5
GROUP V	17	45 wks.	9
		50 wks.	12
		55 wks.	5
		60 wks.	3
		65 wks.	10
		70 wks.	10
		75 wks.	16
		80 wks.	36
		85 wks.	28
		90 wks.	10
		95 wks.	5
		100 wks.	5
		105 wks.	7
		110 wks.	5
		115 wks.	3
		120 wks.	2
		130 wks.	5
		140 wks.	2
		160 wks.	4
		170 wks.	5
		180 wks.	3
		190 wks.	6
		200 wks.	4

AGE	
19 yrs.	13
20 yrs.	51
21 yrs.	36
22 yrs.	20
23 yrs.	27
24 yrs.	14
25 yrs.	26
26 yrs.	19
27 yrs.	10
28 yrs.	5
29 yrs.	11
30 yrs.	10
31 yrs.	8
32 yrs.	11
33 yrs.	14
34 yrs.	11
35 yrs.	2
36 yrs.	1
37 yrs.	5

QUALIFICATION IN ARMS

Unqualified	6	BAR	1
M-1	277	Pistol	7
O-3	4	AT Gun, 57mm	2
Carbine	58	Sub. MG	6
HMG	27	Mortar	2

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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

STATISTICAL REPORT ON REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED 28 NOVEMBER 1944.

<u>AGCT SCORE</u>		<u>NO. OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>
GROUP I	0	27 wks. 3
GROUP II	9	30 wks. 4
GROUP III	24	38 wks. 1
GROUP IV	23	47 wks. 2
GROUP V	4	60 wks. 2
		64 wks. 3
		68 wks. 2
		70 wks. 1
		73 wks. 4
		77 wks. 5
		84 wks. 3
		87 wks. 2
		97 wks. 3
		99 wks. 2
		105 wks. 4
		110 wks. 5
		116 wks. 5
		134 wks. 2
		152 wks. 3
		192 wks. 2
		193 wks. 1
		374 wks. 1
<u>AGE</u>		<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>
19 yrs.	5	Unqualified 2
20 yrs.	10	M-1 46
21 yrs.	6	O-3 2
22 yrs.	5	HMG 11
23 yrs.	3	Carbine 18
24 yrs.	5	
25 yrs.	4	
26 yrs.	7	
27 yrs.	2	
28 yrs.	1	
29 yrs.	2	
30 yrs.	1	
31 yrs.	2	
32 yrs.	4	
33 yrs.	2	
34 yrs.	0	
35 yrs.	1	
36 yrs.	0	

Note: Report includes 10 Medical Aid Men.

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HEADQUARTERS 142D INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

12 November 1944

SUBJECT: Replacement of Non-commissioned Officer Losses.

TO : Commanding General
36th Infantry Division
APO # 36, U. S. Army.

1. Request that this letter be given consideration and forwarded to Commanding General, Seventh Army for action to remedy the condition hereafter described.

2. This Regiment has been in combat, with three rest periods excepted, since 9 September 1943. During that period non-commissioned officer and junior officer losses due to enemy action have totaled several times the unit's Table of Organization allotment in these grades. In addition twenty (20) non-commissioned officers have received battlefield appointments to the grade of Second Lieutenant.

While the Regiment in its initial actions had an abundance of good non-commissioned officer material, this stock has gradually been reduced through losses until many of the men now in non-commissioned officer grades are not qualified for the grade they hold and have only been promoted for lack of better men to fill the job.

Although requests have been made by this Regiment for non-commissioned officer replacements, the answer has been that no non-commissioned officer replacements for Infantry are available and that non-commissioned officer vacancies should be filled from the ranks of the Regiment. I have stated above that non-commissioned officer material already in the Regiment has been exhausted.

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Several classes of figures indicating the type of replacements received since the landing in France of 15 August are listed below:

<u>Group Received</u>	<u>Number Men</u>	<u>AGCT</u>	<u>Number of Men 30 or over</u>
25 September	227	Group I - 4 Group II - 43 Group III - 76 Group IV - 96 Group V - 8	46
10 October	576	Group I - 15 Group II - 90 Group III - 173 Group IV - 278 Group V - 20	163
15 October	241	Group I - 3 Group II - 43 Group III - 77 Group IV - 111 Group V - 7	60
2 November	32	Group I - 0 Group II - 5 Group III - 11 Group IV - 14 Group V - 2	14
7 November	60	Group I - 2 Group II - 7 Group III - 22 Group IV - 29 Group V - 0	15
TOTAL RECEIVED	1136	Group I - 24 Group II - 188 Group III - 359 Group IV - 528 Group V - 37	298

Percent with Class IV AGCT: 46%

Percent 30 years or over: 26%

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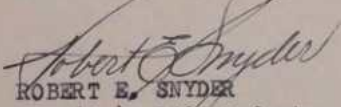
It is apparent from the AGCT scores that replacements have been combed for many talents and have been stripped, therefore not being allowed to join the combat Infantry unit. While many special skills thus stripped from the ranks of the replacements before arrival at the front are of no particular use in the Infantry Regiment, the fact that a man possesses a special skill makes it more probable that he also possesses good intelligence, alertness, initiative and many other of the traits required in successful junior leadership. Therefore there results an indirect screening of men with leadership qualities from the replacements prior to arrival at the Infantry Regiment. While amongst the replacements who are not screened, there remains a certain small percentage of men who may be latent leaders, the percentage is not nearly enough to fill the demands caused by battle casualties which are extreme in squad leaders and platoon sergeants.

Since there are no non-commissioned officer replacements scheduled for Infantry Regiments, and the original non-commissioned officer leadership has been depleted several times and the replacements being received contain a very low proportion of non-commissioned officer material, it is obvious that in a short time the quality of the Infantry Regiment will not meet the demands of successful Infantry combat. Without pessimism, I consider that a number of the rifle companies in this Regiment have reached that condition now.

Therefore, I recommend that either: (1) Replacement groups contain a proportionate number of well qualified rifle sergeants and staff sergeants or (2) Infantry replacements be not screened to satisfy specialties, from the date of induction until received by the Infantry Regiment in the theater.

/s/ G. E. Lynch
/t/ G. E. LYNCH
Colonel, 142d Infantry
Commanding.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


ROBERT E. SNYDER
W.O.(jg), 142d Infantry
Assistant Adjutant.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
(Awarded on GO # 444, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 November 1944)				
Pfc.	ERVIN K. MATHES	36320347	Chicago, Illinois	16 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	WILLIAM C. ELLISON	36522787	Dearborn, Michigan	16 Aug 1944

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

(Awarded on GO # 432, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)

1st Lt.	ALBERT G. KUDZIA	01306287	Kalamazoo, Michigan	21 Aug 1944
T/Sgt.	PAUL M. LIS	33187852	Reading, Penn.	18 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	ROBERT E. MC KEE	34208780	Jacksonville, Florida	30 Sept 1944
S/Sgt.	JOHN YBARBO	38026352	Victoria, Texas	17 Aug 1944
Sgt.	PAUL J. TURPIN	20805035	Stephenville, Texas	30 Sept 1944
Pfc.	STEPHEN P. STEPHONAC	33437663	Washington, Penn.	30 Sept 1944
Cpl.	EZRA R. ROBINSON	35277392	Zanesville, Ohio	29 Aug 1944

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
(Awarded on GO # 432, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)				
Pvt.	JOHN E. LOGAN	33440168	Mount Lebanon, Penn.	31 Aug 1944
(Awarded on GO #437, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 November 1944)				
Pfc.	WILLIAM G. BOWLES	33525309	Richmond, Virginia	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	LEON J. MAHAR	32834658	Rochester, New York	16 Sept 1944
Pvt.	MILLARD BRESIN	42060779	Brooklyn, New York	30 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 444, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 November 1944)				
Capt.	JAMES R. LOWERY	01101301	Cheboygan, Michigan	22-26 Oct 1944
1st Lt.	ELBERT E. ALBERTY	01295483	Sarcooxie, Missouri	15 Sept 1944
T/5	GILBERT M. PARDUE, JR.	34775974	Boonville, N. C.	21 Sept 1944
T/5	STERLING R. WENDELL	35212795	Charleston, W. Va.	8 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 456, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 23 November 1944)				
S/Sgt.	ROBERT H. TALLEY	20805248	Sweetwater, Texas	8 Oct 1944
Sgt.	BILL BURGA	35655326	Hihat, Kentucky	17 Sept 1944
Sgt.	THOMAS BATALEAS	32811108	New York, New York	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	ERNEST E. LIMA	31386930	Kent, Rhode Island	15 Sept 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

(Awarded on GO # 437, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 November 1944)

1st Lt.	HIRAM F. FENTON	01703044	Coleman, Texas	2 Sept 1944
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat.

(Awarded on GO # 425, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 November 1944)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
S/Sgt.	DONALD H. WITTMAN	36805799	Mayville, Wisconsin	23 June 1944
S/Sgt.	ELMER C. GIBA	33292867	Braddock, Penn.	9 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 428, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

Pfc.	HOWARD C. SHEETS	35277244	Bidwell, Ohio	25 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 431, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)

Pvt.	LESTER E. DAWSON	33431540	Tarentum, Penn.	26 Sept 1944
Pvt.	MAURICE B. KOEHN	37724177	Rich Hill, Missouri	30 Sept 1944
Pvt.	SAMUEL C. BALL	35775862	Lawson, W. Va.	30 Sept 1944

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat in France.

(Awarded on GO # 428, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

S/Sgt.	HAROLD L. BITLER	35276786	Lancaster, Ohio	25 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 431, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)

Pfc.	MICHAEL ESCOBEDO	36661578	Chicago, Illinois	30 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 453, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 November 1944)

Pvt.	HARRY L. CARNES	33722738	Newton Falls, Ohio	17 August 1944
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat.

(Awarded on GO # 425, Hqs, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 November 1944)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
1st Lt.	WILLIAM P. LEWIS	01305801	Cumberland, Kentucky	26 Aug 1944
1st Lt.	BENJAMIN B. BONGIOVANNI	01308913	Arnold, Penn.	26 Sept 1944
T/Sgt.	ROY CHRISTENSEN	37476669	Yankton, S. D.	17 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	LIGE J. BIELAMOWICZ	38036616	Bremond, Texas	5 June 1944
S/Sgt.	PAUL J. FRACHYL	38036833	Weatherford, Texas	22 Sept 1944
Sgt.	GERARD E. DELISLE	31322973	Lewiston, Maine	22 Sept 1944
Sgt.	RALPH E. CAIN	35750633	Clarksburg, W. Va.	26 Sept 1944
T/5	FRANK F. CALLAWAY	34049273	Vicksburg, Miss.	1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	DENNIS O. NORTON	32939150	Endwell, New York	29 Sept 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES E. DAVIS	33093223	Lynville, Virginia	15 Aug to 10 Sept 1944
Pfc.	MURRAY SOLOMOWITZ	32899118	Brooklyn, New York	20 Sept 1944
Pfc.	PAUL NAGY	35277564	Akron, Ohio	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	PHILIP B. BELT	34814597	Birmingham, Alabama	30 Aug 1944
Pfc.	VERNON D. FRIEND	35760324	Clarksburg, W. Va.	30 Aug 1944
Pfc.	DONALD SKAARUP	32747905	Troy, New York	10 Feb 1944
Pvt.	JOHN VENDITTI	33433181	Ellwood City, Tenn.	26 Aug 1944
Pvt.	PETE O. SAUCEDO	38543892	Wharton, Texas	9 Sept 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 428, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

S/Sgt.	JIMMIE L. JOHNSON	34174347	Matthews, N. C.	25 Sept 1944
Sgt.	WILLIAM F. BRENNAN	33140713	Philadelphia, Penn.	25 Sept 1944
Pfc.	RALPH A. DAVIS	32943880	Schnyler Falls, Clinton, N. Y.	25 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JOHN D. ADAMS	35847496	Quinwood, W. Va.	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	FRANK KUREJWA	31332777	New Haven, Conn.	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	14194309	Baxterville, Miss.	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	CHARLES W. LEADINGHAM	33715052	Ashland, Kentucky	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	GERALD U. DEVINS	32943892	Plattsburg, New York	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JAMES W. ARNOLD	37540844	Topeka, Kansas	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JOSEPH HORVATH	36661960	Chicago, Illinois	24 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 430, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

Pfc.	STANLEY F. GROCHOCKI	32281880	Buffalo, New York	27 Sept 1944
Pfc.	HOWARD H. NIX	20810981	Garrison, Texas	27 Sept 1944
Pfc.	IRA F. EVANS	39023024	Porterville, Calif.	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	LEWIS H. WILSON	34891115	North Belmont, N. C.	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	VINCENT J. FAMULARO	37706949	Denver, Colorado	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	HENRY COHEN	32997351	New York, New York	27 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JOSE O. HERNANDEZ	42023970	Ithaca, New York	27 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 431, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)

T/Sgt.	LLOYD R. NICHOLS	20848749	Hawley, Texas	27-30 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 431, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 November 1944)

T/Sgt.	EIROY E. WALLQUIST	16105352	Buchanan, Michigan	30 Sept 1944
Pfc.	ARTURO C. OCHOA	38026080	Lavilla, Texas	18 Aug 1944
Pfc.	FRANK J. GEMBUS	35062190	Columbus, Ohio	17-20 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 453, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 November 1944)

Capt.	ORVAL O. SAUNDERS	01285314	Libby, Montana	28 Sept 1944
Capt.	VERNON Y. CORNELIUS	0407743	Brownwood, Texas	30 Sept 1944
1st Lt.	JOHN W. GIST	01703054	Lamesa, Texas	14-15 Sept 1944
Cpl.	RAYMOND W. RHODES	37428308	Marshalltown, Pa.	29 Sept to 2 Oct 1944
Pfc.	MARVIN J. WEDL	36236260	Jefferson, Wisconsin	1 Oct 1944

(Awarded on GO # 454, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 November 1944)

1st Lt.	PAUL H. FREDERICK	01298689	Washington, D. C.	16 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	RAYMOND LARGE	35772542	Greenup, Kentucky	16 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	HOMER L. WISE	34150846	Baton Rouge, La.	16 Aug 1944
Sgt.	EDWARD P. KMIOTEK	31005336	Northbridge, Mass.	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT L. BOOTHE	33529353	Roanoke, Virginia	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	EARL V. MC QUAY	33138985	Baltimore, Maryland	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	RAYMOND B. MAGWIRE	31340399	Springfield, Vermont	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	WILLIAM STRICKLAND	34760794	Danielsville, Ga.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	GILBERT H. BOSTER	35277223	Gallia, Ohio	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat in FRANCE.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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(Awarded on GO # 425, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 November 1944)

S/Sgt.	HENRY FIERRO	38065165	Alpine, Texas	26 Sept 1944
T/4	HOMER B. ALEXANDER	32426540	Orangeburg, New York	29 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 428, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

T/Sgt.	CHARLES W. JOHNSON	20804818	Ballinger, Texas	25 Sept 1944
S/Sgt.	WALTER L. MARKHAM	34208823	Panama City, Florida	25 Sept 1944
T/4	CLARENCE A. KRAUSE	38026421	Shiner, Texas	21 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 430, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 November 1944)

Pfc.	RILEY S. BRANDON	35792238	Versailles, Ohio	25 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 439, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 14 November 1944)

Major	SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG	0350478	Chicago, Illinois	27 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 455, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 22 November 1944)

2d Lt.	ERNEST S. FRANGE	01683464	San Antonio, Texas	21 Sept 1944
Pfc.	HARRY J. ELLENBURGER	33701382	Pittsburgh, Penn.	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	ORVAL E. BOX	38588538	Miami, Oklahoma	28 Aug 1944

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France.

S/Sgt.	HAROLD C. SPRING	39309677	Seattle, Washington	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
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COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
(Awarded on GO # 425, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 November 1944)				
1st Lt.	ALBERT G. KUDZIA	01306287	Kalamazoo, Michigan	2 June 1944
(Awarded on GO # 452, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 November 1944)				
WO(jg)	ROBERT F. HINKEL	W2110104	Brownwood, Texas	14 June 1944
Sgt.	CHARLES D. RICKEL	20804241	Brownwood, Texas	14 June 1944
Pfc.	JAMES B. KNOWLTON	35759131	Lynchburg, Virginia	24-26 Sept 1944
Pfc.	FASTINO L. CARRASCO	38036478	Abilene, Texas	24-26 Sept 1944
Pvt.	FRANK DI PIETRANTONIO	32961322	New York City, N.Y.	24-26 Sept 1944
Pvt.	RICHARD W. LYON	42003063	West New York, N.J.	24-26 Sept 1944

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Commanding Officers of Units of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, inclusive:

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

Colonel GEORGE E. LYNCH, O-17715. Entered Military Academy from United States at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST BATTALION

Lt. Col. JAMES L. MINOR, O-406993. Entered service from Tahoka, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, SECOND BATTALION

Lt. Col. WILLARD W. KILBOURNE, O-297111. Entered service from Junction City, Kansas. Relieved of command on 12 Nov 44.

Major JOSEPH T. MIDDLETON, O-383605. Assumed command on 12 Nov 44. Entered service from Ballinger, Texas

COMMANDING OFFICER, THIRD BATTALION

Lt. Col. A. WARD GILLETTE, O-18883. Entered Military Academy from United States at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Major SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, O-350478. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Captain ERWIN SANIGA, O-1311688. Entered service from Ellsworth, Penna.

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Commanding Officers of Units of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, inclusive, continued:

COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMPANY

Captain WILLIAM L. GOTCHER, O-403593. Entered service from Voss, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, CANNON COMPANY

Captain HOWARD I. FORE, O-1289082. Entered service from Monroeville, Ala.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Captain VERNON M. SCOTT, O-407156. Entered service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQS CO 1ST BN

Captain VERNON Y. CORNELIUS, O-407743. Entered service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY A

Captain WILLIAM H. MARCUM, O-1295916. Commanded from 1 Nov to 21 Nov 44 when trfd to Hqs 1st Bn as S-3. Entered service from Oneida, Tennessee.

1st Lt. WILLIAM T. HEAD, O-415775. Assumed command on 21 Nov 44. Entered service from Goldthwaite, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY B

Captain DEWEY W. MANN, O-1290782. Entered service from Cunard, West Virginia.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C

Captain ORVAL O. SAUNDERS, O-1285314. Entered service from Libby, Montana.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY D

Captain GEORGE A. TAYLOR, O-408575. Entered service from Clinton, S. C.

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COMMANDING OFFICER, HQS CO 2D BN

Captain JOHN H. EISENBERG, O-407019. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas. Missing in Action on 6 Nov 44.

1st Lt. OTTO H. FICK, O-347944. Assumed command on 6 Nov 44. Entered service from Miller, South Dakota.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E

Captain ROBERT G. ANDERSON, O-380707. Entered service from Jersey City, N.J. Wounded in Action on 11 Nov 44.

1st Lt. WELDEN M. GREEN, O-1299734. Assumed command on 11 Nov 44. Entered service from Thatcher, Arizona.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY F

1st Lt. CARROLL M. HANNA, O-422145. Entered service from E. Hartford, Conn. Wounded in Action on 7 Nov 44.

1st Lt. HARRY J. DAWSON, O-1322428. Assumed command on 7 Nov 44. Entered service from Fairfield, Ala. Sick Hospital on 12 Nov 44.

1st Lt. KENNETH L. IVEY, O-1310847. Assumed command on 12 Nov 44. Entered service from Susquehanna, Penna. Wounded in Action on 30 Nov 44.

Captain GLEN A. GOFF, O-1284130. Assumed command on 30 Nov 44. Entered service from Unknown.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY G

Captain JOSEPH BELLONTE, O-1283897. Entered service from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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Commanding Officers of Units of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, inclusive, continued:

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY H

Captain JAMES F. STRADER, O-1703045. Commanded Company from 1 Nov to 12 Nov 44 when trfd to Hqs 2d Bn as S-3. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

1st Lt. EUGENE G. HETMANSKI, O-1309554. Assumed Command on 12 Nov 44. Entered service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQS CO 3D BN

Captain ALBERT F. FISHER, O-425629. Entered service from Electra, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY I

Captain DAVID D. GILLESPIE, JR., O-322977. Commanded Company from 1 Nov 44 to 6 Nov 44. Entered service from Dixon, Wyoming. Wounded in Action on 6 Nov 44.

Captain RALPH D. KNOX, O-1288073. Joined Company and assumed command on 6 Nov 44. Entered service from Foley, Missouri.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY K

1st Lt. RAYMOND T. LAHAR, O-1293612. Commanded Company from 1 Nov 44 to 10 Nov 44. Entered service from Newport, Vermont. Wounded in Action on 10 Nov 44.

1st Lt. ALBERT G. KUDZIA, O-1306287. Assumed command on 10 Nov 44. Entered service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

Captain PAUL H. FREDERICK, O-1298689. Commanded Company from 1 Nov 44 to 7 Nov 44. Entered service from Washington, D.C. Sick Hospital on 7 Nov 44.

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Commanding Officers of Units of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, inclusive, continued:

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

1st Lt. SAMUEL J. LUSTMAN, O-1288084. Assumed command of Company on 7 Nov 44. Entered service from Chicago, Ill. Trfd to Regtl Hqs on 14 Nov 44.

1st Lt. JAMES R. CROCKER, O-1289051. Joined Company and assumed command on 14 Nov 44. Entered service from Petaluma, California.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY M

1st Lt. ROBERT G. MATTOX, O-313543. Entered service from Hollywood, Calif.

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 012400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 1 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0045		1			3rd Bn reports the relief of 36 Rcn Trp has been completed.	
0047		2			Capt Olson, S-3 2nd Bn, reports that the relief of 3rd Bn has been completed.	
0140		3			Capt Olson, S-3 2nd Bn, phoned: Patrol # 9 returned at 0100. Followed route closely, heard enemy talking but saw nothing. Heard several vehicles vicinity LE THOLY.	
0215		4			Capt Olson, S-3 2nd Bn, reports patrol # 10 left from OP at 2400A and returned at 0220A. Gbt as far as "Sea-horse" woods (253430), there heard German infantry (patrol unable to estimate number) on our side of woods. Did not continue because of brightness of moon. Patrol returned.	
0420		5			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports that 40 to 50 rounds Arty fell into Co B area (estimate 105mm) followed by a small counterattack of MGs and rifle grenades to the right of the house. No casualties reported.	
0530		6			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that Bn has closed in at LE PANGES at 0315A. G-3 notified of this.	
0750		7			3rd Bn reports: Patrol # 7 left at 2000A returned at 2320A. Followed route 250456, saw 3 Germans that patrol fired on and who returned fire; went to 253454 and there could not get to right or left; moved back and found 2 MGs at 249458; returned through woods. Patrol # 5, Co L, left 2200A returned at 0100A. Left at 248464, went E and NE 200 yards, crossed creek and 100 yards E saw some cows followed by some Germans at 252465 and were fired on by the Germans; moved to 254467 and were fired on again. Germans tried to flank but withdrew. Saw a fire fight in Co K area at 244467.	
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IN	OUT					
		7	(Cont'd)		Patrol # 6, Co L, left 0200A returned 0530A. Left at point 248467, moved E across stream at 250462 100 yards and saw cows but no Germans in area; moved E 150 yds and fired on at 251463 by MG, also MG at 252463, tried to go to left but could not cross open area.	
0820		8			Div reports: 2nd Bn 36 Engr 229763; 1/15 345688, 2/15 340688, 3/15 345685; 1/7 351642, Co K in fight last night on HILL 699. 399 RCT closed in vicinity 2364. 3/442 Co I 353566, L 354567, K 354564. 15 Inf to attack HILL 626 (343688) at 0730A, will use flamethrowers. 7 Inf 1st and 2nd Bn to attack JACQUES (352643) at 0700A. 3rd Bn to continue down valley toward 341608. 30 Inf to attack high ground at 367643; Co A 362661, B 353660, C 348662, E 358649, F 362651, G 367646, K 369673, I 370665, L 374652, Plat Co K 384659, Plat Co L 382688.	
0830		9			Engr O came to CP and Capt Hunley gave him instructions for repairing targets for 3rd Bn range. Paper to recover targets can be arranged for at Regt S-4.	
0910		10			Fighter Bomber missions this morning: (1) 3255 * LE COURS MT; (2) 3354, MT THIRVILLE; (3) 312537, Ammo dump and CP, incendiary bombs; (4) Six Btry positions S of GRANGES; (5) Strafe and bomb road S of GRANGES.	
	1040	11			Lt Col Graham phoned 1st Bn and ordered them to clean out the houses vic 267496 (AP 3067). 2nd Bn ordered to send a combat patrol to vic 253430 to clean out woods. Another patrol to clean out houses vicinity 257458 (AP 4069).	
	1055	12			Lt Col Graham checked with 155 FA and they are firing on troops vicinity 268462 spotted by air OP.	
1125		13			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports: 2/143 attacked at 1020A to seize; 317577, 318583, and 320579. F/141 attack at 0900A, gained little ground. Trying to coordinate with Cos E and F 442 who also attacked. They report no contact. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		13	(Cont'd)		7th Inf attacked down road axis at 0700A, progress slow because of necessity of sweeping roads for mines. New PW identification in 45 Div Sector - 726 Regt.	
1233		14			Co B shell report: 3 or 4 150 Cal from 1600 mils landing to the right of Co B.	
	1305	15			Col Lynch ordered Capt McSwain to notify Lt Crocker to report to Regt CP with one Sgt of I & R Plat prepared to go on Rcn at 1345A. Lt Crocker notified.	
	1310	16			Lt Col Graham left for 3rd Bn CP.	
	1340	17			Col Lynch, Lt Crocker, and I & R Plat Sgt left for 3rd Bn 143 Inf.	
1345		18			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, phoned and states he is going on a Rcn to 2nd Bn 141 Inf by orders of Gen Stack.	
1500		19			Col McGrath and Maj Doughty of 141 Inf came to CP to make arrangements for relief tomorrow night.	
1500		20			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that a bomb was dropped in our Co E area, thought it came from one of our Spitfire planes at 0845A. Capt McSwain called Capt Orcutt and asked if there was any air support mission up at that time. He reports that the air mission did not get up until 0930A.	
1545		21			Lt Rodge of 143 S-3 section wants to know when they can get the six trucks back that were furnished us on order of Gen Stack to go to our reserve Bn.	
1545		22			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1610		23			1st Bn 143 Inf OP reports seeing a fire fight in front of our sector.	
	1615	24			Lt Col Graham checked with 1st Bn and a patrol got in a fire fight with enemy. 1 PW taken and 1 enemy killed. 1st Bn 143 Inf notified.	

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TIME		SMR NO.	TIME OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1615		25		Col McGrath and Maj Doughty of 141 Inf left CP.	
1645		26		143 Inf phoned Lt Col Graham checking if they can fire on house vicinity 309519.	
	1650	27		Lt Col Graham checked with 1st Bn P0 and they could not observe spot. Permission was given 143 Inf to fire on house.	
1745		28		Co C combat patrol got down to edge of woods opposite burned out houses and established firing line. One squad started across to road, were almost there and received hand grenades and mortar fire and then MG and small arms fire from position on E side of road. Called for Arty in order to get out. One walking casualty and one PW who was undoubtedly cut off by his own mortar fire. Patrol for tonight revised. Running same patrols that were prescribed for last night except # 2, this will be a Rcn patrol to woods in front of Co B.	
1750		29		Lt Arnold, S-2 1st Bn called. One PW came into Co A position with his hands up, is a Yugoslavian from 2nd Co 305 Regt 198 Div.	
1915		30		Lt Arnold, S-2 1st Bn, called. Said Germans are evacuating civilians from REHAUPAL. More than one truck load have come to 1st Bn roadblock. Lt Col Graham told him to march these to LAVELINE where they will be trucked to Div. They will be marched under guard and carefully checked for number so that none get away. Div G-2 notified.	
	1945	31		CO 142 Inf ordered 6 MPs with Lt Peters to take charge of French civilians and escort them to Div PW Coll Pt. At least 2 MPs to be on each truck.	
1950		32		1st Bn 143 Inf report that they are evacuating civilians from the town of AUMMEY and GRANGES. Ln O of Co A 753 Tk Bn notified to bring all tanks off of position tomorrow night.	

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IN	OUT					
1950		33			Lt Arnold, S-2 1st Bn, called saying 1st Bn is receiving harassing fire, about 8 rounds in period of half hour; At 267495, coming in on an azimuth of 110°. Believed to be a self-propelled gun.	
	1955	34			Capt Hunley reported to Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, that Germans are evacuating civilians from AUMMEY and GRANGES.	
2020		35			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports the following: 442 Inf Co E 335598, F 337603, I 350573, K & L 339579 354564. 100 Bn 339570 to 343568. 141 Inf Co F 335598. 143 Inf 2nd Bn took Hill 320577, Co E 319580, F 316579, G 323581. 7 Inf 3rd Bn HILL 699 (all day), 2nd Bn No change, 1st Bn no change. 180 Inf 1st Bn 280745, 2nd Bn 274747.	
2035		36			Capt Selkirk reports Co A patrol, combat, 200 yds out from position ran into trap - MG cross fire - 1 man killed and 3 wounded. Capt Marcum is sending out a patrol to bring the dead and wounded back.	
2100		37			Lt Wadleigh, interrogator, reports that the French civilians that were being evacuated reported that there still are 50 Germans in REHAUPAL and told to go NE but instead came NW. The Germans are bobbing them of their remaining food and also that they were in the way of line of fire.	
2130		38			Mr Gray brought in Opns Instr from Div.	
	2145	39			COs of 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, Cn Co and Engrs have been notified that there will be a meeting here at the CP at 0830.	
2145		40			Lt Fick, S-2 2nd Bn, reports: # 1 Combat patrol, 24 men, left 1800A returned 2100A. Went along route and entered all the houses in front of woods 253430, found them all clear. Found emplacements but unoccupied in N part 253433. At 250433 houses unoccupied.	(Cont'd)

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IN	OUT					
		41	(Cont'd)		Observed no enemy. Heard one tank in THOLY. # 2 patrol, Co E, left 200A returned 2100A. Fired on by enemy riflemen at 251468, number enemy un- known. Did not go any farther, believe 251468 to be an outpost.	
2300		42			Lt Weston, Div G-2 section, reports the following information. An enemy sabateur is to cross our lines either tonight or tomorrow: name, Verninil; Age 48, height 5'6"; thin brown hair with gray streaks moving through, also slightly bald; trimmed mustach; wears glasses; bad teeth; poorly dressed; dark raincoat; brown checked trousers; gray jacket, dirty; turtle-neck sweater; new French Army shoes. Identity card from EPINAL but stamped ST DIE. Both 1st and 2nd Bns have been notified of the above information.	
2300		43			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn reports: Patrol # 6, Co G, 2000A-2330A. Heard two MGs and mortars and two tanks vicinity 248452. Tank was firing at the time in the direction of Co E. # 8, Co F, 2100A-2345A. Got to 251438, heard small arms in their front, but the fire was not directed at them. Heard tank firing in the direction of the area of Co F. # 3, Co E, 2130A-2340A. At 251 465 saw about a 9-man patrol, German, going away from them, working their way into the woods. Our patrol waited for a while then tried to work their way around in the woods but got lost and returned.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 146

FROM: 311200A Oct. 1944
TO : 011200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
1 Nov 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Enemy front line: No change.

b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).

c. Enemy activity:

- (1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude throughout period, patrolling activity and intermittently shelled the Regt area. However, enemy launched a small counterattack of estimated 50 men strong against Co B at 1700A. After a fierce fire fight for approximately two hours our troops forced the enemy back inflicting heavy casualties. At 0415A the enemy layed a heavy artillery barrage on Co B area followed by a small counterattack consisting of MGs and rifle grenades. Enemy was forced back - results unknown.

(2) Infantry:

Our patrols encountered MG fire from 253444 and 252464, enemy well dug in and weapons well sited; MG fire from 251463, 8 to 10 enemy dug in; and MG fire from 249458. Rifle grenades from 252464. Our patrol observed 6-man enemy patrol leaving woods at 251469 going toward REHAUPAL at 2000A; 4 to 6 Germans observed in house at 248469. One of our patrols returning drew about 5 rounds Arty while crossing road at 250456. Air OP reported Gn Co knocked out 4 enemy mortars and possibly disabled 4 more vicinity 258473.

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) PWs during period: 12 - In France: 3496
(2) Identification: 5th Co 360 Cossack.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. RCT held defensive positions, patrolling to front and maintaining contact with French on right.

b. 2nd Bn 142 Inf completed relief of 3rd Bn and its attached units at 0045A. 3rd Bn closed in assembly area vicinity LE PANGES at 0315A.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf

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Place: CP ST JEAN

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Date: 2 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYP OR SC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0150		1			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn, reports patrol # 7, Co G, 2000A-0130A. In woods at 250445 patrol encountered strong small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire from large patch of woods at 253443 and from hill at 251443 (AP 4069). No casualties.	
0230		2			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports: # 5 Patrol, Co A, 10-man left with mission to ambush. Advanced by subscribed route. Hit cross-fire of 2 MGs and 4 or 5 riflemen - casualties: 2 wounded, 2 killed. Believe patrol went too far E. # 8, Co C, 5-man Rcn. Left at 2400A returned 0145A. Advanced along route to house 268497, then started to woods where a squad of riflemen were met, retired to houses where 2 enemy were seen going around corner of house to the right. Then tried to go left from house and met an enemy cart. Patrol withdrew for the night.	
0240		3			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports: Rcn patrol # 3, Co B, 5-man, 2000A-0200A. Advanced along route to scattered trees where enemy was heard moving, then cut back to road and found wire and booby traps vicinity 256480. Heard enemy beyond wire to SE.	
	0530	4			G-2 given patrol reports.	
0820		5			Capt Beasley phoned. 15 Inf Battle Patrol cleared 344699, no resistance; Co B 348690 no resistance; Co G moved to 326697 heavy fire fight at 0630A. Two Plats of Co E to assist Co G. Cos A and C 30 Inf engaged in fire fight 360675. 7 Inf no change, will continue attack. 30 Inf attack depends on 7 Inf. AT Co and I & R Plat relieving Cos I and L 141 Inf at 0800A.	
0830		6			Meeting held and instructions given for further future plans.	
0920		7			Lt Col Goddard, 7th Army Historian and two assistants came to CP.	

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IN	OUT				
0930		8		Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports: Patrol # 4, Co A, 5-man, 2300A-0300A. Went down to edge of field, not more than 75 to 100 yards across road. Heard woman scream and Germans talking in brush to front. # 6 patrol, Co A, 5-man, 0200A-0600A. Went entire route without contact. # 7 patrol, Co C, 5-man, 0400A-0900A. Went down to bend in road, saw large German patrol going over to group of houses where ration dump has been reported. Too light to operate - returned.	
	1000	9		Lt Col Goddard and party left CP.	
	1040	10		Lt Levine, 753 Tk Bn, Co A, instructed to leave tanks in present positions pending relief of 142 Inf by 141 Inf. Co A 753 Tk Bn will be attached to 141 Inf. Lt Levine stated they had brought three tanks out this morning but would leave the rest as instructed.	
1115		11		Col Sladen phoned and G-3 has given the 443AAA AW section originally with 142 Inf permission to move.	
	1115	12		Capt McSwain phoned Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, for two NCO guides to report at CP at 1330A. One to guide replacements to Bn area and one to guide 1st and 2nd Bn COs to 3rd Bn dismount point vicinity 317602.	
1155		13		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports Bn in position as of 1130A.	
	1330	14		Lt Col Graham left for Div CP, then will go to 143 Inf CP.	
1400		15		Col McGrath, Exec O 141 Inf, came to CP. Left at 1440.	
	1500	16		Col Lynch left for Serv Co.	

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IN	OUT					
1545		17			Capt Beasley, Div In O, reports that 2nd Bn of 141 Inf is going to relieve the 3rd Bn of 7 Inf. The 93 FA Bn is to support tonight. An Opns Instr will be out shortly. The 100th Bn and 3rd Bn of 442 Inf has been patrolling to the S, the exact location unknown.	
1545		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1600	19			Col Lynch wants Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, to check in before he goes on his reconnaissance tomorrow. Capt Hunley notified Lt Col Minor of this.	
1607		20			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1725		21			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that one Co is relieved and expects to be entirely relieved by 2100A. Will advise when relief is completed.	
	1840	22			Checked with 155 FA on targets to be fired tonight, targets requested: 295478, 280433, 275488.	
1900		23			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and stated the French on our right will attack tomorrow at 0630A. Asked 132 FA Bn and mortars of 1st Bn 141 Inf to fire some preparations.	
	1905	24			Col Lynch ordered 132 FA to fire 100 rounds on known targets from 0630A to 0700A. Mortars of 1st Bn 141 Inf fire from 0630A to 0930A expending approximately 200 rounds of 81mm and 60mm each at known targets. Tanks attached to 1st Bn 141 Inf will expend approximately 30 to 40 rounds at known targets. These preparations will tend to make the enemy believe an attack is also being launched from vicinity LE CRUEX.	
	1910	25			Capt Hunley notified all units concerned.	
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FROM: 020000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 022400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 2 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2000		26			1st Bn reports they have a Yugoslavian PW who came to roadblock on road NW of REHAUPAL with a group of civilians. PW states there is an enemy mortar position at 253470 and an enemy CP at group of houses vicinity 253469.	
2030		27			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, brought in Opns Instr dtd 2 Nov 1944.	
2110		28			Div reports: 3/141 351578 in contact. F/442 342593 no contact, G right of F, E 335597. F/141 342594 receiving self-propelled fire at 1830A.	
2125		29			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports relief of 2nd Bn completed at 2100A. Combat patrol from Co E could not get to house at 251456 and could not get around behind it so returned.	
2125		30			Maj Roscoe, CO 1st Bn 141 Inf, reports that all Cos and the tanks have been informed of the "show" at 0630A and will be prepared.	
2300		31			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports Bn closed in at TENDON.	
2315		32			Capt Newell, Div, called. Said French attack was to began at 0800A instead of 0630A.	
	2330	33			Capt Hunley called 132 FA Bn and told them to start firing at 0800A instead of 0630A. Also other units concerned notified (1st Bn 141 Inf).	
	2340	34			Lt Col Graham gave situation to G-2.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 147

FROM: 011200A Nov. 1944
TO : 021200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
2 Nov 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude with slight patrol activity.
 - (2) Infantry: Our patrols encountered MGs and mortars at 248452. Heard two (2) tanks vicinity 248452 firing in direction of Co E positions. In woods at 250445 encountered strong SA, AW, and mortar fire from large patch of woods at 253443 and from hill at 251443. Entered houses around 253430 and found them unoccupied. Went to 253433 where unoccupied emplacements were found. Heard enemy moving around scattered trees at 260482, patrol cut back to road and found wire and booby traps vicinity 256480. Observed estimate squad of enemy riflemen at 251468, believed to be an outpost. Saw 9-man German patrol working its way into woods to the left of our patrol, vicinity 251466. At 0845A a bomb of unknown origin fell in vicinity of Co E positions.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 1 - In France: 3485
 - (2) Identification: 9th Co 305 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive position patrolling aggressively and maintaining contact with French on left.
- b. For NEW UNIT defensive positions - see overlay.

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FROM: 030000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 032400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 3 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	INIT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0530	1			Situation given to G-2.	
0620		2			G-2 reports PW states that as of 2 Nov enemy positions: MG 253465; 252468; 252469. Mortar 253468; 251468; 255468; 254469. CPs 5th Co 360 Cossack Regt 253474; 7th Co 360 Cossack Regt 255468; 2nd Bn 360 Cossack Regt 268466.	
0820		3			Col Lynch received call to report to Div.	
	0825	4			Col Lynch left for Div.	
0845		5			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports: Patrol from Co I, 1700A-2300A, searched wooded area 327577 and area 328575. Occupied 3 houses vicinity 327573. Patrolled to railroad track, no activity. Patrol from Co I 0430A-0730A searched out 2 houses 323576; searched out wooded area S to houses at 324570. Nothing there. Patrolled railroad track, nothing there. Area quiet until midnight. Mortar, Arty, and self-propelled fire after midnight. Positions of 3rd Bn: Plat Co K 330577 at 3 houses; Plat 329580; Plat 330574. Co I Plat 322583; Plat 325584; Plat 326585; outpost at 327573. Co L at 328591.	
0920		6			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports: Patrol # 2, Co B, 5-man Rcn, 0200A-0600A became lost. # 3, Co A, 5-man Rcn, 2300A-0200A, completed route without contact. #4, Co A, 5-man Rcn, 0200A-0530A, heard enemy digging in vicinity 261481, no enemy contact.	
1050		7			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, reports: 1/157 312745; 2/157 313753; 3/157 no change. 2/179 278845 relieved 36 Engrs; 1&3/179 2470. 1/180 312762; 2/180 302768 and 294766; 3/180 no change. 1/399 319699; 2/399 285700; 3/399 309709. 1&2/7 continued attack on JACQUES 3564; 3/7 relieved by 2/141. 2/15 attacking LA SALLE. 30 Inf no change.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 030000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 032400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 3 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR ST	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1120		8			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1130	9			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, that the present operation is canceled and another one is pending. Have Lt Col Kilbourn and his recon party meet at Regt CP at 1300A for instructions. Regt Staff meeting at 1315A. (Capt Fore, Cn Co; Maj Hensley, S-4; Capt Scott, AT Co; Maj Rosenberg, Surg; Capt Terrell, Comm O; Lt Col Graham, Exec O; Capt Hunley, S-3) and CO of Co B 111 Engrs. Other units now attached will remain here. Capt Saniga, CO Hq Co, to report here immediately.	
	1140	10			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, that he would be left in present position under command of Gen Stack. 141 Inf will take over this sector in a few days.	
	1140	11			Capt Hunley and Lt Col Graham notified all personnel of meeting to be held at Regt CP 1300A and 1315A.	
1215		12			Div Opns Instr of 031000A received.	
1305		13			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, and Bn Recon party came to CP to receive instructions from Col Lynch.	
1345		14			Col Lynch held meeting of Regt Staff Officers.	
1415		15			Arrangement made for following trucks to report to 2nd Bn for move beginning 0400A 4 Oct. 6 $1\frac{1}{2}$ T Trks Cn Co, 8 $1\frac{1}{2}$ T Trks AT Co, 3 $1\frac{1}{2}$ T Trks 1st Bn AT Co, 6 or 8 $2\frac{1}{2}$ T Trks Serv Co.	
1430		16			Div Provost Marshal reported following vehicular movement: Cn Co afternoon 3 Oct; 132 FA afternoon 3 Oct; 2nd Bn 142 Inf morning 4 Oct.	
	1500	17			Col Lynch left for LES PANGES EAUX to meet Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, for reconnaissance. Will probably visit 2nd Bn 141 Inf.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 3 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TIME OR REG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1530		18			Capt Meyer, 1st Bn. 141 Inf, reports that his observer can see small arms fire in LE THOLY.	
1540		19			Two enemy planes flew from E to W in front of 1st Bn 141 Inf CP. One plane strafed area vicinity TENDON, no casualties. Planes crossed valled at ST JEAN from E to W and one plane returned from W to E.	
1630		20			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: French encountered enemy resistance at 322331, 278365 and 288380. Concentration of enemy vehicles at LA BREST 361432. 3/142 being relieved by 2/143 at 1600A. 1st and 2nd Bns 157 Inf advanced 200-300 yds. 399 Inf no change.	
1740		21			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
1800		22			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 141 Inf Co K 339391, I 338596 and 335600, I & R 328608, L 326595, G 338608 enemy roadblock to front, E 338615, F 347618 in contact.	
	1820	23			Lt Col Graham gave following coordinates of enemy installations to 155 FA Bn: CP and mortars 272486, Supply 275489, Roads and supply 286469, Kitchens and guns 291471.	
1845		24			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports relief of 3rd Bn 142 Inf by 1st Bn 143 Inf effected as of 1830A. Will move at 0900A 4 Nov to assembly area.	
2100		25			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, called and said they had 2 Russian PWs from 14th Co 338 Regt, strength of Co 150 with 90% Russians. Our Arty in CHAMBRAY this PM killed 6 and scattered them. Came in two days ago to reinforce the line as infantry.	
2130		26			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports: Sent patrol out after American pilot. Went to spot Frenchmen were fired on last night, could hear noone. Were fired on from CHAMBRAY and returned. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf

Place: CP ST JEAN

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		26	(Cont'd)		Patrol # 4 left at 1815A and returned at 2130A. Mission to set up ambush in patch of woods at 261486. Patrol worked around to SE edge of woods, ran into 10 or 12 Germans. Fired about 200 rounds into them with good results. Remained in position, heard more Germans digging in in the woods and then returned. Will mortar them tonight. Plan on attacking them with combat patrol tomorrow.	
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NO. 148

FROM: 021200A Nov. 1944
TO : 031200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
3 Nov 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:
 - a. Enemy front line: No change.
 - b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
 - c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude during period.
 - (2) Infantry: One of our patrols heard Germans digging vicinity 261481. No other activity reported.
 - d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 1 - In France: 3486
 - (2) Identifications: 10th Co 305 Regt.
2. OWN SITUATION:
 - a. RCT held defensive position throughout period.
 - b. 1st Bn 141 Inf completed the relief of 2nd Bn 142 Inf at 022100A. 2nd Bn 142 Inf closed in assembly area vicinity TENDON at 022300A.
 - c. Positions of 1st Bn 141 Inf are same as 2nd Bn 142 Inf shown on overlay of 021200A.

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Maps: FRANCE 1:25,000, Sheets XXXV-17 7 & 8, XXXVI-17 5 & 6, XXXV-18 3 & 4, XXXVI-18 1 & 2.

1. a. Current.

- b. 3rd Div continues to adv E and S mopping up in sector to secure line ST MICHEL - SUR MEURTHE - HERBAVILLE - LES MOITRAISSES - XAMFAING. Elements RCT 141 generally astride LES ROUGE EAUX River valley have reached line V345618 - V338613 - V335605 and continue to exert pressure on the enemy to the SE. RCT 442 continues to adv to the S mopping up high ground N and NW LA HOUSIERE.
- c. A Force consisting of one (1) Bn from each of RCTs 141, 142, and 143, under comd Brig Gen R I Stack, will hold present line BIFFONTAINE JUSSARUPT - REHAUPAL - LA FORGE.

2. a. RCT 142 (less 1st Bn):

atcd:

3rd Plat Co A 601 TD Bn
1st Plat Co A 756 Tk Bn
Co B 111 Engr Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

(1) Assembles vic LES ROUGES EAUX and at H-Hour on 5 Nov 44 will:

- (a) Cross LD as shown on overlay, pass through elements of 2nd Bn RCT 141, and atk to the SE along LES ROUGES EAUX River valley.
- (b) Clear all enemy resistance; seize, hold, and organize for defense designated objectives.
- (c) Establish roadblocks as shown on overlay.
1. For LD, routes of adv, objs, and boundaries - see atcd overlay.
2. H-Hour to be announced.

3. a. 1st Bn (plus one Plat AT Co):

- (1) Under comd Brig Gen R I Stack, will remain in present defensive positions until relieved by RCT 141.

2. b. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Atks H-Hour 5 Nov 44 from LD; seizes obj 2A and 2B, then seizes, holds, and organizes for defense obj 2C.
- (2) Establishes roadblocks # 6 and # 7 as shown on overlay.
- (3) Prepares to assist 3rd Bn 142 on obj 3 B.
- (4) (a) H-Hour to be announced.
- (b) Formation: two (2) Cos abreast on high ground S of road. 3rd Co echeloned to left rear, with left flank at tree line on valley road.
- (c) For LD, direction and routes of adv, objs, and boundaries - see overlay.

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g. 3rd Bn:

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- (1) Atks H-Hour 5 Nov 44 from LD; establishes roadblocks # 1, 2, and 3 with not less than a plat each, and seizes obj 3A.
- (2) Leaving obj 3A defended by one Co (reinf) establishes roadblock # 4, then seizes, holds, and organizes for defense obj 3B and establishes roadblock # 5.
- (3) Prepares to assist 2nd Bn 142 on obj 2C.
- (4) Establishes patrol contact with 2nd Bn 142.
- (5)
 - (a) H-Hour to be announced.
 - (b) Formation: two (2) Cos abreast on high ground N of road, 3rd Co echeloned to right rear along valley road.
 - (c) For LD, direction and routes of adv, objs, and boundaries see overlay.

d. 132 FA Bn (reinf by 141 FA and Cn Co 142 Inf):

- (1) Will execute fires on call in direct support of 2nd and 3rd Bns 142.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Will reinf fires of 132 FA Bn.

f. AT Co (less one plat):

- (1) Remains initially Regt res vic LES ROUGES EAUX.
- (2) After Inf has cleared enemy roadblock vic V-340608, one (1) plat (plus one sqd AT mine plat) will immediately establish roadblock # 8 as shown on overlay.

g. Co B 111 Engrs:

- (1) Remains initially vic LES ROUGES EAUX.
- (2) One plat follows rear elements of 3rd Bn along LES ROUGES EAUX Valley, sweeps for mines, and clears all obstacles barring passage to tanks, TDs, and AT guns.

h. 1st Plat Co A 736 Tk Bn:

- (1) Will follow foot elements by bounds along LES ROUGES EAUX Valley road, and execute missions upon Regt order.

i. 3rd Plat Co A 601 TD Bn:

- (1) Will follow foot elements by bounds along LES ROUGES EAUX Valley road, and execute missions upon Regt order.

1. Co B 111 Med Bn:

- (1) Will establish and maintain forward ambulance point vic LES ROUGES EAUX, with remainder of Co vic BROUVELIEURES.

4. a. Ammunition:

- (1) Riflemen to carry:

3 Grenades	(Frag)
1 "	(WP)
1 Belt	(Cal 30)
2 Bandoleers	(Cal 30)

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(a) Remaining ammo to be ready for quick resupply to Cos.

(b) Bn ammo vehicles to have basic load on wheels ready on call.

b. Rations and clothing:

(1) One (1) "K" and one (1) "D" ration per man will be carried.

(2) One (1) blanket will be carried, others left in Bn Dp.

c. Evacuation:

(1) By vehicles on LES ROUGES EAUX Valley road as route is cleared.

5. a. (1) New Bn CPs to be reported.

(2) Regt CP - initially as shown on overlay axis of adv - LES ROUGES EAUX Valley.

(3) All radios to be checked prior to atk and will open at H-Hour.

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ANNEX # 1 - Opns Overlay

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1 - Exec O
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1 - CO Cn Co
1 - CO AT Co
1 - Regt Surg
1 - CO Ea Bn
1 - CO 132 F¹ Bn
1 - CO 141 F¹ Bn
1 - CO Co B 111 Engr
1 - CO Co B 111 Med
1 - Plat Ldr 1st Plat Co 1 756 Tk Bn
1 - Plat Ldr 3rd Plat Co 1 601 TD Bn
1 - CO 141 Inf
1 - CO 442 Inf
2 - CG 3rd Div
3 - CG 36 Div
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JOURNAL

FROM: 040000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 042400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAI
IN	OUT					
0445		1			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reported all of 2nd Bn moving now except Hq Co which is ready to go in a few minutes.	
	0530	2 1/2			Patrol report given to G-2 36 Div.	
0540		3			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, reported contact patrol had returned from Rcn - all quiet.	
0550		4			1st Bn patrol # 6, Co C, 0200A-0545A. At crossing of road at burnt out house saw 3 Germans. Completed route. Saw no other activity. No contact.	
0850		5			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 442 RCT 2nd Bn 349574, patrols to E. E/141 336614, F 342620, G 333610, I & R 328608, Plat I 334599, Plat I 339595, K 339591, AT Co 3458. Battle Patrols 7th 338630 patrols to that point, F/7 345636, rest of 2nd Bn 345640. Air force wanted to bomb 341608, staff refused.	
	0855	6			Capt Hunley left for Fwd CP.	
	1010	7			Col Lynch left for Div CP and will stop by 141 CP then will return to Regt CP, approximately 1300A.	
1015		8			Lt Arnold, 1st Bn, reports: Patrol # 1, Co B, Rcn, 2000A-2200A no contact. #2, Co B, Rcn, 0100A-0300A no contact but heard enemy in woods to S. #3, Co A Rcn, 2300A-0130A, completed route, no contact. #5, Co C Rcn, 2200A-2400A, received enemy MG fire from houses 273492, no casualties, patrol returned over same route.	
1100		9			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, phoned and Bn cleared their area at 1045A. Will call to new Regt CP upon arriving at new assembly area.	
1130		10			Regt CP opened vicinity 322624.	
1210		11			3rd Bn has 1 Co closed into assembly area.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 040000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Vic 322624

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1255		12			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, came to CP. Would like to make wider envelopment on attack. Col Lynch called and asked for Lt Col Kilbourne to wait to see him at the CP at 1330A. 2nd Bn closed into area at 1100A. Div G-3 notified.	
1	1300	13			CO 3rd Bn notified to be at CP at 1330A to see CO.	
1330		14			Col Lynch came to CP.	
	1330	15			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to check with Div on when 2nd Bn 141 Inf was pulling out.	
	1335	16			Col Lynch gave Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, instructions on tomorrow's attack.	
1350		17			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned. 7th Inf has cleared JACQUES vicinity 353643. Some PWs. 141 Inf sent patrol from 338592 to 337588. Observed enemy infantry (number unknown) at 339587.	
1355		18			Capt Newell, Div G-3, states that 141 Inf 2nd Bn had orders not to move. Will check further.	
1345		19			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, phoned. 3rd Bn has closed in new assembly area.	
	1500	20			Col Lynch gave Capt Curry, CO Co B 111 Engr, instructions to sweep both valley roads up to LD tonight.	
1505		21			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Told CO that Plat of Tk and Tds of 3d Div will have to be returned. Will get you some armor from Stack Force.	
	1510	22			Gen Dahlquist phoned Gen O'Daniel 3rd Div in regards to Tks and Tds.	
	1520	23			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP VIC 322624
Date: 4 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TIME ON MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1530		24			Col Purdy, 753 Tk Bn, came to CP to confer with Col Lynch on detail of Tks and TDs.	
	1535	25			Col Purdy left CP.	
1630		26			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, phoned: French have patrols in LE THOLY. S of LE THOLY they have pushed two Kms toward ROCHESSON. 2/7 cleared JACQUES, 100 Pws now vicinity 353640; 3/7 357640; 1/7 356647. 15 Inf all quiet; 2/15 vicinity NOMPATALIZE. 3/30 383680-375674.	
1640		27			Div phoned and we will keep Tks and TDs of 3rd Div. 36 Div will send Plat of each to 3rd Div to replace theirs until we release their Tks and TDs tomorrow.	
2000		28			Order of 141 Inf received.	
2045		29			G#2, Capt Wren, called. Corps now requires the following report on each patrol: Unit, type, strength, mission, time departure, time returned, coord departed, route, observation, and results.	
2030		30			Capt Young, 1st Bn 141 Inf, suggested the following targets for harassing fire tonight: Mortars 352598; AT gun 351599; 40mm gun 344605; Enemy in houses 356604. Referred to Capt Darden, Arty Ln 0. Targets will be covered. 141 Inf will also harass same.	
2045		31			Carried out following instructions of Col Lynch: (1) Checked to see that Tks and TD officers contacted Bn COs; (2) Informed the CO 3rd Bn that 132 FA would fire their preparation on HILL 699 after priority mission for 2nd Bn on roadblock. 3rd Bn to get into position for assault and report to this Hq; (3) Instructed Capt Orcutt, Div, on air missions; (4) Gave Capt Terrell instructions for required operating personnel and equipment for OP communications.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP Vic 322624
 Date: 4 Nov 1944

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2030		32			Capt Fore, Cn Co, reports - in position at V31146109, only 4 guns in as yet. Other two stuck but will be in by morning.	
2140		33			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, brought photos to CP. Reports that patrol of 442 Inf has seen 30 to 40 Germans dug in at V356575.	
2240		34			Lt Col Kilbourne called and said he was sending an officer to CP to make arrangements to get Engrs to sweep road in front of Co G 141 Inf.	
2240		35			Lt Judge, 2nd Bn, came to CP to arrange for sweeping of road in front of Co G 141 Inf. A squad of Engrs will report to CP at 0030A. They will be furnished rifle protection by a squad of men from 2nd Bn 142 Inf Co G. Engrs to sweep as far as possible. 2nd Bn 141 Inf notified of the above plan.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 149

FROM: 031200A Nov. 1944
TO : 041200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CPST JEAN
4 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:
 - a. Enemy front line: No change.
 - b. Units in contact: No change.
 - c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) Patrols completed routes prescribed with no physical contact. Patrol from Co C was fired on by enemy MG vicinity 273492. No casualties.
2. OWN SITUATION:
 - a. RCT 142, less 1st Bn, moved to vicinity 322624 at 0900A. Closed in new area at 1345A 4 Nov 1944.

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JOURNAL

FROM: 050000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 052400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN 322624

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 5 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TEXT OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0150	1			Lt Judge and an Engr Officer with platoon of Engrs left Regt CP to sweep road beyond 2nd Bn 141 Inf CP.	
0300		2			Lt Judge reports that Engrs plus rifle squad went all the way down to road junction. Found road clear and saw or heard no Germans in the first house but thought they heard men running from one house to another.	
	0640	3			Col Lynch ordered a straggler point of 3 men each set up on each side of valley behind 2nd Bn 141 Inf. MPs will take the stragglers to Bn CPs.	
	0645	4			Col Lynch, I & R party, and radio operator left for CP on HILL 617 vicinity 329607.	
0735		5			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co K crossed LD at 0700A. Co I abreast of Co K but no word received. Co L following Co I. Div notified.	
	0745	6			Col Lynch phoned and 2nd Bn will be late on jumping off. Asked Maj Hanley to phone 141 Inf to hold starting fires until notified from this Hq. Maj Clyburn phoned Maj Eite and notified him of above information.	
0745		7			An Officer from 7 Inf came to CP and stated that Co L of 7th Inf is at 347637 was sending a patrol S to contact Co F 141 Inf.	
	0750	8			2nd Bn 141 Inf notified of above information.	
0800		9			Col Lynch advised that 3rd Bn had crossed LD. He ordered that Arty be layed for preparation on HILL 699. Capt Hearn advised.	
0815		10			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports: Co K moving forward, still no contact. Co I on slope, has lost contact with Co K. Co L still follows Co I.	

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0815		11			Capt Beasley phoned: 3/7 not to attack today, will hold position 358639-358635-348635. 1&2/7 attack 0715A, 1/7 357647 E and S to HILL 616, 2/7 358645 E to cut road 364644. 3/30 two Cos in HERBAVILLE. B/15 352709 patrols to BLARVILLE and will attack 0715A with armor. F/15 346607, G 338703 in contact with 399 RCT by patrol. 1st Bn 142 Inf probably will try to take REHAUPAL.	
0835		12			Capt Curry came to CP and reports bridge at 332616 is out but they will rebuild it to hold 1½ ton trucks. Platoon of Engrs picked up one wounded German vicinity 339607 last night and turned him over to aid station of 141 Inf.	
0850		13			Co I (0831A) at 340617. Maj Young advised that 12 Germans had been seen going into position at 346610 at approximately 0815A. Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, advised of above.	
0855		14			Opns Instr 042100A Nov from 442 Inf received.	
0900		15			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Cos E and F are at 334604. Reported to OP.	
0915		16			Maj Elligood, 132 FA Bn, reports all guns layed on HILL 699 except one vehicle is being used to check on roadblock area.	
0915		17			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that as of 0856A Co K reported to be on HILL 699. Is checking with 132 FA as to who called for fires on HILL 699 and will notify this Hq as to results.	
	0930	18			Bn positions reported to 2nd Bn 141 Inf. Capt Young, S-3, stated that Co F is sending another platoon forward to establish roadblock # 2.	
0930		19			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co K has a platoon on each side of HILL 699 and not in position for Arty. 2 Casualties from SA. 3rd Bn forward at 343621.	

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0920		20		Col Albright came to CP. (Chief of Staff)	
0945		21		Maj Young reports Co K has HILL 699. Now meeting small arms opposition 300 to 400 yds from N and E of hill. Co I abreast of Co K but not in contact with enemy.	
0955		22		Maj Eitt, 141 Inf, reports that 142 Inf Co F is passing through their Co I positions now on line 337603-337598.	
	1000	23		Col Albright left CP.	
	1010	24		Situation and positions given to Div G-3.	
1010		25		Capt Olsen, S-3 2nd Bn, reports that from their OP Co E 334603, Co F 336603. Will be 30 to 40 minutes before Co E will be in position to attack enemy roadblock.	
1025		26		Co F 141 Inf reports they have taken over roadblock # 2.	
	1035	27		3rd Bn warned to keep right flank clear of Arty preparation area for 2nd Bn. Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reported right of Co I at 345613, will warn both Cos I and L.	
1045		28		Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports that 2nd roadblock established by Co F was at 347618. Contact patrol from 7 Inf had contacted Co F with no enemy contact.	
1055		29		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that Co I has been given instructions not to cross draw at 345610 until after preparation for 2nd Bn. Also reports they are sweeping to the road as instructed. Co K has taken four prisoners, Co I has taken 2.	

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1110		30			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports that patrol from 7 Inf was an advance patrol. Remainder of Co L is following, will follow high ground to N side of HILL 699 and then attack E to 363617.	
1120		31			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co L at 343613.	
1140		32			Col Albright, Chief of Staff, came to CP.	
1150		33			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co E in firefight but is moving right on down nose of hill on to objective. Co F moving over to objective 2A.	
1200		34			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co I receiving small arms fire from nose across draw. As yet no report on Co K.	
1235		35			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co F now moving up hill to objective. Co E sector has quieted down.	
	1240	36			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, instructed to keep tanks moving up on right flank.	
1245		37			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports our Co E down on nose to the front of their Co G. Firefight going on.	
1300		38			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports tanks were ordered into position to fire on houses, moving now.	
1305		39			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co K on NW slope HILL 686 (352614); Co I in fire fight to right rear. Exact location to be reported.	
1315		40			Col Lynch given Co K positions and 2nd Bn situation.	
1320		41			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0; 442 Co G 346564, F 358576, E reserve on hill, I 348564, K 353565, L 358564.	
	1325	42			Situation given to Div G-3 SECRET	

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1345		43			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports information received through Co G 141 Inf. Two Plats Co E (with 2 PWs) lost contact with rest of company and pulled back into Co G 141 Inf positions. Co K on top of HILL 686, will continue on. Co I 348613 report no contact, moving forward, 3 or 4 PWs. Casualties Co K 2 KIA 4 WIA. Regt wire truck extending line for 3rd Bn knocked out by mortar fire vicinity 335616, driver not seriously hurt. 3rd Bn forward CP with Co K.	
	1350	44			Checked with Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, on Co E situation. Reported that Lt Col Kilbourne had been informed.	
	1355	45			Lt Col Graham left for 2nd Bn.	
1355		46			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports that Co L 7 Inf has contacted Co F 141 on HILL 669 and is now moving E. Co F 141 inf now occupying road block # 2.	
1400		47			Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned and Co A 7 Inf is on top of HILL 616. Other Cos are fighting their way up the slopes of the hill, meeting light small arms resistance. Enemy mortar fire increased.	
	1425	48			Col Albright left CP.	
1435		49			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports that their Co G has been ordered to withdraw. Reports that CO Co E 142 Inf has contacted two Plats that had become separated.	
1445		50			Gen Hess came to CP. Would like to get FO with 2nd Bn to fire on roadblock holding up Co E.	
1455		51			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports Co K on HILL 661. Co I on the right of Co K.	
1455		52			G-2 called. A plat of 636 TDs is on way to relieve present attachments of TDs.	(Cont'd)

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		52	(Cont'd)		Div wants to pull out tanks that are with us now which are to return to 3rd Div and relieve our tanks with them.	
	1457	53			Capt Hunley gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.	
1500		54			Col Lynch called. Capt Hunley asked him about tanks. Col Lynch said they are now engaged. Co E is fighting for the roadblock now.	
	1508	55			G-3 was told that tanks are now engaged. Relief will be OK after enemy roadblock is cleared.	
	1510	56			G-3 given situation.	
1515		57			G-3 said that planes would be over at 1615A.	
1518		58			Capt Newell, G-3, called. Maj Clyburn gave him report of 8 PWs taken so far.	
	1520	59			Capt Hunley called Col Lynch asking him about relief of Co G 141 Inf that is now taking place. Col Lynch said it was alright.	
	1525	59 60			Gen Hess left CP.	
1525		61			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co K on HILL 661 at 1440A, Co L at 349603 extended down to tree line.	
	1540	62			3rd Bn notified of plane raid at 1615A.	
	1543	63			2nd Bn 141 Inf notified of plane strafing at 1615A.	
	1545	64			Sent message to 2nd Bn asking for positions of Cos E and F and to report situation.	
1550		65			Lt Groom, 636 TDS, came to CP to make arrangements for relief. One Plat of 636 TDS to relieve a Plat of 601 TDS tonight.	
	1620	66			G-2 given situation.	

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1620		67			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn: Co F 339603, E has re-organized and is sending down two Plats to clear enemy on road so that tanks can be brought up to help clear roadblock.	
1630		68			Co K moving from HILL 661 to vicinity 356603 to stop for night. Co I in contact and extending to right.	
	1720	69			G-2 given situation.	
1800		70			Col Lynch returned from OP.	
	1805	71			Col Lynch told 141 Inf they could withdraw Co I.	
	1810	72			Col Lynch ordered the Plat of Tks and TDs of 3 Div withdrawn immediately. Then a guide will be furnished our own Tks and TDs to position.	
1930		73			141 Inf at ST JEAN got 2 PWs that state one Bn of 305 Regt had been withdrawn and moving by truck to N to counterattack some American troops that had broken through their line.	
	1935	74			Msg from CO 2nd Bn. Notify 141 Inf that Co G is on objective 2A. We do not want any fire on them. 141 Inf notified.	
1950		75			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports CP 335616. Bn CO is on his way there now. Co K on nose at 355603, I extending to the right around nose at 353607, L echeloned to left rear on N side of draw at 349605 with left flank on edge of trees.	
2010		76			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0: Co B 142 Inf took REHAUPAL this afternoon at 1710A. 7 Inf Co L 350617, A 366645, B 365644, C 364643. 2/7 360646. G/15 337714, F 345700, E to relieve B 352710, A 359708, I 360701, L 360699-366689-358684, K 361693. 141 Inf G LEPANGES, I will pull out tomorrow.	

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2015		77			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports Plats of Co F 141 Inf receiving self-propelled fire from vicinity XAINFAING. Will direct Arty on it.	
	2015	78			Div G-3 given the situation and location of all units. Capt Orcutt, Div, reported air mission on entire final objective this afternoon caused 7 explosions (positions unknown) but were all around final objective.	
1920		79			Maj Middleton, 3rd Bn, reports Co E positions. Also that tank was knocked out in addition to the TD.	
	1930	80			Opns Instructions for attack 6 Nov given by Col Lynch to S-3.	
	2000	81			Instructions forwarded to Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, via telephone.	
2030		82			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, requested that time of 3rd Bn attack be delayed until 0900A in order to make Arty available for him. This request granted.	
2045		83			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, requested a 100 round preparation on objective 3A on call. Lt Col Greene, CO 132 FA Bn, stated he had already made arrangements with Capt Curtin. 3rd Bn LO: Contacted Lt Col Gillette who stated arrangements for Arty support were adequate.	
2130		84			Capt Curry reports that an order from 3rd Bn: Engrs have swept road to SE down valley. Found ramp mines vicinity 341608. Had removed a few when they were fired on and had to come in. Engrs had been instructed to sweep road to 337605.	
	2300	85			Capt Hunley gave Col Lynch's orders for tomorrow to Capt Fore.	

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	2330	86			Capt Hunley gave the situation to G-2.	
2335		87			Maj Hensley reports that the Bns have been taken care of.	
2340		88			Lt Lavine, Co A 753 Tk Co, reported in, tanks are in vicinity LES ROUGE EAUX.	
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UNIT REPORT

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line. See Par. 1.c(2).
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy offered light resistance to our advance on HILL 699 and stiff resistance at roadblock at 339607.
 - (2) Infantry: Scattered small groups of enemy encountered vicinity HILL 699 by 3rd Bn. At roadblock enemy of unknown force, supported by 20mm and mortar fire, held up our advance at close of period. Our units in contact with enemy at 339607, 348615, and 350618 at close of period.
 - (3) Artillery: Artillery moderate in Regt sector during afternoon 4 Nov with no reports of Arty during later part of period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 7 - In France: 3493
 - (2) Identifications: Battle Group GRIMM.

2. OUR SITUATION:

- a. 2nd and 3rd Bns closed into assembly areas at 325615 and 330620 respectively at 041325A. This morning at 0800A 2nd and 3rd Bns attacked abreast SE toward objectives: 2nd Bn 366584; 3rd Bn 363589. At noon 2nd Bn was assaulting enemy roadblock at 345606. 3rd Bn was fighting downhill from HILL 699 toward HILL 686. Resistance consisted mostly of SA and mortar fire, some 20mm.
1st Bn - no change.

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Capt., 142d
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0245	1			CO of TDs reported to CP and states he cannot get the TD out tonight. Tracks are entirely burned off and it is setting approximately 250 yds out in front of our troops. He also stated that if Engrs tried to remove it before he got back that he would like for them to not dump it over shoulder of road as some parts were still good. He will report in to this HQ tomorrow morning about noon.	
0330	2			Maj Hensley, S-4, called. All Cos have picked up supplies except Co K.	
0520	3			3rd Bn reports all quiet. No enemy contact, no shelling, and all Cos resupplied except Co K. 2nd Bn also reports all quiet.	
0735	4			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that a few supplies were finally given to Co K. He also asked for a squad of Engrs to clear a trail up HILL 686 of physical roadblock. The tanks and TDs of 3d Div have cleared the positions.	
0740	5			Col Lynch ordered a squad of Engrs to go to 3rd Bn. Maj Clyburn notified Capt Currey, CO of Co B 111 Engrs, to send Engrs to 3rd Bn CP.	
0755	6			CO 2nd Bn states that they will be ready to jump off at 0815A to 0830A.	
0805	7			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O: E/141 337616, F 344619-349616, Plat L 338593, K 330590. 2/143 no change. 3/143 I 277534; 1/143 A 267504, B 262513, C 278514. 45 Div 1/157 336752 to 335743; 2/157 332759; 1/180 326775; 1/179 313796. 3/399 323728. 1/7 366645; 3/7 357639.	
0810	8			141 Inf notified that Col Lynch wanted their Co E to remain in present position until noon today in order to support their Co F on the roadblock if needed.	

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	0810	9			Capt Hunley gave instructions to Lt Levine, 753 Tks, on taking tanks to 3rd Bn.	
0815		10			Capt Newell, Div Hq, phoned: 7th Inf Co L 353617 to proceed to XAINSFAING, K 653616, road cut by battle patrol at 362637. 1/30 383663 to attack due E to slopes about 393 Easting.	
0850		11			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that Co L Plat is in position as of 0730A (344607). 2nd Bn advised.	
0905		12			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports that Co F is down to the road and still moving on.	
0905		13			Gen Dahlquist came to Regt CP.	
0905		14			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: L/15 370690, K 365697, I 363690, A 358708, B 353709, C 361701, E 352709, F 343709, G 338712. 1/7 364645 Battle patrol 365637; 2/7 360646; 3/7 K 353629, L 353614, I 357640. 3/30 relieving 1/30. 1/30 393670. 3/30 I 365678, K 368678, L 383679.	
0930		15			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co P has crossed road and working up slope toward Co G, then N. One Plat is proceeding N toward houses at roadblock. So far no contact with the enemy.	
	0945	16			Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.	
0945		17			Capt Fisher phoned and Co K is in small arms fire fight to their front and left flank.	
	1000	18			2nd Bn instructed to send Cos G and E to the SE according to plan. Road to E of ridge will be cleared out, also west slope of ridge.	
	1000	19			Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, to move out with Cos I and K to objective 3A and 3B as planned. Bn responsibility to sweep and clear houses out to left side of road. (Cont'd)	

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		19	(Cont'd)	This probably can be done by a Plat with two bazookas. Lt Col Gillette stated he will be able to jump off at 1030A. Also when Bn reaches obj 3B sweep slopes down to bottom of hill, do not just stay on top of hill. Co K will leave one platoon on present position.	
1015		20		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co F on edge of woods just S of roadblock, preparing to assault.	
	1025	21		Col Lynch instructed Capt Hunley to notify 3rd Bn that roadblocks # 1 and 2 are being relieved. 3rd Bn notified.	
1020		22		Gen Dahlquist phoned and Col Lynch gave him the situation. Told him of roadblocks 1 and 2 being relieved.	
1035		23		132 FDC reports 2nd Bn requested fire on roadblock 341608 be lifted.	
1040		24		Capt Fore, Cn Co, reports Cn Co starting firing on points given to him last night. OP is observing.	
1050		25		Col Purdy, 636 TD Bn, came to Regt CP.	
	1055	26		Situation given to G-3.	
	1055	27	$\frac{1}{2}$	Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to check with Lt Crocker on how many rounds Cn Co had to fall short in Co F area. Co F has not made assault yet.	
1100		28		Lt Crocker stated no rounds of Cn Co fell short as every round was observed. Two rounds fell on Co F before Cn Co fired.	
1100		29		2nd Bn 141 Inf phoned. Their Co E is being brought out with Co F and will join Co G at LE PANGES.	
	1105	30		Lt Col Purdy left CP.	

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	1110	31			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to check with 3rd Bn to see that Plat of Co L had not left road. Maj Clyburn checked with Maj Young, 3rd Bn, and the Plat is still in position.	
1140		32			Capt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, phoned. They have two Flak wagons in position near our Co H which they now have orders to pull out. Want us to see if we can contact them and then give them the instructions.	
1155		33			Maj Clyburn checked on the Flak Wagons and they are not near our Co H. Seems to have moved out entirely.	
1200		34			3rd Bn reports Cos I & K are moving forward, exact positions not known. Cn Co notified.	
1205		35			Col McKeen, Col Smith and another Col from SHAEF came to Regt CP. Col Lynch gave them the situation. Party left at 1215A.	
1215		36			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports enemy roadblock has been taken. Two Plats of Co F now occupying houses and are reorganizing. Div G-3 notified.	
1235		37			3rd Bn reports Co I at base of HILL 652 and is in small arms fight. No other report.	
1245		38			Div states 442 RCT is in fire fight at 358565.	
1300		39			2nd Bn reports Cos E and G abreast at 347597. Co F reorganizing to push S. The Plat of Co E that was at houses near roadblock are moving down road to join the rest of its company.	
1310		40			132 FA FO states that Co K is on top of objective 3A HILL 652.	
1355		41			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Cos E and G at 346594. F Co on move. Lt Col Kilbourne to meet Co E at 343598 and give them further instructions.	

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1400		42		Div reports that they will have a tank retriever on the way as soon as possible to remove TD from road.	
	1410	43		Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1445		44		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co I 354598, Co K 356596 meeting stiff resistance, small arms, mortar and artillery.	
1450		45		Engr officer came to CP and states TD blocks left fork and tank blocks right fork of road down valley.	
1535		46		Lt Col Goddard, 7th Army Historian, came to CP. Said he'd come back in three days.	
1555		47		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that from intercepted messages he hears that Co K cannot advance. Co I tied up and Lt Col Gillette, CO, has sent back for Co L to support Co I.	
1600		48		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	1640	49		Col Lynch sent message to CO 3rd Bn: Report your situation and location by coordinates. What is Co L doing?	
1650		50		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports fire fight over. Co K reorganizing on top of HILL 652, Co I at 354598. Hill was used by enemy for OP. Can see all valley down to town of LES ROUGES EAUX.	
	1700	51		Col Lynch ordered 3rd Bn to push on down to 360594 by dark. 3rd Bn to leave Co K, reinforced, on HILL 652 and Co I to push to coordinates 360594, dig in and hold. Capt Hunley notified Maj Young.	
	1705	52		Gen Dahlquist left Regt CB.	
1745		53		CO of 601 TDs came by CP on way to get knocked-out TD. will check by this Hq when they have cleared.	

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FROM: 060000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 062400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 322624

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 6 Nov 1944

TIME		SLR N	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1815		54			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reported that Co I would move out. When order had been delivered they had been in contact with enemy. Col Lynch instructed Maj Young to order Co I to dig in where they were for night and to have Co L continue to close up to rest of Bn.	
	1830	55			Col Lynch ordered tanks and 2 TDs to report to 2nd Bn CP.	
1830		56			Maj Young reports that Engrs are out sweeping road down valley. Will report progress later. Are planning to establish an AT gun roadblock at 355597 and a roadblock at 360600 consisting of one squad riflemen and MG. Mortars moving to 346607. Knob at 355592 will be attacked from S after objective 3B is taken. Lt Col Gillette will use Co K to make attack on objective 3B.	
1830		57			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports Co G 347596 one platoon to west. Co E 348596 extending NE, Co F 344600, Co F roadblock at 343595	
1945		58			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports 3rd Bn positions: Co K 357598, Co I 356598 to 354596, Co L 357602 to 355601.	
	2000	59			Div given Bn locations.	
2040		60			Opns Instr and overlay received from 141 Inf.	
2055		61			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, reports A roadblock in, AT guns - 1 gun 344608, 1 gun 343609, 1 gun 339607.	
	2120	62			Capt Currey instructed to send one mine sweeping squad to 3rd Bn CP to continue sweeping road to 599 northing. 3rd Bn to provide security for Engrs and that security either to be attached to the Engr officer or to have an officer in charge to coordinate with the Engr officer.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 060000A Nov. 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 062400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 322624

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 6. Nov 1944

TIME		TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT				
	2220	63		Col Lynch ordered 3rd Bn armor into position tonight where it can support 2nd or 3rd Bn in the morning.	
2225		64		Lt Scott of Engrs reported going forward to clear road of mines for 3rd Bn to 599 nothing.	
	2227	65		132 PDC given plan for attack at 0800A in the morning.	
	2230	66		Instruction given by Col Lynch for attack tomorrow.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 151

FROM: 051200A Nov. 1944
TO : 061200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP Coord 324624
6 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: See Par. 1.c.(2).
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Light enemy resistance encountered by our advance elements during period.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy withdrew from roadblock vicinity V341608. Small group of 10 to 12 enemy fired on our Co K at about 0930A vicinity V355605 and withdrew; at close of period our forward elements in contact with enemy at V356596, V358596, and V346594.
 - (3) Artillery: Only scattered rounds of harassing fire reported.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 17 - In France: 3510
 - (2) Identifications: 5th Co 223 IR
5 Bicycle Co.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 2nd and 3rd Bns in attack to SE yesterday reached: 2nd Bn 344603, receiving strong opposition from enemy roadblock at 340607; 3rd Bn 355607-348607. This morning the attack was continued. At close of period 2nd Bn had destroyed enemy roadblock. Leading elements were at 347597; 3rd Bn at base of HILL652 at 356600. 1st Bn - no change.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 070000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Cord 322624

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 7 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0020		1			The tanks and TDs are on their way to 2nd Bn.	
0040		2			Engrs report road in 3rd Bn sector clear of mines to 352598.	
	0045	3			Lt Brooks, 3rd Bn, notified that road has been swept to 352598.	
0200		4			Capt Brower, FA Ln 0 to 2nd Bn, stopped by CP. Said TD had run over mine near 2nd Bn CP. Six minutes later an H Co jeep ran over another mine near by.	
0240		5			Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, reported TD and jeep knocked out by mines. Requested Engrs to sweep area again.	
	0243	6			Capt McSwain called Engrs for mine sweeping crew. Engrs said they could be expected about 0400A. 2nd Bn notified.	
0250		7			Lt Brooks, 3rd Bn, reports an I Co patrol went down right side of road to about 400 yds in front of forward positions. Were fired on from right flank about 100 yds away by machine pistol. Observed unoccupied dugouts on right side of road.	
0515		8			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports that Bn sent out four Ren patrols. One of E Cos patrols went out 400 to 500 yds to front, heard Germans digging in. Co G patrol went 400 yds out, ran into 4-man outpost. Co G patrol 500 yds out ran into German patrol. Also heard other activity. Some Arty has fallen on valley road, otherwise quiet.	
0525		9			Lt Brooks, 3rd Bn, reports all quiet along front. No Arty. Rations received.	
0620		10			141 Inf reports they sent a patrol to 342594 and found an enemy MG. Enemy were not on the alert so patrol slipped up and grabbed part of MG and made away with it. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 322624
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TTL OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		10	(Cont'd)		Suggest that if we sent a patrol to that vicinity that we use some mortar fire as more positions are believed to be in that vicinity.	
	0640	11			CO AT Co told to be prepared to move roadblock from present position to point at 343593 as soon as 2nd Bn takes hill to their front. Time expected to be about 1000A. Another Plat of AT Co to be ready to make a block at junction of trails at 360595 as soon as 3rd Bn takes objective 3B.	
	0645	12			CO 142 Inf suggested 3rd Bn move its CP forward.	
0655		13			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports TDs and tanks moving to V349602.	
	0700	14			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, given instructions that as soon as 2nd Bn has hill at 348593 he will move present roadblock up right road to vicinity 343593. Anticipate this move about 1000A. Also have Plat ready to move to and set up roadblock vicinity trail junction in saddle at 360594 as soon as 3rd Bn has hill objective 3B. This roadblock to be as far forward as possible.	
	0705	15			2nd Bn notified that Co I 141 Inf Plat is not to its right flank now. AT roadblocks will move progressively behind advance of 2nd Bn.	
	0710	16			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, notified that TD officer with 3rd Bn is in command of 3rd Bn armored group.	
	0815	17			Arrangements made with Capt Curry, Engrs, to sweep road on both sides of valley as foot troops progress. Initial priority will be given to west side of valley.	
0820		18			Cos G and E moving.	
	0840	19			Reported situation to Div. Capt Newell stated that 3d Div would assist us with Arty if desired. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT				
		19	(Cont'd)	They have good observation from nose to W of XAMFEING.	
0845		20		Gen Dahlquist notified Col Lynch that the plan is to relieve 1st Bn 142 Inf tonight and then 1st Bn will relieve all of 442 Inf. Col Lynch notified S-4 to be prepared to bathe 1st Bn tomorrow	
	0950	21		Lt Col Graham left for 2nd Bn.	
0950		22		Operations Instructions to Bns as of 062000A Nov. 2nd Bn from present positions will push SE along ridge to objective 2B with Co G on right sweeping slope to road, Co E on left sweeping slope to valley road, Co F (less one Plat) following along ridge line. Plat of Co F to cross over road on E flank and advance S ^W on a line 200 yds W of road mopping up in path. On reaching objective 2B, will change original direction of attack, to push to objective at 356574. 3rd Bn: Co K will advance SE and assault objective 3B. Co I (less one Plat) initially to advance to right of and abreast of Co K as far as saddle at 358593. Upon reaching this point will return to HILL 652, organize for defense especially to E, NE, and SE. One Plat Co I will return N to valley road at 348603. From there to advance S ^W along road cleaning out all houses along road, then join remainder of Co I on HILL 652. Co L will swing to left of Co K keeping in position to envelop any enemy resistance encountered by Co K or to assault objective 3B (HILL 641) from the E or NE. Upon seizing objective 3B (HILL 641) be prepared to continue to S ^W and seize original 2nd Bn objective 2C (HILL 457).	
	1005	23		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn rear and forward CPs.	
1025		24		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports CP location at 352600. Tanks in position at 349603.	

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Place: CP Coord 322624

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TIME		TYPE OR DATE	MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT				
	1150	25		Capt Curry, Engrs, instructed to continue with road sweeping on three roads. Road to right of 2nd Bn ridge and road to left of 2nd Bn ridge. Also upper road in 3rd Bn sector. Capt Curry will get two more squads to work immediately.	
	1205	26		Col Lynch called instructing S-3 to have Capt Curry contact Div Engrs relative to getting other Plat back. Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that Cos L and K are definitely in saddle at 359592.	
1210		27		Col Purdy, CO 636 TD Bn, visited CP. He has 7 TDs from Co C located in 442 Inf area at 329584, 1 gun; 338572, 2 guns; 348574, 4 guns as a reserve. Does not know status, but if they are to pass to our control he would like to replace them with Co A TDs if we need them. If not he wishes to withdraw them. Col Lynch notified and will study situation. Requested that G-3 notify us of status.	
1220		28		Col Lynch reports Co K position has been verified as on HILL 641 (obj 3B). Co L on left flank. Are reorganizing and will continue to objective 2C.	
1245		29		Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, reported: 3rd Bn 141 Inf has cleared ridge in sector between 58-59 northing. Has visual contact with elements of 142 Inf. Will have one Plat of Co K on roadblock at V344586. Balance of 3rd Bn and AT Co will be withdrawn to LEPANGES and DEYCIMONT.	
1300		30		G-3, Capt Newell, called. TDs in 442 Inf sector will pass to our control. It is the General's desire that if these are not needed they be returned to Bn control for maintenance and repair. G-3 given situation.	
1315		31		Lt Scott, Engr O attached to 3rd Bn, reported trail swept to 353598. Capt Hunley instructed him to report to 3rd Bn CP. Roads now ready to be swept farther.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 322624

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Date: 7 Nov 1944

TIME		S. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
1340		32			Capt Newell, Div, phoned and states Co F 442 Inf has been ordered to attack E across valley. Maj Clyburn notified Col Lynch at 3rd Bn CP. Col Lynch then stated that he would call Div. Co G of 442 RCT has hit some heavy resistance at V345563.	
1415		33			Col Lynch returned to CP. States Co I has Plat 359598-362599-362597, Co L sweeping eastern slopes of HILL 641 and will take up defensive positions from vicinity 365594 to 366589, Co K is continuing to objective 2C HILL 657 and upon clearing hill will establish a defense on eastern slopes.	
	1430	34			Msg to CO 2nd Bn: Report your location and situation at once.	
1435		35			Capt Newell, Div, phoned and states the Gen would like to make contact with 7th Inf. 7th Inf suggests vicinity 360604. Col Lynch said he agreed on the contact point and assigned mission to Co I. 7th Inf is starting for that point now.	
	1445	36			Capt Hunley notified Maj Young, 3rd Bn, to send a patrol out for above contact point immediately. Two patrols to meet at edge of woods west of CHEVRY.	
1450		37			Lt Col Purdy, 636 TD Bn, came to CP.	
1450		38			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned stating Bn CP 352583, Co E 200 yds to NE, Co G 300 yds S, Co F same distance to W. Have sent patrol ahead to contact Co F 442 RCT. Col Lynch talked to Lt Col Kilbourn, 2nd Bn, and gave him following instructions: Push on S and establish line from 355570 to 360579 by dark. Also send a platoon to HILL 539 and clear woods to 363580. Establish contact with 3rd Bn on left and 442 RC on right.	
1500		39			Gen Dahlquist came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch who gave him the complete situation.	

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Date: 7 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1540		40		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned. Bn rear CP is at 344590.	
	1550	41		Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1600		42		Col Purdy talked with Col Lynch and they decided Co A 636 TD Bn will relieve Co C in 442 RCT sector. Two TDs vicinity 338572 will be relieved tomorrow night and the other 5 TDs will be relieved and replaced on call from this Hq.	
1605		43		Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1620		44		Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that he received word from their Arty radio that our Co K has reached their objective.	
1700		45		Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, came to CP. Discussed plans of relief of 442 RCT with CO 142. 16 2½-T trks should be sufficient for transporting Bn. Showers may be arranged by staggering Cos after relief from 141 Inf sector to relieve 442 Inf.	
	1705	46		Maj Hensley instructed, through Maj Clyburn, to send 16 2½-T trks to report to Lt Col Minor at LE PANGES tomorrow at 1300A.	
1710		47		Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, said that 442 Inf 2nd Bn was passing through to its front. Col Lynch said to let them go ahead. Have Bn dig in and hold present locations. Plan tomorrow to attack SE. Details later.	
	1725	48		Col Lynch called G-3 and protested because 442 Inf had gone ahead with its 2nd Bn attack and in coming in front of our 2nd Bn had fouled our own advance.	
1745		49		Maj Young called and asked to have Engrs remove roadblock.	

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IN	OUT					
1750		50			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, called to ask if he had any selections for harassing fires tonight - answer "no". He will expend about 100 rounds on targets of his own choice for the night.	
	1810	51			Lt Morton, Co B 111 Engrs, instructed on clearing of main road for tonight.	
1825		52			S-3 442 RCT phoned and states their Co F is in vicinity 3658 and will stay in houses for tonight. They have 8 PWs.	
1830		53			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and Co F is on objective given them by Lt Col Kilbourne, CO.	
1920		54			Maj Middleton gave coordinates 356574 as position of Co F. Co F not in contact with 442 Inf.	
	1930	55			G-3 given location of Co F.	
1935		56			Capt Newwell, Div: 442 RCT Co F less 1 Plat 3658. 1 Plat Co F and Co E 357564 facing SE, Co K 352562 facing S, L 349562 facing S, I 346564 facing S, G and 1 Plat C 344561 facing E, 232 Engr 335570-340566, A 342573, Co B moved out.	
2145		57			Ln 0 from 442 RCT phoned: Co G 343562, C 344560, I 347563, L 348567, K 352560, E 358564, 2 Plat F and 2 Plat AT 360581-363578. 3rd Bn (G and C) swing along 56 northing to E to 37 grid. Co F and AT will remain in position. Our plan for tomorrow explained to 442 Inf.	
2150		58			Linemen report valley and road flooded and it is impossible to get line back into Co B 111 Engr. Other troops are evacuating the valley.	
2200		59			Lineman called again, is moving line down highway and expects to have it in within the next hour.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 152

FROM: 061200A Nov. 1944
TO : 071200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP Coord 336611
7 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy offered little resistance to our advance to HILL 641 at 362588 and HILL 645 at 353583.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy infantry offered resistance by SA and MG fire at 358592 to our attack on HILL 641. No enemy was encountered on HILL 645. At close of period our troops had occupied both hills and were proceeding with the attack to SE.
 - (3) Artillery: Enemy artillery active with moderate harassing fire on supply routes during night and morning of 7 October.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 5 -- In France: 3515
 - (2) Identifications: 5 Bicycle Co
3rd Co 308 IR

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT continued the attack SE down valley against stiff resistance and intense mortar and Arty fire with advance elements vicinity: Co E 348596, Co F 344600, Co G 347596, Co I 356598, Co K 357598, Co L 357602 at 1945A. ATCo established roadblock vicinity 339607. Troops remained at above locations, dug in and set up defensive positions for the night.
- b. RCT continued attack to SE at 070800A against slight resistance with advance elements in vicinity: Co L 3660 to 360595, Co K 363588, Co I on HILL 652 vicinity 357597, Cos E, F, and G in vicinity of HILL 645 (exact location unknown) at 071200A.
- c. 1st Bn 142 RCT still holding defensive positions vicinity CHAMPDRAY - REHAUPAL.

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JOURNAL

FROM: 080000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 322624

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Date: 8 Nov 1944

TIME		S. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	0500	1			G-2 Given situation.	
0530		2			2nd Bn reports no activity nor shelling. Very quiet.	
0545		3			3rd Bn reports very quiet. Supplies not complete as yet.	
0700		4			Co I contact patrol to 7th Inf reached designated point, waited two hours but did not see 7th Inf contact patrol.	
	0730	5			Following patrolling instructions phoned to 3rd Bn: (1) Co I to send contact patrol to Co F roadblock every two hours; (2) Co I to patrol to houses at CHEVRY 365605; (3) Co L to patrol to houses at 372595; (4) Co K to patrol to houses at 372589, if houses are unoccupied outposts are to be established consisting of one rifle squad, LMG and mortar observer.	
	0730	6			Lt Crocker sent to reconnoiter for a road in valley to SW.	
0745		7			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, said 2nd Bn supplied and would be ready to attack at 0800A. Bn CP to move to 358585 this morning.	
0800		8			Capt Newell called and said the 3d Div was sending a platoon to 360610 and from there they would send contact patrols to meet 142d Inf at 360604 at 1200A and 1600A today. Schedule for night would be arranged between the two units concerned.	
	0800	9			Capt Curry, CG Co B 111 Engrs, was called and asked why Engrs had not shown up at 3d Bn CP at 0700A. He said they had left his place.	
	0815	10			Col Lynch ordered each Bn to have each line Co keep one NCO at Bn Aid Sta whose duties will be to bring back to Co men who came to Aid Sta to be evacuated and who the Surg says will not be evacuated. 2nd and 3rd Bns notified.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME ON DUTY	INSTRUCTIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0815	11		Capt Newell, G-3 section, given additional patroling missions of 3rd Bn as ordered by CO 142 Inf.	
0830		12		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reported that all three Cos of 2nd Bn began movement at 0806A. G-3 notified.	
	0900	13		Checked with Maj Young, 3rd Bn, to see that a platoon of Co I was remaining vicinity OP on HILL 652.	
0915		14		Capt Scott, CO AT Co, reported that Le Kennedy's platoon should be in position by 1030A on roadblock at 361594.	
0930		15		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that all Cos are still moving. No contact as yet. 2nd Bn rear CP moving.	
0935		16		Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, reports 3rd Bn Ln O has been firing on Germans in front of Co K. Number of enemy unknown.	
0940		17		Capt Curry, Engrs, reported that Engrs would be exploding ramp mines in valley this morning.	
0940		18		Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that Bn CP now at 357584, Co G at 357580, Cos E and F positions unknown.	
0950		19		Lt Col June, 382 FA Bn, came to CP and arranged with Col Lynch for moving his Bn in valley where 142 Inf rear now is located at 1500A today.	
	1010	20		Col Lynch gave instructions to Lt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn on placing TDs in position. By tonight 4 TDs will be in valley vicinity Cos I and L and 4 in vicinity 335 easting area.	
	1020	21		Checked with Maj Young, 3rd Bn, on reported enemy in front of Co K. Stated that they had already sent patrol out to Co K front to investigate.	

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IN	OUT					
		21	(Cont'd)		Co I had sent patrol toward CHEVRY. Should have report in about an hour.	
1020		22			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Plat Co E in fire fight at 361576. Can hear only one Enemy MG.	
1030		23			Lt Crocker returned to CP and gave his Ren report on trails and roads to Col Lynch.	
1045		24			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1050		25			Gen Hess came to CP.	
1120		26			Capt Olson reports Co F has reported that they are getting close to objective and receiving Arty fire. Think they have spotted enemy.	
	1130	27			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1140		28			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports Co E is still engaged and report one SP and one tank firing on them from 367579, fight progressing favorably. Getting Cn Co to fire on the tank and SP gun. Co F located at 363567 and advancing forward. No contact with the enemy. Co G moving to fill the gap between Cos F and E.	
1145		29			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that Co E reports 60mm mortar firing too close to their front. Request that 442 Inf and 3rd Bn check.	
	1155	30			G-2 given situation of Cos E and F.	
	1200	31			Gen Hess left Regt CP.	
	1230	32			Lt Col Graham left for the Clr Co vicinity BRUYERES.	
1245		33			Lt Laharr, CO Co K, reports heavy fire fight still in progress over in Co E sector. Hears at least two MGs and quite a few machine pistols. Co B also receiving 120mm mortar fire.	

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IN	OUT					
	1250	34			Situation given to G-3.	
	1255	35			Checked with Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, on progress of Engrs. Engrs now working vicinity 355584.	
1305		36			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co F at 359566 in contact with Co E 442 Inf as of 1245A which is at 357564. Resistance very light. One Plat of Co E moving forward slowly.	
	1310	37			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to check with 3rd Bn and be sure Co K has orders to clear houses to their immediate front and clear woods to their S.	
	1330	38			Col Lynch ordered Capt Terrell, Comm O, to be sure and have radios monitor all information. Capt Terrell stated that the radios would report every hour even if report was only negative.	
	1345	39			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP, then 3rd Bn CP and then will return to Regt CP vicinity 345590.	
1430		40			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports: Co G 356576, F reports roadblock at 359566, E held up by strong point at 362574, 364576, 365579.	
1430		41			3rd Bn CP at 358588.	
1440		42			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 399 RCT 315735. 15th Inf Co A and AT Co relieved 3rd Bn which is assembled at 3570. New bridge will be in at DOCELLES today. 143 Inf Co A 266504-263503, B 248508, C 277509, Plat G 272525.	
1500		43			G-3 reports AT Co of 7th Inf has Plat at 360610 and Plat at 355605. Co L of 7th Inf in XAINFEING. Request Co F, (plat) 141 Inf, be relieved and will have G-4 arrange for transportation.	
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FROM: 080000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 8 Nov 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1510		44			G-3 reports 232 Engrs had to be pulled out and Plat of 22 men of 442 Inf occupying positions. Request 1st Bn take over this position as soon as possible.	
1515		45			Intercepted radio message: Co F to CO 2nd Bn: "Have run into enemy. Enemy has all around defense around our objective.	
	1520	46			Plat Co K sent to clean out southern slopes of HILL 657 engaged in fire fight. Receiving heavy mortar fire.	
	1555	47			Col Lynch contacted at 3rd Bn and told of position of AT plat 7th Inf and Plat of Co F 141 Inf being withdrawn, also of 1st Bn taking over 232 Engr sector as soon as possible, and of Co F being in contact with enemy on objective.	
	1600	48			G-3 given position of Plat of Co K in fight, also information regarding Co F and estimated time Plat of Co F 141 Inf will entruck from this area.	
1615		49			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co F still working on objective 2B by flanking from E end. Patrol sent to contact Co F got lost and ended up with Co E. Co E still working on enemy, not advancing. Co G started out to take objective 2A from S, have not contacted enemy.	
	1625	50			S-4 notified to have transportation for Plat of Co F 141 Inf at 336611 at 1730A to take them to 3rd Bn 141 Inf at LA PANGES.	
1630		51			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1700		52			Col Lynch made following arrangements with Lt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn. Move two TDS into position reconnoitered at dawn tomorrow. Other two will remain in direct fire positions until next night when they will move into position to be found for them tomorrow.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

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TIME		SIGNATURE OR NO. IN LINE	TYPE OR DESC.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1825		53		<p>Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports Co G ordered to continue on to objective from position vicinity 364569. This Co had contacted left flank of Co F at 1700A and was headed toward southern part of objective 2A. Co F dug in for night at 358566. Had been in contact with Co E 442 Inf on their right flank. One Plat Co E send around to right and had reached vicinity 362573, headed NE to cross in front of rest of Co E at 362577.</p>	
1830		54		<p>Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports that he started harassing fire on points V-376583-V377587 and V370564-V366561 at 1820A.</p>	
1835		55		<p>Two PWs taken by Co K from vicinity V366583 were from 1st Co 308 Regt.</p>	
	1840	56		<p>Capt Hunley phoned Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, - instructions for tomorrow's attack. Instructions as follows: 090800A one Plat Co L vicinity 366587 will push S and W toward 2nd Bn objective 2A. Co E less one Plat will continue pressure frontally on obj 2A. One Plat Co E now at 363573 will continue to push NE and E. Co G will push to SE toward southern edge of objective 2A, then push SW to objective 2B, from vicinity 367570. Co F to continue attack frontally toward objective 2B from vicinity 359566.</p>	
	1915	57		<p>Capt Hunley gave plan of operations for tomorrow to G-3. 143 Inf has taken LA CHAPELLE.</p>	
1940		58		<p>Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that roadblock # 1 and 2 as shown on overlay will not be put in. They are not as yet using the two Plats of Regt AT Co. 1 tank and 1 TD are at 365592. 1 tank and 1 TD at 355590. Roadblock at 363582. Will move farther around road to E when it has been cleared. Co I patrol has contacted AT Co platoon 7th Inf and will continue on hourly schedule.</p>	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 153

FROM: 071200A Nov. 1944
TO : 081200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
GP Coord 336611
8 Nov 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy continued to resist our advance at head of valley centered around 367575, supported by heavy mortar fire.
 - (2) Infantry: Only resistance encountered at 361576 and 370577 consisting of considerable strength of at least 3 MGs, about 8 MPs, and unestimated number of infantrymen. Fight still in progress at close of period.
 - (3) Artillery: Enemy artillery reported light throughout sector.
 - (4) Armor: One SP and one tank fired into our positions from vicinity 367579 at about 1130A.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 7 -- In France: 3522
 - (2) Identifications: 2nd Co 308 Regt
3rd Co 308 Regt

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. In attack to SE yesterday 2nd Bn reached a line 365573-360581. It attacked SE again this morning to clear wooded area and SE slopes of HILL 688.2. At close of period Co E was receiving stiff resistance at 363577; Co F was at 363567; Co G moving to fill gap between E and F.
- b. 3rd Bn yesterday gained final objectives along line of HILLS 652, 641, and 657. This morning positions were organized on E slopes of these hills and patrols sent out to E. Roadblocks established at # 1 - 362603; # 2 - 361595; # 3 - 373587. At noon Co K was in contact with enemy on E and S slopes of HILL 657.

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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 091200A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

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Date: 9 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	REF OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0420		1			3rd Bn area all quiet, no shelling during night. Patrol reports not in yet. 2nd Bn all quiet. No line into 1st Bn yet.	
	0435	2			Lt Weston, G-2, given situation.	
0715		3			Capt Newell, Div G-3: 3/15 reported fighting in DEFOSSE V3672, 2/15 took LEMENIL yesterday V3473, 1/15 367717-367702, AT Co at 375696. Relief of 45th Div completed.	
	0735	4			Col Lynch ordered Lt Crocker to reconnoiter road to 1st Bn CP and then return to Regt CP to guide the Col to the 1st Bn CP.	
0810		5			2nd Bn reports rations were received by all companies except G. No comm with Co G at present and Co E is waiting to hear from Co G before jumping off on attack.	
	0815	6			Col Lynch ordered Co E to jump off now and not wait for Co G to report.	
	0820	7			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, was notified of orders for Co E and he stated that 3rd Bn was arranging and firing Arty for 2nd Bn.	
	0830	8			Col Lynch checked with Lt Col Green on firing of Arty. Lt Col Green stated that they were now adjusting in front of Co E and will fire the preparation soon.	
	0835	9			Col Lynch talked to Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, in regards to attack and firing of artillery.	
0840		10			Capt Curry, CO Co B 111 Engr, came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch on marking of roads after being swept for mines.	
0850		11			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, phoned and the preparation for Co K has been lifted and the Plat is moving forward. When resistance is hit will notify this Hq.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
0940		12			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that Co B is moving into position now. Putting and Plat Co B and Sec LMG where 232 Engr were. Company dispositions: A Right flank 357564 left flank 353562. Co B 348564 down nose to houses at 343561. One Plat 337567. Co C center of line at 350563 running around forward slope of nose. AT Plat and A & P Plat in reserve. CP 354566.	
0945		13			Plat Co I and Plat Co K 200 yards S of road, on line 367578. In contact with enemy. Co E in contact with enemy to front. Co F is contact to the front.	
1005		14			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports. Lt Fick now at Co F positions reports that from the sound of fire Co C is in vicinity 367570. Co F vicinity 362566. Had received heavy Arty fire, quite a few wounded. Co E situation very little change.	
1055		15			Capt Sorenson, CO Co B 753 Tk Bn, and CO Co D 753 Tk Bn came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch on location of tanks upon the relief of Co A 753 Tk.	
1055		16			Lt Col Stovall came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch on condition of roads.	
	1055	17			Situation and locations given to G-2.	
1100		18			Gen Dahlquist and Col Sladen come to CP.	
1102		19			Gen Hess came to Regt CP.	
1105		20			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, phoned and platoons of Co I and K now vicinity 367573. Have several PWs who state remainder of enemy have withdrawn to NW.	
1110		21			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co G at vicinity 363589 receiving a small counterattack. Lt Col Kilbourne now vicinity 356575.	

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IN	OUT				
1125		22		Maj Young reports Cos I and K Plats vicinity 367573 and have several PWs.	
1130		23		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports I and K Co Plats at 367569. Have held up and are sending patrol out to reconnoiter road.	
1150		24		Capt Newell, Div G-3, phoned and states 7th Inf will be relieved by 409th Inf by tonight.	
1210		25		Maj Young, CO 3rd Bn, reports I and K Co Plats in fire fight vicinity 367568.	
1210		26		Arty firing on enemy dug in vicinity 375600. Number unknown.	
	1215	27		Gen Dahlquist, Gen Hess, and Col Sladen left Regt CP.	
	1215	28		Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, to not let Co I and K Plats go any farther to S but to swing to the west.	
1220		29		I & K Co Plats almost out of ammo and Col Lynch inquired if carrying parties for ammo could reach the Plats.	
1215		30		Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reported to Col Lynch that Co G was receiving a counterattack and according to a PW it was of three Co strength.	
	1255	31		Col Lynch ordered Co E to move to left of Co G.	
1310		32		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that radio message states that Co E has just successfully repulsed a counterattack on their left flank.	
	1312	33		G-2 given situation.	
	1314	34		3rd Bn given information of counterattack on Co E.	

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IN	OUT				
	1345	35		G-2 and G-3 given situation.	
1400		36		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Co G is at 363565. Have had repeated attacks this morning from three different directions. None of these were in any great strength. Have received about 20 casualties. Present strength now about 80 men.	
	1405	37		Col Lynch called CO 132 FA to ask if cub planes were now able to get into air.	
	1410	38		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn CP.	
1445		39		Capt Brower, Ln O 132 FA, reports hearing on his radio that 1st Bn is calling for defensive fires against a counterattack.	
1450		40		Maj Ramsay and Lt Plaster, 3rd Cml Bn, came to CP. Discussed positions with Maj Clyburn. An Ln O from them will report here to CP tonight.	
1505		41		Maj Elligood, FA, reports that 1st Bn is still calling for defensive fires to their front.	
1510		42		Capt Brower, Ln O 132 FA, said radio now indicated counterattack against 1st Bn may have been broken up.	
1555		43		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co G attacked on left flank driven back, but had regained ground. Could now see through edge of woods, still no contact with Cos I and K Plats.	
1555		44		Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
	1605	45		S-4 given instructions to have 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ T Trks from Cn Co report to Lt Peters at old Regt CP this afternoon to handle stragglers and to remain until released by this Hq.	

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Place: CP Coord 345590
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TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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1630		46		3rd Bn dispositions: Co L 2nd plat 366590, 3rd Plat 366593, 1st Plat 361594, CP 361594. Co I 3rd Plat 364605, 2nd Plat 357597, IMG and 7 Riflemen 362598, Sec HMG 364605, CP 362603.	
1630		47		Div Air Ln O came to CP and conferred with CO.	
1700		48		Col Lynch ordered Co I & K Plats pulled back if ammunition cannot be delivered to them.	
1705		49		Capt Hunley notified Maj Young, 3rd Bn, of Col Lynch's orders. 2nd Bn also notified.	
1715		50		G-3 given situation and locations.	
1750		51		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports gap between G and A Cos by strongpoint at 359566 by 30 men and MG section from Co B. Co G still cannot locate or identify definitely their position but believes it to be 364565. Can see into clearing and a warehouse or railroad station clearly. No contact with Plat off of Cos I or K Co. Co G reports 7 men killed, 18 wounded and 85 present on the line.	
1800		52		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports patrol from Co E left about 1630A, went to vicinity roadjunction at 364578, observed estimate 40 enemy in this area. Killed 2 enemy on MG and returned and received heavy small arms fire in return. Patrol returned about 1745A.	
1800		53		Lt Groom, TD officer, came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch. There is one sec of TDs with each Bn now. Two TDs with 2nd Bn are on call for use anyplace in Regt sector. 2nd Bn notified.	
1845		54		Officers from 3d Cml Bn came to CP after making reconnaissance for positions. Col Lynch ordered them to move both Plats (8 guns) to vicinity 355594.	

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IN	OUT				
	1850	55		Situation given to G-2.	
	1930	56		Situation given to G-3.	
	2015	57		Maj Middleton instructed to take Co E, less one Platoon in hand tomorrow and attack strong point from two directions. After knocking it out to advance 300 yds beyond and hold. Use mortars 81mm and 60mm for preparation. Capt Olson instructed to have a contact patrol from Co G sent out to contact Cos I and K Platoon and lead them out through Co G positions. •	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 154

FROM: 081200A Nov. 1944
TO : 091200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP Coord 336611
9 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy offered determined resistance throughout the period and launched a small counterattack on our forward elements.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy vicinity 367568 still holding up our advance with SA, MG, and mortar fire. Small counter-attack against our 2nd Bn vicinity 365568 at 1110A repulsed. Another counterattack on a smaller scale reported in same area at 1400A. Our 1st Bn received some SA fire vicinity 351552 about 0900A. At close of period our forward elements in contact with enemy at 367569 and 365567.
 - (3) Artillery: Co F received heavy enemy artillery conc vicinity 363566 at 1005A which caused considerable casualties. Heavy harassing fire vicinity 345589 throughout night.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWS during period: 2 -- In France: 3524
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 308 GR

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn during the night relieved 442 RCT in its sector and took positions: Co A 353562 to 357564; B 348564 down nose to houses at 343561; one plat Co B at 337567; Co G at 350563 along fwd slope of nose; AT plat and A & P Plat in res; 1st Bn CP at 354566.
- b. 2nd Bn continued attack to clear SE edge of FORET DOMINALE. Strong resistance stopped Bn short of objectives; Co F digging in for the night at 358566; Co G 364569; Co E at 362577 and one plat at 362573. The attack was resumed this morning meeting stubborn opposition. A pocket of enemy faced Co E at 363577. Co G received a small counterattack at 363567. Co F received a heavy Arty conc and was unable to advance. One plat of Co I and one plat of Co K assisting the 2nd Bn, attacking S from 368580 reached 367570 without contact until that point. 3rd Bn held positions on E and NE slopes of HILLS 652, 641, and 657, patrolling to the front.

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JOHN B. HUMLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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FROM: 100000A Nov. 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 102400A Nov. 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 10 Nov 1944

TIME		S. TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT				
0200		1		Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports contact patrol from Co G returned and contacted no enemy or friendly troops. Another patrol is leaving and will try to return by 0700A. Going to vicinity 367574.	
0530		2		2nd Bn reports: 2nd Co G patrol not heart from yet. No Arty fell during night. 3rd Bn no Arty reported as falling. No patrolling except contact patrolling. 1st Bn light Arty. Flak wagon fired on Co B. Enemy still to front.	
0630		3		Situation given to G-3	
0640		4		Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Gillett, CO 3rd Bn, and ordered him to relieve Co L with the two Regt AT gun platoons plus mine squad. Co L to sweep to left of Co E to main road vicinity 369574. There is now enough mortar ammunition in Regt stock for you to use approximately 500 rounds today to assist Co L. Co E will push toward position of I and K Cos platoons.	
0640		5		Capt Hunley gave Col Lynch's orders to Capt Scott, CO AT Co. Col Lynch then talked to Capt Scott and ordered the platoon be brought up (previously attached to 1st Bn) to join the rest of Co therefore making Co complete. Capt Scott in command of area and to report to Lt Col Gillette about 0800A for further orders. All MGs to be put on position and there is now a tank and TD in position. AT Cos guns will not be needed at present.	
0645		6		Col Lynch notified Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, that AT Co would be complete and Capt Scott would be in command and had been ordered to report to him about 0800A for instructions. Do not wait until 3rd Plat of AT Co arrives before relieving Co L and starting it on its mission.	

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IN	OUT					
	0705	7			Maj Hensley, Regt S-4, notified to report to Col Lynch at 0800A.	
	0725	8			Col Lynch ordered Cml Co to set up an OP with 1st and 3rd Bns. When one Plat is in position register immediately and do not wait for 2nd Plat to get in position before doing it.	
	0730	9			Situation given to G-3. Time of attack 0900.	
0830		10			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports 2nd patrol had returned after going to vicinity of 367574. Had contacted no enemy or friendly troops.	
0840		11			Maj Hensley came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch.	
	0920	12			Capt Hunley phoned Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, and Lt Col Minor stated the Bn jumped off and proceeded according to plan. Two PWs have been taken and they are on way to Regt PW cage.	
0930		13			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co G moving.	
	1000	14			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to warn all Bns to be careful on entering houses as 143 Inf has found several booby-trapped in valley toward their front.	
1005		15			Gen Stack came to Regt CP.	
1040		16			Ln O from 409th Regt came to CP and was given an overlay of our unit positions.	
1045		17			Div called and said entire Div stock of batteries for 300 radios now on hand will be issued to us. Capt Terrell, Comm O, notified to get them now.	
1050		18			Gen Stack stated straw was available for this Regt. Capt Hunley notified Regt S-4.	
	1100	19			Gen Stack left Regt CP.	

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IN	OUT				
1105		20		Gen Hess came to Regt CP.	
	1110	21		Col Lynch gave Capt Hunley orders for tonight's defensive positions.	
	1125	22		Gen Hess left Regt CP.	
	1135	23		Lt Martin given instructions on sweeping valley vicinity 3560 for mines preparatory to moving a Bn into the area for rest.	
1120		24		Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports B and C Cps have advanced to front of Co A. Withdrawing Co B to put back in old position. Cos A and C will advance forward. Now in contact with Co G.	
1210		25		Div reports a civilian coming from ARNOULD (4254) reports that the communication center that was in LA HOUSIERE moved out last night.	
	1222	26		G-2 given situation.	38 Col 421.4 142524
1225		27		Maj Young reports AT Co (complete) completed relief of Co L at 1145A. Co L now moving to assembly area vicinity 364584 to attack S to objective 368574. Expect to be ready to attack at 1300A. AT Co will contact Co I at 368587 at 1300A and every two hours thereafter. Co C of Cml Mortars now going in position vicinity 354598. Two guns will fire for each Bn. However all 8 guns can be easily shifted from one Bn to the other.	
	1230	28		CO Co B 111 Engrs notified to have three NCOs available for CO 132 FA to supervise removal of mines around new gun positions. NCOs to be ready on call.	
	1240	29		CO Co B 111 Engrs notified to have 3 men available for Regt S-4 on call for inspection of bivouac area for reserve Bn for mines.	

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IN	OUT					
	1245	30			Regt S-4 notified that three men will be available on call for inspection of tent area of Res Bn, also to have f in l rations for all troops.	
	1340	31			Col Lynch gave instructions for Co E to secure line 371579-369573. Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, notified. Present position Co E: 1 Plat 367576, 1 Plat 364574.	
	1345	32			Col Lynch gave instructions to Ln O 3rd Cml Wpns Co is to begin preparation of positions for six mortars in vicinity 3357. Mortars to go into position and register on the 14th. To support attack of the 15th. Four mortars to be in reserve in rear.	
1350		33			Lt Groom, CO Co B 636 TDs asked if there were any special firing missions desired for tonight. Has 1000 rounds for that purpose. CO 142 Inf said "no" except for what the Arty might have.	
	1355	34			Col Lynch gave instructions for 1st Bn to patrol: (1) from LA HOUSIERE through valley at 330542 to road 327534 or until contact is made; (2) from LA HOUSIERE through valley 343540 to same road or until contact is made; (3) from VANEMONT E to road, then down road to 375556.	
	1400	35			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
1415		36			Lt Crocker reported Opns Instructions, dated 101200A, this Hq, delivered to 1st Bn.	
1420		37			Ln O from 753 Tk Co B reported to CP.	
1425		38			Lt Col Burdy, CO 636 TD Bn, came to CP.	
1430		39			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, called. Co A moving to occupy and secure line 350558-367564. Co C moving to occupy and secure line 357590-345580. Co B ready to occupy and secure town of LA HOUSIERE if found evacuated. If not Bo B will move to secure 332572 area.	

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IN	OUT					
1430		40			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, called. Co G in VANEMONT but very weak in strength. Co E pushing toward line objective on 37 grid.	
1435		41			3rd Bn reports Cos I and K Plats located in railroad tunnel at 368572.	
1455		42			Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, called. 3rd Bn contacts 409 Inf at 355603, but a patrol from 409 Inf contacts 3rd Bn every hour on positions.	
1535		43			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
1545		44			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co G very weak but is now moving to relieve Co I. Co F to move in reserve position vicinity 362583.	
	1610	45			Situation given to G-3.	
	1625	46			Situation given to G-2.	
1630		47			Arrangements made with Engrs to sweep trails for Lt Col Minor this evening. (1st Bn)	
	1655	48			Situation given to G-3.	
1710		49			Capt Curry, CO Co B Engrs, reports road on E side of valley has been swept to 364578. Removed nine box mines here and S-mines are scattered in woods on both sides of road. Road leading S from 364578 swept to a point 100 yds N of VANEMONT vicinity 365564.	
	1715	50			Situation given G-3. Requested them to notify S-3 409 Inf of relief of our 3rd Bn by 2nd Bn.	
	1800	51			Col Lynch instructed Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, to move a reinforced Plat of Co C out through HOUSIERE to a point vicinity 342548. This Plat to knock out any enemy resistance found there and to organize for defense. They will be supported by Co B Strongpoints vic 339553 and 347553.	

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FROM: 100000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 102400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 10 Nov 1944

TIME		SERIAL	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	1805	52			Arty notified to fire no Arty on hill (MONT THIRVILLE) after 1930A.	
	1810	53			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, notified of above and also of the relief of 3rd Bn by the 2nd Bn.	
	1820	54			Div notified of plan for 1st Bn.	
1850	1850	55			143 Inf notified this Hq that patrols from their 2nd Bn will be operatingS from their positions between the 315 and 332 eastings after 1900A.	
2110		56			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports Co C Plat on way through Co B outposts. Co B outpost had fight with German patrol at 339553. Bridge on road to LA HOUSIERE still in, but shows evidence of attempted demolition.	
	2122	57			Capt Newell, G-3, given situation.	
	2130	58			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, instructed of information that it was alright to complete relief of Co I in morning.	
2155		59			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, reports a 4-man patrol from Co A left just before dark and proceeded along road to group of houses at 374556. Did not contact enemy, however patrol did not search any of the houses. Relieved at 2145A.	
2205		60			Lt Mark, CIC, called and notified us to be on lookout for 2 Frenchmen coming through our lines. They are not friendly. Description (1) 19 yrs old wearing dark brown double breasted suit, military shoes. About 5'6" tall and of stocky build. (2) Man about 32, average build, thin face, about 5'5" tall. Might be wearing a dark blue single breasted suit of which both coat and trousers are too large for him. Both men have from 2000 to 5000 Francs. It we get them call CIC immediately.	
	2215	61			Capt Clem 1st Bn and Maj Middleton 2nd Bn given above information.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 155

FROM: 091200A Nov. 1944
TO : 101200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP Coord 345589
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line s: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy continued stubborn resistance during afternoon 9 Nov but offered no resistance to our advance during last half of period.
 - (2) Infantry: Two strong enemy counterattacks against our forward troops at 351562 and 364566, and at least two more small counterattacks 363565 were repulsed during afternoon 9 Nov. Our patrol to 364578 at 1800A encountered estimated 40 enemy. Our Arty fired on enemy dug in at 375600 at 1215A. Small group of snipers encountered at 365575 during morning 10 Nov. At close of period no units in contact with enemy.
 - (3) Artillery: No reports of enemy Arty during period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 5 -- In France: 3529.
 - (2) Identifications: 4th Co 305 GR

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn - no change. Secured S slopes of FORET DOMINALE mass from 334570 to 358564. Broke up enemy counter attack against Co C positions at 350563 at about 1510A yesterday.
- b. 2nd Bn yesterday, trying to push E to clear wooded area and E slopes of FORET DOMINALE mass, met determined resistance in front of Co G at 363567, drove off repeated enemy counter attacks there and did not make any gains. One Plat of Co I and one Plat of Co K assisting 2nd Bn, facing S at 367568 were also engaged with the enemy. This morning Co G was ordered to continue attack SE, then turn right to meet Cos B and C, ordered E from their positions to clear lower slopes in front of Co A. The enemy was discovered to have pulled out during the night and at close of period assigned objectives were being cleared. Only in front of Co E at 367566 was scattered resistance met. The towns of LA HOUSIERE and VANEMONT, reported by civilians to be evacuated, were ordered to be probed.
- c. 3rd Bn: Held positions on E and NE slopes of HILLS 652, 641 and 657. Regt AT Co relieved Co L on positions at 1145A. Co L moved to assembly area at 364584 preparatory to attacking S to objective 368574 at 1300A.
- d. Weather: Continued rain yesterday turning to snow during night. Temperature near freezing this morning.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

Maps: FRANCE, 1:25,000, Sheets XXXV-18 3 & 4 and XXXVI-18 1 & 2.

1. 1st Bn continues to occupy present positions and relieves 2nd Bn on position as soon as objectives of each are taken. For boundaries and disposition of troops - see overlay.
2. 2nd Bn relieves 3rd Bn on position beginning 101700A. For boundaries and disposition of troops - see overlay.
3. 3rd Bn assembles in rear reserve area as designated for rest and reorganization.
4. AT Co remains in present positions, becomes atchd to 2nd Bn 101700A.
5.
 - a. After occupation of defensive positions Bns will patrol to front until enemy is contacted. Patrols will be sent to LA HOUSIERE and to VANEMONT, if these towns can be entered they will be patrolled throughout and outposted.
 - b. Defensive positions will be organized along edges of woods, with houses in area being used as strongpoints.
 - c. The presence of mines and booby traps in houses, woods, fields, and along the trails and roads is certain. All troops will be warned and will be especially careful to avoid these and to report their location when detected.
 - d. There will be no fires in or out of houses if area is under observation of the enemy.
 - e. In daylight there will be no movement of individuals or groups in areas under observation of the enemy.

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 345590

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0130		1			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co C Plat in position, in contact. Have wire and radio communications.	
	0515	2			G-2 given situation.	
0540		3			3rd Bn reports very quiet during night. Have not contacted any of 2nd Bn.	
0545		4			2nd Bn reports all quiet throughout night. No Arty fire and no enemy activity.	
0550		5			1st Bn reports Arty fire in vicinity VANEMONT in Co A sector. Killed and wounded two men. No other report of shelling. No contact with enemy around LA HOUSIERE.	
	0600	6			G-2 given situation.	
0710		7			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports relief of Cos I and K now under way.	
0730		8			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co C Plat out to the front is to the W of the houses in the woods. Germans in the houses. The Plat is going to work in from behind and seize the houses. 1st Bn also reports that Engrs working with them discovered many ramp mines, booby trapped with S-mines. Div notified.	
0745		9			1st Bn reports physical contact maintained with Co E 143 Inf, also have phone to 2nd Bn 143 Inf from Co B right platoon.	
	0815	10			143 Inf instructed to keep all fires west of 33 easting.	
0945		11			Tank status: 2 M-4s with 1st Bn, 2 M-4s with 2nd Bn, 3 M-4s vicinity BELMONT being repaired, 4 M-10s with 2nd Bn, 2 M-10s with 1st Bn, 5 M-10s in indirect fire position.	

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IN	OUT					
0950		12			Capt Newell, Div Hq, advised that Co D 753 Tk Bn would move over to 141 'nf today if we did not need them. Given OK.	
1005		13			Gen Stack came to Regt CP. Left at 1030.	
	1100	14			Col Lynch ordered that Lt Crocker and his I & R Plat to be attached to Co G.	
	1105	15			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to call 3rd Bn and search all the buildings for stragglers from our 2nd Bn.	
1130		16			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports Engrs have not reported to his CP. The Plat of Co C is dug in 400 yards above house vicinity 341545 and he has given them orders to work down on house. 5 PWs being sent to Regt PW Cage from Co A.	
1130		17			3rd Bn reports CP at 352600.	
	1230	18			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to notify 2nd Bn to patrol to contact enemy to E along route 370577 to 377577 to rd broad and to patrol to houses at 373592 and to houses 365599 (coord from AP 5039) and to outpost last two places with squad if found unoccupied this afternoon.	
1255		19			2nd Bn reports following strength: Co E 4-0 72-EM present on line; B 2-0 100-EM; G 2-0 38 EM; Co G has 14 men with weapons from Co H; H 5-0 110-EM; Hq 8-0 90-EM; I & R 1-0 15-EM; AT 3-0 79-EM.	
	1320	20			Col Lynch ordered a check to be made with Maj Hensley to see if the weapons that are water-cooled had any prestone. Check made and prestone has been drawn by Capt Leach to bring fluid to 150 below zero. Mr Sidick is checking with with Capt Leach to see if the prestone has been issued to Bns. Will notify this Hq if issued.	

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Date: 11 Nov 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	1325	21			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to notify Bns to have all bolt action weapons operated back and forth approximately five times per day to keep them operating. Bns notified.	
1328		22			S-3 143 Inf notified this Hq that Div mine sweeping detail would leave at 1700A and would be at CP Coord 332568 at 1800A ready to start work in 142 Inf sector. 1st Bn 142 Inf security will relieve 143 Inf party at that point.	
1340		23			1st Bn CP open at 345562. 1st Bn given instruction to have security party at CR 332568 at 1800A to protect mine sweeping detail. Also given instructions that all bolt operated weapons would have bolts operated five times daily whether or not in use.	
1340		24			Maj Hensley states prestone has not been issued but will be issued to Cos immediately. Bns notified by Maj Clyburn of the issue of prestone.	
1400		25			1st Bn reports small arms fire fight in vicinity of Co C Plat at 342558. Undetermined enemy strength. Regt Bn concentration in LA HOUSIERE.	
1400		26			Capt Curry, Engrs, phoned and states that road in 1st Bn area swept to 343561. Engrs received enemy Arty at this point so stopped work and will continue tonight. Road being swept from 357564 to VANEMONT. Road swept from RJ 364578 E to 37 easting. Detail finishing 100 yds of road from RJ 364578 to VANEMONT and will continue on main road to LA HOUSIERE. Main road is mined both directions from vicinity 343561.	
	1405	27			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1420		28			2nd Bn reports AT Co received attack from 370590. Plat of Co F alerted and moving to clear out area.	

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Date: 11 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR SC.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1425	29			G-3 and G-2 given situation.	
1520		30			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reported Plat Co C at 342548 digging around houses. One house burning. As far as is known all Germans got away. Suffered no casualties. Receiving shelling and mortar fire. Killed German from 13th Co 933 GR.	
1520		31			2nd Bn reports Plat Co F reached 365586 and encountered no enemy. All positions and outpost of AT Co restored without resistance. Estimate from 10 44 /to 15 enemy in attack.	
	1550	32			G-2 given situation.	
1615		33			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reported: 143 Inf 1st Bn attack to HILL 701 progressing good. Elements in woods, exact location unknown. 2/141 coordinated attack with 143 Inf on HILL 701 OK. (Russian broadcast). 3/143 patrols to HILL 703 took one PW and killed one enemy.	
1630		34			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
1640		35			2nd Bn reports patrol from Co E left at 1400 and returned at 1620. Encountered enemy at 373578. Received MG and small arms fire. One man wounded by booby trap. Two by small arms fire and one killed. Also report enemy on ridge about 371581 and believes house near 3758 occupied by enemy (AP 5039).	
1730		36			Lt Fick reports 2 left platoons of Co E now in fire fight. Patrol of 14 men left at 1700A as ordered.	
1830		37			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co E fire fight over. No casualties.	
1840		38			Lt Col Minor reports Co G on move. Receiving heavy Arty fire in LA HOUSIERE.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAI
IN	OUT					
1855		39			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports roadblock in at 364579. Contact being established between Co E and Co A.	
1900		40			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co A patrol will leave VANEMONT at 1930A and to to 374557. Have observed Germans in that area today. French report 70-100 around there.	
2315		41			Capt Newell, Div Hq, gave following 143 Inf disposition: Co A 270504, E 274507, L LA CHAPPELE, Co I 277534, K 289537 (1 Plat). 3rd Bn will push out at 0630A toward Hill at 295533.	
2340		42			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports patrol went out for second time to houses vicinity 375556. Fired small arms into houses, waited about 20 minutes and heard nothing so returned. Houses were still not entered by patrol. Now putting harassing Arty fire on crossroad vicinity 375557.	
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UNIT REPORT
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FROM: 101200A Nov. 1944
TO : 111200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
GP Coord 345589
11 Nov 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: Not definitely located.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: No resistance was offered by the enemy to our occupation of VANEMONT and LA HOUSIERE.
 - (2) Infantry: Only contact reported during period was patrol clash at 339553 at 2120A when our troops occupying houses in that vicinity were fired on by small group of enemy. One German was killed. Our troops outposted LA HOUSIERE at 342547 and 348551 and patrolled from VANEMONT to 375556 without contact, however, estimate 15 enemy in houses at 342548.
 - (3) Engineers: Numerous enemy ramp mines, booby traps and S-mines were encountered along road from 343564 to 344561.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 6 -- In France: 3535
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Bn Hq 308 GR
Regt Hq 305 GR
5th and 6th Co 305 GR

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. At noon yesterday enemy resistance to our mission of clearing the FORET DOMINALE was determined to have collapsed. The wooded areas were cleared. 2nd Bn also entered VANEMONT without contact. 1st Bn seized LA HOUSIERE, chasing out a German patrol there. During the night a platoon from Co C moved S to a position on the wooded hill at about 342545 from where today it was to attack and secure houses at 342547. 3rd Bn held positions on E and NE slopes of HILLS 652, 641 and 657 yesterday but Regt sector was divided between 1st and 2nd Bns while 3rd Bn went into reserve effective at 1700A. For present positions - see overlay.
- b. Weather: Cold drizzling rain throughout period.

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111800A Nov '44

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Maps: FRANCE, 1:25,000. Sheets XXXV-18 3 & 4 and XXXVI-18 1 & 2

1. a. Current.

- b. 3d Div (442 RCT abnd) atks 15 Nov H-hour with three Regts abreast
seize and hold obj line as shown on overlay.

- (1) RCT 442 relieves 2nd Bn (and those elements of 1st Bn in designated sector) during daylight 13 Nov and holds line AB and assists by fire atk of RCT 142.

2. a. RCT 142:

in support:

1st FA Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn
Co A 636 TD Bn
Co C (less 1 Plat) 3d Cml Wpns Bn
Plat Co B 111 Engr (C) Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

- (1) atks 15 Nov H-hour to seize and hold obj line within its zone, maintains contact with 143 RCT on right. Boundary between 142d and 143d Infs changes effective upon capture of IVOUX by 143d Inf.

- (a) H hour to be announced.
(b) Formation - two Bns abreast.
(c) For LD, direction of atk, objs, and boundaries - see overlay.

3. a. 1st Bn (One Sqd Co B 111 Engr Bn in support):

- (1) Those elements relieved by 442 RCT 13 Nov will move to right, assemble in houses in Co sector.

- (2) Assembles in designated area vic LA PETITE HOUSSIERE night of 14-15 Nov.

- (3) Moves from LD H-hour 15 Nov, takes objs 1 and "A", 2 and "B", 3 and "C", D.

- (a) For LD, direction of atk, objs, and boundaries - see overlay.

- (4) Organizes for defense objs 3, "C", and "D".

- (5) Patrols to S and E from final objs.

- (6) Establishes roadblocks vic VIENVILLE guarding from NE to SE.

- (7) One Plat 636 TD Bn will be in support of 1st Bn after routes into final objs have been dominated.

- (8) 1st Bn will be relieved by 2nd Bn 142 Inf within 36 hours after seizing final objs and will move to LES POULIERES in Regt res.

b. 3d Bn (One Sqd Co B 111 Engr Bn and one Sec 636 TD Bn in support):

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- (1) Assembles in designated area vic LA HOUSIERE night of 14-15 Nov, leaving present area at 1411001. (See overlay for route for foot march).
- (2) Moves from assy area at H-hour 15 Nov, takes objs "X", "Y", and "Z".
(a) For LD, direction of attack, objs and boundaries - see overlay.
- (3) Leaves one rifle plat, sec 636 TD Bn at SE end of LA HOUSIERE to guard approaches from direction of CORCIEUX.
- (4) Organizes for defense, SE end LA HOUSIERE, objs "X", "Y", and "Z".
- (5) Patrols to S and E after gaining final objs.
- (6) One additional sec 636 TD Bn will be in support of 3d Bn after routes into final objs have been demined. Sec with rifle plat at LA HOUSIERE will remain in original positions while additional sec will be placed in firing position vic THIRIVILLE.

c. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Will be relieved by 442 Inf on present positions during daylight 13 Nov, and then will move to designated assy area by routes shown on overlay. Assy area will be entered during darkness only.
- (2) Remains in Regt res, utilizing houses for shelter.
- (3) Relieves 1st Bn 142 Inf on final objs upon order from this Hq. (Supporting units will pass to 2nd Bn 142 Inf at that time).
- (4) Routes to 1st Bn final objs will be reconnoitered by 2nd Bn at first opportunity after opening.
- (5) Ltn O to report to Regt by 150900A.

d. 132 FA Bn (reinf by Cn Co 142 Inf):

- (1) In direct support of RCT 142. (Fire plan to be issued later)

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Reinforces fires of 132 FA Bn.

f. AT Co:

- (1) Remains atchd to 2nd Bn 142 Inf and moves to assy area with them 13 Nov.
- (2) Transportation, drivers, and guns will remain at MARMOMOSSE (V-340608) until further orders.
- (3) Prepares to relieve roadblocks and defense points supported by armor in Bn sectors.

g. Co 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Moves 3 secs into positions indicated night of 12 Nov.
- (2) Moves 3 secs into positions indicated night of 13 Nov.
- (3) Sec in LA HOUSIERE will be in direct support of Inf plat in same positions.

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- (4) Support Regt in atk 15 Nov by fires against enemy armor or SPs seen in the CORCIEUX basin and hills to N, S, and E of CORCIEUX.
- (5) One Plat will be prepared to join 1st Bn after that unit has seized final obj. Ln O reports to CO 1st Bn 14 Nov.
- (6) One Plat will be prepared to join 3rd Bn after that unit has seized final obj. (This will be the sec of the same plat as that sec already in pos at LA HOUSIERE). Ln O report to CO 3d Bn 14 Nov.
- (7) Remaining plat will remain in support of Regt vic VANEMONT, protected by 442 Inf.

h. CO 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Moves to positions indicated night of 14 Nov.
- (2) Supports Regt in atk 15 Nov by fires against enemy armor or SPs seen in CORCIEUX basin and hills to N, S, and E of CORCIEUX.

i. Co C 3d Cml Bn (less one Plat):

- (1) Moves to positions (as indicated on overlay) night 13 Nov, leaving four (4) mortars in present positions to continue defensive fires.
- (2) Supports atk of Regt 15 Nov.
- (3) FCs will report to 1st and 3rd Bns by 1200 14 Nov.
- (4) Prepares to displace to vic V-333548 on order this Hq.

j. Plat Co B 111 Engr:

- (1) One sqd atchd to each of 1st and 3rd Bns and will report to Bn COs by 1200 14 Nov.
- (2) Remaining sqd remains in Regt res at LA HOUSIERE.

x. (1) Bn motors not needed in this atk will remain in present Bn areas subject to call of Bn COs.

- (2) All armed movement will be at night.
- (3) Tops of hills which are included in Bn zones will be swept by a main plat in each case. The remainder of the forces using tree cover but keeping close to the tree-line will examine and reduce all likely German occupied places in the open or sparsely treed ground.
- (4) Paths, trails, roads, and areas adjacent will be avoided due to probability of their being mined or booby trapped.
- (5) Men in houses that are under enemy observation will not leave them during daylight.
- (6) Men will not build fires in or out of houses if such action would give away their presence to the enemy.

4. a. Ammunition: (Normal)

- (1) Rifleman to carry: 3 Grenades (Frag)
1 Grenade (TP)
1 Belt (Cal 30)
2 Bandoleers

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- b. Petitions - normal. -187-
- c. Evacuation: After dark except in case of emergency. Routes - same as advance.
- d. One blanket or bag and shelter half per man will be carried.
5. a. Bn CPs to be reported.
- b. Regt CP moves to vic 335573 night of 14 Nov, thence to vic 320546 after final obj's have been seized.
- c. Communications:
- (1) Radios to be checked prior to atk and opened at H-hour.
 - (2) Radios will be opened before H-hour only if telephone circuits fail.

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- 1 - 132 FA Bn
- 1 - Co B 753 Ik Bn
- 1 - Co A 636 TD Bn
- 1 - Co B 111 Engr
- 1 - Co B 111 Med Bn
- 1 - Co C 3d Cal Wpns Bn
- 1 - Ea Bn CO
- 1 - AT Co
- 1 - Cn Co
- 1 - 442 Inf
- 1 - 141 Inf
- 1 - 143 Inf
- 3 - 36 Div
- 1 - Ea Staff O
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT					
0120		1			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co C in position at edge of woods.	
0245		2			3rd Bn 143 Inf said Div Mine Sweeping detail swept to 343560 and could not find our security party so they returned to their own area. 1st Bn notified.	
0400		3			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, reports that Engrs have cleared the road of mines from the 143 Inf sector to LA HOUSIERE to the church in VANEMONT on the hard surface road.	
0500		4			G-2 called and was given the latest situation.	
0600		5			G-3 called and was given latest information.	
0615		6			2nd Bn reports all quiet during night. Comm to Co E out and no report on patrol.	
0630		7			1st Bn reports all quiet. Had good contact with Co E. Sent men from Co G back by Co A patrol. Bridge at 367561 over railroad in good shape.	
0707		8			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that Capt Scott reports that there is about 40 Germans trying to break through between Co G and AT Co. Right at the present we are putting mortar fire and also engaging them in small arms fight.	
0750		9			Col Lynch gave Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, orders for redistribution of Co E, AT Co, and AT Plat roadblock.	
0810		10			Capt Hunley called 132 FA S-3 and reported that our troops are on top of the hill S of LA HOUSIERE and not to fire on the hill. Capt Selkirk reports that Co C is moving and is calling for Arty fire.	
0830		11			Col Lynch ordered change in FO # 30, this Hq, to read: AT Co upon relief by 442 RCT will assemble in Regtl reserve vicinity MARMONFOSSE.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 345590
Date: 12 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0900		12			Maj Petrie, Engrs, reports that Co C III Engrs cleared road as far E as 343560. Picked up four ramp mines at that point.	
0910		13			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports both elements of Co C in contact. No details as yet.	
0930		14			Lt Col Miller, CO 442 RCT and his Rcn party came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch on relief of our 2nd Bn and elements of 1st Bn 13 Nov.	
	1030	15			Capt Selkirk instructed to have guide from Co A at 2nd Bn CP at 1300A. To report to Maj Middleton prepared to guide rcn party of 442 Inf to A Co positions. Capt Selkirk reported that Co C Plat at original positions was reported to be in hand to hand fighting.	
	1100	16			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to check with 2nd Bn on progress of clearing area ordered this morning. Check made and Capt Olson states he will call later.	
1100		17			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports bridges across railroad at VANEMONT need Engr work before vehicles or armor can cross. Civilians report road from VANEMONT to CORCIEUX is heavily mined.	
1140		18			Lt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn, came to CP and discussed routes for getting armor in position to support attack on 15 Nov.	
	1142	19			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Capt Scott, CO AT Co, to have 6 MGs with crews report to Capt Fore as protection of gun positions of Cn Co.	
	1145	20			Col Lynch ordered AT Co to move vicinity of Cn Cos old assembly area 310610 afternoon of 13th Nov after relief is completed.	
1215		21			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that there is either tanks or trucks moving in the (Cont'd)	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		22	(Cont'd)		direction of LA HOUSIERE on the road at 348545. This came over Co C radio. Firing Arty at them now.	
	1245	22			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, given instructions to assemble at 310610 after relief, to have 6 MGs and crews report to Capt Fore upon their relief and to have A ¹ Mine Plat report to Capt Curry, Engrs, 14 Nov.	
	1250	23			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, and ordered him to move either Co A or B to LA HOUSIERE.	
1320		24			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: I/409 360608, L 357615, K363617-363624, F 365630-365633, E 360635-367638, G 357643. A/398 353753, B 357741, C 356750 all facing E. E/398 343771, F 320776, G 328778, L 323782.	
1400		25			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports that Co C is on obj. Has heard no small arms firing for 3 or 4 hours. Patrol running a wire out to them now.	
1410		26			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co B progressing toward new positions at 372579, 369577, 368573 (Plat each).	
1420		27			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports strong points of A ¹ Co now vicinity 371586 and 369588.	
1430		28			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, had telephone conversation with Co C Plat. Attacking force was unknown this morning. Beat them back from houses, and when they were seen regrouping we put Arty. on them which disposed them entirely. Is sending Co A (less Plat) up there tonight. Co C Plat will then join remainder of Co.	
1445		29			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports: Co F patrol was working out toward houses at 372591, got lost and returned into A ¹ Co positions. This patrol now investigating an observer report of enemy with a tracked vehicle at 372589.	

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Place: CP Coord 345590
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1520		30			Gen Stack came to Regt CP.	
1550		31			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co C vicinity 334545 to 336546. Had a good fight, suffered 11 casualties; 2 killed. Killed 14 to 20 Germans. No contact as. As soon as defensive fires are all planned will patrol out to contact.	
	1730	32			Capt Hunley phoned Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, for him to check on Co E, AT roadblock and AT Co positions.	
1955		33			Capt Curry, Engrs, reported that march routes to assembly areas had been cleared and taped. Roads into HOUSIERE up to Co B outposts ready for traffic	
	2020	34			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, notified that all trails as prescribed routes of march had been cleared and worked by the Engrs.	
2045		35			Div G-3 notified us that Div order had been changed to read: Para 2.b.: The Bn of 142 Inf will be kept in LE POULIER as Div reserve and will not be committed except on Div order.	
2045		36			S-3 143 Inf gave location of Co F at 323560. Request contact patrol at 345559 at 0700A. S-3 1st Bn given location of Co F 143 Inf and instructed to have contact patrol at above point at 0700A. Also to check condition of bridges enroute.	
2050		37			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports patrol from Co F left AT Co position at 1130A, went to vic 371589. Observed enemy around houses at 375594, drew fire from 372589. Returned at 1640A. Did not go to houses at 371592 and no enemy activity was noted there. Patrol from Co G left at 1930A, went to vic 363598, fired on from houses that was the obj. Returned at 1615A.	

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TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
2055		38			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called the following information: CP/141 ST JEAN, A/245499, B/249466, C/250426, E/258478/F/264497, G 263487, 636 250468. 3rd Bn 206534. 398 Inf no change. 1/397 319822, 2/397 326829, 3/397 no change. 3/398 297782-318786, 2/398 318786 SE 1000 Yds, 1/398 behind in reserve. 1/399 324849, 2/399 324839, 3/399 312730.	
2105		39			CO 2nd Bn instructed to bivouac Bn next to 3rd Bn area after relief from line. On morning of 14 Nov Bn will move into present 3rd Bn area where they will remain until 1300A of the 15 Nov when they will be prepared to move by motor to LE POULIER 298558. Bn will be in Div reserve there, not to be committed without approval of Div Comdr. 6 Cn Co and 9 AT Co trucks to report to Bn on morning of 15th. Kitchens report to Bn tomorrow night before dark at place of own selection.	
2200		40			Lt Groom, CO Co C 636 TD, reports 3 secs TDs in exact position as ordered. Drew no fire. CP located about one mile W of 1st Bn CP, will give coordinate locations later. Other TDs will be prepared to move tomorrow night.	
2245		41			1st Bn reports they are establishing roadblock and placing mines at 347549 and 351550. Also that Co C will begin patrolling at daylight all over N and NE slopes of HILL 759.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 157

FROM: 111200A Nov. 1944
TO : 121200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP 345589
12 Nov '44

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: See Par. 1.c.(2).
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2)
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy was very aggressive during period with several patrol clashes reported.
 - (2) Infantry: Early in period our troops forced estimated 15 enemy out of houses at 342548. During the afternoon this group of enemy counterattacked several times. Our troops killed estimate six enemy of this force. At 1420A AT Co reported a small enemy attack estimated 10 to 15 men from 370590. At 1740A a patrol from Co E encountered booby traps, SA and MG fire at 373578, also report enemy dug in on hill about 371587. At 1730A Co E reported enemy patrol of about 14 men in fire fight with Co E left platoon at 365578. At 0707A AT Co reported enemy, strength unknown, trying to infiltrate our position at 362596. All attacks broken up. At close of period Co C engaged in close combat with unknown number of enemy vicinity 342547.
 - (3) Artillery: Heavy Arty concentration at LA HOUSIERE during afternoon. Single Arty piece fired on Engrs vicinity 343561 at 1400A.
 - (4) Engineers: Civilians report road from VANEMONT to GORGIEUX heavily mined.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 2 -- In France: 3537
 - (2) Identifications: 7th Co 305 GR
13th Co 933 (from dead enemy)
 - (3) Civilian statement: Civilians report from 70 to 100 enemy in town of LA COTE 375556.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions along the E and S slopes of PORET DOMINALE throughout the period.
- b. Co C less one platoon began moving S across valley from vicinity LA HOUSIERE to join the platoon already in position vicinity 343547 at 1840A. Co in position vicinity 341546 at 120120A.

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142 Inf

TO : 132400A Nov 1944

Organization:

CP Coord 345590

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Place:

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TIME		SER NO	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0530		1		Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co A (less Plat) reached HILL 759 without trouble. Arty light.	
	0730	2		Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, and ordered a combat patrol S of HILL 759 to patrol W and E side and remain for two hours to observe in valley to S vicinity THIRIVILLE. Upon return to report any movement or positions that might be located. Tonight about dusk move a Co to vicinity 327550, one Co to where Co C now is 335546, and a Co, less one Plat, where the platoon of Co A now is (342546). The platoon from last Co to be in position in E end of LA HOUSIERE vicinity of present roadblock (350550).	
	0815	3		Col Lynch gave instructions to Cml Co Ln O for fire plan to be used 15 Nov. Arty now has fire plan and the Cml Ln O will report to Arty CP and coordinate fire plan with Arty. Cml Ln O states they now have 8 mortars, but ammunition beginning today will be cut 1/3 by Corps.	
0845		4		1st Bn reported that contact patrol that was to meet 143 Inf at 335559 waited at this point until 0800A without meeting anyone. Report bridge undamaged, road good. 1st Bn requests that road be swept for mines.	
	0850	5		Capt Curry, Co B 111 Engrs, given instructions to sweep road from 337568-337564-335387 to LA PETE HOUSIERE.	
0900		6		Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports he now has two tanks in LA PETITE HOUSIERE.	
	0900	7		Col Lynch gave instructions to Capt Hunley regarding smoke pot positions.	
	0910	8		Maj Clyburn phoned Capt Curry instructing him to have one mine detector and two men report to CP to Capt Saniga for purpose of cleaning area vicinity of	

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IN	OUT					
0915		9			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports two tanks positioned in LA PETITE HOUSIERE. 1st Bn CP moving to LA PETITE HOUSIERE this afternoon.	
0930		10			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports AT Co directing mortar fire on enemy at 364598 and 371594. House at 364598 set afire and enemy are running on road.	
0930		11			Capt Hughes, CO Co I 103 Div, came to CP. Left at 0940A. <i>Corcienx, 142232, 422.474</i>	
0940		12			Col Merrill, Div Cml Warfare Officer, and CO of Smoke Generator Co came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch on positions of generators for attack 15 Nov. This party left at 1000A with orders to put generators in position vicinity of mill in VANEMONT today. Radio communications will be maintained between them and Regt CP by their 610 radio.	
1010		13			CO 753 Tk Bn came to CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
1040		14			CO Cn Co came to CP and discussed limits of fire with S-3.	
1040		15			Arty fire plan received from 132 FA.	
1100		16			Col Albright, Div Chief of Staff, and Div Surgeon came to Regt CP. Left CP at 1125A.	
1125		17			Maj Lynch, 143 Inf, phoned and wants to establish a patrol contact with us vicinity 330554 for 1500A today.	
	1130	18			Col Lynch ordered no contact be made there today, but possibly tomorrow as we will leave a Co in that vicinity by daylight tomorrow.	
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1135		19			CO 443 AAA came to CP. Col Lynch ordered him to put four guns in position between hill at VANEMONT and coordinates 350556, under cover of darkness tomorrow night. Guns be prepared to coordinate fires with Arty and to fire vicinity CORCIEUX, COURS, and 365535. Route for moving into position will be 1st Bn supply route, then E on main road.	
1150		20			Lt Col Miller, CO 442 RCT, came to Regt CP.	
1225		21			Lt Treadgold, Div G-2 section, phoned following 143 Inf POW information: Three PWs taken at 317559 from 933 Regt state that their Bn withdrew yesterday and they, with twelve others, were to pull back today. Two PWs taken at LA CHAPPELLE from 1st Co 61st MG Bn state their Co withdrew yesterday.	
	1225	22			Capt Scott, AT Co, instructed to have 9 AT trucks report to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, at 151200A Nov. Also to have AT Mine Plat leader report to Capt Curry, Engrs, or Lt Morton this afternoon.	
	1230	23			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, instructed to have 6 Cn Co trucks report to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, at 151200A.	
1345		24			Lt Col Wilbur, CO 636 TD Bn, came to CP.	
1350		25			Gen Dahlquist came to Regt CP.	
1410		26			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports patrol from Co A went about 600 yds S and saw fresh tracks, enemy bed rolls and also heard enemy voices. (Est patrol went to vicinity 343542). Could not see into THIRIVILLE.	
	1450	27			Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.	
1518		28			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA, came to CP and discussed Arty plans for attack 15 Nov. Talked with Col Lynch.	
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IN	OUT					
1525		29			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co B patrol that left this morning returned. Left from LA PITE HOUSIERE, through Co C positions at 333545, then along tree line vicinity 327550, then through saddle to 323549. Observed 6 enemy entering IVOUX from NE. No further activity. Patrol returned on a higher route paralleling the route out.	
	1530	30			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
1630		31			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports relief of 2nd Bn by 442 Inf complete as of 1000A.	
1715		32			Col Lynch returned from 3rd Bn.	
1630		33			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports following: F/143 320561; G 317558; E 320552; 1 Plat L 295539, 1 Plat L 298539, 1 Plat L 299545; 1 Plat I 298533, Town AUMONIZEY clear. 1st Plat K 270541, 2nd Plat K 284540, 3rd Plat K 292539; 1st Plat B 278505, 2nd Plat B 273505; 1st Plat C 282506, 2nd Plat C 275513; 1st Plat A 272496, 2nd Plat A 267505. 141 Inf elements of two Cos HILL 724 (270479). AT Co replacing 36 Rcn elements in CHAMPDRAY. Plat Co A has advanced to point 253449, balance of Co to move up tonight.	
	1730	34			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, given patrolling instructions for tomorrow: Required - 4 patrols. Destination: 338538, 332538, 327541, 322543. Mission: to observe any enemy activity or installations and to report same by 1100A.	
1940		35			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called: Cn Co firing for tonight: 37925910, 37566028, 37466070, 38305932, 37805934, 37965838. 66-67 rounds each target until 0700A in morning.	
1945		36			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports following: Patrol Co C to 331539 remained for two hours, observed 4 enemy in NEUNE. (Cont'd)	

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TIME	OUT	SER NO	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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		36	(Cont'd)	Co C patrol to top of HILL 785, searched woods in vicinity and found no trace of enemy. Co C patrol to top of HILL 759 and encountered no enemy. Co A to vicinity 343540, remained in observation and observed no enemy activity. Co B patrol (second patrol) to 323547 and observed no enemy.	
1945		37		Lt Peters, MP Plat, reports three stragglers from Co C at straggler post. Told to abandon straggler post in present area. Cn Co trucks have returned.	
2000		38		Col Lynch explained that he had talked with G-3 and because patrol reports of today had not made contact it had been decided to push out 1st Bn across the next valley tonight, then in morning 1st Bn will continue to final objectives according to original plan. Harassing fires scheduled for tonight will be stopped. Div notified.	
2003		39		1st Bn CP established at 339553.	
	2015	40		Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Capt Saniga that CP will start moving at 0830A tomorrow and expect to close in at 1100A. Cn Co notified to move at 0300A and 132 FA will move at 0400A.	
	2020	41		Capt Saniga, UO Hq Co, notified through Lt Knutsen Hq Co Exec O. Also to serve breakfast at 0600A.	
2045		42		CO Co C 636 TD Bn reports 5 more TDs in position. Total in 11, one in repair. Can contact him by two rings on 1st Bn line.	
	2115	43		Capt Hunley called CO Co B 111 Engrs (Capt Curry) to have two squads engineers report to Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, by 0200A. Also called Co C 636 TD Bn to have a Ln O report to Lt Col Minor by 0200A.	
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IN	OUT					
	2125	44			Called Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, and notified him that he is to take one Plat Engrs and 1 Regt wire team with him tonight.	
2230		45			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, brought in Opns Instr 132030A Nov 1944.	
	2115	46			Gave Lt Jones, Co C Cml Wpns Bn, instruction for displacing four mortars to vicinity 332547. Fwd Obs to report to 1st Bn by 0200A.	
	2300	47			Col Lynch talked with Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, about the plans for tomorrow and also that the 3rd Bn is going to relieve 1st Bn.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 158

FROM: 121200A Nov. 1944
TO : 131200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
13 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Very little enemy activity reported during period.
 - (2) Infantry: Unknown number of enemy reported by OP vicinity houses 375594 and 372589 about 1415A. About 1545A enemy observed vicinity 363598 from Co G OP. Both groups fired on by mortars and Arty.
 - (3) Artillery: No artillery reported during period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None --- In France: 3537

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions, patrolling aggressively to the front throughout period.
- b. Co E pushed forward to clear Southeastern edges of FORET DOMINALE and took positions vicinity 372579; 369577; and 368573. At 1700A Co C repulsed a counterattack (strength unknown) by hand to hand fighting vicinity 340547 at 1550A. Suffered light casualties but inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, killing approximately 14 to 20 Germans. Co C now in defensive position vic 334545 to 336546.
- c. Co A less one platoon moved to vicinity 342546, and took up a defensive position at 0530A.

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IN	OUT					
0145		1			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, reported Bn moving in ten minutes to a forward assembly area from which it will jump off at about 0430A. Attack formation will be Cos C and B abreast, Co B on right; Hq Co and then Co A following Co C.	
0330		2			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports now in new assembly area. One Plat in position now, 2nd Plat in position by daylight. CP will be established after Engrs move out.	
0505		3			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co B jumped off at 0445A, Co C at 0500A.	
	0615	4			Situation given to G-3.	
0730		5			Arty Ln O with 1st Bn reports Bn cleared town and are occupying objective C. Co B at objective 2.	
	0740	6			Maj Clyburn notified 143 Inf of our positions.	
0745		7			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch.	
	0745	8			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, and gave him 1st Bn positions. Also ordered him to move through LA HOUSIERE if visibility still poor. 3rd Bn to put a Plat in E end of LA HOUSIERE and occupy 1st Bn objectives 2 and C, one Co to occupy HILL 759. Put other Rifle Co less Plat vicinity objective A. Outpost objective 2. Report location of CP immediately.	
	0755	9			Capt Hunley notified Div of 1st Bn advance and of locations.	
	0800	10			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Stovall, CO 111 Engr Bn, and conferred on condition of road in 1st Bn sector to NEUNE. Asked Lt Col Stovall to see that road from IVOUX to NEUNE was swept today as wanted to use if for supply route tonight.	

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IN	OUT					
	0815	11			Col Lynch left for new Regt CP vicinity 336569.	
0835		12			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that he has occupied all three of his objectives.	
0915		13			Regt CP opened vicinity 336569. Div notified.	
	0900	14			Col Lynch instructed 1st Bn to send patrol to vicinity 340505, 353510, CORCIEUX.	
	1030	15			CO Cn Co instructed to begin movement of guns to area 316563, one Plat tonight.	
	1040	16			CO AT Co instructed to stay in present location.	
	1040	17			Message sent to CO Co B 111 Engrs via CO Cn Co: "Have available one squad of Engrs to sweep road for mines for Cn Co 142 Inf at 1200A today.	
1050		18			Div G-2 ordered the following patrols: (1) VIENVILLE to RENNEGOUTE to 353510. (2) From RJ 340528 to CORCIEUX to BELGOUTTE. These patrols are already out.	
1100		19			Gen Stack came to CP.	
	1100	20			CO 3rd Bn instructed CO 3rd Bn not to attempt to cross valley now as visibility has cleared. Bn may have to wait until dark.	
	1130	21			Gen Stack left CP.	
1215		22			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, phoned and states TD officer and squad of Engrs have not shown up at CP.	
	1230	23			Lt Groom of TDs told to get Ln 0 to 3rd Bn. Said he would make arrangements immediately. Co B 111 Engrs told to get squad to 3rd Bn immediately.	
	1350	24			Maj Hensley, S-4, notified to take 1st Bn kitchens to LES POULIERES and Capt Selkirk will dispose them properly.	

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FROM: 140000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 142400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 336569

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 14 Nov 1944

TIME		S. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	1400	25			Col Lynch talked by phone to CO 1st Bn. 1st Bn had three tanks disabled by mines last night, one of which fell through a bridge near BIFFONTAINE. Has eight French that Col Lynch told him to escort under guard to LES POULIERES to be turned over to CIC. Civilians say that garrison at CORCIEUX had been reinforced. Patrols have contacted enemy at three points SW of CORCIEUX. Patrol to CORCIEUX not back yet. Enemy located at: 4 men 343517; 7 riflemen 340515, and MG and riflemen at 334510.	
	1430	26			Col Lynch gave instructions for 3rd Bn to patrol to LE COURSE and to CORCIEUX tonight to verify civilian reports.	
1440		27			Lt Jones, 3d Cml Bn, reported that 4 mortars were in position at 338553 this morning at 0800A. Ammunition on position now: 275 HE, 25 WP.	
1500		28			CO 1st Bn reports patrol back from CORCIEUX, guided on main road (which is heavily mined) to house at 352529. No Germans there. Went to 356529, saw 4 Germans on outskirts of CORCIEUX. French report many Germans in town. Co B has been firing Arty on Germans in house at 331511. Roadblocks at 340526 and 343523. Co B 1 Plat at CR 328515 and 1 Plat at 334515. Outpost at 330518 and 325513. 1 Plat Co C 334526, 1 Plat at 330525, 1 Plat 328522. Co A 2 Squads 326524, 1 Squad 323524, 1 Plat 316524 (to be withdrawn). Balance in NEUNE.	
	1515	29			Situation given to G-2.	
	1550	30			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, that 2nd Bn would have 14, 15, and 16 Nov for rest and then the Bn would train according to TM # 30, 30 Oct 1944. Changes were given Maj Middleton on TM # 30.	
1630		31			Div reports: E/143 323511, 5 PWs in fire fight; F 320517; G 321510; L 313506; K 304501; I 308509; B 1 Plat GRANGES 297499, B (less) 294492; (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		31	(Cont'd)		SECRET A 290484; C 290480. G/141 287473; E 279455; K 267451 to SE; L 263442; I following L.	
1740		32			1st Bn reports that they have had no contact with 3rd Bn officers today relative to their relief.	
1740		33			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, reports that all Cos are now in assembly area and will move out soon. Does not see much possibility in relieving 1st Bn tonight.	
2000		34			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, phoned and CP at V332544.	
	2030	35			CO 3rd Bn given locations of 143 Inf units.	
	2100	36			Capt Hunley notified Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to be at 143 CP (LAVELINE) at 0800A tomorrow morning prepared to make reconnaissance for relief of 143 Inf. Bn will move at 1000A by motor (route ROUGES - BELMONT - LAVELINE). Suggested Co positions coordinates 327516; 313506; 313513. CP to be reported. 143 Inf to be pulled out and to attack morning of 17 Nov through 442 RCT to E. Six trucks from Cn Co, 9 trucks from At Co, and 10 2½ ton trucks from Serv Co to report to your Bn CP for movement. A roadblock will also be es- tablished vicinity 319510	
	2110	37			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, notified to cancel movement of the one platoon for tomorrow and to have six trucks report to 2nd Bn CP at 0900A tomorrow morning.	
	2115	38			Capt Terrell, Comm O, notified to have Capt Seniga, CO Hq Co, make reconnaissance for a Regt CP vicinity 296565. If one is not available will have to look in town of LES POULIERES.	
	2140	39			Lt Jones, CO Co C 3d Cml Bn, given orders for supporting 2nd Bn after relief of 143 Inf.	

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Place: CP Coord 336569

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	2155	40			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Sorenson, CO Co B 753 Tk Bn, and gave him orders to contact 3rd Bn tomorrow morning at 3rd Bn CP.	
	2230	41			Capt Hunley checked with 143 Inf on route forward of Regt CP and arranging of guides to meet our 2nd Bn reconnaissance party. 143 Inf states their left secotr can be held by a reinforced Co, and that convoy will have to be split in order to get closer to dismount points.	
	2245	42			2nd Bn notified of above information.	
2300		43			Capt Brower, Arty, called asking us to check coordinates 333514. Said a request for harassing fire had been made but thought our troops too near that vicinity. Capt Hunley called Capt Clem, 1st Bn, and after checking it was decided not to fire on this point.	
	2310	44			Capt Hunley gave patrol reports to G-2.	
2330		45	2200		Patrol report from Capt Clem, 1st Bn. Left Co C area 328522 at 1230A. Two hundred yards out received mortar fire from (estimate) 334517. Went NE to 343521, were shelled by tank or self-propelled gun from (estimate) 348517. Went to 340522 and still fired upon. Returned at 1700A.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 159

FROM: 131200A Nov. 1944
TO : 141200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
14 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: None
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: No enemy encountered during period.
 - (2) Artillery: Light harassing artillery fire vicinity LA HOUSIERE during night and around 1000A hours.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None -- In France: 3537

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT continued advance to SW and S in its sector. Upon relief at 1600A the balance of Co A moved to vicinity 341546. During the night 1st Bn moved out to forward assembly area vicinity 325540 arriving at 0120A prepared to attack at 0430A with Cos B and C abreast, and Co A echeloned to rear of Co C. At 0445A Bn jumped off on attack with no resistance and by 0830A had occupied objectives vicinity 325533; 335525 and 330520 with patrols well to the E and SE. 2nd Bn was relieved on position by 2nd Bn 442 RCT at 1600A and moved to assembly area vicinity 352595. 3rd Bn remained in rest area vicinity 350600.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 152400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 336569

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Date: 15 Nov 1944

TIME		SR	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0150		1			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports that the relief has just started.	
0400		2			1st Bn reports relief of 1st Bn has been completed. Troops are on the way to LEX POULIERE. Leaving AT roadblocks and a section of mortars in until tomorrow.	
	0400	3			Div G-3 notified of relief of 1st Bn being complete.	
0710		4			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, called. 2nd Bn now moving.	
0725		5			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, came to CP. AT Co now in BIFFONTAINE.	
	0725	6			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, instructed to have a platoon leader report to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, at 143 CP at 0800A. Platoon to be attached to 2nd Bn.	
	0740	7			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, informed of the relief of the 143 Inf by our 2nd Bn. Also informed as to the change in front line as designated by Div.	
	0815	8			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns if there is time before noon he will see them all.	
0820		9			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: 141 no change. A/143 285482; B 2949; I 303496; L 313501; K 304521; G 323514; E 329509; F 317517. 2nd Bn receiving some artillery fire.	
1015		10			CP opened at 1000A NW of LES POULIERES 294563. Div notified.	
1030		11			Capt Hearn, 132 FA, said FO with 3rd Bn was firing on enemy infantry in house at 353543.	
1115		12			Officer from 93 AFA reported to Regt CP.	
1200		13			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports patrol to 335530 took seven PWs without a fight.	

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IN	OUT					
1215		14			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1340	15			3rd Bn instructed to push platoon out to RENNEGOUTTE 343523. Move reserve platoon to ST JACQUES where platoon is now. Start approach march about dusk.	
	1345	16			G-2 given situation and patrol report.	
1405		17			93 AFA Bn S-3 phoned and was given clearance on 367536. Clearance was not given on 325483 and 373558.	
	1455	18			Col Lynch left CP for 3rd Bn CP.	
1540		19			Lt Col Merrill, Div Cml Warfare O, came to CP.	
	1543	20			Capt Hunley left for LAVELINE to contact Co B 111 Engrs.	
	1545	21			Lt Col Merrill left Regt CP.	
1545		22			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1600		23			132 FA Bn Ln O reports they fired on enemy infantry at 355544. Number unknown.	
1645		24			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
1645		25			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports relief of 143 Inf complete. G on right, F on left and G in reserve. Div notified.	
1710		26			Col Albright, Div Chief of Staff, came to CP.	
1720		27			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reported minefield that was layed by 1st Bn at 340527 had been reported to Capt Knox of Co I.	
1730		28			Opns Instr received from Div dated 151430A Nov 1944.	
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IN	OUT					
	1815	29			Col Albright left Regt CP.	
1825		30			Lt Jones, Cml Mortar Co, reports that platoon of 4.2 mortars is in position at 3L5524, on position HE 150 rounds, WP 460 rounds. Until 21st ammo allotment is 100 rounds per day per platoon. Instructed to use up ammunition allowance on observed targets.	
1825		31			3rd Bn. PW this morning from 7th Co 305 Regt. Also Co I platoon meeting opposition estimated at 3 MGs and 18 to 20 riflemen from their objective HILL 633.	
	1830	32			G-2 given above information.	
1900		33			3rd Bn S-3 reports that patrols will be sent out as follows: Co L, Rcn patrol, to road junction 362537 to LE COURS, leaving at 1930A. Co L, one squad from positions at THIRIEVILLE to occupy houses at road junction 345530, leaving at 1900A. Co I, Rcn patrol, due east to LA NOLE, leaving at 2100A. Also reports Co I occupied HILL 633 shortly after dark without opposition.	
	1910	34			Operations Instructions to 2nd Bn: Send daylight recon patrols in morning to BARBEY-SEROUX and to 342499. Push positions forward on line 331513, 325505, and 317497, closing reserve platoon and company up accordingly.	
1910		35			Capt Wore, CO Cn Co, reports that 3rd Bn has requested harassing fire on following points: 359513, 357521, 363515, 356508, road leading out of CORCIEUX to SW.	
	1940	36			Operations Instructions given to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn: 2nd Bn dispositions as follows: 1 Plat F 317512, 1 Plat 323512, 1 Plat 327515. Strongpoint in house 322509. Bn AT Platoon and A & P Platoon 316511.	(Cont'd)

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TIME		SR	TIME	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
		36	(Cont'd)		Co E outpost 321503 and 309501. 1 Plat 317503, 2 Plats 313500. Co G 310519. AT Co roadblock 328517.	
	2125	37			Capt Newell, G-3, given situation. CP 141 Inf REHAUPAL. AT roadblock 285469 and 301496. Co A 289476-295494. Two TDS and infantry square 299499. Balance of 1st Bn HERPELMONT. Bn CP 260527. 36 Rcn CP LE THOLY 261431. Roadblock 271431. French cleared LE THOLY at 1500A. Now occupy high ground vicinity 283432.	
2200		38			S-2 3rd Bn reports Co L observed two large fires from their CP 343539. One to the N at 116 degrees from CP looks to be in vicinity LE COUR. One looks to be in center of COVIEUX. Fires spreading rapidly as if had been set off.	
2230		39			Lt Crocker, CO Co L, reports fire in CORCIEUX is spreading rapidly and very brilliant. Also that he has observed several small explosions. No enemy activity in Co L sector.	
2245		40			Lt Flick, S-2 2nd Bn, reports contact patrol from Co F has just made contact with Co. I.	
	2250	41			G-2 given information of fires in CORCIEUX.	
2320		42			Co L patrol returned, worked its way to buildings at 363537. Heard machine pistol fire short distance to N. Saw fires start inside houses. At first thought upon windows but spread very rapidly. All fires started alike, now 16 distinct fires. Could see no people, but could hear truck vehicle pull out from vicinity LE COUR toward CORCIEUX and S. When patrol left all buildings around church seemed to be burning. Nearly continuous fire from LE CORSE through CORCIEUX, but could not tell if Camp was burning. Returned at 2300A. Saw gun fire from ridge E of CORCIEUX.	
	2330	43			G-2 given above report.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 160

FROM: 141200A Nov. 1944
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: Not definitely known.
- b. Units in contact: No identifications.
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy maintained defensive attitude with increased harassing artillery fire.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy troops did not resist our advance to final objectives during period but opened fire on our patrols as they went out to gain contact. Our patrols reported 4 enemy observed in western outskirts of CORSIEUX at 1440A; 4 enemy observed at 343517 about 1300A. Patrol fired on by estimate 7 enemy riflemen from 340515 at 1220A; and one patrol fired on by enemy MG and estimated 8 riflemen from 334510 at about 1245A. 422.474
 - (3) Artillery: Enemy Arty fired several battery concentrations on LA HOUSIERE throughout the period with considerable harassing fire on LA HOUSIERE and the NEUNE area.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None - In France: 3537. Carcienx

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn completed occupation of final objectives and patrolled to contact enemy at 343517, 340515, 334510 and outskirts of CORCIEUX.
- b. 3rd Bn relieved 1st Bn at 0400A this morning and took positions as shown on overlay. 1st Bn assembled in LES POULIERS.
- c. This morning 2nd Bn began movement from assembly area at 3560 preparatory to relieving elements of 143 Inf as directed by Div order.
- d. Regt CP moved from 336569 to 293563 effective 1000A.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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TO : 162400A Nov 1944

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	OR SG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAI
IN	OUT					
0715		1			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that RENEGOUTTE was occupied as of 2130A last night. No resistance. Road junction at 345530 also occupied without resistance. Patrol to LA NOLLE went out at dawn.	
0720		2			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports no activity during night. Contact patrol to 141 Inf failed to make contact, have another patrol out now.	
0815		3			Lt Col Merrill, Div Cml Warfare Officer, came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch. Smoke began this morning at daylight. One generator knocked out yesterday by shell fragments. Now have 24 generators in support of Div.	
	0820	4			Lt Col Merrill left CP to reconnoiter positions vicinity VIENVILLE for smoke generators.	
0900		5			Regt CP moved to YVOUX 311539.	
	0915	6			Div G-3 (Capt Orcutt) notified CP opened at 0900A at YVOUX.	
0940		7			G-2 notified this Hq that Gen Dahlquist ordered a patrol to CORSIEUX at once..	
	0645	8			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, given mission of sending patrol at once to CORSIEUX to determine presence of enemy and condition of town.	
0950		9			Co I dispositions: 2 Squads 338518, 1 Squad 334513, 1 Squad VIENVILLE, 1 Squad 342523, 1 Squad 342520. Res Plat 328524. Armor: 3 M-4s in VIENVILLE, 2 M10s and 1 M-4 in THIRIVILLE. 1 Plat Co K to check MT THIRIVILLE today for suspected OP. Patrol to LA NOLLE got to road junction 346517. Road was mined, did not enter any buildings.	
	0950	10			Col Lynch arrived at CP at YVOUX 311539.	

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IN	OUT					
	1000	11			Lt Morton instructed to check on squad of Engrs for the 3rd Bn.	
	1000	12			Col Lynch notified Capt Hunley that 1st Bn would begin training tomorrow according to TMS 3 29 & 30.	
1045		13			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that patrol on way to BARBEY-SEROUX reached only to 323501 where they were fired on from two directions. Have been sent out again.	
1055		14			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Plat of Co I in RENNEGOUTTE now being shelled by enemy mortars.	
	1155	15			G-2 given report and situation.	
1155		16			3rd Bn reports Co L CP 344539 was shelled. Ten to twelve rounds fell in front of house and then three rounds hit house, no casualties. At 1030A five or six rounds fell on 1st Plat of Co L vicinity 354542, no casualties. Enemy gun for both shellings believed in vicinity 3752. Co L fired Btry three rounds at vicinity 3752 and has not received any more enemy shelling.	
1250		17			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co E contacted 141 Inf vicinity 3050 at 1000A. Contact will be made at that point every four hours.	
1400	1400	18			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, given patrol instructions. (1) From LA HOUSIERE to road junction 354546, to road junction 366549 to road junction 367540 to 375542 to objective at 393540. (2) From VI ENVILLE to CORCIEUX to BELGOUETTE. (3) From RENNEGOUTTE to VICHILIURE to LE CHENEL 362514. All patrols are recon. Mission to determine presence of any enemy with strength.	
	1400	19			Col Lynch left CP for 2nd Bn.	
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IN	OUT					
	1410	20			G-3 notified that bridge on main road between LAVELINE and LE CHAPELLE will be closed until 1700A.	
	1415	21			93 AFA given clearance for FO with Co I to register on 351530.	
	1430	22			Div Arty given clearance to fire at enemy troops at 325485. Requested by 141 Inf.	
	1500	23			2nd Bn given patrol missions as follows: (1) To BARBEY-SEROUS. (2) To road junction at 343449. Reports that they received six rounds of air burst about 1445A over Bn area.	
1515		24			Regt CP opened vicinity 302538.	
1550		25			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1605		26			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1630		27			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned. Co F 328511 outpost to front in house. House outpost 327508. Outpost 325506. Co E outpost 321503, Plat 322502, Plat 320498, Plat 318498. Co G 321511. Contact 141 Inf every four hours. Roadblock 331513. CP 322508.	
	1645	28			Situation given to G-3. Div reports 409th Inf on HILL 623, 50 PWs by 2nd Bn. Co K edge of houses 373615, Co I edge of CHEVRY. 411 Inf along road up valley. 1 Plat G Co 3965.	
1645		29			Patrol from Co F went to vicinity woods at 333511 and received small arms fire from vicinity 51 northing in woods. Also mortar firing from woods 333513. Observed estimate 15 enemy and a dugout vicinity 330506 and two enemy in woods vicinity 335510. Returned about 1545.	
	1655	30			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 162400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 302538

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IN	OUT					
1730		31			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, phoned and is out and will be down after 1800A. 143 Inf will not attack until 19 Nov. 2nd Bn 143 Inf relieves 442 RCT 17 Nov and 442 RCT reverts to 7th Army control. Bridge now in at 273526.	
	1755	32			Situation given to G-3.	
1815		33			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports patrol to BARBEY-SEROUX got to 327497. All houses occupied by enemy. Many Germans observed and cover scarce so returned. Left at 1100A and returned at 1800A.	
1905		34			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports following harassing missions tonight: 355498 75 rounds. 357505 75 rds.	
2020		35			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports 2nd Bn has made contact with 141 Inf at 2000A.	
2100		36			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, brought Div Opns Instr, dated 161700A now and 161900A Nov 1944.	
2215		37			G-2 reports that SS agent reports a physical road-block at 359529 that is mined. Also agent states that only Germans in CORCIEUX are the ones setting fires.	
	2225	38			Above information given to 3rd Bn.	
2245		39			Lt Edmiston, 3rd Bn, reports a 3-man recon patrol left LA HOUSSIÈRE at 1830A, moved SW along CORCIEUX road to road junction at P354546. Saw a large column of Germans, estimated at 100, coming toward W toward him from side road. Observed from cover and when left 4 men at road junction, turned left and went toward CORCIEUX. Patrol then by-passed Germans at road junction and proceeded up road that Germans had come down to house at 358547. saw another column of Germans of unknown strength coming down road. Our patrol withdrew to LA HOUSSIÈRE arriving there at 1945A.	(Cont'd)

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IN	OUT					
		39	(Cont'd)		At 1830 combat patrol from Co L left from P354542 and observed column of Germans moving S on road toward CORCIEUX, 20 Germans in column and dropped 3 men off at 355544, moved down road and dropped off 3 more about 200 yards distance from first 3 and then 3 more 200 yards farther. Patrol withdrew to report this and is now leaving again to attack house at 358541 (original mission). They patrol will come back by roadjunction at 354546 and try to take some prisoners.	
2255		40			Co L reports a big fire in VANEMONT and a house on fire at approximately 338526 (in Co I sector).	
2315		41			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called for clearance to fire on reported Germans at 334506. Checked with Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, and he OK'd fire as patrol had returned. Capt Fore notified.	
	2400	42			Lt Weston, Div G-2, given patrol reports.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 161

FROM: 151200A Nov. 1944
TO : 161200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
16 Nov. 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: Not definitely known.
b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2)
c. Enemy operations:
 (1) General: The enemy continued delaying action taking advantage of terrain and supporting arms.
 (2) Infantry: The enemy offered resistance to our advance on HILL 633 coordinates 332515 until about 1730A when the enemy withdrew. Our patrol to 322501 encountered small arms fire from 323501.
 (3) Artillery: Enemy harassing fire continued very active with concentrations reported in LA HOUSIERE and NEUNE. Also concentration reported at 343539.
d. Miscellaneous:
 (1) PWs during period: 7 -- In France: 3542
 (2) Identifications: 7th Co 305 GR
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COVSIOWX
142d Inf.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn remained in assembly area at LES POULIERS.
b. 2nd Bn completed relief of elements of 143 Inf at 151645A and took positions as shown on overlay.
c. 3rd Bn held positions as shown on overlay. One Plat occupied RENNEGOUTTE at 152145A without resistance. The RJ at 245540 was also occupied.
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TO : 172400A Nov. 1944

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OUT					
0100	1			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports patrol left for BARBEY-SEROUX at 1945A and returned at 0030A. Got to within 100 yards of center of town and met no enemy. Town is all in flames. No enemy encountered on way to or from town, however, saw enemy wires leading to house vicinity 318497, a light was in the house.	
0220	2			2nd Bn reports patrol to crossroads at 343499 did not encounter enemy. Waited 20 minutes at crossroad before returning. Contact patrol to 141 Inf made contact at 2400A. Contact patrol to 3rd Bn got lost and could not find point agreed on by Bns for contact. Another patrol is being sent out to try and establish contact.	
0545	3			3rd Bn reports reconnaissance patrol from Co K left LA HOUSIERE at 2200A, route to SE across trail at 357548 and to stream 560546 along stream to trail 367539 to main VANEMONT-CORCIEUX road to 54 grid, then E along trail to 378541. Received rifle fire from 381543, and machine gun fire from 379538. Heard mortars fire from 373533 and self-propelled fire from 367533. Returned over same route at 0430A Recon patrol from Co L left THIENVILLE at 2100A through 3rd platoon area to house 355532, took one PW here, went to road to 358522, saw two enemy going toward CORCIEUX. Heard horse and vehicular movement in VICHIBURE and in woods to S. Returned at 0300A. Recon patrol from Co I left at 2200A from 343521 to house 356517. Heard voices and digging in woods to N and E and vehicular traffic on road at 358519. Returned at 0100A. Combat patrol from Co L left again at 2245 from same place, went to 356537 and fired on by machine gun. Returned at 2330A and sent out again. Also report 1 Plat Co I in LA MOLE but platoon to MANIEMONT not on objective. Has 4 PWs. PW taken by patrol from 5th Co 305 GR. Only arrived from Germany yesterday.	
0600	4			G-2 given situation but not patrol reports.	

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IN	OUT				
	0630	5		G-3 given report on situation.	
0630		6		2nd Bn reports all quiet. No shelling. No enemy activity.	
	0715	7		G-2 given patrol report.	
0750		8		2nd Bn 143 Inf leaves at 0900 to relieve 2nd Bn 442 Inf. Information from Capt Beasley, Div Ln O.	
0800		9		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that platoon is now fighting from house to house in MARÉMONT. Have seven PWs. All other missions for night accomplished	
	0845	10		Situation given to G-3.	
0855		11		Plans of 141 Inf for today. Beginning at 0900A: 1st Bn 1 combat patrol to objective A at 311482 and 1 combat patrol to objective B at 310465. 3rd Bn 1 combat patrol to 311458. Patrol consists of one officer and minimum of 20 men with supporting weapons. Will occupy objectives when gained. Disposition of 141 Inf. Roadblock at 283434. Plat Co L on nose behind roadblock. 36th Ren in LE THOLY: 1 Plat Co L 286439, 1 Plat 2844. Co K assembled at 280445. Co I 2 Squads 287451, 1 Squad 280452, 2 Squads 289459, 1 Plat 275460, 1 Sec 280459. AT roadblock 284467, roadblock 296500, Co A 287477 N and E to 293494.	
0915		12		Col Lynch received report from Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, that Co G was moving.	
	0925	13		G-2 given information about 7 PWs from 8th Co 360th Coasack Regt.	
	1010	14		Col Lynch issued the following instructions: 3rd Bn establish OPs to watch CORCIEUX and report all activity. Establish ambush with platoon Co L at 354546 along tree-line on both sides of road to kill or capture enemy if they attempt (Cont'd)	

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		14	(Cont'd)		to put out outposts again tonight. Should the enemy column number as many as 100 enemy the ambush will let them pass and pick up all groups of three or four enemy immediately behind enemy column. Ambush to be established at dusk. Establish ambush from Co I at or near house at 356531 to capture enemy if they attempt to outpost house. Also patrol to 391540; to CORCIEUX; and to VICHIBURE and LE CHARMEL-LE; and to road junction 353502. 2nd Bn to patrol to BARBEY-SEROUX to road junction 347501 to POPET at 352495.	
1015		15			Capt Strader reports Co G at approximately 327505 without opposition.	
	1015	16			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, given instruction to reconnoiter for gun positions in 3353 and 3454 grid squares.	
1045		17			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports: Co I still working on MAREMONT. Have few more houses to clean out. Have twelve more prisoners. Maj Young instructed not to let Co I relax with objective is taken as counter-attack is probable. Also get resupply of ammunition up to them.	
1055		18			Shell report from Co L. 15 rounds medium artillery vicinity 354542 at 1000A.	
1115		19			2nd Bn reports, right platoon of Co G now about 324501 moving S to woods 323498, then through woods to the E. Other two platoons now about on 33 easting. No opposition being reported. House at 324504 examined and found no enemy. Right platoon of Co F in contact with left platoon Co G and making sweep also. Now putting MGs in position at 321501 to cover right platoon of Co G while they move across field to S.	
1145		20			Capt Strader reports two platoons of Co G now at 334503. Platoon of Co F at 334504 turning N. No opposition reported.	

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1200		21			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports right platoon Co G at 324498 as of 1130A.	
	1250	22			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1330		23			Capt Sorenson, Co B 753 Tk Bn, visited CP. Gave tank report. 3 in VICHIVILLE, 1 THIRIVILLE, 3 VANEMONT, 2 BIFFONTAINE, 1 in repair.	
1415		24			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports following troop dispositions: 1 Plat Co F at 337507, 1 Plat Co G at 338502, 1 Plat Co G at 333499, 1 Plat Co G moving to BARBEY-SEROUX, 1 Plat Co E 328497.	
1430		25			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that MARIEMONT not yet entirely secured. Maj Young advised of bombing and strafing mission from 382532 to 392522.	
1430		26			Regt CP opened vicinity 319519. Div notified.	
	1520	27			Capt Curry, 111 Enbr Co B, instructed to have squad to sweep road to Co E, meet guide under town clock in town hall in center of GRANGES.	
1530		28			Capt Strader reports Co G is moving in on the house in town of BARBEY-SEROUX.	
1555		29			Capt Strader reports platoon Co G is in first houses of BARBEY-SEROUX without opposition.	
	1600	30			G-2 given situation.	
1615		31			Col Lynch arrived at Regt CP 319519.	
1630		32			2nd Bn reports platoon Co G completely occupied BARBEY-SEROUX without opposition. About 6 or 7 houses burned. Also report following positions: Co E 1 Plat 318499 with section MGs. 1 Plat 325497, 1 Plat as follows: Strongpoint in factory 315495, strongpoint 315495 (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		32	(Cont'd)		Strong point in two houses 319497, strong point in two houses 231497, strongpoint in house 321498. A & P Plat and AR Plat 318499. Co F two Plats no change, one Plat as follows: strong point by road 332509, strong point house 333508, strong point 334508, strong point and MG on road 337505. Patrol going to house at 339507.	
	1705	33			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, given operations instructions for tomorrow. Arrangements made for contact point w with 3rd Bn at 339507 at 2100A, 2400A and 0300A.	
	1715	34			G-3 notified this Hq that all installations must be moved E of DOCELLES - BRUYERES highway tonight with exception of rest camps. This highway is Corps' new boundary.	
	1720	35			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, advised of contact point with 2nd Bn tonight.	
1825		36			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, gave report on roads swept by Engrs today. Co I platoon still working on MARI-EMONT with reinforced squad flanking the town from south.	421.4
	1835	37			Lt Jones (Cml Mortar Officer) given instructions to have platoon supporting 2nd Bn reconnoiter for new positions tomorrow. Platoon supporting 3rd Bn to displace tonight.	
2020		38			3rd Bn OP reports house burning at 558530. Op is at 337533. Co L platoon reports hearing some vehicle movement vicinity 355515.	
1930		39			Capt Moore, Co C 3d Cml Bn, reports positions were reconnoitered as directed. Will be impossible to occupy those positions tonight. Had contacted Lt Col Gillette, 3rd Bn CO, who did not want him to move in vicinity VIENVILLE or ST JACQUES. Lt Col Gillette had directed him to stay in present positions for tonight.	

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IN	OUT					
	1945	40			Contacted Maj Young in regards to displacement of Cml mortars. Maj Young stated that it was their wish that mortars go in same positions as directed by regiment, and that they had agreed to allow them to remain in present positions for tonight. Had directed mortar platoon to move into those positions by daylight tomorrow. Trail into position to be further checked and cleared in meantime.	
	2100	41			Situation to G-2.	
2110		42			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, reports that MARIEMONT is not yet entirely cleaned out. Have 8 more PWs. Co I platoon leader and one other man wounded. One or two more houses to clean out yet. Will outpost house at 345508.	
2215		43			Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, reports that Co F sent out a patrol from Co F. Left at 1800A and returned at 2200A. Left 2nd Plat area at 335505. Patrol went through the valley to contact the 3rd Bn. Went to within 75 yards of house at road junction 343499, saw 7 people enter the house, don't know whether they were Germans or Civilians. Observed for a while but did not see anyone come out.	
2230		44			Contact patrol from Co E to 141 Inf on their right made contact and patrol from 141 Inf reports that the road running out of GRANGES in front of their area is heavily mined and booby trapped.	
2245		45			Div reports that 143 Inf relieved 442 Inf at 1910A and that they have a platoon from Co F at 362558. Also are sending patrols out to contact our unit and for us to inform them of the change, also to be on the lookout for them.	
	2250	46			Capt Hunley reported the above situation to 3rd Bn and was informed that contact was made at 1020A by Co F 143 and 1st Plat Co K in LA HOUSIERE.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 182

FROM: 161200A Nov. 1944
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: Not known.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy operations continued to be of defensive nature with determined resistance from small forces.
 - (2) Infantry: Our troops met stubborn resistance in our attack on MARIEMONT, contact being made shortly after midnight and continuing throughout period in the nature of house to house fighting with a few enemy in each building. Our patrols reached BARBY-SAROUX, GR at 342499, and vicinity VICHILIURE during night without contact. Patrol to 378543 received rifle fire from 381543 and MG fire from 379538.
 - (3) Artillery: Concentration of 15 rounds fell at 3545 at 1000A estimated 150 Cal.
 - (4) Engineers: Houses reported vicinity 328516 completely demolished at 0600A today by explosion within house believed to be set off by booby trap. House had been occupied for some time by troops outposting our road-block. Three casualties resulted and road nearby completely blocked. Engrs estimate at least 100 lbs of explosive was used.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 22 - In France: 3518
 - (2) Identifications: 5th Co 305 GR
8th Co 360 Cossack Regt
 - (3) Civilian pigeon loft located in houses at 319519.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions patrolling aggressively to the front.
- b. During night 16 Nov I & E Cos pushed forward toward CORCIEUX. Co L occupied positions vic 352526 and Co I at 341521; 345515; 346509. Co I engaged in house to house fighting at MARIEMONT.
- c. During morning of 17 Nov Co G pushed forward through Co F positions toward BARBEY SEROUX. At close of period had forward elements vic 328502 with no opposition.
- d. 1st Bn remained in res vic LES POULIERES, beginning a light training period morning of 17 Nov.
- e. Regt CP moved from vicinity YVOUX to vicinity 303526 closing in at 1445A.

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IN	OUT					
0830		1			Lt Wadleigh, Interrogator, called. Six PWS captured about 0600A yesterday at MARIEMONT were all from 8th Co 360 Cossack Regt. Three Germans and three Russians. Strength of Co 70 to 80 men, all around MARIEMONT, mission to delay while forces withdrew to main line.	
0235		2			Lt Edmondson, 3rd Bn, reports: Co L ambush patrol # 1 left position 343539. Moved through woods NE and got in position at road junction 354546 at dark. Remained in position until 0100A. Did not see or hear any movement, on either road. Returned at 0130. Co L ambush patrol # 2 left platoon positions from house 352532. Went to house vicinity 355532, checked house and found it empty. But it had been occupied during the day. Set up ambush on the road at house and waited until 0120A. Saw nothing. While there checked house at 356534. Nothing there. Patrol returned at 0130A. Recon patrol of platoon of Co K at LA HOUSIERE left just before dark. Followed railroad east to highway to 365550, then E to base of hill at 377548 where they were challenged. Withdrew slightly, tried to move around to south. Received small arms and machine pistol fire vicinity 378545. Patrol withdrew. Returned at 0145 by same route. At 2400A Co I made contact with 2nd Bn by patrol at house vicinity 338597. Patrol from Co I to CORCIEUX, VICHEBURE will be late because of fighting at MARIMONT.	
	0515	3			Situation given to G-2.	
	0700	4			Tank Ln O notified to take two tanks to THIRIVILLE by tonight. They will be attached to 3rd Bn in preparation for movement of reinforced company across valley to hill mass east of CORCIEUX.	
0750		5			S-2 3rd Bn reports Recon patrol from Co I left at 0300A from RENNEGOUTTE and moved NE (Cont'd)	

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		5	(Cont'd)	up to main highway to W end of CORCIEUX. Checked seven houses and found no enemy there, then continued on to main part of town. Everything burned except the seven houses. Patrol returned at 0700A. At 0730A Co I reports town of MARIEMONT cleared of enemy. Nine more PWS on way back to Regt PW collecting point.	
0810		6		Capt Curry, Engr Officer, came to CP and received orders from Col Lynch for sweeping road to CORCIEUX and also further plans for sweeping road E out of GRANGES to CORCIEUX.	
0815		7		Lt Col Sladen, Div G-3, phoned Col Lynch and gave him the General's instructions for today.	
	0820	8		Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify 3rd Bn to have the platoon of Co L now at 352526 to move by squads into town of CORCIEUX beginning at 1000A. The platoon will assemble in town, will proceed to search out the town. Maj Young, 3rd Bn notified.	
	0825	9		Capt Saniga, Hq CO, notified to report to CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
0830		10		3rd Bn patrol report. Recon patrol from Co I left at 0330A. Moved SE along the road to CORCIEUX. At 352512 saw five Germans leaving house at 354517. These Germans went S down the road to the road junction at 353509 where they relieved five more Germans who in turn came back to the house. The patrol then bypassed the house, went into LA CHENEL where they were fired on from a couple houses from the W end of town. Then proceeded toward VICHIBIRD, heard much activity of troops and vehicles, also along road running NW of woods. Patrol returned over same route.	

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IN	OUT					
0900		11			Div reports 1 Plat Co F 342508, 1 Plat Co F 346505, 1 Plat on way to objective. No enemy contact reported.	
	1030	12			Col Lynch left Regt CP enroute to 3rd Bn CP.	
	1100	13			G-2 given patrol report from 3rd Bn, also situation.	
1110		14			G-3 Div notified this Hq that 143 Inf had Plat at 356549 and reinforced Plat at LA COTE. Also have report from civilians that there are 20 enemy in American uniforms with machine guns in LES COURS.	
	1115	15			3rd Bn given above information.	
1140		16			2nd Bn reports Co F on objectives. Have patrols investigating houses to south. Moving Bn CP to 331506.	
1200		17			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports new position will be 330534. Will move 1 gun from each platoon this afternoon and register if smoke is as good as it was this morning.	
1205		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1230		19			Div reported the following: 141 Inf Plat Co C at 325482, balance of Co moving to HILL 750. Plat Co I 324434, Plat 314437, Plat on road at 315447. Co L at 1150A on objective E 340442, moving to next objective S to high ground overlooking GERARDMER. French in small fight at 316419. GERARDMER burned and believed to be evacuated.	
1305		20			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports Cn Co moving to area 330534.	
1315		21			3rd Bn reports Plat of Co L is established in all-around defense in CORCIEUX.	
	1330	22			Col Lynch left CP.	

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1405		23		Lt Col Dahlquist advised that Regt boundary between 141 and 142 has been changed to the 48 northing. Gen Dahlquist instructed this Regt to send out patrol toward vicinity 395505 to continue until road in that vicinity is reached or the enemy is contacted.	
1415		24		Lt Col Sladen and Maj Newell, Div, came to CP. Left at 1420.	
	1430	25		Maj Clyburn instructed 2nd Bn to send out patrol to vicinity 395505 as Div ordered and night patrols to HILLS 736 and 758.	
1500		26		Capt Sorenson, Tank Officer, reported that four tanks are now in NEUNE and have liaison with Maj Young, 3rd Bn. In addition, has two tanks at LE NOLLY and one at THIRIVILLE.	
	1515	27		Maj Clyburn left for 1st Bn CP at LES POULIERES.	
1530		28		Lt Groom reports that four TDS are in NEUNE with arrangements made with Maj Young 3rd Bn. Section of TDS moving to LE NOLLY tonight. Remaining five will go into assembly area vicinity NEUNE.	
1530		29		Col Lynch arrived back to CP and then left for 1st Bn.	
1620		30		Capt Curry, Engrs, requested information on road from BARBEY-SEROUX to valley. Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, asked for information and stated that Co G had had patrols E of road all day and did not contact enemy. Capt Curry advised.	
1625		31		Capt Strader reported that three PWs on way back were captured vicinity 338493. Co G patrol to E toward GERBEPAL en way.	
1630		32		Col Lynch and Maj Clyburn returned to CP.	

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1715		33		3rd Bn reports platoon in CORCIEUX has been sent to LES COURS but no report as yet. Combat patrols also have searched town. No enemy. Church, city hall, and one house in W section are mined and booby trapped. Mines have been located on all roads into town from S and E, also in middle of town on main road running NW-SE. Road from road junction 364529 to 388539 heavily mined (reported by civilian who was injured by mine). Engrs are clearing mines now.	
1715		34		Div reports that 143 Inf wants to establish contact with our troops vicinity LES COURS tonight: Lt Edmundson, 3rd Bn, notified and will check with CO 3rd Bn to see if arrangements are satisfactory.	
1825		35		Contact point arranged between 2nd and 3rd Bns at 353510 for 2400A and 0300A	
1900		36		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co E has as yet been unable to contact platoon of Co C 141 Inf vicinity 325482. Patrol reports: Patrol left 1200A returned 1830A. Went to HILL 736 up W slope around top and down E slope. Saw or heard nothing. A patrol now out to HILL 758 has not returned as yet. Local patrol from Co E today ran across some Frenchmen lifting mines from road in 3148 grid square. 2nd Bn given disposition of 141 Inf.	
	1910	37		Div notified that our 2nd Bn has not been able to locate Co C 141 Inf but will keep patrols working out to reported location. Maj Newell will advise 141 Inf.	
	1925	38		CO 3rd Bn given latest position of 143 Inf.	
2005		39		CO Cn Co phoned and reports he is now closed in position at 38865330, six guns between this point and THIRIVILLE.	

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2010		40			Operations Instructions (Patrol instructions) received from Div. 142 Inf to patrol with objectives 417520, 399502, 390487, 374480, 359480.	
2030		41			Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports Co E made contact with 141 Inf vicinity 320484 at 1900A.	
2130		42			2nd Bn reports Co E patrol left at 1700A. Went SE along road from BARBEY-SEROUX toward HILL 758. Entered all houses along way and found no enemy. Reached point about 48 grid line. Returned at 2100A.	
2200		43			2nd Bn reports patrol from Co G left at 1600A for BAMBOIS. Went by way of COLLIEURES to BAMBOIS. No enemy contact, but found ramp mines and anti personnel mines along roads and around houses. Civilians state the enemy left today for positions farther to the rear. Returned 2145A.	
2210		44			3rd Bn reports Maj Young has complete force, less Plat Co K, in CORCIEUX. Have lost communications with Plat Co K at present. Now waiting on officer from Engrs to show up. Left at 1600A and was to return at 1800A but has not shown up. Capt Knox has platoon Co I in LA CHARMELLE since 2130A. No opposition.	
	2250	45			G-3 given latest situation	
	2300	46			2nd Bn given patrol missions as follows: Patrols to be recon and will leave as soon as they can be oriented after daylight with the mission of locating the enemy around the road and high ground to the E of 39 easting, also to reconnoiter for mines and other enemy activity on routes forward. One patrol to go by way of ARRENTES DE CORCIEUX along road and trail, E to LES COLLIEURES, then along road and trails to BAMBOIS. If no enemy is encountered the patrol will cross valley and investigate hills 799 and 810.	(Cont'd)

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IN	OUT				
		46	(Cont'd)	One patrol to ARRENTES DE CORCIEUX along road to road junction 364491, then to HILL 790, then to road junction 377489, then along road and trail over HILL 746 and to highway vicinity 3948. One patrol to PAPET, then SE along road to vicinity 363480.	
2315		47		CO Co A 636 TD Bn reports TDs ordered into CORCIEUX are now in position. No word of TDs that were to report to LA NOLLY.	
2320		48		3rd Bn reports no contact with TDs that were to report to LA NOLLY.	
	2345	49		G-2 given patrol reports and latest situation.	
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UNIT REPORT

NO. 163

FROM: 171200A Nov. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
18 Nov. 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy offered resistance only in MARIE-MONT and without the usual support of artillery.
 - (2) Infantry: Our troops cleared the last enemy from houses in MARIE-MONT shortly after daylight today. Patrols encountered small arms fire from LE CHENEL; small arms fire from 378555 and observed 5 enemy in house at 354517.
 - (3) Artillery: No artillery reported during period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 9 -- In France: 3527
 - (2) Identification: 8th Co 360 Cossack
 - (3) Corrections: PWs on report # 162 should be 16.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn remained in Regt reserve vic LES POULIERES.
- b. 2nd Bn moved forward yesterday to occupy BARBEY-SEROUX at 1630A and ground as shown on overlay. This morning Co F consolidated positions S of MARIE-MONT.
- c. Fighting continued in MARIE-MONT all day yesterday and Co I cleared the town at 0730A this morning. A patrol from Co I entered CORCIEUX during the night and found no enemy there, the town almost completely burned. A Platoon from Co L occupied and established all-around defense in CORCIEUX by noon today.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

Maps: FRANCE, 1:25,000, Sheets XXXVI-18 1 & 2

1. 1st Bn remains in LES POULIERES in Regt reserve.
2. 2nd Bn (supported by one plat Co C 3d Cal Wpn Bn):
 - a. Continue to advance on limited objectives as already specified by this Hq.
 - b. Replaces Co I Plat in RENEGOUTTE with one (1) Plat Co F by daylight 19 Nov.
3. 3rd Bn - in support:
 - 1 Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
 - 1 Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn
 - 1 Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn
 - 1 Plat Co C 3d Cal Wpn Bn
 - a. Atks 18 Nov 1944, with Co I, to seize wooded ground SW CORCIEUX (objective 1).
 - b. Organizes force consisting of Co L - attached:
 - 1 Plat Co K
 - 1 Sec HMG
 - 1 Sec 81mm Mortars

in support:

 - 1 Plat Tanks
 - 1 Plat TDs
 - 1 Sqd Engrs
 - 1 Plat 4.2 Mortars
 - c. With above force (Maj Ross Young in command):
 - (1) Atks night of 18 Nov, seizes and occupies town of CORCIEUX (objective 2).
 - (2) Prepares to atk, seize, and organize for defense objective 3 on Regt order.
4. Co B 111 Engr Bn:
 - a. Places one squad in direct support 3d Bn.

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Clears NEUME - CORCIEUX road of all mines and obstacles,
starting at dusk 18 Nov.

Continues to clear and maintain Regt routes of supply and
advance.

5. Co C 3d Cml Wpns Bn:

a. Moves one Plat vic CORCIEUX under cover of darkness 18 Nov.

b. Prepares to support atk on obj (3) by daylight 19 Nov.

6. Comdrs of all supporting units will report to units supported
without delay.

7. Other units attached to or supporting CT - no change.

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- 1 - Co B 111 Engr Bn
- 1 - Co C 3d Cml Bn
- 1 - Co A 636 TD Bn
- 1 - Co S 753 Tk Bn
- 1 - CO AT Co
- 1 - 1st P Bn
- 1 - 143 Inf
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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
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JOURNAL

FROM: 190000A Nov 1944
TO : 192400A Nov 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0100		1			3rd Bn reports that Co I has reached their objective, have one in VICHIBURE, LA FOLIE, LA CHARMELLE, where also the Co CP is. Have patrols in the woods, also have outpost in the houses. The section of TDs and tanks that were lost were found and one TD and one tank are leaving LANOLLE to go into position in LACHARMELLE.	
0105		2			Lt Groom, TD officer, reports that the section of TDs and tanks that were lost were found and are now going to 3rd Bn and will report to CO 3rd Bn.	
0125		3			Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports that Co E contacted the 141 Inf on the right.	
0430		4			Co E contacted AT Co 141 Inf. Patrol returned at 0410A. AT Co 141 Inf did not have roadblock in yet as Engrs had not completed bridge.	
	0515	5			G-2 given situation.	
0610		6			CO 3rd Bn reports Co L on way up hill, exact location unknown. Co I occupying positions at LA CHARMELLE, LA CHENEL, LA FOLLY AND VICHIBURE with tank and TD at LA CHARMELLE and VICHIBURE. Reports they did not contact 143 Inf last night at LES COURS because Co L force moved out. CP moving into CORCIEUX very soon.	
	0645	7			Situation given to G-3.	
	0725	8			Operations Instructions given to 2nd Bn. (1) Move Plat to POPE and one to FOUYE, and one to FOUYE, and one to HENNOITLES. (2) Send platoon to FLADINPRE and rest of Co G into BARBEY-SEROUX. (3) Assembly Co E into BARBEY-SEROUX as Bn Res. 3rd Bn: (1) As soon as objective is taken by Co L, patrols will be sent to 408548, and 413543 by routes along high ground to remain for one hour observing to NE and E. (2) Co I to move platoon to RAMBAVILLE and one to LES COLLIEURES (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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Date: 19 Nov 1944

OUT		SER T NO. DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			SECRET	
		8 (Cont'd)	with squad on top of HILL 725 as an outpost and observation post.	
0730	0730	9	Col Lynch left for CORCIEUX.	
0730		10	CO 3rd Bn reports Co L on objective HILL 640 with one Plat on HILL 666. TD and tank at 367528, TD and tank at 365527, TD and tank at 364529. Engrs sweeping trail up HILL 640, main road SE out of CORCIEUX, road SW out of CORCIEUX. Plat of Co K at 367528, rest of Co K in CORCIEUX. CO 3rd Bn given patrolling instructions and instructions for movement of Co I.	
	0800	11	G-2 notified of situation and requested G-2 to notify G-3.	
0830		12	Lt Canady, 1st Bn, called. Has targets which S-4 made last night, 30 of them. 30 more to be picked up today making total of 60.	
0845		13	Div phoned and states Gen Dahlquist desires 142 Inf occupy HILL 690 (355500) and HILL 705 (356494) today. Suggests one Co be used for mission, however strength of force to be used left to Col Lynch's decision.	
0930		14	Capt Orcutt, Div, gave notice that Co C 3d Cml Bn is being detached from 142 Inf today. Cml Co CO to report to CG 103 Div immediately. Lt Jones informed.	
0930		15	3rd Bn reports Co L OP can observe into valley NW of ARNOLD. No activity. Civilian report a few enemy in ARNOLD and a roadblock on main road vicinity 395526 consisting of felled trees, ramp mines, booby traps, and surrounded by S-mines. Also report no other obstacles on road to ARNOLD. Engrs have swept main road SE out of CORCIEUX to 379529 and road NE and S of camp to 385523.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1000		16			Capt from 179 Inf came to CP to get situation and overlay of positions.	
	1030	17			Col Lynch had Capt Selkirk call from 1st Bn and said to leave CP at present location.	
1055		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1100		19			S-4 phoned and reports 1st Bn has received 38 targets. Area at LE PANGES has been searched for targets with no results.	
	1100	20			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify 3rd Bn to have platoon at LES COUILLERES move to BAMBOIS sweeping both hills 609 and 705 and then final position in BAMBOIS. CO 3rd Bn notified.	
1110		21			Maj Newell, Div, notified this Hq that officers from 179 Inf would stop at this CP this afternoon preparatory to visiting the Bns. CO 3rd Bn notified. 2nd Bn notified. Positions of 143 Inf are as follows as of 1000A. Co K has passed SARUPT advancing toward HILL 516. Co I moving to HILL 541, now in right rear of Co K. Co B on objective at 393562. Co A moving toward objective at 397540.	
	1215	22			Maj Clyburn called S-4 telling him that Col Lynch wants him to report to him at CP at 1315A.	
1225		23			2nd Bn reports that Co F is on their objective. Co G is on their 1st objective and starting for their 2nd objective. Co F patrol captured 1 PW this morning.	
	1225	24			G-2 given situation.	
	1255	25			CO Hq Co notified to see Col Lynch at 1345A.	
	1300	26			Col Lynch gave following instructions to Capt Hunley: This Regt to be prepared to be relieved tomorrow or the next day by a squeeze (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
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	1300	26	(Cont'd)		<p>out made by 143 and 141 Infs. 1st Bn to remain at LES POULIERES and continue training. CO 1st Bn will make up a six-day training schedule. 2nd Bn will assemble vicinity BARBEY-SEROUX and move by motor to vicinity JUSSARUPT. 3rd Bn assemble vicinity CORCIEUX and move by motor to vicinity HERPELMONT. Cn, AT, supplemented by Serv Co trucks will move Bns. 45th Div to take area: BIFFONTAINE, forcing Serv and AT Cos to move vicinity BEAUMINIL. Hq Co will plan to move vicinity JUSSARUPT, however, if Div moves out of LAVELINE, will move there.</p> <p>A 30 target range will be constructed between JUSSARUPT and HERPELMONT by Engrs. Two mine and booby trap areas will be constructed. One vicinity LES POULIERES and one vicinity JUSSARUPT. Areas to be large enough to run platoon problems. A house will be booby-trapped in every possible way to give troops some idea of how they might be found. They will have three instructors teams prepared to give three hours of instructions to Cos on call. If present plans materialize each Bn will have two days for rest and bathing, a five days training schedule will be according to TM # 29 and 30 with addition of time for firing and a school to be established for platoon leaders. Bns will have a recon party (not quartering party) make a recon of areas in preparation for moving if plans should develop.</p>	
	1300		27		S-4 came to CP to confer with Col Lynch as directed.	
	1315		28		Div instructed this Hq to get patrols as shown on Opns Instr (Patrol instructions 18 Nov) that are not already out will be sent out at once.	
	1320		29		3rd Bn notified to send recon patrols from present area to BELGOUTTE to RJ 392521, E along road to LES BOASE to LES GRANGES to vicinity 426516 and from BELGOUTTE to GERBEPAL, E along road to vicinity 417493 and observe to E along road and valley for enemy activity.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 192400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 319519

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Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR SS.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1335	30			Col Lynch notified Capt Hunley that AT Co will abandon guns and follow schedule same as rifle Cos. Bn and A & P Plats will assist Engrs in construction of and operating mines and booby trap area. Bn A & P Plats will be under Engr control.	
	1345	31			Maj Clyburn checked with 3rd Bn to see if minefields vicinity LA HOUSIERE had been removed after Co K Plat moved out. Maj Young had no knowledge about them.	
	1350	32			Col Lynch notified Maj Clyburn to order 1st Bn A & P Plat to remove the mines as they were the ones to lay them. CO 1st Bn notified.	
1400		33			2nd Bn patrol report of Co F. Went to BOPET, to HILL 764, to SANIFAING, to HILLS 790 and 746, and could observe to road, saw no enemy activity and encountered no enemy. Picked up PWs at SANIFAING. Civilians report German patrol in vicinity of HILL 746 early this morning.	
1440		34			2nd Bn reports patrol from Co G to BOPET S and SW to FRAIDE FONTAINE to VRAIEFEIGNE to FLADIPRE and joined unit. No activity. Civilians report enemy left 2½ days ago.	
1445		35			1st Bn reports our mine fields at LA HOUSIERE cleared by A & P Plat.	
	1500	36			Capt Hunley left on recon of HERPELMONT area.	
	1520	37			Col Lynch called Arty Dir Center to ask what attachments as mention in Div Opns Instr would bivouac with 142 Inf. ADC said he would notify us later.	
	1525	38			Col Lynch left for Div CP and new area.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT					
	1525	39			Maj Clyburn transmitted orders of CO 142 to CO 2nd Bn. Bn to be relieved by 1200A tomorrow. Bn will assemble vicinity BARBEY-SEROUX and be trucked to reserve area vicinity JUSSARUPT. Nine AT trucks and eight Serv Co trucks will report to Bn tomorrow. Quartering party to act today. Orders of CO to CO 2nd Bn. Quartering party to go to new assembly area as soon as recon party returns this afternoon. Bn will be relieved by 1200A tomorrow. Nine AT and Cn Co trucks and eight Serv Co trucks will report to Bn at CORCIEUX at time to be announced in morning. CO Cn Co informed to have his six trucks ready to report to 3rd Bn at CORCIEUX at a time to be announced in the morning. Maj Hensley informed to have eight Serv Co trucks ready for both 2nd and 3rd Bns in the morning.	
	1530	40			In compliance with Div order, 1st Bn was directed to send one complete rifle squad to report to CO 2nd Bn at Div CP at 1300A tomorrow for demonstration purposes.	
1545		41			CP of Co B 111 Engrs at 352530.	
1550		42			CO 1st Bn reports minefields at VIENVILLE now clear.	
1600		43			Positions of 143 Inf: Co A on obj 398542, C on obj 382539, 1 Plat B 389532, 1 Plat 390547. 2nd Bn No change. Co K on obj 408580. I on obj 400572. L on obj 403563.	
1625		44			Gen Dehlquist and Lt Col Denholm came to CP. Left at 1630A.	
1635		45			Capt Curry, Co B 111 Engrs, states road from GRANGES to CORCIEUX now open for traffic. Co CP at 351530. Bns notified.	
1645		46			2nd Bn CP 349499.	
	1705	47			G-2 given patrol reports and situation.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP Coord 319519
 Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	SERV NO.	TIME DATED	CA REG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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1715			48		2nd Bn reports patrol to BARBOIS and high ground to E no enemy except three PWs turned over to them by French. Observed few enemy (4 or 5) vicinity 443502 and returned. Mine field and booby-trapped on HILL 902 vicinity 413490.	
1725			49		Col Lynch issued following orders: 2nd Bn assemble at 0900A in BARBEY-SEROUX and move from at once to new area. Trucks from Serv Co and AT Co will be there at 0830A. 2nd Bn notified. S-4 notified. AT Co CO notified. Cn Co will move to VEAUMENIL.	
1730			50		Lt Gaylord, 3rd Bn: Patrol left CORCIEUX, went SE along main highway into BELGOUTTE (378518); then E up main road to HAUTE FONTAINE (392522) town burning, then patrol took wrong route and went S into GERBEPAL (395504), town burning; then went back to HAUTE FONTAINE. Asked civilians route to LES GRANGES. On way to LES GRANGES patrol went through CHARGOUTE (396527), thence to LES GRANGES (417520). Patrol went NE to top of HILL 763.3 (424525) and from there could overlook CLERCY (438527), town smoking. Also observed FRAIZE (454543). Patrol encountered no enemy over entire patrol route. Returned over same route. Many mines along all roads, but not planted. Many ramp and box mines.	
1810			51		3rd Bn reports patrols to ANOULD and LES PAINE left 388527 at 0900A. Patrol to ANOULD went to 393532 (road junction), report many box mines. Went to 403541 corner of woods, observed ANOULD. Planes strafing in valley prevented going farther. No enemy encountered. Patrol to LES PAINE went to trail at 401538 and could not go farther because of s strafing. No enemy encountered.	
1815			52		Col Lynch ordered S-4 to stay in LES POULIERES with Serv Co. Cn Co to go to BIFFONTAINE. 3rd Bn will move to BEAUMINIL and HERPELMONT. Co B 753 Tk Bn and Co A 636 TD Bn will (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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		52	(Cont'd)	revert to Bn control after 0800A tomorrow. One Plat of C o B 111 Engrs will be attached to AT Co for training and rations and quarters. Remainder of Co under 111 Bn control. AT Co to occupy 1/3 of buildings in BEAUMINIL.	
1820		53		Contact point between 142 and 143 Infs arranged for the night at 488524 at 2100A, 2400A, and 0300A.	
1830		54		Capt Hunley gave Capt Curry Col Lynch's instructions as of 1300A.	
1930		55		Lt Groom, Co A TDS, notified to pull out at 0800A and revert to Bn control.	
1935		56		G-2 given patrol reports.	
2010		57		Div states we will not get the Plat of Engrs as previously planned because of high priority of demining roads.	
2200		58		Div reports 143 Inf reports small arms fire and flak vicinity ST. LEONARD and also looks like counterattack, Strength unknown, on right flank of 411 Inf.	
2215		59		Div phoned and Opns Instr is on way to this Hq. There are four patrol missions on OI assigned to 141 and 143 Inf which the General wants 142 Inf to run as believes the other units will not be in position in time and our troops already know the ground. Patrols will be sent out even if Bns are being relieved before they would have time to return	
2250		60		Div states counterattack did not develop. Town of SARUPT received some flak and long range Arty fire but has died down.	
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FROM: 190000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 192400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 319519

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Date: 19 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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2330		61		Operations Instructions 192000A Nov 44 received from Division.	
2355		62		Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, phoned. 143 Inf Recon patrol to ANOULD reached 417557. Bridge at 417556 is Okeh. Bridge at 415555 is blown.	
	2400	63		Capt McSwain checked with Col Reese, Div G-2, on patrol missions. Col Reese states 142 Inf will take 141 Inf patrol missions and patrols will leave as early tomorrow morning as possible.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 164

FROM: 181200A Nov. 1944
TO : 191200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
19 Nov. 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: Not known.
- b. Units in contact: No contact.
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: Our troops failed to establish contact with the enemy during period. Patrols to vic 335480, 346486 and 392495 encountered no enemy and reported no enemy activity.
- (2) Artillery: No artillery reported during period.
- (3) Engineer: Enemy roadblock vic 395526 consisting of felled trees, booby traps, "R" mines, and surrounded by S-mines. Civilians report that road is clear from this obstacle to ANOULD.

- d. PWs during period: 5 - In France: 3532
Identifications: 8th Co 360 Cossack
6th Co 2112 Regt

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn remained in Regt reserve vicinity LES POULIERES.
- b. 2nd Bn held positions in and north of BARBEY-SEROUX yesterday. A reconnaissance patrol of 2nd Bn reached BANBOIS (392496) without contact ~~by~~ ^{at} dark last night. This morning Bn began movement to objectives shown on overlay. No enemy encountered.
- c. 3rd Bn: One Plat of Co L occupied CORCIEUX at noon yesterday. Remainder of Co L closed on CORCIEUX at dusk last night. Co K moved from LA HOUSSIERE through LES COURS to CORCIEUX during the night. At 0730A this morning Co L occupied HILL 640 (384523) and HILL 666.2 (388526). From there patrols were sent to observe MEURTHE valley from LE PAIRE (410547) and near ANOULD at 414541. Co I occupied VICHIBURE and LA CHARNELLE during the night and this morning advanced on objectives as shown on overlay: RAMBAVILLE (375514), LES COLLIEURES (373497, HILLS 690 and 705, and BANBOIS (392496). In all these advances no resistance was met.
- d. Weather: Clear with light overcast at close of period. Temperature warming.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 200066 Nov 1944
TO : 202400A Nov 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: RCT 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
Date: 20 Nov 1944

IN	OUT	SER NO.	TIME D.	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
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0530		1			G-2 called for situation.	
0630		2			2nd Bn reports all quiet throughout sector.	
0645		3			3rd Bn reports contact with 143 Inf at 0150A. Everything quiet during night.	
	0700	4			Maj Clyburn notified 3rd Bn S-4 that they would have two-thirds of the buildings in BEAUMINIL plus all of HERPELMONT for assembly of Bn.	
	0800	5			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to notify 3rd Bn to send out three patrols with routes and missions as directed by Div Opns Instr dtd 192000A Nov 44. Patrols will leave as soon as possible and a jeep with two men to remain at present Bn CP and return the men to Bn area vicinity HERPELMONT and BEAUMINIL as they return from patrol. Information will be called in on phone that may be tied in at CORCIEUX. After patrols have returned to Bn area a report of information and time returned will be made to this Hq.	
	0815	6			Col Lynch gave Capt Fore instructions to make recon vicinity of present Serv Co locations for a bivouac area. If houses are not available for Co tents will be provided by Regt S-4.	
0825		7			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and Bn is now closing in town of BARBEY - SEROUX. Regt AT Plat and Co E will be moved by motor to new assembly area vicinity JUSSARUPT first and remainder of Bn to follow as transportation becomes available.	
	0825	8			Col Lynch gave CO 3rd Bn orders to: in future immediately repeat patrols or send out another one if their mission has been interrupted and they have returned to Co areas.	
0915		9			3rd Bn requested 5 2½ ton trucks to move Co K to new area. S-4 notified.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 319519
Date: 20 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT					
0930		10			3rd Bn reports that two squads of 143 Inf have taken over positions on HILL 666. Plat of Co L will be withdrawn. G-3 notified.	
0950		11			3rd Bn reports 141 Inf started passing through CORCIEUX at 0800A on trucks. 141 Inf Bn CO reported they had cleared their old area at 0800A. Maj Young, 3rd Bn, asked that they be given remainder of trucks. S-4 notified to send three 2½ ton trucks to 3rd Bn. Cn Co notified to send six 1½ ton trucks to 3rd Bn.	
	1000	12			AT notified that 3rd Bn to use part of BEAUMINIL, AT Co to use only one-third of available buildings.	
1030		13			Capt Strader reports 2nd Bn closed in assembly area vicinity JUSSARUPT.	
1050		14			AT Co reported cleared in BEAUMINIL. Notified to have complete AT gun platoon for demonstration purposes for OCS at BRUYERS. Report to Lt Col Faulkner, CP/2nd Bn , Nov 23 at 0800A.	
1105		15			CO AT Co reports finding several ramp mines and S-mines in BEAUMINIL. AT Mine Plat is removing them. Col Lynch ordered 2nd and 3rd Bns of this and to inspect their area thoroughly, especially side roads.	
1120		16			141 Inf reports all closed in vicinity GERBEPAL.	
	1120	17			3rd Bn notified to search area for mines.	
	1130	18			Maj Clyburn checked with CO AT Co and Air Photo Officer on photos of area JUSSARUPT, HERPELMONT, BEAUMINIL for training.	
	1145	19			2nd Bn notified to search area for mines.	
	1145	20			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, notified to move as soon as trucks report back from 3rd Bn.	

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FROM: 200000A Nov 14

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 202400A Nov 1944

Place: CP Coord 319519

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 20 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1300	21			Col Lynch left for Div CP and will continue to new CP.	
1330		22			CP opened in LAVELINE.	
1345		23			Div Provost Marshal, Maj Puck, requested that Div MPs post at HERPELMONT be relieved by Regt MPs so Div can move post to CORCIEUX. Capt Hunley agreed to the arrangement and HERPELMONT post will be relieved at 1800A. HERPELMONT is blacked out and is blackout line. Lights off E of HERPELMONT.	
	1355	24			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn.	
1400		25			E-4 called and asked which Bn to bathe first. Maj Clyburn told him 2nd Bn.	
1405		26			Col Lynch arrived at LAVELINE CP.	
	1410	27			Col Lynch called a meeting of Staff and Bn COs for 1600A at this CP today. Also Separate unit COs.	
1410		28			3rd Bn reported closed in at 1400A.	
1600		29			Meeting of Regt Staff, Bn COs and separate Co COs held.	
2150		30			Corps called and asked if 142 Inf had a rest camp established for men. Were told no, not at present.	

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FROM: 210000A Nov 1944
TO : 212400A Nov 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP LAVELINE
Date: 21 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATED	OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0600		1			3rd Bn reports patrols not reported to Bn as yet. Bn S-2 is at CORSIEUX waiting with instructions to give all information to 141 Inf S-2.	
0830		2			3rd Bn report patrols from Co I left at 0900 and returned at about 2300A. Left BANBOIS, went cross country to 414497, then S to 416493, then to 425493. Area heavily mined with AT and S-mines. Saw two enemy at 429485 around house at edge of woods. Could see barbed wire stretched along W side of river below. Getting too dark to see so started back about 1710A. (Both patrols from Co I were together. They planned to split at 421482. Information given to several 141 Inf units.)	
	0835	3			Col Lynch left for Div CP and then to Bn CPs.	
1230		4			Informed that target frames will be complete at 1400A at LAVAL.	
1330		5			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	
	1425	6			Col Lynch left for Bn CPs.	
1640		7			Col Lynch returned.	
1700		8			Gen Stack visited CP. Left at 1730A.	
1730		9			Div notified CO that Sig Supply now open at new location V355531. Low beam headlights W and N line LA HOUSIERE, NEUNE, GRANGES, thence S. Plat Ctr Sta opens at V340529 at 211900A.	
	2315	10			Col Lynch issued the following instructions: 1st Bn be ready to move at 0800A 22 Nov (combat loaded) on 20 2½ ton trucks from Serv Co and 9 1½ ton trucks from AT Co. CO 1st Bn to report to Regt CP at 0800 for further orders. One Co 753 Tk Bn and "X" Btry 753 Tk Bn, one Co 636 TD Bn, Co B 111 Engrs, Co B 111 Med, will be attached. 132 FA will follow RCT but will not go out of firing (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT				
		10	(Cont'd)	position here until RCT leaves. 3rd Bn will be prepared to move on call after 0900A (combat loaded) on 20 2½ T trucks from Div, 6 1½ ton trucks from Cn Co and one 2½ ton truck from Cn Co. 2nd Bn will remain at present in area but will be prepared to move at 1200A hours. 132 FA to have Ln and FO parties report to Bns by 0800A. Regt Hq Co ready to move on call at 0900A. Command group at 0800 on call. Breakfast at 0630A. The plan at present is for the 143 Inf to attack at 0800A and should they encounter no resistance the 142 RCT will form march column and advance as far as possible by motors then dismount and proceed. Route to be CORCIEUX, ANOULD, ST LEONARD, MANDRAY, main road north to BAN DE LAVELINE, then east to ST MARIE and east. The column will form with head at IVOUX. Tanks will lead, TDs will follow, then 1st Bn on trucks. Co of infantry on tanks.	
	2320	11		Hq Co, Comm O, Surg, CO 1st Bn all given above information. S-4 instructed to have 20 2½ ton trucks report to 1st Bn at 0800A tomorrow for movement. Also given plan. CO AT Co given instructions as above.	
2330		12		Capt Curry, Co B 111 Engrs, notified us his Co located one mile W of CORCIEUX on main road. Has direct phone communications. Ln O will report to Regt CP at 0730A.	
2335		13		Lt Groom, 636 TD Co A, called. Will have Ln O report at 0730A. Will be ready to move at 0800 on call. Has 11 TDs in operation; one will be ready about noon tomorrow. Located at AMONTZEY. Have direct wire line.	
	2340	14		Cn Co notified to have 6 1½ ton and 7 2½ ton trucks report to 3rd Bn at 0900A. Given plan. Maj Young 3rd Bn given plan and instructions. 132 FA given plan and instructions regarding Ln Os and FOs.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2345		15			CO "X" Btry 753 Tk Bn called in. States he was informed that he would be attached to 132 FA for operation. Has five 105mm Hows. Located with 132 FA (380533). Has wire communications. Will have Ln 0 at Regt CP at 0730A. Message sent to Co B 111 Med to have Ln 0 report to Regt CP at 0730A. Have Co prepared to move on call after 0900A.	
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TO : 222400A Nov 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP LAVELINE
Date: 22 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TITLE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0050	1			2nd Bn given plan for movement and instructions to be. Time to be prepared to move changed to 1000A for 2nd Bn.	
	0100	2			G-3 notified that 1st Bn will be unable to furnish demonstration squads for OCS tomorrow.	
0105		3			S-4 reports that "D" rations will not be available before tomorrow night. (tonight)	
0120		4			G-3 wants 1st Bn demonstration squads ready for demonstration. Will notify us at 0700-0715 in the morning whether it will be definite. 1st Bn, Capt Cornelius, notified.	
0200		5			Opns Instructions, 36 Div, dated 212300A Nov, received via Lt Justman.	
0500		6			CO of 753 Tk Bn said he would send a Ln O here at 0730 meeting.	
	0715	7			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to go to 143 Inf CP and get all information possible on roads and bridges also how far vehicles may be brought without drawing Arty. Information to be phoned back and then will give orders on whether to return to this Hq. Lt Peters to accompany Capt Hunley in order to become familiar with route, then return to this Hq to organize route making detail.	
	0720	8			S-4 notified to report to this CP to confer with Col Lynch at 0800A.	
	0725	9			Col Lynch checked with Capt Orcutt, Div G-3, on movement of 132 FA and present situation and location of 143 Inf and 141 Inf.	
	0730	10			Col Lynch ordered 2nd and 3rd Bn adjutants notified that scheduled meeting of men at 0900A and 0930A respectively is postponed indefinitely. Bns notified.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0910		11			141 Inf reported units located as follows: As of 0630A Co A on objective at 443534, Co C on the move to the right and behind Co A. Co B one Plat at 441502 and one Plat 437530. Cos K and L crossed stream where Co B crossed. Present location unknown. Co I still west side of river. ANOULD - CLEFCY road cleared. Bridge at CLEFCY started. 143 Inf as of 0630A. 2nd Bn moving from SARUPT to LE SOUCHE. Will attack in conjunction with Regt at 0730A. 2nd and 3rd Bns moved about 100 yds and received quite a bit of small arms fire from along ridges. State of advance unknown. CP moved last night to LA BOURNE V-382592. 141 Inf as of 0820A: The ANOULD - FRAIZE CLEFCY road has been swept. Some machine gun fire from ridge to N received at road junction on ANOULD - FRAIZE road. Engrs waiting to put in treadway bridge in vicinity ANOULD when situation clears. 103 Div not yet across as of 0750A. Reason unknown, but apparently their foot bridge is not in. Div Engrs report Bailey bridge at ST LEONARD completed at 0215A.	
	0950	12			1st Bn ordered to move via LA HOUSIERE, VANEMONT to assembly area at SARUPT at once. Trucks to remain with them. One Plat Engrs to report to 1st Bn at SARUPT. Rest of Co remain in present area until notified, but will make road recon to SARUPT.	
1000		13			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1005	14			Col Lynch left for SARUPT.	
	1015	15			Div G-3 notified that RCT would require 50 2½ ton trucks to completely motorize RCT. Col Lynch issued following instructions: Cn Co trucks with 3rd Bn will be returned to Cn Co and AT Co will be returned to them as soon as 1st Bn can release them at SARUPT. Cn and AT Cos will be ready to move after 1300A. All concerned notified.	
1015		16			CO 1st Bn reported that he is moving out.	

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IN	OUT					
	1025	17			G-3 notified of above.	
1245		18			Div reports following: C/143 433551, A & B VENCHERES, E 424563, L 424567, I 424570, G behind E, K road junction 419581, A and B 141 Inf pushed off hill at 444535 this morning.	
1300		19			G-3 notified this Hq that remainder of RCT would not move at 1300A but would be on one hour alert. Also one Plat Engrs will be withdrawn for Div work, but will be available on call.	
1315		20			G-4 notified this Hq that all Div trucks would be released at once to return to their units and will be held on two hour alert. S-4 notified. 2nd and 3rd Bns notified. Hq Co given instructions to return the three Serv Co trucks.	
	1525	21			Col Lynch left for Div CP at CORCIEUX.	
1325		22			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, phoned. 44 Div is moving N from SAARBURG in CT columns with no resistance. Searchlight demonstration for combat tonight at 2000A vicinity of WIRECOURT NW of EPINAL. 141 Inf 2nd Bn unable to attack this afternoon. Will attack tomorrow morning and take over town of CLEFCY. 1st Bn withdrew from high ground as had run out of ammunition. 2nd Bn will attack high ground S of FRAIZE and W of CLAIREFAING. 3/410 425672. 3/30 498750. 1/410 421663. L/141 447503, K 447499. 7th Inf held up 498750.	
1605		23			Maj Petrie reports that he has two Brockway Bridges (two Brockway trucks) that he can put in our column whenever it moves out. Will keep them vicinity CORCIEUX in the meantime in case they are needed someplace else. Each truck carries 24 feet, making a total of 48 feet.	
1725		24			Col Lynch returned to Regt CP.	

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:
 - aa. Enemy front line: No enemy front line.
 - b. Units in contact: No units in contact.
 - c. Enemy operations: Regiment not in line during period.
2. OWN SITUATION:
 - a. RCT remained in Division reserve vicinity LES POULIERES, LAVELINE, JUSSARUPT, HERPELMONT and BEAUMINIL.
 - L b. 1st Bn moved by motor to vicinity SARUPT V-398578 at 1015A, as ordered by Division OI dated 212300A Nov.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 230000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 232400A Nov 1944

Place: CP LAVELINE

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 23 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT					
	0845	1			Capt Hunley gave Lt Peters, MP Plat O, instructions for establishing a TCP at ST LEONARD immediately after this Hq receives orders to move.	
	0920	2			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
	0940	3			Capt Hunley checked with Div on location of Brockway Trucks. Maj Petrie stated they were located at LA CHANEL 365513.	
1045		4			Div reported Light Line: Low beam headlights permitted W of 38 easting. Blackout lights E thereof.	
1055		5			Gen Dahlquist phoned and states things seem to be breaking in front of 143 Inf. Ordered one Plat of 636 Rco Co move immediately to ST LEONARD to follow 3rd Bn 143 Inf and reconnoiter road to LE CHIPEL or as far as they can go.	
	1100	6			CO of 636 Recon Co notified of Gen orders.	
	1105	7			Capt Hunley checked with S-3 132 FA on where "X" Btry of 753 Tk Bn will be in march column. Also notified him that Col Lynch wanted one Btry of FA to follow 1st Bn support elements.	
	1120	8			Lt Powers, Engr Ln O, given instructions to notify Co B 111 Engrs to be ready to move on short notice. Also to notify Maj Petri to have two Brockway trucks in position to move on short notice to vicinity ST LEONARD.	
	1125	9			Anticipate moving your Bn on moment's notice.	
1125		10			Capt Brauer, Arty Ln O, given instructions to notify Arty Hq to have the Btry of Arty prepared to move on a moment's notice.	
	1150	11			Capt Hunley gave instructions to CO 1st Bn on march order by phone.	

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IN	OUT					
1220		12			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1320	13			Lt Peters, MP Plat Ldr, informed to get men ready to go and report to CP.	
	1325	14			1st Bn notified, via radio, to be ready to load and move out within one hour. (cleared 1350A)	
1435		15			Gen Dahlquist phoned and gave Col Lynch orders to start 1st Bn moving.	
	1440	16			Col Lynch ordered 1st Bn to start moving. Also Btry of FA to start moving for ST LEONARD. Arty notified. 1st Bn notified. Engrs notified to move two brockway trucks to ST LEONARD ready to be fed in column of 1st Bn.	
	1450	17			Col Lynch left. Will meet command groups at ST LEONARD.	
1515		18			Gen Stack called. Said Gen Dahlquist was in MANDRAY. There is a minefield in MANDRAY. 1st Bn 142 Inf now moving out, should move armor with infantry mounted up to the minefield. Trucks with troops mounted should be held until minefield is reported cleared by Recon unit. Message relayed to CO 1st Bn. Troops of 1st Bn were already moving.	
1530		19			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, called. Bn will not be able to leave at 1545 as trucks have not arrived. 2nd Bn notified that this will affect their planned movement at 1645A. March order for movement: Plat 636 Recon Co, 1st Bn in advance guard formation with two brockaway trucks, Engr Plat, and one Btry of 132 FA Bn behind the support. Co B 111 Engr (less), 3rd Bn (with atchmts), 2nd Bn (with atchmts), 132 FA Bn (less one Btry), Plat 636 Recon Co, AT Co, Cn Co, Hq Co, Co B 111 Med Bn.	
	1600	20			CP group left LAVELINE. New CP opened at MANDRAY at 2000A.	

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IN	OUT					
2035		21			Maj Clyburn called. Given plan for tonight.	
	2110	22			Div notified that Regt CP is in MANDRAY.	
	2120	23			Lt Powers, Engr Ln O, notified to have Capt Curry organize remainder of Co in mine sweeping teams and report to this Hq for further orders immediately.	
	2235	24			Maj Clyburn notified to get word to 3rd Bn and have them prepared to move at 0100A. Was told that he would be notified of further instructions and details of situation later.	
2210		25			Div Ln O phoned and 141 CP 415555. Co F 462558, E 467555, G 445545, 3rd Bn 420544, 1st Bn 426554. Co I Plats 418492, 425505, 433503. Co A Plat W outskirts of CLEFCY 435530.	
2220		26			Tail of 1st Bn column passed through MANDRAY. Div G-3 notified.	
2245		27			Col Lynch arrived at CP in MANDRAY.	
	2255	28			Msg sent to CO 1st Bn. Report location and situation by coordinates every hour.	
	2330	29			Div G-3 notified that this Hq has radio contact with 1st Bn but they are unable to use light at present, however will make a report soon.	
2345		30			Message from 1st Bn. Contacted enemy at 367573. Div G-3 notified.	

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FROM: 240000A Nov 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A Nov 1944

Place: CP MANDRAY

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 24 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0030	1			Capt Hunley told Maj Clyburn to notify 3rd Bn and 132 FA Bn that they need not be prepared to move before 0500A.	
	0050	2			Message to CO 1st Bn: "Report situation and location."	
0050		3			Div Ln 0 brought in Operations Instructions dated 232100A. Also: 3/411 has cleared FOUCHIFAL and entering woods to south 463595. 2/411 seized COINCHES, reported it clear. 1/411 in ST DIE under Division control. Co G moving to LA PLANCHETTE. 1st Bn at LE COURS heading for 442558 and HILL 509. 1st and 2nd Bns 411 Inf to attack from road 487633 to 497618.	
0115		4			1st Bn reports position at 469571. Have contact with enemy, receiving 20-mm fire. (Position of 1st Bn reported to Div G-3 at 0122A).	
	0125	5			Motor Sgt of 1st Bn ordered to move trucks to vicinity ST LEONARD and hold there.	
	0200	6			Message to CO 1st Bn: "Report situation and location."	
0215		7			Msg from CO 1st Bn: "It has not changed. We are moving very slowly." (This information phoned to Div G-3, also to S-3 143 Inf at 0220).	
0240		8			1st Bn captured 3 PWs vicinity 460576.	
0330		9			Maj Webster, 143 Inf, reports position of Co L at 473572.	
0430		10			1st Bn reports: We are almost to first town and have contact with enemy almost continuously. Reported to G-3 and 143 Inf. 143 Inf reports: Co E almost on HILL 704. Leading elements 1st Bn 473552. Scattered small arms resistance. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		10	(Cont'd)		3rd Bn 143 Inf Co L 473575, no resistance now. Co I 465579, some resistance, receiving fire from both flanks. Units moving very slowly, mostly because of darkness.	
0550		11			3 PWs from 1st Bn arrived at PW cage.	
	0610	12			G-3 given situation on 1st Bn.	
	0615	13			Maj Clyburn instructed to notify 3rd Bn and Arty that they would not move before 0800A.	
0615		14			143 Inf reports that they do not have troops on HILL 704, attacking it now and meeting stiff small arms resistance. Have a roadblock at 467563 and they have not contacted our troops.	
0635		15			Engrs report by-pass to tank trap at 461576 now complete.	
	0645	16			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP.	
	0650	17			Col Lynch ordered 1st Bn transportation officer to take 1st Bn transportation ahead to EAST MANDRAY.	
0700		18			Capt Curry, Engr O, arrived at CP.	
0710		19			Positions of 143 Inf: Co E on right and Co F on left attacking HILL 704. Roadblock 478563, line runs NW from this point. Co G in reserve. Co L 430577 to HILL 691. Co I HILL 740 at woodline. Co K moving toward Co L HILL 691. Co C 472559. Co A following Co C. Co B 471553.	
0715		20			Col Lynch returned. Mines are cleared to roadblock.	
0725		21			Div reports: 411 Inf, two Bns, attacking abreast this morning from COINCHE (1st and 2nd Bns). 3rd Bn just S of ENTRE DEUX EAUX (450593). 410 Inf 3rd Bn has crossed river at FRAPPELLE followed by 2nd Bn. This morning will attack E to 5366 (LUSSEY)	

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IN	OUT					
	0735	22			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Maj Glyburn to have 3rd Bn move forward stopping head of column behind rear elements of 1st Bn. Head of column not to pass ST LEONARD. Remainder of 132 FA to remain in position until further notified. Btry not to follow 3rd Bn.	
	0810	23			Col Lynch left for forward CP at 455576.	
	0815	24			CO HqCo notified to send I & R, MPs, and radio operators forward immediately.	
0820		25			Msg from 1st Bn: "LA CHIPAL clear. Moving on."	
0825		26			Msg from 1st Bn: "Fight beginning in LA CROIX. 40 PWs." (Div notified of above two messages)	
0850		27			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	0900	28			Gen Dahlquist phoned and notified Div G-3 that Col Lynch's orders were for 3rd Bn not to stop at ST LEONARD but to proceed on to LE CHIPA.	
0905		29			Capt Orchid, Div, called. Has arranged contact point with 411 Inf and 142 Inf at cross road at 500617. Situation of their 2nd Bn is at high ground one Km NE of COMBRINOUT. 1st Bn approaching RAVES in 4962 grid square. 3rd Bn enroute to BERTRIMONTIER.	
0907		30			Col Lynch returned.	
	0910	31			Col Lynch gave Recon officer orders to continue on original plan. Pass through 1st Bn and proceed to ST MARIE.	
	0920	32			132 FA notified to send Btry of FA on with 3rd Bn as planned.	
	0920	33			Gen Dahlquist left.	

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IN	OUT				
0925		34		Col Lynch ordered CP group and Hq Co to LA CHIPAL. Engrs and 1st Bn transportation to move to LA CHIPAL also. AT Co to precede 2nd Bn in order to establish roadblocks behind leading Bn, to move to MANDRAY, prepared for further movement to LA CROIX. AT Co and 2nd Bn on thirty minute alert.	
0925		35		Capt Sorenson, CO of tanks, stopped at CP. Armor now passing through MANDRAY on way to 1st Bn.	
	0930	36		Engrs notified to move.	
	0935	37		Capt Hunley notified Maj Clyburn at rear CP of Col Lynch's orders. Coll Co may move as far as ST LEONARD now. Cn Co to move behind 2nd Bn on order.	
	0945	38		MP Plat Ldr notified to take 2½ ton truck to LA CHIPAL to pick up estimate 40 PWs of 1st Bn.	
	0945	39		1st Bn Trans O notified to move transportation to LA CHIPAL.	
	0955	40		Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP.	
	1000	41		Msg to CO 1st Bn: "At 0900A 411 Inf crossing road at 494624 for objective 510626. Contact point coordinates 500617."	
1020		42		Radio Msg from 636 Recon Co states their Plat still behind tanks at LA CHIPAL. Hear fire there.	
1027		43		Radio Msg from 1st Bn, 502603. No contact 1025A. Division notified.	
1028		44		Radio Msg from 1st Bn: "Can you get medical vehicle and vehicle for 41 PWs now?" 1010A	
1030		45		Lt Col Reese, G-2, came to CP.	
1030		46		In O from tanks reports tanks moving again, from LA CHIPAL toward 1st Bn.	

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Place: CP COORD 455576

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Date: 24 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCOMES, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
1045		47			Lt Peters, MP Plat Ldr, returned from LA CHIPAL. Said a fire fight was going on in and around LA CHIPAL. Some Arty smoke shells landing nearby. Our armor now moving through town.	
1045		48			Positions of 141 Inf: 3rd Bn ANOULD. 2nd Bn 465548. 1st Bn assembled 445559, light opposition.	
1100		49			Radio Msg from Plat 636 Recon Co: "We are in the town of LA CHIPAL (486560) and have received Arty fire and sniper fire."	
1110		50			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Has just returned from LA CHIPAL. 143 Inf has been ordered to clear out sniper and mortar fire around LA CHIPAL.	
1110		51			Positions of 143 Inf: 2nd Bn center at 490570. 3rd Bn So I 478586, K 480573, L in LA CROIX. 1st Bn at LA CHIPAL.	
1125		52			Gen Hess came to Regt CP.	
1135		53			Capt Curry, CO Co B 111 Engrs, came to CP from LA CHIPAL. Mortar fire still going on. Recon vehicles still stopped before LA CHIPAL. Gen Dahlquist ordered Recon to move through LA CHIPAL or fight the fire.	
	1140	54			Gen Dahlquist left for 143 Inf CP.	
1145		55			Msg from CO 1st Bn: "Armor has arrived."	
	1150	56			Gen Hess left CP.	
	1155	57			Forward CP party left for new CP at EAST MANDRAY.	
	1200	58			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP.	
1230		59			Regt CP opened at 454576. Division notified.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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TIME		S R NO	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
1240		60			Msg from CO 1st Bn: "Sending patrols to contact 411 Inf. Sending patrol to coordinates 522603 and 518618."	
1300		61			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	1310	62			Col Lynch gave Maj Young, 3rd Bn, orders to move Bn at once to VERPELLIERE. If Recon finds no enemy be prepared to proceed by motor to ST MARIE. If enemy has been found Bn will dismount and proceed in advance guard formation. Armor encountered will follow until mines are encountered. Engrs will be sweeping roads behind infantry. Btry of Arty to go in position at BAN DE LAVELINE. Column to stop on road with head at present Regt CP to check in. Regt CP will move to VERPELLIERE or BAN DE LAVELINE.	
1315		63			Msg from 1st Bn: "3rd Bn CO on way to 142 CP. Send two ambulances to 1st Bn." 1250A	
1315		64			Msg from 1st Bn: "1st Bn 502608 (BAN DE LAVELINE). One Plat with tank ridge 502617. No troop (recon) at present." 1300A	
	1320	65			Regt Surg ordered to send two ambulances to 1st Bn at BAN DE LAVELINE.	
1340		66			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1345		67			CO 3rd Bn came to CP. Enemy MG fire still harassing road at LA CHIPAL.	
	1350	68			Gen Dahlquist left for 143 Inf CP.	
	1355	69			Msg to CO 1st Bn: "Continue movement on foot. Objective WISSENBACH."	
	1400	70			CO 3rd Bn was given orders to take Bn through to VERPELLIERE where they will remain mounted, prepared to move out toward ST MARIE (Cont'd)	

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			70	(Cont'd)	through 1st Bn; but 3rd Bn will have to wait on road now until enemy MGs are cleared from LA CHIPAL.	
	1350		71		Capt Hunley notified Maj Clyburn to give orders to AT, Plat of 636 Recon, 2nd Bn, and remainder of Arty to move in above order immediately. Cn-Co to remain in position but send Ln Officer to this Hq. 2nd Bn to move to LE CROIX.	
1400			72		Lt Col Reese, Div, reports that the 143 Inf captured a PW last night who had been sent to pick up two Arty pieces. Had come from ST MARIE to BAN DE LAVELINE. There is a roadblock vicinity 553606 manned by approximately 20 men. The physical roadblock can be passed as it is only designed to slow vehicles. There is another roadblock of this kind just W of WISEMBACH. Road from BON DE LAVELINE to WISEMBACH to ST MARIE evidently unmined up to night 23-24 Nov as tractors to haul guns had used this route.	
1505			73		Div Cml Warfare Officer phoned for permission to move 155 FA E of MANDRAY. Permission was not granted.	
1525			74		Div G-2 reports that according to PW statements there have been no combat units in ST MARIE AUX MINES. Troops there have all been Hq troops or Service units and the like.	
1550			75		Recon reports physical roadblock at 504616. Col Lynch ordered they return to BAN DE LAVELINE and try route through VELUPAIRE to GEMAINGOUTTE and then main road to ST MARIE.	
1555			76		Msg from Capt Terrell, Comm O, at LE CHIPEL: "MGs still firing. No Arty or mortars for thirty minutes. Do not advise move. Will notify when advisable." 1535A.	

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IN	OUT					
1610		77			Gen Dahlquist called from our 1st Bn CP. Wants 2nd Bn to come to BANS DE LAVELINE by road from ST LEONARD to SAULCY to COINCHEs to BANS DE LAVELINE. CO 1st Bn talked with CO 142 Inf. Bn now moving out to WISEMBACH. Situation now clearing at LA CHIPEL and 1st Bn transportation will be sent fwd.	
1615		78			Capt Terrell (at LA CHIPEL) reports: All resistance left here is snipers. Otherwise is safe to come. Same situation for last hour.	
1617		79			Maj Middleton, CO 2nd Bn, reported to CO 142 Inf. He was ordered to bring Bn to BANS DE LAVELINE by way of SAULCY, COINCHEs.	
1635		80			Capt Terrell reports that a tank attempting to pass through LE CHIPEL just now was again machine gunned and mortared.	
	1635	81			2nd Plat of 636 Ren told to follow 2nd Bn on route to BANS DE LAVELINE and to plan on stopping for night at VERPELIERE.	
	1650	82			Col Lynch ordered CP group to move to BANS DE LAVELINE by way of ST LEONARD, SAULCY, COINCHEs. To follow 2nd Bn.	
	1700	83			CP group moved out. Div notified.	
1810		84			Div G-3 reports main road from MANDRAY, SAULCY, ST MARGUERITE, RAVES to road junction 502616 to BAN DE LAVELINE open for traffic.	
1830		85			Gen Dahlquist phoned and notified Capt Hunley to get 3rd Bn and all traffic moving towards LA CROIX. 3rd Bn and AT Co will establish communications with 142 Inf Hq immediately upon closing in areas. Units notified.	
	1845	86			Gen Dahlquist notified that 1st Bn vehicles have cleared BAN DE LAVELINE and 3rd Bn will be moving in about 20 minutes.	

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IN	OUT					
1855		87			CO 1st Bn reports Bn plus Armor now in WISEMBACH as of 1830A. Civilians report 50 to 200 enemy left, this was before our troops arrived. However have three PWs. Road from BAN DE LAVELINE to WISEMBACH swept and clear. Now sweeping road NE from BAN DE LAVELINE to WISEMBACH. Will require heavy equipment to remove one roadblock.	
	1910	88			143 Inf notified of above and asked to pass information on to Gen Dahlquist.	
1915		89			Lt Scott, Engr Officer with 1st Bn, requests remainder of his platoon be sent to him at WISEMBACH.	
1925		90			Gen Dahlquist phoned and gave following orders: Have Col Lynch call him if possible, if he doesn't talk to Col Lynch the orders for tomorrow are to close up on ST MARIE with whole combat team and as early as possible tomorrow, on foot if necessary. The 155 FA is displacing to BAN DE LAVELINE tonight. The 132 FA should be in position by morning.	
1935		91			3rd Bn moving by rear CP to VERPELLIERE.	
1950		92			Col Lynch arrived at CP in BAN DE LAVELINE and phoned the rear CP. Was given latest situation by Capt Hunley.	
2020		93			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Bn has passed Regt rear CP enroute to VERPELLIERE. Tanks and TDs will follow 30 minutes behind AT Co.	
	2000	94			CO 142 Inf told Recon Co Ln 0 to have recon platoons ready to move at 0700A from VALUPAIRE.	
	2015	95			CO 142 Inf told Ln 0, Co B 111 Engr, to get Co to GEMAINGOUTTE. Engr Co now in BAN DE LAVELINE.	
	2020	96			Maj Rosenberg ordered to put Coll Co in LAYOGOUTE.	

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IN	OUT					
2025		97			S-3 1st Bn reports that PW says that bombs are on road in front of 1st Bn. Lt Scott of Engrs is working on it at present. CO 142 Inf said this must be taken care of tonight.	
2030		98			CO 3rd Bn reported to Col Lynch. 3rd Bn will lead attack tomorrow. ST MARIE is objective. 3rd Bn to move to WISSEMBACH under cover of darkness. Two Cos to flank, moving to NE from WISSEMBACH on trail. One Co to attack frontally along main road. Heavy weapons to be put into position to be able to reach ST MARIE, approximately on 56 grid line. Tanks should not lead column, but groups of 3 to 4 Inf should precede. Recon Co, leading, should uncover and enemy resistance. Trucks of 3rd Bn leave VERPELIERE at 0530A, with flank Co trucks leading. Wire communications to start out of 1st Bn switchboard at WISSEMBACH. Regtl CP will be there. Roadblock SW of ST MARIE must include Platoon of AT, Platoon of Inf, Sec of mortars, Sec of HMGs. Suggest Maj Young, 3rd Bn, take command of one of two groups as they will be operating virtually separately. CO 3rd said he would go with flanking force, Maj Young will be with frontal force. When 3rd Bn captures ST MARIE, another Bn, 2nd, will pass through to E. Check points: # 1 at head of trail 555635, # 2 at 570634, # 3 at 579624, # 4 at 581612, # 5 at 585606.	
2040		99			2nd Bn closed in at BAN DE LAVELINE.	
2040		100			Msg from Div: "All trucks of borrowed units will be released at BAN DE LAVELINE except ten trucks from 141 Inf. Parent units will pick up trucks at BAN DE LAVELINE.	
2110		101			Capt Hunley arrived at CP.	
	2115	102			CO 3rd Bn left CP. Believes 3rd Bn closed in.	

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TIME		S. R. TIME OR NO. DATED	MSG.	INGREDIENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	2120	103		CO 142 Inf gave instructions for Engrs to have a Plat ready to move from bivouac at GEMAINGOUTTE at 0700 in the morning. Cn Co to move to REPAS by ST MARGUERITE route, leaving at 1000A in the morning.	
2200		104		Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA, reports his CP and RDC at LAYOGOUTE. CO 142 Inf said Coll Co would have to move to VELUPAIRE.	
2245		105		Capt Strader, S-3 2nd Bn, reports combat patrol to 1st Bn left at 1900A.	
	2255	106		Col Lynch talked by phone to Gen Dahlquist and gave him situation and plan for tomorrow's action. Div plans to move CP here in the morning.	
2320		107		Lt Flick 2nd Bn reports combat patrol from Co G that left at 1930A contacted 1st Bn at WISEMBACH and returned at 2300A. No contact with enemy.	
2400		108		Capt Sorenson, 143 Inf, reported to CP to get the 143 Inf trucks.	
2400		109		Lt Col Snow, CO 155 FA, came to CP. His Bn going into positions vicinity of BONIPAIRE.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 166

FROM: 231200A Nov 1944
TO : 241200A Nov 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP Coord V-454576
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No organized line.
- b. Enemy units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: 1st Bn in advancing toward LE CHIPA took three PWs vicinity 461576 at 0200A, and three PWs vicinity 465563.
 - (2) Artillery: Scattered and light throughout period.
 - (3) Armor: None encountered.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 6 -- In France: 3538
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 223 Regt
2116 AA Bn

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn began motor movement from assembly area vicinity SARUPT at 1500A. After delay, Bn detrucked at MANDRAY at 2220A and passed through 143 Inf to the E. During the night Bn advanced to LA CHIPA with slight resistance and at noon reached BANS DE LAVELINE without contact. But during the morning enemy began interdicting road at LA CHIPA with MG and mortar fire, holding up vehicular traffic. 143 Inf was committed to clearing this out.
- b. 2nd Bn remained on alert status at JUSSARUPT prepared for motor movement to close behind 3rd Bn on call.
- c. 3rd Bn began motor movement on order at 0930A this morning from HERPLEMONT to close behind 1st Bn, prepared to pass through, but column was halted near MANDRAY until situation at LA CHIPA was cleared.
- d. Regt CP at coordinates V-454576.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Organization: 142 Inf

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Place: CP BANS DE LAVELINE

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Date: 25 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	S R TIME NO. DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0010		1		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, is checking to see how many 143 Inf trucks he has.	
0015		2		Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports they have no 143 Inf trucks.	
0025		3		Capt Quast, 132 FA, came to CP. Brought aerial photos for Maj Clyburn.	
0050		4		3rd Bn report that they have no 143 Inf trucks. Checked with Lt Fisher, 2nd Bn, to further check if he was mistaken.	
0110		5		Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports that they do have twelve 143 Inf trucks. Capt Sorenson of 143 Inf sent to 2nd Bn CP to pick up trucks.	
0345		6		Lt Lustman, Div Ln 0, brought Div Operations Instructions, dated 242330A Nov 44, to CP.	
0530		7		Col Lynch ordered a check be made on the removal of time bombs in vicinity of WISEMBACH.	
0530		8		3rd Bn reports they are moving.	
0535		9		Check made with Engrs and 1st Bn but no definite answer received.	
0615		10		Situation given to G-3.	
0620		11		Check made on removal of roadblock on road from BAN DE LAVELINE to WISEMBACH.	
0625		12		132 FA and 155 FA report they are in position.	
0650		13		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
0743		14		Lt Temple, 636 Recon Co, reports Flat contacted 1st Bn and continued on mission at 0700A.	
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IN	OUT				
0750		15		Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, states that Col Lynch wants word sent to Maj Hensley and to have 1st Bn combat shoes delivered to Bn immediately.	
	0800	16		Msg to S-4: "Get 1st Bn combat boots to them immediately." Cleared to Pvt Mines at 0810A.	
0810		17		Recon reports they are at 546614. No enemy contact.	
0845		18		Recon reports roadblock and considerable amount of small arms fire at 553606. Col Lynch notified.	
0910		19		TD Ln 0 reports 4 TDs with 1st Bn.	
	0915	20		Situation given to Div G-3.	
0930		21		Gen Dahlquist, Col Denholm, and Col Reese came to CP	
	0945	22		Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1000		23		Lt Col Stovall, Div Engrs, reports road is clear to 550617. No obstructions.	
1015		24		Regt CP moving to WISEMBACH. Opened at WISEMBACH (533623) at 1025A. Div notified.	
	1045	25		Col Lynch ordered S-4 to be notified to deliver 2nd Bn their combat boots immediately. Maj Hensley notified.	
1115		26		Gen Hess came to Regt CP.	
	1125	27		Col Lynch notified Maj Hensley to move Serv Co to 494638.	
1125		28		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	1135	29		Col Lynch gave the following orders to CO 1st Bn: Regt objective is extended to ST CROIX. 1st Bn to attack ST CROIX by flanking route to NE, starting on same trail as used by 3rd Bn, (Cont'd)	

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CP BANS-DE-LAVELINE
Date: 25 Nov 1944

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IN	OUT				
		29	(Cont'd)	then due E through village of LA BOUILLE to attack from NW. Take along jeep with rations. 2½ ton personnel carrying trucks to go as far as possible. Arty relay radios will follow in order to give support all the way. Take wire for communications. Armor will be left at WISEMBACH. After getting into ST CROIX make contact with one Co with 3rd Bn. Leave as soon as possible, after lunch.	
1145		30		Wireman returned from 3rd Bn. Had been hit by sniper fire. 3rd Bn radio heard a call for Arty on enemy roadblock at 550610.	
	1210	31		Col Lynch talked by phone to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn to be ready to move by infiltration to WISEMBACH about 1400A. Shelling in BAN DE LAVELINE thought to be 105 caliber and coming from NE.	
1250		32		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports enemy AT gun hit one of our tanks four times but did not knock it out. We are now putting mortar fire on dug in positions along slope of hill.	
1320		33		3rd Bn reports they are now in ST MARIE. Fighting in streets. Knocked out some vehicles and have ten PWs.	
	1340	34		Situation given to G-3.	
1345		35		Gen Brooks, CG VI Corp, came to CP. Left at 1400A.	
1405		36		143 Inf AT roadblock at 523603 took 2 PWs who state there are approximately 50 Germans on slope of hill at 5361. One Co of 2nd Bn ordered to clear off slopes. Regt I & R Flat to outpost S edge of WISEMBACH in case enemy withdraws toward town.	
1425		37		Lt Axelrod reports enemy has put five smoke shells, approximately at five minute intervals, 500 yds up slopes of hill vicinity 543623.	

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IN	OUT					
1430		38			CO 1st Bn reports leading elements at 570637 and detrucking. Cannot go any farther in trucks. The Engr Ln O with Plat of Engrs met approximately 20 Germans and officer. Both our men and enemy turned and departed.	
1500		39			2nd Bn reports Co G moving out on mission.	
	1515	40			Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.	
	1525	41			Situation given to G-3.	
1530		42			Arty Ln O reports now have phone and radio comm with Maj Young 3rd Bn. Adjusted each Btry by phone separately, then will fire mission.	
1540		43			Phone to white, 2nd Bn, in.	
1435		44			2nd Bn reports that Co G is now at QUEBRUX and movin on over hill. Has Co E alerted in case something develops.	
1640		45			CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch. 1st Bn now on edge of LE BOUILLE. Continuing move without contact.	
1640		46			Fighting still going on in ST MARIE. 3rd Bn has 55 PWs.	
1730		47			2nd Bn reports Co G moving vicinity 535605, no contact.	
1730		48			Intercepted radio message. Co L advancing on roadblock. Will report results. No opposition.	
1745		49			TD Ln O reports Engrs removing mines and roadblock and Co L proceeding to ST MARIE.	
1815		50			Co L reports roadblock clear.	
1817		51			3rd Bn reports Engrs clearing concertina wire from roadblock.	

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1820		52		Intercepted message from Co L to Maj Young 3rd Bn. States Co L on objective. Have 28 Pws.	
	1850	53		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, notified to report to Regt CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
1905		54		TD Engr Ln O reports they now have 4 TDs with 1st 2nd, and 3 with 3rd Bn.	
	1915	55		I & R Plat ordered to return to Co as Co G is moving on into WISEMBACH.	
1930		56		Recon elements of 141 Inf (4452) received MG fire from town. MG locations at 428483 and 429484. Co L has patrols to PLAINFAING.	
	1945	57		Operations instructions to 2nd Bn. Bn be prepared to move by trucks anytime after midnight through ST MARIE to ST CROIX. Will detruck at ST CROIX AND Proceed in advance guard formation to LIEPVRE. After clearing town will establish roadblocks vicinity 669634, 670638, and 662640. Trucks will return to ST MARIE and report to 3rd Bn CO.	
	2000	58		Capt Curry notified to personally check and remove roadblock and clear road to ST CROIX. Armored units notified to be prepared to move forward anytime after 2300A.	
2005		59		28 Pws from Co L arrived at PW cage.	
	2025	60		Situation given to G-3.	
2115		61		Capt Quast phoned and Arty Ln O in ST MARIE sent message to 3rd Bn Hq stating patrols to west contacted enemy at 585607. Warn Co L of this enemy.	
	2120	62		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, instructed to send Co G back to HILL 847 S of WISEMBACH to form line of defense for security of road to ST MARIE. Co will remain in position even after remainder of Bn receives orders to move.	

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IN	OUT					
2225		63			Arty reports 3rd Bn In Officer with Co L physically contacted Arty FO with Co K in ST MARIE.	
	2230	64			Situation given Div G-3.	
	2235	65			Situation given Div G-2.	
2240		66			Lt Powers reports road from WISEMBACH to ST MARIE clear.	
2320		67			3rd Bn reported in by phone. Still lots of Germans in town. Also equipment with one car with lights burning. Armor has closed in town also. Estimate now have 125 PWs and still picking them up. Div notified.	
2400		68			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports Co G in position on HILL 847 and digging in.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 167

FROM: 241200A Nov 1944
TO : 251200A Nov 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP WISEMBACH
25 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No organized line.
- b. Enemy units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Enemy activity generally disorganized.
 - (2) Artillery: Interdictory artillery fell on road between BAN DE LAVELINE and LE CHIPAL during period. At 1130A approximately 20 rounds enemy artillery fell in BAN DE LAVELINE.
 - (3) Armor: None encountered.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 47 -- In France: 3585
 - (2) Identifications: 34, 225 Regt 1st Co 16 Div. 2, Hq Btry 1 Bn 1316 Arty Regt 16 Div. 2, 1st (AT) Co 1316 TD Bn, 3, Alarm Co 223 Regt 16 Div, 2, Tod Org. 2, Alarm Co 223 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn had just reached its objective of BAN DE LAVELINE at opening of period without enemy contact in morning advance. During the afternoon enemy continued interdicting road at LE CHIPAL with MG and mortar fire preventing the follow-up of vehicular traffic and halting the 3rd Bn mounted on trucks near MANDRAY. At 1355A 1st Bn was ordered to WISEMBACH and gained that objective at 1830A where Bn remained until close of period. Another route to BAN DE LAVELINE by way of SAULCY and ST MARGUERITE was opened at dusk last night. 2nd Bn, using this route closed in BAN DE LAVELINE at 2040A where it remained in Regt reserve.
- b. 3rd Bn slipped by LE CHIPAL after dark and closed into assembly area at VERPELLIERE (500595) at 2115A. This morning at 0530A 3rd Bn moved by motors from VERPELLIERE, detrucking vicinity of WISEMBACH. Here Bn split into two forces, one of two Cos on flanking mission along high ground NE of WISEMBACH to attack ST MARIE from the NW; the second of one Co with armor to attack frontally on main road from WISEMBACH to ST MARIE. Frontal force contacted enemy on roadblock at 553607 at 0845A and by noon was still held up here. Flanking force was approaching ST MARIE without contact.

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Capt., 142d Inf.,

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

UNIT JOURNAL
FOR
26 NOVEMBER 1944

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JOURNAL

FROM: 260000A Nov 1944
TO: 262400A Nov 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: WISEMBACH
CP BANS DE LAVELINE
Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME	OUT	S. TIME M. DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENT, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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	0005	1		Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn, less Co C, to start moving at 0030A.	
	0010	2		Capt Hunley gave Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, orders to start 2nd Bn moving at 0030A. Move to ST MARIE and leave trucks in march column prepared for further movement.	
	0015	3		CP group notified to move at 0130.	
0030		4		Radio message through Arty radio from CO 1st Bn: Enemy roadblock 603633. Proceeding with mission. Capt Gabbert to Capt Brower (Arty In O) 0005A	
	0035	5		636 Recon Plat notified to move at 0200A to ST MARIE and to report to 3rd Bn CP upon arrival.	
0045		6		Seven trucks not being used by 2nd Bn to be left with Regt Hq Co at GEMAINGOUTTE. Lt Peters notified to guide these trucks into position.	
	0052	7		Regt AT Co notified to move from present positions to ST MARIE and report to 3rd Bn CP there, leaving at 0230A.	
	0055	8		S-4 notified to move to WISEMBACH in the morning.	
	0100	9		S-4 notified to get shoes to 3rd Bn tonight.	
	0125	10		G-2.36 Div notified of German planes over our area twice tonight.	
	0125	11		636 Recon Co notified to delay movement of Plat 45 minutes or to 0245. All units likewise notified.	
0130		12		2nd Bn has pulled phone and is on the way.	
0200		13		Regt CP began moving from WISEMBACH.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES
Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME	TYPE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0315		14			Regt CP opened in ST MARIE AUX MINES. Div notified.	
	0350	15			Col Lynch issued orders for Hq Co to move at 0600A and Co B lll Engrs at 0800A.	
0435		16			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, arrived at CP and was given the following: At 0800A the 2nd Bn moves out in trucks with armor, also the 1st Bn armor. Move to ST CROIX and detruck there.	
0450		17			CO AT Co was given the following orders: To attach one Plat to 3rd Bn, the rest of the Co to stand by for further orders.	
	0500	18			Capt Hunley called 3rd Bn. To attach 4 mine sweepers to the 2nd Bn by 0800A. Also inform ^{ed} him that one Plat of the AT Co is going to be attached to them.	
	0500	19			Capt Hunley gave instructions to the TD and tanks Ln Os to get the 1st Bn armor to the 2nd Bn CP by 0800A.	
0530		20			Engrs with 3rd Bn cannot be located. (Reported by Lt Morehead).	
	0530	21			Msg sent to Capt Curry, Engrs, to have four mine sweeper crews with 2nd Bn when it moves out at 0800A	
	0615	22			Capt Terrell gave situation to Div G-3 Capt Orcutt.	
	0630	23			Col Lynch issued orders that the 2nd Bn send out a combat patrol in advance on the route that they are suppose to go on, to make contact with the forward elements.	
0635		24			Div reports that he has "X" Btry at 584606.	
	0650	25			Capt Terrell phoned 3rd Bn, asked if they had any patrols out to SE CROIX. Lt Jones reports that no patrols were sent toward ST CROIX.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES
Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		R NO	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TA:
IN	OUT					
0745		26			Msg received from 1st Bn: In contact with enemy in the outskirts of town. Leading elements at 615625. Time signed 0740A.	
0800		27			3rd Bn reports that Co I roadblock at 602604 is receiving small arms fire from 600603. Don't know the strength as yet.	
0800		28			2nd Bn left ST MARIE on foot for ST CROIX.	
0800		29			Message received from Co E. We have contacted enemy. Time signed 0810. There is a roadblock 200 yds east of the town.	
0840		30			Msg from CO 2nd Bn: 556562 roadblock, need Engrs. No enemy.	
0855		31			CO 3rd Bn called. Co L has reached objective ECHERY. Have 9 PWs. Road is mined. Civilian reported enemy withdrew to LA MON HOMME. Estimates 200 there.	
0905		32			Msg via Arty radio from 1st Bn: Elements on objective. Having to clean out house by house.	
	0905	33			Col Lynch talked by phone to Lt Col Denholm, G-3, requesting another Bn of the Div to cover the S flank of road to ST MARIE. Previous message requesting the same had been interpreted to mean that Col Lynch wanted to put one Bn of 142 Inf on this mission. G-3 did not indicate that additional forces would arrive before afternoon.	
0925		34			Roadblock reported cleared of obstructions. Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reported this.	
0930		35			Msg from CO 2nd Bn: Co F at 613623 in contact with enemy. Strength unknown. Capt Strader says this report is erroneous.	
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Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES

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Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	OUT			SECRET	
0930		36		S-4 reported to Col Lynch. Was ordered to move S-4 installations to ST MARIE. Six of the trucks that are now here in ST MARIE to be taken to WISEMBACH to move Co G forward.	
0945		37		3rd Bn reports that Co L roadblock at ECHERY is now being relieved by 143 Inf. Plat of Inf and Plat of AT guns	
0950		38		2nd Bn reports Co E in contact on western edge of ST BLAISE. Engrs have not found any mines as yet.	
	0955	39		Msg to CO 1st Bn: 2nd Bn in contact with enemy coordinates 613623.	
	1000	40		Situation given to G-3.	
	1005	41		Col Lynch talked by phone to Lt Col Denholm, G-3. Our Co G will be relieved of its mission near WISEMBACH. Col Lynch told G-3 that he was not ready for Arty to move to ST MARIE yet as there was no place to displace until ST CROIX was cleared. Possibly within two hours.	
1030		42		Lt Col Reese, G-2, came to CP.	
1045		43		Arty Ln O with 1st Bn reports enemy infantry moving to ST CROIX vicinity 640630. Putting Arty on them.	
1045		44		Officer from 143 Inf reported to Col Lynch for arrangement of relief of Co G 142 Inf.	
1045		45		Civilian came to CP who said he believed Germans had planted dynamite on's treet corner opposite CP in ST MARIE. Engr officer given mission of investigating it.	
1105		46		Capt Wren, G-2 office, reports 103 Div sighted a large column of motorized and horse-drawn vehicles moving E out of VILLE (6771) yesterday afternoon. These were fired on by long tom artillery.	

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Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		S. TIME NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA.
IN	OUT					
	1115	47			Col Lynch left to check armor situation.	
1120		48			2nd Bn reports that Co E now in contact with Co B. TDs fired on houses that Germans held. Will keep moving on in through town.	
1125		49			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP in ST MARIE.	
1125		50			2nd Bn reports Co E in contact with Co B.	
	1135	51			Gen Dahlquist left CP to go forward to meet Col Lynch.	
1120		52			Msg from CO 1st Bn. Co B position 619624, one Plat of Co A 614623. Still house to house fighting.	
1150		53			Col Lynch and Gen Dahlquist returned to Regt CP.	
1200		54			Msg from CO 1st Bn: Co C coord 622628 receiving attack from left rear of about Co strength.	
	1205	55			Col Lynch ordered Co G to pull out of position on HILL 847 vicinity WISEMBACH and enroute and proceed to ST CROIX to rejoin Bn immediately. Do not wait on 143 Inf to make relief. CO of Co G notified.	
	1215	56			Situation given to G-3.	
1210		57			Msg from CO 1st Bn: All three Cos fighting in town 57 PWS. Think gasBn located at CORBCET.	
1235		58			1st Bn reports town almost clear except E ss /section. Have contact with 2nd Bn. Enemy on HILL at 622628. PW reports indicate that they have been fighting a Bn. Arty just shot up a column of infantry approaching town from SE (estimate two platoons). Two of our tanks in town.	
1245		59			Msg from CO 1st Bn: Have contact with 2nd Bn. Town almost cleared except E side and N side. Enemy on HILL at 622622.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 262400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES

MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR REC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
	1300	60			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1310	61			Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn and gave him further instructions for clearing of ST CROIX.	
	1310	62			Col Lynch ordered CO Co G to move Co by truck on to ST MARIE. Pull off of road and remain on trucks prepared for movement to ST CROIX. Send an officer to this Hq as Ln so word can be given you when road is clear.	
1240		63			3rd Bn reports Co I patrol left FERTRUPT, went E on road and then nearly to top of hill at 607607, saw 20 to 25 Germans milling around, fired on them and Germans withdrew. Came back to report information. Co I patrol left FERTRUPT, went S to houses 601598, observed no enemy.	
1310		64			CO 1st Bn reports a roadblock defended by approximately 20 men located in E side of LE CROIX. Was given instructions on use of Engrs for removal. Enemy tank reported at roadblock.	
	1325	65			Col Lynch gave Maj Baker, Air Ln O, instructions on some air missions E up pass to SELESTAT.	
1330		66			Gen Dahlquist returned to CP.	
	1335	67			Gen Dahlquist left to go forward to try to get to 1st Bn and 2nd Bn.	
	1350	68			Col Lynch phoned 2nd Bn and ordered Bn to move by foot less armor to NE, E by route 611627, 616635, 6364, 6464, 650643, to LIEPVRE. Co G less one Plat will march from ST MARIE to join on tail of 2nd Bn. One Plat will report to ST BLAISE to ride armor and protect supply route which is main road to LIEPVRE.	
1400		69			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	

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TO: 262400A Nov 1944
MAP: FRANCE, L;50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES
Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME	CUT	SER NO	TIME OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
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1415		70		Col Lynch gave CO Co G orders as discussed with Maj Middleton at 1350A. Co G to join onto tail of 2nd Bn marching N of ST CROIX to attack LIEPVRE. One Plat of Co G to be dropped off at ST BLAISE to act as guard for armor and will move with armor up main road to LIEPVRE when road is clear.	
1418		71		Gen Dahlquist directed that service troops within town be warned to carry arms and be prepared to defend town in case of enemy infiltration.	
1418		72		A Bn 143 Inf is relieving our 3rd Bn roadblocks.	
1435		73		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1440		74		Arty Ln 0 reports firing on enemy tank on E side of ST CROIX.	
1450		75		Situation given G-3.	
1455		76		Col Adams, CO 143 Inf, came to CP.	
1505		77		FO with 1st Bn reports Arty has demolished enemy tank.	
1515		78		CO 1st Bn reports there is still an enemy tank firing from E of town.	
1540		79		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1545		80		Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1610		81		Gen Dahlquist left CP for Div.	
1615		82		Gen Hess came to CP.	
1620		83		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn CP.	
1700		84		Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1700		85		3rd Bn reports Co I relieved by M 5 Inf.	

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES
Date: 26 Nov 1944

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TIME		S. R. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
1730		86			AT Plat attached to Co I is released and will return to AT Co.	
1800		87			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports he now has tank dozer and will take platoon of Co G and armor E on main road when it is clear. Maj Middleton had cleared first ridge about thirty minutes ago.	
1810		88			Col Lynch talked to Lt Col Green. Arty will harass road junction vicinity MUSLOCH tonight in order to catch the enemy if he attempts to withdraw or bring in reinforcements.	
1830		89			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Maj Middleton just reported his position at about 618633. Going has been slow and rough through heavy brush. Col Lynch told Capt Strader to have Maj Middleton check in with him when he next comes in. 2nd Bn will keep moving in moonlight until midnight at least.	
	1840	90			Col Lynch phoned CO 3rd Bn and gave him orders for tomorrow. Bn to begin moving at 0800A with armored detachments and Engr dozer following foot troops. Bn will take organic transportation. Route: follow ST MARIE - FERTRUPT road to 625587, then turn left and proceed NE to REV DES REPTILES 65 0594, E to main trail at 660605. Dozer to work on trail to this point to prepare it for trucks and tracked vehicles. Bn then to continue E to objective 1 (KOENIGSBOURG CHATEAU V-705610). Then NE to 728620 where Bn will split sending one Co of infantry and armor E to KINTZHEIM, then N to CHATENOIS. Remainder of Bn to continue NE from 728620 to 739636 and attack E to CHATENOIS. After CHATENOIS is cleared block roads to E and SE. 2½ ton trucks return to Serv Co in ST MARIE.	
	1910	91			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, given instructions to continue till moon sets and then stop and get prepared for continuing attack tomorrow, jumping off at dawn. After road N to FOUCHY blocked will send (Cont'd)	

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Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES
Date: 26 Nov 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TIP OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
OUT						
		91	(Cont'd)		a platoon of Rcn to reconnoiter road to FOUCHY to contact 103 Div. Maj Middleton now at 637643.	
1915		92			Capt Hunley checked with G-3 to see if a cub would be up over area between ST CROIX and LIEPVRE. G 3 stated yes there would be one up.	
1930		93			Lt Powers, Engr Ln O, instructed to notify Capt Curry, Engrs, to have a platoon of Engrs and dozer alerted to report to 3rd Bn CP at 0800A.	
1945		94			Col Lynch ordered platoon of 636 Rcn to recon road from 616625 W to 601632, then N to NE to 610647, then NE to 623660. Recon to be made with four jeeps.	
2105		95			Lt Col Reese, G-2, called. He has a trail map which he is sending to us tonight. Also a forrester of this area, if he proves to be reliable, will be sent here as a guide.	
2115		96			Lt Col Felber, CO 753 Tk Bn, came to CP to get situation and plan for tomorrow.	
2140		97			Capt Strader reports Maj Middleton had phoned and reported Co E contacted enemy on W slopes of HILL 531 at about 643640. Strength unknown. Div G-3 notified.	
2145		98			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Correction on last coordinates of 2nd Bn 623643, but radio message is not entirely clear.	
2230		99			Capt Strader, 2ndBn, alled. Last coordinates of 2nd Bn verified as 623643. Div notified.	
2230		100			Lt Edmundson, S-2 3rd Bn, called. Patrol report of Co I, Recon patrol. Left at 1500A from FERDRUPT, moved E into woods and on uptop of hill 605605, then SE down slope to point 609601, then skirted N along edge of woods to 610607, then (Cont'd)	

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TO: 262400A Nov 1944

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
		100	(Cont'd)		back W over top of hill. Saw no enemy or evidence of enemy activity. Returned 1800A. Div notified.	
2230		101			Lt Col Denholm, G-3, stated that 143 task force had run into a roadblock on the 60 northing. They cleared this of enemy, then encountered a second physical block about 500 yds farther. Patrols out on either side did not contact more enemy. Engrs are clearing obstruction of first enemy block.	
2325		102			1st Bn reports was still getting MG and some mortar fire. Bn is up as far as church. Engrs working on clearing of enemy roadblock. Pressure being maintained on enemy. G-3 notified.	
2330		103			3rd Bn requests 12 1/25,000 maps, sheets SELESTAT 5 and 6.	
2330		104			Sgt of 636 Recon returned from recon mission. At point 603608 there is a tree a cross road which is an obstacle for tank traffic, but jeeps can now go under. 50 yds farther heard small arms fire nearby and did not go farther. Is now returning to attempt to complete mission.	
2340		105			G-2 called. Civilian coming from COLMAR by way of BERGHEIM, ST HIPPOLYTE, OESCHWILLE to LIEPVRE, only encountered scattered groups of 2 or 3 Germans asking nearest way to the RHINE. Unmanned enemy roadblocks at 657636 and 667634.	
2350		106			1st Bn reports enemy roadblock now cleared by Engrs. However, are expecting to come up against another. Div notified.	
2355		107			Lt Justman, Div Ln O, brought in Operations Instructions, Hq 36 Div, dated 262200A Nov. 142 Inf with present attachments continues on present mission.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 168

FROM: 251200A Nov. 1944
TO : 261200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
GP ST MARIE AUX MINES
26 Nov 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No organized lines.
- b. Enemy units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Enemy activity generally disorganized.
 - (2) Artillery: None reported in Regt sector.
 - (3) Infantry: Enemy roadblock vicinity 573606 reduced at 1820A, 28 PWS captured. Also enemy in town of ST MARIE taken by surprise resulted in heavy street fighting, town being cleared at 1900. 140 PWS captured.
 - (4) Armor: None encountered.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWS during period: 178 -- In France: 3763
 - (2) Identifications: 19 Co 2221 Gren Regt. 1316 Repl Bn. 3d Bn 1316 Arty Bn. 16 Div Hq Co. 1316 Adm Co. 758 Engr Bn. 1039 Engr Bn.
New Identifications: 1523 Arty Bn (Russian)

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn moved out from WISEMBACH at 1300A to attack ST CROIX from the NW, using trail along high ground N of main road for route of advance. At 0005A this morning 1st Bn reported first contact with enemy on roadblock at 603633. Bn proceeded with mission, fighting from house to house in ST CROIX until town was cleared around noon.
- b. 2nd Bn (less Co G), in reserve, moved by motors from BAN DE LAVELINE to WISEMBACH beginning at 1400A. Co G marched E from BAN DE LAVELINE to clear ridge line S of main road to WISEMBACH without contacting enemy. At 2400A Co G was ordered into position on HILL 641 as flank protection S of WISEMBACH - ST MARIE road, being relieved by elements 143 Inf at noon today. 2nd Bn (less Co G) moved by motors at 0030A from WISEMBACH to ST MARIE where they detrucked, and at 0800A, moved out along main road to ST CROIX. Enemy was first contacted just E of ST MARIE and a roadblock at 553607 was cleared while enemy fell back until 2nd Bn established contact with 1st Bn in ST CROIX at 1130A. A small group of enemy still harassed road from ST MARIE near ST CROIX at noon.
- c. 3rd Bn was advancing on ST MARIE with two forces at opening of period. A flanking force of two Cos entered ST MARIE from the NW at 1350A, catching the enemy by surprise. Town was cleared before dark. Some 140 PWS were taken as sporadic resistance was offered. Second force of Co L with armor,

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advancing along main road encountered strongly entrenched enemy road block near crest of height at 573606. Block was finally reduced at 1820A, Co L taking 28 PWs. Heavy obstructions on road were cleared by Engrs at 2240A opening the road from WISEMBACH to ST MARIE. 3rd Bn established roadblock S, E and W of ST MARIE. Block at ECHERY (W of ST MARIE) was relieved by elements of 143 Inf at 0945A.

- d. Weather: Rain during afternoon and night, snow on high ground, cloudy only this morning.

JOHN B. HUNLEY
Capt, 142d Inf.
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FROM: 270000A Nov 1944

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TO : 272400A Nov 1944

Place: CP ST MARIE AUX MINES

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Date: 27 Nov 1944

TIME		SLR NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA.
IN	OUT					
0010		1			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Maj Middleton reports 2nd Bn at 623643. Captured 8 PWs there, believed to be an enemy OP. Is feeling out this ground. May stop here for night. Had met enemy machine gun fire before taking prisoners.	
0045		2			1st Bn reports that as far as they can tell now there is not another roadblock in ST CROIX. Division notified.	
0330		3			Maj Lynch, 143 Inf, reports task force held up by roadblock at 617597. Engrs on way to clear it. Patrols to front have contacted no enemy.	
0330		4			Lt Osborne, 1st Bn, reports everything quiet to front.	
	0350	5			Col Lynch ordered 1st Bn to send patrol out to front to determine enemy situation.	
0340		6			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports that he has had no contact with Bn since last report.	
	0520	7			Situation given G-2.	
0525		8			636 Recon Officer states he had been unable to find trails for jeeps that connected with valley to N-NE.	
0530		9			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports he had stopped for for the night except for patrolling to front. Still enemy there but patrols cannot determine strength. Will move just before daylight.	
0535		10			143 Inf reports their tank force at 0445A reported themselves 300 yds short of objective, about at 626587. Had three casualties from mines.	
0550		11			Capt Selkirk reports patrol to front just returned and machine gun that gave Bn trouble yesterday was still in same position.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
	0600	12			Col Lynch phoned Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, about patrol and roadblock situation, also about 1st Bn plans for today. Ordered another patrol be sent out to right of roadblock and then for it to come in behind block. If only scattered resistance will send 2nd Bn on to objective, however, if enemy is still there in force will divert 2nd Bn and send them south to main road to come in on roadblock from the rear.	
	0605	13			Situation given to G-3.	
	0620	14			Col Lynch ordered Serv Co and 3rd Bn be notified that they are not alerted for an 0800A movement but be prepared on a one hour alert. 3rd Bn notified. S-4 notified.	
0625		15			143 Inf phoned and task force is at 623587 less armor which is 1000 yds behind. No contact with enemy. Have had four casualties from mines.	
0730		16			143 Inf reports Co A and armor have not advanced any farther. Road is clear to 623587 and open to traffic. Have had two more casualties from mines.	
0815		17			Gen Dahlquist and Lt Col Denholm came to CP.	
0825		18			Maj Hensley reports that all three Bns got supplies last night.	
	0830	19			Plat of 636 Recon ordered to bring 2 or 4 jeeps and park them here by Regt CP and for CO to report at CP for instructions.	
	0830	20			Col Lynch ordered CO 1st Bn to send Co A N around roadblock and flank it. Movement not to be shallow but to be well around block. B & C Cos to continue attack on roadblock frontally. Co A to clear machine gun from hill to N of block.	

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0850		21			Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.	
0850		22			G-2 reports a PW states there are approximately 20 roadblocks between ST CROIX and SELESTAT.	
	0855	23			Orders and instructions given to 656 Recon for reconnoitering route given to 3rd Bn at 261840A. Reports made on radio regularly. Radio will be left vicinity Regt CP to make reports to this Hq immediately.	
	0910	24			Col Lynch gave CO 3rd Bn orders to start moving at 1010A on route as planned. Recon platoon reconnoitering road now. S-4 notified for trucks.	
0950		25			Recon Plat reports a roadblock and fire fight at 611 617597.	
	0955	26			3rd Bn notified to hold up on mounting trucks.	
1005		27			143 Inf reports that as men were working on roadblock at 619591 they drew machine gun fire from N and E.	
	1015	28			Col Lynch phoned Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, and ordered him to move out for planned objective. Believe 1st Bn will clear ST CROIX.	
	1020	29			1st Bn notified that we will have planes fly east down valley from ST MARIE sometime this morning. Planes will do no firing. Co B being shelled and is stopped as several riflemen are also behind MG.	
	1025	30			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and gave him the situation and plans for Bns.	
1030		31			Air OP reports enemy gun position at 675620. Directing Arty on it now.	

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1045		32			Recon reports fire fight still on in vicinity 67587. Also a roadblock is reported approximately 500 yds S of this one. Fire coming from 625589.	
1100		33			Capt Quast, 132 FA, called. Air OP is directing fire on one gun Btry at 685634. Also firing on enemy infantry NE of ST CROIX coord 628629.	
	1140	34			3rd Bn notified to feed noon meal.	
	1140	35			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1210		36			Arty Ln O reports that Arty firing on enemy personnel at 647673 and 637658.	
1235		37			Capt Darden, 132 FA, called. 1st Bn Ln O directing Arty fire on MGs and personnel at 622629. 2nd Bn Ln O directing Arty on personnel at 643663.	
1300		38			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1320		39			Msg from CO 1st Bn: Send MPs for 17 PWs.	
	1230	40			Col Lynch announced changes in orders as given to 2nd and 3rd Bns: 2nd Bn to change direction of attack, leaving Co G on ridge vicinity 635643. Cos E and F to swing S to road vicinity 639632 and 633631, and then attack W, leaving force to secure MUSLOCH. 3rd Bn to move out by trucks to vicinity 616605, detruck and move E along woods then to objective at 670635.	
1350		41			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1400		42			Col Adams, CO 143 Inf, came to CP. Left at 1415A.	
1430		43			2nd Bn received shelling of ten rounds of medium artillery from 160° azimuth.	

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1450		44		Capt Darden, Arty Ln O, 2nd Bn, reports enemy Inf were dug in on SE slopes of HILL 597 and milling around 636646. Enemy infantry moving SW from V-647672. Arty fired on both groups.	
1459		45		Co F starting down to hit between STIMBACH and MUSLOCH. Co E to follow.	
1501		46		3rd Bn at 623603 at 1450A. Heard over radio.	
	1505	47		1st Bn notified of above. 1st Bn knocked two enemy mortars out above town. Co A has knocked out the enemy from their positions and is now attacking them.	
1510		48		1st Bn 81-mm mortar ammo now down to 300 rounds. Col Lynch ordered S-4 to get 1st Bn 300 more rounds.	
1512		49		Ln O from 411 Inf stated 411 has a Bn at road junction ST MARTIN, BRIENBACH and 6776.	
1525		50		Capt Selkir, 1st Bn, reported that two enemy tanks had been knocked out, one by Arty, the second by new 75-mm tank. Not two enemy mortars as previously reported. Co B has a squad at railroad station, took four PWs.	
	1535	51		Gen Dohlquist left CP.	
1540		52		Capt Quast, Arty FDC, called. 2nd Bn FO is adjusting on target at 638634. 50 vehicles, 100 personnel, possibly some Arty.	
	1541	53		Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA, called Arty and told them to shoot every available Arty piece on that target. 133 FA has a Btry turned to fire this way also.	
	1545	54		1st Bn notified of above. Col Lynch told Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, to have 1st Bn put on pressure now as this looks like enemy is beginning to withdraw.	

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IN	OUT				
	1550	55		S-4 notified to get 300 more rounds of 81-mm ammunition to 1st Bn.	
	1550	56		Lt Col Green told Arty to give FO in cub plane mission of watching action of Arty on target in front of 2nd Bn.	
1615		57		Lt Col Felber came to CP. Tank Officer.	
1615		58		CO 1st Bn called. 1st Bn pushing enemy out of town.	
1615		59		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, called. Co K contacted patrol 640609 about 30 minutes ago. Ran them off. Bn has passed that point now.	
1635		60		Positions of 2nd Bn from Capt Strader: G 638642. E 639638 still moving. F 629638.	
1635		61		CO AT Co asked if anyone was coming to relieve him. Was told to wait.	
	1640	62		Col Lynch ordered Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to move 2nd Bn S to road as fast as possible as 1st Bn is pushing enemy out of town now.	
1650		63		PWs from 2nd Bn say they are from 570 Inf. Both were on patrol to make contact when captured. One PW says they are part of a Bn of three 120-mm Cos located the center of ROMBACH. Col Lynch called the information to Gen Dahlquist.	
1655		64		CO 1st Bn called. Believes Germans are leaving. Troops moving along well. Enemy three 20 to 30 smoke rounds into town. Co B at approximately 628627.	
1700		65		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports Bn at 640610, captured 1 PW. No resistance.	
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1705		66			Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf, reports his AT Co unable to find our AT outposts but will put men in position and patrol to contact our men.	
	1710	67			Capt Hunley checked 143 Inf on relief of our AT Co. Col Lynch ordered our AT Co to send a representative to 143 CP to clear situation. Capt Scott notified.	
1710		68			Maj Elligood reports Arty Ln O with 3rd Bn reported Bn now at 649614.	
1715		69			Maj Elligood states Arty lifted in front of 2nd Bn by Arty Ln O with Bn.	
1730		70			CO 3rd Bn reports that Co K to NE to point 634620 and patrol to main road. Co L E to vic 641618.	
1743		71			1st Bn called. Co A at 629631. Not meeting the resistance they were. Moving along. Total PWs now 29.	
1745		72			CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf reported to Col Lynch. His Bn to be attached to 142 Inf in the morning, pending a collapse of enemy resistance around LIEPVRE. Col Lynch gave him instructions for movement motorized up valley to CHATENOIS.	
1755		73			Co C reports enemy at bottom of hill at 628626.	
1813		74			AT Co blocks are both relieved. Capt Scott notified.	
1820		75			Maj Baker, Div Air Support Ln O; reported to CO.	
1900		76			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, phoned and Cos E and F are on their objectives. Col Lynch gave him the orders for tonight. Bn to continue till midnight then prepare to jump off at 0800A tomorrow morning.	
	1905	77			Col Lynch gave above information to Gen Dahlquist. 3rd Bn to continue till 2100A.	

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1910		78			1st Bn reports Co A 100 yds from road. Co B on 63 northing, and Co C to left of Co B. All in contact with each other. For tonight Co A will have a platoon and two squads on N side of town, Co B S of town and Co C E of town.	
	1915	79			Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn and wants majority of men to rest tonight. Have outposts strongly set up however. All efforts will be made to make contact with Co F.	
	1935	80			Col Lynch ordered detail from Engrs to report to Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, for sweeping road. Will be furnished protection. (Dozer and mine sweeping detail).	
	1940	81			Col Lynch ordered Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, to start armor and Plat of infantry (4 TDS and 5 tanks) down road to meet 2nd Bn. When contact is made report to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, for instructions. CO 1st Bn reports ST CROIX clear.	
1945		82			2nd Bn has all 5 Tanks and 3 TDs as one TD was disabled tonight by Arty fire.	
	1950	83			Capt Strader notified to send two squads of infantry on with Engrs and other squad to accompany the armor. Engrs to leave immediately.	
	2030	84			636 Recon notified to be prepared to reconnoiter road down valley from LEIPVRE to CHATENOIS tomorrow. Probably will not be before noon.	
2050		85			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, states that he does not have all armor together yet. Co E has comm with Co F. Maj Middleton is with Co E and Capt Strader is attempting to make contact with him by radio.	
	2100	86			Situation given to G-3. Maj Newell.	
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2105		87			Col Lynch notified CO Hq Co that CP group would begin infiltrating forward in an hour or two. 15 rounds of Arty fell in town approx $\frac{1}{2}$ hour ago.	
2115		88			2nd Bn reports Co E mopping up area around MUSLOCH and Co F in STEMLOCH trying to contact Co C by patrols. Having trouble with roadblock vicinity MUSLOCH.	
2130		89			2nd Bn reports Co E clearing houses vicinity MUSLOCH and then will continue E. Road is swept from ST CROIX to MUSLOCH.	
2140		90			Situation given to G-2.	
2150		91			1st Bn phoned stated Co C contacted Co F at 628628. Arty falling again in ST CROIX. Div ntfd.	
2155		92			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called and has 2 TDs and 4 tanks. Wanted permission to go ahead. Col Lynch said continue on and we would round up remainder.	
2200		93			CO 1st Bn reports from an OP above ST CROIX you can observe the RHINE RIVER and GERMANY.	
2230		94			Div G-3 phoned and wants an outline of tomorrow's plans and report of situation and locations phoned in to them at 0600A tomorrow.	
2245		95			Col Lynch gave CO 3rd Bn orders to bed down for night at present position 650614 and jump off at 0800 tomorrow and to attack LEIPVRE with two Cos abreast from SE. Right flank Co will be at RJ E of town. Bn can fire Arty E of town and up to N-S road. If 2nd Bn does not get to attack town your Bn will continue on to take entire town. In an event Comm fail you will continue from town after it is clear, SE to attack the KOENIGSBURG CHATEAU	

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	2300	96			<p>SECRET</p> <p>Eol Lynch gave Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, orders for tomorrow. Co G to remain on hill to protect left flank and rear for Bn from enemy that come from N. Co E to move down ridge line and envelop town from N. Co F to move down road across ridge to attack town from NW. 2nd Bn clear W half and 3rd Bn E half. Bn armor to where it is, and move up at dawn. Bn now has approximately PWs. 22 PWs were taken at MUS. Enemy seems to be coming over hill from rear. Co F in small groups. Bn continue until 0100 and start again at 0800A.</p>	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 169

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: Not definite.
- b. Enemy units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Patrols from Co I to 605605, 609601, and 610607 left at 1500A and returned at 2200A. Saw no enemy. Enemy roadblock on E edge of ST CROIX removed by Engs at 2350A.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy stubbornly resisted our operations in ST CROIX.
 - (3) Artillery: Town of ST CROIX shelled by mortars and Arty of light caliber throughout period.
 - (4) Armor: One enemy tank destroyed by Arty vicinity ST CROIX at 1505A.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 87 -- In France: 3850
 - (2) Identifications: 3d Co G-V Regt.
4th Co G-V Regt.
221 Regt
1316 Arty
Tood Organization (Russians)

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn continued street fighting in town of ST CROIX.
- b. 2nd Bn reassembled at W edge of ST CROIX and moved N-NE at 1430A. Reached top of HILL 463 at 2400A where they organized positions and prepared for movement at dawn to LIEPVRE. Orders changed at 0530A and Bn remained on HILL 463 prepared to assist 1st Bn in ST CROIX. Captured 8 PWs.
- c. 3rd Bn assembled in ST MARIE after being relieved by elements of 143 Inf prepared to attack E at 0800A to objective vic ~~70614~~. Due to slow progress of 143 Inf Task Force moving SE from ST MARIE 3rd Bn remained in town on one hour notice alert.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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0015		1			Regt CP moved from ST MARIE to ST CROIX.	
0030		2			Regt CP opened at ST CROIX 616624. Div notified.	
	0045	3			Capt McSwain gave Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, locations and plans of adjacent units.	
0100		4			Capt Terrell reports: Two lines to 1st Bn, one line to 3rd Bn, and 3 lines to 2nd Bn. All OK.	
0225		5			S-4 called. 2nd Bn supposed with exception of Co G. Working on them now.	
0300		6			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Co F at 645638, Co E has one Plat at 637633, one Plat at 639632. Rest of Co is still in MUSLOCH. Co G still moving.	
0330		7			Lt Wadleigh, Interrogator, reports that the PW captured by 2nd Bn were: 40 from G-5, all four Cos, MUSLOCH; 22 1st Co 470 Inf.	
0510		8			S-4 called. Supplies are through completely to 1st and 2nd Bns.	
	0515	9			G-2 given situation.	
	0600	10			Situation, locations, and plans for today given to G-2 and G-3.	
0635		11			143 Inf reports Co A on HILL 835 in small arms fight. Co C to relieve Co A today.	
0715		12			3rd Bn pulled phones and began moving.	
0730		13			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports all Cos got to position ready to move this morning at 0345. No resistance after moving out of MUSLOCH. Co G at 641641.	
0750		14			Gen Dahgluist phoned and Col Lynch gave him the situation.	

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	0800	15			Col Lynch talked to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn. Co G is at 651641. Col Lynch ordered an Arty observer to be sent to Co G immediately.	
0845		16			1st Bn reports all quiet in their sector last night except light shelling in Co C area.	
0850		17			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports Bn now has 12 or 13 Pws. Wants MPs to pick them up.	
0900		18			Regt wire team reports area clear between MUSLOCH and positions of 3rd Bn last night (650614).	
	0905	19			Capt Fore, CO Cn, given orders to move forward just short W of ST CROIX.	
	0910	20			Col Lynch ordered the reserve armor to move from ST MARIE to ST CROIX at 1100A.	
0930		21			CO 1st Bn called. Capt Hunley gave him situation. Col Minor said he captured the head of the Hitler Youth Movement and wants the CIC to pick him up. Capt Hunley called CIC notifying them and they will pick him up. CO 1st Bn notified.	
0950		22			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1025		23			3rd Bn reports now at 666615 moving NE, no resistance. Qos K and I abreast and L trailing.	
	1035	24			Msg to CO 2nd Bn: Send foot patrols to town immediately.	
	1035	25			Gen Dahlquist left CP to look over town of ST CROIX	
1040		26			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co F in town at 663 easting. Co E following. Plat of Co G with armor at roadblock on 66 easting. Engrs are clearing block. Two Plats of Co G on high ground W of town where a small pocket of resistance is located. TDS are at roadblock.	

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1105		27			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, states the Co is in middle of town. No more information.	
	1110	28			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1115		29			Gen Hess came to CP.	
1115		30			Arty Ln O reports 2nd Bn Ln O adjusting timed fire on enemy infantry at 665644. Number unknown.	
1130		31			Capt Bowden, S-3 2nd Bn 143 Inf, came to CP and received orders from Col Lynch for his motorized movement.	
1130		32			Regt wire team reports forward and rear line to 2nd Bn now in.	
	1135	33			Engrs ordered to have Plat of Engrs and tank dozer assembled ready to move to LEIPVRE on short notice. (Lt Finley notified)	
	1140	34			Col Lynch gave Maj Young, 3rd Bn, orders to swing Bn E to road leading to CHATEAU and continue to seize that high ground. A Plat of tanks and TDs under command of Capt Sorenson will move through LEIPVRE SE down road to join you. Your Trans O will bring transportation down some route to you. Recon Plat now reconnoitering road to CHATENOIS and if no enemy contact will send 2nd Bn 143 Inf by motor to Coord 725645 with mission to seize town of CHATENOIS and high ground west. 2nd Bn now has town of LEIPVRE. Now have 8 PWs and will send them to LEIPVRE. Bn not to wait on armor and Engrs to join Bn.	
	1145	35			Situation given to G-3.	
1155		36			Maj Eligood, 132 FA Bn, reports Arty Ln O with 3rd Bn reports leading elements at 665629.	
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	1155	37		Col Lynch ordered 132 FA Bn and Cn Co to reconnoiter for positions just W of the town of LEIPVRE.	
1200		38		Msg from CO 142 to CO 2nd Bn: "Send patrol to ROMBACH".	
1210		39		636 Recon reports that the bridge is out and is going to try the road up to LA VANCELLE.	
	1215	40		Engr Plat Ldr instructed on getting dozer and Engrs to 3rd Bn. Will have to by-pass blown bridge in LIEPVRE.	
	1225	41		CO AT Co instructed to move AT Co to ST CROIX.	
	1225	42		Capt Sorenson given command and instructions for use of 8 peices of armor with 3rd Bn.	
1230		43		Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1245.	
	1255	44		Situation given to G-3.	
1255		45		Col Stovall, CO Engr Bn, came to CP.	
1305		46		Recon Plat reports bridges at 666635 and 669637 good but light and don't believe will take armor. Drew small arms fire from right vicinity 675628.	
1310		47		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1315		48		2nd Bn Arty Ln O reports 15 rounds of approximately 105 mm fell in E edge of town from 1500 mls. Civilian reports a Btry in position at HURST. Division G-2 notified.	
1320		49		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports last Co clearing area to move down road for objective at KOENIGSBURG CHATEAU.	
1325		50		Msg from CO 2nd Bn: Co F is attacking hill at 665641. In contact with enemy there. Also Co E. Will advise later outcome. We are in town.	

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	1340	51			Gen Dahlquist left for LEIPVRE. Will keep 2nd Bn 143 Inf on 20 minute alert till return to this Hq.	
1400		52			636 Recon Plat reports large amount of small arms fire and could not get through to E down valley. Will try road to VALENCE if cannot make it Col Lynch ordered Plat to withdraw to MUSLOCH.	
	1405	53			Col Lynch ordered 3rd Bn transportation to move to ST CROIX and place it on side streets. Bn Trans O notified.	
	1415	54			Recon Plat ordered to make jeep recon of trails S and E from MUSLOCH when mission in LIEPVRE is completed. CO notified.	
1420		55			Gen Dahlquist came to CP and reports good bridges for armor both S and E of town. Also good stream crossings.	
	1425	56			Gen Dahlquist left CP for Div.	
	1430	57			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn and also to reconnoiter town of LEIPVRE.	
	1435	58			636 Recon Plat notified to make recon of bridges and crossings found by Gen Dahlquist. CO notified.	
1506		59			CO Cn Co reports that his other Plat has arrived and is in position.	
1515		60			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1510		61			Ln O from 103 Div came to CP. States 103 Div is working down valley from VILLE toward pass to our front.	
1517		62			Lt Col Snow, CO 155 FA Bn, came to CP. Brought in a Capt who will act as Ln O to Regt.	

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1525		63		Col Lynch instructed 3rd Bn S-4 and Trans O on supplying 3rd Bn tonight, using by-pass that armor will go over.	
1527		64		Col Lynch told Ln O of 753 Tk Bn to warn Capt Sorenson, CO of 3rd Bn Armor Force, of rifle fire from hills to S. Tanks may be used to blast them out.	
1530		65		Recon Plat Ldr, reports that recon drew fire from due E of 658651.	
1531		66		Gen Dahlquist talked by phone to Col Lynch.	
1535		67		PWs report two 88mm guns at entrance to CHATENOIS.	
1540		68		Col Lynch talked by phone to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn. Told him to push E Co through enemy before night.	
1545		69		Lt Anderson, Ln O 753 Tk Bn, reported that Capt Sorenson has three tanks across river. Two others are bogged down and cannot get any more across. Col Lynch told him to get a retriever and try to winch those bogged down out.	
1550		70		Lt Col Stoval reported that Engrs have been working on bridge in LIEPVRE thirty minutes. Estimates bridge may be completed by 2000A.	
1555		71		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Wants 2nd Bn 143 Inf to start on its mission.	
1557		72		Col Lynch notified 2nd Bn 143 Inf to mount up Bn and have them start to ST CROIX ready to continue on. Maj Baden, CO, not in but expected back soon. He is to report to Col Lynch for instructions.	
1612		73		Maj Baden called. Col Lynch instructed him to move by motors to point short of LIEPVRES, there dismount and follow crossing and route of armor. Bn march in advance guard and to continue (Cont'd)	

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	73	(Cont'd)	until 0100A tonight. Armor to be left behind until bridge is in. Leave Plat of infantry with tanks for protection.	
1615	74		Capt Sorenson, CO of 3rd Bn armor, reported to Col Lynch. Has three tanks across and these were approaching enemy strong point enroute to 3rd Bn. Two tanks are bogged down. Col Lynch wants them to be retrieved and make another trip.	
1615	75		Situation given to G-3.	
1618	76		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, called. Co F is over 1st knob and onto next hill. Col Lynch told Maj Middleton to push east.	
1620	77		Lt Anderson reported that tanks across river had run into a large physical roadblock 800 yds beyond tanks that are bogged down. Col Lynch told him to try to blast roadblock open with tank guns.	
1623	78		Gen Dahlquist (through Gen Stack) was phoned by Col Lynch and given this situation.	
1630	79		Col Lynch told Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to have his Engrs clear out roadblock as soon as resistance there is knocked out.	
1632	80		CO 1st Bn reports Co A in position. Div notified.	
1635	81		Maj Baden given instructions and latest situation by Col Lynch.	
1635	82		Gen Dahlquist called and talked situation over with Col Lynch.	
1700	83		Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, phoned and Plat of Co G now at 660642. Hear small arms fire to NW that sounds like friendly fire.	
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1715		84			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports head of column now passing 698607. No contact. A physical roadblock at roadjunction but not manned. Civilians report CHATEAU is fortified and heavily defended. Col Lynch ordered them make a night attack instead of waiting for a preparation and attack tomorrow. 155 FA can support the Bn.	
	1720	85			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and gave him the situation of 3rd Bn.	
1720		86			Capt Groom reports two TDS and one tank stuck at crossing vicinity LEIPVRE. Retriever is unable to get down to them.	
	1725	87			Col Lynch ordered Recon Plat to continue on mission during moonlight.	
	1745	88			Situation given to G-3.	
1820		89			Maj Bowden phoned and states two volleys of Nebelwerfer in town. Asks if 132 or 155 FA can reach them. Can see flash and estimates direction at 1900 mils.	
	1825	90			Lt Col Green, 132 FA, alerted all 132 observers with Bns to be on lookout for the enemy guns.	
1835		91			Maj Middleton reports enemy counterattacked Co F with mortars, bazookas, Arty, and small arms fire. Co F was forced to withdraw to bottom of hill. Had several casualties. Have resupplied Co with hand grenades and ammunition and they will go back to try and regain the hill.	
	1850	92			Col Lynch ordered Lt Powers, Engr In O, to check with Engrs that are with 2nd Bn and see if they have taken any cutting tools to attempt to saw out block.	
1900		93			Capt Cary reports that Engrs are working on road-block, have cutting tools.	

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1930		94			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that they believe that they have the CHATEUA 709611 and believe that the Germans have pulled out, also have 3 German O PWs.	
	1935	95			Capt Hunley called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to get Co E up to Co G as soon as you can get them away. Maj Middleton reports that Co E is still engaged. Co F is still reorganizing.	
1940		96			Lt Finnely reports that it will be hard to get the tanks out.	
	1945	97			Capt Hunley reported the situation to Maj Newell Div G-3 section.	
	1947	98			Capt Hunley called S-3 of 143 Inf and told them that one Co passed through our Co E and went about 200 yds and received machine pistol and rifle fire.	
	2000	99			Col Lynch ordered Maj Bowden to take Plat of tanks that are across river with him. Will replace this Plat later when our 3rd Bn needs them. Capt Sorenson to call this Hq for instructions through 2nd Bn CP.	
	2000	1000			Col Lynch gave CO 1st Bn orders to leave by motor at 0800 to pass to left of 2nd Bn and continue on that Bns mission. Co A to push patrols out to front early in the morning to determine location of enemy. Bn detruck on W edge of LEIPVRE and pass to left of present positions of Co A through ROMBACH then swing E to VANCELLE, Hurst, then NE.	
2005		101			2nd Bn S-3 143 Inf reports that they ran into an obstruction E of road junction at 670633 and would like 50 blocks TNT to blow it.	
	2010	102			Lt Powers notified and made arrangements to get the TNT to them.	

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	2012	103			Capt Hunley notified S-4 to have 5 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks report to CO 1st Bn at 0730A in the morning.	
2030		104			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Co G is at the edge of LA VANCELE. Also a roadblock about 200 yds but not manned. A patrol tried to work in behind Co G but nothing developed out of it. Col Lynch gave orders to Maj Middleton that Co A will be attached to him. Will move in behind Co G. Then Co G is to move around in front of Co F and Co A will move into the town.	
	2100	105			Capt Hunley notified Capt Sorenson at 2nd Bn CP of the following information. The 3 tanks that are waiting for the roadblock to be removed are to support Maj Bowder. The tanks that are waiting for the bridge to get in are to go to 3rd Bn. These tanks are in the 143 Inf column. The TDs that are not bogged down are to go along.	
	2115	106			Col Lynch ordered Co G to go on into the town and also to be used as the enveloping Co.	
	2130	107			Lt Scott from 111 Engrs Co B was notified that his Plat is attached to 2nd Bn 143 Inf.	
2140		108			CO 1st Bn called Lt Head Co A to report to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, at 2nd Bn CP in LIEPVRE for instructions.	
2150		109			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that they are in the CHATEAU (Cos K and L), met no resistance.	
2151		110			143 Exec O reports that the roadblock at 668633 has been removed and the three tanks are moving forward with Maj Browder.	
2152		111			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports that there is a roadblock at 697606 with no mines, 707616 roadblock with mines and 714613 roadblock with mines.	

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	2200	112			Capt Hunley reported situation to G-3 36 Div.	
2210		113			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports that Co G is within 200 yds of the buildings in the town of LA VANGELLE and that the roadblock has been taken out and that the tanks are moving in to Co G now to join them.	
	2315	113			Capt Hunley called 2nd Bn S-3 143 Inf and was notified that the bridge is about in and that Co E is 1000 yds beyond the roadblock. Received some fire and the three tanks have moved in forward and have done some firing.	
	2300	114			Capt Hunley called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, and reports that Co F is engaged with the enemy, but haven't moved up the hill. All the houses on the highway are being check and going to set up an all around defense by Co G.	
	2340	115			Col Lynch ordered Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to pull Co E back and keep one Plat in Bn reserved and the rest of the Co to follow Co A to within 12000 yds NE of town, to go up that nose which is to the E of that fork. Take the nose and hold. To push Co F up the hill. Do all of this so that the 1st Bn can pass through.	
	1045	116			Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Check in by telephone immediately	
	1050	117			Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn 143 Inf to be on 20 minute alert as town of LEIPVRE is almost clear. Maj Bowden notified.	
	1055	118			Plat Ldr of 636 Rcn given instructions to reconnoiter road down valley to CHATENOIS. Keep this Hq notified	
1100		119			Air OP reports Inf and tanks observed unloading at 7769. Div notified.	
1100		120			Gen Dahlquist came to CP and was given information on 2nd Bn by Col Lynch.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 170

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Hq 142 Inf
GP ST CROIX
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: Not definite.
- b. Enemy units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Enemy generally resisted our advance.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy resisted our operations in ST CROIX.
 - (3) Artillery: Light artillery reported during period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 106 -- In France: 3956
 - (2) Identifications: 1st and 3rd Cos "A" Bn (Formerly 470 ERS Bn). Hq Co FISHER Regt. 1st Co 470 Bn FISHER Regt. 1st Co 380 Bn (G-5). Cn Co 380 Bn. 2nd Btry 280 SP Btry.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn encountered stubborn enemy resistance within STE CROIX. Enemy defended stubbornly with Inf and supported by 2 - 5 tanks. Two of these were knocked out during late afternoon by our Arty and 76-mm tank fire. Enemy resistance was broken by early evening as 1st Bn pushed frontally and 2nd Bn came down from the hills to the N to enter STIMBACH and MUSLOCH. STE CROIX was cleared at 1945A. Mopping up in MUSLOCH continued until after midnight.
- b. From MUSLOCH, 2nd Bn moved E into position to attack LIEPVRE from the ridge on the north. This morning at 1040A, 2nd Bn entered LIEPVRE without resistance.
- c. At 1430A yesterday 3rd Bn was ordered to advance on route in hills S of main road into position to attack LIEPVRE from the S at daylight today. Bn reached 650614 where it stopped for night at 2100A. As 2nd Bn took LIEPVRE without resistance this morning, 3rd Bn was ordered on to objective vicinity V-7161 and at noon was at 665629 without opposition.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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0005		1			2nd Bn 143 Inf encountered a second roadblock about 500 yards from 1st. Resistance at block, also a number of obstacles along route.	
0020		2			2nd Bn reports lead tank knocked out by German tank or AT gun at 678647, blocked road. Co A has crossed railroad track. Co F still meeting resistance.	
0020		3			Bridge reported in at 0001A.	
0030		4			2nd Bn 143 Inf called. Still meeting stubborn resistance at 2nd roadblock. Is sending one Co S of road to try to outflank it. Estimates they have about a platoon of casualties, including one Co commander.	
0050		5			2nd Bn reports Co A receiving small arms fire from both flanks.	
0105		6			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co A has advanced to 670637; is still receiving small arms fire from both flanks. 2nd Bn called for two tanks on the road to LA VANCELLE to help Co A.	
0105		7			Div reports: 1/409 no change; 2/409 vicinity TREMBACH (V-6971); 3/409 no change. 1/410 fighting in BERNADVILLE (V-7574); 2/410 vicinity PEICHFELD (V-740740 - town clear); 3/410 receiving heavy small arms and mortar fire at MOHATH (V-716739); 1/411 at V-754774 in heavy contact; 3/411 meeting stiff resistance outskirts of BARR (V-778787); 2/411 moving from V-7177, by motor, to NE to support 3/411.	
	0300	8			Situation given to G-3.	
	0320	9			Maj Mowden, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, given instructions to continue as long as there was moonlight enough to see, then wait until daylight.	

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0324		10			Capt Darden, Engrs, reports that 1st roadblock is clear.	
0350		11			Capt Strader, reports that Co F is now back on knoll that was lost earlier in the evening. Co E is moving across railroad to 679635 and will sweep edge of woods to help advance Co A.	
	0510	12			Situation given to G-2.	
0515		13			2nd Bn 143 Inf CP now at 669634.	
	0515	14			Lt Axelrod left to start on supply route to 3rd Bn.	
0600		15			Maj Hensley called. Is sending Lt Axelrod with supply train forward and will have them take a radio along.	
	0625	16			G-2 given situation.	
0615		17			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, called. Co F at 665640 and Co A at 674640 have both been stopped by infantry to their front. Co G with tanks are at LA VANCELLE. Co E 678635 has been stopped by machine guns and a self propelled. Col Lynch ordered Co G to move down from LA VANCELLE and around slope of hill to the west to knock out opposition in front of F and A Cos. Tanks with two squads of infantry from Co G form a base of fire at about 676643 to fire both E and W. 2nd Bn 143 Inf is also stopped on right of Co E.	
	0630	18			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn. Remainder of 1st Bn to move out at 0800 to go N from LIEPVRE at 655 easting to near ROMBACH, thence NW and then NE and E to come in back of German positions and strike S.	
	0645	19			Col Lynch gave situation and plan to G-3 Maj Newell.	

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	0650	20			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn and told him to change route to turn left at STIMBACH, to N and NE on trails to VOULHIMONT to NANGIGOUTTE, thence E along contour to envelop enemy positions, then continue to LA VANCELLE. 3rd Bn will come down from CHATEAU, leaving one Co there, and hit opposition in front of 2nd Bn 143 Inf, now held in valley.	
	0738	21			Msg to CO 3rd Bn (via Arty radio): Hold present positions with one Co reinforced by tanks. Remainder of Bn attack enemy at 690650 and 700635, then north to 680650 without delay. Urgent.	
0740		22			Word from tank radio states that four tanks got to 3rd Bn during night.	
	0755	23			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
0830		24			Maj Bauden, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf, called. Wants to fire on enemy target at 684632.	
0840		25			Arty Ln 0 with 3rd Bn reports enemy trains at 7558 and 820639.	
	0845	26			Col Lynch phoned from Div and states the mission just given to 3rd Bn is cancelled. Word to be given to them immediately.	
0855		27			Arty Ln 0 reports an enemy train at 7760 moving SW towards COLMAR.	
0900		28			Maj Baundon, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports that Bn is held up by a defended roadblock at 683631. Is firing tanks, TDS and Arty upon it while Co F is flanking to strike from S. PW reports he saw nebelwerfer at VESPRES (687631) this morning. Another states a new complete Bn, the 370th, came into positions day before yesterday. Bn has 38 PWs including one officer. A 47 mm AT gun caused a lot of trouble last night including 20 casualties.	

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	OUT					
0925		29	1000 1111		Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	0930	30			Lt Peters, MP Plat Ldr, sent to LIEPVRE to pick up 22 PWs from 2nd Bn 143 Inf.	
0930		31			Capt Quast, 132 FA, reports Arty shooting at every strong point at 734590.	
	0930	32			Col Lynch gave CO 3rd Bn following orders by phone: Have tanks, A & P Plat with all available equipment begin work on removal of roadblocks. Bn less one Co and AT Plat begin moving NE immediately after being resupplied. One Co and AT Plat with an Arty observer to be left at KOENIGSBURG CHATEAU. Bn less to move E to RJ at 714613, then west to 700620, then NE to road junction at 724647, then E to seize town of CHATENOIS. The four tanks now with Bn will accompany you on mission. Will get some Engrs and TDs to you but do not wait for them to arrive.	
0940		33			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports tank that was reported to be knocked out last night was a dozer.	
	0945	34			S-4 given permission to use road from LIEPVRE SE to KOENIGSBURG CHATEAU by infiltration during daylight hours.	
0950		35			Gen Hess, Div Arty CG, came to CP and states restriction on ammunition now lifted.	
1000		36			S-4 reports trucks used to haul 2nd Bn 143 Inf have now been returned to their units.	
	1010	37			Col Lynch notified Maj Bowden, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, to be prepared to move N towards VANCELLE after clearing BOIS L'ABBESSE, however do not stop for orders to put this plan in effect. Continue E on original mission until further notified.	

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1030		38			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Cos F and G have visual contact and are moving towards each other. Co A and armor are back in VANCELLE.	
1035		39			Maj Gentle reports 2nd Bn 143 Inf still at road-block vicinity MATHIS. Co F still maneuvering to get around behind it. Have been chasing an SP down valley, with TD fire and Arty.	
1040		40			Gen Stack came to CP.	
	1050	41			Col Lynch ordered 636 Recon to reconnoiter road from LEIPVRE to ROMBACH N to FOUCHY and contact 409 Inf.	
1100		42			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Cos G and F do not have visual contact. Co A in VANCELLE organizing all around defense.	
1115		43			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports that Cn Co is doing some firing for 1st Bn at target 655655. 1st Bn at 641646.	
1120		44			Maj Gentile, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports Cos E and F are approaching BOIS L'ABESSE meeting only scattered small arms fire. Tanks are in position at 679631 to cover houses in town.	
1110		45			Msg from CO 1st Bn: What is position of F and G Cos	
1120		46			Msg from CO 1st Bn: Co F 667644, Co G 675645.	
	1125	47			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, notified to send combat patrol from Co A to E toward HURST. Patrol to look for roadblocks, type of blocks, and enemy situation.	
1150		48			Arty reports firing on column of enemy vehicles moving both directions at 745594. Also firing on enemy train vicinity 752580.	

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	1220	49			G-2 given situation.	
	1230	50			S-4 was notified to have a hot meal ready for 2nd Bn to be assembled in LA VANCELE.	
1240		51			Co G at 669649, Co E Plat at 661642. 2nd Bn S-2 reports that a Frenchman who came through lines saw many Germans in hills N of LIEPVRE. Estimates about 500 of them still there. An enemy Regt CP at VAURJERE (6665).	
1250		52			2nd Bn 143 Inf getting in position around BOIS L'ABESSE. Have an SP cornered.	
1300		53			CO 1st Bn called. 1st Bn is in vicinity of NANGIGOUTTE. Street fighting in parts of town. Col Lynch ordered him to work or reported 200 or more enemy in that area. Was told to use Arty frequently. Has 18 PWs. Estimates there is still about 150 in the vicinity.	
	1302	54			Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.	
1305		55			2nd Bn 143 Inf has three more PWs.	
	1310	56			Capt Hunley gave situation to G-3. Co G at 669649 headed SW. Co F at 666641 headed NW. 1st Bn (less Co A) in NANGIGOUTTE. Co A in LA VANCELE. 3rd Bn resupplying and clearing roadblocks at LOENIGSBERG CHATEAU. 2nd Bn 143 Inf about to take BOIS L'ABESSE. Co F 143 Inf approximately 688629. Co E 143 Inf on left of Co F toward road.	
1315		57			Recon Plat reports they are at 611644.	
1317		58			Road to LA VANCELE not quite clear for vehicles. Last jeep drew fire.	
1400		59			Regt CP moved from ST CROIX to vicinity LIEPVRE.	
1430		60			Regt CP opened at 655635 in LIEPVRE.	

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IN	OUT					
1700		61			CO 1st Bn reports they captured approximately a Bn of enemy. Co B still has more. Bn CP now at 660651. Co C is to the right and believed to be in contact with 2nd Bn.	
	1700	62			Capt Hunley notified S-4 that 1st Bn transportation had been sent to RUMBACH to join Bn.	
1710		63			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co G has made contact with Co C.	
	1715	64			Col Lynch talked by phone with CO 3rd Bn. CO 3rd Bn had sent a patrol to THANNENKIRCH after civilians reported that a truck load of Germans has come to town. Patrol not yet heard from. A patrol to ST HIPPOLYTE saw only two or three Germans in the town and on the return ambushed an auto on trail to CHATEAU, killing driver, capturing one German. Another German and a Frenchman got away. Artillery was fired on a group of enemy seen advancing up hill from ST HIPPOLYTE. Dispersion of the group was observed. Col Lynch told CO 3rd Bn that 3rd, less one Co, left on present positions would be prepared to advance on CHATENOIS tomorrow. One Co with Bn armor to take road down to KINTSHEIM and then N to CHATENOIS. Other Co will have better chance for surprise if advance over ridge direct to CHATENOIS. It is hoped that 2nd Bn, 143 Inf, will be able to help by advance up valley road.	
	1750	65			Capt Hunley called Maj Gentile, Exec 2nd Bn 143 Inf. Bn CP is moving into BOIS-L'ABBESSE.	
1755		66			PW total for today 215.	
	1825	67			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, instructed to bring troops back. Co E patrol leaving VANCELLE toward HURST, reached 685650, was fired on by machine gun from 687653. Could observe no physical roadblock.	

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	1830	68			Capt Hunley notified Maj Bowden, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf to send patrols to E tonight to determine location of enemy, number of roadblocks. This information necessary for determining amount of Engrs and equipment for tomorrow. Outposts of Bn now at 703638. Sending patrols across the valley to HURST to investigate bridge and town. Harassing fires tonight will be E and left of river vicinity HURST.	
1845		69			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called and reports that all the Cos are down except for one Plat out of Co E that is still on the road.	
	1920	70			Capt Hunley notified S-4 to have kitchens of 2nd Bn 143 Inf prepare hot meal for the Bn for 0600A.	
1922		71			Div called stating that a civilian reported about 250 Germans at 630680 today. Report unconfirmed. 103 Div sending out patrols to check.	
	1925	72			Our latest situation sent to Div vic Ln officer.	
1935		73			Line to 111 Engrs Co B through 2nd Bn in.	
	1945	74			Capt Hunley called 132 FA Fire Direction Center cancelling harassing fire missions for tonight. Due to patrols working vic harassing targets.	
2000		75			Capt Selkir, 3rd Bn, called. Nothing to report except enemy patrol activity. Capt Hunley gave him situation.	
2005		76			Capt Orcutt called and said road was cleared up to 711642. Capt Hunley checking this. Road not swept to 711 gridline, only swept to 69 grid line. Capt Orcutt notified of this at 2140A.	

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2030		77			Gen Dahlquist called saying that he is putting three concentrations on THANNENKIRCH 678593 tonight and will harass it tonight. Concentrations at 2115A and at 2130A.	
	2055	78			Capt Hunley called Maj Young, 3rd Bn, advising him of the above. Maj Young gave following patrol reports: Plat Co I went to THANNENKIRCH; killed three Germans and captured one; PW reports a Co of about 100 ($\frac{1}{2}$ Russians and $\frac{1}{2}$ Germans) in the town and two more Cos moving in tonight. Co L Plat reinforced with section machine guns, went to establish roadblock at 728621, on way there encountered enemy roadblock at 718611. Roadblock manned by ten to twelve Germans and block about 100 yds long. Patrol engaged enemy in fire fight and drove Germans off. Patrol continued to 728621. Co I squad to ST HIPPOLYTE (727594) went to edge of woods 721761 and ambushed German vehicle, killing the chauffeur and capturing one PW. Co K squad to ORSCHWILLER 736614 observed town but too foggy. Directed Arty fire on truck with approximately 100 enemy. No roadblocks. (Div notified)	
2120		79			132 FA reports that 3rd Bn FO on CHATEAU heard tracked vehicles moving on road from KINTZHEIM to SELESTAT.	
	2125	80			Capt Hunley called Co A 83d Cml Co, now attached, to have FO at this Hq at 0630; Co CO at 0800; and balance of Co at 0830A.	
2120		81			CO Cn called, said he is going to move his guns.	
2200		82			Lt Col Green came to CP. Called 132 FA and asked if observer was trying to locate gun firing into LIEPVRE.	
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	2205	83			Capt Hunley notified Co B 111 Engrs to send Plat of Engrs, with all equipment, to LA VANCELLE and to report there by 0700A. Div notified at 2300A.	
	2215	84			Capt Hunley called Recon Co telling them plan for tomorrow. To reconnoiter down valley road beginning at 0700A.	
	2240	85			Capt Hunley called Maj Petrie, 111 Engrs, about status of bridge train. Maj Petrie said Hwy and Brockway will be available and in train as near column as possible.	
2320		86			Capt Hearn, 132 FA, reported FO with 3rd Bn heard machine gun fire at 740618. One gun firing from vicinity 7168. 1 Arty round from vicinity 719664 which is location of the Btry of guns fired on this afternoon. A fire at approximately 706664 appears to be vehicle or tank burning. Gun firing from N of CHATENOIX. Three guns firing from about 1500 yards NW of SCHERWILLER, firing NW.	
2340		87			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch on following: (Col Lynch instructed Capt Hunley to order): Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to move 2nd Bn onto KOENIGSBERG CHATEAU. S-4 to send 20 2 1/2 ton trucks to report to 2nd Bn at 0715A and to move out at 0800A taking Bn to CHATEAU. Bn, upon reaching CHATEAU, will relieve the 3rd Bn Co now there (Co K) who will rejoin 3rd Bn. 2nd Bn will take up defensive positions and establish outposts. Also to send two patrols to THANNENKIRCH to determine strength of enemy there and then to plan attack to take town, advising Col Lynch of the plan. Trucks hauling Bn to keep 300 yd intervals when going through valley. Trucks to return. (Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, advised at 2355A) (S-4 Maj Hensley called regarding the trucks at 2400A) (Maj Young, 3rd Bn, notified at 0005A.	
2400		88			CO Cn Co reports one Plat in position, starting harassing fire missions 738649. Cn CP 631638	

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0010		1			Maj Newell, Div, called and said the Plat of tanks of Co A would report to us no later than 0800A.	
0035		2			Capt Wren, G-2, reports that upon report of civilians that there were 200 enemy troops in vicinity 630680. The 103 Div sent a patrol from about 652688 that reached 650677 where it encountered thirty enemy, some Russians and some Germans. Patrol captured two PWs and returned. PWs were from 470 Bn. 103 is sending combat patrol to 630680 in the morning.	
0315		3			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, called. 14 PWs that just came in had come out of hills to take wounded to ROMBACH where they found everybody gone. They say that there are 50 to 60 more from 470 Bn up in the hills in the 6566 grid square that had not known of the surrender. 1st Bn notified.	
0345		4			2nd Bn 143 Inf reported that all was quiet as of 0300A. Wire had been out.	
0400		5			2nd Bn 143 Inf reported all quiet.	
0530		6			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reported that no patrols were sent from 1st Bn.	
0545		7			2nd Bn 143 Inf reports a patrol went as far as 738649, encountered no enemy in roadblocks. Except for single felled trees road was open.	
0630		8			A FO from Co A 83 Cml Bn reported in. Was sent to 2nd Bn 143 Inf.	
0645		9			S-4 called saying that trucks are on way to 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn notified.	
	0845	10			CO Co A 83 Cml Wpns Bn ordered to follow 2nd Bn 143 Inf and put four guns in position at 710 easting keeping four assembled for displacements.	

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0930		11			Arty Ln O reports 3rd Bn has hit roadblock and small arms fire coordinates 723615.	
0935		12			Engr Officer reports 1st Bn has hit roadblock on road to HURST. Asked for dozer. Col Lynch gave him permission to use dozer. Roadblock on 693 easting, not defended.	
	1000	13			Col Lynch ordered Regt I & R Plat establish roadblock at 646651.	
0930		14			3rd Bn engaged at 728618. Enemy strongpoint on ridge to E of road. Estimate 80 men.	
0950		15			Col Reese requested clearance to fire on CHATENOIX and enemy strongpoint reported at 720664. Clearance given until 1120A.	
1015		16			GO AT Co phoned and will look for a place to move in at LEIPVRE. Will report to this Hq when movement is complete.	
1020		17			Gen Stack came to CP.	
1030		18			Maj Gentile, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports Co F at 714642, Co G on right high up on hill. They are now receiving shelling of heavy caliber from three guns in direction of SCHERWILLER. Request air mission. Co F hitting small arms resistance.	
	1035	19			Gen Stack left CP.	
1035		20			Arty Ln O reports Co K relieved at 1015A by 2nd Bn.	
1040		21			1st Bn reports in contact at 698 easting. A self-propelled gun covering area. (False report).	
1055		22			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports Co B not in LA VANCELE and had sent 3 1½ ton truck loads of PWs (approx 60) to Regt PW cage.	

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	1120	23			CO of Cml Co ordered to smoke area 729657 to 735654 for two hours to obstruct enemy observation from HILL 384.	
	1132	24			Arty Ln O reports 3rd Bn FO fired on enemy vehicle at 758645.	
	1140	25			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co L still engaged with several casualties. Co I following Co L.	
	1150	26			Capt Quast, 132 FA, reports firing smoke and HE mixture on HILL 384 vicinity 744663 - 744668. Arty FO at CHATEAU observed approximately 50 men marching E 752642. Observation now obstructed by mist. Also approximately 15 vehicles parked at 755655 and will fire on them when observation clears. Saw a small amount of yellow smoke vicinity 725645, but could not determine origination.	
	1200	27			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and states he is sending a combat patrol to SW towards THANNENKIRCH. Does Col Lynch want town occupied if it is possible to do so. If he does will send a Co to occupy the town.	
	1250	28			Col Reese reports that five civilians that escaped from the Germans in SELESTAT as of 28 Nov report: roadblocks at 747618, 730592, 724588, 724594. Also 200 enemy in the town of HIPPOLYTE.	
	1300	29			CO 1st Bn reports that he is at 708656. Has a couple of PWs. In a fire fight. Combat patrol reports that a lot of trees are felled across the road where the two roads come together. Lots of Germans are in the houses and Col Lynch orders that CO 1st Bn work his tanks into position to fire on these houses and also to use Arty by throwing it into the valley and working back to the house. The lead elements are at the bend in the road.	

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IN	OUT					
1308		30			Maj Bowden, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports that he is also in a fire fight. He is at 711641 and the fighting is going on just across the road. Estimated to be about 50 Germans using mortars and Arty, also sending one Co to outflank them to the left. The tanks have done some firing this morning.	
1310		31			Monitored message: Co I position at 730622.	
	1315	32			Col Lynch ordered that Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, send one Co to attack enemy reported at 702 to 715, easting as soon as possible. Enemy strength estimated to be 60. Two MGs. After this pocket is wiped out prepare to attack THANNENKIRCH, probably tomorrow.	
1320		33			Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf, phoned and states new Div Opns Instr attaches Co A 83 Cml Bn to them. The CO to report to CO 143 Inf without delay.	
	1325	34			CO of Co A Cml Bn notified of above information.	
1330		35			Maj Eligood, S-3 132 FA, states observer reports enemy tanks at 727648. Capt Hunley checked with 2nd Bn 143 Inf and the OK was given to fire.	
1340		36			Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned and the 142 Inf keeps Co A 83 Cml Bn. BO of Cml Co notified.	
	1345	37			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1400		38			Msg from CO 1st Bn: Tank dozer arrived and was sent back. Send it up again.	
1400		39			Monitored message. Send mortar observer to Co G.	
1405		40			Tank dozer onway, put out guard.	
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IN	OUT				
1420		41		Maj Young reports Plat of Co L now at 742617. Tanks and TDs held up at roadblock 740619 and need dozer. Co K moved from 732624 uphill to organize high ground. Co I Plat to move to 740619. Two Plats in position facing NW at 733624. Sec of mortars at 733624 and a section to move up behind Co K. Have three PWs and had two killed and three wounded in Co L from Arty.	
1435		42		Div phoned and civilian reports two AT guns 100 yds E of roadjunction 738650.	
1440		43		CO 1st Bn phoned and states leading elements at 710666. Need dozer before armor can advance. Capt Hunley gave him orders to continue across valley to HILL 384 vicinity 743664. If can get armor to there proceed to town of SCHERWILLER. If can't do this by dark hold up on HILL 384. Co A now mopping up HURST.	
1440		44		Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 1444.	
1445		45		Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1448.	
1500		46		Arty reports message from 3rd Bn Ln O reads with two Plats delayed by enemy tank. Contact 3rd Bn CO by radio, position at 747614. Waiting information.	
1520		47		Capt Orcutt phoned and stated we had two tanks in ST MARIE in our Serv park this morning. Lt Col Denholm orders they be moved as ST MARIE is off limits for rear installations of 142 Inf.	
1545		48		Arty Ln O reports FO with elements of 3rd Bn is firing on enemy infantry vicinity 755619 and enemy gun Btry at SCHERWILLER.	
1600		49		Maj Gentille, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports Co G at 714635. Co F on 72 easting and moving along road with no contact. Co G still slight resistance.	

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1615		50			2nd Bn 143 Inf reports they are getting concentration of 8 to 10 rounds of heavy caliber between 711641 and HURST. Asked for counterbattery fire. Believed to be from SCHERWILLER.	
	1620	51			Capt Hunley phoned above information to 132 FDC for counterbattery fire.	
1625		52			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1625		53			Arty Ln 0 reports firing on four gun Btry vicinity 775620. Observer at 740630 and enemy tanks at 745615.	
1650		54			Msg from CO 2nd Bn: Co G on objective. Nothing there, will have a report on it later when wire gets in.	
1710		55			Observer (133 FA) at 71206425 observer reports two nebelwerfers at 1480 and 2490. azimuths.	
	1715	56			Radio message to CO 1st Bn: Move to objective at coordinates 745660 tonight.	
	1720	57			Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist. Said 2nd Bn 143 Inf had reported its last position at 725648. Cos abreast, moving with scattered contact.	
1730		58			Arty radio message from FO with Co L Coord 744615. CO initially in S part of town. 14 wounded. Are tanks coming soon.	
1735		59			143 Inf S-3 called again about contact point. 679605 suggested by 143 Inf.	
1745		60			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and states Co G swept objective and found no enemy, and now has withdrawn back to CHATEAU. Combat patrol of one Plat Co F, sec HMGs, sec mortars, now have three houses in THANNENKIRCH In small fight. Co E to attack town tomorrow. Capt Hunley (Cont'd)	

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		60	(Cont'd		notified Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to contact 143 Inf at 679605 at 2100A, 2400A, 0200A, 0400A. A Plat of Co A 143 Inf is now at 845604.	
1800		61			Tank Ln C reports tanks still at roadblock at 710656 with no protection and no Engrs working on block. Wants to know the situation or if they might have some protection.	
1800		62			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports following: Armor of Co L held up by block at 740618. Col Lynch said this block would be cleared tonight. A tank dozer on way up. A Plat of Co L first entered S end of KINTZHEIM at about 744614. Enemy tank at 746616 fired point blank on platoon. This was followed by heavy concentration of Arty and nebelwerfer fire. Plat badly injured. Sec of MGs with Plat lost one MG. CO 3rd Bn reports three Plats are in KINTZHEIM. It is not clear whether one of these is this Plat that was hit. Second force of Co K and Co I less one Plat, under Maj Young, is organized on hill overlooking CHATENOIS. Had no contact in getting there except for enemy patrol on left. Does not believe the Germans know that they are here. Has excellent view of valley and has been firing Arty. Knocked out a Btry of guns at SCHERWILLER and a section of nebelwerfers at CHATENOIS. Reports several three-gun Btrys on outskirts of SELESTAT. Estimates 150 enemy in CHATENOIS. Col Lynch ordered Maj Young to hold present position for the night and at daybreak, at 0715A to move into CHATENOIS. This will be in conjunction with CO 3rd Bns force who will have armor by then and will move up from KINTZHEIM.	
	1835	63			G-3 given situation.	
1835		64			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports that combat patrol which had occupied three buildings in THANNENKIRCH is now moving through town to clear it out	

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1845		65			Capt Stokes, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports forward CP 729648. Believe troops are on objective. Will report definite location later.	
1850		66			Engrs (Capt Curry) notified to help get tanks and TDs out of vicinity 710656 and bring them by way of LAVANCELE, LEIPVRE. A tank dozer to accompany them through 103 Div sector to CO 1st Bn.	
	1900	67			Tanks and TD Ln Os notified of above. Tanks and TDs to carry supplies to 1st Bn tonight.	
1940		68			Lt Findley, Engrs, reports that tank dozer on way to 3rd Bn has broken a track at 685614 and blocks road both ways. Lt Peters notified to close road from traffic below until retriever can get dozer. Capt Curry notified of broken down dozer. Other dozer will have to be sent up when road is cleared.	
1940		69			Arty radio from FO with 3rd Bn reports much activity in the RHINE Valley. Possible withdrawal of enemy.	
1955		70			Capt Curry called. Tank dozer with 1st Bn is mired.	
2000		71			IPW called. 3 PWs taken by 3d Bn in KINTZHEIM during early afternoon state no Germans in town. A wounded Lt was unable to locate his Plat in KINTZHEIM. Had also been to OSCHWEILLER and apparently no enemy there.	
2005		72			Maj Bowden, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports they are approximately 200 yds short of road junction. Receiving small arms, Arty, mortar and 20mm fire. Sending a patrol to check bridge vicinity 732655.	
2020		73			Lt Col Denholm phoned and 36 Rcn Trp will run interference for three ambulances by way of FOUCHY THANVILLE and down secondary road opposite point where 1st Bn wounded are vicinity 717668.	

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	2030	74	Capt Curry, CO Co B, 111 Engrs, ordered to begin building corduroy road so retriever can get to dozer to pull it out.	
2045		75	143 Inf phoned and guides with two jeeps will guide 142 Inf supply trains. 143 Inf Plat will fire harassing fire in THANNENKIRCH in the morning till 0800A at real enemy activity.	
2050		76	Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Plat in THANNENKIRCH now have 11 to 13 houses clear with no PWs.	
2110		77	143 Inf phoned and will not fire any harassing fire in THANNENKIRCH tonight or tomorrow.	
	2115	78	Lt Latham ordered to take Plat of TDS from LA VANCELE and Plat of tanks from ROMBACH byway of FOUCHY, THANVILLE to 1st Bn.	
2120		79	Maj Hensley reports 2nd Bn has been resupplied and had not supper and will have hot breakfast. 3rd Bn supplied except Co L.	
2145		80	Maj Gentile, 2nd Bn 143 Inf called. Believed to be on objective. Arty has slackened. Has 13 PWs.	
2150		81	Lt Lustman called. 409 Inf entered DOMBACH, would like no fire line 7670-7668, E to 7868. No fire N of 68 northing, W of 77 easting. Advised Div Arty.	
2205		82	Div called. Arty concentration to be fired on THANNENKIRCH on call from 142 Inf only.	
	2215	83	Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn to pull back Plat in THANNENKIRCH far enough so that concentration could be fired. Capt Hunley notified 2nd Bn.	
	2215	84	Radio message to CO 1st Bn. 409 Inf picking up Capt Selkirk and his wounded. Supplies, new armor and aid station arriving through 409 area. Send guides to 722677.	

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	2235	85			2nd Bn 143 Inf ordered to patrol route to CHATENOIS to determine condition of road. 2nd Bn, now beyond road junction. No report of roadblocks on down the road. CP is now at 727 grid in house to right of road.	
2240		86			S-4 reports ration train left for 1st Bn.	
2255		87			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, called. 14 Armd Div elements continuing advance S to objective. Will entail their passing through elements 36 Div probably later in day. CP now 8181. Next one EPPIG. Div has established liaison with 14 Armd. Will be in on 193 radio. Composition of 14 Armd: 48 Tk Bn, 25 Tk Bn, 68 Armd Inf Regt, Troop B 94 Ren Sqdrn, 2 FA Bns, 69 FA Bn, Co C 125 Engrs.	
2400		88			Radio message from ration train reports them at 678715.	
2400		89			G-2 called. Patrol from 103 Div to contact 1st Bn at 723678 heard small arms fire to S and did not go beyond 72 easting. Capt Hunley asked for a recon patrol to determine if enemy was along route of ration train.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 171

FROM 291200A Nov. 1944
TO 301200A Nov. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP LEPRVE
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line
- b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Enemy generally resisted our advance E.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy infantry resisted stubbornly N and E of LIEPVRE yesterday until opposition was crushed and 470 Res Bn CO surrendered practically the remnants Bn to our 1st Bn at 1700A yesterday. This morning enemy Inf was engaged at HURST, at 714640, and at 728618. PWs taken this morning reported an SS Co had moved into TANNENKIRCH yesterday and that this morning elements of the 602 Mobile Res Bn had moved into positions: One Co at 728645; one Co at 729620; two 30-man Plats at 707620.
 - (3) Artillery: SP fire covered area of our 1st Bn this morning near HURST. 2nd Bn, 143 Inf, received heavy caliber shelling this morning at 610635 from three guns vicinity SCHERWILLER.
 - (4) Armor: Enemy defended roadblock at BOIS L'ABESSE with two SPs, one of which was destroyed. At least two tanks or SPs were operating near HURST this morning.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 263 -- In France: 4428.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn, in advance NE from STIMBACH engaged enemy in NANGI-GOUTTE until enemy Bn CO surrendered his 470 Res Bn. About 170 PWs were taken. Bn assembled vicinity LA VANCELLE for the night. This morning Bn advanced E toward HURST and at noon was engaged with enemy in houses there.
- b. 2nd Bn fought enemy NE of LIEPVRE and near LA VANCELLE until fighting ceased at noon. Bn assembled vicinity LIEPVRE for the night. This morning Bn moved by motors to take positions on KOENIGSBOURG CHATEAU hill in reserve.
- c. 3rd Bn remained in position at KOENIGSBOURG CHATEAU yesterday. This morning Bn advanced on objective CHATENOIS. Was engaged in fire fight at 728618 at noon.
- d. 2nd Bn 143 Inf attached took BOIS L'ABESSE and pushed 1000 yds E yesterday afternoon. Continuing attack E along valley road, Bn engaged enemy at 712638 at noon. Was also receiving heavy caliber shelling.

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