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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1200 23 October 1944

To: 1817 23 October 1944

Place: Fwd CP-vic 280573  
Rear CP-LE BOULAY, FRANCE (197512)

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1200			Fwd CP established 280573.	Notified G-3
1200	CO	ExO	1st Bn started moving from assembly area; picked up French guides before moving out. Advance along route 260582, BRUYERES, 255569, 263566, 265564, along edge of woods to 282573, up trail to top of hill and E along ridge. Co A, reinf, in advance of Bn as it moves up.	Notified G-3
1300	Regt LO	S-3	143 Inf reports Hill 700 vic 2953 has observation on CHAMP LE DUC-LAVAL area; PW stated Engr Co of about 175 men supposed to go to this hill. Another Engr Co at Hill 635 vic 2957 overlooking LAVALINE and LA CHAPELLE.	
1310	G-3	ExO	100th Bn to atk BIFFONTAINE at 1400.	
1422	ExO	G-3	3rd Bn at 260585; 1st Bn on trail to obj.	
1526	S-3	ExO	Assembly area 3rd Bn 285577; Co A heading for 300586. 7th Inf: 1st Bn 294615, 2nd 292602, 3rd 287612.	
1600	1st Bn	S-3	1st Bn passed through Co K, 442 RCT at 302587.	
1630			3rd Bn, following route of 1st Bn, reached Fwd CP at 1630.	
1745	CO	S-3	Co A at Pt N (320585); pushing on, could hear 1st of small arms fire along 32 Easting; remainder of Bn at 308589.	Notified ExO; ExO notified G-3
1758	CO	S-1	Do not move CP up tonight but bring S-1 fwd when CP does move.	
1800	CO 1 Bn	CO	Would like to have 3rd Bn closer in case need support.	
	CO	CO 3 Bn	Want 3rd Bn on top of hill in morning; no purpose in bringing them up tonight due to mortar fire. Trail well marked.	
	CO 3 Bn	CO	Men are digging in now.	
1817	ExO 1 Bn	S-3	Last report from fwd Bn CP stated Co A in fire fight with enemy patrol.	

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Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1820	CO S-3	S-3 ExO 1 Bn	<u>Want plat of Engrs atchd to 3rd Bn.</u> Get in contact with Engrs and have them make a trail from BELMONT to ridge, mark it, for 3rd Bn to use as supply route.	
1925	G-3	ExO	2nd Bn 141 is now released to 141; original Div OI will become effective in morning but will make no change in 141 operation. 143 has rd block at 271548. BIFFONTAINE is clear.	Notified S-3
2010	CO 1 Bn  CO	CO  CO 1 Bn	Reached 100 yds beyond Ft N, received hvy shelling, withdrew approx 100 yds and dug in. Co B on crest at 320585, Co A other side of trail 320586, one plat Co C 309585. Two plats Co C at RJ protecting both ways from rear. <u>No contact with 442 Inf.</u> Co C to contact 442 Inf by patrols. Send out listening patrols far enough for security. Continue to push in morning. Will move 3rd Bn behind you in morning and then send force down trail to Pt 32.	Notified ExO ExO notified G-3
2030	131 FA LO	CO	131 FA in pos and ready to fire defensive fires.	Notified ExO
2042	CG	CO	1st Bn 7th Inf to push out to 208608. Want rifle grenades and bazookas up with Cos.	CO gave CG full situation report.
2045	S-3	Engr LO	Want to atch plat of Engrs to 3rd Bn; Engrs to move out with 3rd Bn at 0600.	
2055	CO	S-3	Have CO and S-3 of 2nd Bn at CP at 1030 tomorrow. Notify ExO to have 14 trks ready at all times tomorrow; 2nd Bn to continue training but be on 2 hr notice.	Notified ExO and 2nd Bn.
2056	S-3	ExO	At 0600 3rd Bn route will be 309585 NW to vic 318601 where Bn will establish a rd block; then SE on 1st Bn axis.	
2110	2 Bn 143	S-3	2nd Bn 143 has line from 265550 to E side of nose at 300568; will send plat to 312573 tomorrow.	

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To: 0600 24 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-LE BOULAY, FRANCE (197512)  
Fwd CP-vic 280573

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2140	CO	COs 2nd, 3rd Bns	Bns will continue at 0700 to secure high ground N of LA HOUSIERE. 1st Bn: Atks from pres pos knocking out rd block to immediate front and pushes on to obj. 3rd Bn: Advances to Pt 52, establishes rd block with AT guns in that vic, seizes Pt 30 and to be prepared to continue to Pts 28, 25, 23, 22 to Obj B, or support advance of 1st Bn by maneuver on regt'l order. 3rd Bn moves out at 0600 for Pt 1 in column of Cos; responsible for security on left and contact with 1st Bn. 3rd Bn CP initially Pt 1 and vic Pt 30, then to depend on advance. If receive counteratk, call for counter btry. Notify regt as each check pt is reached.	
2210	S-3	442 Inf	Our 1st Bn is sending a patrol to BIFFONTAINE to contact your Bn; please notify them patrol coming down main route.	
2230	Engr LO	S-3	Engrs will meet 3rd Bn at Pt 2 at 0700.	Notified CO 3 Bn
2240	1st Bn	S-2	FW of 7 Co 933 Grenadier Rgt, 244 Grenadier Div. Co strength 70 men; originally 120 men. Wpns: 6 MGs and rifles; captured pos in front of 1st Bn 320585. 244th Div CO is Maj Gen Scharffer. 933 Gren Regt CO is Col Rollins. 244th Div identified in early part of campaign in S FRANCE.	
2400	G-3	S-3	3rd Div: 2nd Bn 7th 305624, 1st Bn 7th 300614 moving, probably crossed rd, 3rd Bn 7th 299618, Co K 7th fighting in MAILLEUFAING with by-passed enemy; rd in this vic heavily mined. 15th Inf has established blocks at 299625, 303630, 300635.	
<u>24 Oct</u>				
0500	1st Bn	S-3	Co A patrol to rt flank heard unidentified noises but encountered no dug in enemy.	
0545	1st Bn	S-3	No report from patrol that was to contact 442 Inf.	
0600	ExO 3 Bn	S-3	3rd Bn now moving out.	

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 To: 1030 24 October 1944  
 Place: Rear CP-LE BOULAY, FRANCE (197512)  
fwd CP-vic 280575

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0810	3rd Bn	S-3	Bn at Pt 1 moving to Pt 32.	
0826	3 Bn 442	S-3	Are 141 units in pos to let 3rd Bn 442 be relieved yet?	
	S-3	3 Bn 442	CO on way to fwd elements; will let 442 know as soon as possible.	
0830	S-3	G-3	Co B jumped off this morning, advanced few hundred yds and got into small arms fight with some FFI men. 3rd Bn moved out at 0600; at 0800 they reported at 310585; heading for Pt 32.	
0835	3rd Bn	S-3	Co I moving to Pt 32.	
0840	S-3	OO AT Co	Move one plat to vic regt'1 fwd switch as protection; have them dig in. Remainder of AT Co vic BELMONT. Report when in pos.	
0930	S-2	S-3	What about civilians firing on our troops?	No definite info.
0955	S-3	1st Bn	Div is sending 2 FFI men to join Bn; there are French forces who are fighting for enemy who were probably mistaken for FFI. Be on lookout for enemy dressed in civilian clothes in all towns.	
1005	OO	S-3	Co I reached Pt 32 (316599) at 0830; 3rd Bn CP at 316596. Co I received small arms and MG fire from vic 318601; moving to clear rd block at that pt. Cleared one undefended rd block; remainder of Bn moving up now. 3rd Bn to secure Pt 32, then move to Pt 30 (324595) and secure it.	
1007	1st Bn	S-3	Bn CP at 284576.	
1025	S-3	G-3	Who is responsible for area to our immediate N vic 315606.	
	G-3	S-3	CG on way to 141; will give details.	
1030	CG	S-3	Visited CP. Stated 141 need not worry about our NE flank as we proceeded down ridge to SE. As 3rd Div cut valleys and rds to our N, that will relieve tension on our N and E. Keep Bns closed up. Regt'1 Fwd CP to move to pos of fwd switch.	

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From: 1030 24 October 1944

To: 1200 24 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-LE BOULAY, FRANCE (197512)  
Fwd CP-vic 280573

Time & Date :	From :	To :	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. :	Action Taken :
1035	S-3 1 Bn	S-3	Believed leading Co of 1st Bn has reached Pt X (332587). Have captured Major, Captain and NCO; am sending them to rear.	Notified of 2 PFI that will join Bn.
1050	OO	S-3	1st Bn CP now at 322588; Co A at Bn CP. Cos B and C between Pts 9 (333585) and Pt 10 (338578). Get light tks to Bns immediately; believe Bn in contact with enemy at Pt 10.	
1108	ExO 3 Bn	S-3	Co K at Pt 30 (324595), cleared and secured	Notified OO
	OO	S-3	it. Co I securing Pt 32 (316599) now. Co K sending patrols to Pts 9 and 28 now.	
1135	131 FA	OO	Enemy arty falling in vic 1st Bn CP; have requested counter btry on probable enemy gun pos.	
1155	OO AT Co	S-3	One plat AT Co on way to fwd switch; rest of Co in BELMONT. AT Co CP at 277588.	

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TO : 241200A Oct 1944

Hq 141 ROT  
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MAPS: BRANJE, 1/50,000, SHEETS XXXV-18

1. 141 ROT, with Co D 753 TK Bn, Co C 3rd Chem Wpns Bn, and Co A 111 Med Bn attached and 131 FA Bn and Co A1111 Engr Bn in direct support: 1st and 3rd Bns in assembly area vic 255530, prepared, at start of period, to attack to E generally along 59 Northing to objective of high ground vic 350570. 1st Bn moved out 1200, reached vic 288580 at 1400A, moved to E up high ground thru wooded area, passed thru elements 3rd Bn, 442ROT, vic 308588, at 1600A, moved on to vic 320590, encountered enemy resistance and maintained contact with enemy vic that point thru out night. 3rd Bn moved out 1500A, reached vic 282575, 1700A, remained in that vic thru out night. 1st Bn received very heavy arty shelling along trails and in position thru out night. 2nd Bn remained vic MONTARUPT thru out period. 1st Bn moved out 0700A, first advance to E, encountered moderate resistance thru out AM from enemy groups in woods, had advance to vic 531590 by end of period. 3rd Bn moved out 0700A, advanced to vic 308589, 0710A, then NE to vic 317601. Co I encountered heavily defended road block, K Co then advanced to E toward vic 319596, presently moving and encountering no resistance.
2. Combat Efficiency: Fair--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 30% reduction in Rifle Co strength on position.
3. Results of Operations: 1st and 3rd Bns moved from assembly area vic 255585, toward E, 1st Bn to vic 337586, 3rd Bn vic 315601 and 320595. 1 prisoner taken during period. Total to date in France 4334.

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HQ 11th INF REGT RIFLE  
APO S. S. ARMY  
DATE: 2412001 Oct 1944

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11th INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
11th Inf Regt	201572	
1st Battalion	277206	
2nd Battalion	201501	
3rd Battalion	217571	
Regt'l Hq Co	201572	
Cannon Co	270209	
Anti-Tank Co		
Service Co	203590	
Regt'l Med Det	201572	

ATTACHED UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Co D 753 Inf Bn	247576	
Co C 3rd Recon Bn	235551	
Co A 111 Inf Bn	247576	
151 PA Bn	278580	
Co A 111 Eng Bn	displacing	

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>

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To: 1615 24 October 1944

Place: Fwd CP-vic 280573  
Rear CP-vic 288594) BELMONT, FRANCE

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1230	S-3	ExO 2 Bn	Alert Bn to move immediately; trks will be there.	
1255	G-3	S-3	1st Bn 7th 316616; 2nd Bn 7th 309625; rd block at 304616.	
1300	S-3	CO	Have tks reported up there yet? CO FAF states there are 4 light and 4 medium tks in BELMONT that 141 can use.	No.
	CO	S-3	Have all 8 tks sent fwd immediately. Am attaching AT plat now at fwd switch to 3rd Bn. Have CO AT Co send another plat fwd.	
1348	ExO	S-3 Rear	Have CP move to vic 288594.	Notified CO
1348	S-3	CO	442 Inf pulling out. 2nd Bn moving from XAMONTARUPT to this vic now.	
1410	S-3	131 FA	Get an arty FO with Co B.	
1435	S-3	CG	Have 4 medium tks on ridge now. No late info but believe Co B still moving. Is it all right to get tks from CO FAF?	CG said would have tks atchd to 141.
1442	131 FA	S-3	Is it okay to fire at 307613, 314607, 312611.	No, do not fire.
1446	CG	S-3	Tell CG to stop at 1700 and have men dig in; get tks in pos.	
1615	CO	CG	Be out of comm for 2 hrs. Receiving two counter atks. First atk came from vic DEVANT LE FEYS atking to NE; made contact with Co A and Bn CP. AT Plat was sent as reinforcements. Enemy came from low land up to trail. We are receiving arty. Cos B and C well down toward their obj to about Pt D (340579), also shooting. Co A, less mortars, pushed out for counter atk. Co K received counter atk at 325596, enemy coming from NE atking to SW. Co L was sent to reinforce Co K. Both atks by estimated 50-60 aggressive enemy; used arty preparation prior to atk. Completely out of touch at pres. Have two tks with 1st Bn, two with 3rd Bn, two in BIFFONTAINE, two will be put with 2nd Bn. Have no contact with 3rd Div.	



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From: 1615 24 October 1944

To: 1945 24 October 1944

Place: fwd CP-vic 280573  
Rear CP-vic BELMONT, FRANCE (288594)

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1630	CO of S	CO	Visited CP. CG wants men to be well dug in; start fwd early in morning. Have arty adjust with air bursts in woods. Don't worry about getting tks stuck, use them when you can.	
1635	Engr LO S-3	S-3 Engr LO	Can Engrs be pulled out for tonight? CO wants two plats atchd to Bns to remain but rest can be pulled back. Must be available for morning.	
1652	CO	S-3	2nd Bn should have reached Fwd CP by now; two medium tks atchd to it. Bn to move right on down trail. Contact CO 1 Bn; tell him to dig in and consolidate pos.	
1710	S-3	ExO Co D 753 Tk	Move to assembly area around BELMONT; be ready to move out at daylight.	
1735	S-3	Asst S-3	Enemy overran 1st Bn CP but CG fought its way back.	
1810	ExO	CG	Gave complete situation report.	
1850	CO 131 FA	131 FA CO	All quiet except incoming arty. 131 FA firing counter btry on 8 pts with 4 Bns arty and On Co; two rounds every hour.	ExO notified 0-3
1852	ExO	S-3	2nd Bn going into assembly area 316585; 1st and 3rd Bns dug in. Arty coming from S.	
1900	131 FA	ExO	131 FA will place hvy fire E of BIFFONTAINE until midnight; then drag it out.	
1925	ExO	143 Inf	Would like one of 143 Cos to take az on arty coming into 141 pos; counter btry very effective.	Co F 143 is at 313575; ExO called them
	Co F 143	ExO	Will take az on incoming arty fire; also put a radio on 1st Bn 141's channel.	
1945	ExO	Engrs	Trails badly in need of repair; CG said we can have all the Engrs we need.	
	Engr LO	ExO	Engrs will work trails as Bns move up; another Co works behind them.	

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From: 1945 24 October 1944

To: 0850 25 October 1944

Place: Fwd CP-vic 280573  
Rear CP-vic BELMONT, FRANCE (288594)

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1947	ExO	2nd Bn 143 Inf	2nd Bn in assembly area; will try to close them up to 1st Bn tomorrow (1st Bn-340575). Will put tks, 57mm gun and flak wagons tomorrow where Co F 143 now located.	
2000	ExO	CG Div Arty	Counter btry very effective on incoming arty; receiving none at pres.	
2100	Engr CO	S-3	Estimated 60-100 rounds of incoming arty this afternoon; certain it was SP and tk fire.	
<u>25 Oct</u> 0045	G-3	S-3	Bombing mission scheduled for 0900 along rd and edge of woods S and E of pres obj. G-3 has control of planes by radio. Have S-3 call at 0830 to give location of trps to determine safety for bombing.	
0648	S-3 2 Bn	ExO	Notify arty we are getting hvy shelling; can we get some counter btry. Arty coming from N about 90 degree az.	Notified Div Arty
0730	CO	S-2	2nd Bn pushing down trail to open supply route; supplies now stopped at Pt 9. 3rd Bn will send strong combat patrol to Pt 28 and if clear will send rest of Bn up. The counter atk on Co K was at Pt 28 by estimated 20-30 enemy. Co L was sent to reinforce Co K.	
0825	G-3	CO	Bombing will be at 364560; planes will approach from SW to NE; center of impact will be NE of town. Will also bomb IVOUX (310540) but not NE of this pos.	
	CO	G-3	I estimate bombing to be 1200 yds long, 600 yds wide. These places okay. Notify us when both bombings have taken place.	
0850	S-2	G-2	Enemy has cut supply line vic 331586 and have MG set up; possible enemy OP along trail because of hvy amount of arty being received. Probable enemy pos 315630 and IVOUX; at least a btry of 150mm firing. 360670-357674 also likely pos. 3rd Div rd block will not hold enemy in valley.	

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Rear CP-vic BELMONT, FRANCE (288594)

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0905	OO	Tk OO	Come to Regt'l Fwd CP with radio and keep in contact with 6 medium tks that will remain in vic BELMONT.	
0910	S-3 2 Bn	S-3	Co E at Pt N (331588); not in contact with enemy. Can hear small arms fire ahead and believe it is Co A.	
0927	C of S OO	S-3 C of S	<p>Visited CP. Every time we move vehicles up trail, even though they can't be seen, enemy places arty barrage on trail. Enemy seems to have radio party in woods that watches our movements. We have 4 light and 4 medium tks fwd. CG wants other 7 tks up fwd as soon as possible. Put OPs on edge of woods at Obj; do not try to man entire edge of woods. When obj is taken, a strong run to be made into LE HOUSIERE (345554) and VANEMONT (365563). If possible, establish rd blocks at one or other of these two towns.</p>	
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Hq 141 RCT  
288594  
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1/50,000, SHEETS XXXV - 18

1. 141 RCT, with Co D 753 TK Bn, Co C 3rd Chem Wpns Bn and Co A 111 Med Bn attached and Co A 111 Engr Bn and 131 FA Bn in direct support. 1st Bn, B and C Co's vic 334586, advanced to E against stubborn resistance. A Co vic 320590. 3rd Bn, I Co engaged against road block vic 307612, K Co vic 314606. Thru out after noon, B and C Co's continued to advance to SE, reached vic 345516 against continued resistance. A Co retained previous positions. Enemy laid extremely heavy arty concentration along top of ridge, and counterattacked vic 322586 during late afternoon, and succeeded in cutting supply route to B and C Co's. 3rd Bn, I Co remained in contact thru out afternoon in same position, succeeded in pushing across open ground vic 33605. K Co, vic 325596. Received counterattack 1600A, L Co moved out to join K Co and position held. 2nd Bn moved from vic of KMONTERRUPT to BELMONT--thence up ridge, reaching vic 308587 at 1700A, continued advance to E to open supply route to B and C Co's. Reached vic 323586, contacting enemy there and holding position thru out night. During AM, 1st Bn--B, C, and A(-) Co's remained in heavy contact vic 345577. 2nd Bn, B and G Co's continued attack to E to open supply route to 1st Bn, heavily engaged vic 325585. Strong enemy patrols infiltrating vic 318537, harassing supply route. 3rd Bn, I Co remained in contact in previous positions. K Co reinforced patrol in contact vic 334597. Enemy arty extremely active thru out period. Regt'i Pwd OP established vic 318596. OP established 287594, 1100A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Fair--Limited by combat fatigue, terrain difficulties and approximately a 35% reduction in Rifle Co strength on position.
3. Results of Operations: 141 RCT, remained in contact, 1st Bn advance E to vic 347574. 3 prisoners taken during period. Total to date in France 4337.

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ANNEX No. 1  
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1st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1st Inf Regt	282594	
1st Battalion	337586	
2nd Battalion	261581	
3rd Battalion	279571	
Regt'l Hq Co	281572	
Cannon Co	278589	
Anti-Tank Co	285594	
Service Co	289590	
Regt'l Med Det	288594	

ATTACHED UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Co 2 753 AF Bn	245576	
Co 2 3rd AF Bn	285551	
Co 1 111 Med Bn	243576	
Co 1 111 Engr Bn	Displacing	
1st FA Bn	278589	

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>C. P.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>

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To: 1555 25 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
Fwd CP-vic 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1300			New Fwd CP dug in and set up vic 308587.	
1300	S-3	S-2	Two plats Co A at Pt E, Cos B and C in contact with Co A. Co E at Pt N in contact with enemy. Other plat Co A behind Co E in contact with enemy off left of trail. Co G behind Plat of Co A not in contact with enemy. No exact info on 3rd Bn but believe Co K in contact with enemy between Pts 30 and 28.	
1305	CO 1 Bn	S-2	Co E now at Pt N. Enemy infiltrating and not able to get Cos supplies.	Notified G-3
1305	Radio Intercept 2nd Bn	1st Bn	Friendly elements held up at Pt N; will try and break through and get supplies to you. Friendly elements are trying to make contact at Pt 9. Enemy we encounter are small groups but very aggressive.	Notified G-3
1315	S-2	S-3	At 1100 3rd Bn CP at 3260.	
1315	CO 131 FA	131 FA CO	Is Arty still firing counter btry? Arty fired for effect at 1300 and will fire intermittent fires throughout the afternoon; enemy fire coming from S.	
1335	CO	ExO	Still receiving arty fire at Fwd CP; believe it is coming from vic IVOUX.	
1400	CO 111 Engrs	ExO	Need Tk dozer at Fwd CP immediately. Does it have to be tk dozer or a regular bull dozer? Regular dozer is okay; 3rd Bn needs it to clear rd block.	ExO notified Engrs Called CO Notified 111 Engrs
1450	CO	ExO	2nd Bn 442 now atchd to 141; have Bn CO report to Fwd CP as soon as possible.	Notified 442 Inf
1545	CG Div Arty	ExO	Visited CP; discussed arty support and counter btry fires.	
1555	CO	2nd Bn 442 Inf	Bn to pass through Co I and form a holding and blocking force; clear high ground and hold Pts 32, 28 and 25; Bn will hold from these Pts to 141 left flank; will pass Regt'l Fwd CP by 0630 in morning.	

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From: 1555 25 October 1944

To: 1720 25 October 1944

Place: Fwd OP-vic 308587  
Rear OP-MAOHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1600	CO 3 Bn	S-3	Co K ready to jump off; have contact with 2nd Bn.	
	CO	CO 3 Bn	Will have two medium tks in the atk.	Notify Tk LO
1608	S-3	CO 3 Bn	2nd Bn ready to atk; so 3rd Bn can start whenever ready.	
1610	CO	131 FA	Start counter btry.	
1623	CO 1 Bn	CO	Have observation on valley now.	
	CO	CO 1 Bn	Get Arty FO to this OP as soon as possible.	
1630	S-2	CO	141 FA wanted to move into our area but ExO refused to let them.	
	CO	S-2	Atk began at 1600; in a strong fire fight but no late reports.	Notified G-3
1640	1st Bn	S-2	3 PWs from 198 Fus Bn; now have two Cos with total of 80 men; originally three Cos 65 men each supported by two light tks. Have 3 MGs; been in area 8 days; captured vic 321586.	Notified G-2
1642	G-3	ExO	When are we going to use Bn of 442 Inf?	ExO called CO
	CO	ExO	Bn to clear cross rd at 0630 in morning.	Notified G-3
1658	CO	S-3	Have counter btry try to fire on known gun pos.	
1700	CO	CO	Gave complete situation report.	
1703	ExO	CO	Co F 143 Inf extends from 311574 to 313573; hvy telephone line at 316584 runs to pos.	
1710	ExO	CO 2 Bn 442 Inf	Given situation. Shown a new route located by I&R Plat to by-pass Regt '1 Fwd OP where enemy puts down most consistent concentrations.	
1720	ExO	CO 2 Bn 143 Inf	Sending a patrol to your Co F pos; should be there about now. Our Co G is in contact with Germans on reverse slope of Hill 624.	

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From: 1720 25 October 1944  
 To: 2140 25 October 1944  
 Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
Fwd CP-vic 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1730	G-2	S-2	Two PWs with new identifications: 3rd Co of 202 Mountain Bn; picked up vic 314622. Co of 200 men each; do not know if other 5 Cos in this area.	Notified S-3
1755	S-2 CO	S-3 CO 2 Bn 442 Inf	Told of new route located by I&R; does CO want to change route or time of 2nd Bn 442? You will use trail by Fwd CP; head of column will pass CP between 0500-0600 in morning.	
1803	CO 3 Bn CO	CO 3 Bn	Co K advanced 200 yds up slope facing S. Co L to go to 1st Bn and take them ammo and water; each man to take 2 bandoliers ammo and full canteen of water; Co L to move through Pts 9 and 10. After Co I has been passed through by 2nd Bn 442 and Bn has secured high ground, Co I and tks will follow Co K. Am planning to send tks with supplies to 1st Bn; if this doesn't work, will use Co L.	
1822	CO	CO 3 Bn	Why was tk dozer sent back? In future, when Ba given attachments, Bn to keep them.	Did not need it.
1826	CO 2 Bn CO	CO 2 Bn	Trying to contact Co K through Co E. Bn to keep pushing tonight to hold enemy's attention so can make contact with 1st Bn.	
1831	Tk Off CO	CO Tk Off	Have brought 4 tks to replace the 4 now fwd. Tks to stay in vic CP tonight.	
1934	CO	131 FA LO	Am going to try to get tks to Cos A and B; want arty to fire from 2025 to 2030 in vic 327570; noise to cover movement of tks.	Notified 131 FA; said would fire two bns of arty.
2115	CO 1 Bn CO	CO CO 1 Bn	Co A patrol encountered rd block at Pt 16 (338572); one man killed, one wounded. Send out strong patrol to outflank rd block and also atk it from the front.	Notified ExO; G-3
2140	CO	ExO	Enemy has mined cross rd and put in rd block after 1st Bn passed.	Notified G-3



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To: 2330 25 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
Rwd CP-vic 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
2142	CO 1 Bn	CO	Tk Off said tks did not leave for 1st Bn to go with patrol with supplies.	CO said Co A not to leave until further notice.
2151	CO	CO 1 Bn	Have Co A send out strong patrol to knock out rd block so tks can get through with supplies; use a Co if necessary. Co A to report when this is accomplished.	
2200	CO	CO 2 Bn	Send patrol to contact Co F 143 in pos from 211574 to 313573; telephone wire begins 316584.	
2330	CO	S-3	No general change with 1st Bn. Co A's attempt to work through or around rd block at Pt 10 failed; tks scheduled to break through failed due to lack of coordination. Dispositions: Co G on rt at 320583, Co E on left 320587 supported by 2 tks; both Cos in contact with enemy. They will maintain pressure throughout night by patrolling and engaging enemy pos by fire. Co F less 1 plat 315582; one plat Co F plus AT plat at 308579 in contact with Co F 143 Inf. 3rd Bn: Co K on left at 322592 in contact with enemy to S; Co K to maneuver to E with two plats to determine enemy flank and to clear trail from 325597 to 331589; Co L at 319600; Co I on left at 316603 astride main rd. CPs remain in same pos except 1st Bn to 309587. 141 Inf with 2nd Bn 442 Inf atks at 0730. 2nd Bn 141 atks E down trail to pt 338579; 3rd Bn when passed through by 2nd Bn 442 at 0730 atks SE to first obj at 331589; 2nd Bn 442 passes through pres 3rd Bn pos to secure high ground at 321604, 331597 and 341592. When initial objs are secured 3rd Bn to press on to obj B (363567). When contact made between 1st and 2nd Bns, 1st will press on to Pt A (349563), 2nd Bn 141 will turn rt to protect rt flank of Regt from pos along edge of woods to S of 338579, extending W to pt S of 322583. 2nd Bn 442 to be responsible for left flank of Regt along obj; 3rd Bn responsible for security from 347584 to its obj.	Notified G-3

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From: 2350 25 October 1944

To: 0850 26 October 1944

Place: Rear OP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
 Fwd OP-via 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
<u>26 Oct</u>				
0535	CO	CO Hq Co	Contact Engr LO and have Engr plat atchd. to 1st Bn come fwd immediately.	
0643	CO	S-3	CO Co G 442 requested guides at power line on ridge trail at 0415; guides were there at 0350 but no trps appeared by 0600. Regt LO brought CO 2 Bn 442 to Fwd OP at 0620 where CO gave final instructions. At 0635 S-3 said tail of 442 column had cleared rear OP.	
0702	CO	S-2	Head of 442 column passed Fwd OP at 0700.	
0714	CO	S-2	442 Inf column stopped by few shots from small arms; tell CO 2 Bn 442 this is aty impact area and to get trps clear of this pt. Also be sure wire lines are connected with 141.	Notify CO 2 Bn 442 Inf.
0734	CO	CO 3 Bn	Tail of 442 column just passed Fwd OP.	
0745	G-3	S-3	Co E 7th Inf at 304617; relieved Co A at rd block; remainder 2nd Bn 7th Inf at 314624. CG wants 141 to contact them this morning.	
0750	CO 2 Bn	CO	Trps moving fwd; had arty changed to open clearing S of pres pos; can get it on call.	
0757	CO 3 Bn	CO	3rd Bn atk has begun; 442 getting into pos.	
0805	CO 2 Bn 442 Inf	S-2	Officers have been making ron; one Co moving into pos; other two will be in pos shortly.	
0815	ExO CO	CO ExO	143 reports seeing 2 tks and SF leaving vic <u>IVOUX</u> going S. One killed in mine field around rd block; 442 Inf has completed ron; one Co going out. Believe Co F in fire fight.	Notified G-3
0850	ExO	G-3	Have two light and two medium tks with 3rd Bn; two medium tks with each of Cos E and A.	

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From: 0830 26 October 1944  
 To: 1030 26 October 1944  
 Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
Fwd CP-vic 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0845	S-3	CO Engrs	Need Engr work done on supply route; tks out up rd when they go fwd. Would like trail in vic BRIVAL that will go SE.	30 trks gravel coming up this morning
0850	CG	S-3	Visited CP; given situation by S-3.	
0923	CG CO	CG CG	Visited Fwd CP. 1st Bn been cut off for 36 hrs but in contact by arty radio; atk this morning to try to contact.	
0931	CO	CO 151 FA	Is arty firing counter btry on IVOUX? If so, keep firing there.	Arty is firing on IVOUX
0935	CO 1 Bn	CO	Last msg received from Bn at 0835 acknowledging receipt of order to try and knock out rd block.	
1008	CO 3 Bn	CO	Co L not free as yet; Co K trying to go around to left; Co I still in pos.	
1009	CO 2 Bn 442 Inf	S-3	Meeting resistance just N Pt 32; having hard time getting across trail.	
1011	151 FA	S-3	Fired counter btry on IVOUX, then shifted fire S and E; would like to know if it quieted arty.	
1020	CO 2 Bn  CO	CO  CO 2 Bn	Went to take ground to get arty FO in pos and mortars dug in so can stop enemy coming across into woods and stop general enemy maneuver. Use a Co for this if necessary. Lot of motor activity on rd E of BIFFONTAINE.	
1030	CG VI Corps	CO	CG VI Corps, CG 36 Div and C of S visited CP. Discussed 1st Bn situation now cut off 39 hrs. CG VI Corps stated 2nd Bn 442 should drive straight E. 141 should send tks up to rd blocks and fire direct fire at them; have Inf go around both sides of rd block.	

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From: 1030 26 October 1944

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To: 1103 26 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
Fwd CP-via 308587

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1040	CG	CO 143	Get on FO with Inf into pos to observe valley to SE of 2nd Bn 141 rt flank; should be plenty of targets of opportunity there. Might have 143 atk across valley to E to surround enemy and aid 1st Bn 141 now cut off.	
1045	CG	CO 1 Bn	2nd Bn encountering S-mines; may take a chance and send tks fwd.	
1045	CG	CG 131 FA	Are you in contact with FO with 1st Bn; may want to send msg to them to atk back this way, if they have enough ammo.	Last msg received 0920.
1047	CG	CG	1st Bn to atk to rear immediately; situation has been stalemated 36 hrs. Have four Bns under your control and are still not doing anything. Put on atk and surround the enemy. Tell 2nd Bn 442 they are on their own. Can't you use arty on enemy?	Notified CO 1 Bn
	CG	CG	Can't use arty as shells land too close and we suffer too many casualties.	
1050	CG	CG	2nd Bn ordered to get Co F into patch of woods at 318578; Co E is stopped; Co G on rt is slowing down. Putting MGs and FO in patch of woods for observing. Believe Co K has located flank; putting 442 there. Co E moved 150 yds, Co K 300 yds. Can't use arty.	
1055	CG 3 Bn	S-3	Receiving counter atk; enemy on left flank Co K coming from high ridge across valley 324591. Able to hold but will commit Co L.	Notified Ex0; G-3
	CG	CG 3 Bn	Use Co L when see fit; get tks in support.	
1105	CG	Ex0	One Co 2nd Bn 442 via 314601 having to fight every inch of way; another Co trying to work to where Co K was this morning.	
1108	CG	Ex0	Want CO to call for arty fire on enemy in front of 2nd Bn. Have arty fire over target first; then adjust by sound; FO with 2nd Bn should be able to do this.	Notified CG; S-3 notified CG 2 Bn

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From: 1108 26 October 1944

To: 1200 26 October 1944

Place: Rear CP-MACHIEFOUR, FRANCE (288592)  
 Fwd CP-vic 308587.

Time & Date	From	To	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1115	S-3	CO 2 Bn	Adjust arty by sound through 2nd Bn FO; fire immediately for effect; notify CO when this has been done. Be careful of Co K at 324591. CG has ordered 143 Inf to put Co where Co F was formerly located.	CO notified CG S-3 notified CO 3 Bn
1118	CG CO	CO CG	Has msg to 1st Bn been sent yet? Have just finished putting it into brief form so it is ready to be sent now. Arty registering on 332588, 1000 yds to Co E front.	CO gave msg to CO 1 Bn
1122	CO 3 Bn S-3	S-3 Tk LO	Tks that were aiding Co I have pulled out. Send two light tks to Co I immediately.	Notified CO 3 Bn
1135	CO 131 FA CO	CO CO 131 FA	Now in contact with Arty FO who is with the 1st Bn. Send following msg: To 1st Bn - Move all trps back to Pt One immediately, repeat immediately. Germans occupying Pt Nine. White (2nd Bn) in contact. North flank 200 yds SE Pt 30. Our King Co (Co K) in contact at Pt Nan (Pt N). We are firing for effect on Pt 9. Keep Ruby (131 FA) informed of your pos. Acknowledge.	
1150	S-2	S-3	Msg received from 1st Bn: Felled trees and one AT gun at rd block; need Engrs to clear. Sending force to block now. 0800. At 0855 received msg: Ready to move by rd block to contact mission force and atk enemy from behind. At 0920: Engrs have to neutralize mines. At 0830 CO 1 Bn sent following msg: Strong friendly force advancing to meet you now.	
	S-3	S-2	Msg will have to be dropped to 1st Bn or send one man to try and get through.	
1153	CO	CO 442	Co G passing through Co I met entrenched enemy at 319602; estimated line extends to hill 617 (329608) passed our Co I on flank, using Co I as base of fire. Probe around flank and estimate situation. Am working out plan of atk now; will notify you when it is complete.	

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-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 73

FROM: 120025 Oct 1944  
TO : 120026 Oct 1944

Hq 141 ROT  
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1/50,000 SHEETS XXXV-18

1. 141 ROT, attached, Co G 3rd Chem Bn, Co D 83rd Chem Wpns Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, with Co A 111 Engr Bn and 131 FA Bn. 1st Bn (-Co A-) vic 346575, in defensive disposition, cut off from supplies and remaining forces. 2nd Bn, E Co vic 318516, astride main road to E and Co G vic 315515, both Co's in heavy contact attempting to open route to E to 1st Bn. F Co in reserve vic 308585. 3rd Bn: I Co vic 317601, in contact with enemy road block. K Co vic 318595, in contact with enemy and trying to advance SE. Co L vic 316596. 2nd and 3rd Bns regrouped forces thru out early part of afternoon and jumped off in attack at 1600A, 2nd Bn to E and 3rd Bn to SE. Both Bns encountered heavy resistance from SA and MG fires from enemy line run generally N and S along 32 Easting and failed to break thru. 2nd Bn, 442 ROT attached to 141 ROT as of 1500A, moved onto high ground vic 308586 prior to daylight. During evening, 1st Bn combat patrol, working W, encountered strong enemy Rd Blk vic 337578, were unable to break thru. Thru out night, forces grouped as follows, prepared to continue attack 0730. 2nd Bn, G Co vic 320583, E Co vic 320587, F Co moved to vic 315582. E and G Co's in contact thru out night with enemy. 3rd Bn, Co I vic 316603, astride main road, K Co vic 322592, in contact with enemy to S. L Co vic 319600. During AM, 2nd Bn, E and G Co's made minor progress against extremely stubborn resistance, F Co attacked to S to seize hill vic 318578. 2nd Bn, 442 ROT, attempted to pass thru I Co, to attack N to high ground vic 321604 then to E. Received heavy resistance, succeeded in working G Co across main road vic Co I position. K Co succeeded in advancing to SE 300 yds along ridge vic 324591. Received counterattack from NE in that vic at 1100A, and L Co moved up to join K Co. All units in heavy contact at closed period. Enemy arty active thru out period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, weather and terrain difficulties and approximately a 50% reduction in Rifle Co strength on position.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, with 2nd Bn 442 ROT attached, continued attack to E and SE to gain contact with 1st Bn, made only minor progress against heavy and stubborn resistance. 3 prisoners taken during period. Total to date in France 4340.

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