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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				1 July, 1944 No messages and no action. Moved from XIX Corp to 82nd A/B Sector.	
				2 July, 1944	
0800		1.		82nd A/B Div. G-2 Periodic Report, and annex No. 1.	
0800		2.		Photo interpretation Report No. 5.	
1200		3.		82nd A/B Div. Spot Summary	
1200		4.		82nd A/B Div. G-2 Estimate	82d A/B 82d A/B 82d A/B
				3 July, 1944	
0745		5.		Negative Report. (Rcn. Co.)	
0840		6.		Negative Report. (C O Rcn. Co.)	
0830		7.		AT guns at coor. 257876 and 249838 shooting southeast up roads. (Lt. Bowman)	
0855	0857	8.		Mines at 230889.	All Companies
0951		9.		Negative Report. (C O Rcn. Co.)	
1025	1030	10.		2nd rcn. platoon moved to 242895. Outposts of 2nd platoon at 253888. Town of Preto clear except for snipers. (In friendly hands) No tank information.	L.O.#1
1046	1050	11.		Mines north of Varen Quebec.	All companies
1046		12.		Negative Report. (C O Rcn. Co.)	
1140	1143	13.		Town Dranquerie in friendly hands clear except for snipers	All companies.
1132		14.		Enemy mine field on road 266860. (Rcn. Co.)	
1143		15.		Have been unable to clear road junction 217900 AT gun. (Tank warning net)	
1150		16.		Negative information ("A" Co.).	
1157		17.		Our artillery has moved into position as far as first objective. More information to follow. (Rcn. Co.)	
1200		18.		Situation unchanged. (Rcn. Co.)	
1200		19.		Ifm still moving forward in direction indicated in last message. Progress slow. Mines being removed. ("A" Co.)	
1240		20.		Bridge at 293893 and at 214891 are spanned OK. (Rcn. Co.)	All companies.
1251	1251	22.		Mine field at 265875 removed.	
1318		23.		Prisoner col. point at 264894. Officer in charge of interrogation says mostly Polish. Germans left them holding the bag in well dug in emplacements and instructed them to shoot everything and everyone to the last man. All well supplied with automatic weapons. They knew nothing of the disposition of their troops.	
1313		24.		Front line advance to coor. 236865. (Rcn. Co.)	

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3 July, 1944, Cont'd					
1337	1337	25.		Three tanks, one (1) known to be med- ium at 244867. (AGI net)	All companies and staff.
1340	1345	26.		Information from prisoners still all only polish. No knowledge of AT weapons or tanks. That's their story though. 325th reported one (1) med. tank at 233868. 3 MLO's sent after it. 505th has reached objective. (Rcn. Co.)	
1437		27.		Negative Report. (Rcn. Co.)	All companies and staff.
1435		28.		one (1) PW turned in by "A" Co. Wounded in the leg. Did not know of any tanks.	
1445	1445	29.		One (1) S/P 88 at 183897 dug in. (Aerop)	All companies and staff.
1457	1457	30.		Unable to bring one (1) unit into position. Road covered by fire from One (1) 88. Approximate location of 88 222830.	All companies and staff.
1503	1503	31.		Line in 325th area 245878, 235876, 233865 confirmed by 2nd Battalion of 325th located at 248873. No evidence of enemy armor from expected counter attack area on left flank.	All companies and staff.
1640		32.		Location of front line 268855.	All companies and staff.
1647	1649	33.		88's located in vicinity of 265854 and 272851. Believed to be S/P. (C O Rcn. Co.)	
1656	1656	34.		Enemy mortar or mortars in vicinity of 217876. Negative tank information.	Division
1713	1715	35.		Eight (8) tanks reported at 265854 and 272851. Believed to be S/P and mortars at 217876.	All companies and staff.
1828		36.		Negative information. (Rcn. Co.)	All companies and staff.
1945		37.		Enemy mortars previously reported have been silenced. D ridge on right flank has been repaired. 1st platoon "A" company captured 14 PW's turned into 508th Para. regt. "C" company 2nd platoon destroyed church steeple which contained OP & machine gun nest. 1st platoon "C" company neutralized OP on Hill 122.	
4 July, 1944.					
0800		38.		32nd A/B G-2 Periodic Report and Annex No. 1.	All Companies All companies and staff.
1300	1300	39.		Tanks at 245860. (Aerop.) Unconfirmed. Fifteen (15) hostile aircraft going east. (Div.)	
1330	1330			Enemy mortar fire severe through out this area. It is difficult to make any move without drawing fire. ("A" Co.)	
1520		40.			

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IN	OUT				
5 July, 1944					
0747	0747	41.		Tanks believe to be at 020350 and 020350. ("E" Co.)	All Companies and staff.
0730	0730	42.		Small tanks unknown number believed to be Renaults or emprise infiltrating north in the vicinity 220350 - 210850 attach reserve immediately to XXX concerned. (L.O. 2)	All companies and staff.
0800		43.		82nd A/B Div. G-2 Periodic Report. No. 85. and interrogation report no. 19.	
1300	1300	44.		Tanks unconfirmed 213850. (Div.)	All companies.
1420	1422	45.		One (1) 88 located at 212351. 2nd platoon "A" Co. killed about 100 enemy personnel. Knocked out 3 machine guns and one (1) 88mm gun on Hill 95. 1st platoon "B" Co. destroyed an enemy mortar and ammunition dump. 1st platoon "C" Co. shelled wheeled vehicles in vicinity of 227846. Excellent results. 1st platoon "C" Co. knocked out one (1) Mark IV. at 227864.	All companies.
<p>Results of Operations for 4 July, 1944.            Three TD's shelled Hill 95. Results 3 M/G's, one (1) 88mm gun destroyed and about 75 Germans killed. One platoon fired H.E. and A.P. at 3/P gun on Hill 122 put it out of action.</p>					
6 July, 1944					
0800		46.		82nd A/B Div. G-2 Periodic Report No. 86. "A" Co. captured 23 PW's turned into 503 Para. Regt. Shelled house (enemy strong point) excellent results.	
7 July, 1944					
0800		47.		82nd A/B Div. G-2 Periodic Report No. 87. With overlay. "A" Co. destroyed house that was occupied with enemy personnel with bazookas.	
8 July, 1944					
0700	0710	48.		Machine guns at 187844. Enemy flanking fire from La Haye Du Puits 202836. Mine field in vicinity of 187842. (Div.)	All companies & staff.

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8 July, 1944, Cont'd					
0015	1017	49.		Right Unit reports German tanks with British markings. Also Germans wearing helmets and uniforms of Americans. This report has not as yet been confirmed. (L.O.#2)	All companies & Staff.
1020	1022			Machine Gun nests at 168341.	All companies & Staff.
9 July, 1944					
0800		50.		"C" company fired harassing fire at cross roads until 0300 hrs. Effect unknown.	
0800		51.		VIII Corps Artillery 3-2 Bulletin.	
1200		52.		VIII Inf. Div. G-2 Periodic Report.	
1340	1350	53.		V Corps - Letter - Enemy Agents. Air observation reported that 50 tanks were moving from Cannisy west toward Coutance at 1000hrs. Believed to be element of Das Reich. (L.O.#2)	All companies & Staff.
1945	1945			One (1) Merk IV at 213829 (Ac08p.)	All Companies
1930				Artillery Battery 217800 (Air OP)	
10 July, 1944					
0800		54.		VIII Inf. Div. G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		55.		VIII Corps Artillery 3-2 Bulletin.	
0800		56.		Field Artillery Periodic Report.	
1055	1056	57.		Believed to exist several Teller Mine fields. Vicinity 210823 and 213820. Extending in depth about 200 meters from roads. (Div. C Net)	
1350	1355			88 reported at 159822. Not confirmed.	All companies.
1745	1755			Unknown number of 88's firing from approximate coor. 2181. Use of smoke precludes accurate location.	All companies and Div.
				"A" Co. destroyed one (1) probable machine gun. "B" Co. destroyed one (1) enemy CP, killing 5 enemy and two probable machine gun nests. "C" Co. fired secondary mission on targets south of La Haye Du Puits. Effect Unknown.	

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IN	OUT				
11 July, 1944					
0800		58.		8th Inf. Div. G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		59.		VIII Corps Field Artillery Periodic Report.	
0800		60.		VIII Corps Enemy Battery List No. 3.	
1300	1330	61.		Two (2) tanks going along road at 347763. Also one (1) tank moving NW along road at 352770 and one (1) halted 350765. (Air OP)	All companies.
1345	1350	62.		Six (6) tanks halted at 345759. One tank at cross roads 217817. (Air OP)	All companies
1630	1635			88's located at 208809 and 202812. Number unknown.	All companies.
1745	1748			Air OP reports suspected 88 at 214816. Sending up plane to check.	All companies
1725	1726	63.		12 unidentified aircraft heading NE (Field Artiller Net).	All companies & Staff.
1830	1830	64.		Enemy tanks in woods beyond 222820. (Air OP).	All companies.
1835	1835	65.		Two (2) tanks observed at 196816. Reconnaissance captured 7 prisoners about 2000 hrs. Turned into 2nd En. 121st Inf. Regt. "B" Co. destroyed enemy strong point in church at 197819. "B" company destroyed machine gun nests. Number unknown and strong point south of 185816. "A" Co. fired 22 rounds of H.E. at enemy personnel and 88mm guns. Results unknown. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect unknown.	All companies.
2155	2200			Five (5) tanks or S/P's reported across front of 121st Inf. Approximate coor. 220813.	All companies
12 July, 1944					
0600		66.		0000 hrs to 0800 hrs. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect unknown.	
1340	1345			VIII Corps Field Artillery Report.	
1410	1415			88 reported at 218798. (Air OP)	All companies.
				88 reported at 218798 now moved to 210798 and has gone into position.	All companies.
1525	1530			88 reported moved to 207789 (Air OP).	All companies.
1745	1747			Unknown number of tanks reported just south of Hill 92.	
				"B" Co. captured one (1) PW. Turned over to 28th Regt. "B" Co. captured one (1) PW turned over to 13th Inf.	
				Two (2) machine guns destroyed. Two (2) machine guns probable. Two (2) mortars probable. Heavy losses to enemy personnel, due to assault firing. XEX	
13 July, 1944					
0800		67.		8th Div. G-2 report.	
0800		68.		VIII Corps F A Periodic Report.	
0800		69.		Changes to Enemy Battery List No. 3.	

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				13 July, 1944, Cont'd	
				At 1345 "C" Co. fired secondary mission on roads 220779 to 228787, 223779 to 229775 and 230783 to 240780. Effect Unknown. "A" Co. destroyed one (1) anti-tank gun at 243795. Destroyed One (1) machine gun, other probables "B" Co. destroyed 3 machine guns and 30 enemy personnel.	
				14 July, 1944	
0800		70.		VIII Corps Artillery Periodic Report. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect Unknown.	
				15 July, 1944	
0800		71.		8th Div. PW Report.	
0800		72.		VIII Corps R A Periodic report.	
				16 July, 1944	
0800		73.		8th Inf. Div. G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		74.		90th Inf. Div. G-2 Periodic report.	
				17 July, 1944	
				No messages, incidents or Orders. "C" Co. fired indirect mission on roads in St. Lo area. Effect unknown.	
				18 July, 1944	
				"C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect unknown.	
				19 July, 1944	
0800		75.		XIX Corps G-2 Periodic Report. "B" Co. knocked out one (1) AT gun, and one (1) S/P. Two S/P's or tanks probable. 4 PW's taken. Turned into Task Force. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect unknown.	
				20 July, 1944	
0800		76.		XIX Corps G-2 Periodic Report. "B" Co. took 3 PW's. Turned into Task Force Commander. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect Unknown.	
				21 July, 1944	
0800		77.		Overlay of enemy minefields, with Annex's No. 1 and 2. "C" Co. fired secondary mission. Effect unknown.	

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				22 July, 1944	
0800		78.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		79.		Letter - Carriage of Classified Documents to and from Northwest Europe.	
0800		80.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		81.		XIX Corps, Engineering Intelligence Notes.	
				23 July, 1944	
0800		82.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
				24 July, 1944	
0800		83.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
				25 July, 1944	
0800		84.		XIX Corps, Artillery Periodic Report and Intelligence Summary.	
0800		85.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
0800		86.		Letter - Destruction of Enemy Mines. "A" Co. Fired indirect last night, at 13 targets. Effect Unknown.	
				26 July, 1944	
0800		87.		XIX Corps, Engineering Intelligence Notes. "A" Company fired 4 missions indirect. Effect unknown.	
				27 July, 1944	
0800		88.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report and Overlay.	
0800		89.		First Army Circular No. 98.	
				28 July, 1944	
0800		90.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report and Overlay.	
				29 July, 1944	
0800		91.		XIX Corps, Artillery Periodic Report and G-2 Intelligence Annex. Tac/R reports 43 tanks moving north at 5344 at 1800 hrs. (Div. Arty)	All companies and Staff.
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30 July, 1944					
0800		92.		XIX Corps, G-2 Periodic Report.	
0900		93.		1st Army Intelligence Instructions No. 23.	
0900		94.		2nd T D Group History of Strength and Organization 2nd Pz Div.	
1035	1035	95.		Tanks at 4343 attacking infantry. (Reported by Col. after personal reconnaissance).	All Companies
0800	0800	96.		Gun reported at 449503. (Div.)	All Companies
1045	1047	97.		Tanks reported at 425420. (Div Arty)	All Companies
1345	1345	98.		Counter-attack with tanks reported from east along roads running west and southwest from Tessy-Sur-Vire. (Rcn)	
1535	1535	99.		Tac/R reports 10 enemy tanks at 3641 at 1510 hrs.	All Companies
2012	2012	100.		Positive information - 3 tanks on sunken road at 46945040. (2000 hrs) Check with regimental commander as to rumored arty concentration. (6 more tanks reported at 463501 this is not positive, Arty OP reported). "C" company knocked out one (1) Mark V and two (2) trucks at 411405. Confirmed by C O of 115th regt. "C" Company knocked out one (1) OP.	Sent to "A" Co.
31 July, 1944.					
0800		101.		29th Div., G-2 Periodic Report.	
1400	1400			175th Regt. reports tanks at 4485, 4550 and east of RJ452455.	All Companies
1632	1635			One (1) S/P at 613518 (intercepted on Div. Arty. channel)	All Companies.

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