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Hq. 81st TD Bn
BOUXIERES NOUS FROIMONT
061200A Nov 44.

FIELD ORDER No. 3.

MAPS: France, 1/25,000 Sheets ROMNEY 1 & 2 NW, PONT A MOUSSON 3 & 4 NE, METZ 5 & 6 SW, METZ 1 & 2 NW, CHAMBLEY 3 & 4 NE, CHAMBLEY 7 & 8 SE. 1/100,000 sheets VI (SAARBRUCKEN) & VB (WINDERSBOURG).

1. a. Enemy. The enemy occupies the general line: From the Corps N boundary to the N bank of the MOSELLE RIVER S to AY-SUB-MOSELLE (U8572) - NAUCONCOURT (U8770) - S of MAIZIERES (U8569) to SINGOURT (U8367) - FRENEL (U804680) - AMANVILLERS (U7764) via MOSCOU FAN (U77596) via (U78870) - JOUY AUX ARCHES (U7882) - via CORNY (U7749) - VREON (U8046) - SILLIGNY (U8444) - SHILLE RIVERS S to CHEMINOT (U8340). See current G-3 report. Disposition and location - see overlay. Essential elements of information - Will the enemy use tanks and SP guns to repel attack, or to counter-attack, if so, when and where?

b. (1) 5th Div in conjunction with other 3rd US army units attacks on D day, H hour with main effort on E (S) flank to capture Division Objective (see overlay). 2nd Inf, with 735th Tank Bn (-Co B) and 81st TD Bn (-Co B) attached, using minimum force (not to exceed one Inf Bn) attacks on D day, H hour in conjunction with 10th Inf to force crossing of SHILLE RIVER, capture objective 2, seize initial bridgehead within 3 and continue advance to NE on Div Order. 1 pl tks and 1 rifle Co after crossing SHILLE R atks E between Moy & R to seize entrenchments (see overlay) and then consolidate brhd. 1 rifle Co mops up CHEMINOT. Remainder of Inf Bn and Tk Bn moves along N bank of SHILLE R and N bank of creek to position S of HILL 215 and prepares to capture LOUVIGNY from position in brhd.

10th Inf atks within 3 on D day, H hour using minimum force (not to exceed one Inf Bn) to capture objective 1, seize initial brhd within 3 and continue advance to NE on Div Order.

11th Inf holds present front lines and protects Div Brhd. 774th TD Bn provides anti-mechanized protection for 11th Inf sector.

7th Mgr Bn will construct class 40 br at LONGEVILLE (U835405) by H plus 30 minutes and at U825898 by H plus 12 hrs.

No artillery preparation will be fired.

2. a. 81st TD Bn (-Co B) atchd to 2nd Inf effective 061200. Co B atchd 10th Inf effective 061200.

b. 81st TD Bn will support atk of 5th Inf Div by (1) providing anti-mech protection for successive objectives (2) indirect fire (3) direct fire against pill boxes, entrenchments, strong points, gun positions, etc.

3. a. Co A (1) Support attack of 2nd Bn 2nd Inf initially from pos S HILL 223 & S de CHEMINOT. Positions will be occupied after H hour, after surprise has been lost, but prior to daylight.

(2) Cross river at LONGEVILLE by pl and move by covered rts to position on ridge 215 protecting brhd from N and be prepared to occupy positions to engage pill-boxes on SW and S of LOUVIGNY and entrenchments W of LOUVIGNY (see overlay).

(3) Establish and maintain liaison with 2nd Bn, 2nd Inf.

b. Co B. (1) Will support crossing of 10th Inf initially from W bank of SHILLE R along N edge of S de BUREUX. Sector of fire LOUVIGNY to LA HAUTOURNERIE at U857429.

(2) Provide anti-mech protection for N flank of initial brhd from W bank of SHILLE R.

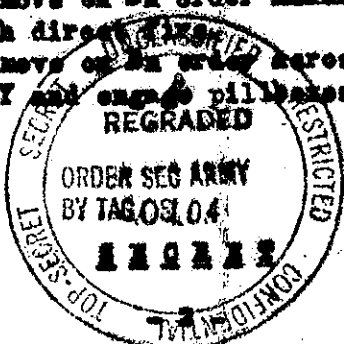
(3) Cross SHILLE R by S bridge upon order 10th Inf and protect N & E flank of 10th Inf Sector.

(4) Establish and maintain liaison with 10th Inf.

c. Co C. (1) Remain on indirect fire NW BOUXIERES initially, reinforcing the fires of the 80th FA Bn.

(2) Be prepared to move on Bn order ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to support crossing of 2nd Inf with direct fire across SHILLE R to positions via HILL 122

(3) Be prepared to move on Bn order across SHILLE R to positions via HILL 122 to protect brhd N of LOUVIGNY and engage pill boxes N & W of LOUVIGNY (see overlay).



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4. Recon Co. (1) Initially recon CP's via LARSONVILLE, BOUXIERES, and W bank of SHELLE
 & paying particular attention to sector via CHEMINOT & LOUVIGNY.

(2) Recon For CP's V of SHELLE and in via KILL 216 & 182 to be occupied when
 advance has progressed to LOUVIGNY.

x. (1) All leaders are responsible for maint. of aggressive, mobile attitude
 within their commands.

(2) All men will be briefed after 081700. It will be explained that this is
 a major offensive and that the max. No. Germans killed or captured.

(3) After reaching objectives, all units will be prepared for offensive
 action to the NE and E. Ground once taken will be held.

(4) Utmost secrecy will be exerted prior to H hour to prevent enemy knowledge
 of intentions. Co's A and B will move to initial position under cover of artillery
 fires and between H hr and daylight in order to obtain surprise.

(5) Upon contact with German civilians non-fraternization policy to be
 rigidly enforced. No civilians will be permitted to interfere with military ops.
 Passage of lines will be strictly prohibited to all civilians. No civilians can be
 assumed to be friendly.

(6) Routes and positions will be selected to provide max cover from AISEM &
 YSER fort groups.

(7) TD's will have third priority on LONGEVILLE Bz following tanks.

(8) Utmost care will be exercised to avoid firing on friendly elements oper-
 ating on S of Div Zone.

4. a. Kitchen and supply tracks of TD Co's will revert to Hq Co control, when Co's
 leave present locations.

b. Duffle bags and org baggage will be stored in BOUXIERES SOUS PROIDENT, France

c. Hq will supply companies with rations, fuel and supplies of all kinds.

d. Daily reports will continue to be made to this Hq during attachment to other
 units.

e. RE w/CP 105 Fax initial issues: Co "A" - 100 rds Co "C" - 50 rds
 Co "B" - 50 rds Bz Tr - 18 rds

5. a. See current SOI.

b. Radio nets open H hour.

c. Axis of Sig Com: 618th TD Bn - BOUXIERES - LOUVIGNY.

d. All personnel will be enjoined to avoid damage to wire lines and, if damaged,
 do their utmost to repair same.

e. Co CP's initially from present locations. Thereafter select and report.

f. Special attn to Sig security.

g. Yellow panels & yellow smoke will be displayed if called for by friendly
 aircraft.

h. Mud cloths will not be worn on TD tracks with prior approval from this Hq.

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FO # 9.

MAPS: France and Belgium 1/50,000 sheets 106, 107, 121, 122.

1. a. (1) Enemy is well dug in along front (see overlay) and heavy SA and mortar fire is to be expected. A few dug in tanks are in support of Infantry. There has been a marked decrease in enemy artillery fire.

- (2) Units in contact - identified.
 9 V.G. Div - 3 regiments and Engr Bn.
 167 V.G. Div - 2 Btrys artillery
 Fuehrer Gr Brigade - 1 Bn.
 47 G.H.Q. Engr Brigade.
 276 V.G. Div - 1 Regt.

(3) Tanks. 1 tk at P699522, 1 tk at P710519, 1 tk at P667517. 80th Inf Div reports counterattack by 15 tks and 1st Bn of Fuehrer Brig on 8 Jan. 8 tks k'od vic DAHL. Also counter attack from E toward GOES-DORF by 1st Bn 352 V.G. Div. 35th Inf rptd unknown number of tks at P615510 and at 061230. An unknown number of tks are reported to be concentrated at ESCHWEILER P7257.

(4) Enemy tks that are capable of being committed in 26 Div sector--It is estimated that parts of two Pz Div may be committed at any time. Elements of 1 SS Pz Div have been identified at WARDIN P6056 and LONGVILLY P6360, 2nd Pz Div at MICHAMPS P6162 and 12 SS Pz Div vic BIZORY P5859.

b. III Corps continues atk D-Day, H-Hour (091000 Jan 45) to destroy enemy pocket SE BASTOGNE and advance NE direction ST VITH in conjunction with XII and VIII Corps.

2. a. 26th Inf Div (less Task Force SCOTT) w/818th TD Bn (less 2 pls Co A) atchd crosses LD 091000 Jan 45 and attacks to N to seize high ground vic NOERTRANGE with 328 Inf Regt on left and 104th Inf Regt on right. 104th atks in zone seizes initial objs, establish brhd over WILTZ R, protect rt flk of Div and maintain contact w/ 90th Div on left. 3rd Bn when passed thru, reverts to Div Res vic KAUNDORF. TF SCOTT atks in Z, maintains contact w/ 90th Div and TF FICKETT. Mops up pocket.

b. Task Force Scott w/ Co A (less 1 pl) 818th TD Bn atchd crosses LD 091000 Jan 45 and attacks to N seize obj. (see overlay).

3. 818th TD Bn provides close AT support for 26 Inf Div and Task Force SCOTT as follows:

a. Co A (less 1 pl) atchd Task Force Scott, one pl atchd to Div Hq Co.
 b. Co B (less 1 Pl) atchd to 104 Inf Regt, one pl in Div res vic KAUNDORF P683483 to cover approaches from N and E. Be prepared to move on Bn order.

c. Co C (less 1 pl) atchd to 328 Inf Regt, one pl in res vic KAUNDORF P683483 to cover approaches from N and W. Be prepared to move on Bn order.

d. Ron Co maintain AT warning net, keep OP's pushed well forward in TF Scott sector and sector of 26 Inf Div, pay particular attention to flanks. Pio Pl move to N of SURE R and be prepared to assist gun companies in movement.

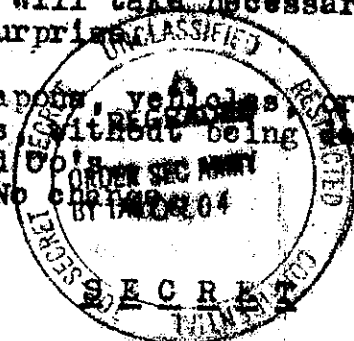
x. (1) Strict measures to insure air security to include Passive Air Defense will be enforced.

(2) Unit Cmdrs will take necessary measures for all-around security to insure against surprise.

4. a. No gasoline, weapons, vehicles, or ammunition will be permitted to fall into enemy hands without being destroyed.

b. Supply by Bn and Co's

c. S-1 and MR's: No change



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5. a. Current SOI.
- b. AIR Identification panels will be displayed.
- c. Code check points will be used.

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 201415A Jan 45

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MAPS: France and Belgium 1/50,000 Sheets 106, 107, 131, 132.

1. a. Bn MG loc at NJ P697533, 1 MG dug in at P692525. Bn strong points at P683520 and P684519. PW states 2nd Bn 116 Regt at P6934 on 17 Jan. PW states 3-120mm Mortars at P684548, 2 at P651532 and 3 at P664533 on 17 Jan. PW reports OT KNOLL in defensive pos in heights N of WILTZ E via P6655 with a strength of 60 men. At P675547 a direct fire weapon was obs firing intermittently on 18 Jan. Arty pos loc S edge of WILTZ P7053. 2 SP guns loc via P721515 on 19th. No enemy armor reported in 26th Div sector but enemy is capable of employing a limited amt of armor either in defensive or offensive action. PW states that as of 17 Jan rd blocks mined at P659545, bridge blown at P654565 and bridge is blank mined at P648572. Patrol rpts bridge at P656555 intact on 20 Jan. Bridge at P654565 is blown but good for foot troops only.

b. 26th Inf Div atks to NB H-hour, D-day to seize obj (overlay). 6th Cav Gp with Co C, 602d TD Bn atchd, contains en in Zone (overlay).

2. The 818th TD Bn supts atk of 26th Inf Div and provides anti-mechanized defense of the Div sector.

3. a. Co A 818th TD Bn in direct support of 101st Inf.

b. Co B 818th TD Bn in general support of Div sector. One pl provide anti-mech prot for Div Hq. One pl direct support of 26th Rcn Tr on right (R) flank. Be prepared to reinforce 263 FA Bn via BNRLE w/ indirect fire.

c. Co C 818th TD Bn in direct support of 328 Inf. One pl remain on secondary mission until relieved.

d. Rcn Co maintain OP's and anti-tank warning in Div sector maintaining contact w/ 6th Cav Gp on rt and 90th Div on L. Report locations of adjacent TD units direct to 818 TD Co's concerned and to Bn Hq.

Pls Pl (1) Continue camouflage of MIO's.

(2) Be prepared to assist TD Co's in attack.

(3) Provide emergency road clearance in event of snow drifts.

e. Hq Co and Bn CP remain in present locations.

x. (1) Rpt by fastest means loc and mvmt of en armor.

(2) Strict measures to insure air security will be enforced.

(3) Utmost secrecy measures will be observed prior to the atk.

(4) No gasoline, wps, veh or ammo will be permitted to fall into enemy hands without being destroyed.

(5) Each unit commander will take necessary measures for all-around security.

(6) Hds from BNRLE to NAVIGNE and NJ P664543 to GRUNELSCHEID mutual to both, 101st and 328th Inf.

4. No change.

5. a. Current SOI.

b. Div code check points will be used.

c. Identification panels will be used as follows:

20-21 Jan - red.

22-28 Jan - yellow.

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