

S E C R E T

UNIT REPORT

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From 160001 June 44
To 302400 June 44

2nd TD Group
261200B July 44
Ste Legerite d'Elle

Maps: G.S.G.S. France, Sheets 6E/5 and 6E/6, Scale, 1/50,000.

I. ENEMY:

- a. XIX Corps in contact with elements of 275th Inf. Div., 352nd Inf. Div., 353rd Inf. Div., 3rd Parachute Div., 17th SS Pz Grenadier Div. (See overlays XIX Corps)
- b. Reserves available over the period was principally the 2nd SS Pz Div. No tactical reserve of dangerous size appeared during this period. Concentration of German armor on the British front drained our sector. Weather permitting, observation was practically continuous and no movement of large scale achieved a surprise.
- c. Commitment of enemy forces was piecemeal. Our constant pressure and his inferior force compelled the organization of many Kampfgruppe's from various units, and also caused divisions to be committed not as divisions but in regimental task forces. Armor was not used in mass, but small units of from three (3) to eight (8) tanks appear to have been attached to units for special operations.
- d. Enemy strength was always inferior to ours. Maximum armor on Corps front estimated to have never been more than one hundred (100) tanks, and probably only one-half this number. Morale was spotty, some units fought fiercely, while others gave up with alacrity. Knowledge of our situation appears to be excellent.
- e. There is no evidence that the enemy can materially alter the above situation. Only reserves of any size are on British sector, and it appears unlikely that they can be withdrawn. This is indicated by the frequent commission by the Germans of armored units to sectors which normally would be held by Inf. Divisions confirming the apparent lack of strategic reserves.

II. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See overlay XIX Corps.
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 - (1) 2nd TD Group - 563803
 - (2) 703 TD Bn - 549808
 - (3) 803 TD Bn - 564718
 - (4) 821 TD Bn - 533709
 - (5) 823 TD Bn - 533709
- c. See overlay XIX Corps.

II. CWS SITUATION: (Cont'd)

- d. 2nd TD Group: Landed in Normandy, France, 24 June 1944, attached XII Corps. Supervised the operations of Tank Destroyer Units under XII Corps control and coordinated the anti-tank defense in the Corps zone. No Tank Destroyer Battalions were attached to this headquarters during the period.

Battalions Under Corps Control:

703rd TD Bn (SF - Corps Reserve (Landed 30 June 44)

803rd TD Bn (SF) - Attached 29th Inf. Div.

821st TD Bn (T) - Attached 29th Inf. Div.

823rd TD Bn (T) - Attached 30th Inf. Div.

- e. Combat Efficiency: Excellent.
- f. Results of Operations: Coordination of anti-tank defense in Corps sector and supervision to Tank Destroyer Units during the attack.

III. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Strength of Command - Fourteen (14) Officers and Fifty-nine (59) E. N.

- b. Replacements expected - One (1) Officer.

- c. Casualties - None

- d. Evacuation - None

- e. Prisoners - None

- f. Location of Supply Installations:

- (1) Truckhead - (518744)
- (2) Ammunition - ASP 1901 (527802)
- (3) Class III Supplies - 545838
- (4) Class II and IV Supplies:
 - a. Medical - (544823) and (618872)
 - b. Quartermaster - (626871)
 - c. Ordnance - (520835)
 - d. Engineer - (626870)
 - e. Signal - (615869)
 - f. CWS - (715848) and (405962)
- (5) Water Points:
 - a. (457850)
 - b. (496785)
 - c. (561816)
 - d. (365801)

- g. Rations:

- (1) Class I - On hand start of period - three (3)
 - Consumed this period - None
 - On T/O or enroute - None
 - Losses - None
 - On hand close of period - Three (3)