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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheet 15 H & 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 1013 - 0610 - 3606 - 0805 - 0903 - 0999 - 9811 - 9711.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: 2d Bn less 1 Co, 179th Inf was enroute Vic K173815 at 151200B with the other elements of the Div remaining in position. Few changes occurred during period as the 45th Div held the pivot position for the VI Corps swing from NORTH to EAST. Active patrolling on all sector fronts.

b. 36th Inf Div: 141st Inf Regt at 151200B was in Vic of J9410 as Division reserve. 142d Inf Regt 2d Bn clearing locality of last enemy at K0016, 1st Bn K0616 while 3d Bn kept moving NORTH from CHERS. 143d Inf 3d Bn CP at J8815 with elements of unit at J8516 and J9017. 117th Rcn Sq was moving NORTHEAST astride LAUTERNE River with elements at J7813 and J8915. No enemy contact reported. At 151337B 143d Inf elements had reached 9617, encountering heavy resistance. 1st Bn 142d Inf continued forward against moderate resistance (080167), with the 3d Bn at 095163 followed by the 2d Bn. 141st Inf remained in reserve at 9510. At close of period 151200B, 117th Rcn with CP at 7806 had elements patrolling left flank. 141st Inf unchanged with units of 142d and 143d Inf cleaning out LUXEUIL.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair to rain. Visibility good to poor.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its advance toward LURE, moving toward the city in all directions and entering it shortly after the end of the period. Enemy forces of considerable strength were overcome during the afternoon of 15 Sept, but the advance met little resistance on the morning of 16 Sept. An enemy attempt to retake Hill 383 Vic P1098 was beaten off. The towns of ADELAIS Vic K0509, and QUERS Vic K0612 were taken by the 15th Inf after particularly hard fighting. The 7th Inf captured LA GRANGE DU VEAU Vic K0604 and VY LES LURE Vic K0602 in the face of stubborn enemy resistance. Two companies of the 15th Inf reached LURE at 161210B.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 1st Bn entered LA GRANGE DU VEAU shortly after the beginning of the period and prepared a defensive position around the town. Strong enemy harassing fire was received, and at 2015B the battalion launched an attack toward high ground at K085045. Resistance was strong and the enemy had to be routed from their foxholes with bayonets and grenades. Upon reaching K072034 the battalion dug in for the night. At 0710B the 1st Bn resumed its advance to the EAST and at 0945B forward elements reached K085045. At the close of the period the battalion was moving toward LURE. The 2d Bn secured two bridges near LES ATYMS Vic P095988 at 1310B. One platoon of E Co attacked enemy positions Vic P100988 at 1410B, while G Co moved to P101982 and assisted the E Co platoon in the capture of Hill 383. Patrols were sent into GOUCHENANS Vic P100970 during the night and reported enemy in the town. The battalion established road blocks at P083997, P094000, P097997 and P095988, beginning at dark. G Co attacked toward GOUCHENANS and entered the town at 0945B. At 1410B the 3d Bn attacked VY LES LURE and at 1500B I Co was located at K085019 with L Co at K082020. Determined enemy resistance, supported by considerable MG, artillery and mortar fire prevented the two companies from entering the town. The battalion reorganized and at 0150B a patrol from K Co entered VY LES LURE and contacted elements of L Co. The 3d Bn entered the town at 0900B.

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(2) 15th Inf: B Co entered FRANCHEVELLE Vic K0314 at 1210B against little opposition and the battalion continued toward AMBLANS Vic K0505, which was occupied in the face of moderate enemy resistance. F Co established a road block Vic K055055, reaching its objective at 1450B. The 2d Bn ran into considerable opposition during its attack of AMBLANS 15 Sept, sent patrols into the town during the night, and resumed its attack during the morning of 16 Sept. It entered the town shortly before the end of the period. K Co moved from CITERS to QUERS in the face of considerable enemy MG, S/A, AT and flakwagen fire, occupying the town at 1750B. K Co then moved to FRANCHEVELLE Vic K0912 and protected the regiment's left flank while the remainder of the battalion moved toward LURE from the NORTHWEST. It was reported two companies entered LURE at 161215B.

(3) 30th Inf: One platoon of the 1st Bn occupied Hill 383 at 1502B, and ten minutes later a patrol was sent toward GOUCHENANS, which engaged approximately 40 enemy armed with rifles and machine pistols. The remainder of the platoon was sent to join the squad against the enemy. At 0015B four enemy infiltrated into B Co lines, killing one man. One of the enemy was killed, two were captured and one escaped. Later B Co patrols captured nine enemy who were asleep, and at 0804B patrols captured six more. The 2d Bn remained in Division reserve during the period Vic LIEVANS. The 3d Bn remained in reserve Vic MOLLANS.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) 6th FA Gp (36th FA Bn and 634th FA Bn) in direct support: 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units continued to fire in support of the advance of the Infantry Regiments. Missions for the period 1800B 15 Sept to 1800B 16 Sept as follows: 9th FA Bn: 1 registration and 1 road block observed; 10th FA Bn: 2 C/B and 7 personnel observed; 39th FA Bn: 1 personnel and 1 registration observed; 41st FA Bn: No missions fired; 69th Armd FA Bn: 2 registration observed; 634th FA Bn: 1 C/B, 1 personnel and 1 vehicle observed, 1 C/B, 2 harassing and 1 vehicle unobserved; 36th FA Bn: 1 harassing unobserved. Total rounds expended - 927.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Bn continued mission of AA defense for 3d Inf Div Arty. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In support of 7th Inf. Cleared roads from RJ K030024, K053000, and P076975, to junction of all three roads at K084021. Co B: In support of 15th Inf. Cleared N-19 to AMBLANS and continuing to work EAST at end of the period. Road DAMBENOIT, CITER, QUERES (068120) cleared and work continuing SOUTHEAST on N-64 from QUERES. Co C: Checked road AUTREY, LIEVANS, MONTJUSTIN. No mines found. Constructed simple stringer bridge 18 ft long, 9 ft wide, class 8 over blown bridge at P085939. ROADS AND BRIDGES: Highway overpass 40 feet long, 30 ft high on N-19 at K088067 was demolished. Road from AMBLANS-et-VELOTTE (K053053) EAST is blocked with numerous large trees. Work in progress removing these. VI-les-LURE streets and adjacent roads are heavily mined.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat called from reserve to Rcn mission with 15th Inf. Assigned to 3d Bn at 160700B. Reported town at (050090) clear. Reported at 161000B the town at 125065 burned and abandoned. No enemy contact. 2d Plat: Called from the 15th Inf to reserve. 3d Plat: Attached to 7th Inf. Contacted 180th Inf at 110951. Reported felled trees on road (093031). Assisted 30th Inf in fire fight at (105969). On 16 Sept continued on Rcn mission, no enemy engaged.

(2) Troop B: 1st Plat: In reserve. 2d Plat: Called from reserve to 30th Inf throughout the period. No enemy contact. 3d Plat: Attached to 15th Inf. No enemy contact throughout mission of road reconnaissance.

(3) Troop C: 1st and 2d Plats: In reserve. 3d Plat: Attached to 3d Plat Troop A. Assisted 30th Inf in fire fight using .50 Cal MG and 37mm HE silenced many enemy MG positions.

(4) Division Battle Patrol: Attached by squads to rcn Plats for foot patrols.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A: Supported 7th Inf, in operations against LYOFIANS and succeeding objectives in zone. Co B: In support 15th Inf in operations NORTH and WEST of LURE. Plats were split into sections which operated with Inf companies. One tank was destroyed by AT fire while attacking AMBLANS. Co C: Supported 30th Inf. 2d Plat established road blocks in Vic LIEVANS. 3d Plat established road blocks in Vic MOLLANS. 1st Plat gave close support to 1st Bn. Co D: Attached to Prov Rcn Sq (Troop C).

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(2) 601st TD Bn: All companies in close support of their respective Inf Regts. 1st Plat Co A fired 17 rds HE; destroyed MG and 2 Mortars, captured 10 PWs and killed an undetermined number. Bn attached as follows: Co A - 7th Inf; Co B - 15th Inf; Co C - 30th Inf. Rcn Co attached to Prov Rcn Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co's A, B, & C) located at 983000. Co B attached to 15th Inf. 1st Plat with the 3d Bn at LURE, fired 141 rds HE and 8 WPs. Fired on the points 028088, 056128. 2d Plat with the 1st Bn at 100055 fired 39 rds HE at approximately 2400B, breaking up enemy counterattack. Received considerable enemy shellfire afternoon of 15 Sept. Withdrew from position EAST of AMBLONS-et-VELOPTE to the WEST of town where unit remained during remainder of the period. Co C: Attached 30th Inf. 1st Plat supported the 1st Bn at 091963. 2d Plat with the 3d Bn at MOLLANS (032025). Total rounds fired during the period 180 HE and 8 WP. Co A enroute to Bn area.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance to the NORTHEAST to line indicated in Para 1.
- b. Extensive rcn to Div front.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div on right and 36th Inf Div on left.

8. Tank Status:

| Unit | Runners | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit in 48 hrs | 24 hr Loss | Total Lost |
|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 7th TK Bn | 42 M* | 3 | 4 | 1 | 18 ** |
| | 16 L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 *** |
| | 6 M4A3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 30 M-10s | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 **** |

- * 2 Tks returned from Ord; as replacements.
- ** 2 Tks in Ord - Mechanical failure.
- *** 1 Tk in Ord - Mech failure. (1 Repaired that was knocked out)
- **** 2 M-10s - Non-battle loss.

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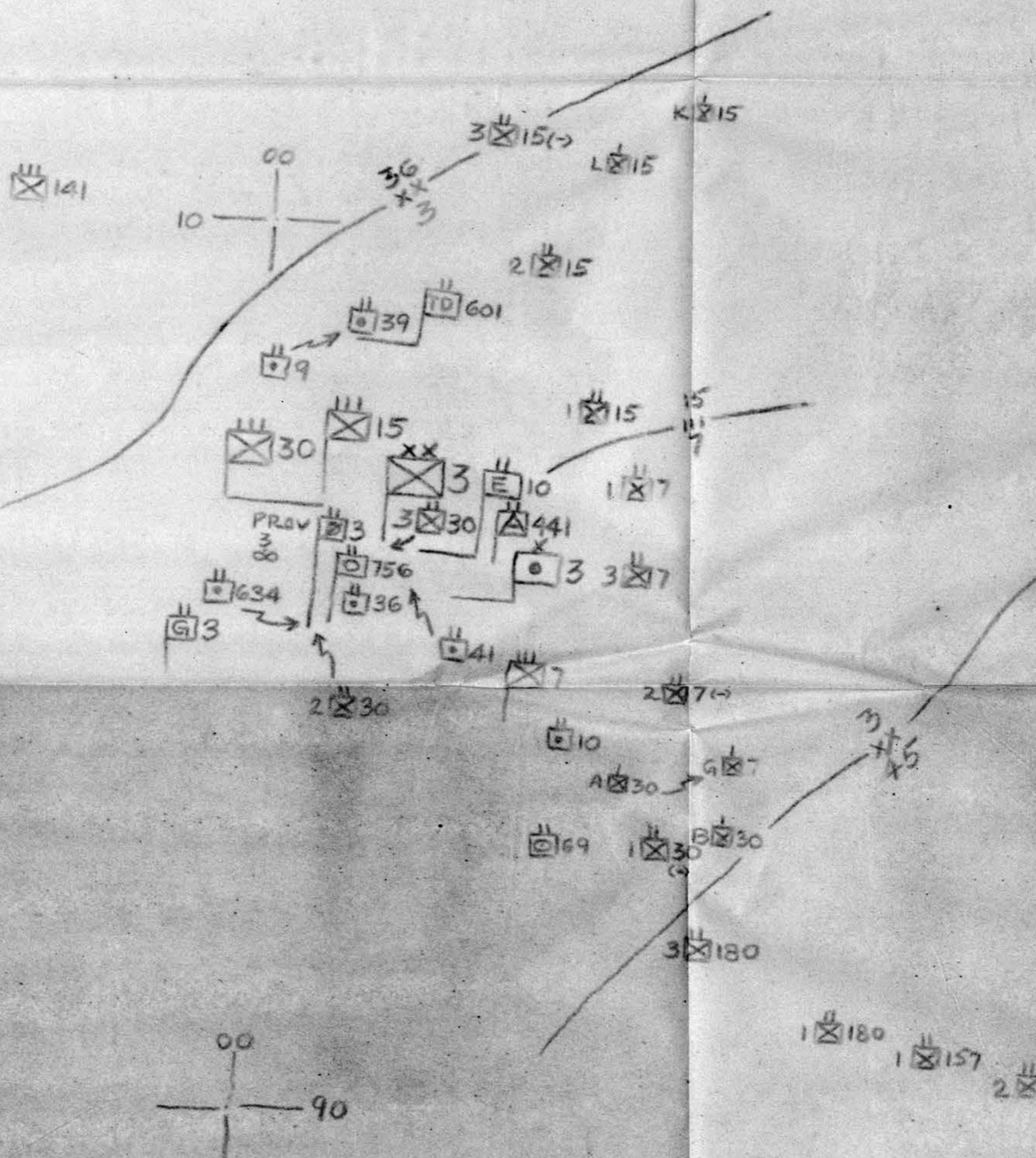
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MAFS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 15 H & 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 0511 - 0308 - 0305 - 0703 - 0999 - 0996.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: At 141200B 1st and 3d Bns 180th Inf continued advance NORTHEAST beyond VILLERSEXEL. 1st Bn Vic P115935, 3d Bn 1094, with 2d Bn remaining in reserve at P0990. 157th Inf advanced with Bns on line, 1st Bn P1390, 2d Bn P1588, 3d Bn P1388. 179th Inf 3d Bn moved on Hill 533 located at P1668. 117th Recon Sq had moved units on WEST side of SAONE River, with the leading elements in Vic of J7713 and 7913. 180th Inf, 3d Bn encountered stiff resistance at VILLAF AUS (141840B), however, situation was cleared and units continued their advance, hampered by increasing amounts of mines, both anti-personnel and AT. Engineers had replaced destroyed bridge at 119927 by 151130B. By close of period (151200B) 45th Div units had reached the following positions: 157th Inf: 1st Bn 1591, 2d Bn 1688, 3d Bn 1389. 179th Inf: 1st Bn 1883, 2d Bn 1979, 3d Bn 1788. 180th Inf: 1st Bn 1213, 2d Bn 0990, 3d Bn 1094.

b. 36th Inf Div: 142d Inf continued to advance against moderate S/A and MG resistance at beginning of period. 1st Bn 0214, 2d Bn 0013, 3d Bn 0411. 143d Inf continued the advance at the same time toward FLAVERNEY. 141st Inf meanwhile had assembled its units in the Vic of FLAGY, as Div reserve. Leading elements of the Div moved in a NORTHEAST direction taking numerous localities against stiffening enemy resistance, MG's, mortars, and SP arty in addition to S/A. At 151200B the 142d Inf CP was near the 3d Div sector at 0614 having left CITEAUX early in the morning. 1st Bn at 050165, 2d Bn on line. 141st Inf remaining as reserve in Vic 945104. 143d Inf: 2d Bn by taking VELORCEY 8214 had secured the two bridges in that town, RR bridge intact, road bridge usable after small repairs by Engrs. Regt CP at AQUAVILLE 8815. Remainder of Regt was moving toward LUKEUIL. Enemy S/A and MG gave constant harassing fire from the wooded area directly NORTH of the VELORCEY-ABELCOURT road.

4. Weather and Visibility: Cloudy to fair. Visibility limited to good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its steady pace toward LURE, swinging to the NORTH and EAST against enemy resistance that became increasingly stronger during the afternoon of 14 Sept and continued throughout the period. The 15th Inf, on the division left flank, occupied POMY K0203, GENEVREUILLE K0304 and MOLIANS K0402 against strong resistance and moved toward LURE from the NORTHWEST. The 7th Inf had contact throughout the period, receiving S/A, MG, mortar and artillery fire as it advanced to ARPEMIANS P0698, LES AYNANS K0998 and headed toward VY LES LURE K0802. One battalion of the 30th Inf captured LONGEVILLE P0995 after a sharp fire fight with the enemy.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At mid-afternoon 14 Sept the 1st Bn was engaged in a fire fight Vic P063995 against enemy S/A, MG, mortar and artillery fire, the 2d Bn was receiving light resistance at the RJ Vic P077974 and the 3d Bn was in regimental reserve at APREMIANS at P058986. The 1st Bn moved steadily ahead and at 1730B reached K060010, in spite of a heavy artillery concentration, while the 2d Bn moved to P078978. The 1st Bn reached K058010 at 2015B, then swung to the EAST, still in a fire fight. The 2d Bn had one company at P080991, attacking the road block there then preparing to swing to the EAST. At 0840B the 2d Bn gained contact at LES AYNANS, our troops on the WEST side of the L'OIGNAN, the enemy on the other side. At 1010B the 1st Bn was located at P063016 and at the end of the period sent patrols toward VY LES LURE, ready to attack the town from the NORTHWEST.

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(2) 15th Inf: Co C entered POMOY at 14200B, then moved on toward GENEVREUILLE, and at 1315B a patrol encountered enemy arty, mortar, MG and S/A fire from vicinity K027027. C Co continued its advance against well-prepared enemy positions and dug-in enemy and at 1830B reached the outskirts of GENEVREUILLE in spite of heavy casualties from tk, flak, MG, and S/A fire. The Co was pulled back from the town and an arty barrage laid down. B Co was relieved at MOLLANS by a Co of the 30th Inf at 2245B and moved to rejoin the Bn at POMOY. During the morning of 15 Sept the attack on GENEVREUILLE was continued from the WEST. At the beginning of the period the 2nd Bn was assembled at VELLEMINFROY vicinity J9903 in Regtl reserve. At 2125B the 2nd Bn was ordered to move to BITHAINE K0107 and sent one reinf Co to Hill 412. F Co reached the hill at 0925B. The 2nd Bn was then ordered to send one Co to aid the 1st Bn in the attack on GENEVREUILLE by cutting the road from AMBLANS ST VELOTTE vic K055055. 141245B the 3d Bn was located at COLOMBE LES BITHAINE K0209, then moved to DAMBENOIT vicinity K0310. K Co occupied CITERS vicinity K0412 and patrolled to QUERS vicinity K0612. On the morning of 15 Sept the 3d Bn was ordered to assemble vicinity CITERA and attack QUERS, then move SOUTHEAST to LURE.

(3) 30th Inf: A Co entered the town of AILLEVANS P0695 without opposition at 1310B, then moved to the EAST, and B Co moved to the NORTHEAST. A Co crossed the L'OIGNAN RIVER at P083955 and reached Hill 324 P0995 at 1600B. C Co cleared the town of LONGEVILLE after overcoming considerable sniper fire. Patrols were sent NORTH of LONGEVILLE and to the NORTHEAST up to 1000 yds, with the only contact 3 enemy at P105969 and 6 enemy at P109967. At 1110B one Plat of A Co was sent to Hill 383 SOUTHWEST of GOUBENANS vicinity P1097. The 2nd Bn assembled at AILLEVANS and established roadblocks at P077962 and P077953. At 0115B The Bn moved by truck to LIEVANS, closing in at 0345B, and roadblocks were set up at K009016, and K022015 by G and F Cos respectively. E Co remained in AILLEVANS with one plat at each roadblock and one plat on high ground WEST of the town. The 3d Bn moved from LES PATEY vicinity P008908 to MOLLANS a Co at a time, the last Co closing in at 0200B.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd), 6th FA Gp (36th FA Bn and 634th FA Bn) in direct support. 3d Inf Div arty and atchd units continued to support the Inf in missions in the advance to the NORTHEAST. Considerable harassing fire of light and med caliber was received during the period, on the front lines and fwd RJ's. Div Arty Hq at MOLLANS received 3 or 4 direct hits and several more rounds within the town and surrounding area. Missions fired during the period 1800B 14 Sept to 1800B 15 Sept as follows: 9th FA Bn: 2 C/B, 2 Reg (obs). 10th FA Bn: 2 C/B, 11 Pers, MG and Mort 3, Prep 2 (obs), and 1 unobs C/B. 39th FA Bn: 4 C/B, 6 pers, 1 Reg, 1 Prep, 2 RB, 1 flakwagon (obs). 41st FA Bn: 2 Reg, 2 prep (obs). 69th Armd: None. 36th FA Bn: 1 Reg, 1 harass (obs). 634th FA: 2 Reg, 1 Har, 1 Prep, 47 Obs, 1 Unb. TOT RDS 3588.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Continued to displace forward with Div Arty furnishing AA protection for Div Arty and atchd units. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period. 1 Plat Btry A relieved of bridge protection at 0960813. Elements of AA protecting Cub Airstrip captured 5 FW's in vicinity 005026 at 1510B. 1 FW taken near Bn CP at 2000B 14 Sept.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In support of 7th Inf. Cleared road from ARPENANS NORTHWEST to MOLLANS and from ARPENANS SOUTHEAST to RJ at P-077957. Road from K037013 SOUTH to MONTJUSTIN and BOREY checked and found clear. Road from RJ P041 982 to P043948 checked and found clear. Co B: In support of 15th Inf. Cleared route N57 to K030040 and GG 13 to MOLLANS. Other roads cleared: RJ Q-973990 to RJ J-967017; MOLLANS to POMOY; LIRANS to POMOY and all roads joining this road. Road POMOY to DAMBENOIT checked and found clear. Co C: In support of 30th Inf. Cleared road BOREY, RJ P-074923, ESFRELS, MARAST, RJ P-052939, RJ P-077957, RJ P-083922. Constructed ford across L'OIGNON RIVER at P-083955 WEST half of ford 2 feet deep, EAST half 1 foot deep. Bridges: Bridges are demolished at P-085938, P-085959, P-045884, P-083955, P-061898, and P-050884.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat: In reserve. 2nd Plat atchd to 15th Inf. At 141600B called to reserve. 3rd Plat: Atchd to 7th Inf. at 064995, sent patrol into town at that point to clear it. Received arty fire at 030025 were forced to withdraw. Made contact with 1st Bn 7th Inf at 058987 at 141531. At dawn of 15 Sept was rcn before Inf.

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(2) Troop B: 1st Plat atchd to 30th Inf. Reported bridge and road conditions. At 150600B was relieved. 2nd Plat at 150600B was called from reserve to 30th Inf for recon and contact to 45th Div. No enemy contact. 3d Plat: Assigned mission of Recon of road net in front of 15th Inf. Assigned contact mission to 36th Div. No enemy contact.

(3) Troop C: 1st and 2nd Plats: In reserve. 3d Plat attached to 3d Plat Troop A. No enemy contact made.

(4) Div Battle Patrol: Attached by squads to Recon plat for foot patrolling.

g. Armored: Bn

(1) 756th Tk Bn: At 1700B (-) moved from 994943 to LIEVANS arriving at 1800B. Co A atchd 7th Inf. Continued close support of Inf, in attack on MONTJUSTIN, ARPENANS and GOUHENANS. Co B atchd to 15th Inf, Co C atchd to 30th Inf, Co D designated as Troop C Prov Recon Sq. 1 Med tk knocked out by bazooka.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Co B fired 13 rds HE at enemy strongpoint and Co C fired 75 rds HE at enemy Inf. Co A atchd 7th Inf, Co B 15th Inf, Co C 30th Inf, Recon Co atchd Prov Recon Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co's A, B, and C) located at 983000. Co B in support of 15th Inf. 2nd Plat joined 1st plat Co B night 14 Sept. Co C in support of 30th Inf. 2nd Plat joined 1st Plat Co C morning of 15th Sept. No firing during the period.

- 6. Combat Efficiency:
 - a. Excellent.
 - b. Morale excellent.

- 7. Results of Operations:
 - a. Continued advance to NORTHEAST to line shown in para 1.
 - b. Contact maintained with 45th Div on right and 36th Div on left.

8. Tank Status:

| UNIT | RUNNERS | FIT IN 24 HRS | FIT IN 48 HRS | 24 HR LOSS | TOTAL LOST |
|-------------|---------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| 756th Tk Bn | 39 M | 3 | 4 | 1 | 19 * |
| | 15 L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 ** |
| | 6 M4A3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 33 M10s | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 *** |

* 4 tks in Ord - Mech failure
 ** 1 Tk in Ord - Mech failure
 *** 2 M10s, non battle loss.

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 0210 - 0206 - 0303 - 0499 - 0397 - 0496 - 0594 - 0792.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: Leading units of 45th Div continued to advance against heavy resistance. 3d Bn 180th Inf entered VILL RSEXEL contacting 3d Inf Div units there, at beginning of period. 1st and 2d Bns remained in their respective enveloping positions around the town of LISLE P2081 both having sent patrols into town. At 1405B units were subjected to enemy AT and S/A fire at 1368, 1389 and 127914. At close of period, Div elements were advancing toward positions reported occupied by 200 enemy against only slight S/A fire.

Location of units as follows: Div CP at 082052. 157th Inf: 1st Bn 1291, 2d Bn 1542, 3d Bn 1389. 179th Inf: 1st Bn 1983, 2d Bn 2097, 3d Bn 1686. 180th Inf: 1st Bn 1292, 2d Bn 0582, 3d Bn 1094.

b. 36th Inf Div: At 131200B the 141st Inf was continuing its advance to the NORTHEAST from VESOUL encountering enemy road blocks NORTH of FLAGY (2d Bn) and NORTH of SAULX DE VESOUL (3d Bn). 142d Inf remained in Corps reserve near VESOUL while the 143d Inf, 1st Bn continued to hold bridge at PORT SUR SOAUME, 2d and 3d Bns encountered stiff enemy resistance, the 1st at GOUGNIN J8306 the latter near VILLERS SUR PORT J8008. Leading elements of 141st and 143d continued attack to NORTHEAST, after clearing up situation continued NORTHEAST with little or no resistance. At close of period 141200B, 141st Inf was placed in Div reserve with units at the following locations: CP at 9410, 1st Bn 9408, 2d Bn 9013, 3d Bn 9210. 142d Inf moved to assembly area 9407 to continue the attack. 143d Inf with Regt CP at 9810, 3d and 2d Bns proceeding toward NORTHEAST, former at 7811, latter Vic 8112. 1st Bn located at 7306.

4. Weather and Visibility: Cool with rain during the night. Visibility poor.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Our troops advanced slowly during the afternoon of 13 Sept against strong enemy opposition, but occupied all intermediate objectives prior to dark. The enemy apparently withdrew during the night and our advance during the morning of 14 Sept was made against only scattered resistance. In general, the division swung to the NORTH and EAST, hinging on ESPRELS Vic P0389. The 15th Inf, on the left, occupied CALMOUTIER 0-9601, COLOMBOTTE 0-9603, SAULX DE VESOUL 0-9607, VELLEMINFROY 0-9903 and MOLLANS P0302; the 7th Inf moved across Hills 430 and 410 to MONTJUSTIN P0398, and the 30th Inf occupied MARAST P0402 after taking ESPRELS.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At the start of the period the 3d Bn sent one company onto Hill 410 Vic P0099, while the remainder of the battalion moved the the EAST flank to gain the summit. The 1st Bn advanced through CERRE LES NOROY Vic 0-9996 and started up the slopes of Hill 430 P0095. The 2d Bn was released from Div reserve at 1445B and returned to regimental control. At 1620B the 1st Bn started off Hill 430 toward BOREY Vic P0295, one company moving SOUTH of the hill and the other two across the top. The 3d Bn had one company on Hill 410, with the other two moving SOUTHEAST to AUTREY LES CERRE Vic P0297. The 1st Bn ran into considerable opposition and at 1915B some enemy still held onto Hill 430. The 3d Bn, meanwhile, pushed one company as far as P001976 where it ran into heavy arty, S/A and mortar fire. The 2d Bn reached 0-980960 at 2200B, where it remained until 0400B when it resumed its advance toward BOREY and ARPENANS Vic P060880. Moving against only light opposition the 2d Bn reached P015945 at 0830B and P039969 near the end of the period. The 1st and 3d Bns moved out at 0830B, and at the end of the period the 3d Bn occupied MONTJUSTIN without contact and was sending a company toward ARPENANS. The 1st Bn reached P022980 and was moving ahead steadily.

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(2) 15th Inf: A Co occupied LIEVANS during the evening of 13 Sept, and one platoon was left in the town until relieved by the 7th Inf. On the morning of the 14 Sept B Co, followed by C Co, moved to MOLLANS against no resistance. C Co moved from Vic O-998016 NOUVEWEST toward POMOY Vic P0203 and B Co moved toward GENEVREUILLE Vic P0300 at the end of the period. The 3d Bn, with F and G Cos in the lead, entered VILLEMENFROY at 0920B, and upon occupation of the town went into regimental reserve. L Co occupied Hill 289, Vic O-950048, then in the morning of 14 Sept followed I Co in reserve. K Co attacked SAULX DE VESOU, meeting enemy S/A and MG fire, and had the town cleared at 1855B. Elements of the 141st Inf relieved K Co, which then moved to CREVENY and CHATENEY. At the close of the period K Co was advancing toward COLOMBE LES BITHAINE P0209. I Co moved from CHATENOIS and occupied LA CREUSE Vic P0205 at 0945B, against practically no resistance. At the close of the period the 3d Bn continued the advance toward ADELANS Vic P0409.

(3) 30th Inf: The 1st and 2d Bns began their attack at 1530B, the 1st Bn located about 1000 yards beyond ESPRELS and the 2d Bn at P000946. The 3d Bn moved up to LES PATEY Vic P0099. At 1900B the 2d Bn was located at P000944, the 1st Bn at MARAST and the 3d Bn in position at LES PATEY. Both the 1st and 2d Bns were engaged in S/A fire fights. The 3d Bn sent a platoon to AUTRE LE VAY Vic P060900 in conjunction with a platoon from the 45th Inf Div to protect the sector between the divisions. At 2300B the 1st Bn was located at P045919 and the 2d Bn at P000942. These positions were held during the night and at 0630B the 2d Bn resumed its attack due EAST toward OPPERMANS Vic P0495, at 0830B reached P020950 without resistance and at the end of the period was located at P030959. The 1st Bn fired interdictory MG fire into MARAST during the night, and in the morning moved into the town without resistance. At the end of the period it was located near the town.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) (6th FA Gp consisting of 634th FA Bn and 36th FA Bn in direct support): 3d Inf Div Arty continued to displace forward to support the advance of the Infantry regiments. Btry C 441st and 39th FA Bn accounted for many PWs during the period. Patrols from 39th FA Bn captured 110 PWs and 3 MGs during the period. 36th FA Bn fired harassing missions on road junctions during the period disrupting enemy movement. Missions fired by 3d IDA and atchd and supporting units as follows from 131800B to 141800B: 9th FA Bn: No mission; 10th FA Bn: 6 personnel (observed), 1 MG & Mortar (Observed), 1 preparation (Unobserved), 2 vehicles (Observed); 39th FA Bn: 1 C/B, 2 personnel (both observed); 41st FA Bn: 1 unobserved harassing; 69th Armd FA Bn: 1 MG & Mortar (observed), 6 harassing (observed), 2 vehicles (observed); 36th FA Bn: 2 harassing (unobserved); 634th FA Bn: 1 preparation (observed). Total mission fired 26.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Continued mission of furnishing AA defense for 3d Inf Div Arty and attached Arty units. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In support of 7th Inf. Maint road RJ O-980920 to RJ O-977983 and SW to RJ O-892980. Cleared trees, mines and debris from roads, RJ O-980920 to LIEVANS; RJ O-987980 E to ARPENANS (P-057987) RJ P-022959 NE to MONTJUSTIN. Cleared mines from narrow gauge railroad bed between O-980970 and P-018950. Co B: In support of 15th Inf. Cleared routes N 57 and 19 E from VESOU. Route N 57 open for traffic to COLOMBIER. Route N-19 open for traffic to J 967017. Mines being removed from road at J-980022. Improvements were made on by-pass at J-962015 reducing length to 100 yds. Co C: Cleared 25 mines (Teller) and 30 trees from road between RJ O-988914 and RJ P-023960. Work in progress clearing road RJ P-036897 NE on route to MARAST, and RJ P-036897 East on route to L'OGNON RIVER. Bn CP O-927954.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat in reserve. 2nd Plat: On recon in advance of 15th Inf. Contacted 36th Inf Div at (915064). At 140805 reported at 943105. At close of period reported recon from 990105 to 036144. 3rd Plat: Attached to 7th Inf for recon mission. Assigned mission of contact with 30th Inf at 131347. At dawn of 14 Sept moved out from 990967 enroute to 015966. Due to poor roads was unable to reach objective. No enemy contact.

(2) Troop B: 1st Plat: Attached to 30th Inf. Reported enemy road blocks at 029879. Received S/A fire at 067917. At 131245B received direct hit on lead veh. At 141134B reported town of MARAST (045920) clear of enemy. 2nd Plat: Recon mission in front of 15th Inf. No enemy contact. 3rd Plat: Attached to 15th Inf. Assigned mission of contact of friendly troops to the flanks. At close of period reported dispositions of 36th Inf divisions.

(3) Troop C: Light Tks attached to Ren Plats.

(4) Division Battle Patrol: Attached to Ren Plats for foot patrols.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: At 1600B Bn (-) moved from 92155 to 92173 closing at 1700B. Attached as follows: Co A - 7th Inf; Co B - 15th Inf; Co C - 30th Inf; Co D designated as Troop C of Prov Ren Sq, supported Troops A and B. One Med Tank knocked out during the period by enemy action.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Bn CP Agents captured 2 PWs at 988980. Co C supported 30th Inf on attack of ESPRELS. Co A supported 7th Inf on attack of NORDY; fired 20 rds HE at enemy gun. Co B supported 15th Inf on attack of SAGLA, COLOMBOTTE and CALMOUTIER. Fired 38 rounds HE. 2 M-10s of B Co destroyed by enemy AT gun. 1 M-10 destroyed by moving down steep embankment. Dispersed enemy bicycle column; killed or wounded unknown number of enemy. Destroyed enemy strong point, captured MGs, 20mm Gun, and enemy jeep. Co C destroyed one enemy aircraft (confirmed by 30th Inf), expended 150 rounds .50 Cal ammo. Attached: Co A - 7th Inf; Co B - 15th Inf; Co C - 30th Inf; Co D - Prov Ren Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cal Bn (-Co A): Bn located at 932944. Co B fired 32 rds WP from position 960033 in support of 15th Inf. Co A enroute to Bn Control at the close of the period. Co C fired 28 rds, 20 HE, 8 WP morning 14 Sept in support of 30th Inf.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance to the North East.
- b. Capture of the towns CALMOUTIER, COLOMBOTTE, SAUX DE VESOUL, VALLIN-EN-FROY, HOLLANS, MONTJUSTIN, MARAST, and ESPRELS.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div on right and 36th Inf Div on left.

8. Tank Status:

| UNIT | RUNNERS | FIT IN | FIT IN | 24 HR | TOTAL LOSS |
|-------------|----------|--------|--------|-------|------------|
| | | 24 HRS | 48 HRS | LOSS | TOTAL LOST |
| 756th TK Bn | 41 med | 5 | 1 | 1 | 18* |
| | 15 Light | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3** |
| | 6 M-10s | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 33 M-10s | 0 | 0 | 3*** | 6*** |

- *4 Tks in Ord - Mech failure.
- **1 Tk in Ord - Mech failure.
- ***1 M-10 non-battle loss.
- ***2 M-10s non-battle loss.

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Vic DAMPIERRE, FRANCE

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 15 H & 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 9404 - 9804 - 9902 - 9899 - 9891 - 0490.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: At beginning of period 3d Bn 157th Inf after repelling enemy counterattack in Vic of ABBENNAUS moved on GEORGANS (157904) in face of strong enemy opposition, 1st Bn following. 179th Inf had patrols in L'ISLE SUR DOUBS at 095810 with that town as its objective. 180th Inf was advancing toward VILLERSEXEL (085915) encountering heavy artillery, S/A, and MG fire. Units were moving on against practically no enemy resistance towards the objectives VILLERSEXEL, GEORGANS, LISLE SUR DOUBS. Active patrolling revealed several localities unoccupied.

b. 36th Inf Div: 141st Inf advanced steadily forward and entered the SOUTHWEST outskirts of VESOUL at 121230B with its first and third Bns, in the face of stiff enemy resistance. 142d Inf meanwhile assembled its units near FRETIGNY. 143d Inf held Hill 388 directly NORTH of VESOUL with its 2d Bn, while the 1st Bn at 121200B held the bridge at 780055 which was still intact. At close of period 131200B 141st Inf had pushed forward against slight enemy resistance to 391071 establishing its CP in FLAGY. 143d Inf had its leading Bns at FLEURY encountering only isolated opposition by S/A and artillery. 142d Inf still in Division reserve near FRETIGNY. Division CP at 834935. 141st Inf at 391071, 142d at FRETIGNY (0-7263) in reserve.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and cool. Visibility good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its attack to the NORTH and NORTH-EAST, pivoting its advance on the 30th Inf generally at the town of VALLEROIS LE BOIS Vic 0-9790. Elements of the 15th Inf attacked through a section of VESOUL, then swung to the NORTHEAST toward VILLEMENFROY Vic 0-9903. The 7th Inf, in the center of the division sector, occupied high ground between the 96-02 EASTERN and WEST of the 95 NORTHING, clearing out NOROY LE BOURG. The 30th Inf, running into considerable opposition, occupied PRESLE Vic 0-9588 while the 1st Bn outflanked PRESLE to the left and headed SOUTHEAST toward ESPELIS Vic P0389 at the end of the period.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At the beginning of the period the 2d Bn was located Vic 0-901935, moving without contact, and at 1530B orders were received to place the 2d Bn in reserve while the remainder of the regiment advanced to Hill 452 Vic 0-9896. The 2d Bn moved to 0-932935 and at 1830B the 1st Bn crossed its first objective Vic 0-940955. Hill 452 was captured at 2030B by the 1st Bn, with the 3d Bn Vic 0-972990. The 3d Bn moved out during the night and cleaned out NOROY LE BOURG Vic 0-9898, getting 100 to 150 PWs during the attack, killing and wounding an added unknown number. Road blocks were immediately established Vic P000978 and 0-999965. The 2d Bn closed into its division reserve position in the BOIS DE BELLE COTE at 0150B, and put out road blocks at 0-981842 and 0-959839. By 0500B the 1st and 3d Bns were located as follows: I Co controlled the HJ Vic 0-973993, L Co was located in the SOUTHWEST Vic 0-972982 and K Co at 0-980984, A Co in NOROY LE BOURG with road blocks at 0-000918, 0-995996 and 0-990960, C Co on the forward slope of a hill at 0-978971 and B Co to the right at 0-983970. C Co attacked from Hill 459 at 1030B and was pushing to Hill 430 Vic P0095 at the end of the period. The 3d Bn attacked at 1000B toward Hill 410 Vic P0099 and MONEJUSTIN Vic P0398. There was scattered, unorganized S/A and MG fire during the morning attacks of the 1st and 3d Bns.

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(3) 15th Inf: At the beginning of the period the 1st Bn moved to Hill 360 Vic O-898965, with two companies occupying the position at 1325B. A Co, the leading elements, encountered enemy MG and S/A fire at 1446B, but outflanked the enemy and was near QUINCEY Vic O-8987 at 1640B with road blocks to the SOUTHEAST, NORTHEAST and NORTHWEST. At 1720B the 1st Bn was prepared to continue the advance to the NORTH, and at 1930B moved out to O-927998 where it encountered S/A fire. The 1st Bn advanced through the night and at 0345B reported the town of CALMOULTIER Vic O-9601 clear of enemy. At the end of the period leading elements of the battalion were across the river at O-984025 and in contact with the enemy at O-996930. The 2d Bn cleared the enemy from NAVENNE O-8796 at 1400B, then moved to VESOU. At 1645b the battalion was on its objective, Hill 349 O-9999, with road blocks on the highway in that vicinity. E Co engaged enemy rear guard in a fire fight to establish its block. The 2d Bn continued to advance against scattered enemy resistance through COMBERJON Vic O-9001 to MONCEY Vic O-9302. MONCEY was cleared at 0645B and the battalion moved on through COLOMBOTTE Vic O-9603 toward VILLEMINFROY Vic O-9803, meeting about a platoon of enemy armed with S/A and MGs Vic O-977034 at the end of the period.

(3) 30th Inf: The regiment attacked in a NORTH and NORTHEAST direction on the division's right flank, then moved to the SOUTHEAST and toward the town of ESPRELS Vic PO389 at the end of the period, maintaining contact with the 45th Inf Div. At the beginning of the period the 3d Bn captured 36 FM and one Officer at O-959870, obtaining information on other enemy locations that aided in a successful advance. During the afternoon of 12 Sept the 1st Bn went to DAMPIERRE O-9386, flanked to the left, then began a movement to the SOUTHEAST against Hill 309 Vic O-9891. At 2300B the 1st Bn reached O-960928, establishing a road block at that location, and continued on to O-977917. B Co ran into enemy opposition at the RJ Vic O-980918 at 0100B, and from O-913918 to O-972910 the enemy had placed logs across the road every 25 yards to slow the 1st Bn's armor. The battalion was located at O-980919 at 1715B. It sent patrols into VALLEROIS LE BOIS but by-passed the town and continued to the SOUTHEAST. Enemy was knocked out of the towns of NAFAS Vic PO492 and MOLMAY PO691 by patrols, while the bulk of the battalion was still three or four Km short of ESPRELS at the end of the period. The 2d Bn attacked PRESLE Vic O-9688 and at 2115B was in the corner of the woods near Vic O-953879 near TREVEY. At 2300B the 2d Bn began its move toward PRESLE and at 2400B F Co entered the town, E Co was at O-953896 and G Co at O-953878. There was little resistance at the town, but there were indications that the enemy had just pulled out. F and G Cos remained in PRESLE while I Co blocked to the NORTHEAST until 0700B, when the battalion moved out toward VALLEROIS LE BOIS. I Co was relieved by a company of the 180th Inf of its flank protection detail at THIEFFRANS Vic O-9985 and at 0850B attacked to the NORTHEAST toward MONTBOZON PO086. The remainder of the 3d Bn prepared for an attack on MT JESUS Vic O-9987, moving in from the WEST.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) 6th FA Gp consisting of 634th FA Bn, and 36th FA Bn in direct support: Bn continued to support Infantry regiments in their advance. Numerous missions were fired on C/B, personnel, MGs and Mortars, registrations and vehicles during the period. 60 Observed and 2 Unobserved mission were fired making a total of 4131 rounds expended from 1800B 12 Sept to 1800B 13 Sept as follows: 9th FA Bn: 1 C/B, 1 MG & Mortars; 10th FA Bn: 6 C/B, 12 personnel, 3 MG & Mortar, 3 vehicles; 39th FA Bn: 4 C/B, 10 personnel, 2 MG & Mortars, 1 harassing, 3 preparation; 41st FA Bn: 2 C/B, 1 Tank, 2 personnel, 2 MG & Mortars, 1 registration, 1 vehicles; 69th Armd FA Bn: 1 C/B, 2 personnel; 36th FA Bn: 1 registration; 634th FA Bn: 1 MG & Mortar.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: 2 Plats D Btry w/41st FA protect- ed 30th Inf convoy during period 1600B to 1900B. 2 Plats Btry A relieved protection bridge (O-854965) at 1400B. 1 Plat assigned mission AA protection bridge O-960812, the other Plat w/634th FA. 2 Plat Btry D relieved protection bridge 781662 at 1315B and assigned mission AA protection 69th Armd FA Bn. Elements Btry C participated in fire fight at 1115B Vic O-935997, resulting in 3 enemy killed, 4 wounded and 30 PWs taken, 2 MGs and 1 enemy MGs captured. 400 rds of .50 Cal ammo expended. No enemy aircraft observed during the period.

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e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co C In support of 7th Inf. Cleared numerous hasty road blocks from road RJ 945890 to RJ 93294. Co GROTEY LES VESOUL. Cleared trees from road FILIN (O-895873) NORTH to RJ (O-901957). Rcn and found no obstacles on roads 919971 - 975990 - 986980 - 973907. Co B: Rcn in VESOUL and found all bridges intact except bridge at 867978 on Hw 57 across canal at SOUTH edge of VESOUL. Work was started at 1600B reinforcing bridge and was completed at 122400B rendering bridge class 40 one way. By pass constructed at K962015. Route 19 open as far as K995029 at end of period. Route 57 cleared of debris as far as COLOMBIER (K915032) by end of period. Co C: Cleared numerous tree road blocks from road RJ O-891980 to ESPRELS (P037897) and from RJ O-946890 to RJ 992911. Road cleared of abatis at RJ P013868 opening road from COGNIFRES to this point. Bn CP - O-916854.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat: Attached to 7th Inf. At 121730B contacted friendly troops at (999856). Reported enemy arty falling on Hwy from 007853 to 010860. At 130800B was relieved by 3d Plat Troop A. 2d Plat: Attached to 15th Inf. Reported large enemy convoy moving NORTHEAST from 900 965. Engaged in fire fight at 892964. Captured 8, killed an indetermined number of enemy. At 1950B reported disposition of 36th Div. At 2100B put in road block at 886032. At dawn of 13 Sept proceeded NORTH on rcn mission. Contacted enemy 918042 causing them to withdraw. 3d Plat: Called from reserve to relieve 1st Plat with 7th Inf. No enemy contact was made throughout remainder of period.

(2) Troop B: 1st Plat was called from contact mission to 36th Inf Div and reassigned mission of rcn for 30th Inf. No enemy contact. 2d Plat: Attached to 30th Inf. At 121620B reported enemy road blocks at 955893 and 946886. Only slight enemy resistance during the period. 3d Plat: Called from contact mission to 45th Inf Div to rcn mission with 15th Inf. At 130752B requested arty mission on 300 enemy troops, vehicles and AT guns Vic 926039.

(3) Troop C: 1st Plat: Attached to 3d Plat Troop B. 2d Plat attached to 2d Plat Troop B. Assisted in fire fight at 892964. 3d Plat attached to 3d Plat Troop A.

(4) Div Battle Patrol: Attached by squads to Rcn Plat for dismounted patrolling.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: At 1500B 12 Sept Bn (-) moved from Vic 820752 to 913851 closing at 1600B. Co B knocked out eight MG nests, and one bus loaded with personnel. One Med tank lost by enemy fire during the period. Co A attached to 7th Inf, Co B attached to 15th Inf. Supported advance of infantry up Hwy 57 through VESOUL. Co C attached to 30th Inf. Co D attached to Prov Rcn Sq.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 1st Plat Co B knocked out 2 trucks, 3 cars, killed an estimated 75-100 enemy marching in foot column. 2d Plat Co B knocked out enemy strong point in house. 3d Plat Co B fired at retreating foot and motor column dispersing the enemy and neutralized wooded area occupied by the enemy. Total of 355 rds expended. Co A atchd to 7th Inf; Co B atchd 15th Inf; Co C atchd 30th Inf; Rcn Co atchd Prov Rcn Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co A): Bn at 895870. 1st Plat Co B atchd 15th Inf fired 80 rds of WP Vic SOUTHEAST of VESOUL between Hills 349 and 386 afternoon 12 Sept. 1st Plat Co C relieved from 7th Inf and atchd to 30th Inf during night 12/13 Sept.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance to the NORTH.
- b. Extensive reconnaissance to the Division front.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div on right and 36th Inf Div on left.

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8. Tank Status:

| Unit | Runners | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit in 48 hrs | 24 hr Loss | Total Lost |
|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 756th Tk Bn | 42 M | 5 | 1 | 1 | 17 * |
| | 15 L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 ** |
| | 6 M4A3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 34 M-10s | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 *** |

(*) 4 Tks in Ord - Mech failure. (**) 1 Tk in Ord - Mech failure. (***) 1 M-10 non-battle loss.

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 14 & 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 8697 - 8898 - 8997 - 8996 - 9193 - 9692 - 9688.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: All units moving on objectives with little or no opposition. Elements of 157th Inf occupied LOURNOIS and ABHENANS unopposed. Units of 180th Inf occupied De FRANCE and MONTBOZEN, and secured the two bridges across the river. 157th Inf repelled counter attack, and pursued enemy column in Vic of ABHENANS. Division CP at 7479. 157th Inf at 095803, 2d Bn 120850, 3d Bn 095850. 179th Inf at 135795, 3d Bn 1385. 180th Inf 022790, 1st Bn 0285, 2d Bn 0683, 3d Bn 0181. At close of period 157th Inf moving on GEORGINS (157904) in face of strong enemy resistance. 179th Inf had patrols in LISLE SUR DOUBS (095810). 180th Inf advancing on VILL RSEXEL (085915) meeting heavy artillery, S/A and MG opposition.

b. 36th Inf Div: CP at 8395. Division received harassing fire from enemy in leading elements of 141st and 143d Infs. 141st Inf after clearing opposition in Vic 795889 advanced to 801897 where the unit again was subjected to intense S/A and 20mm fire. 143d Inf units became involved in fire fight at 8295. After overcoming resistance continued advance sending 2-squad-strength patrol into VESOUL from the SOUTH and EAST. Secured bridge at PORT SUR SAONE, which was found to be still intact. Hill 383 to NORTHEAST of town was also secured. 141st Inf CP at 827949, 1st Bn 835965, 2d Bn 835975, 3d Bn 842975. 142d Inf CP at 643751, 1st Bn 645745, 2d Bn enroute, 3d Bn 623733. 143d Inf CP at 821979, 1st Bn 826986, 2d Bn 790955, 3d Bn 815995. At close of period 141st and 143d Infs were moving on VESOUL, while the 142d Inf was assembling near FRETIGNY, with orders to proceed to SOUTHEAST of VESOUL.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and warm - Visibility good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its advance against stubborn enemy resistance NORTH and NORTHEAST toward VESOUL and the road net EAST of VESOUL. The high ground SOUTH of VESOUL was occupied during the period and the 15th Inf began an advance into the city. Heavy resistance was encountered at LA DEMIE Vic 0-8894. The 7th Inf occupied Hills 418 Vic 0-9092 and 405 Vic 0-9089 after attacking through the BOIS DE DAMPIERRE. The 30th Inf advanced NORTHEAST toward PRESLE 0-9588, meeting strong enemy resistance all the way. The wooded, hilly terrain made our advance slow.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 1st Bn advanced through FILAIN Vic 0-8987 at the beginning of the period while the 2d Bn left AUTHOISON Vic 0-8783 and the 3d Bn engaged in a fire fight outside DAMPIERRE Vic 0-9386. The regimental CP moved to Vic 0-891870 at 1825B, and at the same time A and B Cos were located at 0-905915 against no resistance and C Co was on Hill 450 at 0-895895. The 2d Bn was located at 0-896875. I Co advanced through the BOIS DE DAMPIERRE, meeting considerable resistance in the woods. The 1st Bn moved to Hill 418 between the 90-91 EASTINGS and 91-93 NORTHINGS. Following almost immediately, the 2d Bn occupied Hill 405 at 0-9089. At 2100B the 1st Bn continued its advance to 0-925925 and the 2d Bn moved to Hill 418. The 3d Bn still fought in the woods. Two platoons of K Co and one platoon of I Co was engaged in a fire fight at 0-946884. The 1st Bn put in a road block at 0-980926, the 2d Bn at 0-900923. At 1110B the 2d Bn occupied Hill 418, the 1st Bn the hill to the right at 0-9292 and the 3d Bn Hill 397 Vic 0-9491 to the right of the 1st Bn. The 1st Bn was receiving some enemy fire. At the end of the period the 2d Bn was ordered to sent units to Rj Vic 0-910950.

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(2) 15th Inf: The Regiment continued its advance NORTHWARD toward VESOUL against strong enemy resistance. The 3d Bn was committed on the left flank, by-passing the 2d Bn, and advanced to the SOUTHERN outskirts of VESOUL. At the end of the period it received considerable enemy fire from inside the town as the battalion penetrated the outskirts. The 1st Bn advanced against constant enemy resistance to Vic O-884963 with a mission of advancing NORTH and flanking the town from the EAST. The 2d Bn advanced through LA DEMIE to Vic O-887959 with the mission of reaching O-885994 and blocking the road in that vicinity. At the close of the period the battalion was engaging enemy in the woods Vic O-887959 and using light tanks against the enemy. The regimental CP moved to VELLEFAUX Vic O-858904 at 111730B.

(3) 30th Inf: The 1st Bn assembled in area Vic O-941827 at 1330B, and remained in reserve in that position. At 2000B the 2d Bn moved by motor to FONTENOIS LES MONTBOZON, closing in at 2200B Vic O-936835. At the beginning of the period the 3d Bn moved by motor to O-987841. One platoon from K Co supported by four tanks and three TD's led an attack followed by the remainder of K Co, L Co and M Co mortars. I Co was released from 7th Inf control and followed the remainder of the battalion over the same route. The battalion moved forward to Vic O-963379 where it met some enemy resistance. The battalion stopped at this point and prepared for an attack at daylight on PRESLE Vic O-960881 with two companies on a line and one in reserve. The battalion received heavy mortar, S/A and MG fire so was delayed in beginning its attack. The ridge at O-958868 was cleared by 1020B and 33 PWs taken. Heavy enemy resistance slowed the rest of the battalion, and at the end of the period it was in position SOUTHEAST of PRESLE. The enemy fired 88mm, 20mm and MG fire.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) 6th FA Gp consisting of 36th FA Bn, and 634th FA Bn in direct support: Continued to fire in support of the Inf regiments. 41st FA Bn reinforced fires of 10th FA Bn while 30th Inf was in reserve. One mission fired on a flak wagon resulting in the capture of the vehicle, a Lt Col, a Lt, and a Private. Fire missions for the period 1800B 11 Sept to 1800B 12 Sept as follows: 9th FA Bn: 1 vehicle; 10th FA Bn: 4 personnel, 1 registration, 1 vehicle; 39th FA Bn: 6 personnel, 4 vehicle; 41st FA Bn: 2 C/B, 7 personnel, 1 MG & Mortar, 1 registration, 2 harassing; 69th Armd FA Bn: 10 personnel, 1 registration; 634th FA Bn: 1 C/B, 2 registration; 36th FA Bn: no missions fired. (Observed fire). Total round - 2233.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units providing AA protection and guard for bridges in Div sector of advance. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A in support of 7th Inf. Cleared numerous trees from roads ORMENANS to O-939905, RJ O-918830 to O-889884, RJ O-917790 - LUBERTANS - AUTHOISON - VY LES FILAIN (O-908364). Co B in support of 15th Inf. Cleared trees and numerous enemy vehicles from route 57 between RIOZ and VESOUL. Was assembling local bridge materials in anticipation of constructing a bridge across DURGEON RIVER at VESOUL. Co C in support of 30th Inf. Repaired and maintained roads LOULANS - MONTBOZON - COGNILRES. Road open to COGNILRES at close of period. Bn CP O-819766.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat: Attached to 7th Inf. At beginning of the period at 925865 under enemy artillery fire. Withdrew to covered position of observation. Picked up gun flashes of artillery and requested friendly artillery fire. Reported friendly disposition and contacted elements of 15th Inf. Morning 12 Sept reported on rcn of main road NORTH through DAMPIERRE (935863). No enemy contact. 2d Plat: Attached to 15th Inf. At 111425B located at 868878, engaged with the enemy. 5 enemy captured, 3 wounded, 5 killed. Captured Flak gun, radio, MG, and sedan at 111613B. Assisted the 15th Inf in clearing small pockets of enemy resistance. Contacted 36th Inf Div (845965) at 121100B. Reported on rcn as far NORTH as 898954. 3d Plat: In reserve.

(2) Troop B: 1st Plat: On contact mission to 36th Div. Maintained liaison thru-out the period. No enemy contact. 2d Plat: Attached to 30th Inf for rcn of Inf axis of advance. Encountered strong enemy resistance at points (977850), (950878), (948880). Assisted in clearing situation at these points. 3d Plat: On contact mission to 45th Inf Div. Reported dispositions of all 45th Div elements. No enemy contact.

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(3) Troop C: 1st Plat: Attached to 2nd Rcn Plat of Troop A. Assisted in reduction of enemy MG, and AT fire. 2nd Plat: Attached to 2nd Plat Troop B. Engaged enemy in fire fights along with Rcn Plat. Succeeded in silencing enemy automatic weapons fire. 3d Plat: Attached 1st Plat Troop A. No contact with the enemy. Received some shellfire from the enemy at 925865.

(4) Division Battle Patrol: Attached by squads to Rcn plats for dismounted rcn.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A atchd to 7th Inf. Co B attached to 15th Inf, supported Inf advance on Highway 57. Co C attached to 30th Inf. Co D attached to Prov Rcn Tr.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Co's in close support of their respective Inf Regts, fired on all targets of opportunity. 1st Plat Co B fired 110 rds HE, 3 rds APC, knocked out 1 AT gun, 1 MG and OP, killing 3 enemy. Co C expended 41 rounds of HE. A Co attached to 7th Inf; B Co 15th Inf; C Co 30th Inf; Rcn Co to Prov Rcn Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co A): Bn less Co A and 1st Plat of Co's B and C located at 697399. Co D on guard at BESANCON at captured enemy Ord dump and barracks on Division G-4 control. 1st Plat Co B with 15th Inf, 1st Plat of Co C with 7th Inf. Remainder of Bn engaged in rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of vehicles and equipment. No missions fired during the period.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance to line indicated in para 1.
- b. Extensive reconnaissance to Division front.
- c. Contact was maintained with 45th Div on right and 36th Div on left.

8. Tank Status:

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RUNNERS</u> | <u>FIT IN 24 HRS</u> | <u>FIT IN 48 HRS</u> | <u>24 HR LOSS</u> | <u>TOTAL LOST</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 756th Tk Bn | 43 M | 1 | 5 | 1 | 16* |
| | 15 L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3** |
| | 6 M4A3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 35 M-10's | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

* 4 tks in Ord - Mech failure.
 ** 1 tk in Ord - Mech failure.

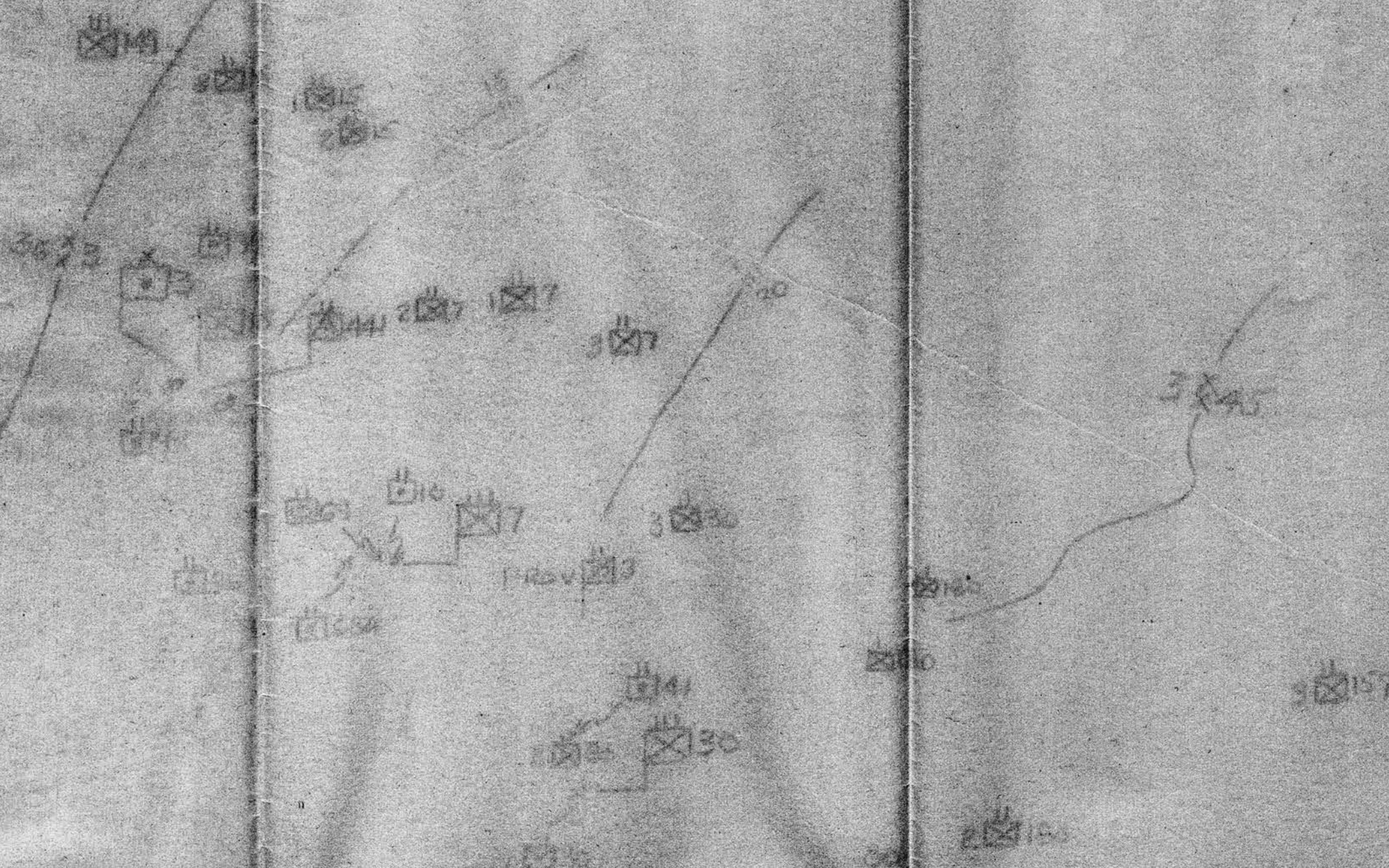
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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 14 & 15 J.

1. Our Front Lines: 7879 - 8385 - 8488 - 8687 - 9185 - 9487.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: Afternoon 10 Sept units were located as follows: 157th Inf: 1st Bn Vic CLERVAL, 2d Bn 1078, 3d Bn 0983. 180th Inf: 1st Bn 0679, 2d Bn 0570, 3d Bn 0474. 179th Inf: 1st Bn 1982, 2d Bn 2080 and 3d Bn 1534. 1st Bn 130th Inf was moving to 075832. Division continued to advance throughout the period against lighter resistance and at the close of the period the left flank units were NORTHWEST of ROUGEMONT.

b. 36th Inf Div: Division continued to advance NORTH during the period maintaining contact with 3d Inf Div. Division CP Vic CISELAY (0-7075). Afternoon 10 Sept 141st Inf was proceeding to FRETIGNEY (7283) * MAILLEY (8089). 143d Inf was proceeding to RJ 7186 - RAZE (7693). At 110225B 143d Inf column was at 726898 and 142d Inf at 647752; 141st Inf was at GRANDVELLE at 0625B.

4. Weather and Visibility: Clear - Visibility good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The attack against enemy rear guard and delaying forces SOUTH of VESOUL continued during the period. There was considerable enemy resistance at QUENOCHÉ Vic 0-3481 on the main route to VESOUL, and at AUBERTANS Vic 0-8679, protecting the right sector of the division's advance. The 15th Inf knocked out enemy opposition at QUENOCHÉ and continued its advance toward VESOUL during the morning of 11 Sept, while the 7th Inf occupied AUBERTANS and advanced toward FILAIN Vic 0-8987. The 30th Inf advanced on the division's left flank until relieved, then assembled and prepared to move on the right flank.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 1st Bn remained in the Vic of RIGNEY (0-8972) until 101800B, when it moved by vehicle to the Vic of LOULANS 0-9179. C Co, which had been on bridge guard detail at RIGNEY and CIREY, rejoined the 1st Bn at 110530B. At 0600B the 1st Bn attacked from a line of departure Vic RJ 0-917794 NORTH toward FILAIN. At the close of the period the battalion encountered enemy resistance and engaged in a fire fight SOUTHWEST of VY LES FILAIN (0-902852). The 2d Bn encountered strong enemy resistance SOUTH of AUBERTANS at the beginning of the period. E Co moved to the left flank of the town and G Co moved to Vic 0-875325. At 102020B heavy small arms and SP fire delayed the advance of the battalion. The resistance was overcome during the night of 10/11 Sept and at 110630B G Co moved out toward AUTHOISON against heavy MG fire. At the close of the period the battalion was advancing without opposition. The 3d Bn overcame strong enemy resistance at ORMEVANS 0-9279 and at 101245B advanced toward 0-915810. The Bn, less I Co, reached high ground astride the road Vic 0-930841 at 2020B. I Co advanced on the left flank of the 3d Bn and encountered an enemy strong point at ROCHE SUR LINOTTE 0-9182; at 2230B I Co rejoined the battalion. One platoon of I Co established a road block at SORANS until 0920B. The 3d Bn attacked NORTH from 0-930841 at 0730B and encountered enemy S/A, flakwagon and artillery fire at 0-929843 and at the close of the period was still meeting strong resistance.

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(2) 15th Inf: The 1st Bn, advancing toward VESOU, was held up by strong enemy resistance in the town of QUENOUCHE, encountering S/A, MG, AT, tank, flakwagon and artillery fire. At 101500B the battalion was on the outskirts of town, and at 1900B QUENOUCHE was reported in our hands, although there remained some mopping up to be done. On the morning of 11 Sept the battalion continued the advance with no resistance until it reached O-853867, where it received enemy flakwagon fire. A volkwagon and two PWs were captured at that point. The 2d Bn, following the advance of the 1st Bn, was on the left flank at 101335B. The battalion moved to HYET Vic O-8231, where the enemy was contacted. At 102000B the town was completely in our hands and the battalion moved NORTH to PENNESIERES Vic O-8383. In the morning of 11 Sept the 2d Bn continued the advance through COURBOUX Vic O-8284 without resistance. G Co, the leading elements, was last reported at LEAGNORAY, Vic O-838878. The 3d Bn was in division reserve Vic RIOZ at the beginning of the period, maintaining road blocks. At 101945B the battalion was released from division reserve, assembled, and moved to Vic regimental CP (O-820785). In the morning of 11 Sept it moved to HYET in regimental reserve.

(3) 30th Inf: The 2d Bn detrucked NORTHWEST of RIOZ at the beginning of the period and advanced toward TRESILLEY Vic O-7879, meeting slight resistance at O-785786. This opposition was engaged, and at 1730B the battalion directed artillery fire on enemy personnel and vehicles Vic O-773826. Resistance in the Vic of TRESILLEY was overcome at 1830B, and locations were as follows: B Co at O-745790, A Co at O-759799, C Co behind leading elements of the two companies, F Co at O-779801, G Co at O-788808 and the 3d Bn in reserve at O-764755. At 2300B the 1st Bn met slight resistance Vic O-754810, the 2d Bn moved against scattered resistance at O-780796 and the 3d Bn assembled Vic O-763754, preparatory to moving by truck to an assembly area Vic O-864772. The 2d Bn sent a patrol to the outskirts of FONDREMAND O-7882 and heard enemy vehicles. At 1030B the regiment received orders to assemble minus the 3d Bn Vic O-949830 on the right of the division sector. The 3d Bn remained in division reserve Vic O-865773.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) and with 6th FA Gp, 634th FA Bn, and 36th FA Bn in direct support: Bns continued to displace forward in support of the advance of the Infantry Regiments. Considerable enemy arty fire of all calibers received during the period. Ten C/B missions fired during the period. Smoke was employed in the attack by the 15th Inf to neutralize enemy fire. A Total of 34 mission fired during the period 1800B 10 Sept - 1800B 11 Sept as follows: 9th FA Bn: 1 personnel, 1 flakwagon; 10th FA Bn: 8 C/B, 6 personnel, 1 MG, 1 registration; 39th FA Bn: 5 personnel; 41st FA Bn: 2 C/B, 1 Tk, 6 personnel, 1 registration, 1 vehicle, 1 preparation; 69th FA Bn: 1 MG & Mortar; 634th FA Bn: 2 registration. Total rounds expended - 1680.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Continued to displace forward to protect 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units. 2 Plats Btry A on bridge O-854695, 2 Plats Btry B on bridge at O-793558, 2 Plats Btry D at bridge O-746508. Bn CP O-817788. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In support of 7th Inf. Removed trees and debris off road from ORMENS NORTH to DAMPIERRE-SUR-LINOTTE (O-935865), to which point road was open to traffic at end of period. Repairing road ORMENS, AUBERTANS, VILLERS PATER in support of 2d Bn 7th Inf. Repairing road SORONS (O-918830) to VY-LES-FILAIN in support of 1st Bn 7th Inf. Co B: Co, less one Plat, in support of 15th Inf. One Plat maintaining ford across L'OGNON River at 778633. Repairs and maintenance was carried out on road from RIOZ (O-817762) NORTH on route No. 57. Co C: Moved from O-757638 NORTH to Vic RIOZ. Operated a barge ferry across L'OGNON RIVER, crossing 500 personnel of 30th Inf. Removed vehicles and trees from road between RIOZ and TRESILLEY (O-787790). Co remained in support of 30th Inf until 30th was placed in Division reserve. Bn CP located at 819766.

Engr Rcn: ROAD AND BRIDGES: Mines in road at O-885797 to be removed. Road crater 15 ft in diameter, 10 ft deep, caused by explosion of bombladen enemy truck, has been filled. Trees felled across road between O-922832 and O-940866 have been cleared. Trees removed from road at O-825729.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat: Attached to 7th Inf for rcn of Inf advance. Encountered scattered resistance, but missions unhampered. Reported road blocks at (932715) and (980730). At dawn 11 Sept Plat was held in by enemy road blocks. At 111130B Plat reported attempting to break through at 920880. Last reported FFI statements of 200 enemy mounted troops 896874, and approximately a Bn of arty in position on high ground at (900900). 2d Plat: At the beginning of the period reported well camouflaged enemy AT gun at (819815) with support of enemy Inf. After receiving fire from the position, friendly foot elements moved up to assist in destroying the gun. At 1200B engaged enemy in Vic O-7868. Received enemy flak, MG, and rifle fire, all aimed and effective. 3d Plat: Attached to 30th

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Inf. Moved back to reserve, after having contacted 36th Inf Div at (737764).

(2) Troop B: 1st Plat: Throughout the period maintained liaison and contact between elements of 3d Div and 36th Div. 2d Plat in reserve. 3d Plat: On contact mission to 45th Inf Div.

(3) Troop C: 1st Plat light tanks attached to 2d Plat Rcn. Assisted in overpowering strong enemy positions of MGs. 2d Plat: Attached to 1st Plat Rcn. Under heavy automatic fire effectively assisted in reducing and mopping up strongly held pockets of enemy resistance.

(4) Division Battle Patrol: Sent two 4-Man night rcn patrols beyond enemy held positions. One returned before daylight reporting enemy dispositions and actions. The second being a 36 hr patrol had not returned at end of period. The remainder of the patrol was attached to Rcn Plats for foot patrolling.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A attached to 7th Inf; Co B attached to 15th Inf; Co C attached to 30th Inf; and Co D attached to Prov Rcn Sq. Continued to support Inf within respective sectors. One Medium tank destroyed due to enemy action.

(2) 601st TD Bn: All Co's in close support of respective Inf Regts fired on targets of opportunity. Co C knocked out 1 MG and 2 OP's killing 2 enemy and capturing 2 PWs. Co B expended 178 rds HE, 14 rds APC, 9 rds Smoke. Co C expended 120 rds HE, 10 rds APC. Co B attached 15th Inf; Co C attached 30th Inf; Rcn Co attached Prov Rcn Sq. Co A attached to 7th Inf.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (less Co A): Bn CP at 697399. Co D on guard duty at BESANCON. 1st Plat Co B went into position in support of 15th Inf at 0600B. 1st Plat Co C into position in support of 7th Inf.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance NORTH toward VESOUL.
- b. Extensive reconnaissance to Division front.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div on right and 36th Inf Div on

left.

8. Tank Status:

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Runners</u> | <u>Fit in 24 hrs</u> | <u>Fit in 48 hrs</u> | <u>24 hr Loss</u> | <u>Total Lost</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 756th Tk Bn | 45 M | 1 | 4 | 1 | 15 * |
| | 15 L | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 ** |
| | 6 M4A3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 601st TD Bn | 33 M-10s | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |

* Four tks in Ord - Mech failure.
** One tank in Ord - Mech failure.

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets A 012 J

1. Our Front Lines: 7365 - 765655 - 833695 - 843751 - 865730 - 893735.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: Continued the advance to the NORTH. 157th Inf, 1st and 2d Bns moved to Vic P-0967, 3d Bn engaged in blocking roads and securing crossing vicinity of CLERVAL. 179th Inf - 1st Bn continued the advance through L'HOPITAL to SOYE, 2nd Bn captured CLERVAL, moved toward RANG. 3d Bn advanced to 145770 after occupying BOIS DE MONTFORT. 180th Inf - 1st Bn crossed the DOUBS RIVER and advanced toward AUTECHAEUX, 2nd Bn captured BAUME LES DAMES, advanced to Hill 435 (055713). 3d Bn moved to Hill 436 (005685) and then towards LUXIOL.

b. 36th Inf Div: At the beginning of the period Regts were located as follows: 141st Inf - 1st Bn 0-7157, 2nd Bn 0-7250, 3d Bn 0-7253. 142nd Inf: Crossing DOUBS RIVER and assembling at 0-6642. 143d Inf: Assembled at BOIS DES DAMES (7454) in Corps reserve. At 082200 elements of 1st Bn 142nd Inf were at 665490 and 670500 meeting little resistance. At the end of the period the Division was continuing to advance against light opposition. 141st Inf: 1st Bn at 0-680585, 2nd Bn at 0-7061 to 0-7362, 3d Bn at 0-7061 to 0-7362. 143d Inf in Division reserve.

4. Weather and Visibility: Rain to fair 9 Sept. Visibility limited to good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Following the axis of 2 main roads to the NORTH, the Division continued its attack in the direction of VESOUL. The 7th Inf advanced to the NORTHEAST to RIGNEY 0-8972, then turned WEST toward RIOZ (0-8176). It moved against slight resistance until enemy was encountered at TRAITIE FONTAINE vicinity 0-8375. The 15th Inf advanced to the NORTHWEST against heavy enemy resistance, particularly in the vicinity of ECOLE (0-7558) and MISEREY-SALINES (0-7460). The enemy was engaged with S/A, MG and mortar fire most of the night. At daylight the 2nd Bn continued its advance to a point immediately SOUTH of the bridge vicinity 0-7866.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 1st Bn began its move NORTHEAST from 0-810582 at 081320B, with the 2nd Bn in an assembly area at the same place. The 1st Bn moved to 0-825620 in the next 30 minutes, followed by the 3d Bn vicinity 0-810617. The advance continued against only slight resistance toward RIGNEY, and at 0050B the 3d Bn was in position vicinity 0-865633 at CIREY and the 2nd Bn at RIGNEY. These positions were held during the night and the advance continued during the morning of 9 Sept. The towns of VILLELEY (0-8366) and MONCEY (0-8569) were outposted during the night. K Co, at 090345B, sent a patrol to 0-780652 and 0-781662. The patrol heard considerable enemy traffic to the NORTH of VORAY 0-7864 throughout the night. At 0410B the 2nd Bn moved out of RIGNEY and at 0600B was located vicinity 0-898727, the 1st Bn at 0-891781 and 1 Bn vicinity 0-864733. The 2nd Bn reached a point vicinity 0-845750 at 0900B and directed arty fire on an enemy convoy NORTH of RIGNEY. The 2nd Bn continued to advance, but at the end of the period received enemy fire from vicinity TRAITIE-FONTAINE. The 3d Bn followed the 2nd Bn during this advance.

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