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(2) 15th Inf: The Regt continued to advance NORTH toward RIOZ against strong resistance in the form of organized defenses as well as a number of fire fights with by-passed pockets of trapped enemy forces. At the beginning of the period the 1st Bn was in reserve vicinity the Regtl CP. The 1st Bn (- C Co), (which remained in reserve), was committed on the right flank at 081820B with the mission of going NORTHEAST to BONNAY (O-8066) to block the roads there, then to move SOUTHWEST to effect a junction with the 2nd and 3d Bns, which moved NORTH. At 082330B the Bn reached TALLEMAY vic O-7862 without resistance. At the end of the period B Co was located at O-775652, with the rest of the Bn moving toward the company cross-country. After fighting all night F Co captured ECOLE and E Co captured MISEREY-SALDRES. G Co, the leading element of the 2nd Bn, advanced to O-766635 during the morning of 9 Sept, and had reached O-780660 at the end of the period, just SOUTH of the COGNAN RIVER. The 3d Bn continued its advance against strong resistance to vicinity CHATELON-LE-DUC O-772630, with K Co at O-766620. At 091005B I and L Co's were abreast near DEVECEY vicinity O-780650. At the end of the period the Regt continued its attack with the 2nd Bn on the left, 3d Bn on the right and 1st Bn on the main axis following the 2nd Bn.

(3) 30th Inf: The Regt had ended all enemy opposition in BESANCON by 1400B, and the 3 Bns were in assembly areas at 1535B. A total of 40 PW's were taken in the town. The Regt moved out during the night, and at 0600B leading elements of the 1st Bn were at O-765610, the 2nd Bn in Div reserve vicinity O-773573 and the 3d Bn following the 1st Bn along the road. The 1st Bn encountered considerable resistance during the morning of 9 Sept, but overcame the opposition and was located vicinity O-7563 at the end of the period. The 3d Bn still followed the 1st Bn, at O-733620 at the end of the period. The 1st Bn contacted the 36th Div vicinity O-740637 during the morning.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (C Btry 36th FA Bn; 69th Armd FA Bn; 977th FA Bn (-Btry C) attached). 3d Inf Div Arty continued to displace fwd in support of the Inf Regts. During the period one or more enemy guns harassed the town of BESANCON. The 39th FA Bn moved into position during the night, and at dawn found considerable enemy at approx 600 yds. Fire was adjusted with charge 1 minimum elevation and considerable damage done to the enemy, resulting in the capture of 90 PW's, killed 4, and seriously wounded 20-25. 9th FA Bn started 2 large fires during the period, firing on enemy targets. Missions fired during the period 1800B 8 Sept to 1800B 9 Sept as follows: (All observed fires:) 9th FA: 2 C/B, 2 personnel, and 2 veh. 10th FA Bn: 2 tks, 4 pers, 1 MG and mortars. 39th FA Bn: 4 C/B, 4 pers, 1 MG&mortar, 1 veh. 41st FA: 6 pers, 2 registrations, 3 veh. 69th Armd FA: 2 C/B, 2 pers, 3 veh. 977th FA: 1 vehicle.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Bn continued to displace with 3d Div Arty and atchd units. 2 Plats of B Btry furnished protection for bridge at O-793558. 2 Plats D Btry furnished AA protection for bridge at O-746508. No enemy aircraft within range during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: Completed construction of 100 foot Triple, single, Class 40, Bailey Bridge at O-788556. Cleared debris and maintained road in support of 7th Inf from BESANCON to RIGNEY (O-898725). Co B: In support of 15th Inf. Responsible for the repair and maintenance of road from BESANCON NORTH to bridge across the L'OGNON RIVER at O-780663. Co C: In support of 30th Inf. Responsible for maintenance and repair of road from RJ O-754624 NORTH to bridge across L'OGNON RIVER at O-780663. Completed removal of IR overpass from highway at O-841542. Removed roadblock of fallen trees from highway, one half mile SOUTHEAST of BESANCON. Bn CP at O-788563.

f. Cavalry: Prov Recon Sq:

(1) Trapp A: 1st Plat: Attached to 15th Inf and recon in advance to NORTH. Engaged the enemy at 767594, withdrew when Inf moved up. At 0600B moved out in front of 15th Inf, no enemy contact. At end of the period had set up roadblock 860705. 2nd Plat: Called from reserve to recon for 15th Inf. Spotted enemy OP and engaged it with fire, set up roadblock at 773628. At 0600B proceeded on recon to NORTH. Last reported bridge out at 781662. 3d Plat: Attached to 30th Inf; at 0600B. Recon road NORTHEAST of BESANCON, contacted elements of 36th Div at 740640 at 1020B. Continued in attempt to contact other friendly force on right and left of 30th Inf.

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(2) Troop B: Called from reserve 0600B on contact mission with 3d Div elements and 45th Div. 2nd Plat: Called from left flank of 15th Inf to reserve at 0600B, assigned new mission of contact with 3d Div elements and 36th Div. 3d Plat: Attached to 7th Inf, rcn roadnet (810580-834809). Sighted enemy convoy of 27 vehicles taken under fire knocking out three lead and three rear vehicles, enabling the remainder of the convoy to be totally destroyed by TD fire. At the close of the period was rcn before the 7th Inf advance.

(3) Troop C: Elements detached to the Rcn plats. Assisted the plats in direct fire support and assisted in maintaining additional roadblocks required for the advance.

(4) Battle Patrol: Was attached by squads to Rcn plats for foot patrolling and close-in security of the Rcn elements.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A at hd 7th Inf; Co B at hd 15th Inf, Co C at hd 30th Inf, Co D at hd Prov Rcn Sq. Bn CP enroute to and closing into vicinity 768558 at end of period. Lost 1 Med and 1 light tk during the period.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 9d Plat Co A fired on enemy convoy NORTH of BESA CON, knocked out 7 enemy veh. Co A at hd 7th Inf, Co B 15th Inf, Co C 30th Inf, and Rcn Co at hd Prov Rcn Sq.

(h) Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co's A and B) Enroute to 570110 at end of the period.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Continued advance to the NORTH.
- b. Extensive rcn to Division front and flanks.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Division 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	*46 M	2	0	1	17**
	15 L	0	0	1	3***
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	33 M10's	3	0	0	3

- * 4 Tks received as replacements.
- ** 6 tks in Ord - Mech failure.
- *** 1 Tk in Ord - Mech failure.

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

1. Our Front Lines: 7559 - 7760 - 8059 - 8258.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of adjacent and supporting units:

a. 36th Div: Div CP AVANNE. 141st Inf: Atchd to 3d Inf Div 071800B and relieved atchd 081000B. 142nd Inf: Moved to assembly area O-650420 prepared to cross the DOUBS RIVER upon completion of bridge in BESANCON. At beginning of period 143d Inf in assembly area at O-5225 and at end of period was crossing DOUBS RIVER assembling vicinity O-7656.

b. 45th Div: 157th Inf in Div reserve and remained in assembly area vicinity O15590, operated roadblocks and recon patrols to the front. 179th Inf: 1st and 3d Bns crossed the DOUB RIVER and continued the advance to the NORTH. The 2nd Bn advanced from vicinity 148715 to the NORTHEAST, encountered slight enemy resistance. 180th Inf: 2nd Bn continued attack on town of BAUME making slow progress in the face of moderate enemy resistance. 3d Bn crossed river and secured the high ground to the NORTH of ROULANS without opposition.

4. Weather and Visibility: Changeable with rain. Visibility limited.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The 7th and 30th Inf's launched a coordinated attack on the City of BESANCON at the beginning of the period and occupied the City during the morning of 8 Sept. 2 Bns of the 7th Inf and 1 Bn of the 30th Inf moved into the City prior to dark 7 Sept, while 1 Bn of the 30th attacked and captured the citadel SOUTH of the City. The 3d Bn 30th Inf remained in the City during the night and cleaned out pockets of resistance and snipers during the morning of 8 Sept. The 15th Inf began an attack along the enemy's route of withdrawal toward VESOUL, on the highway NORTH and NORTHWEST out of the City at the end of the period.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At 1400B the 1st Bn crossed the line of departure and attacked EAST from vicinity O-768590 toward the RJ vicinity O-811580. Enemy action consisted of scattered strong points supported by MG and Arty fire. The forward elements of the Bn, at 1600B hours, were located at O-808581. The 1st Bn halted in vicinity O-808579 and protected the Regt from the NORTH. At 081145B the 1st Bn attacked NORTHEAST along the highway from vicinity O-811581 toward RIGNEY. The 2nd Bn overcame strong enemy resistance and captured its objective at 071245B. At 1755 B the Bn attacked to the NORTHWEST and at 2030B occupied positions along the RR. F Co was at O-780559, G Co at O-760559 and E Co across the DOUBS RIVER at O-789556. At the close of the period the 2nd Bn was assembled vicinity O-812584 and prepared to follow the 1st Bn. The 3d Bn continued its attack and at 1530B had reached ALA BARAQUE (O-810585). At 2315 the 3d Bn advanced against enemy S/A and mortar fire to vicinity O-799555. Security patrols reported no enemy. Contact was established with the 2nd Bn at 2100B. The Bn pulled out of BESANCON and, at 0930B attacked an enemy convoy vicinity O-794592, destroying 10 vehicles. At 0945B the Bn arrived vicinity O-807588.

(2) 15th Inf: At 1945B the Regt was ordered to assemble on the 2nd Bn, then proceed to RIOZ vicinity O-815760. At 2000B the 2nd Bn sent patrols to PIREY (O-7457) where it found no enemy; and to POUILLEY-LES-VIGNES (O-7257) where it was reported the Germans were fighting the FFI. At 0315B the 1st and 3d Bns were assembled. They advanced NORTH and NORTHWEST from BESANCON, running into stiff opposition. At 1040B the 3d Bn was located vicinity O-755615 and the forward elements of the 2nd Bn fighting for the towns of MISEREY (O-7460) and ECOULE (O-7558).

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(3) 30th Inf: The 1st Bn, attacking the citadel at the start of the period, continued the assault until halted by heavy S/A, MG and mortar fire from the fort. A plat from C Co moved to the left of the citadel, marking its way from vicinity O-800537 to vicinity O-798537. The plat was followed by the remainder of the company, and at 2020B it reached the town, then cleaned out the section SOUTH of the DOUBS RIVER. Meanwhile A Co moved to vicinity O-805539 and preparations were made to blast with explosives and breach the walls. One 155mm gun was wheeled into position approximately 1,000 yds from the fort and fired direct fire at the enemy position. The bombardment started at 1845B and at 1925B the enemy garrison commander surrendered. Nearly 200 PWs were taken, including a Bn CO and 2 Co COs. The 3d Bn entrucked at 1430B, crossed the DOUBS RIVER at AVANNE and moved around BESANCON to the NORTH to begin its attack of the city from vicinity O-805550. The Bn cleaned enemy out of the NORTHEAST section of the City. It met stubborn resistance from the RR station and 2 strong points in the O-7956 grids. The Regt used tk, MG, rifle and rifle grenade fire to overcome the enemy positions. It remained in the City during the night, fighting against constant sniper fire. Near the end of the period it moved through the City with L Co on the left, K Co on the right and I Co at 790570. The 2nd Bn remained in Div reserve vicinity O-8150. F Co and a plat of E Co relieved the 3d Bn on high ground at O-810582 and O-823538 respectively. At 1940B the Battle Patrol relieved C Co of the 15th Inf on high ground vicinity O-8052. At the end of the period the 2nd Bn was assembling vicinity ECOULE O-7658.

141st Inf: (4) The Regt was attached to the 3d Inf Div as of 071800B and relieved of attachment at 081000B. At 2345B, following its relief of the 15th Inf, it had troops at: I Co at O-726539; K Co at O-725520; E Co from that position to LA MARNE vicinity O-714499; F Co from LA MARNE to O-7248; G Co protecting the bridge at O-753509; A Co protecting a RJ vicinity O-720570; B Co platoons at O-725573; O-724580 and O-736591; and C Co in reserve vicinity O-765545. The 3d Bn sent patrols to the RR and an enemy roadblock at O-712519 and heard enemy activity and vehicles.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty - attached - C Btry 36th FA Bn, and 69th Armd FA Bn: Continued to displace forward to support Inf Regts in the attack on BESANCON. An old French fort on the edge of the City held out stubbornly until a 155mm How had fired direct fire against it at 1000 yds range. 61 rds were expended in this mission resulting in the surrender of the garrison and the taking of 48 PW's. Missions fired during the period 1800B to 1800B: 9th FA: 1 obs mission on MG and mortar, 1 direct on enemy fort. 10th FA: 1 Obs mission on enemy veh. 39th FA: 1 obs C/B mission, 13 obs personnel, and 1 obs registration. 41st FA: 1 Obs personnel mission, 2 MG and mortars. 69th and 977th Armd FA Bns - No mission. 977th FA Bn less 1 Btry atchd 7 Sept. 3d Inf Div Arty CP 756555.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Btry D covering 41st FA Bn at O-838538. Fired on 2 ME-109's at approx 1810B, flying at an altitude of 100 feet. Results unknown. Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Inf Div arty and atchd units. Protected air strip and bridges at O-746508 and O-6940.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A in support of 7th Inf. Removed burned trucks and fallen trees from highway from 765542 to 730528. Began construction of a Bailey bridge at 788556. Co B in support of 15th Inf. Co C: removed large blown steel RR overpass from the highway at O-822543 to permit two-way traffic. Removed debris from highway from 822543 to BESANCON to the Bailey bridge site at 788556. Bn CP O-856499.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sqdn:

(1) Troop A: 1st Plat: At beginning of period moved out of Tr area to 15th Inf area 760510. At 1550B reported moved out to road net (780575) (760612). At 1650B reported friendly Tr engaged on high ground (765594). Withdrew and began rcn NORTHEAST of BESANCON. At 1800B pursued enemy convoy of 10 vehicles (809580). Was stopped by friendly arty fire. At beginning 8 Sept was assigned mission of Rcn the route of 15th Inf advance NORTH. Received S/A mortar, and AT fire from hill NORTHWEST of (767594). Engaged enemy while foot troops moved up. At close of period reported friendly arty shelling enemy posns on hill at that point. 2nd Plat: In reserve until 8 Aug at 0600B, reported to 15th Inf for rcn of right flank of Inf advance. Reported snipers still active on NORTH side of BESANCON. At last report were held up by enemy AT fire at 705565. 3d Plat: At beginning of period was at 705466. Sent out small patrols from that position. Main body of Plat received fire from 2 ME 109's, fired on enemy planes without determined results. At close of period called into reserve.

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(2) Troop B: 1st Plat: Atchd to 15th Inf for rcn of roads NORTH WEST of BESANCON. Had a fire fight with enemy at 720570. Secured position after forcing the enemy to withdraw, later were forced to withdraw from this position to another enemy attack. At the end of the period had been called into reserve. 2nd Plat: Maintained ln with 117th Rcn. No enemy contacts. Relieved at 0600B and called into reserve. At the end of the period had mission of rcn the 15th Inf left flank of the Inf's advance to the NORTH. 3d Plat: At beginning of period was attached to 30th Inf. On call to rcn NORTH in their sector after the fall of BESANCON.

(3) Division Battle Patrol: Attached by squads to Rcn plats for dismounted patrols and close in security. Helped 15th Inf BP in fire fight at 691462, killing 6 enemy.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A: Supported the attack of the 7th Inf on BESANCON. Co B atchd to 15th Inf. Remained on roadblocks in assigned sector. Co C atchd to 30th Inf. 1 Plat supported Bn of Inf in attack on BESANCON from EAST. Co D atchd to Prov Rcn Co. Bn CP 858458.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 1 gun, 3d Plat Co B destroyed 1 AT gun, 's expended 15 HE and 3 rds APC. Co C destroyed 9 light enemy veh and 2 wagons. Rds expended 136 HE and 66 APC. 1st Plat Rcn Co captured 3 enemy officers and 20 EM, killed unknown number of enemy. 3d Plat knocked out 3 veh, killing several enemy. Co A atchd 7th Inf, Co B atchd 15th Inf, Co C atchd 30th Inf, and Rcn Co atchd Prov Rcn Co.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co 's A and B): Remained in assembly area at 338053. Preparations made for movement.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of operations:

- a. Completion of clearing BESANCON.
- b. Continuation of advance NORTH of BESANCON.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th and 36th Inf Div's.

8. Tank Status:

UNIT	RUNNERS	FIT IN 24 HRS	FIT IN 48 HRS	24 HR LOSS	TOTAL LOST
756th Tk Bn	45 M 16 L 6 M4A3	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	16* 3** 0
601st TD Bn	31 M-10s	5	0	0	3

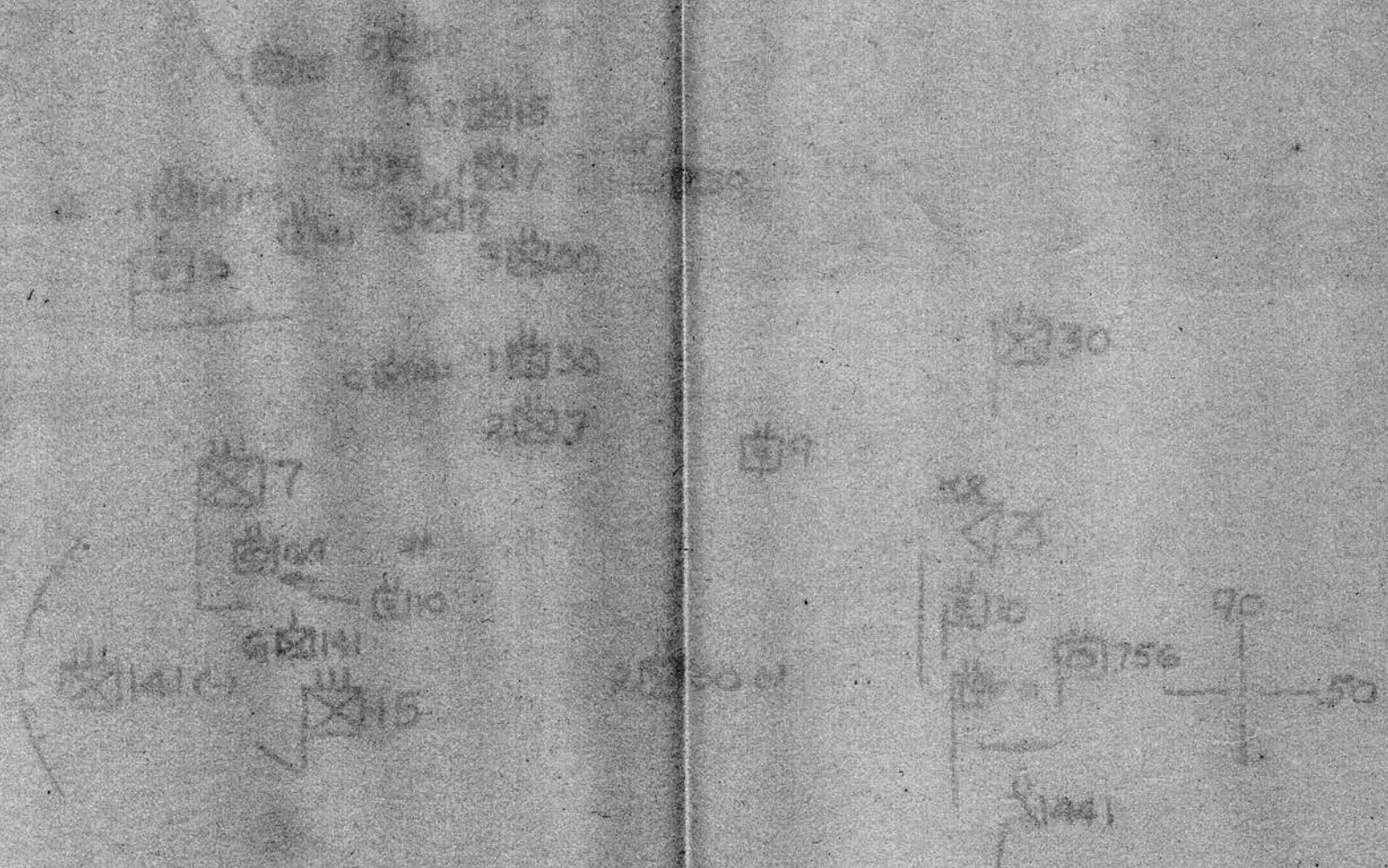
* 6 Tks in Ord.
** 1 Tk Ord Mech failure.

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

1. Our Front Lines: 738530 - 745565 - 775580 - 800545 - 825535.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 15th Inf Div: 157th Inf enroute to Vic COTE BRUNE (010582).

179th Inf: 1st Bn moved to Vic 100700; 2d Bn Vic ARBOIS; 3d Bn Vic 062612.

180th Inf: 1st Bn enroute to GONSONS, 2d Bn 050678; 3d Bn GONSONS. Morning of 7 Sept 157th Inf was Vic 0157. 179th Inf: 1st Bn Vic 0970; 2d Bn Vic 0661; 3d Bn Vic 0669. 180th Inf: 1st Bn Vic 4691; 2d Bn Vic 040670; and 3d Bn 980590.

b. 36th Inf Div: Division OP at ARBOIS. Inf units in assembly areas as follows: 11st Inf Vic POLIGNY, 142d Inf Vic MOUCHARD, 143d Inf Vic [redacted].

c. 117th Rcn Bn: (with 2d Bn 179th Inf and 1 plat 601st TD Bn and 1 plat 645th TD Bn atchd): Squadron continued to protect left flank 3d Inf Div. At the end of the period liaison officer reported to 36th Div to make preparation for liaison in anticipation of the 36th Div advancing on the left of the 3d Inf Div.

d. Fr 3d DIA: Main body advanced on axis CHAMONS - DEMIGNY - BEAUNE - BULLEY - GIVRY - CHAGNY. Units were SOUTH of DEMIGNY moving west in the direction of ALBEREY SEUNJE. GIVRY was captured against strong resistance. Continuous progress was made during the period.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair to rain morning 7 Sept. Visibility limited by rain.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its attack against the forts guarding the perimeter of BESANCON in the face of increasingly stubborn resistance. The 30th Inf attacked the city from the SOUTH and EAST, running into heavy enemy fire from a citadel Vic 0-800548 and surrounding forts. The 7th Inf outflanked the city from the left and prepared for an attack from the NORTH and WEST. Plans were completed to assault the city from three directions during the afternoon of 7 Sept. Rcn elements patrolled to the EAST and WEST along the DOUES River.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 2d Bn moved out from high ground Vic 0-760520 at 061330B and headed for ROSEMONT 0-7753, with E Co in the lead followed by F Co. The 1st Bn crossed the DOUES River, followed by the 3d Bn, and at 1640B the 3d Bn held the following positions: L Co on high ground Vic 0-743548, I Co at a road block Vic 0-740530 and K Co Vic 0-749539. The 1st Bn moved to Vic 0-753566 and the 2d Bn closed at ROSEMONT. During the afternoon of 6 Sept a regimental road block hit a four-vehicle enemy convoy, killing a major general (brigadier general) and several of his guard. The 2d Bn ran into opposition at its position and at 2030B was still mopping up Vic 0-789539. This fighting continued well into the night. The 3d Bn skirted the town on the left and attacked from the NORTHWEST. It met very heavy resistance and halted in square 0-7756. The battalion called for artillery on the NORTHWEST edge of BESANCON and resumed its attack at 0800B. Thirty minutes later the battalion was Vic 0-780574, moving around the town. The 1st Bn was advancing Vic 0-7857. At the end of the period the 3d and 1st Bns reached a position Vic 0-7857, ready to attack the town.

(2) 15th Inf: The regiment relieved the 7th Inf of road block mission from 0-760578 SOUTH to include a block at 0-7453 and the AVANNE bridge, the only span available to the division for crossing the DOUES River. At 070015B L Co was located at the bridge Vic 0-748508, K Co at a block Vic 0-738530 and I Co at 0-740540. At the same time the 2d Bn was on its way to positions WEST of BESANCON. The battalion reached its objective, Vic 0-745574, at 070530B, and at 0945B had G Co Vic 0-745565, F Co at 0-762572 and E Co moving from 0-756670 to a road block at 0-775580. The 1st Bn was given mission of screening the town from the SOUTH and SOUTHWEST while the 7th and 30th Infs prepared for an assault.

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(3) 30th Inf: At the beginning of the period C Co was located at O-805533, receiving fire from the forts to the NORTH. The remainder of the 1st Bn was located near MAMIROLLES O-8952, the 2d Bn Vic O-830540 and the 3d Bn in GENNES (O-8656), in division reserve. At 2200B the 2d Bn was relieved and went into division reserve at O-810500, with the 3d Bn prepared to move by motor across the DOUBS river and assault BESANCON from the E/ST on the NORTH side of the river. At 0100B the 1st Bn left its line of departure, a RJ Vic O-820535, to attack the city from the SOUTH. At 0445B the leading elements were Vic O-805537, receiving fire from the forts and a citadel located on a high ridge Vic O-800548 overlooking the SOUTHERN part of the city and a valley leading to the city. The battalion attacked with B Co on the left, C Co on the right and A Co in reserve. After a short halt the battalion resumed its advance at 0715B and at 0800B was located as follows: B Co in a fight at O-798539, C Co at O-800543 and A Co moving up from O-810530 to flank to the left of B Co. When the battalion reached the narrow neck between two curves of the DOUBS (O-8054) fire from the citadel increased. At 0930B C Co reached O-802552, B Co was at O-800540 moving slowly and A Co at O-804540. Resistance in the right fort protecting the citadel was overcome at 1000B, and fire ceased from the left fort at noon, but there was no letup in fire from the citadel itself. At the end of the period leading elements of the 1st Bn were located Vic O-798546, the 2d Bn (minus one company and one platoon) was located at O-810501; the company and platoon were enroute to high ground Vic O-835565, and the 3d Bn was assembled Vic GENNES.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (C Btry 36th FA, and 69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Continued to displace forward to support infantry regiments in the attack on BESANCON. 39th FA Bn fired on approximately 100 enemy grouped near the edge of a woods with good results. During the shifting of the 10th FA Bn an AA Btry fired with 37mm and 50 cal guns at enemy with undetermined result. Div Arty and attached units fired the following mission during the period 1800B 6 Sept - 1800B 7 Sept 1944: Observed; counter-battery - 1; Tank - 2; Personnel - 16; MG and Mortars - 4; Registration - 2; Harassing, observed - 2; unobserved - 1; Preparation - 1; Vehicles - 1. Total missions, 28 observed; 1 unobserved. Total rounds fired - 1822. At 2400B 3d Div Arty CP 862460.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Continued to displace forward in support of 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units. 1 Plat Btry D (O-690400) fired on enemy plane at 060730B, flying at 300 feet from SOUTHWEST. 350 rds cal. 50 and 5 rds 37mm expended, Results unknown.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A in support of 7th Inf. Co B moved from Vic of QUINCEY to Vic of MEREY. Co C in support of 30th Inf, cleared sufficient debris so that traffic could pass railroad bridge blown across highway at O-822543. Bn CP at O-856499.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) Troop A: (3d Rcn Tr): 1st Plat: From reserve at the beginning of the period, moved out to relieve 2d Plat at 135695 at 2200B. Was relieved by elements of 179th Inf. 0600B, and returned to Sq area. Reported to 7th Inf area Vic 760510 at 1000B. 2d Plat: No contact made with enemy having reached 601555. At 1804B encountered 1 Co of enemy at 135695. Contacted Fr same area. Relieved by 1st Plat at 2200B and returned to Sq area. 3d Plat: At beginning of period at 750510 no contact. Patrolled road net on Div left under orders from 15th Inf. At 1750B Plat at 710510 with no contact reported. Fired on by an estimated 20 enemy in Vic 702441, returned fire and drove enemy off. Reported bridges at 691455 and 690473 blown. Plat patrolled road net on left flank from Vic BOUSSIERE at the close of the period

(2) Troop B (601st TD Rcn): 1st Plat: Rcn road net in area 748488 - 740530 - 760542 river line. At 1835B reported at 749490. Plat made no contact with enemy during period but did find 3d Bn 7th Inf engaging enemy Vic 730527. At close of period Plat was on mission to rcn road net NORTH and WEST of BESANCON. 2d Plat: At CP 117th Rcn Sq on liaison mission for Div. 3d Plat: Patrolled Div right flank under control of 30th Inf. Maintained contact with 45th Inf Div during the period. Reconnoitered along river to 985659, reported all bridges blown. Ferry at 949627 suitable for jeeps and personnel. Foot bridge at 925625. Contacted elements 157th Inf at 915591.

(3) Troop C: 1st Plat: In Sq area for refit and maintenance. 2d Plat: Supported 3d Plat Troop A and fired direct fire on enemy positions. 3d Plat: Supported 1st Plat Troop A.

(4) Division Battle Patrol: Attached to Plats in Troops A and B. Continued to carry out extensive dismounted patrols to develop enemy positions.

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E. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: At 1615D Bn (-) moved from 14110Z to 1 1/2 miles NORTH of TARCENAY and closed at 1900B. Co A attached to 7th Inf, supported infantry in crossing the DOUBES river and cutting highways 57 and 67. Co B attached to 15th Inf. Co C attached to 30th Inf. Co D attached to 3d Ren Tr. An CP located at 858458.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 1st Plat Co B fired 154 rds HE and 25 rds APC at enemy strongpoint Vic BESANCON. 3d Plat Co B fired 15 rds HE at enemy personnel and vehicles. 3d Plat captured 2 PW's. Co A attached 7th Inf; Co B (less 2d Plat) attached 15th Inf; 2d Plat attached 117th Ren Sq. Co C attached 30th Inf. Ren Co attached Prov Ren Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-): An less Cos A and B, located at 336053 operating advance M Dump. Two Co's detached with VI Corps on ration dump guard.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Continued attack on BESANCON.
- b. Blocking of roads from BESANCON.
- c. Extensive ren to Division front and flanks.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in	Fit in	24 hr Loss	Total Lost
		24 hrs	48 hrs		
756th Tk Bn	45 M	0	1	0	15 *
	16 L	0	0	0	2 **
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	30 M-10s	4	2	0	3

* Six tks to Ord - Mech failure.
** One tk to Ord - Mech failure.

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

1. Our Front Lines: 6442 - 7246 - 7453 - 8254 - 9053.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: CP at T455958 moving to O-895410 at end of period. Div continued to move to forward assembly areas on Corps right flank, 157th Inf at O4705 moving to O-8939. 179th Inf less 2d Bn closed in area PO432 continuing NORTH towards VERCEL PO851, 2d Bn remains atchd 117th Cav Rcn Sq SOUTH of DOUBS River on Corps left flank. 180th Inf less 3d Bn Vic T4495 moving during morning to O-9041.

b. 117th Rcn Sq: (With 2d Bn 179th Inf, 1 Plat 601st TD Bn and 1 Plat 645th TD Bn atchd): Sq CP T593169. Troop A (Prov): Patrols advanced NORTH from main axis POLIGNY- BESANCON to main points OUNANS (O-530270), VILLERS PARLAY (O-600280), BYANS (O-670410). During the night light patrols moved forward from these points. Enemy patrol was observed Vic O-600295 at 2100B. At daylight patrols advanced NORTH toward River DOUBS and reached Vic O-395345 and O-647421. Troop C: Patrols advanced NORTHWEST from main axis toward River LOUE securing CHAUSSIN (O-335235), bridge (O-400289) and MONT DIEU VAUDREY (O-485255). Patrol met S/A fire at bridge Vic LONGWY (O-317217). At daylight patrols advanced toward NORTHWEST to establish contact with elements of 36th Division. Troop E & F: Squadron reserve Vic O-568277 and T587168 respectively.

c. 3 DIA Fr: Division continued to advance to NORTHEAST. 3d RTA occupied MORTES LE RUSSEY and MAICHE (3863). Contact made with 4th RTA elements at BAUME and the advance continued toward CHAMP DU VALDAHON. PIERREFONTAINE was occupied.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair. Visibility good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The division continued its attack to occupy all high ground on three sides of BESANCON in the face of strong enemy resistance. Originally the key terrain features were assaulted by a battalion of the 7th Inf and a battalion of the 15th Inf. The 30th Inf advanced on the division right boundary, neutralizing enemy road blocks SOUTHEAST of BESANCON. A battalion of the 7th Inf patrolled SOUTH of the LOUE River until relieved by the 36th Inf Div.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At 1615B the regiment was ordered to assemble the 1st Bn and move to MOUCHARD, Vic O-6325. The 3d Bn assembled and moved from Vic POLIGNY to MOUCHARD to take over road blocks from the 30th Inf. At 1900B the 1st Bn reached MOUCHARD, the 2d Bn was deployed SOUTH and WEST of BESANCON Vic BEURE O-7751 cleaning out enemy in the high ground and along the river and firing into BESANCON. The 3d Bn relieved the 1st Bn 30th Inf at MOUCHARD to patrol to the division front and left flank. The 2d Bn, attached to the 15th Inf, reached a position 800 yards SOUTHWEST of the ridge at O-788530, receiving considerable enemy fire. At 052400B E Co was located Vic O-740530, F Co NORTH of BEURE Vic O-785428 and G Co at O-790520. These positions were held during the night, then in the morning of 6 Sept the battalion was relieved by 1st Bn 15th Inf. At the end of the period the 2d Bn had E Co at O-7453 and F and G Cos enroute to an assembly area Vic O-764534. The 1st and 3d Bns moved to the NORTH by motor starting at 1025B.

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(2) 15th Inf: B Co attacked and captured FORT FONTAIN Vic O-804518 during the afternoon of 5 Sept; A Co captured high ground Vic O-795515, and C Co remained in battalion reserve Vic FONTAIN. The 2d Bn, 7th Inf, attached to the 15th Inf, captured high ground Vic O-780525 with G Co leading. A Co 15th Inf relieved G Co 7th Inf at 060800B. Following the relief the 2d Bn returned to 7th Inf control. At 060730B C Co attacked and captured high ground Vic O-809538 against a small amount of S/A and mortar fire. The 1st Bn cleared the ridge between A and C Cos, sent rcn patrols to BESANCON and was ordered to block the two roads in its sector leading SOUTH and SOUTH-EAST from the city. The 2d Bn was attached to 30th Inf. At 052300B E Co was reported with four TDs in Vic O-896507-receiving fire from an enemy Mk VI tank, an unknown number of infantry and SP fire from O-860483. G Co blocked the highway Vic TARCENAY. At 061030B the battalion's leading elements advanced to Vic RJ at O-850523. After passing of the 2d Bn 7th Inf through AVANNE to the high ground, the 3d Bn assembled and moved to Vic MEREY-SAUS-MONTROND (O-8345) in division reserve.

(3) 30th Inf: The 3d Bn, leaving from CHARBONNIERES Vic O-9445, moved to L'HOPITAL O-9448 to establish a road block, preceded by two M-3, an M-7 and rcn elements. The battalion started at 1600B and occupied the RJs at L'HOPITAL and Vic O-971477 at 2210B against slight opposition. At 1950B the 1st Bn was located SOUTH of SALINS and the 2d Bn at MOUCHARD. The two battalions closed out of those positions by 0115B and at 0830B the 2d Bn was located NORTH of TARCENAY Vic O-8646 and 3d Bn Vic MAMIROLLE O-8951. The 3d Bn reached O-899527 without opposition. The 3d Bn then passed to regimental reserve at LACHEVELOTIE Vic O-900538, the 1st Bn was at O-899511 and the 2d Bn's leading elements at MORRE Vic O-8254, advancing toward BESANCON.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (Btry C 36th FA Bn & 69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Div Arty continued to displace forward to cover advance of the Inf regiments. Night time rcn was carried out for position areas to support attack of BESANCON. During the period various Bns of Inf were put on special missions which created a problem in achieving artillery support. Direct support Bns were assigned to regiments and moved to support positions during the period. Btrys of 69th Armd FA Bn were placed in direct support of Bns atchd to other regiments than their own. At 2400B 5 Sept Div Arty CP located at 862460.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: One M-15, Btry B opened fire on enemy truck column at 770840 from position at 778509 with unknown results. 30 rds of HE and 20 rds AP were fired, tracer control. 3 Plats D Btry and 1 Plat Btry C were temporarily relieved from normal missions to protect 7th Inf truck columns moving from Vic of MOUCHARD at 0700B. Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Div Arty and attached units.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In support of 7th Inf, removed trees from road at O-863467 and O-867465. Co B: Assumed responsibility for maintenance and repair of MOUCHARD - BESANCON road. Co C: In support of 30th Inf, rcn roads NORTH of ORNANS to BESANCON. Moved from SALINS to FOUCHERANS (O-875465). Bn CP at 647252.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sqdn:

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: Attached to 15th Inf for rcn of roads NORTH of CP area CHOUZELOT (700402). Reported road condition. No enemy contact. Relieved 0600B 6 Sept. 2d Plat: Attached to 7th Inf at (1434B) advanced into and occupied the village of PUGNEY. Reconnoitered to NORTHEAST of town, held up by enemy fire fight with 15th Inf 800 yds NORTH of PUGNEY, reconnoitered to EAST (588506) BOIS BLOUS and NORTH toward BESANCON. 3d Plat: Reconnoitered before advance of 7th Inf, no enemy contact. Reached BOUSSIERES (51300) began patrolling road net AEBANS DESSUS, AEBANS - DESSOUS BOUSSIERES, VORCES-LES-PINS and relieved 6 Sept 0400B.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: 4th Plat: Called from reserve to advance with 7th Inf, relieved 3d Plat. 5th Plat: Liaison with 117th Rcn Sqdn, at 0600B at ALEUIS moving NORTH. 6th Plat: Attached to 30th Inf for rcn missions. Reported condition of road net NORTH of 30th Inf.

(3) Battle Patrols and Co D 756th Tk Bn reinforced Rcn Platoon on missions.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Bn (-) moved from LE FIED to MARNOZ, closed at 1545B. Co A attached to 7th Inf; Co B attached to 15th Inf; Co C attached to 30th Inf; Co D attached to Prov Rcn Sq.

(2) 601st TD Bn: All companies in close support of their respective Inf regiments. 1st Plat Co A knocked out 6 M/T, 1 Tk (probably Mk IV Spec), 1 OP, 2 MGs, 3d Plat Co A knocked out 1 Ammo truck, 1 Diesel truck, expending 97 rounds of HE. Co A attached 7th Inf; B Co (less 2d Plat) attached 15th Inf, 2d Plat attached 117th Rcn Sqdn; Co C attached 30th Inf; Rcn Co attached Prov Rcn Sqdn.

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h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (- Co's A & B): Remained in assembly area at 396053 and prepared for movement to Division area.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. A continued advance to the NORTH.
- b. Blocking of Highways from BESANCON.
- c. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Division and 3d DIA Fr.

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	42 M	1	0	1 *	18 **
	16 L	0	0	0	2 ***
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	32 M-10s	0	4 xx	0	3

* One Battle Loss.

** Nine tks to Ord - Mech Failure.

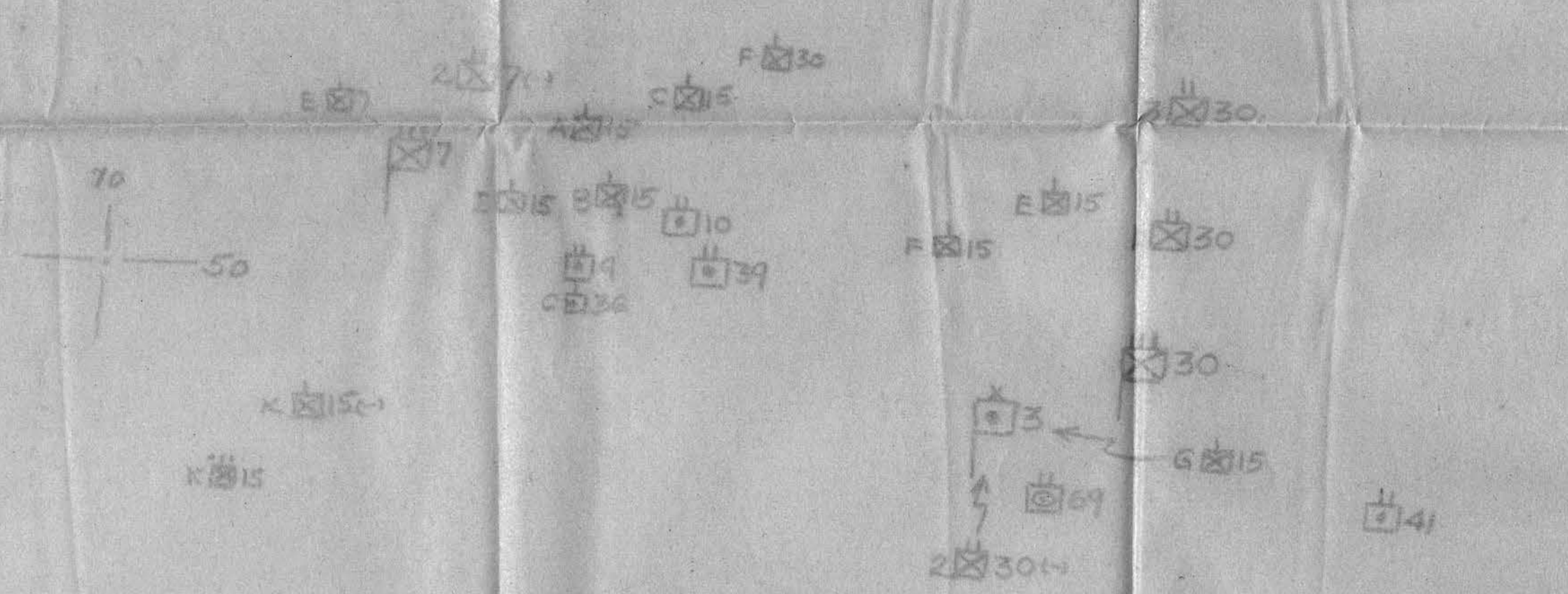
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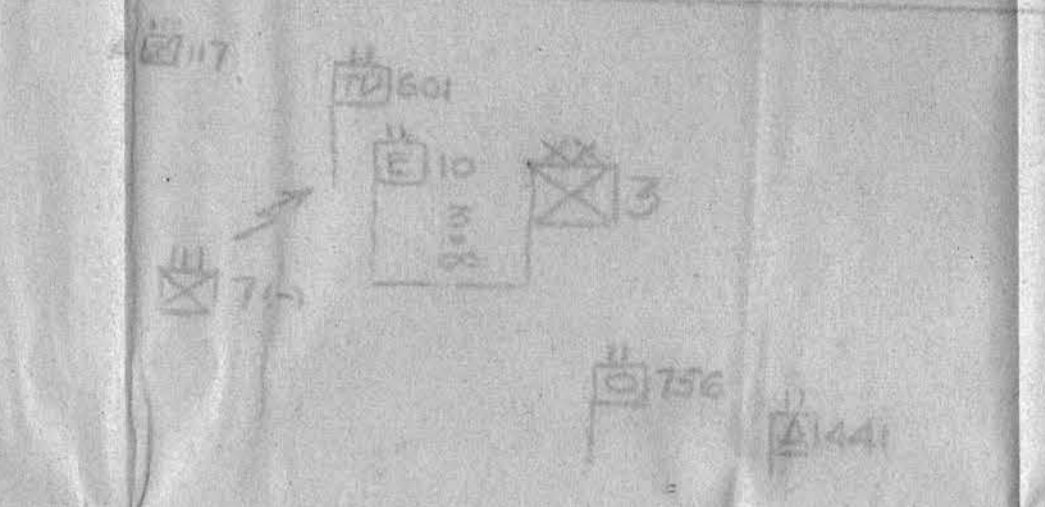
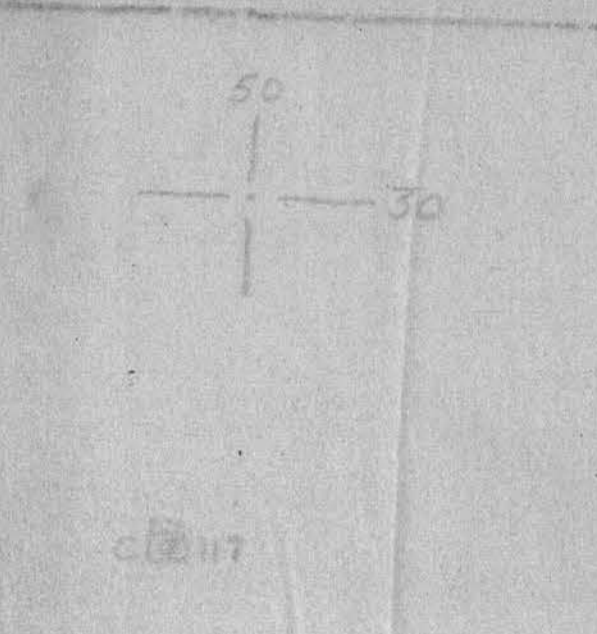
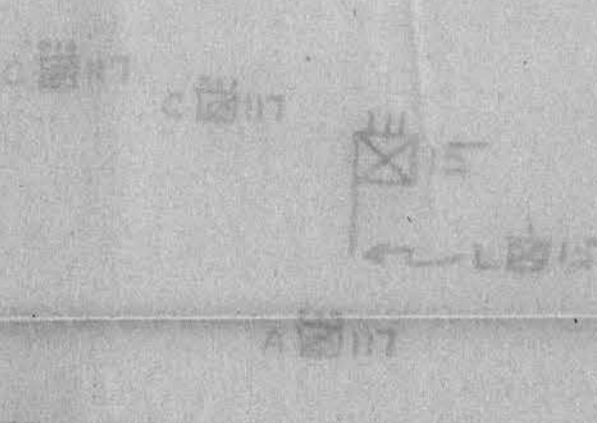
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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE -- Sheets 14

- 1. Our Front Lines: 7598-7602-7207-6606-4706-4400.
- 2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of adjacent and supporting troops:

a. 45th Inf Div: 157th Inf and 180th Inf continued to advance toward BOURG afternoon 3 Sept against stiff resistance. Patrols reported town clear of enemy morning 4 Sept. At the end of the period Div assembling NORTHEAST of BOURG. 45th Inf Div CP opened 031510B in vicinity Y1780.

b. 117th Reg Sq: Heavy fighting in EAST portion of MONTREVEL continued during afternoon 4 Sept when Sq attacked by tks and motorized infantry. Elements of Troops A and B surrounded and captured during engagement. Tr C formerly operating on left of 45th Div sector closed in Sq area late afternoon 3 Sept along with one mtz company of Inf, 2 TD plats and 1 Rcn Plat. Roadblocks established vicinity BARBOZ (T250535) and ETRAZ (T1952). Sq withdrew to EAST, assembled vicinity T295525 at 032100B, and advanced to NORTH to protect left flank of 3d Inf Div.

c. FR 3d DIA: Evening of 3 Sept 1 Bn was in CLAIRVAUX, 1 Bn in ST LAURENT and 1 Bn in vicinity MONTMIRLE (350428). 4th RTT continued to advance with Bns last reported vicinity T7084 and T8276. 3d RSA was operating in general area of CHAMPAGNOLE (O-7400).

- 4. Weather and Visibility: Clear and cool. Visibility good.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The Division conducting a march to contact, advanced -- by motor more than 75 miles, closing out of an area vicinity LAGNIEU (T3304) and moving to positions NORTH of LONS LE SAUNIER. The 7th and 15th Infs closed into their new areas during the period; the 30th Inf was on the road at the end of the period. The Division CP opened vicinity O-380258 at 031900B.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: At 031545B the 7th Inf began moving by motor toward the march objective NORTH of LONS LE SAUNIER. The 1st Bn closed into its posn at 040050B, the 2nd Bn at 040055B and the 3d Bn at 032300B, all without incident and without contact with the enemy. A slight readjustment of dispositions was initiated beginning at 0645B to improve the positions assumed. At the close of the period the Regt was conducting vigorous patrols, both reconnaissance and combat. The Battle Patrol conducted reconnaissance to the NORTH and NORTH-EAST from POLIGNY to investigate reports of enemy but failed to make contact.

(2) 15th Inf: The Regt, with 1st Bn, 2nd Bn and 3d Bn, moving in that order, crossed the IP vicinity LAGNIEU at 032200B and closed into its new area NORTHEAST of LONS LE SAUNIER at 040615B. It advanced from ST DENIS to AMERIEU to PONCIN to GRANGES to ARINTHOD to ORGELET to its area. During morning of 4 Sept the 1st Bn established roadblocks of company strength vicinity MONTROMD and on the road between VERS and LES PAS UIER. The 2nd Bn established roadblocks EAST of EQUEVILLON and SOUTH of CHAMPAGNOLE on highway #6. The Regt CP displaced to vicinity CROTENAY at 041130B.

(3) 30th Inf: The Regt remained in an assembly area SOUTH of LAGNIEU until 041045B when it entrucked for its area vicinity LONS LE SAUNIER. It was on the road at the end of the period.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (Btry C 36th FA Bn and 69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Light Bns continued to move forward with Inf Regts. 9th FA Bn and Btry C 36th FA Bn moved to vicinity LONS LE SAUNIER. Bns reconnoitered for possible firing positions, roads and areas. No firing during the period.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: 1 Plat Btry C relieved AA protection of Div Arty Airstrip and rejoined 2 plats of Btry C with 39th FA Bn. 2 Plats Btry D relieved AA protection 634th FA and rejoined Btry D with 41st FA Bn. Bn displaced forward with 3d Inf Div combat teams and furnished protection for columns enroute. No enemy aircraft within range during the period.

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e. Engineer: 10th Engr Bn: Bn less 4 D-7 dozers, moved from vicinity LAGNIEU to vicinity LONS LE SAUNIER. D-7 dozers were enroute, being shuttled from LONTILLAR. Co A removing roadblocks at T462914 and at T458906. Trees were being removed from road at O-610170. Check being made of bridge reported prepared for demolition at O-588161

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: All plats reported to Tr CP and new missions were assigned. 1st Plat: Assigned to 15th Inf whose route of advance was highway 109 NORTH to LONS LE SAUNIER to POLIGNY. The march of Inf was uninterrupted - no enemy encountered. 2nd Plat: Assigned to 7th Inf to rcn road net NORTH to LON LE SAUNIER. General route of advance was highway 117. No enemy contact made. Reported FFI reports of enemy dispositions as of 4 Sept 0845B. Located at 572035. Left truck behind as decoy at 1030B, reported to be at 6011 3 at end of period. 3d Plat: Assigned mission of rcn of road NORTH to LON LE SAUNIER before the advance of 7th Inf. No contact. Reconnoitered beyond POLIGNY.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: All plats recalled for new missions. 4th Plat: In reserve. 5th Plat: Assigned mission of contact between 7th and Rcn plats and 117 Rcn Sq. 6th Plat in reserve.

(3) Division Battle Patrol and Co D 756th Tk Bn reinforced Rcn platoons.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: (Bn - A, B and D Co's) moved from 325046 to LE FEID and closed at 1430B. Co A attached to 7th Inf, Co B attached to 15th Inf, Co D attached to 3d Rcn Troop.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Moved general vicinity LONS LE SAUNIER, movement completed without incident. Co A attached 7th Inf, Co B (-2nd Plat) atchd 15th Inf, 2nd Plat atchd to 117 Rcn Sq. Co C attached to 30th Inf. Rcn Co attached 3d Prov Rcn Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn (-Co's A&B): Closed in area 1/4 mile SOUTH-EAST SORLIN at 1500B. Remained in assembly prepared to move forward on Division route of advance.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Advance by motor movement toward BESANCON to locations shown in para 1.
- b. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div and 3d DIA FR.

8. Tank Status:

UNIT	RUNNERS	FIT IN 24 HRS	FIT IN 48 HRS	24 HR LOSS	TOTAL LOST
756th Tk Bn	40 M	0	5	0	16*
	16 L	0	0	0	2**
	6 M4A3				
601st TD Bn	32 M-10s	2	2	0	3

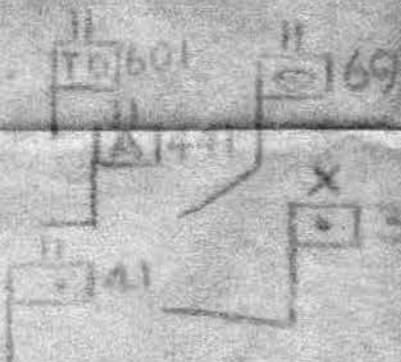
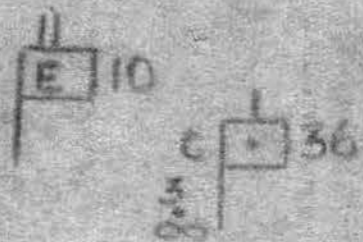
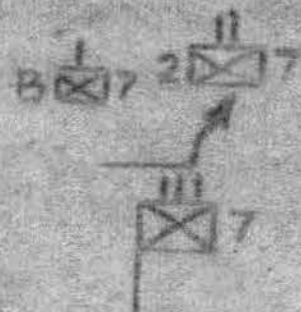
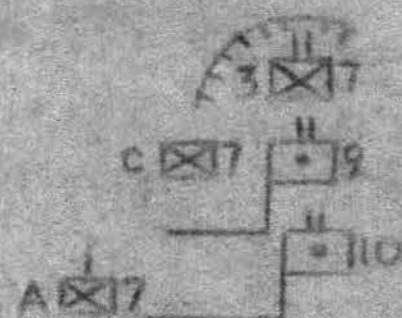
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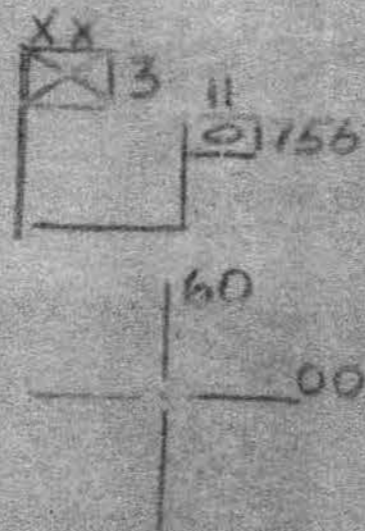
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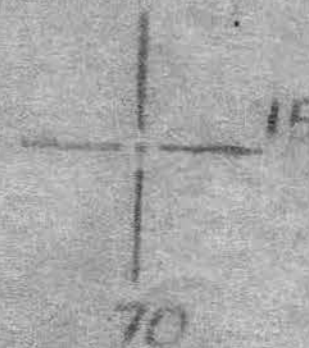
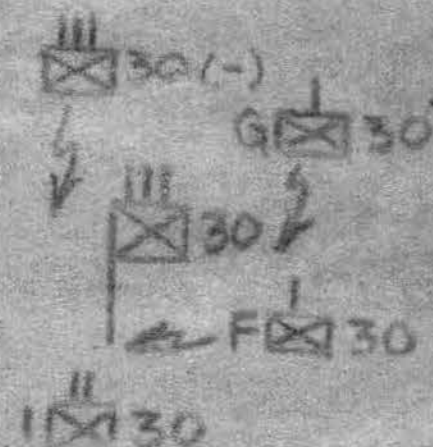
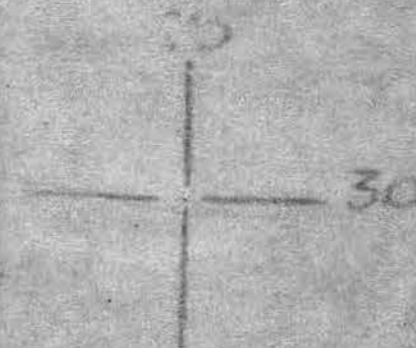
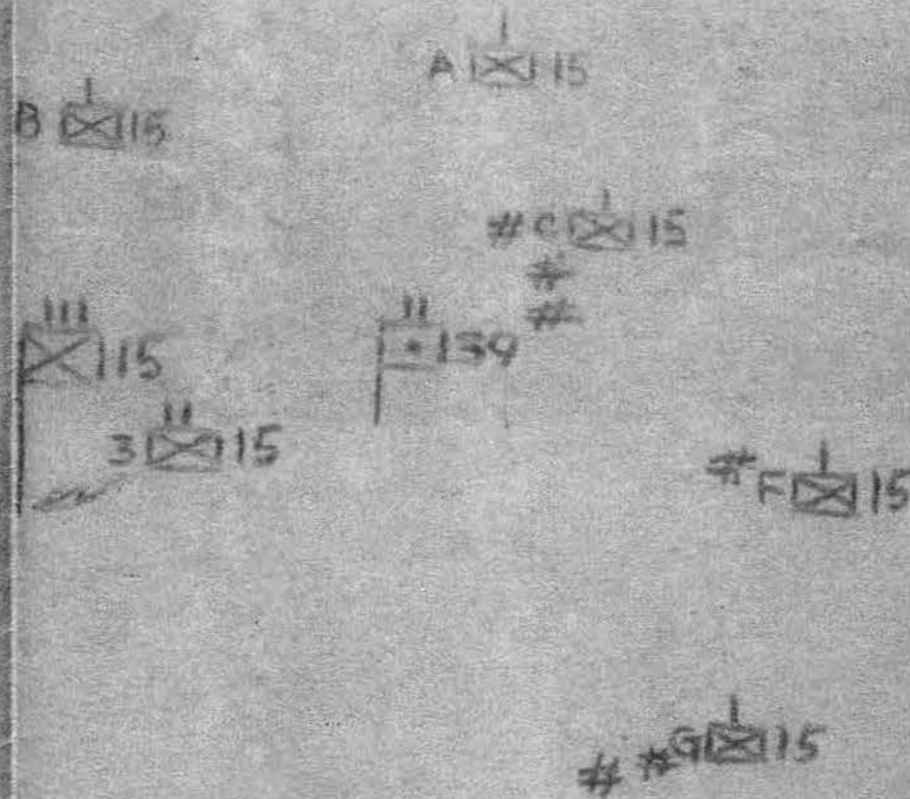


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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 13 M & 14 M.

1. Our Front Lines: 185780 - 155830 - 155880 - 210915.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.
3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:
 - a. 36th Inf Div: Division continued the advance NORTH by motor and marching to area EAST and SOUTHEAST of LYON, blocking network of roads in sector. At end of the period reconnaissance and combat patrols were advancing on the city.
 - b. 45th Inf Div: Division held bridge crossings in sector over AIN River and continued advance morning 2 Sept to secure bridgehead. 157th Inf took initial objective 2129 and continued the advance NORTH, at the end of the period without opposition. 180th Inf captured ST MARTIN and continued advance toward 3229 with leading elements Vic 305295. 179th Inf: 1st and 2d Bns held LEMBLUX despite strong resistance.
 - c. 3 DIA French: Continued advance to NORTH and NORTHEAST. Elements 4th RTT occupied ST CLAUDE and CLAIRVAUX. Elements 2RSA reconnoitered to MORBIE and LONS LE SAUNIER clearing all interconnecting routes.
4. Weather and Visibility: Cool and rain - Visibility limited.
5. Our Operations for the Period:
 - a. General: The 15th and 7th Infs moved to assembly area in woods bounded by the 04-08 northings and 30-32 eastings while the 30th Inf established road blocks generally WEST of CREMIEU Vic Y2785, and engaged the enemy in a fire fight at JAMNEYRIAS Vic Y1587 and PONT DE CHERUY Vic Y2187. Rcn Trp patrolled to the WEST and occupied the town of ST LAURENT DE MURE Vic Y1180. Div CP opened Vic T325030 at 021200B.
 - b. Infantry:
 - (1) 7th Inf: The regiment was on trucks at the beginning of the period, made a short stop near TREPTS Y3280, then moved by motor to an assembly area EAST of LEYMEAT, at T3008, closing into its new area at 012400B. The regiment retained its reinforcing trucks and remained on a half-hour movement alert status.
 - (2) 15th Inf: The regiment moved to BOURGOIN Vic Y2669 and established a line from Y2160 to Y2170 to Y2373, with the 1st Bn in reserve. At 011745B the regiment received an order to move to an assembly area Vic LAGNIEU (T3105). The 3d Bn moved first, at 011930B, with I Co riding on TDs. 1st Bn left by truck at 012325B and closed into its new area at 020800B. The 2d Bn moved last, during the morning of 2 Sept. Regimental CP opened Vic T317066 at 020815B.
 - (3) 30th Inf: 3d Bn engaged in a fire fight with the enemy at PONT DE CHERUY and JAMNEYRIAS, along with elements of 3d Rcn Trp. At PONT DE CHERUY seven enemy were killed and two PWs taken. While rcn elements engaged the enemy L Co flanked the enemy position and captured 99 PWs, an AT gun and three trucks at JAMNEYRIAS. The fire fight lasted until approximately 012100B. The 3d Bn protected a front from LOYETTES Vic Y2390 through CHARVIEU Vic Y1986, with a strong outpost at COLOMBIER Vic Y1682. Contact was made with the 143d Inf in CATZIAN Vic Y221740 at 012100B. A road block was established at LE CHAFFARD Vic Y1878. At 2245B the regiment was disposed as follows: 3d Bn CP at PONT DE CHERUY Vic Y219878, L Co platoons at Y212905 and Y195884, a K Co platoon at Y155874 and another at Y185870 reinforced with a Battle Patrol platoon and Rcn Trp platoon, 2d Bn in regimental reserve Vic Y260840, 1st Bn CP Vic Y204795 with the companies relieving I Co SOUTH of 3d Bn--C Co Vic Y1780, B Co Vic Y2084, A Co Vic Y2077 and a road block reinforced by three TDs Vic Y201748. I Co was relieved at 012255B and returned to the 3d Bn CP. L Co repulsed an attempt by a small group of enemy to advance EAST toward the LOYETTE bridge in grids Y2190. At 0600B the 2d Bn moved out to relieve the 3d Bn 179th Inf on the regimental right flank.

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c. Artillery: 36th Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd) and 6th Armd FA Gp in direct support: Div Arty continued to advance with the infantry regiments, and reconnoiter for possible position areas. Hq 6th Armd FA Gp, 9th FA Bn, and 634th FA Bn completed movement from MONTELLIMAR area to new Division area. 36th FA Bn departed MONTELLIMAR area 020800B enroute at end of period to new Division area. 69th Armd FA Bn remained in assembly area Vic MONTELLIMAR.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA Bn (AM): Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Div Arty and attached Arty units. AA protection furnished for air strip and bridges. No enemy aircraft within range during period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Road reconnaissance conducted of road net leading toward CHALAMONT. Bridges at T265113 and T292157 found intact. Teller mines located in road at T240123 were being removed. All letter companies moving with respective CT's. Bn CP located at T339036.

f. Cavalry: 3d Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: After ousting COTE LA ANDRE, moved out following morning on reconnaissance of road SOUTHWEST of that town. Recalled for new mission at 0700B for rcn of road NORTHWEST of AMBERIEU to CHALAMON, VILMERS, STRIVER, CHATILLON. Encountered enemy light delaying force. 2d Plat: Received same mission as 1st Plat. Encountered some light enemy resistance. 3d Plat: On rcn of road net WEST of CREMIEU to LYON. Held up by enemy at ST JESSEYRIAS. A fire fight developed with enemy, resistance was overcome and outpostted the town.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: 4th Plat: On contact mission with 36th Div EAST of LYON. 5th Plat: On contact mission with 36th Div EAST of LYON. 6th Plat: In reserve.

(3) Division Battle Patrol and Co D 756th Tk Bn: Reinforced Rcn Platoons on missions.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn (less Co D): Departed MONTELLIMAR area 020600B and at end of period were enroute to join the Division.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Evening of 1 Aug closed into an assembly area Vic 537484 NORTH of VOIRON. Co's B and C ordered to 15th and 30th Inf respectively upon arrival. Co A reported to 7th Inf morning 2 Sept 44. Bn CP prepared to move to Vic LAGNIEU.

h. Chemical: Co A 3d Cml Bn atchd to 7th Inf, remained in an assembly area.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Continuation of movement of Division and atchd units from MONTELLIMAR area.
- b. Extensive rcn to front of Division sector.
- c. Continued advance to the NORTH.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in 24 hrs	Fit in 48 hrs	24 hr Loss	Total Lost
756th Tk Bn	47 M	0	0	0	14 *
	16 L	0	0	0	2 **
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	31 M-10s	2	1	0	3

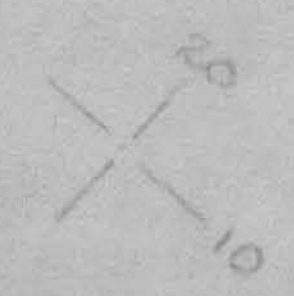
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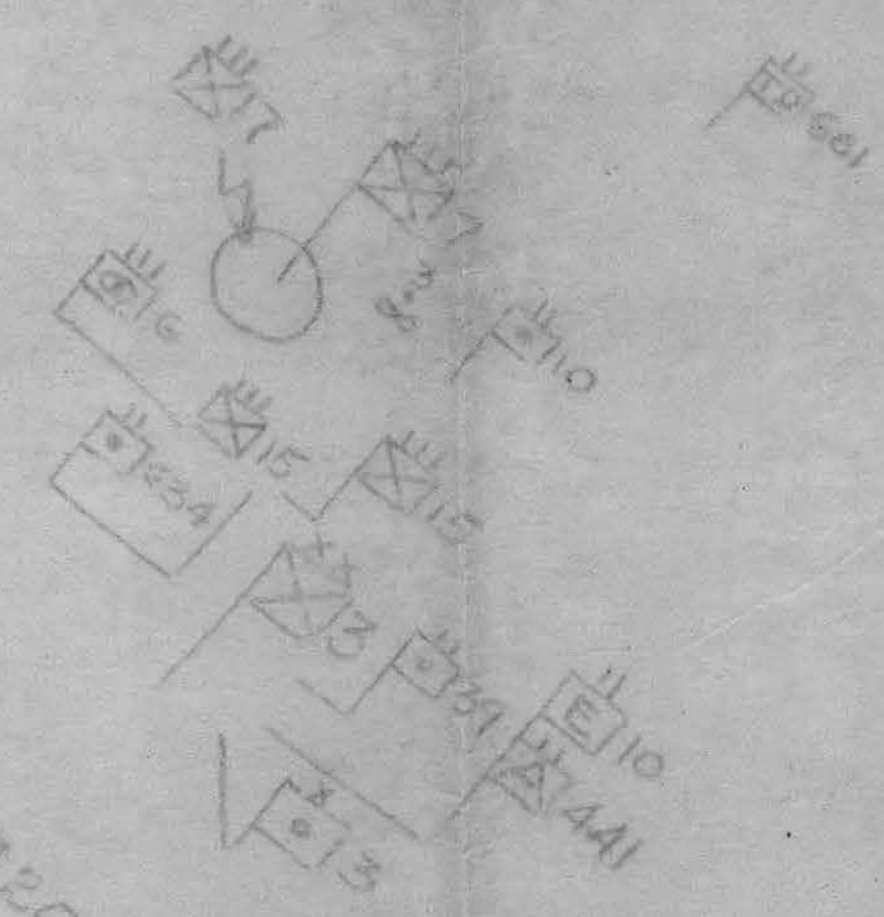
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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 13-0, 13-M, 13-N, 14-M, 14-N

1. Our Front Lines: 355420 - 480288 - 260490 - 313535 - 295660 - 277694 - 290718.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Troops:

a. 36th Inf Div: CP vic J122255. 1 Co 141st Inf Regt at the beginning of the period was engaging the enemy at VALENCE. 141st Inf (-1 Co) was assembling at BOURG. 1 Co after clearing VALENCE moved NORTH. The Regt continued the movement NORTH at 0700B following the advance of the 143d Inf. 142d Inf assembled vic LIVORN and continued to advance passing through BEAUREPAIRE (J1341), leading elements reported vic J1143 at close of period. 143d Inf assembled vic CHABEAULIE and continued to advance to the NORTH, some resistance was met vicinity BEAUREPAIRE and movement continued toward VIANNE. Rcn Co 636 TD Bn maintained contact with 3d Inf Div.

b. 45th Inf Div: CP vicinity Y392853. 157th Inf: 1st Bn vicinity LAGNIEU T3305, remainder Regt assembled at LES ABRETS Y5465. 179th Inf: 1st Bn vicinity MEXIMIEUX T2204 with roadblock vicinity Y210875, in contact with enemy at block and on outskirts of MEXIMEUX on roads to NORTHEAST and SOUTHWEST. 2nd Bn leading elements at T192130, 3d Bn enroute to MEXIMEUX. 180th Inf: 1st Bn enroute to AMBERIUE T3210, 2nd Bn at T3011, roadblocks established at T265112 and T290158, elements 1st Bn have crossed the river at VAL DE LAINE T3582, remainder of Bn assembling NORTH of river at close of period.

4. Weather and Visibility: Cool and cloudy with showers. Visibility limited.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: The 15th Inf relieved elements of the 45th Inf Div and hold road blocks to screen the 3d Div move to assembly areas in vicinity VOIRON (Y5446). The 30th Inf moved into an assembly area vic Y4848 closing in at 010035B, while the 7th Inf patrolled highway 7 from MONTELLIMAR to LORIOLE, guarding the captured enemy vehicle convoy. At the end of the period it entrucked for TREPT vicinity Y3381. Rcn Tr patrolled EAST-WEST roads from the RHONE RIVER, reaching Y043605, four miles EAST of VIENNE, at the end of the period. The Div continued movement of units from the MONTELELIMAR area to new Div sector.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: During the period the Regt remained in the vic MONTELLIMAR, patrolling highway #7 NORTH to LORIOLE and guarding the captured enemy convoy on the highway. At the end of the period the Regt prepared to entruck for an assembly area vic TREPT (Y3381).

(2) 15th Inf: At the beginning of the period the Regt was alerted to relieve elements of the 45th Div: The 3d Bn closed out at 311915B to relieve the 45th Div roadblock at ST ETIENNE vic Y3542 and to screen the road net to BOURGOIN vic Y2969. K Co established a roadblock at LA DOTE ST ANDRE vic Y290480, with 1 plat at Y263490. I Co went into position vic Y315540 and L Co vic ST ETIENNE. All units were in position at 312030B. The 2nd Bn closed out at 312215B to relieve the 179th Inf at BOURGOIN. The Bn closed into position at 010312B, with E Co at Y278693, F Co at Y29562 and G Co at Y295700. The 1st Bn left its assembly area at 010300B and moved to vicinity Y400680 in Regt reserve. It closed into its new area at 010920B.

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(3) 30th Inf: The Regt moved by motor to an assembly area NORTHWEST of VOIRON, vic 14040, and all units had closed in by 010035B. At 011130B the Regt began a move by motor to vic CREMIEU (Y2685), preparatory to moving WEST on Division order

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty: Atchd: 69th Armd FA Bn Direct Support: 6th Armd FA Gp; 36th FA Bn (155G) and 634th FA Bn (155 M-1H)

(1) In process of movement from MONTE LIMAR area to new Div sector NORTH of VOIRON.

(2) 39th FA Bn atchd to 15th Inf. 41st FA Bn atchd to and moving with 30th Inf. 9th FA Bn remained in position SOUTH of MONTE LIMAR until movement was started to vic VOIRON 011130B. Remainder of Bns remained in position in area SOUTH of MONTE LIMAR. Div Arty Hq started movement to new area 311230B and closed at 311700B.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AA Bn (AW): Furnished AA protection for arty, bridges, and airstrip. 1-1/2 Plat Btry C on bridge at T-687600 relieved at 011200B, 1 Plat Btry B protected bridge at J-165083. No enemy aircraft within range during the period. Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Div Arty and attached units.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: In MONTE LIMAR area with CT 7. Co B: Started movement with RCT 15 to vic of LA TOUR DU PIN. Co C: Closed into area J555474, at 312045B. Started movement at 011130B, moving with CT 30. Bn CP J545472. Co B J560497, Co C J555494.

f. Cavalry: Prov Ren Sq:

(1) 3d Ren Tr: 1st Plat: Relieved from 15th Inf at 1600B. Assigned new mission of patrolling to points 700300; 430675; 531649; 550460; 470435 - 290480; 154421. Reported enemy patrols and turned in FFI reports at dawn. After having outposted COTE LA ANDRE reconnoitered road SOUTHWEST of said town. Still on mission at end of period. 2nd Plat: In reserve. 3d Plat: Sent to CREMIEU (270850) to run road NORTHWEST thereof in front of 30th Inf. Still on mission at end of period.

(2) 601st TD Ren: 4th Plat: In reserve. 5th Plat: Sent to CREMIEU (270850) to run in front of 30th Inf on main road SOUTHWEST of town. 6th Plat: 5 vehicles called from reserve to act as contact points at 235418, 230472, 232509, 190595 and 143002.

(3) Division Battle Patrol and Co D 756th Tk Bn element reinforced Ren plats.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: (-Co D). Remained in assembly area conducting maintenance and repair, and rehabilitation of personnel.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Bn (less Ren Co) closed out of old bivouac 010530 sent enroute to VOIRON vic 538484. Continued rehabilitation, care of equipment, maintenance of vehicles.

h. Chemical: Co A&B 3d Cml Bn:

(1) Co A Atchd to 7th Inf.

(2) Co B atchd to 15th Inf went into position on roadblocks. At close of period enroute to SISTERON, upon arrival relieved atchd 3d Inf Div and revert to control VI Corps.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Merely Excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Continuation of movement of Div elements to new Div sector.
- b. Extensive ren to Division front.
- c. Relief of 2nd Bn, 179th Inf, 45th Inf Div.

8. Tank Status:

UNIT	RUNNERS	FIT IN		TOTAL LOST
		24 HRS	48 HRS	
756th Tk Bn	47M * 16L			14** 2***
601st TD Bn	34M10	0	1	3

* 1 Tk retrieved - picked up on records. ** 6 tks to Ord mechanical failure. *** 1 Tk to Ord mechanical failure.

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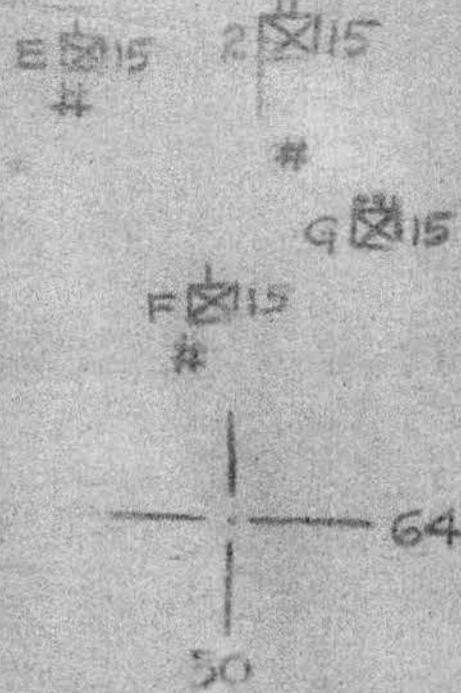
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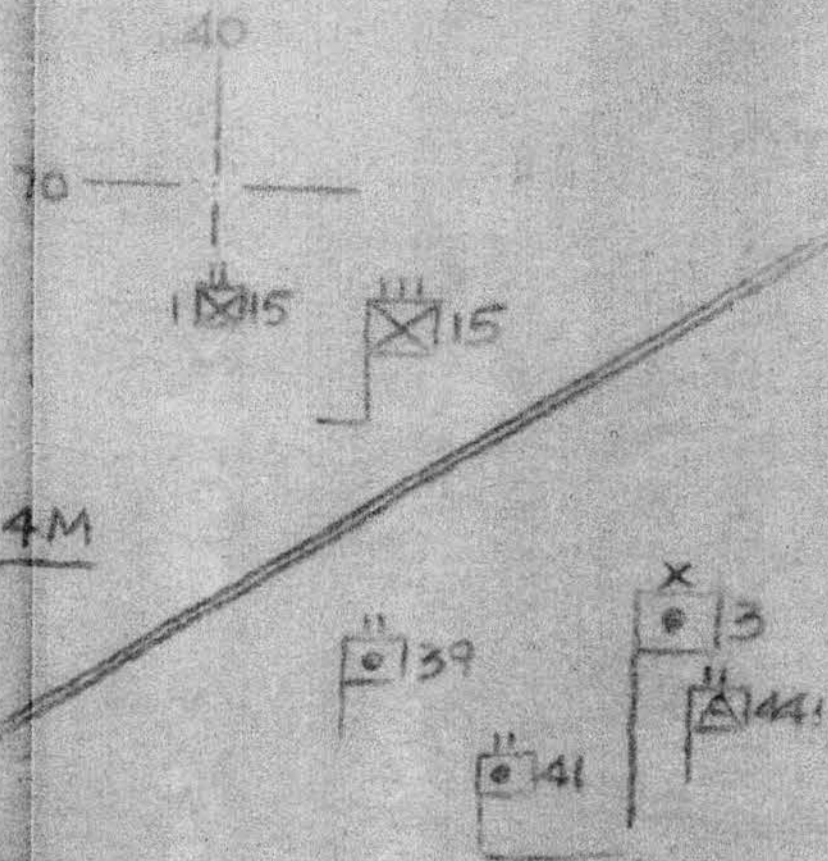
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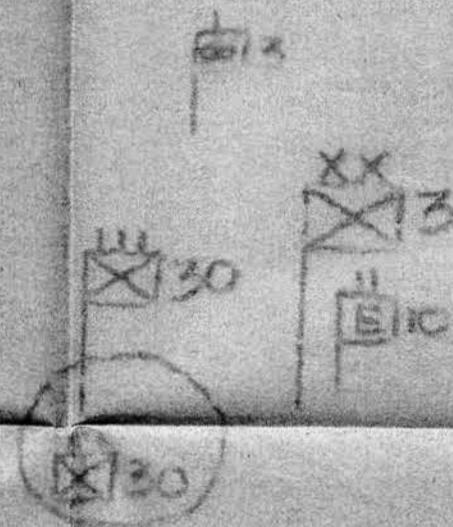
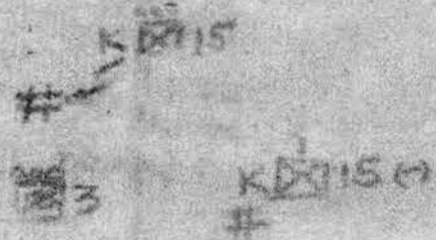


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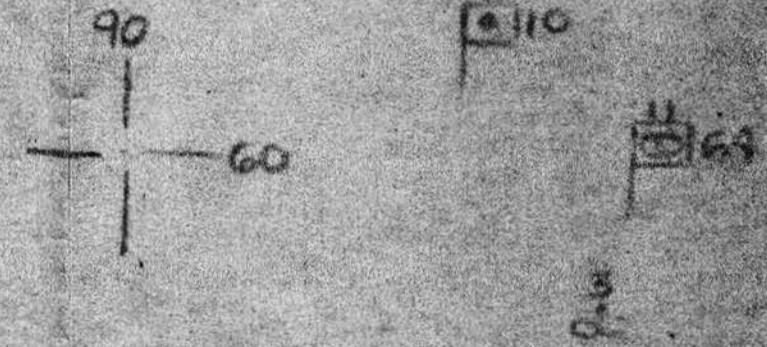


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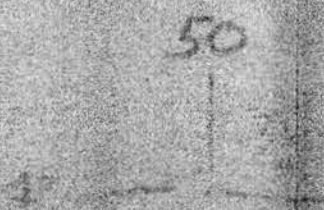
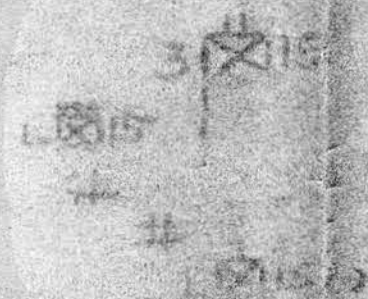
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Hq 3d Inf Div - APO 3
1700B 31 Aug 44

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheet 13 O, 13 N & 14 N.

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1. Our Front Lines: In assembly areas and enroute to new sector.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.
3. Information of adjacent and supporting troops:
 - a. 36th Inf Div: 141st Inf: Continued to attack NORTH on the EAST side of the RHONE RIVER. 142nd Inf: Mopped up enemy resistance vicinity N9580 and then attacked to the NORTH on highway 7 toward VALENCE. 143d Inf: Mopping up from highway 7 to the RHONE River and then assembled and moved NORTH through CREST. 2nd Bn moving NORTH through CREST to RJ 177717 to 330064 to 291107 to 251102 to 233127. Reconnaissance elements were in BOURG at 1930B. Contact was maintained with 3d Inf Div.
 - b. 45th Inf Div: CP 541474. Continued to move NORTHWEST from VOIRON without enemy contact. Assembled vicinity VOIRON and then moved out toward BOURGOI to relieve 1st Bn 179th Inf and 1st Bn 180th Inf.
 - c. 1st Fr Armd Div: At beginning of the period 1 Ren Co located at 842200 with the main body of the column at 827096. 1 Plat of reconnaissance was at 606250. A combat team of the 1st DMI at 790845 moving to vicinity 625080.
4. Weather and Visibility: Cool and cloudy, with slight showers. Visibility limited.
5. Our Operations for the Period:
 - a. General: 3d Inf Div continued patrolling and clearing the area NORTH of MONTELMAR of scattered pockets of enemy resistance. Preparations were made for moving the entire division by motor from the MONTELMAR area to vicinity of VOIRON. One CT was moved afternoon of 30 Aug.
 - b. Infantry:
 - (1) 76th Inf: All Bns remained in positions occupied during the previous period. Patrols were sent out to maintain contact with 36th Inf Div and Task Force Butler, and to clear small groups of enemy remaining in the area. 1st Bn established and maintained contact with Task Force Butler and 36th Inf Div 301335B. Cannon and AT Co's operated motor and foot patrols along Highway No. 7. The end of the period was spent in care and cleaning of equipment and rehabilitation of personnel.
 - (2) 15th Inf: (Reinf): Regiment with 39th FA Bn, Co B 10th Engr Bn, Co B 3d Med Bn, and Co B 3d Cml Bn atchd prepared for movement to vicinity VOIRON during morning 30 Aug. Preceded by 2 Plats of 3d Ren Tr the advance guard consisting of the AT Co and one Co of Inf departed 301430B. The main body followed the advance guard departing 301500B. Route of march was MONTELMAR - CLEON - CREST - BOURG DE PLAG - ST MARCELLIN - TULLINS - VOIRON. All CT elements closed in vicinity VOIRON 310400B. Remainder of period was spent in care and cleaning of equipment, and rehabilitation of personnel.
 - (3) 30th Inf: Regiment assembled Vic SAUZET and prepared for motor movement to Vic VOIRON. At the end of the period care and cleaning of equipment and rehabilitation of personnel were conducted. G Co was relieved at MIRMANDI 301200B by 1st Bn 7th Inf. At 1300B 2nd Bn moved to Regtl assembly area at SAUZET, closing at 1635B.
 - c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty; Atchd 69th Armd FA Bn (105SP); Direct support 6th Armd FA Groups: 36th FA Bn (155 G) and 634th FA Bn (155 M-1 H). Arty less 39th FA Bn, continued to support the infantry in mopping up. Firing was light, two missions were fired at flak-wagons. At the end of the period preparations were being made for movement to Vic VOIRON. 39th FA Bn moved morning of 30 Aug with CT 15 to Vic VOIRON.
 - d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Furnished AA protection for Arty, the airstrip, and bridges in the division sector. Moving forward at the end of the period to new sector to support 3d Div Arty and atchd units, and Corps Arty (Supporting 3d Div) to protect columns enroute. No enemy aircraft engaged during the period.

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