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e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Bn less Co's A and B, prepared for movement to Vic VOIRON. Completed clearing approx 300 enemy vehicles from highway 7 NORTH of MONTELLIMAR and buried dead animals along main routes NORTH of town. Co B moved with RCT 15, closing into new area at 310300B Aug.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) 3rd Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: Mission of road Rcn to precede march of 15th Inf from CREST to VOIRON (520511). 2nd Plat: After receiving radio maintenance, joined 1st Plat on road Rcn mission preceding 15th Inf. 3rd Plat: Patrolled devastated enemy column on main road NORTH of MONTELLIMAR. Placed in reserve at 1700B.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: 4th Plat: Placed in reserve, formerly attached to 15th Inf. 5th Plat: In reserve. 6th Plat: Called into reserve from mission with French at VIVIERS.

(3) Division Battle Patrol and Co D 756th Tk Bn reenforced on Plats.

(4) In process of movement at the end of the period to VOIRON area.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: At the end of the period were assembling to the EAST of MONTELLIMAR preparing to move to new sector Vic VOIRON. Continued repair and maintenance of equipment, rest and rehabilitation.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 601st TD Bn (less Rcn Co) assembled Vic 054532 and conducted rest, rehabilitation, care of equipment, and maintenance of vehicles. Bn CP 054532.

h. Chemical: (Co's A & B, 3d Cml Bn): Co B moved forward with 15th RCT to the Vic of VOIRON. Co attached to 7th Inf, and prepared to move forward to new area.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Clearing of enemy from area NORTH of MONTELLIMAR.
- b. Movement of RCT 15 to Vicinity VOIRON.
- c. Completion of preparations for movement of Division, supporting, and attached units to new area.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in 24 Hrs	Fit in 48 Hrs	24 - Hour Loss	Total Lost
756th Tk Bn	46 Med	0	0	1 °	14 °°
	15 Light	0	1	0	2 °°°
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	33 M-10s	1	1	0	3

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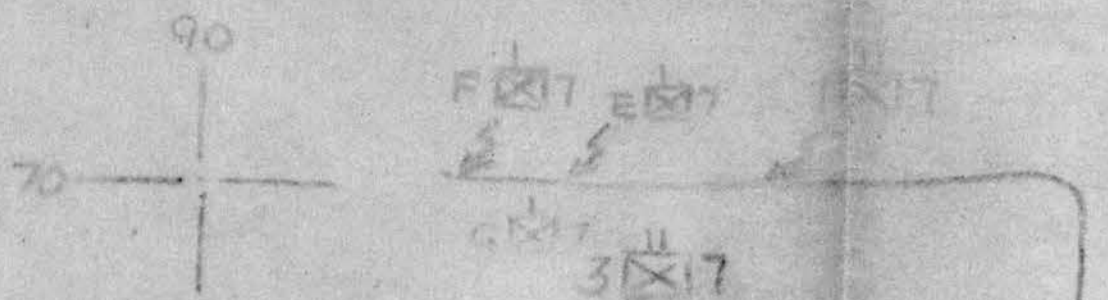
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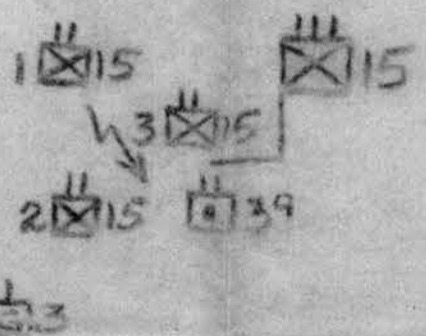
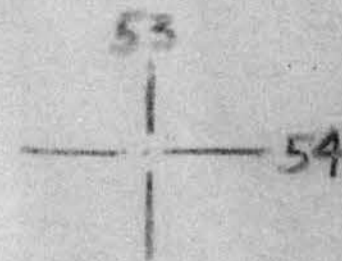
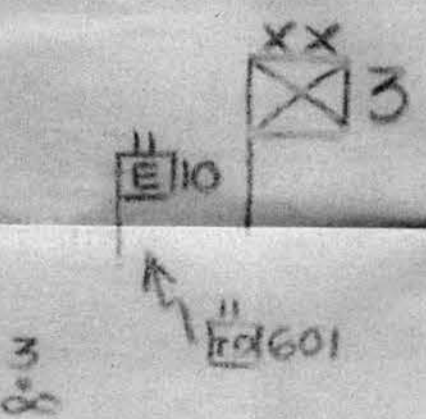
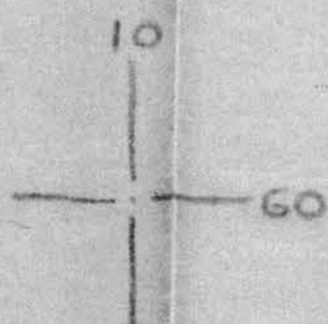
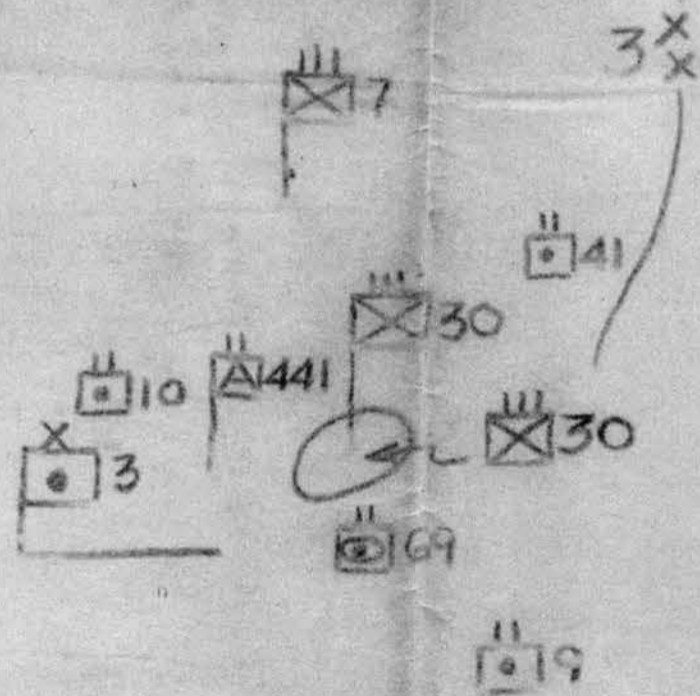
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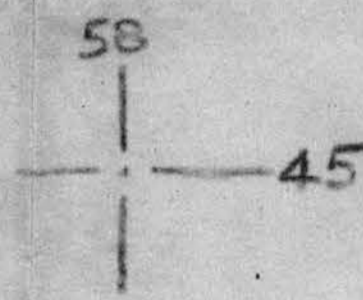
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1. Our Front Lines: From 935700 to 020700.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.
3. Information of adjacent and supporting troops:
 - a. 36th Inf Div: Division continued to assist 3d Div in mopping-up operations Vic North, Northwest; and Northeast of MONTE LIMAR. At 1650B 29 Aug the 143d Inf entrucked and began to proceed toward CONDILAC and to rejoin TFB. 141st Inf made contact with elements of the 7th Inf in Vic of N-9759. At about 1800B 29 Aug the 141st Inf began to withdraw to an assembly area Vic CREST prepared to move to North on order. Balance of Div engaged in mopping up, establishing road blocks, and preparing extensive reconnaissance of road nets for future operations.
 - b. 1st French Armd Div: At the beginning of the period 3 DIM was reported assembling at 630730. 1 DMI crossed RHONE at AVIGNON night of 29-30 Aug; and to assemble at 790847. Rcn Co 1 DMI at M SEISE. Contact maintained with elements of 3d Inf Div Vic 849203. Encountered and killed several enemy Vic 835334, and established road block at that point. At the end of the period difficulty encountered in crossing the river RHONE: progress slow.
4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and warm. Visibility excellent.
5. Our Operations for the Period:
 - a. General: Attacking abreast, the 7th and 30th Inf Regts advanced N from MONTE LIMAR along Hwy 7 and in the foothills E of the highway until contact was made with Task Force Butler Vic O-0075 at 1130B. A column of approx 1,000 enemy vehicles, extending 18 kms N from MONTE LIMAR, was stopped by our artillery fire and the vehicles captured by our infantry. The two regiments took close to 900 PWs in the foothills during the period.
 - b. Infantry:
 - (1) 7th Inf: Attacking on the left of the division zone, the 7th Inf assaulted N from MONTE LIMAR along Hwy 7 and the high ground to the immediate E of the highway. There was no organized resistance but the 2nd Bn ran into considerable sniper fire while clearing the hills, and received flakwagon, mortar and S/A fire from a column of enemy vehicles which was halted along the road. The 2nd Bn relieved 3rd Bn 143rd Inf on high ground Vic N-935613 at 1300B. At the same time the 3rd Bn was moving N in the N-9358 grids with the 1st Bn following to the right rear at N-965610. The 2nd Bn observed for arty fire on the enemy convoy, then directed additional arty fire on halted column and vehicle drivers. It also directed fire on a train pulling a RR gun, stopping the train and wrecking three or four boxcars. At 1600B the 2nd Bn occupied the West slope of a ridge, extending from N-939630 to N-932620. The 3rd Bn was in position on a hill directly S of that, from N-937609 to N-934595. The 1st Bn put a Plat on a hill Vic N-960625 to hold the high ground until relieved by a Bn of the 30th Inf. This was done to prevent enemy from infiltrating to the rear of the regiment's leading elements. The 1st Bn started to move to the right of the 2nd Bn at 1700B, with its objective to cut the enemy column from N-945632. The 1st Bn advanced without opposition and at 2100B reached its objective. The 1st and 2nd Bns contacted each other on the highway at 0330B and at 0600B continued the attack to the N with the 1st Bn on the right and the 2nd Bn on the left. The 3rd Bn followed the two lead Bns and set up a defense in the N-9669 grids. All objectives were reached at 1130B. The 2nd Bn was located W of the highway; E Co at N-950700; F Co at N-938700; and G Co at N-945699. The 1st Bn at N-974700 and 3rd Bn at N-960690.
 - (2) 15th Inf: The regiment remained in an assembly area after clearing MONTE LIMAR. The 2nd Bn finished the task of clearing enemy out of the city, the 1st and 3rd Bns assembled SW of the city and prepared for a truck movement to Vic of VOIRON. The convoy was to cross the IP in the afternoon of 30 Aug.
 - (3) 30th Inf: The 2nd Bn advanced abreast of the 7th Inf, moving on the right, over the hills N to make contact with elements of the 36th Inf Div. Task Force Butler was contacted Vic N-0075 at 1130B. At 1630B the regiment received orders to send a battalion to the high ground at N-960625 to protect the flank of

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the 7th Inf from infiltration. The 2nd Bn moved by motor from SAUZET Vic N-9658 to MARSANNE Vic O-0168, then advanced by foot and was on its objective Vic O-0750 before dawn. The 1st Bn assembled in a bivouac area Vic N-993605 during the period. At 0635B the 2nd Bn had F Co at 0-0070, E Co from 0-008700 to 010695, G Co at 0-0069 and road blocks at 0-015700 and N-992700. Near the end of the period G Co occupied the town of MIRMANDE Vic N-9869.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Div Arty continued to displace forward to positions supporting the advance of the Inf regiments. 10th FA Bn fired on railroad train carrying ammunition and started fire which destroyed at least 15 cars by explosion or burning. Large convoy of animal transport and motor vehicles, AT guns and field pieces taken under fire with excellent results. Very little artillery fire from the enemy received; some fell in the Vic of 441st AAA Bn CP with no damage reported.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA Bn (AV): Continued to displace forward to afford protection to 3d Div Arty and attached units. No enemy aircraft within range during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A (955570) in support of 7th Inf cleared roads North out of MONTE LIMAR which were blocked with enemy vehicles and dead animals. Co B (913308) assembled prepared to move with RCT 15. Co C (123507) in support of 30th Inf. Started moving from 123507 to Vic of MONTE LIMAR at the end of the period. Bn CP at 057528.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: Reported to the C/S of the 36th Div, and ordered to remain there until relieved. Completed mission of road reconnaissance of road net SE of MONTE LIMAR. 2nd Plat: Ordered to work in conjunction with 30th Inf. Contacted Co of TFB at 980698 at 1935B. 3rd Plat: Working with 7th Inf, started from MONTE LIMAR at 0800B and at 0919B mission changed to patrolling wrecked enemy column (924610).

(2) 601st TD Bn Rcn: 4th Plat: Attached to 15th Inf assisting in mopping up operations. 5th Plat: In reserve. 6th Plat: Ordered to contact French at VIVIEN (870450) and remain until all 3d Div Regts are relieved.

(3) Battle Patrols and 756th Tk Rcn supporting 3rd Rcn Tr and 601st TD missions.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A attached to 7th Inf, attacked N of MONTE LIMAR in assigned sector. Co B relieved from attachment to 15th Inf, reverted to Bn control at 1500B. Co C attached to 30th Inf, one Plat advanced with 1st Bn in assigned sector. Co D attached to 3rd Rcn Troop. Bn moved from 875290 to 963512. Co A 975525; Co B 9653; Co C 958524.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 2nd Plat Co B destroyed enemy gas truck which paralyzed enemy convoy of approx 300 vehicles, killing many enemy. Expended 51 rds HE, 3 rds APC, 250 rds .45 Cal, 300 rds .50 Cal. One gun, 1st Plat, captured towed enemy 77mm gun; rounds expended, 14 HE. Co A in support 7th Inf; Co B in Bn reserve. Co C 3d Plat supported 30th Inf, 1st and 2nd Plat Bn Reserve. Rcn Co attached to Prov Rcn Sq.

h. Chemical: Co A & B, 3rd Cml Bn. Co A in support 7th Inf; Co B in support of 15th Inf.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

a. Continued mopping-up operations in sector to WEST and NORTHWEST of MONTE LIMAR.

b. Contact maintained with 1st French Armd Div and 36th Inf Div by liaison officers.

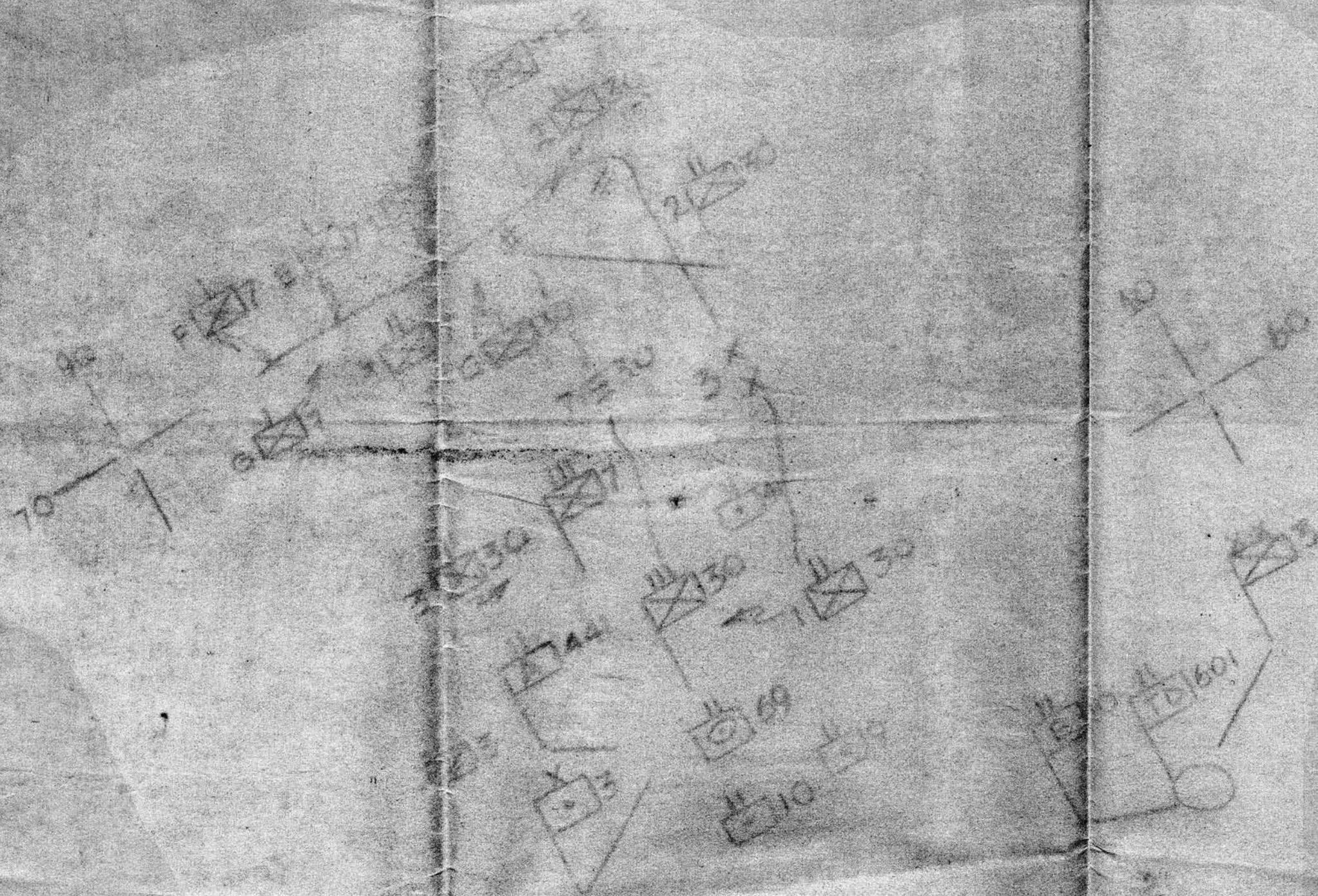
c. Plans, preparations, road reconnaissance begun for movement of 15th RCT to new sector to the NORTH.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in		24-Hr Loss	Total Lost
		24 hrs	48 hrs		
756th Tk Bn	44 Med	0	3	3 (a)	13
	15 Light	0	1	0	2 (b)
	6 M4A3s	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	32 M-10s	1	2 (c)	0	3

- (a) 2 Tks to Ord - Mech failure.
- (b) 5 tks to Ord - Mech failure
- (c) 1 tk to Ord - Fitness time undetermine

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets - 14 O and P.

1. Our Front Lines: 8850 - 9155 - 9255 - 9556 - 0355 - 0653.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of adjacent and supporting units:

a. 36th Inf Div (2nd Bn 157th Inf atchd):

Continued to block German route of retreat with a line established approximately 928616 - 960605 - 060600. Morning 29 August: 143d Inf Regt: 1st Bn at 9774, 2nd Bn at 9561, 3d Bn at 935602. 141st Inf: 1st Bn 985595, 2nd Bn 975590, 3d Bn 992602. 142nd Inf: 1st Bn manned roadblocks, 2nd Bn at 990775, 3d Bn at 997787. 142nd and 143d Inf Regts repulsed a Bn size enemy counterattack. 141st Inf occupied CLEARLY and SOUZETE. At the end of the period isolated groups of enemy were being mopped up and the following roadblocks were being held: CREST (1374), 1365, 1167, 096, 0968, CRANE (053), 0595, 0366, 010635 and 0660.

b. 1st Fr Armd Div: Continued to cross the RHONE RIVER. Maintained reconnaissance: 1 Rcn Co (-), at 845200 and 1 Co of Inf (-) at 838332, 1 plat rcn and 1 plat of Inf at 590550. A rcn unit patrolled the road from 732248 to 818252. 2nd RSAR CP at 8260.

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

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: MONTE LIMAR was occupied and all enemy resistance EAST and SOUTH of the City broken during the period. The 15th Inf attacked the City from the SOUTH, WEST and NORTH and entered it during the afternoon of 28 August. The remainder of the period was spent cleaning out opposition. The 7th Inf attacked WEST on the NORTH side of the EAST-WEST road leading into the City, and contacted the 36th Inf Div to the NORTH. The 30th Inf moved in conjunction with the 7th Inf and cleared out opposition SOUTH of the road. A great deal of materiel and approximately 1000 PW's were taken during the attack.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The Regt attacked generally WEST and NORTHWEST, entering MONTE LIMAR shortly before noon 29 Aug, contacted elements of the 36th Inf Div and occupied the important hill mass vicinity 938602. At the start of the period the 3d Bn moved into LA BATIE ROLLAND vicinity O-0053, K Co leading and the 1st Bn at the right rear. At 1445B the 1st Bn moved through to lead the assault and an hour later reached N019565, advancing through enemy arty fire. Enemy resistance in Batie continued and L Co flanked the town from the right. Several PW's were taken at the town and the rest withdrew on bicycles. At 1910B the 1st Bn reached the 995 EASTING, with K Co at 005, I Co 800 to 1000 yds to the rear and L Co at the left rear vic N-15550. Shortly thereafter I Co moved ahead and took a position astride the road at the 995 grid. The 2nd Bn closed into its new area vicinity O-065540, returning from Division control. The 2nd Bn moved during the night to CARDINEAU vicinity O-0056, from where it attacked at 290600B to the WEST and NORTHWEST. The 3d Bn crossed the river vicinity N945548 at 0540B, with the 1st Bn following at the right rear. The 2nd Bn was located at ST MAREEL vicinity N9557. While in this area the Bn contacted elements of the 141st Inf. From there the 2nd Bn moved to vicinity N9658 without resistance and at the end of the period were advancing toward N915595 against slight resistance.

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(2) 15th Inf: The 1st Bn circled the town to the left and attacked with A Co from the EAST, C Co from the NORTHWEST and B Co from the NORTH. The 2nd Bn attacked from the SOUTHEAST, squeezing out the 3d Bn, which then remained in reserve. At 281403B F Co entered the City, supported by G Co. During the afternoon and night the 1st and 2nd Bns continued to clear the City of enemy snipers, receiving enemy S/A, sniper and arty fire -- the latter from an enemy gun located in town. All roads leading into the City were blocked, and the area between the City and the RHONE RIVER cleared. Elements of the 3d Bn screened to the SOUTHEAST. At 282030B C Co repulsed an enemy counterattack of estimated company strength from the NORTH. The town was cleared by 1145B with one company on the EAST and one on the WEST and netted 450 PW's. The 30th Inf was contacted vicinity N935402.

(3) 30th Inf: The 1st Bn attacked on the SOUTH side of the EAST-WEST road into MONTELLIMAR. At 1255B the 1st Bn moved SOUTHWEST through PORTES-EN-VALDANE to vicinity O-044507, then proceeded to LA TOUCHE. The Bn engaged the enemy in a fire fight at Hill 304 vicinity 0048. 41 PW's were taken after a 15-20 minute fight. At 1255B the 3d Bn was located on the outskirts of PUYGON vicinity 995522 and the 2nd Bn was advancing toward ROCHEFORT vicinity 0048. By 1415B the 3d Bn prepared to cross the river between the 98 and 00 EASTINGS, and G Co was in ROCHEFORT, with F Co on high ground to the EAST and E Co on the WEST. In the town an enemy prime mover, 75mm AT gun and bazooka were knocked out. At 2025B K Co, leading the 3d Bn, reached N986531, the 1st Bn was located at N959514 and the 2nd Bn was designated division reserve vicinity 0247. K Co reached N9754 at 0350B, and the 3d Bn crossed the river vicinity N948550 at 0945B. The Bn advanced against intermittent enemy rear guard action. At 0940B the 1st Bn had C Co at N935535 and B Co slightly to the EAST, and the Bn moved to a position just EAST of the City at the end of the period.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Continued in support of the advance of the Infantry and the attack on MONTELLIMAR. Targets were enemy personnel, guns, tanks, strong points, and vehicles.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA (AW) Bn: Continued to furnish AA protection for division artillery, landing grounds, and bridges in the division area. No enemy aircraft sighted.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: Maintained and improved road PIERRERATE-RJ N875255-RJ O-060248-NYONS. Co B: Cleared approximately 350 vehicles from Highway 7 SOUTH of MONTELLIMAR. Constructing by-pass of blown bridge in MONTELLIMAR at N920537 on road leading EAST out of town. Ten Teller mines removed from road at 036383. Six Teller mines removed from road at 005320. Co C: Constructed by-pass around class 20 bridge at 085522. Constructed by-pass of blown bridge on secondary road across JOBBON River at 962525. Constructed by-pass around blown bridge on Hwy No. 7 in MONTELLIMAR at 115530. Removed concrete power line poles from road at 005479. Booby-trapped trees removed from road at 030497.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: Rcn roads on left flank of 30th Inf as it advanced toward MONTELLIMAR. At close of period cleared enemy stragglers out of area. 2d Plat: Rcn to MANOS (100592). Contacted 36th Inf Div at MARSANNE, at 011635, kept 3d Div informed of disposition of 143d Inf. At close of period cleared out enemy stragglers and conducted road reconnaissance of area MONTELLIMAR - MACRAMON - CLEAR - D'ANDRAN - BEGUDE. 3d Plat: Moved into MONTELLIMAR from SOUTH with 15th Inf then relieved by 4th Plat.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: 4th Plat: Rcn NORTH from MONTELLIMAR along 15th Inf axis of advance. 5th Plat: Maintained liaison with French Vic AVIGNON. 6th Plat: In reserve.

(3) Division Battle Patrol and Co D 756th Tk Bn: Reinforced 3d Rcn Tr and 601st TD Rcn groups on missions.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A attached to 7th Inf. Supported advance of Inf in sector. Co B attached to 15th Inf, moved to MONTELLIMAR in support of infantry. Co C attached to 30th Inf. Co D attached to 3d Prov Rcn Sq.

(2) 601st TD Bn: 3d Plat Co C destroyed one 150mm field piece and prime mover, also killed 2 enemy. Bn continued in close support of Inf regiments. Bn CP located 916527; Co A 972574; Co B Vic PAGNERE; Co C 017495.

h. Chemical: (Co's A and B, 3d Cml Bn): Co A supported 7th Inf; Co B in support of 15th Inf. Continued to advance in support of the Inf to which attached.

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6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Capture and clearance of MONTELLIMAR.
- b. Contact maintained with 36th Inf Div and 1st Fr Armd Div.
- c. Continuance of the attack NORTH along EAST bank RHONE River.

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 Loss</u>
756th Tk Bn	45 M	0	4	0	11 *
	15 L	1	0	0	2 **
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	34 M-10s	0	0	1 ***	3

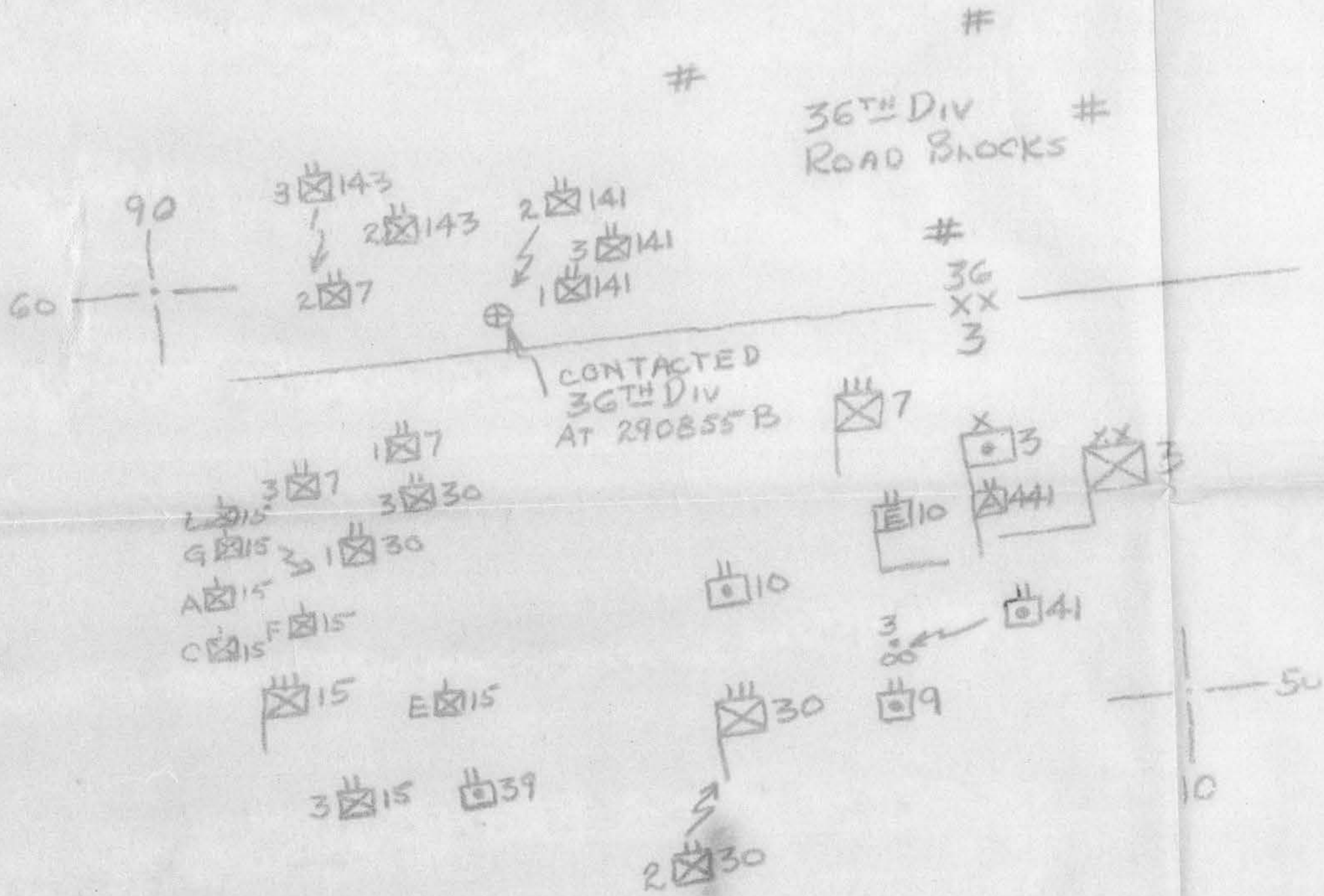
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- ** One Tank turned into Ord, Mech failure.
- *** 1 M-10 Mech - Non-battle loss.

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1. Our Front Lines: 8842 - 9739 - 0439 - 001 - 1547.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Units:

a. 36th Inf Div: 141st and 142d Inf Regts established MIR generally along the line N9459 to O-1860. 141st Inf Regt: Bns at N9360, N9461 and N9563. 142d Inf Regt (-1 Bn) assembled vicinity O-0862 with 1 Bn holding MIR. Detachment of 142d Inf Regt held roadblock Vic NYONS. 143d Inf Regt (-1 Bn) assembled Vic O-0962.

b. 1st Fr Armd Div: Division CP - AVIGNON. Contact maintained with 3d US Inf Div.

(1) CC-1: Attached 3 DIA. Continued mopping up operations in the MARSEILLE area.

(2) CC-2: Continued to hold positions at AVIGNON, TARASCON, and ARLES. Preparation continued for crossing of the RHONE RIVER.

c. 1st DMI: Moved from Vic MEOUNES to SALON enroute to Vic AVIGNON.

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

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: After crossing the AIGUE RIVER between NYONS (O-2332) and its junction with the RHONE RIVER during the afternoon and night of 26 Aug, the Division attacked NORTHWEST to clear the enemy out of the ORANGE (N9707) - NYONS - MONTEILMAR (N9153) triangle. The 7th Inf advanced NORTH along highway #7 parallel to the RHONE to BOURG ST ANDEOL (N8833), where it was passed through by the 15th Inf which advanced NORTHWEST from the AIGUE RIVER. The 30th Inf was on the right, moving NORTHWEST. At the end of the period advance elements reached DONZERE (N6940) and CRIGMAN (O-0438). Rcn elements of the 30th Inf contacted the enemy at the latter location.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: Starting from the vicinity of ORANGE (N9707), the 1st and 2nd Bns advanced along highway #7 parallel to the RHONE RIVER, occupying BOLLENE (N9222) and BOURG ST ANDEOL before holding up as the 15th Inf passed through. The 3d Bn, less L Co, moved to O-110205 in Div reserve. L Co protected a bridge across the AIGUES RIVER at N090222. At 1900B the 1st Bn was vicinity O-055950, the 2nd Bn vicinity ORANGE and the 3d Bn at PERNES preparatory to moving to the bridge NORTH of RESTEAU. By 2050B a Co of the 2nd Bn was at BALLENE, finding the town clear of enemy. A reinforced platoon of F Co, travelling with a platoon of the 3d Rcn Tr, was at N875260 clearing highway #7. At 2400B 26 Aug the remainder of the 2nd Bn entrucked for BOURG ST ANDEOL and at 0700B the Bn reached a point just NORTH of the town, on the highway at the 34 NORTHING. The 1st Bn was located on both sides of the highway about 4000 yds SOUTH of the town. At the end of the period the 1st and 2nd Bns were along the highway at the 37 NORTHING.

(2) 15th Inf: The Regt continued its advance to the NORTHWEST reaching DONZERE (N8740) without resistance. Positions held during the night were as follows: A Co Vic N970178, B Co T939115, C Co N910153, 2nd Bn assembled vicinity O-045104, I Co vicinity O-065176, K Co minus 1 plat vicinity O-036194, blocking roads to NORTHEAST and NORTHWEST with the platoon vicinity N998240 and L Co N991196. At 270400B the Bns resumed the advance again and 6 hours later were on both sides of highway #7 in front of the 7th Inf. Fwd elements were at N915365, where L Co encountered slight enemy resistance in the form of S/A fire at N918335 and N883355. Approx 30 enemy with 1 MG and 1 AT gun, withdrew after a short fight. The Regt continued the attack NORTH along the highway toward MONTEILMAR. The CP moved twice during the period, from JONQUIERES (O-053052) to SERIGNON (O-006128) to BOLLENE.

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(3) 30th Inf: The Regt cleared the area SOUTH of the AIGUES river and from VAISON (O-1819) to MIRABEL (O-2027) during the afternoon of 26 Aug, then crossed the river and continued the attack morning of 27 Aug, to the NORTHWEST between the 15th Inf and 36th Inf Div. At the close of the period the Regts screening reconnaissance elements contacted an enemy strong-point of approximately 150 Inf with 8 MG's and 1 20mm flakwagon vicinity GELIGN (O-0438). The 1st Bn was bombed by four planes identified as P-47s 500 yds SOUTH of MIRABEL between 1400B and 1430B while detrucking. The planes dropped 8 bombs and returned to strafe the column. At 2100B the 1st Bn advanced from MIRABEL to a line from VALTREAS NORTHEAST to O-193080. Patrols across the river failed to make contact. The 2nd Bn approached the river and advanced to a line from O-055280; the 3d Bn was in reserve vicinity VAISON. The 2nd Bn crossed the river vicinity O-117244 at 2200B and at midnight leading element of G Co were at VISON (O-0827). The 1st Bn crossed at NYONS, where it contacted elements of the 36th Div. At 0600B the 1st Bn resumed its advance, and though hampered by a number of blown out bridges, reached O-154402 at the end of the period. The 2nd Bn started at 0700B, reached VALREAST (O-1135) at 0900B and had leading elements at O-090356 at the end of the period. The 3d Bn followed in reserve, reaching O-030242 at 271200B.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Continued movement and long displacement necessary to continue the mission of supporting the Infantry. 3d IDA CP in vicinity of TULETTE. Most of the targets fired on during the period were enemy AT guns, 88mm guns and roadblocks. Continued use was made of liaison planes for road reconnaissance and to locate units.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Continued to displace in support of 3d Inf Div Arty and furnished protection for bridges at O-116242, T687600, and T870815. No enemy aircraft within range during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: Maintained roads CAVAILLON - TULETTE - SUZE LA LUSSE - RJ N875255, and road from RJ N9522230 SOUTH to ORANGE. Constructed by-passes at 130008, 123011, 069041. Co B: In support of 7th Inf. Opened highway #7 from ORANGE NORTH to PIERRELOTTE. Co C: In support of 30th Inf. By-passes in process of construction at 183372, 105352, 135411. Removed trees and mines from road at 205305. Bn CP located 213156.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq.

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: Contacted 36th Inf Div in NYONS at 1300B. At 1400B from French sources reported approx 1 Regt enemy and 17 tks in vicinity of VALTREAS. At 1000B reported small bridge blown at 180372. 2nd Plat: Reported AT mines at 130326 at 0945B. Reached VALTREAS at 1030B, reported bridge 113357 blown; bridge at 105352 intact. At 1115 contacted an estimated 1 Co of enemy and engaged in small fire fight. 3d Plat: Engaged in fire fight with enemy at 960088, 85 PW's taken. Encountered enemy at 965185, returned fire and forced them to withdraw. Ambushed at 947222 by 7 MG, S/A and unknown number of enemy, forced enemy to withdraw. Entered BOLLENE at 1450B, just after bridge at 921231 was blown. French repaired bridge suitable for tanks. At the close of the period in process of relieving 4th plat SOUTH of DONZERE.

(2) 601st TD Bn Rcn: 4th Plat: Plat entered BOLLENE from SOUTH-WEST at 1705B and proceeded on road to NORTHWEST. Reported at 0800B at CONVERRE. No report at end of period. 5th Plat: At close of period enroute to AVIGNON to contact French. 6th Plat: Reorganizing and repairing vehicles vicinity of ORANGE.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A atchd to 7th Inf until 1600B, then less one plat reverted to Div reserve in vicinity ORANGE and moved to PIERRELOTTE. Co B atchd to 15th Inf moved to vicinity TRAVIALLION with 2 plats in reserve. Co C atchd 30 Inf moved to vicinity VAISON. 2 plats in reserve. Supported Inf advance in sector. Co D atchd to 3d Rcn Tr. Bn(-) moved to new bivouac area 4 miles NORTH of CARPENTRAS.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Bn CP 892315. Co A: 1st Plat in support of 7th Inf, 2nd and 3d Plats in Div reserve. 1st and 2nd Plat covering roadblocks NORTH of PIERRELOTTE. 3d Plat at close of period was moving toward DANZERE from PIERRELOTTE. Co B: In support of 15th Inf; 1st plat in process of moving to vicinity 948308, 2nd Plat vicinity PIERRELOTTE, 3d Plat vicinity 036193. Co C: In support of 30th Inf.

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h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn: Co A moved from LOUJMARIN to ORANGE. Co B located at vicinity of VALREAS during period. Co C under Bn control for movement, to return to support 30th Inf on completion of movement. Co D in Bn reserve located vicinity Bn CP at 081060.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent!
- b. Moral excellent!

7. Results of operations:

- a. Contact maintained with 1st Fr Armd Div on left and 36th Inf Div on right.
- b. Extensive reconnaissance to Division front.
- c. Capture of towns of BOLLENE, BOUEG ST ANDEO, DONZENE, VALREAS, GAILLON, GRIGNAN, FAULIGNAN.
- d. An advance to line shown in para 1.

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	44M	6	1	*1	**9
	15L	1	0	0	*2
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	34	1	0	0	2

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 MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 15 & 14 P and O

1. Our Front Lines: 2020 - 1216 - 1010 - 9708 - 0290.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of adjacent and supporting units:

a. 36th Inf Div: Continued to hold defensive lines from vicinity 9564 - 0658 - 1859. 141st Inf w/2nd Bn 143d Inf atchd held right sector. 142d w/1st Bn 143d Inf atchd held left sector, repulsed strong enemy Inf attack supported by tanks. Task Force Butler vicinity CONDILLAC (9763). 3d Bn 157th Inf plus 191st Tk moved from vicinity NYONS to vicinity ROVNAC to support attack of Task Force Butler.

e. 1st Fr Armd Div:

(1) CC-1: Remained atchd to 3d DIA and continued mopping up operations in MARSEILLE.

(2) CC-2: At the end of the period had elements in AVIGNON, TARASCON, and ARLES and were making preparations for crossing the RHONE RIVER

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and warm. Visibility excellent.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Objectives vicinity CARPENTRAS (T1798) and VAISON were occupied and the division moved into position preparatory to attacking NORTH WEST toward MONTELMAR. The 30th and 15th Inf's were on the road most of the period while the 7th Inf protected the move and maintained contact with the Fr on the left. Bcn Tr entered AVIGNON (S9885) afternoon of 26 Aug, and continued 5 miles NORTH. The towns of CARPENTRAS, ORANGE and VAISON were occupied without opposition. 3d Rcn Battle Patrol captured 61 PW's vicinity N958100, following contact with an enemy group the afternoon of 25 Aug SOUTHEAST of ORANGE. Div CP opened at 261200B at 0200050.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The period opened with the Regtl CP at T195728. A motorized patrol was sent to SEGNCE to MONTELAUX to CRUIS to STETIENNE to ONGLES without making contact. The town of SAULT (O4603) was reported in FFI hands. The 2d Bn sent a patrol into CAUMONT (T0980) and picked up 2 straggler prisoners. F Co reinforced occupied CAVAILLON (T1774). At 1945B the 3d Bn was instructed to send L Co to SAULT, minus a platoon, which was ordered to set up a road block at a RJ 1000 yds NORTH of MONTERUN (O4713) and from there to VAISON. The remainder of the battalion remained Vic APT (T4579) in Division reserve. E Co occupied an objective Vic T085875 and F Co, after occupying CAVAILLON, established road blocks at T050960, T060910, T075870, and T090480. The 1st Bn moved through PERNES (T1892) and occupied ORANGE. It remained there until all elements of the 15th Inf had passed through it, meanwhile contacting the French to the SOUTH. At the end of the period the 1st Bn was Vic T047970, 2d Bn Vic ORANGE and 3d Bn closing into PERNES.

(2) 15th Inf: The regiment moved from an assembly area Vic APT, by motor, to another Vic CARPENTRAS. At 260500B the regiment advanced to the NORTHWEST with the 1st Bn on the left and the 3d Bn on the right. The 2d Bn was in reserve, following the 3d Bn. By the end of the period the regiment had advanced to Vic O054054-O105020 with no enemy contact.

(3) 30th Inf: The regiment, after moving by truck from SALON to VAISON, was given the mission of clearing out the area NORTHWEST of VAISON and SOUTH of the AIGUE RIVER. The I and R Platoon occupied VAISON before dark evening of 25 Aug after reconnoitering NORTH out of SAULT. The 1st Bn entrucked at SALON at 251530B and closed into an assembly area at APT at 1900B. The 2d Bn entrucked at 1900B and followed the 1st Bn to APT. The 2d Bn then moved by motor to CARPENTRAS, arriving there at 260700B. At the end of the period the 2d Bn was clearing the area SOUTH of the AIGUE RIVER and NORTHWEST of VAISON, the 1st Bn was moving abreast of the 2d Bn with its right flank on the river, clearing between the river and the MIRABEL (O2027)-VAISON road.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Armd FA Bn atchd): Continued to displace forward in support of Infantry units to reconnoiter for new positions, and prepare for future movements. Extensive use of Cub plane was made by Division to determine condition of road nets and areas.

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d. AA Artillery: 441st AA (AW) Bn: continued to displace forward with 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units. No enemy aircraft within range during the period. At the close of the period Bn CP at 171990.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Bn CP 212049 in process of moving to VAISON. Co A in support of 7th Inf. Constructed by-pass of 3 blown bridges between CARPENTRAS and ORANGE. Co B in support of 15th Inf, Co moved from AIX to CARPENTRAS. One Plat started repair of bridge at 213070 and cleared trees from road between VAISON and ORANGE. Co C in support of 30th Inf. Co moved from AIX to VAISONS.

f. Cavalry: Prov Recon Sq:

(1) 3rd Recon Tr: 1st Plat: Contacted elements of 36th Inf Div in NYONS at 1350B and reported bridge blown at 190290. 2d Plat: Held up by blown bridge and mines for 2 hrs NORTH of CAVAILLON, entered CARPENTRAS unopposed at 1715B. 3d Plat: Located at 020035, 4 Km from ORANGE at 252100B. At 261035B was reported at 957100, captured 61 PWs there. 4th Plat: Enroute to VAISON via SAULT at close of the period.

(2) 601st TD Recon Co: 5th and 6th Plats in reserve.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Bn CP at 425793. Co A attached to 7th Inf. One Plat Co B attached to 15th Inf moved to Vic CARPENTRAS. One Plat Co C attached to 30th Inf Regt moved to VAISON. Bn (-) completed move to bivouac WEST of APT. Co D attached to 3d Recon Tr.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Bn in close support of Infantry Regiments. Co A in support of 7th Inf; 1st Plat scanned a road block NORTHWEST of ORANGE. 2d and 3d Plats moved to Vic ORANGE. 3d Plat Co B in support of 15th Inf, two Plats in Bn reserve. 1st Plat Co C in support 30th Inf, two Plats in Bn reserve. Co C moving at close of period to Vic MARABELLE. Recon Co attached 3d Prov Sq.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn: Co A attached 7th Inf located at LOURNARIN, moving with 7th Inf. Co B, attached 15th Inf, used trucks to move Inf elements forward. Co C relieved from 30th Inf reverted to 3d Cml Bn for movement. At completion of the movement will resume support of 30th Inf. Co D moved to Bn HQ area and in Bn reserve, 3 1/2 miles WEST APT on Highway 100.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Extensive reconnaissance to NORTHWEST across entire Division sector.
- b. Capture of towns of CAVAILLON, AVIGNON, CARPENTRAS, ORANGE, MALAUCENE, SAULT DE VAUCLUSE.
- c. Advance to line indicated in para 1.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in 24 hrs	Fit in 48 hrs	24 hr Loss	Total Loss
756th Tk Bn	35 M	13	4	1 *	8 **
	15 L	1	0	0	2 *
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	35 M-10s	0	0	0	2

* One tank evacuated to Ord - Mech failure.
** Two tanks - Mechanical failure.

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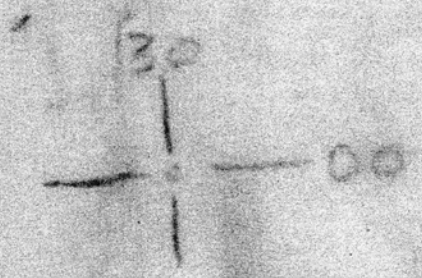
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 MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 13 and 14P

1. Our Front Lines: 1081 - 1774 - 2375 - 3873 - 4178 - 4481 - 5478.
2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.
3. Information of adjacent and supporting troops:
 - a. 45th Inf Div: 157th Inf completely relieved by 7th Inf 251300B and moved to rejoin 45th Inf Div. 179th Inf in contact with enemy above GRENOBLEM
 - b. French:
 - (1) 1st Fr Armd Div: Tactical CP CARRIES (462315). Assumed responsibility for 3d Inf Div sector SOUTH of the DURANCE RIVER.
 - (a) CC-1: CP 450180. Atchd to 3 DIA. Elements of CC-1 were at 471163, 488160, and 300189. Group of Goums moved from 450265 toward an obj at 393820. Were in contact with the enemy at close of period. Elements of 2nd RSA moved from vicinity of the reservoir (4230) toward an obj at 345298.
 - (b) CC-2: Continued to assemble in LYNES - DOUC - BALAIR - SIMAINE - GARDANNE. 2nd Regt Spahis continued ren and patrolling toward the WEST between the DURANCE RIVER and ETANG DE BERRE.
4. Weather and Visibility: Fair. Visibility excellent.
5. Our operations for the Period:
 - a. General: During the period the division was in the process of moving NORTH across the DURANCE RIVER and taking over the former sector of the 45th Div. The 7th Inf was completely across the river and moving into position at the start of the period. The 15th Inf moved during the night of 24/25 Aug following the relief by units of the 1st Fr Armd Div, and the 30th Inf was on the road at the end of the period. The move was made without a single instance of contact with the enemy. The towns of AVIGNON, ARLES, ORGON and CAVAILLON were occupied or reconnoitered and found to be clear of enemy. New Division CP opened at 477622 at 251200B.
 - b. Infantry:
 - (1) 7th Inf: The Regt relieved elements of the 45th Inf Div, completing relief at 241300B, and during this period screened the movement of the remainder of the division into the new sector. The 2nd Bn held the area on the left, bordering on the DURANCE RIVER, 1st Bn was in the center and 3d Bn on right to the NORTH. At 1315B the 2nd Bn CP was at T429640, forward elements of the Bn were at T325655 and at 242000B F Co was at T204700, with a patrol into CAVAILLON (T1774). At midnight the 2nd Bn CP was at T203705, along with E Co. F Co set up roadblocks at T160761 and T170765. During morning of 25 Aug ren elements passed through the 2nd Bn to patrol the road NORTHWEST toward AVIGNON. The 1st Bn closed into its assembly area at 2230B and moved out into position. At 0450B B Co was located on high ground in T3574 with a platoon at T3374 and C Co was at T388735. Neither Co's had contact with the enemy. At 0700B B Co was at T305748. At 2200B the 3d Bn had road blocks established at T787906, T760981, T723932, T696859, T427803, T453790, T466803, T382735, T446803 and T382735. These posns were held during the night and morning, with plans for L Co to move to APT (T4579).
 - (2) 15th Inf: The Regt was relieved by elements of 1st Fr Armd Div, then had trouble assembling prior to the move NORTH due to the heavy motor traffic. The 1st Bn was assembled at ST CANNAT, the 2nd Bn at CORRLION, and 3d Bn vicinity T3943. The 1st Bn was on the road at 2345B, following the route of ST CANNAT - LIMBESC - RAGNES - PEYROLLE - MIMBERU - PENTUIS - VELLETOARE - CADENET to APT. The 2nd Bn closed out of its old area at 0234B. Regtl CP closed out at 0830B and opened at noon 25 Aug vicinity T465794.

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(3) 30th Inf: The Regt remained in position until morning 25 Aug, then when relieved by elements of 1st Fr Arm'd Div began a move to an assembly area EAST of APT. The Regt was on the move at the end of the period. At beginning of the period 2nd Bn establish 3d Road blocks at T259619, T272625, T289634, and had its Bn CP Vicinity T303509. G Co plato were placed at T344619, T397615 and T439611. These positions were held until 0830B, when the Bns began to assemble prior to the move.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty (69th Arm'd FA Bn atch'd): Continued to advance in support of Inf Regts. Div Arty CP at the close of the period located at 455800.

d. AAA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units. No enemy aircraft within range during the period.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Continued to advance in support of Inf Regts. Co A attached 7th Inf; Co B 15th Inf; Co C 30th Inf.

f. Cavalry: Prov Rcn Sq:

(1) 3d Rcn Tr: 1st Plat: In reserve. 2d Plat: Reached ARLES at 1330B. 3d Plat: Reached ORCAN at 1400B.

(2) 601st TD Rcn: 4th Plat: Provided security for Engr Rcn party to airport WEST of ERANG de BERNE. 5th Plat: Relieved from 15th Inf at 1300B. 6th Plat: Attached to 7th Inf. Carried out reconnaissance to AVIGNON.

(3) Sq relieved from missions SOUTH of DURANCE RIVER at 1400B. Closed at CARMENET NORTH of river at 0800B. At close of period 1st Plat was enroute to CARPENTRAS via CAVAILLON; 3d Plat enroute to ORANGE from AVIGNON. 5th Plat enroute to SAULT de VANCLUS.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Continued to displace forward in support of Inf. Co A in support of 7th Inf, Co B in support of 15th Inf, Co C in support of 30th Inf, Co D on Div Rcn missions with Prov Rcn Sq. At close of period A Co attached 7th Inf; one Plat B Co attached 15th Inf; remainder of Bn assembling Vic APT.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Bn in process of moving at the close of the period. Rcn Co attached to Prov Rcn Sq. Bn CP closed in new CP 1220B at 438509 25 Aug 44. Co A in support 7th Inf, 1 Plat Co B in support 15th Inf, 2 Plats in Bn reserve. Co C in Bn reserve.

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn: Co A located at LOURMANN in support of the 7th Inf. Co B in the process of moving with the 15th Inf to an assembly area at the end of the period. Co C in support of the 30th Inf, at close of the period detached and placed in Div reserve. Co D in Div reserve at AIX. Bn advance CP located 3 1/2 miles WEST APT on Highway 100.

6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Relief of 157th Inf, 45th Inf Div.
- b. Movement of bulk of Division NORTH of DURANCE RIVER.
- c. Extensive reconnaissance to front of Division sector.
- d. An advance to the WEST to line indicated in para 1.

8. Tank Status:

Unit	Runners	Fit in 24 hrs	Fit in 48 hrs	24 hr Loss	Total Lost
756th Tk Bn	45 M	5	3	0	* 7
	14 L	1	1	0	* 2
	6 M4A3	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	34	0	0	0	2

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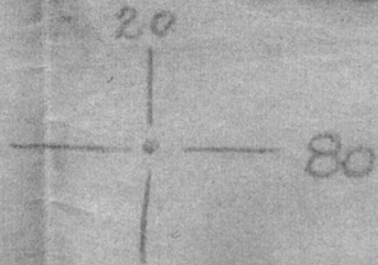
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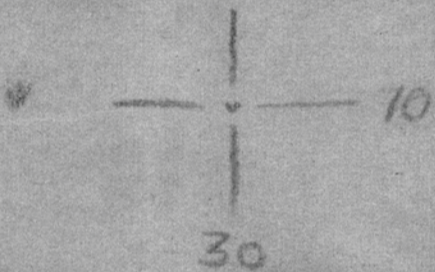


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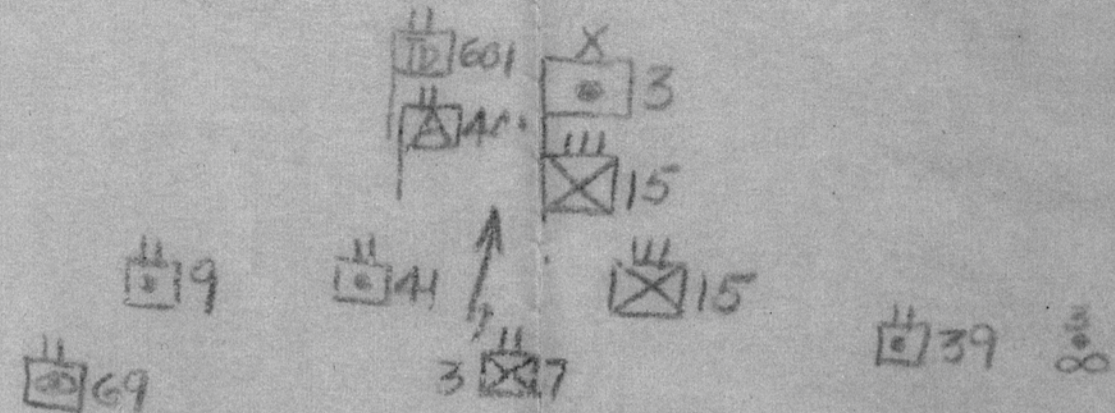
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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE - Sheets 13 GER, 140

1. Our Front Lines: 3623 - 3328 - 1942 - 1743 - 2162 - 2963 - 4364.
2. Location of Units: See attached overlay.
3. Information of Adjacent and Supporting Units:

a. 45th Inf Div: 180th Inf: At the beginning of the period 2nd and 3d Bns were enroute to assembly area ASPRES, the remainder of the Regt moving morning 24 August. 179th Inf: Moved to assembly area vicinity GREENABLE, upon arrival attached to 36th Inf Div. 157th Inf: 1st Bn established roadblocks vicinity 445804, 445979, 465795 and maintained roadblocks of 179th Inf at 755890, 700892, 761914, and 720840. 2nd Bn maintained roadblock at 430642. 3d Bn remained in position on high ground vicinity MOULIN du PAS. At the close of the period 157th Inf was in process of being relieved by the 7th Inf. Patrols were maintained to the front and flanks. CP 157th Inf 703116.

b. French:

(1) 3d DIA: Tactical CP located 478160. Division continued attack in the MARSEILLE sector and at the close of the period were cleaning up scattered pockets of resistance. At the close of the period Goum elements of the Division were in process of relieving roadblocks and elements of 3d Bn 15th Inf NORTHWEST of MARSEILLE.

(2) 1st Fr Armd Div: Tactical CP CABRIES (462315)

(a) CC-1: Attached to 3d DIA. Continued to attack in the MARSEILLE area. Tactical CP 480160.

(b) CC-2: In process of assembling in LUYNES - BOUC BELAIR - SEILLANE - GARDANNE area. 2nd Regt Spahis in process of assembling in the ST CANNAT area with rcn elements moving WEST between the DURANCE RIVER and ETANG DU BEAUTE.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and warm. Visibility excellent.

5. Our operations for the period:

a. General: Rcn elements patrolled up to 15 miles in front of the division, reaching ARLES on the RHONE river, as a move was begun to the NORTHERN banks of the DURANCE RIVER. 2nd Bn 30th Inf relieved the 7th Inf, which in turn began a relief of the 157th Inf, 45th Div, NORTH of the river. Goums began to relieve 3d Bn 15th Inf on the Division left flank. 1st Bn 15th Inf was assembled vicinity ST CANNAT as Division reserve.

b. Infantry: 7th Inf;

(1) At the beginning of the period C and B Co's were on their obj's near ALIENS and MALLEMONT at T263602, T265608 and T273627. Roadblocks were set up at these positions, supported by Tks and TDs. Other blocks were established at T548368, T558366, T570385, T590360, T615373, T595395, T590406 and T565434, all by the 2nd Bn. The Regt sent a patrol of two jeeps, 2 M-3's, a radio and motorized Inf plat to reconnoiter the road from SENAS to ORGON to CAVAILLON to CAUNON. At 2130B rcn elements of the 1st Bn engaged in a fire fight with enemy at T205641. The 2nd Bn was in division reserve at ST CANNAT and the 3d Bn was located between LA ROUJE and CHARLEVAL. At 0600B the Regt was relieved by 2nd Bn 30th Inf and 1st and 2nd Bns were entrucked to relieve the 157th Inf during 24 August. Route taken was ROBES-FEYROLLOS-Treadway bridge across DURANCE at T685599 WEST to PENTUIS-VILLELAURE. 3d Bn remained vicinity T424614 until transportation returned to take it to 157th sector.

(2) 15th Inf: 1st Bn (-C Co) assembled in Regtl reserve vicinity T437348. At 231800B a platoon of L Co on roadblock vicinity LUXEMBOURG received a heavy concentration of 88mm fire, largely aerial burst. At 1900B enemy estimated from 80-100 counterattacked from direction of LES FEMMES MIRABEAU. A Co, plus a section of HMGs and platoon of M-3's moved by motor to reinforce the road block and were in position by 2115B. The counterattack was broken up by arty and 81mm mortars. During morning of 24 Aug to 3d Bn road block vicinity T467293 was relieved by 25 men from Regtl Battle Patrol. Upon receipt of C Co the Bn moved

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to an assembly area vicinity ST CANNAT in division reserve. The 2nd Bn occupied the following positions during afternoon 23 Aug: G Co vicinity GRANS T200490, E Co vicinity LE PONT DU RAUD T192466, E Co vicinity GUEBY T189418, 2nd Bn CP in CORNILLON-CONFoux. The Bn remained in that position, receiving orders that it would be relieved by Goums starting at 241430B. The 3d Bn remained in posn on the Regtl left flank, blocking roads leading out of MARSEILLE. CP at ST VICTOIRE. K Co was at T208522, I Co at T211533, and L Co at T210512.

(3) 30th Inf: At 1710B the 1st Bn attacked NORTHWARD to LAMONEN (T215596) against no resistance. The Battle Patrol guarded an airfield at T245501. At 2130B 1st Bn was in position vicinity T220590, 2nd Bn in Regtl reserve vicinity T240521 and 3d Bn vicinity T200512. A patrol from I Co went to T065552, found bridge there blown out but made no contact with the enemy. Plans were made for relief of 7th Inf by 2nd Bn 30th Inf, which was begun at 0500B. At 0600B hours the Regtl CP was vicinity T219523, A Co at T295612, B Co at T215624, C Co at T279598, I Co at T211533, K Co at T208522, and L Co at T210512.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty with 69th FA Bn atchd; Continued to advance in support of the Infantry. 39th FA Bn received a heavy concentration of enemy arty fire, but generally enemy arty was light. Div Arty firing upon enemy was light. 3d Div Arty CP 306583. 9th FA 305577; 39th FA 377306; 41st FA Bn 265518; 441st AAA AW Bn (attached) 288613; 69th Armd FA Bn 204454, and airport located at 306583. One L-5 liaison plane damaged during take off.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: No enemy aircraft engaged during the period. Bn continued to displace forward with 3d Inf Div Arty and attached units. Relieved of missions with the 36th FA and 634th FA Bns.

e. Engineers: 10th Engr Bn: Co A: Constructed by-pass of blown bridge at 224625. Repaired partially demolished bridge at 395509. Conducted ren of DURANCE RIVER in vicinity of MALTEMOR for suitable site for a ford. A suitable ford for vehicles was found at 302638. River is 1-1/2 feet deep at this point with solid bottom. Co B: Worked on RR between BOURCIEUX and GARDANNE. Conducted ren of 2 bridges at MARTIQUES and of airport at M. RIGNANANE. Co C checked airport for SALON for mines. None were found. Conducted Ren of roads and bridge in 30th Inf sector.

f. Cavalry: Prov Ren Sq:

(1) 3d Ren Tr: 1st Plat: At 1430B reached a point 15 miles WEST of SALON. Contacted 1 Co enemy Inf, withdrew and established roadblock. Relieved by 2nd Plat 1845B. 2nd Plat: Relieved 1st Plat on roadblock 12 miles WEST of SALON at 1845B. 3d Plat: Found bridge out at 262626, attempted to by-pass it. Encountered enemy roadblock of Co Inf, mortars, MGs at 253628, one enemy vehicle knocked out. 6 PW's taken. Continued on to 228619. At 1030B were at 204640.

(2) 601st TD Ren: 4th Plat: Ren to LE ROUET on coast at 302192 and to S. NOLET (250183). No opposition encountered. 5th Plat: Ren the airfield WEST of ETANS de BERKE, no opposition encountered. 6th Plat: In reserve.

(3) Battle Patrol: Battle Patrol and light tank Co supported other elements of the Prov Ren Sq.

g. Armored:

(1) 756th Tk Bn: Co A attached to 7th Inf. Two plats established road blocks in sector. One plat in Regtl reserve. Co B attached to 15th Inf. 2nd Plat in Div reserve in vicinity ST CANNAT. 1st Plat in reserve vicinity PONT DU RAUD. 3d Plat established roadblock SOUTHEAST of lake. Co C attached to 30th Inf. 2 Plats established roadblocks in sector. 1 Plat in Regtl reserve. Co D atchd to 3d Ren Tr.

(2) 601st TD Bn: Co A in process of moving with 7th Inf to relieve 17th Inf. Ren Co atchd Prov Ren Sq. Co B in support 15th Inf; Co C in support 30th Inf. Bn CP 225533

h. Chemical: 3d Cml Bn: Co A atchd 7th Inf in plat positions for support of 2 Bns of 7th Inf. 1st Plat 425602, 2nd Plat 281611. Co B atchd 15th Inf, 1st Plat at 377302 in support of Co L 15th Inf roadblocks. Sighted enemy and brought fire to bear, forcing the enemy to withdraw into the town. 2nd Plat 314428, moved to position vicinity of CORNILLON CONFoux. Co C atchd 30th Inf, 1st Plat at 250596. Fired 50 rounds on the town of LAMONEN. Heavy fire due to strong wind caused plat to move to alternate position. 2nd Plat at 208530 supporting 3d Bn 30th Inf. Co D in Bn reserve in vicinity Bn CP 465422.

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6. Combat Efficiency:

- a. Excellent.
- b. Morale excellent.

7. Results of Operations:

- a. Extensive reconnaissance to the WEST and NORTHWEST.
- b. Continued advance to the line indicated in para 1.
- c. Blocking of roads from MARSEILLE to the NORTH and NORTHWEST of the City.
- d. Regrouping of elements of the Division.

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	44 Med	1	3	0	* 7
	14 light	0	1	0	* 2
	6 M43	0	0	0	0
601st TD Bn	34 M-10s	0	0	0	2

* 1 tk in Ord, non-combat loss.

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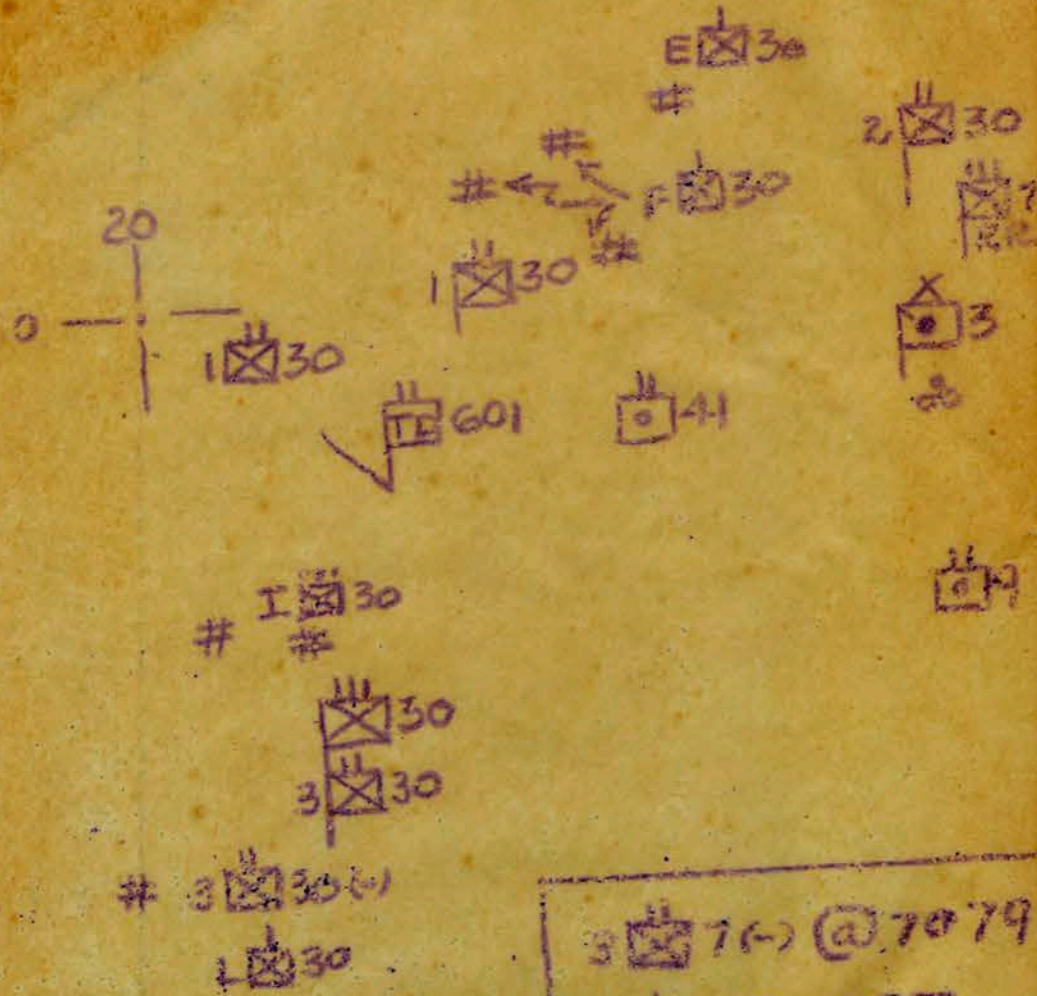
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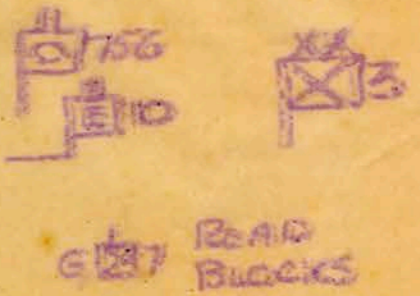
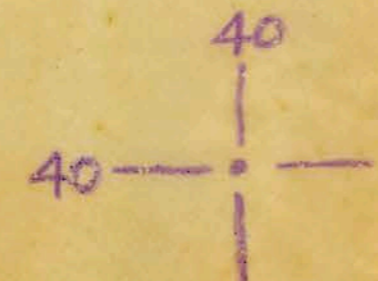
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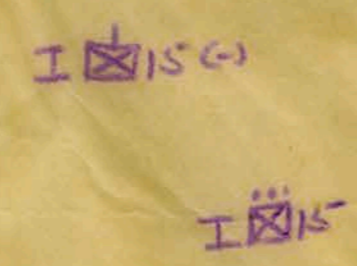
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 MAP: 1:100,000 FR; 13QR, 14Q

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Hq 3d Inf Div APO #3
1400B 23 Aug 1944

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MAPS: 1/100,000 FRANCE, Sheets 14 R, 14 Q, 13 Q and R.

1. Our Front Lines: 2763 - 2260 - 2156 - 1850 - 2145 - 3328
3526.

2. Location of Troops: See attached overlay.

3. Information of adjacent and supporting units:

a. 45th Inf Div: At the start of the period the 45th Div had established defensive positions along the general line 6977 - 5056 - 4461 - 4455. Maintained roadblocks within their sector, one being at 4461, another at 438553. Patrol was sent from ROGNES to LAMBESE and contacted elements of the 3d Div in the latter town. 1st Bn 157th Inf moving on APT and at last report were in vicinity 465795 with no opposition. 179th Inf (-1 Bn) captured GRENALE with the other Bn in vicinity of the Div CP at ASPREMONT. 180th Inf (-1 Bn) advanced toward LE ROCHETTE with the other Bn advancing in the direction of LE PUY SANIERES.

b. CCI - 1st FR Armd Div: CP at GEMENOS (671161). Continued to advance toward MARSEILLE, 1 Bn advancing cross country WEST to 523199, 1 unit on the road vicinity 245163, 1 unit at 630078 advancing to the WEST to 535075, 1 unit guarding the reservoir at 422335, 1 unit advancing to 407397, and 1 unit guarding the town of GARDANNE.

4. Weather and Visibility: Fair and warm. Visibility excellent.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

a. General: Our troops pushed on to SALON and LAMBESC to the NORTHWEST without meeting resistance, then patrolled beyond to PONT ROYAL and LA COURRONNE. Recon Tr sent patrols around both sides of ETANG DE BERRE to MARTIQUE (T2026) and found the area cleared of enemy. 15th Inf protected the Division's left flank with roadblocks NORTH of MARSEILLE. 1st Bn 7th Inf received fire from enemy tks NORTHWEST of LAMBESC. Contact maintained with 45th Inf Div on the right and French 3 DIA on the left.

b. Infantry:

(1) 7th Inf: The 1st Bn was sent by truck to vicinity LAMBESC (T3554), then moved NORTHWEST of the town and set up a defense along the highway. A Co was situated on the right side of the road at T3555565, C Co at T348556 and B Co at T359558. A motorized patrol was sent into PELISSANE and found the town cleared of enemy. The 3d Bn left its old area for LA ROQUE (T3961) at 2015B and relieved elements of the 180th Inf vicinity T412616, going into position on the road about 1000 yds EAST of the town. A roadblock was set up in the town and a patrol sent every odd hour to contact the 45th Div to the NORTH. The 3d Bn was disposed as follows: K Co at T422612 with a roadblock at T428601, plat of I Co at T396617 and another at T416617, and L Co on the road along a ridge at T364538. At 221900B the 2nd Bn was in division reserve vicinity T550490, then moved by trucks to T386517, closing in at 0715B. At that time 1st Bn, after sending patrols 4000 yds to the front without making contact, began to move forward to a new objective along the road at the 281 grid.

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(2) 15th Inf: A Co remained in defensive position in the town of GARDANNE (T5333), B Co moved the afternoon of 22 Aug to vicinity T420350 and C Co established a roadblock vicinity T465295. A road junction there was held during the night, although fire was received from enemy who were fighting French units 500 to 1000 yards SOUTH of the junction. Morning of 23 Aug A Co and Bn Hq moved from GARDANNE to a reserve position near B Co. The 2nd Bn advanced to the following positions: E Co (with Bn AT Platoon, section of MG's and 2 light tks) vicinity T225402, F Co (in reserve with section of HMG's and section of mortars) vicinity T300428 and G Co (with Regtl AT plat, section of HMG's and section of mortars) vicinity T295470. Four TD's and 4 Tks were kept in reserve vicinity T420300 and the Bn CP was at LA FARE (T3042). At 230910B the Bn was ordered to move forward to the final phase line. K Co moved to vicinity T455299, with one platoon going to T430268. I Co moved to vicinity of GIGNAC (T345255) and was in position at 222000B. L Co was at MARIGNANE (T3228) with one platoon accompanying a platoon of 3d Ren Tr to MARTIGUES, vicinity T2426. A patrol from L Co investigated the airport NORTH of MARIGNANE, found mines on the field marked with flags. The Regt was ordered to put a guard at a reservoir (T4233) and a dam at T424316, guarding the water supply of MARSEILLE.

(3) 30th Inf: A motorized patrol was sent out shortly after noon 22 Aug to LANCON (T2547), came from the SOUTH through LA FARE (T3042) and reported no enemy. The 3d Bn began a motor movement toward SALON at 2030B, and by 0515B had set up roadblocks at T221561, T225537, T208509, T195526 and T181502. The 3d Bn CP was established in SALON, at T226531. 2nd Bn remained in Regtl reserve vicinity T240525 and 1st Bn was in position vicinity T235595 with roadblocks covering all approaches.

c. Artillery: 3d Inf Div Arty with 69th FA Bn atchd. Bns occupied defensive positions and prepared against a possible counterattack at the beginning of the period. At 1600B Div Arty was alerted to continue the advance to the WEST. Ren for new posns was carried out and supporting fires given to Inf Regts. Enemy arty fire was very light, mostly harassing fire in towns.

d. AA Artillery: 441st AAA AW Bn: No enemy aircraft engaged during the period. Bn continued to advance forward with 3d Div Arty and atchd units. 1/2 Btry A relieved from attachment 36th FA and 1/2 Btry B relieved from attachment 634th FA at 231200B.

e. Engineers:

(1) 10th Engr Bn: Bn CP (511397). Co A: Constructed a two-way bypass around the blown bridge at 395509. Cleared destroyed vehicles off of highway #7 as far as LAMBESCO. Co B started repair and maintenance on RR line from POURCIEUX to GARDANNE and improved the bypass at 511392 to take care of two-way traffic. Co C trained on construction of Arm'd Force Treadway bridge and gathering of materials for a river crossing.

(2) 343rd Engr: Continued maintenance of Division line of communications.

f. Cavalry: Prov Ren Sq:

(1) 3d Ren Tr: 1st Plat: Reached ST CANNAT (388511) at 1450B, PELLISANNE at 1640B, SALON (223523) at 1750B. Outposted town for night until Inf arrived. 2nd Plat: Maintained contact with enemy vicinity (467293) until relieved at 1800B. Encircled by enemy Co Inf once but escaped. 3d Plat: At 1730B advanced toward PONT ROYAL (297610) reached 350559 at 2200B. Arrived PONT ROYAL at 0730B.

(2) 601st TD Ren: 4th Plat: Reached MARIGNANE (330282) at 1300B. Received report from Fr of enemy roadblock covered by fire at (428268). Partisan roadblock at (372265). Plat reached MARTIGUES at 0030B, and established roadblock. Bridges there reported all destroyed. 5th Plat: Established roadblock at 378298 at 1230B. Received report of partisans engaging enemy at 362231. Plat reached GUEHY (184415) at 0045 and established roadblock. 6th Plat: In reserve.