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HEADQUARTERS
814th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP)

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SUBJECT: After Action Report for October 1944.

TO : Commanding General
7th Armd Div
APO 257, US Army.

1. On 1 Oct 1944 the 814th TD Bn, attached to the 7th Armd Div, was sub-attached as follows: Company "A" to CCA, Company "B" to CCB, while Hq and Hq Company, Rcn Company and Company "C" with Company D (- 1 Platoon) 17th Tank Battalion, Company "C" 33rd Engineers together with 165 Belgium volunteers attached, formed Task Force JONES.

2. TF, JONES had the mission of maintaining road blocks at Deurne (#1), Liesel (#2), and Weert (#3), Holland. On October 1, 1944, the road block at Deurne was given the mission of patrolling NE from Wasberg, effecting crossing of canal and establishing bridgehead, using all attached Belgians as foot troops. The Belgians refused to attack and mission was discarded. On October 2 1944, Belgians were returned to their homes and normal patrols continued.

3. The road block at Weert, relieved by British and their force, closed in assembly position 1/2 mile North of Ommel at 1800 hours 2 Oct 1944.

4. Road blocks at Deurne and Liesel continued, with only small enemy patrols encountered and several prisoners taken, until relieved by CCB at 0900 hours 9 Oct 1944, at which time Reconnaissance and "C" Companies assembled in bivouac area with Hq and Hq Co at Zomerren and attached units were relieved of attachment. 814th TD Bn (- A and B Co's) reverted to CCR control as Division Reserve.

5. 814th TD Bn (- A and B Co's) went into training period which lasted until 25 Oct 1944. "B" Company joined the Battalion on 21 Oct 1944. During this period Rcn Company did Area and Route Reconnaissance for CCR.

6. On 25 Oct 1944, Rcn Co attached to CCA and 814th TD Bn (-A and Rcn) moved to billets in Asten and continued training. On 27 Oct 1944 the battalion made plans to defend against enemy armor attack north from Meijel and Company C was attached to CCB while Company B was attached to CCR.

7. 814th TD Bn (- A, B, C & Rcn) moved to Zomerren 29 Oct 1944, at 1915 hours, and finally arrived in bivouac 3 miles South of Maarheeze at 1015 hours on 30 Oct 1944. Company B reverted to Bn control at 1600 hours.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

1. Rcn Co remained under battalion control until 25 Oct 1944 when it was attached to CCA to relieve Company D, 87th Rcn, and patrol mission in vicinity of Weert. Normal patrol activity was carried on with little enemy action encountered.

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"A" COMPANY

1. On 1 Oct 1944, Company A with 1 Platoon attached to 40th Tk Bn and Company A (-) attached to 48th Infantry, was in assembly position in vicinity of Oploo, Holland. On 3 Oct 1944 first Platoon was used as flank guard for 40th Tk Bn in attack on Overloon. The second and third Platoons were used as flank guards for 48th Infantry in reserve.

2. Upon the relief of Division by British, Company A moved with CCA to assembly area in vicinity of Maarheeze on 7 Oct 1944. On 8 Oct 1944, moved to assembly 1/4 mile SW of Altweert using two platoons with 48th Inf employed as road blocks. On 13 Oct 1944 platoons returned to Company control and company moved to indirect fire positions one mile east of Weert. They remained in indirect fire position firing with air observation on selected targets until 27 Oct 1944 when one platoon was attached to 40th Tk Bn and moved to position 3 miles north of Mederweert. Balance of company remained in old position with no mission.

"B" COMPANY

1. On 1 Oct 1944, Company B was attached to CCB with two platoons employed as reserve and one platoon employed with 23rd Infantry. Upon relief of CCB by CCR the company moved to assembly area NW of St. Anthonis with CCB as reserve. On 5 Oct 1944 they moved 2 1/2 miles SE of St. Anthonis, Company Commander given task force consisting of "B" Company, 814th TD Bn, Company D 31st Tk Bn, and 1 platoon Engineers. The next day first platoon, Company B, relieved first platoon, Company A, and the task force was dissolved.

2. Upon relief by British of CCB, company moved to assembly position near Ommel on 9 Oct 1944 where it remained until 12 Oct 1944 at which time it moved into indirect fire positions SW of Deurne. Numerous concentrations were fired under control of 434th FA Bn in support of attack by CCB on canal. Remained in this position until 21 Oct 1944 when Company reverted to Battalion control and closed in bivouac south of Zomeren, Holland. On 25 Oct 1944 company moved, under battalion control, to billets in Asten. At 0800 hours 27 Oct 1944, company was alerted for move and company commander with platoon leaders went on reconnaissance to select positions to repel counter attack by enemy armor NW of Meijel. First platoon moved out at 1430, attached to CCR. Second and third platoons attached at 0100 and 1300 hours respectively on 28 Oct 1944.

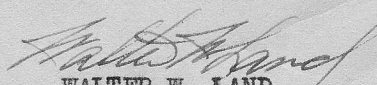
3. For period 27 to 31 Oct 1944 see attached sheets

"C" COMPANY

1. Company C was under Battalion control until 27 Oct 1944.

2. For period 27 to 31 Oct 1944 see attached sheets.

For the Commanding Officer:


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Captain FA
Adjutant

TF CHAPPUIS, CCR, 7 AD (Co. "B", 814 TD)

27-31 Oct - At 1425 hours first platoon, B Co., moved to previously selected position and was attached to TF CHAPPUIS, CCR. Lt Col Chappuis ordered first platoon to move about 1 mile south on Asten-Meijel road to establish a road block (see overlay #1). Platoon leader was ordered to reconnoiter for TD positions further south (overlay #2) and reported after a dismounted reconnaissance that the ground would not hold M-10's and that there were no suitable positions. At 0100 hours the second platoon of B company was attached to TF CHAPPUIS, CCR, and went into road block position shown on overlay #2. Lt. Col. Chappuis ordered that first platoon leader move one M-10 about 1500 yards further south down the road into a position occupied by a 57 AT gun. About 0330 second platoon leader accompanied Lt Tavlinsky in a 1/4 ton, stopping at first platoon position and alerting #1 gun to move south slowly and meet them when they returned from reconnaissance. On arriving at the proposed position they moved the 57mm AT gun already occupying the position. While doing this the officers received SA fire and mortar fire from the East where German Infantry were moving up. A and B companies of the 48th AIB were also receiving direct fire from enemy tanks to their south. The officers returned to meet the destroyer. First Platoon leader took a position on the outside of the destroyer so as to guide it in the dark. Second platoon leader backed his 1/4-ton behind the destroyer and followed it as it moved. Upon arriving near the intended position at 0400, first platoon leader saw small arms and machine gun fire about 200 yards ahead and halted his M-10. An Infantry soldier ran up and reported that this fire was coming from a German tank on the road. First platoon leader gave the order to fire. The gunner attempted to fire 5 times (3 times with the solenoid and twice with the manual bar) but the gun failed to fire. It was then attempted to back the M-10 up without being detected. The gun commander moved to the rear deck to guide the driver back. The Germans then opened fire hitting the M-10 in the turret and the M-10 slipped off into the ditch on the east side of the road. The gunner was seriously wounded and the leader was slightly wounded. The Germans were now firing with mortars, machine guns, and small arms. The second platoon leader and his driver had taken cover in the ditch but the driver was killed. First platoon leader called second platoon leader to bring up the 1/4-ton to evacuate the gunner. The enemy continued intense fire but the M-10 crew and 2 officers succeeded in removing the gunner. The Platoon Leaders then returned to their platoons. Tiger tanks were reported moving North from about where #1 destroyer, first platoon, had been abandoned and Lt Col Chappuis ordered an M-10 forward to duel with them.

Second platoon leader told him that this deployment put the M-10 at great disadvantage and that he would obey the order under protest. He then went forward to the first platoon position and relayed the order. First platoon leader said that before he would order his M-10 forward he wanted to talk to Lt Col Chappuis himself. Second platoon leader undertook to knock down the church steeple in Neorkan. (overlay #3). This was accomplished with about 30 hits, around 0900 hours. #4 gun, first platoon, opened fire at a Tiger tank at about 1600 yards range (see overlay #3). Fire opened at 0800 and continued until 0930. Second platoon leader, anticipating a tank attack down the road, placed his destroyers in positions to allow short fields of fire from the flanks (see overlay #3). The flat terrain off the road was soft and #3 gun, second platoon, obtained some cover by backing off the secondary road and balling his tank down the field.

Number four gun, third platoon, attached to first platoon, spotted an enemy tank and fired until he set it on fire (overlay #3). Number four gun, first platoon, knocked out an unidentified vehicle (presumably a tank, according to Infantry reports) in about the same vicinity as the one with which he was dueling. Enemy fire at first platoon's position was heavy enough to cause supporting tank crews to abandon their vehicles. At least 4 medium tanks of the 17th Tk Bn and 5 half-tracks of 48th AIB were destroyed in vicinity of first platoon position during this fire fight. Around 0930 #4 gun, first platoon, received a direct hit with white phosphorous setting it on fire, killing leader, seriously wounding gunner, and wounding ass't driver in face, head, and right arm. First platoon leader then ordered the Security Section and the balance of his knocked out TD crews to the rear. The 1 1/2-ton security truck moved cross-country West of the road but was stuck about 1,000 yards North of first platoon's position. The Crew moved back on foot to Co. "B", 814 TD CP, which had been established at 48th AIB CP at about 1000 hours. Later in the day Artillery fire damaged the 1 1/2-ton truck.

The first platoon leader received a report about 1100 that his #1 M-10 had been evacuated by the Germans in spite of American Artillery fire in that area. Between 1200 and 1230 hours three heavy artillery concentrations were delivered by the enemy in the area occupied by Co. "B" CP. (See overlay #4). During the third concentration Co. Cdr. was seriously wounded and his M-20 crew were slightly wounded. All four were evacuated immediately.

At 1300 hours the third platoon was attached to OGR and third platoon leader was given command of the company. Platoon occupied reserve positions shown on overlay #4. Around 1400 four or five German tanks supporting a deployed Infantry attack moved North on the Asten-Heijel road (see overlay #4) and the tanks fired on #4 gun, third platoon destroyer damaging the building behind which the destroyer had taken cover. When German artillery was also directed at this position Lt Tavlinisky went back on foot to the advanced 48th AIB CP to see if they would allow him to move the lone destroyer back to a better position. He was referred to Lt Col Chappuis' CP and then learned by radio that #4 gun, third platoon, had attempted to move back cross-country without orders and was now stuck ~~moved~~ near the 1 1/2-ton security truck. Lt Col. Chappuis ordered another destroyer immediately to the position originally held by #4 gun, third platoon. Second platoon leader ordered #4 gun, second platoon, back down the road to stay there until he personally ordered them out. In spite of German direct fire on the road all day, #4 gun, second platoon, arrived at the advanced position about 1615.

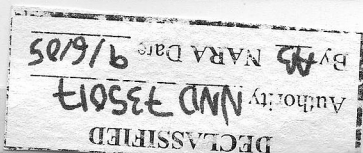
During the day small arms fire from the East of second platoon's position had been heavy and continued during the night. Around midnight Bn Maintenance accomplished the evacuation of #4 gun, third platoon, and the 1 1/2-ton security truck. Small arms and mortar fire was heavy. By 0500 hours "C" Co. 48th AIB dug in East of second platoon's position. (See overlay #5). During the night 5 light tanks of the 87th protected his East flank, withdrawing behind him ~~at night and~~ ^{at daylight.} By daylight there were practically no supporting troops near #4 gun, second platoon's position.

Around 0700 approximately 30 enemy Infantry moved to within 400 yards of East flank but the light tanks drove them off. About 0730 5 medium tanks from CCB attempting to establish liaison with CCR arrived near second platoon leader's position and he used them to strengthen his west flank. At approximately the same time 3 Mk VI tanks with Infantry were reported by 48th AIB, to be moving in on second platoon's east flank. The tanks overran C Co, 48 AIB position and one continued west across the road and out across country until it became mired. One of CCB's medium tanks had moved forward and the second platoon observed 5 hits from its 76 bounce off. #3 gun, second platoon fired 3 rounds in the turret and the Tiger began to smoke. Its crew escaped. The other 2 Mk VI's took cover behind buildings to the front of the second platoon's position and subsequently withdrew under the smoke and confusion. The 48th AIB moved its forward CP back near the second platoon's position and reorganized the remnants of "C" Company. The tanks from CCB were ordered back to their zone and later 4 medium tanks from Co. C, 17 Tk Bn moved up behind the TDs. In the meantime #4 gun, second platoon, radioed that he could see enemy Infantry in a position to outflank him to the East and 4 Mk VI's south on the road from his position. He stated that the supporting Infantry had withdrawn and asked for permission to come back. The second platoon leader told him to try it down the road as the destroyer would get stuck going cross-country on either side of the road.

While Lt Rose was listening on the radio he could hear the .50 cal. firing. With the gun in the rear position the driver swung the M-10 out on the road. At high speed and with the crew firing the three inch gun, .50 cal., and throwing hand grenades, the driver bore down on the German Infantry, crushing several under his tracks. When about 500 yards from the second platoon position, the M-10 took a direct 88 hit in the armor plate around the gun tube splitting the armor and wounding all five of the crew. The gunner had planned to fire a round of smoke and had it loaded when the M-10 was hit. The driver, although wounded in the side, started up again and drove another 1000 yards to the third platoon's position where he was forced to stop because the tank was burning. Before additional help could reach him, he climbed in the turret and beating the fire with his hands, attempted to lift out the gunner. Men from the third platoon reached the tank by this time and completed the evacuation.

Shortly after this had happened 4 Mk VI tanks at 50 yard interval moved in column up the road toward second platoon position. (See overlay #6). When the leading tank was about 400 yards away it attempted to move off the road to the west and slipped into the ditch. #1 gun, second platoon, opened fire but was knocked out immediately by one of the Mk VI's. The assistant driver was instantly killed and the loader wounded. The M-10 burned. #2 gun, second platoon, put two rounds in the side of the Tiger in the ditch, the Tiger did not burn but was definitely knocked out. The second Tiger came up abreast of the first and one crew member dismounted. #3 gun, second platoon's destroyer hit the Tiger 4 times in the side. The Tiger's crew climbed out and were killed by the Infantry. The Tiger blew up. The third Mk VI moved west off the road and attempted to take cover behind a farm building. #3 gun, second platoon, threw ten rounds at it and the Tiger blew up. The fourth Mk VI by this time had withdrawn in the smoke and confusion. Later in the morning Tigers succeeded in knocking out a medium tank (75mm) near second platoon's position. Friendly artillery was called for in view of the enemy's repeated attempts to force the crossroad.

In the early afternoon 2 more Tiger tanks attempted to come up the same road (see overlay #6). Second platoon leader had moved a tank with a 76mm gun from Co. C, 17 Tk Bn, up to replace his burned out destroyer. *this tank opened fire on the leading tank and hit it 3 times on the turret* #1 and #5 guns both directed fire at one of the Tiger's side when the Tiger attempted to turn. It was hit 3 times and blew up, the crew failed to escape. The Tiger behind turned back. There were now 3 Mk VI's knocked out within 10 yards of each other on the



road which formed an effective road block covered by fire from second platoon's guns. Ammunition was low so first platoon leader made a quick trip back to Asten and brought back 30 rounds in 1/4-ton. This ammunition was loaded in the destroyers during the fighting which occurred later.

About 1600, 6 enemy tanks (Tigers or Panthers) were observed moving Northwest on the East side of the road (see overlay #6A). Their apparent plan was to attempt an end run with the two leading tanks while the 4 behind provided overwatching fire. The last two had fairly good cover. #2 gun turned around so that he could shoot East from behind the building he was using for cover and the gunner opened fire. In 4 or 5 rounds he blew up the leading tank. After he had put 1 round in the second tank, the overwatching tanks knocked brick and rubble from the wall of the building into the open-turreted M-10 injuring the loader and causing all but Funk, the gunner, to dismount. The gunner loaded 1 more round himself, hit the tank again, causing it to blow up, slipped down into the drivers seat and backed the M-10 to a cover position on the other side of the building. While #2 M-10 was engaging the two leading tanks, #3 Destroyer got two hits on the turret of the nearest overwatching tank. Friendly artillery was also landing in the area and the turret was hit again. The German crew escaped. The other 3 overwatching tanks fired on Sgt Ferrazzo's #3 gun in its exposed position wounding the loader and causing the destroyer to burn. The overwatching tanks withdrew.

Lts Lazaros, Tavlinisky, and Rose, next observed 3 German AT guns being dug into position in the open about 1200 yards southeast of their position. Artillery fire was called for again and two of the guns were destroyed; the Germans raised the third one. The first and second platoon leaders next put out 4 smoke pots to screen while #2 tank was backed out of the way and #1 destroyer, third platoon, was brought up. Just as it was dusk a German tank was heard moving on the road towards the 3 knocked out Tigers that formed the road block. Artillery fire was called for and the tank withdrew. Co. Cdr. was informed early in the evening that CCR was being relieved by elements of the 15th Scotch Division. He ordered second platoon leader back to the rear and at 0130 the relief was effected and the five remaining TD's moved back to Zommeren.

On 30 Oct 1944 "B" Co. moved to bivouac area 3 miles South of Muerheze for reorganization and maintenance. No change on 31 October. Four M-10's had been totally destroyed (3 burned; 1 captured); one M-10 evacuated to Ordnance; one was in Bn Shop; 6 available for action.

TF WEMPLE, COB, 7AD (Co. C, 814 TD Bn)

27-31 Oct - Reconnaissance of positions in Liesel-Heitrek area (see overlay #1) was completed by Co. Cdr. and Plat. Ldrs. by noon, 27 Oct 1944. C Company was attached to TF WEMPLE at 1200 hours and platoons moved from Asten toward their positions. Co. Cdr. remained at Heitrek which the enemy were shelling and was told by 87 Ren that 3 Pz VI tanks were moving West from vicinity of Holmanen (see overlay #7). Co. Cdr. returned to Liesel and his vehicle was hit by direct 88 fire (no casualties). Second platoon was warned about the 3 Tiger tanks and ordered into position. First and third platoons moved to Heitrek and Liesel as planned although Col. Wemple at first ordered both units to Heitrek. (Co. Cdr. urged him to protect Liesel as it was a key point in the road net and defense system).

About 1350 87 Ren reported that a Pz VI had been disabled by one of their M-8's about 1200 yards from second platoon position and that the M-8 had withdrawn because a second Tiger had come up behind the first. #1 Destroyer moved forward (see overlay #7) about 200 yards and set the Tiger on fire with hits in the right

side, turret and track. The German crew had left the tank when first hit in the rear by the M-8. #1 Destroyer fired about 25 rounds APC at the first Tiger, and then raked the road with HE and APC in an attempt to hit the second Tiger which had withdrawn or enemy Infantry that might be with the tanks. Effects of this fire could not be determined. #1 gun then resumed its original position. 87 Men reported two Tigers moving South about 1400. Second platoon established their security (see overlay #7) and the balance of the day was without action except for artillery fire.

In Liesel, third platoon occupied position in the southern part of town displacing to the center of town around 1630. Liesel was shelled regularly during the afternoon and most of the buildings were damaged, however, no casualties occurred. Without notifying the Co. Cdr. the third platoon was ordered to Heitrek by TF WEIPLE arriving there about 1730.

In vicinity of Heitrek, first platoon had gone into position to protect TF WEIPLE's left flank (see overlay #7). About 1500 #2 Destroyer received small arms fire from the East. A high muzzle velocity gun fired in the platoon position at the same time and was silenced by 4 rounds APC, 10 rounds HE from #4 gun. The platoon fired HE at houses, haystacks, etc across the road during most of the afternoon.

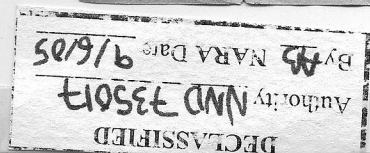
At dusk dispositions in all platoons were changed enough to confuse the enemy and to obtain better protection from artillery and small arms fire which had been constant during the day. About 2000 a German approached Heitrek from the South and called "Surrender my company". Fire was held to prevent disclosure of positions, and the German disappeared. During the night artillery shells hit two houses near the TD's and the resultant fires necessitated change of Position (see overlay #8).

At the second platoon position local security was reinforced by security section from the third platoon about 1700 hours, it not being considered wise to take the undamaged vehicles into Heitrek because of artillery fire. An assault gun platoon had arrived during the afternoon and was also used to further protect the road junction (See overlay #7).

About 0400 hours a German patrol of about 8 men approached the second platoons security from the East. Two of them were wounded by security section machine gun fire and later captured. Around 0530 a German half track (personnel carrier) was identified moving on the road from the East. The nearest assault gun was told by telephone to fire but failed to do so. Machine gun fire from the security section wounded some of the Germans as they were heard to scream. The half track paused a moment at the road junction then turned North and moved at high speed towards Liesel. About 45 minutes later it returned on the same road and the second platoon security hit it in the rear with a bazooka and machine gun fire. The half track, however, continued to move and disappeared down the road towards Högbrug.

Shortly after daylight, 28 Oct, 40 to 50 Germans carrying mortars and machine guns were observed moving up the same road towards the second platoon. #1 and #2 Destroyers and an assault gun moved forward a few hundred yards and fired HE at 800 yards. The enemy Infantry dispersed.

At 0800 CCB planned to attack East astride the road to Högbrug with 2 companies of Infantry supported by tanks. Second platoon was to protect their left flank, advancing behind their tanks. (See overlay #9). Just as the Infantry companies moved East from the second platoon's position a terrific mortar barrage was laid by the Germans on the road junction. The fire was concentrated in a small area and was so intense that the road junction was completely obscured to the Company Commander 500 yards away. A 1/4-ton and a 1-ton truck of C Company



were badly damaged. One of the third platoon machine guns received a direct hit and a 23rd Infantry half-track was destroyed.

OCB's attack pushed in and the second platoon deployed and followed. 10 of 12 enemy Infantry moving southeast were killed or wounded by time fire from the TD's at 2100 yards with the fuse cut to 25 seconds. A machine gun delivered heavy fire on a medium tank ahead of #3 destroyer. #1 spotted a German getting in a foxhole, he fired HE, and in a few minutes the machine gun fire ceased. Prisoners began struggling in and went to the rear without guards. The TD's fired on a house that looked like a fortification. More prisoners came in - about 100 by around 1045 hours.

However, the medium tanks on the right flank had been taking heavy losses and the attack bogged down. The second platoon moved back to its original position. During the period of this attack, the first and third platoons at Heittrak had been firing HE and HC at visible Infantry in the same area as the previous day. The second section of the third platoon also fired 25 rounds at the same church steeple in Neerkant that second platoon of B Company was firing on. After the steeple fell, about 1030, the third platoon guns were told to fire one round every 5 minutes for 50 minutes to keep the Germans off the base of the steeple that remained. The Germans continued to shell Heittrak and around 1400 #2 gun was hit in the breach block and evacuated after dark.

The medium tanks near Heittrak were being hit by high muzzle velocity projectiles and a foot reconnaissance to the East disclosed 3 Tigers bunched together about 1100 yards away. Detailed plans for bringing the destroyers into position were made and by 1700 #1's 1, 3, and 4 destroyers with a medium tank (76mm gun) moved forward by concealed routes. The Co. Cdr. crawled through the woods to where he could observe. On arriving in position (see overlay) all guns opened fire simultaneously. Two Tigers were seen to be definitely knocked out but did not burn. The third was hit but it could not be confirmed as knocked out. #4 fired 10 rounds; #1, 17 rounds; #3, 5 rounds and the medium tank, 4 rounds - all APC.

However, it soon became apparent that the 3 Tigers were not the only 88's in the vicinity. Tracer from farther North could be seen coming in, and before this new threat could be located the medium tank was set on fire (2 men wounded); #4 destroyer was hit in the right drive sprocket and the crew bailed out, #3 was hit, knocking out its left center drive wheels but was still able to escape; and #1 backed off when 5 rounds of APC whistled over asking it apparent that the enemy had him spotted.

After dark #1 destroyer moved to the second platoon position and #3 was evacuated to Aston. The enemy had continued to fire on #4 until it went up in flames.

The third platoon was now given a road block mission and moved into position by dark (see overlay #9). The mission was to block two secondary roads against attack from the East. All destroyer, third platoon had to return to Aston with later trouble. Outposts were established and security dug in.

Both the second and third platoons received artillery fire during the night, one shell half burying some men in their fox holes at the second platoon position. A full scale barrage came down about 0530.

Around 0700 a German patrol approached the third platoon position from the South (see overlay). The third platoon leader and driver of #2 destroyer advanced toward them on foot in an effort to make them surrender and were wounded.

The platoon leader called to his #2 gun to open fire and it moved up and fired HE into the bushes where the Germans were hiding. Arms and legs flew up. A German bazooka man fired at #2 gun from back of a house (See overlay #9) and #3 gun swung around and gave him 1 round of HE. The crew of #2 gun moved far enough forward so that the gun commander could lift the wounded driver on the rear deck. The Plat. Ldr. lying on his back was too seriously wounded to be handled that way and he ordered the gun to keep firing and to send the Medics for him. #2 gun attempted to back up, hit a tree with the tube and the gun swung around, knocking the driver and the leader who was holding him off the rear deck. The Gun Commander landed them up again and took them to the Medics. The platoon leader was evacuated by Co C aid men under heavy small arms fire.

The Co. Cndr. was told to hold his positions at all costs and that the 23 Inf. would attack on the 29th of Oct. At the same time he was instructed to locate routes by which the destroyers could withdraw if OCB had to give up Liesel.

About 1000 the Germans attacked Liesel in force and the second platoon was ordered to move immediately to the West of the town to prevent their armor from breaking through towards Asten. A previously reconnsitered route (See overlay #10) was followed; the platoon split at Leansel with #1 and #2 guns going with the platoon leader into woods to the North and #4 destroyer and #1 of third platoon going East towards Liesel under the Co. Executive Officer.

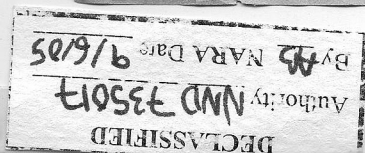
The second platoon leader went on dismounted reconnaissance (see overlay) and spotted a Mk VI and enemy Infantry within 900 yards of his destroyers. He moved his section to firing position and #2 pulled up from cover, fired, knocking the Tiger out and withdrew to cover.

Now a small tank (possibly Mk IV) and a half-track personnel carrier (see overlay #10) appeared 200 yards south of the Mk VI. #2 gun pulled up again and knocked out both. First, the tank with 5 rounds causing it to blow up; second, the half-track with 3 rounds causing it to burn.

The platoon leader again went forward on dismounted reconnaissance. He saw a Mk VI near his last target with two Germans standing in front of it. #2 destroyer fired on round of HE at the Germans suspecting they were officers or tank commanders; immediately raised the range 100 yards and knocked out the tank with 1 round. 4 more rounds were put in the Tiger but it did not burn. Range to all targets was between 800-900 yards. About 1200 hours 15-20 Germans were observed going into a house 100 yards East of the K.O. Mk IV (see overlay #10). #2 destroyer blew out the walls of the house with 10 rounds HE and then put 1 round HE in the previously knocked out Tiger causing it to burn. #2 again withdrew to cover.

At about 1500 the platoon leader moved #1 and #2 to an alternate position (see overlay #6) because of direct fire from a tank (type unknown) 1000 yards to the north.

During this period the other section under the company executive officer was covering the main road from Liesel to Asten (See overlay #10). On dismounted reconnaissance around 1200 the officer saw a Mk IV burning South of Liesel (K.O'd by medium tanks) and about 50 dismounted Germans coming South out of the town. Observing that they went into buildings he returned to the gun positions and took the buildings under fire with #1 gun, third platoon. 4 rounds of mortar fire landed near #1 gun; #1 knocked the mortar out. Each time that 2 or 3 Germans got together, 1 round of HE was dropped in on them.



CCB was ordered to attack Liesel with Dismounted Engineers and Tanks in about 1330 TD's were ordered to support the attack. Positions to accomplish this were in the open and the platoon leader reported that there was still a tank firing from the North that should be knocked out first. The destroyers were ordered to move to positions to support the attack (see overlay #10) and shortly after arriving there at 1400 #2 Destroyer was hit and burned. The driver was killed and the other crew members and 1 security man wounded. #1 Destroyer moved up to shield them from small arms fire and picked up the four men most seriously hurt. #4 evacuated the other men. No anti-air were available so the platoon leader evacuated the 4 wounded to the airstation in #1 Destroyer. When he returned he found #1 Destroyer, third platoon back from Aston where it had gone for repairs, and put it in position (see overlay #10). He learned that #1 Destroyer, first platoon had been knocked out by 5 rounds of 88 HP from the East about 1530. The dismounted crew had been fired on by 88 HE but had no casualties.

About 1600 a Tiger was spotted 1300 yards to the East. It was probably the gun that knocked out #1, first platoon. #1, second platoon and #1, third platoon, hit it with 5 rounds each and destroyed it. #4, second platoon, moved near the remaining two TD's at 1615 (See overlay #10) and about 1700 the three destroyers were ordered to an assembly area East of Aston and remained there until CCB was relieved.

At the third platoon position, the road block mission continued during the morning. About noon a Tiger tank was reported to have moved out of Liesel and to be on the road about 700 yards South. #3 and #4 guns under the platoon Sgt moved North to block this or other vehicles with 6 medium tanks (see overlay #10). Plt. Ldr., first platoon, remained with security to maintain outposts of previous nights position. Because the Germans continued to shell the area and there were a good many Infantry wounded and 4 PW's for which no evacuation facilities were available, he sent in the 2 1 1/2-ton trucks with orders not to return. When the position was relieved at about 1900 his dismounted men went cross country until out of small arms range and rode to the assembly area on tanks.

#1's 3 & 4 destroyers did not pick up the Tiger tank reported at noon and remained at their normal position until relieved. At about 1900 they moved en route previously reconnoitered (See overlay #10) to assembly area.

About 2100 Co. C moved with CCB to assembly position North of Weert. On 30 Oct the company was given road block missions South of Weert. No enemy contact was reported on this mission which continued through 1 November 1944.

Three (3) M-10's were totally destroyed (burned); 3 in Bn Shop; 6 available for action during 27-29 Oct.

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HEADQUARTERS
814th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Oct Nov 44
APO 339, US Army
2 December 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Month of November, 1944.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (Through Channels).

1. On 1 Nov 1944 the 814th TD Bn, attached to 7th Armd Div, was sub-attached as follows: Co A and Rcn Co to CCA, Co C to CCB, while Hq and Hq Co and Co B were part of 7th Armd Div Troops.

2. The 814th TD Bn (-) remained in bivouac 1 and 1/2 mile south of Maarheeze, Holland, until 7 Nov 1944 when the Division moved to concentration area south of Maastricht, Holland on 7, 8 and 9 Nov 1944. 814th TD Bn concentrated at Fouron le Comte, Belgium and vicinity, with all companies reverting to Battalion control upon closing into area. Remained in billets, carrying out maintenance and training, until 17 Nov 1944 when Company A and 1st Plat Rcn Co were attached to 113th Cav Gp and moved to assembly area in vicinity of Groot Haasdal, Holland. Remainder of Bn alerted to support XIII Corps in Corps zone of action on order from Division. Performed Reconnaissance for assembly positions vicinity Grotemath (K8261).

3. On 22 Nov 1944 the 814th TD Bn (-) was attached to CCR and moved to concentration area in vicinity of Groot Haasdal, Holland to prepare for operations to the East. Company C and 3rd Plat Rcn Co were attached to CCB on 22 Nov 1944 and moved to concentration area with that command. Company A and 1st Plat Rcn Co reverted to Bn control on 22 Nov 1944. Company A attached to 40th Tk Bn and 335th Inf Regt for mission with 2nd Armd Div. On 28th Nov 1944 2nd Plat Company B and 1st Plat Company C (90mm Gun) attached to CCR, and 814th TD Bn (-) reverted to Div Troops.

4. 814th TD Bn (-) remained in billets in Groot Haasdal, Holland.

Reconnaissance Company

1. On 1 Nov 1944, Rcn Co was attached to 38th AIB and was used dismounted to outpost east bank of Canal from 615054 to 616038, replacing Co B, 38th AIB. The Company continued this mission, observing enemy patrols, taking a few prisoners, and performing normal duties, until 8 Nov 1944 when it moved to Fouron le Comte, Belgium and reverted to Bn control.

2. Company remained in billets until 17 Nov 1944 when 1st Plat was attached to Company A, 814th TD Bn, and moved to concentration area vicinity of Groot Haasdal, Holland to join Task Force Biddle (113th Cav). Plat received no mission while with the task force and returned to Bn control with Company A on 22 Nov 1944. Company minus 1st and 3rd Platoons moved to Groot Haasdal, Holland with 814th TD Bn on 22 Nov 1944. 3rd Plat being attached to Company C, 814th TD Bn which was attached to CCB, 7th Armd Div.

3. 1st Plat relieved from attachment to Company A, 814th TD Bn, and returned to Company Control on 24 Nov 1944.

4. Company had no mission until 28 Nov 1944, when Pioneer Plat had mission of digging positions for three (3) M-36 Tank Destroyers of Company B, between Pommern and Suggesterath, Germany (895649), which were to support, by covering with

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direct fire the high ground east of Beek, Germany, the attack of the 40th Tk Bn on 29 Nov 1944. Positions prepared under cover of darkness and guns occupied them successfully. Company had no additional missions during month.

Company A

1. On 1 Nov 1944, Company A was attached to CCA, 7th Armd Div and in indirect fire positions near Weert, Holland. Company remained in these positions, firing several missions, until 5 Nov 1944 when 1st Plat established Road Block on Ospel-Meijel Road (650030), 2nd Plat acted as bridge guard 1 and 1/2 mile north of Nederweert, and 3rd Plat was in support positions with 40th Tk Bn, 3000 yards NE of Ospel.

2. Company moved to assembly position 3 miles NW of Weert on 8 Nov 1944 and moved to Fouron le Comte, Belgium on 9 Nov 1944, reverting to Bn control upon closing in billets in that town.

3. Company remained in billets until 17 Nov 1944 when is was attached, with 1st Plat Rcn Co, to 113th Cav Gp to form Task Force Biddle, and moved to vicinity Groot Haasdal, Holland. Company received no mission from this Task Force and returned to Bn control on 22 Nov 1944.

4. On 23 Nov 1944, Company A, with 1st Plat Rcn Co, was attached to 40th Tk Bn which in turn was attached to 335th Inf Regt, and moved to assembly position vicinity of Geronweiler, Germany. Column was halted near cross road 938633 due to jamming of road by unit in front of it. Enemy artillery concentration hit column and it could not disperse. Two Tank Destroyers were knocked out causing 15 casualties (Co A - 12, 1st Plat Rcn - 3). Two Platoons occupied defensive positions by 1715 hours, vicinity Geronweiler, Germany, receiving both direct and indirect artillery fire. Company remained in these positions, firing at pill boxes and anti-tank guns, until relieved on 28 Nov 1944 at which time Company A reverted to Bn control.

5. 1st Plat Rcn Co relieved of attachment to Company A on 23 Nov 1944 and returned to Battalion control.

Company B

1. On 1 Nov 1944 Company was under Bn control in bivouac 1 and 1/2 mile south of Maarheeze, Holland performing maintenance and training.

2. On 4 Nov 1944 Company was attached to CCR, 7th Armd Div, but only 1st Plat moved out to join CCR as a holding force in vicinity of Ospel.

3. There was no change until 8 Nov 1944 when Company moved to assembly position with CCR, 1 and 1/2 mile south east of Maarheeze. On 9 Nov 1944 Company moved to Fouron le Comte, Belgium, reverting to Battalion control.

4. Company remained in billets performing maintenance and training until 22 Nov 1944, when it moved with the Bn to billets in Groot Haasdal, Holland. Co remained in billets until 28 Nov when 2nd Plat moved with 3rd Plat Co C, 814th TD Bn to assembly positions SE of Ubach, Germany. This Plat occupied dug in positions between Prummern and Suggestath, prepared by Pioneer Plat Rcn Co, prior to daylight 29 Nov with mission of covering high ground east of Beek. Platoon knocked out one

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German tank, identified as Panther, at 2300 yards on afternoon of 30 Nov 1944. (Platoon equipped with 90mm guns). The position of this Platoon was well organized and drew no enemy fire for two days.

5. Remainder of Company remained in billets.

Company C

1. On 1 Nov 1944 Company attached to CCB, 7th Armd Div, moved with that command to assembly area 1 and 1/2 mile south of Weert, Holland where it remained, conducting tactical training with CCB, until 8 Nov when it moved to billets in Fouron le Comte, Belgium and reverted to Bn control.
2. Company remained in billets performing maintenance and training until 22 Nov 1944 when 3rd Plat of Rcn Co was attached to it and both attached to CCB, and units moved to concentration area in Heek, Holland.
3. Company continued maintenance and training for remainder of month in this location, with the exception of the 1st Plat, which was attached to CCR and moved to assembly position south east of Ubach, Germany.
4. On night of 28 Nov, platoon moved into defilade positions west of Gereonsweiler - Setterch Road.
5. Platoon remained in position west of Gereonsweiler - Setterch Road until 1700 hours 29 Nov when it moved into Lindern, Germany with mission of assisting 335th Inf Regt, 2 Co's 40th Tk Bn and 1 Plat 628th TD Bn in holding that town. Platoon was shifted from one side of town to other as tanks were reported. It seemed that no other unit would take them under fire, believing that only a 90mm gun would affect them. One enemy tank was knocked out on 30 Nov at about 1200 yards.

This Battalion started receiving the M-36 Tank Destroyer, which mounts 90mm gun, to replace the M-10 on 19 Nov 1944. At present date twenty have been received.

The fact that the Battalion now has a few of these guns in each company has caused platoons equipped with them to be detached from the companies and given special missions.

To date two enemy tanks have been knocked out by the M-36, and crews have gained confidence in them.

For the Commanding Officer:



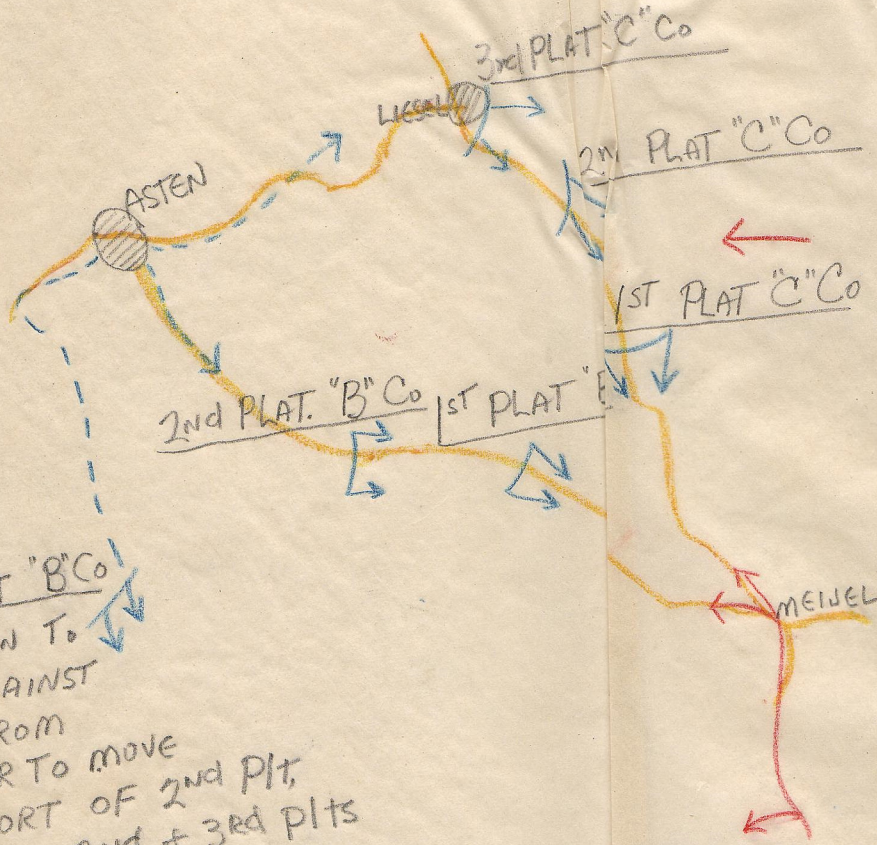
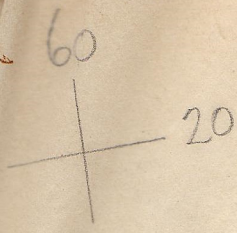
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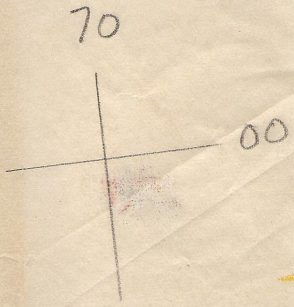
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IN POSITION TO
BLOCK AGAINST
ATTACK FROM
SOUTH OR TO MOVE
TO SUPPORT OF 2nd PLT
"B" Co. OR 2nd + 3rd PLTS
"C" Co.



LEGEND

— ROAD

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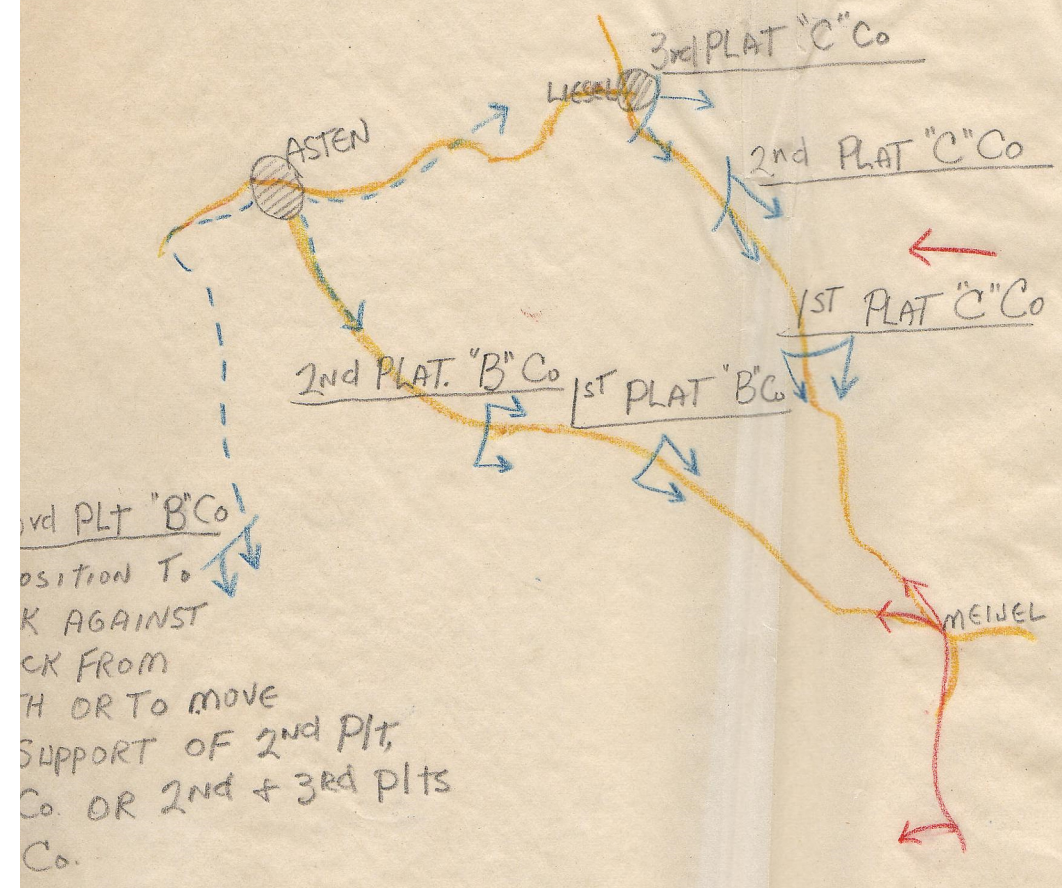
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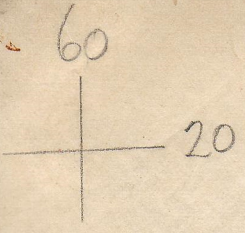
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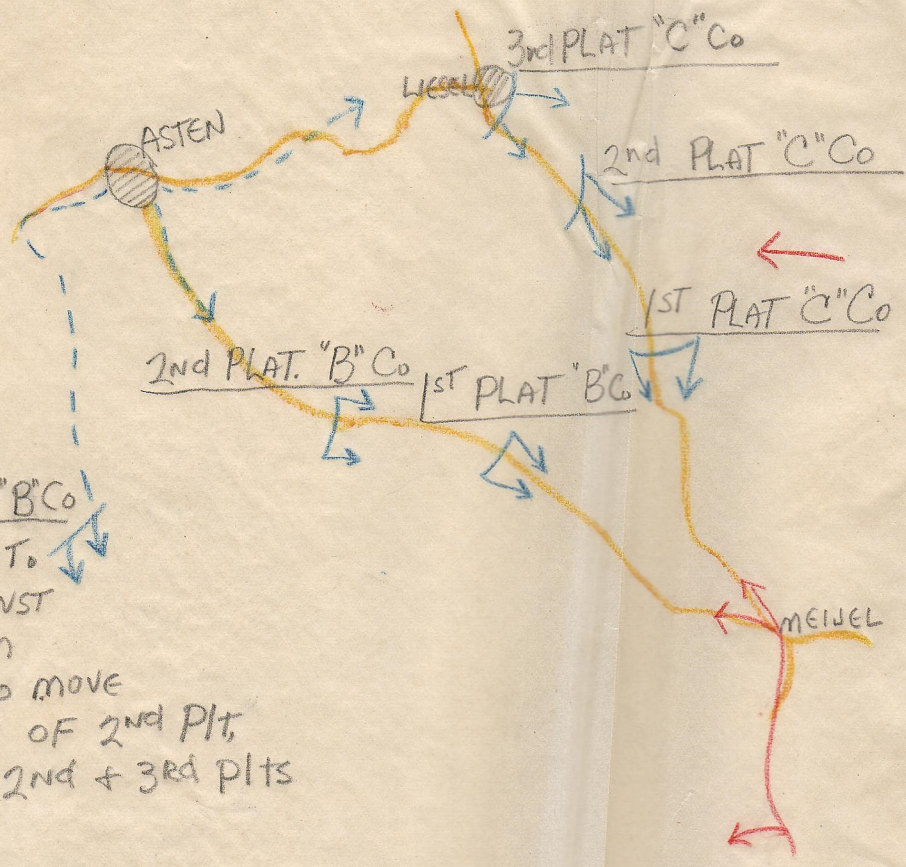
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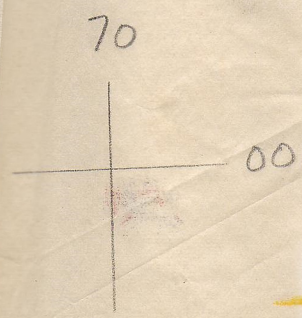
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HQ 814 TD (-)

PLAN FOR DEFENSE
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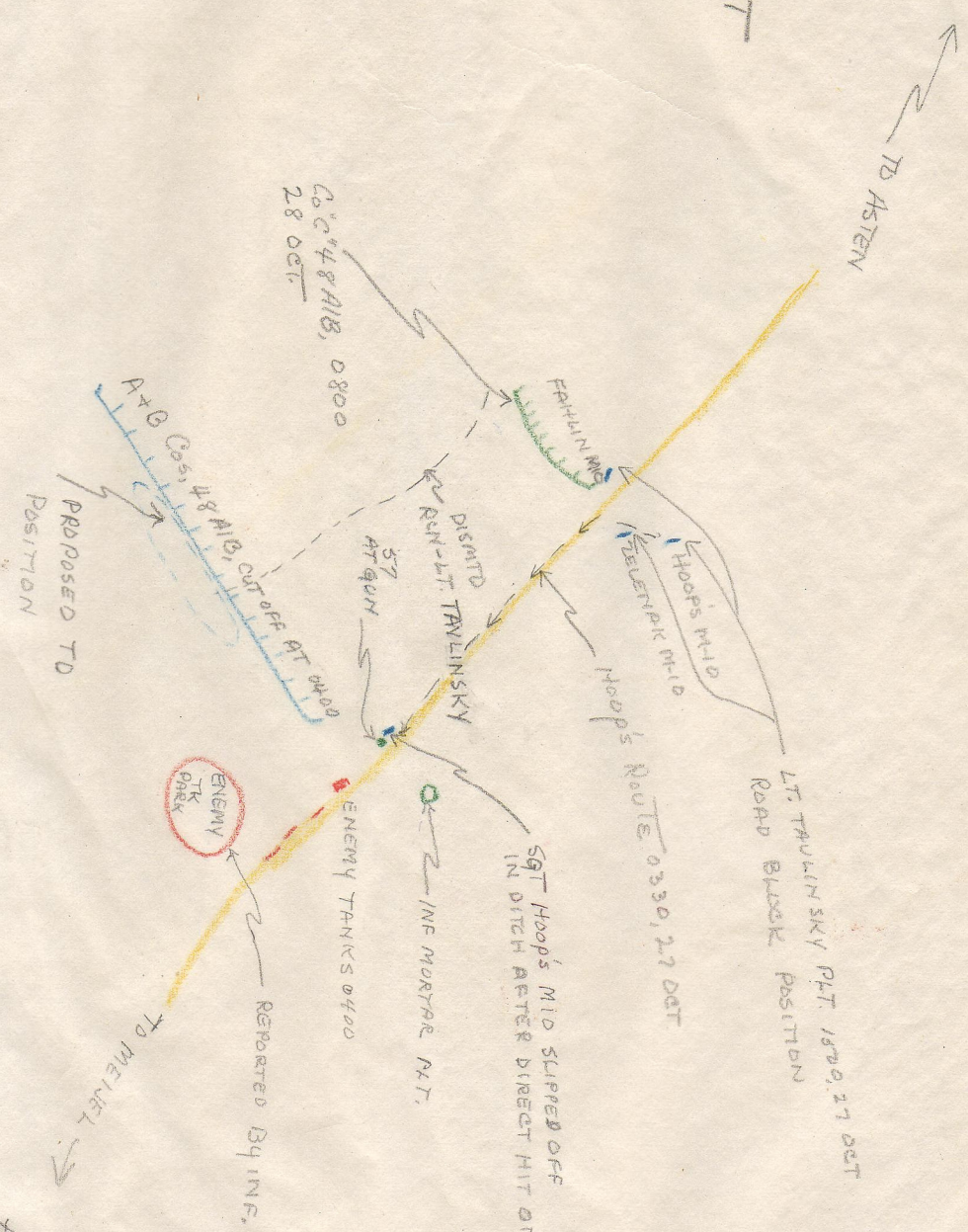
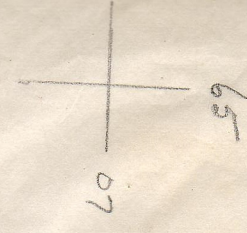
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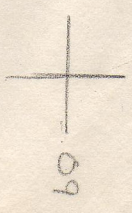
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LEGEND
- ROAD

NOTE:
1st P.T. CONSISTED OF:
PLT LDR - LT TRAVLINSKY
#1 GUN - Sgt Hoop
#4 GUN - Sgt ZELENNAR
#4 GUN - 300 P.T. - Sgt T. -
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LEGEND
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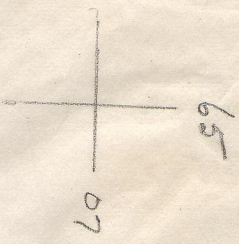
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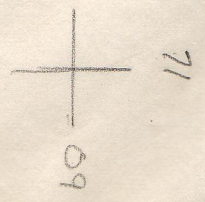
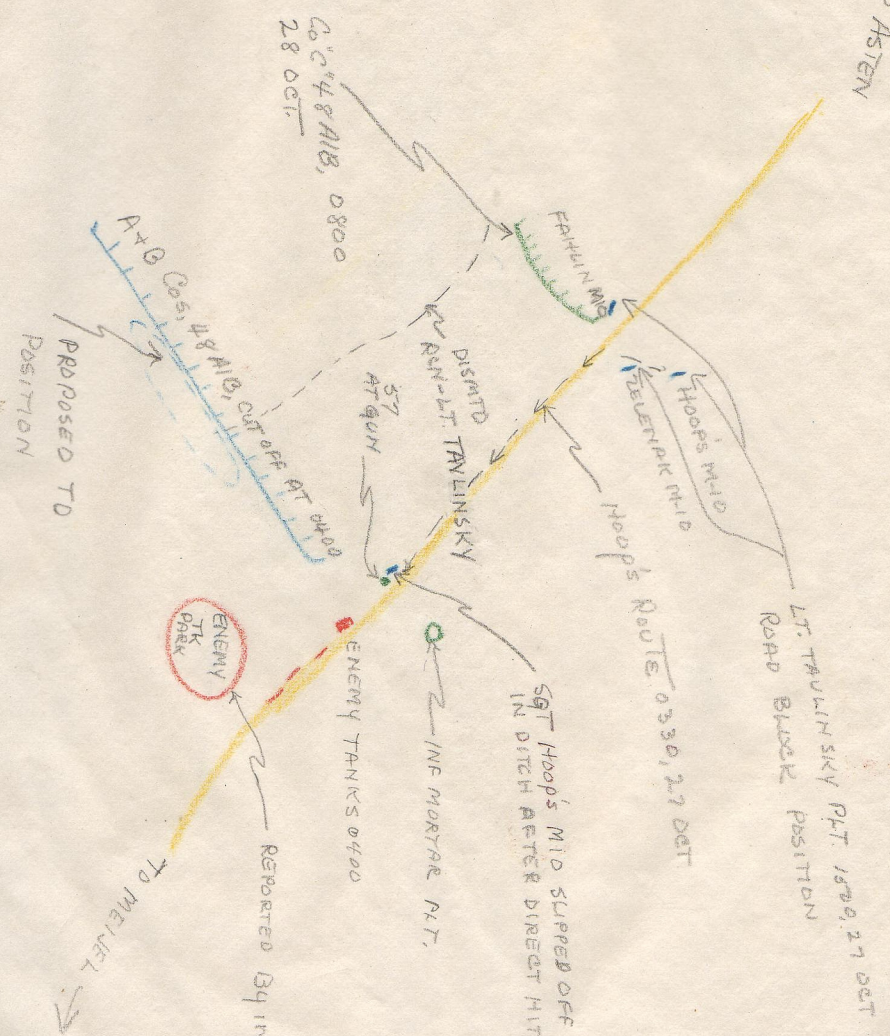
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TO ASTEN



LEGEND
- ROAD

PLT LDR - LT
#1 GUN - Sgt
#4 GUN - Sgt
#4 GUN - 3RD PLT
FAHLE

GF:

NOTE:

1st PVT CONSISTED

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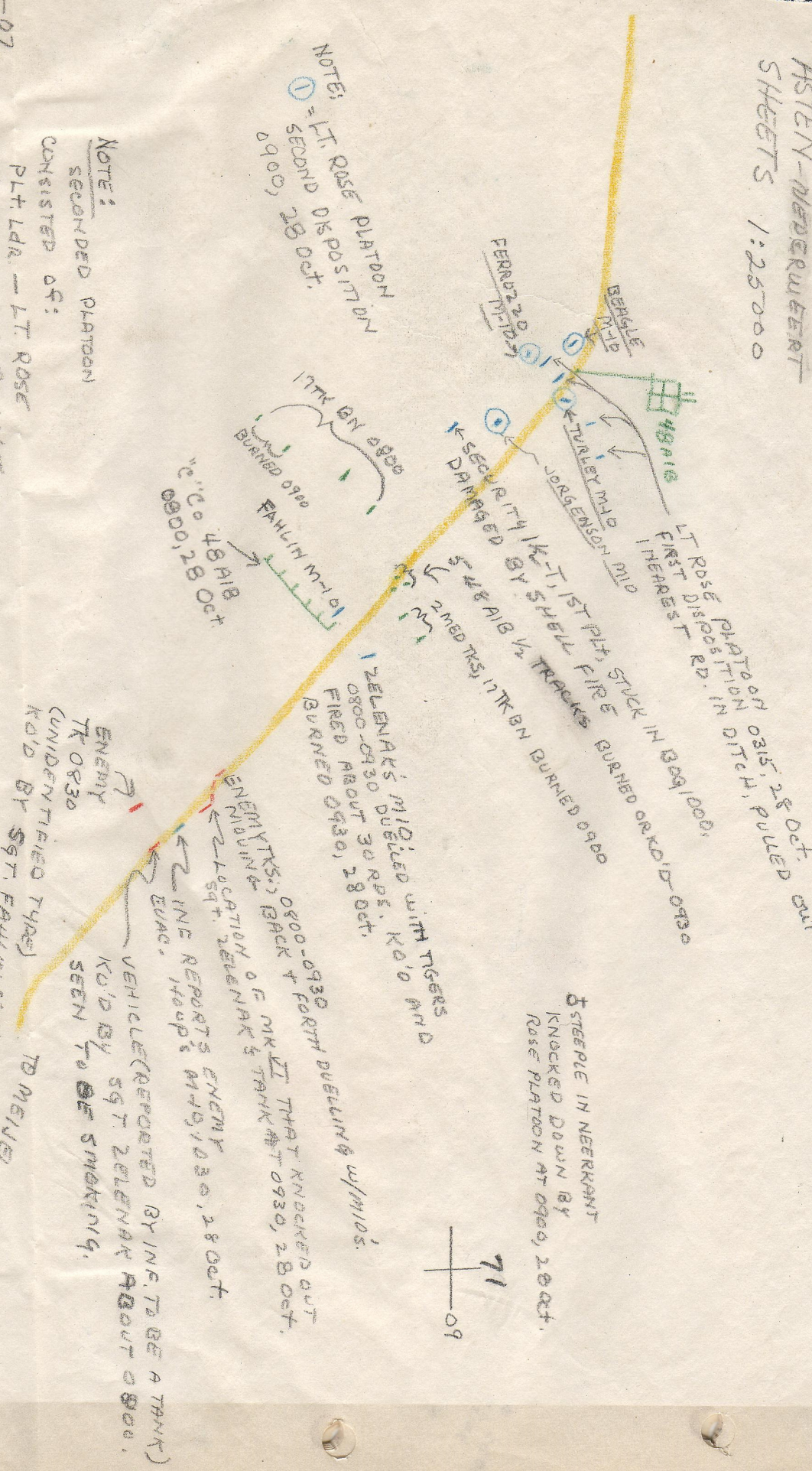
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NOTES:
① LT ROSE PLATOON
② SECOND DISPOSITION
0900, 28 Oct.

NOTE:
SECOND PLATOON
CONSISTED OF:

- PLTLDR - LT ROSE
- #1 GUN - SGT BERGLER
- #2 GUN - SGT TURLEY
- #3 GUN - SGT FERROZZO
- #4 GUN - CPL VORGENSON



STEEP IN NEERKANT
KNOCKED DOWN BY
ROSE PLATOON AT 0900, 28 Oct.

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ENEMY
TK OR 30
(UNIDENTIFIED TYPE)
KID BY SGT FAHLIN MTD

TO MEINER
VEHICLE (REPORTED BY INE TO BE A TANK)
SEEN TO BE SMOKING.
KID BY SGT ZELENAK ABOUT 0900.

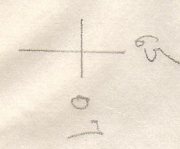
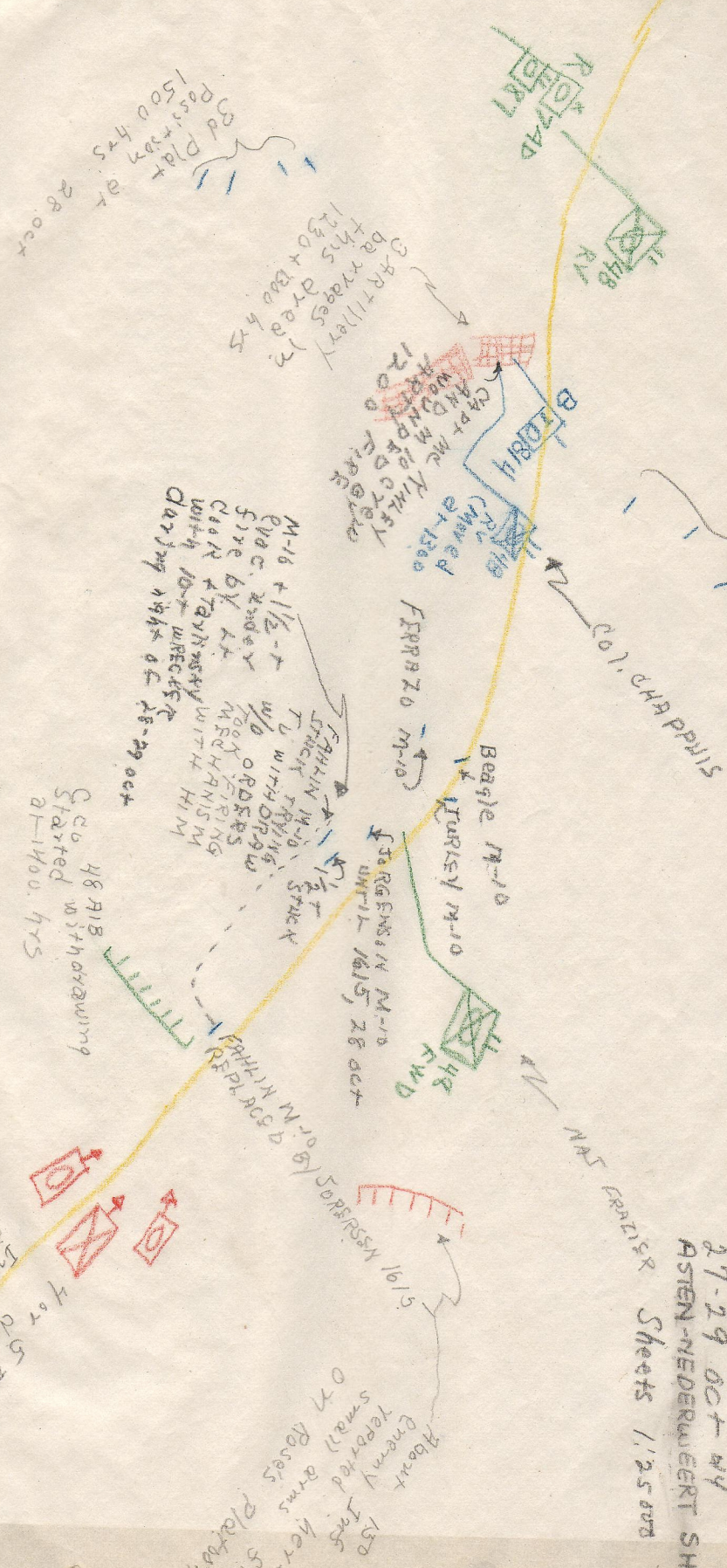
ENEMY TKS, 0800-0930
LOCATION OF MK II THAT KNOCKED OUT
EVAC. INE REPORTS 0140, 28 Oct.
ZELENAK'S MTD BURNED WITH TIGERS
0800-0930 BURNED ABOUT 30 RPS. KO'D AND
BURNED ABOUT 0930, 28 Oct.

17TK BN BURNED 0900
FAHLIN MTD
1ST CO 48 AIB
BURNED 0900, 28 Oct.

JORGENSEN MTD
TURLEY MTD
17TK BN BURNED 0900
1ST CO 48 AIB BURNED 0900, 28 Oct.
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1ST CO 48 AIB BURNED 0900, 28 Oct.

LEGEND
= ROAD



3d Platoon
Pos at
1900

Note: **AxB Cos**
worked back to
camping place
day Pos

4 or 5 **TKS** supported
ImS attached
about 1400hrs
but TKS withdrew
ImS remained
at 28 Oct
about 1400hrs

Enemy reported
small arms
in 01
Hero
S1 to
1000

To accompany
Summary of
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814 TD Bm
27-29 Oct 44
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PANY SUMMARY
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BN

OCT. 44
- NEDERWERT SHEET
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LEGEND
= ROAD

TK HERE UNABLE
FIRE BECAUSE FAHLM HAD
VING MECHANISM AT JORGENSEN'S
ITION FAHLM CAME BACK ON
TTI STARTED AT 0800,
RRIVED 1700

JORGENSEN M-10 GOT THIS FAR BEFORE BEING HIT, JORGENSEN FIRED WHILE MOVING
PROBABLY HIT BY MK IV

5 MED TKS 31 TK BN, CCB
IN THIS AREA AT 0730,
ASSISTED IN FIRING ON
TIGER, PULLED OUT ON
CCB ORDER AROUND 0900

INF CP
MOVED BACK
TO HERE AROUND
0830

A4B, 48 A1B WITHDRAWING
FIRED ON BY FRIENDLY TROOPS

JORGENSEN M-10 1615
29 OCT
PULLED BACK
REPORTED IT
GERMAN INFANTRY
WITH DREW 0830

A4B Co's 48 A1B
A4B Co's 0500
A4B Co's 0830
SURROUNDED
M-10 BY
GERMAN
TIGER TKS FOLLOWED
JORGENSEN UP ROAD

CCB, 48 A1B DUG IN
HERE BY 0500
INCLUDING MG
PLATOON

5 LT TANKS
87 REIN HERE
DURING NIGHT
MOVED BEHIND
TDS
LIGHT

RD PLATFORM
IN POSITION

BARGE M-10
TURRET M-10

JORGENSEN'S M-10 ON
FIRE, CREW WOUNDED ALL
CREW MEMBERS EVACUATED
HERE, FIRE PUT OUT,
TANK EVACUATED.

FERRAZZO M-10

ROUTE OF 3 MK IV
ABOUT 0530
IN ENGAGED
8 TKS
A1B
0800

2 MK II
HOUSES
SOUTH
MID IN
MOVED

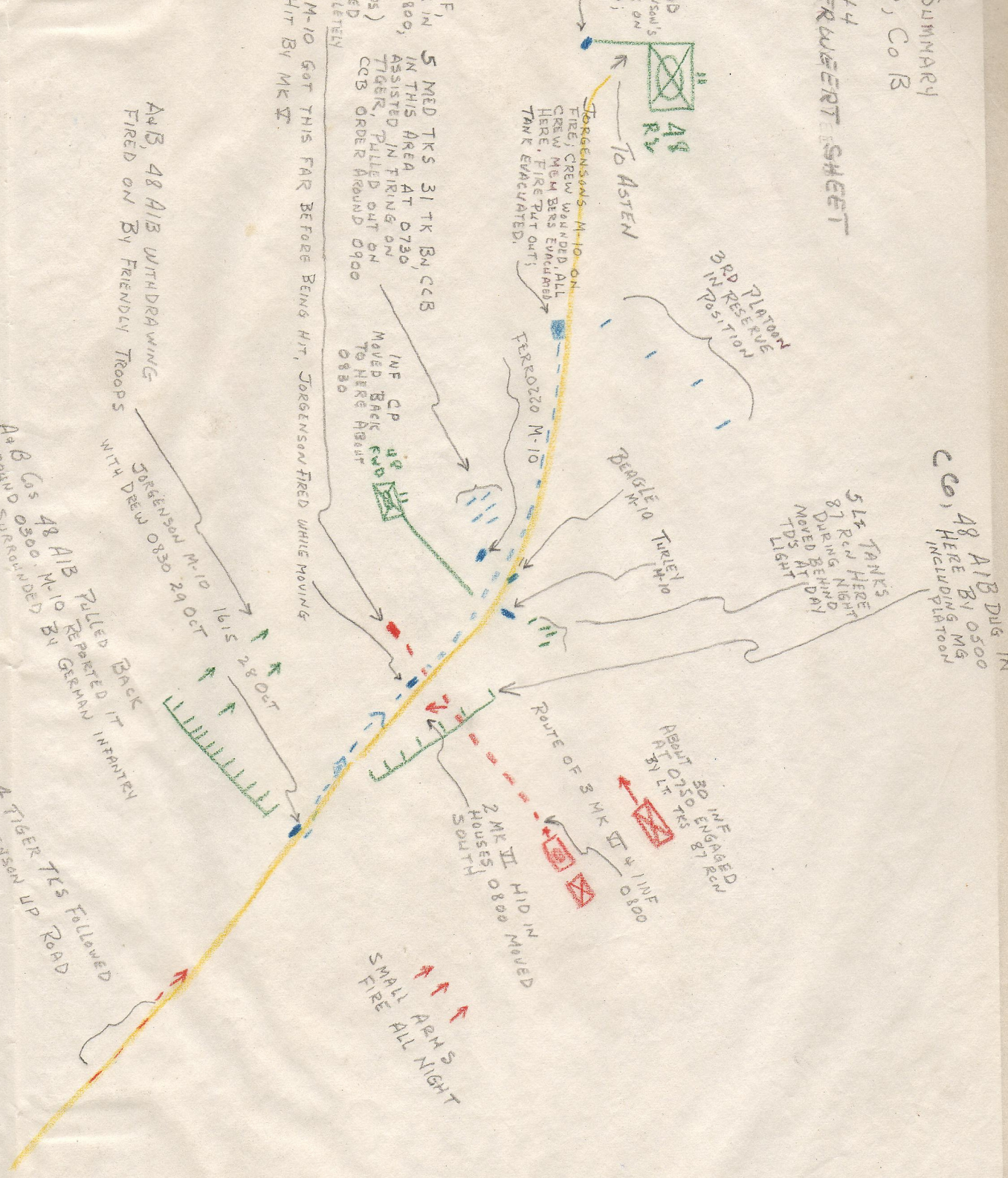
SMALL
FIRE ALL NIGHT

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TO
MEITEL



OVERLAY # 5

TO Accompany Summary
OF OPERATIONS, Co B
814 TD- BN
27-29 Oct. 44
ASTEN - NEDERWERF SHEET
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C Co, 48 AIB dug in
HERE BY 0500
INCLUDING MG
PLATOON

5 LK TANKS
HERE AT
87 DURING NIGHT
MOVED BEHIND
TDS
LIGHT

ABOUT 30 ENG 87
IN ENGAGED
TDS
AT 0600

ROUTE OF 5 MK II
4 LINE
0600

2 MK II
HID IN
0800
SOUTH
HOUSES

SMALL ARMS
FIRE ALL NIGHT

3RD PLATOON
IN POSITION

JORGENSEN'S M-10 ON
FIRE; CREW WOUNDED, ALL
HERE, FIRE PUT OUT!
TANK EVACUATED.

5 MED TKS 31 TK Bn, CCB
IN THIS AREA AT 0730
ASSISTED IN FIRING ON
TIGER, PULLED OUT ON
CCB ORDER AROUND 0900

JORGENSEN M-10 GOT THIS FAR BEFORE BEING HIT, JORGENSEN FIRED WHILE MOVING
PROBABLY HIT BY MK II

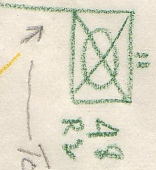
A4B, 48 AIB WITHDRAWING
FIRED ON BY FRIENDLY TROOPS

JORGENSEN M-10 1615
WITH DREW 0830 29 OCT

YIPLED BACK
REPORTED IT
GERMAN INFANTRY

A4B Cos 48 AIB
APPROX 0300
M-10 Bn
SURROUNDED
AT 0830

A TIGER YES FOLLOWED
JORGENSEN UP ROAD



FALLIN TK HERE UNABLE
TO FIRE BECAUSE FALLIN HAD
FIRING MECHANISM AT JORGENSEN'S
POSITION, FALLIN CAME BACK ON
FOOT; STARTED AT 0800,
ARRIVED 1740

MK II WENT THROUGH INF,
CROSSED ROAD, GOT STUCK IN
MUD - KOB BY M-10 AT 0800,
HIT IN TURRET BY
FERROZZO (APPROX 3RDS)
CREW ESCAPED TK SMOKED
BUT DID NOT BURN COMPLETELY

LEGEND
= ROAD

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= ROAD

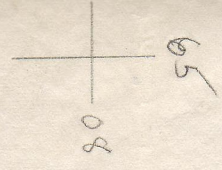
TOP 4 MKV'S TOOK COVER BEHIND
SON WEST SIDE OF ROAD. BLSW
HP AFTER 10 ROUNDS FROM FERROZZO.

1 MED TR KO'D
BY MK VII
BEGLIE

3 OSY/MED TRS
CO C 17 TRS arrived
0800-1138 - arrived
replaced 132566

BEGLIE M-10
KO'D +
BURNED
BY MK VII
0800
TURKEY
MID
FERRAZZO
M-10

2 Squads, Co C 483



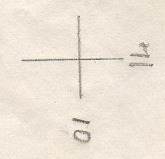
3 TRS KO'D
WITHIN 10
YDS OF EACH
OTHER FORMED
COMPL STS
ROAD 13100X
1500

FIRST OF 4 MKV'S STUCK IN DITCH ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD. HIT IN SIDE BY TURKEY DID NOT BURN
SECOND OF 4 MKV'S KNOCKED OUT ON ROAD BY 4 ROUNDS THROUGH FRONT BY FERROZZO'S 4 ROUNDS IN SIDE BY TURKEY. TANK BURNED. CREW DISMISSED - WAS KILLED BY OUR INFANTRY
FOURTH OF 4 MKV'S TOOK COVER BEHIND BLDGS EAST OF ROAD. WITHDREW

ABOUT 1500 2 MORE MK VII TANKS CAME UP ROAD
HIT 3 TIMES IN TURF BY TANK REPLACING
BEGLIE'S DESTROYER AND TURNED. FERROZZO
AND TURKEY HIT IT IN SIDE AND TIGER BLSW HP
TANK FOLLOWING WITHDREW

ROUTE OF 4 MKV'S ABOUT 0830, 2900H, FOLLOWING BRONSON'S TANK

TO METTEL



OVERLAY #6
TO RECCOMPANY
Summary of
Operations Co "B"
814 TD Bn
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SHEETS 1:25000

LEGEND

= ROAD

THIRD OF 4 MK V'S TOOK COVER BEHIND
BLDG ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD. BLEW
UP AFTER 10 ROUNDS FROM FERROZZO.

1 MED TR KO'D
BY MK III W/
BERGLES

305 M/MED TRS
CAME 17 TRK arrived
0800-1150 -
REPLACED BERGLES

BERGLES M-10
KO'D +
BURNED
BY MK V'S
0800
TURKEY
MID
FERRAZZO
M-10

BIG CO'S SPERS
2

FIRST OF 4 MK V'S STUCK IN DITCH ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD. HIT IN SIDE BY TURKEY. DID
NOT BURN

SECOND OF 4 MK V'S KNOCKED OUT ON ROAD BY 4 ROUNDS THROUGH FRONT BY FERROZZO
4 ROUNDS IN SIDE BY TURKEY. TANK BURNED. CREW DISM-TD - WAS KILLED BY
OUR INFANTRY

FOURTH OF 4 MK V'S TOOK COVER BEHIND BLDGS EAST OF ROAD; WITHDREW

ABOUT 1500 2 MORE MK III TANKS CAME UP ROAD
HIT 3 TIMES IN TURRET BY TANK REPLACING
BERGLES DESTROYER AND TURNED; FERROZZO
AND TURKEY HIT IT IN SIDE AND TIGER BLEW UP
TANK FOLLOWING WITHDREW

3 TRKS KO'D
WITHIN 10
YDS OF EACH
OTHER FORMED
COMPLETE
ROAD BLOCK
1500

ROUTE OF 4 MK V'S ABOUT 0830, 29 OCT, FOLLOWING BERGENSON'S TRN

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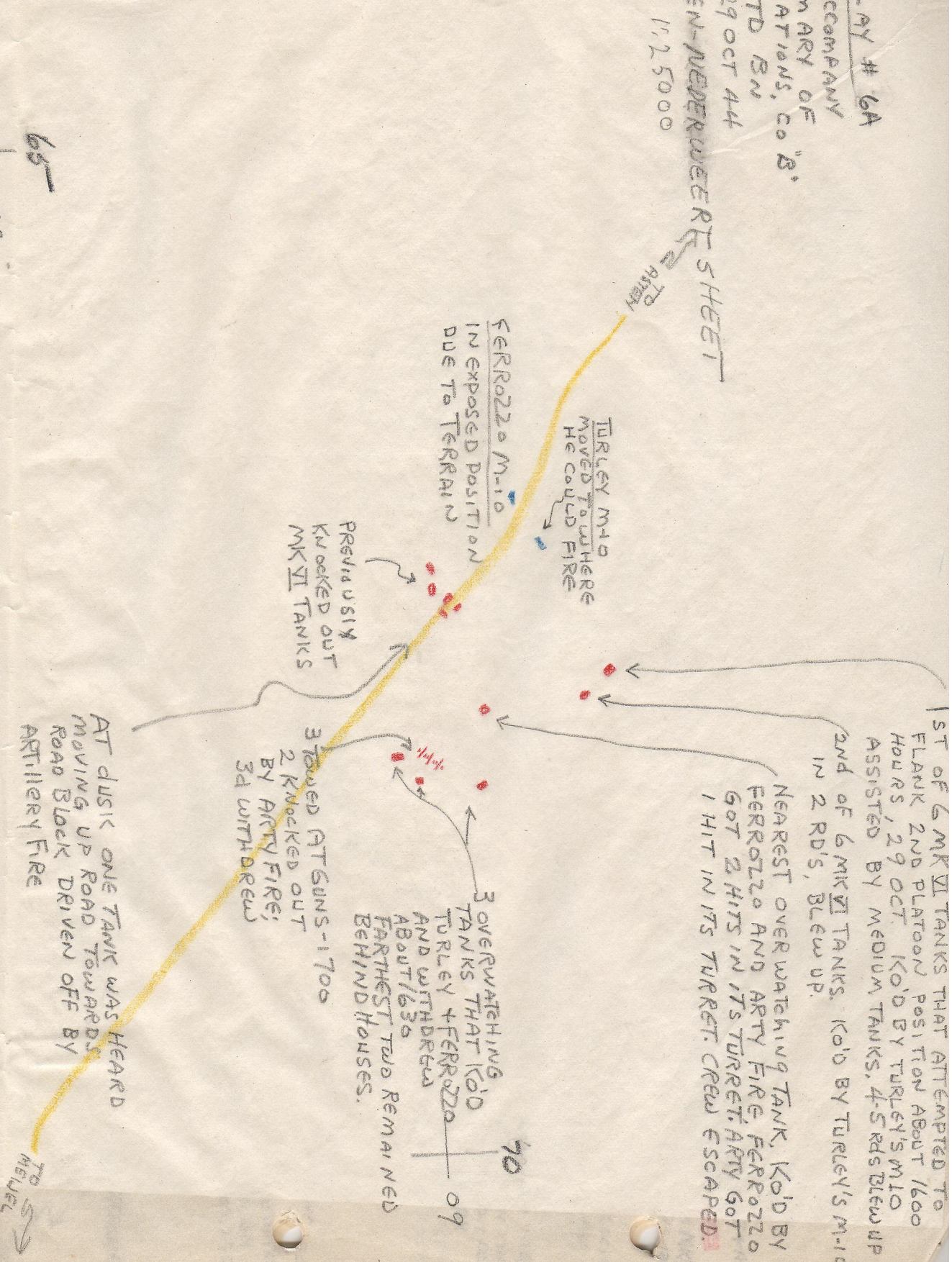
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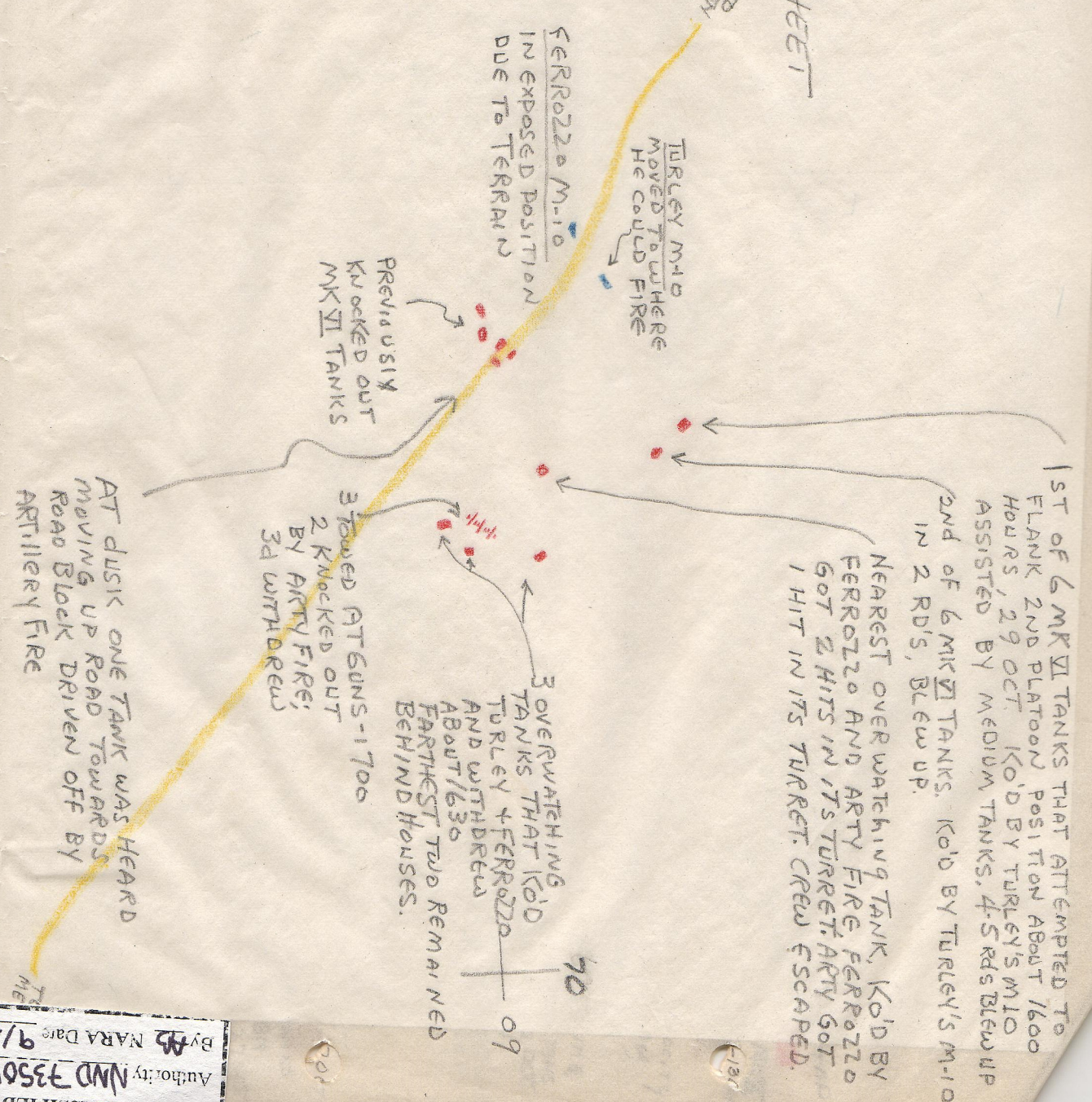


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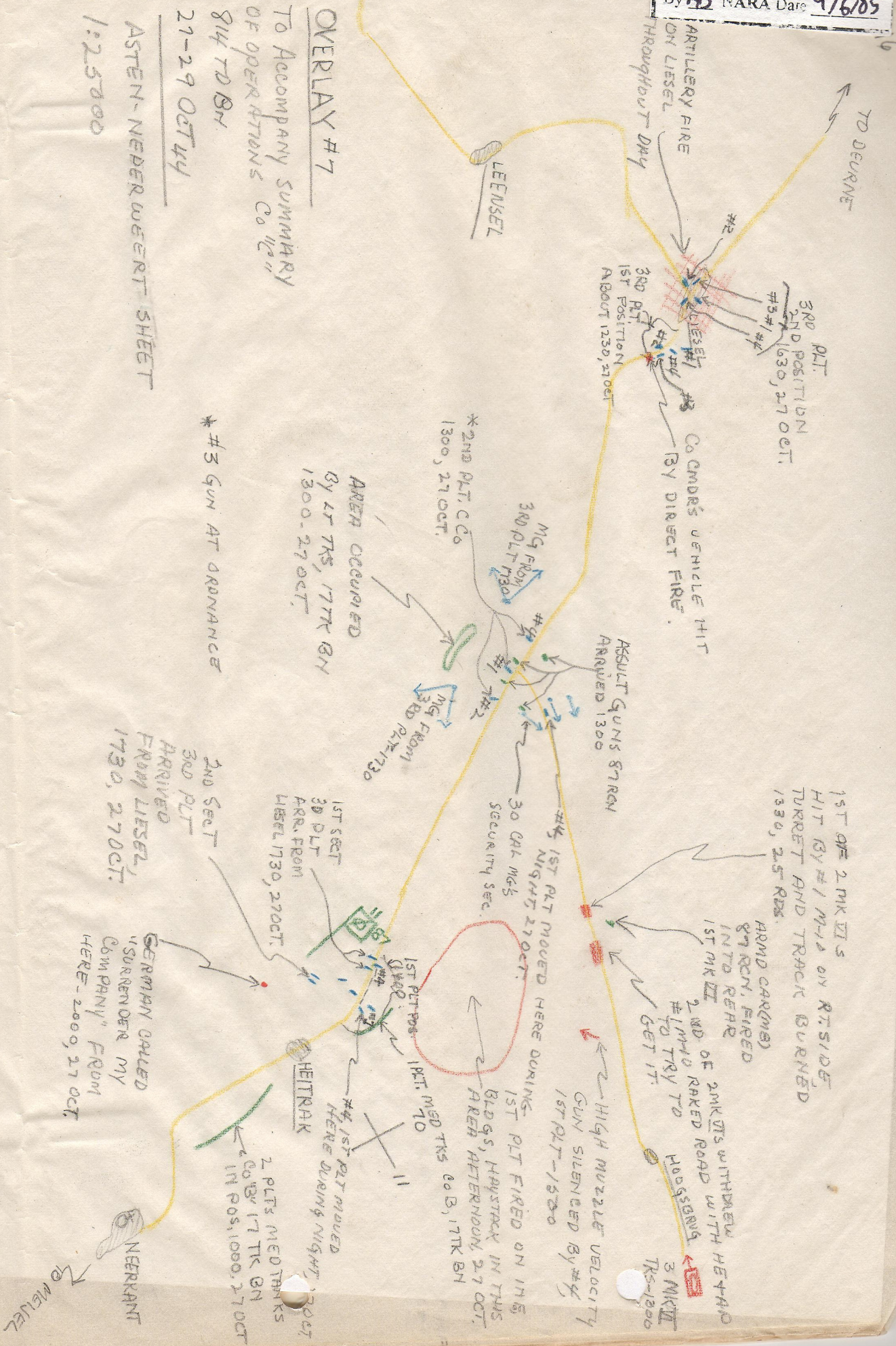
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By **MS** NARA Date **9/6/05**

3RD P.L.I.
2ND POSITION
#5#1#2
#5#1#2
1630, 27 OCT.

ARTILLERY FIRE
ON LIESEL
THROUGHOUT DAY

3RD P.L.I.
1ST POSITION
ABOUT 1230, 27 OCT.

Co CMDR'S VEHICLE HIT
BY DIRECT FIRE.

RESULT GUNS STRGN
ARRIVED 1300

1ST OF 2 MK III'S
HIT BY #1 M-1 ON RT SIDE
TURRET AND TRACK BURNED
1330, 27 OCT.

ARMOR (GARDIA)
STRGN, FIRED
INTO REFR
1ST MK III
2ND OF 2 MK III'S WITHDREW
#1 M-1 RAKED ROAD WITH
#4 TO TRY TO
GET IT.

HODGSON'S
3 MK III
TKS-1300

HIGH MUZZLE VELOCITY
GUN SILENCED BY #4
1ST P.L.T. - 1520

1ST P.L.T. FIRED ON INB.
BLDG'S, HAYSTACK IN THIS
AREA, AFTERNOON, 27 OCT.
Co B, 17TK BN

1ST P.L.T. MOVED
HERE DURING NIGHT, 27 OCT.

1ST P.L.T. MOVED
HERE DURING NIGHT, 27 OCT.

2 P.L.TS MED TKS
CO B, 17TK BN
IN POS. 1000, 27 OCT

1ST SECT
3D P.L.T.
ARR. FROM
LIESEL 1730, 27 OCT.

2ND SECT
3RD P.L.T.
ARRIVED
FROM LIESEL,
1730, 27 OCT.

GERMAN CALLED
"SURRENDER MY
COMPANY" FROM
HERE - 2000, 27 OCT.

NERKANT

* 2ND P.L.T. Co G
1300, 27 OCT.

AREA OCCUPIED
BY LT TKS, 17TK BN
1300-27 OCT.

* #3 GUN AT DRONANCE

OVERLAY #7

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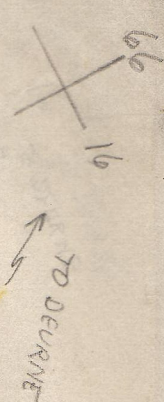
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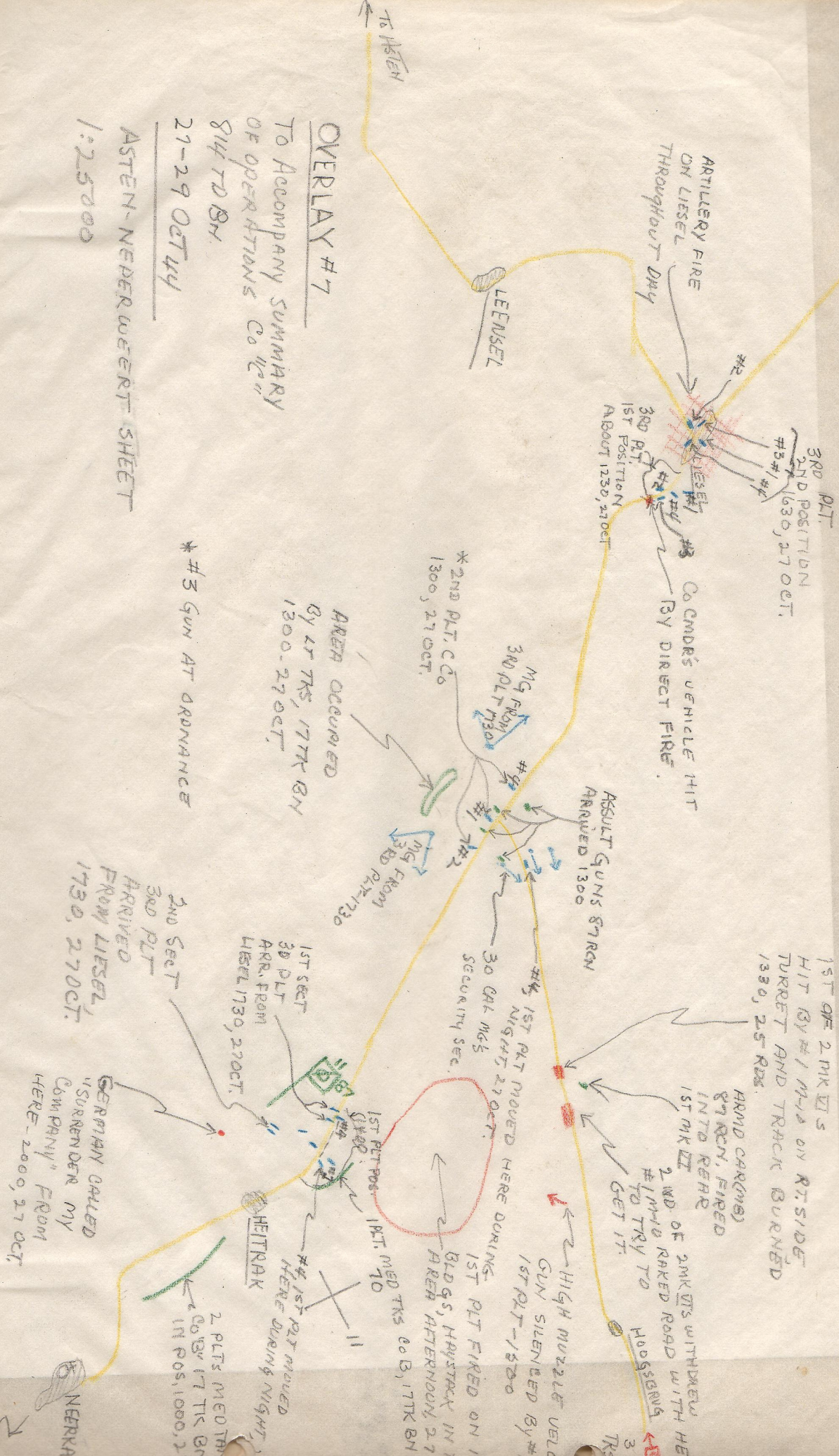
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* #3 GUN AT DRONANCE

AREA OCCUPIED
 BY LT TKS, 17TK BN
 1300-27 OCT.

2ND SECT
 3RD PLT
 ARRIVED
 FROM LIENSEL,
 1730, 27 OCT.

SERVANT CALLED
 "SURRENDER MY
 COMPANY" FROM
 HERE - 2000, 27 OCT.

1ST GPF 2 MK I'S
 HIT BY #1 MIA ON RT SIDE
 TURRET AND TRACK BURNED
 1330, 25 OCT.

ARMED (ARMED)
 87RCM, FIRED
 INTO REAR
 1ST MK I
 #1 MIA RAKED ROAD WITH HEN
 TO TRY TO
 GET IT.

HIGH MUZZLE VELOC
 GUN SILENCED BY #4
 1ST PLT - 1520

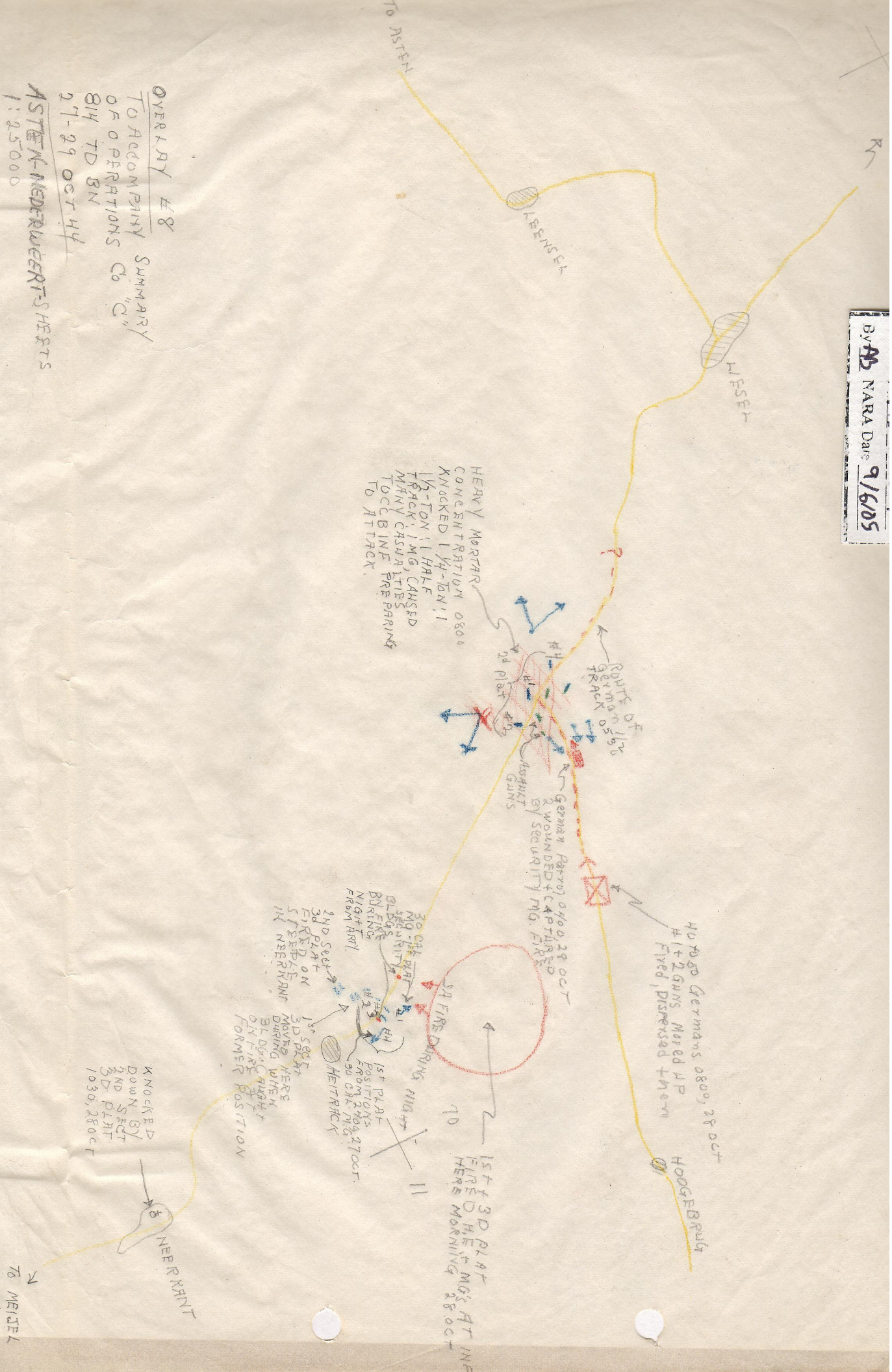
1ST PLT FIRED ON IN
 BLDGS, HAYSTACK IN TK
 AREA AFTERNOON 27 OCT

2 PLS MED TKN
 CO BY 17 TK BN
 IN POS. 1000, 27

50916
 By NARA Date

By **AS** NARA Date **9/6/05**

OVERLAY #8
 TO REGIMENTAL SUMMARY
 OF OPERATIONS Co "C"
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HEAVY MORTAR CONCENTRATION 0800 KNOCKED 1 1/4-TON 1 1/2-TON 1 1/2 TON, 1 MG, CAUSED MANY CASUALTIES TO CBBINF PREPARING TO ATTACK.

ROUTE OF GERMAN 05 FRACK

German Patrol 0400 28 OCT WOUNDED & CAPTURED BY SECURITY MG FIRE

40 to 50 German 0800 28 OCT #1 + 2 GUNS MAILED HP FIRED, DISPENSED + THEM

1ST 3D PLAT HERE DURING MORNING 28 OCT

30 CHL PLAT SECURITY MG FIRE DURING NIGHT
 2ND SGT 3D PLAT FIRED ON STEEP IN NEE RENT
 1ST SGT 3D PLAT MOVING HERE BLIND FIGHT ON FIRE AT FORMER POSITION
 1ST PLAT POSITIONS FROM 2700, 2700CT. 30 CHL MG HEIRACK

KNOCKED DOWN BY 2ND SGT 3D PLAT 1030, 28 OCT

TO MEIZEL

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TO DEURNE

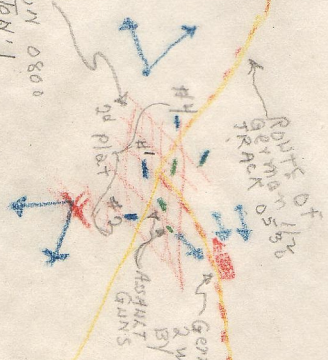
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WESER

HEAVY MORTAR
CONCENTRATION 0800
KNOCKED 1 1/4-TON 1
1/2-TON 1 1/2 HALF
TRUCK. 1 MG. CAUSED
MANY CASUALTIES
TOCCBINF PREPARING
TO ATTACK.



40 70 80 Germans Moved W/P
#1 + 2 Guns Moved + Norm
Fired, dispersed + Norm

HOOGEBRUG

30 CH. PLAT
MG. SECURITY
OLD BAR
BRINK
NIGHT AMY
2ND SECT
3D PLAT
FIRE ON
STEEDEN
IN NEFRANT

1ST 3D PLAT
FIRE D HERE
MORNING 28

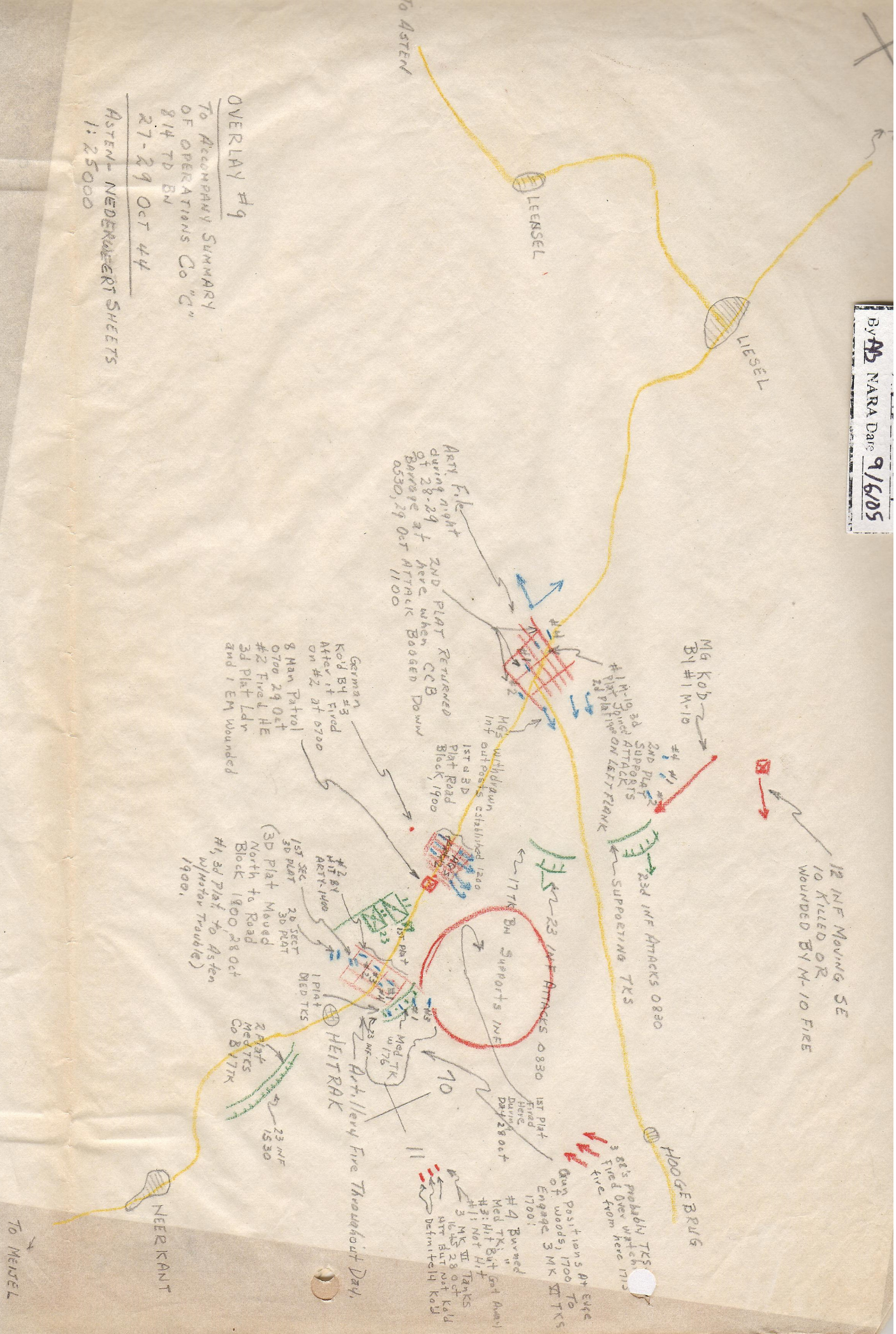
KNOCKED
DOWN BY
2ND SECT
3D PLAT
1030, 28 OCT

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By **AS** NARA Date **9/6/65**

By **MS** NARA Date **9/6/05**

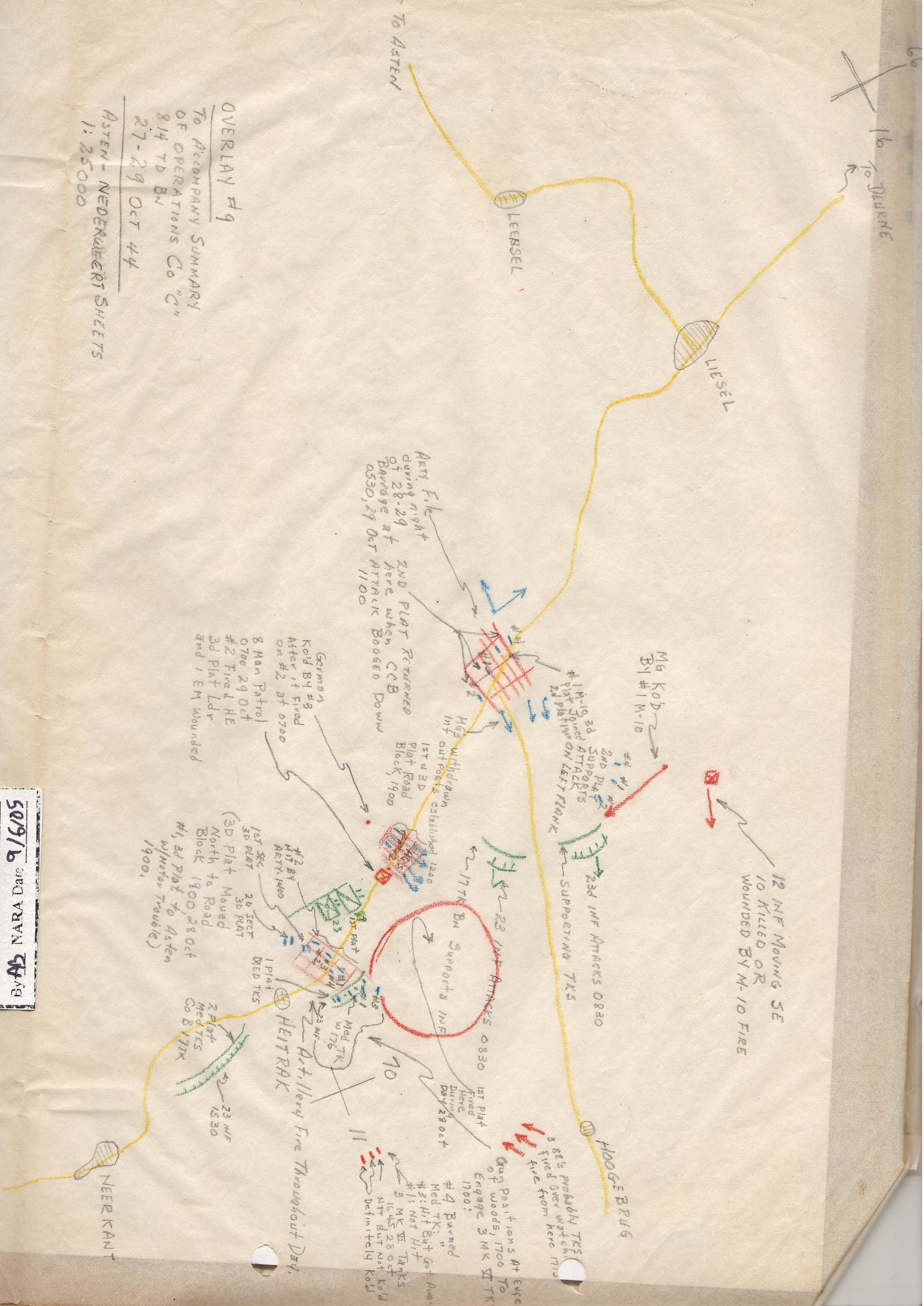
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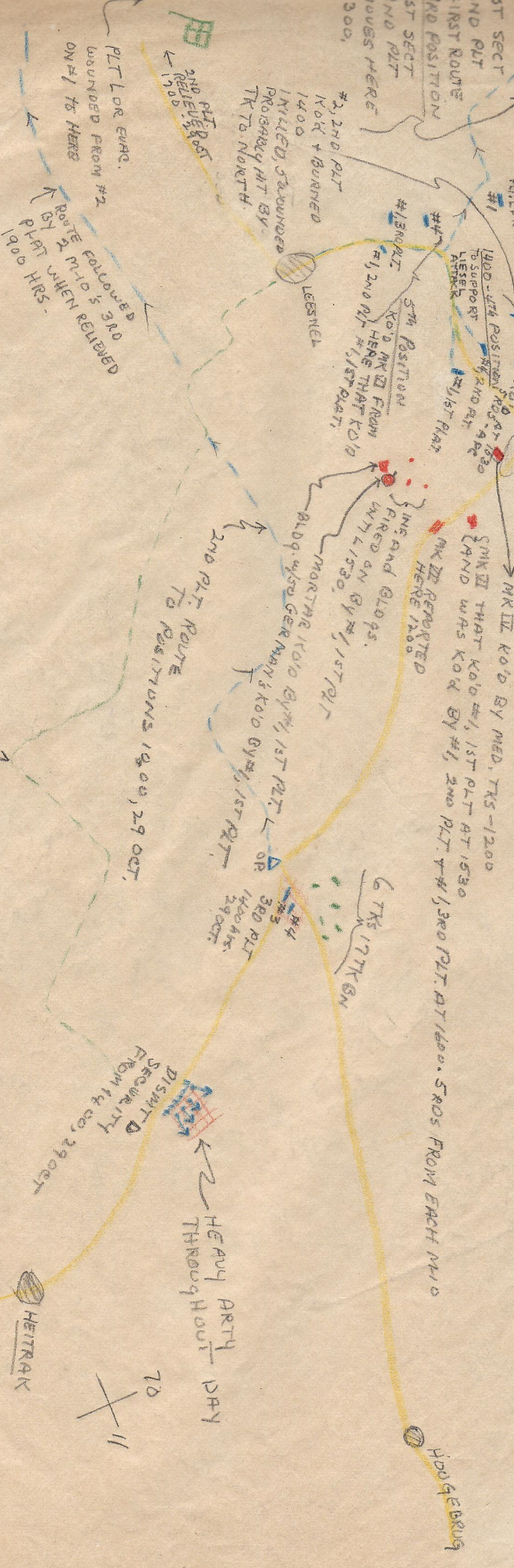
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By **M5 NARA** Date **9/6/05**

OBSERVED HERE } KOD BY #2. TANK GUEW UP AFTER 5 POS
1115 }
K II } TRACK BURNED AFTER 3 POS

1ST POSITIONS: 1030
PLTOR FOOT RCM
WTRD RCM FROM ORGN POSITIONS TO SECOND POSITIONS
2ND POSITION: 1100
GENERALLED IN TREES TO BE TO PLTOR FOOT RCM
HOUSE WITH 15-20 GERMANNS KOD BY #2 AFTER FIRING ON THE MK II, 1200 HRS.
SECOND MK II SEEN ON SECOND FOOT RCM. KOD WITH 5 TRKS. 1 RD HE LATER GET IT ON FIRE
MK II REVOKED
SMK II THAT KOD BY 1ST PLT AT 1530
KOD WAS KOD BY #1, 2ND PLT BY #3, 3RD PLT AT 1600. 5 ROS FROM EACH PLT



OVERLAY #10

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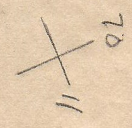
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ASTEN - NEERKANT SHEET

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ROUTE OUT FOR DISMID SECURITY WHEN REUSED 1900 hrs.

HEAVY ARTY THROUGH DAY



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 88^{2nd}
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