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The material included in this folder consists of actual operational overlays that have been copied from the originals by the squadron and group operations sections with which each is concerned. Though not playing an intrinsic part in the development of this study, these overlays may be viewed as examples of cavalry operational overlays in the field, and as a source of authentication for the other sketches and overlays that are included in this material.

The particular aerial photograph, one of Poteau junction, was part of the air cover provided the Group and VIII Corps by Tac R planes flying in the support of First U.S. Army. Additional aerial photographs covering the areas that were vital in the Ardennes Breakthrough may be obtained by vital by sortie and frame number. A limited list of these vital references covering air coverage on or about 25 Dec 1944 in the Behe, Salmchateau, St. Vith area is included. Further references should be checked against master APIS request lists if other aerial photographs are desired.

Front-line positions
in oblique & oblique
from APIS enclosed
from JTS 3pp 45

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Jack Shea
Lt. Jack Shea
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Hg., First Army

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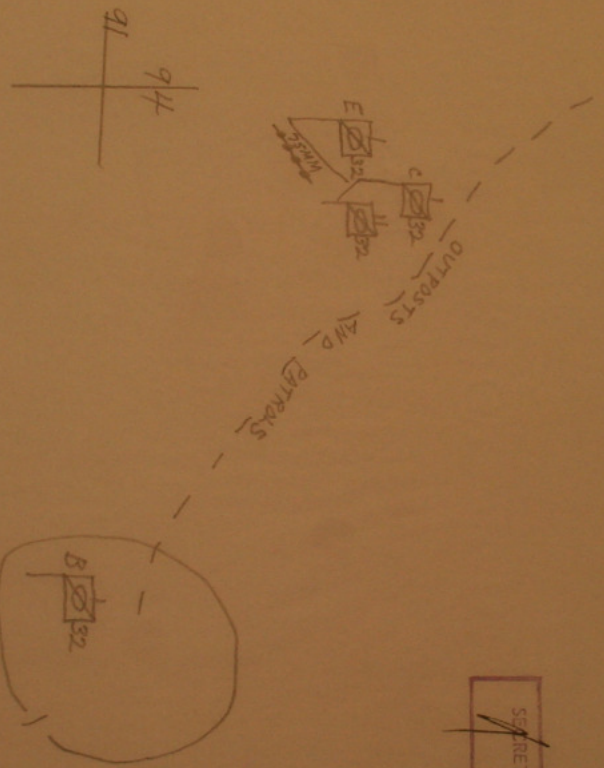
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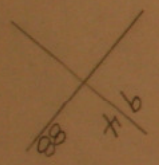


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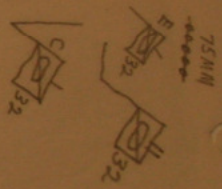
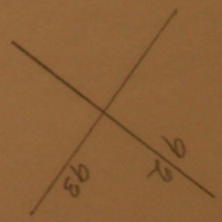
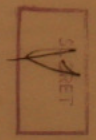
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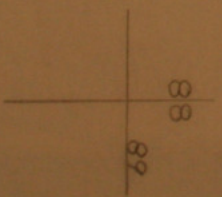
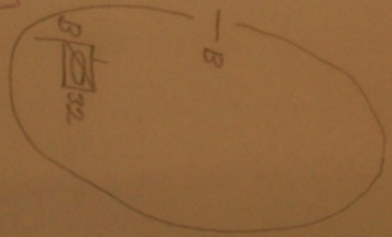
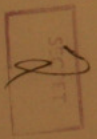
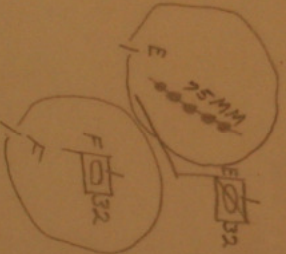
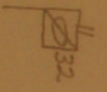
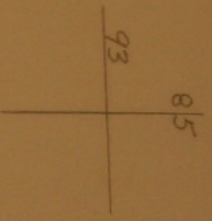


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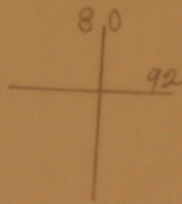
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32nd Sig Bn
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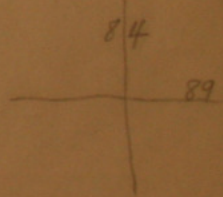
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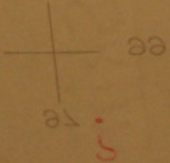
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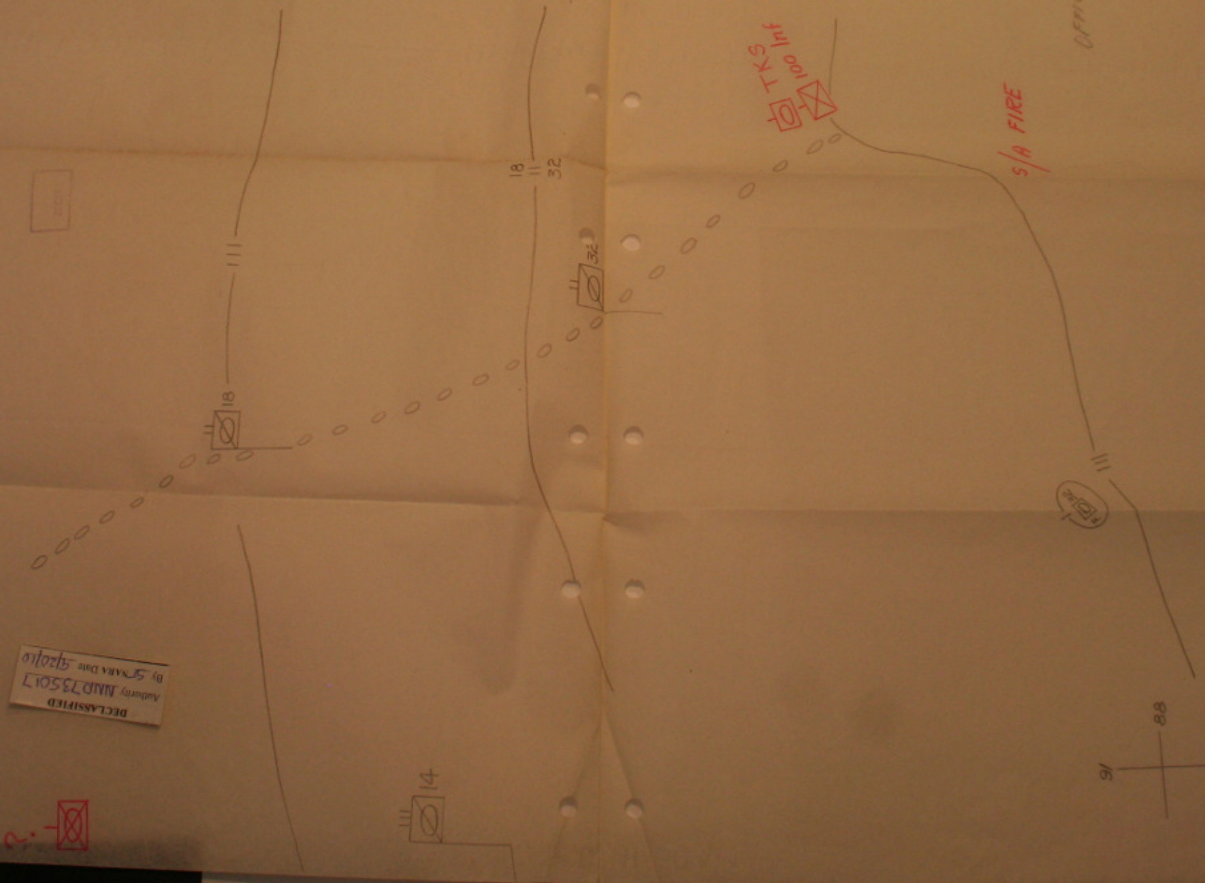
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4th AVIATION BRIGADE
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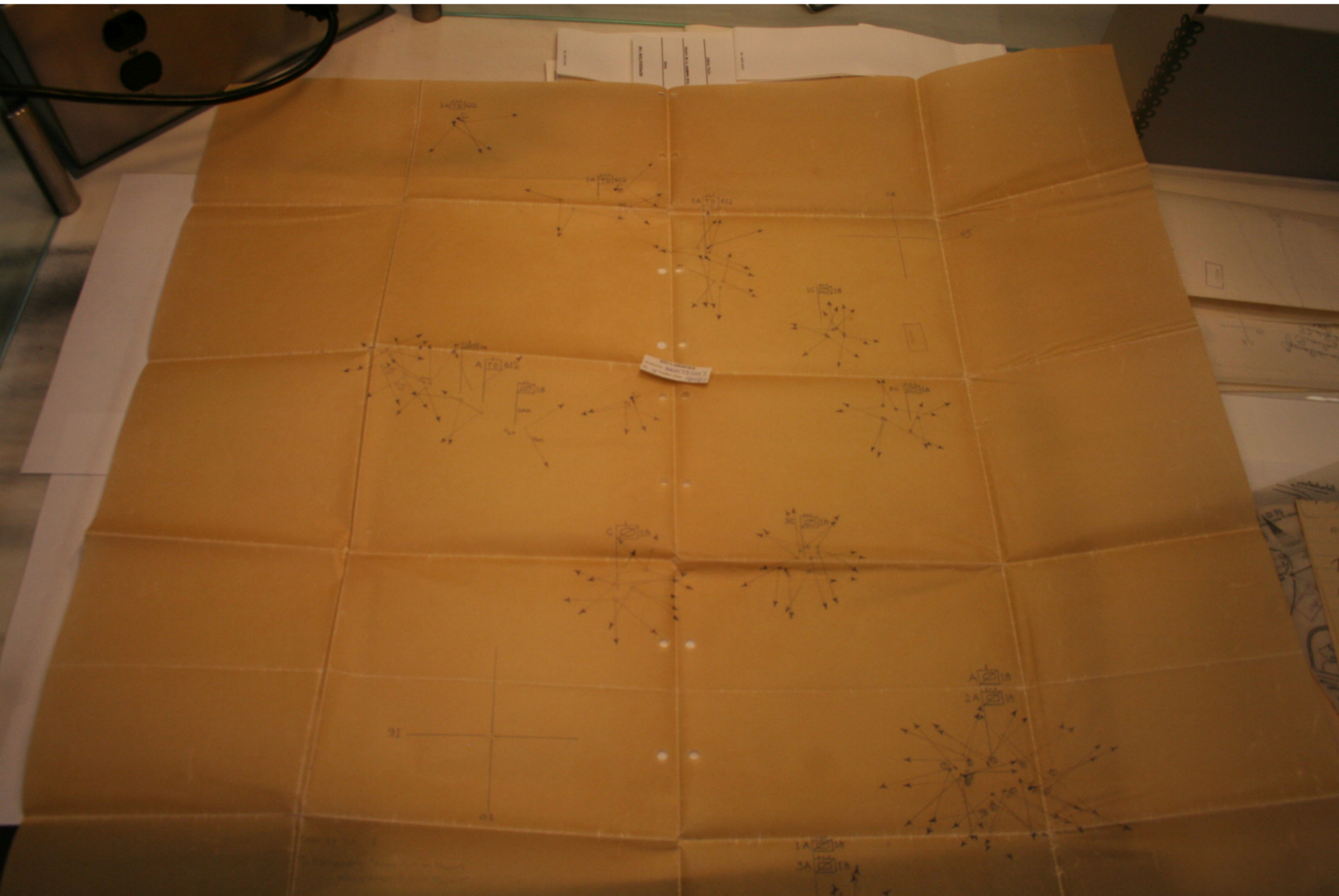
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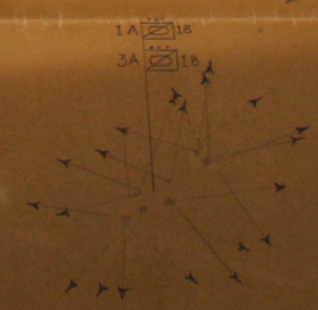
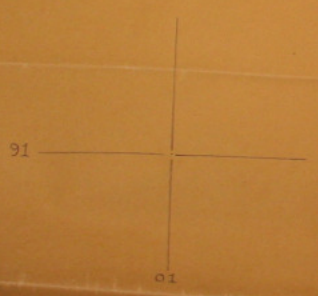
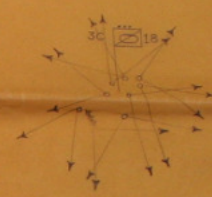
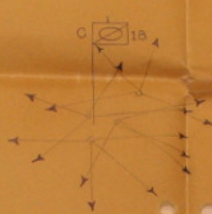
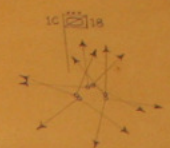
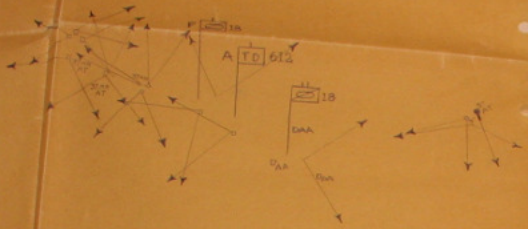


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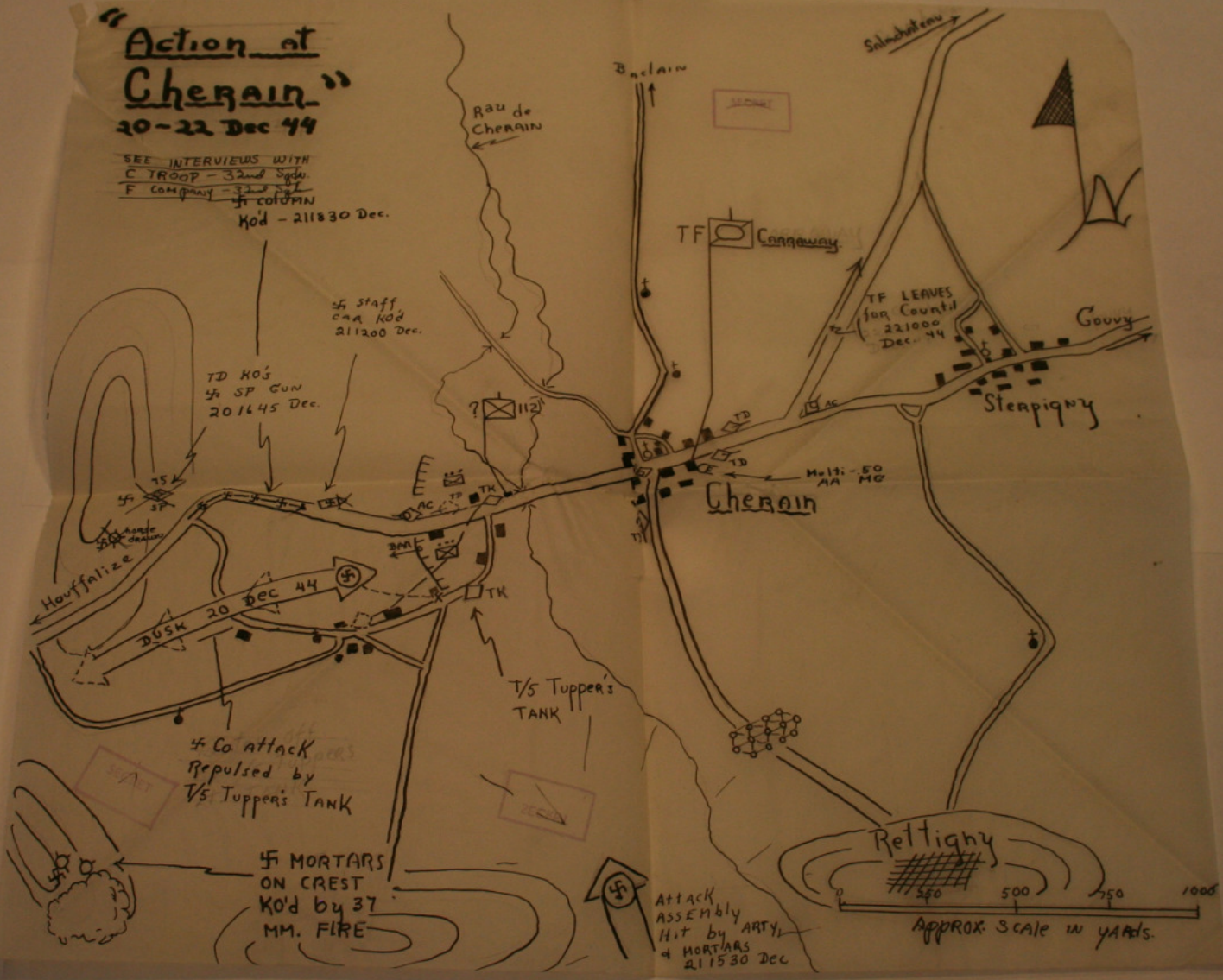
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"Action at Cherain"

20-22 Dec 44

SEE INTERVIEWS WITH
C TROOP - 32nd SigCo.
F COMPANY - 32nd SigCo.
IN COLUMN
KOD - 211830 Dec.



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Capt. Frank
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Artillery
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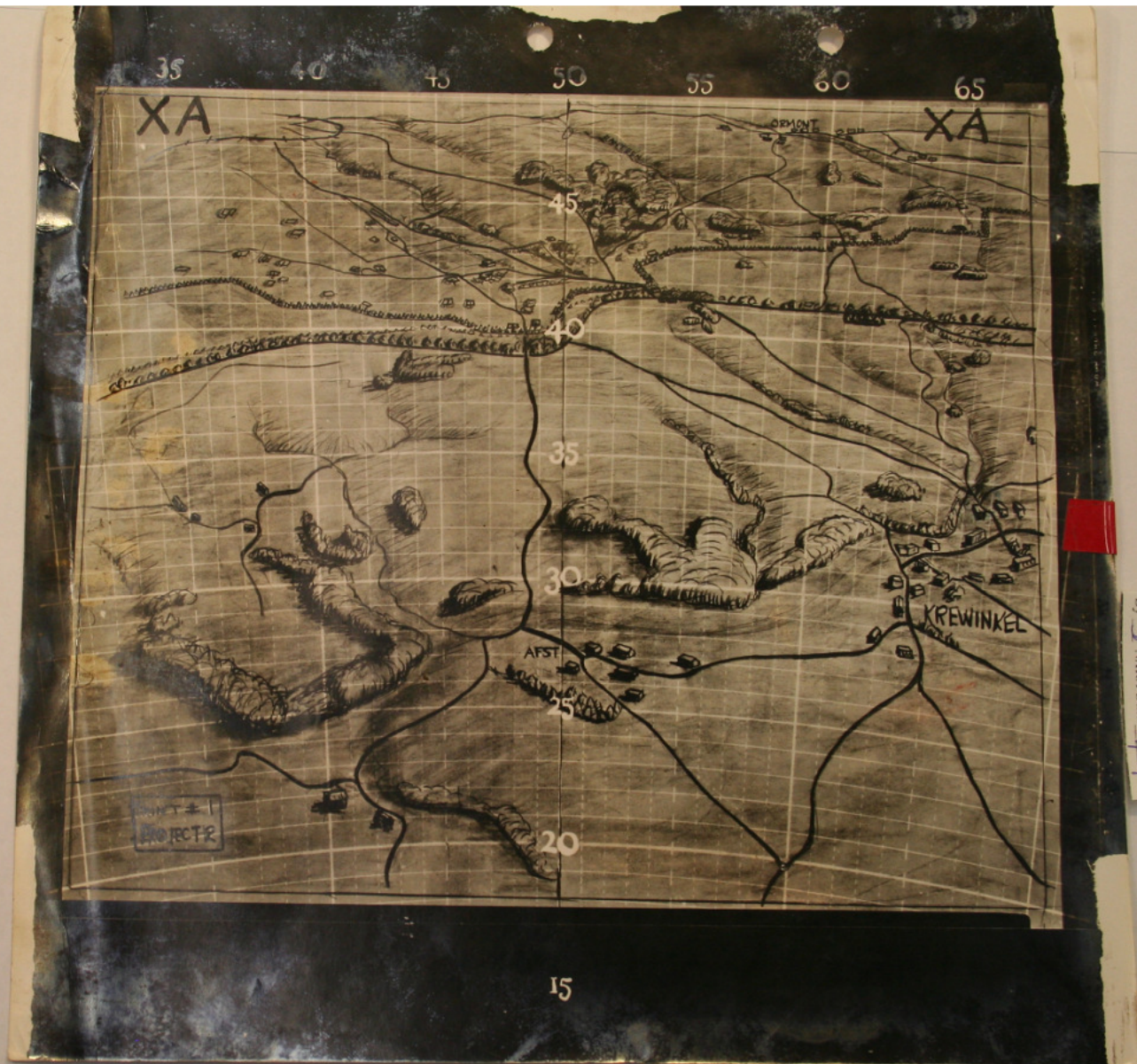
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Aerial
Photo
"Action
at
Poteau"



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"Action at Poteau"

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s/Sgt Reeves' Tank

Enemy Infiltration

Lt West's patrol

pinned down by 50 mg

Ko'd Asslt gun

Column attacked here 18 0200 Dec 44

VIELSALM

Withdrawal 181300 Dec. 44

This road jammed night 17-18 Dec 44

Ko'd Asslt gun - 50 Troops in U.S. uniforms

SEE - Interviews
5 Troops 1st + 2nd Sgds
Maj Hayes - 1st Mages
General Story "Action at Poteau"
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2984 EASTMAN TOPOGRAPHIC SAFETY

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EASTMAN TOPOGRAPHIC SAFETY 2962

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C Troops 18 + 32nd Sgds
"FM Hayes"
Modern Story "Action at Poteau"
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This road damaged night 17-18 Dec 44
W:thdrawal 18/300 Dec. 44
KOD asslt
gun - 4 Troops in U.S. uniforms

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gun
KOD asslt
downed by 4 Troops
Lt West's patrol

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20 March 1945

MEMO: Attached overlay

TO :

1. This overlay shows the gun positions manned by members of the 18th Cavalry Squadron during the month of November, 1944, in the vicinity of Wackerfeld, Germany.
2. These positions were the same as the ones manned on 16 Dec 1944, when Von Runstedt's Counteroffensive sprung from the Schnee - Kifel. Only exception is that a different TD unit was attached to the cavalry squadron at the time of the counterattack. Instead of the 612th (towed) TD Bn, the cavalry elements were supported by A Company, 6206th TD Bn. It may not be assumed that the TD gun positions were the same. An I.O. investigation was held early in January by First U.S. Army concerning the preparedness of the TD elements in this sector.
3. Noting these exceptions, this overlay may be used to definitely establish the gun positions of the cavalry squadron when it was attacked.

J. T. Shea

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32nd Cav
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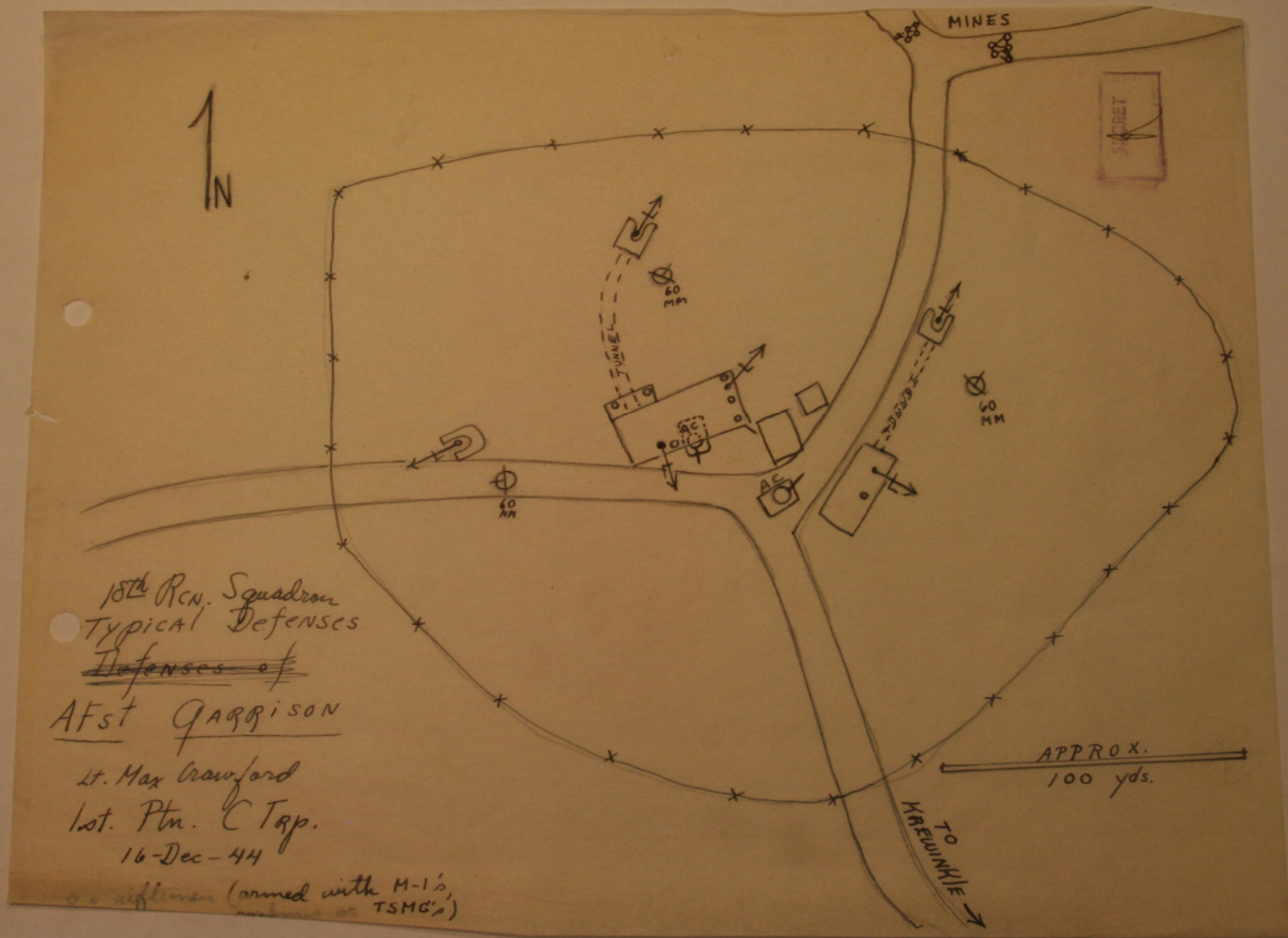
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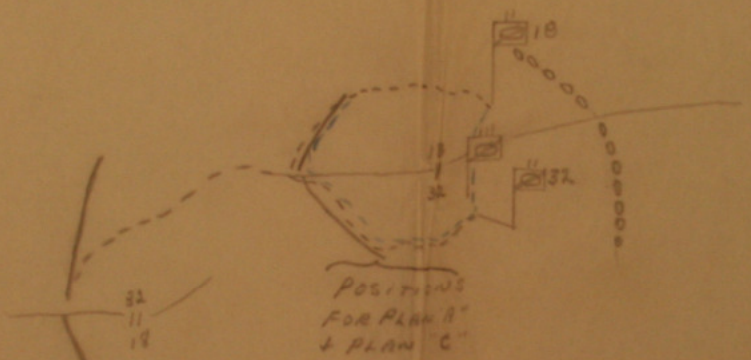
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NOR. SHARLS, BELG.
171500 DEC 44

PLAN of WITHDRAWAL
EFFECTIVE ON GP. ORDER

MAP: CARTE MICHELIN
1/200,000



49° 40'

55° 80'

PLAN "A"
----- ROUTE

POSITIONS
FOR PLAN "B"

PLAN "B"
----- ROUTE
18th CAU. Proceeds
32 & covers.

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PLAN "C"
----- Route of 18th
----- Route of 32 &
32 & covers

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Overlay notes
made during
interviews
with 32nd Spgr

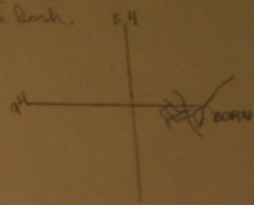
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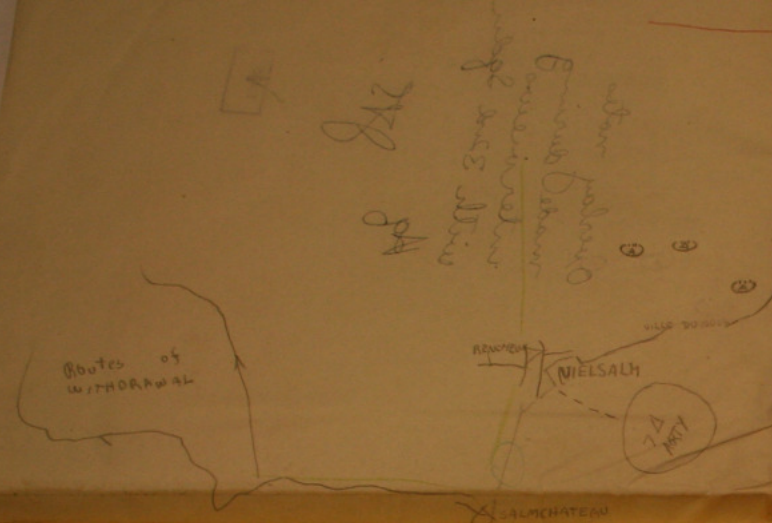
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20 Dec 1942 2nd Lt Gen. Bock.
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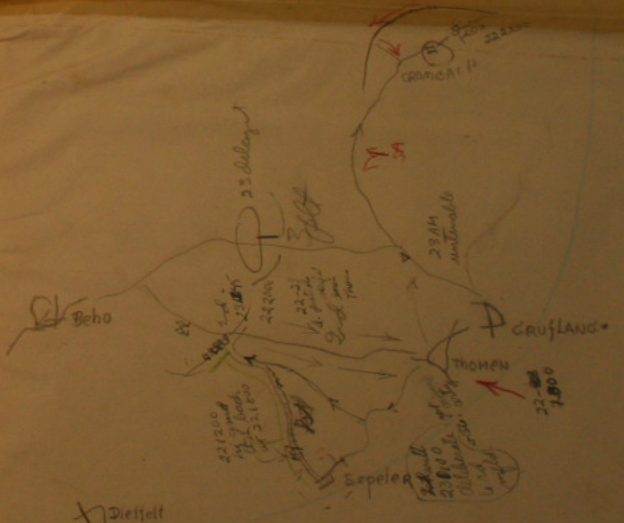
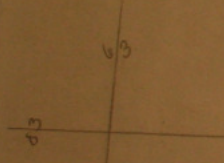
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of the German
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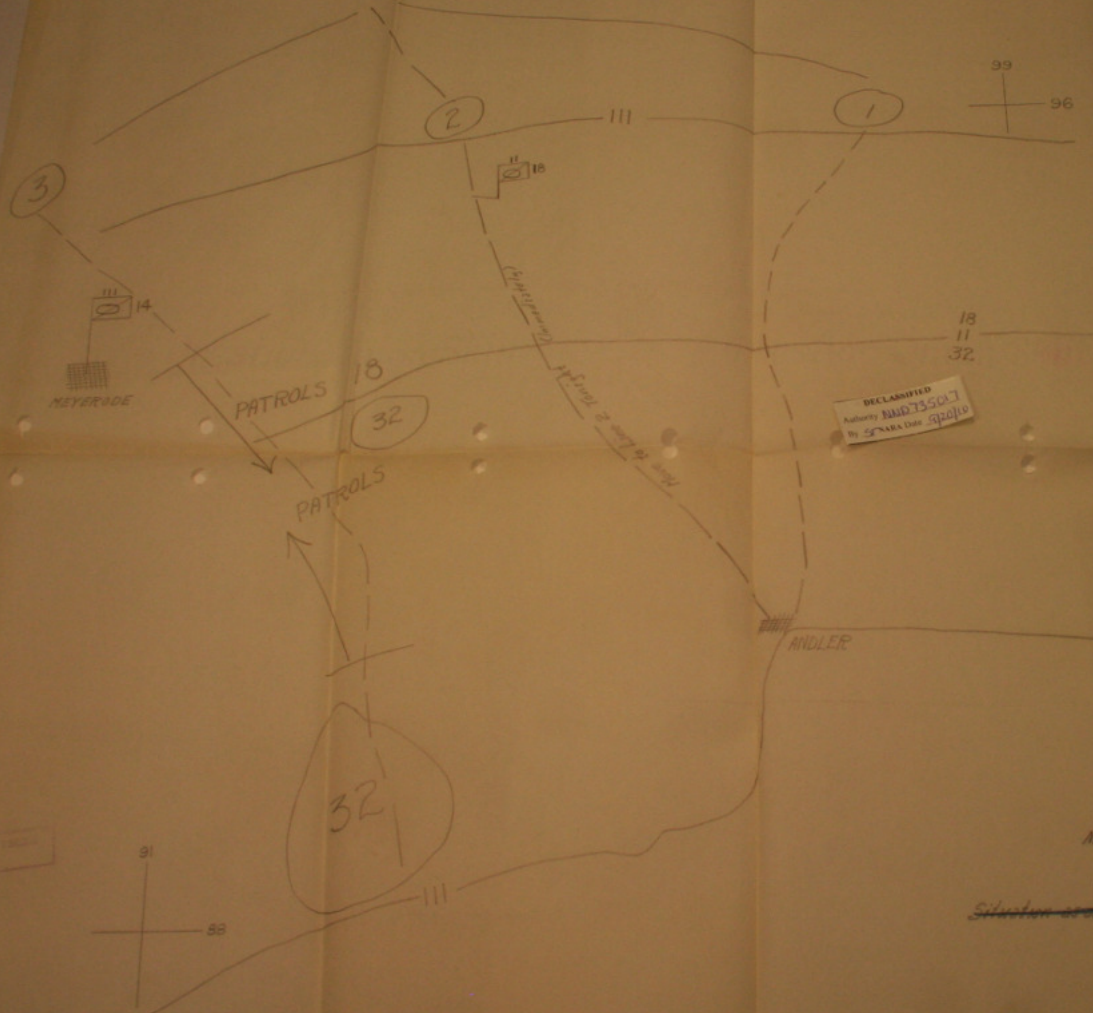
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 14TH AVIATION GROUP REGT
 MAPS: G.S.S. 4414 1/25,000
 Plans of Delay
 Situation as of 161600 December 44

OFFICIAL:
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*Planned only
 never implemented
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* Some riflemen carried carbines or SMC's.



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14th Cav Grp

Original Notes

14th Group Hq
18th Squadron
32nd Squadron

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Capt. Meadows C-1 B & C

B-18 Capt. Walker
Lambert Hill - Amn & Roth

Latin prisoners - very good
prisoners at 18th Capt. M. ...
walk on the spot 11 3 officers - 5 men



Capt. Meadows [unclear] B & B
1st Capt Walker
B. Chumbley Able - Aus + both
Cabin prisoners - very good horse
riding at 15th Capt McBlair's
walker he shot 113 prisoners - 5 men

Col. Diving
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DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 22 Apr 1966

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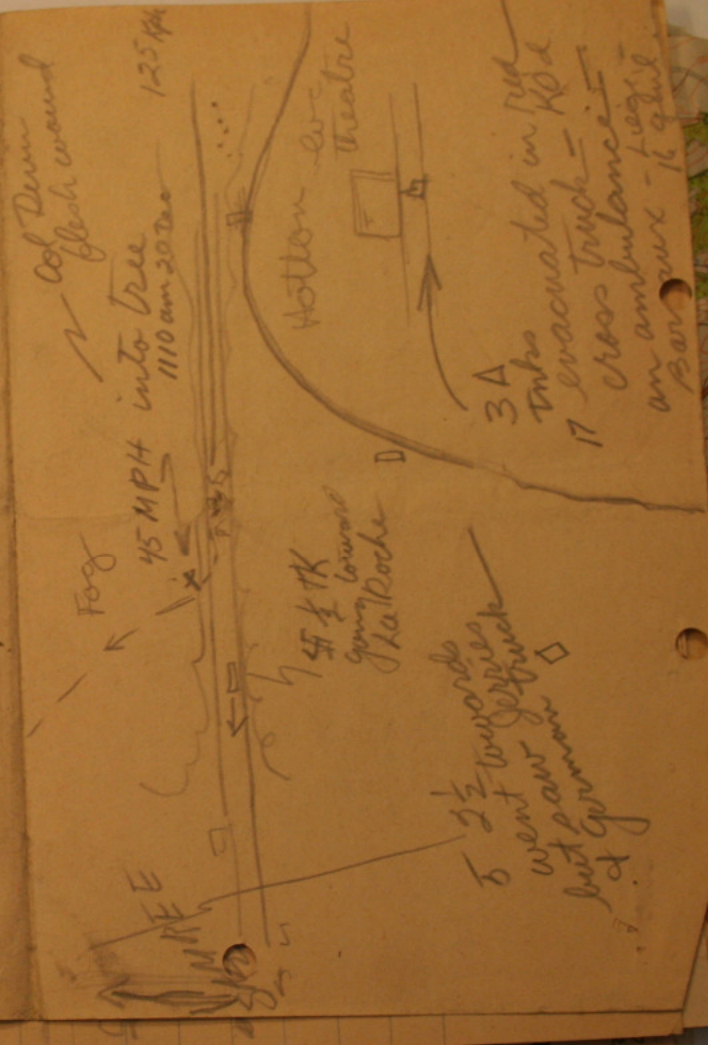
Capt Walker 18th

BUY

in edge, hill back &
 2 HUs - just before
 Small woods - 3 1/2
 Ten trucks - tree blown
 into tree - fog - poor luck
 - poor luck - fog - poor luck
 - shot the with star on
 it - German tank -
 not a (see route) -
 again - 88 - Dances
 at 10 with 88 - Dances
 Pulling out - missed
 them - just seen patrol
 3A - evacuated - Hotten
 hot spot at 11 a.m. - 21000

walk on the street 300000 - 9 miles

30th
 1490 at Vichalm
 Col. Frank A. Devine
 returned to. back at 10
 Rock - 1000 - informed to
 get up tomorrow - Disput to save
 VIII Corps - at go. quick in
 to 7A - Gen. goes to Corps -
 him to report to Corps -
 told Maj. Whelling ten - Vichalm
 St. Hubert & La Roche - Forest
 to Neufchateau - Forest
 Estate (12 mi. - Vichalm) HP
 under M9 tires - driving
 Ford V8 - top speed - at
 Samme - Jerry on South



3A
 evacuated in red
 17 cross truck - HOA
 an ambulance -
 21000

2 1/2
 went out
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18th

Capt. Wankle 18th

Problems of medical evacuation
of Cav units

Capt. H. A. Benson at Covertil -
One a TD - 814 (?) TF Jones -
stepped on ~~ant~~ a mine that
had been ^{laid} by ^{right} ^{leg} ^{be}
man left - ^{prolapsed} ^{intestine}, ^{comp}
severe laceration, left leg - chest
more completely removed - bleeding
but controlled - mouth - not
in check - suggest - "Jim Jones"
Jim bumped hip - but not so
bad" - ^{Walter} ^{bin} ^{jeep} - Covertil
to Salamchakan 40 mi.

~~didn't~~ couldn't get to
medical facilities,

Capt. Meadows E - BS
Capt. W. ^{Walter} ¹⁸

B-18th Wankle Able - Mun & both

Latin prisoners - very good detail
made at 1500 Capt. M. ^{Wankle}
walk on to Capt. 13 officers - 5 men

14th of ^{med}
Problems of Evac

PW treated by
German w/ aid

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Capt. [Name] 18th

RBUY

Development
14th Off
Story

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Capt. [Name] 18th

RBVY

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Capt. [Name] 18th

1. 9. 2nd long clear

18-23 foggy pm. air?

9. 4th - air force work

9. 5th clear

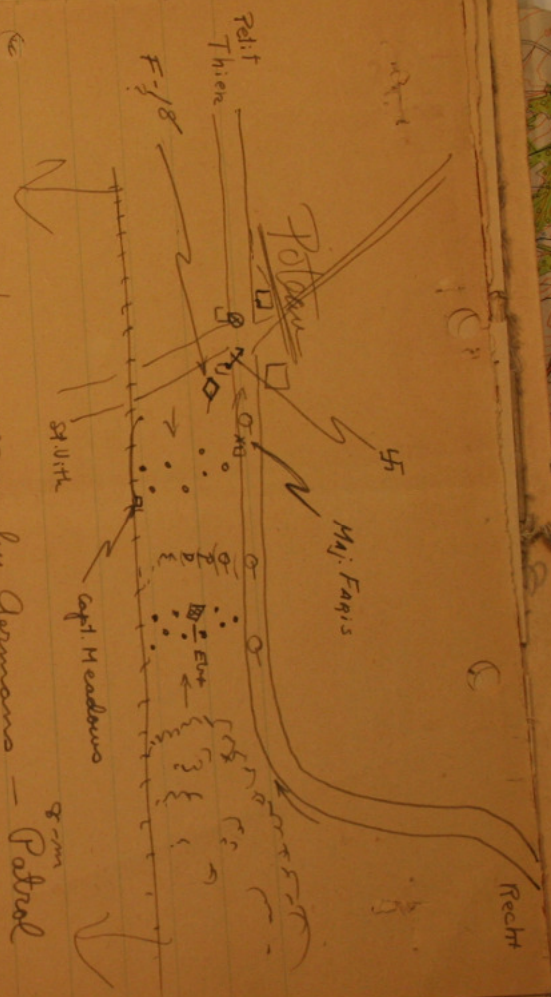
3rd clear

muddy to New Pass

1st - ~~clear~~ - was all over - dry air



Capt Mearns 18th



- Amers uniforms worn by Germans - Patrol
from c-32nd? - meet - other patrol coming fr woods
journey end. other at 100 yard interval both
Meadows & Maj. Faris position U.S. patrol - "Car-
ful then may be ours" - Maj. Faris, higher, sees
footprints - yellow. - "They're got on German
boots. (smect - 50 yds to Maj. Faris) - Watch
- overcoats - well equipped - helmets - but
feels boots - German on N - yellow over-
- drops to ground - firing that long
gun - tank - long & are my think they
wife - out - Maj. Faris discolored to red.
saw later - none escaped - patrol U.S.
to rescue - Kennedy - exact gun - about 8-9.
- Meadows - recommends for award for
position of fire of exact gun -
Captain Mearns - every where - no gun
left - ~~was~~ - was all over - all over



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18th

10-11 - fortress at CR $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, GP by rd of
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 599 - GP - radio - Potomac \odot - to obtain
communication with ~~Station~~ - ~~Station~~ - ~~Station~~
100th of Div - -



✓ If units that hit 18th on
1st day? - other units in contact
✓ Staff changes -
- specific missions or responsi-
bilities - letters of instruction.

Dec 11 - FO - 106 - Div.
in after-action
report

- Maj W. - no. 9-2

- ~~No orders~~ - effort to
coordinate - info - neighboring
Maj 106th - in D - cut off -
W affects conduct - only
Mandeville direct order - from 106th
to occupy ^{the} Born - occupy
Born - no time.

no MIA's 4 A/C - Maj W. -
casualties. 2 jeeps ^{would not stop}
other units etc.

Poteau
Maj. Faris
Germans in American
uniform

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Capt. Mander 18th

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✓ 4 units that hit 18th on
1st day? - other units in contact

✓ staff changes -

- specific missions or responsibilities - letters of instruction.

Dec 11 - FO - 106 - Div.
in after-action
report -

- Maj W. - no. 9-2

- ~~no order~~ - effort to
coordinate - info - neighbors
Maj W. 106th - Lnd - cut off -
affects conduct - only
manderful direct order - from 106th
to occupy ^{the} Born - occupy
Born - no time.

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Capt. Mangle 18th

10-11 - forties at CR 25⁷⁴ Ave, App Hy rd. sp.
2¹/₂ - 599 - App - radio - Potomac @ - to remain
communication with - ~~Station~~ -
100th of Div: -



Sgt Meyer, 18th

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On 18 Dec 44, Sgt John C Meyer, together with other members of Troop 3rd Cavalry Sq. Merg, were engaged in a fire fight with enemy forces surrounding the town of Pstera, Belgium during a battle in the fire fight it was deemed necessary to send a patrol with Grand Rekt, Belgium, to determine if the enemy were (1) bringing in reinforcements and armors, (2) to see if there were enemy forces designated Colombian soldiers. Sgt Meyer volunteered to lead a four man patrol to accomplish this mission. At approximately 400 yards north of Pstera the patrol saw what appeared to be 4 American soldiers gathered around an M8 Renault when belonging to the 18th Cavalry Sq. Merg. The M8 was in a clearing, 150 yds from Sgt Meyer's position. Being unable to actually determine whether there were enemy soldiers, Sgt Meyer's deployed his patrol under cover, with instructions to cover him. As they advanced in the open toward the M8, as he approached he called out, asking if they were American soldiers. One called back "you are an 'E' Company". Sgt Meyer, though never suspicious they ever, continued to advance. At about 10 yards from the M8, Sgt Meyer observed that all of the

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Men were armed with German weapons. Keeping them
cowed he started to back away. As Sgt Meyers started to
withdraw, the enemy soldier dropped to the ground and
opened fire. Sgt Meyers returned the fire, killing one
soldier and wounding another. Under cover of the
supporting fire of the rest of ~~the~~^{his} patrol, Sgt Meyers was
able to return to safety. Sgt Meyers is recommended for
the Silver Star for this action. Other members of patrol
are: Pvt R. Buck 16140925 Pvt. CTR
Clifford S. Bird 35932166 Pvt. CTR } THEN H&S TR
Deanna E. Powers 37063178 Pvt. CTR }
Edward F. Petty 13075345 Pvt. CTR
Frederic W. Johnson 33702282 7/5 CTR

Pfc Lawrence Kelly 17028055 ^{CTR} at Daxburg Germany
(was patrol no track) THREE TIMES WOUNDED
NOW EVACUATED. FIRST TIME ON LE
STROMBERG HILL, LUXEMBURG; SECOND TIME DASEBURG
(D BR); THIRD TIME GRAN MENIL BELGIUM.



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Capt. Mankie 18th

Manderfeld

motor fire and artillery — sporadic
at jump off moon — flight 4th
moon — with draw — motor
fire after moon in Manderfeld
accurate — observed — field
out CP — killed civilians — 3
mortars — hit house but some
in house — hurt civilians many
into street more killed — no 320
wounded — artillery hit outside
— fragments through —
— last elements of 3rd May
kitchen — Sgt Reed and Flan,
T/Sgt C.R. Howard, T/Sgt Goy Down,
T/Sgt Franklin P. Hopper 1st — Sgt
Wm Green — 2 5 gal cans
putting stones hand — lots of
info here. — out fast explosion

ungrateful & a
causal history
with general
Kantacora's

part in (all)

of other
1930

have argued - for
burnt - blown out

Manderfeld
CP story

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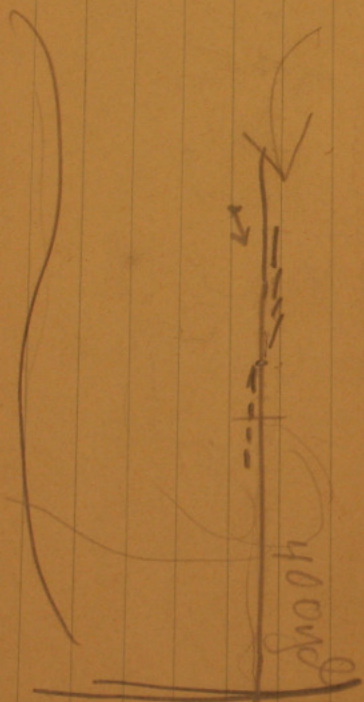
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1:50,000 m. E

4. 6:30
rule 17th
To Warren The Log
Capt. Warner - 30 FTpp.

Major L. A. Lee
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Majt Ernie, Turner

Gen Hall - W Col. Duggan -
Waller - Dawson - Perry
may Washington capture 45
Benny



Augustine ③
H/Col Duggan NC
James
Maj Worthington
Cpl Sherman Kroushoff
Sgt. Dalbert Walters
Cpl Forrest Earles
1/5 Robert Berthe

1st jeep Col. Mark Divine
Maj. Lawrence Smith
PFC James H Smith
1st Sgt Ben Beagby
1/4 Richard Mc Dermal
1/5 Donald Herman

Jeep Hq. Ambushed 14th

Jeep Hq 25% casualties
Manderfeld - radio
on 16th
1/5 jeep photo files
Forget

Mq - Manderfeld
2 Co 2/15
AAA - 413 AWAA 2

Jeep Co. - Col. Divine
mile of 17th
East Becht → Patear
Shull
E of Becht = 3 jeeps & A/C
30 jeeps 50

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Capt. Mankie 18th

1st Lt. J. DE Sattion 3rd. G. Henderson

at Dinner 11th - 7th Lt
Ambruk - Capt. Benson MP
advised heap - ~~18th~~ 18th at Pleau -
Rock - the 18th at Pleau - La Bole
Left of 0600 for Vietnam - La Bole
18-19 - Left La Bole - 7th near
La Bole - 150 TD's - "over gear"
back to light" - Dr of TD's - coffee
depot & went to sleep - codium
along col - 20th then to Vis -
column -
Br M/Sgt Hugh Field Br -

32 - 18th -



"HILL TOP BATTLE"

Hq TAP - 14th Cavalry Gp
North of Poteau

18 Dec 1944



1st Lt. J. J. DE Batten
Platoon 1st Bn
1st Cavalry Div
18th

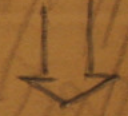
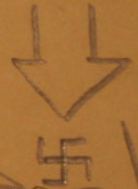
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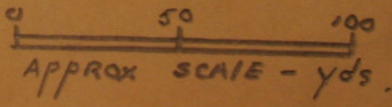
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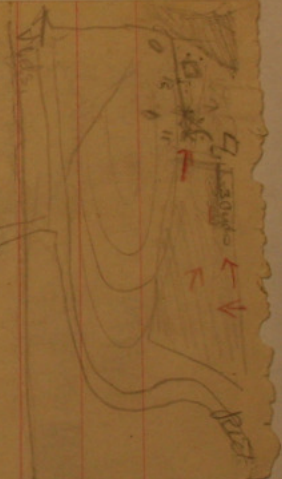
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Platoon, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division



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Spotted Company - on road
ridge - in the West end
in road camp #40

Hoddy Benton S/Sgt

Pl. Bond

32 - narrow

Long range machine

digging - the bin low

roads - sent 820 loads

to Hill West - who pulled

back down - 1030? -

5076 - whole picture -

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Edo Tappin ^{supp}
Capt. James H. Reeves ¹⁰¹
Sgt. Capt. Holm ⁹⁸
Squad
Sgt. George Fryda ^{med}
Capt. McQuerry ^{SR}
The Jan. O. Bond ^{SR}
Lt. West ¹¹⁰
Sgt. Austin ^{Six}
man from 32nd
postmaster
rows 5th on left not recorded
front caps - back seats
Benton Cobb
examines - Pat Nelson ^{MM}
McQuerry ^{WHA}
B52A

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sent 2 to M-8 - got hit
- getting message James
- down at least 4 more men
up in the air - (Sgt. Patrick
Heekin, Sgt. McQuinn)
H. West had sent them
up to direct fire. - more
- got kind of idea - of the
- Glenn wounded in foot
- & shoulder crawled 200 yds
- to the track. dep. 1000 hrs
- from HQ - Sgt. Paulson put
- the coat, a shirt, on his
- neck - man from 82 rd
- followed him to the side Paul
- lost back, going forward
- he hit - fell down
- picked him up took off
- - put in coat - man got
- no SOB - taken out.

Adventure for Patrick

? McQuinn

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1st Lt. F. D. PEI Battalion Det. G. Henderson

Grp Hq. Troop

Capt. North

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Capt. North stated that there were at least two enemy tanks in the town and at least 50 men. He endeavored to move forward to knock out one of the enemy machine gun nests which was in the next house on the patrol's line-of-advance towards the town. Artillery from our own guns (westerly) interrupted this advance, and members of the patrol then heard several motors being started in the vicinity of the town. They withdrew about 250 to 300 yards and then returned to their vehicles.

The armored car led the way, and at 1430 the mounted patrol was re-entering the town of Manderfeld. Stopping just outside town to speak to some tanks from F company (Lt. West), Capt. North, Little and Napier were blown from their jeep as an enemy shell struck between the jeep and the tank. Napier ~~xxxx~~ claimed that the explosion didn't seem very loud. "Saw the dirt fly, and the next I knew I was sitting on the ground beside the jeep." None of them were injured by the artillery burst.

As the patrol mentioned above passed through Verschneld on its way to Aun they saw some anti-aircraft artillery units there. Capt North spoke with them ('Madcap') They reported that at 1030 three American medium tanks had entered Aun, thought they might have been three P0 tanks from the 275th Armd Pa Bn. They said that one of the mediums was knocked out by enemy fire while in Aun, the other had escaped and that the fate of the third tank was unknown.

There are 55 men and three officers in Hq. Troop at the Grp.



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Capt. [Signature] 18th

28 15 10

3 18 35

10 9 14 15

21 11 10

31 13 10

24 14 80

22 23

$\frac{148}{22}$

130

148

80

350

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TRANSCRIBED NOTES - GRP HQ TRP

Capt. William G. North Jr. - CO

1/Lt. Jack G. Griesbeck Jr.

2/Lt Burton Alexander

T/5 George C. Ploco a radio operator was the first member of the 14th Grp Hq's personnel to be killed in action. It was at Manderfeld on the morning of the 16th that Ploco maintained the groups only radio channel to the 106th Inf Div despite intense shelling of the town. He was hit in the head by a fragment from a nearby shell burst, died at 1330 hours.

Around noon time on the 16th, Capt. North led a mounted patrol from Manderfeld to the vicinity of Auw to determine the nature of the situation there. Mounted in one armored car, light, and one jeep the following members of the group's headquarters troop went with Capt. North on the patrol. T/5 Samuel A. Napier, T/5 Kreuzkoff, T/5 F.P. Barles, T/5 Robert Bartke, Cpl. Howard G. Little (troop clerk) and assistant patrol leader) Pvt. Kimball Willoughby, PFC Charles W. Barnhardt.

The motor patrol traveled from Manderfeld via Verohnied to Auw, dismounting when they were about 1200 yards from town. As they approached they saw 50 German soldiers move along a ridge and into Auw from the NW. Capt. North said that two 88's were firing from the town. The patrol continued forward, reaching a point mid-way between the two houses that extend furthest to the North at the outskirts of the town. From this position they were able to definitely locate at least two m.g. nests on the outskirts of the town, and saw that American artillery was falling intermittently upon the town.



Capt. Mark Alexander 18th

1st Lt. F. L. PEI Battery, Out. G. Henderson

UNNECESSARY 14th AF

Capt. Mark Alexander - CO. HQ. HQ.

1st Lt. J. G. Grebeck
2nd Lt. Susan K. Alexander

10 Dec - 0530 - 0100 - to ground floor case
at 0730 - house on fire - cooked breakfast
may until 0830 + prepare to move out -
glass bottom case - about 60 vehicles in
locker room - Col. Devine - 1030-1100 "We're not
going to leave, Thunder" - M. H. H. - Devine
Es moved in - radio warning mostly.
1300 - Col. Devine - patrol - Devine's
other side - 44 in Woodland - ^{14' & 18' deep} - shellings no
other - "Mudcay" - one battery? - 50 man
4 patrol from Woodstock seen by P. P. (Barnet)
m.g. patrol (pipe cleaner holder) enemy firing
led to south sound - wounded like 50 -
died in 41 - 1300-1400 - heavy barrage fell
Flats + woods by Northington - the most
explosive didn't cut windpipe - 24120 heights
30 or 40 within 50 yds (in certain local)
- 1400 - m. Audley - Col. Devine - majority move at
withdrew to Div CP - withdrew - Holman



Capt. [Name] 18th

in 1300 hrs to Ancker - relay
Ancker & [Name] - in 1300 hrs to Ancker - relay
via Maj. Smith - [Name] received answer - [Name]
calling at 1545 - Col. Davis - order withdrawn
Ancker - unloaded [Name] by records in beam to ammo
camping for 3rd - Capt. N. want told left all
records there - [Name] back to [Name] - [Name] - [Name] - [Name]
to [Name] - N. from [Name] - [Name] hole - [Name]
via [Name] - [Name] - 16-17 Aug
17 Dec

0830 - 3rd CP in - move - group to [Name]
[Name] - [Name] - [Name] - [Name]

54 - pulling off rd to go into position - [Name]
375 Ft 4kg - in [Name] - [Name] through -
there for dinner - [Name] [Name] - [Name]
back from hauling [Name] to [Name] - [Name]
to [Name] - again for he got back - there

Recht - 87th [Name] set up there - [Name]
outfit moving SW at [Name] (5000 yds N.)
[Name] [Name] [Name] but moving - mostly
ambush vehicles both directions - op two Recht - 5

Recht - now Capt. Reed 87th [Name] - 17th
[Name] 1 km 400' - north towards [Name] - Col.
Davis & staff - [Name] [Name] & [Name]
Maj. Smith, 3, Maj. [Name] - 4 - Lt. [Name] [Name]
3 [Name] and 1 [Name] - hold at [Name] - wheels [Name]
[Name] - [Name] long? - getting dark -
700 - 150 - one group [Name] [Name] in



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Capt. Hinkle 18th

1st Lt. P. B. Patterson, Pvt. G. Henderson

woods cover in about 1/2 mile - Jim gets worse
more from his coughs for later - ~~about~~ up on hill

local assembly N.W. - CP maintained fire -
2230 message - Directed a CP mission see. Hi gro
vic 30m - N.W., Pithead, H.H. Williams on

no others there - no 3rd ^{grm} - trying to contact
Damon - Napier, Little, ^{grm} North - Stanton to Capt

couldn't find anyone - was halted - 4. pm '41
was told - one 3rd CO either killed or captured

on rd toward Higsville that night - indicated
little there - Capt 32nd - Capt Martin - says

all Divine on 4th Little & Potomac - had been on -
checked - Pvt. TD's - # outside Potomac 1230

2 3-in. TD - 2 mg lanterns - security - fire
on opposition withdraws thru - TD's - ~~300~~ - ~~one~~

18 Dec

6100 Picket Place & Travers over Picket. - 8th
tho 4 3 coast guns - 18th along rd there -

pointed towards Ottau - with Div - TD's ^{at the point}
to CP - Maj. Smith that no danger ^{at the point}

0500 - heard m.g. long burst - 4th infiltrating
daylight - ~~heard~~ Capt. N.W. up on hill -

very noisy firing - ~~rewards~~ of great losses
possible defense - 15 min, 1 mg bank.

barreling fire on woods - all enemy fire
also out - Capt madams to place on crest



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1st Lt. T. J. Hill, PFC Battalion, Pvt. G. Henderson

1st Lt. T. J. Hill, 1st Lt.

3:30 AM 1/2 hrs & 3 1/2 AM 1st gun - patrol 3/17
West - Fla. 1st - got this 1st patrol



green blue Sgt. Jim Sambrano - got
mother Edward - MG - hit table -
shot at - "strapped on eyes" - 1st Alexander
1st Lt. Alexander
4 MG - 10 - H. 8's (?) - West patrol
out off and under cross fire
artillery fire - in some on 50 yds
of patrol - saw that table - found
down at time - within 30 yds of him
saw one MG 49 going high - better out

Sgt. Robert Klein - ~~Robert Klein~~ MIA - 1st West saw him hit
and blown into air on M's list - Pvt. M. J. Allison
MIA - last out - arty came down about 12:30 ??

Col. Davis went back earlier that a m. - "Never
saw a color man under fire" N of 1st Thugan
- ordered to move out - requested permission
to route * down to CP - in front door - enemy MG
killed by 4 in American uniform and back way

-> Pettit then - arty as you pull out Patton
found 2 FO's of 74 arty - turned troops over to

1st Air Beck - request to arty com. on CP -
at Patton Sgt Walter Gregory - FO's how no
map - looks into Pettit's hole - or -
hole in roof - 1st 74 - par house at Patton RI
color abandoned 399 - arty FO has 5/10
found 3 hrs for effect of the leg is being in



Capt. M. H. 18th

1st Lt. J. P. 1st Battalion, Pvt. G. Henderson

Left city FO base - hitchhiked back with an AC
and my friend (15) - back to Vietnam
AC base at 0430 ~~orders~~ orders ~~to~~ come. Col
Dunne + Col. Duggan - + attack to 27th
30 Dec

Capt. North - Prov. 3 Troop - G - CO - 24 for 4p.

Troop - 24 1 3/4 km. 3 ridge - 1530

TF 1st day - 24th 1930 - Egeler, Thom

Gullblong - near ridges of CCB - 74 also

Base - Capt N - came out Dec 24 the top CP

Left 24th at 1130 - Maj. Dill - "Remain at

1st - until last element of TFA ~~comes~~

then and page N. - report Dill" - 1300

Left 24th + 2nd TFA getting up with

mines - P + A - - TF lower most the

not. - Long range arty at Juchaid

downed - and burst on 2nd toward

to Dayville at 2100 - 30 - m

25 Dec

to Shygnese - got back men + killed them
took 26 back to 8 Troop - North stays with
our men -

45 men + 30ft mine

54 men + 30ft

action
3 killed 2 WIA
1 killed 2 war
5 killed 1 war
5 killed 1 war



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Capt. Mearns 18th

1st Lt. J. DEE Patton, 1st. G. Henderson

3 Top 32 Spdr. Rogness, 1st Lt. " "

Capt. Franklin
P. Lindsey Jr.
1st Lt. A. Bendinelli

lot
S-8
S-10

11/7

14th Sp. Hq.
& whole story
notes

SECRET

has re
L. Turner - "Shop" Enemy
500 yds for CP - 4 of accounts on the - Lt. Rogness
Dand on 4/1

BUY

aid
a top
initial
"pm.
ale
2 teams
more - "g
not
" several
" several
roads
border
reorg.
" enemy
1. East

32nd Squadron notes

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Capt Franklin
1st Lt. D. P. Batten
2nd Lt. Henderson

3rd Lt. Spahr
Sgt. Rogers
Sgt. Paul

Capt Maple
1st Lt.

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has no surroundings "0715 - 2nd Lt. and Sgt. Paul
Lt. Farnsworth - "Stop" Enemy surrounds the trench on 4/11
500 yds. for CP - 4 of elements was. Lt. C. - Sgt. Rogers

road
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Capt. Wayne 18th

1st Lt. J. DEI Batteni, Pvt. G. Henderson

3 Top 32 Spdr Stogness, 1st Lt. Kelly

Capt. ^{Franklin} Lindsey Jr.

one - 1/4 Ralph A. Bendinelli

1st Lt. 3/14 William ~~Reilly~~ Reilly

2nd Lt. 2/14 Robert A. Stodgett

3rd " 1/4 Marshall Alexander

14 Dec - about

Declination down by Sq. (O) - mission - are

received - got to 3/20 under W. Schaid

ordered to halt - give poem, passed a top

report from report - vic. Andler - " - all " gm.

10 men - 1 meter (ing) 1 pc. - after. 2 tons

in 1st down - more - of the dark orders came - ing

with orders - dark and being to Schenberg - if not

suitable - to Vid 1414 -> to Vid 1414, (good snow) - every

man-awake at 5 a.m. to get later [completing] ->

17 Dec 0630 - orders to reconnoiter road

left back 1st Lt. - to Mandel - at 230 order

all plts to present. - 2nd pulled to center town - moving

- 1st message - Sgt East ^{1st} Ellington, 1st Lt. " every

has no surroundings " 0715 - 3rd Lt. 2nd Sgt. East

L. Turner - " Stop " Enemy around the bend on 4/1

500 yds for CP - 4 of elements on 4/1 - Sgt. Rayson



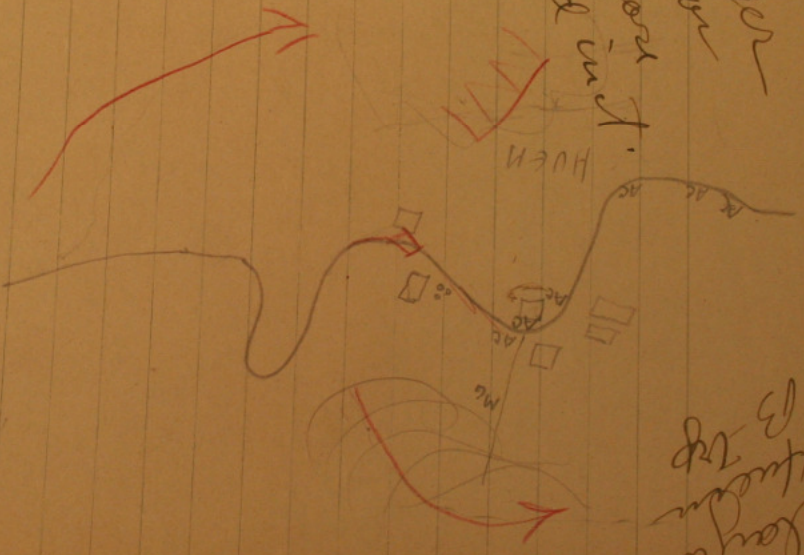
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Capt. [unclear] 1st Lt.

Relay at
Hueh
03 top

Capt. [unclear]
Pvt. Henderson
Hueh
good in 1st



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Capt. W. H. 18th

1st Lt. P. H. 3rd Lt. P. G. Henderson

Coordinate reference point 830000
389 Wing - in Capt. Bob Wankle -
1545 Alexander - 1345 - 183 Bn FA
VII Corps at Avon - (S-3 reports #
at Hottel - Spagnel - 1300 hrs clear
(premed) - 800 man - 300 of
dressed) Evans - 513862 Oligis
538862 - 1800 hrs 500870
No contact - out 20th
1000 - via bundle - 227
Post area back to Capt
Wiggins - Other
8200 - A 1200
Capt Wankle



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18th

75th Airborne, PFC Battioni, Pvt. G. Henderson
0730 - 0730 info to Sgtn. Neg west perm
to withdrawal to Sclenberg. 0730 SAM on T's CP.

Henry - Sgtn. Henderson with hydrogen the fire - team
at CP - see blue checked area - 0800 day light
at Sclenberg - 0815 the SE Sclenberg of Henry

type - trench fire 7. TR - Sclenberg not visible
Harem - delaying 3 1/2 hrs - trees ready

mainly by Henry - 333rd AF 9th vic - no down
45 Road 4137 - both cars ADP HE - TR CO - 40's of
trout - plunged - withdrawal - about clear again

about 1300 - Sgtn O to withdrawal to prepared
"to CP" - three St. Vith - F Co held first
bunch - mi. hills - all weapons - casualties

more - ^{longer?} give 3 rd at Sclenberg rd to
N team - "get to Sg H - not then under" - total
Sgt "Bones" Dehalski E Thompson ^{the charge}

led to join C at Herzebrack ^{formed at withdrawal} ^{at 1st} ^{at 1st} ^{at 1st}
Tr to Wallerode - S Magazine - 1400-1500 - P-47's

at 1900 - team leaves to N. - 0530 AM at
Vielbahn - join - 18th Dec. back
11 out North team got
Sgt. Wood, Hade, N 47th

0530 - regroup of G by Val Damer
1000 - order to high ground N of Vielbahn
secure high ground - plus 1 pit C - 18th

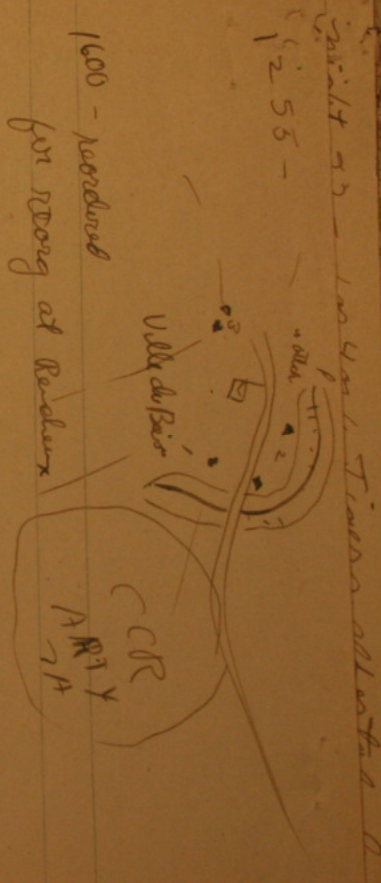
underpower patch - Newcastly



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19th



1600 - reentered
for reorg at Redburn

19th

Reorg. vehicles & personnel - Capt North,
 27th Sp HQ - 2 M-209 to regt 24-80, 3 1/4 + Boat,
 to including reorg unit - 1300 - 125-1300
 ready to roll - 1500 ordered - to be turned over
 to Profengen Thomen Egeder. - op - 3 pvt of
 E 7th 11 St. Co (54332, 4 p/15) mission to take
 3^{32nd} beam - no friendly or enemy - by dark - move
 Blue O 24th to Selko - each ran pvt E per
 coast gun 3, 2nd 1st - the latter no opt.
 2 in coast - op 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22 - asty

1st Alexander - 2 days - only med. - 2nd - to mgt - 19th
 no. Henderson - pvt - left coast gun - patrol 4th
 07515 - medics & help 14 A Regt at withdrawal - 22
 1200 ordered to form bivouac 18-24 - p/12 - for. Cook
 Henderson patrol - downcast fire -



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1st May 1971

Night 22 - 1024014. Tigero reported down
RR the - 2100 hrs. - pulling out - TDs, too - at,
radial 2 M-10, 3 Stunners - done in protection
- means of 28th etc. ? - prof &. - 54 on way
- untenable - with coast guns to his gun - not
gun in evening hours - Malabar - he's about - 230800
Comrad. left in darkness - lots of Malabar
1st link inf. - 375 & 75 -

2nd plt - A/c 3740's - 75 Atkinson 15 -
^{some D.}

see map - line Andriana - Malabar -

230900 - 500 inf - 14th 100d 1 coast gun - orders
to hold (3d) until 4 hours + 7 hrs. 230100

44 - until 1300 - to follow withdrawal for pr
type & responsible for safe withdrawal finally
inf. - 2 dodgily.

231245 - 1st to Belo, 2nd then, 3rd then.

1200 only on CG's order
0115 - through 753808 TDs -> CIERREUX to

1st for air positions - not received.
part (Mdy. Jill?) -> to Bahier

joined up at. to be available for us
23-241 "Gun back one damn good job
of delaying action" "jet will done"



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1st March 1968

— tanks — 11 night of 19th 7pm — held in
Bela — 20th 5.00 AM 1430 —

21st 4 to 2nd at them in pm.

I remain mobile reserve Bela

(ally — Novakovic)

(4 or 5 hrs (ally
at any time)) 23-24 Dec

23rd
Company

Wagner — about — 211 — 1200 arrive — sep

and for attack — 1515 — Maj. Dill — formula

1st TO try 1700 — for attack 87th ^{see Ben.} — (per day,

for lost 3 days — about 24 hr for 9p — Hg. Troop — 1415 —
vehicles for 14th Hg + A 320. — to 87th 120 men

ground — Christmas Eve — Grand Eve — not

there — 14 R. files 87th to grand Eve —

(Plt in out of "active" range — Home 2)

— fine for himself today " — morale —
" — was down grandly very for today —

Col Boylan — left line — (for today) —

CP 87th — 11th Dev. Reg (500 Dev. Reg
Sect a 2) 1150 — 25 Christmas day —

0130 — 14th Dev. Reg, ~~left~~ took left — sent to
Dir. CP — shaken — report the grand run

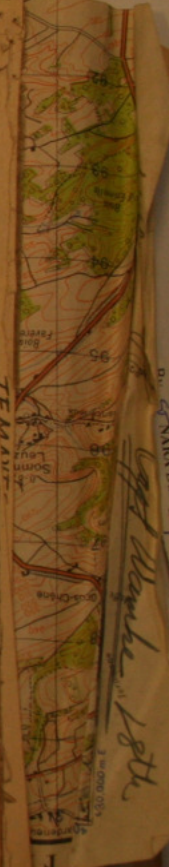
mainly — 2 am — about there — no

sleep — also then up — 1400 pm dark — Hg

38th of in same team " 2 inf. got 50

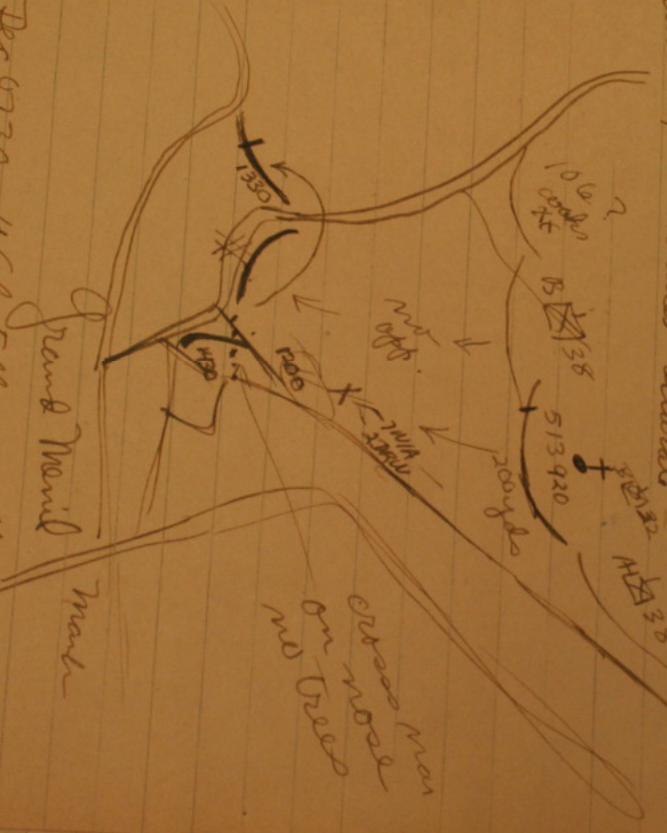
men if no 35 — along inf lines "

Capt. M... 18th



Emergency only.
- left 3rd pl - air - with sec
- 1st opo out - 2 rifle squads
- 13 men each - 2 mg per pl.
- 10 - per pl. - have to have them

~~5059169~~ - Lt Col Fuller 38th - back '15
min later - Sunas afternoon - 14 - hole
2 weeks - 1400 whom out mountain in
- 1400 - less 8 - men - with papers - 15 fall
little only no casualties - accurate



24 Dec 0730 - Lt Col Fuller attack to secure
area - 14~~th~~ 9th - 0915 - all moved out



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Capt. [Name] 18th

- 3 days squeezed out - not done - A
 more 3 days 7/11 - by city -
 vehicles to rd block - state - 3
 trees



24 Dec
 1730

26-27-28-29
 29th Dec
 4400
 291st
 road



stamped in side of
 car on 4 Dec 30th.
 5 am
 back to vehicle
 information
 narrow
 valley - little
 danger - deep
 best deep
 2 good

released to 87th
 released to 4p at 0700 - med
 again at - headfoot 10 - back at near



32nd
B Troop

Andler

Expeler

Grand

Huer Lt. Bendemelli
37 in enfilade fire
over heads to left

Thommum

Meinil

Capit. Charles L. Mackin

ENAYES

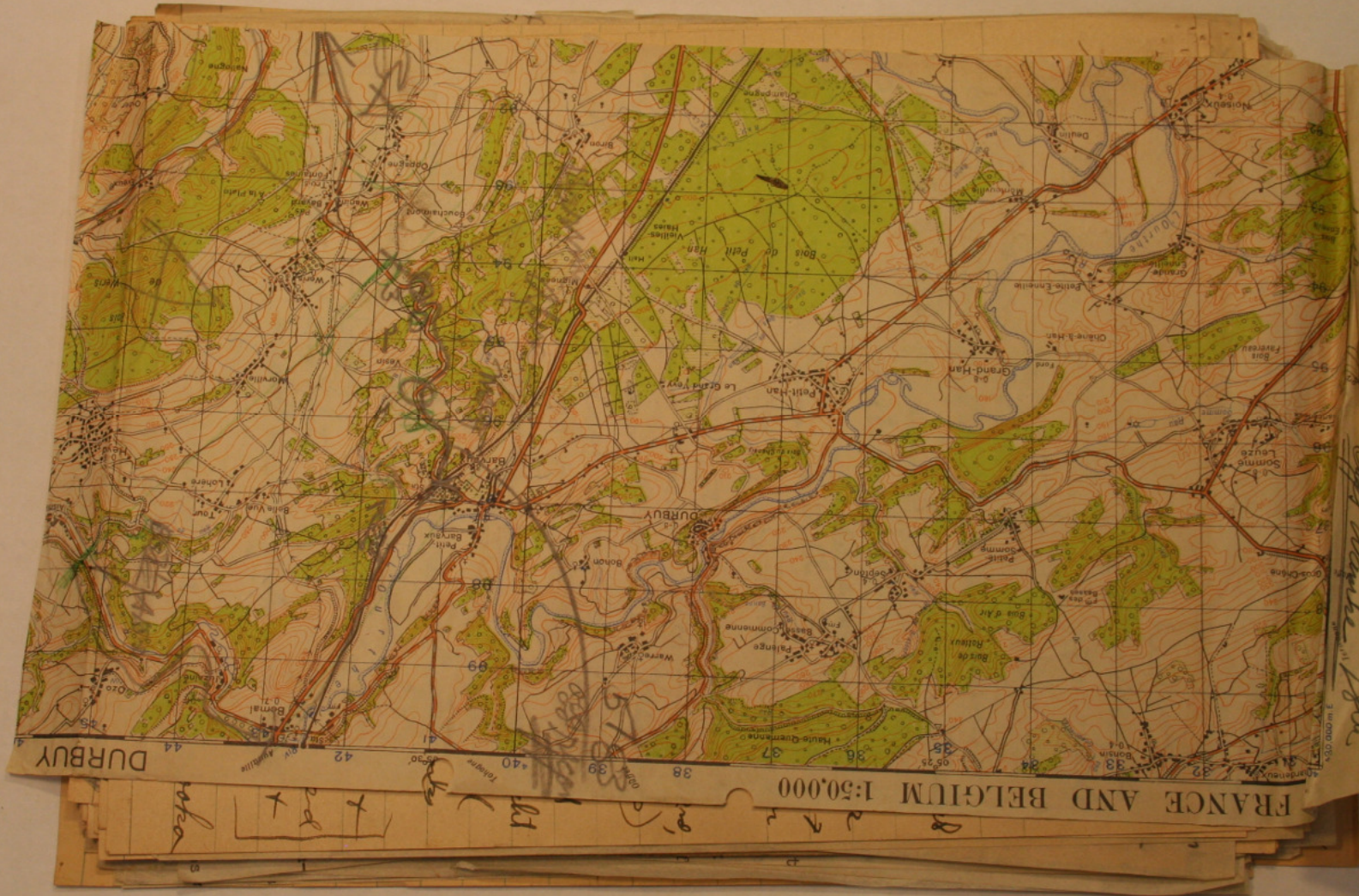
Capit Mackin 18th

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JULY

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Capit. [unclear] 18th

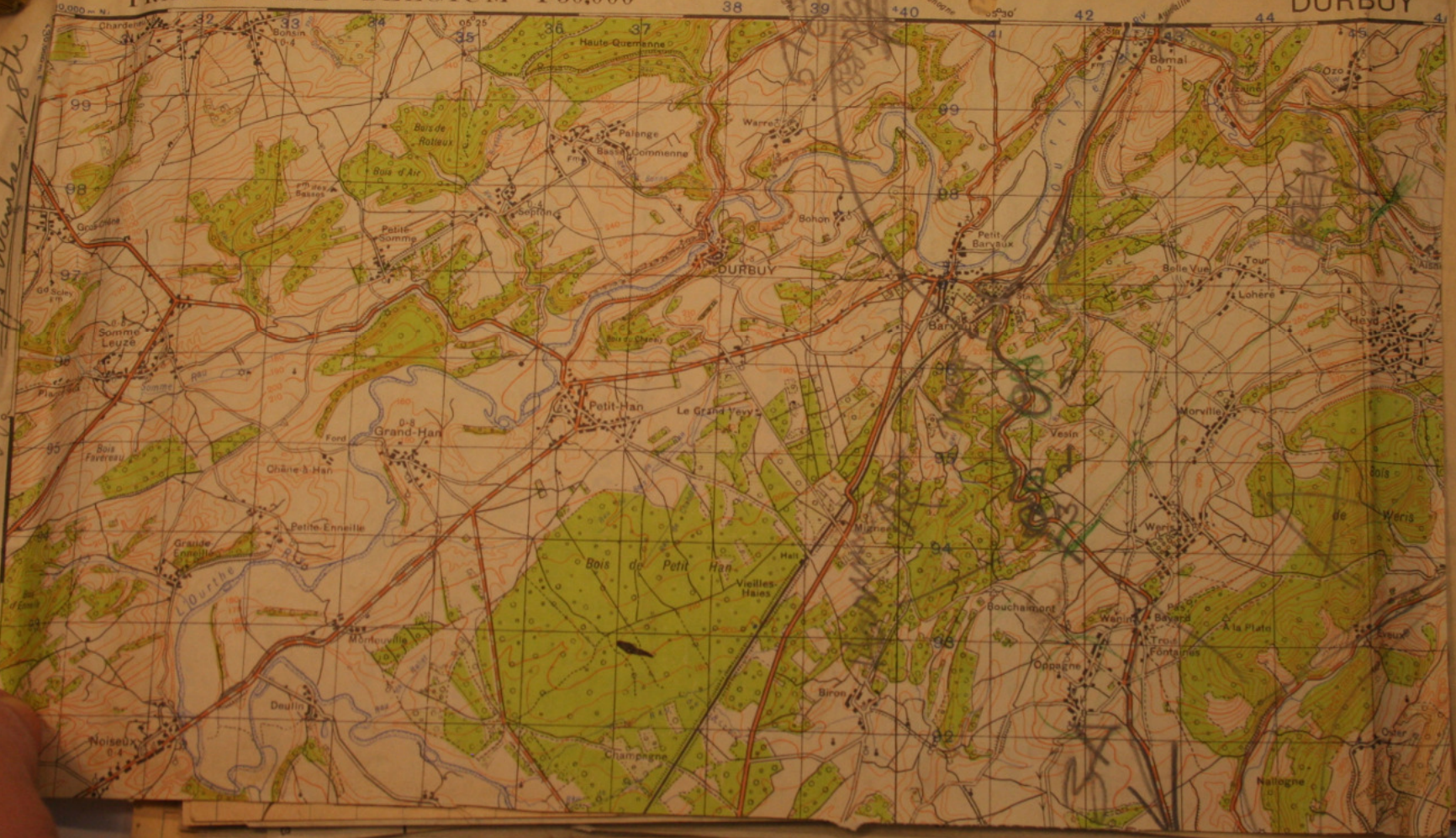
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*14th Cav. Gp
Capt Wm. H. 18th*



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19th. in pair - at - 873 924 after
leaving Meyer's ole - to block highway to
P 138 - S4 to woods SW - team to
P51 traps

May. Finance
of 12 44 Ranger
Small Staffer
at Gony
H. H. H. -
- org of 10th
235000g.
- route of attack
advance
- talked then did
TF9. 19th

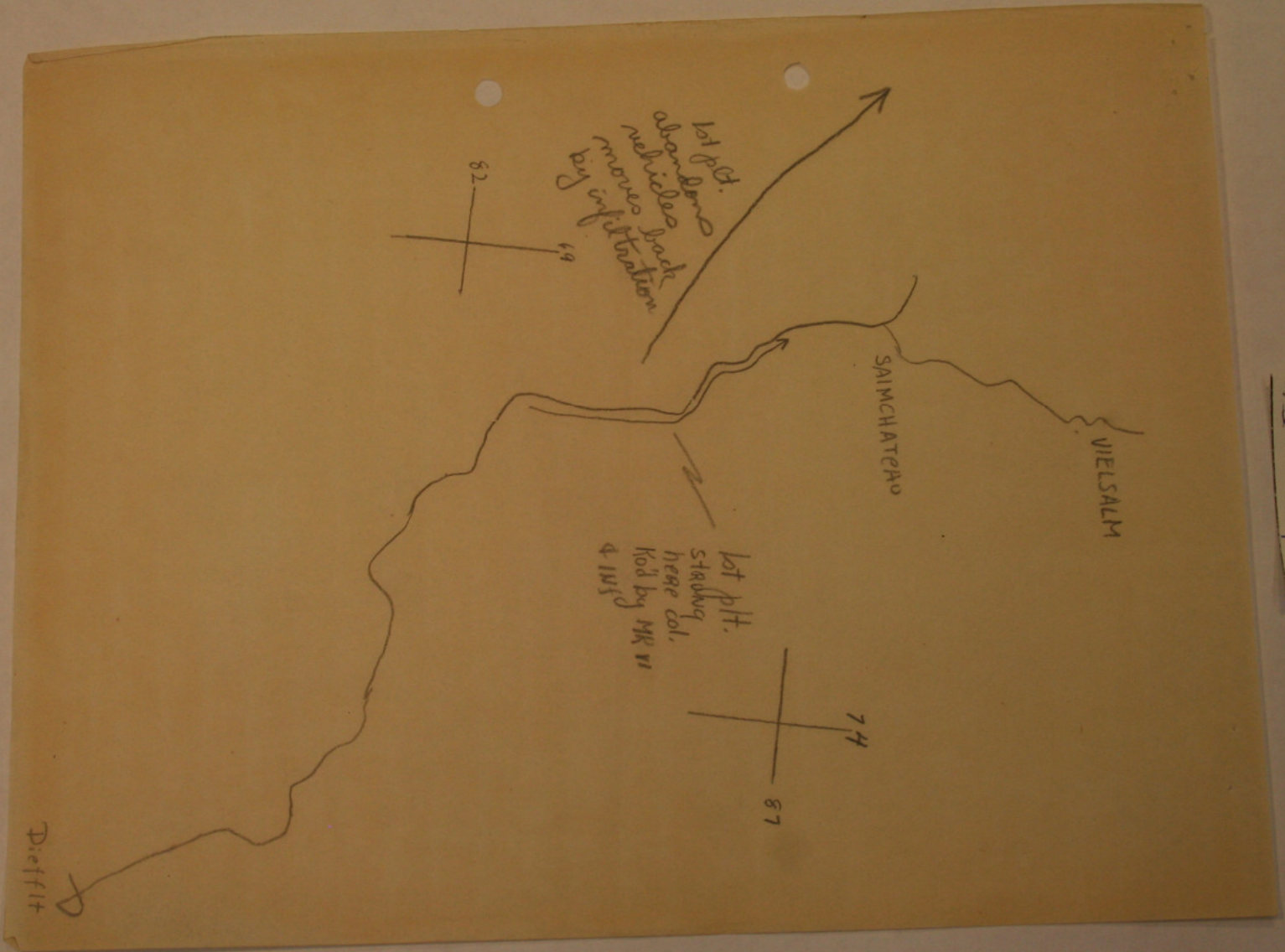
equipment -
lost of block - 1500 -
through Vielsohn -
then (B - was in Waller
with) 845 905 - ? -
→ Nedon ~~small~~ → Ober
St. Vitt → Paton →
in gain → 1/4 Col. Duggan
CP - turned around in
1 → Mission - FM1 - (top 320,
4 assault 15th (Capt Meadows)
th, Capt (?)) → to Paton -
7A 4. th Co - reported about
0200 (19) that they were chased out of Redt
and town in lanes - 26 men from A (with
C top) sent to secure tail of tanks
→ alerted patrol tanks about 180 yds
when "all hell broke loose" 100 & tank +
4 ~~at~~ platoons 320 → (top 11g → 2d
platoon 32nd → ~~at~~ team 3rd platoon, assault +
2 platoon 11g
- 1088 at camp + removed car by log area
interior SA fire, heavy in gp -

19th. in pain - at - 873924 after
leaving Meyer's ole - to Block highway to
cross P 138 - SA to woods SW - terrain to
west 3000 yds. eg. equipment - 7510 traps
1000 yds ahead - left of Block - 1500 -
- Maj K. to withdr. back Vichy salm -
FCo leading them (R - was in Waller
F - RT N of SA with) 845905 -> C -
873924 -> Hammington -> Nelson ~~swell~~ -> Ober
swell -> Sartog -> St. Vitt -> Poteau ->
- 2000^{19th} in Poteau gain -> Lt Col. Duggan
came out of Pth P - turned around in
Poteau at 3 AM -> Mission - 7th. - (Cty 32nd,
elements C - 18th 4 account 18th (Capt Meadows)
4 Lt tanks, 15th, Capt (?)) -> To Poteau -
Racht - Bom - 7A 4th Co - reported about
0200 (19) that they were chased out of Racht
and town in flames - 24 men from A (Cty)
with (Cty) sent to secure tail of tanks
-> started ^{4 tanks} push tanks about 180 yds
when "all hell broke loose" KO'd tank +
(order of march) C15th Adv. Gd -> 1st platoon 32 -> (Cty 11g -> 2d
platoon 32nd -> ~~at~~ team 32d platoon, 0200 at +
2 Pth 17D's near
- 1000th tank + removed car by log skid
intense SA fire, heavy mps -

19th Dec
 8 1/2, 3M-8's, 1 Lt. tank → micinfo at Paltan
 - landed on both sides of road - 300
 yds from 1st building - led over
 halfway small arms from every base
 got M-6 attached to 4 ton, Sgt. E. ...
 car - shoot in a return - return fire -
 m.g. - casualties - constant SA fire -
 Reg. and 2 LWIA - small patrol
 patrol troops

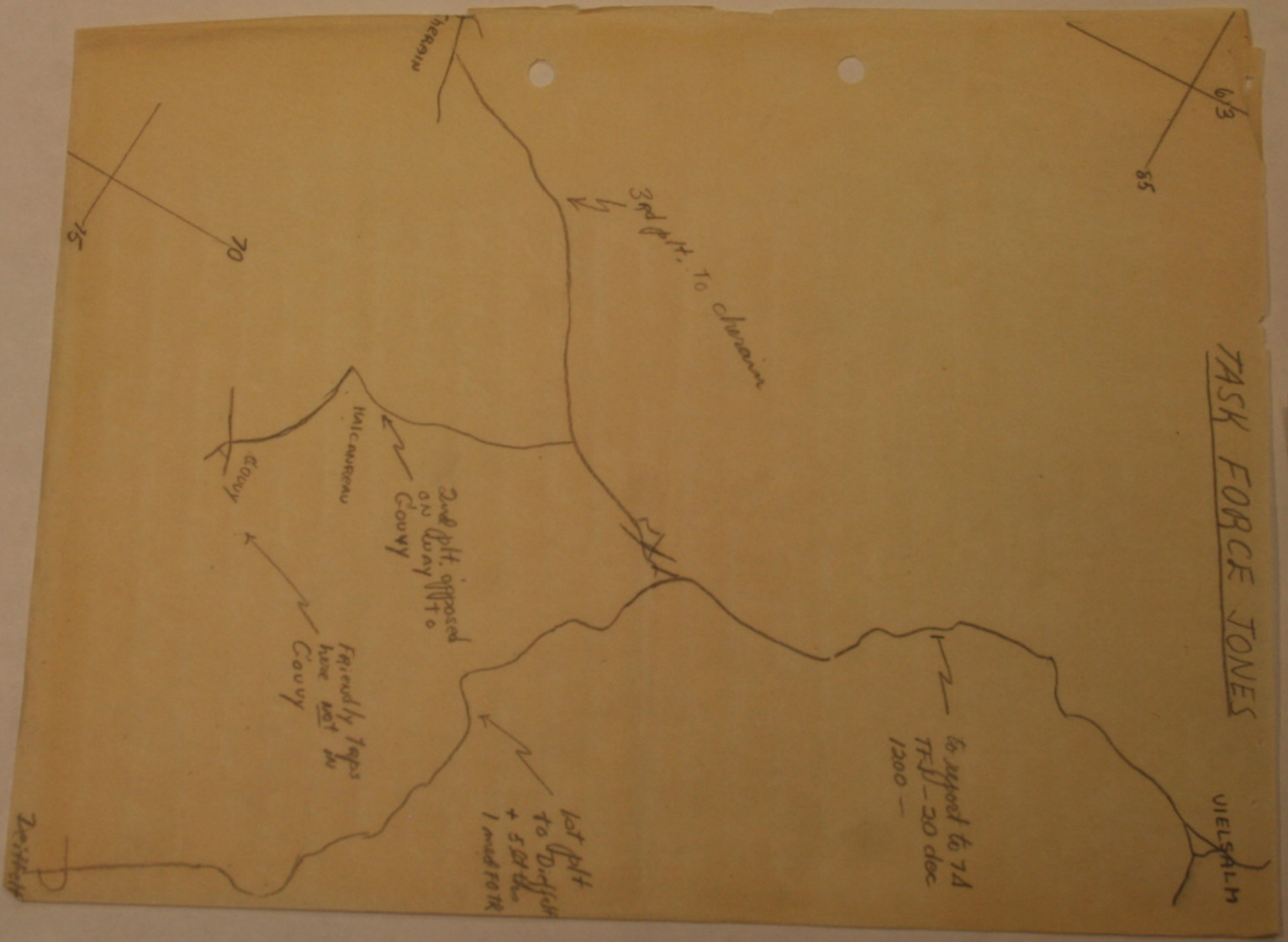
20 Dec Task Force Jones

Was ordered to report Lt Col. Jones, 7A
 CCR - Borigny for Vilsalm - 1 Ety 18th
 3 guns. - Capt Bois F - 32nd full comp.
 arrived at Borigny by mission - counter
 rec cover - three points to S Bay Diefeld
 Young & Sherman, ^{letter} Ferner - to D ...
 platoon in case rec on - at all cost ...
 adv. - 3rd platoon contact at Halesmean
 young friendly - but enemy ing - got to young
 men there - friends at RP CPL NE US
 SA ... 111A, 2 WIA & Co went to young
 100 SM + 6 no - fighting - 505?
 2 or 3 T 1 guns self-propelled M-10's
 1st C ...
 1st ...
 2 ...
 3rd platoon to Sherman - took 7/7th ...
 100 ...
 100 ...
 100 ...



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5 1/2 hrs 1300 has been ordered to with
Sgt Ruse ~~3rd~~ ^{3rd} ~~platoon~~ ^{platoon} - support - Co B
112th. came through 800 am - called at
ordered to leave. then - called at
4 PM on 20th heavy mortar fire - prep
for an hour - 1 arty - towed + SP gun
20 1300 by TD - if attack at 0515 -
1st Sgt ⁵⁰⁴ letter than Co B through "for being
with enemy casualties - "for being
bright and holdi our own" - messages
- common good - 100 or so - Lt Cassary
found ^{some} multiple 50 cal - used to good effect
German Lt + R car full of signal
equipment - 37 middle hood - 1/6
Flensburg Posenbahn - 100 yds - Sig.
Equipment - 31st ~~and~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{being}
~~attached~~ - attached - Road net to
1000 - # night 21st. - 1830 attacked
by 600 cal. fr. S.W. - col. hopped up
lights, hollering - 50 yds. 7 or 8 vehicles
half-track - 3 A - held fire - "not
American long." - multi, 500,
3-37's canister & HE, 1 th, 1 mortar
dgt "knock - s out of coln - 1300 4 or 5
- illuminating shells - tried to
attack dismounted - 1300 - 200 enemy
our casualties ^{very} - one accidental self-inflicted
wounds. on 20th

1300 2
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5 1/2 tbs 1000 has been ordered - to with
one 1/2 tbs 1000 by our minefields - moved
7:45 a.m. Coastal. hi-g. held there until
afternoon ^{then delay} 3 a.m. in morning 2nd
motor cycle from West. - 50-75 yds coast
find him " " just point it in direction
by you get him " " end Sheram.

1/2t Heron - night of 20th German staff
Diefelt - 10-11 pm. from south - "gun
staff car attacking by S. " " If you haven't
don't do knows SOB out " Had down"
37 - HE, Bangalore ammunition,
knocked driver's leg off - attempt
to fire jump - to SM's clean up - defn,
poor - very good ~~for~~ 2 periodic
of XVIII AB copy 2129 "

All strong ordered withdrawn
covering SM, OR in Gungy - train
for TF Force - 22nd of tomorrow

All out - with down by covered bounds.
At Heron coming out East - take on
plans - on Rd to Samuchalan - and

May 12. Bourgoing - trapped lot of the lot
of Shante - defill trap. - provided
out all vehicles - made out - capture
44 traps - infiltrated - sent - 4 venous
- Villet - joined sent in Villet's & 1 mia
in - with original - 112 Dr. 5
So - mt. 222 in Villet - moved
to Kygnise -
Concl. tried after - 3 days (16-19) contact
~~contact~~ fight - to cover east with ~~drawn~~
(add Capt Meadows story)
- Shoo fatigue as Capt
Mackin came into Heloaba
- to TF Jones - & again
to - Mont - Dornier - no
complaint - May. Kygnise

San Francisco

bug in by 0530 - 6 am to 2 a.m. - don't
dig there more in between G + How
Co. 424th close existing gap between
3rd pushing west - 88th pushing
east to gap grandstand - manly
didn't know where to go - a.m. 27th
to farm building - 88th thru lumber
& WIA - buy 1 yr 3 off WIA 1 off KIA - 200
hadn't found G + H Co's - ord. rebuilds
live bombing & strafed - not R.O.S.
4 bombs - 2 buds - P-38's - 88th
South - 1st of 2 - 88th
found - change mission for 3rd
line - mobile res. on 1st block of
G. Co - guide takes to 1st blk extreme 1st
block to wrong Co. - 84th ^{right} on - left few hrs
yards gap - intermittent mortar - few
casualties - no casualties - one self-inf
drew to Webbmont - a.m. 30th with
officers by 15th div. - 32nd Spdn - 28th
Hoyemont - moves to Thys... 2 days in

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(troop

last action
with
424th

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1st Army Cable Inqpt -

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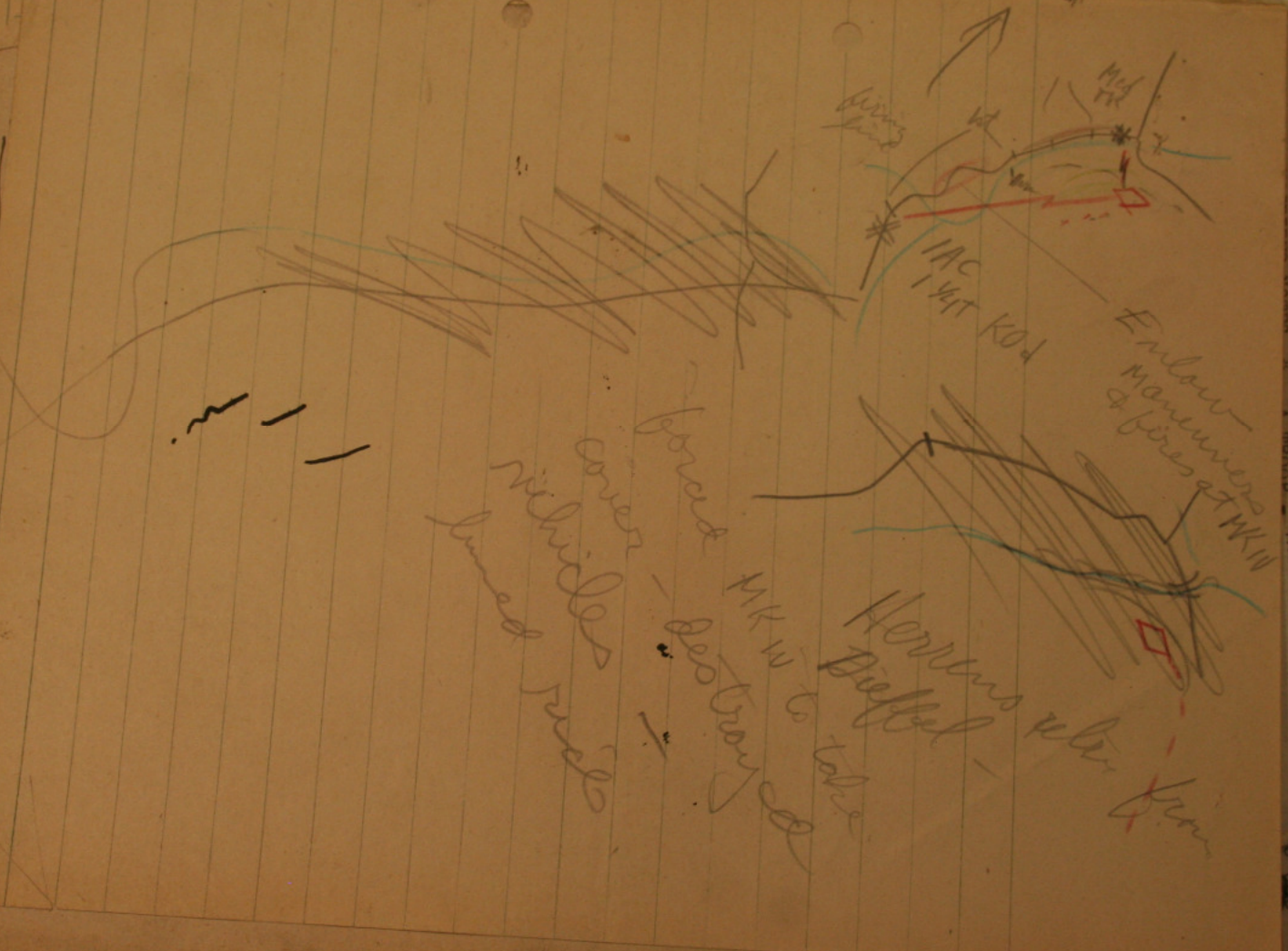
In Villet - 24 in ^{Sgt. Ryan} - left
 of 26th - little

By way - morning of
 food - 2 1/2 days in 1's -
 rule of 24th - "may" - "I'll
 reason through" - "I'll lead" - "Edmond
 lunch" - 25th 1100 - told to go to 87th
 take C try - 1400 - 1420 may I'll
 into orderly area - "Or just
 4 diff units - channels not aligned
 on various frequencies - had not
 received nor figured where to put -
 had on desks - not he - they had
 not been completed - toward one
 M-8 - "off to combat" - 11-8
 had pubesque rubber lining plug
 fuel line - to 87th - to 87th
 (15 km by rd?) - 24th. 1930 - Cal
 Ban Can? to 87th I don't know that much
 26th afternoon ¹¹³⁰ orders to roll 1830 -
 report to new destination - S-2, 87th
 to lot 424th Lt. - Monteclear -
 miss. - 1 am 27th to see for day
 in - Monteclear - Grand View
 Monkey - dead - gory's - approx
 2 am troop leave vehicles get
 also shown in where to dig in

get heavy cable in 40' -

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sp. heavy water fuel -



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1/ Sgt. Mark E. Carl
1/5 ~~Sgt.~~ Anthony L. Testa "defended my
guilt" death to

1/ Sgt. Ralph T. Handy
CTroop
interview



1/ Sgt. Mark E. Carl
1/5 ~~Sgt.~~ Anthony L. Testa
1/ Sgt. Ralph T. Handy
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340 2 @ 75 - Lt. W-8

CO - 1/4 Sade^A Lawton 1/2 Sgt Kenneth E Johnson

1st Sgt 1/4 Ken. G. Kinzel

2nd Sgt - 3/4 Wm. Madigan

3rd - 1/4 Kings^S Stembel

2nd

116 - Erwood - although no info there

Hobbs - to arise party - at 275 FA

Madigan - to CP - at Menan

775 - attached to - long before 15

Wec - gun positions & report to S-3

275 FA - still surveying - to FD wire

- Madigan & Lawton on road 7000

fire not too bad - mad looks

plantations - Mendenhall - Madigan

(Trade) - found TD's - had lost 7

guns - in room at 1045 - 1100 -

old gunnery school to north - fire on

road not on fire - 900 - 1200

small patrol (?) - fire direct at Madigan

overlooked - he had on helmet on

1130 - pulled 2 back to fire seat.

indirect fire - exposed - 1 W/A - mortar

1st Sgt - 1/4 Kings cable in 1951 -

E 2 Maj Maps - as we in with only
 at indirect fire - not fire -
 1500 - to willow - assemble at 1200
 went to 4 with 5 Mandyfeld - maps
 Capt Plt C top 1200 moved - to
 Herbolbach - top fire - 1900 at
 Herbolbach - killed - at outposts
 17 Dec - E top - At kind - no talk - with
 about 0900 - 1030 back - last pl in
 Col - semi - killed - security, near
 meal
~~15 Dec~~ 1245 out of them one - 3 plt.
 at Gut Field 3m in fire covering
 1500 St - only came with Sepm - no
 top - only die in - said was
 air by 100th - mapping - 1700 - on
 in. Sepm - to Viebach -

18 Dec - traffic - 6 am - to Viebach
 to Boleau - order received 0500 - 0900
 Col Roper - (want work) - 1200 - 1800
 advise their three guns to be put - 1st
 15th 2 33rd in boot camp - M. Viebach

19 Dec 1500 - attached to 3 pl - E 32 - 3 guns -
 1st pl moved top B - E poles -
 2 pl - 2 3
 3 pl - 3 3 - 3 → 4 pl - 4 guns

Expt Hq at Behr - in at 1900 (19)

Troop F Lineup

1st Eppeler - 19^A might 2nd -
heads SA for me taller

note 20 - high - 2nd plt late out
2nd - At local occass -

3rd - Therman - arty forger - late

220 - prepared to return -

edge of road being in bank &

small grass - jump gun on

corner of H Street & away W.

Madigan - 30 yds W 4th - 14M
on 23rd - challenged - jump over

- W 37 - at 4-man - 15M^{CL}

disappeared round corner - 2's &

3's - ^{15:30} jumped up - talking -

small group - meaningful - Genes

coming in at wall - 11 Therman -

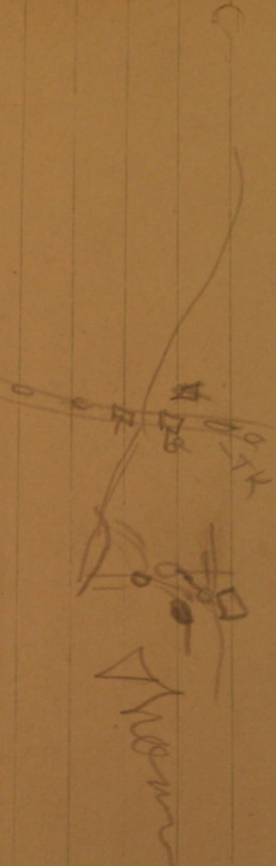
Blip - 37 - St Camis to - 30 yds -

garbage - W 9A - SP-9A? -

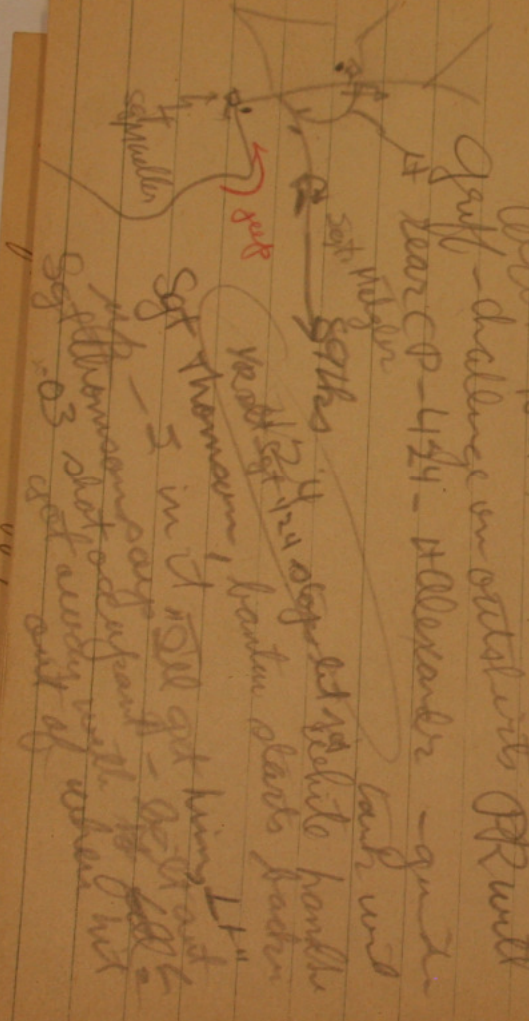
quitting - 30 yds to right side
cut off town - 1st at there - 11 W 100

Sept 03 " 801 " out " 001

18 came up to go to Gabe - mission
to attack the man - but order
for delaying action - until 1st hand -
0700H. - to Allnegen till 1300 - fire
at Allnegen - 18th covered -
German started to get up & walk in



Spaffling - 191800 - and " take photo
of 16 LFA NW town - troops in
front - challenge on contact with PR with
at rear CP - 424 - Alexander - guide
each with



Sgt Thomas - 5 in 1 - still get him
Sgt Thomas - 03 shot away with
Sgt Thomas - 03 shot away with

hard grenade - "Moke's" words
 me weapon, no helmet - "Run I
 come - yell - 'Panic!' - lot of
 clothes - wouldn't get up - pulled
 him up - dirt knows where he
 was left - walk in some
 get - Sgt Walter Mueller - gun
 not Sgt.



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kept one assault gun inside room
 Sgt Bristol - lying - no report on
 feet powder - Sgt Pichow - took
 shell loads - into the regimental CP
 used in with gun - available -
 - quiet - 20th
 2AM - Sgt Richmond - 12 - all in front
 0730 pat - Sgt Hille - out there
 place Sgt. M. Taylor - gun -
 check band - only - making the assault

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... on post = aircraft
...
- all all day - center battery was
- Melberberg - 21st - inj out of the
out out of 21st - support hospital
pull back - 2nd 1000 left of pull back
Met Bendinelli - lead in
→ Bombard 13302000 - motion
C - Element of 28th Div. 434 - in
normal - bomb down road - 7A channels
- near us - "Sentry" 2110h case of the
9pm. 7D's - with 1st - 4+ in
from Gulf - long - jumpy - ~~the~~ -
jump gun - 4th standard -
C imp pull - 10pm 2200 - about 1st
tent - started pulling back - hell
28th 28th - about 21st to go -
1/4 of 7F goes CO - "Sick & tired of getting
chased stand here & fight" -
at a medium - 100 yds away -
going on toward - jump in bullets - to
near - more of moonlight - center
- explain on horses - see 400

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19 - 0 - 3

gives - "men on post = assist
inf - tank men from vehicle
come - Jones sent back - Col

Jones "impulsively out" - Lt. Davis
lets go lot - looking in 1/2 tank - 3400g

3 guns & ~~ammo~~ ~~ammo~~ ~~ammo~~ - stopped by

Morgan - inf - hit & knocked -
Stockpiles - Alexander came
down & left - went to bank

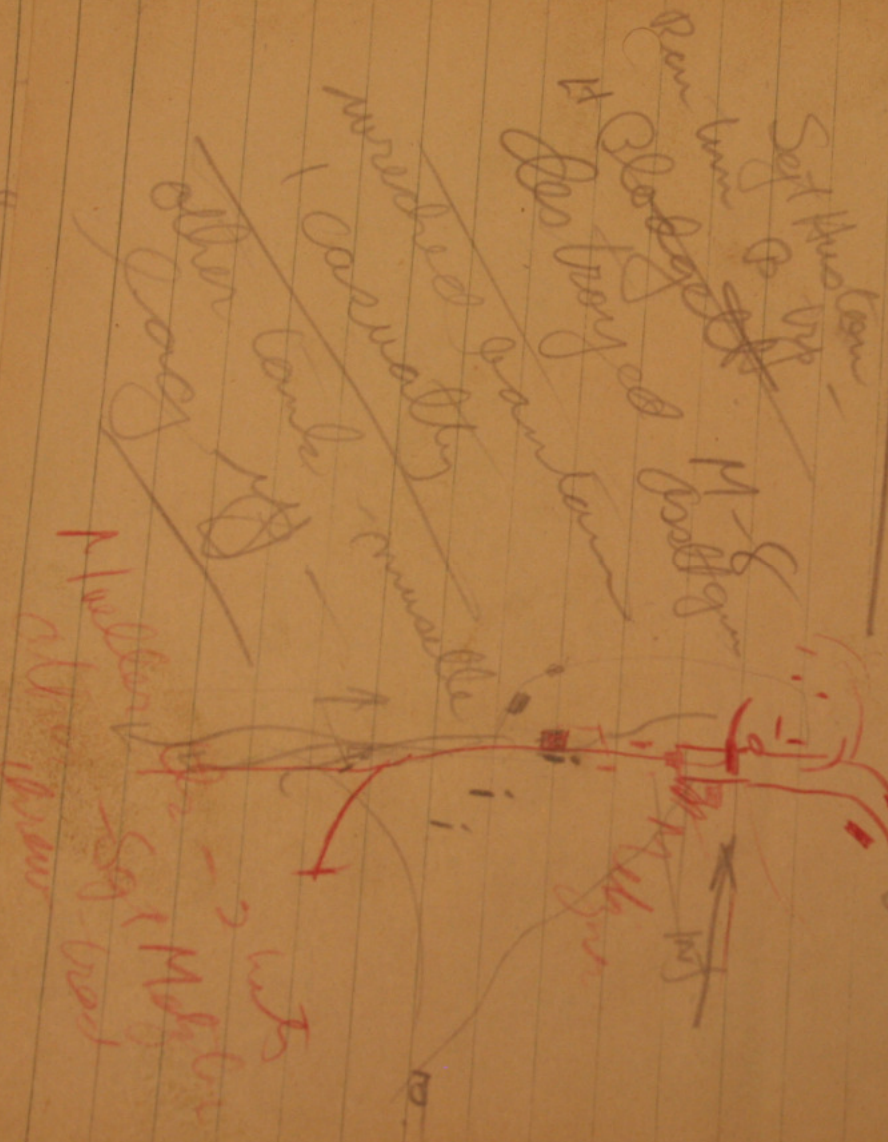
spray - move out - Col - Ruby - the
at Malabang Junction → Belva
go up going out again - 23
0630

2300 ~~2300~~ started towards

74 & 91 1/2 lbs inf, vehicle, meet the
Tom Maudrange - (Belva) hangar
why at junction - on traffic for
- ~~Col~~ - Sgt. Mueller - before our
apt. Miller - flat trajectory 75?
pullout - ammo trailers -
out - ammo trailers below - "4 ply
in the air" - 1230 - orders to
plant one - over cover - landing
ball - also mounted "follow me" etc

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low 1000 interval - ammunte
trailer - 4 fuel bags hanging on
top of ammo - still burning -
100 shells - 2d hit Sgt. Mueller, Wm.
dismounted, unhitched trailer, still
burning - 75 - in trailer - losing
ammo out WP - Sgt. Utter several
PFC Sam Smith, 7/5 Chester just
in - (driver) handed rounds to
Shweller to see - Mueller Bing
ston - in pair - ready to leave.



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* A TROOP - 1951

18 - 0 - 3

Emerg'd from Thompson to
motors 4 - 75 - 1900 best hit on
Sgt Gen Foster - 3 WIA - Sgt Foster
leg always ^{major} Sgt (Savage, game - muscular
thick, brown, 1/4 Sep, Alley - 2000
with game - 50 Sgt. Richard Cole
pl. - missed them - Shavale -
01230 - highway clear - Pen
2 At Mad, 107R, 4 hrs - lost, were
 tanks. - 1/3 hour at (Saha -
A + 7 HF can - Vidalahn - Leanne
Aynvalle - 1900 - 53 -

24 Dec

C byp - moon - Kigmore at 1500 -
2/4 + Madigan - 3 get with B byp - 1700
Rest in Kigmore (see A)

25 Dec

C byp gets 3rd pl. - short 7 hrs - damp
1 plumb hit get (slimmed)
C byp - 17 men on hillside for hours
Kigmore till 24/25/26/27/28/29/30 Dec

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TRANSCRIBED NOTES * A TROOP - 1944

A TROOP - 1944

18 - 0 - 3

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A → Durce - 24 - alt. 8714
Sqn - there 25-26 to org. 2
35 men incl Sgt. - 5 men from
E - carry back the 3000
Put Wm Walker along road
recovered Durce

- B — Living 1800²⁵ - roof, low
down - one gun - 26 1200
- 2 40-men - platoon - - mont -
- Durce at night — of. as entry
with machine

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~~E. [Signature]~~

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TRANSCRIBED NOTES * A TROOP - 18-0-3

18-0-3
18-0-1

OR

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2h-

18 - 0 - 1

C Troop - 18th Sqdn.

TRANSCRIBED NOTES...

- CO - Capt. John T. Walker - (WIA at Poteau)
- Exec - 1/Lt. Aubrey L. Mills - (KIA on ammo mission 16 Dec.)
- 1st. plt. - 2/Lt. Max L. Crawford also 3/3gt. Ernest J. [unclear]
- 2nd. plt. - 1/Lt. Kenneth C. Ferrans T/5 [unclear]
- 3rd. plt - 1/Lt. Ledru L. King

with - sgt Ryco ~~and~~ jeep -
 driver P/TA. Robert Bance

Crawford at Chambers Bros
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Weberath - "whole team blown
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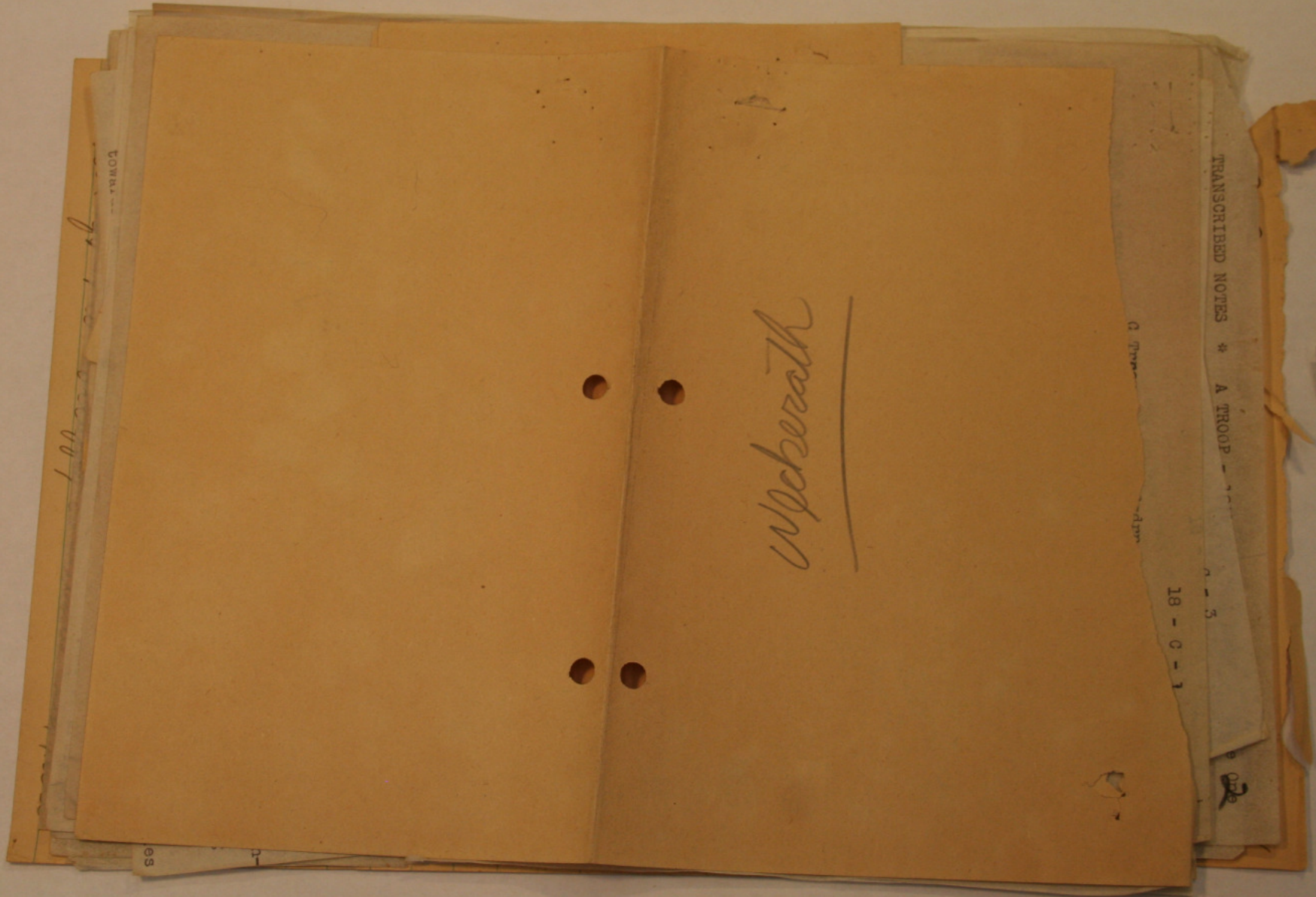
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Comm and towards 3rd
to top CP - 3 wireman

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McLeod; $\frac{1}{5}$ Dean Eyer

Put Wm Brown driving bus
 $\frac{1}{5}$ Gordon & Gachson cook
— range 25 yds - to KIA
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The story of C troop divides itself initially into two phases. The action at the Trip OP at Weckerath ~~xxx~~ combined with the 3rd platoon, positioned 1000 yards to the east of Weckerath; and secondly, the experiences of the Afst and Kretinkle Garrisons, further to the north-east. Lt's King, Parrons and Crawford were the main sourced of interview material for this story.

Prelude to the ~~m~~ In C troop story is the adventure of a combat patrol from the Afst Garrison led by 2/Lt. Max L. Crawford. This patrol was given an ambush mission on the night before the attack, this ran into an unusual quantity of trouble in accomplishing ~~the~~ mission.

The patrol was made up of 2/Lt. Max L. Crawford (leader), Pvt. Robert Hickie, Pvt. Richard King (armed with TSMG), Pvt. (armed with automatic carbine), Pvt. Harold Gritser, P/4 William I. Barton, Pvt. Roderick Dlem (armed with TSMG) and P/4 William I. (carbine)...others were armed with M-1's. This eight-man patrol was directed (by the squadron S-2, Capt. Gies) to go to a certain house (see map and action sketch) in the vicinity of a place called Almutthen. This location had frequently been held by infiltrating parties of Germans, and the actual holding of the buildings there fluctuated between the hands of the cavalrymen, and the enemy patrols that came out from their permanent positions in the Slegried line....The patrol left

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At 1830, under the cover of darkness. Originally it had been planned to give this patrol only a reconnaissance mission, but late in the afternoon the squadron 3-2 designated that it should be an ambush patrol, and attempt to bring back some enemy prisoners. This change in plans convinced Lt. Crawford that he should lead the patrol in place of Herzog who had originally been designated as patrol leader. The patrol circled Almutzen once in a wide circle, heard nothing to arouse their suspicions. Then they closed to a trail junction where a shed-haystack lay opposite the combination house-and-barn. The haystack was built around a shed, had a door that faced the trail junction, and at this intersection the patrol deployed itself to ambush any enemy that would pass this particular junction. Crawford had instructed them not to fire on any enemy groups that were larger than 10 - 12 men, for he did not believe the fire power of the eight-man group could take care of any larger group. The patrol investigated the haystack, and found that it was empty. Bannister and Lt. Crawford crossed the road and stood in the shadow of the barn. They could hear some people talking inside, and once heard a stifled cough. Evidently, the enemy was in the house. It was about ~~1100~~ 2300 or shortly before when a group of troops were heard coming from the north. It was a very dark night, and Lt. Crawford was unable to accurately judge the size of the enemy group... But most of the men in the patrol admitted that there must have been about 30 suits, were all bunched together, and were talking among themselves. The little patrol was so surprised that it just froze and stood still. King, Diem and Herzog were in front of the haystack. The Germans stopped right in the middle of the road junction, and some of them started for the haystack. King afterwards said that he fired when one of the enemy "bumped into the muzzle of his (33MG), then all of the patrol let go.

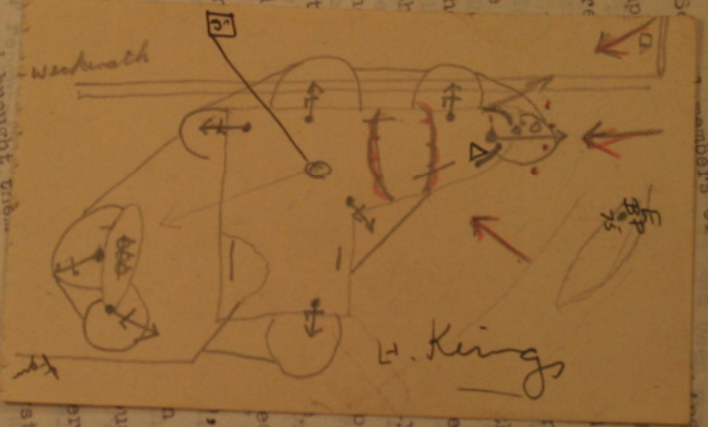
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on this group. Enemy artillery was coming into the platoon's position, but it was sparse and didn't harm any of the troopers there. Closest scrape of the attacking elements came when a group of twenty or thirty Germans got within 60 yards of the forward nose of the position. They did not attack, but merely layed there throwing or firing rifle grenades. Near the OP the platoon sergeant, S/SGT. Lyle A. Belyea took a ^{1/2 Royal} patrol up to cover the OP, long range rifle fire was coming into this ^{Schmidt} ^{by 1st Lt} ^{platoon} section of the defenses, and an enemy concentration ^{of troops} ^{from 500 yds} ^{from OP} ^{hill} between King and Krewinkle. Cpl. John W. Bristol directed mortar ^{from a} ^{to} ^{addition} ^{of} ⁴⁵⁰ ^{was} ^{just} ^{concentration}. From the platoon position King and his men could see Germans grouped near a Base Point that had previously been registered by E Troop's assault guns. King tried to call for the fire of the assault guns but found that the wires to Weckerath, and through to Handerfeld had been knocked out. The 509 radio channels would not permit the "King" platoon to talk to Weckerath. It was necessary to re-route the radio traffic through Afst. The radio channels were jammed with jazz music and the usual squealings of German jamming. By this time, the troopers in "King" position could see another concentration of German troops near GR 571. It was evident that many of the Germans were by-passing the position and going on towards Weckerath and Aw. Some Germans could be seen in the vicinity of Weckerath, and King straight up, and the "King" troopers started to shoot at them. Pvt. Albert J. Boisvert, reversed his mortar and fired upon those near Weckerath on Lt. King's orders. The Germans were by this time already in the east side of town, and a brisk fight was going on there (see the story of F Co's 1st pltn of it links that were used to snattle-shoot the Germans in the streets there) Afterwards, Lt. King admitted that the only reason his platoon was able to hold ~~its~~ its position was because the

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the "Krauts didn't want to buck". Upon orders from Weckerath, through, the 1st radio channels, it was directed that King "flow through the bastards to Weckerath" At King's position were all of his platoon plus troop headquarters platoon. They all piled onto the vehicles of the platoon, after destroying all classified material and leaving personal belongings such as bed rolls, etc. The A/C were cold and it was with difficulty that they were started. Drivers had to stand on the clutch to get them in gear. The column that started out from the position was in the following order. Lt. King's A/C, a mortar jeep, Sgt. Belyea's A/C, mortar jeep, 1.m.G. jeep, mortar jeep, 1.m.G. jeep, Sgt. Webster's A/C - Webster was the last in the column that raced back towards Weckerath. There were Germans dressed in snow suits and carrying M1 field packs on both sides of the road. They fired at the column. And every one in the vehicles and clinging to the vehicles of the column returned the fire. The cold, necessitating the vehicles to keep to about a 10 m.p.h. speed, dangerously slowed the column through the hail of enemy fire. However, ~~only~~ only one member of the convoy was a casualty as the escape attempt was made. Section Sgt. Edward Gannucci was WIA. both hands, his thighs and his throat were nicked by snags from a burp gun as one of the more accurate Krauts "potted" at the column. Sgt. Webster's a/c, the last one in the column, stopped just before the vehicles entered the town of Weckerath and trained its 37mm cannon on a group of Germans standing near a barn and killed all of them with canister. When the column got into Weckerath, King's platoon found that Capt. Walker's headquarters section of 20 men - the artillery and enemy assault had knocked-out two half tracks and the kitchen truck was full of holes. Soon after the 3rd. platoon got into the town, the convoy took off, ~~making~~ led by two light tanks under the command of 1/Lt. Edward Schnee, liaison officer from squadron headquarters. Along the

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rough trail that led to the bridge the convoy rolled. Germans were on both sides of the road. Some of them were within 15 or 20 feet of the road, just stood there waving their arms as though they wanted the cavalry column to stop and surrender. Plt. Sgt. Belyea was wounded in the hand on the trip into Manderfeld, the column arriving there at 1315. Stayed there until 1615, being shelled by the Germans all the time they were there. Upon the completion of this phase of the action, Lt. King said that his platoon, and the headquarters section of C troop, must have accounted for at least 100 Germans killed, and 100 wounded. The night preceding the attack, Lt. King, too, had heard that yell for help. One incident that marred the trip out was when F/5 Schaner, the man who had been wounded in the eye in the "King" position, slipped off the road and skidded off cross-country for 50 or 75 yards. He was driving Belyea's A/C and as the car lurched, Belyea grasped the turret, got shot through the hand.

Shortly after the first pressure of the enemy troops began, the C troop executive, 1/Lt. Aubrey L. Mills volunteered to run an ammunition supply patrol to aid the hard-pressed ammunition status of the Krewinkle and Afst Garrisons. Krewinkle had radioed, through Afst, for additional ammunition. But the Afst Garrison was satisfied that ~~the~~ its supply was sufficient. ~~With~~ Mills was in an a/c with S/sgt. William Low, T/5 Henry F. Bruenger, ^{and} T/4 Charles Yost. Ahead of the a/c traveled a Jmg bantam. Low was the gunner and when the A/C was ambushed by about 75 enemy riflemen between Afst and Krewinkle. He heard Lt. Mills say... "Down, Low!" Looked up towards the rim of the turret to see Mills hit squarely between the eyes with a rifle slug. That was between 0730 and 0800 (contradiction and fuller account in Lt. Crawford's Afst story)

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Roth Garrison
Defenses - 16 Dec 44

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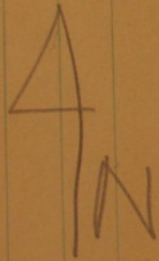
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Kobshied

(Other 2 positions)
all 2 guns

Sketched by
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Kobscheid Garrison
Defenses to Dec 1944

Sgt. Geo. Vaughn

Kobscheid Garrison - check
with 10,000
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30mm
mortars
in all.

1st Plt. 1/4. Lorenz Hendrick
3rd Plt. 1/4. Ernest Edwards.

GERMANS MORTARS FIRED ON
WITH 37 MM MORTAR - RED CROSS FLAG
REPLACES MORTAR FIRE
Barn - mortars
37 mm. fr.
A/c. 4 aid sta

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AP Mine Field.

Exit Route
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10 positions in all

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Last 2 NTS prior
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A troop of the 18th had its personnel garrisoned in the two villages of **ROTH** and **KOBSCHEID** when the German attack began.

The troop CP was located in **ROTH**, and this village was the target of the heaviest concentrations of attacking Germans on the first day of the attack. Though attempts were considered, none of the **ROTH** garrison were able to withdraw from their positions to the rear. Only survivor of this garrison to remain with the 14th GP was PFC Dante Archimede. He had been sent to the rear by the troop commander Capt. Porche for a resupply of ammunition just after the initial barrage had come down on the garrison in preparation for the attack.

The **KOBSCHEID** garrison was hit almost as hard as the **ROTH** garrison, but the members were more successful in withdrawing. Under the cover of darkness they were able to make their way towards the rear, and after moving back through the

SCHONBERG - **ST. VITH** area, finally joined the infantry and artillery of the 7th Arm'd Div, and fought with them in the "Fortified Gooseegg" action, where the remaining troops in the northwest sector of the Ardennes pocket were evacuated through the Selmehteau, Vielsalm, prepared defense line.

Material on the adventures of the Kobscheid was gathered from mess sgt. Humphrey (see list on page two), Prussak, Forbes and Skledkowski..... they were the ones remaining from the Kobscheid garrison, and were absorbed, temporarily into B troop of the 18th at the time of the interview.

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T/5 Walter A Prussek - radio op

S/Sgt. Fred H. Humphrey - mess sgt.

Cpl. John C. Forbes - 37 gunner A/C - PPC at time of action

Cpl. Dante Archimede - Liaison agent - PPC at time of action

Pvt. Edward S. Sklepkowski - mortar sqd member

A troop of the 18th garrisoned the two towns of ROTH, and KOBSCHEID. Coverage of the activities in the latter town, as the attack developed, is made clear by interviews with five of the six enlisted men listed above. The story of the ROTH garrison is quite another matter.

ROTH itself housed the command post of the troop which was commanded by Capt. Stanley E. Porche; and the second platoon of the troop was manned the defenses of the town. The second and third platoons of A troop were stationed in KOBSCHEID to the south.

— A troop had about 134 em and four officers at the start of the action.

— The troop went into these positions about the 20th of October. One section of 76 mm towed TD Guns from A Co 820 TD Bn were with the ROTH garrison, only one was in position. The other was in the process of being placed.

— All posts in the ROTH garrison were manned with two men during hours of darkness. Reliefs were regulated usually as two hours on and four hours off. During the hours of daylight, only one man was at the position - one hour on and five off.

— Previous to the counterattack, a troop in ROTH ran patrols to the belt of dragons' teeth. Couldn't see much beyond them. Several PW's straggled in without weapons, giving themselves up.

One of the escaping PW's was an escaping Russian. The last few nights before the attack had been quiet and flare-less, but before that the platoons had reported heavy patrolling and many di-vart-colored flares (see Journal 16th Sq) 15 or 20 flares would be reported on each night. They were shot up in different sectors and Amber, Green, White and Red were observed. Amber flares were fewest. Previous to the heavy artillery concentration that proceeded the attack, only spasmodic artillery had come down. It was customary for the Germans to throw over a few rounds at chow time, and once when the members of the platoon were in exposed positions, digging in and improving the weapon pits for the automatic weapons they drew artillery and mortar fire. Casualties, preceding the attack had been light...only 3 WIA's in the KOBSCHEID Garrison. The barrage came down on ROTH between 0500 and 0530 according to PFC Archimede. It was the largest and most intense barrage that the Garrison had received, and Capt. Porche sensed that a large scale manatback was afoot. Accordingly he immediately sent PFC Archimede for up additional ammunition for the Garrison. They had many automatic weapons and their rate-of-expenditure was heavy. Archimede left as soon as the barrage lifted, driving a bantam through AUV to MANDERFIELD. He was never able to return to the Garrison, is the sole survivor known listed as MIA.

At 0930 (? see Sqdn Journal) part of F company was sent through AUV to get to ROTH. F was unable to get into AUV reported that there were 8 - 12 tanks in the town. Sgt. Humphrey, at KOBSCHEID, could see at least four tanks in AUV.

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- The exact number of tanks that came into ROTH is doubtful. Sqdn had reports that the 76 mm gun posted at the eastern entrance to ROTH had knocked out two German tanks before it was knocked out. Last radio message from Capt. Porche, "Tanks 75 yards from CP, firing direct fire. Out". (? Sqdn Journal)
- At 1600 (?) 1000 KOBSCHEID garrison received the last word from ROTH. KOBSCHEID radio transmitter was not functioning, the enemy had jammed the channels with jazz and the usual jamming static noises. This message reported enemy tanks between KOBSCHEID and AUW
- (?) 1100 radio to KOBSCHEID ammunition and reinforcements on the way (?) Capt. Porche, speaking to 1/Lt. Lorenz Herdrick, CO of KOB Garrison, "We're moving back, your friends to south are moving back, (the 423rd Inf of 106 Div) It's up to you whether you'll withdraw on foot or on vehicles. Advise you to go on foot."
- Lt. Herdrick chose to go out on foot because the road to AUW, only possible route of withdrawal, crossed an open crest, and was supposed to be held by the enemy.
- On the night preceding the attack, PFC Porche was a member of a 12-man ambush patrol that left the KOB Garrison (see sketch) and set up an ambush trap on trail that led into KOB. The patrol lay in position, camouflaged by snow capes, until 2400 hours. They saw and heard nothing. By-passing their own mine fields on the return, the patrol returned for Sgt. Humphrey's hot coffee. It was led by Sgt. Kenneth Potts.
- commander of the third platoon in KOB - Lt. Ernest Edwards
- Only four rounds of artillery (sqdn journal?) were reported by the KOB Garrison at 0537 hours.

Col. Jones with Capt Barr - Lt. Silvers

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*At the same time the members of the garrison at KOB heard small arms and artillery fire to the north - vic. KREWINKLE.

-At 0600 Pvt. Adam J. Staworski reported a Green flare about 300 yards from his # 1 position - on the NE outskirts of the village.

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-The KOB GARRISON WAS AT a corner of the sector was a "hot spot"

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The German patrols managed to come in upon KOB with considerable strength, and kept the garrison there on its toes.

- The combined wire and radio facilities of the cavalry troopers and the FO party commanded by 2/Lt. Clark "Curbsone" - were instrumental in maintaining excellent communications within the

garrison strongpoint until 0830 when enemy artillery succeeded in KO'ing the wire in the position. The supporting arty

- the wire com undulations that controlled the supporting arty also suffered from the sustained German artillery fire. In KOB

there were two men from the 16th FA Observation Bn (a T/S and a Pvt.)...there wire went out at 0830, too. Radio communication, though jammed and garbled was maintained, and artillery concentrations from the 275th FA succeeded to circle the town. At one

point 2/Lt. Clark called for an air burst concentration to be layed on the town, when the enemy had penetrated the perimeter defense of the garrison. But the gunners refused to lay it down.

-Arty KO'd wire to OP's #1 and # 2 at 0830. PFC Robert Albin was wounded in arm and chest, Pvt. McKean KIA, too. Lt. Edwards went

to see them at #2 with medic Pvt. Horn at about 0900 hours.

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Col. James and Capt Bair - St. Stephen

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The cry for help had been heard from a draw SW of the garrison on the two nights preceding the attack and growing... To all the men positions in all in the MOB Garrison they had killed... Skelkowski had heard "heavy machine" between 2000-2200 hours on the 15th... He was at the northern most outpost, all of the OP crew were up at 0600, having a cigarette and getting ready to change shift. When they heard SA fire. Top Gallo (see interview *can give pass 5.11 min work - can scream heard*) *in a gas pocket of this section* was in an m.g pit when he heard one of the enemy scream. "Like a rebel yell" and that started the firing... Rushing to the windows the crew at OP # 1 found that the enemy had already gotten up as far as the feet of their houses. "Enemy had snuk up there, (Skelpski)... they could see them there when they looked out the window. Threw grenades at them, but the jerries would just laugh and throw the grenades away. So Skelley ran and got some special, fast-fused bobby-trap grenades, threw them through a slit in the wall down into the pigeon. Pulled pin and threw them fast... they'd explode just before hitting the ground. The crew had both a 30 cal MG and a 50 cal MG in the second story of the house. The 30 jammed after an enemy slug had lodged in its water jacket. Sgt. Glenn Barlow covered Skelley while he attempted to fix the 30... to fix it he "twisted the barrel a little to adjust the headspace, and hit it a couple of times... it began to fire again... The 50 jammed, too... There was than a German It. and about a squad of the enemy in the pigeon... they were armed and not wounded... Finally, about 25 or 30 had gathered around the house, and the men of the OP had gone out to disarm them and get them together... enemy artillery started to come down near the house, so they let the prisoners lay down beside the houses.

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can give pass 5.11 min work - can scream heard*

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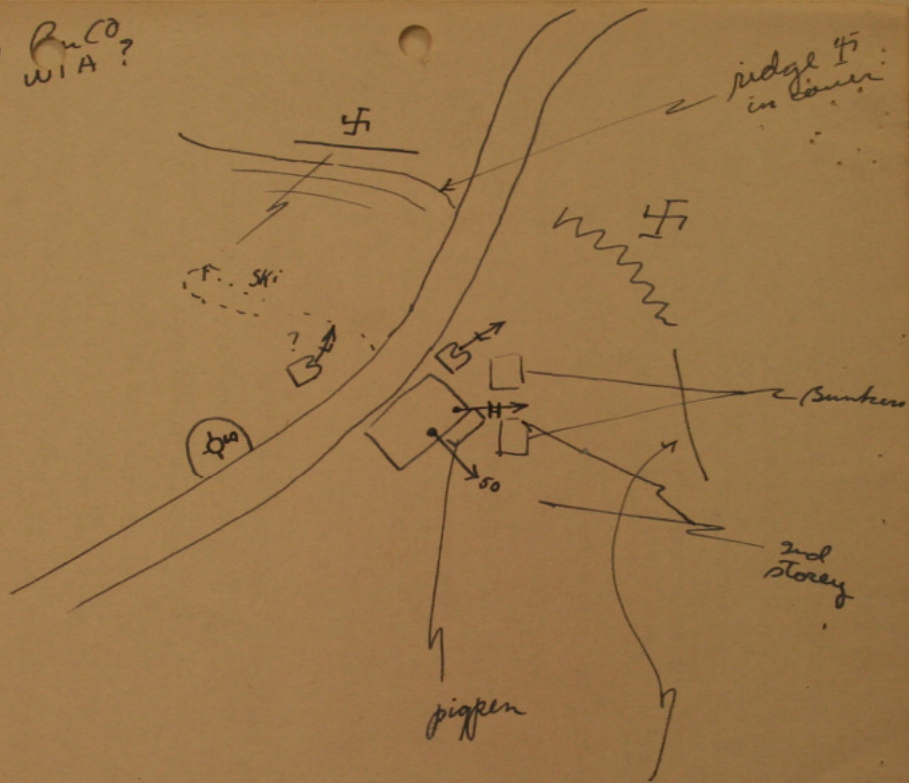
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from the enemy who had been wounded by the heavy fire from the OP's mg's came cries of "Vatter...Kamerade" and groaning.. In all the men of the OP had no idea of how many men they had killed during this first assault...maybe 150...disarmed a couple of the Germans and sent them out to pick up their own wounded, but of these two, one was shot by the enemy (see later stages of this same interview) Bobby treps and anti-personnel mine fields had been layed in front of the positions , but on the two nights preceding the attack, cattle from the other end of town had gotten free and had detonated some of the up mines.enemy artillery never did succeed in hitting house Sgt. George "Skateer" Vaughan was in charge of the OP where Sklaski was....He brought about 40 prisoners in to the OP ^{1000 Assns}...Sgt. Humphrey describes the action there)...an air-burst concentration over the town had been previously arranged by Lt. Herdrick, but the 275th would not fire when it was called. for...The building that housed the OP drew heavy tank or sp fire as the attack came in..Sgt. H reports at least four direct hits...didn't hear them come in...they just went off....Among the forty PW's that were brought back by Sgt. V were a WIA Lt and Tech Sgt (Oberfeldwebel) The Lt. told both the OP # 1 and the OP that a WIA Bn Co was just over the hill and that he wanted to surrender. When Sklep and two prisoners tried to go out to contact the Bn CO they got shot at...the Lt. said that the initial pressure consisted of about two battalions..This was never authenticated...Some of the attackers wore snow suits, while the others wore the regular combat gear...about 50/50 ...The enemy Lt. could speak English....down at the # 2 OP posn...the enemy had filtered in behind a barn 50 yards to his north...PFC Frank J. Monell detached his mortar from the baseplate to enable him to fire under 200 yards....his first round was short and some of

47 POW?
WIA?



hedge - observed
& adjusted 50 cal fire
in loft - shot up
krauts along hedge
20-?-10 power scope.

the sharp slightly wounded some of the Americans in the vicinity... but after dropping three or four rounds behind the barn... 15 of the enemy gave up... (Source Lt. Ed and Sgt. H) ... Never got all of these 15 up to the CP with the rest of the PW's ... Group became separated into two parts as darkness fell. Lt. Edwards

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during the first cessation of heavy fire between 1000-1100
the Curstone FO wire team laid new wire to the # 1 mortar
position....After Sgt. Vaughan had left..the members of
the North OP (Skidowski) were running short on ammo...so
they buttoned-up in the house and booby-trapped the doors,
ready to withstand any further pressure to the last man, last
round....at 1600 - *Sgt. V. returned with withdrawal orders*
-1430 it was beginning to quiet down again and five casualties
under the care and driving of aid man PFC Jessie D. DeHoyos
(via one Gpl. Fred H. Hardin, T/A in hand; Pvt. Victor I. Horn,
rt shoulder; Pvw. Albin, Pvw. McKeen and Pvw. Angelo Colombo)
were loaded into a red-cross bantam and started out towards ANW
never heard from since that time...only vehicle that attempted
to get out of Kobscheid....

-1600 the order and advice on withdrawal came from Capt. Porche
Lt. Herdrick told everyone that at 1615 all vehicles would be
destroyed ...and crew-served weapons...First phase of the with-
drawal on foot had everyone move to the OP....they were split
into three groups...Lt. Herdrick led first...Lt. Glark the second
and the Garrison CO, Lt. Edwards led the third group...Sgt. H. was
with the first group. Just as it was getting dark, they moved out
in single file...25-30 yards between men...20-25 in each group...
a contact patrol from the 43rd Inf...that had come into the town
just after the initial barrage of the morning was also with the group
51 men in all...ran to draw to S, then to wooded area SW...drew no

g... m... v... 4-11-7

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SA fire as they came out...but about 8 - 10 rounds of artillery dropped into the town...second and third group followed first at about a three-minute interval...they rejoined into a single group in the woods and started moving towards the west..... The group became separated into two parts as darkness fell. Lt. Edwards was half way down the column, went to the head of it for a moment, and then did not go back as far as he had previously been. This screwed-up the movement a bit, and about the last third of the column split off from the main group. It was a very dark night.

Lt. Herdrick's "front" group of the ~~xxx~~ column watched a jeep with an arty Lt. and two e.m. start towards Auw. The column was then about 600 yards south of Auw. They met the bivouac area of a regimental supply train for one of the 106th InfDiv's regiments (didn't know which one) where they stayed for the rest of the night. In the morning the Lt. in charge of the regimental train had had no orders to move, so he told them that he was going to stay there. The cavalrymen left the train at 0800, and continued cross-country towards the west. About 15 minutes after they had left the regimental supply camp. Just before the cavalrymen had left a group of anti-aircraft people had come into the regimental supply train. They said that they had formerly been in Radschied. They suspected every foreign movement saw a single GI, but were unable to approach close enough to him to find out if he was a German. Southeast of Schonberg saw 2 GX6's rumble down the road, the two trucks had crosses on them, identifying them as enemy. Continuing towards the west..(see map)the by passed the villages, skirted the open fields. One small town, NW of Henem was watched with glasses, then entered for water. The civilians said that there were no Germans between them and Schonberg. Just west of Schonberg the group met a single coloured soldier who came from an artillery...The column would have stopped when the six stragglers had lost contact.

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outfit. He told them that a surprise attack had surrounded his outfit. He had left his truck and took off. Thinks that the position of this arty outfit was between Schonberg and Herrschbach (checks as far as fire fight reported by 18th Hq is concerned) Told them that "as far as he knew, he was the only man to have escaped from the Germans there."

The group told the colored soldier of their travels and he told them that he had seen a German patrol in the town where they had gotten the drink of water. Food supplies for the group were found amongst a former artillery position that the group stumbled upon.

Late in the afternoon of the 17Dec44 the group was north of the St. Vith-Schonberg highway, seeking a way to cross the span and get into the wooded terrain to the south. Going through the woods, when they saw seven Germans about forty yards to their south. The enemy yelled at Lt. Hendrick....Sgt. Hughes and S/Sgt. Thomas E. Siddell yelled a warning. Everyone dropped in place, into the snow, and Lt. Edwards warned the men not to fire. He didn't want to draw any more troops towards them. "If they dont, we won't."....15 or 20 minutes later a whispered message from the rear of the single-file column passed through the men. It was a report that there were another 12 enemy directly to the rear of the group. Lt. Clark warned to sit tight til dark.

Evidently this second-reported patrol had been following the tracks and traces of the group on their flight....There, the group lay. To their right (North) there was a slight rise in the ground, and to protect this flank(blind) to a certain extent....Sgt. Siddell crawled up to the crest and lay there.As darkness fell the whole column crawled forward into the protective cover of waist-high weeds, turning south they **crossed** valley and the St. Vith-Schonberg highway. It was a very dark night, and six men lost contact as the file slipped up through a thick patch of fir trees on the opposite side of the valley
...The column would have stopped when the six stragglers had lost contact

Very low visibility

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but the seventh man from the rear, having noticed that there were no others following him, neglected to pass the word up through the column, just tagged along as the new "tail end".....The Group crossed a small stream stream and road south of Setz. They had no maps of the area, having "run off" their charts which were only the Konsenseid and Schonberg 1/25,000 sheets. All of this time, Lt. Herdrick had been guiding the course of the column by using a German compass that he had previously taken from a PW. Lt. H was ure that the Group had run into enemy patrols here. Through the black vastness of the night, the members of the escaping group could see the flickerings of many small lights. Sharp, short whistles accompanied these light flashings. Evidently

signal sounds that were described by Lt. H as "the sound of the braking out off. From the movement of the lights it seemed that the GP. was being squeal of a jeep" ✓ They doubled back, settled into a thicket of fir trees just before daylight, and stayed there all day. Night of 18-19 Dec. 44, Lt. H knew that the group was then near St. Vith passed through an artillery position where 6 or 8 guns had been left in place and destroyed (just after daylight?) Date? - saw a group of vehicles with orange air-identification panels about 2000 yards away. Remaining in the woods, a four-man patrol consisting of P/4 Albert L. McClanahan, cook ("only one I had left"-Sgt. H) Pvt. Fisher, Pvt. Harry F. Williams and Pvt. Albert J. Summers were sent to determine whether the vehicle group was friendly or enemy. They were given half an hour to teach the group. Weare given a clip of tracers ammo by Lt. H., told to fire four tracers if the troops were found to be O.K. This plan worked and the GP. found themselves with some SP AAW people attached to ninth armd. Turning to the south, the group went about a half mile and met elements of the 9th Armd. joined the 27th Armd regiment...were attached to C co of the 27th Armd Inf...where they fought in the vicinity of Galhause Neundorf - then about 13 men left in the GP of 61 that started. One

Rem Sqd - Co - were occupied Wallace that note

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Sgt. Davis - Lt. Stephens
100 ft

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main - Pvt. Pisher - was killed by a tree burst while with C co - they had contact with the Germans all along this line - To date about 20 men have come back from the original 61 men that left Kobacheld. The other seven were serving with the 9th Armd's artillery as gun crew members and in one instance served a gun that was being adjusted by Lt. Herdrick, forward with the armored infantry. ...Sgt. Russel was with this artillery-attached group. He said that it was C battery of the 16th Armd FA Bn, having joined them at Neidigen. his group of six were the ones that lost the column after it had passed across the St. With - Schonberg road. Said that it was the artillery boy that they were following (member of the 275th's FO party that had evacuated Kobschled with the cavalrymen)...they met a sgt. from the 106th Div who had a compass. Had joined a serv. battery of the 16th Armd FA near St. Vith, but were sent to C battery when the service battery withdrew to the western side of St. Vith...Rejoined the squadron on 26Dec44... Their job with the artillery was mostly to pass ammunition, they said that they got no counterbattery or return fire. Sklepowski was with Lt. Edwards' 20 men who got separated from the column ~~near~~ near Auv....Burr Gun fire was heard on all sides of them... stumbled through Heinde patrols...whistling...were with a 106th Div. FA Bn on the 17th's organic or attached (unknown?) went with them by convoy to a position south of St. Vith. ^{thence to Vielsalm} Got there just as artillery was pulling out...hopped on the trucks and rode with them. Thence to Provisional A troop of 32nd where they fought for 7 or 8 days. with Lt. Mezga...at OP # 1, the exploder wouldn't work at the bridge.

end all notes
transcription

From Sgt - FO - with
occasional Wallace that with

1st. assault → 3 Lt TRKs - F Co -

2 lbs + 1 repair recovery, 24.
5 lbs - in @ 3 platoon

F Co - 32nd

Capt. Thomas M. Bair
3rd Sgt 1/4. Frank ^{New} ^{Major} ^{by} J.
1st. Sgt 2/11. James E. Hoover
3rd Sgt 3/14. Thomas E. Harp
1st. Sgt. Clifford Stewart

16 - Dec - alerted at 0600 - no radios, 2100

lost man - 8 men - 14 Sp 92d. - 7 men a lost

light Sgt down out - move ~~to~~ - Mansfield -

lost 15 - St. V. with stop at 1000 Div Hq road

lost wire & radio contact with 14 car -

Sp - told St. V. - Mansfield - how out - 1 hr

there - decide Schenberg - check out -

9 20880 - assembly area - Capt's feet to candle

col Div. - "Stay there & hold" getting back

Tactical - prepared - outy Sp Hq. these -

tried in - draw long sety - 3 lbs down these.

own outy - in - vehicles on rd. 1000 outy? same

1700 - comm = one jeep - 3 + F to withdraw -

to west ⁱⁿ trail - Maj. Keabe = CO - Col. Ridge -

outy - to 937 at Wallwood - outpost - then further

landing strip - outy & 4 guns rd of Base - 14 of 87th

Rem Sgd - F Co - occupy Wallwood that with

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Col. Jones sent Capt. Davis - Lt. Squires
Command #75 - came from North -
Lt. Thomas & Squires column fired ~~at~~ ^{into}
rounds - of 39 mm at them - into town
but near house - Lt. Donald (Squire
went into boarded - my safe - threw in
hand to Lt. Ray T. Quackenbush - first
one on second floor, told me upstairs
Squire spoke German - 5 more on top
floor with plenty ammo & weapons -
had been living there
Capt. Davis - FC Young

1700 - withdrawn to Vieblahn - 34 followers
F Co - same trail as E Troop - long col. going
into St Vith 749A? - believe - 1st Lt - "Bill"
Risks 3000 principles 3 cols at least - 2 west one
lost - difficulty - muddy - Capt Shain & Woods
trying to straighten out

18th Dec - 0600 at Ualm - 10 tedes men - info de-
met - Maj. Wacker - "will reform organ"
no 2nd officers -> Capt Bracke - Commo 18th
forming a tank Co - intact - approx. 9 tanks
later " - (73 men) - night of piece meeting
19-2000 - Capt B - CO new unit - (82 for 33rd)

19th Dec - Started reorg - ^{4 18th} 32nd Regt intact &
Plans - instructed by Sqdn CO - (May
Bill ??) - "he's in charge of reorganizing"
to attack the ^{5th} ^{3rd} ^{2nd} ^{1st} ^{platoon} ^{to} ^{rein} ^{force} ^{outpost} -
Vieblahn - long ^{range} ^{highway} - ^{forming} ^{the}
approaching Vieblahn ^{and} ^{platoon} ^{1st} ^{reorganizing}
Remainder outpost Vieblahn ^{130 for 1400} - all roads
Capt Fitz & Lt Sgt admin. details -
- 2 pltns to B Troop - 18th Sqn - 6 tanks, 2 off, 4;
disintegrated men on each tank - 2 sections, 1 day
3/4 Miller plan by 3/4 West - to occupy
to protect - (Sabo - St. Vith 7A MSR - keep -

of ^{system} ~~system~~ — air burst above Sonigny — ~~blows~~
 decide — approx ¹⁴⁹⁰⁻¹⁵⁵⁰ ~~1490-1550~~ — col blew at 5 — inf by
 those, too — not lost through — Capt Reed
 with Ben pltn in castle — 1st Reg Co, laying
 mines in castle — ~~→~~ (1st. ~~to~~ son still to
 come fr. Diefeld — Wlts — Not Salen chater
 announced that night — joined by 1st C & 28 Div
 men — also col Jones & some 74 personnel

25 Dec — proceeded to (asked by ogdn) Harper
 released TF Jones — col Damon — to assembly
 pt at — Subaur — (Mr Thomas) — May Dill
 assemble all tanks — got in assembled — 18 Wlts
 (1/5th ~~to~~) — L 87th Pen Spdn — in
 reserve from — at junction at 1630 — departs

~~1800~~ ~~hr~~ ~~→~~ ~~the~~ 17tho — combos 18 + 5 and
 (113rd) ~~→~~ 1/2 tank 11th break down — operating
 poorly — "I gave you a direct order to take
 12 tanks" — got at 2330 — 26 — ~~27th~~ in
 reserve role — 1 exercise - Belg. Just - 10tho

3 Crews — ~~2 tanks~~ ~~driver~~ — 7 men to C type
 to dismounted work — one man MIA — Sgt,
 Donald (Warren)

(P on 27th to Sgdm Hq at Nigneece, ^{damaged} former 7tho

10 hrs 4 3 full crews returned at crew — had, on
 27th 28th full ^{ing} ~~ing~~ exist of Pating most of crew
~~near~~ ~~no~~ ~~conf~~ ~~act~~ ~~.~~

Man Crawford - bayou
tiger - beat 100
it - set it on fire

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- Terrain suitable for artillery - many were
 - low. used us of. Couldn't use mobile
 of vehicles to full extent.
 - "Sugar bowl" positions taken
 over from def.
 - Advantage of German position
 - German left defense many
 automatic weapons. 17-20 mg's
 - Crawford's patrol -
 - 0600 - about 1 co. of enemy on
 BOTH + KREWINKLE
 - 0740 - arty again Roth 1th - 70-80
 - 0855 - pressure on TDo arm. Merlesche
 40 inf there. v

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20th

20th Dec - night in Ballo (Cuba) base. next morning " tanks out. - no radio in 1st phase - no radio no control - only 1st phase - all one - completed in 1st phase -

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18th Squadron Notes

21st

21st Dec - in with Col Stone CO AA unit - 2 W units. moved about - 20 Table Nations - 3 the sea

was
with
the 4 SPTDs
by leading
into young
the out op.

19 Dec - night in Belo (also) base; next morning "tanks out" - no shots in cot phone - no radios no control - only feet - cut off to each one - completed with all orders - train at Rumbour -

20th - Remaining - "the (?) - mission

A/col Dawson - "Hey Dill" proceed without delay

Bouncing - to Col Jones (around 1000 - left at 1100) - pick up ~~at train~~ ^{at train} output on highway - 28C - Capt. Fitzgerald + 15 B's

"TF Jones" mission - protect Ueloban -

Bouncing - Belo - St. Pitt road at all

cost - medium, res - 3 sep. made TF's with C troops - TF #1 - Belo - E+S;

TF #2 Garry - TF #3 - Chevin -

~~TF #4~~ 3d concern - move of 5 Lt the 4 SPT's

2 the with @ TF's out + Lt Mairley leading TF #2 - into Garry field at by Kragoaha

one man 1114 ^{(A) Holbrook} ~~Garry~~ light into Garry captured at least 10 - 15 PW's wounded many

45 OP at Halcombur - into Garry - then out OP

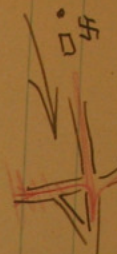
RT - 2/14. Will Rogers for "A"

21st - about 1200 - Lt Col Jones "scattered" Garry + S

tie in with Col Stone CO AA unit - 2/14 unit. moved about - 20 Table's nation - 3 the, res

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3. 2. - Lt Spawbe & Lt ~~Spawbe~~ - ~~at the range~~
 Capt Hughes - TRG 07 A - ~~at the range~~
 civilian informs on 3 PW's - 2 lat night
 into withdrawal into bar
 enemy col - with vehicles
 2100 & team west - about
 the - civilian up to horse
 brown city stay balance -
 to Col. Jones - ~~at the city in~~



45 at 1100 - 3 killed - 241000
 4 1/2 hrs -
 YO - kills - ME -
 night - lost - got 45 Major & 1/2 the
 at the night never did know what
 happen - surprise - no fix 1500

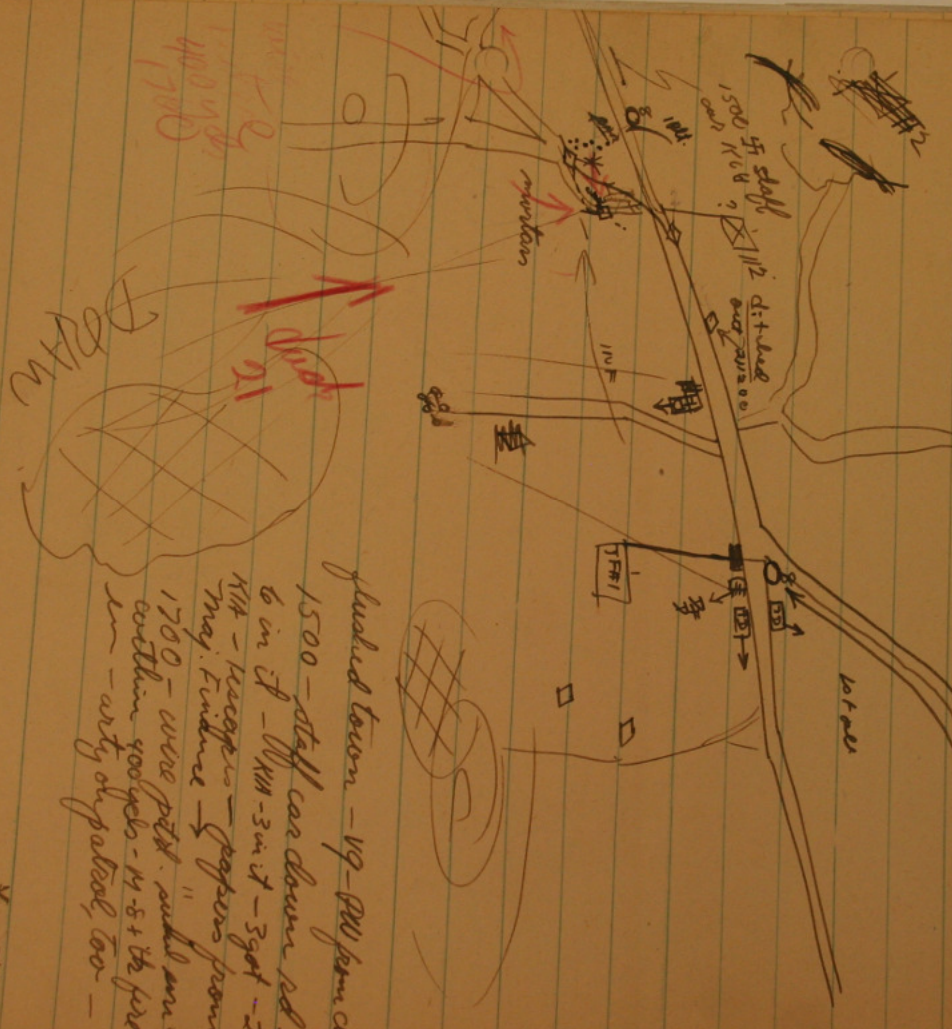
22nd Dec - 0400 am. Report to Col Jones CP at
 Gungfleng - mass mission pull ops
 from Chersaim - high ground W, S & E Contail
 commanded by TD's - Capt Reed - with 1/2 of
 TF - traine from 9A with dismounted men
 (see map) - Ireland in - no contact
 many losses in Hoi D'Antemont - convey
 - city in - withdrawal - young & mixed
 rd to Chersaim - 9 Holcombs - ~~summers of~~
 withdrawal -> Bouvieng, Salm Chai.
 23rd Dec -

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1231 German city in - at us -
1841 - same route patrol - approx company -
M-5 pulled out of town - ^{hills} of ² slopes ^{down} for
a while - motor ^{to} this ^{line} - back - no ^{more} ^{leaves}
- by patrol counted dead ^{not} day - TD ^{replaces}
M-8 - 10's? 4+5 - 30 min. - city ^{drives} them out
M-5 - returns same ^{we} as tank - 40 ft -
- ^{pull} at motor - HE - ^{by} ^{hills} motor
there ^{most} - day - counter battery ¹⁰⁰ 50 yds
inf ^{up} ^{big} in ^{along} rd. ^{burst} ^{gives}
sh ^{around} 50 yards - 5 yds from ^{the} in
corner - motor - ^{put} ^{towed} ^{car} -
and ^{both} ⁷ ⁴ ^{pt} ^{ago} - ^{gunner's} ^{seat} - ^{car}
ⁱⁿ ^{gun} ^{commander} ^{seat} (inf.) ^{no} ^{right} ^{seat} -
ⁱⁿ ^{back} - ^{Sgt.} ^{Anderson} - ^{moved}
^{to} ^{inf} ⁱⁿ ^{back} - ^{Sgt.} ^{Anderson} - ^{moved}
tank - ^{rolling} ^{over} ^{the} ^{ground} - ^{Anderson} -
found ^{barrel} ^{behind} ^{driver's} ^{seat} ^{left} ^{of}
tank - ^{found} - 37 mm ^{twice} - ^{found}
at ^{about} ⁴ ^{traces} - ^{some} -
^{traces} open - 30 ft by ^{Sgt.} ^{Anderson} - ^{to} ^{M-5}
for ^{above} ^{barrel} - ^{beside} ^{the} ^{tank} ,
walking ^{near} - ^{standing} ^{on} ^{hill} ^{trig}
gun - 10-15 minutes - ^{car} - ^{heard} ^{it}
2 ^{over} ^{en} - ^{towed} ^{M-1} ^{handy} - 1900 ⁱⁿ
Jan - 1930 - ^{Capt.} ^{got} ^{inf.} - 2030 ^{inf}
inf. - ^{Capt} ^{Mo} ^{lin} ^{Sgt} ^{inf} [→] 145th ^{what} ^{to}.

Sgt. Neil B. Baxter } into Berlin ~~at~~
 Pfc Ray L. Tupper } of Bremen, 1300, 20 Dec
 - 1st Lt C type - Lt. Caraway, 3 Lt the -

814th TD's - SP - (? no) - 113th Co. 28th 100 men
 7 D's in there - TF in - Sgt - came in from
 near -



planted town - 19 - PM from SP
 1500 - staff car down rd.
 6 in it - 6 KM - 3 in it - 3 got - 2 on
 M4 - receiver - papers from
 May. Evidence - "
 1700 - wire path. could see in
 outline 400 yds - 14-8 + the fire at
 in - city of patrol, too -

* - Tupper
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21st mi "T - Clearing - H. Caraway heavily attacked
a T/5 - Capt -, 300 yds fr Caraway followed -
ammunition T/5 Ray. Tupper - 37 & 30 cal over
3 lbs these they were all in it - jammed - sent the
CO target space level - crawled to the CO's seat -
field stopped 30 cal - dashed up to fire ~~over~~
anti aircraft - missed one - shot with 4
Rde M-1, -

24th Dec - (4th day there) Control - 1000 - with the
from these positions "by the numbers" - missed
not to retain low speed - 3 troops - through
Behr - then Lt Horn - stands at Behr -
Capt King is - on ground -> NE - Behr - to
cover Bouigny - Heron through the
- Capt Reed FD recon - rear guard - at
control with Capt Bair - Reed - 3 med to
TFD CP - (Bouigny) none there - amms to
learning - 3 med guard Bouy junction -
"root base" - Capt Bair leads out to Selu
Malton - cleared Bouigny - med at end

29th - quiet, little art - way back - Sgt. Boxler
 move out of night goal, -
 Sgt. Boxler - at CP - 1845
 support - 2100 hrs - Sgt. Jones (Bell)
 came up later that night - 20
 - about dark - SA - BAR - near you line
 into draw markers in there - draw
 + same as previous night - TD in
 M's first night place - fired for 45 min
 TD's own 150 - used flares - both sides
 - withdrew - all - 2000 - civilian
 car hit mine - ^{H. Cassaway} - police trucks arrive they
 head turned - 2100 - on by Lt. & Sgt
 check BAR - Lt & Sgt. KIA by 1/4 Dolem
 out across field from enemy possible
 approach - died by time to tank -
 quiet -

23rd Dec - 0700 - orders to contact - 0730
 out clearing - around car about
 about also stayed. - contact # -
 moved out - to - Sangay
 30th Dec - Jutelett - 1148200 - 1st Lt. -
 outclass of mine - quiet - these
 to south - 115th had pulled out

10-13 pm
in South - Capt. ¹⁰ there killed - Capt. ¹⁰ goes through
road block - 4 HP - had to drive - 4 TD's - 50 min
return - "you were right 11:5th isn't there any more"
quiet that night. no bus traffic

12:00 - 2 am - 23rd
33rd (?) German command car 5 men (missile
of baggages - front of ditch pull mirror)
100 yds of tank PFC Georgell. Hyde -
30 cal shot it hit base - then three
rd HP - high in car (right rear door) down
to CP - ran back - miss to gate 2
(Sgt. Jordan) 2 Germans on opposite
side of car - horn beeping 2 45
hit the ditch car in - TSM's - ran up - got
away - 3 dead - 3 away - 2 there - one
a mag. FA one lance corp → papers
corp's HQ - (? TF Jones 5-2)

23rd Daylight - people - cars - 15 others
quiet -

24th quiet → Lt. DeGould 13-13:00
PT A - 1330 - B 1400 delay 1530
21 TD's cover PT A - then to PT B
cover till TD's come north TD's
reported Tiger - 88's - hit 1/2 tank
front of hill - 1/2 tank, ¹⁴ burning

9/8th pulled by wire the 4 SP7D - looking
back - getting artillery - 3 Lt the - sitting
still & shell in front - in tunnel of
ind - killed 10 or 15 - laying there - saw
Pvt Wood? Walsh, some rps and "what to do"
try to get around - near Pvt from
burning vehicle - in industry -
100 - 150 men strong & weak

Sgt. James R. Jordan → fell out
5. Sgt. Samuel Altman - abandon & discharge
no order to do anything -

TH

Assembly use in the area STORER EVIDENCE REPORT THEY KNOW US

F Co 32
Capt. Bair
"Can't pay too much
for Col. Jones"

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18th SQDN

18-1

CO - I/COI. William F. Damon Jr. S-4 - Capt. William Lee

Capt B Exec - Maj. *George* Paris the group S-1 I/Lt. Floyd W. ~~Gody~~ Gody

S - 3 Maj. W. John Dill sit on on Como - Capt. Wendell Broadus

S-2 - Capt. Robert Glas is *will be left* every day by the *see 17*

18-2nd *1st. comd* *1904-10Dec* *Calan*

First action? How long in present positions?

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18th SQDN

"Deerskin" 1st platoon

CO - L/COL. William F. Damon Jr. S-4 - Capt. William Lee

Exec - Maj. ~~James~~ Paris the group S-1 1/Lt. Floyd W. ~~Gody~~ Gody

S - 3 Maj. W. John Dill 1st gun and Comd - Capt. Wendell Broadus

S-2 - Capt. Robert Gies

Robert Gies

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There were at least six in every platoon who had had an opportunity to adjust artillery fire, each platoon leader, the platoon sgt., and at least four others in the group. This was valuable when the attack finally came. All of asslt gun and tank pltn. could adjust.

About 5 or 6 patrols were sent out every day by the 1st sqdn.

They were given rec, ambush and counter-recon missions. Casualties were extremely low

(3-1 18th Sgdn - casualties during the period preceding attack?)

For the three weeks that immediately preceded the attack, the 18th was puzzled by the many German flares that burst each night in front of their positions.

On the night preceding the attack - relatively quiet - voice yelling "Heil!" 12 times south of Kolbschied - one man MIA as an 8 man patrol, led by 2/Lt. Max Crawford, 6 troops - town of Almuthen - Gerry

had occupied it at times, and this patrol ran into a group of about 30 Germans who were hauling something that they could not identify, after nearly getting stepped on by the Germans they opened fire, but

they in turn were scattered at the Lt. saw the one man taken PW by enemy.

The terrain directly to the front of the 18th positions sloped up to a high, bare ridge beyond which the 3 Line's pillboxes were located. The Germans, from this ridge had a clear view of all the

ground held by the 18th, but at the same time the 18th couldn't see beyond the ridge line.

Enemy activity was noticeably increased a few nights before the attack(?) Loud motors noises were heard, whistling shouting, and the sounds of digging. Capt. Gies thinks that the enemy might have been lifting mine fields in that area. 3000 yards to the front. Enemy seemingly new in the area exposed themselves where they knew they

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would draw artillery fire. And they were consequently shot at.

At 0515 hours on the 16 Dec. a red flare was fired by the

enemy. at 0530 a buzz bomb, low, "buzz bomb alley" came over

the position, and simultaneously a large concentration of light, med,

hvy artillery, mortar and rocket fire came down on the 18th's position.

It did not seem that the enemy knew exactly where they had their posit

ions for the fire did not fall exclusively upon their positions. It

seemed as though it was "walked" up to the village positions that were

being held by the platoons of the different troops and 15 or 20 rounds

were then shot into each building. From there the fire lifted to Mander

field, beyond, where it was thickened.

0600 - Enemy infantry was sensed to be moving forward in the

dark. about one company in strength in Roth and Krewinkle according

to the Co PO from the arty outfits. It then seemed that the infantry

fell back, and it was fairly quiet on the whole front for at least

a half-hour.

It may have been the 17-20 MG's in each platoon position. That
made the enemy retreat

0740 - Just as it was getting light, a second and lighter conc. came
down and enemy inf adv by bounds came forward on all front.

0750 - ROTH - rpts 1 tk, 75 - 80 inf.

0750 - Mid-sector Krewinkle - about 70 inf.

0800 - 3 tks near ROTH came out of woods and started on road towards
AVW (see map.)

0855 - North sector - 40 inf. near Herleschled. TD companies there.

0900 - About 40 into Kobschled. heaviest action when the 18th first
came into this sector.

Not too many tanks according to 18ty 3-2 - " saw about nine all day,
No Tigers, though some Tigers were reported by the people in Roth.

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1000 - about 1 Bn down draw, crossing high ground on road into AUV
marching in column of fours. Arty put down on them with good effect.
0930 - TD's pulled to defend N flank Wender Field (see map)
0830 - Last message from CO A. trip in Roth, Capt. Sean Porche, 1st Ser
75 yards from CP, belting us with direct fire" (EXACT TEXT?)
0930 - 1/Lt. James R. Miller, took a pltn of 15 1st tanks to help at
Weckerath. Troops at Poteau - 1st Bn, and 2nd Coy at Villersain, 1915.
- 1000 - about a bn on each town position - identified at 18 VG,
supported by a sprinkling of SS troops.
1000 - ammo short - one officer killed from 18th. OC carrying ammo
to Weckerath 1/Lt. Aubrey Mills. 50 Ammo short all. by enemy
1200 - Gp. orders to defend Wenderfeld if possible to withdraw.
A trip N.G. C troop withdrew, just in time to see a TOR blow
1100 Weckerath up "just disappeared" Capt. G. 2nd Battalion (in Villersain)
1530 - 106 Div. orders through group to withdraw to line Hoehlefeld
Hettendorff to high ground. 2000, one (plus) assault Gp, and one
1700 - to above Gp. 22 Ets in tank xxx - 2 assault Gms. 1st Bn (plus 32)
1730 - ordered by 106 to withdraw to high ground Wetherath. 2nd
2230 - to above
2230 - no fire at Wetherath. CO's 7th Bn. patrol act. N Villersain -
34. With road destroyed 17th Dec. 1918.
0930 - air comes out P-47's dive bombing and strafing to east, one shot
down. pilot chutes into enemy lines. Enemy armored recon patrols in
airfield to west (rear 18th) by G-2 Ops. Sgt. Richard Hausner. Split
half move off to the north. Inf. patrols reported. 2000 yds west.
1000 - radioed above - ordered to down - lead by tanks through air-
field - no contact with enemy - hot chow (first) at former 106 rest
camp all resumes up fighting. In Born - patrols to N and NE.
1515 - ordered to withdraw to Pettlethier - beyond Poteau - first 3A
for a tail of column leave town.

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1545 - terrific traffic snarl CP west of Born. traces until

18 Dec

0500 - arrived on line Recht - Pettichler - Willeseim

0400 - vic. Willeseim - column - trucks crossways - dismounted men

move along column - lights flash on to count trucks - few MPs. 2

MPs Poteau - one of our own men - "wish I could get down their - " do!t.

G,E and P troops at Poteau - 1th Hq. and Serv. Trp at Willeseim. 1pl. t.

C trp, too.

0505 - Poteau - Gpp counterparts to Born.

0730 - make up TP with mission of retaking and holding high ground

vicinity of Born - move back about 500 yards attacked by enemy infantry

and tanks - driven back to Poteau. C(-), E,P 18th G of 32nd.)

(B and remnants of A at Willeseim.)

1130 - enemy action forced TP from Poteau to Pettichler (nr Willeseim)

1600 - Rencheux - across river to Willeseim - all group reorganized

into three re-inforced rec troops, one (plus) asslt gn trp, and one

(plus) lt tank troop. 22 tks in tank ~~xxx~~ - 9 asslt guns. 18th (plus 32)

with rear echelon at Erzee - forward holding Rencheux. completed reorg

at 1200 hours.

1500 - A trp (plus) attached to GOR 7Armd. patrol act. N Willeseim-

St. Vith road petichler - Willeseim.

C trp (plus) to TP Jones (7th Armd) 2 plts lt tks plus plt

(reen) asslt guns. mission to hold gouvy. 1 plt E 1 plt E

(story) B trp defending line Bapelar - Thomens - Grunflenger plus 2 plt.

lt tks, 3 plt. asslt guns (6) combined unit CP at Rencheux. Beho

(separate actions at these points until 23rd. Dec.)

inven & equipment

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Capt. Maitlin

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Capt. Lindsay

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Holding south of Goose egg in holding force capacity as rest go.

plan to withdraw own elements under cover of assault guns.

Bagelar gets enemy pressure from inf tanks on 22 - quiet night 22-23

Thompson and Gurlinger medics tanks plus inf enemy attack

Div. - two regiments 23rd Dec. and end to the SW of the rest of the 2nd

1300 - ordered to execute delaying action to cover withdrawal of inf

arty, tanks of 7th Army. Capt. Mesdow covers own withdrawal.

1st Co. assembly area near Wyndville. 2nd XH1 Grosse was in position in

275th PA. were wounded 1 - eat hat if not at least 2000 killed at

first stand - diving into column of "Peters" Lt. Col. Clay 275th Co

were in Winterzahl 666666666666 had one A/C and a litter bearer

no work in "pivotal actions" in above narrative framework - JTS

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concentration fell on the forward areas. From their position in in-

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and as yet the platoon had not opened the emergency SCR 300 radio

channels that they held open for such an emergency.

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B Troop - 18th

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The three volunteers were Sgt. Robert N. Speers, 7/4 Glenn L.

Interview with Capt. R.G. Fossland, CO

1/Lt Richard Winkler, EKO
1st plt ldr - 2/Lt Joseph C. Mezga
1st plt sgt - s/sgt James W. Harrington

Winterschied, 1st plt sgt - 1/Lt Donald G. Hedges
2nd plt ldr - 1/Lt Donald G. Hedges
about 15 men in 1st sgt - Ben Beazley

-On Dec 16 1944, B Tnp was attached to the 423rd Inf of the 106th Div. The two regiments removed and to the SW of the rest of the 18th in the vic of Winterschied. through in view of the fact that the

-The three platoons, minus one recon team from each platoon, were forward, retaining contact with the enemy which was in position in the Siegfried line. in P-38 pistol, according to Capt. Fossland.

-The three detached recon teams, Hq plt and 10 a/c of the troop were in Winterschied. Each platoon had one A/C and a litter team in position with them. 4 January 1. Sheppard, and Pvt. Alfred K. Hopper

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The three volunteers were Sgt. Robert M. Sheets, T/4 Glenn L. Drummond, and Cpl. Richard T. Metz. Traveling northeast from Winterscheid, this armored car bumped into an enemy patrol of about 12 men in the vicinity of the western outlet of the Blaufelf Tunnel, and had tangled with the enemy group in a brisk fire fight. The Germans had taken off, but the patrol was skeptical of its chances to get the ammunition through in view of the fact that the patrol indicated that there were many other German troops in the vicinity. The returning men brought with them one PW -- a German medic "complete with P-38 pistol", according to Capt. Fossland. Sgt. Sheets immediately asked permission to return, and risk it in any case. On the second trip he was accompanied by three men, T/5 ~~Er~~ Lloyd L. Greenlund, T/4 Dabney T. Sheppard, and Pvt. Alfred M. Hopper. At 0800 Hopper returned on foot (having left the A/C) He told Capt. Fossland that the a/c had been surrounded in an ambush in the same vicinity that the first relief party had met resistance, and ~~xxxx~~ this other three companions were listed as MIA.

Daylight came at about 0715 on the 16Dec44, and with it came the first strong pressure from enemy rifle troops. At about the same time the 556 radio channels to the platoons overcame the enemy jamming tactics, and the Winterscheid headquarters was able to determine the progress and development of the fight to their front. First attacks to be felt came in the vicinity of the third platoon, 500 yards NE of Grosslangenfeld -- a town 1000 yards south of Winterscheid that was held by the 106th Inf Div's Recon Troop. Next pressure, and seemingly more intense came against the first and second platoons near the Blaufelf tunnel. Defensive artillery and the many automatic weapons of the cavalrymen took heavy toll of the attacking Germans, and the positions were held securely. By 0900 infiltrating enemy threatened

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the rear of the first platoon's position, and all of the forward defensive positions were running short on ammo and supplies. Third relief attempt was an a/c commanded by Sgt. Wade H. Bankston, accompanied by T/S Allen H. Young, Pvt's Herbert S. Borden and Hepper. At about 1000 this ~~car~~ traveled northeast on the "tunnel" road and ~~xx~~ outback onto the secondary road that runs SW by S over the tunnel that lead to the 2nd pl't's position. The enemy pressure had died down around the second and third by this time, small infiltration still ripped at the perimeters of the first and sporadic artillery continued to crash into the front-line areas. However the A/C was able to reach all three positions, taking advantage of a general withdrawal by the infiltrating enemy around the first, at 1100...At 1130 the re-grouped enemy attacked the two forward m.G. positions of the first with a volume of bazooka and anti-tank ~~grenade~~ fire. In this surge PFC Joseph Glabk was killed and T/S Julian H. Sockman, T/4 Edward Seeger, Opl. John H. McGuire, ~~xxxx~~ T/S Charles W. Rhinehart, Pvt. Herbert Shurpin were WIA. The last two were evacuated under fire by Pvt. Albert M. Hibber and T/S Knappik who crawled forward to a m.G. position and dragged their wounded brothersoldiers to safety. McGuire, wounded in the forehead and shoulder, wandered back towards the rear, more-or-less blinded. The fight around the first platoon continued to rage, and by 1400, though many German bodies lay before their position, the Garrison had lost 7 of its 20 men. At 1400 the platoon withdrew to Winterscheid, relinquishing the position in accordance with ~~xxxx~~ permission from the regimental CO of the 423rd who had told Capt. Fossland, over the radio, at 1200 ~~xx~~ " If you can't hold, you may withdraw." (Col. ~~xxx~~ C.G. Cavender - 423rd CO) Plank contact with the 100th Recon Garrison at Grosslangenfeld was knocked out at this time (1300 - 1400) and Troop CO, Capt. Fossland, seeing

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that he "was having no word right or left" (1st platoon couldn't contact a platoon of the 423rd I&R platoon to the NE, above the Dielelf tunnel entrance.) Decided to withdraw his front garrisons and defend Winterscheid. The withdrawal was effected ~~by~~ under the cover of mobile support supplied by three A/C's commanded by the troop executive, Lt. Richard Winkler. The withdrawal was made with no casualties and with the platoon's being able to extricate all their equipment. At Winterscheid, an all-around defense of the town was set up, being completed about dark. Throughout the night intermittent shelling struck the town, and a few rounds of nebelwerfer fire.

Attempts to reform ~~the~~ a new IIR occupied most of the troop's efforts during the hours of darkness. The 423rd regiment had told the cavalrymen that engineers of the 281st Eng Bn were in the Dielelf vicinity, but constant search parties failed to make contact with the engineers, and the CP coordinates were visited and found vacant. Contact was not made.

The attempts to establish contact to the left ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~17th~~ ~~Ab~~ ~~1000~~ ~~hours~~ ~~the~~ ~~cavalry~~ ~~troop~~ ~~received~~ ~~permission~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~(424th)~~ ~~regiment~~ ~~to~~ ~~withdraw~~ ~~from~~ ~~Winterscheid~~. They did so ~~at~~ ~~1115~~ ~~with~~ ~~all~~ ~~equipment~~ ~~and~~ ~~heading~~ ~~north~~ ~~towards~~ ~~Hutzenloch~~ - thus far the only weapons that had been lost due to the enemy attack were the machine guns and mortars from two reconnaissance teams of the first platoon. A reconnaissance team consists of an armored car, a mortar bantam (60mm.) and a m.G. bantam. - a "team" is the equivalent of one squad, and there are three in a reconnaissance platoon.

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At Nutzenich, B Troop joined with 4 officers, 48 men and 14 vehicles from the 106th Division's Recon Troop, commanded by Capt. Millon. The combined force of cavalrymen dug in around Nutzenich, and prepared to defend the town - a sugar bowl that was in a three-sided depression commanding only the approach from the east. It was so the east that the troopers first saw the Germans, traveling northwest towards Schonberg. At 1400 a German EM from these columns that were by-passing ~~xxx~~ Nutzenich came towards the town from the east under a flag of truce. He spoke excellent English and spoke with Lt. Johnston of the first platoon concerning a proposed surrender. The surrender offer was refused, and the German EM returned to his own troops.

The German column, out of range, continued to pass on towards the northwest. Three armored cars were sent ~~xx~~ along the road that left Nutzenich to the north shortly after this proposal had been received to determine the extent/of the German force that was proceeding along the Winterspelt-Schonberg road. The approach of the A/C (see map - Green traces) along the road, drew an extremely heavy mortar barrage.

When the three a/c's had returned the troop notified the (424th) Regiment of the presence of Germans along the road that led towards Schonberg, and stated that Nutzenich was not a desirable position from which to fight a delaying action. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The regiment acknowledged the transmission and asked the cavalrymen to join them in the vicinity of Buchet - Halenfeld. Capt. Fossland answered, pointing to the fact that strong enemy forces were between his present position and Buchet, and requested permission to move in the vicinity of Schonberg, and start delaying towards St. Vith. He received permission for this request and at 1500 the troop moved out in column, having been told ~~xxxx~~ by the regiment that the enemy was in Schonberg. Order of march was 3rd, 1st, Hq, 2nd and then the elements of the 106th Recon.

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As the column hit the main Schonberg-Bleialf road a jeep cut into the column between the first platoon and the headquarters platoon. With wide eyes the troopers stared at the jeep. It was filled with Germans, four or five of them carrying bazookas and burp guns. Immediately, one of the 37's on a first platoon a/c swung around onto the jeep and blasted at it. It rolled off into the ditch, with all occupants presumably dead. Arriving at the outskirts of Schonberg, Capt. Fossland was reluctant to take his whole troop into the town that had previously reported to have housed Germans. Accordingly, he halted the troop on the southern verge of the town, and ordered Lt. Johnston and his leading third platoon to go forward into the town to determine the situation there. Lt. Johnston led the platoon in his a/c followed by two or more a/c's and trailed by the platoon's six jeeps. As Lt. Johnston's car crossed the bridge and turned left near the northern limits of the town, on the road that leads towards St. Vith, he saw a whole column of American ox6's lined up in front of him. At first glimpse, in the growing dusk, they thought that the trucks were filled with American troops. But closer examination disclosed the occupants to be Germans. Then, the reaction was that they must be a bunch of German prisoners being taken towards the rear. But a third "take" on the view revealed that the "prisoners" were carrying weapons. At a signal instant all three a/c's went into action. Pulling over to the left side of the road they started down the column, blasting the trucks at a range of five or six feet (Sgt. D.I. Rubendall). Some of the enemy, in panic, leaped from the trucks and tried vainly to scurry to safety. Some of them were run over by the cars as they scrambled, weaponless, for cover. Lt. Johnston's a/c proceeded on down the road as did the second car commanded by Sgt. James R. Hardsock and at the end the a/c of Sgt. Rubendall. Back at the troop, Capt. Fossland heard the first reports of the contact and heard

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the shooting crackle over Lt. Johnston's radio just before it was evidently shattered. Sgt. Hardsock switched on his set briefly to say that he was stuck, and that was the last official word from those two cars. All the occupants were listed as "MIA". Meanwhile, Sgt. Rubendall was following in the wake of the other two a/c's, shooting at everything in sight. A Mk IV tank lumbered out of a side road from the right and blocked the progress of Rubendall's car. So sudden was the appearance of this enemy armor, that the A/C was within five or six feet of it before the a/c could be brought to a halt. Immediately the a/c started to slam AP shells into the Mk IV at point blank range. One of these rounds struck the ~~xxxx~~ engine compartment in the rear of the tank, and smoke started to pour out. Slowly the long 75 mm. cannon on the Mk IV started to traverse towards the a/c. Sgt. Rubendall noticed that the turret of the enemy tank was open, and he hurled a hand grenade at the open hatch, attempting to get it inside. He missed, but ~~was~~ noticed, as he threw a second grenade, that each time a grenade clanged against the tank and then burst, that the turret would stop traversing. Evidently the German tank commander was cringing as every grenade threatened to drop down his throat, and for a moment he recoiled. Five or six grenades were thrown in this manner, within a few seconds, when Rubendall found that he had no other grenades within reach. In desperation he grabbed the first thing within reach -- an empty shell casing from a 37 mm round. -- and hurled it at the Mk IV. As the brass case clanged against the side of the enemy tank, Rubendall noticed that again the gun stopped its slow traversing towards the a/c. Maintaining a steady stream of these shell casings at the tank, he covered the actions of his crew as they bailed out of the ~~xxxx~~ a/c, then hurried back to where they had left the six panzems. These jeeps, at the time of the action, were doing a great deal of firing too, and only the last jeep in the column

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had an opportunity to turn around. All those in the rear section of the column scattered and started off towards the south and west, searching for a way towards American lines. In the confusion of the shamble-like engagement, few of those who finally did get to safety, had an opportunity to notice who was near them and what they were doing. Rubendall, eventually made his way out, and rejoined the squadron on the 1st of Jan. From the 20th of December until the time he rejoined the cavalry unit, he was with the 275th Arm'd PA in their action near St. Vith. His interview was main source for the above material.

When Capt. Possland ~~xxxxxxx~~ heard the fire fight in Schonberg, he turned the troop around and started back towards the south. They had ^{about two} gone ~~xxxxxx~~ kilometers down the road when an American jeep carrying six German bazookamen approached them. When it saw the American column, it swerved off towards the west on a convenient side road. The cavalry column retraced the route that ~~xxxxx~~ it had followed to Schonberg, (see map) but then branched off to the west and northwest, eventually stopping at an old artillery position to put on chains and decide what to do. The roads were quite muddy, but there was little snow in the vicinity. A check of the vehicles' gas tanks revealed that there was a shortage of gas. Possland reported to the regiment about the fire fight, and in return was told that "Sgt. Vith was in enemy hands" It was impossible for the cavalrymen to join the Regiment mounted, and eventually they were instructed to "Make your own decision and notify us." Confering with Capt. Millon, CO of the 106th Cav Ron Twp, Possland finally decided to park the vehicles, destroy all that could not be carried as individual weapons, and infiltrate towards the American lines. The vehicles were finally parked in a pine grove, and Possland lost sight of Capt. Millon, and could not speak with authority upon what had happened to the 106th cavalrymen after the decision to abandon vehicles

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had been made. Critical parts of the jeeps and armored cars were removed and broken. Radios were shorted, and the wrecked equipment was booby trapped. This work was completed by 1730(?) and then the men were assembled to be given their instructions on the infiltration attempt. Fossland told them to split into groups of three or fours and try to head generally northwest, for he believed that to be the shortest way to friendly lines. Many of these groups were without compasses, but all were generally oriented and told of landmarks that should guide them in a northwesterly direction. Maps were not available, either. But the group of about 90 men, broke-itself down into about 20 "infiltration parties" and made ready for the trek to safety. More than half of these parties were without compasses. From their position where they had parked the vehicles in a pine thicket, the troopers could see enemy traffic rumbling up the Bleialf - Schonberg road. According to Capt. Fossland's reckonings they were then near the Belgian border. To the north, traffic could be observed traveling west of Schonberg towards St. Vith. This traffic was hindered by occasional concentrations of American artillery that fell in the area, but the columns rolled on. In the column were trucks, half-tracks, self-propelled guns, and horse drawn equipment. Bicycle troops weaved and wobbled along with the column. Last group of the escaping parties was composed of Capt. Fossland, 1/Lt. Hedges, S/Sgt. Fredrick A. Thumann (como. sgt.) T/4 Martin Greenberg (radio operator) T/4 Joseph Lazer (radio operator) T/5 Joseph Geoghan (radio operator). Moved west through the woods, could hear movement of vehicles and voices to west and southwest. The group took a sharp turn to the south and ended up near Breitfeld. There were about 20 vehicles in the town, but they didn't know whether they were enemy or friendly. Heard someone yell in English "where in hell is your helmet, Roy?" and knew they must be Americans. Fossland stripped, took off his white

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undershirt and waved it over his head as he approached the town. The American troops in the town immediately covered him as he came forward suspecting it to be a German ruse. One nervous-fingered soldier fired at Fossland, as the band got close to the town, but no harm was done. The cavalry commander had to show his dog tags, AGO Form 65 and answer lots of questions... Eventually, the unit was revealed to be the 482nd AAA Bn. Cpl. James J. Donovan, who had gone forward with Capt. Fossland under the flag of truce, returned to get the rest of the group.

The AAA people told Fossland that the 9th Armcd Div was in the area (14th Armcd Inf)?? Fossland was taken there where he met some former friends near Viesenbach, the rest of the 19th was spent there, where they promised the cavalry remnants assistance to get back to Vielsalm on the 19th

At 0230 hours on the morning of the 19th, The 3-3 of CCB, 9th Armcd summoned Capt. Fossland and told him that he should attach his group to the 27th Armcd Inf immediately. There had been a "screw up" in the billets, and Fossland found that it was impossible to summon his men in the darkness. Finally about 8 men under Lt. Hedges went to A Co of the 27th Armcd Inf Bn... spent the day of the 20th near Galhausen under heavy artillery fire.

Capt. Fossland in the meantime had gotten in touch with Lt/Col Damon, who secured the release of the attached troopers, and in the late afternoon of the 20th, they returned to Vielsalm, where they were held in reserve on the 21st and 22nd.

From the 131 officers and men that B troop had when the Counter-attack started, about 80 men and two officers were either killed, wounded, or MIA

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and records pertaining to the Ardennes operations of the 14th Cavalry Reconnaissance Group.

The reports include coordinates of place names listed in the action, after-action reports prepared by the squadrons and by Group, and S-3 strips to cover a portion of the operations concerned in this study.

The records include casualties to materiel and personnel that were gathered from the S-1's of the squadrons and Group concerned.

Maj Kracke's statement concerns the clarification of the command friction that existed between the two squadrons of the Group, as the Group remnants were reorganized and assigned various combat tasks as separate forces during the latter stages of the Ardennes operation. It should be considered confidential.

Basis for the submission of these various documents is to assist in the authentication, *to make (the)* availability of sources for those who concern themselves with this study at a later date.

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 14th Op casualties - Period 16 Dec 4, - 1 Jan 45

		32nd Spdn											
		O/EM Killed	O/EM Wounded	O/EM MIA	O/EM Capt	O/EM L.F.	O/EM Transf.	O/EM Total					
32	A	0	3	3	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	76
	B	0	5	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	C	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19
	E	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	F	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Med	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	H4S	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	37	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	
18	A	0	0	4	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	102
	B	0	4	288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	96
	C	0	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55
	E	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
	F	1	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
	Med	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	H4S	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	2	44	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268	
14th Hq Troop		1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
Sum Total		3	75	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	432

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 CAPT. WALLERODER MUEHLE, near SF VITH, ON 19 Dec 45
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SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE

1. The Enemy Listens

Preamble. This report is the combined testimony of two members of the Signal Intercept Team of 18 Volksgren Div, one of whom (the team leader) has a diary with which to assist his memory. Both leader and interpreter (graduate of Nechr English. Both these men are intelligent; PW A was the team liable and the opinions they put forward worthy of attention. Both are friends, and described together.

II. After 16 Dec 1944

US Signal Security.

US signal security was relaxed due to the slumping of this period. Most messages were sent in clear; only evidence, PW remembers having picked up the following message at that time:

- (1) "Request permission to withdraw line HANDEWEID-ANDLER" (both localities on which 18 Volksgren Div was advancing).
- (2) "Position untenable, enemy armor NW and S of position."
- (3) "Destroy safe bring back map 1:100,000."

Later, on 11 Jan 45 while at HOUVEGHEZ, Genmaj HOPPMANN-SCHOENBORN that the intercepted message stating that the bridge in ANDLER (both destroyed had influenced his decision considerably.

Another unidentified frequency which operated from a sector further S yielded valuable place-names, such as CLEFF. On 19 Dec 44 while the Div was near WALLERODER MUEHLE, near SF VITH, the team

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Intercepted valuable messages continuously on the same frequency. The messengers concerned the fighting around ST VITH and Geve positions of German tanks, assault guns, smoke mortars, and inf, as well as IPW and Arty reports, and requests for fighter-bomber and arty support.

7 US Armored Div (2) On 24 Jan 45, in APTERBATH, team discovered a frequency (239 Kc) which again concerned the Div sector. This frequency produced IPW reports and German inf and gun positions continuing to oppose 18 Volksgren Div at the time. While 5-letter group continuous- I-0 inquired immediately if it could be determined from the traffic whether 7 US Armored Div was replaced by another unit. This was possible, and only later was it ascertained that 7 US Armored Div was in fact relieved.

All quiet. The last days until 1 Feb 45, when 3 members of the team deserted, with without useful traffic.

III. PWs' Summary

It happened 2 or 3 times that the US receiver could not decipher 5-letter groups, so that the same message had to be sent in the clear again. Thus the interceptor could easily find out the code. References to slider cards were never coded. Although the clear help the team itself, PWs believed it might have been of great help to KASTP or MA4 13. PWs found two slider cards, one vicinly clear in a US Armored Div, and the second near WILDERODE/NEHIS, on the ground. There he also found a converter, complete with instructions. Warnings printed on converters that they should be destroyed before capture amused them. They were told it was not necessary to send them to Corps as Corps had such equipment already.

In general, it is PW's opinion that their work was not hampered especially by the caution of US operators. They believe that German radio traffic is more security-conscious than ours.

(Source: Mobile Field Interrogation Unit #2)
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ARO 230,
5 January 1945.

Coordinates of places mentioned in basic communication.

ALBENS	- P459974	HANRAY	- P333902
ANDLER	- P966907	HEYERODE	- P899934
AUM	- L005900	KALDER BURGELS	- P840905
ATWALLEN	- K538105	ONREX	- K362021
BAFVAUX	- P405970	PERTT THEIR	- P742914
BERO	- P761816	POTSAUX	- P773917
BESLAMP	- P965933	RAUTER	- K610003
BOMAL	- P427997	RECHT	- P803942
BOHE	- P852940	RENCHOUX	- P695993
BOVIGNY	- P704823	ROTH	- L038908
CHERAM	- P665775	SCHOMBURG	- P953888
DELFELD	- P769789	SART LES ST. VITH	- P813888
ESPELIER	- P800795	ST. VITH	- P854881
ETTELBRUCK	- P8240	SALCHATEAU	- P697868
COUVY	- P720773	THOMMER	- P815813
GRANDMONTIL	- P520900	VIELMAIN	- P704891
GRITFELTINGEN	- P824816	VILLE DU BOIS	- P718897
HONSFELD	- P968992	VILLERS LEVENSUE	- K380964
KOBSCHIED	- L030898	WALLERODE	- L019922
MANDERFELD	- L008924	WEGENRATH	- P879921
		XINGENSSIE	- P445065

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(Auth: G. S. 7th Arm'd Div)
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(Headquarters 32d Cav Ron Sq (M)
(APO 250, U.S. Army
1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Action against enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
FO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.
(Thru Chemtels)

1. In accordance with Par 10 (C-3), AR 345-105 "Action Against
Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports" are submitted below together
with supporting documents.

1-5 Dec 44: Squadron continued defense of sector and aggressive patrol-

ing to the front to OUR RIVER and into German lines across
OUR RIVER. A few rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in the
squadron sector. Perilous bursts of enemy small arms
heard in sector. Numerous enemy ground flares were
seen in sector. Two GIs wounded by mines while on patrol
west of DASBURG. Risk battle developed for
emplacements. Fire flight ensued. Enemy reserves were
brought in from DASBURG and attempted to outflank our patrol
forcing it to withdraw. During withdrawal our patrol
received enemy mortar fire. Enemy reserves were
enemy fear and vicinity of DASBURG which silenced enemy mor-
tars. Enemy flare activity and occasional small arms fire
continued. Our assault guns fired on enemy positions
OUR RIVER. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
DEGR. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
attacking results of action: one known enemy dead, approxi-
mately one prisoner taken. Visibility of enemy
Attack Our forces: killed and wounded unknown.
Enemy losses: killed and wounded unknown.

6 Dec 44 : Continued defense of sector and aggressive patrol-
ing to the front to OUR RIVER and into German lines across
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squadron sector. Perilous bursts of enemy small arms
heard in sector. Numerous enemy ground flares were
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OUR RIVER. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
DEGR. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
attacking results of action: one known enemy dead, approxi-
mately one prisoner taken. Visibility of enemy
Attack Our forces: killed and wounded unknown.
Enemy losses: killed and wounded unknown.

7-9 Dec 44 : Continued defense of sector and aggressive patrol-
ing to the front to OUR RIVER and into German lines across
OUR RIVER. A few rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in the
squadron sector. Perilous bursts of enemy small arms
heard in sector. Numerous enemy ground flares were
seen in sector. Two GIs wounded by mines while on patrol
west of DASBURG. Risk battle developed for
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continued. Our assault guns fired on enemy positions
OUR RIVER. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
DEGR. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
attacking results of action: one known enemy dead, approxi-
mately one prisoner taken. Visibility of enemy
Attack Our forces: killed and wounded unknown.
Enemy losses: killed and wounded unknown.

10-15 Dec 44 : Squadron continued defense of sector and aggressive patrol-
ing to the front to OUR RIVER and into German lines across
OUR RIVER. A few rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in the
squadron sector. Perilous bursts of enemy small arms
heard in sector. Numerous enemy ground flares were
seen in sector. Two GIs wounded by mines while on patrol
west of DASBURG. Risk battle developed for
emplacements. Fire flight ensued. Enemy reserves were
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forcing it to withdraw. During withdrawal our patrol
received enemy mortar fire. Enemy reserves were
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tars. Enemy flare activity and occasional small arms fire
continued. Our assault guns fired on enemy positions
OUR RIVER. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
DEGR. Results unknown. Small arms fire continued on
attacking results of action: one known enemy dead, approxi-
mately one prisoner taken. Visibility of enemy
Attack Our forces: killed and wounded unknown.
Enemy losses: killed and wounded unknown.

22 Dec 44 : The attachment 28th Inf Div and attached to 14th Cav Gp.
by enemy tanks and infantry attacks. The 3rd Battalion attacked
VIENHAI, BELGIUM of the 1st Cavalry Division. The 3rd Battalion
Cav Sq which was supported by artillery fire. At 18/45 Co F was ordered to
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Squadron.

move up to support the Squadron. Tr G covered North flank, Tr A south flank of MARDERFELD which was threatened by enemy. Squadron was ordered to withdraw to successive lines fighting delaying action. The in action to support

17 Dec 44 : Tr A surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry at HONSPEDD. One officer and forty-three enlisted men escaped. At 0700 Tr B teams surrounded and captured. Tr B held positions at ANDLER until 1000. Sq ordered to withdraw and fought delaying action North in direction of BORN. At 1700 Squadron was ordered to withdraw to VIELSAIN with Tr C setting up defense at POTEAUDX. Enemy losses: Unknown. Our forces: One wounded.

18 Dec 44 : Tr C with attachments moving on BORN to set up defense in that sector was stopped by enemy tanks and infantry in vicinity of RECHT. Enemy tanks, mortar fire, flanking infantry elements and congested road conditions forced our units to dismount. Delaying action was fought to Poteaux and practically all vehicle units were forced to withdraw to VIELSAIN. Enemy losses: Unknown. Our forces: Two EM wounded, three Officers and ninety-

19 Dec 44 : Tr B with attachments of Tr E and Co F established defense line GRUFFLANGE - THOMMEN - ESPELER. Commanding Co for Cavalry
No casualties.

20 Dec 44 : Tr C with one platoon Tr E attached to DEFFELDT. Tr B received heavy artillery fire. Tr C was attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry fire. Tr C was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. Enemy losses: Killed and wounded unknown, thirty-one prisoners taken. Our forces: One EM killed, four EM wounded.

21 Dec 44 : Tr C positions attacked. Attacks repulsed. Enemy losses: One officer and one EM known dead, thirty-one EM wounded.

22 Dec 44 : Tr G repulsed light enemy attacks. Tr B positions attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry proceeded by artillery fire and was forced to withdraw. Enemy losses: Unknown. Our forces: Two EM wounded.

23 Dec 44 : Tr B and C positions attacked by enemy. Tr B ordered to withdraw. Two missing in action.

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draw, fought delaying action to STAMCHATEAU, and then re-joined Sq. Tr C withdrew to west fighting delaying action.
 Enemy losses: Unknown.
 Own forces: One EM killed, 7 EM wounded, four EM missing in action.

24 Dec 44 : Tr B and Co F attached to 87th Ren Sq.
 No Enemy contact.
 Tr C re-joined Squadron.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.

25-26 Dec 44: Tr C attached to 87th Ren Sq. Trs B and C occupied line BOMAL.
 1. Our Force MANHAY. No casualties.

27 Dec 44: Preceded by heavy artillery fire, Tr B & C attacked (dmtd) MANHAY and GRANDMONT. Both towns were secured.
 1. Information Enemy losses: Unknown.
 Own forces: One officer killed, three officers and seven EM wounded.

28-29 Dec 44: Trs B & C in contact with enemy in vicinity MANHAY-GRAND-
 1. IS DENY. Only light operations.
 to WANDERFIELD. Enemy losses: Unknown.
 Own forces: One EM wounded.

30-31 Dec 44: Squadron reassembled vicinity ORSAUX-HOYEMONT. No enemy
 of 32d Cav at contact.
 1. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.

surrounded, all vehicles were lost and men cut off. At daybreak ARSHEE
 Road. Withdraw to ARSHEE held and destroyed. Major L. KRACKER, Major WOLFE-SCHREIBER
 32nd Cav gained ARSHEE contact line at one high Major Cavalry JOHN WALKER
 MAERROD. Forced to withdraw. Withdrew to VIEZAIN. Major L. KRACKER
 via St. VIEZAIN. Withdrew further to VIEZAIN. Adv. Feb.
 1. 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.
 1st Lt. 1st Lt. 1st Lt.

32nd Cav Ren Sq: 2 pls (-) Tr C.
 1 pl (-) 1 sect. Tr B
 1 pl (-) Co F.
 Tr. G.

Co F, 820 TO IN (-). Detached from support 171500.
 87th Armd PA Bn - Released from support 171500.
 1. Results of observations: Veh. 50X Para. 72X
 MAERROD, POTSAUX, ARSHEE heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy at
 MAERROD and etc.

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FROM: 151500
 TO : 151500
 HQ 14th CAV GP (MEGZ)
 VIELSALM, BELGIUM
 151900 Dec 44

No. 58

1. Our Front Lines : Unknown
2. Location of Troops: VIELSALM, Belg.
3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops: None.
4. Weather and Visibility: Cold, damp; visibility limited to good.
5. Our operations for the period:
 - a. 16 Dec: 18th Cav Sqdn engaged enemy tanks and infantry advancing in sector. Advances made along whole sector. 32nd Cav moved from VIELSALM to MANDERFELD and disposed to north and south of MANDERFELD. Front line troops withdrawn, except Trp, A 18th, which was isolated at KOESCHID and ROTR. Late in the afternoon Gp fell back on line ANDLER-HERESBACH-WEVERITH Gp Gp at MEYERODE.
 - b. 17 Dec: At daybreak, tr A, 32nd, engaged enemy tank units, and surrounded, all vehicles were lost and men cut off. At daybreak ANDLER Road. Withdrew to ~~XXXXXX~~ line along the ANDLER-SCHONBERG MEYERODE. Forced to withdraw with strong enemy armor and Infantry Gp Hq engages enemy patrol E RECHT. Withdrew further to vic POTEAUX and via St. VITH.
 - c. 18th Dec: Gp organized into two Task Forces to reoccupy high ground vic BORN. 1st Trp (Mayes) moved out POTEAUX 0700. Enemy attacked Trp Mayes south of RECHT and Trp was forced to withdraw to POTEAUX. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mayes forced to withdraw. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Enemy continued attack on POTEAUX and Gp and Trp d. Organization for Combat:
 18th Cav Ron Sg: 2 pls (-) Tr C.
 1 pl (-) 1 sect. Tr E
 32nd Cav Ron Sg: 2 pls (-) Co F.
 1 pl (-) Co F.
 Tr. G.
 Tr. B.
 Co. F.
6. Combat Efficiency: Veh. 83% Relieved from arrival at VIELSALM.
 Co A, 820 TD Bn (-) -
 275 Armd PA Bn -
 Detached on arrival at VIELSALM.
7. Results of Operations: Enemy forces delayed at MANDERFELD, ANDLER, HOIZEIM MANDERFELD and vic. 83% Pers. 72%
 MANDERFELD, POTEAUX. Extreme heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy at MANDERFELD and vic.

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Auth: AVT
 Date: 3 Jan 45

Hq, 14TH CAV GP (REGT.)
 APO 230, U. S. ARMY
 8 January 1945.

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

FROM: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report.
 1. In compliance with Par 10 (a-3) AF 245-105, Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports for December 1944 are submitted herewith.
 2-6 Dec: Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 14th Cavalry Group, (Mechanized) was in bivouac at ETTENHEIM, LUXEMBOURG.

7-10 Dec: 14th Cav Gp (Recon) attached to 100th Infantry Division, AT, 10 Dec. 33d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, (Mechanized), REGENSBACH, BELGIUM, attached to Gp. It was resting and re-equipping and was to constitute the Group Reserve.

11 Dec: 14th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, (Mechanized) (- Tr B) Armored Field Artillery Battalion in direct support was attached to Gp. They were already occupying positions in the line (LUXEMBURG-ROTH-REGENSBACH) for the sector was assumed by the Gp.

12-15 Dec: Gp CP was established in HADERSHEID 12 Dec. The 14th Cav Recon Sq (Recon) (-) in the line maintained defensive positions and patrolled to the front to take prisoners. Prisoners were obtained. The 32d Cav Recon Sq (Recon) reconnoitered routes and positions and made plans for employment in the sector.

16 Dec: At 0930 a heavy artillery barrage fell on and around all positions. It continued for an hour and 15 minutes. The 32d Cav Recon Sq (Recon) was alerted for movement and later moved forward. Between 0750 and 0815 all front line positions were attacked by enemy infantry supported by tanks or SP guns. Sixty-two groups were encountered in the northern part of the sector. REGENSBACH was surrounded. The left flank positions at LUXEMBURG were ordered to withdraw to the high ground in their immediate rear.

At 1100 the enemy had penetrated and flanked the positions of the 14th Cav Recon Sq (Recon); front line troops were ordered to withdraw to the line. HADERSHEID-ROTH. Tr B, 14th Cav Recon Sq (Recon), was unable to withdraw due to 1630 the troop commander ordered his platoons to hold throughout the day. At during the night, 17% of the personnel have infiltrated back to date.

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The 3rd Cav Recon Sq (Recon) was employed on the high ground to the northwest and south of WARDENFIELD.
At 1600 the Gp withdrew according to plan and established a screen along delay position #2 (Inset 7). At 1700 the squadrons were ordered to fall back to the 2nd delaying line.

1700: Troop "A", 3rd Cav Recon Sq (Recon) was surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry at WARDENFIELD. All vehicles were burnt; 43 enlisted men and 1 officer were killed. The enemy tanks and infantry attacked our positions at WARDENFIELD. Our 37mm mortar was destroyed. The troops continued to delay them until 1800. 2 reconnaissance teams were sent out and lost. The troops delayed along the WARDENFIELD-ST. VITH Highway, passing through positions at 1100.

At 1800 the Gp withdrew to a line along the high ground east of WARDENFIELD. At 1830 the group commander ordered a further withdrawal to a line along the PORTAU-PORTAU-SART LES ST. VITH road. Gp CP was established at PORTAU at 1630.

At 1800 the group commander and staff engaged in a fire fight 1 1/2 miles east of PORTAU with advance elements of an enemy armored column. Two jeeps were lost but all personnel escaped. The group commander made his way back to the Gp on foot. On arriving he was not in condition to command and directed Lt Col Dixon of the 14th Cav Recon Sq (Recon) to assume command. Lt Col Dixon, Gp executive, had not yet returned from the above mentioned fire fight.

At 2150 orders were received from the above mentioned fire fight to accomplish the order because of road jamming, need for gas and oil, and combat losses. This information was presented to the Division Commander in reply to group commander's request and the senior officer ordered to assume command. Lt Col Ridge, 3rd Cav Recon Sq (Recon), assumed command at 0130, 18 Dec.

18 Dec: At 0220, Lt Col Dixon, Gp executive, returned and assumed command. He ordered 2 task forces forward. The first task force assembled at PORTAU and cleared PORTAU at 0730 for BOHEM. At BOHEM the force was attached and forced back on PORTAU. At 0730 PORTAU was attacked with small arms and automatic fire. Then the task force withdrew into town; a defense was organized. Weapons already occupied the surrounding ground to the north of the village. Germans wearing American uniforms were able to occupy the east end of the village. Germans 1000, automatic weapons, mortar and high velocity artillery fire were making our positions untenable. Division was asked permission to withdraw. By 1130 all troops were ordered to withdraw to positions at PORTAU. Gp CP was temporarily located there.

At 1530 Lt Col Dixon was relieved from command (Col Devine had been evacuated through medical channels in the morning). The Gp was followed from attachment to the 106th Infantry Division and attached to the 7th Armored Division. The 7th Armored Division ordered the consolidation of what was left of the squadrons and Gp HQ ST to provide as much fighting force as possible. 14th Cav Gp to 7 A Div. Gen Hessel 7 A Div Gp directed that 14th Cav Gp should absorb 3rd Cav and 14th Cav Gp for purpose of operating 14th Cav Gp at 191200. operating - completed by 191200.

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Losses through 18 Dec were as follows:

Personnel 285
Vehicles 356

19-29 Dec: Composite "A" Troop, formed from elements of various personnel and without tactical vehicles, was attached to OGR, 9th armored Division, 19 Dec. Their mission was to protect and secure the combat command north flank from VILL DU SAIS to PETIT TRILL. On 22 Dec the mission was changed to retreating from the NOYANT-SALMIGNY road; however, they were relieved within an hour and returned to the first position. On 24 Dec the troop was relieved and attached to the 87th Reconnaissance Squadron as Tr "A"; mission established a counter reconnaissance screen along Line BAYVILL-ALZHE-GRVAL. On 26 Dec they were relieved and returned to Co.

Composite "B" Troop plus 3 assault guns and 1 light tank COUPT-CHIFFRE. They were attached that evening but repulsed a line CHECK-positions were attached and taking 21 prisoners. Again on the 21st the attack 22d was repulsed. On the 23d "B" Troop withdrew according to plan, covering the withdrawal of other forces. Heavy fighting was experienced during the withdrawal. The troop and attachments rejoined the Co on the 24th.

Composite "C" Troop plus "C" Troop and 2 light tank platoons, known as 1/7 Lindsey, were ordered on 19 Dec to hold the villages of CHIFFRE, and tanks attached our positions in CHIFFRE and THOMSON and Flanked the platoon in CHIFFRE. The troops withdrew to high ground to the immediate north-west of their positions. The next day they fought a delaying action to ADRECHVILL and joined the Co at BAHIER. The Co CP and rear echelons moved and established CPs during the period as follows:

To BAHIER and vicinity and then AVALLE on 23 Dec.
To THOMSON and vicinity on 24 Dec.
To OREUX and vicinity on 25 Dec.

Composite "D" Troop plus 1 assault platoon and composite "E" Co were attached to the 87th Inf Bn on 24 Dec. Composite platoon and composite "E" assault platoon was attached to the 87th Inf Bn on 25 Dec. On the 25th and 26th they occupied a line BOMAL-VANNEY (dismounted). On the 27th they attacked and secured those towns. On the 28th and 29th both units returned 30 Dec.

The composite squadron was disbanded on 29 Dec and reorganized and reequipping of the individual units began. All units

30-31 Dec: Reorganization of units and preparation for further action.

Losses during the period 16 to 29 Dec are as follows:

Officers	Personal	Vehicles
115	121	205
14th Cav Co	175	

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11th Cav Bg
 32nd Cav Bg

OFFICERS
 208
 231

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 468
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RELATIONS
 678
 398

TOTAL 208 338 538

13 Incls:

- 1- Coordinates of places mentioned in report.
- 2- Ltr of Inscr VIII Corps, 7 Dec.
- 3- Movement of VIII Corps, 8 Dec.
- 4- FO #1, 10th Div.
- 5- FO #7, 11th Cav.
- 6- Overlay of positions 16 Dec.
- 7- Overlay of delay positions.
- 8- Situation as of 162300 Dec.
- 9- Situation as of 170900 Dec.
- 10- Plan of withdrawal, 17 Dec.
- 11- 5-3 Periodic Report #38.
- 12- Journal.
- 13- Messages.

LAURENCE O. SMITH,
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Coordinates of places mentioned in basic communication.

ALBENS	- P458974	HARRIS	- P533902
ANDLER	- P966907	KETERHOOD	- P899974
AVY	- L005900	KELDER BANGELS	- P840905
ATWALTE	- K538105	ONDUX	- K362021
BARVAUX	- T405970	PETIT THEIR	- P742914
BERS	- P761816	PORCAUX	- P773917
BLAISE	- P965833	RAIDER	- K610005
BOAL	- P427997	RECHER	- P803942
BOUR	- P852940	RECHNOIX	- P695993
BOVIKOR	- P704823	ROTH	- L038908
CHREAU	- P665775	SCHORREBO	- P953988
DAIFELD	- P765709	SART LES ST. VITIN	- P813883
ESPERAN	- P800795	ST. VITH	- P854881
ETELBROCK	- P8210	SALICHAUTEAU	- P697868
GOUYT	- P720778	TIDONEN	- P815813
GRANDRENTL	- P520900	VIESSANIN	- P704891
GRIFFLINCEN	- P821818	VILLE DU BOIS	- P718897
HORSFELD	- P968992	VILLENS LEMERENS	- K380964
HORSHEND	- L090898	WECHEBATH	- L019922
HANDSFELD	- L008994	WALLINODE	- P879921
		WILGENSEE	- P445065

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(Headquarters 32d Cav Rcn Sq (M)
(APO 250, U.S. Army
1 January 1945.

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

1. In accordance with par 10 (3-3) AR 345-105 "Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports" are submitted below together with supporting documents.

1-5 Dec 44: Squadron continued defense of sector and aggressive patrol-
ing to the front to OUR RIVER and into German lines across
OUR RIVER. A few rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in the
Squadron sector. Periodic bursts of enemy small arms were
heard in sector. Numerous enemy ground flares were
detected in Squadron sector.
Two EM wounded by mines while on patrol missions.

6 Dec 44 : Combat patrol contacted enemy on hill (S40625) 1500 yards
west of DASBURG. Enemy was in houses and dug-in machine gun
emplacements. Fire fight ensued. Enemy reserves were
brought in from DASBURG and attempted to outflank our
position. During withdrawal our patrol
detected enemy mortar fire. Assault gun fire was placed on
enemy rear and vicinity of DASBURG which silenced enemy mor-
tars. Enemy flare activity and occasional small arms fire
continued. Our assault guns fired on enemy positions across
OUR RIVER results unknown.
Results of action: Two known enemy dead, approximately
twelve wounded, one prisoner taken.
Our forces: Two dead, five wounded.

7-9 Dec 44 : Continued defense of sector and aggressive patrolling to OUR
RIVER. Enemy flare activity and small arms fire continues. Our
assault guns placed fire on enemy targets East of OUR RIVER, on
Regt at 1775.
Squadron relieved by elements of 110th Inf
No Casualties.

10-15 Dec 44: Squadron moved at 1000hrs from CLERVEAUX, LUXEMBOURG and
vicinity, closed VIELSAIN, BELGIUM 100917 and released from
attachment 28th Inf Div and attached to 14th Cav Gp.
No enemy contact.

16 Dec 44 : At 0832 Squadron (minus Co F and Rear Ech) moved ~~to~~ from
VIELSAIN, BELGIUM on MANDERFELD, BELGIUM to support 18th
Cav Sq which was being attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry,
supported by artillery fire. At 1005 Co F was ordered to

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move up to support the Squadron. Tr C covered North flank, Tr A South flank of WANDERSFELD which was threatened by enemy. Tr E placed direct fire on enemy and also indirect to support Squadron was ordered to withdraw to successive lines fighting delaying action.

24 Dec 44 : Tr B Enemy losses unknown.
Our forces: One wounded.

17 Dec 44 : Tr A surrounded by enemy tanks and Infantry at HONSPFELD.

Officer and forty-three enlisted men escaped. At 0700 Tr B teams surrounded and captured. Tr B held positions at ANDLER until 1800. Sq ordered to withdraw and fought delaying action establishing defense line along high ground from WALLEBODE North in direction of BGRF. At 1700 Squadron was ordered to withdraw to VIELSKIN with Tr C setting up defense at POLEVAUX. Enemy losses: Unknown.
Our forces: Two SM wounded, three Officers and ninety-

18 Dec 44 : Tr C with attachments moving on BORN to set up defense in sector was stopped by enemy tanks and Infantry vicinity of RECHT. Enemy tanks, mortar fire, flanking Infantry elements and congested road conditions forced our units to dismount. Delaying action was fought to Potaux and practically all units were extricated. Brisk battle developed for POTPAUX and our forces: Two SM wounded, three Officers and ninety-

19 Dec 44 : Tr B with attachments of Tr E and Co P established defense liney GRUPPLANGS - THOMMEN - ESPELER.

20 Dec 44 : Tr C with one pliat Co P and one platoon Tr B attached to Task force JONES and established line CHERAM - GOUVY - DEFFLDR. Tr B received heavy artillery fire. Tr C was attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry fire. Tr C was repulsed with heavy enemy violence of GOUVY.

Enemy losses: Killed and wounded unknown, thirty-one prisoners taken.
Our forces: One SM killed, four SM wounded.

21 Dec 44 : Tr C positions attacked. Attacks repulsed. Enemy staff car destroyed. Enemy losses: One officer and one SM known dead, one SM wounded.

22 Dec 44 : Tr C repulsed light enemy attacks. Tr B positions attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry preceded by artillery fire and was forced to withdraw. Enemy losses: Unknown.
Our forces: Two SM wounded, two missing in action.

23 Dec 44 : Tr B and C positions attacked by enemy. Tr B ordered to withdraw.
Enemy losses: Unknown.
Our forces: Two SM wounded, two missing in action.

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24 Dec 44 : Tr B and Co P attached to 87th Ren Sq. Tr O rejoined Squadron.
draw, fought delaying action to SHANOHATVAT, and then re-
joined Sq. Tr O withdrew to West fighting delaying action.
Enemy losses: Unknown.
Own forces: One EM killed, 7 EM wounded, four EM miss-
ing in action.

25-26 Dec 44: Tr C attached to 87th Ren Sq. Tr O rejoined Squadron.
No enemy contact.

27 Dec 44 : Preceded by heavy artillery fire, Tr B & C attacked (dawn)
MANHAY. No casualties.

28-29 Dec 44: Tr B & C in contact with enemy in vicinity MANHAY-GRAND-
MENTIL. Only light operations.
Enemy losses: Unknown.
Own forces: One officer killed, three officers and
seven EM wounded.

30-31 Dec 44: Squadron reassembled vicinity ONEAUX - ROYFONT. No enemy
contact.

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Major Cavalry
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HQ, 14TH CAV GP (MOS)
APO 230, U. S. Army
10 January 1945.

STAFF: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report.
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
(THRU: Channel)

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 (c-3) AR 345-105, Action Against Enemy, some items are not supported by documents for December 1944, are submitted herewith, other reports during the withdrawal action. All such items have been determined as fact through consultation with Commanders and Staffs concerned.

1-6 Dec: Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 14th Cavalry Group, Mechanized, was in bivouac at STUBSICK, LUXEMBOURG.

7-10 Dec: 14th Cavalry Group, Mechanized, attached to 106th Infantry Division, 27. VIII, BELGIAN 7 Dec. Made plans for occupying Line LANZBARTH-SOUTH-BELGIAN, attached to Gp. It was testing and re-equipping and was to constitute the Gp reserve.

11 Dec: 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Hees (minus Troop B, detached to the 423rd Infantry and occupying front line positions) (plus Company 275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion) (plus Company a detachment of 9,000 yards, and continued to occupy these positions. Responsibly for the sector was assumed by the Gp.

12-15 Dec: Gp CP was established in HANDBERELD, 12 Dec. The 18th Cav Bn (plus) in the line maintained defensive positions and patrolled to the front to take prisoners. Three prisoners were obtained. The 32nd Cav Bn CP reconnoitered routes and positions and made plans for employment in the sector.

16 Dec: At about 0530 a heavy artillery barrage fell on and around all positions. It continued for about 30 minutes. All positions were subjected to artillery fire throughout the rest of the day. The 32nd Cav Bn Bq was alerted for movement and labor moved forward to vicinity HANDBERELD. Between 0730 and 0815 all front line positions were forward to vicinity HANDBERELD or SP BUN. Blotzle troops were attached by enemy infantry supported by tanks were surrounded. At 1000 the positions of the 18th Cavalry supported by tanks to the high ground in their immediate rear.

At 1100 the enemy had penetrated and flanked the positions of the 18th Cav Bn Bq from the line troops were ordered and flanked the positions of the 18th Cav Bn Bq from the line troops were ordered to withdraw due to their positions. At 1100 the enemy had penetrated and flanked the positions of the 18th Cav Bn Bq from the line troops were ordered and flanked the positions of the 18th Cav Bn Bq from the line troops were ordered to withdraw due to their positions.

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being surrounded and confirmed to hold throughout the day. At about 1630 the Troop Commander was ordered by the Sq Commander to comply with withdrawal orders under cover of darkness in any way deemed possible by him under the existing conditions. 215 of the personnel have been returned to date.

The 32nd Cav Ren Sq arrived WANDSWORTH 1200 and was employed on the high ground to the northeast and south of WANDSWORTH.

At 1600 the Cp withdrew according to plan and established a screen along delay position #1 (Incl 7). At 1700 the squadrons were ordered to fall back to the 2nd delaying line.

17 Dec: Troop "A", 32nd Cav Ren Sq was surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry at PORTAU. All vehicles were lost but 43 enlisted men and 1 officer returned dismounted. At 0700 tanks and infantry attacked our positions at ANGLIN. Our 57mm guns had no effect on enemy tanks. By 0730 the hostile tanks had entered the town but the troops continued to delay them there until 1000. Two reconnaissance tanks were out of oil and lost. The troop delayed along the WANDSWORTH-VIEN highway, passing through SCHOMBERG at 1100.

At 1000 the Cp withdrew to a line along the high ground east of BORN-REINHOLD-WALLSTROCK. At 1530 the Cp Commander ordered a further withdrawal to a line along the BORN-PORTAU-SALT LICH ST. VIEN road. Cp CP was established at PORTAU at 1630.

At 1900 Colonel Devine, the Cp Commander, and staff engaged in a five fight 1 1/2 miles east of BORN with advance elements of an enemy armored column. Two jeeps were lost but all personnel returned. The Cp Commander made his way back to the Cp on foot, arriving 2330.

About 2300 orders were issued to the commanding officers of the 14th and 32nd Cav Ren Sq by Cp 6-3 to report to Group CP. At approximately 2330 the commanding officer 14th Cav Ren Sq, Lt Colonel DAVOH, arrived at the Cp CP where he was informed by Colonel DEVINE, (OO, 14th Cav Cp), that he was to "take over." Colonel DEVINE then left the room and went to bed. Lt Colonel DAVOH was then informed that an order had been issued by 106th Infantry Division for the 14th Cav Cp, lack of readiness of ammunition, gasoline and oil, combat losses, and congested traffic conditions, it was believed responsible for about 0100 18 Dec. He approximately the return to BORN within a 24-hour period. These facts were presented to 106th Infantry Division by 143rd hour period. 106th Infantry Division to effect the same the orders were received from report to G6, VIII Corps. Lt Colonel DAVOH departed enroute to the VIII Corps at 16 Colonel EDGEE, CO, 32nd Cav Ren Sq, then assumed command of the VIII Corps at approximately 0130 18 Dec. Colonel DEVINE was emanated through medical channels at 0200, 18 Dec as a non-battle casualty.

18 Dec: At 0230, Lt Colonel WILSON, Cp Executive, returned and assumed command. Col WILSON had been with Col DEVINE during the above mentioned five night and had to return to PORTAU via ST. VIEN since the BORN-PORTAU road had been cut by the Germans. He ordered two task forces formed. The first task force commanded by Major HAYES, 5-3, 32nd Cav Ren Sq, assembled at PORTAU and cleared PORTAU at 0730 for BORN. At BORN the force was attached and forced back on PORTAU. At 0730 PORTAU was attacked with small arms and automatic

weapons fire. The tank force withdrew into town and a defense was organized. Germans already occupied the surrounding ground to the north of the village. Germans wearing Russian uniforms infiltrated into the east end of the village. By 1000, automatic weapons, mortar and high velocity artillery fire were making our positions untenable. The 106th Infantry Division was asked for permission to withdraw. At 1130 all troops were ordered by Lt Colonel BRUAT to withdraw to PETIT TREIL and the Gp CP was temporarily located there. The 106th Infantry Division was informed of withdrawal.

At 1200 Col BRUAT was informed by Col BENS that the 14th Cav Gp was attached to the 7th armored division. Col BENS left immediately thereafter to report to the new division headquarters.

At 1530 Lt Colonel BRUAT returned to Gp, 14th Cav Gp and informed his staff that by order of Gp, VIII Corps, he was relieved from command and advised the senior staff officer to report to Lt Colonel MARSH, who was to be the new Group Commander. The Gp was relieved of attachment to the 106th Infantry Division and attached to the 7th armored division. The 7th armored division ordered the cancellation of what was left of the squadrons and Group Hq Troop to provide as much fighting force as possible. Instructions received were as follows: Colonel STARBUCK, G of Staff, VIII Corps, WD attached 14th Cav Gp (less) to the 7th armored division. General HANSCHEIT, 7th armored division G3, directed that 10th Cav Bn sq absorb 3rd Cav Bn sq and 14th Cav Gp for purpose of operating overall Bn sq capable of operating - completed by 191200.*

Losses through 18 Dec were as follows:

Personnel	28%	11%	2%	4%
Vehicles	35%	6%	2%	2%

19-29 Dec: Composite "A" Troop, formed from miscellaneous personnel and without tactical vehicles, was attached to GBR, 9th Armored Division, 19 Dec. Their mission was to protest and secure the combat command north flank from VILLE DE SOIS to PETIT TREIL. On 22 Dec the mission was changed to patrolling the BOVIERE-VALMONTAIN road; however, they were relieved within an hour and returned to the first position. On 24 Dec the troop was relieved and attached to the 67th Bn sq as Troop "91" mission: establish a counter-reconnaissance screen along Line BARRAULT-ALISE-SORL. On 26 Dec they were relieved and re-

was attached to 7/4 Bn on 20 Dec and established a Line CHREVE-COITY-DEWYD. They were attached that evening but repulsed the attack inflicting heavy casualties and taking 31 prisoners. Again on the 21 Dec their positions were attacked. Dec, 9th Troop withdrew according to plan, covering the withdrawal. On 23 and attachments rejoined the Gp 24 Dec.

Composite "9" Troop plus six assault guns and two light tank platoons, known as 7/4 Light, was ordered on 19 Dec to hold the villages of CHREVE-COITY, SERRAIN and THORREIL. There was no activity until 22 Dec when enemy infantry and tanks attacked our positions in CHREVE-COITY and THORREIL and Flashed northwest of their positions. The next day they fought a delaying action to

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SALICHTAU and joined the CP at PARTIS. The CP and rear elements moved on 7th Armored Division orders and established CP's during the period as follows:

- To PARTIS and vicinity and then AVALIAE on 23 Dec.
- To OHRUX and vicinity on 24 Dec.
- To OHRUX and vicinity on 29 Dec.

Composite 9th Troop plus one assault platoon and composite 9th assault platoon was attached to the 67th Arm 29 on 24 Dec. Composite 9th Troop plus an element they occupied a line ROVAL-MANNAVY (discontinued). On 25 Dec and 26 Dec and MANNAVY and secured those towns. On 28 and 29 Dec both units were in contact with the enemy but only light action experienced. All units were followed of attachment to 7th Armored Division 30 Dec 44, and returned to CP control at OHRUX, BELGIAN.

The composite equipment was disbanded on 29 Dec and reorganization and reequipping of the individual units began.

20-31 Dec: Reorganization of units and preparation for further action. Losses during the period 16 to 29 Dec are as follows:

Category	Personnel	Vehicles
14th Cav Op (Hqs)	115	17%
1st Bn Cav (Hqs)	206	20%
2nd Bn Cav (Hqs)	206	46%
3rd Bn Cav (Hqs)	236	67%
4th Bn Cav (Hqs)	226	22%
5th Bn Cav (Hqs)	206	33%
6th Bn Cav (Hqs)	206	53%

13 Intel: Capt Blair, CO of Co P was killed. Colonel, Cavalry, Lt Col, and Capt. The 1st Bn Cav (Hqs) was also killed.

- 1-Boardman of places mentioned in report, etc. Of the 19 tanks, etc.
- 2-Orders of instruction VIII Corps, 7 Dec.
- 3-Field Order #1, VIII Corps, 8 Dec.
- 4-Field Order #7, 14th Cav Op (Hqs).
- 5-Orders of positions 16 Dec.
- 6-Evaluation as of 162500 Dec.
- 7-Plan of withdrawal 17 Dec.
- 8-11-23 Periodic Report #28.
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HEADQUARTERS 32D CAV RGN SQ (MECZ)
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On 24 Dec 44 at approximately 1100, this Sqdn moved from AVAILABLE to KHIGNESE, closing at about 1600. Tr C plus attachments joined Sq at 1630.

Tr B had been committed since 16 Dec 44, and men and officers were exhausted from lack of sleep and food. Vehicles and weapons had received hard wear with no maintenance.

On 24 Dec Capt Lindsay was ordered by Lt Col Damon (through Major Dill) to put a P/O Rcn Tr (plus one platoon AG from Tr E 32nd Sq) on the road to report to 87th Rcn Sq. In approximately two hours some vehicles from Tr B 32nd Sq, six vehicles from Gp Hq, one vehicle from Tr A 32nd Sq, and one vehicle from H & S Tr 32nd Sq were lumped together and moved off as a rcn troop. Twenty-four EM from Hq Tr 14th Cav Gp were added to Tr B 32nd Sq to form this P/O troop.

In the short time for preparation, vehicles could not be assembled, radio nets established, vehicles gassed, or loads transferred, to allow the troop to function properly in combat. Some 37 mm guns in M8 Armored Cars could not function, and some IMGs were strapped to $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck hoods in lieu of pedestal mounts. The 24 (twenty four) EM from Hq Tr 14th Cav Gp were not trained nor fit for a combat mission with a rcn troop.

Capt Blair, CO of Co F was also ordered to take a P/O tank Co for the same mission and at the same time as B Tr. Capt Blair assembled 17 tanks with crews, one of which failed to run before arriving at destination. Of the 17 tanks, eleven only were combat serviceable. 18th Cav Rcn Sq furnished 12 EM and 3 tanks for the provisional tank company.

On 25 Dec 44, Capt Martin was ordered by LtCol Damon (through Major Dill), to form a P/O rcn troop in about four hours, and report to 87th Rcn Sq for duty. Capt Martin's troop was composed of 90 men from Tr C 32nd Sq, 13 EM H & S Tr 32nd Sq. The H & S men were specialists, not trained for combat with a rcn trp. Also, about 12 EM were furnished by Tr E 32nd Sq. The Tr E men were trained for combat with assault guns. The vehicles were from varied sources, and were not entirely combat serviceable. One M8 Armd Car of the P/O troop was towed from motor park to destination.

The three troops committed were uniformly fatigued, and suffering from cold, exposure. The collection of equipment made control, and combat efficiency extremely difficult and hazardous. The collection of men, including headquarters personnel,

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sonnel provided additional problems for efficient operations. The fighting ability of the provisional troops B, C, & F, in defense, and attack, after eight days of arduous tactical, continuous employment was commended by LtCol Boylan, CO 97th Ron Sq.

All officers and all men of three provisional troops, excepting 12 EM 18th Ron Sq and 24 EM Hq Tr 14th Gp, were members of 32nd Cav Ron Sq.

JOHN L. KRACKER
Major Cavalry
Commanding

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