

HEADQUARTERS 26th INFANTRY

UNIT JOURNAL

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0010-S-2 to S-2 2nd Bn : Enemy air personnel will be isolated upon capture. No interrogation will be initiated by ground troops. S-2 this Hq to be informed by fastest possible means location of air P.W.

0035-Capt Smoot to Lt Calligan : Our patrol did not reach ECORIGNY. Patrol leader got hit by our own out post. He reached 166 and found nothing there. Reached 703 grid line swept woods on north edge and came on back.

0045-S-3 to Danger 3 : Gave results of patrols last night held by 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bn. We are checking for more information and will phone it in. Also gave results of firing 50 cal. MG's last night. Told him we were going to send out a sound power telephone. As General requested it. S-3 asked if there was anything new going on to the left of us. NO.

0920-S-3 to White 3 : Do you still have our outpost at LE BOURG? Yes, what happened last night on the patrols? Find out why they didn't reach ECORIGNY?

0925-Red 3 to S-3 : What happened to your patrol last night? Patrol or Platoon strength fired on by German outpost. 2 KIA, 3 WIA, 1 KIA not recovered. Patrol from B Co led by Lt Zollweg.

1000-S-3 to White 3 : Requested further information on patrol. Gaven same reason why patrol didn't get to ECORIGNY was that patrol leader got hit and it took time getting underway again. He wouldn't have been able to get back by daylight.

1018-C.O. to All CT Units : From 1200 hrs 30 June to 1200 hrs 3 July the following countersign will be used: Password - Wagon : Reply - Wheel; Alternate: Throng - crowd.

1025-S-3 to Major Nations : The Col would like that man who is going out to try to get to the vicinity of LILU MORDANT with the idea of bringing some artillery down on the point where our men hit it tough last night. We also would like to know exactly where he will be located. He has already left and is going to report his locations when he gets there. I will call you when I get it.

1035-Lt Finnegan to S-3 : There is a 1st Lt coming down to replace the one we sent down yesterday. Regard to getting training information.

1045-S-3 to Capt Werkle : When these men come back from the hosp, have them interviewed and find out their name, rank, ASN, nature of injuries and how long they were in the hospital.

1100-S-3 left C.P. to visit White Bn.

1200-S-3 returned to C.P.

1210-S-3 to G-2 : Request two additional sets of aerial photographs of area out in front of CAUMONT.

1213-S-3 to Major Nat. 1st Bn: Told Maj Nat. and that Reynolds who is now using the one set on hand, would send it to R. about 1500 hrs this afternoon.

1255-S-3 to Red 3: Are you putting any fire on that place we were trying to get at last night? Yes artillery. We have one of those mustard mines. It is a pressure ignite type. We are snowing it around down here and will send it up to you.

1250-S-3 to Lt Killane: The Col wants a couple of men with a sound power telephone to observe woods in the vicinity of 708583 and also in stream bed due S. of there.

1300-White 6 to S-3: We can't see anything from 708583. We can see more from "G" Co. C.P. I don't think it is advisable to send anyone down.

1312-Dextrous 6 to visit Bns, left the C.P.

142-Blue 2 to Dextrous 3: Wants to pick up the aerial photo from 1st Bn at 1300 hrs and will return the same at 1930 hrs.

1428-Gen Wyman arrived at C.P. Wanted to know about last night's patrol that got into trouble. Must caution us again about sending out patrols that are too heavy and draw a lot of fire. We are not in a position where we are trying to bring on a general engagement here. Will keep probing but should be mostly light rcn patrols.

1504-General Wyman left C.P.

1532-Col Bender arrived at C.P. left C.P. at 1553.

1640-S-6 returned to C.P.

1658-Colonel Ware to S-6: Will it be alright to reassign Chaplain Andrews to Div Arty and assign to you the next active Chaplain? Yes.

1720-Blue 3 to S-3: Had the Colonel seen the British on straightening out their lines over there?

1847-Blue 3 to S-6: We have a clearance on the arty shoot. Location will be 7292-5925. Move to 7316-5894 and will be 200 yds wide. One Bn of Light. One Bn of Mediums 724594 - Our patrol was fired on at that point. Concentration will be from 2230 to 2245. Arty observers forward have been alerted and will observe the shoot.

1852-Red 5 to S-1: One round of 50 cal fell near one of our men. Have them check their range.

1855-S-3 to Delta 3: Couple of rounds just fell into red Bn area. Please check guns.

1858-Col Bryde to S-3: Who called about MG fire falling short. Major Adams. I have one of our men down there and he hasn't reported anything. O.K. the Col says to forget it. Go ahead and fire.

1900-Col Bryde to S-3: Discussed above subject. Where are you firing to? I am firing to the woods east of CANAGRES.

1920-Blue 3 to S-3: We have the aerial photo. Would like to keep it a little while. I will bring it up in about an hour.

1940-Red 6 to S-6 : [redacted] getting shelled from [redacted] above [redacted] coming from vicinity of 7309. I will [redacted] and have them get [redacted] look.

2010-S-3 to Sgt Klien : Did anyone parachute from those planes that came down? No, we didn't see any. How near were they. They fell within the German lines.

2053-blue 3 visited C.P. brought aerial mosaic.

2110-Red 6 to S-3 : Gave information on patrols. Also inquired about status of 186 F.A.

2120-Col Miles to S-3 : You can have all bazooka ammo you want. The target of bombers that went over was -- and the road leading northeast of 250 British - 1000 tons of bombs. Asked situation as of today. Was given same.

2125-S-6 to S-2 : The British on our left have air photos dated 26 June. Our latest are dated 12th. Will check.

2140-Col Cunin to S-6 : Asked situation.

2150-S-2 to S-2 2nd Bn : Copy of leaflet to be fired over German lines tonight at 2245.

2210-General Huehner to S-6 : Asked situation. S-6 gave him results of patrol last night and patrol tonight. Also gave him details of artillery shoot laid on for tonight.

2240-Col Evans to S-5 : We have sent to England for copies of those photos S-6 called up about (British)(photos dates 26th June) and expect to have at least one copy here by tomorrow morning. More if possible. Our Corps or Army have none. If I cannot get one from England I will try to get one from the British Corps. If unable to do either, I will send a photographer down with copying camera to take a picture of the one the British have. (Area is CAUMONT \* CAHAGNES)

2245-S-6 to Red 6 : Asked what was happening? Red 6 reported 2 M killed and 14 wounded from mortar fire.

2300-Dextrous 1 to Danger 1 : Casualty report: 2 KIA, 16 WIA, 3A/S.

2300-S-5 to Capt Davis: S-5 asked Blue 6 if he had seen air photo maps. No. S-5 was then connected to Capt Davis of the British. Maps in question were dated 24 he thought but would check them and call S-5 back.

2305-S-5 to Capt Rendy : How much ammo did you throw out at that target? 82 rounds of 105 - 40 rounds of 155.

2312-Dextrous 5 to Blue 6 : Those pictures of CAUMONT were dated May 11. Capt Davis said they were dated 24 June but they were not.

2315-Dextrous 5 to Danger 2 : We was just checking and they don't have those photos for 24 June so we will have to use them.

2325-Dextrous 5 to Capt Davis : Would you give me the legend of the photos that cover our front. Capt Davis gave same.

2320-Dextrous 5 to Danger 2 : I'd like 7 copies of this photo. 3040/400/283 - 24 June 44  
F 36/116 --- SA 1066-28,000.

2337-Col Evans to Dextrous 5 : Discussed Photos.