

HEADQUARTERS 26th INFANTRY
UNIT JOURNAL

30 June 1944

- 0015-Red 2 to S-2 : Our patrol just checked out. Col Seitz is here waiting for it to return. Everything else is quiet.
- 0025-Blue 3 to S-2 : Our patrol out on time everything is OK here.
- 0110-White 5 to S-2 : All quiet.
- 0120-Decoy to S-2 : We are sending a small patrol out, at 0230 to SEPT VENTS to check on some digging. Will notify your outposts of this fact? Right.
- 0125-S-2 to White 5 : Gave him above dope. O.K. he will notify "F" Co.
- 0220-White 5 to S-2 : No change up here. I have notified "F" Co. outposts.
- 0225-Blue 3 to S-2 : All quiet here.
- 0305-Blue 3 to S-2 : Lt Mathews saw four guns at the houses. Saw them fire. Didn't have enough men to go after them so pulled back to the Company area.
- 0310-Lt Killian to S-2 : Nothing from our patrol as yet. "E" squad reports two vehicles pulled in near their mortar concentration and will fire on it.
- 0320-Red 2 to S-2 : The Plat ran into a stiff fire fight at 718586. 2 KIA, 3 WIA. Ran into a cross fire from 2 MG's: Some of the leading elements were passed the guns before they started shooting. Rifle grenades, hand grenades were used. All the casualties were in the group that had by passed the guns. 3 WIA & 1 KIA. brought back. Other KIA could not be reached. Enemy casualties unknown.
- 0330-Blue 3 to S-2 : Routine Call. Gave him above dope.
- 0400-Red 2 to Lt Pam : Everything quiet.
- 0402-White to Lt Pam : No change.
- 0420-Blue I to Lt Pam : Negative report.
- 0440-Delta to Lt Pam : Got call from Determine. 73525712. Wants Delta to fire on above coordinates. Delta asking if we have communications with British. None. Firing anyway. Delta sure no friendly troops on target.
- 0510-Red to Lt Pam : All quiet.
- 0515-White to Lt Pam : Nothing new.
- 0528-Blue 1 to Lt Pam : Negative report.
- 0600-Red to Lt Pam : Nothing new to rept.
- 0605-White to Lt Pam : No change.
- 0630-Blue to Lt Pam : Negative report.

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0720-Blue 1 to Lt Calligan : Negative report.

0745-White to Lt Calligan : "E" Co. patrol went to 166. All clear and came back. Sgt hit by own outpost.

0800-Lt Calligan to Capt Roosevelt : Patrol info.

0826-White to Lt Calligan : 8 tanks at 723535.

0827-Lt Calligan to Blue 2 : Is that all the info on your patrol? Yes, I'm going down to see him now. Will call you as soon as I can. Will you ask him for exact locations and since he didn't have enough ments to knock out the guns, how many could it take, could they get down there day or night? OK.

0830-Lt Calligan to White 1 : Is that all info available on patrol? Yes Capt Ballize should know more - I'll call him soon and let you know. Would like to know why 1 MG was not eliminated by what was supposed to be a combat patrol.

0850-Lt Calligan to Lt Lafley : Major Rippert wants a man to go out beyond the outpost line with a SP & telephone to get a good spot and be able to call in targets and direct arty fire. That's in the 3 Dept. I'll refer it to Carney. Ok. whatever you want. He told me to call you on it. Well, we don't like it. Will talk it over with the Col & Carney. Its a hell of a mean job. That's right. Let me know what happens.

0915-Col Corley to Lt Calligan : Three Recon patrols: 1. Same route as yesterday. 1 Off. Sgt and 2 men. 2. 2 man patrol 350 yds due west of Br bound. 3. 3 man patrol 200 yds east of Br. bound, to find flank of enemy tonight we may lay on something big. Leave when ready within hour.

1050-Red to Lt Calligan : The man for the telephone mission has left. He will report his position as soon as he gets located. Left right after 0900.

1124-Red to Lt Calligan : 713589 2 men. Best spot available in area. However he is looking around.

1130-Capt Roosevelt to Lt Calligan : You may use personal cameras now. Told him about the blue patrols.

1335-Lt Calligan to Lt Lafley : Combat patrol for tonight to knock out 2 MG's that hit you last night at 716586. Two 3 men patrols.

1340-Lt Calligan to Lt Kilene : Recon patrol for tonight. 4 men to EOCRIEM.

1400-S-2 to Red 2 : Send 2 3 man combat patrols instead of 4 men. Who had that patrol last nite? It was Zollweg's platoon that went out. One squad on each side of road one in rear. The squad on right got ahead and was cut off by MG cross fire.

1410-Lt Ryan to S-2 : 9th & 10th SS Panzer in front of 8th an Corps. 10th has been picked up on the radio at SVRECY. Ger. tanks got as SHUX far. Inf. was beaten off at the SUR OBOA.

1425-Red 2 to S-2 : Zollweg and 4 men have gone down to pick up the two dead boys. They left at 1315.

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- 1440-Red 2 to Lt Calligan : Are there any patrols out now? Yes, Blue has 3 out near 73 grid line. Patrol of 11 men checked through "A" Co about an hour ago. Was it them on one of Whites? Don't think so but I'll check. Didn't patrol identify itself to outpost? No, outpost thought it was one of ours.
- 1445-Lt Calligan to White 3 : Do you have patrol out now? Do you know anything about 11 man patrol reported by Red 2? No, I'll check my forward companies.
- 1447-Lt Calligan to Blue 3 : How about those patrols you have out. They are the same size and same routes you gave us, aren't they? Yes, what the hell is the matter with you, can't you keep things straight? Well, Red reported 11 man patrol cleaning through "A" Co. It was not identified by outpost- We know nothing about it. Probably Jerry saying "Hello" to 1st Bn. O.K. just checking.
- 1450-Lt Calligan to Red 3 : It wasn't Blue or White, was it your patrol to take in casualties? No, it wasn't them. Check on it will you. It wasn't any of our patrols. - O.K.
- 1455-Lt Calligan to Lt Dunlay : About above, do you know who it is? Could it be powerhouse Recon? They haven't checked us about it. Did you call Decoy? Haven't yet. It isn't logical to be them or British in the middle of your sector. - Well, call them and then call me back and I'll check Powerhouse.
- 1500-Lt Calligan to Decoy 2 : No it's not us. We have a prisoner from Parachutists. Not a new identification.
- 1510-Lt Ryan to S-2 : 2 regts of the 10th SS Div identified in Br. 8th Corps. Trench system 659579, Chateau 630595, Chateau 658544, Rds in Woods 610620. 1st Co. 8th Par Regt 654594.
- 1535-Lt Lafley to Lt Calligan : Patrol to get dead back. Found only 1. Lt Res 1530 with 1 squad to 718586 as combat patrol to knock out MG.
- 1537-Lt Reynolds to Lt Calligan : 730597 fired on by MG from 730595. Patrol ldr hit in head evacuated thru British.
- 1610-Lt Dunlay to Lt Calligan : 20 SS R of 9th SS Div fighting, 19th SD R. of 9th SS Div fighting, 10th SS Div to South ready to move in. 20 Rounds of Prop leaflets on "How to Surrender" for Delta. We can pick the spot to drop.
- 1625-O.F. to S-2 : 701554 2 man checking wire.
- 1630-Lt Reynold to Lt Calligan : Came in 1556. Reached Hedgerow 150 yds S of main rd. (728595) Sniper in tree in orchard directly south of above point. Heard MG fire on left 200 yds away. No activity in orchard itself. Big show for tonight is off.
- 1640-Lt Calligan to Lt Lafley : Have you heard from your telephone man? No, not lately. Gave him above information.
- 1705-O.F. to Lt Calligan : Our mortars hitting at 707578 and 703578. What are they hitting? I don't see anything around there.
- 1730-OP to S-2 : We laid mortar in at 698578.
- 1745-OP to S-2 : Throwing light mortars in CAUMONT.

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1700-Lt Dunlay to Lt Calligan : June 12 Bertie - quite a few coming down tonight or tomorrow A.M.

1755-OP. to Lt Calligan : 4 Spitfires received ACK ACK to right of ST MARTIN. No bombing or strafing.

1805-Lt Lafley to Lt Calligan : Mortar is still there in middle of orchard. Square emplacement. Behind it to S. is dugout for crew. Around the whole is single apron wire fence. Around fence single wire 2 ft off ground (probably guide for mines). Got to North side 718586. Threw 13 AT grenades at emplacement. Still drawing mortar fire. 1 Jerry dead 2 damaged. No casualties in patrol. MG fire from SE corner of orchard. Part of squad went to look for 75 mm. Still there Camouflage removed for firing. Heard digging in along stream bed. East side of hedgerow 50 yds S. of stream 718584 is position of 75 gun.

1910-O.P. to Lt Calligan : Our artillery falling just east of LE BOURG (air bursts)

1900-Capt Clisson to Lt Calligan : One Bn of Lights (105) & 1 Bn Med. (155) to fall between 2230 -2245 hours on 7292925, 230 yds wide to 73165894. This to fall as 3rd Bn patrol moves out at 2230 to check results.

1915-S-2 to Delta : Targets for leaflets: 1. 70605561 2. 713581 (LUTAIN FOREST)
3. 725578 (Houses) 4. 728586 (Houses) 5. 702579 (Houses) 6. 695579
(SEPT VENTS) 7. 713574 (LA LONDE) 8. 725568 (BOUSIGNY) 9. 717558
10. 709549 11. 731581 12. 700783. Time to fire: 2245 -2300. 1
German round on each target. 2 Polish Rounds on # 3 1 Polish round on # 4.

2015-Lt Lafley to Lt Calligan : Mortar 75's, 150's - Rockets, They are using French ammo. fire of 81 mm mortar. Probably using French Mortars.

2110-Red 2 to S-2 : 748545, 751545 - 88mm. AA positions along hedre. Reported by Red. 2 Bns of 879 Reg of 266 Inf Div near 493688. Is part of Kampftr Kentner. VILLERS LOUAGE, AUNAY SUR ODOU. 250 planes lost 2.

2130-Capt Crawford to Lt Lafley : What about you not sending any patrol tonight? How about those 2 - 3 man patrols to 75 position & MG. We're not sending any. Col Seitz expects them to go out. Better have Col Murdoch call the Colonel on it.

2145-Major Rippert to Capt Carney : According to Col Seitz when they talk over the patrol it was decided that the patrol would go out tonight. Lt Col Murdoch says it was decided the patrol would not go out. Better have him call Col Seitz and get it straightened out between the two of them.

2212-Capt Crawford to Lt Lafley : Col Seitz is talking to the General and he just told him Red Bn is sending 2-3 man patrols out tonight. Better have Col Murdoch call Col Seitz. O.K.

2225-Lt Dunlay to Lt Calligan : Do you have picture No 6038 in that distribution? Yes. Well, it covers the left flank of Decoy. In making the distribution we neglected to give Decoy enough of those. Can you spare 7. Yes, I can get them from Red Bn. Will you get them please and send them to Decoy. Col Evans would really appreciate it. Yes, of course.

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2235-Lt Calligan to Lt Lafley : About above. Can you spare those sheets. I'll send you five and keep one for ourselves just in case. Good. How about that patrol? Has it been settled? No need to. The last thing Col Murdoch told Col Seitz was that he was not sending out the patrol.

2245-Lt Calligan to Capt Clisson : About pictures. Can you spare 2 or 3 of 6038? I'll take it up with Reynolds in the morning and if he can he'll send them up to you. Fine.

2340-Capt Hughes to Lt Calligan : All quiet. 1 Off and 2 men from "I" to go with Sr. and look for results of Arty.