

17 June - 1745 Marched from beach; CP located at Sheet 6E-5 T359939

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18 June - 1600 CP closed T293944 - receive orders to move 2230

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19 June - 0330 CP GSGS4347 Sheet 21-18 NW 243988

1230 Put on 2 hour alert for truck move

1800 Western plan called off; reverted to Div - to stand by for orders

1915 Orders to move - picked up by trucks after moving 4 miles by foot

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20 June - 0200 Close into new area - 3120 NW 188067

0230 Go over attack plan in detail with Co CO's

0530 Change in attack plan - Bigwig 3 to S-5; 3 to follow 1 in attack

0535 Co's leave assembly area to form for attack

0555 Bigwig 3 to S-5 -- Haudalang objective 1st Bn

0620 K reports sniping - bridge blown and vehicles tied up

0700 S-6 to K - Follow I and take road to left

0800 From S-6 - Attack stepped off from LD at 0649

0715 Bigwig 3 informed situation by S-5

0720 S-5 to Bigwig 3 - request for Engrs to repair blown bridge

0730 Plan strafes near CP

0825 Moving as planned

0850 1st Bn now 1200 yds N LD - Bigwig 6 orders 1st to continue push - going to left of town and using road as right boundary to intercept body of Germans retreating from Valegnes later in day

0915 S-5 to Bigwig 2 -- Ask for info 1st and 2nd; nothing to report

0930 "LE about 1 mile above RR going across country thru heavily wooded section

0945 White 6 to Bigwig 6 - 3 now passing thru; 2nd Bn ordered to keep pushing, following 3

1030 Red 6 to Bigwig 6 - 1st to left main road; 3rd slightly to rear and left 1st; 2nd to rear 3rd and left; CT3 to right of road moving up fast

1045 Moving CP forward

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20 June - 1045 - 1500 - CP move with troops

1515 Column held up by road blown at RJ 1½ mile north of Brix

1640 Road block repaired by Engrs and troops resume move forward

1830 In temporary assembly area - 138153 3120 NW

2045 Artillery fire thought to be 88 in area; dud 50 yds from CP

2100 Only 2 men Of 6 man "L" Co patrol return; info incoherent

2120 88 fire in area

2245 Lt Stock and other men return from patrol; located gun positions; MG and wire entanglements. Also reported artillery concentration fired by Biscuit White very effective.

2300 Artillery concentration to be fired on gun positions located by patrol

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21 June - 0630 Report requested by Bigwig on enemy activity

0950 Artillery fire on area

1030 Gen Wyche at CP - confers S-6, S-3 gets situation

1130 Men from 3rd Bn 39th Inf 9th Div in area, exchange situation

1210 Wire in to OP run in conjunction with Recon

1220 Cn Co fires concentration on 88 position

1250 Scattered 88 fire on area

1405 OP reports artillery fire knocked out pill box holding 88, men seen running into woods; artillery laid into entire area

1435 Artillery fire in area

1500 Chemical Mortar Liason at CP to coordinate plans

1555 Bigwig 3 inquires as to artillery fire - Nebulwerfer fire spotted adjacent area

1630 I and K reports on patrols and routes taken

1650 OP reports location 2 Howitzers - info to Bigwig

1715 Check on ammo - S-4 and Bigwig Ammo Officer to Sew Co

1735 I's security line checked and strengthened on right flank

1800 Liason 3 checks with S-6 on fire effect

1845 S-6 issues orders for patrolling

June 21 1930 Red 2 contacts Blue 2 on patrols for evening

1940 L warned of patrolling to thir front; to coordinate with Red

1955 Blue 6 at Bigwig

2000 S-2 gets info from French civillians of location blockhouses and tank ditch

2050 Co CO's meeting - Air bombardment of forward area 1200-1600 22 June; to withdraw Bn 1000yds to rear

2310 Nebulwerfer fire on area

2330 Vehicle leave for new area

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22 June 0400 Bn on daylight alert

0630 Artillery fire vicinity old OP

1010 Co CO meeting - plans for final push to Cherbourg

1030 Bigwig 3 to S-3 - final details and signals on bombing and artillery

1040 Bigwig 3 to S-6 - orders to move out immediately

1110 Column moves to withdrawal area, CP set up, 1000 yds to rear

1250 Air force starts bombing

1310 Bombing and strafing all over area by planes thought to be friendly; A-T gun and truck hit, 5 WIA

1320 L and K ordered to pull back to avoid bombing and strafing

1350 Bn to move back to original area at 1400

1415 Now at original location

1600 2 patrols report that stream is fordable 250 grds N of Tollevast

1616 Artillery and mortar fire hitting in vicinity

1710 Nebulwerfer fire in area

1820 L reports sniper fire in their area

1900 Patrol in force ordered to reconnoiter route

1935 Counter attack reported in Red area

1935 Harrassing sniper fire at cross roads 100 yds from CP

2010 Co CO's meeting - to attack at 2045

2022 Artillery, mortar and Nebulwerfer fire in area

2030 Order of march for attack - L-I-M-Hq-K

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22 June 2225 L Co moving off in attack with A Co

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23 June 0115 CP on move with column

0230 CP closes into temporary area; vehicular park in same location

0250 Heavy 88 fire on CP area, casualties

0315 Night attack to be launched

0320 K moving to attack heavily hit by MG fire

0345 Patrol in area firing Machine Pistol and harrassing sniper fire

0415 Vehicles evacuated to rear assembly area

0610 Sniper and 88 fire in CP area

0820 CP group plus pl from K launches attack on snipers and follow thru and capture pill box and dug in positions; 15 prisoners taken

1005 CP group attacks other by-passed positions

1100 CP moves forward with vehicles; BN in attack, I leading Co

1400 Bn holding gains; dug in and under heavy mortar and 88 fire

1715 CP pulls back and digs in for air attack at 2100

1845 Time of air assault changed to 2000 instead 2100

2000-2110 Air bombing of enemy positions

2230 Heavy 88 fire in vicinity

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24 June 0700 Plan for attack- objective allotted- 3rd to attack with 2nd on right and CT3 on right flank; CT5 protecting supply lines - Time attack 0820

0805 S-6, S-3 leave for attack

0825 Attack jumps off under preparatory fire

1010 3rd has taken objective at 1000 - several 88 positions

1015 Now in contact with G Co on right and continuing attack

1040 I Co to advance behind L

1055 CT3 has taken 27 - per Bigwig 2

1115 CT4 to advance on 45 - Bishop 3 to Bigwig 6

1150 CP moving forward

1300 CP temporarily located; tied down by by-passed MG and pill box

1435 Mortar supposedly enemy falling CP area

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24 June 1710 3rd on attack to take 45; 2nd to attack 46; Bigwig 6 to White 6

1730 To fire serenade immediately to precede 3rd attack

1805 Mortar and artillery fire CP area

1915 L-I jumped off on attack meeting fire in hollow; 88 at flat trajectory and MG; moved in twice and forced to withdraw

1930 Bigwig 6 to S-6 to withdraw to crest of hill also 2nd; to setup defense lines for night

2115 CP at night location

2345 S-5 returns from Bigwig - plan for 25 June, 3rd to return to old positions and support by fire attack of 1st and 2nd

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25 June 0715 Co's to be ready to return to original area by 0750 and support attack with covering fire

0800 Artillery, mortar and dive bombing preparation

0830 2nd pinned down, very little advance

0900 CT3 moving fast and will take objective

1020 F has taken fortress in valley; moving up to 46

1030 1st ordered to move up to rear of 2nd per Bigwig 6

1135 Enemy white flag on 45

1145 45 not taken; fighting still in progress

1215 Hill 45 taken

1230 Mortar fire on CP area and M Co mortar section

1415 Advancing left side 45; meeting resistance, asking for pole charges

1530 Co L digging in after crossing open field under heavy fire; pill box ahead

1700 Bigwig 3 reports PW says tunnel leads from Oteville to pill boxes on 45

1715 Chief of Staff at CP to Bigwig 6 - want men in town tonight unless too costly otherwise stay on this side of river

1730 Naval Shore Fire Officer to OP - reports naval fire on Cherbourg from 1200-1500

1800 Wire to OP out

1930 9th Div artillery firing on targets hill to left

1950 Heavy 88 fire on road to right CP

25 June 2005 Artillery firing on 88 down road

2230 Pill box on 45 surrenders; lower guns of large caliber firing on town; first prisoners out shot down by Germans; demolition of stores in Cherbourg started; lower guns silenced by pole charges let down by wire.

2245 Fires throughout countryside as Germans blow up installations

26 June 0030 Bigwig calls S-6 on latest plan *official Theodore M West, Capt* to move in town starting 0445

0100 Time for morning attack changed to 0530; units on 45 warned of alert

0610 Troops start move into town

0645 Meeting opposition on move from 45; to maintain contact with 1st on right; order of attack L - I-K - M

0745 CP area under fire; sniper and flak gun

0830 CP group moves forward

★ 0835 3rd has moved down left side of 45 into town; searching houses; clean out pill box near canal

0905 CP temporarily located on road 1000 yds from Cherbourg

1105 Troops at rail tracks in Cherbourg; meeting pill boxes, send back for

1305 3rd short of men due to number left behind for road blocks; G to go forward to assist

★ 1700 1st and 3rd have pushed thru to beaches; to go back over route again; 3rd to clean up MG nests near RR

★ 1745 Overheard on phone - Gen VonSteedman CG of German forces in Cherbourg on way to Jayhawk CP to see Gen Collins; to be held there until Gen Collins returns.

1750 2nd still working on pill box; lower section hasn't fired for 1½ hours, still working on lower section

★ 2000 CP moves into Cherbourg - located at post office on Carnot Ave

2035 9th Div has made contact with our left flank in town

2145 No civilian movement after 2200; garrison your section of the city; 0800 27th send bivouac billet party to Bigwig CP at 0900; Bigwig 5 to S-6

★ 2150 Report that German Commander has surrendered Cherbourg

27 June 0800 Billeting party leaves for Bigwig

0930 To move to temporary area at 1300

0945 Organics brought forward

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27 June 1315 Leave by foot for temporary bitouac area

1300 Closed into area 4 miles S Cherbourg

1330 Billeting party leaves to setup new area

1430 Co CO's meeting - briefing of campaign; casualty figures to be submitted

1815 S-6 to go to Bigwig at 0900 28 June

2035 S-6 to meet Gen Wyche at Bigwig at 0800

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28 June 0730 S-6 leaves for meeting at Bigwig

0915 S-6 returns - to move by motor 1400

1450 Leave by truck for new area

1545 Closed in new area - 154970

✗ 1700 Replacements arrive - Hq Co 9-1; Co I 50-1; K Co 42-1; L Co 42-1; M Co 14

1800 Casualty report for Cherbourg campaign: KIA 43 WIA - 195 MIA - 12 BF 7

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29 June 0800 S-6 to Bigwig

1000 S-6 returns with plans for next several days and move to new area

1530 CO's and Pl Ldrs meeting - critique Cherbourg campaign

1845 Liaison Officer back with latest situation

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30 June 1000 S-6 addresses men up for promotion

1110 Billeting party to leave 1230

✓ 1315 Co CO's meeting - to move out by foot 1430; rolls to be left in Co piles at entrance to area; cooks to be sent to CP to act as guards; organics to follow 1600; 3rd to follow 1st Bn; order of march I - K - L p Hq - M

1530 Leave area closed 1700 at 124926

1945 Co CO's meeting - plan of attack; K Co to lead; S-6, S-3, K Co CO to go to 2nd Bn OP 1 July 0830

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1 July 0815 S-6, S-3 and K CO leave for 2nd Bn OP

1215 Additional enemy info - 7 MG at cross roads

✓ 2100 Replacements arrive: Hq-5; I 33-2; K-21; L -40; M 23-1

2350 Artillery fire $\frac{1}{2}$ mile

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