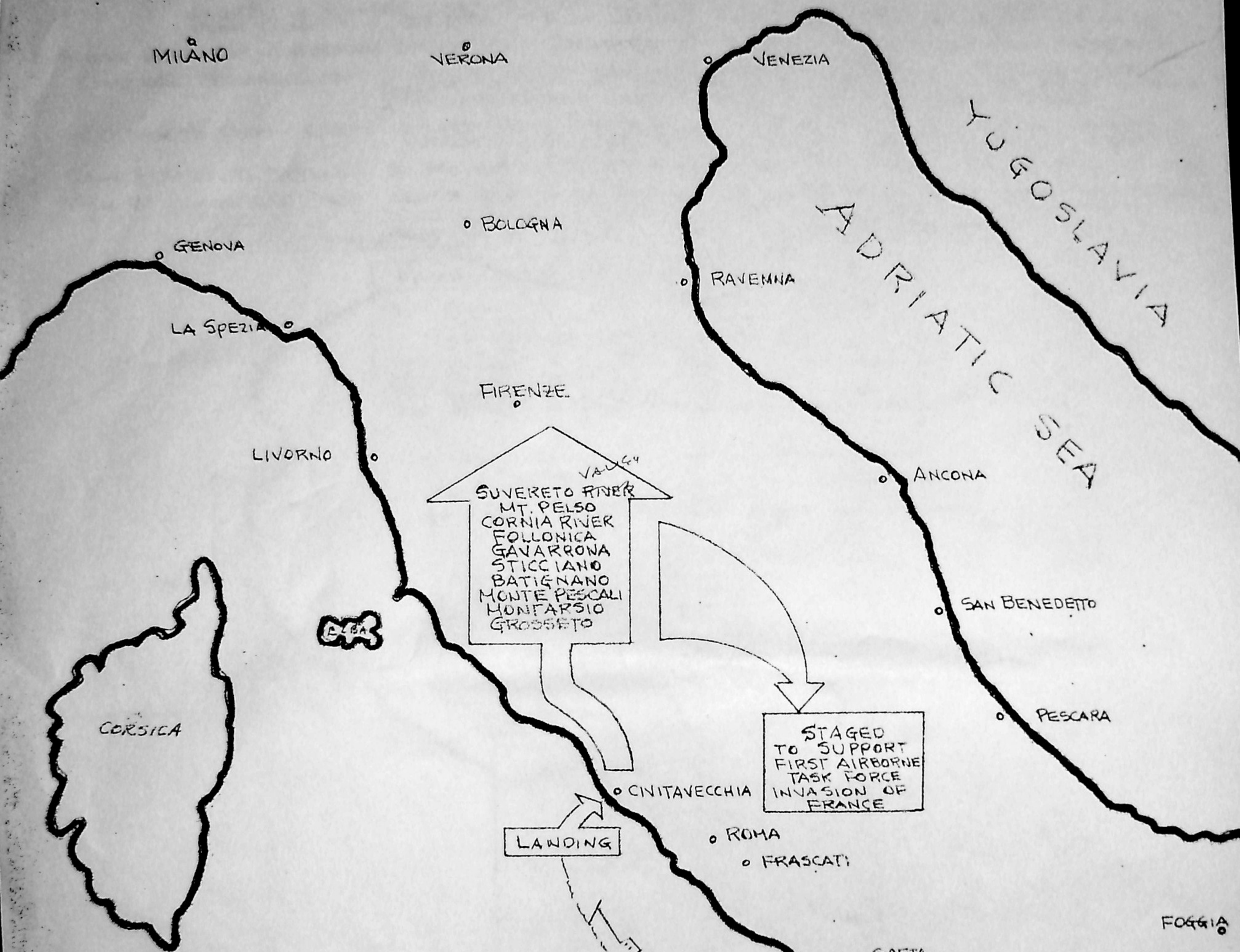
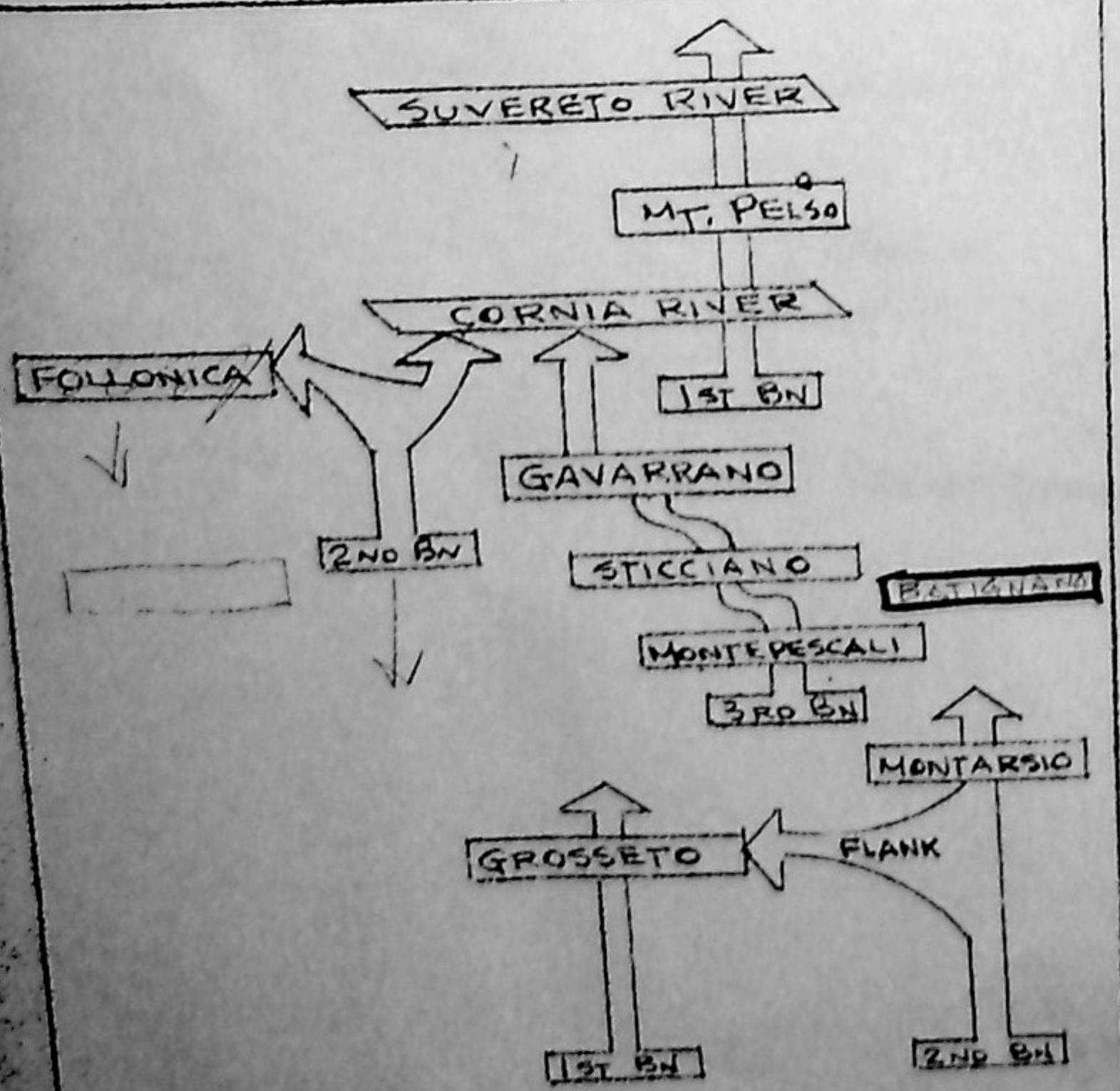


• 517 ITALIAN CAMPAIGN •

DURING THE TENNESSEE MANEUVERS ALL PARACHUTE ELEMENTS OF THE (THEN) 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION WERE ALERTED AND PULLED BACK TO CAMP MACKALL TO FORM THE 517 PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE 517 SHIPPED TO ITALY, THUS REALIZING A DREAM WHICH SPRANG FROM THE SHADOWS OF MT. CURAHEE IN CAMP Toccoa.



SOME DETAILS OF ITALIAN CAMPAIGN



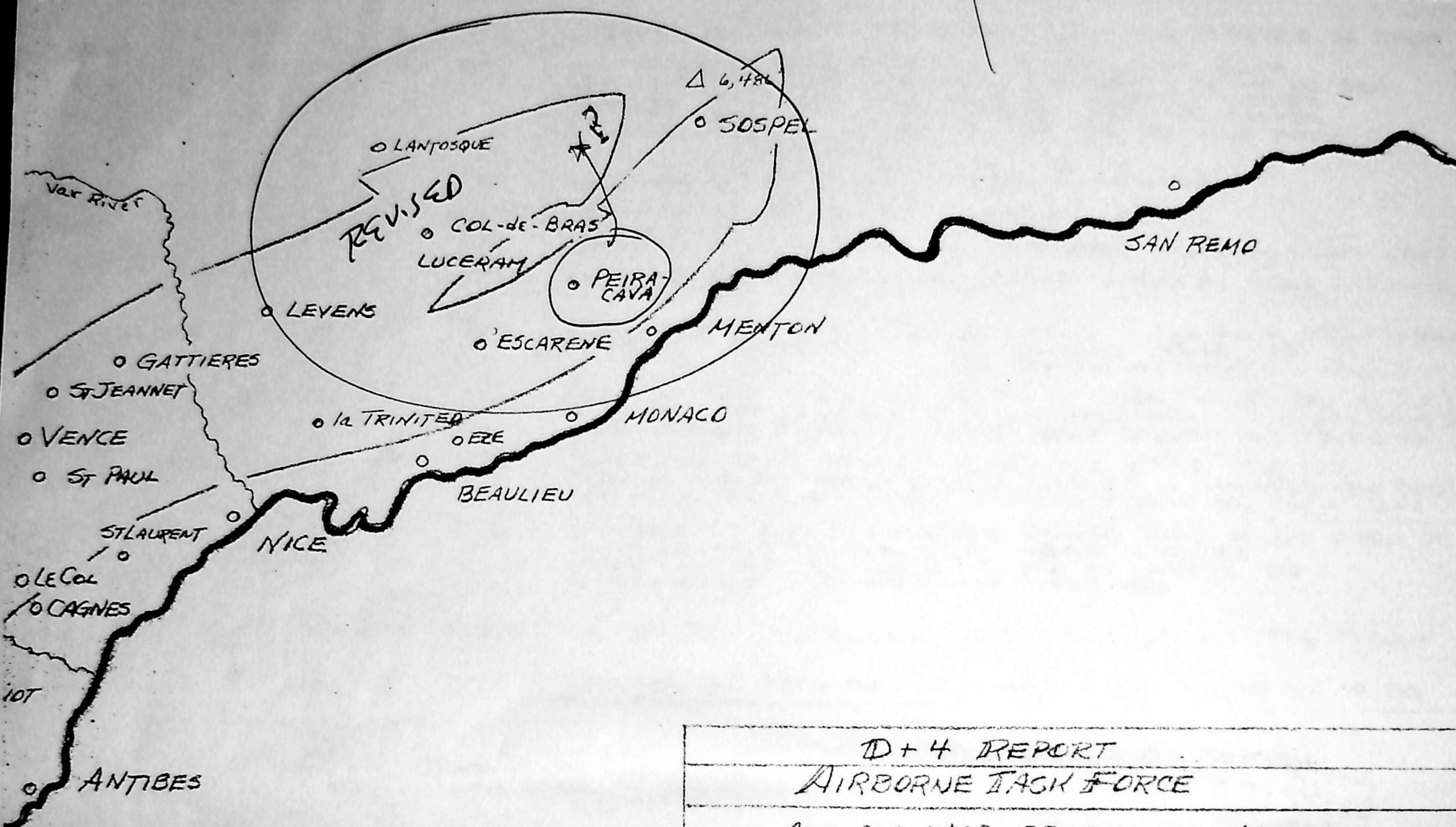
- 5TH ARMY: GEN. MARK CLARK
- IV CORPS: GEN. CRITTENDEN
- 36 DIVISION: GEN. WALKER

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 B - COMPANY PATROLS CAPTURE 275 GERMAN - BOLE WITH 30 MEN HOLDING LES ARCS
 OTHER ELEMENTS TAKE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES -
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- 3RD BN - LANDED 25 MILES FROM DZ - VICINITY OF VENCE - ASSEMBLED AND PROCEEDED TO CLAYIER
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- 517 - BY 1600 HOURS ALL REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVES OCCUPIED

O PUGET THENIERS



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- GERMANS SURRENDER FORT LA ROCH NEAR FAYENCE - 175 PRISONERS -
- SCATTERED ENGAGEMENTS THRU D+4 - ELEMENTS OF 7TH ARMY ARRIVE IN AREA FROM THE BEACH LANDINGS - HEADING NORTH UP THE RHONE RIVER VALLEY.
- AIRBORNE TASK FORCE NOW ASSIGNED MISSION OF PROTECTING 7TH ARMY EASTERN FLANK
- 517 RCT REORIENTS FOR ATTACK MISSIONS TO THE EAST.



D+4 REPORT AIRBORNE TASK FORCE

- ALL PLANNED OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED
- GERMAN MOBILE RESERVE DISRUPTED
- 2000 GERMAN PRISONERS
- ABTF CASUALTIES
 - US - 424 - KILLED, CAPTURED OR MISSING
292 - HOSPITALIZED
 - BRITISH - 233 - KILLED, CAPTURED OR MISSING
130 - HOSPITALIZED

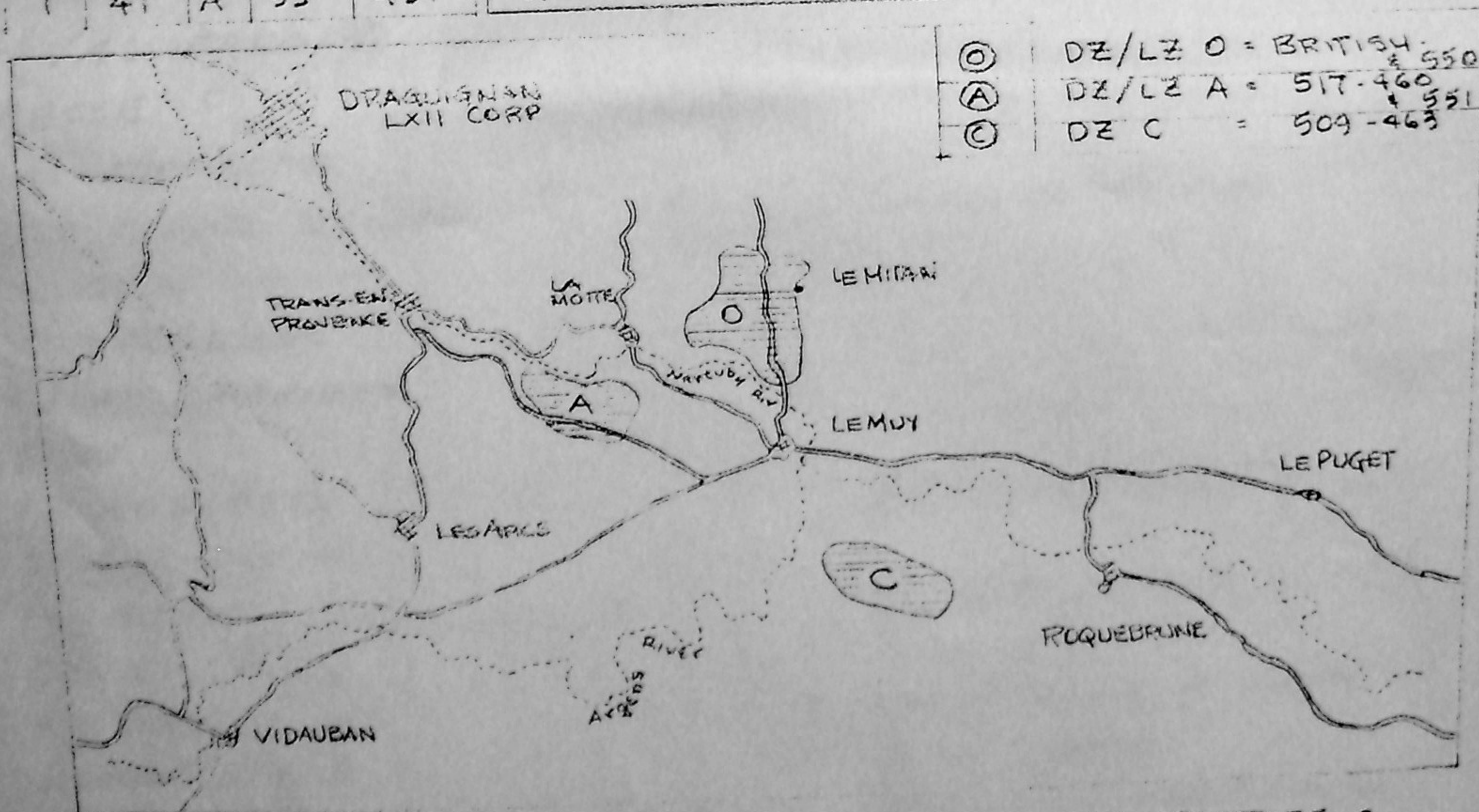
D-DAY REPORT AIRBORNE TASK FORCE

- PATHFINDERS LANDED 15 MILES FROM DZ
- (1) STICK FROM 509 LOST IN THE SEA
- (9) GLIDERS LANDED IN THE SEA
- (1) GLIDER DISINTEGRATED IN FLIGHT
- (100) GLIDERS TIPPED OVER IN LANDING
- (50) GLIDERS SALVAGABLE (OF 350 USED)

PARATROOP MISSIONS - 6,500 TROOPS DELIVERED IN 775 JORTIES						9 PATHFINDER PLANES TOOK-OFF FROM MARCIGLIANA	
UNIT	SER	CRAFT	DZ	WING	GROUP	PATHFINDERS FOR 509/551 - LOST WAY IN FOG - DROPS 0353/0400/0415 ALL 3 TEAMS LANDED DISPERSED BETWEEN FREJUS AND GRASSE	
PATH-FINDERS	1	3	C			PATHFINDERS FOR 517 - DROPPED 2 MIN. TOO SOON AT 0328 THREE TEAMS LANDED 3 1/2 MILES FROM DZ-A	
	2	3	A			PATHFINDERS FOR BRITISH - LANDED ON SCHEDULE - NEAR DZ NEAR MITAN - HAD 2 EUREKA BEACONS OPERATING BY 0430	
	3	3	O				

ALBATROSS - INITIAL PARATROOP DROP: 5,628 TROOPS							
UNIT	SER	CRAFT	DZ	WING	GROUP	DROPPED AT 0421 - 1/2 MILE FROM DZ - 20 INJURED IN DROP	
509 463 596 ⁽¹⁾	1	45	C	50	442	441 FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH 442 OVER ELBA SET ITS OWN COURSE - GOT LOST - DROPPED 2 STICKS IN SEA	
	2	45	C	50	441	DROPPED A-CO AND PART OF B-CO NEAR ST TROPEZ DROPPED B-BN AND C-BN OF 463 NEAR ST TROPEZ BALANCE OF 509, 463, AND 1 PLT OF 596 1/2 MILE FROM DZ-C	
BRITISH 2ND PARA BRIGADE	7	36	O	51	62	DROPPED AT 0454 - ON SCHEDULE - ON DZ	
	8	27	O	51	62+435	DROPPED AT 0459 - ON SCHEDULE - ON DZ	
	9	36	O	51	64	DROPPED AT 0505 - ON DZ - (4 PLANES WERE 20 MILES OFF)	
	10	27	O	51	64+436	DROPPED AT 0514 - ON DZ (PART OF 5TH BN NEAR FAYENCE)	
517-2ND 596 ⁽²⁾	3	45	A	50	440	DROPPED AT 0431 - 720 MEN OF 517 2ND BN + 596 ⁽²⁾ + RHQ WIDELY DISPERSED - 200 LANDED NEAR DZ 300 DID NOT ASSEMBLE UNTIL D+1	
517-3RD 596 ⁽³⁾	4	45	A	50	439	DROPPED 517 3RD BN + 596 ⁽³⁾ - WERE DISPERSED BLINDLY IN 3 GROUPS LANDING 2 TO 4 MILES APART - 15 MILES FROM DZ SOME AROUND FAYENCE - SOME NEAR CALLIAN AND TOURETTS	
460	5	45	A	53	437	PART OF THE SERIES DROPPED NEAR THE DZ TROOPS IN 20 PLANES HAD JUMPED 4 MINUTES TOO SOON 100 MEN AND 4 T5 LHM'S DID NOT JOIN BN UNTIL D+1	
517-1ST	6	45	A	53	438	DROPPED AT 0453 THROUGH DENSE FOG MILES FROM DZ SOME LANDED TO THE WEST NEAR LORGES SOME LANDED AS CLOSE AS 1 1/2 MI. FROM DZ-A ASSEMBLED 150 MEN BY 1200 HRS.	

CANARY - SECOND PARATROOP DROP: 736 TROOPS							
UNIT	SER	CRAFT	DZ	WING	GROUP	DROPPED AT 1804 THRU 1810 HRS D-DAY - + 10 TON OF EQ	
551	1	41	A	53	437		



GLIDER MISSIONS: 2,600 TROOPS DELIVERED IN 410 JORTIES

UNIT						SER	CRAFT	DZ	WING	GROUP	BLUEBIRD - INITIAL GLIDER LANDING
BRITISH 4TH ART BN + MHC						1	35	0	53	435	TOWING 35 Horsa GLIDERS - EACH CARRYING 6,900 lbs. = 248,000 lbs. ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR BRITISH - 233 TROOPS + 35 JEEPS FIRST FLIGHT ABORTED - RETURNED TO TARGUINIA - FOG LB. FLEW MISSION AT 1750 HRS - RELEASED 2 GLIDERS IN SEA
						2	40	0	53	436	TOWING 40 WACO GLIDERS - EACH CARRYING 3,750 lbs. = 150,000 lbs. TRANSPORTING 1/2 OF 64 TH LIGHT ARTILLERY BATTALION 1 GLIDER DISINTEGRATED IN AIR - 1 GLIDER DITCHED IN SEA
UNIT						SER	CRAFT	DZ	WING	GROUP	DOVE - SECOND GLIDER LANDING
550 AND OTHER AD						3	332	OIA	50	433	TOWING 332 WACO GLIDERS OF THE 550 AB INF BN = 2,250 TROOPS 442 GROUP 1 GLIDER PART CARRICA (RELEASED) 441 GROUP RELEASED 3 GLIDERS IN SEA GLIDERS TOWED BY 62 AND 64 GROUPS HAD TO CRASH LAND 11 PILOTS KILLED - 30 SERIOUSLY INJURED - 100 TROOPERS HURT ON 26 GLIDERS WERE SALVAGEABLE
						4		A	50	440	
						5		OIA	50	441	
						1		O	50	442	
						2		A	51	62	
						7		O	51	64	
						2		O	53	438	

TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT SEQUENCE

BATTALION
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COMMENTS

SEE
NOTE

• GROSSETO - ITALY	1			B Co Point 2ND BN PROVIDED FLANKING ACTION
• MONTARSI0		2		
• MONTEPESCALI			3	
• STICCIANO			3	FORCED MARCH THRU ENEMY LINES "20
• GAVARRANO			3	
• BATIGNANO				
• FOLLONICA		2		CAPTURED NE SECTION
• CORNIA RIVER ^{HIGH GROUND TO NORTH} ^{HIGH} ABOVE CORNIA RIV VALLEY	1		3	MOVED THRU 3RD BN POS - STRUCK NORTH
• MT. DELSO	1			ATTACK WITH 460 SUPPORT. OCCUPIED CREST HELD OFF COUNTER-ATTACKS
• SUVERETO RIVER VALLEY	1			HOLDING POINT - RELIEVED BY 442 RCT BORE OCCUPIED - 2ND BN - 442 RCT
• LES ARCS FRANCE	1	2		
• LA MOTTE		2		
• LE MUY				SSO
• DRAGUIGNAN				SSI
• FORT LA ROCHE				
• FAYENCE / TOURENNE		2		200 PRISONERS
• CALLIAN / ALAIN AUBOUX			3	
• ST. CEZARE			3	"I" CO RECEIVES COMMENDATION - ABTF
• ST. VALLIERES de Turry	1			
• GRASSE		2		
• BAR-SUR-LOUP (L'Esclapart)		2		
• VAR RIVER BRIDGE	1			CAPTURE BRIDGE INTACT
• BOUILCON BOUYON				
• COURSEGOULES				
• DUGET THENIERS				
• Le BROC				
• LA ROQUETTE / ST MARTIN OL - VAR		2		AFTER FORDING VAR RIVER E"CO RECEIVES COMMENDATION - ABTF
• L'ESCLARENE LEVENIS	1			
• LUCERAM HIGH GROUND - COL DE BRAS		2		AS A BY-PASS TO GET TO COL DE BRAS D"CO RECEIVES COMMENDATION - ABTF
• COL DE BRAS			3	Captured by G & H Co
• MT SCANDEIDOUS			3	PROJECT RIGHT FLANK - LINK W/ SSF
• BLOODY STUMP			3	G & H COMPANYS
• PEIRA - CAVA	1			PUSH THRU TO HIGHER GROUND
• MT VENTABREN		2	3	
• TETE-DE-LAVINA		2	3	
• RIDGE - X				
• SOSPEL		2		1 Co Breda 81mm
• FORT BARBINETTE BAR BONNET				
• FORT AGAISEN	1			
• MT. GRAZIAN	1			
• MT. GRESO / MT. MANBIRAS	1			B Co

ACTION IN SUPPORT OF 36TH INFANTRY DIV

517-1st BN - MISSED DZ - SOME LANDED NEAR DRAGUIGNAN - OTHERS NEAR LES ARCS
 - B CO PATROLS CAPTURE 275 GERMANS - BOYLE WITH 30 MEN HOLDING LES ARCS
 - OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST BN TAKE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES

2ND BN - SKIRTED AROUND LE MUY IN THE BRITISH SECTOR AND CAPTURE LA MOTTE
 - MOVE TOWARDS DRAGUIGNAN - PRESS INTO LES ARCS

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 - SOME LANDED NEAR CALLIAN - OTHERS IN THE HILLS EAST OF TOUTRETT
 - LEFT 10 WOUNDED TROOPERS WITH FRENCH MARQUIS - ANNIHILATE GERMAN CONVOY

460 - LANDED NEAR DZ - 30 MEN WITH 2-75s LANDED NEAR ST TROPEZ
 - GUNS WERE IN POSITION AND READY TO FIRE BY 1100 HRS.

596 - REMOVING ANTI-AIRBORNE MINES FROM 551 DZ AND GLIDER LANDING AREA

HQ - THE RCP WAS ESTABLISHED AT CHATEAU STE. ROSELINE AND HOSPITAL OPERATING
 - THE REGIMENTAL RESERVE (A.C.) MOVED ONTO 3RD BN OBJECTIVE

2ND BRITISH PARACHUTE BRIGADE LANDED 15 MILES FROM DZ - NEAR FAYENCE

509 BN - LANDED NEAR ASSIGNED DZ - SOME LANDED NEAR ST. TROPEZ - HOOKED-UP WITH FFI

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 3RD BN - ARRIVES AFTER LONG FORCED MARCH FROM CALLIAN
 - BEGINS ATTACK THRU LOW AREAS TO THE WEST OF LES ARCS

GERMANS - START TO MASS TROOPS TO THE SOUTH OF LES ARCS ATTEMPTING TO GET BACK
 TO DRAGUIGNAN
 - JOINS UP WITH 2ND BN 2ND BN CAPTURES LES ARCS

GERMANS - SURRENDER FORT LA TROCH NEAR FAYENCE - 175 PRISONERS

517 RCT - SCATTERED ENGAGEMENTS CONTINUE THRU D+4 WHEN ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH ARMY
 ARRIVE FROM BEACH-LANDINGS - THE 36TH & 45TH DIVISIONS HEAD NORTH UP
 THE RHONE RIVER VALLEY - ABTF RELIEVES THE 141ST REGIMENT.

D+5 - THE RCT REORIENTS FOR ATTACK MISSIONS TO THE EAST

517 2ND BN - CAPTURES FAYENCE - 200 PRISONERS (21 AUG)

* 3RD BN - CAPTURES CALLIAN - THEN MOVES 12 MILES TO THE EAST - CAPTURES ST. CESARE
 1st BN - CAPTURES ST. VALLIERES (23 AUG)

2ND BN - MOVES VIA ANOTHER ROUTE AND CAPTURES GRASSE
 - MOVES TOWARDS THE LOUP RIVER AND CAPTURES BAR-SUR-LOUP

1st BN - CAPTURES BRIDGE INTACT ACROSS THE VAR RIVER

RCT - WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS - BOUILLON - COURSEGOULES - PUGET THENIERS FALL

** 2ND BN - FORDS THE VAR RIVER AND CAPTURES LA ROCQUETTE FROM THE REAR
 - CAPTURES LEVENS

1st BN - MOVES THRU L'ESCARENE AND MOVES NORTH TO PEIRA-CAVA

2ND BN - MOVES THRU L'ESCARENE AND MOVES ON TOWARDS COL-de-BRAS

3RD BN (I) - MOVES TO MT. SCANDEIOUS TO PROTECT RIGHT FLANK - CONNECT WITH SSF

*** 2ND BN (D) - TAKES THE HIGH GROUND NORTH OF COL-de-BRAS - (THRU LUCERAM) (5 SEP)

3RD BN - RELIEVES 2ND BN D-COMPANY - 3RD BN G COMPANY ATTACKS COL-de-BRAS (9 SEP)

3RD BN - G & H COMPANYS CAPTURE COL de BRAS - OCCUPY POSITIONS AT "BLOODY STUMP" (10)
 - I COMPANY ATTEMPTS TO JOIN UP WITH REST OF BN FROM MT SCANDEIOUS.

1st BN - TAKES PEIRA-CAVA AND PUSHES THROUGH TO HIGHER GROUND
 - AREA UNDER 170MM FIRE FROM FT. AGAISEN AND FROM FT. BARBINETTE (18 SEP)
 - AREA DEFENDED BY ELEMENTS OF GERMAN ALPINE DIVISION AND THE 13TH DIVISION

2ND BN - SEIZE MT. VENTEBREN AND TETE de LAVINA

3RD BN -

517 RCT - DEFENDING A 15 MILE FRONT - 30 SEP - ATTACK EN HILL 1098 (30 SEP)

1st BN - ENTRENCHED ON RIDGE-X AND TETE de LAVINA (28 OCT)

2ND BN - HOLDING SOUTH FLANK OF TETE de LAVINA (D-COMPANY)

3RD BN - NOW AT PEIRA-CAVA
 - PATROLS REACH OUT AS FAR AT FORT BARBINETTE & SOSPEL

2ND BN - ENTERS SOSPEL (29 OCT)

1st BN - PUSHES ON TO OCCUPY MT. AGAISEN
 - SOSPEL FALLS - PATROLS SENT TO ITALIAN BORDER
 - SEIZE MT GRAZIAN - MT GROSSO -
 START TO MT. MANGIABO

517 RCT - RELIEVED AFTER 94 DAYS BY ELEMENTS OF 14TH ARMORED DIVISION (16 Nov)
 - RETURN 94 KM TO REST AREA AT LE COL - (NORTH OF CAGNES)
 - COMBAT TEAM ALERTED FOR MOVEMENT NORTH (4 DEC)
 - DEPART ANTIBES 6 DEC 44

* - FOR ACTIONS IN CAPTURE OF ST. CESARE, I COMPANY RECEIVED THE COMMENDATION OF GEN. FREDERICKS:
 "THE IRRESISTABLE DRIVE AND DESIRE TO CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY AS SHOWN BY THE MEMBERS OF
 THE COMPANY ON THIS OCCASION EXEMPLIFY THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN INFANTRYMAN
 AND SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND."

** - FOR ACTIONS IN CAPTURE OF LA ROCQUETTE, E COMPANY RECEIVED COMMENDATION OF GEN. FREDERICKS:

*** FOR ACTIONS IN TAKING HIGH GROUND ABOVE COL de BRAS, D COMPANY RECEIVED COMMENDATION OF GEN. FREDERICKS:

"I WISH TO COMMEND THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THIS UNIT FOR THEIR COURAGE, AGGRESSIVENESS
 AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN COMBAT DURING THE PERIOD 5 SEPTEMBER TO 7 SEPTEMBER 1944"

THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE ALLIED FRONT WAS BEING HELD BY THE US ARMY - 12TH ARMY GROUP

US 9TH ARMY - SIMPSON - NORTHERN AREA NEAR AACHEN
 US 1ST ARMY - HODGES - CENTRAL AREA
 US 3RD ARMY - PATTON - SOUTHERN AREA NEAR METZ

THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE US 1ST ARMY AREA WAS BEING CONTROLLED BY ITS VIII CORPS

US 14 CAVALRY GROUP NORTHERN FLANK
 US 106 INFANTRY DIVISION NORTH CENTRAL
 US 28 INFANTRY DIVISION CENTRAL
 US 9 ARMORED DIVISION DISPERSED
 US 4 INFANTRY DIVISION SOUTHERN FLANK

DECEMBER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE 4 GERMAN DIVISIONS FACING THE VIII CORPS

GERMAN 18 DIVISION NORTH SECTOR
 GERMAN 26 DIVISION CENTRAL SECTOR
 GERMAN 352 DIVISION CENTRAL SECTOR
 GERMAN 212 DIVISION SOUTH SECTOR

ACTUALLY HITLER HAD AMASSED A TOTAL OF 25 DIVISIONS IN THIS AREA UNDER VON RUNSTEDT

• NORTH - 6 SS PANZER ARMY (DIETRICH) • SOUTH 7TH PANZER ARMY (BRANDENBERGER)
 • CENTRAL - 5TH PANZER ARMY (MANTEUFFEL)

THE TRIP NORTH DEC '44



NOTES:

- 1) ALLIED DECISION TO STRIKE HARD TO THE EAST FROM AACHEN (9TH ARMY) IN THE NORTH SECTOR - AND FROM ALSACE (3RD ARMY) IN SOUTH SECTOR - RENDERED THE CENTRAL (1ST ARMY) SECTOR WEAK.
- 2) THE VIII CORPS (1ST ARMY) HELD A STATIC POSITION OVER A 75 MILE FRONT.
- 3) OF THE 70 GERMAN DIVISIONS DEPLOYED ON THE WESTERN FRONT, 15 WERE ARMORED.
- 4) RUNSTEDT ACQUIRED:
 - 10 PANZER DIVISIONS
 - 14 INFANTRY DIVISIONS FOR THE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE.
- 5) MISSIONS:
 - 6TH SS PANZER ARMY STRIKE FROM THE NORTH - ST. VITH - MALMEDY
 - 5TH PANZER ARMY STRIKE FROM THE CENTER TOWARDS DINANT - CELLES - ANTWERP
 - 7TH (PANZER?) ARMY STRIKE FROM THE SOUTH - PROTECT SOUTH FLANK OF 5TH PANZER ARMY AGAINST US 3RD ARMY
- 6) ALLIED COMMAND: BROUGHT UP 6 DIVISIONS FROM THE SOUTH AND 4 FROM RESERVE.
 - 6TH BRITISH AIRBORNE BROUGHT FROM ENGLAND.
- 7) FUEL DUMPS S.E. OF SPA AND NORTH OF STAVELOT WERE A MAJOR TARGET FOR 6TH SS PANZER ARMY.
- 8) US 2ND ARMORED DIVISION BLUNTED THE ATTACK NEAR CELLES.
- 9) COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US 12TH ARMY GROUP COMMAND (BRADLEY) AND 1ST ARMY (HODGES) BROKE DOWN. - CONSEQUENTLY, ALLIED COMMAND PASSED CONTROL OF 1ST ARMY TO MONTGOMERY.
- 10) XVIII CORPS MISSION:
 - DRIVE NORTH SHOULDER OF BULGE INWARD.
- VII CORPS MISSION:
 - CONTAIN NORTHERN FLANK OF BULGE.
- 29 ARMORED BRIGADE AND 6TH AIRBORNE DIVISION MISSION:
 - DRIVE EAST FROM MARCHE THROUGH CENTER OF BULGE.
- III CORPS MISSION:
 - DRIVE NORTH FROM 3RD ARMY POSITIONS.

17 DEC SHAEF DIRECTS 82ND AND 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISIONS TO SUPPORT VIII CORPS - 1ST ARMY

18 THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS NOW PENETRATED 50 MILES INTO BELGIUM - (MACHE)

19 517 RCT RECEIVES ORDERS TO PROCEED TO WERBOMONT. REPORT TO XVIII CORPS

20 517 - 1st BN - IS DIVERTED TO 3RD ARMORED DIV SECTOR IN VICINITY OF HOTTON
2ND AND 3RD BNS ARE DIRECTED TO AN AREA NEAR WERBOMONT
R-HQ IS NOW LOCATED NEAR XHAFFRAIX

21 517 - 1st BN - ENGAGES STRONG GERMAN SS FORCES BETWEEN HOTTON AND SOY

22 517 - 1st BN - ESTABLISHES A STABLE LINE AND CHECKS GERMAN PENETRATION
- RHO - RECEIVES ORDERS TO SUPPORT 30TH INF DIV NEAR MALHEDY

23 517 - 1st BN - INITIATES STRONG ATTACK AGAINST SS FORCES. THEY PULL BACK.
- CONTINUE OPERATIONS AGAINST HEAVY OPPOSITION - SUFFER MANY CASUALTIES

24 DEC 517 RHO - ATTACK IN THE MALMADY AREA (30TH INF DIV) DOES NOT MATERIALIZE.

25 DEC 517 - 1st BN - CONTINUES OPERATIONS WITH 3RD ARMORED DIV - (HOTTON-SOY AREA)
2ND AND 3RD BNS - RETURN TO XVIII CORPS RESERVE

26 DEC 517 - RHO - RECEIVES ORDERS TO ATTACK AND CAPTURE MANHAY
- 7TH ARMORED DIV HAD JUST WITHDRAWN - ON MAIN ROAD LEADING TO LIEGE
- 3RD BN - MOVES 12 MILES FROM FERRIERES INTO AN ASSEMBLY POSITION
- MANHAY IS OCCUPIED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 2ND SS PANZER DIVISION

26 DEC 517 - 3RD BN - LAUNCHES ATTACK AGAINST MANHAY AT 0200 FROM NORTH AND EAST
- CAPTURE MANHAY AT 0300 - REPEL GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK
517 - RHO - RECEIVES ORDERS FOR A NEW ATTACK MISSION WITH 82ND AIRBORNE DIV
- 1st BN - RETURNS FROM 3RD ARMORED DIV SECTOR TO FERRIERES
- 2ND BN - HAS MOVED DEEPER INTO 7TH ARMORED DIVISION SECTOR
- 3RD BN - CONTINUES TO HOLD MANHAY

82 AB DIV - MISSION - DRIVE THE NORTHERN SHOULDER OF BULGE INWARD 5 MILES
- ATTACK TO THE SOUTH WITH SALM RIVER AS EAST FLANK
MANHAY AS WEST FLANK

517 - SECTOR IN ATTACK PLAN TO BE EXTREME LEFT BANK OF THE SALM RIVER
- A PORTION OF THIS SECTOR BEING HELD BY 505 PIR (TO DISPLACE TO THE WEST)

517 - 2ND BN - TO BE USED AS LEFT ASSAULT GROUP
1st BN - MOVED FROM FERRIERES TO SUPPORT THE ATTACK MISSION

551 - BN - ATTACHED TO THE 517 RCT FOR THIS MISSION

517 - 3RD BN - RELIEVED IN MANHAY BY ELEMENTS OF THE 75TH INFANTRY DIVISION
- REJOINS THE COMBAT TEAM AT BASSE-BODEAUX

3 JAN 82ND AB DIV - ATTACK INITIATED AT 0800 WITH 505 - 325 - 517 (504 AS RESERVE)

517 RHO - REGIMENTAL CP MOVED TO BASSE-BODEAUX

* 2ND BN - CAPTURES TROIS PONTS - LAUNCHES ATTACK ON FOSSE

82 AB DIV - GAVIN ORDERS IMMEDIATE ATTACK ON AND CAPTURE OF ST. JACQUES

517 - 1st BN - MOVES THRU AREA ASSIGNED TO 551 TOWARDS ST. JACQUES
- 2ND BN - F. COMPANY SIEZES THE AREA BEHIND FOSSE

517 - 1st BN - ATTACKS FROM A FLANK POSITION AND CAPTURES ST. JACQUES 2300

4 JAN - 1st BN - CONTINUES ATTACK FROM ST. JACQUES TOWARDS BERGEVAL

82 AB DIV - GAVIN ISSUES ORDER TO CONTINUE ATTACK MISSION TO THE SALM RIVER

5 JAN 517 - 1st BN - MOVES THROUGH BERGEVAL TO THE SOUTH
- ASSUMES A DUG-IN POSITION IN AREA HELD BY THE GERMANS
- 3RD BN - MOVES TO ASSIST 1ST BATTALION - CONTINUE ATTACK
551 BN - MOVES TOWARDS PETITE HALLEAUX ALONG THE SALM RIVER
551 BN - CAPTURES PETITE HALLEAUX 504 - MOVES FROM RESERVE POSITION
517 - RHO - GIVEN ORDERS TO MOVE BEHIND THE 505 AND TO RELIEVE THEM
- 3RD BN - REMAINS WITH 504 - MOVES TO VICINITY OF ABREFONTAINE
- 1st BN - AND 2ND BN MOVE INTO THE AREA PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE 505

6 JAN 82 AB DIV - RELIEVED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 75TH INF DIV - ASSUME NEW ATTACK PLAN
517 RCT - ATTACHED TO THE 106 INF DIV - PART OF A NEW MISSION

11 JAN 106 INF DIV - HAS BEEN DECIMATED - ATTEMPTING TO REORGANIZE
517 RCT - TO ASSUME THE MISSION OF THE 112TH INF REG IN ATTACK PLAN
424 RCT - ONLY REMAINING OPERATIONAL ELEMENT OF THE 106TH INF DIV
- TO ATTACK IN THE VICINITY OF TROIS PONTS
517 - 1st BN - TO TAKE OVER 112TH INF REG SECTOR TO INITIATE ATTACK

12 JAN - 1st BN - CROSSES THE AMBLEVE RIVER - SECURES POSITIONS SE OF STAVELOT
- 3RD BN - MOVES FROM 504 SECTOR TO THE NE IN ORDER TO SUPPORT ATTACK
- NOTE: 3RD BN HAD PREVIOUSLY CROSSED THE SALM RIVER WITH THE 504
SECURE A POSITION AT GRAND HALLEAUX

13 JAN 517 - 1st BN - WITH THE 424 ON RIGHT FLANK MOVES INTO ATTACK POSITION NEAR HENUMONT
- 2ND BN - HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO 7TH ARMORED DIV FOR ATTACK ON ST. VITH

- 14 JAN 517 - 3RD BN - MOVES ACROSS THE AMBLEVE RIVER AND SECURES FIRST OBJECTIVE
 - 1ST BN - MOVES FROM ATTACK POSITION ON THE EAST AND CAPTURES HENUMONT
 - GERMANS CONTINUE TO HOLD LOGBERNE^{IERME} AND COULEE
 517 - 1ST BN AND 3RD BNS NOW ATTACHED TO THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 - 2ND BN - STILL ATTACHED TO 7TH ARMORED DIVISION NEAR ST. VITH
 1ST ARMY - HEADQUARTERS NOW LOCATED IN SPA
- 15 JAN 517 - 3RD BN - REACHES HOUVEGENES AND MOVES SOUTH TOWARDS POTEAU
 1ST BN - PUSHES INTO THE RIDGE AREA TO THE WEST OF POTEAU
 106 INF DIV - HAS NOW REACHED PLANNED OBJECTIVES OF OPERATION
- 22 JAN 517 - 2ND BN - LAUNCHES ATTACK ON HUNNANGE - RECEIVING HEAVY FIRE FROM NEIDER-
 EMMELS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BEING CAPTURED
 - D COMPANY (RIDING ON TANKS) AND F COMPANY (ON FOOT) ATTACK ACROSS FIELD
 ** - ORGANIZED RESISTANCE CEASED - (149 PRISONERS - 7 MARK IV's - 100 ENEMY DEAD)
 - ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS - ROAD-BLOCK NEAR LORENTSWALDCHEN
 - GERMAN NEBELWERFER FIRE CONTINUES - SEND PATROLS TO OUTSKIRTS OF ST. VITH
- 23 JAN 517 - 2ND BN - ORDERED TO ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE POSITION IN PREP FOR ATTACK ON ST. VITH
 - ENEMY PLANES STRAFE THE AREA TWICE - CONTINUE PATROL ACTIVITY
 - COMBAT COMMAND B MOVES THRU POSITIONS AND CAPTURES ST. VITH
 - D COMPANY ORDERED TO REINFORCE TASK FORCE WEMPLE
- 24 JAN 517 - 2ND BN - NEW ATTACK PLAN: TASK FORCE RHEA - CAPTURE A PORTION OF WALLERODE
 : TASK FORCE GRIFFIN - CAPTURE BALANCE PLUS KEPPELBORN
 : 424 RCT - CAPTURE MEDELL AND WOODS TO THE SOUTH
- 25 JAN 517 - 2ND BN - TASK FORCE SEITE MOVED THRU DER EIDT WOODS TOWARDS ASSEMBLY AREA
 - START 2 MILE ATTACK ACROSS AN OPEN FIELD TOWARDS OBJECTIVE
 - MEDELL HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN AS PLANNED - 424 FLANK HAD NOT PROGRESSED
 - TASK FORCE SEITE CROSSES THE AMBLEVE - ST. VITH HIGHWAY - FLANKS OPEN
 - D COMPANY PINNED DOWN - F COMPANY REACHED THE WOODS NEAR OBJECTIVE
 - 2ND BN OBJECTIVE CAPTURED - 30 ENEMY DEAD - 40 PRISONERS
 - WALLERODE CAPTURED - ACTION ON LEFT FLANK OF TASK FORCE STALLED
- 26 JAN 517 - 2ND BN - MEDELL CAPTURED (424) - CONTINUED PATROLS IN AREA OF EXPOSED FLANK
 27 JAN
 517 - RCT - ORDERED TO REJOIN 82ND AB DIV FOR ATTACK TOWARD GERMANY
 (PLANNED DIRECTION - FROM NORTH OF ST. VITH TOWARDS HONSFELD TO SIEGFRIED LINE)
 82 AB DIV - 325TH REG TO ATTACK SCHEID
 517 - 1ST BN - POSITIONED TO PROTECT 325'S NORTH FLANK
 - HONSFELD CAPTURED - MANY CASUALTIES
- 1 FEB 517 RCT - ORDERED TO SUPPORT V CORPS - (LOCATED IN EUPEN) GEN GEROW
 517 RCT - ATTACHED TO 78TH INFANTRY DIVISION (NEAR SIMMERATH)
 - ATTACK PLAN - CAPTURE SCHMIDT THE PROCEED AND PREVENT THE
 GERMANS FROM BLOWING-UP DAM ACROSS THE ROER RIVER
 - ATTACK THROUGH THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION
- 2 FEB 517 RCT - ADVANCE TOWARD BERGSTEIN - (NEAR HURTGEN & KLEINHAU)
 - 13 INFANTRY DIVISION FORCED TO WITHDRAW CP FROM BRANDENBURG
 - GERMAN DEFENDERS IN THIS AREA FROM GERMAN 6TH PARACHUTE DIVISION
- 4 FEB 78TH DIV - ATTACK ON SCHMIDT AND SURROUNDING AREA NOT GOING WELL
- 7 FEB 517 RCT - CONTINUED OPERATIONS FOR PAST 3 DAYS WITHIN CONFINES OF THE
 LARGEST MINE-FIELD EVER ENCOUNTERED ON THE ALLIED FRONT
 4 TO 5 THICK WOODS NEAR BERGSTEIN
- 8 FEB 517 RCT - ENTERS SCHMIDT - RELIEVED BY 508 PARACHUTE INF REGIMENT
- 9 FEB 517 RCT - ORDERED TO PROCEED TO LAON - JOIN-UP WITH 13TH AB DIVISION
 - PROCEEDED THRU BRANDENBURG, AACHEN, LAON, AND FINALLY TO
 JOIGNY - PREPARE FOR RHINE JUMP.

* Operations under the 82nd AB Div by the 7th Armored Div Sector earned the 517. 2nd Bn
 a commendation from Gen Hasbrouck

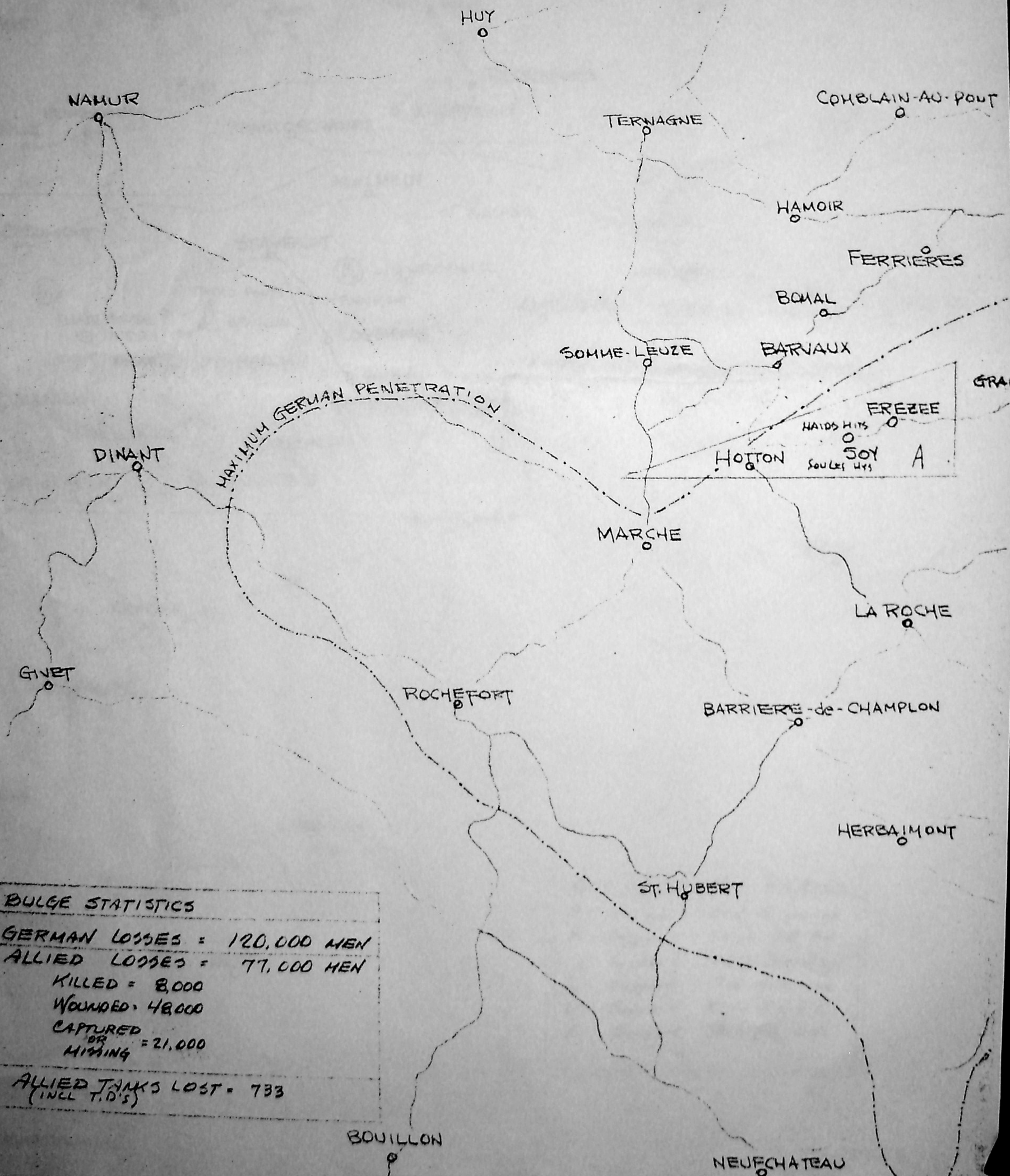
* * The capture of Hunnange by 517 2nd Bn insured the success of Combat Command B's
 attack on St. Vith.

THE STRONGEST ATTACKS OCCUR NEAR THE V CORPS AND VIII CORPS BOUNDARY
 DURING NOV THE GERMANS HAD AMASSED 25 DIVISIONS IN THE AREA
 THEY ATTACK THROUGH THE 28TH DIV SECTOR WITH 6 DIVISIONS
 2 PANZER DIVISIONS 3 INFANTRY DIVISIONS 1 PARACHUTE DIVISION
 DURING THE INITIAL 2 HOUR ASSAULT THE GERMANS PENETRATE:
 4 MILES INTO THE 28TH DIVISION SECTOR
 3 MILES INTO THE 14TH CAVALRY GROUP SECTOR
 ATTACKS AGAINST THE 9TH ARMORED AND 4TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS WERE SPURIOUS

17 DEC 44 - SHAEFF DIRECTS 82ND AND 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISIONS TO AID VIII CORPS

THIS DIRECTION WAS LATER CHANGED WHEN XVIII CORPS WAS RELEASED FROM
 SHAEFF RESERVE AND ASSIGNED TO THE 12TH ARMY GROUP
 GAVIN DIRECTED TO WERBOMONT FOR MEETING WITH 1ST ARMY COMMAND
 RESULTS = ASSIGN 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION TO V CORPS
 ASSIGN 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION TO VIII CORPS
 THE 101 HAD EARLIER ORDERS TO DEPART MOURMELON AND HEAD NORTH
 TOWARDS WERBOMONT. THEIR ROUTE OF MOVEMENT WOULD HAVE
 THEN PROCEED TO BOUILLON (TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF BASTOGNE)
 BEFORE THE SWING NORTH TO WERBOMONT.

18 DEC 44 - GERMANS INCREASE THE MOMENTUM OF THEIR ATTACK → VIII CORPS



BULGE STATISTICS

GERMAN LOSSES = 120,000 MEN

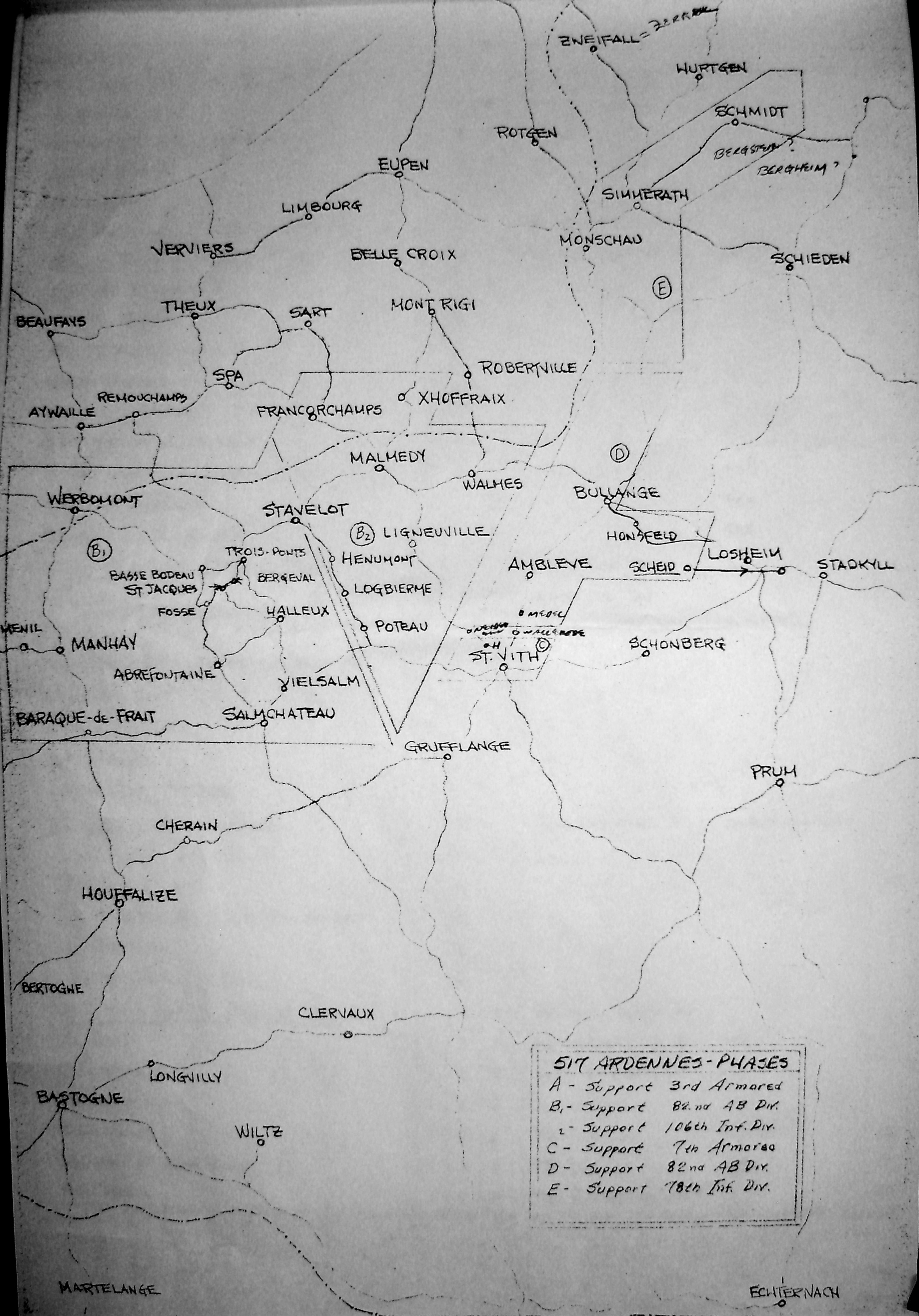
ALLIED LOSSES = 77,000 MEN

KILLED = 8,000

WOUNDED = 48,000

CAPTURED
OR
MISSING = 21,000

ALLIED TANKS LOST = 733
(INCL T.D.'S)



SIT ARDENNES - PHASES

- A - Support 3rd Armored
- B₁ - Support 82nd AB Div.
- B₂ - Support 106th Inf. Div.
- C - Support 7th Armored
- D - Support 82nd AB Div.
- E - Support 18th Inf. Div.

TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT	BATTALION			ATTACHED TO	IN OPERATION WITH	SEE NOTE
	1	2	3			
• NAMUR	1	2	3	XVIII CORPS		
• NOTTON-BOY ¹⁰⁰ ^{HAIDS-HITS} ^{500-LES-HWS}	1			3rd ARMORED DIV. ^{36TH ARMORED REG} C TO TASK FORCE ICANE		9
• WERBOMONT		2	3	XVIII CORPS		
• MALMEDY ATTACK PLAN		2	3	30TH INF. DIV		10
• FERRIERES	1	2	3	XVIII CORPS		
• MANHAY			3		49TH INF REG	11
• 7TH ARMORED DIVISION SECTOR		2		82ND AIRBORNE DIV.		
• <u>SALM RIVER ATTACK PLAN</u>	1	2		82ND AIRBORNE DIV	504-505-325	12
• BASSE BODEAUX		2	3	" " "		13
• TROIS PONTS		2		" " "	COMBAT COMMAND A	
• ST. JACQUES	1			" " "		
• BERGEVAL	1			" " "		14
• FOSSE AREA		2		" " "	504	
• PETITE HALLEAUX				" " "	551 WITH 504	15
• 505 SECTOR OPERATIONS	1	2		" " "	505	
• ABREFONTAINE			3	" " "	504	
• GRAND HALLEAUX			3	" " "	504	
• <u>106TH DIVISION ATTACK PLAN</u>	1			112TH INF REG (DOOR THERM 311.00)	442 RCT	16
• STAVELOT	1		3	106TH INF DIV		
• STAVELOT SOUTH / AMBLEVE RIV.	1			" " "		
• HENOMONT - FIRST OBJECTIVE			3	" " "		
• HENOMONT	1			" " "		
• HOUVEGNES			3	" " "		
• POTEXUX			3	" " "		
• POTEAUX RIDGE	1			" " "		
• <u>ST VITH ATTACK PLAN</u>		2		7TH ARMORED DIV.	COMBAT COMMAND B	
• NEIDER-EMMELS		2		" " "		
• HUNNANGE		2		" " "		17
• WALLERODE / KEPPELBORN		2		" " "		
• MEDELL		2		" " "		
• DER EIDT WOODS		2		" " "		
• <u>ST VITH - NORTH ATTACK PLAN</u>	1	2	3	82ND AIRBORNE DIV		
• SCHEID	1	2	3	82ND AIRBORNE DIV	325	
• HONSFELD	1	2	3	82ND AIRBORNE DIV	325	
• BERGSTEIN	1	2	3	V CORPS		
• SCHMIDT	1	2	3	78 INF DIV	508	18
• ROER RIVER DAM ()	1	2	3	78 INF DIV	508	19
• AACHEN	1	2	3	13TH AIRBORNE DIV		20

NOTES: 9 - FOR ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3rd ARMORED DIV - THE 517-1st BATTALION RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION
10 - 517 RCT LOCATED IN XHRAFFRAIX - ATTACK DID NOT MATERIALIZE
11 - 7TH ARMORED DIVISION HAD WITHDRAWN - 517 MOVED THROUGH THE LINES OF 49TH INF REG
12 - MISSION - DRIVE THE NORTHERN SHOULDER OF THE "BULGE" INWARD 5 MILES
13 - 517- 3RD BN RELIEVED IN MANHAY BY ELEMENTS OF THE 78TH INFANTRY DIVISION
14 - 517- 1ST BN MOVED INTO AN AREA OCCUPIED BY THE GERMANS - BECAME ENTRAPPED
15 - 551 PARA INF BN ATTACHED TO 517 IN THIS OPER. 551 CO. LT. COL. J. L. J. KILLED BY MORTAR FIRE
16 - 442 RCT WAS ONLY REMAINING OPERATIONAL ELEMENT OF THE 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION
17 - 517- 2ND BN CAPTURED OF HUNNANGE ASSURED THE SUCCESS OF ATTACK ON ST VITH BY CCB
18 - 517- 504 OPERATED FOR SEVERAL DAYS WITHIN CONFINES OF LARGEST MINE FIELD ON ALLIED FRONT
19 - 517- RELIEVED BY 508 PIR
20 - ASSIGNED TO 13TH AB DIV PREPARE FOR TRINE TOMB

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