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Organization: 550TH INFANTRY AIRBORNE BATTALION.From: 110001A November 1944.To: 112400A November 1944.Place: Lantosque, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Time dated	Message, incident, order, etc.	Action Taken
	0700	1	0640	Weather report for 110700A Nov 44 - Clear and cool. Visibility good. Slight northeast early wind, about 5 MPH. - S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-2, - 1st ABTF.
0800		2	1200	509th S-2 Periodic Report No. 87	Staff, S-2 file.
0800		3	1200	G-2 Periodic Report No 78, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 file.
0800		4	1200	G-3 Periodic Report No. 86, G-3 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-3 file.
	0900	5	0900	Sitrep for 110900A Nov 44 - No ey activity reported in our area during night. Five patrols out today. Tank Destroyers fired 24 rounds HE at (76801234) unobserved. Counter battery 1650A. Also fired 16 rounds HE at (748114) on ey barracks. S-3 550th.	By radio to G-3, 1st ABTF.
	1000	6	1000	Isum for 111000A Nov 44 - No ey infantry or arty activity during Period. S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-2, - 1st ABTF.
1015		7	1200	509th S-3 Periodic Report No. 92.	Staff, S-2 file.
1020		8	1200	551st S-2 Periodic Report No 70.	Staff, S-2 file.
1020		9	1200	551st S-2 Periodic Report No. 69.	Staff, S-2 file.
1020		10	1200	551st S-3 Periodic Reports No. 91 and 92.	Staff, S-3 file.
1020		11	1700	G-2 ISUMS No. 109 and 110, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 file.
1020		12		Allied Force Headquarters, Office of Assitant Chief of Staff, G-2. INTELLIGENCE NOTES - No 79, dated 24 Oct 1944.	Staff, S-2 file.
1020		13		Allied Force Headquarters, Office of Assitant Chief of Staff, G-2 - G-2 Report No. 722.	Staff, S-2 file.
1030		14		G-2 Periodic Report No. 79, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 file.
0800		15	0800	Patrol No. 64 observation patrol of three men out at 110800A Nov 44.	S-3.
0730		16		Patrol No. 63 - 10 man reconnaissance patrol out 1107030A.	S-3.
0730		17		Patrol No. 61 - Rcn patrol of four men out at 110730A Nov 44 to San Grato area.	S-3.
1145		18	1200	551st S-2 Periodic Report No. 69 and 71.	Staff, S-2 file.
1145		19	1200	551st S-3 Periodic Report No. 92.	Staff, S-3 files.
1150		20		Headquarters 1st ABTF Artillery, Memo. Air Patro, dated 11 Nov 44.	Staff, S-2 files.
1150		21	1200	509th S-2 Periodic Report No. 88.	Staff, S-2 files.
1150		22	1200	G-3 Periodic Report No. 87 w/overlay, G-3 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-3 files.

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1155		23	2400	Isum No. 111 - G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 files.
	1200	24	1200	550th S-2 Periodic Report No. 70.	To G-2 1st ABTF, via L.O. and to 551st, 509th, 645th, and 550th units.
	1200	25	1200	550th S-3 Periodic Report No. 72.	To G-3 1st ABTF via L. O. and 551st, 509th, 645th T-D's and 550th units.
1500		26		Patrol No. 64 in at 1105A. No ey contact.	
1715		27		Patrol No. 63 in at 1700A. No ey activity noted.	S-3.
1620		28		Patrol No. 61 in at 1600A. No enemy observed.	S-3.
1830		29		654th Tank Destroyers fired sixteen (16) rds at enemy barracks (738112). At 1815A.	S-3.
1837		30		At 1830A, 645th Tank Destroyers fire 16 rds at enemy strong point at coor (75100750).	S-3.
	1900	31	1900	Sitrep for 111900A Nov 44 - All patrols in. No enemy activity encountered. S-3 550th.	By radio to G-3, 1st Airborne Tank Force.
	2000	32	2000	Isum for 112000A Nov 44 - No ey patrols, or arty activity during day. Ey activity seen vicinity (726174) at 1500. S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-2, - 1st ABTF.

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From: 120001 November 1944.

To: 122400A November 1944.

In	Out	Ser. No.	Time dated	Message, incident, order, etc.	Action Taken
2322		17	2322	Orange OP reports plane flying over position at 2315A. Flying NW - believed to be ey plane.	Staff, S-2 files.
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From: 130001A November 1944.

To: 132400A November 1944.

Place: Lantosque, France.

In	Out	Ser. No.	Time Cated	Message, incident, order, etc.	Action Taken
	0700	1	0645	Weather report for 130700A Nov 44 - Clear and cold; visibility good. No wind. S-2 550.	By tele. to G-2 FABTF.
0735		2	0730	Eagles Nest Op report no ey activity at Fort Daily contact patrol to 509th out yesterday. Friendly aircraft observed over front yesterday. Situation unchanged. Operations Sgt. Co. B - Sgt. Hoke.	S-3, file.
0730		3		Patrol No. 14 - daily contact patrol of four men from A Co to go today 13 Nov 44.	S-3.
0800		4		Patrol No. 61 - rcn patrol of four men from A Co and five men from S-2 sect out at 130800.	S-3.
0800		5		Patrol # 63 - rcn patrol of four men from A Co out at 130800A Nov 44.	S-3.
0800		6		Patrol # 66 - rcn patrol of one officer and ten men out at 130800A.	S-3.
	0900	7	0900	Sitrep for 130900A Nov 44 - No ey activity reported in sector during period. Six patrols active today. Weather clear with high scattered clouds; visibility good. Situation remains unchanged. S-3 550th.	By radio to G-3, FABTF.
	1000	8	1000	Isur for 131000A Nov 44 - One unidentified plane flying W over our positions at (653-143) at 2315A. No ey patrol activity noted during night. Arty and mortar fire in our area nil. S-2 550th.	By tele. to G-2, FABTF.
1055		9	1055	Three planes over vic Fort La Forca. App-ear to be P-39's. - Eagles Nest OP.	Staff, S-2 file.
1120		10	1120	Unidentified plane flying W over Orange OP (655145). Seem to be dropping leaflets. Will try to recover some.	Staff, S-2 file.
	1200	11	1200	550th S-2 Periodic Report No. 72.	By L. O. to G-2, FABTF and 509th. By Msg Center to 645th T-D's and all companies 550th. To 551 st by contact patrol.
	1200	12	1200	550th S-3 Periodic Report No. 74.	Same distribution as above.
1200		13		Artillery or heavy mortar fire seems to be landing in area (62-11). Unable to determine origin of same. S-2 patrol to top of hill (64-10) unable to tell where fire is coming from.	S-3.
1205		13	1205	Eagles Nest Op observed a pill box and shack at (699137). Shack appears to have radio antenna on it. Smoke coming out of chimney on top of shack. Two men seen moving around shack.	S-3.

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1400		14		S-2 patrol to area (62-11) to investigate arty fire reported in that area earlier.	S-3.
1400		15		Patrol from B Co to area (699137) to investigate pill box and shack report in that area.	S-3.
1430		16	1200	551st S-2 Periodic Report No. 72.	Staff, S-2 files.
1430		17	1200	551st S-3 Periodic Report No. 94.	Staff, S-3 files.
1430		18	1200	G-2 Periodic Report No. 80, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 files.
1430		19	2400	G-3 Periodic Report No. 88 with overlay, FABTF.	Staff, S-3 files.
1430		20	2400	G-2 Isum No. 112, G-2 FABTF.	Staff, S-2 files.
1500		21	1200	509th S-2 Periodic Report No. 89.	Staff, S-2 files.
1400		22		Patrol # 14 daily contact patrol from "A" Co of four men in at 1400A. No ey contact.	S-3.
1630		23		Patrol # 61 - in at 1630A. No enemy sighted in San Grato area.	S-3.
16 45		24		Patrol # 63 in at 1645A. Went to observe from Cime de Vallieres (682115). Report explosions in vic (600140). Explosions continued from 131100A to approx 131300A.	S-3.
1500		25		Patrol No. 66 in at 131500A. No ey observed in Col de Raus area.	S-3.
1800		26		S-2 patrol by jeep to investigate explosions heard in that vic (60 0140). Drove to (595140) Camp du Tournaret (595140). Could find no evidence of explosions in this area. F.F.I. units were contacted and none of their units were engaged in any activity in this area.	S-3.
1900		27	1900	Sitrep for 131900A Nov 44 - all patrols in stop no ey activity encountered. No ey movement observed at Col de Raus today. S-2 550th.	By radio to G-2, 1st ABTF.
2000		28	2000	Isum for 132000 A Nov - No ey patrols active. Unidentified explosions between 1130A and 1400A in vic of (600 140). No ey arty nor mortar fire on our positions during period. S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-3, 1st ABTF.

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	0700	1	06 45	Weather report for 140700 Nov 44 - Clear and cool; visibility good. No wind. S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-2, 1st ABTF.
0730		2	0730	No ey activity. Patrol sent to OP at Eagles Nest and 50 9th. Overlay with message.	Staff, S-2 file.
0730		3		Daily con contact patrol of four men from A Co to go out today 14 Nov 44.	S-3.
0800		4		Patrol # 42 recon patrol of six men from A Co to observe ridges to N out 140800A.	S-3.
0800		5		Patrol # 63 recon patrol of four men from B Co out 140800A.	S-3.
0800		6		Patrol of eight men from A Co to Cime de Montj oya to SE 140800A. Patrol No. 69.	S-3.
0830		7		Patrol No. 70 recon patrol of six men from 550th section to reconnoiter La Castel-La-V illete and observed Baisse St. Veran (733136). Patrol out 140830A.	S-2 S-3.
0830		8		Patrol No. 71 recon patrol of six men from C Co to check area shown on overlay to try and determine cause of explosion heard 13 1100A from vic (600140).	S-3.
	0900	9	0900	Sitrep for 140900A Nov 44 - Six patrols out today. No ey activity in this sector last nite. Weather clear and cold; visibility good. S-3 550th.	By radi o to G-3, 1st ABTF.
	1000	10	1000	Isum for 141000A Nov 44 - No ey activity during period. Artillery and mortar fire nil. S-2 550th.	By telephone to G-2, 1st ABTF.
	1200	11	1200	550th S-2 Periodic Report No. 73.	By L. O. to G-2, 1st ABTF, and 509th C.T. to 551st via contact patrol and to 550th units and 645th T-D's by message center.
	1200	11	1200	550th S-3 Periodic Report No. 75.	Same distribution as S-2 Periodic Report above.
1300		12	1300	G-2 Isums No. 114 and 115, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 file.
1300		13	1200	50 9th S-2 Periodic Report No. 90, int	Staff, S-2 files.
1310		14	1200	G-2 Periodic Report No. 81, G-2 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-2 files.
1310		15	2400	G-3 Peri odic Report No. 83, G-3 1st ABTF.	Staff, S-3 files.

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0800		16	0800	Advance detail to bivouac area, approx location coor (85-47) MR France 1/100,000. Left Bn CP Lantosque at approx 0800A.	
1400		17		Officers of relieving unit arrived at Bn CP in Lantosque, to discuss plans for relieving 550th Inf. A-B Bn in this sector.	
1330		18		Patrol No. 71 - recon patrol to check area (6013) to determine cause of explosions in head in that area return at 1330A were unable to find any evidence of this report explosion.	S-3
1600		19		Patrol No. 70 in at 1600A proceeded to Le Castel, La Villette and Point de Rugger. No ey observed in those areas.	S-3.
1530		20		Patrol # 42 in at 1530A. No ey contact.	S-3.
1600		21		Patrol # 63 in at 1600A. No ey observed.	S-3.
1600		22		Patrol # 69 in at 1600A. No ey contact.	S-3.
1900	23	1900	1900	Sitrep for 151900 Nov 44 - all patrols in. No ey activity reported. Cause of explosions in vic (600140) as of 131100 under terminated. S-3 550th.	By radio to G-2, 1st ABTF.
2020	14	2010	2010	Isum for 152000A Nov 44. - No ey activity obser- ved at Col de Raus (72.8-14.5), Baisse de St. Veran (73.3-13.6). No ey arty activity during day. Patrol reports no ey at Le Castel (69.3- 13.0) La Villette and San Grato (70.9-18.4) S-2 550th.	By radio to G-3, 1st ABTF.

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