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Organization 550th Infantry Airborne Battalion

From: 28 August 1944 - 0001
(Date and hour)

To: 28 August 1944 - 2400
(Date and hour)

Place: Grasse, France

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
1020		1		Confidential IPW Report from 0600 to 2400, 26 Aug 1944, dtd 27 Aug 1944	Staff S-2
1025		2		Situation Report 1st SSF dtd 27 Aug 1944 0500 - 2000	Staff S-3
	1640	3		Reveille 0500 En Truck 0600 Depart 0630 Blankets, extra clothes, shelter half, etc made into individual roll Info on trucks later	To all Co's & Med Det less Co A by Ex O
1830		4		S-2 Report No 6, 1st ABTF	Staff S-2

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(Date and hour)To: 29 August 1944 - 2400
(Date and hour)Place: Grasse, France and
Barcelonnette, France

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
				At Grasse, France	
	1940	1	1940	All Units will be entrucked prepared to move by 0700 30 Aug 1944. Water for drinking will be purified by the use of halazone tablets or calcium hypochlorite. Units will dig latrine and fill in same prior to departure from area. Co A remained at ABTF Hqs. C.P. opened at Barcelonnette at 1630	Co's C, Hq, Med Det and 463rd Prcht FA Bn by S-1
	0040	1	0040	Co B less 1 Plat in forward echelon 1st Echelon closed on Barcelonnette at 2000.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
	0045	2	0045	Cub landing field available one mile North east of Barcelonnette. Field located on South side of highway. Panel markers displayed during daylight hours.	To C.G., 1st ABTF By C.O.
	0045	3	0045	Units of 6th Corps on our left have withdrawn. Request information as to location of units remaining on our left flank as of 0600 30 Aug 44 Request information as to enemy activity between our left flank and Grenoble.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
	0100	4	0100	Maps of Larche Pass area urgently needed for fire control purpose. Request maps of 1:25000, 1:50000 and 1:100000.	To CG, 1st ABTF by C.O.
	0100	5	0100	Since arrival at present location we have had contact with a reconnaissance Plat from 6th Corps and one from 517th Para.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
	0115	6	0115	Only available motor route to Larche Pass as follows. Grasse-Digne-Seyne-LeLauzet-Barcelonnette	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.

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(Date and hour)To: 30 August 1944 - 1830
(Date and hour)Place: Barcelonnette, France.

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.	
In	Out					
0800		1	0800	Report your situation immediately Remainder of Bn less Co A arrived Barcelonnette at 1145.		G.O.
1115		2	2345 30 Aug	Msg Gen Chief 550 Bn have Msngr meet air courier at designated strip Barcelonnette 0925 31 Aug		Staff
	1240	3	1240	Enemy holds Larche pass. Controls road from Condimine to St Paul by Art fire. Enemy has 105mm located near St Ours. Condimine was burned and road mined at 0200 by enemy. Enemy patrols active around Condimine Jansiers. App one plat enemy located at at Le Villard Des Abas covering road, B Co moving into position South of Condimine. Art going in north of Jansiers Overlay will be sent as soon as poss- ible.		To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3
	1245	4	1245	Request one truck load of gas deliver- ed to Barcelonnette. Urgently needed.		To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3
	1320	5	1320	Paroles and Countersigns for 30, 31 Aug, 1, 2 Sept		To all Co's and atchd units
	1535	6	1535	Barcelonnette is On Limits until 2000 daily. The uniform will be complete (with headgear)		To All Units, 550th CT by S-1
		7		A Report strong Rct of French Army B arriving in Grenoble this evening and Rct of second DIM arriving at Guillestre tomorrow morning presumably to re- lieve elements of Sixth Corps.		
	1700	8	1700	Second Serial of 550th CT arrived Barcelonnette 1145, 30 Aug 44		To CG, 1st ABTF by S-1
1830		9		Consolidated Report on the Defense of Nice, Hqs 7 A, dtd 28 Aug 44 Ref No X - 1620		Staff S-2
1830		10		G-2 Periodic Report No 6, Hq FABTF From: 271200 Aug 44, To: 281200 Aug 44		Staff S-2
1830		11		G-2 Periodic Report No 7, Hq FABTF From: 281200 Aug 44 To: 291200 Aug 44		Staff S-2
1830		12		Ltr dtd 271800 Aug 44 Inre: Trans- lation of a German Div FO, captured 29 Aug 44		Staff S-2
1830		13		SOI Items, 29 Aug 44 1st ABTF		Staff Comm O.
1830		14		Signal Communication, 1st ABTF, 29 Aug		Staff Comm O.
1830		15		Msg No 44 dtd 29 Aug 44, In re: Civi- lian hitchhikers in M11 vehicles.		Staff S-4
1830		16		Annex #2 to FO #6, 1st ABTF		Staff S-3
1830		17		FO No 7, Hq 1st ABTF, 29 Aug 44		Staff S-3
1830		18		Annex #2 to FO #7, 1st ABTF		Staff S-3
1830		19		Ltr 1st ABTF dtd 29 Aug 44, Subject: Morning Reports		Staff ABTF File

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Place: Barcelonnette, France

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.	
In	Out					
1830		20		Ltr 1st ABTF 30 Aug 44 Subject: Weekly Cumulative Casualty Report	Staff	S-1
1830		21		Memo 1st ABTF 28 Aug 44	Staff	
1830		22	1105	VI Corps ordered relieved by French Army B 28 Aug 44 Army B maintains contact with 1st ABTF vicinity Larche Pass Definite information point of contact unknown 550 make PCN to establish contact reporting time and place of contact No additional enemy information PD Situation reports your unit required at 0600 and 1800 daily also G-3 Report 1200 daily No report received yet PD location of landing strip and report of location by coordinates urgent.	Staff	
1830		23		Communications Security Ltr 1st ABTF 29 Aug 44	Staff	Comm O
1830		24	1050	Road from Vence to course Goules heavily mined. Area from 458840 along road about two miles mined and cratered Shoulder mined as far back as 100 ft "S" mines; shumies and double teller mines found many with AP devices attached. Dead bodies booby trapped Mines along shoulder of road every 4 or 5 feet many mines put in at night after shoulders have been cleared during day	Staff	
1830		25	1230	FFI sources reveal troops passing thru Petite St Bernard coming from Albertville withdrawing into mountains presumably with intention of fighting their way into Italy.	Staff	

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(Date and hour)To 31 August 1944 - 1530
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Location Barcelonnette, France.

T I M E		Serial No.	Time Noted	Action taken.	
In	Out				
0100		1	30 Aug	A Report strong Rct of French Army B arriving in Grenoble this evening and Rct of Second DIM arriving at Guillestre tomorrow morning presumably to relieve elements of Sixth Corps.	Staff
	0800	2		S-2 Report (Secret)	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-2
	0815	3	0815	S-1 Report	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	0840	4	0840	Weekly Cumulative Casualty Report	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	1015	5	1015	Send one BD-72 switchboard to 550 Inf A/B Bn. Please add this to requisition sent down by truck and send it back by same.	To Signal Officer, 1st ABTF by Comm Off.
0855		6	2345 30 Aug	Have msgnr meet air courier at designated strip Barcelonnette 0925, 31 Aug.	Staff
	1024	7		G-2 Report (Conf.) 28 0800	Staff S-2 (FK)
	1024	8		Com Rd and Rail Bridges	Staff (FK)
	1024	9		G-2 Report (Conf.) 29 1200	Staff S-2 (FK)
	1045	10	1045	It is expected that kitchen will arrive to-day or to-morrow. To facilitate installation and operation of messes the following prior arrangements will be made to-day: (1) Prepare a room in which to set kitchen (2) Disposal of garbage (3) Preparation of area for troops to eat.	To C.O.s Hq Co, Cos B and C by Ex O.
1130		11	2100	Maps 1/25000, 1/50000 of Larche Pass not available 300 Maps scale 1/100000 dispatched 31 Aug 44 Photocoverage of Larche Pass enroute to you	Staff
1225		12	1620 30 Aug	FFI reports as follows - Through lack of ammunition Briancon has been taken by enemy and burned. We have lost Col de Larche and Barcelonnette.	Staff
	1345	13	1345	Courier Service from CP 550th CT to all Subordinate Units will operate on the following daily Schedule: 0800, 1100, 1330, 1630.	To All Units, 550th CT by S-1
1530		14	1315	Eight Peter-Four Seven willhir tank trap at 1500. Notify ABTF of results as early as possible. Air can not determine results.	Staff

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(Date and hour)To: 31 August 1944 - 1900
(Date and hour)Place: Barcelonnette, France.

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
	1545	15	1545	Chaplain Reiss arrived 1530B	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
1600		16	1001	FFI report en trs size of A Div observed in St Martin Vesubie 30 Aug. FFI believe this Div to be a dismounted Panzer Unit. Indications are that En may move S along good road.	Staff
1600		17		Gen Interpretation Report No SAF/5 Med. Allied Photo. Recon Wing, 7 Army Photo Center, dtd 29 Aug 44 "Secret"	Staff S-2
1600		18		Gen. Interpretation Report No SAF/6 dtd 29 Aug 44 "Secret"	Staff S-2
1600		19	1200	FFI Officer leaving St Martin Vesubie 28 Aug reports 2000 German Mtn Inf and Arty at that town and vic. Enemy Bn at Vaide Blore (5620). One Bn located at Belvedere (6514). One Bn reinforced ST Martin Vesubie (6020). 600 Marquis in area. Enemy moving southwest from Italian border. Credibility of source: Abie 2.	Staff
1600		20		Report movement strength, location, activity, identification of reported enemy Vic St Martin Vesubie, Belvedere, Vaide Blore (56-20)	Staff
1600		21	1225	1st ABTF Air OP observed no enemy Sospel-Menton-Castellar-Levens-Larcarene as of 311115 Aug 44.	Staff
1600		22	1315	8 P-47's will hit tank trap at 1500. Notify ABTF of results as early as possible. Air can not determine results.	Staff
1600		23	1350	Hq BIBO TF located Col Du Lautaret. 1/100,000 sheet 15N (21-12)	Staff
	1629	24		Subject: Mail. (1) Outgoing mail will be delivered to CP, 550th CT not later than 1500 daily. (2) Units will be notified at the arrival of incoming mail.	To All Units, 550th CT by S-1
	1705	25	1705	Report in writing all enemy activities and other enemy information to S-2 office CP 550th Inf prior to 0900 each day.	To All Units, 550th CT by S-2
1900		26	1610	Source of original message Re: Burning of Briancon and loss of Col De Larche and Barcelonnette was incorrect. Advise this office of correct status.	Staff
1900		27	1700	Parole and Countersigns effective on the following days 30, 31 Aug, 1, 2, 3, Sept 44	Staff

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In	Out				
1900		28	1445	Local Police in Vence report mines have been laid last nite by Germans who fired upon Patriots patrolling at Temploires. They have laid other mines at Quartiers Ara and Calvarie as far down as Malvan Valley. Patrols are at your disposal to guide any Sols you may desire to send thru mined areas. Contact Franco-American Office in Nouvel Hotel.	Staff
	1925	29	1925	Reference #2 GR54. Briancon reported by 117 Rec Trpc as captured by enemy. Germans hold Col De Marche. Barcelonnette in our hands. No information on a town west of here called Barcillonnette.	To C.G. 1st ABTF by S-3
	2030	30	2030	Report of bombing will be submitted within 36 hours. Requires FFI patrol to go up through mountains to obtain results.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3
2030		31		S-3 Reports, 463rd Prcht FA Bn No 131A, 131B, Data Sheet 29 Aug 44 No 132A, 132B, Data Sheet 30 Aug 44 No 133A, 133B, Data Sheet 31 Aug 44	Staff S-3
2030		32		S-2 Report No 133, 3 Overlays, 463rd Prcht FA Bn.	Staff S-2
2030		33		Overlay, 463rd Prcht FA Bn	Staff S-2
2030		34		Daily G-1 Report, 463rd Prcht FA Bn dtd 1 Sept 44 "Secret"	Staff
2040		35	1659	Only available maps of area. Requested scale 1:100,000 was sent by Chaplain Reiss 0800 31 Aug 44. Notify us of receipt of same. We have additional copies in above mentioned scale	Staff
2110		36	2110	Request L-5 plane be attached to 463rd FA Bn. Cub now used for observation can not cross mountain.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3
2130		37	2130	Confirm report that enemy is using Gas against the British.	To Chem Off, 1st ABTF by S-2
2150		38	2150	This afternoon I contacted DIM at their Hqs in GAP. Had a conference with General Doddy and a French Liaison Officer with 6th Corps. Contact will be maintained with French on our left.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
2345		39	2345	Maps 1:100,000 of this area received No additional required.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by C.O.
2320		40	1445	Engr off reports cases of Germans & Partisan dead boobytrapped. Request your command be advised of this. Many AT mines found to be activated with AP devices and Sugari Pipes.	Staff
		41		Need BC 342 or SCR 284 My receiver not apparently not aligned.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by Lt Englis

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To: 1 September 1944 - 1550
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Place: Barcelonnette, France.

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Requests, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
	0910	1	0910	Request information regarding pay for the month of August this organization and atchd units.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	0955	2	0955	Received maps from Chap Reiss. No more maps of this scale required. Will try and obtain 1:50,000 from French.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-2
1000		3	8/31	G-2 Periodic Report w/Intelligence Summary #15, IPW Report & PI Report. (Conf)	Staff. S-2
1000		4	8/30	Ltr AG 371.2B, Hq 7th Army, subject: "Paroles & Countersigns", (Secret)	Staff. S-2
1000		5	8/30	General Interpretation Report No.SAF/7, Hqs.Medtrn.Allied Photo.Reconn.Wing.	Staff. S-2
1000		6	1123 8/31	Cover sent to you this morning is N of Larche Pass and does not cover your area. When it arrives it will be sent on to you. Enclosed is plot of area covered. Please communicate this to Engineers attached. (23 PR 10 Plot 1 of 1, classified as "Secret").	S-2
	1037	7	1037	Request information as to when A Co, 550 will be released for action in this area. This company could be used to advantage here.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3
	1050	8	1050	1) PX to be sold. 2) Trucks atchd to Co's. 3) Plan for moving units. 4) Report of supplies. 5) Whiskey.	To Captain Morton by C.O.
1130		9		Fire Possibilities Overlay to map of France 1:20,000 Barcelonnette #3 & 4 Embrum #8, Hq 163rd FA Bn Prcht.	Staff. S-3
	1355	10	1355	Request that this organization be furnished \$100.00 in Francs with authority to expend same for local purchases such as coal for heating, lumber, etc.	To G-4, 1st ABTF by C.O.
	1400	11	1400	In the future all enemy information no matter how trivial will be sent to this Hdq.	To all Units, 550th C.T. by S-2
	1500	12	1500	No contact as of one zero one zero zero. Standing by on five seven three five.	To Sig. Off, 1st ABTF by INGUI
1550		13		Coll Pts at 313-781, 409-719, 452-669 closed. New Coll Pts at 569-790, 532-940.	Staff. Med. Off.
1550		14	0820	Reference your radio request of enemy use of gas upon British advise source of report, place and time gas used.	Staff.
1550		15	1113	Have secured five good trucks. Am proceeding to St.Tropez for Art.Ammo. Sgt. LePage with Gas & Rations. Has left for 550 area.	Staff.

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From: 1 September 1944 - 1550
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Place: Barcelonnette, France.

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
1550		16	1145	Report immediately from whom you received information that Germans were using gas against British Troops, what type gas was used, where it was used and when.	Staff.
1550		17	8/31	Photo Interpretation Report on Defenses #1, Hq 1st ABTF, (Secret).	Staff. S-2
1615		18	1035	Initial cumulative report of casualties required was for casualties from D Day to 2359B 30 August. Your message 31 August was just weekly report. Request XYZ and POW figures from D Day to 30 August. Weekly reports will be submitted beginning with report due 0900 Sept 7.	Staff.
	1630	19	1630	A French Off stated that a Br. Off told him that the Br. Isles were gassed by the Ger. 48 hrs previous to 1400 31 Aug 44. Type unknown. No gas attacks have been reported in this area. Reliability of source unknown. Gas Off.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-2
	1744	20	1744	Identical Overlays.	To 645 TD, 83 Chem Co., 40 Engr., Hq Co-Co C, 463 FA by S-2
	1805	21	1805	Proceed to OP - Remain there tonight. Sgt. Stinner & Pvt. Knoll will return to B Co OP first thing in morning. Relief, rations, wire will be sent as soon as possible. B Co sending patrol out east of Condamine tonight (2100). They will return to B Co prior to 0500, 2 Sept 44. Parachute Two will meet Sgt. Stinner at B Co OP.	To Patrol Ldr, # 1. by S-2
2015		22	1900	S-3 Report, Hq 463rd Prcht FA Bn, from 10600 Sept 44 to 11800 Sept 44.	Staff. S-3
	2020	23	1607	Casualty Report fr D Day to 2359, 30 Aug 44.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	2020	24	2000	Overlays of Fire Possibilities.	To C.O., Co.B, C.O., Co.C, Plat.Ldr., Hvy.Wpns. by S-3.
	2105	25	2105	Request authority to submit S-2 & S-3 reporst as of 0700B.	To C.G., 1st ABTF S-3 by S-3.
	2115	26	2115	Elements of 4th RTN DIM contacted today at 550th CP. We have made arrangements for daily exchange of info at 1200 BIN VIC of Chatlarde 50.3-48.5) 1:100,000 15 0 - This is in addition to our daily contact with DIM made at (15-50).	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-2.
	2130	27	2130	Send map coverage of Photo sorties sent this Hdq 31 Aug - Larche Area.	To G-2, 1st ABTF by S-2.
	2145	28	2145	S-2 Report fr 463rd, #134.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-2.
	2220	29	2220	Overlays - Identical.	To 463 FA, 83 Ch, 40 Eng, Hvy Wps, COs Co C & Co B by S-2

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In	Out.				
	0900	1	1607 9/1	Casualty Report fr D Day to 2359B, 30 Aug 44. X-8, Y-34, 1Z not appl. POW-694.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	0900	2	9/1	S-1 Report fr 2359, 31 Aug 44 to 2359, 1 Sept 44.	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	0900	3	2105 9/1	Request authority to submit S-2 and S-3 Periodic Reports with closing time of 0700B daily. Will be dispatched on courier plane arriving here 0930B.	To G-2, G-3, 1st ABTF by Ex O.
0945		4	2031 9/1	G-2 Periodic Report w/ISUM #16 & IPW Report, Hq 1st ABTF (Conf).	Staff. S-2
0945		5	1200 9/1	Attached is reply to this Hq regarding inquiry of 7th Army of enemy situation in Larche Pass sector. This message reply is for your information & files. (incl: reply fr 7th Army)-(Conf).	Staff.
0945		6	9/1	Air OP 1st ABTF reports little activity Sospell 2020. Some enemy equipment noted. Friendly troops moving out Les Carene toward Tout on road to Sospell.	Staff.
0945		7	1200 8/31	G-2 Report No. 16, ref. X-1654, copy no. 45, Map GSGS 4249, Europe 1:100,000, Hq 7th Army; w/Annex No. 1 (overlay) attached. (Conf).	Staff. S-2
0950		8	0830	No enemy action or activity. Combat patrol last night did not contact enemy. My position will be at 2nd Platoon CP.	To S-2 by Co. B Operations Sgt.
0950		9		Overlays.	Staff. S-3.
	1000	10	0835	S-2 Periodic Report, FFI Report, Overlay Annex 1, Artillery S-2 Report.	To G-2, 1st ABTF by S-2
	1000	11	0835	Request permission to submit S-2 Periodic Reports from 1200 to 1200 so as to coincide with S-3 Reports.	To G-2, 1st ABTF by S-2
	1130	12	1130	Overlays 550 C.T.	To 83 CH, 645 TD, 40 Eng, COs, C Co & Hq Co. by S-3.
1200		13	0817	No confirmation gas attack on British Isles.	Staff.
1205		14	0700	S-3 Report, Hq 463rd Prcht FA Bn, from 11800 Sept 44 to 20600 Sept 44.	Staff. S-3.
	1410	15	1410	Statistical Reports (Secret).	To Surgeon, 1st ABTF. by Bn. Surgeon.
1510		16	1100	No information can be given as to when Co A 550 Inf Bn will be released. Present plans call for continuing their use here.	Staff.

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In	Out				
1510		17	0900	All captured or requisitioned enemy or civilian vehicles and weapons will be turned in to Det. 3rd Ord. MM Co prior to 1200 3 Sept 44. Any such materiel found in the hands of troops after above date will be cause for disciplinary action.	Staff.
1510		18	2150 9/1	Each unit draw one (1) days ration, Type C, from div. Class I dump 3 Sept 1944. This issue is to be held on within the unit. Asst G-4, 1st ABTF.	Staff.
	1510	19	1423	S-2 Periodic Report.	To G-2, 1st ABTF by S-2.
	1510	20	1330	Request that air mechanic 463 FA Bn remain with 36th FA Gp until further instructions.	To C.O., 36th FA Group by C.O., 463rd FA Bn.
1510		21		Overlay.	S-3.
1510		22		SOI Items, classified Confidential.	Staff. Comm. Off.
	1520	23	1447	Organize combat patrol to go into Condamine to-nite. Move to right side of river and return prior to daylight. Call or see S-3 for details.	To C.O. B Co., 550th. by S-3.
	1520	24	1450	Have 5-man reconn patrol ready to leave your forward position at 0730 3 Sept. Engineer & party will contact you at your CP 0700 3 Sept.	To C.O., B Co., 550th. by S-3.
	1645	25	1645	Request authority to keep the following captured German equipment which is necessary for our operation in this area: 1 Motorcycle, 1-1 ton truck, 1-1200 gal tank truck.	To G-4, 1st ABTF. by S-4.
	1748	26	1748	Tried to turn escape kits in once. G-2 Section said to turn them in to officer I drew them from. Have not located him yet, a First Lt of the 442 AF Company. Have three and one statement. Pse advise.	To Capt. Howard by Lt. Ingui.
1	1845	27	1845	Fire only your alternate #3 with 81mm from & to following hours: From 2300 2 Sept to 0700 3 Sept From 0730 3 Sept to 1300 3 Sept Patrol activity north of Condamine.	To C.O., Hvy Wpns Pl, 550th by S-3.
	1850	28	1850	Patrols will be active north of Condamine to-nite & to-morrow. Fire only following concentrations: 1100 2 Sept to 0700 3 Sept # 3-4-5-6-7-8-9 0730 3 Sept to 1300 3 Sept # 6-7-8-9. Notify Chemical Mortars.	To C.O., 463 F.A. Bn. by S-3.
	1855	29	1820	Due to location unit impossible to turn in captured materiel by 1200 hr 3 Sept. Will get them there as soon as possible.	To C.O., Det 3rd Ord MM Co by C.O., 463rd F.A. Bn.
1900		30	1822	Send S.O.I. for M-209 to 463 Para F.A. Bn. Have not received any as yet.	To C.O., Div. Arty. by Commu Capt Milne.