

Organization 550th Infantry Airborne BattalionFrom: 13 September 1944 - 1205
(Date and hour)To: 13 September 1944 - 2100
(Date and hour)Place: Barcelonnette, France

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
1205		16		SOI Hq 1st ABTF dtd 9 Sept 44	Comm Off
1205		17		SOI Hq 1st ABTF dtd 10 Sept 44	Comm Off
1300		18	0745	Emplacements of 7 guns, probably 105mm located at coord 3990-4340, 388-439, 441-388, 442-390, 434-392, 4430-398, 444-397 Near Easy of Point Haut ey hold Italian Fort vic Col de Far and road connecting three lakes in vic as of 12 Sept Source FFI	Staff
1345		19	0845	Passwords FABTF only good in this command, 7th Army passwords for effective dates not yet received. 14-15-16-17 Sept 44	Staff
	1445	20	1145	Positions the same. Catching a little fire now. Not too close yet. Expended 163 rds since yesterday. Nothing else new When rest of platoon arrives please send them up with the other 1/2 track	To C.O. Co B 645 TD Bn fr C.O. 2nd Plat
	1505	21	1505	Disregard Msg 28. Paroles and Counter-signs are as follows; P & C for 13-18 Sept 44	All Units 550th C.T by S-2
	1930	22	1930	Request info as to ey movements- enemy arty- enemy positions in the St Etienne de Tinee area. What troops have you at St Etienne de Tinee.	To Co 509th CT by S-2
	1932	23	1932	Casualty Report (weekly) ending 2359B 13 Sept 44 X - 10 Y - 37, Z - 0 POW - 705	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-1
	1940	24	1940	New ey gun positions reported by FFI at M.R. 1:50,000 Sheet No's XXXVI 39-40 (39.9-43.4) (38.8-43.9) (44.1-38.8) (44.2-39.0) (43.4-39.2) (44.3-39.8) (44.4-39.7) NE of Pont Haut ey hold Italian Fort vic of (39.0-50.0)	To 463rd FA Bn by S-2
2015		25	2000	No enemy action	Staff by Lt Durham
2125		26	1700	S-2 Report from 463rd FA Bn	Staff S-2 (FK)
2130		27	2120	Bridge Guard reports seeing three white flares North of Condamine. 2115	Staff
2130		28	2125	Patrol from 551st 11 men 1 Officer reported in Camp Des Fourches at 2100. FFI gave warning and they were not fired upon	To C.O. 550th CT by Capt Sumpter
2200		29	2135	Bridge guard investigated area where flares were set off at 2115B Found nothing but heard sound of vehicle leaving area as they approached	Staff
2210		30	2205	Bridge guard being attacked by enemy We are withdrawing	Staff
2230		31	2225	3 enemy shells landed behind OP#1 Origin undetermined one orange or yellow flare seen to our immediate front	Staff by OP #1

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Organization 550th Infantry Airborne BattalionFrom: 14 September 1944 - 0000
(Date and hour)To: 14 September 1944 - 1900
(Date and hour)Place: Barcelonnette, France

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
0820		1	1815	3 enemy flares observed on the far side of Condamine. Bridge patrol heard movement withdrew from Condamine. 81mm Mortar shelled Condamine. Then the bridge patrol returned and took up their position. Paris 2 reports everything OK. Situation the same	Staff S-2 fr Opr Sgt Co B
0935		2	13Sept	Daily Report Engr Plat Operations, 3rd Plat Co A, 40th Engr (e) Regt dtd 13 Sept 44	Staff S-3
0950		3		S-3 Periodic Report 550th C.T. Period: 130700 Sept to 140700 Sept 44 dtd 14 0000 Sept 44. No 15	To C.G., 1st ABTF S-3 by S-3
1105		4		S-2 Periodic Report 550th C.T. Period: 130700 Sept to 140700 Sept 44 dtd 14 0000 Sept 44. No 15 w/Intelligence Summary Overlay No 15	To C.G., 1st ABTF S-2 by S-2
1315		5		Two EM, this Organization, Pvt Lonergan and Pvt Larson, AWOL. Were sent to Nice as PW guards 10 Sept 44. Request that EM be returned to this Organization if apprehended.	To C.G., 1st ABTF Att: Provost Marshal by S-1
1100		6	1100	Positions and Situations unchanged. Total rds expended 1394 HE and 59 smoke Nothing new at this time	To C.O. Co B 645 T.D. Bn. by C.O. 2nd Platoon
1430		7	1430	Friendly patrols active. Have contacted Arty. No By activity in this area for this period. Bayasse patrol	Staff
1500		8	1500	By reported by friendly patrol at 33.7-55.0 Twenty (20) men standing on side of hill at 1300 Forches O.P.	Staff
1515		9	1515	Camp De Fourches being shelled starting 1453 Cal UK One high velocity shell reported. OP #1	Staff
1630		10	2100 13 Sep	Enemy ambush tactics reported by 517CI to include use of machine pistols fired from trees.	Staff fr C.G., 1st ABTF
1725	1725	11	1725	Enemy ambush tactics include use of machine pistols fired from trees.	All Units 550th C.T. by S-2
1740		12	1740	6 ey shells landed near Paris C.P. at 1735 Cal 105	Staff fr Capt Fuxton (Phone)
1805		13	1755	Bayasse reports no enemy observed.	Staff fr Cpl Parvich
1820		14	1814	By O.P. located at (34.6-52.2) 65 By shells landed between 1453-1752. Stinner	Staff
1830		15	1820	8 rds ey shells (88?) landed 200 yds behind Paris 4 position - Paris 4	Staff S-2
1900		16	1900	5 ey guns (cal unknown) reported by Civilian to be in position at (55.9-50.7)	To C.O. 403rd by S-2

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To: 14 September 1944 - 2400
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Place: Barcelonnette, France

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In	Out				
	1930	17	1930	Request info as to ey movements, enemy Arty- enemy positions in the St Etienne de Tinee area. What troops have you at St Etienne de Tinee.	To C.O., 509th C.T. by S-2
2010		18	2010	4 light Arty shells have just landed South of Condamine	Staff fr Gellar forward
2025		19		S-3 Report 463rd Precht FA Bn Period: 131800 Sept to 140600 Sept 44, dtd 14 0700 Sept 44 No.137A w/data sheet	Staff S-3
2025		20		S-2 Report 463rd Precht FA Bn Period: 1800 13 Sept to 1800 14 Sept 44, dtd 1700 14 Sept 44 (3 copies rec'd)	Staff S-2
2030		21	0845	Passwords 1st ABTF only good in this command, 7th Army password for effective dates not yet received. 13-14, 14-15, 15-16, 16-17, 17-18.	Staff
2030		22	1005	Approx 20 ey (42.0-41.8) PD. Approx 30 ey lightly armed (42.3-42.9) Recon unit on ridge PD. 10 ey (41.9-44.8) PD 15 ey (48.1-39.7) PD 15 ey (48.3-39.5) PD 30 ey (46.2-39.4) PD 20 ey (41.9-44.0) PD (43.7-39.6) area frontage 50 ey fortified PD MG. Locations named by ey (38.2-46.2) (40.4-44.1) (41.5-43.5) (42.4-44.5) (42.7-42.9) (42.5-41.5) (42.8-41.3) (42.8-40.8) (43.0-40.8) (44.6-43.0) (44.7-42.4) 3 AT (44.2-39.5) (45.4-41.5) (45.9-41.5) 2 AT (45.5-39.4) (46.3-39.2) (48.6-39.6) PD 50mm AT gun (44.5-39.0) Source FFI	Staff
2030		23		G-1 report 463rd Precht FA Bn 15 Sept 44	Staff S-1
2030		24		S-3 Report 463rd Precht FA Bn 130600 Sept to 131800 Sept 44 dtd 131900 Sept 44 No 136B w/data sheets	Staff S-3
2030		25		S-2 Periodic Report Hq 1st ABTF From: 111200 to 121200 Sept 44 dtd 121200 Sept 44 w/IPW Report	Staff S-2
2030		26		Overlay Hq 509thCT to accomp S-3Rpt #33	Staff S-3
2030		27		S-2 Periodic Report 111000 Sept to 121000 Sept dtd 12 Sept 44, No29 w/overlay	Staff S-2
2330		28	1600	Request you assemble the following 14 Sep Officers and EM at your Hq to meet the C.G. during a visit he will make to you sometime tomorrow 15 Sept. Will try to notify you tomorrow morning of time his departure here. Acknowledge receipt. Hq Btry Lt Dewap, Lt Kranyak, Fifth Grades Hawkins and Phillips, Pfc Heriford and Hnda, Btry A T/4 Yochum., Pvt Bolen, Btry B Sgt Nichols Cpl Grusciel Co C 550 Pvt Marks	Staff
2330	2330	29	2330	Acknowledge receipt of message concerning assembly of personnel 141600B	To C.G., 1st ABTF by S-3

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From: 15 September 1944 - 1700
(Date and hour)

To: 15 September 1944 - 1700
(Date and hour)

Place: Barcelonnette, France

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
1710		31	1150	<p>Approx 2130 14 Sept Fr reports that they heard est 3 men walking in front of our position and open fire with HMG and LMG only. They requested Amer to open fire with our 30 cal., this was refused. At 2200 Fr reported 10 En working in valley to our right. Amer obs could not locate or hear anything Fr con't to fire. Meantime Fr MG opened fire from our left flank, next to Mt Fr again requested fire from Amer MG, this was refused because our gunners could not hear nor see any targets. 2400 Fr reported an attacking force on this position. This was morning. However it is possible that the En had a 3 or 4 man patrol active in the early part of the evening. As En activity was obs at Col de Pourriac and Pita Cavale and Pas de la Cavale. This En act was believed to hav been broken up by our Art and Mortar fire and the En was further believed to be est O.P's En act was reported not confirmed by our observation and listing post. 0200 to 0400 Fr reported an attacking force of 50 men attacking Camp des Fources. This again was not substantiated by the Chem 4.2's and our listing Post. It is very doubtful in my mind if there ever were any En Pat working in this area last night and this by the FFI is believed to be highly exaggerated and about 75% guesswork, due to the excitve nature and inexperience of the group of Fr working out of this pint. C.P. Co C</p>	Staff
1600		32	1600	<p>1. Spitfire type planes (RAF) will be operating on strafing missions and rcn mission on entire TF front, beginning 1100 15 Sept continuing daily until further notice. 2. Bomb safety line: S8286-S7895-S7397-N7005-N6814-N6325-N5425-N4836-N3843-N3554-N5553-N5556-3. In as much as planes will be flying close to front line troops it is imperative that units recognize and do not fire on friendly planes. 4. Planes will not strafe beyond the bomb safety line, Unit Commanders will request change in BSL and receive verification of change through G-2 ABTF 6. All units will be advised by this headquarters of all BSL changes. 7. SOP R.C.N. and strafing missions will be flown daily during daylight hours. Special missions requested by Unit Commanders will be flown within one or two hours if conditions permit. 8. Aircraft flying these missions are not equiped to bomb. CG 1st ABTF</p>	Staff

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From: 15 September 1944 - 1215
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To: 15 September 1944 - 1625
(Date and hour)

Place: Barcelonnette, France

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In	Out					
1215		16	13Sept	S-2 Periodic Report 509th CT, Period 121000 to 131000 Sept 44 No 30	Staff	S-2
1215		17	14Sept	Map Study Hq 1st ABTF	Staff	S-3
1215		18	1300 14Sept	S-3 Report 509th CT, Period 131000 to 141000 No 35 Overlay	Staff	S-3
1215		19		S-2 Periodic Report 509th CT 131000 to 141000 Sept 44 No 31	Staff	S-2
1215		20	14Sept	Ltr, 1st ABTF, in re: Spitfire planes on strafing and bombing missions beginning 1100 15 Sept. To be daily	Staff	
1135		21	1120	12 man patrol observed working in vicinity of Col Grandes Commes (58.3-30.4) at 11008 Nationality unknown	Staff fr C.O. Co C	
1135		22		21 ey Arty shells fell at (50.1-48.1) between 1100 and 1120	Staff fr Lt Ballard	
1400		23	1200	Send three trucks on 16 Sept for clothes	Staff	Phoned to S-4
1400		24	1400	Spitfire type planes (RAF) will be operating on strafing and rcn missions daily within our area until further notice All troops will be notified.	All Units	550th C.T. by S-2
1445		25	1435	3 men 1 mile (52.9-52.8) 1434	Staff	OP#1
	1100	26	1100	Situation and positions same. Corp 'aneire, Michael, hosp to duty. Nothing new to report	To C.O. Co B	645 T.D. Bn by C.O. 2nd Platoon
1455		27		FFI sources report 1000 ey in valley Bourremont and Granges de Faisset (7260-0840) also 200 horses, 300 ey area Lanslebourg, 4e Chateland, Lansuilburd Col de la Madelien w/hMG 1 At gun unknown number of 77mm gun present 5 new batteries of 50mm at Col du la Diblna AA batteries 2 Km S of Cessnaas Parenouille being fortified.	Staff	
1510		28	1505	OP #1 reports that 3 men at (52.9-52.8) were identified as FFI - 1500 hrs	Staff	
	1615	29	1615	Warning for probable movement of two platoons to Camp des Fourches 17th or 18th	To C.O. Co B	550th Jansiers fr S-3
1625		30	1620	Received three rds of Arty fire on Camp des Fourches Believed coming fr vicinity of Ferrierre. Cal - unknown The largest yet. Grater 18 inches dept and 30 inches wide in rock 1525 Sgt Stimer	Staff	

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From: 17 September 1944 - 1430
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To: 17 September 1944 - 2400
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Place: Barcelonnette, France

T I M E		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
	1430	14	1430	Capt Sumpter advises that he will not send his platoon until tomorrow requests that Lt Nellist be informed of same	To C.O Co B by S-3
	1455	15	1455	FFI reports that they now have men watching approaches in area around Andiffred (51.7-46.9) 1/25,000. They will cover area South of Reon de Grand Coumba river. Goon patrol reported approaching lower Ft Tournoux at 1340	To C.O. 463rd FA by S-3
	1507	16	1507	Request L-5 plane report here as soon as weather permits. Have important mission	To C.G., 1st ABTF by Ex 0
1600		17		Six (6) enemy 105mm shells hit in vicinity O.P. #1 at 1551B	Staff
	1640	18	1640	Deceased DIM Soldier's name-Mohammed Ben Terouet No 388, 2 nd Tabor, 1st GIM Burial at Barcelonnette 18 Sept 44	To Arty Liaison O w/DIM by S-1
1730		19	1700	Were down to Fort below OP #1. Did not see FFI patrol that was supposed to be there. OP #1	Staff
1945		20	1700	S-2 Report 463rd Frcht FA Bn, for period 1800 16 Sept to 1800 17 Sept 44 (3 cyps)	Staff S-2
1945		21	2359	G-1 Report 463rd Frcht FA Bn, dtd 17 Sept 44	S-1
2040		22	2010	Ey shelling Fort below OP #1 10-15 rds about 1915 Lt Wall	Staff
2042		23	2040	12 rds of light arty,ey, fell in Condamine between 1730-2000 Cellar Fwd	Staff
	2149	24	2149	Suspicious person has been seen wandering about our area Description 6ft 1" tall Blonde-no cap-wearing OD pants and shirt No insignias Claims to be from 63 or 3rd Ord	All Units 550th CT by S-2
	2200	25	2200	170001B Sept 44 to 172400B Sept 44 No PW's Arrived at destination 1530	To G-2 (Att Lt Bernheimer) 1st ABTF by T/4 Frankl
2235		26	2232	Two arty shells hit approx 350 yds to rear of C Co C.P. One rd at 2215 one rd at 2226	Staff
2335		27	2109	FSSF reports 2000 men and 40 trucks at 774 989 source of information FFI	Staff

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From: 19 September 1944 - 1300
(Date and hour)

To: 19 September 1944 - 1845
(Date and hour)

Place: Barcelonnette, France

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
	1303	13	1130	Everything the same Drew overcoats and 1 pr woolen underclothes each Still waiting for maintenance of vehicles	To C.O. Co B 645 TD Bn fr 2nd Plat
	1406	14	1130	Charles Porter is at 550th Aid Sta He is getting Dental treatment and will be here today & tomorrow On your reports you may pick him up as dy to qrs 18 Sept 44	To C.O. 83rd Chem Co fr 550th CT Aid Sta
	1406	15	1345	Joseph Lonergan fr dy to qrs 19 Aug LOD Fussell, Robert fr dy to qrs 17 Aug LOD Scott, Mark E fr dy to qrs 17 Aug LOD Norton, William qrs to dy 17 Sept LOD	To 1st Sgt Co B 550th fr Aid Sta
1615		16	1615	2 rds landed 300 yds 1612 to rear of Cellar Forward	Staff
1645		17	1645	3 shells landed 50.4-47.2 200 yds from Paris 6 High Cal. 1650-1620 Capt Sumpter hit in leg removed to 463 rd Aid Station	Staff
1505		18	1455	Spotted 3 ey Sol at concrete building (52.9-50.5) Can not reach them with 75mm How. OP #1	Staff
1542		19	1430	Lt Holstein turned \$44 over to you in Lido for safekeeping. This money belongs to Pfc Albert Fosco of this Med Det Would appreciate return of money to EM as soon as possible.	To Lt Rowland fr Aid Sta
1615		20	1556	550th patrol will move as follows, 20th Sept Chatelard to Condamine to (51.5-49.9) to (52.2-50.5) to (53.8-50.5) and return. Will pass through line at Chatelard at 0500 Map R _e f 1/50,000	To C.O. 463rd fr S-3
1615		21	1600	C Co patrol will move as follows, 20th Sept Chatelard to Condamine to (51.5-49.9) to (52.2-50.5) to (53.8-50.5) and return will pass thru line of Chatelard at 0500 Patrol 20 to 25 men Lt Nellist Map Ref 1/50,000	To Plat Ldr Hvy Wpns fr S-3
1615		22	16106	Same as No 21 Have ambulance stand by at C Co CP in Jausiers	To Asst Bn Surgeon fr S-3
1710		23	1445	Attached overlay showing positions and targets of Unit at Camp des Fourches	
1715		24	1615	Shot at patrol of (1) men (56.1-50.9) results good 1605 French farmer reported movement of 3 or 4 men last six days in vicinity (52.5-52.8)	
	1830	25		Slightly hit by shrapnel Girls and Pabich OK will return Wednesday	TO FABTF by Chap Reiss
1845		26	18Sept	Annex #1B to FO #9, 1st ABTF, Map: France:100000 Nice Cannes Sheet 16q dtd 18 Sept 44	Staff
1845		27	1200	G-2 Periodic Report 1st ABTF Period: 18Sept 1200 17 Sept to 1200 18 Sept 44 w/IPW Report & PI Reports	Staff

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(Date and hour)To: 23 September 1944 - 1120
(Date and hour)Place: Barcelonnette, France

TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
0600		1	0600	Weather report at Camp De Fourches Clear and cold with low hanging clouds Cold and it might snow. Very light breeze from NE De Fourches	Staff
0625		2	0625	Weather report OP #1 low clouds, slight ground haze Starting to rain, cool	Staff
0655		3	0655	3 overhead bursts over 19-45 area be- tween 0800-1000 only enemy artillery activity No report by Lt Wall on un- identified personnel fired on in off limit area	Staff
0830		4	0700	S-3 Periodic Report 550th CT for Period 220700 to 230700 Sept 44 w/Situation Overlay and overlay of mined area.	To G-3, 1st ABTF by S-3 S-3
0745		5	1145 22Sept	Timberlake, Osellanie dy to qrs 21 Sept Dalton, Maske, Colby, Goerler dy to qrs 21	F/Sgt Hester Co B by Aid Sta
0745		6	1930 22Sept	Patients sent to qrs, Bn Aid for admission should have their mess gear, toilet arti- cles and necessary change of clothing They should also bring the Org & Duplicate M.T'S	To Aid Men of Hq, B, & C Co by Aid Sta
0845		7	0840	Will arrive for Protestant Services on Tuesday instead Monday Chap Weiss	Staff
0940		8	0830	Request pamphlets be dropped in area along road and SE of rd from Meyromnes (54.8-51.5) to Argentera (38.5-50.8)	To G-2 1st ABTF by S-2
0945		9	0915	Reported B Co patrol of last night under S/Sgt Robinson was on outpost reinforce- ment Reported no enemy activity in area	Staff
0955		10	0730	Request paroles and Countersigns fr 25 Sept on	To G-2 1st ABTF by S-2
1000		11	0800	S-2 Periodic Report 550th CT for Period: 220700 to 230700 Sept 44 w/Intelligence Summary Overlay #24, Artillery Report	To G-2, 1st ABTF by S-2 S-2
1010		12	0700	PW incl open 230700 Boulevard 8 Victor Hugo, Hotel Metropole, Nice PW Incl Drap (63-86) close 230700	Staff
1010		13	2204	G-3 FABTF, 22 Sept 44, weather permitting light bombers will bomb bridge South of Preil (VN 8072033)	Staff S-3
1010		14	1200	S-2 Periodic Report 509th CT Period: 202100 to 211200 Sept 44	Staff S-2
1010		15	1200	S-2 Periodic Report 50th CT Period: 211200 to 221200 Sept 44	Staff S-2
1010		16	1200	G-2 Periodic Report 1st ABTF 212100 to 221200 Sept 44 w/ FFI Report, Sospel area, FFI Int note enemy orgn east of Italian border	Staff S-2
1120		17	1107	25-30 shelling landed at lower fort (OP #1) Cal uk 1030-1100 OP #1	Staff

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In	Out				
0640		1	0630	Weather OP #1 sky clear above with scattered clouds valley hazey temperature cool OP #1	Staff
0655		2	0645	Weather Camp de Fourches Clear and cool sun shining few scattered light clouds slight breeze in a northeasterly direction No activity noted during nite	Staff
0900		3	0855	Report on B Co patrol sent out yesterday Negative	Staff
	0910	4	0800	S-3 Periodic Report 550th CT Period: 230700 to 240700 Sept 44	To G-3 1st ABTF by S-3 S-3
	1000	5	0700	S-2 Periodic Report 550th CT Period: 230700 to 240700 Sept 44 w/Intelligence Summary No 25 and Artillery Report	To G-2 1st ABTF by S-2 S-2
1010		6	1000	No activity at OP #2	Staff
1030		7	0900	G-2 called that surrender leaflets will be dropped this morning by recon plane weather permitting we will be notified when mission is completed All units have been notified that leaflets will be dropped.	Staff
	1037	8	1000	No PW's 23 Sept Am planning to be at HQ Saturday 30 Sept	To G-2 Lt Bernheimer by T/4 Frankl
1038		9	1025	Fort Pelousette at Op de Fourches shelled 5 rds early this morning Now under Arty fire	Staff
	1115	10	1030	Rider, Harvard dy to qrs 23 Sept 44 LOD Beckham, Julius qrs to dy 23 Sept LOD Payne, Chan hosp to dy 23 Sept 44 LOD	To Sgt Mosley Co C fr Aid Sta
	1115	11	1035	Scott, Mark qrs to dy 24 Sept LOD Dalton & Lamattina qrs to dy 24 Sept LOD Atnip, Bowen are now in 514 clearing Co (Hosp) APO 758 They have been hosp since 22 Sept 44 Dalton, Maske, Colby, Goerler dy to qrs 22 Sept LOD	To F/Sgt Hester Co B fr Aid Sta
1150		12	1140	Spotted two (2) jerries at (56.8-51.3) Arty fire on same with good results time 1115A	Staff
1300		13	1200	Summary of Operation 251 WIPG 23 Sept 44 - Secret - No armed recon flown due to bad weather-intentions for 24 Sept 44 TAC Slant R of Route A plus B at 1000A followed by armed recon of same area	Staff
	1310	14	1300	Lt Col Sachs on his way to your Hqs Should arrive sometime tonight Left here 1300 hrs	To CG 1st ABTF by S-1
	1300	15		Lt Col Sachs arrive Nice 25 Sept See him in regard to many problems	To M/Sgt Lepage fr Capt Morton
1415		16	1410	Spotted column of 25 men and 6-7 Mules at 31.4-69.5 heading E Arty will fire on it	Staff

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In	Out				
1420		17	1200	1. Request that any time Engr personnel are required to accompany Inf patrols, complete details be given either to myself or Engr Plat Sgt. 2. Information should include time and place of departure, Name of officer or NCO in charge, route to be covered by the patrol and the services to be performed by Engr personnel and the expected time of return 3. This information was not received when two of my men were sent with a patrol North West of Condamine 18 Sept 44. 4. We should have this information 24 hours before time of departure or at least before the men leave their base so that proper equipment can be selected.	Staff fr CO 3rd Plat Co A 40th Engr
1515		18	1445	Ary fired on mules reported in Msg #3 and reported good results OP #1	Staff
1525		19	1900 23Sept	Pass 1st ABTF only good in this command 7th Army passwords for effective dates not received	Staff
1530		20		G-2 ISUM No 78 212400 to 221200 Sept 44 (Conf)	Staff S-2
1530		21		G-2 ISUM No 79 23 Sept 44 (Conf)	Staff S-2
1530		22		Air Operations 16 Sept to 22 Sept (Secret)	Staff S-2
1715		23	1320	1030-1045 No movement seen rd Borgo to Coast Four (4) scattered MT, one (1) ambulance on rd West of Borgo Clouds covered over valley	Staff
1730		24	1717	Camp de Fourches target of ey harassing mortar fire They seem to be getting the range One rd hit 1/4 ton trailer another hit on bldg where troops are staying.	Staff
1825		25		B Co patrol reports enemy pill box at (36.75-53.75) Col de Gorgion Grand	Staff
1925		26	1625	French 105mm displaced this morning relieved by platoon 155mm howitzers at 46.6-59.0 Maximum range 54.5-52.5 No change French infantry.	Staff
2045		27		G-1 Report 463rd Prcht FA Bn dtd 25 Sept 44 (Secret)	Staff

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TIME		Serial No.	Time dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.,	Action taken.
In	Out				
	0830	1	0730	S-2 Periodic Report 550th CT Period: 240700 to 250700 Sept 44 w/Overlay	To G-2 1st ABTF by S-2 S-2
	0830	2	0800	S-3 Periodic Report 550th CT Period: 240700 Sept to 250700 Sept 44	To G-3 1st ABTF by S-3 S-3
0925		3	0920	Cool clear no wind good observation Charlie Company moved in 0700 this date Cp Fourches	Staff
	1015	4	0951	Send in report of daily activities as of 2200 each day Give missions of patrols, route taken and all actions encountered during patrol Use coordinate code and make report by telephone Need this information daily to assign mission to FFI	To C.O. C Co 550th by S-3
	1015	5	1000	Nothing to report 24 Sept	To G-2 Lt Bernheimer/Frankl
1045		6	20 Sept	Operation Memorandum No 10, Hqs 7th Army Subject: Air Defense Measures	Staff
1045		7	24 Sept	G-2 ISUM # 80, 7th Army 24 Sept 44	Staff S-2
1045		8		G-2 Periodic Report 1st ABTF Period: 231200 to 241200 Sept 44 w/IPW Report PI Report, (Conf)	Staff S-2
	1130	9	1005	Reports all enemy contacts and operations in your area promptly no matter how small	To C. O. Co C by S-2
	1131	10	1005	Report all enemy contacts and operations in your area promptly no matter how small	To C. O. Co B by S-2
1255		11	1005	Owing to change of location the 251 wing RAF is no longer able to support troops in this area If costal air force HMS NEPLA replacement for 251 wing they will be asked by 7th Army to allow replacement to help us	Staff
	1350	12	1340	Situation and position the same Have requested ordnance repairs again	To C.O. Co B 645th TD Bn by C.O. 2nd Plat
	1410	13	1400	American paratroopers reported by Convoy drivers to be staying in hotels at Grasse apparently without any official duties Some have been there as long as two or three weeks They have requested rations from convoy trucks on the grounds that they were temporarily stranded there.	To CG 1st ABTF by Comm Off
1430		14		S-2 Periodic Report 509th CT Period: 231200 to 241200 Sept 44	Staff S-2
1430		15		S-3 Reprt 509th CT 231000 to 241000 Sept 44 No 45	Staff S-3
1535		16	1345	Enemy patrol at Vens spotted by FFI mortar fire on Cp de Fourches	Staff