

Operation Brak

May - Sept. 1944 (1)

Narrative Historical Report of  
BIAK ISLAND OPERATION  
121st FA Bn, May 27, 1944 to

The Hurricane Task Force, including the 121st FA Bn, sailed from Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on the evening of May 25, 1944. The Bn was combat loaded on LST's and had 16 Dukws loaded with the minimum personnel, equipment and ammunition for operation on the initial landing. Forward Observers and Liaison parties were loaded on LWT's with the supported troops. Each firing battery had 4, 3/4 T, 4x4 weapons carriers, 1, 2 1/2 T, 6x6, cargo truck, and 1, TD-9 tractor; Hq and Service Battery had 4, 1/4 T, 4x4, c/r (3 with SCR 608 radios, 1 ambulance), 2, 2 1/2 T, 6x6, cargo trucks, and 1, TD-9 w/blade, bulldozer. All vehicles were loaded on the weather decks for unloading after the initial beachhead had been established.

The water movement was uneventful and the disembarkation at Bosnek Village, Biak, Schouten Islands, I. E. I., began promptly on schedule. The Bn Comdr's party, F.O. and Liaison parties disembarked in LWT's to reach Beaches 2, 3 and 4 at H ± 5 and H ± 10. The Bn, in 16 Dukws, disembarked to reach the same beaches at H ± 15. The distance from ship to shore was approximately one mile, the last 200 to 300 yards being a flat coral reef. Misdirection of some waves caused the bulk of the Infantry to land about 1500 yards west of the beaches while the Bn Comdr's party and one or two other miscellaneous craft landed at the proper beaches at Bosnek. The 65th AAA was the next organization to land and together with Q Btry, which arrived by coming east along the reef, a defensive perimeter was established. No opposition met the landing although the caves just off the beach did contain approximately a company of Japs, many of whom committed suicide. Q Battery set upon the beach for direct fire into the coral cliffs about 250 yards inland, which contained the caves.

By H + 180 all batteries arrived at Bosnek and the Bn organized positions about 100 yards inland to support the attack to the west. The Bn was in direct support of the 186th Inf, and took over the support of the 162nd Inf as they passed through the lines of the 186th Inf in the attack toward Parai and Mokmer. Registration of all batteries was accomplished by the use of our floating CP (an LCV). Positions were organized to fire in any direction.

A strafing and bombing attack by the Japs on Bosnek at 1645K resulted in five planes shot down, one crashing on the beach 100 yards from the Bn CP. No casualties were sustained in this attack.

During the evening the Bn registered on the location of the normal barrage. At 0100K on the 28 May 1944, our fires effectively neutralized enemy mortars, which the Japs were using in a counterattack. Heavy casualties were sustained by the 146th FA Bn and the 162nd Inf during the Jap counterattack on the afternoon of the 28th May. One member of our Liaison Section with the 146th FA Bn was seriously wounded by mortar fire. This Bn placed a heavy concentration on the area from which their mortars were firing and silenced them. Harassing fire along the ridges flanking our west elements were delivered during the night.

On 29 May, by tying in the positions of the 165th AA Btry to our firing chart, we placed effective 90 mm fire on enemy artillery at Mokmer Strip, using our floating CP for observation.

A displacement of the Bn was made between 1345K and 1545K to positions 200 yards west of Mandon. Batteries were ready to fire when the order was received to return to old positions at Bosnek, inasmuch as our infantry perimeter had been pulled back to within 200 yards of our positions. Before nightfall,

registered in on defensive and harassing fires which covered the front and north flank of a Bn of the 162nd Inf, which was cut off near Ibdi. These fires were continued throughout the night. Our forward observers and liaison officers were working with both the 186th Inf and the 162nd Inf to the west, north and east.

At 0800K, 1 June, the Bn was attached to 186th Inf and followed them on an approach march to the surveyed strip area north of Bomek. Our position was established for all-around fire and as part of the perimeter of the 186th Inf. One Jap, armed with bayonet and knee mortar, attacked the "A" Btry gun position at 0615K, 2 June, and was killed by the Battery Executive. Mortar fire was received during the night, but no casualties were sustained.

Using air observation, the Bn fired on a Jap Hq and bivouac area on the afternoon of the 2d June. A Dutch civilian escaped into our lines and gave information that the entire installation had been devastated and rendered unusable.

The Bn displaced between 1340K and 1520K, following the 186th Inf to the west. Our unit was strafed by five Jap planes during the displacement. One minor casualty was inflicted.

Harassing fire was furnished during the night. The Bn again at 1100K on the 3d June and at 1315K on 5th June. Little activity during this period while 186th Inf occupied the ridge north of Molmer Drome.

At 0700K, 7 June, the Bn participated in a Div Arty preparation on Molmer Drome and the 186th Inf occupied the east end without opposition. At 0800K, "A" Btry, 146th FA Bn was attached to this Bn and occupied a position to the flank of our batteries. During the advance to the west our lines to Div Arty were repeatedly cut by Jap patrols. Protective fires were placed in front of

our Inf until 1000K as they advanced to the west and south side of Mokmer Strip. At 1100K, the Inf was shelled by enemy mountain guns, AA guns, and pinned down by automatic weapons fire. The Bn immediately began taking these targets under fire, utilizing the sensings of all our observers and Liaison officers. During the day, we definitely knocked out one AA gun, neutralized the fire of others, and had excellent results on MG's and troops. Over 2000 rounds were fired during the day. Our only casualty was one EM, with "A" Btry FC party, severely wounded by enemy artillery. Our radios were the only communication in the Div Arty that was maintained. During this period our observers adjusted fire for the 947th FA Bn and the 205th FA Bn as well as our own.

On June 8, the 186th Inf was pinned down in a small perimeter in the vicinity of Sboeria. Some tanks and supplies were landed by barge while the enemy artillery was kept silenced by the coordinated fire of the Div Arty. At 1150K, while our observer was adjusting the 947th FA on enemy bunkers, the Japs started running from their emplacements. Our Bn having previously registered on the same target opened up with Bn volleys 1 - 0 apart and inflicted heavy casualties throughout the area. The Japs continued to cut our lines to the rear several times a day taking out as much as 300 yards of wire on occasions. A patrol from the Bn Survey Section successfully traversed the ridge during the afternoon and delivered radio batteries to our observers. Our ammunition ran very low by nightfall, but an ammunition train from the rear echelon arrived in time to permit our night harassing and defensive fires. About 1700 rounds, including 105 mm, were fired this day.

At 0800K, 9 June, "A" Btry displaced back to Momek to be loaded for water movement to Mokmer Drome. At 1730K, our observers saw numbers of Jap troops in the "sinkhole" north of Mokmer Drome and we searched the area with "A" Btry,

146th FA Bn, with excellent results.

The balance of the Bn moved back to Boanek starting at 0700K, 10 June, and loaded on 3 LCT's and 2 LCM's for movement to the perimeter at Mokmer Drome. A landing by "A" Btry was attempted but enemy AA time bursts about 30 to 50 ft above the water drove them off. Another landing was attempted at 1730K, but again was driven off by shell fire. The craft returned to Boanek, laid off-shore, and again returned to Mokmer Drome at 0400K, 11 June to unload on the reef. The howitzers were disassembled and loaded in the bed of the 2 1/2 T cargo trucks to protect them from the water. All vehicles and radio equipment were waterproofed as well as could be accomplished in the middle of the night and with very limited materials. Teams of guides were formed to insure that vehicles would not hit deep holes while traversing the 200 yds from ship to shore. In the attempt at 0400K, the tide proved too strong for the ships to remain on the reef's edge, however most of "B" Btry did get ashore. One 3/4 T, weapons carrier, was practically submerged in the deep water, and much of the battery equipment, especially signal, was damaged by water but the battery effectively supported the action of the Infantry the same morning. While in support of the 186th Inf, "B" Btry executed effective direct fire on enemy bunkers on the ridges north of the airdrome at 1030K, 11 June.

The balance of the Bn was finally landed at Parai Jetty, east of Mokmer, at 1600K, 11 June, and was ordered by Div Arty to move overland to the vicinity of "B" Btry. Between Parai and Mokmer Drome, the Japs had a former road-block near Mokmer Village and had both MG's and mortars sited along it from the caves, which overlooked the road. It was planned to get through this area by infiltration methods, but our lead vehicle was stopped by the Inf CO operating in the area who ordered that no traffic be allowed to infiltrate while his troops were

operating in the area. Arrangements were made by radio with Div Arty to use 3  
Dukws and 11 LVT's to move the balance of Bn during the night, but because of  
the large number of casualties being evacuated from the airdrome by LVT, these  
vehicles did not report until the morning of the 12 June. By shuttle movement,  
the Bn Hq and 600 rds of ammunition for "B" Btry, were landed by Dukws by 0130K,  
12 June. An intense bombing attack followed our landing, resulting in one man  
from "B" Btry being killed. "A" Btry arrived in LVT's at 0900K and "C" Btry  
came overland, arriving at 1300K without event. The Bn was in position and ready  
to fire at 1350K and registered a few minutes later for night defensive fires.

The Bn position area was bombed by one enemy aircraft at 0100K, 13 June;  
1 EM slightly wounded. Harassing fires, protecting the Inf perimeter, were fired  
every night. At 1000K, our L-4 plane, Lt Matusko pilot, landed on Helover Strip  
thus becoming the first U.S. plane to use the strip. The plane immediately took  
off after leaving some maps, inasmuch as enemy AA or mountain guns began shelling  
our positions intermittently. No casualties were sustained in this unit.

At 0430K, 14 June, our positions were bombed again; one EM slightly wounded.  
From 0600K to 1640K the Bn fired 2208 rds in a preparation and interdiction mis-  
sion against the north-south ridge, north of the sinkhole area with excellent  
results, permitting the 1st Bn, 186 Inf and 1st Bn, 162 Inf to occupy positions  
along the high ground south-east of this ridge. Harassing and defensive fires  
were continued during the night in that area and surprise fire was delivered on  
some enemy water-points just east of Borokoe strip.

Our positions were again shelled on the 15 June with nil casualties. At  
0700K, 15 June, "C" FC adjusted our fire on routes of possible tank approach to  
the north, and at 1310K we fired 600 rounds on a counterattack which included  
two light tanks. We scored no hits on the tanks, which tok up well-defilated

positions, but had splendid results through the area neutralizing MG and rifle fire and restricting any further maneuver by the Jap. A bivouac area was sighted by this same observer at 1630K and we effectively searched through the area with Bn volleys. At 2230K, lights were reported by an Inf outpost with 1st Bn, 186 Inf, apparently flashlights of marching Japs returning to their bivouac. Through the sensings of this outpost, we shifted our harassing fire to this area and placed 100 rounds in an area 100 yds by 200 yds. No more lights were reported. At 1145K, "A" Btry displaced to new position approximately 700 yds west of Holmer strip near the beach.

At 1100K on 16th June, the 2d Bn, 186 Inf was being held up by intense mortar fire from the ridges north of the "sinkhole". Although the visibility of our "B" FC was limited by smoke and dust of mortar fire, we adjusted and searched the ridge with over 600 rounds, neutralizing the fire, which was inflicting heavy casualties on the infantry. During this fire an enemy cannon, thought to be a mountain gun, started firing and was sighted by our observer, who shifted the Bn to it and silenced the gun. "A" Btry received sniper fire in their position during the afternoon, but no casualties resulted.

On 17 June, "A" Btry fired a 300 rd preparation from 0900K to 0930K on the objective of 1st Bn, 186 Inf. The objective was taken at 1100K with little resistance. Harassing fires to the north along the road and ridges near the 186 Inf were delivered during the night.

At 0728K, 18 June, "A" Btry fired effectively against enemy mortars in the north ridges which were inflicting heavy casualties on 1st Bn, 186 Inf. "B" and "C" Btrys completed displacement to new positions flanking "A" Btry at 1315K. Night harassing fires were continued to the north.



During the adjustment by air observer of the Bn on a road junction north of 186th Inf perimeter, our plane was forced down by enemy AA fire at 0752K, 19 June. "A" Btry fired harassing fire on the ridges in front of the 186 Inf while they took up positions for the attack until 1000K. From 1000K until 1030K the Bn fired a successful preparation of 369 rounds neutralizing the area to be occupied by the Infantry. The Bn CP moved from Mekmer Strip to the vicinity of the firing batteries at 1420K. At 1754K, enemy machine guns were taken under fire by "A" Btry with excellent results. Night harassing missions were continued.

On 20 June the Bn fired intermittently on enemy machine guns and an artillery piece from 1114K to 1340K at which time it was reported that both had been knocked out. One officer and two BM from "C" Btry were slightly wounded by enemy artillery fire on their forward CP. At 2230K, "C" Forward Observer observed lights around the gun position which had been neutralized in the afternoon. The Bn placed surprise fire on the positions and no more activity was observed.

A preparation of 30 Bn volleys was fired in the 186 Inf sector from 0700K to 0715K, 21 June. At 1219K AA fire was again received from area of previous artillery fire and the Bn quickly neutralized it by a small shift from our previous adjustments. Several volleys of smoke shell were included in the fire for effect to burn out the Jap from his emplacements. At 1305K, artillery shells fell in the Bn position area and upon examination were found to be American 75 mm, probably from our tanks. Night harassing fires were continued.

At 0705K, 22 June, the Bn registered on the pocket of Jap resistance between the two ridges north of Mekmer Drome. Harassing fires in that area continued until 0930K. At 1426K, an area known to contain 1 AA gun, and several MG emplacements was swept by our fire with excellent results. A registration on enemy

bunkers was made at 1737K and during the night harassing fires surprise fire consisting of Smoke shell followed by HE was delivered around 2000K, 0400K and 0600K.

On 23 June, a preparation was fired from 1300K to 1320K for the 3d Bn, 186 Inf, consisting of 550 rds of HE. The area was completely neutralized.

On 24 June, a preparation consisting of Smoke and HE shell was fired from 0700K to 0800K on the high ridge to the east of the road on which the 186 Inf was attacking. The neutralization was complete and permitted the Infantry to advance without casualty. Smoke and HE was again utilized against a system of enemy MG and artillery emplacements from 1515K to 1550K with excellent results. The pill-boxes were again taken under fire at 1649K and at 1731K the observer reported a direct hit and many casualties among the Japs who attempted to run from the bunkers. A large fire was also started, probably an ammunition dump. The Infantry immediately moved in when our fire lifted, but met further automatic weapons' fire, which we silenced at 1820K. One of our rounds was a direct hit on an enemy artillery piece, hit as the gun was being elevated. Our observers adjusted the 947th FA Bn (155 mm How) on these positions at 1900K. Night harassing missions were fired throughout this area.

From 1004K to 1042K, 25 June, our observers again fired the 947th FA Bn on this area permitting the Inf to move in without opposition. The area was found to contain 5 - 3" AA guns and an intricate system of bunkers and connecting trenches. Night harassing fires were moved to the ridges just north of the new Inf perimeter.

A 10 min preparation was begun at 0930K, 26 June, but was stopped because of the doubtful location of one of the 3d Bn, 186 Inf patrols. The Bn fired on enemy MG's and riflemen occupying a ridge to the north at 1547K, covering the area thoroughly.

The period of 1600K, 26 June to 1600K, 27 June contained no firing. This was the first 24 hour period since 27 May that the Bn had not fired. At 1615K 27 June, the Bn laced excellent observed fire on MG's positions on the ridge.

From 0841K until 1115K, 28 June, the Bn delivered close support fire for a strong patrol of the 3d Bn, 186 Inf, in the form of a preparation just ahead of their advance on the ridge. No resistance was met and over 10 Japs were found along the trail, killed by our fire. The patrol reports they did not search the area for more bodies. At 1850K, our Liaison Officer sent in the information that "A" Co, 34th Inf was forced to withdraw from the area in which they were preparing to bivouac, and had left most of their weapons and equipment in the area. At 2055K, "C" Btry adjusted on this area for our night harassing fires to deprive the enemy of the use of this area. At approximately 2050K, fire was ceased at the request of 2d Bn, 34th Inf, who claimed that the rounds were falling within their perimeter. The 2d Bn perimeter was 900 yds away and the only explanation seems to be that the Jap was firing mortars into their area simultaneously with our firing. Report from In 2 on the following morning substantiates this for the 1st Bn, 34th Inf, found definite effect of our harassing fire in the area as assigned and stated that the 2d Bn perimeter was about a 1000 yds away.

On 30 June, a preparation of 500 rds was fired for the 2nd Bn, 34th Inf from 0830K to 0930K, for which the plane was used for surveillance. The air observer adjusted the Bn on an enemy troop concentration, estimated at 200, at 1619K until 2115K, using 25% Smoke shell. The area was harassed all night and another 240 rounds were placed in it from 0715K to 0725K on the morning of 1 July.

On July 2, the Bn S-2 reconnoitered the target area and found no sign of enemy activity.

Subsequent to July 2, only registrations on possible enemy bivouac and assembly areas were fired. Aerial observation was used for these missions. No massed fires were required inasmuch as the enemy had withdrawn except for small groups of stragglers. The last rounds fired in the campaign were on 18 July 1944.

Organized training for all personnel began on July 17, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
APO 32

MTH/fnm

12 July 1944

Subject: Lessons Learned in the Biak Operation by the 121st  
FA Bn, 75mm Howitzer, m-1 (pack), Truck-Drawn.

To : CG, 41st Division Artillery, APO 41.

1. The following list of lessons learned during the Biak operation are submitted in accordance with verbal instructions from your headquarters:

A. The 75mm howitzer, m-1, (pack), Truck-Drawn.

(1) This weapon proved to be an excellent direct support weapon for close-in fire. Its adaptability to amphibious movement, rapid displacement and occupation of position have proven it valuable for initial artillery support during the early phase of a landing operation.

(2) Principal mechanical difficulties were:

a. Piston rod collar studs working loose and breaking.

la. At our request ordnance has issued spare studs.

b. Cracked or broken crossheads.

la. Possible to correct by manufacturing the crosshead of bronze.

(3) Electric aiming stake lights that can be switched on and off within the perimeter are needed.

(4) Heavy timber spikes for holding trail logs in coral proved indispensable.

a. An alternate method was to secure a short section of timber to the trail spade. This served as a movable trail log in the trench.

(5) Test targets for bore sighting should be carried, inasmuch as distant aiming points are difficult to find in close terrain.

B. Motor Transport.

(1) The transport of the unit was below the minimum requirements for efficient operation. Although trucks were always overloaded, personnel often walked and wire was laid by hand. It was always necessary to shuttle essential equipment on every move. A rear echelon had to be established at the beachhead to accommodate equipment and personnel which had to be left behind.

(2) Vehicles were properly maintained in combat as a result of proper supervision. Lack of transportation and the character of the terrain made overloading and rough usage unavoidable. The loss of some vehicles due to accidents and/or enemy action must be anticipated. The use of captured Jap trucks averted a more critical shortage of transport.

(3) The absence of battery and battalion maintenance sections and the bulk of the maintenance equipment, has made maintenance doubly hard. Ordnance units were not equipped with special tools and spare parts. The rear echelon is no place for maintenance sections if vehicles are to be kept in constant operation and, if the

situation requires such arrangement, the subsequent shipment of these personnel to their unit could be expedited.

(4) Had the battalion been permitted to bring one additional  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton, cargo truck per battery, the transportation problem would have been alleviated.

(5) The need for one MD-9 w/blade per firing battery for use in preparing positions in coral and thick underbrush was demonstrated on numerous occasions. One bulldozer per battalion is insufficient in this type of terrain.

(6) A 250-gal water trailer per battalion should be part of A/E equipment for close-support artillery, particularly in operational areas in which the water supply is limited as to its availability.

#### C. Forward Observer Parties.

(1) The initial forward observer parties were too large. The ideal party was found to consist of:

##### a. Personnel:

- 1 officer
- 2 radio operators
- 2 telephone operators - wiremen
- 1 instrument NCO for general purpose

##### b. Equipment:

- 1 SCR 610 radio
- 2 sound-power telephones and 100 yds of W-130 wire
- 1 light Yukon pack
- 1 set extra batteries with carrying case; the remote control cover proved adequate for this purpose.
- 1 poncho or rubber bag for waterproofing radio

(2) A supply of canned heat and an extra canteen of water should be provided for each member of the party.

(3) Members of wire and instrument sections should be trained as radio-operators and all personnel in the party should be instructed in conduct of fire using forward observation methods, and map and photo reading.

(4) An orientation flight before reporting to the infantry should be afforded forward observers whenever possible.

#### D. Communications.

(1) The use of the "K" channel for all forward observers and liaison officers working with Fire Direction Center proved far superior to the battery net plan.

(2) CW is much more efficient than voice on the SCR-284 radio.

(3) The 600-series radios worked efficiently, but they must be carefully serviced and protected from moisture.

(4) Greater use should be made of CW and Tg for routine messages.

(5) The number of wire laying vehicles for headquarters was inadequate during this operation.

(6) A larger vehicle is needed for mounting the SCR 608 radio, in that during displacement or reconnaissance there is not room for essential personnel.

(7) A spare BD-71 for each firing battery and an additional BD-72 for headquarters battery are needed in damp climates so that necessary maintenance will not interrupt communications.

(8) Replacement parts in the signal dump were not available during the initial phases.

(9) The need for more stringent training in communications procedure, with emphasis on use of codes, prearranged messages, authentication,

and handling of fire missions, was evidenced by nearly all radio, telephone and switchboard operators.

(10) In a fast moving situation wire must be conserved, inasmuch as the time element does not permit recovery.

#### E. Local Security.

(1) The proper placing of machine guns, general principles of machine gun fire and its effectiveness, perimeter sketches, zones of fire and responsibility, use of trip wires and booby traps, coordination with adjacent units, range cards, use of hand grenades, and fire discipline have been underemphasized in training.

(2) Rocket launchers will become more important as the enemy's strong bases are invaded. Rocket launcher training has been inadequate in the past.

(3) Inasmuch as this type of operation invariably calls for operation with reduced strength, local security was attained by crowding installations and organizations into a tight perimeter. The unit thus became more vulnerable to enemy bombing and strafing. A dire need existed for the attachment of at least a platoon of infantry from the supported unit, especially during an approach march.

(4) Tree mounts should be made available for 50 cal. machine guns for use against aircraft. This item is authorized on I/E for field artillery battalions in this theater.

#### F. Ammunition.

(1) Ammunition transported within a cloverleaf was seldom defective. Most defective cases were those transported as single rounds.

(2) The contents of cloverleaves were often mis-labeled as to the type of fuze, type of shell, and lot number, and the markings on the fiber container often did not agree with the enclosed round.

(3) Powder increments were sometimes left out or duplicated, an example being, two charge 2 increments and no charge 3 increment. Several rounds contained only the base increment.

(4) Unless a large number of rounds of the same lot are segregated and issued by Task Force Ordnance dumps no benefit is derived from the use of any one lot number.

#### G. S-2, S-3 sections.

(1) The supply of maps and photos was adequate however, during the initial phase there were not enough photos to be distributed to forward observers.

(2) The restituted fire chart, supplemented by grids with principal point plots from photos, proved as accurate as ground survey, and afforded a perfect code for secrecy of locations.

(3) The vertical photo should be the principal means of point designation for all forward observers and liaison officers. The map template, M1, used in conjunction with the photo provided a simple and secure method of point designation.

(4) Map code designations need to be changed more frequently if secrecy is to be maintained.

(5) Forward observers and liaison officers need further training in the necessity for reporting accurate and timely information relative to the enemy and our own troops.

(6) Lack of information from the forward elements seriously hampered the rapid delivery of much-needed fires.

(7) When another battalion was being adjusted on one of the targets designated and adjusted upon by our forward observers, excellent results were obtained by standing-by with our battalion, prepared to supplement their fire with our raster-firing weapons,

particularly if the target was mobile. This was especially true in firing at personnel in emplacements.

(8) Fire support as close as 150 yards for forward movement and 50 yards for lateral movement was delivered without casualty to the supported troops.

(9) Given a few minutes explanation of sensings, infantry officers and enlisted men can and did adjust artillery fire on area targets.

(10) Restituted coordinates of battle map or photo locations, with their corresponding concentration numbers, should be furnished to all forward observers and liaison officers on all targets fired.

#### H. Sanitation and health.

(1) Kitchen heating units to provide hot water for mess gear must accompany the batteries if intestinal ailments are to be kept down.

(2) Rations were adequate, but a monotonous lack of variety has existed throughout the campaign.

(3) Skin disturbances diminished when shirts and leggings were not worn. This is peculiar to this operation in that mosquitos and ground insects are not prevalent.

(4) The prevalence of flies made the use of flyproof latrine boxes imperative. These flyproof boxes can be easily made by use of lumber from ammunition crates.

#### I. Supply.

(1) Certain component items in the "B" ration such as flour, coffee, lard, sugar, and fruit were inadequate.

(2) The "K" ration was not supplemented until the 18th day of the operation.

(3) Special units, other than hospitals, attached to the Task Force receive all of the perishables. This is very hard on the morale of adjacent troops. This unit has drawn one issue of fresh meat during the operation, consisting of 135 pounds for 450 men.

(4) The cigarette content of the "K" ration is insufficient for the needs of the normal smoker. The present average issue of 3 packs per man per week is insufficient.

(5) The issue of razor blades and toilet articles was inadequate. If men are to keep neat and clean-shaven more of these items are a necessity. It was impossible to supplement the issue by purchase, since there were no canteens in operation.

(6) Sandbags were not available in the quantities necessary for adequate protection in this terrain where digging is nearly a physical impossibility.

(7) Expendable component parts of survey and topographical sets were not obtainable throughout the entire operation.

#### J. General Comments.

(1) This operation has definitely proved that under proper supervision of battery and battalion commanders, vehicles, material, and equipment can be kept in an excellent state of maintenance in combat. The importance of commanders realizing this fact cannot be over-emphasized.

(2) Howitzer sections need more training in the importance of small details such as alignment of aiming stakes, displacement corrections, bore sighting, and acknowledgement of commands.

(3) Stacking of Carbines in the gun pit is more practical than carrying by slinging across back. However men must be thoroughly



trained to take their Carbines with them whenever leaving the immediate area.

(4) More emphasis in training on the application of what was taught in garrison is essential. The feeling that "this is the jungle, it won't work here", must be eliminated.

(5) All personnel should be more familiar with the tactics involved when a field artillery battalion is employed for:

- a. Direct support
- b. General support
- c. Reinforcing fires
- d. Approach marches

(6) Emphasis in training of non-commissioned officers in their responsibility for the maintenance of section and individual equipment, their place in the supply channel, and for the conditioning and welfare of their men in preparing for the hardships and shortage of supplies, which is inherent in combat, should be stressed.

(7) This unit was stripped of vehicles to the extent that it was not able to move essential section equipment.

(8) The control exercised by the S-3 and liaison officers over the activities of the forward observers was excellent.

(9) This operation illustrated that casualties can be avoided by applying principles of "digging-in" to the fullest extent.

(10) Infantry commanders, by delaying the jump-off of their troops after the artillery has lifted its fires, did not take advantage of the pre-arranged fires prepared and delivered for them. Neutralization is a temporary advantage and the rapid follow-up by the supported troops is the only method of keeping that advantage.

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
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29 August 1944

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2nd Lt Milton T. Anderson, 01174209, Mtr O (atchd)

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1st Lt John J. Chamblee, 02034666, Exec O  
2nd Lt Arnold W. Arfsten, 02034658, Rcn O  
2nd Lt Donald F. Striegel, 0888462, Mtr O

Serv & Am Battery

Capt Riley D. Robinson, 0402203, CO & S-4  
1st Lt Lambert W. Heintz, 0420423, Bn Mtr O  
1st Lt Richard G. Brown, 0367149, Ammo O

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Capt Lucien Hirsch, 0401138, Bn Surgeon

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1st Lt Edgar D. Wilcox, 02035901  
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2d Lt Arnold W. Arfsten, 02034658  
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Cpl Harry A. Beach, 36209047  
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Pvt William E. Humphrey, 20657134

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MOISSE 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

MOISSE DROME

1600K, 8 Aug 44

1600K, 9 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Excellent. *no rain; visibility, good.*

Training as scheduled in AM; improvement of areas in PM. *Training as scheduled in AM; improvement of Div areas in PM.*

Excellent.

774

HQHQHQ 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
HQHQHQ DEGREE  
1600Z, 7 Aug 44  
1600Z, 8 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Intermittent rains; visibility, good.

Training as scheduled in AM; improvement of  
Btry areas in PM.

Excellent.

73

MOBILE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid.

121st VA Bn  
MOBILE 1/20,000

1600K, 6 July 44

1600K, 7 July 44

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No change.

No change.

None.

Excellent.

continued.

Training as scheduled; improvement of areas

Excellent.

72

MOTHER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st WA BN  
MOTHER DROME  
1600K, 5 Aug 44  
1600K, 6 Aug 44

No change.  
No change.

No change.  
No change.

None.  
None.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

training as scheduled; improvement of areas  
continued. Training as scheduled from 0800-1130K.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

MORNING 1/20,000  
71

MORNING 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MORNING DRILLS  
1600K, 4 AUG 44  
1600K, 5 AUG 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.

None sent.

Excellent.

Training as scheduled; improvement of camp area  
Forward observers recalled and not replaced.

Training as scheduled; improvement of areas  
continued.

Excellent.

Excellent.



70

MOORMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn.  
MOORMER DRONE  
1600K, 3 Aug 44  
1600K, 4 Aug 44  
1600K, 3 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.

None.

None.

Excellent.

Excellent.

Training as scheduled; improvement of camp area.  
Forward observers recalled and not replaced.  
Training as scheduled and routine camp duties.

Excellent.

Excellent.

69

NOVEMBER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
NOVEMBER DROME  
1600K, 2 Aug 44  
1600K, 3 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

None

Excellent.

Training as scheduled and routine camp duties.

Excellent.

NOVEMBER 68

NOVEMBER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st PA Bn  
NOVEMBER 68  
1600K, 1 Aug 44  
1600K, 12 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Excellent.

Training as scheduled and routine camp duties.  
Training as scheduled and improvement of camp

area.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

55

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REPORT 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

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REPORT 1A 20  
15000, 21 July 44  
15000, 1 Aug 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.  
None.

None.  
Excellent.

Excellent.

Scheduled training and routine camp duties.

Training as scheduled and routine camp duties.

Excellent.

Excellent.

66

MOCKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

MOCKMER DROME

1600K, 30 July 44

1600K, 31 July 44

1600K, 30 July 44

1600K, 29 July 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.

None.

None.

Excellent.

Excellent.

Scheduled training and routine camp duties.

Scheduled training and routine camp duties.

Excellent.

Excellent.

64

MONIER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MONIER DROSE

1600K, 28 July 44  
1600K, 29 July 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Excellent.

Scheduled training and routine camp duties.

Excellent.

63

MOORMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOORMER DRONE  
1600K, 27 July 44  
1600K, 28 July 44  
1600K, 27 July 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.

None.

None.

Overcast and rain.

Excellent.

Routine training and the usual camp duties.

Excellent.

Excellent.

62

MOONER 1/20,000

Div Army Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOONER DRONE

1600K, 26 July 44

1600K, 27 July 44

No change.  
No change.

No change.  
No change.

None.  
None.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

Routine training and usual camp duties.  
Routine training and improvement of areas. Charlie  
3 left on a 3 day combat patrol mission to reported SA bivouac  
area approx 4000 yds from Hill 320, azimuth 200.

Excellent.



61

MOOSE 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOOSE DROME

1600K, 25 July 44

1600K, 26 July 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Excellent.

Routine training and improvement of areas. Charlie  
3 left on a 3 day combat patrol mission to reported Bn bivouac  
area approx 4000 yds from Hill 320, azimuth 200.

Excellent.

60  
MOMMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid.

121st FA Bn  
MOMMER DROME  
1600K, 24 July 44  
1600K, 25 July 44

No change.

No change.

None.

Intermittent rains throughout the day. Visibility -  
poor.

Routine training and improvement of areas. 1st  
Div Arty, dated 11 July 44. Afternoon spent constructing  
tent frames and erecting canvas. Howitzers displaced approx.  
40 yds forward to the other side of the main road. New How-  
itzer emplacements started.

Excellent.

121st FA Bn  
MOGGER DRAGON  
1600K, 23 July 44  
1600K, 24 July 44

59  
MOGGER 1/30,000  
Div Arty Gr1a

No change

No change.

No change

No change.

Excellent None.

Excellent.

Training suspended over Sunday  
No firing

Training resumed pursuant to TM #1, Hq, 41st  
Div Arty, dated 11 July 44. Afternoon spent constructing  
tent frames and erecting canvas. Howitzers displaced approx.  
40 yds forward to the other side of the main road. New How-  
itzer emplacements started.

Excellent

Excellent.

57

Mokmer 58 1/20,000

Mokmer 1/20,000

121FA Bn

Mokmer

121FA Bn

Mokmer

1600K 22 July

1600K 23 July

No change

No change

No change

Excellent

Batteries conducted slow down inspection for major item.  
Training suspended over Sunday  
No firing

Excellent

Excellent

57

Mokmer 1/20,000

121F<sup>th</sup> Bn  
Mokmer  
1600K 21 July

1600K 22 July

Mokmer 1/20,000

1600K, 20 July 44

1600K, 21 July 44

No change

No change

No Change

Excellent

Batteries conducted show down inspection for major item.

No Firing

Training - none.

Excellent

Excellent.

56

MOKMER, 1/20,000

121st FA Bn

MOKMER DROME

1600K, 20 July 44

1600K, 21 July 44

No Change.

No Change.

Fair. Visibility - Good.  
Clear. Visibility - Good.

Training - same. - Improvement of area continued.  
No fires. -

Excellent.

55  
MOKMER, 1/20,000

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 19 July 44  
1600K, 20 July 44

No Change.  
No Change.

No Change.

Fair, Visibility - Good.  
Overcast and rain.

Training - same. Improvement of area continued.  
No fires. Artillery Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944. At  
1600K registered Battalion on unoccupied but prepared enemy  
machine gun positions. During registration air observer  
received fire from the ground.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

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327 - En reg 54 machine gun - APC - En - 1700-1600K -  
positions  
MOKMER, 1.20,000

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 18 July 44

1600K, 19 July 44

No Change.

No Change.

Overcast and rain.

Training pursuant to training memorandum #1, 41st  
Division Artillery Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944. At  
1700K registered Battalion on unoccupied but prepared enemy  
machine gun positions. During registration air observer  
received fire from the ground.

Excellent.



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327 - En machine gun - AFO - Bn - 1700-1600K - Wilcox - 6 WP - Excel  
positions 17 HE lent

No Change.

No Change.

Overcast and rain in the morning.

Training pursuant to training memorandum (S) 1103  
Division Artillery Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944. Attached  
and X also attached.

Excellent.

53

MOKNER 1/20,000

121st FA Bn  
MOKNER DROME  
1600K, 17 July 44  
1600K, 18 July 44

No change.

No Change.

No change.  
No Change.

Overcast and rain in the morning.  
Overcast and rain in the morning.

Training conformed to Day Tag Scheduled attached  
ed heres. In G I made reconnaissance and located a  
Training pursuant to training memorandum #1, 41st  
Division Artillery Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944. Improve-  
ment of areas stressed. G to Day Tag Memo #1.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

52

MORNING 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MORNING DROME  
1600K, 16 July 44  
1600K, 17 July 44

No change.

No change.

Overcast and rain in the morning.

Training conformed to Btry Tng Schedules attached hereto. In O 1 made reconnaissance and located a proposed small arms range. Two officers made orientation flights including the assimilation of an air observation problem by radio, pursuant to Bn Tng Memo #1.

Excellent.

51

MOKHER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKHER DROME  
1600K, 15 July 44  
1600K, 16 July 44

No change.

No change.

Excellent

No training. Btry Comdrs, Bn S-3 and S-2 made reconnaissance for Service Practice target area and located suitable area and OP's.

Excellent.

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Div Arty Grid

MOKMER 1/20,000

121st FA Bn

MOKMER DROME

1600K, 14 July 44

1600K, 15 July 44

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

There were no defensive missions fired. Btry's had thorough inspections of personnel, small arms, materiel, and motors.

Excellent.

49

MOCKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOCKMER DROME  
1600K, 13 July 44  
1600K, 14 July 44

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

There were no defensive fires during this period.  
Btrys stressed improvement of areas. Training included  
general maintenance on material and motors.

Excellent.

48

MOONER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOONER BRIDGE  
1600K, 12 July 44  
1600K, 13 July 44

No No change.

No No change.

Excellent.

No defensive missions. Training included detail maintenance of materiel and motors. Bnys improvised training stressing construction of gun placements, and continued the improvement of areas.

Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 11 July 44

1600K, 12 July 44

326 - No bivouac - "D" FO - Bn - 1600-1620K - Firing area  
(A12) 3 W

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

Fired Bn on trail and possible bivouac area N of 2d Bn, 186 Inf perimeter. Scheduled direct fire on towed target cancelled for lack of a boat to tow the target. Btrys improvised training stressing construction of gun emplacements, and continued the improvement of areas.

Excellent.



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326 - En bivouac- "B" FO - Bn - 1608-1620K - Flint - 61 HE- Good  
area (Air) 3 WP

... on En bivouac area with ...  
... of 24 En, 120 ...  
... having, care of maintenance of  
... equipment, and improvement of  
...

...

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 10 July 44  
1600K, 11 July 44

145 - En bivouac - "B" NO - 1459-159K - "B", "B" - 195 121 - Excellent  
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No change.

No change.

Excellent.

At 1459K, Bn fired on En bivouac area with excellent effect, located 1000 yds N of 2d Bn, 186 Inf perimeter. Bn training stressed direct laying, care of maintenance of materiel, motors and section equipment, and improvement of area.

Excellent.

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325 - En bivouac - "B" FO - 1459-1558K - Bn, "B" - 135 HE - Excell  
4 WP ent

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

No firing during this period. Btry training consisted of simulated direct fire in the morning. Afternoon spent on improvement of btry area.

Excellent.

45

MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 9 July 44  
1600K, 10 July 44

No change.  
No change.

No change.

Excellent.

No firing during this period. Btry training consisted of assimilated direct fire in the morning. Afternoon spent on improvement of btry areas.

Excellent.

44

MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME

1600K, 8 July 44  
1600K, 9 July 44

No change.

No change.

Excellent. rainy visibility good.

Reconnaissance made for position areas near SCRDC for  
direct fire practice. during period. En engaged in improvement of area  
Major Katsulik assumed command at 0700K via Col Deben's transfer.

Excellent.

43

MOBBER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOBBER DROME  
1600K, 7 July 44  
1600K, 8 July 44

No change.  
No change.

No change.

Intermittent rains; visibility good.

Adjustment was made by 3 Btry on defensive lines at 1600K,  
using air obs. No firing during period. Bn engaged in improvement of area.  
Major Hardwick assumed command at 0700K vice Col Selum's transfer.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

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MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 6 July 44  
1600K, 7 July 44

324 - 2d Type - 2d Bn 186 Inf - 'A' - 1840-1900K - 010 Cannon - 5 HE - Reg.  
3 LF

No change.

No change.

Excellent

Adjustment was made by B Btry on defensive fires at 1840K,  
using air observation. Lt Krause and Lt Dillon returned to 32d Div by  
plane at 1400K.

Excellent.

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324 - En Trps - 2d Bn 186 Inf - "B" - 1840-1902K - O'Connor - 3 HE - Reg.  
3 WP

In charge.

In charge.

Excellent.

No firing during this period. En B-2 recommissioned the target area by plane from 2000 to 2200. En Survey Section engaged in vertical survey of target area. Capt Burdick replaced Lt Hubby as in C with 186 Inf.

Excellent.

Handwritten notes:  
0  
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Handwritten notes:  
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41

MOORMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOORMER DROME

1600K, 5 July 44  
1600K, 6 July 44

No change.

No change.

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

Excellent.

No firing during this period. Bn S-2 reconnoitered the target area by plane from 0400 to 0500K. Bn Survey Section engaged in vertical survey of target area. Capt Burdick replaced Lt Dubsky as In O with 186 Inf.

Excellent.

Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DRONE  
1600K, 4 July 44  
1600K, 5 July 44

1836 - Bn Trp - La 2 - Bn - 1815-1825K - Observed - Excellent  
5 27

No change.

No change.

Excellent

La 2 reported location of Japs found in the afternoon by patrol from 186 Inf and the area was taken under fire by the Bn using air observation at 1825K. The area was effectively covered as observed from the plane.

Excellent.

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1556 - En Trp - Ln 2 - Bn - 1815-1855K - Conard - 64 HE - Excellent  
3 WP

No change

Excellent

At 1855K the ridge was completely covered by our fire for a distance  
from 1850 to 1855K the ridge was completely covered by our fire for a distance  
of 100 yards and beyond the ridge our fire for 200 yards, using small arms  
fire & mortar fire interspersed with smoke completely covered the area

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

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MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 3 July 44  
1600K, 4 July 44

501 - En Trps - 54 En, 106 Inf - Bn - 1839-1901K - Air Obs - 54 HE - Excellent  
Surprise  
Fire

505 - En bivouac - Air Obs - 1112-1202K - Air Obs - 102 HE - Excellent  
24 WP Surprise  
Fire  
Auxiliary  
Target

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

At 1839K our Air Obs readjusted Bn on the ridge area previously fired and the ridge was completely covered by our fire for effect. From 1112K to 1202K the Air Obs Adj ~~Unit~~ Bn and the 947 FA Bn on an En bivouac area beyond the ridge and Fire for Effect, using Shell HE both Time & Delayed Fuze interspersed with Smoke completely covered the area.

Excellent.

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- 322 - En Trps - 3d Bn, 186 Inf - Bn - 1839-1901K - Air Obs - 86 HE - Excellent Surprise Fire
- 323 - En bivouac - Air Obs - Bn - 1112-1202K - Air Obs - 102 HE - Excellent Surprise Fire  
24 WP - Auxillary Target

No changes

Excellent.

From 1845K until 1915K the Adj on and fired for effect on a ridge to the E of the 186 Inf sector on which patrols reported En troops were digging in. Harassing fires begun on that point were discontinued at 1915K. Adj of this Bn and the 947 FA Bn along this ridge was completed at 0100K and a Prop was fired by both Bn's from 0115K to 0200K.

Excellent

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

MOKMER DROME

1600K, 2 July 44

1600K, 3 July 44

522	-	En Type	-	"B" FO	-	Bn	-	1907-1915K	-	Evans	-	63 HE	-	Excellent
												2 WP		
522	-	"	"	No change.	-		-	1915-2030K	-		-	12 HE	-	Harassing
522	-	"	"	"	-	"	-	0230-0245K	-	Air Obs	-	266 HE	-	Adj & Prep
												4 WP		

No change.

Excellent.

From 1845K until 1915K Bn Adj on and fired for effect on a ridge to the N of the 186 Inf sector on which patrols reported En troops were digging in. Harassing fires begun on that point were discontinued at 2030K. Adj of this Bn and the 947 FA Bn along this ridge was completed at 0210K and a Prep was fired by both Bn's from 0239K to 0245K.

Excellent

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121st FA Bn  
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1400Z, 1 July 44

1400Z, 1 July 44

322	-	En Trps	-	"B" FO	-	Bn	-	1905-1913K	-	Krause	-	63 HE	-	Excellent
												2 WP		
322	-	" "	-	" "	-	" "	-	1915-2030K	-		-	12 HE	-	Harassing
322	-	" "	-	" "	-	" "	-	0830-0845K	-	Air Obs	-	266 HE	-	Adj & Prep
												4 WP		

See map.

Excellent

At 1400Z, 3 Pz Coy on a trail to the N of L Co, 124 Inf  
for night defensive lines. No harassing missions were fired during this  
period. Forward observer position replaced at 1400Z. A reconnaissance  
of the ridge N of 124 Inf was made by Ass't 3-2 by plane at 1500Z; no  
Bn activity observed.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn  
MOISER DROME

MOISER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

1600K, 1 July 44  
1600K, 2 July 44

321 - Trail for - "A" PG - "B" - 1625-1640K - Flint - 1 HR - A4J  
Defensive  
fires

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent

At 1620K, B Btry Reg on a trail to the N of L Co, 186 Inf for night defensive fires. No harassing missions were fired during this period. Forward observer parties replaced at 1400K. A reconnaissance of the ridges N of 186 Inf was made by Ass't S-2 by plane at 1530K; no En activity observed.

Excellent.



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121st FA Bn

121st FA Bn  
HUNGER BRANCH

1600K, 30 June 44

1600K, 1 July 44

321 - Trail for- "B" FO - "B" - 1625-1640K - Flint - 1 HE - Adj  
defensive 3 WP  
fires

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

In Adj by place on map 1627 at 1630K, the vicinity of this point being the location of an M1 troop concentration. From 2030K until 2130K, M1 fired 300 rps in this area, using 25 percent smoke M1. Burning fires through the area were continued all night. From 0130K to 0230K, another 200 rps were fired on this area.

Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DRONE

1600K, 30 June 44

1600K, 1 July 44

1837	-	Trp	Coord	-	Div Arty	-	Bn	-	1530-1875K	-	Air Obs	-	19 HE	-	Adj
													2 VP		
1837	-	"	"	-	"	-	Bn	-	2030-2115K	-			153 HE		
													80 WP		
1837	-	Harassing		-	See overlay.	-	Bn	-	2115-0600K	-			75 HE		
													1/2 WP		
1837	-	Trp	Coord	-	"	-	"	-	0715-0725K	-	Air Obs	-	196 HE		
													82 WP		

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn Adj by plane on cons 1837 at 1619K, the vicinity of this point being the location of an En troop concentration. From 2030K until 2115K, Bn fired 260 rds in this area, using 25 percent Smoke Sh. Harassing fires through the area were continued all night. From 0715K to 0725K, another 240 rds were fired on this area.

Excellent.

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1837	-	Trp Conc	-	Div Arty	-	Bn	-	1630-1655K	-	Air Obs	-	19 HE	-	Adj
												2 WP		
1837	-	" "	-	" "	-	Bn	-	2030-2115K	-		-	188 HE		
												80 WP		
1837	-	Harassing	-	" "	-	Bn	-	2115-0600K	-			75 HE		
												14 WP		
1837	-	Trp Conc	-	" "	-	"	-	0715-0725K	-	Air Obs	-	196 HE		
												62 WP		

See covering.

Excellent.

Re Adj on some 1545 using air observation at 0740K, and fired a Prop in that area for the 2d Bn, 34th Inf from 0830-0930K. All forward observers parties replaced at 0900K. Only minor patrolling being done by our supported units.

Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA B<sup>n</sup>  
MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 29 June 44  
1600K, 30 June 44

1543 - Prep - Div Arty - Bn - 0740-0830K - Air Obs - 502 HE -  
3 AF

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn Adj on conc 1543 using air observation at 0740K, and fired a Prep in that area for the 2d Bn, 34th Inf from 0830-0930K. All forward observers parties replaced at 0900K. Only minor patrolling being done by our supported units.

Excellent.

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1545 - Prep - Div Arty - Bn - 0740-0930K - Air Obs - 502 HE -  
3 WP

No change.

No change.

Recalled.

As engaged in improvement of bivouac and position areas.  
At 2030K, Lt 2 informs that "A" Co, 34th Inf was forced to withdraw from  
the area in which they were preparing to bivouac and had left most of  
their weapons and equipment in the area. At 2035K, 1 Btry 1st FA Bn  
was ordered to fire harassing fire to deprive the 2d of the use of this  
area. At approx 2035K, this was ordered at the request of 2d Bn, 34th Inf  
who stated that the 2d Bn were falling within their perimeter. The 1st Bn  
performed the 200 yds range and the only explanation seems to be that the  
2d Bn were firing mortars into their area simultaneously with our firing.  
Report from Lt 2 on the following morning substantiates this for the 1st  
Bn, 34th Inf, stated definite effect of our harassing fire in the area as  
assigned and stated that the 2d Bn perimeter was about a 200 yds range

Recalled.

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

121st FA Bn -  
MOKMER DROME

1600K, 28 June 44

1600K, 29 June 44

300	-	En Type	-	Ln 2	-	"B"	-	1875-1900K	-	Harassing	-	5 IS
315	-	Harassing	-	126	-	No change.	-	1930-0000K	-		-	20 IS

No change.

Excellent.

Bn engaged in improvement of bivouac and position area. At 1850K, Ln 2 informs that "A" Co, 34th Inf was forced to withdraw from the area in which they were preparing to bivouac and had left most of their weapons and equipment in the area. At 2035K, C Btry Adj on this area for our night harassing fires to deprive the En of the use of this area. At Approx 2030K, fire was ceased at the request of 2d Bn, 34th Inf who claimed that the rds were falling within their perimeter. The 2d Bn perimeter was 900 yds away and the only explanation seems to be that the Jap was firing mortars into their area simultaneously with our firing. Report from Ln 2 on the following morning substantiates this for the 1st Bn, 34th Inf, found definite effect of our harassing fire in the area as assigned and stated that the 2d Bn perimeter was about a 1000 yds away.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

1800K, 27 June 64

1800K, 28 June 64

320	-	En Trps	-	Ln 2	-	"B"	-	1835-1900K	-	Runkle	-	5 HE	-	Harassing
												4 WP		
319	-	Harassing-		186 Inf-		"	-	1930-0630K	-		-	40 HE		

See sketch.

Recollections.

In fired on the 121st FA Bn and troops in the ridge to the S being patrolled by 186 Inf from 1835 to 1900K with excellent observed results. Harassing fire in that area was continued throughout the night from 1835K until 1930K. An observer reported to a strong patrol from 186 Inf, in the area of 1930K, that ahead of their advance. The position was encountered by the patrol and they searched very hard for the 121st FA Bn along the ridge as they passed through. Observer reports that about 40 HE were probably killed in the area of our fire and the patrol did not see any to search the area.

Recollections.

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121st FA Bn  
MORNER DROME

MORNER 1/20,000

1600K, 27 June 44

Div Arty Grid

1600K, 28 June 44

310	- En 18	- "3"	74	- Bn	- 1015-1020K	- Troops	- 58	HA	- Excellent
311	- Harassing	- "	70	- "	- 1000-0000K	- "	- 47	HA	
312	- Prep	- "		- "	- 0843-1115K	- "	- 707	HA	- Excellent. No resistance to our troops. Japs found dead.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn fired on En 18's and troops in the ridges to the N being patrolled by 186 Inf from 1604 to 1628K with excellent observed results. Harassing fire in that area was continued throughout the night. From 0841K until 1115K Bn gave close support to a strong patrol from 3d Bn, 186 Inf, in the form of Prep just ahead of their advance. No resistance was encountered by the patrol and they counted more than 10 dead Japs along the ridge as they passed through. Observer reports that other Japs were probably killed in the area by our fire but the patrol did not take time to search the area.

Excellent.



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121st FA Bn

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1900Z, 26 June 44

1900Z, 26 June 44

1900Z, 27 June 44

319	-	En MG	-	"B" FC	-	Bn	-	1613-1628K	-	Krause	-	88 HE	-	Excellent
319	-	Harassing	-	"	-	"C"	-	1900-0630K	-		-	2 WP	-	
319	-	Prep	-	"	-	Bn	-	0840-1115K	-	"	-	47 HE	-	
												707 HE	-	Excellent. No
												4 WP	-	resistance to our
														troops. Japs
														found dead.

See history.

Excellent.

No firing during this period. In Section 2 and "C" FC reported to let Bn, 34th Inf this AM. Our observers out with patrols.

Excellent.

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FORMER DRONE 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

FORMER DRONE

1600K, 26 June 44

1600K, 27 June 44

See See overlay.

See See overlay.

Excellent.

"B" No firing during this period. In Section 2 and "C" FO reported to 1st Bn, 54th Inf this AM. Our observers out with patrols fired throughout the night. A 10 min Prep for 3d Bn, 156 Inf, was begun at 0730K but was stopped immediately because of the doubtful location of one of the 3d Bn patrols. At 1945K, "B" FO Adv Bn on an MW and Inf in the ridges NW of 156 Inf and the positions were well covered by both Smoke & M concentrations. The Inf patrol leader, who had reported this target, observed our fire and stated that it was most effective. A FO and LC reported to 1st Bn, 54th Inf at 0700K.

Excellent.  
Excellent.

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Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
121st FA Bn

MOKMER DROME  
1600K, 24 June 44

1600K, 25 June 44

316	- Normal	- "B" FO	- "C"	- 1750-1830K	- Flare	- 5 WP	- Adj
	Barage					1 HE	
317	- Harassing	- "B" FO	- "C"	- 1850-0830K	- "	- 94 HE	
318						12 WP	
						41 HE	
							See overlay.
319	- Prep	- "B" FO	- "C"	- 0950-0955K	- Flare	- 4 HE	
320	- "	- "B" FO	- "C"	- 0950-0955K	- "	- 16 HE	
321	- MI's & Inf	- "B" FO	- Bn	- 1530-1800K	- "	- 140 HE	- Excellent, all perfectly accurate.
						96 WP	
							See overlay.

Excellent.

"B" FO Adj on night harassing defensive fires between 1800K and 1849K. Harassing missions on the ridges NW of 186 Inf perimeter were fired throughout the night. A 10 min Prep for 3d Bn, 186 Inf, was begun at 0950K but was stopped immediately because of the doubtful location of one of the 3d Bn patrols. At 1547K, "B" FO Adj Bn on En MG and Inf in the ridges NW of 186 Inf and the positions were well covered by both Smoke & HE concentrations. The Inf patrol leader, who had reported this target, observed our fire and stated that it was most effective. A FO and Ln O reported to 1st Bn, 34th Inf at 0700K.

Excellent.

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316	- Normal	- "B" FO	- "C"	- 1750-1810K	- Flint	- 3 WP	- Adj
	Barrage					1 HE	
317 & 318	- Harassing	- "	- "	- 1830-0630K	- "	- 54 HE	
	"	- 3d Bn, 186-	- "A"	- "	- "	12 WP	
		Inf				41 HE	
318	- Prep	- "	- "C"	- 0930-0935K	- Flint	- 4 HE	
317	- "	- "	- "B"	- 0930-0935K	- "	- 16 HE	
319	- MG's & Inf	- "B" FO	- Bn	- 1555-1620K	- "	- 140 HE	- Excellent, am perfectly covered.
						36 WP	

See nearby -

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121st FA Bn

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121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME

MOKMER 1/20,000

1600K, 24 June 44  
1600K, 25 June 44

Div Arty Grid

32 - Pillboxes - "B" FC - En - 1649-1731K - Artillery - 60 HE - Direct  
 & AA guns 127 HE hits on pill  
 boxes & 1 gun  
 Capt fired in-  
 tentatively  
 with SF & HE  
 Surprise  
 ELO

See overlay.

314 - " " - " " - 1943-1946K - " - 12 HE - Surprise  
 ELO

Harassing - 126 Inf - "A" - 1830-1830K - " - 49 HE  
 303 - Harassing - Div Arty - "B" - " - 28 HE  
 See overlay.

314 - Pillboxes - 126 Inf - "B" - " - 1 HE  
 Harassing - Div Arty - "B" - " - 124 HE

313 - Prop. - 34 Bn, 126-En - 1197-1141K - Artillery - 25 HE - Excellent  
 Inf 3 HE

Excellent.

At 1649K Bn fired on En pillboxes and at 1731K observe reported a direct hit and several observed casualties among the Japs that ran out of their bunkers. A fire was also started, probably an Am Dump. Our Inf began moving into the area and met further En fire, which we silenced at 1820K. Observers reported several Arty emplacements in this area and that our fire placed a direct hit on one piece as it was being elevated. Both Smoke & HE conc's were used on this area. Our observers Adj the 947 FA Bn on this area at 1900K. All btrys fired harassing missions throughout the night. Our observers fired the 947 FA Bn in the morning from 1004K to 1042K, obtaining excellent results, permitting the Inf to move in without opposition. At 1340K our troops report that the area in which our fires have been concentrated contained 5 - 3" AA guns and that no resistance was met from the system of bunkers and trenches.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

314	- Pillboxes & AA guns	- "C" FO	- Bn	- 1649-1750K	- Arfsten	- 601 HE	- Direct	hits on pill boxes & 1 gun
						107 WP	Conc fired inter- mit- tently with WP & HE	
314	- "	- "	- "B"	- 1943-1944K	- "	- 12 HE	- Surprise	fire
Harassing	- 186 Inf	- "A"	- 1830-0630K	- "	- "	- 49 HE		
303 - Harassing	- Div Arty	- "B"	- "	- "	- "	- 68 HE		
						1 WP		
314 - Pillboxes	- 186 Inf	- "B"	- "	- "	- "	- 124 HE		
Harassing	- Div Arty	- "C"	- "	- "	- "	- 35 HE		
315 - Prep.	- 3d Bn, 186-Inf	- Bn	- 1135-1141K	- Arfsten	- "	- 23 HE	- Excellent	
						3 WP		

Harassing missions on SA strongpoints near 186 Inf perimeter fired from dark until dawn. Bn fired Prep on the high ridge E of the 186 Inf perimeter from 0700K until 0800K utilizing plane observation for surveillance. Bn fired on a system of SA pillboxes and gun positions from 1515K to 1530K utilizing Conc and HE to neutralize the area.

Excellent.

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Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROM E

1600K, 23 June 44

1600K, 24 June 44

100 A	Harassing	-	186 Inf	-	"C"	-	1900-0830K	-		-	90 HE	-
101 A												
102 A											40 HE	-
103 A												
104 A	En strongpoint				"A"						45 HE	
105 A	Prep		Div Arty		Bn		0700-0800K		Plane		400 HE	-
106											201 HE	-
107	Pillboxes				"C"		1517-1549K		Infantry		25 HE	-
108											37 HE	-

Excellent.

Harassing missions on En strongpoints near 186 Inf perimeter fired from dark until dawn. Bn fired Prep on the high ridge E of the 186 Inf perimeter from 0700K until 0800K utilizing plane observation for surveillance. Bn fired on a system of En pillboxes and gun positions from 1515K to 1550K utilizing Smoke and HE to neutralize the area.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

308 &	✓	Harassing	-	186 Inf	-	"C"	-	1900-0630K	-	-	90 HE	-
Rd to X		"		"		"B"		"			48 HE	-
308 &	-	"		"		"A"		"			45 HE	
Rd to W												
312	-	En strongpoint	-	"	-	"A"	-	"	-		453 HE	- Neutral
301 &	-	Prep	-	Div Arty	-	Bn	-	0700-0800K	-	Plane	201 WP	alized
Vic											83 HE	- Excellent
313	-	Pillboxes	-	"C" FO	-	"	-	1517-1549K	-	Arfsten	37 WP	Neutraliz ation

Excellent

En fired on an area of pillboxes containing automatic weapons and probably light cannons at 1730K with excellent results. During the harassing fire at night, surprise fire consisting of a single cannon-trail followed by HE in the area of these pillboxes was used. A Fog was fired for the 1st Bn, 186 Inf from 1900K until 1930K to the W of their perimeter with excellent results.

Excellent



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MONKEY DROME

MOKMER 1/20,000

1600K, 22 June 44

Div Arty Grid

1600K, 23 June 44

311	-	1st Bn	-	2nd FO	-	Bn	-	1720-1730K	-	Fired	-	74 HE	-	Excellent
311	-	pillboxes	-	"	-	"	-	1815-1819K	-	"	-	21 HE	-	Surprise Fire
309	-	Harassing	-	186 Inf	-	No change	-	1950-0630K	-	"	-	59 HE	-	"
308	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	61 HE	-	"
311	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	70 HE	-	Snake & HE
												35 WP		surprise fire during night
308	-	Prep	-	3d Bn	-	No change	-	1300-1320K	-	"	-	550 HE	-	Excellent
311	-	1st Bn	-	1st Bn	-	"	-	0700-0710K	-	Fired	-	5 HE	-	Height of Burst 425

Excellent.

Bn fired on an area of pillboxes containing automatic weapons and probably light cannons at 1737K with excellent results. During the harassing fire at night, surprise fire consisting of a Snake concentration followed by HE in the area of these pillboxes was used. A Prep was fired for the 3d Bn, 186 Inf from 1300K until 1320K to the NW of their perimeter with excellent results.

Excellent.

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311	-	MG's & pillboxes	-	"B" FO	-	Bn	-	1720-1739K	-	Flint	-	74 HE	-	Excellent
311	-	"	-	"	-	"	-	1915-1919K	-	"	-	21 HE	-	Surprise Fire
309	-	Harassing	-	186 Inf	-	"A"	-	1930-0630K	-		-	59 HE	-	
308	-	"	-	"	-	"B"	-	"	-		-	61 HE	-	
311	-	"	-	"	-	"C"	-	"	-		-	70 HE	-	Smoke & HE surprise fire during night
												35 WP		
308	-	Prep	-	3d Bn 186- Inf	-	Bn	-	1300-1320K	-		-	550 HE	-	Excellent
311	-	MG's	-	FDC	-	"C"	-	0900-0916K	-	Flint	-	5 HE	-	Height of Burst Adj

Excellent

Harassing fire in the 186 sector throughout the night. At 0730K, using plane observations, Bn repositioned on the peak of Jay ridge lower between the two ridges N of Walnut Drive. Harassing mission in that sector continued until 0930K. At 1215K Bn fired on an area known to contain at least 1 AA gun, several MG's and pillboxes with excellent results.

Excellent

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Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
121st FA Bn  
MOIKMER DROME

1600K, 21 June 44  
1600K, 22 June 44

301	- Reg Coy - 3d Bn 186 Inf - "C" - 1800-1820K - Dillon - 3 HE - 440
	Harassing
	Flares
	1 MP
301	- Harassing - " " See overlay. " - 1830-0450K - - 150 HE
302	
303	
304	
305	
306	- No Try - Div Arty - " " - 0710-0730K - 1st Coy - 3 HE - Harass.
307	
308	- " " - " See overlay. " - 0730-0750K - " " - 6 MP
309	
310	
311	Harassing
312	- MP's & - "C" 30 - " " - 1420-1450K - Dillon - 77 HE - 1st Coy - 1st Bn
	Harass
	5 MP

Excellent.

Harassing fires in the 186 sector throughout the night. At 0705K, using plane observation, Bn reregistered on the pocket of Jap resistance between the two ridges N of Moikmer Drome. Harassing missions in that sector continued until 0930K. At 1426K Bn fired on an area known to contain at least 1 AA gun, several MG's and pillboxes with excellent results.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

308	- Reg for -	3d Bn 186 Inf	- "C"	- 1800-1822K	- Dillon	- 3 HE	- Adj
	Harassing					1 WP	
301)	- Harassing-	" " " "	- Bn	- 1830-0630K	-	- 150 HE	
308)							
309)							
302)							
307)							
303	- En Trp	- Div Arty	- "	- 0710-0721K	- Air Obs	- 5 HE	- Rereg.
	" "	" "	" "	0751-0930K	" "	6 WP	
303&						- 341 HE	
Vic	Harassing						
210	- MG's &	- "O" FO	- "	- 1426-1505K	- Dillon	- 77 HE	- Neutral-
	Mortars					3 WP	ization

Recalled.

Harassing fires in the sector of the 186 Inf were fired throughout the night. At 2230K, "C" FO reports observing light around the position of the ack net or mortar gun which we neutralized the afternoon of the 20th. "A" Coy placed five volleys surprise fire in this spot and no more lights were observed throughout the night. In front of volleys in the 186 Inf sector at a prop time 0720K to 0730K. At 0730K ack net fire was again received from the vicinity of our FO and was quickly neutralized by immediate fire from this unit. Several volleys of smoke shell were fired in from this position. At 1300K Arty shells landed near our Coy positions and upon examination were found to be from 186 Inf, probably from our tanks.

Recalled.

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME

1600K, 20 June 44

1600K, 21 June 44

301	-	Prep	-	Div Arty	-	0700-0715K	-	1000	11	11	Excellent
302	-	Harassing	-	186 Inf	-	1200-1215K	-	1000	11	11	Excellent
303	-	Defensive	-	186 Inf	-	1200-1215K	-	1000	11	11	Excellent

No change.

No change.

302	-	Prep	-	Div Arty	-	0700-0715K	-	1000	11	11	Excellent
303	-	Defensive	-	186 Inf	-	1200-1215K	-	1000	11	11	Excellent

Excellent.

Harassing fires in the sector of the 186 Inf were fired throughout the night. At 2230K, "C" FO reports observing lights around the position of the ack ack or mountain gun which we neutralized the afternoon of the 20th. "A" Btry placed five volleys surprise fire on this spot and no more lights were observed throughout the night. Bn fired 30 volleys in the 186 Inf sector as a prep from 0700K to 0715K. At 1219K ack ack fire was again received from the vicinity of conc 302 and was quickly neutralized by immediate fire from this Bn. Several volleys of Smoke Shell were fired to burn out this position. At 1305K Arty Shells landed near our Btry positions and upon examination were found to be American 75 mm, probably from our tanks.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

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121st FA Bn  
NOVEMBER 1950  
1900Z, 19 June 54

1900Z, 20 June 54

301	- MG	- "B"	FO	- "B"	- 1558-1610K	- Flint	- 11 HE	- Excellent
301	- "	- "	"	- "	- 1910-1913K	- "	- 24 HE	- "
301)	- Harassing	- 186	Inf	- Bn	- 1830-0630K	- "	- 306 HE	- "
302)								
303)								
304)								
305)								
306)								
307)								
1539)								
	- Prep	- Div Arty	- Bn	-	0700-0715K	-	323 HE	-
302	- En AA	- "B"	FO	- "	- 1225-1248K	- Flint	- 164 HE	- Excellent
							21 WP	
303	- Reg for	- 186	Inf	- "C"	- 1656-1720K	- "	- 10 HE	- Adj
	Defensive						8 WP	
	Fires							

At 1734Z the MG was taken under fire by "A" Coy with excellent results. From 1830K until 1900K Baker & Charlie reg on com lines in Cn Pl for the Dixie area. Adj of night harassing fires made by FO's between 2030K and 2045K; all br ys fired harassing missions N of the 185 Inf sector until 0630K. En fired on an En MG and a reported mortar gun (coms 301 and 302 respectively) intuitively from 1114K to 1540K at which time it was reported that both had apparently been knocked out. A Cn officer and two MG from C Coy were slightly wounded by an artillery fire on their forward CP this morning.

Excellent.

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

121st FA Bn

MOKMER DROME

1600K, 19 June 44

1600K, 20 June 44

297	- MG	- "B" FO	- "A"	- 1700-1800K	- Flint	- 6 WF	- Good
298	- Ch Pt	- Div Arty	See overlay.	1830-1900K	- Mountain	- 2 WF	- Adj ( Air Gun)
299	- " "	- " "	" "	1840-1900K	- " "	- 2 WF	- " "
298	- Harassing	- 186 Inf	- No	- 1830-1900K	-	- 400 HE	
299	- " "	- " "	- " "	- " "	- " "	- 1 WF	
300	- Mountain	- "B" FO	- Sgt	- 1110-1200K	- Flint	- 300 HE	- Neutralization
301	- MG	- " "	- Pa	- 1200-1300K	- " "	- 500 HE	- " "
302	- Mountain	- " "	Excellent	- 1250-1300K	- " "	- 300 HE	- Destroyed

At 1734K En MG was taken under fire by "A" Btry with excellent results. From 1833K until 1908K Baker & Charlie reg on conc 202 as a Ch Pt for the Soride area. Adj of night harassing fires made by FO's between 2030K and 2045K; all btry's fired harassing missions N of the 186 Inf sector until 0630K. Bn fired on an En MG and a reported mountain gun (conc 301 and 302 respectively) intermittently from 1114K to 1540K at which time it was reported that both had apparently been knocked out. A One officer and two EM from C Btry were slightly wounded by En artillery fire on their forward OP this morning.

Excellent.

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SHEET 2

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121st FA Bn

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Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
1500K, 25 June 44

1500K, 19 June 44

297	- MG	- "B" FO	- "A"	- 1740-1838K	- Flint	- 6 WP	- Good
						5 HE	
202	- Ch Pt	- Div Arty	- "B"	- 1838-1847K	- Matusko	- 2 WP	- Adj ( Air Obs)
						5 HE	
202	- " "	- " "	- "C"	- 1847-1910K	- "	- 2 WP	- " " "
						9 HE	
298	- Harassing	- 186 Inf	- Bn	- 1957-0630K	-	- 498 HE	
299 &						1 WP	
Vic							
300							
302	- Mountain	- "B" FO	- Bn	- 1115-1340K	- Flint	- 305 HE	- Neutralization
	Gun						
301	- MG	- " "	- Bn	- 1400-1450K	- "	- 29 HE	- "
						3 WP	
302	- Mountain	- " "	- " "	- 1530-1545K	- "	- 130 HE	- Destroyed
	Gun						

"A" Btry fired harassing fire throughout the night in the sector of the 186 Inf to the N. From 0700K to 0730K the Bn registered an Ch Pt and the ridge to the N using plane observation. At 0730K the plane was fired on by an ack ack and forced to land. Harassing fire on the ridge in front of our troops to the N was fired from 0700K until 1030K on a pre-arranged schedule by "A" Btry. Entire Bn fired preparation in this area from 1030K to 1035K. New CP established near firing btry positions at 1120K.

Excellent.



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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME

1600K, 18 June 44

1600K, 19 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

"A" Btry fired harassing fires throughout the night in the sector of the 186 Inf to the N. From 0705K to 0749K the Bn registered on Ch Pt and the ridges to the N using plane observation. At 0752K the plane was fired on by En ack ack and forced to land. Harassing fire on the ridges in front of our troops to the N was fired from 0702K until 1955K on a pre-arranged schedule by "A" Btry. Entire Bn fired preparation in this area from 1030K to 1035K. New CP established near firing btry positions at 1420K.

Excellent.

## S - 3 REPORT

SHEET 2

pared as part of Report No 24

121st FA Bn

295 & vic.	- Harassing	- 186 Inf	- "A"	- 1900-0645K	-	-	- 71 HE	
296	- Ch Pt	- Div Arty	- "	0710-0743K	- Dody (plane)		8 HE - Adj	
							1 WP	
296	- " "	- " "	- "B"	0745K-0750K	" "	-	2 HE	"
296	- " "	- " "	- "C"	0750-0800K	-	" "	2 HE	"
	- Harassing	- " "	- "A"	0702-0951K	-	-	35 HE	-
	- Preparation	- " "	- Bn	1030-1045K	-	-	369 HE	-

Operation - Bina K (3)

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

MOKMER DRONE

1600K, 17 June 44

1600K, 18 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Able Btry registered in and fired harassing fires to the N, on the NS ridge paralleling the Jap road into the inland. At 0728K, A Btry fired sweeping fires along the same ridge silencing the mortar fire, which was inflicting casualties on the 1st Bn, 186 Inf. B Btry began displacement to the W at 1045K, and C Btry began displacement at 1315; all firing btrys in position and ready to fire at 1445K. Bn CP remaining in present location.

Excellent.

S - 3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report No 25

121st FA Bn

278 & Harassing	-	126 Inf	-	'B'	-	1900-0700K	-	- 26 HE -
282								
295 & -		1st Bn	-	'A'	-	1900-0700K	-	- 49 HE
W along								1 WF
ridge								
'		En units	-	'	-	0750H-0824K	- Dillon	- 504 HE - Net

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1st Lt. Bn  
NUMBER 1,000,000  
1500K, 15 June 44

1500K, 17 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

All btys fired harassing missions to the N and W from dusk until dawn. From 0820K until 0950K, A Bty registered in and fired as preparation on the objective of 1st Bn, 1st Inf. Objective reached by supported troops by 1100K. No other fire missions requested during the day.

Excellent.

B-3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report No 22

121st FA Bn

221	-	En Ftp	-	Bn FO	-	"A"	-	1905K-1910K	-	Dillon	-	1 HE	-	Checking rd
222	of	Harassing	-	136 Ing	-	"	-	1950K-0700K	-		-	1 WF	-	
223	-	En mortars	-	"	-	"B"	-	1600K-1850K	-	Krause	-	72 HE	-	
224	-	Harassing	-	"	-	"	-	1910K-0650K	-		-	51 HE	-	Good
225	-	"	-	"	-	"C"	-	1900K-0650K	-		-	47 HE	-	
226	-	Prop & Reg	-	Div Arty	-	"A"	-	0748K-0950K	-	Dillon	-	46 HE	-	
												526 HE	-	Excellent

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MOKMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOKMER DROME

1600K, 15 June 44  
1600K, 16 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Rain during night, high temperatures and clear skies during day.

Bn fired on En bivouac area from 1650-1710K. Harassing missions to the N and W fired by all btrys from dusk to dawn. At approx 2250K, Inf outposts reported to our FO, 1st Bn, 186 Inf that he observed many Japs using flashlights coming from the N and apparently stopping in a bivouac area. The fire of "B" Btry was adjusted on this area by the outpost and the area was swept through to a depth of 250 yds and a width of 200 yds. Adj by "A" Btry on contemplated area for preparation fire made at 0730K and during this Adj our fire ignited a Jap fuel or Am dump. At 1105K and lasting until 1315K the Bn fired intermittently on an area target from which mortar fire was holding up the 2d Bn, 186 Inf, which was advancing across the ridge in an attempt to clean out a large depression just N of conc 164. At 1430K our fire was centered on the location of an En cannon which was harassing the 2d Bn, 186 Inf and this target was intermittently fired until 1515K. Around 1520K, "A" Btry received sporadic sniper fire in their position area. Bn fire repeated on En mortar area at 1541K. Our installations inspected by Gen Harding and Col Zundell from 1100K to 1330K.

Excellent.



S - 3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report 21

121st FA Bn

✓ 289	- En bivouac - "C" FO - Bn - 1615K-1730K - Arfsten - 5 WP - Excellent
	area 158 HE
✓ 278 & vic of 166	- Harassing - 186 Inf - B & C - 1900K-0630K - - 79 HE -
	110 HE
✓ 290	- En bivouac - 1st Bn, 186- "B" - 2230K-0630K - Inf Out - 100 HE - Neutralization & harassing
	area " " " - "A" - 0700K-0820K - Arfsten - 38 HE - Blew up Jap dump
✓ 291	- Reg for Prep - " " " - "A" - 0700K-0820K - Arfsten - 38 HE - Blew up Jap dump
✓ 292	- En mortars - "B" FO - Bn - 1110K-1315K - Krause - 16 WP - Excellent
	620 HE
✓ 293	- En mountain-gun & mortars - " " - " - 1415K-1615K - " - 3 WP - "
	196 HE Gun apparently silenced.

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MOONER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOONER DROME  
1600K, 14 June 44

1600K, 15 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Intermittent rains.

Bn registered in for night defensive fires and fired harassing missions in support of 186 Inf and 162 Inf, both to the N and to the W. Surprise fire placed on an En watering point at dusk and daylight. At 1745K and 2050K our positions fired on by En cannon, perhaps 37 mm from light tanks, resulting in nil casualties. At 0700K Bn began an adjustment on roads to W of 1st Bn, 186 Inf and possibly approach routes of En tanks. A Btry began displacing to new position at 1115K. At 1510K En tanks were reported in the vicinity of our previous registration and were taken under fire by this Bn with excellent results. Our fire did not definitely knock out En tanks but forced them into defiladed positions and kept them from maneuvering. Supported weapons for the tank attack, including light MG's, were generally neutralized by our fire except those too close to our own troops, which we could not fire on with safety. A Btry registered on conc 171 as a BP at 1400K. Bn adjusted on and swept through an observed En bivouac area from 1550K to 1650K.

Excellent.

## S - 5 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report 20

121st FA Bn

1609)	- Prop	- Div Arty	- "B"	- 1404K-1650K	-	- 451 HE	-	Erroneously
1604)								left off
		- 136 Inf	- "A" &	1905K-0650K				last re-
			"C"			- 70 HE		port.
Harassing)								
232 & 279)								
2278								
278	- Motor Point	- 136 Inf	- "A"	- 1850-1832K	-	- 12 HE	-	Surprise
								Fire
279	- " "	" "	" "	- 1900K-1905K	-	- 8 HE	-	"
288	- Tank Pds.	- "C" FC	- Bn	- 0745K-0830K	- Arfsten	- 50 HE	-	
188	- En Tps	- 136 Inf	- "C"	- 1045K-1122K	- Krause	- 5 HE	-	
238	- Tanks, En	- "C" FC	- Bn	- 1510K-1346K	- Arfsten	- 558 HE	-	Excellent
	Tps & Auto							
	matic wps							
179	- BP	- FDC	- "A"	- 1400K-1415K	- Krause	- 7 HE	-	Adj
189	- Ch Pt	- "	- "	- 1525K-1600K	- 205 FA	- 14 HE	-	"
					Observer			

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MOJMER 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
MOJMER STRIP

1600K, 13 June

1600K, 14 June 44

1st Bn, 186 Inf moving to hills N of drome. 121 FA Bn took over perimeter defense at MOJMER BEACH.

Intermittent rains.

Bn continued to fire many observed and unobserved missions on Bn troop areas. At 0430K area bombed by one Bn bomber; one man slightly wounded. Harassing missions fired to the W throughout the night. A preparation was fired by Bn in the ridge area to the N of Mojmer Drome in support of 1st Bn, 186 Inf and 1st Bn, 162 Inf, who are moving N and W to clear the ridges and straighten out line of 2d and 3d Bn, 186 Inf to the W of Mojmer Drome. This preparation continued from 0800K to 1440K, at varying rates of fire.

Excellent.

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1777  
1708

S-3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report 19

121st FA Bn

✓ 282	- En Tp conc	- "A" FO	- "B"	- 1735K-1735K	- Kaiser	- 12 HE	- Surprise Fire
167	- Interdiction- Mtr Rd & Foot Trails	- Div Arty	- A & C	- 1720K-1800K	-	- 97 HE	- "
✓ 283	- En Tp	- "O" FO	- "O"	- 1810K-1820K	- Arfsten	- 1 HE	- On rd for night fires
✓ 284	- " "	- "G" FO	- "A"	- 1820K-1822K	- Kaiser	- 1 HE	- "
✓ 278	- " "	- 136 Inf	- "B"	- 1827K-1830K	-	- 1 WP	-
✓ 283 & 284	- Harassing	- " "	- "A" & "C"	- 1900K-0700K	-	- 12 HE	- Surprise Fire
✓ 278	- En Tp	- " "	- "B"	- 0630K-0635K	-	- 230 HE	-
✓ 1602)	- Prep	- Div Arty	- Bn	- 0800K-1440K	-	- 12 HE	- Surprise Fire
1603)						-1777 HE	-
1604)							
1605)							
1612)							
1614)							
1620)							

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Molmer 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn

MOISNER

1600K, 12 June 44

1600K, 13 June 44

Excellent.

Bn completed registration on conc 275 (BP) at 1845K. 1st rd of Baker at 1726K reported to be approximately 600 yds short. Check made by Bn CO and no errors in laying or in data could be found. Mortars reported firing in same area. The reported short rd resulted in one killed and two slightly wounded. At 1830K, Baker completed registration with the exact data as that previously used. At 0841K a screening mission on conc 277 was fired but the wind was too high to keep it effectively maintained. Fire shifted to vicinity of 276 and marked area with smoke for air strike by Mitchell bombers. Position area bombed at 0100K by one Bn aircraft; one EM slightly wounded. Harassing fires to the W maintained throughout the night. At 1000K Lt Matuscko, La Pilot, landed our L4 plane on Molmer strip, which was the first American plane to land. At 1030K and intermittently throughout the day our positions were shelled by an Bn cannon, probably 37 mm, no casualties in this Bn. The Bn placed surprise fire on a visible troop concentration at 1605K and on a bivouac area at 1450K. B Btry displacing to a position approx 500 yds W at 1550K.

Excellent.

S-3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report 13

121st FA Bn

275	-	HP	--	"A"	FO	--	"A"	-	1715K-1730K	-	Wilcox	-	4	HE	-	Adj
275	-	"	-	"	"	-	"B"	-	1730-1750K	-	"	-	5	HE	-	"
275	-	"	-	"	"	-	"C"	-	1750-1800K	-	"	-	5	HE	-	"
Harassing	-	186	Inf	-	"A"	&	"A"	-	2000-0630K	-	-	-	67	HE	-	-
					"B"		"B"									
276	-	En Tp	-	"B"	FO	-	"B"	-	0850K-0915K	-	-	-	10	WP	-	Screening
277	-	" "	-	"	"	-	"C"	-	0930K-0945K	-	-	-	9	WP	-	"
278	-	" "	-	"	"	-	"	-	0945K-1000K	-	-	-	3	HE	-	-
279	-	" "	-	"	"	-	"	-	1000K-1015K	-	-	-	3	HE	-	-
281	-	Bivouac Area	-	"C"	FO	-	A & C	-	1450K-1455K	-	Arfsten	-	40	HE	-	Surprise Fire
282	-	Tp Conc	-	"B"	FO	-	A & C	-	1605K-1630K	-	Striegel	-	175	HE	-	" "

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE

1600K, 11 June 44  
1600K, 12 June 44

Bn in position on S edge of Mokmer strip near conc 141.

Excellent.

An taken from Parai to Baker Btry at Mokmer strip by dusk at 2100K  
A part of Hq Btry displaced to Mokmer strip by dusk at 0100K. From 0130K  
to 0200K, our positions, both at Mokmer and Parai, were bombed three times  
by En aircraft, killing one EM in B Btry. A Btry displaced to Mokmer strip  
by LVT's at 0900K. Personnel from "A", "C" & Hq marched from Parai to new  
positions in the AM. At 1500K, G Btry and balance of Bn personnel and  
equipment arrived at Mokmer drome. Entire Bn ready to fire by 1530K.

Excellent.



S-3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report 13

121st FA Bn

275	-	EP	-	In 2	-	"A"	-	1720-1755	Poole	-	8HE	-	Adj
275	-	"	-	"	-	"C"	-	1755-1810	"	-	8 HE	-	"
	-	Harassing	-	"	-	"	-	1900-2400		-	16 HE	-	

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 10 June 44

1600K, 11 June 44

Baker in position approx 100 yds N of conc 141. Rest of Bn in transit by LCT.

Excellent.

At 1730K, the entire Bn in 3 LCT's and 2 LCM's attempted to beach at Mokmer drome but are driven away by En gunfire, either 40 AA or 75 mm. Landing again attempted at 0400K, tide too high but part of B Btry (all howitzers and 400 rds Am) landed and balance of craft unable to unload and pulled back to Bosnek. B Btry in position just off main strip N of conc 141 at 0730K. From 1030 to 1230K, B btry fired direct fire on En pillbox on ridges NW of drome. At 1600K, balance of Bn disembarked at Farai Jetty. Baker registered on BP near conc 130 at 1600K.

Excellent.

S-3 REPORT

SHEET 2

Prepared as part of Report No 16

121st FA Bn

Direct fire - pill box - 186 Inf - "B" - 1030-1230 - Nennel - 28 WP  
275 BP "B" - 1530-1600 - Flint - 64 HE  
10 HE

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MOKMER 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLE

1600K, 9 June 44

1600K, 10 June 44

Bn in transit to new position in vicinity of Mokmer drome.

Attached AA released from attachment at 0800K. D Btry reverted to 146 FA Bn at 1000K.

Excellent.

Our Bn FO registered INEZ in Mokmer area at 1200K. D Btry (105 mm) fired on an area containing En troops in the vicinity of the depression above 167 from 1750 to 1810K. Harassing fires by C & D Btrys on Mokmer drome area continued throughout night. Bn began displacement at 0700K to Bosnek beach and there loaded on LCT's and LCM's between 1115 and 1400K. At 1430K, CO Btry A advises that the LCT they are on has arrived off Mokmer beach and are being shelled with En Time fire and that their ship captain is pulling out to sea.

Excellent.

171 Harassing	186	0	1930	0630	41 HE
Inf					1 WF

Fired by DOG BTRY (105 mm )

167 Troop conc B FO			1730	1810	Flint	App 250 HE *
Harassing	186		1930	0630		" 100 HE *
Inf						

\* Information not available as this btry is no longer a member of this Bn.

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000

Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 78 Ugs 44  
1600K, 9 June 44

Able displaced to BOSNEK Beach area at 0800K. Other btrys - no change

None.

Excellent

Our patrol from Hq Btry Survey Sect successfully traversed the area from our position across the ridge to MOKMER DRONE, delivering radio batteries & maps to our FO's at 1740K. The Bn fired surprise fire at 0445K on an ack ack position, flashes of which could be seen by our FO. Harassing fires fired during night.

Excellent.

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121 FA Bn

271 Ch Pt	FDC	Bn	1750	1810	Flint	20 HE	Adj
158)							
160) Harassing	186	"	1830	0630		202 HE	
161)	Inf						
162)							
274 AA Gun	Bn FO	"	0455	0505	Dubsky	36 HE	Good

FIRING By DCG BTRY (105 mm) in addition to above:

271

3 HE

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BOSNEK VILL GE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 7 June 44  
1600K, 8 June 44

No change.

No change.

Excellent.

Bn continued firing on En AA gun positions until 1905K. Harassing fire in the NW of the MOKMER drome perimeter continued throughout the night. Our wire crews repairing lines cut by the En were fired on by snipers during the evening of the 7th, but sustained no casualties. At 0245K our Bn observer adjusted the Bn on an En AA position that was firing on our barges near the beach and at 0330K the gun was reported as neutralized at least for the balance of the night. At 0758K the gun started firing again and "B" Btry fired on it until 0822K. At 1150K our Bn observer began an adjustment of the 947 FA Bn on this same position and silenced the gun. Sweeping fire was continued with this Bn with surveillance from our observer along the ridge to the S and W of the gun. During this fire, an Am or fuel dump was ignited and Japs were observed running out of their foxholes and dugouts along and down the ridge. Our Bn immediately supplemented the fire of the 947th in sweeping the area with visible, excellent effect. At 1530K our wire crews report the Jap is cutting our lines to Muscat and Monarch about as fast as they can put them in.

Excellent.



273	AA gun	Bn FO	Bn	1646K 1705K	Dubsky	100 HE	Good
274	" "	" "	"	0245K 0327K	"	175 HE	Landed in area where flashes were seen.
Harassing as directed by 186 Inf			"	2000K 0630K		513 HE	
273	AA gun	Bn FO	"A"	0705K 0707K	Dubsky	4 HE	Good
274	" "	" "	Bn	0800K 0830K	"	213 HE	"
273		"C"	"C"	0855K 0905K		40 HE	"
274	AA gun, sweeping fire at observed Bn Inf.	Bn FO	Bn	1240K 1302K	"	278 HE	Excellent

"D" BTW (105 mm) FIRED ON ABOVE TARGETS AS FOLLOWS:

273	27 HE
Harassing	184 HE
274	132 HE

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BOHNE VILL GR 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

1st PA Bn  
BOHNE VILLAGE  
1600K, 6 June 44  
1600K, 7 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

"A" Btry, 146 FA Bn attached to this Bn as Beg Btry as of 0800K.  
"I" Co 163 Inf reported for perimeter defense at 1500K.

Excellent, however sporadic showers.

Harassing fires in vicinity of BOHNE Drome throughout the night coordinated with supported troops on S side of ridge at BOHNE. Bn participated in Div Arty prepar plan on BOHNE airstrip from 0700K to 0730K. 200 yds of our telephone lines to Div Arty cut out by the En during the night. At 0940K Bn began firing on conc 173, 170 and 167 in advance of our troops on the drome. At approx 1100K, reports of En Arty and ack ack fire from the hills and ridges around the drome are received from our FO. The entire Bn engaged from that time until 1600K in observed fires on MG nests, ack ack positions, a mountain gun and En areas of activity. One ack ack gun definitely observed destroyed by our fire. The other guns neutralized for at least one to two hrs. Only casualty, one EM severely wounded by scrapal near the BOHNE beach.

Excellent.

139	BP	FDC	"A"	1846K 1849K	All FO's	1 WP	Mark BP
139 &	Harassing	186	"C"	2000K 0630K		80 HE	
131		Inf				11 WP	
Prop		Div	Bn	0700K 0730K		709 HE	Excellent
			Arty				
170	En Inf	Ln 2	Bn	0957K 0959K	Poole	60 HE	"
267	" "	Ln 2	"	0959K 1000K	"	55 HE	"
268	Ack Ack	Bn FO	"	1010K 1155K	Dubsky	227 HE	Good 1155K
	Gun					27 WP	
269	MG nest	Ln 2	"	1200K 1330K	Poole	267 HE	Excellent 1330K
	& Tp conc					2 WP	
270	En strong-	Ln 2	"	1311K 1550K	Dubsky	134 HE	Destroyed 1550K
271	point &					14 WP	Gun
	AA Gun						
272	Mountain	Bn FO	"	1545K 1630K	"	254 HE	Neutralise. 1630K
	Gun					73 WP	Gun on
							reverse
							slope, tried
							to stroke it
							out as well
							as shell it.

FIRING BY DOG BTRY (105 Btry) in addition to above.

269

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272

37 HE

33 HE

2 WP

14 WP

58 HE

1756

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BOSNEX VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEX VILLAGE  
1600K, 5 June 44  
1600K, 6 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn verified fire chart by checking rds on HOKNER DROME at 1740K. All forward observers replaced 0900K. Fired on possible Bn installations "conc 267" at 0910K. Our FO's performed surveillance of air strike and reported no observed activity in the vicinity during this time.

Excellent.

139 EP	No	1740K 1957K KRS	32 HE	Adj
267 In Install-	En	6920K 0958K "	3 "	
ation "B" FO			30 HE	
267 " " "	En	1254K 1257K "	6 SP	
			26 HE	Excellent

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 4 June 44  
1600K, 5 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn laid on conc 266 for night normal barrage. Bn Comdr & Btry Comdrs reconnoitered to the W and Bn completed displacement by 131K. Natives came into our position at 1007K from the North and were sent back to Task Force on supply train. Able adjusted on conc 139 using plane observation, completed 1356K.

Excellent.

266 Orientation for Observers	"B"	1145K 1202K	FO's	4 WP
139 Reg FDC	"A"	1345K 1402K	FO's & Plane	7 HE 3 WP

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BOSNEK VIALGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE

1600K, 3 June 44

1600K, 4 June 44

No change.

No change.

Temperature high, visibility excellent.

Adj on defensive barrage completed at 1845K. Bn Comdr & Btry Comdrs reconnoitered to the W this morning. Wire com to 146 FA Bn established at 1400K. Adj on defensive fires for the night of 4 June completed at 1615K. Fire chart tied in to Div Arty control by Adj of 947th FA Bn on defensive barrage using our observer at 1600K, 3 June.

Excellent.



265	Barrage	186	Bn	1605K	1745K	Dubsky	32	HE	Adj	1900K
		Inf					6	WP		
266	"	"	"	1600K	1613K	"	8	HE	"	1615K
							5	WP		

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE

1600K, 2 June 44

1600K, 3 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

None.

Heavy rains during day; visibility limited.

Bn fired harassing missions in the vicinity of conc  
263 from 2000K to 0632K. Displacement by btry to new position completed  
at 1100K. Capt Becke, Ln O 146 FA Bn, reported at 1100K.

Excellent.

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121st FA Bn

Harassing FireInf

Bn

2000K 0632K

106 HE

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BOENK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid.

121st FA Bn  
BOENK VILLAGE  
1600K, 1 June 44

1600K, 2 June 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

675th AAA Btry attached and reported to this Bn at 1300K.

Intermittent rains throughout night and until 1400K. Visibility good.

Registration completed on Gh Pt 2 and conc 1415 at 1844K. Exec G of "A" Btry killed one Jap at 0615K, who attack his post armed with a bayonet and carrying a knee mortar with 6 rds of Am. One En mortar shell landed in 2d Bn 186 area 200 yds to our E during the night injuring two men from the 2d Bn. Adj on a Jap Hq begun at 123K, completed at 1318K. Plane Observer reported our fire for effect, which swept the entire area with 40 volleys, was excellent and that all activity about the area had ceased. Unconfirmed information from an Inf G to one of our Btry O's is that a Dutch internee, who slipped away from the Japs and reached our lines, stated that the Hq was completely devastated and all installations knocked out.

Bn displaced by Btry from 1340K to 1530K. C Btry strafed by five En planes in old position around 1600K. Remainder of Bn strafed in new position a few minutes later. Only casualty was one minor wound caused by falling flak.

Excellent.



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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st PA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 31 May 44  
1600K, 1 June 44

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None.

Excellent.

Floating OP reported four EN barges going out to sea to the E from beyond the WARNE area at 1640K. Harassing fires around our perimeter to the W continued throughout the night. Bn began displacement <sup>at 0800K</sup> as direct support of 186 Inf and continued on approached march until 1430K. Establishing position as part of the perimeter of the 186 Inf.

Excellent.

259 Reported 146 FA "A" 1740K 1800K  
 En Inf  
 Harassing Div Arty "B" 2000K 0630K  
 " "C"

13 HE Adj 1800K

73 HE

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

1st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE  
1600K, 30 May 44  
1600K, 31 May 44

See overlay.

"A" & "C" Fwd Obs have shifted to vicinity of OPIARF with  
2d Bn, 186 Inf.

2d Bn, 186 Inf have extended their lines to the E and are  
patrolling as far as WADIBOE.

Skies overcast; visibilty excellent.

Harassing fires from 2000K to 0600K fires intermittently  
throughout night. Our floating OP registered 146 FA Bn on the Ch Pt near  
WARNE and a FO of the 146 Bn adjusted this Bn on cone 387.

Excellent.



Harassing fires Div A, B & 0800HK 0640K 82 HE  
Arty C  
Conc 387 Barrage 146 FA "C" 1216K 1330K 146 FA Bn12 HE Adj  
4 WP

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK VILLAGE

1600K, 29 May 44  
1600K, 30 May 44

See overlay.

Continuous rain until 1430K, visibility fair.

Able & Baker Btrys completed displacement to old positions at 1745K. Bn registered on Ch Pt 9 using floating OP, completed at 1925K. B Btry PD reported to 162 Inf and adjusted Bn on conc's 255, 256, 257, and 258 for harassing and interdiction fires NEMM to be fired during night. Harassing fires fired intermittently throughout the night. No firing during the day of 30th May. Baker PD with 162 Inf accompanied patrol beyond ridge to N of beachhead in the vicinity of conc 256 and reported 162 Inf and knee mortars, but stated Arty fire not desired until our troops pull back.

Excellent.

Ch Pt 9	Ch Pt	"C"	1800K	1830K	Dubaky	19	HE	Adj	2000K
" " 9	" "	"B"	1810K	1850K	"	23	HE	"	"
" " 9	" "	"A"	1850K	1920K	"	15	HE	"	"
conc 255	Beg	"B"	1910K	1945K	KRAUSE	16	WP	"	"
" 256	"	"	"	"	"	7	HE	"	"
" 256	"	"C"	1850K	1924K	"	6	HE	"	"
" 257	"	"A"	1924K	2040K	"	4	HE	"	"
" 258	"	"	"	"	"	11	WP	"	"
" 258	"	"C"	2000K	2010K	"	2	HE	"	"
" 258	"	"	2010K	2020K	"	2	WP	"	"
Scheduled Fire	Harassing Div & Interdic- tion	A, B & C	1930K	0630K	-	222	HE	-	-

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK, BIAK  
1600K, 27 May 44  
1600K, 28 May 44

See overlay.

No change in disposition of this Bn.

Excellent.

"C" Btry Fwd Obs adjusted on conc 250 for emergency barrage at 1900K. Fire shifted to En mortars at conc 251 at 0100K and continued until 0200K, total rds 84. Our floating OP fired on near Ch Pt 9 at 0957K "A" and "B" Btrys fired from 1520K to 1604K on En mortars in the vicinity of conc 252 and the ridge running W. Reports from Inf CO state fire was effective. Another Fwd Obs is remaining along the ridge near conc 252.

Excellent.

conc 250	Normal	"G" PG	"C"	180K	190K	Arfaten	6	HE	Adj
		barrage							
conc 251	En mortars"	"	"	8015K	815K	"	84	HE	Not known
conc 252	"	"	Div Arty	1525K	1645K	Dillon	277	HE	Good
			"A" &				16	HE	
			"B"						

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BOSNEK VILLAGE 1/20,000  
Div Arty Grid

121st FA Bn  
BOSNEK, BIAK  
1600K, 26 May 44  
1600K, 27 May 44

See overlay.

See overlay.

Excellent.

Bn began disembarkation by LVT's & DUKWS at 0702K. "C" Btry landed on Green 3 at 0800K, but other batteries came in later. 15 rds of HE were fired by "C" Btry on possible bunkers near Green 3 at 0830K. All personnel unloaded from LST's at 1335K. All Batteries registered on Ch Pt 9 between 1445K and 1555K by observer in floating OP. Bn prepared to fire in any direction.

Excellent.

Possible emplacements	"C"	0830K 0900K	Direct fire	15 HE	Direct hits	-	-
ChqPt 9	"B"	1445K 1525K	Dubsky	1 WP	Adj		
" "	"C"	1535K 1555K	"	19 HE			
" "	"A"	1535K 1600K	"	5 HE	"		
" "				8 HE	"		