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133rd Infantry Regiment, Location, Vicinity Cecina, Italy, Coordinates, 185165, Sheet 119 IV, 1/50,000 GSGS 4229, From 0001 to 2400 hours, 1 July 1944.

0010 in TP G-3 to S-5 Location of 135th Inf, 2nd Bn (left flank) 182222, (right flank) 195227, 1st Bn (left flank) 202228, (right flank) 212233, 3rd Bn will probably go around Collemezzano and try to cut enemy off. S-5

0025 in TP S-3 2nd Bn to S-5 At 197201 a motorcycle and track vehicle going slowly to the west. Ans: We will check with the 135th Inf. S-5

0030 out TP S-5 to G-3 2nd Bn reports a motorcycle and track vehicle going west, at 197201. Can we fire on them? Ans: It is too close to the 135th Inf. S-5 We are going to fire at 192200 and to the left on the road. S-5

0035 out TP S-5 to S-3 2nd Bn I checked with G-3, you can't fire at 197201. S-5

0120 in TP S-3 3rd Bn to S-5 We want some artillery fire from 177179 to 177172 and to the west. Your lines were reported to us as 17951790, perhaps you should start at 171177 and work in to the railroad. Check through your Artillery Liaison Officer for the Artillery fire. S-5

0155 in TP Ammo Officer to S-5 There is a shortage of 81 MM mortar ammo at the present time. Div can't get any but will get some from the 135th Inf and 168th Inf and 442nd Inf. S-5

0156 out TP S-5 to S-3 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns The 81 MM ammo shortage was reported and we are drawing some from the other Regiments. S-5

0157 out TP S-5 to S-3 3rd Bn How are you doing? Ans: We are firing artillery on the area east of the railroad. S-5 Don't use your 81 MM mortars more than you need to because of the shortage of the ammo. S-5

0220 in TP S-3 1st Bn to S-6 We have two companies east of Highway #1 on 185 grid line. We are planning to move forward about 0300 hrs. S-6

0222 out TP S-6 to S-3 2nd Bn What are you doing? Ans: We are pinned down by MG fire from the left flank and snipers. Our left flank is at 189190, right flank at 198192. S-6

0230 out TP S-6 to S-3 1st Bn 2nd Bn is not moving now, claim to be stopped by MG fire. You are jumping off at 0300 hrs, is that right? Ans: Yes. S-6

0235 out TP S-6 to S-3 2nd Bn What are you doing? Ans: I called Co "E" and they are starting to move. S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn Get your Bn moving around the right flank, they are not getting any resistance. S-6

0244 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn The 1st Bn is moving at 0300 hrs, can you go by them? Ans: Yes, we will send the companies around to the right. S-6

0245 in TP S-3 1st Bn to S-6 We have found a lot of mines to our front. We can't start the attack until 0400 hrs. S-6

0250 out TP S-6 to S-3 3rd Bn Where are your forward elements? Ans: "I" Co at 187185, "L" Co at 181178, "K" Co on the railroad to the rear. S-6 1st Bn attacks at 0400 hrs. The 2nd Bn right flank will advance at the same time. You follow them up, be ready to go by daylight. S-6

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0300 out TP S-6 to G-3 2nd Bn moving up on the right flank with two companies at 0400 hrs. 1st Bn continues the attack with the 3rd Bn moving up Highway #1. The two companies of the 2nd Bn are going on up to the river. We are getting some MG and sniper fire. Our 81 MM mortar ammo supply is getting low. S-6 to G-4 What is the deal on 81 MM ammo? Ans: Our Div dump and Corp dump is out, we are at Army dump now. They didn't want to give any to us but we are working something out. S-6

0310 out TP S-6 to G-3 Where are the tanks? Ans: They won't be up to you until daylight. S-6 My man has been on the road waiting for them. S-6

0315 out TP S-5 to Cannon Liaison Off (at Cannon Co) Tanks won't be up until about 0500 hrs. We will send their Liaison Officer down to you. S-5

0335 in TP G-4 to S-5 We are drawing 81 MM mortar ammo from a dump back quite a way. It should be up by daylight. S-5, S-4

0430 in TP S-3 1st Bn to S-5 We started the attack at 0400 hrs. We don't know what is out in front, we will keep you posted. S-5

0435 in TP S-2 2nd Bn to S-5 Companies "F" and "G" are moving now, our C.P. is at 193192. S-5 1st Bn is moving now also. S-5

0510 out TP S-5 to G-3 1st Bn and 2nd Bn are now moving, resistance is not so heavy now. G-3 168th Inf crossed the river at 266234. 2nd Bn 135th Inf at 181211 to 192227, 1st Bn at 201228, 3rd Bn at 191211 to 198219. S-5

0550 in TP S-6 135th Inf to S-5 Our 1st Bn is at 193200, 2nd Bn across the river at 187220 going north, 3rd Bn to follow up to 2nd Bn. S-5

0600 out TP S-5 to S-3 1st Bn What are you doing? Ans: Companies "A" and "C" crossed the highway with "A" Co to the south and "C" Co to the north. They are in a fire fight now, we have committed our reserve company. S-5

0602 out TP S-5 to OpertSgt 3rd Bn Situation of the 1st Bn given as received at 0600 hrs. Get "L" Co to help the 1st Bn out, they are close to them. S-5

0603 out TP S-5 to S-5 2nd Bn 135th Inf at 192201 to 192205. A battalion at 187212 of 135th Inf is going to Collemezzano. S-5

0605 out TP S-6 to S-6 3rd Bn How are you doing? Ans: I just talked to the C.O. 1st Bn, his Bn is having a little trouble, I am sending "L" Co over to help them as you told me before. S-6

0610 out S-6 to S-6 1st Bn Where are you now? Ans: Co "C" right flank at 178187, Co "A" at 178182, Co "B" to the rear of Co "A". S-6

0620 out TP S-6 to S-6 3rd Bn The tanks are moving up now. When you get "L" Co moved, get them over on west side of railroad to woods about 1000 yds. S-6

0625 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn Where are you? Ans: Co "E" has reached the river. S-6 1st Bn is moving to about 19 grid line. S-6 2nd Bn We are drawing a great deal of fire, our C.P. is being worked over by rifle and SP fire. S-6

0630 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-5 Twelve SP shells fell in vicinity of my C.P. (183170) coming from due north. S-6 One company of 2nd Bn at the river (186210) S-6

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0650 out TP S-2 to S-6 1st Bn 2nd Bn has a CP at 194192 and are receiving S/A fire from buildings at 178188. Can you put some mortar fire on them? Ans: My "C" Co is past there, we can send patrol back. S-6 How are you doing? Ans: "B" Co is working on enemy who have infiltrated. S-6 I will send some TD's up to you. S-6

0709 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-5 Co "K" at 179179 (left Co), Co "L" astride the railroad and Highway #1 on the right. S-5

0714 out TP S-2 to G-3 1st Bn at 169185 to 176185, resistance at 179187. Co "F" at 185189 north to 189192, Co "E" at 185210, Co "I" at 188182, Co "L" at 182176, Co "K" at 183172 going to 178179 to clean out resistance and will move southwest to the woods. S-2

0725 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn The tanks are passing my C.P. now, they should be up to you soon. S-6 2nd Bn We are having a little trouble, the enemy is close, we are working on a couple of MG nests. S-6

0806 in TP S-6 1st Bn to S-3 We need the TD's, they aren't up here yet. Ans: I will get them up to you. S-3

0811 in TP G-3 to S-3 What is your situation? Ans: Co "E" reports they are up to the river. 1st Bn at 172187, Co of the 3rd Bn going to 165175. The tanks just came up. S-3

0856 out TP S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn What is the situation? Ans: We got our tanks and we are ready to go. S-3 Is "E" Co on the river? Ans: Yes, but it is not confirmed, Co "G" is behind Co "E" and they are at 192204. We contacted the 135th Inf. Co "E" is going west when they cross the river. Co "F" is at 189190 along the road to the left flank of Co "E". Our plan is to send one platoon of tanks and a platoon of infantry from Co "F" to Cecina and another platoon of tanks with infantry north to main road and into Cecina. We are going into Cecina from the east. We are sending a mine group with each platoon of tanks. S-3

0919 out TP S-3 to S-6 1st Bn Where are your companies now? Ans: Our forward elements are at 175188 to 182188. S-3 Co "F" is at 191192, Co "G" at 192204. 2nd Bn is sending two platoons of tanks into Cecina with infantry. I will get the 3rd Bn to clean up all snipers. S-3

0931 out TP S-6 to S-6 1st Bn How are you doing? Ans: We have some enemy between my C.P. and forward companies. S-6 3rd Bn is going to clean up all pockets of resistance. I will put some artillery in on the 19 grid line. S-6

0944 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn Co "C" is at 187 grid line, Co "A" is at 183 grid line. They have some enemy between companies "A" and "C" and the Bn C.P. The TD's are working on them. Do you have your tanks? Ans: Yes, we have started out. S-6 Send patrols to 180218 and patrols along the river to Cecina. S-6 2nd Bn Co "E" has physical contact with the 135th Inf and they are coordinating an attack along the river. Co "E" is at 190209 and Co "G" is at 192204. S-6

1010 in TP S-3 135th Inf to S-3 Are you firing at 200198? Check with your Cannon Co, if you are stop at once. Ans: I will check. S-3

1012 out TP S-3 to S-6 Cannon Are you firing at 200198? Ans: No. S-3

1023 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Co "F" is at 179199. S-3

1026 out TP S-3 to S-6 1st Bn Co "F" is at 179199, they are holding there and

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- waiting for the balance of the company. S-6 1st Bn There is enemy between C.O. of Co "C" and his Co and enemy between us and C.O. Co "A". "B" Co is moving up to clean out the infiltration. S-3
- 1040 out TP S-6 to G-3 Our right flank is on the objective. Co "F" is working to Cecina. 1st Bn is at 175187, the enemy has infiltrated between the Bn C.P. and the Companies. Co "B" is cleaning out the infiltration. S-6
- 1119 out TP S-3 to S-6 2nd Bn A new Field Order came down and the objective is still the same. S-6 2nd Bn We are in the town now with tanks, Co "G" is moving to town now. S-3
- 1135 in TP G-26 to S-3 How are you doing? Ans: Co "F" is in town with some tanks. There are a lot of snipers in our sector. The balance of the 2nd Bn is at 190207. 3rd Bn has a company going to 165175 and the balance of the Bn is going to clean up all the snipers. G-26 Send a company into Cecina Marina. S-3
- 1139 out TP S-3 to Asst G-3 Co "F" on tanks are on the east part of Cecina, the balance of the 2nd Bn is at 190207. 1st Bn is at 172185, they are in the process of getting reorganized. S-3
- 1140 out TP S-3 to S-6 3rd Bn Where is "A" Co now? Ans: They are at 175181. S-3 Send a company into Cecina Marina. Co "F" is on the eastern edge of Cecina. S-6 3rd Bn Can we fire on 165180? Ans: Yes. S-3
- 1207 in TP S-3 1st Bn to S-3 What is the disposition of the 2nd Bn and the 3rd Bn? Ans: Co "L" at 183177, Co "I" at 187183, Co "K" at 180178, Co "G" at 185205, Co "E" at 190208, Co "F" at 176198 and at 178191. S-3 1st Bn Co "A" is at 179185, Co "B" is at 181182. The TD's are up here. We captured a PW and he states that they are to hold the town of Cecina at all cost. We had a lot of trouble on Highway #1, the enemy is putting up a fight. S-3
- 1212 out TP S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn Is Co "F" at 178191? Ans: Yes, also a platoon at 179192. S-3 Co "A" is at 179185, Co "B" is at 181182. S-3
- 1300 out TP S-6 to S-6 1st Bn How are you doing? Ans: Good now, I have to put all of "B" Co in to get straightened out. The company commanders were cut off from their companies and the snipers were working us over. S-6
- 1304 out TP S-6 to S-6 1st Bn Don't take any more prisoners if they keep fighting. S-6
- 1312 out TP S-6 to G-2 Companies "A" and "B" were cut off from their company commanders for about two hours by snipers. Co "B" is cleaning up the snipers now. We are getting most of our resistance in the vicinity of Highway #1 on the 185 grid line. S-6
- 1318 out TP S-6 to S-6 3rd Bn Where is Co "K"? Ans: They are at 186186 and swinging around to the right. S-6
- 1330 in TP G-3 to S-3 The 135th Inf reports they are at 194196 and are getting mortar fire. S-3
- 1414 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Co "G" has joined Co "F" and are going into Cecina. Co "E" has stopped in the bend of the river above town. We have patrols going to the 135th Inf. S-3

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- 1416 in TP G-26 to S-3 What is the location of your troops? Ans: 1st Bn is at 179185, 3rd Bn is at 182178 and the 2nd Bn is in Cecina working through the town. 3rd Bn will go to Cecina Marina. S-3
- 1422 Out TP S-3 to S-6 3rd Bn Is Co "A" moving? Ans: Yes, they are moving, I don't see anything of the 1st Bn yet. S-3
- 1423 out TP S-3 to S-6 2nd Bn When can you release some tanks? Ans: As soon as we get Cecina cleared of the enemy. S-3 You keep a platoon of tanks and send the balance of the company to the 1st Bn. S-3
- 1431 out TP S-3 to S-3 1st Bn Send a guide to the 2nd Bn C.P. (193192) to bring some tanks back to your Bn for your use. S-3
- 1450 in TP G-3 to S-3 What is the situation and disposition of your troops? Ans: Co "F" and Co "G" are going in town. Co "E" is at 187208. The 1st Bn are now reorganizing. G-3 The 168th Inf is disorganized. G-26 wants you to take Cecina, clear it of enemy and reorganize so you will be ready to go again. The 135th Inf is drawing fire from a house at 185203, put your TD's on it. S-3
- 1452 out TP S-3 to S-6 2nd Bn Clean up the house at 185203, the 135th Inf is drawing fire from the house. S-6 2nd Bn An officer is here now from the 1st Bn, and he is sending the tanks to the 1st Bn. S-3
- 1500 out TP S-6 to G-3 We have part of the 2nd Bn in Cecina. The 3rd Bn has knocked out 2 MG's and a flak wagon, the going is tough all along. S-6
- 1505 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-6 We are moving some now, the troops are drawing a lot of mortar fire. We are in quite a fire fight cleaning up the houses in our rear. S-6
- 1515 out TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Someone is firing mortars at 185203, will you check up on it with the 135th Inf? Ans: Yes. S-6
- 1522 in TP G-3 to S-3 How are things going? Ans: About the same. 2nd Bn is in Cecina, 3rd Bn and 1st are still held up but we are sending up tanks to them from the 2nd Bn. Tell the 135th Inf that someone is putting mortar on 185203. S-6 The going is slow, the enemy is not pulling out, they are still firing a lot of mortars at us. We knocked out another truck load of ammo this morning. S-6
- 1540 out TP S-6 to S-6 1st Bn The Commanding Officer of the tanks is here now, I am sending him up to you. Enter the town from the east. S-6
- 1610 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-2 An SP is firing from the vicinity of 188232. Someone is still firing mortars on 184204, we are not going over there until it stops. S-2
- 1614 out TP S-2 to S-3 135th Inf An SP is firing from 188232. Are you firing mortars on 184204? Ans: Yes we are. S-2 Our 2nd Bn wants you to stop because they are going over to clear out the enemy. Ans: We will stop. S-2
- 1618 out TP S-2 to S-6 2nd Bn The 135th Inf is holding fire so you can clean out 184204. S-6 2nd Bn Co "G" is getting a lot of MG fire from 18201920. S-2

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1620 out TP S-6 to G-3 We captured four 77 MM guns at 198184. Co "G" is getting fire from their rear. S-6

1635 in TP S-6 135th Inf to S-6 Do you have troops at 1920 grid line? Ans: Yes. 442nd Inf said they will hit the river at 1645 hrs. Our 2nd Bn extends 200 yards each way from 184223. S-6

1650 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Co "F" has cleared Cecina of enemy east of Highway #1. I am trying to find some tanks to send to the 1st Bn. S-3

1651 out TP S-3 to S-6 1st Bn Co "F" has troops in Cecina, watch your fire in that direction. We are looking for the tanks now, the Bn C.O. is here with me now. S-3

1700 out TP S-3 to S-6 2nd Bn Leave a platoon of tanks with Co "F" and send as many as you can to 1st Bn. S-3

1702 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-3 Co "I" is at 182180, Co "K" extends over to Co "L" and Co "L" extends over to the left. S-3 Co "F" has the eastern part of Cecina, they are sending all but 3 tanks to the 1st Bn. S-3

1714 in TP S-3 to G-3 Co "F" has control of Cecina east of Highway #1. Co "L" is at 170162 and are going over to the woods. Companies "I" and "K" are working over the snipers. The 1st Bn is at 178187 going over to the west side of town. S-3

1730 in TP S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn There is a report of an SP at 181204. Where is Co "G"? Ans: Co "G" is at 192204, I believe the SP is ours. S-3

1815 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn Move Co "G" over, they are now on Highway #1. The 1st Bn will join you, we expect by 2100 hrs. S-6

1830 out TP S-6 to G-2 We now control the east part of Cecina. Co "L" is moving up the beach, the tanks are moving up. S-6

1835 out TP S-6 to S-6 3rd Bn You are too close to the 1st Bn, move over west of the railroad 800 yards, then advance north. S-6 3rd Bn Co "L" on the beach is having a tough fight. S-6

1840 out TP S-6 to S-6 1st Bn I have told the 3rd Bn to move farther west. Take your tanks and start pushing north. S-6

1845 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-6 We have contact with the 1st Bn. Co "I"'s left flank is on Highway #1. Co "K" is moving over. S-6

1900 in TP S-3 2nd Bn to S-3 Companies "G" and "F" are in town, Co "E" is at the river moving west. Companies "G" and "F" are to move north through town. S-3

1902 out TP S-6 to G-3 Our troops are in town and are moving north. G-3 The 135th Inf reports 5 tanks and 100 enemy at 178213 moving south. S-6

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1910 out TP S-3 to 1st S-6 Five tanks and 100 enemy reported at 178213 moving south, watch out for them. S-3

1912 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn. Move one platoon of tanks to the river. The 135th Inf reports 5 tanks and 100 enemy moving south from 178213. S-6

1920 out TP S-3 to S-6 1st Bn Do you have any exact locations of your troops? Ans: No, we just received a heavy artillery barrage. I will contact the tanks and have them move up to support us to attack north. S-3

1925 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Co "E" is at 176213 along the river and are being counterattacked. Our TD's have gone back. S-3

1930 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn The counterattack is being broken up by artillery fire and tank fire from town. S-6

1932 out TP S-3 to S-3 135th Inf We have a company at 178213 and two companies in Cecina. Co "E" at 178213 had a counterattack, do you have any TD's to help them? Ans: You hold Co "E" back and we will put artillery fire along the river. S-3

1935 out TP S-6 to S-6 2nd Bn There are 3 TD's coming over to you. S-6

1940 out TP S-3 to S-6 3rd Bn What is the location of your troops? Ans: Co "K" is at 171183 left to the secondary road, Co "L" is on the canal. Co "K" reports enemy forming in front of them, they are putting S/A and mortar fire on them to break it up. S-3

1942 out TP S-6 to G-3 Co "K" is on the 183 grid line, they report enemy forming up in front of them. They are putting S/A and mortars on them to break it up and scatter them. S-6

1950 out TP S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn The 135th Inf reports 5 tanks at 183203. Ans: They must be ours. There is enemy in a house at 180190. We are clearing mines up to 185189, we also met enemy there. S-3

1955 out TP S-3 to S-6 2nd Bn The TD's are coming up to you as soon as possible. S-3

1957 in TP G-3 to S-3 The 135th Inf is having a counterattack, can you help them? Ans: I don't know, if we can I will do so. S-3

2000 out TP S-3 to S-5 2nd Bn The right flank of the 135th Inf is being counterattacked and they are asking for help. Ans: Our TD's are going up, I will see if we can help them. S-3

2010 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-3 There are two enemy tanks in front of Co "L" at 154184. S-3

2015 in TP S-3 135th Inf to S-3 Your Co "E" is pulling back, they suggest holding on ridge at 180203. Find out their plans and let us know. S-3

2016 in TP S-6 1st Bn to S-2 We have started to move at 1920 hrs. The house at 186187 is heavily booby trapped, we have it taped off. S-2

2030 out TP S-3 to S-5 2nd Bn Do you have any information on Co "E"? Ans: They said an enemy tank got in among their position. S-3

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2035 out TP S-3 to G-3 Co "E" reports that one enemy tank worked in among their positions. Our TD's have not gotten there yet to help them. G-3 Let us know if you need any help. S-3

2045 out TP S-2 to S-2 2nd Bn The 135th Inf reports that Co "E" is still withdrawing and they are around their C. P. (200197). Ans: Three TD's just came up and we are sending them up to get the enemy tanks. S-2

2050 in TP S-6 2nd Bn to S-3 Are you sure that Co "E" is at 200197? Ans: The C. O. of 135th Inf reports 100 men of Co "E" at his C. P. S-6

2100 out TP S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn Have you any information on Co "E"? Ans: No. S-3

2110 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-3 Our tanks are pulling back. S-3

2110 out TP S-3 to S-6 1st Bn Do you know why the tanks are pulling back? Ans: They ran into some mines, they are pulling back to get around them. S-3

2115 in TP S-3 2nd Bn to S-3 "F" and "G" Companies secured in Cecina, Co "E" was disorganized and pulled back. They reorganized and took over the high ground along Highway #1 and the river. S-3

2117 out TP S-3 to G-3 "F" and "G" companies are secure in Cecina, "E" Co has reorganized and taken the high ground along the highway and the river. S-3

2120 in TP S-6 3rd Bn to S-3 The right flank of "K" Co is at 174194 and over to the road and to the left of Highway #1. "I" Co is at 178188, "K" Co will shift over and button up with "L" Co. S-3 Keep "I" where it is as Regt reserve. S-3

2140 out TP S-3 to S-3 135th Inf Our Co "E" is going into position at 178204 to 183205. Ans: We are going to patrol to the river to the 18 grid line, you patrol to the river and meet us. S-3

2315 out TP S-3 to G-3 Enemy planes came over and bombed and strafed. S-3

2325 in TP S-3 3rd Bn to S-3 Our front line companies are receiving mortar fire and are calling for artillery fire. S-3

2340 out TP S-3 to S-3 1st Bn Where are your leading elements? Ans: 178193 S-3

2355 in TP S-6 1st Bn to S-5 Co "A" is tangled up in a mine field, leading elements at 178193 of "C" Co. We have physical contact with "L" Co. We are not sure how we are going to get into town. Co "C" is going down Highway #1 and cleaning out all of the houses. We are not receiving much fire tonight. S-5

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