

Lt. Prenata, CO of A Co., was seriously injured near Rechicourt and was evacuated. He was to be replaced by Capt. Smith.

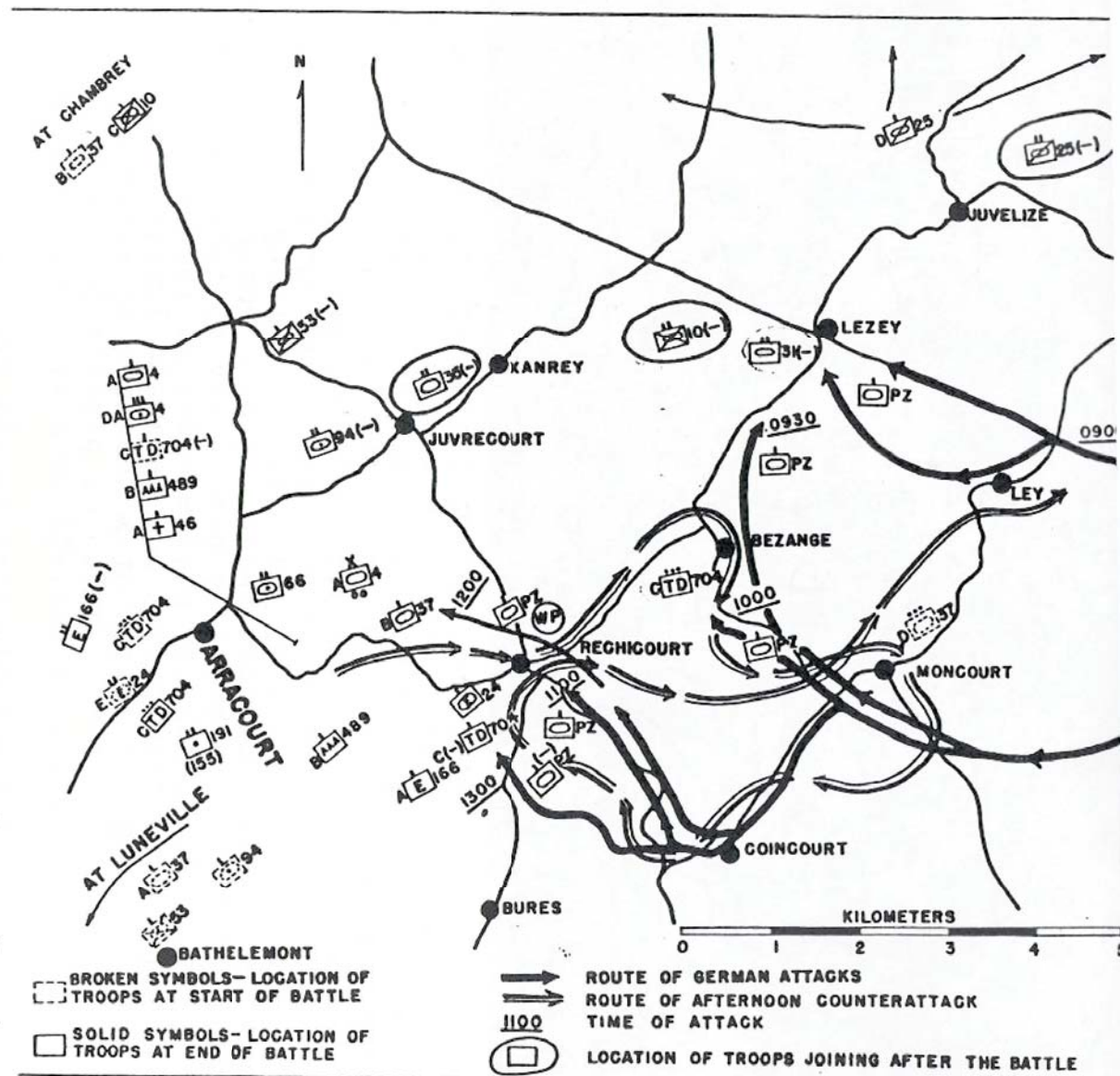
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From the Diary of A Company's  
First Sgt. Roy E. Roberson.

We were trying to get the enemy out of Rechicourt. I was lying in a ditch along a road waiting for the Second Platoon to move up. The incoming mail was very bad. Suddenly I saw a peep coming up the road to where I was. Looking up I saw it was GENERAL PATTON and three aides.

He got out, walked over to me and said "Sergeant, its pretty hot up here, isn't it?" I said "Yes Sir!" He said "What do you need up here? Where are your Platoons located?" I told him and then he asked "Where is your Company CO?" I told him that he had just been hit and evacuated and that a new officer was coming up.

All during this time Gen. Patton was standing in the middle of the road with his hands on his hips, never letting on that shells were hitting all around us. He walked around for about five minutes and when he left he said "I'll see that you get everything you need, Sergeant". I felt 100% better after I had seen what a great General he was.



MAP 6

Tank battle of 19 September 1944