

COMMENTS BY BATTALION COMMANDER

19 June 1944.

On the date and occasion mentioned in Capt. Pierson's report, my Battalion was ordered initially to jump off at 0500. This being a physical impossibility, I requested permission of the Regimental Commander to delay my attack until I could get my unit ready to move effectively. This permission was granted, which allowed time to get all supporting weapons in place, and also to use artillery to advantage. The use of all supporting weapons allowed the assaulting Companies to move forward with a minimum of casualties. Had we attempted to attack without supporting weapons our losses would have been excessive, and the attack might have failed entirely due to enemy dug in machine guns and mortar positions in addition to riflemen and snipers in well camouflaged foxholes.

*E. A. Madsen*  
E. A. MADSEN  
Lt. Col. Infantry  
Commanding