

TIMMES picked up 10 more men from the gliders, though in so doing his group became engaged at close range by enemy machine gun fire and had to get for cover. Wandering into CAUQUIGNY (Note: This was the first potential capture of the western approach to the LA FIETTE crossing.) they picked up another 30 men from Company D, 507. At that time, TIMMES heard firing from the direction of AMFREVILLE and decided that his own Battalion was probably attacking the village from the north (according to plan) and that he had best take his group and move against AMFREVILLE from the east to assist the mission. By this time, it was daylight. TIMMES figured it would be inviting trouble to move his group via the main road, so he veered a little to the north of the CAUQUIGNY church and started them cross-country. They deployed along a hedgerow and then went ahead along the lateral hedgerows and ditches. There were about 40 men. They moved on through the group of farm buildings to northwest of the church; there they ran into a group of about 30 men under LT LEVY of 507. TIMMES organized the enlarged party for all-around protection and again started forward. He imagined that he would be moving in on the rear and flank of an enemy force already engaged along its own front, once he came to AMFREVILLE. On this assumption, he weighted both his flanks with the idea that it would give him some advantage in the attack. As the group started moving up the high ground just to the east of AMFREVILLE, they ran