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VIERVILLE, France, 7 June 1944

On the late morning we were moving through Verville, that had been already captured the night before by elements of the 101st on their way to St. Come.

When we reached the center of the village all hell broke loose: small arms fire started hitting us from the school building facing the road. "Germans !!!"

We start shouting and running for cover. At least two half squads broke under fire. I run my men away from the school towards the market to the west and then "They are in the market too". We can clearly see movement of troops inside the building. They did not shoot but they were there. Waiting for us. The village was buzzing with Germans. I grab the radio and call for support, asking any troop of the 506th to come back to relieve us.

Corporal. Ludron 1st Battalion 506th PIR



Ludron was able to reach the east corner of the market and set a fire group there with the surviving men. The Germans in the west corner of the market building were not intended to contest his position, their target was just to keep the control of that side of the house and they keep hiding out of fireline there.

I rushed on the village from north and took position in a wooden house controlling the east entrance to the village.

Any German wanting to reinforce the school has to face a hard time. Soon we see movement from the east and I am sure I see some SS uniform among them.

Lt. Blank moved west of the school and the combined power of his and Ludron's fire was strong enough to dislodge most of the Germans from the building. Just one squad still there.

Sergeant. Meat 1st Battalion 506th PIR



After some 20 minutes of fight the situation is looking terrible.

We lost control of the school building due to superior enemy firepower. Zuianen broke with all his troops and is now hiding in a shank behind the building.

In order to reinforce the position we had to cross open terrain, under enemy fire, with the cover of the few smoke grenades we had. The result is that the troops reached the area scattered, some pinned, some broken, some exhausted.

I told to the elements of the 919th Grenadier Regiment to keep their position in the market and to not engage the enemy. They are too weak to confront the American para. Their best hope is to keep control of the building until reinforcements come.

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Situation looks promising. Waine, the last to answer to the call for support, made it for the center of the village, in front of the school, with his force intact. Now if Germans want to enter the target have to face all his point blank firepower and if needed he can even charge in the building.

Ludron and Blank regrouped in the market building and are ready to grind the grenadiers after having removed their concealment. The grenadiers are moving upstairs and downstairs like trapped mice.

In the back of the school Germans are doing some desperate movements sending ahead single squads and trying to regroup after crossing the road. They do not look able to mount a coordinated attack.

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And then miracle happened.

Single squad E of the 12th SS open fire on the market and, against all odds, breaks half of the troops there. The 919th grenadiers, underpower and pinned open fire on the other half and, again against all odds, breaks all the American troops. Got mitt uns!

At the school all German forces remaining and in reach of the target enter the building. The American is not able to recover the troops in the market area, he can still fight for the school since his forces there are intact but for sure he cannot both clean the school and dislodge the grenadiers from the market.

So he packs his stuff and retires.

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LOSSES

AMERICANS		
	SMC	MMC
KIA	0%	25%
MIA	0%	17%
GERMANS		
	SMC	MMC
KIA	25%	21%
MIA	0%	46%

MVP

The SS squad E that with 6FP +3 was able to break half of Americans in the market and the two 2nd line squads (one pinned) that with 6 +3 break the other half.