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- 0630 - First wave lands on schedule on beach of Normandie France (see Field Order #5, Hq CT 16) and meets fierce resistance on beaches. Beach is under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. No advance made inland as beaches were fully covered by pill boxes and mine fields just inland from beaches.
- 0730 - Forward CP lands. Beach still under small arms and machine gun fire. No advance made inland. Casualties extremely heavy. Slight artillery fire on beach. Heavy machine gun fire covering all exits and the entire beach.
- 0805 - Rear CP lands. Beach still under heavy fire. CP established on beach and infiltration started thru right flank of area at small break thru. Mine field cleared out and all troops on beach commence moving off to flank.
- 0830 - First four prisoners all from 8th Co, 916th Regiment, 352nd Div., brought in.
- 1000 - CP established just off beach on side of hill at 684895. Battalions are moving forward, but are out of contact with regimental CP. Beach and entire territory still under heavy fire and companies are meeting heavy resistance. Several landing craft have received hits and troops still landing on the beach are receiving artillery fire, causing medium casualties. Things are becoming organized, however, and the situation is beginning to clear.
- 1055 - 1st and 2nd Bns. get contact with the Regimental CP and are moving forward slowly, hitting very heavy resistance.
- 1115 - CO to CO 2nd Bn - 2nd Bn. is to hold up at point 38. Do not move further forward until you hear from us.
- 1120 - S-3 to S-3 1st Bn - Hold up at 38. Right, and we have contact with 2nd Bn. The 5th Co. is reported to be located at Surrain.
- 1135 - Negative report to Division by radio.
- 1145 - S-3 to EX 1st Bn-2nd Bn., 18th has landed. They will go in on your right. They will take your objective. You dig in and prepare for a counterattack. OK. A is on the right, C on the left, with B Co. following. We are still advancing slowly.
- 1145 - S-3 to CO 2nd Battalion - I talked to Capt. Smith and told him about the 18th. How soon can you move the rear part of your CP here by us up forward? We have someone on the way back now to pick them up and guide them forward.
- 1205 - EX 1st Bn to CO - Can we get any tanks up to Colleville-sur-Mer? A: No, none of them are up to here yet. They aren't off the beach. However, as soon as we can possibly get anything up, we will shoot it up to you. Keep yelling for it.
- 1210 - CO Can go to S-3 we want some tanks or artillery up here soon. Will you see what you can do about it for us? A-OK.
- 1220 - Information received that the 3rd Bn, 18th Inf., was in, but location at the present time was not given. Probably only a rumor.

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- 1223 - Message to CO 3rd Bn-2nd Bn. has had units in Colleville-sur-Mer for some time. 1st Bn. landed on the left of E-1, and is pushing in to assist the 2nd Bn. in taking its objective.
- 1232 - Ex 1st Bn to S-2- A Co. is at 678892. Part of B Co. is with them, and the rest is in reserve. We are going over to Point 19 first, and then towards 38. C is at 681884, moving very slowly. Capt. Merendino, Co. B., said he lost about 12 men from pill boxes firing on them. He couldn't get contact with the battalion. Major Driscoll said he wanted him over on the right. Major Driscoll to S-3 - We are 100 yards NW of 20. We are still pushing.
- 1255 - In with 3rd Bn. by wire.
- 1245 - Msg. to CG 1st Div-Prisoners stated that the CP 10th Co., 726th at St. Laurent-sur-Mer. CP 12th Co., 726th at Grandcamp-les-Bains. That is in the 116th sector. 916th in sector of 16th Inf. CP, 5th Co., 916th at Surrain. The 916th relieved the 915th two weeks ago.
- 1301 - Out by wire with 2nd Bn.
- 1312 - 1st Bn., 18th Inf., lands and is passing thru the CP area, moving forward.
- 1318 - Major Lauten to 1st Bn - Lt. Kolb is trying to find your CP and will follow the wire line up.
- 1326 - S-3 to 2nd Bn Fwd- Where are you? A: CP is now moving forward. We are not in contact with them just now. They took a radio with them to keep in contact with us.
- 1327 - S-3 to 1st Bn - Are you with Major Driscoll now? A: No, he is at the forward CP and we can't contact him now. However, I can give you the dope. A Co. is pinned down by a strong point, just at the head of the draw there at E-2, over by 20, west of Colleville B Co. is going along, sending a couple of sections over to help out C Co. C Co. is 100 yards NW of Point 20. The Naval Shore Fire Control Party is out with Major Driscoll now. The 2nd Bn. is held down. We are in buildings S and E of 20. There is stuff all around. S-3: Artillery fire is coming in on the beach now. A: Well, I can't see where it is coming from up here.
- 1355 - White out by wire.
- 1422 - More prisoners brought in. Prisoners have been coming in by twos and threes since the landing.
- 1425 - Msg. 2nd Bn to CO-Co I held up at Pt 8. Co. I unable to assemble forces to advance and has enemy infiltrating his position. Co. L same situation as Co. I. Co. I and L are just beyond Pt 9. Tanks and reinforcements needed. Time: 1330.
- 1440 - 1st Bn to S-2-C Co. the same as before, and B Co. has moved up to the right of them. There is no other change.

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- 1502 - S-2 to 2nd Bn - Have they cleaned out the town yet? A: The last report I had a half-hour ago was that they were just on the outskirts of the town. I will check by the 300 set and let you know.
- 1515 - 2nd Bn to S-2-Capt Dawson started into the town. He had a small counter-attack. He had a couple of sections as far as the church. Wozenski is trying to clean up. Dogtag is going thru the town. S-3: Halftracks are in. I am sending them up. What is your CP location? A: The CP is at 683885. We have contact with the 1st Bn only by means of passing men. The 2nd Bn., 18th, is passing through. E Co. is working up on the right, between G and Red. We received information from a civilian that there were about 150 Jerries in Colleville-Sur-Mer. We have only about 200 men left; 115 in G, 2 officers and 40 men in E, and 2 officers and 12 men in F. There are possibly 20 more around.
- 1540 - 2nd Bn. to S-2; What is the latest with Blue? A: Not so good. Part of I Co. didn't land. Very low on strength.
- 1540 - 1st Bn to S-2; C Co. is moving very slowly. B is on our Right, moving slowly, because of machine gun fire. As far as we know, A Co. is in the same spot.
- 1640 - S-2 to switchboard; Are we in with Danger Advance? A: No, sir.
- 1725 - In by wire with Decoy.
- 1800 - Capt. Smith, 1st Bn., to S-2; Major Driscoll says we need stuff up here to take out these pillboxes. If we can't get it, we will be held up. We're leaving this for your consideration.
- 1830 - 26th Infantry started landing on beach at 1830 hours. A few enemy artillery shells landed near them along the beach. Shortly after, the cruisers and artillery guns opened up for a short period of time.
- 1935 - Cruisers and ships firing heavy counter battery on guns firing on beach.
- 1940 - Enemy barrage of artillery landing along the beach where the troops are landing. Casualties light.
- 2045 - S-4 to Danger 6; Do you have an ammunition supply? A: We don't have any as yet. S-4; Do you have any transportation in yet? A: No. We are getting some in on DUKWs and as soon as they come in, we will send you one of the DUKWs with ammunition. It will come in at E-1.
- 2048 - Delight line is out.
- 2100 - Capt. Robbins to Major Heath-A German prisoner had two maps on him with 3 spots underlined. Believe they are strong points. These are at 659874, in vicinity of the road; 665874, running along road to the road junction and road north of it at 666875; and at Surrain, they had underlined around 670859. Very little change.

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- 2115 - Col. Pickett, Div. Sig., to Mr. Wiles-what is your equipment status?  
A: We are very short on our signal equipment. All the men that were carrying equipment were hit and we had to salvage what we could off the beach. Col. Pickett: OK. I will try to get you another signal crew and what equipment I can.
- 2124 - Capt. Bour, White 1, to S-1: Any improvement on the evacuation of wounded? A: If at all possible, we will send them out to the ships tonight. Send them up to us as soon as you can, and we will take care of getting them out.
- 2140 - S3 18th to S3: Williamson is located just north of goose egg on your map. One company at 702872, one at 702872, one at 695873, and one at 6788875. They are advancing to the high ground and then will move toward the West. We are holding back our 1st Bn. Do you have anyone in Colleville? A: Not that we know. S3 18th: Is your 2nd Bn. at 682878 and your 1st Bn. at 679878? A: Yes, that is right.
- 2145 - Danger 2 to S2: What's the situation in front of you? A: Very vague. There is a pill box in the draw near Colleville, and its causing us trouble. G2: Is the enemy close to the edge of Colleville? A: The 18th is at the top of the hill south of Colleville, but our right flank is still held by the enemy. There is no enemy North of the road except at E-3 exit, where there is a pill box. There's a heavy gun at Formigny and a few small ones at Russy. A few tanks were seen yesterday in Colleville. G2: What about your left company? A: They are on the edge of Lahammerroe. G2: Did you run into any tanks? A: No reports of any today. We got prisoners from 10th and 14th companies. 916th is the only company we are in contact with now. G2: There is a lot of shelling from the southeast and the Maisy area.
- 2205 - G3 to S3: Any more dope on your two units near Colleville? The General says that place must be cleaned out tonight. The 18th has two battalions in front of you. A: No, no more dope on them.
- 2242 - Danger 4 to S3: Do you know where the temporary vehicle area is? A: Yes. It is at E-1. Capt. Fish has been out there. G4: I'm setting up a temporary ammunition dump there. The ammunition will be rationed. Do you know anything about the 116? A: Yes. They are getting along OK. They are southwest of St. Laurent. ~~Capt Toby, 7th FA to S2.~~
- 2255 - Capt Toby, 7th FA to S2: I had a report from a Medic that people in St. Laurent had 29 Jerries billeted with them. They left tonite and were to meet in Louvieres.

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- 0655 - S3 to S3 1st Bn: What is your situation? A: We have just contacted two outfits from the 116. The 18th is having trouble and we and they both need tanks and selfpropelles. What about anti-tank guns? S3: Fish sent three guns to you a little while ago.
- 0655 - S3 to CO Can Co.: How may guns have you got? A: None. I have Carpenter on the beach looking for them. There are a couple of half-tracks in the transit area and if we can get them, we can get through some of these roads. S3: Have you seen any of your men? A: I understand the overstrength came in, but they haven't showed up yet. S3: OK, I'll check on that for you. I will check on Your guns and let you know one way or another.
- 0825 - Capt Hall to S2: I just sent back 40 or 50 prisoners. Remainder of that company of 716th, so they decided to give up. They said there was another CP in town, but they didn't know the strength or location. G Co. is up there doing okay. A few of our L Co. men were taken prisoner yesterday by these people, and today they gave up, so the L Co. men brought them back.
- 0832 - Col. Sternburg to S3: We are having some mortar fire on our 1st Battalion. Can it be from your guns? A: No, it isn't as I just checked, but I will check again, with Col. Hicks to be sure.
- 0816 - CO AT Co to CO 1st Bn: I have 9 AT guns, and will put them on the three approaches. A: OK, that's fine.
- 0820 - Msg. Center to 2nd Bn: Would like to get a report of what material and signal equipment you lost on the beach so that we can put in for replacement.
- 0837 - S3 to CO 2nd Bn: Are you firing your 4 1/2 mortars? A: No, I am not firing a thing. There is some artillery fire near here, but I'm not firing a thing.
- 0842 - White 1 to S1: We can give you a rough estimate of the men we have. We have about 380 men and officers left in the battalion. Most of those are Hq. and H. Co. We may find a few more.
- 0900 - S2 to G2: We have two officers from 3rd Battery, 352nd Artillery Regiment, and 2nd Battalion, 915th Infantry Regiment. From civilians, we learned they arrived in Colleville between 9 and 10 AM on D Day. One prisoner believed 726th was part of 352nd Div. 3rd Co. CP reported in Colleville. 2nd Co. is believed in Arromanch. Yesterday afternoon three men from L Co., 16th were captured and taken to Colleville. Last night the Germans shot their captain and made arrangements with the L Co. men to surrender. Two wounded and 50 others surrendered. G2: We have opened up our PW cage now.
- 0910 - Sgt. Collura to Sgt. Rodgers, Danger 3: Can you give me an idea of your location? A: at 671893.

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- 0940 - Sgt. Rodgers, Danger 3: The location I gave Sgt. Collura was correct.
- 0940 - Forward CP prepared to move out.
- 0945 - Brief case with Capt. Stowell's papers is at Marble CP.
- 0950 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: British have taken Caen and the 4th Division is pushing up.
- 0955 - Lt Walker to S2: There are 6 prisoners coming in from the 320th Div.
- 0956 - G3 to S3: What's the situation? A: G Co. has gone through Colleville. Col. Horner has tanks with him and is as far as Hamel. 115th has taken St. Laurent sur Mer, getting prisoners. Rangers are with them. Paratroops have landed OK. Cannon Co. DUKWS are all sunk. There may be some on another beach.
- 1010 - Advance CP moves out to new location forward.
- 1012 - S2 to G2: We have a Prisoner from Hq 2nd Bn., 915th Regiment. He gave information that the 915th Regiment had a CP at Montigny at the time we attacked. They rode bicycles 40 kilometers from Montigny to Colleville. The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion is Captain Lohmann. Their headquarters Lieutenant was killed. The CO of the 915th is Lieut. Col. Meyer. The whole of the 2nd Battalion was to be committed in Colleville on 6 June. They suffered heavy casualties during the bombing. The prisoners were captured just east of Colleville. They include a Hq. Co. driver. The prisoner said they expected tanks tonight, 7 June, or tomorrow morning. G2: I don't have much to tell you. Trevieres got a plastering from the air corps. Surrain is still held by the 916th.
- 1027 - Col Baker to S2: We have some naval people here who are standing by and want to shoot if you have a target. They will spot it from the air. If your 3rd Battalion has anything to shoot at, call me back.
- 1050 - S3 to S2: I am at 2nd Bn CP. Hicks is moving his CP to Colleville. snipers are harrassing road in the vicinity of Colleville. I don't think it worth while to move such a short distance. A: Col. Taylor says we must move the CP forward. S3: I'd like to move CP east of Colleville, but can't do it.
- 1102 - G3 to S2: General Huebner directs that the 3rd Bn. of the 26th attached to you be given the mission of seizing your 3rd Bn.'s objective.

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- 1105 - s2 to G3: The General already talked to the Colonel about that Bn of the 26th. Col Horner coordinated the attack. A: OK. The 231 Brigade is in Bayeux, you know. s2: Yes, we already knew about that
- 1130 - s2 to G2: We have a civilian, reserve officer in the French Air Corps, active in the underground. He is wounded. He speaks English. He gave us the information that there were 155 guns at 715853 at Le Berte. Also, 155s at 895852, Hauteville, and 155s at 657874, Hq of an artillery Regiment (Saxony) at Mosles. Tour en Bessin is the home of the company of the Saxony Regiment. At Etreham is a supply depot with horse drawn transport. There are 700 to 1000 <sup>Men</sup> at Trevieres. Also, there are tanks at Mandeville. The enemy has pulled out during the night, and left small detaching detachments. G2: OK. The only thing I have is that the British have pushed forward.
- 1145 - Red 3 to s2: C Co. has moved out. Forward elements of C are 400 yards northeast of 49 on the road junction, in all around defensive positions. No contact yet, but there is a fire fight going on in the vicinity of 38. B Co. is on the right rear of C Co. A Co. is on C Co.'s left rear. Col. Winters thought they heard tanks out front. We have plenty of anti-tank stuff around 20. Who cleaned out the road from 19 to 20? A: We thought you did. Red 3: No, we haven't. A: Well, I'll tell the Colonel. Red 3: B Co. just called and said they were friendly tanks. What's the picture? A: We're pushing, but we are doing the worst.
- 1150 - s2 to S3: What about us moving up? A: Soon as we get switchboard in. It's still bad here. Plenty of snipers. One man here in the CP just got wounded. But it's the only place to go. s2: The British moved in front of our sector, in front of L Co. The Colonel ordered the 3rd Bn. to move out and seize their objectives.
- 1205 - Major Rippert to s2: Will you give my battalion the coordinates of our CP - at 678894, when you get in touch with them. There is still sniping going on in St. Laurent, but our battalions are going right inland east of the town. s2: Okay, I'll give your battalion your coordinates. No word from them since they or the 3rd Bn. shoved off.
- 1215 - Rear CP closes out.
- 1225 - Rear CP arrives at forward CP location at 683890.
- 1245 - The British have Caen and Bayeux and the 4th Division and Paratroop Divisions are in and things are looking up.



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- 1315 - s3 to G3: Our CP is at 683890. As soon as I can, we will move to 681880. G3: 670893 is division CP coordinates. 2nd Bn., 18th is having quite a fight and they have taken about 90 prisoners. We have lots of air here so if you have any targets, let us know. G3: When is the 2nd Division coming in? A: Sometime this afternoon.
- 1324 - s2 to G2: One prisoner from the 1st Battalion, 352nd Artillery Regiment. The Regiment consists of four battalions: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions with 105s, and the 4th Battalion consists of 150s. The 1st Battery is 4 Kilometers south of Surrain. They were disposed from east to west in the order 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- 1327 - Capt. Brooks to S4: I am at Division and they want a periodic report in tonight. The ration dump will open at 1600 hours today and we have a water point but I don't have the coordinates. I will get them. Will you have all the battalions and special units bring in their periodic reports tonight to the ammunition dump? A: OK.
- 1415 - Decoy reported moving forward by the Dagwood operator.
- 1435 - Col Hicks to Sgt Collura: In regard to the mortar fire that Major Plitt and I talked about, we are ready here. We have men on the knoll ready to trap them when they come out. A: Major Plitt is using the bridge as the right boundary. The coordinates are 686886. Col Hicks: That's OK.
- 1437 - Col Hicks to S1: How about getting some Graves Registration people out here? A: Capt Groves will take care of that very soon. Col. Hicks: Let me know about this. There are dead all along the road between you and me and this isn't good for the morale.
- 1450 - 300 Msg from CO 3rd Bn to CO: We are in vicinity of 24. Are proceeding on mission.
- 1451 - Red 2 to S1: Do we have anyone in the vicinity of Surrane at all? A: No we do not. Red 2: We are going to shell in there. S1: The 18th may be in there. Check it. Red 2: OK.
- 1511 - White 2 to S2: We are sending you about 23 men and one officer as prisoners of war. We gathered them out of the Exit 3 strong point. A: That must be the same outfit that we are putting mortar fire on now at 686886. White 2: Yes, that is the place. A: Capt. Hall and some men are going down there now. This will clean them out if there are any left.

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- 1600 - Red 2 to s2: There are 21 mines laid in the road bed at 681868, 10 mines at 681869, and 9 mines at 678868. The left flank of F Co. is 684870. F Co. is the left company. Right flank of B Co is at 668874.
- 1600 - 33 Prisoners received.
- 1610 - s3 to Red 6: Assume positions formerly assigned to 2nd Battalion.
- 1615 - 300 Msg from Dagwood Blue: We are in the vicinity of 28 and 29.
- 1650 - Advance CP group moves out for new CP.
- 1745 - Capt Fish to Lt Kunze: Get in a jeep and go up on a reconaissance. We are going to set up a CP at 682880, crossroads east of Colleville. Regiment is going into that vicinity.
- 1750 - Lt Kunze to s3: Can the minefield around the CP be moved? A: Yes.
- 1800 - Radio Msg: CP 18th located at 672888.
- 1810 - Col Hicks to s3: We are moving up at 1830. E Co. will take up position 41. G Co. will take up position 42 (at crossroads just back of 42, near St. Angus). Has the 18th moved out? A: Yes. Col. Hicks: What's on my left? A: British have definitely taken St. Honorine, but the enemy is reported to hold a part of Port En Bessin. Col Hicks: OK, I will leave a rear CP.
- 1830 - s1 to Capt Smith: Has your strength changed any? A: No. s2: Any information from your patrols? A: Yes, were now getting machine gun fire on our right flank, and replying with the same. We ran into a bivouac area and have gathered up documents and a bunch of stuff.
- 1857 - Dagwood Fwd reports in by phone, and has line with Danger Fwd.
- 1858 - sgt Collura to Capt Ralph: Do you want us to move up? A: Move up but maintain the rear board.
- 1910 - Closed out rear CP and moved forward.
- 1945 - Rear group arrives forward.
- 1948 - Dagwood Blue to CO: Our forward CP is at point 29, with I Co and L Co at point 10. M Co is at point 27. We are sending motorized and foot patrols to point 12.

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- 2020 - S2 to Danger 3: The 3rd Bn is progressing with little resistance toward 725 easting. 1st Bn., 26th Inf., is there. The 3rd Bn. is beyond St. Honorine.
- 2023 - Col Hicks to S3: I have two sections of the 2nd Bn., 116th with me.
- 2028 - S3 to G3: We are now at 680881. Gr: Williamson is in the town and is cleaning it up. S3: Hicks has E Co. at 702868, G Co. at 711870. G3: We are trying to get something for the future. We don't know the Division boundaries yet.
- 2030 - Msg from CO 26th Inf: White Bn, Dextrose proceeding southeast in front of your RED and WHITE, then south of Red Bn. Dextrose to attack ridge at 720830. Notify all units where Red Bn of Dextrose is.
- 2035 - Lt Carroll to Col Grant: Would you verify this message (above). A: Yes, they will be on the high ground where Red and White are now.
- 2044 - 1st Bn. sends in negative report.
- 2055 G2 to S2: What identifications did you get from in front of Red?  
A: We got about 25 prisoners from the 1st Company, 726th. Light resistance and no report. G2: Did you get any artillery fire over there? A: No. G2: We would appreciate it if you sent prisoners back to the cage from now on. We have several prisoners who are government workers, and we are sending them back to the cage.
- 2102 - S3 to Dagwood Red: Just a little information for you, and we want your location. Just to the left and a little below that is a little town called Bicert (710870) is E Co. What is your location? A: C Co. is 6787 grid, at 675872 they are. Out that road to the east is A Co. To the west is B Co. The CP is 677874, in the corner of the large orchard. Our antitank guns are at <sup>674874</sup>674872. The first is to fire southeast and the other to the south. L Co is at 725882. I is at 722877. Both are working to the East. They haven't contacted the British. K Co. is holding a position at 719816. Who holds Surrain?  
A: The 18th is down there. The 18th is supposed to be in Formigny and push down to your front.
- 2120 - Capt Clark to Dag Red: Is that artillery falling near you? A: No, ~~it~~ it is landing across the road from B Co., due east from us.
- 2235 - S3 to Danger 3: Contacted your outfit at Russe, 733868, one hour ago. Anything in reference to York? A: 656858 is the center of his mass. S3: How about Crowley? A: At 656877. S3: How about <sup>Colmin</sup>Farminia? A: It hasn't been taken; they are going to dig down for the night. S3: Our situation is this: 3rd Bn CP 720881, L Co. at 740877, I Co. at 733873, K Co. at 722879. The 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn will tie up at the CP of the 3rd. S3: How about the 18th? A: Northeast about 500 yards, at 677864. S3: How about Port en Bessin? A: Patrols are going in there. S3: How about the 26th Infantry? A: 1st Bn is on the high ground at 733868, under 16th control until tomorrow morning. The 2nd Bn is swinging south.

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- 2250 - Major White to Major Plitt: Kemp contacted the British for us. The British took Port en Bessin about seven tonight. They are going to evacuate their wounded thru us. Capt. Carmichael says the 1st Bn. of Dextrose is at point 64.
- 2120 - Major Gale to Major Lauten: What is the dope on the patrol you sent to Port en Bessin? A: It is a two man patrol and they encountered the enemy defending the east and west. The British are advancing on the city just as quickly as possible. We caught a wire man in the bunch and he said the 726th CP is located in a chateau in Sully (767826). What are we to do with these civilians who we have picked up and have been working on defenses for the Germans? A: Turn them over to the Civil Affairs Officer for interrogation and disposition.
- 2245 - Major Gale to Major Lauten: How many PWs did you take? A: About 150. Major Gale: see many German dead? A: Hardly any, but we have taken some wounded. Major Gale: How was the morale of the PWs? A: very low, and most of them don't give a damn. Major Gale: Did any of them have any knowledge of the landings along the coast? A: No. Major Gale: Here is the latest report from Victor-- A large concentration of troops and armor on the Bayeux-st Lo road. Tactics air force bombed them off the road.
- 2300 - Red 3 to S3: Negative report.
- 2312 - S3 to White 3: The 2nd Bn., 26th, is in front of you and are going on the stream line to Russe. Have you heard any fire from that way? A: No, but there is a fire fight report in the vicinity of Bellefontaine. S3: Major Driscoll is sending a patrol on the road to Point 51, and you can patrol from where you are to Point 51. What about the cable junction? A: A patrol from E Co. is out there to blow it.
- 2320 - Blue 3 to S3: Dextrose Red is at point 44. Walker is out there trying to contact them and he is trying to get a wire line to Murdock. S3: The 2nd Division is coming in on our right in the morning. Where is your CP and your companies? A: The CP is at point 28, Co. I is at Point 32, extending to point 44, Co. L is at 740876, the 81st is at Point 28, the 62nd FA has 14 guns, expects 2 more and is in the same place.

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Co. A, 20th Engineers is 300 yards west of Point 27. Co. L contacted Co. C, 26th at point 32. Co. K is in Point 29. S3: Have Co. K patrol to Point 42.

- 2335 - Red 3 to S3: Nothing to report. S3: do you know where 2nd and 3rd Bn. are? A: Yes sir. S3: I want you to send a patrol at 1, 3 and 5 to Point 51, and Co. E will send out one to meet your patrol. The 2nd Division is going to come in on our right and we will more than likely swing toward the British.
- 2350 - Major Plitt to Major White: How about the 116th? A: The situation is obscure.
- 2358 - S3 to Danger 3: En Bessin was taken at 7 tonight, I understand. A: Right.
- 2359 - Major Plitt to Dextrose (Crawford): 1st Bn. of Dextrose is on Mt. Cavin. We will get a wire to them soon.
- 2400 - Dagwood Red to Mr Lipinski: Negative report.

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- 0102 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger thru Div; Commandos in Port en Bessin. stiff opposition. - Kestlinger 1930.
- 1012 - White 2 to Mr Lipinski; Fireworks still going on at Bellefontaine. Communications cable was blown up OK by men from Ce. E. They are back from the patrol. Everything else is quiet up here.
- 0103 - Red to Mr Lipinski; Negative report.
- 0120 - Lt Walker to Mr Lipinski; Co I is sending a patrol out to 64 and 56. Lt. Kemp reports they, the enemy, are out there. He will get further information on them for us. I Co. is south of Point 33. L Co. is north of point 33. K Co. is around point 29. The CP is at Point 28. Tonight contact was made at point 34 with the British. They will clean out point 13 tomorrow morning, and 12 was cleaned out today.
- 0155 - Dagwood white to Mr Lipinski; Negative report.
- 0200 - Dagwood Blue to Mr Lipinski; Negative report.
- 0215 - Dagwood Red to CP; Negative report.
- 0300 - Dagwood white to CP; Everything is quiet.
- 0300 - Dagwood Blue to CP; Here is a report on our patrols. At 0216, Co. I patrol reported that the Dextrose Red CP is at 64. Their forward CP is at 54. Nothing was reported between Co. I and Dextrose but two snipers. At 0230, Co. K patrols reports Dextrose Blue I was at 64. Another patrol reports Dagwood White G is at 62 on the left Flank.
- 0300 - Dagwood Red to CP; Everything is OK.
- 0330 - Dagwood Red to CP; Everything is OK.
- 0402 - Capt. King to S3: We picked up an intercept indicating that there was a counterattack coming from Mosles (705837). It is probably a motorized or armored attack, supported by artillery.
- 0405 - Dagwood Red to CP; Situation unchanged.
- 0420 - Lt. Stephens to Dagwood Red; Information on intercept reference counterattack above given.
- 0422 - Lt Stephens to Dagwood white; Information on intercept reference counterattack above given.

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- 0427 - Lt Stephens to Dagwood Blue: Information on intercept reference counterattack above given.
- 0505 - Dagwood Red to CP: No change.
- 0540 - Dagwood Red to CP: No change.
- 0543 - Capt Hall to S1: There isn't much change. We had a little fighting, some rifle fire. We have 6 more of our thick skinned friends. The patrols have reported nothing.
- 0548 - S1 to Dextrose CP: The line is out to our Blue Battalion, but as soon as we can contact them, we will check on your outfit and let you know.
- 0602 - Dextrose to Dagwood: There is a concentration of tanks around Trevieres. Also there is an indication of a counterattack from Mosles. Be sure and let us know what you hear from Dagwood Blue.
- 0610 - Col. Grant to S1: Anyone up there yet? A: No, sir. Col. Grant: Be sure to have Major Plitt call me when he gets up.
- 0615 - Dagwood Red to S1: Negative report.
- 0625 - S1 to Dagwood Blue: Had a call from Dextrose. His CP of the Red Battalion is at point 54, Blue Battalion at point 64. We made contact with the 2nd Bn. at 62.
- 0630 - Col Gibb to S3: send someone down to Surrain and contact the 18th Infantry and make a reconnaissance in case we have to send a battalion down there to help out the 18th.
- 0655 - Dagwood Red to S3: Anyone moving in between us and E Co? A: No, only the 62nd FA. Look, you will send someone down to Surrain to contact Col. Smith and make a reconnaissance in case we have to move your battalion down there to help them. Dagwood Red: could you have the 2nd Bn send pit a Patrol as they did last night? We made contact with the 32nd FA west of 51. A: OK.
- 0706 - Major White to S3: could you give us more information on the 2nd Bn? A: Their CP is at point 41. E Co. is at 703868, G Co. at 712870. Major White: Any change in Dextrose White? A: No. Major White: We are putting in road blocks at 44 and 46. We are putting in mines there. A: That is a bad place because the British are in front and probably there will be a lot of traffic there.

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- 0720 - S3 to Major Rippert: How is your 2nd bn. making out? A: They are down on objective 720828. They are asking for tanks. S3: Is the 33rd FA in? A: Yes, they are sitting up and down the road.
- 0728 - G3 to S3: Has any of your units contacted the 47th Commandos? A: Yes, the 3rd Bn. has contacted them.
- 0750 - S3 to G3: A message from Lt. Kestlinger tells us that port en Bessin is to be bombed. We don't want it bombed. A: OK, I'll stop it.
- 0750 - Msg from British Adv. Line to CO 16th: port en Bessin to be bombed, must know location of all troops original Blue area. Urgent you answer immediately. From Lt. Kestlinger.
- 0800 - Major Rippert to Lt Stephens: can you tell me where the battalions of your outfit are? A: The 2nd bn. is at 70 and 71, and along 87; the 1st at 67, over into part of 69, between 87 and 88.
- 0805 - Major White to Lt Stephens: Tell Major Plitt that the commandos have completed control of Port en Bessin. A: Yes sir, Will you tell Col. Horner to be prepared to take that high ground. How many PWs have you? A: About 90 will be coming in.
- 0815 - Blue 2 to S2: I just wanted to check with you. I Co. has about 90 PWs that they got from the Commandos. I just wanted to be sure that you were ready for them.
- 0818 - Major Plitt to Major White: When the 1st bn of the 26th is released from you, take the rest of your battalion up to that high ground. A: OK. The bn CP will remain here until L Co. moved up. Major Plitt: be sure and make a reconnaissance before moving. A: The Colonel is going to take care of that himself.
- 0820 - 3rd Bn to S3: As soon as the 26th moves out, we will take up our originally planned positions. I and K will be reversed - that is the only change. The British are moving up east of us. We had a fight between Huppain and the Port last night. Our half-track gunner knocked the hell out of a bunch in there.
- 0820 - Msg. to Co from CO 3rd Bn: Our friends are at point 12 and 14.
- 0843 - Capt. Clark to Capt. O'Brien: Where is the gun you have for repair? An officer from the 1st Ordnance says they can repair it for you. A: Send him up, but I don't think he can repair it. It will still fire a couple of rounds, and we need it. Impress upon them that we need these guns.



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- 0848 - New CP of Co. A, 1st Eng., is at 705872.
- 0902 - Red 3 to 92: Some information - There are 12 tanks southwest of Engranville. The 18th is east of Engranville. There are tanks in Trevieres. The 18th has a platoon in Formigny. The bridges between Bayeux and Formigny are in good shape. The 2nd B., 26th, are in grid square 7282, southeast of Mosles. The 18th Infantry's supply dump and motor pool were raided by a patrol. Several men were killed, and some prisoners taken. A: Port en Bessin has been taken by the Commandos. The 3rd Bn. is moving to its original objective, and the 26th is going to take over our original mission.
- 0905 - G3 to Capt Clark: Have the CO of Co. A, 81st Chemical Bn. report to the Division CP at once. The 16th Inf. will lose Co. A immediately and Co. C, 81st, is alerted, and you will most likely lose them soon.
- 0911 - Capt Clark to Capt Hall: Have CO, Co. A, 81st Chem. report to Danger CP immediately. They are to be taken away from us. Co. C is to be alerted and we will lose them, too. What is your situation? A: We are in position and have patrols out to the south. We are in contact with units of the 26th and 18th. Also, we are in contact with Red Bn. on our right. We have two tanks in support.
- 9020 - Lt Walker to Capt Clark: 86 PWS are marching in to you now. 6 more are on a truck, wounded. One is in the hospital, and one is still here being treated by the medics. There is a white bearded old man taken by Co. K. He had radios in his house. Franch people say he is a German sympathizer. We would like the CIC to check on a family in this town. They came here with the Germans. They had officers to dinner quite frequently. They have excellent furnishings in their house. The Franch people don't know anything about them. A: OK. Alert Co. C, 91st Chem. as we will most likely lose them soon.
- 0925 - Major Boynton to Capt Clark: What is the situation in Port en Bessin? A: The Commandos took it, but we are evacuating their wounded thru our Blue Battalion. Major Boynton: Where is your Blue Battalion? A: They are not moving to their original objective. - Major Boynton: There is a bombing mission being sent to Port en Bessin to knock out a horse drawn battery.
- 0940 - Red Sgt. Major to Capt Clark: The situation is unchanged.

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- 1030 - white 2 to s2: what's the dope? A: Decoy White is in the General vicinity of 704835, have twelve heavy duties with them, and are pushing toward the town at 733821. Decoy Red is on the high ground west of ~~6485~~ Engranville at 6585. Dextrose White is on the high ground west of 6485. Behind them is Dextrose Blue, vicinity of 625865. Decoy Blue is at Mandeville at 663831. The British are still pushing on Caen. L Co. is on the 74 Grid. I Co. is at 735872. white 2: what about the tanks at Engranville? A: Don't know. The Heines only put a 1½ inch hole in one of our tanks at close range. Things are alright around here. They are pretty well cleared. The pill box was blown last night. Yesterday three members of the 4th schnell Brigade were captured when they were out on a reconnaissance for the 17th.
- 1045 - G3 to S3: Just got a report that Etreham is still in enemy hands. Dextrose is near there, but we don't have anyone in the immediate vicinity.
- 1045 - S2 to G2: We have an old man who had a transmitter with him. A: That's right. We heard he was working with the Germans. Hold on to him until the CIC gets there.
- 1100 - Col. Sykes to Col Taylor: We are moving our CP to Russy.
- 1105 - G3 to S2: Did you people know Major Washington was a casualty? A: No, we did not. G3: There is an enemy battery at 718844. The 2nd Bn., 18th is going there. We found the CP of the 352nd and bombed it and completely destroyed it.
- 1105 - 3rd Bn. to S2: There are 16 more prisoners on the way down. A: Okay, be sure that they stop here at regiment, and do not go direct to division. 3rd Bn: 14 of them are marching and two of them are in a jeep because they are suffering from shock. One of them is a Lieutenant. A: The I&R is going out in jeeps with radios. They will sweep out in front of you. We have some more enemy codes on the way down. 3rd Bn: Be sure they watch out as there is anti-tank fire at point 44.
- 1112 - Capt Clark to 3rd Bn: Will you have a report sent in as soon as possible to S4 of equipment and guns that are needed.
- 1120 - S3 to Dextrose 3: We have a message from your 1st Battalion. A: Could you give us their coordinates? S3: It is in the vicinity of Etreham. As far as we know, the shelling is still going thru. We are going to the west of it. The message is as follows: Consolidated my positions. Can stay here or move on to any new objective you may have. We have patrols in Pado FV Pado.
- 1122 - S3 to G3: The 1st Bn., 26th, is going west of Etreham and they do want the shelling here, as it is a strong point. But they want you to notify them first. G-3: Notify Co. A, 81st Chemical that they are reattached to the 16th Inf., and that Co. C will also stay with you.
- 1205 - Capt Clark to Blue 5: Company C, 81st Chemical, will remain attached

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to the 16th. Who controls the east and west of Port en Bessin? A: The commandos are moving on Hill 56. I think some enemy are still there. The enemy is still in the woods at 55. Our naval fire is shelling Hill 64. There is small arms fire coming from 77. A section is being sent out to 55 to see what the situation is there. The strong points on both sides of Port en Bessin are clear.

- 1228 - Capt Clark to Blue 1: Give me the coordinates of your companies positions. A: L Co., 734867; I Co., 742873; K Co., 722877; and the battalion CP is at 71881. Capt Clark: Are the companies in their positions now? A: All except L Co, who is preparing to move to 64. Capt Clark: Who are your company commanders now? A: K is Lt. Booth, L is Lt Cutler, M is Lt Edwards, and I is Lt. Richards. I (Lt. Wolf) am the Adjutant.
- 1235 - 1st Bn 2 to Capt Clark: I'm sending back some Jerry letters, etc., that have been picked up in the fields. Patrols are moving both to the right and the left and have no contact with the enemy. We have contact with the 18th Inf.
- 1240 - Lt Allen, AT Co., to Capt Clark: Here are our gun positions: 679880, 681880, 682879, 687883, 680881, 679882. I will send in an overlay. Have two guns here, one is working, ordnance is checking the other. We are short one now. I don't know what happened to it. We are not short any tracks.
- 1252 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Who holds the high ground east and west of Port en Bessin?
- 1255 - Capt Clark to G3: Do we have Formigny? A: All assurances, Yes, but I have had no definite word. Clark: How about Trevieras? A: It is not in our hands, but the 18th holds the high ground near it.
- 1302 - Capt Clark to Dextrose: Do you have units in Tour en Bessin? A: No units, but patrols are in the town.
- 1307 - Lt Walker to Capt Clark: L Co. is moving to 64. A patrol under Lt. Klenk started for point 55, and was held up on the west edge of town north of 55. The enemy has machine guns there. One British Bren gun drew HE and AP fire at Point 65. We have ordered K Co. to move to the vicinity of points 43 and 44.

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- 1330 - Blue 2 to Capt Clark: When are these CIC people coming up to see me?  
A: Check with Major Lauten, they were to have been up here. A: Major Lauten says he don't know. Capt. Post was supposed to go with the Judge Advocate to see you people. Blue 2: I'm getting ready to go to Point 33 to the CP and wanted to see them before I left. (Msg Center says Capt Post went to St Laurent and Colleville.
- 1340 - Major Lauten to Col Evans: Among the PWs I sent to the cage is the harbor master at port en Bessin, along with another "hot" PW. St Honorine needs CIC men within one hour. Walker wants to move on.
- 1405 - From Dagwood White: The patrol that C Co. sent out to make contact with the 2nd battalion has made contact and everything is under control.
- 1420 - S3 to Dagwood Blue: Where is Capt. Elder? A: He is moved up to point 33. That is where the CP is moving.
- 1425 - Dagwood Red: No change in situation.
- 1435 - Major Heath to Red 3: Is Capt Robbins there? A: No, he has gone out to the battery positions. I'll have him call you.
- 1450 - Message from CO 3rd Bn: Am displacing forward to Reference 33.
- 1525 - Col Cunin to Major Plitt: How are things there? A: all OK. Col Cunin: Good. Co. A. 1st Engs. are released.
- 1530 - S3 to Dagwood White: Let me speak to someone from the Engineers.  
A: I'll get Murphy. Capt Murphy: what's the dope? A: Your company is to revert to Division control, less one platoon. Capt Murphy: OK, I'll leave my third platoon here.
- 1550 - Sgt Collura to Red 3: White CP and Blue CP: Dextrose Blue will move southeast along the Formigny-Bayeux road within the next two hours.
- 1600 - Col Horner to Major Plitt: L Co. is moving up to the dextrose Red position. I have a section around point 55. I think it was cleaned out up to and including Point 64. A reinforced British company, riding on tanks, is coming up to points 55 and 56. Lt. Klenk is fighting with them. I Co. CP is at point 33. The Bn CP is at Point 33. L Co. is at 44, 54, and the rear of 64. The Port is clear. Ships are in the harbor and men are in billets. The Royal Marines have troops at point 13, also one troop on 12, and the rest at 56. The I&R Platoon has an OP on hill 64. We will be in by 204 as soon as we get set up. The men need equipment. They lost quite a bit of stuff when the boat went down.



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- 1725 - Major Lauten to Lt Bryan: Tell the Colonel we will get a plan for moving the 1st and 2nd Battalions due south across the river.
- 1740 - Capt Clark to Major Driscoll: The Colonel wants you to report here for orders.
- 1750 - Msg from 50th British Brigade to Lt Payne: 231st Brigade port en Bessin and Escuces. 56th Brigade at Sully and Vaucelles.
- 1805 - Capt Clark to Col Hicks: Report here for meeting with Col. Taylor, right away please.
- 1825 - Col Mason to Major Plitt: General Wyman has asked me to call you concerning getting your information to us as soon as possible. A: Col. we have been getting it to you right away. Col Mason: I know that.
- 1830 - Capt Clark to Lt Chandler: Tell Major Washington to alert the battalion for a move; all the companies.
- 1832 - Major Plitt to Col Horner: send someone back here for information. A: I'll send Eston. Major Plitt: Stay on the ground where L Co. is. The area north is to become a dump area tomorrow morning. Close in close, comb out snipers. Our CP will move forward to the vicinity of Bellefontaine.
- 1835 - Capt Clark to Green operator: Tell Captain Fish to report to the CP immediately.
- 1840 - Capt Clark to Capt O'Brien: Report to this CP immediately. A: OK.
- 1910 - Forward CP moves out for vicinity of Bellefontaine.
- 1910 - Colonel Taylor has meeting of Bn COs and SU commanders relative the move.
- 2017 - Lt Walker to Major Lauten: I have 30 or so PWs for you. A: Take them to the Division cage. I'll have an interpreter there.
- 2025 - Msg to S2: 5 Germans believed to be in castle at 720850. Awaiting further orders to investigate or to continue.
- 2045 - Capt Elder to Capt Clark: L is on 64, receiving sniper fire from the rear. I am leaving I where they are. We got 36 PWs by 46 just a while ago. As soon as K Co. gets down there, we'll button up for a while.

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- 2050 - Rear CP closed and moved forward.
- 2115 - Forward CP opened at 702858.
- 2240 - S2 to G2: The Third Bn. is okay. They are catching some prisoners.
- 2228 - Msg from dagwood patrol: Enemy strong point, riflemen supported by machine guns, at these coordinates: 723843.
- 2312 - Dagwood Blue to S3: K Co. is on the right, L Co. is on the left, and I Co. is back at the old strong point. I Co. patrol went down to 56. The British haven't taken the hill at 56 yet. Patrols returned and they are waiting for the commandos, who are going to try to take the hill. The Brigadier claims they have two companies there, but they don't. We have communications set up with everybody. A: The 1st Bn. is on its objective. The 2nd Bn. is at Mosles. Outpost on the south of the road there. The Division CP is at 695868.
- 2331 - S2 to G2: The scrap is about 700 yards south of Mosles. An enemy plane just dropped a bomb about 1000 yards in front of us.
- 2335 - S3 to G3: The 3rd Bn. has K and L on Mt. Kovan (high ground). K is to the east and L to the west. The 2nd Bn. is in Mosles. The 1st Bn., 26th, is fighting outside of Etreham. You know where Williamson is? Well, he is being counterattacked quite heavily. A: I know Col. Gibb will want you to send a patrol up to get contact. S3: They are about 1000 yards from us. There is some firing to my right front. It is more in Driscoll's direction, but I am waiting for a line from him. I don't like that plane coming over as it is hitting in the river. What is on our right flank? A: The 2nd Division is on the right. The 9th are in Formigny, also the 38th.
- 2315 - Dagwood White to S3: We are going to have a little fighting here. There is quite a bit of fighting in front and two our companies expect to be in it soon. The 1st Battalion of the 26th is a little south of Etreham. The 18th is having a fight there now. We got a rumor that the enemy is moving 200 or 300 more men in tonight.

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- 0020 - Msg from CO 1st Bn: Have reached objective.
- 0040 - Capt Clark to Col Grant: White Battalion has two platoons assisting and keeping contact with Col Williamson. A: Keep contact, but the main item is that your two battalions will not be committed. Col. Williamson has orders to fall back on them if it is absolutely necessary.
- 0045 - Capt Clark to White 6: Keep contact, but do not commit your battalion in the fight. Col. Williamson has been ordered to fall back on them only if absolutely necessary.
- 0055 - Col. Hicks to Capt Clark: The 2nd Battalion OP reports observing paratroops landing in the lighted area around Bayeux.
- 0101 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: No change in situation.
- 0140 - G3 to Capt Clark: Dextrose Red is moving south and southeast. Blue is moving to Tour en Bessin. They are by passing a lot of enemy. Rippert is to let you know his north-most boundary. Sykes has passed up enemy. Hicks is not to get involved in anything Williamson is doing out there.
- 0150 - Capt Clark to Dextrose 3: Col Sykes says Blue on D Day objective. (745815) and that they have strong patrol contact with the British. They are also patrolling to Vaucelles. Also patrolling south to the main road at 745787. Red was occupying Calvaire and Etreham and had one company approaching Tour en Bessin. Dagwood is to protect the defile at Etreham. The enemy is at Fosse Soucy. They could move in on Division Artillery. Tomorrow morning, north most boundary will be given. White is moving from Coudray, located now at 719828. They will move south to 720805. Further, there will be no fire on enemy strong points until morning.
- 0200 - Capt Clark to Danger 2: Two prisoners taken by G. Co. They went to school at Arconda. There was a provisional company formed of these men. Some of them are located at Trevieres.
- 0225 - Capt Clark to Determined: Your gun positions near Etreham and Russy should be alerted on counterattack of the enemy. Determined will notify our companies moving into Etreham and Russy also to be on the alert.
- 0250 - Dagwood Blue gives negative report.



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- 0305 - Capt Clark to Dagwood Blue: sit very quiet up there. A Red detachment was at point 78 and just moved out. The enemy has possibly moved in. Check on your positions and keep patrols out all night. The enemy has a large force there. Make contact with the 2nd Battalion. The 26th is moving forward to the southeast.
- 0306 - Capt Clark to Col Cunin: Red detachment moved out of Etreham, we believe the enemy infiltrated into that area. Co. K had patrols out toward Etreham. The patrol drew fire, possibly enemy. There are gaps to the left. Companies have been alerted to watch out for infiltration.
- 0310 - Dagwood Blue to Capt Clark: Co. K contacted the detachment at 78. Detachment is still firing there. Elements of the detachment still at Etreham.
- 0310 - Capt Clark to G3: Co. K sent another patrol to Etreham. They made contact with Red of the 26th in Etreham.
- 0350 - Dagwood Blue to Lt Stephens: Lt Rehrig states everything quiet. Forward CP moving out. Rear CP will remain at present location until about 0600.
- 0430 - Mr Lipinski to Red CP: K and L are just a little southeast of 63. There is a battalion of Dextrose southwest of them at 78. Dagwood White is further southwest in the vicinity of 96. There are also some Dextrose people in the vicinity of 98. They are pushing south toward 115. There are Jerries in the vicinity of K and L. Hicks and Horner are going to have strong patrols. When K and L push south and Dextrose pushes south it will leave a wide gap to your left, so watch your front and your left flank. Don't get into any fire fight.
- 0450 - Blue 5 to Mr Lipinski: We heard from Dextrose Blue. He says there are Mark VI tanks 2000 yards west of Vaucelles on the main road, counter-attacking Dextrose White just east of Vaucelles. Dextrose Red and Dagwood Blue patrols are in contact with each other. We have not made contact with Hicks yet.
- 0455 - Mr Lipinski to Danger 2: Just had a call from Dagwood Blue, relayed from Dextrose White, that they are being counterattacked by Mark VI tanks on the main road east of Vaucelles.
- 0506 - Dagwood Red to Mr Lipinski: situation some. There is some fire out to our right front. A: Dextrose is being counterattacked by Mark VI tanks on the main road east of Vaucelles, near point 116.

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- 0512 - Mr Lipinski to Dagwood White: same information as above.
- 0523 - Mr Lipinski to Major Lord: Major White had another talk with those people reference the tank attack, and the tanks are south of Tour en Bessin, and no Infantry has been reported with them.
- 0525 - Capt Smith to Mr Lipinski: what is the situation? A: Tanks are not where previously reported. They are south of Tour en Bessin.
- 0530 - Mr Lipinski to Dagwood White: Attack coming from Tour en Bessin. They are hitting Dextrose White now. A: OK, we have two tanks on the road and our anti-tank guns out.
- 0540 - Delight to Mr Lipinski: Division Artillery says there is a counter-attack on the 26th. Do you know? A: Yes, that's right. The attack is coming from south of Tour en Bessin. Delight: We are firing on enemy tanks down near GDE RUE.
- 0540 - Capt Hall to Mr Lipinski: If we are liable to get involved in a fight, how about sending us an artillery observer down here so that we can be prepared. A: OK.
- 0545 - Major White to Mr Lipinski: southerland says the tanks are in the vicinity of St. Anne and have overrun some Dextrose installation. The Dextrose CP is at 710860.
- 0550 - Mr Lipinski to Dagwood White: Tanks have attacked and overrun an installation of Dextrose. Delight is firing on tanks near Gde Rue.
- 0554 - Mr Lipinski to G3: (same as above). G3: Apparently heavy armored counterattack in Vaucelles-St Anne area. The British have been driven out of Vaucelles and one company of the 26th has been overrun at St. Anne.
- 0610 - Col Gibb to Mr Lipinski: Is the Third Battalion located on that patch of high ground? A: Yes, sir, they are there.
- 0610 - Mr Lipinski to Lt Chandler: I just called Division about this tank attack and he gave me the all around situation on tanks being in lots of different places. There is really nothing definite. Your observer is on his way up.
- 0620 - Capt Whitney to Delight: You have the situation on the tank attack. send me another observer for the 2nd Battalion in case of them getting involved. A: We understand the company of Germans surrendered to the 26th at Grand Rues. The artillery fire is stopping the tank thrust.

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- 0630 - Capt Friedman to Capt Hall: One company of Jerries surrendered to the 26th at Grand Rues.
- 0645 - Major Heath to Capt Friedman: Where is the 2nd Bn CP? A: 96.  
Major Heath: I understand the 1st Battalion, 26th, had to pull back?  
A: I don't know.
- 0655 - Capt Friedman to Danger 2: I understand the 1st Battalion, 26th is pulling back? A: I know nothing about it. However, a company of Jerries surrendered to the 26th.
- 0710 - Dagwood Red to Capt Friedman: We contacted the 18th on our left, about 700 yards from A Co. 's left flank.
- 0720 - Major Boynton to Capt Friedman: We had an attack with tanks. We lost two, but believe that we got some Jerry tanks. We have a company at Cussy.
- 0730 - 3rd Bn. gives negative report.
- 0807 - Capt Friedman to G3: What can you give me on Decoy? A: Let me talk to Plitt. Major Plitt: OK, what's the dope? A: Col. Taylor is to be down here at 0830 to attend a meeting. The 1st Bn. of Decoy is relieved and is moving to 810823, a place called Courtney. The 3rd Bn. is moving to 780838. The 2nd Bn. is still at 788823.
- 0815 - Capt Smith to Capt Friedman: Has the 2nd Bn. got six tanks attached to them? A: Yes. Capt Smith: OK. I sent a patrol out to the right flank and they reported 6 tanks. I guess they were theirs.
- 0830 - Blue 2 to S1: My OP at Point 56 says the British are now in Maisros.  
0830 - Sgt Collura to Danger 2: The British are in Maisros and we have an OP at point 56. We are in contact with the British.
- 0840 - Capt Whitney to Delight: Same information as above.
- 0845 - Lt Lycas to S2: C Co. reports that units of the 2nd Division are passing them by 83, heading south (Bayeux). Don't know how many.
- 0945 - Major Plitt to S2: Where is 2nd Bn., 26th? A: East of Hicks.
- 0947 - S2 to Blue 3: Capt Elder, you are relieved of all your Division units, except B Battery. If you get a chance, have someone come in and see what is up.
- 0950 - Major Lauten to White 3: Something is up. Major Plitt wants Col Hicks to come up to the CP. You will be relieved of your extra units. The 1st Battalion goes into Division reserve.
- 0947 - Danger to S2: Captain Housman, C, 81st Chem. is relieved from attached to you people. He is to report to Division at once.

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- 0952 - Major Lauten to Major Driscoll: Had a call from Carl. You will report to the Division CP. You are in Division reserve, subject to their command. We are giving up all extra units except B Battery.
- 0955 - Commanders of special units called to meeting at CP.
- 0957 - Lt Tunic to Capt Whitney: Major Heath asked me to call you and ask about the situation. A: Exactly as I gave it to Sgt. Alberts a short while ago. Will notify you of results of meeting at Division this morning.
- 1005 - White 2 to S2: Can I have the CIC look over some radios in the city hall here? A: Will notify Captain Post.
- 1010 - Major Plitt arrives from Division and gives Col Taylor the plan of movement.
- 1058 - G3 to S3: A Captain was here from the British Grigade. He is coming down to see you. A: Yes, he is here now.
- 1130 - S2 to G2: Just got an enemy map from one of the prisoners which had the markings of the heavy battalion for the 352nd Artillery on it. sent it to Division for information.
- 1155 - G2 to S2: The 511th is at 770760, 513th at 740787, 518th at 737800, and 517th, at 748838. A reconnaissance battalion of the schnell Brigade is at 30/
- 1200 - S2 to G2: Information from prisoners: An enemy ammunition dump at 742722. They have troops in a castle on the north side of the road at 687697. At 690725 there are buildings on both sides of the road leading to the battery occupied by troops. There are heavy guns in there. We've taken more prisoners from the 517th. Captured about half of the men from both squadrons, the 1st and 3rd, and some of Headquarters.
- 1210 - Red 2 to S2: What can you give me about the 18th and 26th Infantry? A: Not much. The 18th is going south of Mosles. The 26th is east of Mosles, south of the main road. A patrol from C Co. is working west of us. The 2nd Division caught the Jerries trying to blow a bridge. A 14 yrar old girl sniper was killed. B Co. brought in an incendirary grenade and we are sending it in.
- 1220 - Capt Whitney to S2: Can you tell me anything about the chateau at 6870? A: There is a castle on north side of the road at 688697 and buildings on the north side of the road. There is a battery of heavy guns at 670733, at the tip of the triangle of woods. At Valadone (690) on both sides of the road, are barracks for troops. At 742722 is an ammunition dump, put in recently.

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I just received a marked map of battery positions.

- 1235 - S2 to Div Air support; I have three of Major Macgovern's men here. They have lost all of their equipment. I am sending them up to you. If they find their track, I would like them back.
- 1247 - S3 to Dag Red 6: Have you been to Division? A: Yes, I am in reserve. We will be in with you by phone. I don't like being away from regiment. We are going to move to the vicinity of 92. Division wants me to be in with the division command net. S3: We won't move before 2 or 3 anyway. Have your tanks moved over to the 2nd Battalion? Red 6: Yes, everything has left us now.
- 1245 - S3 to G2: Do you know anything about the 29th or 2nd Division? A: Latitude (the 29th) is going across the river to Lacenes. The 2nd is south of the lateral road. We don't know much about the 2nd.
- 1301 - S3 to G3: Can you give me anything on the 2nd or 29th? A: They relieved the 18th. 1st Bn., 115th, 29th Div. is at 604820, the 3rd Bn., 115th is in Columbrivess, the 2nd Bn., is at 550842, and 1st Bn. of the 176th is at Iscigny.
- 1305 - Dagwood Red reports no change.
- 1310 - Capt Roosevelt to S2: Do you have the coordinates for the gun near Cerisy? A: Yes, it is 870733. Did you get the map I sent in with those other positions? Capt Roosevelt: Yes, and the artillery is going to fire on them this afternoon.
- 1315 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Patrol has reached point 700 yards southeast of Point 80.
- 1317 - S3 to G3: Do you know what is to be done with the Recon people that came in? A: I don't know of any comment. S3: What about the 1st Recon? A: Elements were reported in yesterday, but I don't know if they are in yet, and as far as I know, they have not been committed.
- 1333 - S2 to G2: Here is a message from my I & R Patrol: "Road blown up at 734822. snipers at same coordinates."
- 1335 - Msg from I&R Patrol: 2 AT 718827.
- 1343 - Msg from I&R Patrol: snipers have been cleared out from 734822.

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- 1400 - Msg from I&R Patrol: Roadway to Castle mined at 732823.
- 1415 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn to CO: Temporary CP at Point 80.
- 1420 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: British Liaison at 3rd Bn CP. Can fire corps of British Artillery and Navy on big target in Division Sector.
- 1425 - S3 to G3: 3rd Bn. is moving to the corps boundary near Forest de Cerisy. Anything on the 18th or 26th? A: very little to report. Everything going fine. Don't know where the Germans are. The 2nd and 3rd Armored Divisions will move in on our beaches. Another Infantry Division, part of the 8th Corps, also will come in. Think we will take the D-1 line today.
- 1430 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Must have bn locations and location Regimental CP.
- 1430 - Delight to Capt Clark: Where are your 2nd and 3rd Battalions? A: 2nd is going to Tour en Bessin, and the 3rd is going south to meet them.
- 1437 - Dagwood Red situation unchanged.
- 1440 - Lt Carroll to Capt Clark: Will you ask Major Plitt if he has a situation overlay as of 1200? A: No he hasn't. Lt Carroll: OK, I'll bring one down.
- 1445 - S2 to G2: Want some CIC at Fosse Soucy and at Maisons at the 3rd Bn. CP immediately. A: OK. We will send them down.
- 1455 - Lt Carroll to S2: Checked with Major Lord on the Overlay. They are short of paper so they are giving coordinates twice a day, noon and midnight. All units are on the move now so they can't get the coordinates now. Have Lt. Bryant call me once in a while.
- 1500 - Capt Post to Div Civil Affairs: I have been to Mosles. They need food there. There are three dead civilians. None are wounded. I turned the records over to the Mayor. The town is beat up. The streets are not blocked. Troops are in it. There is no police or doctor. The population is 250.
- 1520 - Major Plitt to Major McKoen: Just got a memo from G4 giving dump installations. Come over and look it over. A: Be right over.

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- 1520 - Msg from CG 1st Div: 091200B. 1st Div CP-700868, 16th CP, 702859, 1st Bn. 695844, 2nd Bn. 706836, 3rd Bn. 739854, 18th CP 700836, 1st Bn enroute to 764824, 2nd Bn enroute to 696824, 3rd Bn 662832, enroute to 693836, 26th CP 708866, 1st Bn 726845, 2nd Bn, 732822, 3rd Bn 746815, DACP 698868, 5 FA B 705852, 7 FA Bn. 686859, 32 FA Bn 699813, 33 FA Bn 625880, 186 FA Bn 715863, 1st Engr 675884, 1st Med 702872, 62nd Armd FA Bn, 716878, 743rd Tank Bn 702880, Co C 81st Chem 702890, 102nd Cav, 688882, 20th Eng Bn. 694882, 190th FA Bn, 688878, 2nd Div CP 651872, 3rd Bn. 9th Inf 658842.
- 1535 - Msg from I&R Patrol: We have completed mission in 737733. Ground still held by enemy. We are returning now.
- 1545 - Major Lord to Capt Clark: 3rd Bn 26th is at 740795, 1st Bn, 18th at 715818, 3rd Bn, 18th at 700818, 1st Bn, 38 in Trevierre, 2nd Bn, 38th at 635835, 2nd Bn, 9th at 665818, 3rd Bn, 9th at 655825, 175th has taken the bridge across the river the other side of Isigne. What about Hicks?  
A: Approximately in a position just outside of Tour en Bessin. Major Lord: And Horner? A: Good. Through Forest Cerisy and coming on down.
- 1600 - Major Heath to Delight 3: Boscow is going to lay a line from the new Dagwood switchboard. A: We are going to use the cable underground. Major Heath: The new CP location is 740836, Chateau de vaulaville.
- 1605 - S2 to Major Gale: There is a mine field at 734846. We would like to remove it from across the road there. There is another mine field at 733823. The road going into the castle is being taken care of. Major Gale: The 18th is almost to the 18th Easting. A PW stated that his outfit had been ordered to fight a delaying action until it reached the river, and then defend. He didn't say whether it was the north or south bank.
- 1620 - Msg from CO 18th Inf: 3rd Bn at 695834, 2nd Bn at 699827, 1st Bn at 706829. Resistance is being met.
- 1621 - S2 to G2: The two photographers we had are carried as missing in action. A: I think they are OK. I will check.
- 1627 - Forward CP moves out.
- 1655 - G3 to S2: 2nd Bn, 26th is at 718806, 3rd Bn, 26 at 740795, 1st Bn, 18th at 708806, 3rd Bn, 18th at 697810, 2nd Bn, 18th at 700825, 1st Bn, 18th is in the town of Tour en Bessin.

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- 1702 - Red 3 to S2: We found a large crate of overlay paper and artillery stuff. Can you use it? A: I'll send for it.
- 1705 - Rear CP moves forward.
- 1710 - Forward CP established at 740837, Chateau de Vaulaville.
- 1845 - Msg from AT Co. : AT Co. CP is located at 745842.
- 1856 - S3 to Dagwood White: Are your companies in position now? A: They are. S3: Can you give me the coordinates? A: Major Plitt was here H and he has all of it.
- 1905 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: We are in position on objective as ordered. CP location 760821.
- 1915 - Rear CP arrives at forward CP.
- 1925 - New CP location given to Lt. Carroll at division.
- 1925 - (source unknown) General Andres is moving two battalions of heavy artillery in front of Port en Bessin. They want the 2nd Bn for such local security as they need against snipers and so forth. Other units have moved down to the river. The line runs along the river - no one has crossed yet. A prisoner says they have orders to hold at the river and fight a delaying action.
- 1930 - Msg from Dagwood Blue: Require additional CIC personnel 400 yards south of Point 93. please advise intended action.
- 1930 - G2 to S2: What's new? A: We have set up a new CP at 740837. G2: How many 1/25000 maps do you want? A: 170. G2: Don't have that many. I'll send down as many as I can by the Liaison Officer.
- 1930 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Request from 2 reference point of new Pig pen.
- 1935 - Red Sgt Major reports no change in situation of Dagwood Red.
- 1952 - Capt Friedman to White I: Put in your reports on MIA and decorations. Keep them coming in. Get in men who were wounded and not evacuated, for Purple Hearts. A: What about battlefield promotions? Capt Friedman: I will speak to the Colonel tonight and let you know.
- 2000 - White CO to Lt Bryan: See if you can arrange with division to send some MPs down here to take care of the traffic. There is too much dust flying and will bring artillery fire down on us unless traffic is controlled.
- 2003 - Capt Clark to G3: Can you arrange to send some MPs to the town where our White Battalion is located. There is quite a traffic jam there and needs control. A: I will see what can be done about that and let you know.



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- 2013 - Major Plitt to CO: I am at the 3rd BN CP. They are in touch with the British. The British are in Sully and Vaucelles. This is a strong point up here that is really strong. They have a dug position with connecting passages 40 feet deep. They had ammunition and food to last them six months. They also have quite a number of horses that belonged to an artillery battalion. There is also quite a bit of signal equipment. A: We had better take what we need before calling anyone. Lauten is coming down there. Let him check all that stuff and then notify G2 and G4. But we should take what we can possibly use before anyone else gets there.
- 2023 - S2 to G2: A PW says that he has laid mines along the coast northwest of Gefosse Fontenay at 5191. He is from the 352nd Engineers. He was taken by the 3rd Battalion.
- 2030 - Capt Clark to G3: Can you give me the coordinates of the 18th and 26th? A: Yes. 26th CP 733822, Blue at 738778, White at 725778, Red at 715795. The 18th CP is at 696832, Red At 695803, Blue at 680807, White at 700825. Your Red battalion is still under our control and we have just ordered them to 723824 with an idea of getting your battalions together with a possibility of using you tomorrow.
- 2055 - Capt Clark to White 3: Give me your set up. A: F Co. is 732823 to 735814; G Co. is 736814 to 747815; E Co. is 747815 to 746822 and the CP at 740823. The CP of Cannon Co. is on our outer perimeter, facing north on that piece of stuff there. Security is established all along the upper part of 737824 to 741824. We have two tanks with E Co., 4 with G Co., 2 with F Co. The Antitank Platoon is at 747819 to 747815. The Antitank Co. is from 732823 to 730824.
- 2120 - White 2 to S2: There is a P51 flying around here alone. Do you think he could be a captured plane? He is flying only over our lines. A: I will check on it White 2: We have 5 prisoners here. They left their weapons behind and we are sending back for them. A: OK. Has the artillery moved in front of you yet? White 2: No, I have not seen them.
- 2120 - Capt Clark to Blue 3: What is your situation? A: I Co. is south of CP. L Co. tied in with E Co., K Co. is due north of 224. K has contacted the British and is about one mile from them.
- 2130 - Msg from CG 1st Div: The following was broadcasted over BBC at 1000B: "The first American Division is fighting in Normandy. They were the first American troops to land in France in this war and the last. It is the elite of American Divisions, distinguishing itself in Africa and Sicily."
- 2130 - Capt Clark to Delight 3: Give me your position. A: 685865.

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- 2132 - S2 to G2: Did the CIC man ever get back from Maisons with all of that enemy equipment? It is quite a setup there. The British were through there before us. We have been picking up prisoners from scattered troops all day. A: Don't know about the CIC. Have you gotten many prisoners from the 513th? S2: No, very few. What about the two planes that have been bothering us? A: They are bothering us too.
- 2140 - Captain Gurke to S2: I have one prisoner here from the 1st Squadron of the 518th. He is Hungarian, so I don't understand very much. Will you get the Sgt. from Hq. Co. to see what he can get out of him.
- 2144 - Major Plitt to White 3: How far is the 1st Bn., 26th Infantry? A: Don't know. They were in the town when we came through it. Major Plitt: Alright, you are well protected and tied in. I'll send you an overlay.
- 2150 - S3 to Blue 5: I'm sending you an overlay. The 18th and 26th will still be fluid. They have moved to their objectives. I will send someone down to pick up the stuff that you can't use. We will probably move tomorrow.
- 2200 - Col Gibb to Col Taylor: The 26th Infantry is on its objective. The 18th Infantry is on the 80 grid line. They are not on their objective. They are meeting quite a bit of resistance. If Smith is hung up at the railroad, you will go between them. I will call Corps tomorrow and try to get release of your unit. Will you send out reconnaissance to the 18th and 26th and contact them. A: OK. Is Vaucelles held by the Germans? Col Gibb: No, it is definitely British.
- 2202 - Major Plitt to Colonel Curtis: Can you get someone to take care of those horses that we took over today? There are 15 or more.
- 2210 - White to 2 to S2: I am sending over a Frenchman who says he is from the underground and willing to work with us. He seems to know quite a bit.
- 2215 - Col. Taylor notifies Major Plitt to get Col Horner and Major Driscoll to get in contact with 18th and 26th.
- 2218 - G4 to S3: Just turn those horses loose. Corps says they don't want them. We'll check the rest.
- 2225 - S3 to S4: I called Eymers and he will send someone down to you to look over the material at the two locations 761821 and 757840.

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- 2228 - S3 to White 5: Do you have a guard on your last CP? A: It has been taken off. S3: How about the Division MPs? Are they there? A: Two men came in there from the CIC. They were looking for Walker. I don't know if there are MPs there or not. S3: The colonel wants someone down there tonight. Patrol there tonight.
- 2232 - S2 to G2: I have a Franchman here. However, he doesn't seem to know much. He claims to be from the underground. I don't know if you want to use him for anything. He is just a kid. G2: You have some money, don't you? Why don't you start him on his way. S2: It has been three months since he has been out of this area, so I don't think it will do any good. I will check up on him tomorrow. G2: I got a report that there were still some in Vaucelles. I thought that was all cleared out. Let me know so that I can complete my reports.
- 2245 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: 231 Bde CP located at 833814. 50th Div patrol meeting opposition at Tilly sur seules.
- 2250 - S3 to G3: Can you give me the location of the Divisions on our right? A: 9th Infantry CP is 668840, 3rd Bn, 660811, 2nd Bn, 655835, 1st Bn, 675860, 38th Div, 1st Bn, 645857, 2nd Bn, 644839, 3rd Bn, 635838, CP 647853, 23rd Ind. CP at 663894, 2nd Div CP at 645871.
- 2310 - S2 to G2: Vaucelles is clear of enemy. Our total PWS is 36 for last night and a total of 28 for today. 1st Bn Hq 756th, 5 PWS; 14th Co., 715th, 1 PW; 3rd Bn., 352nd Arty, 3 PWS; 4th Co., 726th, Inf, 1 PW; 3rd Co. 439th Ost. Bn., 1 PW. Kriefsuarine 1 Troop schnell, 517, 7 PWS; 3rd Troop schnell abt., 517, 1 PW; 1st Btry, 1 PW; Hq. Troop, 726th 3 PWS; 2nd Co., 916th Inf. 1 PW/.
- 2320 - G3 to S3: I have orders here for you. Here they are; start to move at 0600 on Fontenay at 724776, and be prepared to assist Decoy, in capture of Tronquay, 700745, and la Commune, 708730.
- 2321 - Msg from Red 6 to G0; Have crossed march objective 2310 B.
- 2335 - Blue 2 to S2: 36 PWS for last night and 32 for today. A: I have only 22 for today. Blue2: I'll have Weinberg check on that. Your right, it is 22 for today.
- 2335 - Capt Post to Div Civil Affairs: I gave you that information on Mosles this afternoon. My report will reach you in the morning. I went to Maisons and Fosse Soucy, They are all short of food there. At that place I spoke to you about, we have put a guard on it for tonight.

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- 0005 - Dagwood White reports everything is quiet.
- 0012 - Capt Gurke to S2: Just received three prisoners (deserters). One is a Pole and the other two are Yugoslavians, from the 1st Squadron, 518th. They belong to one of the bicycle battalions from Gazre. They say most of the villages are mined on the roads and along the edges. They say the mine fields are zigzagging and are perfectly camouflaged.
- 0018 - S2 to G2: Just received three more prisoners who are deserters, from the 1st Squadron, 518th, from Gazre. They noticed enroute to here mines ready to be laid. They are zigzagging and covered to look like the asphalt along the roads in most of the villages.
- 0025 - S3 to Red 6: You start moving at 0600 to the vicinity of Fontenay to an assembly area at 724776. Send out a reconnaissance for the best route. The Regimental CP will remain here until we can get a spot to move to. Stay in with us by radio. The 3rd Bn. will assemble in the vicinity of 732774.
- 0030 - S3 to Blue 3: You start moving at 0600 to the vicinity of Fontenay to an assembly area at 732774. The 1st Bn. will also move at 0600. The 2nd Bn. will move on Regimental Order. The Regimental CP will remain at present location until we can get a new location. Stay in with us by radio. Your best route of advance is along the main road parallel to the stream bed.
- 0035 - S3 to White 3: We move at 0600. That is, the 1st and 2nd. You will remain in position until 0800. We move into the vicinity of Fontenay. We are to be prepared to help the 18th take Tronquay and le Commune. You are to move on Regimental Orders.
- 0040 - S3 to G3: We will start to move at 0600, but be sure that the 26th reserve battalion is moved out of Fontenay so we can assemble. G3: I will check and make sure and call you back.
- 0045 - Capt Clark to S4, Serv Co and AT Co: Be prepared to move to Fontenay any time after 0800.
- 0305 - Dagwood Blue: Negative Report.
- 0320 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.

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- 0355 - Dagwood Blue: Negative Report.
- 0425 - Dagwood Red: Negative report. B Co. reports a few snipers out in front, but nothing serious.
- 0508 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0517 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0530 - Capt Smith to Lt Stephens: I want to find out if the 26th will pass our route of march this morning. A: I'll find out and call you right back.
- 0542 - Lt Stephens to Red 3: The 26th has already passed the 1st Bn march objective.
- 0555 - Major Driscoll to Lt Stephens: We had a patrol out last night and ran into a patrol from the 62nd FA. They wouldn't accept our password and reply and shot and killed one man, and wounded another. The men were from B Co. Also, the 1st Bn. is moving out.
- 0645 - G2 to Mr Lipinski: What is your disposition? A: our 1st and 3rd Bns. started moving at 0600 to the east of Fontenay, and the 2nd Bn. is around St Anne and Le Calvaire.
- 0648 - Mr Lipinski to Dagwood Blue: How is the move coming along? A: They left here a half hour ago. I don't know where they are now.
- 0715 - Major Heath to Delight: We people over here are moving as I told you. The CP is planning to move forward soon.
- 0720 - White 3 to S2: What is going on? A: Nothing additional, except that you are to be ready to move. The 18th is at the railroad and is moving on.
- 0720 - S2 to G3: What is the situation on the 18th? A: The 1st Bn. is on Hill 121, east of Tronquay. The 3rd Bn. is marching on Tronquay, and is about 1800 yards away. The 2nd Bn. has left Blay and is starting toward Longeau.
- 0730 - Dagwood Blue to CP: The head of the 3rd Bn. column was at 757784 at 0730 hours.

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- 0805 - S3 to White 3: We want you to move at 0900 hours. You will move down to Ruisseau de Cottun at 734785. You will probably stay there for a couple of days and take up a defensive position.
- 0835 - Col Gibbs to Mr Lipinski: Will you take this information for Major Heath-what I told him about positions is out. I am meeting the artillery boss at Crouay. Tell Major Heath to stay put until he hears from me.
- 0840 - Col Curtis to Major Plitt: Will you get word to Major McKoen that the negro people for graves registration are still waiting at the QM bivouac area.
- 0847 - Capt Clark to G3: Can you give me the location of Dextrose and Decoy CPs? A: Dextrose is at 728765. Decoy is now at 7083, and is moving to 693804.
- 0852 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: We are in attack position.
- 0853 - Forward CP group leaves for the new position.
- 0914 - Capt Saunders, 1st sig, to Lt Stephens: What is the location of your new CP? A: At 735790. However, it is not in yet; they are on the way up there now.
- 0926 - Msg from CG 1st Div: 62nd FA is released from attachment to CTS and will revert to Division Artillery control.
- 1000 - New CP established and opened at 732790, Bas de Cottun.
- 1030 - Rear CP closes and moves forward.
- 1110 - Dagwood Forward to Dagwood Rear: Are you moving up? A: We are waiting for the jeeps. Forward: We are in with Division thru you.
- 1117 - S2 to Capt Ralph: Where are the jeeps? A: They were back and brought more men up and will be right back. We have guides along the way.
- 1130 - G4 to S4: The Bristol channel vehicles are in Transit area #1. Send some guides down to pick them up. We are not sure that they are in the same places as before, but if they aren't, have the guides check in at Shore Brigade Headquarters to get the location.

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- 1135 - S3 to G3: We are at the new CP and the battalions are all in position. Everything is very jammed up here. We are at 733787. The 1st Bn. is at 727778; 3rd Bn. CP is at 741778; 2nd Bn. CP is at 736784. There is plenty of artillery around them. Do you want the 26th locations? A: Yes. S3: 1st B., 26th has A Co. at 730771, C Co. at 734765, B Co. at 727767. A: The 3rd Bn., 26th, is at Agy, 745760. 2nd Bn., 26th, at 730745. CP of the 26th is at 730765. S3: Where is the 18th Inf? A: 18th is in the vicinity of 710752. 3rd Bn. is at 686730, 2nd Bn. at 690760, and moving towards 710730. The 2nd Division has units at 660810, 660795, 670780, 650840, 645825, and one at 615800. S3: Where is the 29th? A: They are in the vicinity of 510810. S3: Is there any more Infantry coming in? A: Yes, the 30th is coming in in about three days and the 3rd Armored will be in. That is all. If you are too crowded expend to the West.
- 1201 - S3 to G3: Are you planning on moving your CP? A: Yes, some time this afternoon. S3: Do you have an idea on the coordinates? A: In the vicinity of 703803, which is only approximate.
- 1210 - News flash: Fierce fighting going on five miles south of Bayeux. The 5th Army is 40 miles north of Rome. Isigny has been taken.
- 1220 - S2 to G2: Our 3rd Bn. has contacted the Devons, 231st Brigade, at 755777. They are east of Granville. We are at our New CP. A: We have the German password for tonight: Bern. Most likely it is the same for the other units.
- 1230 - S1 to G1: Our casualty report for the period is negative.
- 1300 - Capt Roosevelt; to S2: The 18th got a lieutenant and a Pfc of the 17th SS Recon. Bn. They are the advance for the division. They have been here less than a day. There are three light and 1 heavy company in the battalion. They left Brene three days ago. He is surprised that the Division is not here yet.
- 1310 - G3 to S2: I checked on your location and I see why you are crowded. You are on the extreme eastern edge of our sector. Move about 1500 yards to the west and you will be alright. Your mission was to move up to assist the 18th. The place you are in is too far from them, and you would have to go thru the 26th to help the 18th.
- 1315 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn, Have contacted British at Brunville.

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- 1325 - S3 to G3: You called me? A: Yes. You are too far to the East. Fontenay is the center of our area. Sit where you are for now tho. Are your people in a defensive position? S3: Yes. A: I'll keep you posted.
- 1330 - White 3 to S3: I have a second hand story. A Frenchman told an artillery officer that there were 100 Germans with a 75mm gun in a culvert at 717769. A: They might have been there, but I am sure they are gone now as the artillery is moving into that vicinity now. White 3: I am sending in an overlay of our positions. Major Washington was wondering about setting some charges on this railroad track, just in case. A: That won't be necessary as the British on our left have crossed the tracks and have tanks beyond it.
- 1400 - Sgt Collura to Red 3: What are the positions of your companies? A: We are in Grid Square 7277. B Co. is on the east, C Co. is on the West and beyond the last orchard. A Co. is north of C and B, and touches the northmost edge. The CP is on the middle of the three companies. Also, here is a message I just got from the 18th by radio: Red-709731; White-695748; Blue-685734. S3: Look towards moving southwest.
- 1415 - General Wyman visits the CP and talks over the general situation with Col. Taylor and Major Plitt. He states that the information has been released that the 1st Division is participating in the invasion, by US newspapers. States that London papers carried pictures of the beach at H plus 30. Further, good things are being said about the 1st Division.
- 1450 - Sgt Collura to Blue 3: what are your company positions? A: I Co. has the sector around 745749; L Co. is around the road junction west of the orchard; K Co. is from the gap in L co., thru the orchard and around the other orchard. The CP is just above the L CO, orchard in the group of houses at the bridge.
- 1452 - Sgt Collura to White 3: what are your company positions? A: I am sending in an overlay in about five minutes. I would like to report an unexploded bomb (1000 pounds) outside of Tour en Bessin at 736823.
- 1455 - Capt Clark reports that the water DP is located at S4.
- 1500 - Blue 3: Tell Major Plitt that it is the Hampshires I was telling him about before; not the Devons. The Devons are at the road junction just south of Barbeville.
- 1525 - Lt Cassis (Div) to Capt Clark: Is the 1st Bn., 16th, still in Division reserve? A: No, they are with us now.



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- 1532 - Capt Bennett to Capt Clark: The Division CP is now located at 709810.
- 1602 - Dagwood Blue to Major Lauten: Our OP at 752749 reported a motor pool dug in (5 trucks) at 742738.
- 1608 - Blue CP to S2: The OP called back and said they are in the church in le Ponche. The coordinates 752749 is not where the OP is located, but where friendly artillery is falling. They reported a tank dug in and camouflaged at 755733 and other vehicles are believed to be in the same area.
- 1620 - S2 to Red 6: What is the story about last night? A: It was the 62nd FA. The men were on their way back from security patrol. The man from the 62nd shouted "Halt" and my man said "Weapons". Then the 62nd man opened fire, hitting one man in the stomach and killed him, and hit the other man in the leg. A Captain Rota, who was there, said, "When we say halt, don't come back with any wise remarks like that." S2: I will check with the 62nd FA immediately.
- 1645 - Dagwood Blue to CP: The Dagwood Blue OP is at 748733. They also have an observer from the 33rd FA up there and he is going to shoot a target from there.
- 1700 - Msg from S4: Blanket rolls and bedding rolls can be picked up at the ration dump along the road to Grand Hameul.
- 1700 - Dagwood Red reports situation unchanged.
- 1700 - Colonel Taylor has meeting at the Regimental CP of all company and battalion commanders.
- 1820 - S2 to G2: We have an OP at 748733. They have seen a tank dug in and camouflaged at 755733. Last night one man was killed and one man wounded near the 62nd FA because they gave the pass word and were then fired on. A: I will take it up with the colonel and have some steps taken on it. We have a prisoner from the 37th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, captured at 728745. He came down the road on a motorcycle and ran into Dextrose unit. We also have two badly wounded prisoners from the 17th AT Bn. SS. They are from the AT Bn. identified west of Estley.
- 1825 - Red 2 to S2: What's doing? A: Dextrose captured a prisoner, a motorcyclist from 37th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, at 728745. Was apparently lost. Red 2: When we were attached to Division, I got some information about captured prisoners, six of them, they had from the 916th Inf., 352nd Div. Also, they had one officer and two men from the 17th SS outfit.

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- 1840 - Msg to CO: Water point moved to 745794.
- 1845 - Dagwood Red Reports no change in situation
- 1855 - S2 to Col Bennett of Valve: Can we get a story from your end regarding the incident of last night? A: Our men called "Halt" and the patrol didn't halt. Our man asked for the password and both fired at the same time. S2: That isn't the way we heard the story. Will you check up and get statements? A: I'll get the correct story.
- 1856 - Moskowitz to G4: There is a 1000 lb bomb (unexploded ) on the outskirts of Tour en Bessin at 736823.
- 1915 - Capt Roosevelt to Major Plitt: Here is a message from General Huebner: For wide dissemination. Intelligence reports large German concentration of fighter bombers for possible early use on beachhead. Direct camouflage discipline and enforcement of dispersal of vehicles.
- 1917 - Capt Clark to Red, White, Blue, Hq Co, Cannon Co., S4, and surgeon: Information above reference fighter bombers.
- 1922 - Red reports no change in situation.
- 2010 - S3 to Red 6: Be prepared to move south of the river, in front of the 10th. A: I must have time to tell my people.
- 2000 - G3 to S3: I have had reconnaissance at 715718 and 750739 just beyond our boundry, and there is a reconnaissance patrol at 685695. You are to alert one battalion for possible use tonight. If this battalion is to be employed, it will occupy the unoccupied at 685695 to 713690 to 742720. The wood at 742720 has been completely reconnoitered and the center of the woods on your right, point 665680, is the left flank of the unit on our right. Sisson will move down to take up a position just north of Galleroy.
- 2023 - S3 to Dextrose 3: What is the condition of the bridge at Castellion? A: It is in good shape. The Germans tried to blow it, but we prevented it. S3: Are there any other bridges across the river? A: There is one southeast of Podagny and the 10th is taking care of another one. S3: How far have your patrols been? A: To the outskirts of Castillon, and on the 73 EW line. They found some Germans. S3: How far forward are the British? A: The 231st is at St. Andre and the 56th at Le Valliere.

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- 2030 - G2 to S2: The latest reports we have is the story of a PW that last night there was considerable movement in st Lo area. They are elements of the 37th Grenadier Regiment. There was movement on the viere-st Lo road last night. Reports from the air today said that there was movements in the viere area, going north and north-west in columns of about 50 vehicles each.
- 2103 - G3 to S3: Forget about the mission I gave you. You will sit tight for tonight. The 16th might assist the others tomorrow to about the 69 Grid. Reconnaissance by the 18th and 26th is out as I explained to you a while ago. If the ground you move to is occupied, you'll have to fight for it.
- 2110 - S3 to Red 6: forget about the mission I called you on. But be prepared to move south tomorrow morning.
- 2124 - S3 to G3: Can you give me the coordinates of Decoy and Dextrose CPs?  
A: Decoy is at 698748; Dextrose is at 728765. S3: How about the 2nd Division CP? A: It's at 653779.
- 2130 - S3 to Blue 3: I have those coordinates for you. Decoy is at 698748; Dextrose is at 728765. A: Do you have the battalions of Decoy and Dextrose. S3: No, they were on the move.
- 2134 - S3 to G3: Can you give me the 2nd Division coordinates - all units?  
A: 1st Bn., 9th, is at 655775. 2nd Bn of 9th is at 660720. 3rd Bn of the 9th is at 672720. The 3rd Bn of the 38th Inf., is at 608765.  
S3: How did the 9th get ahead of the 18th? A: Their objective is a little to the south. S3: Do you know anything of the British? A: The 231st Brigade is at st. Andre. The 56th Brigade is at Valliere.
- 2215 - S4 to S1: They are unloading LST 557 on Easy White Beach, and it has our bedding rolls on it. We can't get any trucks tonight, so will have to get them tomorrow. We must have a three man guard tonight for them if the Colonel will approve. S1: OK, I'll tell the Colonel.
- 2221 - Dagwood Red reported all quiet.
- 1800 - Msg from DG 1st Div: Beginning daylight 10 June DC-47 transport planes will be landing on advance strip to evacuate casualties. Please advise all AA units.
- 2245 - Lt Walker to S2: A British officer was here and said that the 69th Brigade is in Tilly sur seuelles, at 840683. They will push and expect to be at 7776 to 7872 tomorrow, with the 7th Armored Division, and swing right and join the 231st Brig.

1st Bn of the 38th is at 625752. The 2nd Bn of the 38th is at 638815.

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- 2300 - G2 to G2: Air Recon. reports 25 tanks moving northeast at 6567, and three columns moving north on the back roads at 5356. Also, 80 flat cars were observed on a siding at 1800 hours.
- 2310 - Dagwood Blue reports negative.
- 2312 - Dagwood Red to CP - The Unit in back of us has a different password. We have straightened it out, but something should be done about it.
- 2345 - Capt Friedman to G2: Red reports that the FA in back of them has a different password than them. A: OK, I'll see about it. Capt Friedman: Is there anything new? A: Looks like we'll have a little trouble with the 17th SS Div. There is nothing new on the 25 tanks on our right yet.
- 2350 - Dagwood White submits negative report.
- 2355 - Dagwood Red, negative report.
- 2400 - S1 to G3: Negative report.

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- 0005 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0030 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.
- 0100 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0102 - S1 to G3: Negative report for Dagwood. Still in the same place.
- 0110 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0158 - Lt. Kestlinger to G3: I want to submit a negative report.
- 0205 - Dagwood Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0207 - Dagwood White to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report, except that Pink does not answer. I will keep ringing and call you back when they answer.
- 0208 - Dagwood Red to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0209 - Dagwood White to Lt. Kestlinger: Pink is in. Negative report.
- 0253 - Dagwood Red to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0300 - Lt. Kestlinger to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0301 - Dagwood Red to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0302 - Dagwood Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0305 - Dagwood White to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0345 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0400 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Negative report.
- 0410 - Dagwood White to CP: Negative report.
- 0420 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0455 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0500 - Lt. Bryan to G3: Negative report.
- 0530 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0600 - Dagwood White to CP: Negative report.
- 0600 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Negative report.
- 0625 - Lt. Stephens to G3: Negative report.
- 0740 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0750 - Dagwood Blue to CP: A P47 just dropped a bomb about 150 yards in front

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of our CP at Ranchy.

- 0751 - Lt. Stephens to G3: Blue just reported that a F47 dropped a bomb about 150 yards in front of their OP at Ranchy, 745775.
- 0820 - Blue 5 to CO: Can we have the Corps disposition? Col. Taylor: They are still where they were last night. No one has moved forward. They are doing some patrolling and reconnoitering. There is not more information on the tanks.
- 0830 - Lt. Carroll to CP: 26th Inf's Blue Battalion reached their objective at 740713. They went thru le Bas. They observed a staff car and a tank. They received sporadic machine gun fire and noticed emplacements in the orchards in the area. There is no information on the stream crossing. Decoy sent a patrol to Balleroy and ran into the enemy. The other patrols have not been heard from yet. The Recon. Troop reports that the first stream there is fordable - it has mud banks. The little stream is only ankle deep. The bridge in front of the 3rd Bn of Dextrose is OK. The stream there is from 13 to 15 feet wide, with banks from two to six feet high. The water is about two feet deep and the mud about two feet. Enemy patrols attempted to infiltrate the 3rd Bn, 18th Infantry. A small fire fight developed. The last decoy patrol contacted the enemy at 689726, and had a fight. The 18th took one prisoner, from Signals, (352). A Frenchman reported an ammunition DP at 690724.
- 0840 - Col. Cunin to S2: I have your report on the unexploded bomb. We now have 20 to 30 men from the 18th in Balleroy. The 3rd Bn., 9th Inf., is 663690, 2nd Bn., 9th, at 642678, and 1st Bn., 9th, at 660715. The CP of the 2nd Div. is at 657719. The 18th's situation has not changed. V Corps is moving inland. The unloading on the beach is coming along OK. Also, a cemetery is being organized.
- 0850 - Lt. Carroll to Major Lauten: Here's some dope as of 0745 this morning. A patrol returned. It had been to Castillon (at 720711), down south thru le Vivier (715695) and on down to Lignerolles. No enemy was contacted at any of these points. The 18th is in Pont du Vesbire at 687625. They picked up an American paratrooper and two British commandos in the Balleroy Hospital. The 18th continued. The 2nd Division is at 668709.
- 0912 - Major Lauten to Red: All information above.
- 0915 - S2 to Dagwood White: All information above.
- 0930 - S2 to Dagwood Blue: All information above.
- 0948 - Blue OP to S2: There is a man moving around in the motor pool which we reported yesterday at 742738.
- 0950 - Dagwood Blue to S2: 73rd FA threw scattered fire yesterday at the enemy motor pool. The observer is not up at the OP today yet. I also want to report an unexploded bomb at 749774.

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- 1000 - S2 to Danger Msg Center: I can not get Damage, so will you tell them there is an unexploded 500 lb. bomb at 749774.
- 1030 - Blue 2 to S2: Is there anything new? A: No, nothing now. Will let you know as soon as anything comes in.
- 1040 - Blue 5 to S1: How about the impregnate clothing? Col. Taylor says the fatigues may be worn around camp, but not as a fighting uniform. Impregnated clothing is to be kept available.
- 1052 - Dagwood Red reports no change in situation.
- 1057 - Blue 2 to S2: I have had a request from my company commanders asking that map issues of 1 over 25000 be doubled. Instead of 40, I would need 80. A: I hardly think that possible. Would they prefer giving up some 1 over 25000 and get some 1 over 50000? Blue 2: I think that they would. A: I'll do what I can on it. Blue 2: What about photos? A: You will get a set for brief study.
- 1102 - Blue Sgt Major to Lt. Stephens: Do you have information on Church services? A: We will let you know when we find out.
- 1111 - Blue 6 to S2: What is the dope on future movement? A: No word that we are going to move yet. This is where we are supposed to hold. I'll notify you as soon as I hear anything.
- 1155 - Cpl. Brown to Blue Sgt. Major: Chaplain Deery will be at the 3rd Bn for services at 1600 hours.
- 1157 - G2 to S2: Here is our policy on PWs in civilian clothes. PWs of German or Austrian birth, in civilian clothes, will be presumed to be spies and processed through to Division. PWs impressed into the German Army, such as Russians, etc., in civilian clothes, are treated as normal prisoners. Also, from now on, on the even hour, or shortly thereafter, a report from Tactical Air Recon will be sent to Division. What time to you want your G2 report? A: As far as I am concerned, the morning is OK, but I don't know about S3.
- 1235 - G3 to G2: Here's the poop for you: 1st Bn., 38th, at 605688, 1st Bn., 9th, at 660723, CP of 9th at 666723, 2nd Bn., 38th, at 617709, 3rd Bn., 38th at 601714, CP of 2nd Division at 653777. The 231st Brigade has a battalion at Trungy at point 770710 and elements of this outfit directly south of the main lateral road. CP 38th at 615715. 1st Div: Seco
- 1235 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Second Armored Division to move south of roadway 76 easting on south and 73 northing on east. (G1. Cunin explains by phone that the 2nd Armored Division is going to move into the general area bounded by les Malcadets, la Catherinerie and Dodigny. They are further West than Littry and might be somewhat in our area. They are south of 76 and west of 73.
- 1245 - Lt. Carroll to S2: Mortar positions have been identified at 720660.

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There's a battalion of the 115th at 518794, Bn of 115th at 582777, Bn of 175th at 539746, and a battalion of 115th at 603802. There's a battalion of the 175th at 501800 and the 3rd Bn of the 38th at 601714.

- 1305 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2, White 2 and Blue 10: I will ~~call~~ call every hour on the hour and give you the latest information and will take your report at that time. In the event I don't call you, you are to call in.
- B15 - S3 to Lt. Balyeat: How about that report? A: I can't get it to you until I finish the status reports. When I finish them, I'll send you a copy.
- 1320 - Lt. Kestlinger to G2: How about the coordinates of the 2nd Bn of the 18th? A: 700745.
- 1322 - Lt. Bryan to Red 2: Information on Prisoner of War policy and coordinates of various other outfits as received from Division.
- 1342 - Lt. Bryan to White 2: Same as above.
- 1345 - Lt. Bryan to Blue 3: Same as above.
- 1350 - Capt. Ralph to Capt. O'Brien: Will you make a check to see if you have any of Major MacGovern's equipment in any of your vehicles? A: Right.
- 1400 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: Anything new? A: Everything is the same here.
- 1405 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: Negative report.
- 1407 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Negative report.
- 1415 - Lt. Kestlinger to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 1428 - Dagwood White 3 to S3: What is the situation? A: Everything is pretty static. The 18th is pushing a company into Balleroy. On the right the British are definitely tied in with the 74th Division. White 3: The rolls have come up and have been rifled. I am ready to take my battalion down on the beach and clean them out. A: It doesn't look like we will be committed today. We will just hold. I am sending you an overlay of the situation. The 18th is in the town of Tronquay.
- 1500 - Capt. Hall to S3: Nothing has happened in the last hour.
- 1504 - S3 to G3: Could you give me the location of your new CP please? A: Yes, it is at 705744.
- 1507 - Dagwood Red reports no change in the situation.
- 1520 - S3 to G3: What seems to be the dope? A: Nothing right now, but something is being planned. I can't give you any information now. A definite move is on, but don't expect it today. S3: Will you give me the dope as soon as possible?
- 1522 - S3 to Decoy 3: Did your company ever get to Balleroy? A: They are on



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the way. We have a platoon of tanks with them. The rest of the 3rd Bn has been ordered to Balleroy. We have one company from the 2nd Bn with a platoon of tanks, to Cerisy.

- 1528 - S3 to Delight 3: How are you doing on guns? A: We have eight guns in position now. We should have four more by this evening. Do you have anything on a move? S3: Not as yet, but I will let you know. How were your casualties? A: Not bad, about 9 enl men and 4 officers.
- 1532 - S3 to Red 3: How are you doing? A: Not bad, only we are having trouble with patrols running into crowded areas. S3: Do away with your patrols. There is nothing to your immediate front. If you had a motor move, find out how many trucks you would need and let me know.
- 1550 - G3 to S3: I would like to have you come up to the CP. We have something on the griddle up here. A: OK, did you move your CP? G3: No. A: What are your coordinates? I have about three different ones. G3: At 710410.
- 1630 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: I have some information for you: The 3rd Bn., 18th, is moving into Balleroy, and one company of the 1st Bn., 18th, is moving into the woods southeast of Balleroy, into B<sub>2</sub>ugy.
- 1635 - Lt. Kestlinger to Dagwood Blue: Same information as above.
- 1650 - Lt. Kestlinger to Danger 3: There is nothing new to report.
- 1655 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Sitrep: 1st Bn, 9th Inf at 658721; 1st Bn., 381st Inf at 604678; 2nd Bn, 9th Inf at 643680; 2nd Bn, 38th Inf at 616714; 3rd Bn, 9th Inf at 663688; 3rd Bn, 38th Inf at 600714; 9th Inf at 666724; 38th Inf at 617717; 2nd Div at 656776, 26th at 725764; 1st Bn, 18th at 714734; 1st Bn, 26th at 734762; 2nd Bn, 18th at 700745; 2nd Bn, 26th at 735745; 3rd Bn, 18th at 691725; 3rd Bn, 26th at 744758; and 18th at 698746.
- 1705 - Msg from S2 26th Inf: Patrol from Subles (751758) to la Bas (746735). No contact; no mines; road OK. The 1st Bn, 26th enroute to 740690. British report they have mopped up in St Paul de Vernay (743700) and they have a patrol to la Butte (742695). British line runs from 770692 to 784688. No new identifications, no organized resistance. (This information called to Red, White and Blue by Lt. Bryan).
- 1705 - Msg from CG 1st Div: 3 armored cars reported at 744726, this morning at 0900 by French. Decoy patrol reports location ammunition dump on same road at 739730-740713.
- 1705 - From CG 1st Div: Two light tanks supported by 20 infantrymen approaching Balleroy from south and occupy western part of town. Decoy sent one company to repel them. Carroll.
- 1810 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.

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- 1830 - CO has meeting of Battalion and special unit commanders, to give them the movement order. The Regimental CP will move to la Patisserie, the 1st Bn. to la Commune, 2nd Bn to Bretonneria, and 3rd Bn to Dodigny. The regiment is in Division Reserve, but must be prepared to take over the mission of the 18th or 26th on orders.
- 1840 - Lt. Chandler to S2: I called to tell you a low flying ME just flew over our CP. A: He also flew over here. Lt. Chandler: Have you any further dope on the 17th? A: No.
- 1843 - S2 to G2: An ME 109 just flew over the CP at about 200 feet. You had better get the air corps this dope.
- 1905 - Forward CP group moves out.
- 1955 - Dagwood Forward CP opens at 718754.
- 2015 - Msg from CG 1st Div: New Division CP at 705765 opened at 1930.
- 2016 - Msg from Fwd CP to Rear: Forward CP in.
- 2030:- Blue 5 to Lt. Stephens: Blue CP is at 726747. Will you tie in with us now on 609?
- 2050 - Lt. Stephens to Blue CP: Our 609 has gone forward. Try getting our 284.
- 2100 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: French civilians report 3 large cannons and approximately 56 Germans at Bois de Vernay.
- 2105 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: CP located 200 yards west of point 373.
- 2135 - Rear CP closed.
- 2200 - Dagwood Green to CP: Antitank Co. is located at 730754.
- 2225 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Enemy armor breakthrough at 780690 headed west, 26th reported 2100. Reported thru British Liaison Officer.
- 2235 - S4 to S3: What's the coordinates of Division? A: 706765.
- 2300 - Msg from CG 1st Div: British report to 26th: Enemy counter attack coming. Request antitank guns. Enemy attack started 789690 at 2045 hours.
- 2340 - Lt. Carroll to S2: A fighter pilot reported straffing a line of 100 tanks going north from Vire. The 2nd Div ran into mortar fire at St Quenton. French civilians say there are 200 mm guns fortified in stone at Islay. Tanks will be moving from Castillion at 0330, 12 June, (the 743rd Tank Bn), so don't be alarmed if you hear them.
- 2350 - S3 to G3: We are moving our 3rd Bn into the planned position. We have