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antitank guns on our left flank. What are the 26th and 18th positions?

A: I don't know. The 26th has contacted the British on their left.

2400 - G2 to S2; The counterattack at 780690 involves approximately 14 Tiger tanks plus infantry. Dextrose Blue is in Forêt de Derisy, Red at 742695, and Decoy Blue at Balleroy. The enemy has been contacted at 596700, 618674 and 663675. There is a heavy concentration of artillery fire at 6111.

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- 0005 - S3 to Destrose 3: What is your disposition? A: 1st Bn is at 739689, 2nd Bn going into 730688. The 3rd Bn is going north of the road by the 2nd Bn. The situation looks OK. The British are holding Jerry. Destrose CP is at its old location, but is going to move to 731692 tonight or in the morning.
- 0020 - S3 to White 3: The situation has changed. The British had a little trouble, but have the situation well in hand. The 2nd Division has had a little fight. A: We are running a motorized recon. patrol all night covering all our area. They even have some tanks forward of us. They have a battalion of tanks and three of armored infantry.
- 0100 - 18th Inf to CP: We have an intercept from one of your battalions that they expect a counterattack by tanks from 682665, but that is where one of our battalions is. The 1st Bn is at Balleroy, 2nd Bn at Bois de Baugy, and the 3rd Bn at 682665. The 18th Regt CP is at 685687.
- 0120 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Chuck wants the situation regarding last message from 3rd Bn.
- 0122 - Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Situation regarding tank breakthru has been cleared up.
- 0130 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Expect counterattack at 789670. Reported at 2045. Break through of armor moving west reported at 2100 hours. (2300).
- 0135 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: Negative report for us. A: The tank attack has been repulsed.
- 0138 - Capt. Clark to G3: Negative report.
- 0210 - Capt. Clark to Blue 5: No further alarm on the tank attack. A: Good. A negative report for us.
- 0235 - Dagwood Red to Mr. Lipinski: No change.
- 0300 - Dagwood Red to Mr. Lipinski: No change.
- 0320 - Lt Carroll to Mr. Lipinski: Have you got a guard at the entrance to the CP so I can find it? A: Yes, there is a guard there.
- 0400 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Negative report.
- 0402 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0405 - Dagwood White to CP: Negative report.
- 0408 - S1 to Danger 3: All quiet. Anything new there? A: Nothing.
- 0435 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0500 - Dagwood Blue to S1: How are things going? A: The counterattack has been stopped. Dagwood Blue: There is plenty of firing going on out here, but

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we don't know what it is.

- 0513 - S1 to Blue 3: There will be a V Corps attack at 0600. We are in reserve. Our mission will be to take over the mission of the 18th or 26th if the need be, or to stop any counterattacks. We will probably go to Phase line 4., at 7060.
- 0525 - S1 to Dagwood White: Same as above.
- 0532 - S1 to Dagwood Green: Same as above.
- 0605 - Dagwood Blue to S1: Negative report.
- 0616 - S1 to G3: Negative report.
- 0710 - G2 to S2: The enemy tanks have been pushed back by the British. They are now in the vicinity of Bois du Quesnay, 750680.
- 0710 - Msg from CG 1st Div; Sitrep 112400B--1st Div CP - 705765; 16th CP - 715753, 1st Bn 710723, 2nd Bn 715753, 3rd Bn enroute to new loc; 18th CP 684686, 1st Bn 682670, 2nd Bn - 701676, 3rd Bn - 686695; 26th CP - 731768, 1st Bn - 735695, 2nd Bn - 734745, 3rd Bn - 741731; DA CP - 710776; 5th FA Bn - 719792; 7th FA Bn - 734701; 32nd FA Bn - 701692; 33rd FA Bn - 724783; 1st Engr Bn - 714772; 3rd Armd Op - 712761; Co C 745 Tk Bn - 731768; 635 TD Bn (Co C) - 710776; 635th TD Bn Co C - 731768; 62nd (A) FA Bn - 699722; 186th FA Bn - 731790; 743rd Tk Bn - 684726; 2nd Div CP - 653778; 9th Inf CP - 665724; 1st Bn - 659724, 2nd Bn - 641670; 3rd Bn - 662688; 15th FA Bn - 679762; 2nd Engr Bn - 659778; 12th FA Bn 648782; Hants Bn (Br) - 750718; Hamps Bn (Br) - 768764; Br units part of 231st Bde.
- 0725 - S3 to G3: Are we going to be assigned an area? A: Just sit where you are. We will give you time for reconnaissance.
- 0730 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.
- 0731 - S3 to Red 6: Things look good. I will send you an overlay of the phase setup. We are in Division Reserve and will move only on Division order.
- 0733 - S3 to Blue 2: Same as above.
- 0737 - S3 to White 3: Same as above.
- 0800 - Lt Kestlinger to Lt Balyeat: Tell Capt Groves that there are five men from Service Co. still on the beach, under Cpl J. Pental. Have him pick them up. How about your report. A: I have two battalions to go. I will send them up as soon as possible.
- 0802 - Lt Kestlinger to Lt Carroll: When you come down, or if not soon, call by phone and give me all coordinates of the British positions on our left flank.
- 0806 - Lt Kestlinger to Determine: Can you give me the artillery positions that are backing up Decoy and Destrose? A: I will call you back.

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- 0910 - Lt Carroll to S3; The 9th Infantry has reached its objective for today. The 23rd Infantry has hit resistance and is still on the first phase line.
- 0940 - Blue 2 to S2; Negative report.
- 0945 - White 3 to S3; Negative report.
- 0947 - S3 to G4; When are the kitchens due in? They were due in on the residue, but just as yet, we have nothing definite. There is quite a bit of confusion but Army is gradually getting things straight. S3; What about the Cannon Co. guns? A: I have someone out checking on them now.
- 0950 - S3 to G3; Negative report for us.
- 1000 - Blue 6 to S3; What is new? A: Nothing. The 18th and 26th are moving forward. Blue 6; What about us? Are we going to move forward? A: Not until we have orders from Division. Blue 6; Any enemy dope? A: Two guns have been reported at 672641, and 200 Germans and tanks at 740610. Blue 6; What about the 2nd Division? A: The 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., is at 620650. 23rd Inf is as follows; 1st Bn at 595652, 2nd Bn at 570645 and 3rd Bn at 585670.
- 1015 - S3 to Dextrose 3; How are things? A: Pretty good. S3; Are you on your 2nd Phase line yet? A: Not yet. We are hitting a little resistance now. Some kind of a strong point. S3; Where is your CP location? A: 732694.
- 1020 - S3 to Decoy 3; We will be down to see you. What is your CP location? A: South of Balleroy, one-quarter mile out. S3; How are your battalions? A: They are on line two, moving to three. No enemy yet. S3; Good, keep it up.
- 1027 - S1 to Blue 1; The Colonel wants a complete report today of action on the beach before it is stale. It should include what happened to the companies, why was I Co. split up, all details, by companies, who came in first, etc. (Also called to Red, White and special units.)
- 1035 - S2 to Red 6, White 6 and Blue 6; The 26th is meeting resistance, but is moving to Phase line 2. The 18th is passing Phase line 3. You are to make a reconnaissance to the 18th and 26th CPs. Acquaint yourselves with the situation and routes to their areas.
- 1030 - Msg from Lt Carroll; There is a battalion of the 231st Brig. at 7767. There are Bns. of the 69th Brig. at 8872-8769.
- 1105 - Intercept message from CO 18th Inf to CG 1st Div; Two battalions on the second phase line at 0810. No opposition. Nothing at 672641, as previously reported.
- 1115 - G3 to S6; We desire one battalion, re-enforced less artillery, (not the 1st Bn.) to be moved to the vicinity of St Paul du Vernay and la Butte.
- 1130 - S6 to White 6; The 2nd Bn., with Cannon Co. and one Platoon of Antitank Co. attached, will move to the area between St Paul du Vernay and la Butte. Your mission will be to protect the left and rear of the 26th Inf.

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- 1140 - Major Heath to S2: When are you people going to move? A: Our 2nd Battalion is getting ready to move now. Major Heath: How about a new mess sheet - two or three? A: OK. I'll send you some. Where is your CP now? Major Heath: 734696, southwest of 427.
- 1145 - S1 to S4: You are to pick up the mail from the battalions when you take up their rations. A: OK.
- 1148 - S1 to all units: Turn in mail to the ration truck when it comes up tonight.
- 1215 - S3 to S1: I am at the 18th, and am on my way back.
- 1215 - S6 to Red 6: Move to the vicinity of 705665. Send advance reconnaissance out. Keep off the main roads. Your mission is to take up a defensive position to protect the rear and left flank of the 26th. Keep off the main roads.
- 1217 - S6 to Blue 6: Send advance reconnaissance to 730665 and be prepared to move to that vicinity as soon as the 26th clears the area. Our mission will be to take up a defensive position to protect the rear and left flanks of the 26th Inf. Keep off the main roads.
- 1230 - G3 to S2: 1st Bn., 18th is at 665615; 2nd Bn., 18th is at 682618; 26th at least to Phase line 2 now.
- 1235 - COs of special units, S4, and Co. A, 1st Med. Bn., ordered to report to CP for instructions on move.
- 1246 - White 1 to S2: Our battalion will start moving at 1300 hours.
- 1250 - Mr Wiles to Lt Evans, White: Send my wire crew back here. You will have contact with us through 284.
- 1255 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Maps should be available at 1st Engineer Fwd Bivouac at 693665 at approximately 1630 hours.
- 1305 - S3 to G3: We have been ordered to send the 3rd Bn. forward. They will patrol to the left rear. G3: The 18th is now on Phase Line 3. The 26th is moving to the 64 grid line. S3: Our new CP will be in the vicinity of 720678.
- 1331 - Red 5 to CP: We are moving out now.
- 1331 - White CP to CP: We are started moving out at 1300 hours.
- 1400 - Major Heath to Lt Kestlinger: Give me the coordinates of your battalions. A: They are moving now. We'll call you later.
- 1400 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Cav. Ren. reports 10 tanks moving south at 728655. Moved out presumably south at 0300. Ren. fired on by two enemy vehicles at 735667.

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- 1400 - Forward CP group moves out to new location.
- 1400 - Msg from CG 1st Div; 2 French underground operatives saw large tank last night at 740668, 12 large and some small at 730655. Presumably more in vicinity. Officers wearing Black uniform, men blue with skull badge.
- 1415 - Danger wire section to S2; We are at 696691.
- 1426 - Msg from CG 1st Div; Reliable French Civilians report twelve large enemy tanks at 730655, last night. Our Cav reports 10 enemy tanks moving south from this area.
- 1445 - G3 to S2; Our new CP is at 698688.
- 1520 - Forward CP opened at 713676.
- 1607 - Msg from CO 2nd Bn; Have reached objective.
- 1609 - S2 to G3; Our 2nd Bn has reached its objective. Do you have any dope on the other people? A; The 26th is on and is pushing below phase line 3. Have hit isolated resistance. The 18th has Red on phase line 4, on the right flank, White on the way down, half-way between 3 and 4. They have instructions to establish defensive positions south of phase line 4. The 26th has the same instructions as the 18th. The 3rd Bn. of the 9th was at point 649617, moving towards Vidouville.
- 1635 - Msg from Div Ln O; 4 German parachutists killed and seven captured at 662598.
- 1637 - Fwd CP to Rear CP; Move forward. Follow guides.
- 1640 - Rear CP closes out and moves forward.
- 1704 - S3 to G3; Just wanted you to have our location. We are at 713676. The 2nd Bn. is at 743703, 1st Bn. at 703665, 3rd Bn. is not in yet, but is going to 730664. G3; Here is the latest in the situation: Red Bn. of 18th is on phase line 4. White, 18th is near phase line 4. Blue, 18th is moving down. Red and White of the 26th are nearly to phase line 4. When they get there, they will hold on defensive lines, a little south for tonight. The 3rd Bn., 9th, is at Vidouville, at 641601. We have had no report on the 2nd Bn., 9th. They will protect our flank. The 7th Armored Brigade (Br) are coming down to 740595, to hit at Villers Bocage. The ground northwest of Tilly is full of Germans. The Germans are holding in great strength due east of Tilly. S3; What are the coordinates of the 18th and 26th? G3; The CP of the 18th is not in to us yet., but they are headed for 671615. CP of the 26th is moving to 714654. French civilians have reported about 20 Germans but no guns.

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1732 - S3 to Blue 3: Is your battalion in? A: Not all together. We have the CP in. S3: The 1st Bn. is in at 703665. Division CP is in at 703699. What are your coordinates? A: We are at 721669. L Co. is going to establish a road block across the bridge at 740668. Constant patrolling will be maintained to the vicinity of 740669. K Co. will patrol constantly to 729645 and try to contact the British, the 26th Infantry, and the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., I Co. will patrol to 742657. L Co. is in reserve in the area southwest of our CP. S3: We will stay in position here tonight. You send patrols up to contact the 2nd Bn.

1735 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Cp located at 721669.

1735 - Msg from CO 1st Bn: CP located at 707667.

1749 - Red 6 to S3: We are going to stay where we are for the night. On the left flank, we are pretty secure. A: Where is your CP? Red 6: We are at la Mesnil, just to the west of it.

1755 - Msg from CG 1st Div: The 18th Infantry is on phase 4 about 1430. Meeting little resistance. (1615).

1816 - S3 to Decoy 3: Can you give me your battalions and CP locations? A: The CP is at 683614. The 1st Bn. is on its objective on phase line 4, around le Bisson. The 2nd Bn. should be on phase line 4 on the main road at Vacquerie. The 3rd Bn. is in rear of the 1st, just below the town at Chavetiere.

1825 - S3 to Dextrose 3: What are your locations of battalions and CP? A: The CP is at 706655. Red Bn. is on the east end of line 3. White is on the west of line 3, and Blue is south of 2nd phase line.

1840 - White 2 to S2: Can you get me some 1 over 50000 and 1 over 25000 maps? A: Yes, Major Lauten has gone after them now.

1901 - Water DP located at 699689.

1903 - S1 to G1: What about replacements? A: They will not be in until day after tomorrow. S1: Where will they be? A: At Tour en Bessin. How about your periodic report? S1: We'll get it in.

1915 - White 3 to Lt Kestlinger: How's things going? A: Decoy is on 4. Dextrose is moving up on it. White 3: How about getting a platoon of tanks up here? A: I'll ask and see what can be done. Where is your CP? White 3: Its located at 744703. A: I asked about the tanks and the answer is not tonight. The maps will be sent as soon as they are out here.

1935 - S3 to G3: What's the firing in the rear of us? A: It is most likely divided firing in front of Decoy or Dextrose.

1943 - S3 to Determined 3: What is the artillery shooting at? A: They are firing 700 yards west of Caumont. One battalion is firing on personnel carriers 800 to 900 yards west of Caumont. Delta Bn. is firing on machine gun

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emplacements at the same place.

- 2000- Dagwood Green to S2: An officer from the 18th said that 16 Jerry tanks are in front of the 18th south of 680680. A: There are two regiments out there, so there is nothing to worry about.
- 2035 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: CP located at 721669.
- 2037 - Msg from CO 2nd Bn: Friends have position at points 2000 yards and 3500 yards southeast of point 467. (1445).
- 2038 - Msg from Lt Carroll: 1st Bn., 9th at 630672, 3rd Bn., 9th at 650630 and 645645, 2nd Bn., 9th at 623652. CP of the 9th at 640675. 1st Bn., 23rd, at 593700, 2nd, 23rd at 603688, 3rd, 23rd at 600680. CP of 23rd at 615695, CP of 2nd Div. at 608704.
- 2107 - S3 to G3: What is going on to the right of us? A: We don't really know. We have the latest on decoy. Red Bn. at 662595, White at 685598. One platoon of Blue is keeping contact. Blue Bn. is at 670607. CP is at 682618. 26th is about 1000 yards north of town. Daniels is about 1500 yards northwest of the town. Patrols are on the outskirts of the 3rd Bn. at 710630. The CP is at 717642.
- 2145 - White 3 to S2: How about the 1/50000 maps of this area? A: I don't have any. If I can get some tomorrow, I will send you a few. White 3: What do you make of the situation? A: It is hard to tell just what the Germans figure on doing. Our bombers went over a while ago and got plenty of enemy ack-ack from the southeast. Across the river from the 29th Division there is plenty of tank activity (5771).
- 2200 - S3 to Red, White and Blue: Following are the latest locations of 18th and 26th Inf: 18th Inf - 1st Bn., 659593, 2nd Bn., 665607, 3rd Bn., 675596. 26th Inf - 1st Bn., 720607, 2nd Bn., 705602, 3rd Bn., 710630, and CP at 718642.
- 2205 - S3 to G3: Negative report. I have checked with all battalions.
- 2240 - From Div Ln O: 2 enemy 90mm guns k.o'd at 701589.
- 2240 - Blue 2 to S2: At Livry, 735613, an officer of the 21st Panzer was shot and captured and is being evacuated.
- 2250 - Lt Bryan to G2: We shot and captured an officer of the 21st Panzer at Livry. He's being evacuated now. A: Question him as much as you can.
- 2250 - Msg from Div Ln O: At 678565 dust clouds indicating movement to north at 2015.
- 2250 - Capt Steward (741 Tk) to S3: Col. Skaggs has set up a CP at 703680.

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2345 - G1 to S2; We just got a message. We couldn't decode all of it. Something about Caumont being empty. Tanks passed thru 3 hours ago. 2130.
A: It didn't come from us. I'll check on it and call you back.

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- 0020 - Dagwood White to CP: G Co. patrol spotted British Recon cars when they went down to the river.
- 0025 - Dagwood Red to CP: Negative report.
- 0026 - Danger 2 to S2: What about the officer prisoner evacuated thru Dagwood Blue? A: He is at Co. D, 1st Med. Bn., badly hit, under the influence of morphine. His papers have been taken away. Pvt. Flato, our interrogator, is there, but can't do much without the papers. G2: Trace all the papers down and get them to Flato at Co. D. A: Our Capt Gurke, interrogator, has been sent to question him, and will take care of the matter.
- 0030 - G3 to G2: The 16th CT is ordered to move beginning at 0600 to the general vicinity of La Chapelle, the center being at or near 703634. Two battalions are to be placed south of the east-west lateral road and one battalion north of the road. The CT is to take up a defensive position to protect the rear of the forward CTs and be prepared to attack in any direction or support other CTs in case they are attacked. Reconnaissance will probably have to be carried out simultaneously with movement. Attachments remain the same.
- 0050 - Red 5 to S2: Can you tell me what's going on to our front? A: All we know is that there is fighting going on at Caumont.
- 0105 - Lt Bryan to Blue 2: We are trying to locate the papers taken from the prisoner. We would like to have them right away. A: The prisoner came thru the British channels. I will check on it though and see if I can find out anything. Incidentally, there will be units of the British 7th Armored bivouaced along the road between points 728643 and 728636.
- 0110 - Blue Sgt Major to Lt Bryan: Those papers were sent to the Regimental Message Center to be taken to S2.
- 0120 - Dagwood White to Lt Bryan: Blue contacted us at la Butte. They had seen nothing. Our other patrols went down the river, but had not contact. Pink patrol shot the tire off a British motorbike because the driver failed to stop when he was ordered.
- 0121 - Capt King to Lt Bryan: Dextrose White has gone into and through the town of Caumont and will take up positions. Dextrose Red is to take up similar positions south of the road. Dextrose Blue is to move to reserve in the rear.
- 0126 - Red 3 to S2: Nothing to report here except there is an air raid here to the east and southeast. Also, 4 miles from us there is small arms fire and machine gun fire.
- 0208 - Blue 3 to S2: What's going on? A: We know nothing now except that there is fighting in the town of Caumont.
- 0210 - Dagwood White to CP: Negative report, except for the fact that we have been hearing machine gun fire.

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- 0212 - Dagwood Blue to S2; K Co. patrol at 1335 contacted the 7th Armored Division moving out in a southeasterly direction. 0150 the CP (located at Cahagnolles, 740669) reported machine gun fire due east. They heard heavy vehicles on an azimuth of about 200 degrees. A machine gun burst was heard. There was strafing south of the CP. Our own machine gun fire was heard southwest of the CP. Enemy machine gun fire was heard to the southeast of the CP. There was a division artillery shoot southwest of the CP, probably the 2nd Division.
- 0255 - Lt Lycas to Lt Stephens: Nothing going on out here except some mortar and machine gun fire. Do you know what it is? A: No, I haven't heard anything about it.
- 0300 - Dagwood Blue to Lt Stephens: Following is report of our CP: at 0215 - mortar fire east of CP; at 0225 - flight of planes dropped flares at azimuth of 85 degrees several miles away; 0230 - enemy plane strafed southeast of CP; 0235 - enemy plane dropped bomb southeast of CP; 0245 - mortar barrage southeast of CP; 0245 - planes dropped flares southeast of CP. Also, our company patrol went 2 1/2 miles to Cahagnolles. They heard enemy fire northeast of Cahagnolles. And they also heard British armor moving south.
- 0310 - White to CP: Our patrols report light machine gun fire across the river. Our mortars are firing, and we can hear British tanks moving south.
- 0400 - Lt Stephens to Red, White, Blue, Hq Co. and Antitank Co: The CT is alerted to move at 0600 to the vicinity of La Chapelle (703634). Further dope on it will be out later. Alert your unit.
- 0425 - Dagwood White to CP: Negative report.
- 0425 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Negative report.
- 0445 - S3 to G3: Where are the elements of the 26th Inf? A: The 1st Bn. is at Cahagnes, the 2nd Bn east of Cahagnes, at 72 grid, and the 3rd Bn. is moving to the vicinity of Mitrescaen (715605). The Regimental CP is at 718642. I don't believe or know if their elements are displacing forward.
- 0446 - S3 to Dextrose 3: Our CP is still in the same place. We are moving this morning, the exact time yet unknown. We are moving to the vicinity of la Chapelle.
- 0450 - S3 to Red 3: The regiment is alerted to move. Be prepared to move at 0600, with the center of your position roughly at 693626. The regimental CP will be in the vicinity of 707643. The 3rd Bn. is moving to 715624. The 2nd Bn. is moving to 704635. Things are alright. Keep in communication by 284.
- 0504 - S3 to Blue 3: Did you get the movement order? A: Yes, to 715625. S3: Right. The 1st Bn. will be on the right. We are still in Division Reserve.

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The roads will be clear for our move. The 1st Bn. will be at 693626. 2nd Bn. will be at 705635. The Regimental CP will be at 706643. Start your movement at 0600.

- 0508 - S3 to White 3: The center of your position will be at about 705638. The Regimental CP will be at 706643, left of the road going south. The 1st Bn. will be at 693626. The 3rd Bn. will be at 715626. Go into a defensive position. Start your movement at 0600. All attachments remain the same. The 7th Armored Division is making an armored attack this morning.
- 0509 - S3 to Capt Fish: We are moving up. You have your position. We are going into a defensive position, still in Division Reserve. Also, the 26th is on phase line 4.
- 0525 - S3 to G3: What is the location of the new Division CP? A: I don't know yet where we are going to put it.
- 0530 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Sitrep 122200B; 1st Div CP-698688; 16th CP - 712664; 1/16-710728; 2/16-712701; 3/16-732744; 18th CP-682018; 1/18-662595; 2/18-685598; 3/18-670607; 26th CP-717642; 1/26-702602; 2/26-719604; 3/26-710630; DA CP-702714; 5th FA Bn-702699; 7th FA-732700; 32 FA-695698; 33 FA-732693; 1st E-692672; 1st Ren CP-717642; 3rd Arm'd Gp-712761; 2nd Div CP-no change; 9th Inf CP-639676; 1/9-634674; 2/9-622650; 3/9-645645; 1 co. 3/9-648618; 102 Cav-690680; 635 TD Bn (-Co C)- no change; 62nd (A) FA Bn-685626.
- 0530 - Msg from G2 to CO: Weather report for June 13, 43: AM-4/10 to 6/10 clouds. Ceiling 3000 feet. PM-7/10 to 9/10 clouds. Visibility 10 miles. No rain but scattered rain clouds and increasing after 2000 hours. Temperature 60-70.
- 0655 - G3 to S3: How are we doing? A: We are leaving now, with the Fwd CP group. All but the 2nd Bn. is on the move. The 2nd Bn. will leave soon.
- 0718 - Sgt Carpino to Lt Balyeat: Col. Taylor says o.k. on the trucks. Service Co. will stay here. Bring the trucks here. S-4 will stay here too. We will process the new men here. S4 will stay here too. When the trucks are ready to go, let us know.
- 0735 - Sgt Ryan to CP: We are moving out now.
- 0745 - Delight to CP: We are at 707655.
- 0810 - White 1 to CP: We are moving out now to our new location.
- 0822 - S3 to G3: I would like the forward positions of Decoy and Dextrose. A: 1st Bn., 18th, is at 660595; 2nd Bn., 18th at 685595; 2nd Bn., 26th are in town. 1st Bn., 26th, at 720590. These are the front line units.
- 0830 - Fwd CP opens at 701644.
- 0835 - Gen. Wyman to Col. Taylor: Get on your battalion COs to have the men dig in properly. Yesterday, I saw one of your units on the road that the 26th moved down on, in shallow slit trenches right on the road. Get them

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to dig in. A: Do you know what unit that was? Gen. Wymaz: No, but have all Bn. COs make ground preparations.

0839 - Msg from CO 1st Bn: CP located at 695628.

0842 - Msg from CO 2nd Bn: CP location - 715635.

0845 - G3 to S2: What are your positions? A: CP is at 715635. The 1st Bn. goose egg is at 692627. CP is at 698627. 2nd Bn. is between the 1st and the 3rd at 710633. G3: Don't have the 2nd Bn. dig in yet. They are in the wrong place. They most likely will have to move. I'll let you know.

0905 - G3 to S2: Notify Plitt that the 2nd Bn. will go to 676635, on the high ground there. They will pick the best place, facing southwest, with the stream in front. Have Hicks get in touch with the 1st Bn. of the 9th, located at 650635. See that Plitt is notified immediately by radio or runner.

0907 - CO to CO Fwd CP: Div orders 2nd Bn to organize ridge facing SW at 676635. 2nd Bn. will make contact with 1st Bn., 9th, at 650635.

0910 - S3 to S2:- Forward is to start moving. A: OK. (Gives him above message.)

0920 - Msg from CO AT Co: CP location 702643.

0945 - Lt Carroll to Capt Clark: The 2nd Bn., 26th is having trouble. They were run out of Caumont at 0812. They went in again at 0830, with three companies abreast. They may have taken it in the last 20 minutes with tanks.

0946 - Rear CP moving forward.

1025 - Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Have closed in area. Will send coordinates of companies as soon as telephone is in.

1030 - Situation: 1st Bn., 16th at 720591; 2nd Bn., 16th at 676635; 3rd Bn., 16th at 715635; 1st Bn., 26th at 720591; 2nd Bn., 26th at 705591; 3rd Bn., 26th at 710629. Div. CP at 693688.

1045 - S3 to Red 2: We would like the coordinates of your companies as soon as possible.

1052 - S3 to Dagwood Blue: Please send a message to Capt King that his CP is located 100 yards from the Regimental CP, at 701644.

1055 - Danger 2 to S2: Here is a little dope: Red and White of the 26th are both in town. Blue Battalion is moving in, and are setting up a defensive position. They are patrolling to the south. PW information: A prisoner from the 1st Parachute Medical Bn., captured by Red Bn. of the 18th or 26th said they came here from Italy. He says the 5th or 6th Medical Bn. is very low on personnel. A: How is the 9th doing? Danger 2: The right flank of the 9th forms a strong point at Ivon. They are worried about a strong point

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at 588656. There is no counterattack. The British are secure. All the Division is there. The head of their column is near 7657. On the right, the enemy has stuff north of Vidouville. We don't have much information about it, though.

- 1110 - G4 to S2: Can you tell me what happened to the funds Major Godfray was carrying? A: They were turned over to Major McKoen. We will appoint him agent officer as soon as we receive a statement of the funds.
- 1117 - S3 to Blue 3: What are the locations of your companies? A: I Co. is at 720628 (about the center), L Co. has its center at 715627, and K Co. at 719634. The Bn CP is at 715635.
- 1120 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Butterfly bombs dropped by ey south of Bois de Baugy woods at vic 700660 about 0430. Ey paratroops also suspected. Reported by CA (0930).
- 1130 - Dagwood Red to CP: Here are our locations: CP at 694628, C Co. at 686626, B Co. at 692624, A Co. at 695628.
- 1131 - Dagwood Blue to S3: We have three of our kitchens in now. What is the chance of feeding hot chow tonight? A: Its o.k. to feed by battalion. Kitchens will be kept under battalion control.
- 1200 - Blue CP to S3: L Co. reports several tanks and trucks at 715605, in convoy, at road junction 715607. The tanks went right and trucks left. S3: Don't worry, they were ours.
- 1220 - S2 to Disguise 2: Have you any maps, 1/25000? A: No, we have a man waiting on the beach for them, tho, and as soon as he gets them, I'll let you know.
- 1241 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Ey 4 gum btry at 635605. Also identified 38 Par Gren Regt of 17SS by a PW as being south of Carentan.
- 1255 - S2 to Blue 2: I am sending out the I&R to the right. I would like a motorized patrol from your side at least two or three times a day. If possible, have the patrols circle, if it doesn't interfere with the British up to 755635.
- 1255 - Col Hicks to S3: What is the latest on us? A: We just hold here. No indication of any move, so far. Col Hicks: We are all in now.
- 1300 - Blue 5 to S2: Have you any idea of how long we'll be in this place? I'd like to get the men's rolls and mess kits. A: You can do it. We'll be here that long.
- 1301 - S3 to White 3: I just wanted to get your location. A: I will be up there in a little bit and I will give them to you.
- 1313 - Blue 2 to S2: Our patrols just reported back from Livry. The British are there (735613.)

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- 1332 - S3 to G3: Any more reports on enemy dropping butterfly bombs and para-troops in vicinity of 700660? A: No, none. S3: Have you anything new on the right? A: No, nothing different from this morning. Carentan has been taken by the Germans and they are attacking Isigny.
- 1345 - Blue 2 to S2: My patrols are going out as you said. I will have the dope for you soon. Who has hill 194? A: No one has been there. The English may be there. The patrol will go there. Carentan is occupied by the Germans and they are attacking Isigny.
- 1350 - S2 to White 3: Carentan is occupied by Jerry and he is attacking Isigny. Out in front of here is OK. Stockwell is going out on patrol.
- 1358 - G2 to Lt Kestlinger: Two companies of the 2nd Pan. Bn., 2nd Pzr Division, have been identified in front of the 26th. We believe it to have come from the Belgium front. The 7th Armored is in Villers Bocage, and a little fighting is reported there.
- 1400 - Lt Bryan to Red 2: How are you doing out there? A: OK, nothing new out here.
- 1410 - Lt Carroll to Lt Bryan: Here is the information covering the time around 1200 to 1300 hours today: Enemy and vehicles reported at 675575. This was reported by the 5th Field. Their C Battery is firing on that point. One PW from the 4th Company, 2nd Recon, 2nd Pzr, was picked up at Caumont. This battalion came from Hericaudet, near Arrah. There were 36 small tanks reported at Kauldm. The 8th Co., 2nd Pzr, is reported as destroyed by an attack. American and British PWs who escaped from the Germans two days ago were badly wounded and burned. Their information says the Germans have little transportation. They reported being treated badly by the Mongolians in the German Army. An enemy selfpropelled gun was reported moving around in the vicinity of 7757. The Pws picked up by the 26th Inf have been in and around Paris, then into Caumont. The 3rd and 4th companies of the 2nd Recon, 2nd Pzr, are in the Caumont area. One PW stated that the entire 2nd Pzr is moving up here, but he did not know where. We are still moving toward Cherbourg, either 14 miles or 14 kilos, I don't know which. The 18th has picked up a PW from the 1st Med Bn. (Paratroop), recently from Italy. Another PW, picked up from the 2nd Pzr, states that his outfit has been travelling along route 16 through Dureux, Neoumancourt, Fleures, and then to Caumont. The 8th Co., 2nd Pzr, has been destroyed. The 6th Co. is the service company. Five companies are in this area. The other three companies are with the 36th armored Recon.
- 1430 - Dagwood Blue to S2: The British are near Parfouru l'Ecolin. There are some Queens Own tanks, a company of infantry, and antitank guns at 753635. They caught an officer from the 21st Pzr Div.
- 1430 - Lt Bryan to Red, White and Blue: Information received above from Lt Carroll.
- 1445 - Msg from CG 1st Div: 3rd Armored Group at 709643.
- 1445 - G3 to Lt Bryan: Do you have contact with the 3rd Bn., 9th? A: Our 2nd Bn. has patrols going that way now. Our I&R has a patrol going out there also.

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However, we have received no definite word from anyone yet. G3: Call me as soon as you do.

- 1447 - Lt Kestlinger to White 2: Hear anything about that patrol that is out? A: No, not yet. They are still out.
- 1448 - Lt Kestlinger to Red 3: Anything new? A: Situation is unchanged.
- 1449 - Lt Kestlinger to Blue 2: What about your patrols? A: They have been out to 194 and are on their way back. Lt. Kestlinger: Well, be sure and let me know when they get in.
- 1450 - Lt Kestlinger to G3: All battalions and the I&R have patrols out. The right battalion will maintain active patrolling. We will let you know when we contact the 9th.
- 1510 - G3 to S3: What about that information about contact on the right? A: Nothing yet. G3: I want that right away. Get it and fast; it is important. I want to know what battalion is there and what is going on.
- 1512 - Lt Kestlinger to White 3: Is White 2 there? A: No, he is still out on patrol. Lt Kestlinger: Well, let me know. Have him call me as soon as he gets in.
- 1513 - Msg fr I&R patrol: We are now at 20314.
- 1530 - General Heubner arrives at CP.
- 1530 - Capt Hillenmeyer to G3: The General is at Dagwood CP if you want him.
- 1530 - Lt Carroll to S2: The 2nd Panzer Div. has closed into the area south of Balleroy from the East. Heavy traffic is moving north and west from 622548, up back roads and ending at Vidouville. The 2nd Division has captured one PW from the 3rd Co., 5th Para Div at 590702. There are Germans at 717558 and artillery is firing on them. At 1550 tanks were observed at 722561. At 1625, a column was observed moving up the road north at 689549.
- 1540 - Capt Clark to Dextrose 3: Could you give me the coordinates of the present CP? A: Yes. Its 715645. We will move shortly to 694604.
- 1542 - S2 to Red 2: Division Lehr is in the area of Villeres - 7868. - Tilly. The 7th Armored estimates they have one battalion of tanks left. On the right is the 12th SS and the 21st Panzer. The expect action between Vire and Droire. The 77th and 243rd German Infantry Regiments and the 28th Panzer are definitely south of Carentan, most likely west of St Lo, 4880 to east of Aire to Moon-sur-Elle to St. Claire to Courains. The Hussars are at 732564.
- 1545 - Major Gale to Major Lauten: The new PW cage at 684693. Also, a concentration of enemy infantry at 802620 and 772550. Also, a concentration of enemy infantry and tanks at 746546. At 1550, enemy infantry and self propelled guns were observed at 717558. The British have an armored patrol to 729571., in the vicinity of the church, and are shooting into Cahagnes at 732566. On the right flank there is a fire fight going on. We have reached Carentan.

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- 1606 - Delight 3 to S2: We are firing a mission at 722561, enemy tanks assembling there, and the artillery is scattering them. (This information given to all battalions.)
- 1612 - Lt Carroll to S2: Two German antitank guns at 767637, with general resistance in the buildings east of the Cross roads.
- 1617 - S2 to Blue 2: (Information above).
- 1620 - White 2 to S2: The 2nd Bn. went down to the east road junction 500 yards west of the river. C Co., Index Red, at Montrabat Forest. K Co. is at the junction of 650640. I Co. is at 632644. G Co. at 632647. Index Blue is at 645645. Index CP is at 635648. Red at 636650. E at 623650. F at 622658. 2nd Recon is in Cormolain, at 664638. They have an CP south about 1000 yards. C Co., 9th Div., is across the road, against the 3rd Para Regiment.
- 1621 - Lt Carroll to Capt Clark: Wanted to let you know that Co C, 9th Div is having trouble at point 650624. Will check on this and let you know the story.
- 1627 - Capt Clark to White 3: Above information.
- 1642 - White 6 to S3: How about wire over to the 9th Div? A: We will lay that line. What are the coordinates of the 1st and 3rd Bns of the 9th? White 6: 1st Bn, at 638650; 3rd Bn at 645645; Chandler was over there. We had a point at S124, selected about halfway.
- 1655 - Capt Clark to Dextrose 2: What are the coordinates of your 3rd Bn? A: They are just north of Caumont, along road 705, over east to 713, and on the Y line, north and south, 604 to 598, in that circle.
- 1700 - Capt Clark to G3: What are the coordinates of the 2nd Div CP? A: It's at 655755. Capt Clark: We are laying a line to the 9th Div.
- 1708 - Capt Clark to Blue 2: Tell Col Horner that we are sending a liaison officer down to you from the 7th FA.
- 1710 - Capt Clark to White 3: Tell Col Hicks we are sending a liaison officer down to you from the 7th FA.
- 1735 - Capt Clark to White 3: Is your G Co. tied in with the 1st Bn? A: I don't know. I will find out and let you know right away.
- 1745 - G2 to S2: The coordinates of the PW cage, as given you a while ago, are out.
- 1752 - White 2 to S3: G Co. contacted C Co. of the 9th OK.
- 1845 - Lt Carroll to S3: Carentan is still in our hands. The 101st Paratroopers

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are holding it. Element A, CCA, is there. Isigny is also still OK. The 29th has one battalion there.

- 1850 - Delight to S3: Can you give me the coordinates of your battalions? A: Yes. The CP is at 702645; 3rd Bn. at 715635; 1st Bn. at 684631, and the 2nd Bn. is at 683645. You are to have a liaison officer with the 2nd and 3rd Bn.
- 1902 - Red 3 to S3: Any possibility of moving tonight? A: No. There might, however, be an attack from the south and west. The 2nd Panzer is in front of the 9th Division sector. We are laying wire to the 9th. The threat is from the right front. Have you contacted any units? Red 3: Yes. Then and the 18th. We have patrols out to the front and flank.
- 1916 - General Huebner to S3: Will you take this for the Colonel? A: Yes, sir, go ahead. General Huebner: On the front lines, too many machine guns open up on patrols. Let them come in (suck them in close), and then open up with rifles. The men are giving away our front lines.
- 1923 - S3 to White 2: The wire is into your switchboard from index now. Also, Col. Skaggs is on a reconnaissance. If there is a counterattack, all the tanks will be thrown in. Its a good size company now. How about your patrols? A: We will meet patrols from Index at 8, 12 and 4. They will go down the river where the road crosses at 652616.
- 1930 - S3 to Red, White and Blue: Information about machine guns, received from General Huebner above.
- 1934 - Lt Cass to S3: Are you planning to move tonight? A: I don't think we will move for a couple of days. We have to wait for the flanks to catch up to us.
- 1940 - S3 to Capt Ralph: What about our guard for tonight? A: We are putting out heavy patrols on the right flank.
- 1945 - Lt Carroll to S2: Enemy tanks and vehicles are moving along the lateral road, along the 53 grid, towards our left flank, towards the British.
- 1945 - Blue 5 to S3: There is a British liaison officer here who wants to know if the 2nd Bn. is in Caumont? A: Yes, they are about 400 yards south of the town. The defenses are in front and to the right flank. Blue 5: The 1st Bn of the British Royal Tanks is at 737612. They have three infantry battalions along 731615, extending to 755635. S3: Be prepared to lose your tanks if they break thru. Keep constant patrols 1000 yards out to front. Send a patrol to contact the 26th. Watch your right flank. Enemy machine guns are firing on the 9th at 640620. C Co. of the 9th pulled back. The 745th and the 743rd are in front. Enemy patrols came into the front lines and were fired on by machine guns. The 9th infantry is on a line with the 2nd Bn. The 102nd is working down on our right flank.
- 1948 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: I Co., 9th, at 634644, L Co. at 648644, K Co. at

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650639, 3rd Bn CP at 645650, 9th CP moving to 640658. C Co. is back to the 1st Bn. (1900).

- 2010 - S3 to Major Handly, S3, 9th Inf: What about your battalions? A: The 1st Bn. is at 640659. That is, less C Co. The 1st will be in reserve. The 2nd Bn. is on the right.
- 2015 - Dagwood Red to S3: We just had a strafing by an American plane over here. It was a P47.
- 2017 - Dagwood White to S3: A P47 just strafed us up here. Don't know what damage it caused.
- 2021 - Msg from I&R patrol; 5 enemy dug in at these coordinates - 648616. Reference point church 201A.
- 2107 - White 3 to S3: What are the correct coordinates for C Co? A: C is at 650623.
- 2115 - S3 to G3: What is the general scheme? How about our right flank? A: We are not worried about our right flank. S3: Well, the left flank is OK. A: There are some Jerries at 755680. This enemy is pulling out now. Things look OK. We are pretty well buttoned up.
- 2130 - Lt Carroll to S2: There is enemy shell fire falling in Caumont, from 726545, it is believed. Enemy tanks at 796792. The 7th FA reported enemy at Vidouville at 6460. The 12th Panzer and the Lehr are supposed to be in that pocket. Bombing missions have been requested for 732537 and 735540, where heavy concentrations of infantry and vehicles are. Enemy artillery fire falling at 717593, and at 714586. Ten enemy armored cars and four tanks were moving west at 707582.
- 2145 - Msg from 7th FA: 7th at 707655. Div Arty CP 699641. 5th FA 694655. 33rd FA 705633. 32nd 673643. 62nd 686629.
- 2147 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Regt digging in. Expect attack tonight or morning. Contact me Regtl CP.
- 2155 - Capt Clark to White 5: Between you and the 18th on your flank, a battalion of engineers is going into a defensive position in the center, over-looking 613, up to 629, along the 66 grid line. Also out is a troop of the 38th Recon. The bridge across the river is prepared for mining.
- 2225 - Capt Clark to Red 3: Between up and the 18th, a battalion of the 20th engineers are going into a defensive position, with their most northeasterly point at 662628, and the southern point at 658614. Make a goose-egg around the road and they are in that position. The 38th Recon is also out. We will stay on this side of the river for tonight. A: Give me the positions of the 2nd Battalion. Capt Clark: F Co. is at 678639, E Co. at 689632, and G Co. at 684629. The CP is at 684645. Cannon Co. is at 685631. The bridge across the river is being mined.

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- 2230 - G3 to S3: Move one company and one platoon of the 741st to the following coordinates: 725691, to establish a road block to the east, and prevent Jerry from coming in to our rear. The company commander will report to me here at the Division CP. Lt Carroll will have 6 - 2 1/2 ton trucks at the cross roads at 704634 in half an hour.
- 2245 - S3 to Red 6: We have to send a company, with a platoon of tanks, to 725691, to establish a road block. Sent Lt. Kolb with A Co. Lt Kolb will go to the Division CP (693688) to see Major Lord. Lt Carroll will be at 704634 in half an hour with 6 trucks for A Co. We'll alert the tanks and have Lt Kolb pick them up at Balleroy, at 685696. Red 6: We want a wire line to Kolb.
- 2248 - Blue 2 to S2: I Co. is sending a patrol from 725633 to Mitrecaen to contact the 26th, and back. L Co. is sending a patrol from 716630 to contact the 26th to the northwest, from there to Mitrecaen, to 705618, and home.
- 2305 - S3 to G3: What are you so worried about up there? A: There is nothing over to our right flank and it is wide open. S3: Have the trucks left yet? A: I believe they have left. The CP of the 7th Armored is surrounded by 12 tanks, but they need some protection in that area.
- 2315 - White 2 to S3: There is enemy artillery landing at 670626. It's coming from the direction of Vidouville. It seems like a single roving tank. Its landing near the B Co. area.
- 2325 - G3 to S3: Where is your company commander? A: Isn't he there yet? G3: No. A: He should be there. Its Lt Kolb, and he is on the way up there. G3: If he hasn't started, get him up here right away. A: Right. G3: There is definitely a threat there. The Recon is having a little fight at 727613. A: A Battalion of British tanks are at 738612. G3: There isn't any great alarm, but we want that flank protected.
- 2336 - Col Mason to S3: Sorry we gave you the wrong light. Up this way, on our left it is pretty hazy, and we have to protect this road. Are they on their way? A: Yes, sir, they have been alerted and should be there by now. Col Mason: Don't be surprised if anything develops over there or if we call on you for movement of some more of your people from the 1st Bn. over there in a hurry. Keep that in mind, because if we do call on you for more, it will be urgent.
- 2350 - Dagwood Red to S3: A Co. has pushed off. It will be quite a job to find that place at night. A: They have a guide out there. I will call division and let them know you are coming. The tanks went by here at 2345 hours.
- 2356 - S3 to G3: Has our company commander arrived yet? A: Yes, he is here now. S3: Will you tell him his company and the tanks are on the way now. Tanks are at the crossroads now.
- 2358 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Nothing to report. (2345).
- 2400 - Msg to I&R Patrol (thru 9th Inf): C Co 9th notify I&R 16th to return. Beware friendly mine fields in vic 658638 and between C Co and the above coordinates.

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- 0015 - S2 to G3: Nothing to report except enemy artillery shelling from a revolving gun.
- 0020 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.
- 0021 - G2 to CP: We received a report from Corps that long columns of trucks and vehicles are moving north from L'Eveque, 6448, towards Caumont.
- 0040 - Lt Carroll to Col. Binder: A Co. has reported to Lt King and he is taking it forward to establish a road block at 725691. Tanks also are moving up behind the company.
- 0058 - Dagwood Red to CP: Situation unchanged. A: We received a report from Corps that long columns of trucks and vehicles are moving north from L'Eveque, 6448, towards Caumont.
- 0107 - Dagwood White to CP: Patrols have made contact as planned.
- 0110 - Vitamin to Lt Asker: The tank officer was at the crossroads and no one instructed him. Lt Asker: The infantry is in position. I don't know how you missed him.
- 0120 - Blue 3 to Col Binder: Patrols contacted the British and the 1st Bn. Another patrol contacted the 26th Inf at Livry.
- 0121 - Col Binder to Danger 3: No change, except for Blue. Patrols have contacted the British at Livry and the 1st Bn of the 16th and the 26th.
- 0155 - Lt Asker to Vitamin: How are the tanks coming? A: Still can't see a thing. I will keep you posted.
- 0200 - Dagwood Red: No change.
- 0201 - Dagwood Blue to CP: There is a road block at 723608, and also at 754636.
- 0202 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0225 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Where is the ammunition dump located? A: I don't know, but I will find out and call you back right away.
- 0230 - Lt Basher to Col Binder: There are some changes in the G2 Periodic Report we put out today. 4B is the left flank instead of the right flank. The Recon Troop CP has a Division symbol on it.
- 0231 - Lt Stephens to Serv Co: Where is the ammunition dump located? A: It is back on the beach near Colleville.
- 0233 - Lt Stephens to Blue CP: The ammunition dump is located back on the beach, near Colleville.
- 0234 - Lt Stephens to G3: Have the tanks ever reported to A Co? A: No, not yet. Major Lord said he would call A Company and find out if they are there yet, and let us know.

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- 0245 - Lt Stephens to G3: I called A Co. up, but the tanks have not arrived up there yet.
- 0246 - Lt Asker to Vitamin: The tanks have contacted the infantry and are now in position.
- 0250 - Dagwood White to CP: Everything is quiet except for machine gun and artillery fire in the 2nd Division sector.
- 0300 - Lt Stephens to G3: Negative report other than the tanks are not in yet.
- 0315 - Lt Stephens to A Co: What about the tanks? A: They are moving into the field here now.
- 0320 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0330 - Danger 3 to Dagwood CP: The tanks have arrived at the road block.
- 0400 - Lt Stephens to G3: Negative report.
- 0405 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0410 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0420 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.
- 0515 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0530 - White 3 to Lt Bryan: Everything is OK out here. I talked to Index Blue a while ago. They knocked out a few people with machine pistols. Our patrols to them at 0425 reports nothing. We have an OP at 666726. Its a good place.
- 0555 - White 3 to Lt Bryan: White patrol reports everything quiet. They contacted the antitank guns at the road junction. Also, they saw the people who moved in last night.
- 0605 - Dagwood Blue to CP: L Co. contact patrol to the 26th Inf has returned. The enemy counterattacked last night, and cut the road. But they were in small force and were repulsed by one platoon of Co. K, Dextrose. Some enemy picked up south of our position were from the second Panzer. But the main force hit the British, rather than us. A British armored unit expects to pass thru our positions early this morning on our flank. A patrol from the 1st Bn. Dagwood checked into our CP at 0600 and gave a negative report.
- 0615 - Capt Friedman to G3: Negative report for us. (Also, gave all of above information to G3).
- 0615 - Red 5 to S1: Nothing new out here. How about you? A: (Gave him information received from Dagwood Blue above.)
- 0700 - G3 to S1: I just ordered you A Co and the one platoon of tanks to thin

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their outposts and pull back and get a good rest. The heat is off. Jerry is not so active in the daytime. They can do anything they want to in the daytime, and we'll knock hell out of them with artillery.

- 0710 - Mag from Lt Kestlinger: Battalions all report negative. One Co reported small enemy patrol undetermined strength to regtl right flank.
- 0815 - S2 to Blue 2: The British have forty tanks, plus antitank guns, and one company of Queens Rifles at 732617.
- 0820 - S3 to G3: Where did you assemble A Co? Are they being sent back to us this morning? A: No, we just pulled them back to 722690 to get some rest. We will keep them until things clear up here on the eastern flank.
- 0825 - S3 to G2: Did you see the newspaper that showed the D Day landing? A: I saw it, but it isn't here. I am going to Army, tho, and I will try to get a copy for you. S3: Have you any new dope? A: Decoy picked up some prisoners from the 5th Regt, 3rd Parachute Div., which means the parachute division extends to our front. The Panzer movements seem to be toward the British front. S3: Have you heard anything from the underground? A: They are active on the British sector and behind the lines. I am sending some of the boys to contact the leader in this sector to see if he has any dope on St Lo.
- 0835 - S6 to White 6: Reference the personnel you got yesterday, if there are any changes you want to make, just call and let us know your ideas. A: Very well, sir.
- 0852 - Lt Kestlinger to S3: There is no change in positions since I last reported them. There was a heavy troop concentration on the right last night, and they laid heavy artillery in there all night. They believe the results were very good. A: Do you have the positions of the 23rd and 38th? Lt Kestlinger: No, sir, but I will get them and call you back.
- 0855 - CP to S3: There is white ackack and machine gun fire observed at 280 degrees.
- 0908 - S3 to Red 5: Anything new? A: Nothing.
- 0910 - S3 to White 3: Anything new? A: Nothing that I have not reported.
- 0912 - S3 to Blue 3: Anything new? A: Nothing.
- 0914 - S3 to AT: Anything new? A: Nothing.
- 0916 - Lt Kestlinger to S3: Here are the coordinates you asked for: 38th Inf - 1 Bn at 592691; 2nd Bn at 595716; 3rd Bn at 582682; 23rd Inf - 3rd Bn at 603676; Regtl CP at 616696; 9th Inf, 2nd Bn, at 622650; 2nd Div CP at 607727; 115th Inf - 1 Bn at 553722; 2nd Bn at 553732; 3rd Bn at 573702
- 0945 - G2 to S2: We got word that the artillery cubs have observed no traffic on any roads for 5000 yards south of Caumont. This includes the lateral road

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- 0957 - Capt Clark to Danger 3: Negative report. How many landing strips are there to our rear? A: I'm not sure, but there is at least one refueling and rearming strip.
- 1010 - Blue 2 to S2: There is a mine field at Le Bourg, at 700586, guarded by machine guns. There is intermittent harrassing fire from a tank on the high ground south of Caumont.
- 1055 - Lt Kestlinger to Capt Clark: Anything for me? A: Yes, get an overlay of all your division positions and come over here right away.
- 1107 - Blue 3 to S2: I Co. patrols went to coordinates 755636. There are two British M10s and two British 16 PAs there. Enemy mortar fire is falling in that vicinity. The patrol moved down to La Paumerie, at 731618, where there is one company of the 6th Queens. At 740595, there are three British companies. At 735585 and 745585 there are two enemy companies. There is a British roadblock at 770580. At 785579 the British are engaged in a fire fight. The 26th has a road block at le Repas, at 720594. K Co. is going to send a motorized patrol from 715633, south to the main road, east to 727634, north to St Honorine de Ducy, north to the church at Cahagnolles, and then north to le Butte. There, they are going to find the position of the British main body. There are enemy pockets to the east and behind us.
- 1115 - Capt Clark to G3: (Information as received above.)
- 1220 - Mag from CG 1st Div: Sitrep; 1412008-1st Div Cp, 693688; 16th CP, 701644; AT CP, 702644; 1/16-CP, 694628; A/16, 725691; B/16, 692624; C/16, 686626; 2/16, 685634; E/16, 682632; F/16, 675637; G/16, 683628; 3/16, 715635; I/16, 720628; K/16, 718634; L/16, 716625; 18th CP, 682616; 1/18, 658593; 2/18, 683595; 3/18, 671606; 26th CP, 694605; 1/26, 714594; 2/26, 706593; 3/26, 710600; 9th CP, 639658; 2/9, 624652; 3/9, 645645; C/9, 647622; 23rd CP, 615695; 1/23, 593692; 2/23, 604688; 3/23, 600680; 2nd Div CP, 626656; 38th Recon Tp, 657611; 1/9th, 639654; 1/115, 553724; 2/115, 553733; 3/115, 575703; 1/38, 584683; 2/38, 595717; 3/38, 583683.
- 1230 - G2 to S2: C Co. of the 9th was told by some civilians that a lot of motor vehicles and camouflaged stuff is in the vicinity of St Jean des Baisants at 585601.
- 1245 - Blue 2 to S3: The 22nd Armored Brigade (Br) is located at la Butte, at 741695. 231st Inf Brig. located at la Belle, 770693. 56th Inf Brig. located at 814682. Both units are shoving off. The first objective for the 231st is 770637 and 795648. The 2nd objective for them is 779609. The first objective for the 56th British is 820659, in Hottot. Dag. Blue patrols have been to Quesnay-Quesnon and to the river, and have encountered no enemy.
- 1300 - Co A 1st Eng to S3: We have 400 mines on hand now.
- 1310 - G2 to S2: Code names of 3rd Para Div: Div Hq-Haudegen; 5th Regt-Hubertus; 1st Bn, Giftmischer; 2nd Bn, Muhlrad; 3rd Bn, Lorerli; 8th Regt, Burnstine; 9th Regt, Fenster; Div Supply, Schmetering; 3rd Med Bn, Linsengericht; 3rd Engr Bn, Weltburger.

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- 1350 - Lt Carroll to S2: The British moved into Villers Bocage, with armor and no infantry to hold the ground, and had to fall back. The 19th Corps is taking over as of 1200 today, with the 29th and 30th Regiments and the 3rd Armored.
- 1400 - Lt Kestlinger to Capt Clark: How are things? A: OK over here. How are they over there? Lt Kestlinger: The 2nd Recon is going out in front of C Co. They are just sitting there.
- 1402 - Red 2 to S2: Where are the 200 paratroopers dug in? A: At Sept Vents, 1200 yards south of Caumont. The French say that they have about a dozen machine guns near the church.
- 1407 - Lt Bryan to Dextrose 2: (Information as above.)
- 1410 - General Wyman visits CP.
- 1412 - Enemy positions reported by Lt Carroll: 1/3,-808580; 3rd-844588; 4/5-565688; 2/5-575660; 3/5-585652; 3/8-600655; 1/304-708545; 1755 (Cos 3 & 4)-670548.
- 1420 - Dagwood Blue to S3: Heavy ackack 160 degrees from the Op, which is at 716627. K Co. patrol went along the main road 3000 yards up to Parfouru l'Eclin. On the other side of the town, they were told by the 1st Recon not to go further because the enemy had approached the line with infantry and tanks, fired on them, and gone back. At la Prevatrene, on the hill north and south. The British have ten tanks on each hill.
- 1422 - Msg from S4: S4 located 702656.
- 1430 - Msg from G4: Div Sig Sup, 698700; PW 684693; DAO, 693697; straggler line - Subles-Tuillerie-Vaubaden; Div rear boundary-680770-760790. (104580).
- 1431 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Weather forecast for daylight hours June 14, 1944- Nil cloud becoming partly cloudy. Nil precipitation. Visibility greater than six miles. Wind, westerly 12-15 miles per hour. (100080)
- 1520 - Capt Clark to Blue 3: Has Gen Wyman been up there? A: Yes, he has been here but is gone.
- 1521 - Capt Clark to Blue CP: Gen Wyman is on his way up to see you.
- 1522 - Capt Clark to White CP: Gen Wyman is on his way up to see you.
- 1530 - Capt Clark to Dextrose: What is your situation? A: Same as this morning. Very quiet. No enemy.
- 1535 - Capt Clark to Decoy: Anything new? A: It's very quiet, a lovely war. The only patrols we have contacted is you C Co.
- 1558 - Capt Clark to G3: Nothing to report. Have you anything? A: Nothing now. There'll be some dope for tonight, which will be down to you very shortly.

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- 1545 - Blue 2 to S2: K Co. patrol contacted the 22nd Armored Brig at 743695. They travelled forward and met the 231st Brig. at the crossroads at 769693. Hq. of the 231st Brig. is at 772704. Hq. 151st Brig. was moving south from 810705. The 56th Brig. was at 826725. The 231st was moving for the crossroads at 782689. Sgt. Springstead went to Caumont and saw a lot of vehicles in the valley out ahead. There seems to be no air on it. Some artillery is falling.
- 1850 - S3 to G4: How about our 105s? A: We have released 6 halftracks and one 105 for tomorrow. You will also get the 57 tomorrow. Also, I have the release on 20 jeeps and ton and half-ton trailers. You'll get some. I don't know how many. I'll also get two guns for Cannon in two or three days. S3: Two kitchen trucks are missing; K and L. A: They'll most likely come in in a couple of days.
- 1910 - Lt Carroll to S2: There is a large force of enemy tanks at 785685. The 29th Div. is in St Chir and moving forward. There's 20 enemy tanks at 740570. Also 22 noticed at 736570. Machine gun emplacements fired on the Recon at 675583. The 18th reports that a plane with our markings fired on their troops, killing one and wounding two.
- 1920 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Enemy strongpoint at 630637. Artillery to shell. Regt just ordered to take Berigny. Recon. sent out. (1833).
- 1940 - Lt Carroll to S3: British report troops strafed by Thunderbolts at 726612. At 775581, patrol strafed by our own planes. 3rd patrol to the east at 715587, met rifle and small arms fire on road; had casualties.
- 2005 - S3 to G3: What's the latest? A: Nothing much. 7th Armored is moving along our left flank tonight. Pulling back our way. We are in pretty fine shape on that flank. They are going to move east and clean up the pockets. We're figuring on big stuff. 38th is on our right. The far right is planning to push tomorrow. We don't know anything on the big stuff yet. S3: What about A Co? A: Leave them tonight for a good night's sleep and get them back tomorrow. Do you want to send out a patrol tonight? S3: That's SOP.
- 2015 - S3 to Red 3: You will get A Co back tomorrow. How are you doing? A: OK. Jerries are shelling Caumont quite heavily, about 150 stuff. There are lots of smoke shells.
- 2017 - S3 to Dextrose: Do you have any troops in Caumont? A: Yes, a whole battalion, right in town. The Germans are shelling the town. About two guns laying in some smoke. Probably are trying to set the town on fire. They are probably in the woods in front of Decoy White. We have shelled them quite a bit, but have been unable to get them.
- 2047 - S3 to Lt Kestlinger: What do you know? A: Not a thing. S3: Who is going to attack and take the town. A: It was going to be the 9th, but was switched to the 23rd. The 9th is sitting tight.

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- 2135 - S3 to Decoy: How is the situation? A: Quiet. S3: What about patrols?
A: They start at 1100. S3: What is their composition? A: We will follow orders. S3: Are you getting artillery. A: Every once in a while. Several killed. More killed at Caumont. Ours comes mostly from the right. Few infantry out forward, the ones we see are outposts of main group.
- 2217 - Blue 3 to S2: We had a patrol back from the British. They are still at la Belle Epine, at 770694. There are ten to 15 tanks, Mark VI, at 806662.
- 2300 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 2325 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 2342 - Dagwood White to Mr. Lipinski: Our contact patrol went out to the 38th Cav outpost at 654616 and just returned. It was from B Co. The 38th outpost reported that they saw an exchange of small arms fire, quite a bit, about 1000 yards up the river at approximately 645597. It was apparently with the 1st Bn., Decoy. Also, there was tank and mortar fire in the vicinity of our CP at 670618. No casualties. Our CP is moving up the contour there, about 800 yards to the vicinity of 666624, and try to make contact with the CP of 3rd Bn., Decoy which is located just in the corner of the road.
- 2352 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Enemy reported digging in at 630635 and 640645. Gun battery reported at 623608.
- 2358 - Blue CP to Sgt Quinn: 6 white flares leaving black smoke in the sky were seen at 770610, and 6 white flares seen at 610610.

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- 0005 - White CP to Sgt Quinn; Our patrols are out and we should have a report in half an hour, at which time I will call you. Our OP received direct tank fire from the southwest which was presumably directed at Decoy Red. The fire forced the OP to move due west. We are going to establish a listening post there instead of an OP. Lt Chandler is out now trying to notify Decoy of the change in position.
- 0015 - Red CP to Mr Lipinski; Negative report.
- 0040 - Lt Chandler to Mr. Lipinski; Its possible that the planes passing over now have dropped paratroops. Flares have been dropped in the vicinity of Caumont. The planes may be JU 52's.
- 0045 - Mr Lipinski to G3; Negative report except (also above information .)
- 0050 - Pvt Weinberg (Blue) to Mr Lipinski; British bombing mission just passed overhead. The OP reports that they bombed Villers Bocage. A: How do you know their British? Pvt. Weinberg; We were told about the mission today by Regiment.
- 0100 - Mr Lipinski to Danger 3; I just had a report from Blue OP that the planes just passing over were apparently a schedule mission by the British on Villers Bocage.
- 0120 - White 1 to Mr Lipinski; Lt Chandler has been unable to contact Decoy. The planes have all passed over. Flares were dropped in the vicinity of Caumont. A: Yes, I had a report from Blue OP that they had bombed Villers Bocage. White 1; OK on that then. The F Co. patrol contacted C Co. of Index. C of Index had captured 9 men and one machine gun in their sector. The bridge at 652638 is prepared for mining. The engineers have prepared it.
- 0135 - Dagwood Red; Situation unchanged.
- 0200 - Dagwood Blue to Mr Lipinski; Amber flares reported by our OP at 173 degrees. L Co. patrol contacted 1st and 2nd Bns. 1st Bn. has a road block in the vicinity of Livry, and they have six tanks at the block. The 2nd Bn reports all quiet. An enemy tank is firing at 6572. Planes are bombing around there too. I don't know whose they are.
- 0205 - Dagwood Red; Situation unchanged.
- 0207 - Dagwood White to Mr Lipinski; Two white flares reported in front of our OP. Patrols are out as usual.
- 0215 - S1 to Danger 3; (Information as above.)
- 0220 - S1 to White; What is this about an enemy tank firing at 6572? A: It seems incorrect. We will check and call back.
- 0255 - Dagwood Red; Negative report.
- 0305 - Dagwood Blue to S1; I Co patrol reports that the situation on the British side is unchanged.

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- 0315 - Dagwood White to S1: Our patrols report very minor activity all around. Our motorized patrol ran into the 38th Recon patrol and the 38th patrol reported being fired on by a short burst of small arms fire at point 6365. This firing stopped. Other patrols reported seeing small arms fire in the 9th sector, around C Co. of the 9th. Also, the tank firing report was apparently wrong.
- 0320 - S1 to G3: (Information as above). Also, the tank report was apparently an error. The outpost which made the original report had gone off duty and the relief knew nothing about it.
- 0400 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0416 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0422 - Lt Stephens to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0500 - Dagwood Blue to Lt Stephens: Our K Co. patrol left to contact the British at 0410. The OP reported a white star cluster and enemy ackack 4 miles south of the OP position. There is enemy artillery fire on the right flank.
- 0510 - Dagwood Red: No change.
- 0520 - White 3 to Lt Stephens: The E Co patrol has contacted L Co of Decoy at 662661 and the F Co. patrol has contacted Index Blue.
- 0530 - Lt Stephens to Danger 3: Our E Co patrol contacted L Co of Decoy at 662661, and our F Co. patrol has contacted Index Blue. K Co patrol is out to contact the British. Blue OP reported a white star cluster and enemy ackack 4 miles south of their OP. Enemy artillery fire is falling to our right flank.
- 0620 - Dagwood Blue to CP: Caumont was being heavily shelled at 0530.
- 0705 - Dagwood Blue to CP: I Co. patrol has contacted the British. They are out of Livry. No one is there now. The 62nd Brig is at Briquessard, at 735612, 740598.
- 0710 - Lt Bryan to Danger 3: (Information as above). A: OK. There is nothing new up here.
- 0810 - Lt Carroll to Lt Bryan: Here's a message we received from V Corps. The 2nd Div captured a marked map, showing the plan of attack of the 2nd Panzer Division. It showed two lines on it in the vicinity of Caumont, indicating the place that the Division was to attack. The coordinates of these lines are 7532 to 6461, 7933 to 6969. It came up from Fleurs, and was sent from there to relieve pressure from Villers Bocage. It was picked up from a PW from the 1st Co. of the 403rd Regt. They expected us to attack this morning. They had orders to hold at all costs. They have only light field guns and no tanks. This statement was confirmed by other PWs.

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- 0855 - Lt Kestlinger to CP: All is quiet on the 9th front. There is something in the wind for the right. I will bring the details in with me.
- 0900 - S3 to Dextrose 3: How about your patrols? A: Two of our patrols were out for about a mile and a half and they ran into half of the German Army. They hit artillery, mortars and machine gun fire. I'm waiting for the patrol leader to come in now so that I can get all the dope from him.
- 0905 - S3 to Decoy 3: What's cooking? A: We had a couple of patrols out about 1 1/2 miles. They went past Sept Vents. They had to pass it up as Jerry had 6 or 8 machine guns and mortars there. They ran into a German outpost and shot it up pretty well. I have two men missing and one wounded. We had a little activity on the right flank. We think it was a tank.
- 0915 - S3 to G3: What about the British? A: The 49th is pushing, and the 50th is pushing. The British have pulled back at Villers Bocage. Lehr Division is really rugged. They have some Mk VI's and you can't get them out. 7 Valentine tanks went in to get them, and were knocked out.
- 1030 - S3 to G3: When are we getting back A Co? A: Some time this morning.
- 1034 - S3 to Dagwood Blue: There is a report that some French civilians are moving from our lines towards the enemy. If possible, they are to be arrested and sent to the PW cage. If you can't capture them, shoot them.
- 1047 - S2 to G2: We have just finished interrogating a French civilian woman. A few days ago she was allowed to go towards Quesnay-Quesnon but was not told that the Germans were there. She got to the road junction at 756653 and was picked up by the Jerries. She said they have a tank on the side of the road going east. West on that road is a road block consisting of old vehicles. There are about 100 Germans in that vicinity. Half-tracks and motorcycles patrol the road. She got away last night.
- 1105 - S3 to Red 3: I want you, the CO or the Ex here at 1300 hours today to go to the 18th and 26th Inf to look over the situation to be prepared to go through them if we have to.
- 1136 - G3 to S2: A Co. will be released at 1300 hours. Trucks will be furnished.
- 1138 - S3 to S4: What is the location of the water point? A: Its located at 698638.
- 1141 - Msg from CG 1st Div: Sitrep 15 1200-Div CP-695688; 16th CP-702646; AT/16-703646; 1/16 CP-694630; 2/16 CP-686634; 3/16 CP-715637; B/16 693623; C/16-685624; E/16-684633; F/16-676638; G/16-684629; I/16-722629; K/16-718633; L/16-718627; Gn Co/16-685632; 18th Inf CP-682617; 1/18-664594; 2/18-682596; 3/18-673605; 26th Inf Cp-694604; 1/26-714594; 2/26-705594; 3/26-710600; Serv Co/16-703657; 16th Water Point-698638; 7th FA Bn-705656; 38 Recon Tr-718642; 2nd Recon Tr-666635; 9th Inf CP-638652;

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1/9 CP-639653; 2/9 CP-629656; E/9-623648; F/9-623653; G/9-630646;
3/9 CP-647645; I/9-636644; K/9-653639; C/9-651622; 23 Inf CP-617696;
1/38-620670; 2/38-616683; 3/38-597696; 2/23-615688; 3/23-600680;
1/116-573702.

- 1201 - S3 to Lt Kolb: Have you been given word about being released yet? A: No sir. S3: You are to be released about 1300 hours this afternoon. Lt Asker from the 741st Tanks is on his way up there and he will lead the tanks back in rear of your transportation.
- 1205 - S3 to Red 3: A Co. will be back to you this afternoon. They are being released at 1300 hours and will be provided transportation back.
- 1300 - G2 to S2: The 17th Pzr may have pulled out. Along the 57 Grid line the enemy has positions in dept to the woods north of Boussigny. They have mortars and 6 LMGs in the town. There is a 50mm flat trajectory gun covering the road to Montairel. The wooded area west of la Londe is a strongpoint. A PW said that in Cahagnes there are 105s and 75s. 20 to 30 tanks are in that vicinity.
- 1422 - Red CP to S3: A Co. is back and the tanks that were with them have gone back to the 3rd Bn.
- 1437 - General Gerow and Gen. Wyman visit CP.
- 1445 - White 5 to S2: We want to fire 15 rounds of bazooka ammunition for a test fire. The exact location is 679625. There is a 20 foot wall around a burned out barn. We will post guards around the area. Is it OK? A: Yes, go ahead. White 5: We'll fire at 1800 hours.
- 1450 - Capt Clark to Red 3: Notify units that the 3rd Bn is going to fire 15 rounds of bazooka at 1800 hours at 679625.
- 1451 - Capt Clark to Decoy 3: (Same information as above.)
- 1500 - G3 to Capt Clark: Just got an unconfirmed report from the British that the pnd Pzr Gren Bn of the 2nd Pzr Div will attack from southeast on Caumont.
- 1501 - S2 to Red 2: (Information as above.)
- 1503 - S2 to Blue 2: (Information as above.)
- 1545 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 1610 - S3 to Red 6: I just wanted to see if you got back o.k.
- 1615 - S3 to Blue 5: Just wanted to see if you got back o.k. A: Yes. I got word that the 50th Division is pushing forward slowly. They have patrols down to the 77 easting. I don't know about the northing.

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- 1620 - Lt Balyeat to S3: We reclaimed another jeep for H Co. We might get another 105 mm and a 3/4 ton today. We have to wait for our half-tracks until they are off the boats.
- 1635 - S3 to G3: What's the score on the 741st? A: We have orders from Corps that they and the 3rd Armored Group are relieved from attached to the 1st Div. We might get them back later on. Meanwhile, they will work elsewhere. S3: How about our right flank? A: They are not moving much. The push starts tomorrow.
- 1638 - S3 to Col Skaggs: I hear we are losing you. I sure hate to see you leave. A: Yes, they are moving us out somewhere. I'll be over to see you before I go.
- 1645 - Blue 6 to S3: It is true that the 741st Tanks are being relieved? A: Yes, it's true. They are leaving today.
- 1646 - S3 to Red 3: The 741st has been relieved, so you will lose your tanks today.
- 1647 - S3 to G3: How many tanks do we have attached to the Division now? A: The 745th Tank Bn. We have one company with the 18th, 2 companies with the 26th. S3: What about the TDs? A: 2 companies; one with each regiment, 103AA, 38th Recon troop, 1 between 1st Bn., 26th and the 17th Queens, one between 9th and 18th, and one in reserve. The mortars are with the XIX Corps. They have everything. Most of the 3rd Armored is off. S3: What's the general situation? A: Stalling for time. S3: What about St Lo? A: They are not worrying about it. S3: When is Bradley coming in and taking over? A: He is in, but I don't know when he is taking over.
- 1705 - Capt Clark to G2: Major Plitt would like a 1/50000 map of the St Lo area. A: I have one out with an officer now that I can give you. Its wrinkled up a little. I'll give it to Lt Carroll as soon as the officer returns.
- 1740 - S3 to G3: Can you get the 2nd Division to fire? There is a battery of guns that our I&R spotted. They were 300 yards from it. The guns are at 637602. Reference is church at Vidouville. South of that 100 yards to 150 yards. It was reported to the company of the 9th down there, but nothing was done about it.
- 1745 - S3 to Index 2: (Information as above.) A: We will fire on it as soon as the Recon that is out now comes in.
- 1810 - Msg from G2 1st Div: Password 7th Armd Div (Brit) 1200 hours 15 June to 1200 hours 16 June; Challenge: Bubble. Answer: Squeak.
- 1810 - Msg from CG 1st Div: All towns and villages are off limits to all troops except on official business. All commanders will take positive measures to prevent looting. Severe disciplinary action against offenders is directed.

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- 1810 - Msg from CG 1st Div; Antiaircraft fire: Previous instructions re-reference to firing of AA machine guns by other than AA troops are rescinded. Effective immediately AA machine guns manned by other than AA troops will not fire at aircraft during the hours of darkness. All commanders will take necessary action to assure compliance with the above instructions.
- 1820 - Above information given to all battalions.
- 1855 - Msg from I&R Patrol; Op at 017074. (1855)
- 1858 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger (w/9th Inf); Negative report. (1830).
- 1950 - Vitamin closes to move out.
- 2006 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger (w/9th Inf); Nothing to report.
- 2045 - Dagwood White to S2; Two P47s just straffed near us, within our area. They were definitely P47s.
- 2046 - Dagwood Red to S2; Two P47s just straffed us up here. A: They were over the 2nd Bn. too.
- 2048 - S2 to G3; Two P47s just straffed the 1st and 2nd Bns. They were definitely identified as P47s by both battalions. A: OK, we'll check immediately.
- 2110 - Dagwood Red to S3; Those planes set one jeep on fire, killed one man and wounded one or two. A: We'll send somebody up to investigate it at once.
- 2115 - Mr Felber to S3; I got the following equipment today; 2 sniper rifles, 2 heavy machine guns with tripods, 1 water cooled machine gun, one light machine gun tripod, 10 field glasses, 4 BARS, 5 M8 grenade launchers, two compasses, two .50 cal. machine guns without mounts.
- 2116 - Red 2 to S2; I just got an intercept that the 26th is getting a counterattack on their right flank.
- 2131 - S2 to G2 - How about that counterattack on the 26th? A: The counterattack is only a probing attack along the 26th right flank.
- 2132 - S2 to Lt Roehrig (Blue); Did you have any men wounded on that recent straffing job? A: No. S2: Investigate at the water DP and see if anyone was hit there.
- 2140 - Lt Carroll to S2; The 5th FA reports Caumont is being shelled by 88s and 105s and occasionally 150s. There is intense vehicular traffic north

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and northeast of the crossroads at 732536. A possible CP at 692547. Some Germans reported in the town of Livry. The 26th reports it spotted a gun firing on it from 667588. General Huebner turned in a new type of grenade launcher. Enemy vehicles going into a motor park at 690570.

- 2157 - G3 to S3: Decoy 3 says the enemy is working up his right flank. It may be a light attack or a probing action. Keep a sharp lookout to the front for infiltration because we want to crucify them.
- 2158 - Blue 2 to S2: I Co. has contacted the British. There are two mine fields, one at road 755608, the other at 740610. The British are in a fight at Amaye sur Seulles, around 770576. The patrol there will withdraw. Jerry is in Cahagnes and Canflais (734582). We are going to bomb Cahagnes tonight. They are still shelling Caumont.
- 2200 - Lt Kestlinger to S2: Do you recall that maneuver to straighten out the line by C Co., 9th, that is going to take place? A: Right. Lt Kestlinger: I'm bringing over an overlay of the whole thing later.
- 2202 - Msg from Lt Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 2203 - Lt Carroll to S2: I'll bring up all the information when I come up tonight.
- 2215 - S2 to G3: A Machine gun squad, supported by rifle fire, has infiltrated the right flank of the 18th Inf, about 663600. C Co. of the 18th has gone after them. Our I&R patrol got caught down there in the middle of this mess.
- 2215 - Msg from I&R Patrol: One machine gun squad supported by rifle fire at 663600.
- 2216 - S3 to G3: I&R was out in the vicinity of C Co., 18th. There is an infiltration behind 1st Bn, 18th. C Co., 18th, is out after them. A: Do you people need anything down there? S3: Yes, tanks. A: The best I can do is scout cars. S3: Never mind. We have AT guns. The 9th is pushing and that will relieve the pressure.
- 2218 - S3 to Delight 6: There is an infiltration at the 1st Bn., 18th, right flank. I would like more observation there. A: OK. We can put some there. How about your 2nd Bn? S3: No, just the first.
- 2223 - S3 to Red 3: I called the artillery and requested liaison for you. Be sure and get patrols out so there is no infiltration. A: We patrol about 2000 yards ahead. S3: Watch particularly to your right.
- 2235 - Dagwood Blue to S2: One man was killed, Pfc Murray, and two men wounded and one vehicle shot up but still running, by those planes. Also, one 1st Bn. jeep was set on fire.
- 2235 - Capt Toby (Delight 3) to S3: Forward CP for 7th FA at 670619, with the 2nd Bn.
- 2237 - S3 to G3: About an hour ago I reported to Major Lord about the strafing in our area. One man from L Co. was killed and two wounded. What is

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being done about it? A: Shaw is working on it. I believe the 8 p47s were after the battery of 88AA when they opened up. I will let you know the details later.

- 2240 - Col Wright to S3: I'm sending up Red Cross supplies. 200 soap, 300 towels, 1000 razor blades. These supplies are for front line troops only. These are not QM supplies. I am held financially responsible for these. I don't want any of these stymied before they reach the front line troops. They are especially for them. I don't want them stopped at battalion Hq. S4 will receive them sometime tonight and make distribution.
- 2250 - S3 to S4: You are to get Red Cross supplies tonight. Watch them so they are not taken by Service Co. They are for the battalions and battalion headquarters companies since they lost so much stuff on the beach.
- 2251 - Capt Toby to S3: I am sending an observer out to Red in half an hour. He will have radio communication and wire into your net.
- 2255 - Blue 2 to S3: We are having some controversy on the British Pass Word. What time does it come into effect; 1200 or 2200 hours? I understand they have made new arrangements? A: Major Lauten says it goes into effect at 0200 hours. They are using the new time.
- 2310 - S3 to White 2: Have you contacted the Recon Trp on your right? A: Yes, sir. An E Co. officer just came back from there. They have one platoon of armored cars dug in between 658618 and 659626. Our patrol (2nd Bn) went over to the junction (654616) on the other side of the river. S3: I want you to place interdictory mortar fire on the 60-64 grid square, east of 65 northing along the river bed. Reports from civilians say there is about 1000 Jerrys in that area around Vidouville. We believe infiltration may occur, so interdict mortar fire there tonight. Notify the Recon Troop and the 18th Infantry of your intentions of firing. Keep me posted. The reason for firing mortars is because of limitation in artillery rounds, (652613).
- 2345 - S3 to G3: I've been checking on the mortar positions and the Recon Troop and it would be unadvisable to move them. The Recon. Troops are down there and our patrols are patrolling effectively. If anything does come up, we will take care of them.

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- 0002 - Blue to Lt. Bryan: Negative Report.
- 0012 - Dagwood White: Negative report. Patrols going out to same area.
- 0025 - Decoy 3 to Lt. Bryan: Enemy started smoking our positions in 2nd Bn area. Made thrust but we stopped them. We laid artillery and mortars on them. Enemy used mortars believed coming from right. Four armored vehicles from right, believed tanks. Only artillery believed to be 88 AA guns used for direct fire. Enemy has heavy thrust from right, two company strength. Believe main thrust will come from right area. Have your battalions, especially second on lookout. We will lay interdiction fire in that area throughout the night. We are laying a mine field north of 3rd Bn 18th in woods. It will be marked and wired. Patrols will be active throughout the area to clean up enemy.
- 0030 - Lt. Bryan to Lt. Chandler. Notified them about mine field in 18th sector.
- 0031 - G-2 to Lt. Bryan: Approximately 1000 Jerries reported in Vidouville sector.
- 0110 - Dagwood Blue to S-2: We wish to report the disappearance of a jeep that is missing from a patrol. It was involved in strafing in front of Dagwood Red CP. Jeep was in running order. Would like to have a search made for it.
- 0112 - S-2 to Dagwood Blue: Can you give me the number of the jeep? Dagwood Blue: Sorry I don't have it now but can give it to you tomorrow.
- 0115 - S-2 to G-2: After they had evacuated the wounded from the strafing someone took the jeep that belonged to 3rd battalion. G-2; notify the Div Provost Marshal.
- 0119 - Dagwood Blue gives negative report.
- 0125 - Dagwood White to S-2: F Company patrol reported back. Made contact with index K Company. Small arms fire from 1500 to 2000 yards to left front. The other two patrols should be back soon. Reported friendly planes over about an hour ago and two German planes over now. No bombing or strafing in vicinity.
- 0132 - Dagwood Red reported no change.
- 0148 - Dagwood White to S-2: Patrol is back from 18th Infantry. 18th had patrol out in front and had no contact with enemy. No artillery. A couple of planes overhead but no bombs dropped.
- 0202 - Negative report from Dagwood Blue.
- 0210 - Dagwood Red reports negative, situation unchanged.
- 0245 - Mr. Lipinsky to Danger 3, negative report.

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- 0307 - Blue reports OP saw amber flares at 250 degrees, four miles out at 0230 hrs. and 0245 hrs. Also one in the vicinity of Caumont at 0300 hrs, 500 yards in front of L Company.
- 0315 - Dagwood White reports machine gun and small arms fire to right and left fronts. Patrol on road to Cornolain contacted the 38th Ren. They reported no enemy action.
- 0320 - Dagwood Red reports negative.
- 0333 - Dagwood Red, negative report from OP.
- 0345 - Mr. Lipinsky to Danger 3: Nothing happening except for a few amber flares on our left front. (Ans) Our friends had an attack at 0115 hrs. at 735598 but pushed them back. Tomorrow they are going to send a patrol to the 7360 square.
- 0406 - Dagwood White: No activity except for some small arms fire to our front.
- 0410 - Dagwood Red: Situation unchanged.
- 0420 - Dagwood Blue: No activity except for flares. L Company was alerted at 0400 hrs.
- 0430 - Capt Friedman to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0445 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0530 - Dagwood White - 3 reports it was very quiet other than the people out there being a little jittery. Patrol made contact on the right. We still have one patrol from G Company to hear from.
- 0600 - Capt. Friedman to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0605 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0610 - Dagwood Red: Negative report.
- 0706 - S-1 to Danger 3: Line busy.
- 0707 - S-1 to Index Blue: Is that fire coming from your sector? Index, yes that is our artillery firing.
- 0731 - Negative report from Lt. Kestlinger (9th Inf)
- 0800 - Capt. Hall reports all quiet in the 2nd Bn area.
- 0830 - G-2 to S-2: The British (6th Queens) are getting air attack at 741588. Dextrose sent out patrols, the one that went forward got in a little fight, one went to Sept Vents. Decoy had a little attack. A Jerry staff car came down the road at 0615 hrs. and someone pulled a mine out in front of it and blew the car up. They think the person and vehicle belonged to the 17th SS

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but are not sure. There was a small attack against E C. of Dextrose but with no success.

- 0855 - S-3 to Index: How are you doing? (Ans) Okay, one regiment going forward now. Moving on a division front. Isolated machine guns and sniper's fire encountered in moving forward.
- 0905 - Dagwood Blue to S-2: 231st British Division information, one of their companies is at 767683. The 69th Infantry is moving through for a line east of Les Orailles. The 156th Brigade is at 805679. 49th British Division located at 839688. They are going to try to take Tilly-Sur-Seulles.
- Fifty enemy tanks reported in woods at 795633. Groups of enemy also located at 774658. There is a company of enemy infantry in Longraye. Enemy infantry also located at 787655. The 56th British Brigade is in reserve at 796648 moving down the road to start a push down there at the road junction.
- 0915 - S-3 to Lt. Carroll (Div): The 18th Infantry picked up a complete set of counter-invasion plans. Will send you complete information later.
- 0948 - S-3 to G-2: We received 1/50,000 maps last night so do not need any right now.
- 1000 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: Here is some news from 2400 hours last night. British troops are in Livry at 672593. One company estimated to be in woods at 672593. Prisoners of war are as follows: 3 from 5th Paratroops - 1 from 1st Co, 304th Grenadier Regiment. Two companies attacked the 2nd Division on their right flank at St. George d' Elle at 6559 (2210 hrs). A Frenchman from St. Germaine, 6363, observed a number of Germans in black uniforms in stream bed in vicinity of Montrabot. About 1000 troops there but no armor.
- 1040 - S-3 to Red 3: Has any enemy artillery fire landed in your area? (Ans) No, there has been no fire in this vicinity.
- 1043 - S-3 to White 3: Has any enemy artillery fire landed in your area or gone over your area just now? (Ans) We had two rounds go over us but we haven't located the direction yet but we are going to check with Rwd. (S-3) We have already checked with them and they didn't even hear them.
- 1050 - S-3 to G-3: What is the score this morning? (Ans) 2nd Division is moving forward but have advanced under a thousand yards. However, we expect a report on their progress soon. (S-3) What units are in? (Ans) The 3rd Armored will be in today or tomorrow, 30th Division is in as are the 9th and 90th Divisions. I believe the British 41st and 43rd Divisions are in.
- 1055 - S-3 to Decoy 3: What is the situation this morning? (Ans) Quiet. (S-3) Is there any shelling going on, we are getting a few rounds. (Ans) We haven't gotten any this morning but it must be coming from the battery in the 2nd Division area but we can fire on them. However as they are moving maybe they will have to fire on them soon.

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- 1102 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: How are things going this morning? (Ans) Quiet, F Co. had a small fight last night (S-3) Was the town shelled this morning? (Ans) I don't think so as I haven't received any report about it.
- 1300 - Lt. Kestlinger reports to S-3 that 9th Infantry has moved forward 500 yards and that the going is getting rough.
- 1301 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: Forward progress of the 9th Infantry slow. Forward elements about 400 yards across line of departure. The Division has moved forward about 400 yards all along the line. Time 1100.
- 1302 - Lt. Walker to S-3: The British repulsed three attacks this morning and are now being attacked on the right flank of the 6th Queens. The 38th Rcn is filling the gap between 26th Infantry and 6th Queens but they may possibly be withdrawn leaving a gap. Patrols went to Sept Vents and suffered casualties doing so, an American Officer and enlisted men who were wounded being taken prisoner. The enemy is using Mark V and Mark VI tanks to probe from left to right and surging to right. One Mark VI knocked out.
- 1325 - Lt. Carroll reports that the 18th picked up a PW from the 3rd Bn, 8th Regiment. He was attached to the 5th Regiment. Three days ago his battalion moved from Brittany. He had not had jumping training. Vehicles were observed going northeast at 725530. The 2nd Division has captured St. George d' Elle, Berigay, St. Germain d' Elle, 6263, and have advanced 500 yards south of there and had a good fight. The PW captured by the 18th Infantry has been identified as belonging to the 3rd Bn, 8th Regiment by the Soldbuch he carried.
- 1410 - Lt. Carroll reports that the 2nd Bn 38th Infantry took St. George d' Elle, 2nd Bn, 23rd Infantry took Berigay and the 2nd Bn, 9th Infantry took St. Germain d' Elle.
- 1445 - Lt. Carroll reports the following coordinates taken from G-3 map. (2nd Bn. 23rd-610655), (G Co. 9th-624634), (F Co. 9th -621639), (E Co. 9th-613645) (A Co. 9th-647619), (C Co. 9th-649615)- A & C Cos are above each other. (2nd Bn-38th-565667), (3rd Bn. 38th-577662), (1st Bn. 38th-585675), (1st Bn. 116th-558680), (3rd Bn. 116th-538680), In the fight for Montebourg the 9th Corps pushed off this morning. The city is in a valley and they are trying a pincer movement on it. The 4th and 90th are fighting there against the 91st and 77th Divisions. In the St. Jean area the SS 17th Panzer Division is fighting. The 28th Division has not landed yet. The 3rd Armored is in the process of landing now.
- 1500 - Lt. Balyeat to Capt. Clark: I have a 57mm gun for the 2nd Bn but in order to pull it I'll have to take a half track of Cannon Co or Antitank. (Capt. Clark) Take it off Antitank Co. but Colonel says to be sure and replace it.
- 1613 - Dagwood Red to S-3: The General was just here and has ordered that our troops to be awake from 2300 hours to 0600 hours in the morning. (S-3) I will talk to the colonel about it. (Dag Red) The General also said that we had to have foxholes along with our slit trenches.

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- 1617 - S3 to Dag-Blue; Is the General there? (Ans) He was here some time ago. How are the people on the right doing? (S-3) They are going a little slow, I will give you an overlay as soon as I get them made.
- 1645 - Danger to S-3: You are to send the 1st Bn, 16th Infantry over to take the positions of the 1st Bn, 9th Infantry. You must take over by 2100 hours tonight and hold positions.
- 1647 - S-3 to Dagwood Red: You are going over the positions of the 1st Bn, 9th Infantry and hold for the night. You must be there by 2100 hours tonight. The 9th Inf Regt's 1 C.P. is at 636652, report to CO there.
- 1650 - S-3 to Index: Notified the 9th Infantry about 1st Division ordering our 1st Bn to take over their 1st Bn positions. The reason given for this move was that the Division border was swung west a little.
- 1705 - Lt Kestlinger to S-3: They are now fighting in the town of ST. Germain d'Elle. (S-3) Does the 1st Bn have contact with the enemy? (Ans) No, the 2nd Bn does, E Co is at 632635. Sorry, I can't give you more over the phone so will send overlay within an hour.
- 1722 - Delight 3 to S-3: Understand your Red Bn is moving to right. (S-3) Yes, the Division boundary is to the right a little more so we are taking over the 1st Bn positions of the 9th Infantry. Our Red Bn is making reconnaissance now and will be in position by 2100 hours tonight.
- 1755 - S-3 to Dg Red 3: What instructions did Major Driscoll give you? (Ans) He instructed me to get the Bn ready to move. (S-3) Okay, but tell him to come up here before any of you move.
- 1805 - S-3 to G-3: Col. Gibb and Col Mason are here now but are leaving immediately for Division.
- 1815 - Dagwood Blue to S-3: What is doing? (S-3) The 1st Bn is taking over positions of the 1st Bn, 9th Infantry. I don't think you will have to move. (Blue) We had a patrol out by the British and they were fired on by snipers. A British Major told them that they were in the British area and were not wanted there.
- 1826 - Lt. Kestlinger to Major Plitt: Major Driscoll is going over to look over the situation. Captain Clark is going to bring you the information. The town of St. Germain d'Elle has not been taken as yet, there is a church in the town that is fortified. I'll call Major and have him call you. (Maj Plitt) Tell him that Colonel Gibb was here, Major Plitt said that Major Driscoll was only to take over that portion of the ground that falls within our sector. He then give Lt. Kestlinger a brief summary of the dividing line (down thru small draw).

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- 1845 - Captain Smith to Major Plitt: Red is not back yet, can you tell me where we are going? (Ans) 645622 is just about the center of the area and the Division boundary is just west of that. (Smith) it would save time if you could come down here. (Plitt) Call me when Major Driscoll gets back and I'll come down.
- 1850 - Colonel Grant to Major Plitt: Colonel Lee will probably be down to see you. The platoon leader is on his way over to see you now.
- 1900 - Major Driscoll to Major Plitt: What is the story on my move? (Plitt) You will relieve "C" Co of the 9th Inf and the 1st Div boundary will be in the stream bed near Vidouville. The Colonel wants two companies put out there. There will be a little gap between but they will be able to keep close contact with each other by patrol. We are getting you some tanks and part of the 1st Rcn. Major Plitt added that he would call when he got the order down from Division.
- 1917 - Maj Plitt to Dag-Red 5: Driscoll called and I gave him instructions. You are getting tanks and I'll send the platoon leader down to you as soon as he gets here. You and the 10th will have contact by patrols. It will be the 1st Bn, I hope. Maj Driscoll is on his way back to you now.
- 1921 - Maj Lauten to Danger 2: How about the challenge and password for British? I called for it earlier today and didn't get an answer on it and our patrols will be going out soon. (Ans) You can use the same as yesterday. The same one that was in effect until 0200 is good until noon tomorrow.
- 1925 - Maj Plitt to Index 3 (Maj Handy): Our Division 3 called and our boundary cuts between your "C" & "A" Co's. (Handy) Our S-3 has had contact with your Bn CO and we have the same information. Your "A" Co is digging in on our present location. We will arrange contact.
- 1934 - Maj Plitt to Danger 3F: Col. Grant informed Maj Plitt that the 38th Rcn is working with us and for us but not attached. (Col. Gibb) Everything is the same as I told you. You will get one platoon of the 745th Tk Bn and the rest tomorrow but there will be some restriction on their use. Don't move anything except the one battalion. There is no indication that you will be committed tomorrow.
- 1937 - Lt. Balyeat to Major Plitt: We have three half-tracks, two for Cannon Co and one for the 2nd Bn, which leaves the 2nd short one, 3rd short one and Cannon Co short one.

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- 1938 - Maj Plitt to Maj Driscoll: The colonel says the company is to be held back in reserve (one is to be definitely held back). Send an officer back to guide that platoon leader to you. We will send you down a platoon of 47's. When are you moving out? (Driscoll) Moving out in twenty minutes. We will not make it by 2100 but that is understood. (Plitt) Call me when you are ready to leave.
- 1945 - G-2 to Maj Lauten: The big picture - 7th Corps has 4th & 9th Inf Divisions, 8th Corps has 101st Paratroop or Airborne Div, 19th Corps has 29th and 30th Inf Div, V Corps has 1st & 2nd Inf Div, 2nd Armored Div, British 30th Corps has 50th Div, 49th Div, 15th Div and 7th Armored Div, British 1st Corps has 51st Div, 3rd Canadian Div, British 3rd and 11th Inf Div. Enemy in front of units - 7th Corps (319th Inf Div, 709th Inf Div, 243rd Inf, 91st Inf, 77th Inf, advanced elements of 265th - front of 8th Corps (17th SS Panzer Div) - front of 19th Corps (Advance elements of 275th Inf Div, remnants of 352nd Inf Div) - In front of V Corps (3rd Para Div, 2nd Panzer Div). The British 30th Corps is faced by 2nd Panzer Div and Lehr Div. British 1st Corps is faced by 12th SS Panzer Div, 346th Inf Div, 711th Inf Div and 21st Panzer Div.
- 2000 - Major Lord to Maj Plitt: The general directs that the 18th Inf prepare range cards for 81mm mortar fire ahead of your battalion.
- 2015 - Maj Plitt to Lt Edleman, Anti-Tank Co: Attack platoon of 57's to 1st Bn right away as they are moving out.
- 2012 - Col. Grant to Maj Plitt: How about patrolling? (Plitt) We are tied in with all these people. (Grant) Any special patrols? (Plitt) No.
- 2020 - Captain Clark asked for Red and operator informed him that they had just moved their board out.
- 2027 - Maj Rippert to Maj Plitt: Can you tell me where your three battalions are? Capt. Clark will. (Capt. Clark then gave our present Co's coordinates). Maj. Rippert to Plitt: We got this message from our liaison with the British: "At 1950 six trucks unloaded enemy at 768631. Trucks returned empty."
- 2035 - Capt. Clark to Decoy 3: One of our Bns is moving on your right. (Decoy 3) We already have a contact point at 670620. Several roads meet at that point. (Clark) What are the times for contact? (Decoy 3) It is twenty-four post.
- 2040 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Hall (White): Do you know that the 1st Bn is moving? (Ans) Have all the dope, company positions and everything else as our party liaison officer just returned. Our plan for tonight is the same as other nights. We will contact the 1st Bn.

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- 2045 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder (Blue); Do know that the 1st Bn is moving. (Ans) Yes. (Clark) We will let you know the definite locations as soon as we hear. Do you have anything new? (Ans) Just sent a report to Maj Lauten, the British and the 26th already know about it.
- 2057 - Lt. Carroll to Capt. Clark; Just received this information. "9th Division has cut road coming out of St. Sauver. It is the main road out of the Cherbourg Peninsula."
- 2101 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Clark; This outfit, 9th Inf, is digging in and things are quiet. Will report every hour.
- 2129 - Col. Hicks to Capt. Clark; Capt. O'Brien wants permission to go down and reconnoiter for positions for his guns down by 1st Bn area. (Clark) Have him go down there and see Maj Plitt as he is down there. I am quite sure that he will approve it.
- 2140 - Operator reports delight line out. Can be had through Danger and determine.
- 2159 - Lt. Carroll reports; Enemy AA Btry of 3 guns at 727567. The following documents were taken from the effects of the German officer who rode over mine in road and was killed; Air-ground liaison code, order of battle which verified information previously obtained with exception of 19th and 116th SS Panzer Div's. Officer in question was Aide to Commanding General and riding in staff car of 17th SS Panzer Div. PWS total 1, 119 for the division to date. Patrol from the 18th Infantry ran into enemy pocket at 682586. There was immense activity at crossroads at 732535 all day.
- 2208 - Col. Grant to Capt. Clark-Notify Division as soon as 1st Bn is in position.
- 2215 - Mr. Wilde reports line is in with 1st Bn.
- 2230 - Maj Lauten notified S-4 of the 1st Bn moving.
- 2230 - Maj Lauten to Lt. Chandler of White, same information to Blue. You know about the 1st Bn moving to the right flank. PWS for today; report that their outfit, 3rd Bn, 8th Para Regt, has only three companies here but two more will come later. They are attached to the 5th Regt. Here are the locations of enemy units; 9th Co, 8th Regt, 665576, Bn CP

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- 658587, 10th and 11th Co's are at vidouville. There are three rifle platoons to a company and the heavy weapons companies have been disbanded. They had 50% casualties and two-thirds of the troops were between the ages of 18 to 20 with the NCO's being about 25. Only 30% have had any combat experience but there are no foreigners in the Regiment. The outfit had not had food or ammo for two days, but did secure food from the French civilians. Big Picture; very little change on the left flank. On the right flank the 9th Division pushed SW of Montebourg and cut the last railway to the coast.
- 2300 - Capt. Clark to Red: Have you anything new? Ans: All Co's are in position with the exception of "B" and they might be by now. Our switchboard will be in soon.
- 2330 - Capt. Clark to Danger 3: Our 1st Bn is in position and the tanks and Rcn outfits have their orders. (Col. Grant) What time did they get in? Ans: 2200, location of "C" Co 645622, "A" Co 650629, "B" Co 660620, Bn CP 653637. Patrols will go to the 18th and 9th Infantry. The 9th has not yet taken St. Germain d' Elle. The enemy has the church fortified and wired in.
- 2345 - Msg Center reports Red line is out and wants to know if they can use radio to tell 1st Bn to pick up overlay. They are in by radio.
- 2400 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 2401 - Dagwood white reports "E" Co patrol contacted 38th Rcn at the bridge 658638. Officer stated that west side of bridge had been mined by placing four mines across road. However, they can be removed in two minutes for friendly vehicles. Same patrol reported that while preceding towards "C" Co they received rifle and machine pistol fire at the same place as last night, 653617. They believe it is an OP.
- 0023 - Dagwood Blue was notified about above and in turn gave a negative report.

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- 0023 - Lt. Stephens to Red-You have a contact point with the 18th Inf at 670620. Co L of the 18th has an OP at this point. Are you receiving any shelling? Yes, this place is constantly active.
- 0055 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: Negative report for the past hour.
- 0105 - Dagwood White to Lt. Stephens: Our patrols made no contact with the enemy. The overlay we received showing the mine field east of Dagwood Red appears to be wrong. We have an OP at 670618 and they checked it and claim it runs between 665619 and 669613 and not where it is shown on the overlay.
- 0010 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.
- 0200 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report.
- 0202 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.
- 0202 - Dag-White to Lt. Stephens: Our patrols made no contact with the enemy. Our patrols to the 9th Infantry 1st Bn failed to make contact with them at the prearranged point.
- 0300 - Dag Red to Lt. Bryan: Situation unchanged.
- 0305 - Dag Blue to Lt. Bryan: Amber flares noted in vicinity of Gaumont at about 180 to 190 degrees azimuth. The L Co patrol contacted G Co, 16th, 62nd FA Bn, AT gun of 18th Inf. Small arms fire heard at 30 degrees about four miles away.
- 0315 - Dag-White to Lt. Bryan: Very little activity. White flares now and then in vicinity of 1st Bn.
- 0330 - Dag Red to Lt. Bryan: Situation unchanged.
- 0400 - Dag Red to Lt. Bryan: Situation unchanged.
- 0405 - Dag Blue to Lt. Bryan: Rifle and MG fire 300 to 700 yards east of our OP. Noticed flares in vicinity of the beach.
- 0415 - Dag White to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report.
- 0445 - Dag White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Anything up this morning? (Ans) No, nothing as far as I know everything is quiet. Dag Red to Mr. Lipinski- Negative report.
- 0501 - Mr Lipinski to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0502 - Dag Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report.
- 0512 - Dag Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report.

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- 0527 - Dag Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Our patrol was to contact 2nd Bn of the 26th Inf but was unable to make contact. The foxholes were found but no one was there. The patrol went out and just returned. (Mr. Lipinski) I'll check and call you back.
- 0530 - Dag Red to Mr. Lipinski-Negative report.
- 0531 - Mr. Lipinski; to Dextrose White CP. Mr. Lipinski checked on patrol but Dextrose knew of no change or any difficulty. Called dag blue again but couldn't find out exact contact points, and it was decided that the patrol had missed the contact point.
- 0600 - Dag White 3 to Dag: Patrol has returned from contact with 18th Inf and everything is quiet all around.
- 0602 - Dag Red reports negative.
- 0640 - Dag Red reports negative.
- 0705 - Dag Red reports four enemy planes overhead.
- 0758 - Lt. Carrol reports that as of midnight, 6 enemy trucks loaded with men were seen at 768631. APW from the Cherbourg area was picked up and reported a great deal of confusion in the ranks. Most of the officers have left them and the NCO's are commanding platoons. Small groups of enemy are pulling out toward Vidouville and from there towards the west. There is a troop concentration at 7552, gun positions at 650605, 655586, 648602. The 3rd Bn of the 38th Inf has hill just below Coleville in hand to hand fighting. They were pushed off but took it back. The 3rd Bn of the 23rd is still at edge of it. (St. George D' Elle and are being held up by pill boxes and logs across the road.
- 0822 - Dag white 3 to S-3: F Co just reported that smoke was being layed at about 651596. They could not hear shells and thinks that smoke pots were being used. They also think that someone might be trying to cross the bridge and does not know whether they are friends or enemy.
- 0842 - Col Gibb to Maj Plitt: What is 1st Bn situation? (Ans) Don't know but will check up right now. (Gibb) What time did they get in? (Ans) About 2230 hours. There was no trouble and they had patrols out. (Gibb) 9th Infantry has got down to the 62 grid. (Plitt) I don't believe they have. ~~Let me know. (Plitt) No, only by a historian and he wasn't a bother.~~ (Gibb) Have you been bothered by people from Corps? If you have let me know. (Plitt) No, only by a historian and he wasn't a bother.

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- 0845 - Maj Plitt to Lt. Milotta: What is your situation? "G" Co patrol ran into a German patrol last night and had one man killed and one wounded. The 38th Bn has a platoon on left between A & B Cos. Patrol contacted "G" Co of the 9th Infantry this morning, they are at 633633.
- 0915 - Maj Plitt to Major Priscoll: Where is the enemy that is troubling you? They are to our immediate front and right front and have several MGs. (Plitt) I'm sending the I&R Platoon down to your left flank area so see what they can do. The Colonel wants aggressive patrolling. We will have to take Vidouville so you better harass the enemy and knock hell out of them. (Ans) I had Corps shoot on them yesterday and they didn't knock them out. G Co had two men killed, another patrol tried to get the men but couldn't get to them.
- 0940 - S-3 to Dag Red 3: We are sending ^{that} the remainder of that company of tanks. The C.O. is Capt. McCall of the 745th Tk Bn.
- 0948 - S-3 to G-3: There is enemy to the front about 1000 yards. There are a lot of 9th Infantry dead there. Our 1st Bn had two men killed on a patrol last night. I am sending the I&R platoon out there.
- 1046 - S-3 to Index: What are they doing over there? Have they taken St. Germaine? (Index) No, they have not. They are just north of the and only patrolling today.
- 1102 - Major Crowley (1st Engrs) to S-3: Is there anything we can do for the 1st Bn? (Ans) No, I don't think so. (Crowley) if you want any mines or mines put in, let us know and we will send Captain Murphy down.
- 1105 - S-3 to G-3: What do you think of mining in the positions of the 1st Bn? (G-3) Is there enemy there? (S-3) There is definitely enemy in front of them. We have a patrol out now. (G-3) You have Co A of the 745th Tk Bn with you. You get A Co of the 635th TDS for general support, but not attached. Are the Germans aggressive or just sitting? (Ans) They are not aggressive and we are putting the mortars on them. (G-3) I don't think you will be there long enough to mine in your positions.
- 1106 - Dag Red to S-2: There is enemy at 630618. "G" Co patrol drew fire from this place. The patrol set one of the buildings on fire and we believe this building has ammo in it. There are no enemy in the woods at Montratot.
- 1135 - From Dagwood Patrol (I&R): We are at 661621. Use map reference (1110).
- 1140 - Dagwood White line is out.

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- 1155 - G-3 to S-3: I have six assault guns here. Can you use them? (Ans) I don't know, it would involve too much transportation. We are doing some aggressive patrolling in the vicinity of Vidouville. (G-3) Are we in possession of Montrabot? (S-3) We have patrols there, at 640612, it is unoccupied. We lost some men at 630619. (G-3) Let me know if you can use these assault guns. (S-3) Don't think it would be advisable at the present time.
- 1200 - Dagwood White line is now in.
- 1207 - Dagwood Blue line is out.
- 1220 - Report by 284 Radio from I&R OP: Negative report at 655618.
- 1230 - G-3 to S-2: General Huebner is very anxious to know the results of the patrols you have out, particularly the one going to Vidouville. (S-2) The patrols are out but they haven't reported in as yet but I will give you the results just as soon as they report in.
- 1320 - Message by 284 from I&R: Negative report from OP at 660618 and patrol at 653616.
- 1330 - Message by 284 from Patrol: Negative report from 643610.
- 1355 - Lt. Carroll to Lt. Stephens: Here are some new coordinates, (2nd Bn 38th-565656) (A Co 9th-631621) (C Co 9th-620635). Let me know new location of CP. Ernie Pyle wrote whole page on 1st Division landing, hot stuff.
- 1400 - General Wyman is on his way to the CP.
- 1410 - General Andrus wants to know if we have any trouble. (Ans) No, patrols doing well. 18th reports same.
- 1425 - Msg by 284 from Patrol: MG supported by rifle fire at 639612.
- 1510 - Msg by 284 from Patrol: Two friendly Rcn platoons at 658607.
- 1545 - Captain Post to Civil Affairs Off, Div: I do not have names of informers as yet. I sent a man down to get them. (CA) We pulled a commando raid last night, no dope. The CIC has reached the place twice. Other people claim same, so it must be the right dope. Bring the people down with you. The new head of Government in Bayeaux is Francis Coulet.
- 1520 - New CP opened at 1520 hours. In with Dag Red, Blue and Dagwood Rear.

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- 1615 - One line in with danger.
- 1625 - S-3 to G-3: Our regt'l CP location is now 694640.
- 1635 - Lt. Carroll reports: 33rd FA reports armored vehicles and personnel at 7705-5810. We have taken it under fire. Civilian report in which we don't place too much belief is to the effect that in woods 595635 there are 100 tanks and 80 half tracks. Air Rcn is on it. Dextrose is sending a patrol to Cahagnes.
- 1640 - Lt. Walker to S-2: Patrol contacted British. They attack at 1600 toward Tilly-sur-seulles and line south of Mottot. The 922nd Gredadier are there.
- 1642 - S-3 to White & Blue: Our new CP is located at 694640.
- 1645 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj Lauten: You know the junction where two streams meet, well a mechanized patrol is there and reports no enemy. Patrol also at 647606 and saw no enemy.
- 1646 - Red 2 to Maj Lauten: "A" Co of 9th Infantry have moved out. They were at 635634. Patrol that contacts them said that they were informed of the move and that they had regimental order to pull out. Part of "E" Co is in orchard near Richebourg.
- 1755 - New Positions from Lt. Carroll: (3rd Bn 115-549690) (3rd Bn 116-538680) (1st Bn 116-550665) (2nd Bn 38th-565664) (3rd Bn 38th-516654) (1st Bn 38th-586658) (1st Bn 23rd-617672) (2nd Bn 23rd-610656) (3rd Bn 9th-619649), (2nd Bn 9th-628632) (A Co 9th-633626). British positions: (5th Armored Div-736636) (8th Hussars-738644) (2nd Inf Div-739618).
- 1756 - Msg from I&R: Our location at 656601. Three guns in vicinity of 643600, 647598, 649597, awaiting further orders.
- 1759 - Msg from I&R-Request Coordinates of CP.
- 1830 - Capt. Hall to Maj Lauten-would like the latest dope. Maj Lauten then told him what he knew of all sectors.
- 1850 - Lt. Kestlinger reports there was nothing at 638606 but there was a group at 616635. Two MGs at 639607, also two 88s and a few riflemen. Patrol had a little fight. The 9th Infantry does not plan to do anything. Was then told to find out where A Co of the 9th Infantry was at present.

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- 1900 -- Dagwood Red line is out.
- 1900 - Delight has a line from White to Red.
- 1920 - Captain Roosevelt to S-2; The people on our left do not have a password. Give them a hail or get close enough to look at them.
- 1922 - Capt. Clark to Blue; The British are not using any passwords.
- 1930 - S-2 of 18th to S-2 of 16th; Talked about patrols going through 18th area. Maj Lauten notified him of battery of guns near 645600 which were shooting at the 18th. (decoy S-2) The 2nd Bn sent a patrol to the woods at 688570 and the patrol was stopped at 690567 by enemy south of that point. Another patrol went down the Caumont road and was stopped at 667476 by a road block, MG fire and infantry. The 1st Bn sent a patrol to les Haies and were fired on at 660580 from the woods by MG fire. We are going to send out combat patrols tonight to try and knock out these points. The 3rd Bn is sending out a patrol to the river bed, then and thence to Bieville. (Lauten) I think I had better notify the 7th FA so they won't fire on that area.
- 2012 - S-3 to Dag Red; What about roads to your right rear. Are you putting any mines in there? (Dag-Red) We have a platoon of Rcn along there. We are pulling in all patrolsto shell hell out of town with artillery and mortars. (S-3) Have you a line to the 9th. (Ans) We are running it now.
- 2018 - S-3 to G-3; Two tanks of the 102nd Rcn were knocked out in Vidouville. Machine guns fired on them. Enemy AT guns in vicinity of 645600. Firing in 18th sector also. The enemy has moved into Montrabot again but we are going to clean them out tonight. G-3 on our left flank the enemy is moving back. The British put on a little drive on our left and made a little progress.
- 2022 - S-3 to Index; What are your plans for tonight? (Ans) about the same as last night with patrolling and making contact with neighboring units. (S-3) We had patrols down near Vidouville and we are going to lay it into them tonight. They also plotted three gun positions down there which we are going to shoot at.