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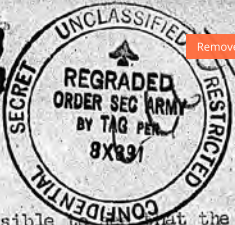
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 1st Bn 5th Grm  
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LOCATION: HUREN, Germany - 575285.



- 0030 - Lt. Stephens to Red CP: Maj. Edmonds is responsible for what the 10 trucks he has get up to S-4, by 0600 hours, and that they each have 15 gals of gas.
- 0040 - Lt. Stephens to White CP: Same message as above is sent by radio. Telephone is in but CP does not answer.
- 0054 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 1: Same information as above. Blue: There is a power plant at 569284. Have 6 men on guard at it. They'll be relieved by L company. In fact, I believe that they have already been relieved.
- 0130 - S-4 to Lt. Kestlinger: Like to send message to Div. The message follows: Request any change in Ration and Gas DP for 1st April. Lt. K: Will try and send it for you.
- 0132 - Lt. Kestlinger gives above message to Div Radio.
- 0153 - Blue CP to Lt. Kestlinger: K co reports tanks 700 to 800 yards out. More than one tank was heard. They were going south.
- 0155 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: Gives above information from Blue.
- 0157 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: Same information as above item of 0153 hours. Red 2: Patrol from A co went to the woods and to the town of WEINE. Patrol to the woods is not back yet.
- 0237 - Lt. Alexander, Red, to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report. A co's patrol returned from SHARENWOOD. No enemy reported.
- 0310 - Blue Bn negative report.
- 0340 - White Bn reports negative. (Negative radio msg is sent to G-3).
- 0400 - Blue Bn reports: K co has a PW. They caught him riding a bicycle; armed with pistol. PW claims he is a civilian. Sending PW down. Rest negative.
- 0400 - Bns report negative 0400 hours to 0700 hours, and hourly negative reports are relayed to G-3 by radio.
- 0710 - Blue Bn reports: 0700 hours K company patrol left.
- 0720 - Capt. Clark to Antitank Co: S-4 is at 577280.
- 0725 - Capt. Clark to White 3: Release trucks to Capt. [unclear].
- 0752 - MESSAGE - To CO 16th Inf: Cancel reconnaissance [unclear] Reconnoiter GERMANY in force. Div closes on you today. (From G-1st Div, signed 0304 hours - time 0752).

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- 0825 - Capt. Clark to White 3: Did your patrols get off OK? Ans: Yes, they left at 0805 hours.
- 0830 - Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: K company patrol on way out.
- 0845 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O. to Lt. Stephens: The 2nd Bn has not released their trucks yet. If they do not, I refuse responsibility for them.
- 0850 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: What about the trucks? Ans: They will be released right away.
- 0850 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: K co patrol got down to HEMMERH and got fired on from the W and NW and came back towards WEINE and saw 2 AT guns (enemy) going into position at MAISTE. A civilian report that there is 1000 enemy in RUTHEH..
- 0905 - S-3 to White 3: What is the story on the trucks? Ans: I do not know any story. S-3: We sent a msg that was receipted by your Lsg Center last night. Ans: I never received the message. S-3: That man will be tried then. White 3: Ok, I'll tell Capt. Dinsmore.
- 0935 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: Patrol went to BREMKEN. Town is clear, took one PW. No friendly or enemy troops there or in AHDEN. Civilian (Polish) reports that SS troops are changing into civilian clothes.
- 0945 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Elder, White 3: Gives message of 0945 hours.
- 1010 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to Clerk: Will you have Capt. Hall call me?
- 1015 - MESSAGE From CG 1st Div: Send one reinforced Bn to GSEKKE quickly as possible to block any enemy movement from W or N.
- 1032 - S-3 to White 3: Forget what I told you. Have new mission for you. Sending recon and I&T up same route you took to AHDEN to try and get into 565368 and into GSEKKE. One platoon will ride on Recon's M-6's, rest of Bn will be prepared to go into GSEKKE.
- 1043 - Capt. Dinsmore to S-2: Patrol got one PW, and an Italian. He says the enemy are changing into civilian clothes. He also says he can identify most of them. I am holding him here.
- 1046 - MESSAGE to CG 1st Div: Enemy resistance in STEINHAUSEN. Patrol received heavy small arms fire in HEMMERH, 503254, from W and SW. Am sending heavy recon force to by-pass STEINHAUSEN on the N. What are plans for CT-26 and CT-18?
- 1051 - Blue 3 to S-3: What is the about the half tracks? Ans: I have plans to use them for transportation to GSEKKE.
- 1052 - S-3 to White 3: How many TDs have you? Ans: 2 TDs now. I have 4 TDs to stop work on the other two and put them together. That AN39 give me 4 TDs. Also have 4 tanks at the most. Have all of my PW's.



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- 1130 - S-3 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: 2nd Bn has been alerted to go to GESEKE. Recon will go out first and then after that the 2nd Bn will go to, in half tracks at about 1230 hours. I want you to send the assault gun platoon leader over to the 2nd Bn CP, as the assault guns will move with them. Your co will move up and go into position up there to support the 2nd Bn and will get the assault guns back when you get up there.
- 1135 - White 2 to S-2: (A discussion of the "big-picture" is had). Maj. Smith to White 2: Tell Capt. Elder that the assault gun platoon leader is on his way over to your CP and that Cannon Co will move up to support them.
- 1140 - Red 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: Our patrol in STEINHAUSEN in center of the town, getting fire from the left. Sending another platoon up there now. (S-3 gives plan of the 2nd Bn).
- 1145 - S-3 to Lt. Shenell, 634th Recon: A cub will be up watching your progress and if you need any artillery, you can get it. When are you leaving?  
Ans: In about 10 minutes.
- 1155 - MESSAGE - CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Gas and ration depot 2 April vic RJ G-6425. (Maj. McKean, S-4 is notified).
- 1200 - White 3 to Major Smith, S-3: You will get 12 extra half-tracks; nine of these right away, and three later.
- 1205 - Lt. Schnell, 634th Recon to Clerk: The recon is starting right now.
- 1207 - Capt. Murphy, CO "A" Engrs, to Maj. Smith: I am all set up and ready to work. S-3: Platoon of C co is now in STEINHAUSEN. We will stay here today until ordered to leave.
- 1212 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co: Send 6 tracks from Blue and 3 half tracks from Red. Capt. Sylce: Blue is moving some of their stuff.
- 1240 - S-3 to White 3: TRK went thru GESEKE at 1030 hours. Recon is going out. Want you to move at 2 PM. Tracks will be ready. Set up a defense. Send up someone with 1/1000 map and I will give them all locations.
- 1242 - Capt. Toby 7th FA to Clerk: On trains at BROMKIRCHEN, there are about 7 V-2's. Tell Capt. Hall to notify Division.
- 1243 - S-3 to Red 2: Get word to Col. Driscoll that the 2nd Bn is going for GESEKE at 1400 hrs and tell him to continue his mission of cleaning out the town he is in now.
- 1250 - Recon (634th TD) to Clerk: Recon Co now on check point #2.
- 1254 - Recon Co to Clerk: Recon Co now on Check point #3.

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- 1255 - Recon Co to Lt. Stephens: Recon Co now on check point #4.
- 1256 - Col. Grant to Lt. Stephens: I have 3 tanks with me; one broke down. Of the 3 I have here, one is now operational, one has fan belt trouble. One needs certain screws and bolts. I have 4 TDS here; one is operational, one has clutch trouble and two tracks bad. Two will probably be operational. I want 4 TDS ready and operational when I move out.
- 1257 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: We have uncovered some 1/25's and 1/10 maps of this town and some of the surrounding area. Lt. Stephens: How many copies can we have? Ans: 3 or 4.
- 1307 - I&R (via radio) to Clerk: 1, 2, and 3 are clear.
- 1315 - S-3 to White 3: Items of 1240 and 1256 hours discussed. White 3: I have 4 assault guns ready. Where is recon? S-3: Last reported at 590858. White 3: What route will we follow? S-3: You will follow the same route the recon used. They reported no mines and no fire on the northern route, and on the road that runs parallel to 38 east-west grid. From BALZOTTEN down is clear. White 3: Let us know exact route they take and location when, we are ready to move.
- 1325 - Lt. Schnell, 634th Recon, to Lt. Stephens: Recon say they can observe MG's at check point #5. They want artillery fire brought on it.
- 1333 - S-2 to Red 2: (Discuss captured maps of this vicinity).
- 1335 - Maj. Smith to 634th Recon: Are they still having that fight at 25? Ans: Yes. S-2: Radio instructions to clear Pts 25 and 26. Contact friendly elements on objective.
- 1336 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: I understand the Engrs are relieved from us. S-3: Yes, the Engr platoon goes back to their co, which is near you. The officer will remain with you in case you need the platoon for anything. White 3: What is our objective? S-3: If HOLPERG isn't cleared by Recon, your mission will be to clean it up and go to LIPPSTADT, 4242. 1st Bn is ordered to clean out STEINHAUSEN. It is cleared now.
- 1336 - Blue Bn reports: I company now moving out.
- 1348 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: STEINHAUSEN is now clear except for a few enemy on the left who are being taken care of by C company.
- 1350 - Blue Bn reports: L company is now moving out.
- 1356 - S-3 to Blue 3: I got another mission for you. The 2nd Bn is to get LIPPSTADT and contact 3rd and 2nd Armored Divs. Your present sector remains the same. You will cover it with 2 co's. The 26th is passing thru, going generally E of RUTHEN, then will squeeze you out of the picture. For tonight, they are worried about the RJ at 6121. You will send one reinforced co down there and block that road center. There was a counterattack (see above items).

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- 1359 - S-3 to 634th Recon: Anything further on the Company? Ans: No. S-3: Send them the following radio message - Friendly elements will be on the way by 1400 hours. Attempt to get path cleared for them to objective.
- 1440 - White 3 to S-3: G co followed by F co have left. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- 1458 - S-2 to White 5: How can I reach Lt. Chandler? Ans: I think I can contact him. S-2: Tell him to put all the public buildings and official officers under guard and to let no one leave the town.
- 1507 - Red 2 reports: We have 6 PWs at the cage now. One is a Major, one a Captain, and one a Lt.
- 1515 - S-3 to G-3: We have 95 PWs from STERNHAUSEN. They put up a stiff fight. 2nd Bn is going to GRESKE. The Recon is in a fight at 565369. We got out to HALLEREN, 5025, and got fire from N and SW. (Previous reports are discussed).
- 1535 - Lt. Schnell, 634th Recon, to clerk: Recon is 200 yards short of Pt 9. Haven't met any friendly units yet. Friendly vehicles and tanks observed.
- 1528 - White 6 to S-3: G co has turned left at Pt 224, and turned down to the town of "H". CP at "A". The reserve co and Cannon Co in town of "D".
- 1531 - Maj. Smith to Col. Grant: TBKs still in the town, and we have liaison with CCA. Colonel wants something put in there to block the roads from the N and NW to prevent enemy movement.
- 1534 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Gressang, White Bn: Will you tell Colonel Grant that at the town he is going to there are 4 light tanks; 4 mediums, and a platoon of infantry - all friendly units. They have a road block out as far as 460378. They are pushing for LIPESTADT now.
- 1540 - 634th Recon reports: We left 2 platoons at Pt 5 to clear up the resistance and the other platoon is at Pt 9.
- 1540 - Capt. Toby 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: What have you that is new? Ans: (The latest positions as previously listed are given).
- 1549 - 634th Recon to clerk: Recon reached Pt 10.
- 1556 - Maj. Wozenski to Maj. Smith: I caught "I" co just after they went into position. It will take about an hour and a half before we get them out. I saw the Recon across the river due south of WEINE. Ans: The 26th Inf is moving for RUTHEN tonight. Blue 6: K co picked up a truck and 2 or 3 cars that ran into road block and got a few PWs from them.
- 1600 - 634th Recon reports being at Pt 11.

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- 1602 - S-2 to G-3: Would like to know where the PW cage is. G-3: Will find out and will let you know.
- 1602 - Recon to S-3: Reached check point 12 and 13 and contacted friendly troops at Pt 13.
- 1605 - Recon reports: Flushed out Pt 5 and 6, so route is all clear.
- 1615 - Recon to Clerk: The town of GESEKE is all secure now, and the 2nd Bn has arrived there.
- 1620 - Radio from I&R: We are on objective. Friendly troops on objective.
- 1630 - S-5 to S-3: Men of the 86th Cml mortars are drunk. Have them in a field here and I'm going to see how many of them are drunk. The only officer present was the platoon leader.
- 1640 - S-3 to 64th TDS: Bring recon back at 1730 hours, thru Pt 8 south into STEINHAUSEN and contact our C company there.
- 1643 - Blue 2 to S-3: Have officer that was transportation officer for all railroad movements. He is wounded and is in the aid station. Also have his secty (a woman). S-3: Yes, I just saw her. She is down in the PW cage.
- 1645 - S-2 to 745th Tanks: Work on this basis - get your tanks up to the 1st and 2nd Bns even if they can only run for a mile. Have them up there and work on them. So, in case they are needed, we can run them up 500 yards and do some shooting. Whip them up to the 1st Bn first.
- 1645 - Maj. Lauten G-2 to Capt. Hall: S-2: When we camp up here we got some PWs in the hospital. Red Bn got 75 PWs from STEINHAUSEN - they were flak personnel. There were 20 locomotives and 100 freight cars. The CIC has picked up some SS man in civilian clothes. G-2: There was a rumor that the 116th was going to try to get into GESEKE. The 2nd Armored is at 2060 with GCA and at 212h75 with GCB.
- 1650 - S-3 to Mr. Wiles, Asst. Comm O: Tell Capt. Ralph that he can send the wire team out. They can lay wire as far as STEINHAUSEN to C co. Recon will be coming from GESEKE to STEINHAUSEN after 1730 hours. When they reach STEINHAUSEN it will mean that the road is clear.
- 1655 - 643rd Recon reports: Ask your 3 if he wants the attached units to return with the recon. Ans: No, only the recon.
- 1700 - S-3 to Maj. Edmonds: A platoon of Engrs is available to you by calling A of the 1st Engrs. They are no longer attached to you. South of A company are reported 2 enemy tanks. Also put barricades with the guns, mines, AT guns, and so forth, covering the main roads so that you can knock out anything that comes down the road.

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- 1705 - S-2 to Blue 2: About the officer and his secretary - the officer is too painfully wounded to tell us anything, and the secretary will not be able to do us any good.
- 1706 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I want to get clearance to fire on 4735 grid square. 4635 grid square, 4632 grid square at the cross roads. We have our guns ready to fire. Ans: It is OK to fire on 4634 and 4632 grid square but do not fire beyond that because the Armored is near there.
- 1710 - S-3 to Blue 5: A PW reports 2 tanks in vicinity of town where K co is. Put in heavy road blocks, fallen trees, mines, and trip flares. The Engrs are available on call, you can get them thru our switch board.
- 1711 - S-2 to G-2: Got two PWs - one officer wounded and his secty. He was in charge of rail movement out of the Krupp Works in ESSEN. I think that some higher headquarters would like to check on her.
- 1730 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to S-2: Air OP reports - In town at 635347 civilians moving out of town into the woods and in to airraid shelters. One white flag NW end of town.
- 1732 - S-2 to G-2: At 6278, at the railroad station there are six and a half V-2's. They take up two cars without the warhead. At 637345 the Cub reports the civilians moving into the woods.
- 1755 - Blue Bn reports: 1735 hours, L company reported a barrage balloon or Zeppelin east of the 3rd platoon position.
- 1755 - Radio from 2nd Bn: Going into position.
- 1815 - 634th TD's to S-3: Recon is back. They contacted your C company.
- 1835 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Want to get a platoon of Engrs to put in a roadblock. Ans: Call A company of the 1st Engrs, and tell them what to do.
- 1845 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: Have 1 Bn in GEBERLE and the town is clear. Got 140 PWs from HOLTBERG. 2nd Bn cleared GEBERLE at 1800 hours. Our C co is up at STEINHAUSEN. G-3: 26th Inf CP is at SIDDINGHAUSEN.
- 1850 - Blue Bn reports: 25 PWs are coming in to you in 3 enemy trucks.
- 1920 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Joseph, Blue: Do you know if I company has anything layed on with Div to guide a wire team down? Ans: Thought that Div had it layed on. Have to call 7th FA and tell him to call #3 love. S-3: OK, you got word to I company to send a guide to Division.
- 1930 - 5th FA S-2 to Clerk: Cub reports for Today - No enemy activity to our front or flanks. Saw a cloud of dust in 2529 grid square (could be vehicles). Also report that the 16th hasn't their front line installations marked with panels.



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- 1945 - Col. Beck to Col Gibb: 2nd US Armored Div gained contact with 3rd US Armored at HIPPSTADT, H26H08, at 1530 hours. In PADERBORN TFB has cleared to the RR track at about the 40 Northing. The S part of the town, TFW has it almost cleared. 3rd Bn of the 26th Inf jumped off for 5823 at 1800 hours. 1st Recon reported road block at 582162. Recon of the 18th is now in Div area. The leading elements of the 18th are due in shortly. 21th Cav is 1-km short of BRILONE, 590040. 14th Cav is S of KORBACH and about to turn west.
- 1945 - Capt. Stowell, Regt, Ammo O to Capt. Clark: Will you tell Col. Horner - Cannon Co has 550 rounds of ammo on hand. They need more ammo. In their last area they left 230 rounds of ammo because they needed space for gasoline. It is 150 miles run to the ammo dump.
- 2001 - Msg from 2nd Bn to CO, 16th Inf: Is the road clear thru C company?
- 2004 - Capt. Kolb, 1st Bn to Maj. Smith: What arrangements have you planned for the joint OP? Ans: There is nobody there with the 2nd Bn. Red 3: Where will it be? Ans: It will be in the 2 houses at 539350. S-3: OK.
- 2009 - MSG to CO 2nd Bn: Road is clear thru C company.
- 2009 - PWI reports: PW identifications of prisoners taken by 1st Bn: 1st Regt, 1st Div, 1 man; Luftwaffe Instruction Co, #132/17, 1 PW; 2nd Co HG of the 709th, 1 man; 560th Repair Co, 3 men; 1st Btry 37th Light AA Bn, 2 men; 6th Btry 892 AA Bn, 2 men; 3rd Btry, 209th Air Barricade, Commander, 1 man; Officers Message Center, Army Group B, 1 man; 6th Co, HG Bn "H", 2 men; 5th Btry, 205 Light AA Bn, 1 man; Officer Replg and Depot Army High Command #4, 1 man; Machine Repair Command 1/118, 1 man; 2nd Btry, 839th Light AA Bn, 1 man; Hqs Btry of the 943rd Light AA Bn, 1 man; Parachute Anti-tank Co for special purposes, Group WESTPHALIA, 58 men; Machine Repair Bn #13/IV, 1 man. PW'S TAKEN BY THE 631th RECON Co. : 4th Co Home Guard Bn 164, 11 men; AA Assault Bn, 1 man; Transport Regiment 629, 1 officer; IJFTGAU, Commando #6, 1 man; 674th Corps Medical Co 464, 1 officer; Construction Bn IV/4, 1 man; 11th Outpost Fleet (Vortosten) Flatille, 1 man; 1st Co 67th Regt 36th Inf Div, 1 man; PW'S TAKEN BY THE 3RD BN: IV Army Corps Hitler Unit, 2 men; Anti A Repl Bn 46, 1 man; 5th Btry Light Railroad, light AA Bn 972, 1 man; Transport Corp STEER, 3 men; Air Corp Ammo Depot 1/IV, 1 man; General March Co, #61, 1 man; 4th Co, 2nd Parachute Regt, 1 man; Salvage Platoon #105, 1 man; Panzer Regt #12 HJ, 1 man; General March Co, VI/16/46, 1 man. PW'S Identified and taken by the CIC: 406th Div, 1 man; 2nd Telephone Operation Co, #303, 1 man; 2nd Co, 4ren Regt 1123, 1 man; 35 soldiers in civilian clothes, Grenadier Repl and Train Co, #412, 1 man; Female Secty to a wounded Lt, 1; Female German MAAG, 1; PW'S taken by Anti Tank Co; 1 soldier, civilian clothes. PW'S taken by the 7th FA: 4th Co Army High Command Fuel Transp Regt, 2 men; 106th Panzer Bn, 3 men; 3rd Btry 436th AA Bn, 3 men. PW'S taken by the I&R platoon: Airport Command GRENKE, 76 PW'S. 25 Hungarians. ABOVE TOTAL 341.

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- 2015 - S-5 to S-3: The town of HEINISBERG, 635245, where the 7th FA noticed something. Has this been checked by anyone? S-3: No. S-5: There is an SS school there and a concentration camp. Send the I&R out on it.
- 2030 - G-3 to S-3: 26th Inf on objective. 26th CP is at 525240 in HEISTE. 1st Recon has road blocks at 570162, 572160, 630160, and 612172. They are putting in 3 more south of your I co. "I" co will be back to you tomorrow. (S-3 gives our dispositions and locations of block between C co and White Bn. 634th Recon is pulled back in this town). G-3: V Corps is in KASSEL. Patton is in EISENACH, halfway to Latvia. It will not be long now.
- 2048 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: K co and A co running contact patrols during the night starting at 2100 hours and every 2 hours.
- 2050 - Red 3 to S-2: White is sending patrol to 539350, making a joint outpost of MCO and 5 men. Our C co patrol will run on even hours on contact. A co will contact Blue on the odd hours starting at 563280.
- 2106 - Msg to CG 16th Inf from CG, 1st Div (Time signed 1945) - Effective 011930 hrs April 1945, 5, 7, 332,33 and 951 FA Bn relieved from CP attachment and revert to control of Div artillery.
- 2114 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp O to S-3: I gave 3 trucks to Lt. Llewellyn for hauling PWs.
- 2100 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2105 - Item 2009 given to G-2, identifications of PWs.
- 2130 - I&R to S-2: Jeep accident reported. S-2: Col. Horner wants you to stay in town you are going to until he gets there. Send one jeep back for Hot-chow.
- 2135 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: We are in town and buttoned up; two co's on line. E co has platoon with Cannon Co. One platoon in reserve. At night the enemy could infiltrate but not during the daylight, as we can see plenty. We patrol to 1st Bn on the even hour every other hour, and they patrol to us every other hour on the odd hour. Armored left 7 tanks with us, so we are using them on the road blocks.
- 2140 - Msg - From 2nd Bn: Is 86th Cheml detached?
- 2210 - Capt. Ralph to S-3: Where is I company? Ans: They are at 640213.
- 2214 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 2220 - Blue Bn reports: I co all set up. Have line in to Div. K co patrol did not contact 1st Bn, will try again at 2300 hours.

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- 2250 - Blue Bn to clerk: A company made contact with K company for the 2100 hour contact.
- 2300 - MSG - From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Opns Memo #6, F USA, 25 March 45, quoted for info and compliance; "Zone B time will become effective 020200 A April 1945. At this hour time will be changed to 0300 and A one B suffix used thereafter until further notice.
- 2305 - FWI reports: Here are some identifications: 1 Hungarian, 3 men from the 9th Recon Bn of the 9th Pz Div; 1 man from the 3rd Btry of the 943 AA Bn; 1 man from the Tank Salvage Unit 456; all taken by 2nd Bn. 3 men from Machine Repair Command 128/XI. 2 men from the SS Potenkopf Sturbann Komowitz and 1 man from Air Port Command; all taken by Cannon Co.
- 2312 - White 2 reports: Negative.
- 2315 - S-3 to G-3: Negative report here. Ans: You made a nice haul on that railroad today. 18th is pulling in now.
- 2320 - Red Bn to Clerk: Negative report.
- 2330 - Blue Bn to Mr. Lipinski: K company patrol contacted 26th Inf and they sent a patrol to contact us. F company of the 26th Inf about 300 yards in from our K company.
- 2359 - Blue Bn reports negative.



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LOCATION: EUREN, GERMANY - 575285.

- 0012 - White reports: We just picked up a German officer, (Capt) that said the enemy had been informed that they could get thru our lines by infiltration. It seems they want to move east.
- 0015 - Red Bn reports negative. (Mr. Lipinski, duty officer, reports above items to G-3, Capt. Knight).
- 0050 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0105 - Lt. Moore, White Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: F co picked up 2 PWs. They were coming into town in a vehicle; the outpost shot at them and wounded one.
- 0110 - Red Bn reports negative. (Mr. Lipinski reports negative to G-3).
- 0110 - PWI reports: A PW from the 9th Pz Div says that the Division is dissolved. The men were told that they were on their own.
- 0155 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0315 - White Bn reports: Have two PWs, an officer and driver, who were picked up at the road block. They were coming from ESSEN.
- 0430 to 0730 - All units submit negative reports, and these are relayed to G-3 in hourly reports.
- 0935 - Col. Deck, G-3 to S-3: 18th Inf 2nd Bn is attached to 26th Inf. 18th Inf White is in HEMMERN now. 26th Inf objective is road junction in the center of HEDDINGHAUSEN. We will cut the boundary line along the 30 grid square. 26th Inf will take town of ERINGERFELD, just north of HEDDINGHAUSEN. Lay it on soon as possible. I want to establish a line between your White and 26th Inf Blue. 26th Inf will follow 18th Inf White. You and Red will work together. The Cav is south in the "E" town. Your I co can be pulled whenever you need them.
- 0940 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I understand that you have no use for the 86th Chml Wpns? Ans: That is correct. G-3: We will attach the whole co to 18th Inf as of 1200 hours noon. Will you alert the CO? Ans: Yes.
- 1000 - S-2 to Sgt. Schneider, PWI: How many PWs last night? Ans: 15 or 20. S-2: How about this PW from the 9th Pz? Ans: He is from the 9th Rcn Bn. He has just joined the outfit and has been away for 4 days. The CO of the 4th co Pz Rcn, a T/Sgt, told him that the outfit was unofficially dissolved and that the men were on their own. All vehicles were to be destroyed. He did not see any destroyed vehicles himself. Identifications are from the 7th Dtry AA Air Security, and the Home Guard Flak.

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- 1010 - S-2 to G-2; Maj. Lauten: Gives above information. G-2: 9th Division reports enemy resistance stiff. Pts 4776, 5478, 5080, and 6284 are clear. Fighting in progress at 4672 and 4466. 78th reports little resistance. 8th reports heavy resistance at strong points. Enemy armor and enemy infantry strong point at 181952. Counterattack was repulsed in the vicinity of 6665 - it consisted of 2 tanks and 100 infantry. 12th VG Div identified in SIGEN area. V Corps reports 0228, 0531, 0727, 9528, 9330 are clear. 3rd ARMY 5 klms SW of WURZBURG. WALDRUF, R-6579, is clear.
- 1010 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Allen, AT Co: I want the half tracks called back from 2nd Bn. Ans: I'll find out if they were, and call you back.
- 1020 - S-3 to 26th Inf S-3: 26th Inf S-3: I sent a recon patrol out to the objective town, last patrol reported nothing active in buildings just south of the town. Maj. Smith: I suppose we will follow 18th Inf to EICKHOF.
- 1030 - Blue 3 to S-3: Any dope on I co? S-3: They are relieved as of now but they have one more move coming up. It would be just as well to let them move from where they are now and tie in with 2nd Bn and the 26th Inf. I talked to Maj. Wozenski about it.
- 1040 - Red 2 to S-2: Any dope from my PWs? Ans: Not yet. We are working on them.
- 1100 - Maj. Clisson, 26th Inf S-3 to S-3: Ready to move about 1330 hours. Would like ID to be thru your town just south of 327. If town is clear, they will ride right thru.
- 1130 - MESSAGE - To CO, 16th Inf, From CG 1st Div (signed 1000). Effective 021200B April 1945 Co A 86 Cml Bn 1 platoon is detached from the 16th and attached to 18th Inf.
- 1145 - S-2 to G-2: Gives information on the PWs as previously listed. (The same information is relayed to Red 2 and Blue 2).
- 1150 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA reports: We got a report from the 26th Inf that a PW report indicates elements of the 116 Pz Div in the vicinity of 4629. Their mission is to break out in vicinity of GEBEKE.
- 1205 - S-2 to Lt. Moore, White Bn: Gave the PW information concerning the 116 Pz Div. Lt. M: F co got a transportation officer last night, a 2nd Lt., and we sent him back this morning.
- 1215 - S-6 to G-3: What is our future plans? Ans: Tie in with the 4th Cav Sqdn (minus 1 troop). S-3: I wish you would tell the Div Staff to make up their minds on our plans. They keep changing them. I would like to take BERG to improve the defensive situation and it would mean a change all along the line. G-3: OK, I will speak to them about it.

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- 1219 - S-3 to Blue 3: Come and see me about 1250 hours. Blue 3: I need trucks, Major. I have 3 trucks in the Ordnance and 2 trucks carrying chow and water. S-3: OK, I will see what I can do. Ans: Fine.
- 1222 - S-3 to Capt. Merindeno, Transp O: I need 7 trucks for the 3rd Bn. Have them up there at 1330 hours. Ans: Yes, sir. I will get them there as soon to that time as possible.
- 1252 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co to Lt. Stephens: Any move scheduled for today? Ans: The Bns are going to move. I do not think you will move.
- 1320 - Major Lauten, G-2 to S-2: Division artillery wants to know if any infantry is out-screening them. They said two soldiers came thru BUREN and walked into town. S-2: The I&R has been out to these other towns, and the CIC has been out checking these towns. G-2: Are you using the "squawker" (loud speaker on a tank) very much? Corps wants the tanks to give to the 9th Div. I am trying to hold it. S-2: We are using it at GESEKE. G-2: Information from ARMY says an ammo dump is at 510355. 26th Inf got a huge dump at 5823. 35 car loads of ammo. The civilians are guarding it. A counterattack was reported; it turned out that the 9th Arm'd had a couple tanks come thru at 9129 towards the 10th Div. They haven't seen anything of the tanks and are not worried about it. S-2: We could use some more CIC men. G-2: They are greatly needed in the rear, so I do not believe we can get any more.
- 1325 - 634th TDs report: Tell you S-3 that the leading elements of Recon ~~BN~~ have just left.
- 1335 - S-2 to White 2: White 2: Where is the 3rd Bn going? S-2: Going between you and 1st Bn. How many PWs did you get today? White 2: About 63 came back. Mostly civilians, some soldiers dressed as civilians. (Major ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Margolis asks S-2 where the tank is with the loud speaker attachments, and is told that it was in BUREN as of this morning.
- 1349 - S-3 to White 3: Plan for today for rest of the regiment is: 1st Bn going out to take the road center at 505323; their right boundry will be at 5103336. 3rd Bns comes up between you and the 1st Bn and then ties in with your left flank. You will have to shift your left flank so it ties in with 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn's right flank will be at 528370; still defending N and W. By the way, a single AT mine will not stop a Mark V or VI. It takes two of them together to do it. 26th Inf CP is at 522240. 18th Inf CP is at 643250. 7th PA moving into the vicinity of STEINHAUSEN. 5th is still North of BUREN.
- 1400 - Red 5 to S-3: A co is jumping now. The 18th Inf is going thru with no trouble. C Co is to stay in STEINHAUSEN., until things clear up a little.
- 1410 - Capt. Merindeno to Capt. Clark: Mission accomplished. Sent 7 trucks to 3rd Bn. Took 3 from 2nd Bn and 2 from 1st Bn and 2 from Cannon Co.

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- 1410 - S-2 to Blue 5: There is a large ammo dump at 510355; your patrol can take a look at it.
- 1445 - Red 5 to Capt. Clark: B company moving now.
- 1445 - G-2 to S-2: A PW taken by the Cavlry states that Gren Repl Bn #58 is defending the town at 535100. Strength of 300 men- no tanks or AT guns. The Cav ran into an enemy patrol at 568313. Enemy in woods at 590116. The enemy planes this morning were eight ME 109's; they straffed in the vicinity of 5727 grid. Two were shot down. One at 6634 mid one at 7417.
- 1510 - Capt. Weals, 3rd Bn to Capt. Clark: Our recon party that went out to look over our new area found enemy in the area at 534348. They are not supposed to be there. At least 2 companies are there in the woods. Ans: I'll check with Maj. Smith and see what he wants to do.
- 1513 - S-3 to Blue 6; Colonel wants you to get a good sized group up there with ~~XXXXXX~~ tanks and TDs. Blue 6: It is a matter of time. My tanks are with I company. I've alerted L co and will start them up on trucks. K co is sending the M-10's up with L co. S-3: G co will stay in the west edge of STEINHAUSEN. Blue 6: North edge of woods will be the boundary between K and L co's. I will be on the north. Where are the enemy supposed to be? S-3: On the north edge of the woods up there. Blue 6: Is it safe to fire due West? S-3: Yes, it is. Blue 6: OK, Will start up as soon as we can.
- 1527 - Capt. Clark to White CP: (Notifys of the enemy being in the woods north of FROWEN).
- 1530 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Evans, 2nd Bn: We will not put anyone in STORMEDE.
- 1545 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Capt. Clark: The armored is moving out of GEBEKE, and setting up strong point at STORMEDE. I will have to send patrol west to STORMEDE, and NE of SALZKOTTEN; would like to have the TD recon do that for us.
- 1550 - 5th FA to Capt. Clark: The Cub went out to OSTEREIDEN, 4830, and saw no enemy vehicles on any of the roads. Saw our vehicles leave the town and then come back.
- 1555 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Has the 1st Bn ever gotten to the town of ERINGERFELD? Ans: A co started at 1400 hours, and B at 1445 hours - we haven't heard anything yet. Blue Recon went out and at 533348, in the woods, they found about 2 co's of enemy. L is on TDs and is going out to work on that area.
- 1610 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: 3rd Armored will not be able to send that patrol to contact you - you had better send a motorized patrol to contact them. Ans: I will talk to Colonel Gibb on it.

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- 1613 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: Do we get the Recon? Ans: The Colonel says no.
- 1620 - Capt. Clark to Col. Beck: I&R will run that patrol from 2nd Bn. Ans: OK, that will be temporary only.
- 1623 - Red 5 to Capt. Clark: CP now in STEINHAUSEN. Companies moving into position.
- 1625 - Capt. Clark to Sgt Mischaud, I&R: You are to set up in GESEKE and run a patrol to SAIZKOTTEN for the 2nd Bn.
- 1630 - PWI reports: PWs from the 2nd Bn: 1 Hungarian; 3 from the 9th Pz Recon Bn; 1 from the 3rd Btry of 943 AA Bn; 1 from Tank Section #456. PWs from Cannon Co - 3 from the Machine Repair Command 128/XI; 2 from ~~GESEKE~~ SS Potenkoff Sturmabn II Monowitz; 1 from the Air Post Command GESEKE. PWs from the 3rd Bn: 4 from the 7th Btry of the 221 AA Bn; 1 from Truck Driver Bn #10 HAMBURG; 1 from Hq 464th AA Bn; 1 from Air Raid Warning Unit #39; 4 from the 5th Btry of the 887 AA Bn; 1 from Luftgan #6; 1 from the Construction Engrs #125. PWs from the 103 AA; 2 from the 7th Co of the 993rd Security Bn. PW from the I&R - 4 SS Potenkoff Sturmabn; 2 from the 3rd Co Med Repl Bn MUNSTER; 1 from training and Repl Bn #361. PWs from the 7th FA - 1 from the 3rd Co Radio Air Signal Unit of the 11 Pursuit Command; 1 from the 2nd Co Radio Air Signal Regt #32. PWs from the 5th FA - Fleieger-horst Co "E" (V) 226 XI. PWI from the CIC. SS Panzer Repl Bn Sennelager (South). PWs from the Medics: 3 in civilian clothes.
- 1645 - Red 3 to S-2: A and B companies are in position now. Got some PWs from Air Corps.
- 1650 - G-2 to S-2: Anything new? Ans: A and B companies at 508322. (S-2 gives information about the armor.)
- 1655 - Maj. Margolis, Mil Govt to S-2: Where is the tank with the loud speaker attachment? Ans: I sent it back to the 9th Division. Do you have the CIC there? Maj. Margolis: Yes, they are working now.
- 1700 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Clissen, 26th Inf S-3: Is that co in the town alright? We are in the other town; we will arrange contact. We picked up a few PWs. 26th Inf S-3: People in town of "O". S-3: We have a Bn out there; we will run patrols up thru North-South road.
- 1700 - Red 3 to S-3: What is the dope on our flanks? S-3: 18th is in the town now. Blue is going to clean the woods. (Information on the other units previously listed are given).
- 1705 - G-3 to S-3: How are things? S-3: We got to town of "E". (Item of 1700 hrs discussed). 3rd Armored contact will be made at the NS road. Should be no enemy there. Those in the woods never showed themselves in number. We're discovered by the I&R looking for pns. No shots fired. We are patrolling to STORMEDE, SAIZKOTTEN. Enemy in WESTERNKOTTEN, SCHAFFERKAMP and EIKELOH.



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- 1720 - S-3 to Blue 3: Any news on the patrol? Ans: Not yet, they just moved out about 40 minutes ago. We are using the 284 radio. S-3: Let me know as soon as you hear from them. 1st Bn is in position out there. Their right flank is at 505332 on main road (North-South).
- 1722 - Blue 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: I co moved in woods where enemy was reported. None seen but 7 or 8 PWs lined up on the road. K co about 2 miles behind but closing in fast. I co same spot, as of last night. They will move up as soon as trucks get back. We are moving CP forward now. S-3: Gives item of M720. 18th Inf White is up there, they went to HEDDINGHAUSEN. White is ready to tie in with you on the North. Do you have a line layed? Blue 3: Not reported as complete but should be in very soon.
- 1730 - Maj. Clisson, 26th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Would like to lay on contact with 18th Inf White and your "B" company a 1900 hours tonight. One co of the 18th ~~XXXXXX~~ is in OSTERIDEN. Balance in HEDDINGHAUSEN. Our 1st Bn attached to Cavalry.
- 1730 - MESSAGE: CO 16th Inf from CG 1st Div: Effective 021200B April 1945, Co A, 86 Cml Bn 1 platoon is detached from the 16th Inf and attached to 18th Inf. Time signed 1000.
- 1740 - Lt. Stephens to Red 2: 18th Inf White wants to lay on a contact with you where stream crosses main road at 1930 hours. Ans: OK.
- 1810 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: TFK is using following route as MSR - LIPPSTADT - BOCKENFORDE, 455378, and then east to LANGENEICKE to STORMEDE and GESEKE to SALZKOTTEN. Notify your White that they may use this route during the night.
- 1815 - Lt. Stephens to White 2: Above information given.
- 1826 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Jehnson: Any news on your people? Ans: No, I'll call you when there is.
- 1828 - Maj. Robbins, 7th FA to Lt. Stephens: We just got a fire mission relayed by Cub to fire on 515360. Do you have anyone there? Ans: I'll check with White? 7th FA: There is a camouflaged position there. Lt. Stephens: Try to find out who requested it.
- 1830 - RADIO MESSAGE: From Blue to CO 16th Inf: 3rd Bn K-3 clearing woods. K-2 moving up to position, north of the woods. No resistance. Estimated 30 to 40 PWs taken up to this time. (1815 hours).
- 1832 - 7th FA, Maj. Robbins, to Lt. Stephens: Any communication with White? Ans: No. Maj. Smith says not to fire the mission.
- 1835 - Blue 6 to Lt. S: I co has cleared the woods, i.e., they are on the far side of it. 50 PWs taken. K on road running N. Placing strong point in the factory. K is strung to N and has 3 M-10's and a platoon of AT guns. OP to the stream W of there. I is S of the woods and has a platoon of AT guns. I co, putting them in town N of where the 1st Bn was; strung along RR; Have medium tanks with them.

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- 1910 - Red 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Our B co patrol found 15 enemy fighter bomber planes NW of their position at approx., 500338. Lt. Stricklan sent patrols out to cut control cables on the planes. A concrete mixer or bulldozer machine was found.
- 1915 - G-2 to S-2: The tactical insignia of the 3rd Pz Gren Div was the Cross of Lorraine.
- 1930 - Blue Bn reports: CP (Fwd) at 538351. We sent 51 PWs down.
- 1940 - S-2 to Red 5: About the planes, there is an airfield and airplane repair base near GESEKE. Red 5: The patrol said they saw a factory that showed evidence of being in operation near there. Did you notify CORPS? S-2: I notified Division, they will notify Corps. Do not destroy them.
- 1945 - PW I reports: From the 2nd Bn — 3 men from the Machine Repair Shop of the 1/128/XI; 1 man from the Air Corps Construction Bn 4/IV; 1 man from the 5th Btry of the 887 AA Bn; 1 man from the Fortress Bn #18; 1 man from the 7th Night Fighter Sqdrn; 1 man from the Volkstrum; 1 man from the Sennelager Unit; 11 Yugoslavians; 8 men from the 5th Btry of the 887 Light AA Bn; 1 man from the 2nd Btry of the 233 AA Bn; 1 man from the Machine Repair shop GESEKE; 2 men from ARBEITSCHEFT; 1 man from the 5th company (Convey). PWs from Cannon Co — 1 man from the 2nd Co, Air Corps construction Co. 4/IV. PWs from the 18th Inf — 15 men from the 5th co, straggler collecting point VI, all Hungarians. PW from the 18th Inf: Arbeitsche Interpreter Co; 1 man; 1 man from Wehrreich VI; 1 man from the 1st Repl Btry, AA Repl Bn IV; 3 men from the 1st Btry of the 892 AA Bn; 1 man from the 280th Regt, 95th Inf Div; 1 man from the 2nd Co, 1075 Security Bn. 1 man from the Signal Co, Motorized; 1 man from the 11th Co 7th Para Regt, 2 Para Div; 1 man from the 1st Btry of 394th Heavy AA Bn; 1 man from the 3rd Co, XII Hesseguard Construction Bn; 4 men from the 4th Co, SS Construction Regt, Essen Kray; 3 men from the Air Port Stormede. From 1st Recon—2 men from the Security Bn 702. From Blue Bn — 1 man from the 1st Co, Construction Engrs VI.
- 1945 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Where do you have I company plotted? Ans: I co at 5433, the reserve co in group of buildings there. We have contact patrol layed on with White Bn every 2 hours for tonight. K co patrol went out to the edge of the woods at 5035. There are Ack Ack positions out there. We picked up an enemy officer there. Blue 3; to S-3: We have a squad of men guarding a powerhouse at BUREN. S-3: Pull them out.
- 2020 - 26th S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We would like to change our contact point with the 1st Bn to every 2 hours, starting at 2100 hours. The contact point will be the stream where the 31 grid crosses.
- 2125 - PW I to S-2: At the town of STORMEDE the enemy has an airst. About 100 men left there in cars, left in NE direction. Others left MUNSTER 3 days ago. Took route HAMB, UNNA, WEBERL to SOEST and then were captured near GESEKE. Picked up by White Bn. Rumer was supposed to be open. Identifications are: 8 men from Hospital (were on furlough and in hospital), 1 man from the Air Force Med Det, GESEKE; 2 men from the 5th Btry of the 887 Light AA Bn; 10 men from the 26th Air Force Machine repair shop; 1 from the 3rd co, 2nd Para Regt 2nd Para Div.

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- 2145 - Blue 3 to S-3: There is an airfield in STORMEDE with about 15 battered planes on it. Also ammo dump and flak guns at 505357 and 508357.
- 2148 - S-3 to G-3: Patrol from Blue Bn reported an airfield in town of STORMEDE with 15 battered planes on it. Also reported ammo dump and flak guns (Same coordinates as above). Co locations are: A center at 500327 facing west; B co ties in with A co with center at 500315. C co is in back of them in the town of ERINGERFELD in buildings. 2nd extending line so that it runs NW and SW edge of GESEKE, with F co in N part; G in WSW part and E co in the town in reserve. K co has center at 530346 facing west. L co at 530330 facing west. I co back in north edge of town of STEINHAUSEN. The ground is hard to cover. It is vast as hell. The men get lost out there. We can use additional armor, we only have 7 tanks. Could use the co of light tanks. G-3: It is impossible but I'll try and get you some TDs (towed).
- 2225 - S-2 to G-2: Total PWs for today is 218. S-2 gives PW identifications for the day and other PW information of this journal.
- 2305 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: K co located 3 37mm AA guns at 517360. Cars and material at 525368. Several concrete structures at 509365 and 515365. Have 6 more PWs at Bn now. Lot of enemy in front of K co at present.
- 2315 - S-3 to G-3: Gives our situation as previously listed, and requests that Div set a no fire line between the 16th Inf and 3rd Armored along the 37 grid line.
- 2320 - Blue Bn reports: B co contacted L co at 2300 hours in the woods. Sending patrol to contact them at 0200 hours and 0400 hours. At 2300 hours, K co reported 1 white flare 1500 yards out at 300 degrees. Co K is going to try and talk some enemy into surrendering.
- 2325 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Div arty has arranged a no fire line with 3rd Armored running from 4239 to 4938. 7th FA has been notified of this.
- 2327 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Gives above information on the no fire line. We can not fire north of line 4239 to 4937.
- 2330 - Capt. Clark to Red 2: Do you know what kind of planes are on the airport? in front of you? Ans: Mostly fighters, 1 or 2 are bombers. They are all damaged. None of them will fly.
- 2335 - Capt. Clark to Div Air Officer: Gives above information.
- 2340 - G-3 reports: 2nd of the 18th reports they observed white flare to the West of their positions. They heard vehicular movements 4000 yards to their front at 285 degrees.

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2350 - FWI reports: 8 PWs from the 1st Bn: 2 from the 64th Hvy AA Bn; 5 from the 4th IV Air Force Construction Bn; 1 from the 1032 XVII Air Force Construction Bn. 58 from Blue Bn: 7 from the 5th Btry of the 87 AA Bn; 3 from the 2nd Co of the 958 AA Bn; 1 from the 4th Btry, 278 Arty Regt (Hospital); 1 from the 1st Co of the 1SS Pz GR, also hospital case; 1 man from the 3rd Co of the 330 Inf Regt; 72nd Inf Div also from hospital; 1 man from the 13th Co of the 339th Inf Regt 167 Inf Div, hospital; 22 from the 4-IV Construction Bn; 1 from the 1st Co of the 3rd PGR (SS) 2nd SS PD, hospital; 3 from the 1st Btry 958 AA Bn; 1 from the 3rd Btry 958 AA Bn; 1 from the 1st Btry 960 AA Bn; 3 from the RR guard HAMM; 2 from the Air Port STOMEDE; 2 from the Hqs 960 AA Bn; 1 from the 7th Co, 496th Jager Regt; 1 from Hq 2nd Bn 25 SS PGR 12 SS PGD, hospital; 1 from the 1st Co, 332 Regt 167 Div, hospital; 1 from the 14th Co 695 Regt, 340 Div, hospital; 1 from the 6th Trucking Bn, hospital; 1 from Escort Co 9th SS PD, hospital; 1 from the 8th Co, 387 regt 167 Div, hospital; 1 from the 2nd Co 351 Regt, hospital; 1 from the 605 General hospital.

2352 - Blue Bn gives negative report.

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LOCATION: BUREN, GERMANY - 575285.

- 0001 - White Bn to Capt. Clark: I&R made first contact; no resistance. They left at 2350 hours for the 2nd contact.
- 0010 - Lt. Higgins, 1st Bn to Capt. Clark: Where is the 18th Inf? Ans: The 2nd Bn of the 18th Is in HEDDINGHAUSEN. Lt. H: The 18th called up about vehicular movement. Our A company heard some movement far off. B company heard nothing. C and D companies reported Blue flare to our rear.
- 0012 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Lyons, G-3: Speaks of item of 0010 hours. K co reported a number of enemy in front of them. G-3: The 18th Inf reports the Recon had run into road block at 536201.
- 0107 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: Blue Bn reports artillery and tank movement 270 degrees in front of K co about 3000 yards out in direction of LIPPSTADT. Capt. Clark: We have elements of the 2nd Armor Division in there.
- 0108 - Lt. Higgins, 1st Bn, to Capt. Clark: Mine laying patrol drew fire from the woods.
- 0115 - 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark: Situation of 0010 and 0107 hours given to 2nd Bn.
- 0120 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Lyons, G-3: Items 0010 and 0108 hours given. Our 1st Bn coordinates given as 510320. I&R running patrols from GESEKE to SAIZKOTTEN. They have made trip twice.
- 0150 - 3rd Bn reports: OP reports at 0125 hours an amber chandelier flare west of 400 yards, and 2 white flares layed on the ground. I company reports single white flare 800 yards west of the 1st platoon.
- 0155 - 1st Bn reports: Airplane overhead dropped illuminating flares 3000 yards out.
- 0157 - 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark: Negative report.
- 0158 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Lyons, G-3: Items of 0150 and 0155 hours reported.
- 0300 - White 2 to Mr. Lipinski: I&R contacted TFH at 0225 hours. Otherwise all is quiet.



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- 0305 - Sgt. McGill, 3rd Bn reports: At 0230 hours the OP reported quite a bit of armor movement due west of the OP and at 5 to 6000 yards. The three Ack Ack guns previously reported at 2130 hours at 517360 have been taken care of, the AP Sgt, blew them up. The OP reports 2 white flares at 290 degrees and 6000 yards. 1st Bn just called and said that the patrol to L ce at 0200 hours did not get through; they were challenged by enemy 300 yards in front of our positions. The patrol will try for contact again at 0300 hours.
- 0310 - Red 2 reports: Contact patrol did not make contact with L at 0200 hours (same information as above item from 3rd Bn). Patrol just leaving 1st Bn for another try at the contact.
- 0312 - Report of hearing Armor west of Blue OP given to G-3, Lt. Lyons.
- 0400 - Lt. Gressang, 2nd Bn, reports: All quiet.
- 0405 - Lt. Joseph, 3rd Bn reports all quiet. The contact patrol from the 1st Bn has not arrived as yet. (Patrol started from 1st Bn at 0310 hours. No further report on the movement of armor that was mentioned in 3rd Bn report of 0305 hours).
- 0400 to 0600 hours, negative reports were received from the Bns and an hourly negative report given to the G-3 office.
- 0600 - 3rd Bn reports: 0550 hours, L ce reported the movement of a tank 1000 yards to their right front, moving away from them to the west.
- 0605 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0607 - 1st Bn reports: B ce patrol went to contact L ce. They did not find L ce in the woods where they were supposed to be. No enemy seen. (This information is relayed to G-3).
- 0658 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: Patrol went out and couldn't find the Armored in STORMEDE. They had road blocks but they weren't there. The I&R platoon went the other way and everything was OK there. The patrol to the Armored went out at 0630 hours.
- 0700 - Blue Bn reports vehicular movement 1000 yards due west.
- 0700 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Lyons, G-3: Our 2nd Bn contact patrol went to the 3rd Armored at the road block in town of STORMEDE and reported that they could not find the Armored. This was at 0630 hours. They probably ran the road block during the night and pull it during the daylight. Will you find out what happened to the people? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 0729 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: I contacted the Hqs of the 3rd Armored Div and spoke to them on the matter at STORMEDE. They were not aware of the fact that their people weren't there. They are contacting their elements and will call us back on it.

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- 0755 - Blue Bn reports all quiet.
- 0840 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn: What about those men? Lt. M: There are 10 men and a half track, from the 3rd Armored. They were left back on 7 read blocks in the town. They went to contact their outfit. Lt. Stephens: They can probably contact some of their people in PADERBORN.
- 0850 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0858 - Maj. Lauten, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Situation given as of midnight to morning. Item of 0312 hours is discussed.
- 0900 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Did Lt. Smith get these enemy in front of K ce to surrender? Ans: I do not know but I will find out and call you.
- 0905 - Red 2 to Maj. Sandell, LO for 7th FA: We have picked up 3 railroad engineers and one is a railroad technician. They have maps showing leading rails out of this area to DORTMUND, ESSEN, etc. They drove up to us in an auto; they are members of the Dutch Reich Banshaft, but not in uniform.
- 0925 - G-3, Maj. Green to Lt. Kestlinger: Proposed contact point for you and the 3rd Armored at read junction at 568398. Starting at 2000 hours and every 2 hours thereafter until 0500 hours. Have you seen any of the 330th Inf? TFK said they contacted elements in STORMEDE and BOCKENFORDE.
- 0930 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce, AT Co: I was up to 2nd Bn yesterday and saw some of their AT guns. One was in a yard behind a fence, so that if they fired they would first have to knock down the fence. They were not dug in, nor was the Amme. I want you to check in on that and see that a double row of mines is placed in the roads dug in, except on the main roads used by the 3rd Armored. Ans: I will checken that.
- 0935 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me the latest positions? ( Positions given as previously listed in journal of 2 April, late items).
- 1000 - Blue Bn reports negative. OP reports flares 1500 yards out and due west at 0955 hours. S-3 to Blue 3: Want you to push your line forward in your own zone of action, have your left flank at read at 500337, then run your line NE so as to tie in with the 2nd at about 517377. Tie in with 1st Bn on your left flank. Let me know when you move.
- 1012 - S-3 to G-3: Give above information. Had recent patrols to woods E of BUREN and they report it all clear. Read from BUREN to HELMERN is OK.

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- 1015 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs, Te S-3: What did you find out on these roads for me? Ans: Those roads are all clear and are good ones. The road from BUREN to HEMMERN is very good.
- 1020 - S-3 to Red 3: Moving Blue today. Colonel was not satisfied with the tie in. Blue's left flank will be at 500337 and will run along west edge of woods to NE. Red 3: Fine; that will tie us in pretty well. At road center at 498335 we have no outpost. But we have mines and trip flares around there. Colonel said it was too far for an outpost, so we mined it and patrol it.
- 1030 - Blue 2 to S-3: Would like to have some one from Ordnance look over these railroad cars. There are some 50 kilo bombs, 20mm ammo and small arms ammo. Don't believe they are fused. S-3: The ordnance is coming down today.
- 1034 - S-3 to White 1: Have Capt. Elder call me when he returns. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1035 - G-2 to S-2: What have you got new? Ans: Our Blue is moving to tie in with 1st Bn. Other than that, it is quiet. Will call Bns and find out the latest and let you know.
- 1040 - White 3 to S-3: The 3rd Armored cleared STORMEDE last night and left it. We patrol from here to the church in STORMEDE. The 3rd Armored in BOCKENFORDE now, with 5 light tanks and 4 TDs and two platoons of infantry. They'll patrol there to church in STORMEDE. We meet there on the even hours all day long. S-3: Sending mescon up all roads, up to 44 EW line, north of you. The 3rd Bn is pushing up to edge of woods at 505345 and will tie in there, coming towards you.
- 1045 - PWI reports: PWs from 3rd Bn: 1 from 1-IV AF construction Bn; 1 from the 2nd co of the 902nd Pz GR. PWs from Cannon co - 1 from the RR patrol Wehrries #6; 1 from the 6th Driver Repl Bn. PW from the 634th TD's; 2 from STORMEDE. 2nd Bn PWs - 4 from the 116th Pz Engr Repl Bn. 1st Bn PWs - 160th PD Field Repl Bn, 2 men; 328 Training and Repl Bn, 2 men; 2nd Btry 915th AA Bn, 1 man; Velkstrum, 2 men; STORMEDE, 1 man; 1st Co. 116th Pz Repl Bn, 2 men; 2nd Btry 419th AA Bn, 1 man.
- 1051 - S-3 to G-3: Discuss planes which ~~was~~ are in 1st Bn area. None of them in working condition. Planes were using highway for strip. Also tells him of aerial bombs which are on the railroad cars behind 3rd Bn. Wants some one to look at them, as it will cause trouble if they go off. G-3: I'll get someone on it.
- 1055 - G-3 to Clerk: In reference to the ammo dump behind your 3rd Bn. Word was given to Corps who in turn told Army. Knowing how these people work, it will be quite some time before someone comes down to look it over. Suggest that you move your people away from it, in case something does happen. Ans: 3rd Bn is in the process of moving now.



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- 1055 - S-2 to Blue 2: You have a lot of maps coming down and the Ordnance man should be down today. Lt. Walker: We are setting up a team in each company to act as Military Government. S-3: That ammo situation has gone to Army and it will take a few days before it is taken care of.
- 1100 - S-2 to G-2: The PW report as of 1045 hours is given.
- 1110 - PWI reports: 4th MG Heavy Gren Regt Training Bn of the 253, 3 men; 1 man from STORMEDE. PW from the 116 Repl Bn says that Division is to arrive today or tomorrow with 16 Panzer tanks to break through between BIELEFELD and PADERBORN. The route of the approach will ~~XXXX~~ probably be UNNA - WERL - SOEST. The 116th Repl Bn has now a defense line between 4135 down to 4430. When Div comes up, they will join it in the breakthrough attempt.
- 1145 - Blue 3 to S-3: Are any friendly troops in STORMEDE? S-3: No, just patrol activity there. 3rd Armored has 5 light tanks and 4 TDs and 2 platoons of infantry in town of BOCKENFORDE. Blue 3: I spoke to 1st and 2nd Bns about their flanks. I can use Cannon company observer. S-3: I'll get you one.
- 1125 - S-3 to Cannon Co: Send an observer to 1st and 3rd Bns. They are on the main road between GESEKE and STEINHAUSEN. If you find you can not cover 1st Bn, let me know and pull them back.
- 1129 - Blue Bn reports: OP reports group of 4 people at 1900 yards due west at 1028 hours.
- 1215 - 3rd Armored S-3 to Maj. Smith: Having Recon go N-NE and NW up to 44 grid line EW. Ans: I am starting at 1600 hours today leaving from town of GESEKE.
- 1220 - S-3 to 634th TD Recon: I am moving you up to E edge of GESEKE in regimental reserve area. Also sending your patrol up to N-NE and NW. I will tell you about it when you come over.
- 1220 - 1st Bn reports: B company took 11 PWs. They are all SCS and came down the road to give themselves up.
- 1238 - 3rd Bn reports: At 1140 hours, OP reported 6 enemy in woods in the vicinity of 505335.
- 1240 - S-3 to White 3: Recon Co will check in at your place today. They will have the mission of NW road HORSTE, ESBECK to VERNE. White 3: C co in LIPPSTADT. A Co at 444441; B co at 482459. This info given to us by 3rd Armored. S-3: I have notified Armored. Co of Tanks and TDs in that town. White 3: 9th Armored rumored to be in town at 5752. S-3: CGA will try to contact them there. When people get up there, have them check in at your CP. They are not attached to you. White 3: The I&R checks in with me on their going and returning. S-3: VII corps Fwd was in NDR MARSBERG. Check with CP of Division at WUNNERBERG.

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- 1245 - Capt. Murphy, A Co Engrs, to S-3: 1st Bn wants a 400 yards width minefield. S-3: A 50 yard one on the main road, either side and the main trails will take care of all mines available.
- 1310 - 334 Recon to Lt. Stephens: Route to 2nd Bn through STEINHAUSEN is open, isn't it? Ans: Yes.
- 1314 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: I am sending down some 1/50's maps of your area. They cover 41 on W to 61 on E. 45 on N to 12 on the S. How is the rearrangement of Blue coming? Ans: They start at 1330 hours.
- 1346 - Blue 6 to S-5: Is the 2nd Bn going to move up? Ans: Not that I know of.
- 1410 - Blue Bn reports: At 1322 hours, OP reported 2 jeeps going SE from STORMEDE. K company is moving out. L co will move out in 10 minutes.
- 1425 - Blue Bn reports: K and I companies are now moving.
- 1514 - Blue Bn reports: K company is now in position; L co still moving; haven't met opposition.
- 1520 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Your 3rd Bn is moving, isn't it? Ans: Right. G-2: I don't think they will run into anything, but if they do not, I would like a negative report. 18th patrolled to DREWER and found nothing. Cavalry working in woods to 485175 and only found a diesel oil dump in the woods.
- 1526 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: What is the latest disposition of Blue? (Capt. Clark reviews situation in above items).
- 1545 - Blue Bn reports: L and K co's are now in position.
- 1615 - S-3 to Capt. Clark: The 8th Armored is passing across our front from N to S. Call the 1st and 3rd Bns so that they can notify the companies to watch for them to help them thru our minefields.
- 1617 - Capt. Clark notifies 1st and 3rd Bns of the above.
- 1620 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Notifies them that the 8th Armored is crossing our front from N to S. G-3: I have a lot of information on that and am sending it to you by your liaison.
- 1630 - MESSAGE - From CG 1st Div to CG 16th Inf: For information: Elements of the 9th Army will relieve Task Force Kane in LIPPSTADT B-4242 by 032400 B. Elements 9th Army will also contact our troops at GESEKE B-5338 and NUTHEN B-4821 in near future. 8th Armored Div will concentrate generally North of PADERBORN B-7047. 9th Army units have running right on PADERBORN\*GESEKE road.

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- 1635 - 5th FA to Capt. Clark: Would like to know if we can fire at base point 46923247. Capt. Clark: 8th Armored is coming down that road. Coming from N and going south.
- 1645 - 5th FA to Capt. Clark: We can fire on this point 454338? Ans: It is OK, with us as it is out of our sector, and Div will have to give OK.
- 1650 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is this about the 8th Armored? Ans: We have some information about that coming from Division. Will let you know what it is about.
- 1700 - S-3 to G-3: Contacted an officer from the 8th Recon of the 8th Armored. They are supposed to go up north of the 3rd Armored. They said their orders have been changed and they are to go south to river where the 26th is. That the Combat Commands will come down in about 2 hours. G-3: Will find out from Corps about this.
- 1730 - Blue Bn reports: K company has 9 PWs and 4 women in STORMEIDE.
- 1745 - G-3 to S-3: I just talked to Corps and it is true that the 8th Armored is to pass in front of you and go south to the river. S-3: Elements are passing in front of the 3rd Bn now. G-3: We want to arrange a no fire line. If you get in contact with these people, have them send up a liaison officer? VII Corps says that you are to keep your building and do not let these people get in there. Want you to keep contact with these people.
- 1745 - G-3 to S-3: The 83rd is going across to the N. (They discuss suitable positions for the regiment).
- 1750 - PWI reports: 3rd Co Home Guard 1006, 10 men; 8th Co 959 PGR 363 FGD, 1 man from hospital. 7th Btry 363rd Arty Regt, 1 PW from hospital. 3rd Co Ambulance Bn 369, 1 man from hospital.
- 1808 - White 3 to S-3: The S-3 and the Colonel do not understand the situation. S-3: Stay where you are and I'll call you back.
- 1810 - PWI reports: Identifications: 1st Co, 146th Field Repl Bn of the 116th Pz Div, 5 men; 3rd Co 146th F Repl Bn, 116th Pz Div, 1 man; Homeguard Repl Bn D, 1 man; 10th Btry, 491 AA Bn Hagen, 2 women; 5th Btry, 479 AA Bn, 2 women.
- 1820 - G-3 to S-3: When did you see this officer? Ans: Saw the officer at 1600 hours, he was a Capt. From Recon Sqdn of 8th Armored. I told them where we were and they are coming down thru STEINHAUSEN. G-3: I hope they know where you are because they shot-up PADERBORN last night. S-3: Got an overlay coming down and will send it on to you from these people.
- Blue 3:
- 1822 - S-3 to Blue 3: They are moving down to the main road in front of our Co's now. S-3: The 8th Armored is going to pass in front of you. Blue 3: Got a lot of bombs and would like to have ordnance take care of them. S-3: Will report that for you.

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- 1845 - S-6 to G-3: "What is the plan? Ans: The 8th Armored is going south along the 40 grid as far as the river, using us as left flank security. After the armored has done its job, we will probably turn 180 degrees.
- 1846 - Lt. Kestlinger to all Bns: Pull all mines and defuse them right away.
- 1930 - Capt. Murphy, Co A Engrs, to Capt. Clark: When does Major Smith want us to pull the mines? Ans: The Bns have been notified already.
- 1945 - G-3 to S-3: On this exercise, I have a little more information. 8th Armored Div pushes down thru area 30 to 50 NS line. After they push thru there, they will set up blocks and defensive positions. They will push S as far as the RR line running along the 07 or 06 EW line. They will face west in positions similar to yours, and will wait for the 9th Inf Div to push thru them. Presumably we will be in rear echelon in position to assemble and take a little break.
- 1950 - Blue Bn reports: 1930 hours, smoke pots at EIKELOH. Smoke falling W of BOCKENFORDE. 1932 hours, 43er 4 bursts of red tracer SW corner of EIKELOH.
- 1959 - Colonel Grant to Capt. Clark: What is new? Ans: Gives above message of 1945 hours, on the 8th Armored. White 6: Every two hours, I'll send a patrol along the road to contact K company CP. I'll call Capt. Beeth and tie in with him.
- 2025 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: 3rd Armored will contact your people at 568398 every two hours starting at 2000 hours.
- 2027 - PW reports: 9 Hungarians: 4 men from Home Gd Const Bn 112/IV; 1 man from 1st Co, 657th Engr Bn; 1 man from the 9th Co, Mt Tng Bn 85; 3 men from the 15th Recn Repl Bn; 1 man from the 3rd Co, Home Guard Bn 489. The story on the 2 men from the 2nd Co of the 902 - story checks with exception that the 2nd PW saw no tactical signs of the 130 Pz Div, and he did not notice any traces of 3rd Pz Div. He confirms that SOEST was thinly occupied, including a scattering of SS of undetermined unit. No information as to the 116th Pz Div in this area. In SOEST, both PWs were stopped for paper control by an SS man who tried to get them to report to some barracks. This wasn't mentioned by the 1st PW. PW went thru the same channels at the same time, and became separated yesterday, 2nd April.
- 2030 - Capt. Clark to I&R: Contact 3rd Armored at 568398 at the road junction. Tie in with them there every 2 hours starting at 2000 hours instead of going all the way into the town.
- 2045 - 7th FA to S-2: 5th FA AOP landed in the 8th Armored sector in the vicinity of ERWITTE and LIPPSTADT. The 8th Armored was being held up and fighting like hell in the town of ERWITTE. Fighting Pz (PW source). They intend to break out tonight. PW states they will break out towards the East. 8th Armored believes they will break out to the N across the LIPP river. If they do take the town of ERWITTE, they will continue down to the town of WEICKEDE. 8th Armored stated resistance was from SP guns and 20mm.

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- 2050 - G-2 to S-2: (Info as above given). G-2: 60th Div going into KASSEL. We have elements in the town. EISENNOCH is out; WERKSBERG is in enemy hands. 8th Armored is in contact with F company. 18th according to Div Arty at 2050 hours at MUSTEREIDEN.
- 2059 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 2030 hours, OP reported that there were series of fires at 240 degrees and 2000 yards out. At 263 degrees and 5000 yards out was another fire. At 2050 hours, L ce reported a large fire at 320 degrees and 3000 yards; they also heard machine guns and tank movement.
- 2118 - S-2 to Red 2: The planes on the field were damaged by demolition. There are 50, 100, 150, 200 and 250 lbs bombs. They will have to be taken care of. They are to the rear of our troops.
- 2122 - Same information as above item is given to White and Blue 2's.
- 2210 - FWI report: 1 man from Hq 164th Regt, 62nd Div; 1 man from the 13th Co, 183rd Regt 62nd Div. 1006 Home Guard Mn - Bn was to make way SIBLICH - SIEDLIGHAUSEN - BOEDEFEID - REMBLINGHAUSEN - MESSCHFEIDE - WARSTEIN - BELECKE - ERWITTE - WESTERNKOTTEN which was to be Co assembly area. LIPFSTADT - RIETBERG - WISTERWISHE - VERL - HERRINGHAUSEN - LAGE - DETMOLD - BADMINBERG - SHIEDER - SCHMALENBERG - REICHTENNAN - HOXTER - NEUHAUSE, this was assembly for Bn. DASSEL - MAR GOLDENDORF - EINEBECK - NORTHEIN - DATHENBURG - OSTERRODE - HURZBERG - MACHENRODE - GOINEROD - SONDERHAUSEN. One hundred yards West of EIKLOH are 3 men and one MG, 116 Pz Div on outpost. Civilians told PW that 8 or ten tanks were in vicinity. Civilians also stated HQ of this tank unit was in ERWITTE.
- 2230 - Capt. Stowell, Amm Officer to Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. Ketuby has 300 mines that he wants to turn in. Ans: I'll call him.
- 2235 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Katuby: It is the Colonel's order that you carry the 100 mines. Ans: I'll try to get it in some place, it will have to go on the organic transportation some place.
- 2235 - FWI report: 1st Company 166th Field Repl Bn - Bn is replacement for the 116th Pz Div. 1st Co was in vicinity of HOVEL, were told to move entire Bn 29 March, using HOVEL\* NEHIENTPARADISE - HERZFELD\* DUCKED, Doubled back to LEISBORN LIPFSTADT, here the company was hit hard by artillery. PW made his way to OVERSHAGEN and was captured in GESSIE. 3rd Company behind first during the march when they arrived in LIPFSTADT. The 8th Company was following Bn was flexible, sometimes the units was made up of 8 companies depending on number of men in the Bn. Unit wears Greyhound insignia.
- 2300 - Capt. Stabler, Blue Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger: Saw a green flare in the 8th sector, is anything happening? Ans: No.

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- 2302 - Blue Bn reports: K company is going to L company on the evenhour. 2nd Bn is to contact L company on the even hour.
- 2330 - Div Arty, Colonel Waters to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any contact with the 8th Armored Div? Ans: No.
- 2340 - FWI reports: Man from the Hq of the 16, VGD left unit 31 March, unit was in vicinity of WALDERHOH. Took route MOSTLOF\* OLFS\* ATTENORN-FINIEN-TROP by foot. SHWETIE by train. UNNA-WERLSOEST ERWITTE by foot. This morning saw Greyhound moving toward SOEST. Does not know why tanks were withdrawing. Rumor of civilians has it that German tanks cleared PADERBORN and a 60 km sector. City of SOEST was sealed off yesterday but opened to traffic today.
- 2350 - All units report negative and a negative report is given to G-3 office by Lt. Kestlinger.

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LOCATION: EUREN, GERMANY - 575285.

- 0040 - Lt. Iyens, G-3, to Lt. Kestlinger: That movement out in front of you is probably friendly. The Armored was supposed to come down to 4636 tonight. If I get anything definite, I will call you.
- 0054 - Blue Bn reports taking a couple of prisoners. Negative report. 0100 to 0700 - Negative reports received from the Battalions in hourly reports. Negative reports given to the G-3 office, hourly.
- 0705 - White Bn reports: Patrols to STORMEDE could not contact anybody from K company. (Blue Bn reports negative).
- 0825 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Have any of your ground observers reported anything on the 8th Armored? Ans: No, all of my reports for the night were negative.
- 0830 - Capt. Kelb, Red 3, to Mr. Lipinski: What is the latest on the 8th Armored? Ans: Have no reports of them. Red 3: We have a company of light tanks from the 18th Armored Regt in the area near us.
- 0910 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 3, to Lt. Stephens: Do you have any information on this Armored outfit that is ground here? Ans: No, we do not, I will let you know when we get something.
- 0936 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0945 - G-2 reports: 9th Division reported tank and vehicle movement on the road leading to OBERKIRCHEN, 4484, and RICHELBACH, 375686. 2nd British Army advanced to autobahn at W-765030, and found the bridge blown there. 9th Army? Armored is mopping up in MUNSTER and in contact with the enemy pocket in SW of the city. 7th Army: "Enemy continued to resist stubbornly N and NE of HEILBORN, S- 0961. ASSHENBURG was cleared and the following were reached W-1569, N-2368, N-2862 and N-3059. 1st French Army meeting stiff resistance at BRUSCHAL, R-6259, and LINKENHEIM, R-4958. 3rd Army reports light to heavy resistance at EICHENACH, H-8167, H-9139, J-1051, H-8067, and J-0865. Resistance continues at KASSEL and an unsuccessful counterattack was repelled at H-2297. Towns at H-1499, H-1299, H-5681, H-9770, H-5848, and H-9432 were cleared. The 3rd Armored Division took 206 PWs yesterday, enemy activity was negligible. In town of RADERBORN, in a group of warehouses, 3rd Armored saw the following articles, equipment, and weapons: two, 88mm guns; 94 - 75mm guns or howitzers; 40 150mm howitzers; 60 carts with infantry flame throwers attached; 60 rubber pontoons; wagons; skis; snow shoes; ordnance equipment, etc.
- 1000 - Lt. Stephens to White 2 Lt. Chandler: 8th Armored route as ANREFFEN, HEITWINKEL, GIESKE, BOCKENFORDE, ERWITTE, BERGE, MENZEL, and RUTHEN. Their farthest objective is the MOHNS river. This information was given by a liaison officer from the 8th Armored Division.

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- 1005 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Green, G-3: The 8th Armored route of CGA and CCB is given. G-3 states this route does not conform with the plan that he had, or rather, the understanding of the plan. He would like to have the liaison come to division. The officer is from the 88th Recon.
- 1030 - 88th Recon Liaison to Lt. Stephens: the 8th Armored CP is at DELBRUCK.
- 1125 - G-3 to S-3: Man from the 8th Armored is here now. Will try and get all the peep we can, and jeep you posted. Would like to relieve you of the Recon Company as of noon. Have them report to their CP. S-3: I want them back, the.
- 1128 - S-3 to 634th TDS, Recon Co: Report back to your Bn. You have been relieved as of 1200 hours. We will get you back again. Ans: Yes, sir. We were very happy in working for you, you treated us swell.
- 1200 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 1210 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? G-2: The 9th Div got a counterattack at 4585; from 4 to 6 tanks and 200 to 300 infantry from the 130th Pz. 18th Airborne counterattacked at 2657 by 12th VGD. 104th Div at 8132 and 8127, and report no opposition. 8th Armored identified 902 VGR, and 121 VGR.
- 1307 - S-3 to Red 6: As soon as this thing clears up, pull you boys back to STEINHAUSEN..
- 1310 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is everything? Blue 3: As far as the situation is concerned - there isn't any. S-3: How are you get up out there? Blue 3: Not so hot for K and L companies.
- 1314 - S-3 to White 3: What is up? White 3: Not much - there is a lot of armor going by. Have been patrolling to K company every two hours. We have also been in contact with the Armer in STORMEDE every two hours. Armer says that they ran into a fight in town ALTENRUTHEM, in fact, they are still fighting there. They took a PW from the 116th Pz. They are having one hell of a battle. The Armer has their artillery set up now and are going to lay the wood to them. The 49th Recon is going to have their CP at 479-300. They left a recon car here to keep contact. S-3: Get your vehicles, and stuff in shape, as it looks like we will be moving!
- 1432 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1455 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: Send an overlay of your company positions to me. (Blue Bn is given the same information).
- 1515 - FWI reports: Identifications of PWs - 1 man from the 14th Co, 1219 Inf Regt, 176 Inf Div., 6 men from ARBEITSDIENST. (Taken by the 7th FA). 1 man from Field Transportation Regt OKW (Taken by CIC). 1 man from the 3rd Co, Field Replacement Bn. (~~XXXX~~ 3rd Bn). 2 men from the 116th Field Rpl Bn, (2nd Bn). 2 men from the Sig. Repl. RWHR. (2nd Bn). 1 man from the Machine R pair shop 128/XI, and 2 Hungarians. (2nd Bn).



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1 man from the 21st Para Supply Bn. (Taken by 1st Bn). 4 men from the Slieger Herst Co. (Taken by the 1st Bn). 1 man from WUPFWÄFFER const., Bn 4/IV. (Taken by the 1st Bn). 1 straggler, and 1 man from Volkstrum Field Arty. (Taken by the 1st Bn).

1550 - Blue Bn reports negative.

1552 - PWI reports: PW from the 116 Pz Div says that in the NEUWITTE-BERGE area, there is a rumor of 100 tanks there. An NCO told him there were only 30 tanks there. The tanks are believed to be parked in the wooded area at 4533 and 4531. This PW was from the 3rd Co of the 116 Repl Bn. Route of their company was from 1799 to 1903, to 1806, to 1709, to 1912, to 1814, and then northwest thru the woods past the main TALSFERNE lake to 2222, and then to 2426, to 2526, then to 257289 to 278289 to BAD SASSENDORF at 3032. BENTLIGHAUSEN to 3537 to 3237, to 2840, to across country to WADERSLOH at 3548, to LIESBORN at 3640, to LIPFSTADT to LIPPERODE at 4444, then DEDINGHAUSEN at 4641, BOCKENFORDE at 4537, to WESTERNKOTTEN at 4337, NEUWITTE to BERGE. There were 8 companies at times. These people who are ready for transfer are first placed in the 3rd Gs; from there they are assigned to Division. 2 companies do not exist in the Bn - the PW believes these to be the 5th and 7th.

1920 - Colonel Beck to Major Smith: Tell Capt. Pike that we will make contact point tomorrow night. Will use either 634th or 1st R. can in one of these towns. S-3: What plans do you have for us? Ans: Nothing definite. We will probably be here from 2 to 10 days until we get permission from Corps to go into an assembly area. S-3: I am still keeping our boys in foxholes. I do not trust these people. Everyone is on the alert.

2000 - S-3 to Lt. Shandler, White 2: Nothing new to report. Division says that we will not move for 2 to 10 days. Same alert as we have been on.

2005 - S-3 gives the same information and instructions as above to the 1st and 3rd Bns.

2030 - Blue Bn reports: C company contacted K company. Negative report.

2030 - Red 6 to S-2: (Conversation concerns enemy's soldiers who have been picked up in civilian clothes).

2035 - PWI reports to S-2: 2 PWs from SALVAGE PIAT #3, of the Special Salvage Depot #6. Total for today 26.

2050 - S-2 gives information, as previously listed, on the armored and other units.

2115 - Capt. Ralph, Comm O, to Lt. Stephens: Division wants us to open up a 300 radio set on channel 33, in each Bn, in case the 8th Armored or any of our units get tangled up. Also want the Infantry companies to fire 60mm illuminating flare and the tanks will answer with a Red and green flare.

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- 2120 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Clerk: Here is the stuff that we have captured and destroyed - I company captured at the airfield in the vicinity of 505346; 39 - 1000 lb bombs; 67 - 500 lb bombs - 58 - 250 lb bombs - 163 - 100 lb bombs. There are also containers of White phosphorus bombs all over the area. 23 - 20mm guns (some quadruples), and 20mm ammo. 18 airplanes destroyed. 3 Generators. Supply of small arms ammunition, grenades, etc. K ce captured, in the vicinity of 5053 and 5036 grid squares, the following: 3 - 37mm AA guns. 4 - 37mm quadruple guns. 7 Multi-barreled 30 cal. machine guns. 6 quadruple 20mm guns. 1 Befer gun. 1 31mm machine gun. Destroyed by the AF platoon in the vicinity of the airfield. 4 88mm AA and AT guns. 4 40mm AA guns. 3 37mm AA guns. 13 20mm AA guns. 2 20mm double barreled guns. 16 20mm triple barreled guns. 7 20mm quadruple guns. 3 30 cal. (dual) Machine guns. 10 30 cal. (single) machine guns. 10 30 cal. (quad) machine guns.
- 2130 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: 1st Division will fire 60mm illuminating flares and 8th Armored fires Green and Red flares in case they tangle. Night patrols, when working, will have 300 radie in channel 33. Call sign will be Garlic from 4 April to midnight, and Spuds from 5 April. TFG is in ALPENRUTHEN and BERGE. TFP is in ERWITTE. CCA outpost line runs from ERWITTE to BERGE. CCR in VOLINGHAUSEN and HORHMEILING.
- 2145 - Lt. Stephens to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bn: Gives the information 2130 hours.
- 2215 - 3rd Bn reports all quiet.
- 2230 - S-2 to G-2: Item of 2050 hours discussed and item of 2120 hours given. G-2: HUSINBRUCH taken and LINGEN up on the EMMES river north of MUNSTER is taken and confirmed. Report of the 11th and 12th Armored Divs unpredictable. S-2: A report by a woman who said Colonel Becker stayed 2 nights in this monastery at ERHRINGFELD. Monastery was used by the Luftwaffe. Description given by woman of Colonel Becker seems to fit fit him from all former reports.
- 2305 - Blue Bn reports: I company contacted K company.
- 2335 - 1st and 3rd Bns report negative.
- 2355 - Negative report given to G-3 office by Lt. Stephens.
- 2400 - 1st Bn reports negative.

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- 0001 to 0300 - All units give negative reports and hourly negative reports are relayed to G-3.
- 0305 - White Bn reports that they have contacted the 8th Armored Div., on the 300 radio.
- 0307 - Blue Bn reports contact with the 8th Armored Div., on the radio. 8th Armored has asked us to identify ourselves. We will do this. K and L companies will fire 60mm illuminating flares.
- 0310 - Above information given to G-3 by Lt. Kestlinger.
- 0400 - Blue 2 gives negative report. 8th Armored reports picking up the flares.
- 0400 to 0600 - All units give negative reports, and these are relayed to G-3.
- 0605 - Blue Bn reports: At 0531 hours, OP reported artillery flashes at 290 degrees; no range was estimated. 0555 hours, K company reported that G company contacted them by patrol. Otherwise negative.
- 0610 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0615 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0700 - All units report negative, and Capt. Clark reports negative to G-3.
- 0725 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: 2nd Armored has reached C-1088. 6th Armored has reached C-9695. 9th Army has reached MINDEN, at W-81 grid, and the following: B-8998, B-7081, LENO - B-8082. Have also reached the WESSER river where it crosses the autobahn. The towns BAD OERLINGEN, W-7001, and BREIEFEID, B-5582, are reported clear. Spearheads are at HORN, B-8364, and FEIDRON, B-8359. The salient has diminished to B-4126 and B-2136.
- 0735 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0800 - Blue Bn reports that G company contacted K company.
- 0900 - Capt. Murphy, A Co 1st Engrs to Capt. Clark: My company told me to turn my mines in and you said to carry them. Ans: Turn them in to S-4.
- 0905 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Stowell, Ammo Co: Capt. Murphy will turn in to you 33 cases of mines. Carry them with you if you can.



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- 0915 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: At 0840 hours, K company reported Red and Green flares at 210 degrees and 5000 yards out. Everything else is negative.
- 0945 - MESSAGE from CG, 1st Inf Div to all units and attached - time signed 0015B. Coordination between 1st Inf Div troops and 8th Armored Div troops insofar as recognition signals are concerned will be as follows: (1) 1st Inf Div elements will fire 60mm mortar illuminating shell and 8th Armored Div elements will answer such challenge with one green and one red flare. (2) 8th Armored Div night patrols or attacking elements in vicinity of 1st Inf Div troops will have one SCR-300 radio on channel 33. Authentication word until midnight daily will be as follows: 4 April GARLIC; 5 April Spuds; 6 April Pansy; 7 April Beans.
- 0945 - Message as above sent to CO's 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 0945 - Maj. Lauten, G-3 to S-3: Any artillery, mortar or enemy during the night?  
Ans: No contact, no artillery or mortar.
- 1002 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1050 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 1053 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to G-2: What is doing? Ans: 2nd Armored went out pretty far - up to HAMEIN at C-1088.
- 1053 - G-3 Maj. Green to Capt. Clark: Start assembling by Bns in your present area, and stress to a maximum, the maintenance of equipment and rehabilitation, with the intention of moving tomorrow, or the next day, to the east. Assembly area for move - 5630 and 6135 - axis of advance. Assemble your troops in STEINHAUSEN, 1st Bn; GEBEKE, 2nd Bn; and BUREN, 3rd Bn.
- 1109 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: Route for tentative movement - HAMERON - 6135 to NE (6940), and then generally East. Order to move will not be more than 24 hours, probably less. Move will be about 30 miles for the first lap. 3rd Armored will lead off. You will be on the N, and Williamson on the S. 10th Div on the S. We will either follow OMAHA (3rd Armored), or pass thru them.
- 1113 - The above information is relayed to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 1150 - Capt. Clark to I&R, Sgt Michaud: Send one jeep up to TFF and notify them that the contact patrol will be discontinued. We are pulling into an assembly area and we have a mission for the platoon of recon on our route.
- 1150 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: ~~Take~~ your guns out of firing position and assemble in your area. We will move any time after tomorrow morning or within 36 hours after that.

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- 1155 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Allen AT Co, same information as above item.
- 1220 - PWI reports: Information from PW 39th Repl Bn, 1st Co, says that company has 34 men, they were supposed to withdraw from RIXEN, 5313, towards BIELFELD. Bn consists of 200 men at the most.
- 1300 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3, to Capt. Clark: Do the TD's and tanks go back to ~~there~~ units? Ans: I'll check and see if the CO's want them back.
- 1305 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Armstrong, 634th TD's: Do you want you company back with you? Ans: No, I have nothing to feed them with.
- 1310 - Capt. Elder to Capt. Clark: What can I do with the 200 mines that I can't carry? Ans: Turn them over to Antitank mine platoon.
- 1315 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Booth: Capt. Sylce, AT Co, will draw his men back. If I can get any trucks from Capt. Merindeno for you, I will.
- 1316 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Sylce AT Co: You will get 30 mines from the 3rd Bn.
- 1420 - G-3 to Clerk: Do you have the pilot up there? Ans: Yes, he just came in here. G-3: What is his name, rank, and serial number? Ans: Capt. JAMES A. DIEFENBECK, O-433487, 339th Fighter Grp, 8th Air Force. G-3: Send him back here and we will get him back to Corps. We will get word back that he is OK.
- 1530 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Have Colonel Gibb and Maj. Smith ~~gp~~ here by 1600 hrs.
- 1534 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: Are the Colonel and the Major there? Ans: They went out to the airport. Capt. Clark: Will you get a message to them that they have to be at Division by 1600 hours today? Ans: OK.
- 1546 - Capt. Clark to G-3, Maj. Green: Still have not been able to contact Col. Gibb or Maj. Smith. Do not think they will be up at Div by 1600 hours. G-3: Well, keep trying.
- 1551 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Have you seen anything of Colonel Gibb and Maj. Smith? Ans: No, I have not. Capt. Clark: If you see them will you have them call the CP right away. Blue 3: I surely will.
- 1554 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: Same information as above.
- 1556 - Capt. Sylce, AT Co to Capt. Clark: Only going to bring 2 platoons back. 2nd platoon is along way from here, so I'll leave them.
- 1605 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Green: Col. and Maj. are on their way down now. Can you give me any poop on what is up? G-3: Move around noon tomorrow. Recon before that. Move about 40 miles. Job depends on what the 3rd Armored does today.
- 1616 - Capt. Clark to Blue CP: Have Capt. Johnson call Capt. Clark at Dagwood #3.

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- 1630 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O, to Capt. Clark: We are getting 36 trucks, but can not pick them up until tomorrow around 0630 or 0700 hours. Will you have Maj. Smith call me when he comes in? Ans: Yes.
- 1722 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: There is a cub pilot here who cracked up his plane. He would like to know where the nearest 8th Armored Div CP is. Ans: I'll call you back.
- 1730 - Capt. Clark to G-3: That CP location that you gave me is CCB of the 3rd Armored Div. I want CP location of the 8th Armored Div. Ans: CGA of the 8th Armored at P 416350, 455298, 482360.
- 1734 - Capt. Clark to Red 2: No communication with the 8th Armored. The only location of them that I could get is of CGA at 416350, 455298, 482360. The CP, I believe, is in the first coordinate that I gave you.
- 1800 - Blue Bn reports: CP closed in at 1715 hours, location ~~XXXXXX~~ 571285.
- 1859 - Blue Bn reports: K and L companies are in, so is I company.
- 1930 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to G-2: Have you got anything on the enemy in front of the 3rd Armored? Ans: Hitting nothing, no mortars, no artillery and no enemy. Haven't got even a PW - not even a straggler.
- 2035 - Capt. Clark to All Bns and Units: Mark 1st and last vehicle with TFD, TFG, TFW and Service company, respectively.
- 2040 - Capt. Elder, to Maj. Smith: Will you mark the route map for us and put route numbers on them? Ans: Yes, we will put them on the N-route tonight, down to the river, the recon objective.
- 2110 - Dixie (Medics) to Maj. Smith: Do you want any of our platoon up there tonight? Ans: Send 10 at 0800 hours tomorrow. Have your people line up to move anytime after 1000 hours.
- 2150 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Green, G-3: What is the plan? G-3: We are awaiting VII CORPS #6 now. The Armored has obtained their initial phase line. Their objective is to secure bridgehead. If they find all bridges intact, then we have no other mission. If bridge is not in, then Armored can build one. We would like to move you tomorrow afternoon, then part of the 18th Inf, and then 26th Inf/ S-6: How far will we move? G-3: I cannot say. That depends a lot on whether the Armored secures a bridgehead. S-6: If my objective is 10 miles further, I can change my plans. For the present I intend starting my recon at 0800 hours and movement at 1100 hours. G-3: If we do not get clearance of the road, then we may move you and the 18th the following day. I can get you 31 trucks. S-6: If move is non tactical I can provide rides for my people. Let me know immediately when you hear any news.

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- 2245 - G-4 to S-6: Getting 42 trucks but they will have to be relieved as soon as you get to your area. They go to the 18th Inf.
- 2247 - G-3 to S-6: CCC and CCB pushing tonight to the river. The area of your objectives are now your assembly areas. Otherwise we go ahead with plan outlined in the order. S-6: Plan to move my objectives 5000 yards to the east to the high ground there. G-3: Cannot; the armored is in that area. The Div has a 'goose-egg'. Use route 16 to route "A" and then use route "A" all the way. We have clearance on it.
- 2320 - From Lt. Lynch, Div 10: River, between 200 and 220 feet wide; depth 6 to 8 feet. Bridge at GARISHAFEN; river is 220 feet wide. River 250 feet wide between ridges at BEVERUNGEN and LAUEUFORD. Report by TAC Recon as of 1245 hours says RR bridge intact at 177603. Road bridge intact at 258353. 3rd Armored reports no contact with enemy as they reached sheet "B" - B-8849, and 9142. Few PWs picked up. No artillery or aircraft reported through out the period.
- 2335 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O, to S-3: Getting 45 trucks; 12 from the 33rd FA instead of the Engrs. Where is the 33rd FA? S-3: The 26th Inf CP is at 5224 in MEISTE, the 33rd is near there.
- 2345 - Col. Curtis to S-3: Convoy number for tomorrow is "D-3". It is all cleared with the 3rd Armored.
- 2355 - G-3 to S-6: General Collins says we are moving way too late. What time can you make it? S-6: Suppose we can get away by 0900 hours. We do not get trucks until 0800 hours. G-3: New arrangements will give you trucks at 0400 hours. Pick them up at the QM. S-6: Will plan on leaving at 0900 hours. Our recon will leave at 0700 hours, so far all intents and purposes we will be leaving at 0700 hours.
- 2357 - S-3 notifies Capt. Merindeno to pick up all trucks at 0400 hours, including those of the 33rd FA.
- 2400 - Capt. Clark to Capt. 634th TB Recon: Objectives have been cancelled and a new route given us. You had better stop in the morning to pick up a new overlay. You will pass IP at 0600 hours. Ans: Will you notify the radio vehicle, MP, I&R, and platoon of infantry, and also the light tanks.

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LOCATION: BUREN, Germany, 575285. During the period GT-16 moved to BRAKEL, Germany, 002477. Regimental CP set up in BRAKEL.

- 0002 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Llewlynn, MP officer: There is a new route. Advance that was going with 634th TD's will pass IP at 0600 hours.
- 0005 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: Here are some changes. You cross IP at 0600 hours. You will go into an assembly area in the vicinity of BRAKEL. An overlay will go down to you, showing the new route.
- 0010 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tnk Bn Co CO: The time has been changed. Can you get tanks back to Bn by 0600 hours? Light tank platoon has to be at 1st Bn to pick up platoon of Infantry and cross IP at 0600 hours. 1st Bn leaves IP at 0700 hours. Route and objectives have been changed. Going into assembly area in the vicinity of BRAKEL.
- 0015 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Armstrong, 634th TD's: The change in movement and route are given, as above. (The same information is given to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co, and Sgt. Wheeler of the I&R).
- 0020 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Dinsmore: Changes in movement and route given, and information concerning going into the SW edge of BRAKEL for assembly area.
- 0022 - Capt. Clark notifies 7th FA, Maj. Robinson, of the above change in route and movement.
- 0023 - Same information is given to 5th FA.
- 0030 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: You will go into assembly area on NW edge BRAKEL. Recon passes IP at 0600 hours; 1st Bn at 0700 hours. All people will go to same area. There has been a change in route - an overlay on the new route will be down to you some time tonight.
- 0035 - Capt. Clark to Co A, 1st Medics: Details of movement and route are given.
- 0036 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to Maj. Smith: You will get one platoon and rest of company will move on our order.
- 0037 - Capt. Clark to Maj. McKeon, S-4: Information on the change in movement and route is given.
- 0039 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Merindeno, Transp. 0: Information on changes in movement and route given. Capt. Merindeno: I will pick up the trucks at 0400 hours.
- 0040 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3, to Capt. Clark: Will we have any engineers? Ans: You will get one platoon. You will take the E part of town for assembly area.



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- 0100 to 0500 hours, all reports were negative, and units prepared for movement.
- 0500 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Capt. Clark: Anything new? Ans: The I&R is no longer attached to you.
- 0528 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2, to Maj. Smith: (Red 2 inquired about the road maps).
- 0545 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6, to Maj. Smith, S-3: Where are my trucks? They have not shown up yet. Ans: Check with Capt. Merindeno. We have one place designated for a detrucking area which is marked.
- 0548 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to G-4: Is Capt. Merindeno of the 16th Inf up there? Ans: No sir. S-3: He was to pick up some trucks this morning. (S-3's call is switched to 1st QM, but the answer is also negative).
- 0600 - S-3 to G-3: Do you have any late information on the 3rd Armored? Ans: No, Sir, but I will check and call you back. S-3: I am interested in BRAKEL.
- 0612 - G-3 to S-3: CCA left flank at "J"; right flank at "H" and "I", a road block on the left column is still holding them up. They are receiving some AT fire. CGB left column is at "J" and "K"; right flank at "I".
- 0620 - G-3 to Maj. Smith: I just got a call that the trucks haven't arrived as yet.
- 0630 - S-3 to White 3: It seems that the trucks are held up a little, so you will have to judge your movement by the time they arrive.
- 0635 - The same information as above is given to 3rd Bn by Lt. Stephens.
- 0640 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: Will be held up because of trucks. Hold tight until we can regulate the traffic.
- 0641 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: 20 trucks are here now, balance will be distributed among the Bns.
- 0731 - Capt. Clark to 1st Bn: What time do you think you will be ready to move? Ans: About 0830 hours.
- 0747 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Location of 3rd Armored as follows: Left column of CCA at 075472; right column at 040420. Left column CGB at 040395, right at 085350.
- 0805 - White 3 to Capt. Fish: Our trucks are all loaded and we are ready to move about 0815 hours.
- 0810 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. 0, to Capt. Fish: Blue picked up 12 trucks from 33rd FA.
- 0830 - JOURNAL IS CLOSED AT BUREN, Germany.

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- 1715 - JOURNAL REBOPENED AT BRAKEL, Germany, in hotel located at 002477. Trip made without incident.
- 1715 - Blue 6, Maj. Wozenski, to S-3: The area you gave us is messed up. We have 3 outposts in front of the 1st Bn. The overlay shows 3 road blocks in the 1st Bn area. S-3: The overlay still goes. 1st and 2nd Bns have something else to do.
- 1717 - S-3 to 1st Bn CP: 3rd Bn going to have 3 outposts in front of you. Protect the N edge of town. That will relieve some men from the 1st Bn.
- 1725 - PWI reports: 634th Recon Co got 5 PWs from the 6th Btry of the 1066th Arty Bn. Also 7 PWs from Military Government; 5 from the 82nd Regt and Training Bn, and 2 from the 26th Conval. Co. The 166th Inf Div left NW DENMARK on 30 March. Came to this vicinity by way of HAMBERG, HANOVER, KASSEL. From there they went to BRAKEL. During 2 March, they took up positions (Arty Bn) in the vicinity of RHEDER. On 2 April, Bn left for WESSER river. The Bn has 6 Btrys. 5th and 6th have four 12.2 guns each. During morning of 5 April between 0800 and 0900 hours, about 200 SS with 10 to 12 tanks were observed in RIESEL and going to BRAKEL.
- 1745 - White 1 to S-3: Trucks on way back to QM as of 1740 hours.
- 1845 - S-3 to G-3: Any orders for us? Ans: No. 18th will probably leave at 0700 hours. The Engrs will definitely leave at 0700 hours.
- 1935 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O to Lt. Stephens: All the trucks are accounted for and are out.
- 2023 - Maj. McKeon, S-4 to Maj. Margolis, Mil. Govt: Are you going to send someone down to this town tomorrow? There is no one here and there are a lot of civilians here. Ans: OK, I will take care of it in the morning.
- 2024 - The S-3's of the Bns are given the following by Maj. Smith: I have received no orders for tomorrow. The 18th will move at 0700B to get up here.
- 2025 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to Capt. Ralph: Road blocks at 984438; trees ready for road block at 985425.
- 2031 - S-3 to 3rd Armored S-3: Road from BRAKEL to FECKEISHEIM is clear and free of obstacles. It was travelled by M-8's.
- 2317 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: What is the situation up there? (Lt. Stephens reviews the situation and location of units). G-3: We will probably start the same time you did. Start smuggling out toward you No 2. Lt. Stephens: The Col has already formulated a plan, we are just waiting orders from you. G-3: Good. McGregor will start about the same time also.
- 2353 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Tell the CO to sit tight in the morning, and meet G-6 at Division's new location at 1100 hours in the morning.

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LOCATION: BRAKEL, Germany, 002477.

Battalions were not required to submit hourly reports during the night. Were to be made in case anything unusual occurred. There were no incidents during the night hours.

- 0910 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Capt. Clark: We are on this radio link again. Is the road to where we are going to open? Ans: Yes, it is OK. We will get a wire line there today.
- 0926 - Maj. Crowley, 1st Engrs to Capt. Clark: What is going on? Ans: Not a thing.
- 1145 - PWI to clerk: Three PWs from the White Bn: The three PWs are from SS Pz Recon and training Bn #1. (No connection with the 1st SS Pz Div). This Training Bn was largely destroyed in PADERBORN. Training Bn No 2, suffered heavy casualties in ATTEIN. <sup>REMARKS</sup> ~~REMARKS~~ of both Bns combined, comprising about 200 men, two days ago. They had the mission to hold the town of RHEDER in grid square 9843. They are armed with small arms and a small number of tanks.
- 1320 - PWI reports: Four PWs from 2nd Bn - no information as to history. From the 11th Repl and Trng Bn.
- 1335 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: Four PWs - one from the 82nd Repl Training Bn; 1 from the 398th Repl Trng Bn; 1 from the 7th company of the 661 Regt; 1 from Ammo Depot (Airforce #2, XII). Man from the 661 stated that last night the 2nd Bn 661 was in the woods between FRKEN and TIFTEISEN. They were instructed to assemble at the Bn CP; there were about 150 men. They have five 5cm mortars. Their mission was to make their way towards the river by squads. 1st of the 661 was in ERKEIN. The PW from the 398th knew of 120 men in the 1st company of the 1st - they left for HOXTER. Some SS troops were seen two days ago in RHEDER (9843); the main body had taken off towards the river. The SS were a convalescent unit, and included various SS units. WESTFALEN was one of the members. Deserter from the 3rd Bn of the 398 took off for the East, for home, then thought he might as well come back and turn in to the Americans. Yesterday, enemy soldiers were known to be in BOSSERBORN (0851), and OVENHAUSEN (0754). The bridge at HOXTER was ready for demolition a week ago. The PW said that rumor had it that the bridge at HOXTER was blown last night.
- 1345 - S-2 to 3rd Armored S-2: Are the two railroad bridges over the river in, or out? Ans: Nos, 13, 15 and 17 were last reported in. Nos. 14 and 16 are out. Airplane just came in and reported them all in.
- 1430 - S-3 to CGA, 3rd Armored: Is your town of "W" clear? Ans: We have people in the town, but I can't say that it is clear yet. There are mines, etc., in the town.
- 1545 - S-3 to Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O: I want 15 trucks available by 1800 hours, on call from me.

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- 1546 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Red 5: Area in town of BRUCHSEN, will be place for kitchen trains. (Same information is given to Blue 5, Capt. Richmond).
- 1646 - Maj. McKeon, S-4, to Capt. Clark: Is Division moving? Ans: New Division CP is opening up at 1730 hours, and the rest will move up tonight.
- 1655 - Col. Horner, S-5, to S-4: Look for a place up in BRUCHSEN or OTTBERGEN tonight for yourself and Service Company. Get someone up there to hold the place.
- 1700 - S-5 to Co A, 1st Medics: Send someone up to locate a CP for yourself in BRUCHSEN tonight and have someone hold it.
- 1704 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Forget the move to AMBIUXEN. Move there Monday morning. It will be too crowded there tomorrow. Blue 3: When are the other 2 Bns moving? Ans: The 1st Bn is moving at dark tonight and the 2nd Bn at 0400 hours, tomorrow.
- 1712 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to Maj. Smith, S-3: What is the score? S-3: The Colonel wants 2 battalions to go across. The 2nd Bn will move one assault company into WEHRDEN. Move your battalion into WEHRDEN. Only one company across at a time. Red 6: I would like to take two companies across. S-3: I will see if we can cut down on crew and get more boats. Red 6: I will move just after dark. S-3: You will have the trucks by then.
- 1735 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs: What we would like to do is to use more boats and we will furnish some of the men. Ans: We can do it if you furnish us about 30 men. We will have the 45 boats down there. S-3: Good. The 1st Bn will cross north of the ferry site, and the 2nd Bn south of the ferry sight.
- 1740 - G-2 to S-2: What is new? S-2: I have been waiting for you. I turned over 17 PWs to 3rd Armored yesterday and 5 today. G-2: 3rd Armored reports that all bridges are out. They are running into plenty of fire from the other side. Took towns of SOEST and HAMM. Not much resistance. Resistance rough in southeastern section. 3rd Army having it pretty rough. 2nd Armored across between C-3086, and 2578. V Corps is at 3018.
- 1755 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Colonel Driscoll: (Discuss plans for the crossing of the WESER river. 1st Engrs will furnish the boats; men to be furnished by AT Co AP platoons to ~~return~~ return boats from across the river).
- 1830 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Lt. Stephens: I am moving only one outfit. What about the 1st Bn? Ans: They will move complete starting at 2100B. White 6: I am setting the tentative time for moving my one company at 0400 hours.

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- 1845 - S-2 to Lt. Valten, PWI: Any more PWs to interrogate? Ans: No. We have a total of 15 PWs for today.
- 1900 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: Does the 1st Bn move tonight? Ans: Yes at 2000 hours, they will use all trucks. The Colonel does not want "E" co, to move until 0400 hours. You will be in town and trucks will be released with exception of 5 kitchen trucks before daylight. The balance of companies will get trucks around 2300 hours tonight. Capt. Merindeno has all this tied in with Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6. You can hold trucks until 10:30. I anticipate you moving between 8:30 and 9:00. I'll get you an overlay by 1200 hours tomorrow of all friendly units on northern side. Your assault company moves to 147. The rest to 127 and 104. The Regiment moves to 126 at 1400 hours, tomorrow. All wire lines run from 126 forward. Your company lines can run into Regiment board from 126. I'll have an order with all details out tonight.
- 1910 - MESSAGE - To CO 16th Inf: Division DP opened B-965341 at 1645 B. Signed CG 1st Div at 1730B.
- 1920 - S-4 reports: New PW cage at 969371.
- 1945 - Red B to S-3: Cleared A and B companies. Will move "C" company as soon as the trucks come back. Will pull switch board out now and connect my line to the C company line. Armor moves up after C company. The Colonel is at Fwd CP, all set up. When do you move? Ans: CP moves at 1400 hours tomorrow.
- 2000 - Blue Bn reports: CP has moved to 998476.
- 2005 - Operator reports the Chml Wpns outfit can be had thru 2nd Bn.
- 2006 - G-2 to S-2: Have set of photos for you of the river line. Most of it on the other side of the river. Sending it down to you in the morning, and will try and get some more for you.
- 2009 - Blue Bn reports: Company K is now moving into area in the vicinity of the outpost on north side of the town of BRAKEL.
- 2010 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O. reports: Am relieving the 3 cannon co trucks. Do not know who sent them down to me.
- 2025 - S-5 to Co A, 1st Medics: (Line out).
- 2045 - G-3 to S-3: What is the situation? S-3: Am coordinated with the Armor. 1st Bn on the road closed in town of WEHRDEN at about 2200 hours. 2nd Bn moving one company and CP group at 0400 hours into WEHRDEN. Rest of the Bn moves to AMEIJUNKEN. Our CP opens in AMEIJUNKEN at 1400 hours tomorrow. 3rd Bn stays until the 2nd Bn moves forward, then they move to AMEIJUNKEN and are ready to go across. G-3: Foot bridge will be put in behind you. S-3: We have 45 boats, 1st Bn gets 28 boats for 2 companies, and 2nd Bn gets 17 boats for one company. G-3: 18th Inf has 3rd Bn closed in and are moving them up to BEVERJUNGEN. Their 2nd Bn is at 11 5398. Their 1st Bn at LANGENTHAL.

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- 2115 - G-3 to S-3: Are you planning on sending a patrol across tonight? S-3: No, I have not. G-3: 18th Inf very anxious to get across. They are sending a patrol across and if it can move around over there, they intend to send one Bn across. If they get across do you think that you can get across? S-3: No, the Engrs are not ready yet to get us across.
- 2200 - G-2 to S-2: Air reports as of 1415 hours: C-1654, East of HOKTER, the railroad bridge is intact. C-3030 - south of SWEISSCHUTTE to C-1978, no enemy activity has been observed on east bank of river, no definite positions seen. C-5333, two vehicles were seen moving north, and one horse drawn vehicle south. At C-5643, 20 vehicles were dispersed in the town. C-5649, 8 tanks were observed parked on the road, and two staff cars were seen going north. C-4760 - 3 vehicles were seen and 2 horse drawn vehicles were seen going in both directions. At 1600 hours, C-441 to C-5018, 75 to 100 horse drawn carts, 15 to 20 horse drawn guns, 40 trucks, and five tanks were seen going NE. C-45243 to C-4718 - 10 to 15 trucks, 10 horse drawn carts, 2 horse drawn guns going N. 405246 to 495278, 15 to 20 trucks and 10 tanks were seen moving East.



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LOCATION: During the period the Regtl CP moved from BRAKEL, Germany, to AMELUNXEN, Germany, 112474.

- 0448 - Lt. Lyons, G-3, to Capt. Clark: Did your Bn jump this morning? Ans: They did not jump. One moved up this side of the river last night, and the other moved up this morning. G-3: OK, thank you.
- 0837 - S-3 to G-3: 1st Bn is in town of WEHRDEN. E company is in the town of WEHRDEN with the CP. The 2nd Bn, minus E company, is in the town of AMELUNXEN. Regtl CP is town of BRAKEL: 3rd Bn in BRAKEL, prepared to move at 1400 hours. Service elements in the town of OTTBERGEN.
- 0845 - Company A, 1st Medics, opening at 1500 hours in OTTBERGEN today.
- 0925 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Stephens: (Item of 0837 hours is given by Lt. Stephens, along with statement that there is no change in the plan or the time). Maj. Oxford: One company of the 18th Inf was put across, and they grabbed town just on the other side of the river. No resistance. If any changes are made, let us know.
- 0930-- Lt. Llewellyn, MPOfficer, to S-2: Division cage in "N". We are going to pull out now and move our PW cage up to the new location.
- 0955 - 1st Engrs to Duty Clerk: Give Captain Murphy, CQ Co A, 1st Engrs, this message: Capt. Murphy is to see Maj. Smith at the Regtl CP at 1100 hours.
- 1010 - General ANDRUS to Col. GIBB: Are you all fixed on the river? S-6: Yes, Sir. General Andrus: Are you getting any fire? S-6: Not much, only once in awhile. General Andrus: The 18th Inf is receiving some opposition from the high ground. He has open ground to cover, and you do not. The fog is thick on this side but the CP reports good visibility on the other side. 18th Infantry has two companies in the town. Beaucoup people killed. They are running into SS, and kids from 14 to 16 years of age. They have to get them out 4 or 5 at a time. I believe a patrol should be sent across. Find out if Col. Driscoll is getting any fire on his people on this side.

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- 1015 - Col. Gibb to Col. Driscoll: Are you getting shot at? Red 6: No. S-6: What is across there? Red 6: Can not see a thing. The fog is lifting some now. S-6: Are the boats there? Red 6: Not yet. Co. Grant is not here but Lt. Chandler is around. (Conversation with General Andrus is discussed). S-6: If anything develops, I will let you know. Capt. Murphy is coming up here at 1100 hours.
- 1020 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Have Maj. Smith call Col. Beck as soon as he gets back.
- 1050 - Maj. Smith to Col. Beck: Did you want to talk to me? Col. Beck: Yes. Is it OK to cross today? Move your plan up some 12 hours. S-3: It is up to the Colonel to decide, if it is not an order from the General. G-3: We would like to know if it is possible, and how soon you can go. S-3: I will call you back in half an hour. G-3: The reason is that the 104th Div got everything but 2 Bns across and met only light resistance, so we want to get across today. 18th Inf reported that they only ran into some SS kids 14 or 15 years old: about two weak companies in the town.
- 1058 - Maj. Smith to Col. Driscoll, Red 6: How are you coming with the plans? Red 6: OK. S-3: What do you say about jumping this afternoon? Red 6: I wanted to jump last night. S-3: Can you do it this afternoon? Red 6: If you can get boats up it is OK with me.
- 1115 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Johnson, Co A, 1st Engrs: Did Capt. Murphy get the message to report up here at 1100 hours? Ans: He left here at 0900 hours, for the river, and I have not seen him since. The 1st Sgt tells me that he got the message about 2 minutes ago, so he should be on the way.
- 1120 - S-2 to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: I just got some pretty good photos, and if you want to send someone after them, you will get them quicker. They cover some of the area you are interested in. Ans: OK.
- 1123 - S-2 to White 2: I have a few photos here that you might be interested in. They show along the river line. I thought you might want to send after them. Ans: OK, we picked up a 1st Lt in civilian clothes last night, and we sent him back. Also picked up the chief of the NAZI party here. We got a report that enemy was digging in at 149477 and an emplacement at 146474.



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- 1129 - Maj. Smith to Col. Beck: We can be ready to go at 1500 or 1400 hours. It is up to you. G-3: He can go at either time. If he can do it at 1500 hours, we would rather have it. S-3: The Colonel will call you back.
- 1132 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant, White 6: We go at 1500 hours this afternoon. Capt. Murphy will be down to see you. White 6: OK, sir.
- 1135 - Maj. Smith to Col. Driscoll: Div ordered that we go at 1500 hours. Ans: OK. How is the 18th doing? S-3: (Gave information on the 18th as previously listed).
- 1140 - Blue 3 to S-3: Anything on the move yet? S-3: Yes, jumping the two leading Bns at 1500 hours. Have 15 trucks available as soon as White Bn moves from town of AMBLUNXEN: going to move you to it. That will be about 1530 hours. Soon as they clear your road, I am going to send you from the town of AMBLUNXEN right on through. Blue 3: How about the bridge? S-3: None in now, they will be layed behind the assault Bns.
- 1145 - S-3 to Co A, 1st Engrs: Jumping at 1500 hours. When will the bridge be in? Ans: Foot bridge will follow the boats and the bridge will be put in as soon as there is no small arms fire. Bridge is under CORPS control, and not ours. Bridge will not be put in until we have a satisfactory bridgehead.
- 1200 - S-3 to Capt. Merindeno, Transp 0: Have 15 trucks over by the 3rd Bn at 1430 hours.
- 1203 - 1st Engrs Co A, to S-3: The Colonel will be on the bridge site personally. He will see to it that the bridge will be put in as soon as possible: just as soon as it is safe.
- 1207 - Red 3 to S-3: (Discuss the locations of the 83rd Inf Div, especially the 331st Inf Regt of the 83rd Div).
- 1212 - S-3 to G-3: We have it definitely laid on for 1500 hours, for going across the river, if you say "Go". G-3: Take it. S-3: Would appreciate the latest information on the 83rd Div. G-3: Will send a liaison officer there. The General, and I, will be down to see you in your new location.
- 1222 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf, S-3: Where is your CP? Ans: 055373. We have one company over, no bridge yet. The Engrs are stuck, not working.

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- 1226 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant, White 6: You will have to lose one Captain. He is to become S-3 of a Bn in the 106th Div. Would it be OK for Capt. Dinsmore to go? Ans: OK, Sir.
- 1230 - G-3 to S-3: On the 83rd Div - 3rd Bn of the 329th is at C-4575; seized bridge intact there. All of the 83rd Div is across the WESER river but two Bns and one company are at 1860.
- 1240 - Div Air Officer to S-3: Am trying to get air-cover for you around 1500 hours. S-3: Good.
- 1255 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: I need your other trucks by 1400 hours at the latest. Ans: OK.
- 1305 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to Maj. Smith: What about the mortars? S-3: Hold on to them until you get across, and then 1st Bn gets them. Here is some information: 18th Inf has one Co., across in town at 1442 (LAUENFORDE). 1st Bn of the 23rd Inf is at 421275. 2nd Bn of the 23rd Inf is at 440253. 3rd Bn is at 3573. 3rd Bn of 9th Inf Regt is at 4320. 2nd Bn of the 9th Inf is at 4417, (2nd Div). The 18th Inf reports SP fire from 2 guns from the town of DERENTHAL. Up North, the town of HOKTER has been taken: "I" company of the 331st Inf is there. 2nd Bn of the 331st Inf Regt is at 1716. 2nd ARMORED is up North with the 83rd Div. ARMORED is across. When the bridge gets in, I will notify you when you can send 10 vehicles, and later 10 more vehicles. First 10 vehicles should be your tanks and TDs and a couple of command vehicles. White 3! Have not got boats or Engineer Officer yet. S-3: I will check on it.
- 1311 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Johnson, A Co 1st Engrs: The 2nd Bn has not their boats or Engineer Officer yet. They are on the way.
- 1316 - S-3 to Red 3Y (S-3 gives information on the 2nd Div and 18th Inf, as previously listed above).
- 1320 - Blue 3 to S-3: We are just moving. I will give it to you up above. We are interested in the 18th and the 83rd.
- 1324 - General ANDRUS to Colonel Beck: I am down with GIBB and I am going up with him to see how things are. I want you to get on the Engineers. They seem to think they can not put the bridge up until it is safe. Ans: I will check on it, sir. Tell Col. Gibb that I think I can get air-cover for the crossing. General Andrus: Good.

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- 1430 - PWI reports: 1 PW from the 236th Engr Bn (GHQ), hospital; 1 PW from the 278th XI Homeguard Bn (Furl); 2 PWs from the 5th Co, 661 Regt; 15 PWs from the 6th Co, 661 Regt; 8 PWs from the 7th Co, 661 Regt; 23 PWs from the 8th Co, 661 Regt.
- 1500 - MESSAGE: From AT Co, to CO 16th Inf: CP at 085467.
- 1512 - S-3 to Capt. Clark: Three boats are across, and the smoke screen is good. Troops are moving up towards the woods.
- 1515 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: Got about a company across. They are at Pt 146, moving up road towards Pt 155, no opposition as yet.
- 1520 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: 1 PW from the 6th Pz Regt, 3rd Pz Division.
- 1530 - Capt. Clark to G-3, Maj. Green: (Gives information about the one company of the 1st Bn being across the WESER river, at about 149476).
- 1535 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Crocker, ASP: We do not want any air-cover. We have 1 Co across without any opposition. Maj. Crocker: We will have air up until 1600 hours, if you need them give me a call.
- 1536 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: How are things going for the 1st and 2nd Bns? Ans: Good. 1st Bn has 1 Co across and 2nd Bn is going across. No opposition.
- 1536 - G-2 to S-2: Air reports that there are trenches around the town at 1745, (DERENTHAL).
- 1537 - S-3 to Capt. Clark: Have Maj. Wozenski Blue 6, and Capt. Booth Blue 3 come to the 1st Bn CP at once.
- 1538 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: (Above message of 1537 hours, relayed).
- 1545 - Maj. McKoan, S-4, to Capt. Clark: How are 1st and 2nd Bns doing? Ans: Very good, no opposition. S-4: The Cheml Wpns outfit called for more smoke. We do not have any more. Capt. Clark: I will call Maj. Smith and see if he wants any more.
- 1550 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Smith (at 1st Bn CP): Maj. McKoan called and said the Cheml Wpns outfit called for smoke and he does not have any. S-3: Tell him to get some smoke, somewhere. Capt. Clark: Any more Cos across? S-3: Yes, 1st Bn has A and B Cos across and the 2nd Bn has E Co across.

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- 1554 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Do not let the trucks go back, as you will need them soon.
- 1557 - Capt. Clark to Maj. McKean, S-4: I called Maj. Smith and he said that he told you to get some smoke this morning, and for you to get some someplace. Ans: He told me that we would probably have enough. We have to get it from BONN. There is none any closer.
- 1602 - Maj. McKoan, S-4 to Capt. Clark: Why dont they use these Engr smoke pots? Ans: I will call him and find out.
- 1605 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Smith (at 1st Bn CP): I tried to get smoke through the 104th Div but could not get any. Maj. McKoan said the closest dump is at BONN. Ans: Tell him to send back for some.
- 1607 - Capt. Clark to Maj. McKoan: Maj. Smith said it is OK for now, but if you can not get any anywhere else to send back to BONN for it. S-4: OK.
- 1617 - S-2 to White 3: What is the latest? Ans: E Co is over and 1200 yards West of Pt 159.
- 1620 - White 3 to S-2: Call those P-47s off. They are working us over too close.
- 1623 - Capt. Hall to G-3, Capt. Kelly: (Gives information as above concerning the P 47s). G-3: They have already been called off.
- 1630 - Blue Bn reports" Our CP is now located at 111471.
- 1635 - Maj. Crocker, ASP, to S-2: At 1647 hours, the planes were working on 7 tanks. We got the planes to call off their mission.
- 1639 - S-2 to White 3: In rggard to the planes - they have been called off. They were working on seven enemy tanks. White 3: They were working in too close. They dropped a bomb 500 yards away from the CP, and strafed close to our E company.
- 1657 - Col. Beck, G-3 to S-2: How about giving me the latest situation? S-2: A and B Cos are on the outskirts of FURSTENBERG. C Co is going to 156481. No opposition. E Co is at 154470, no opposition. The air copps worked us over a little. G-3: They reported that they knocked out a couple of enemy tanks. S-2: 2nd Bn progress is a little slower than the 1st Bn.

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- 1700 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6, to Maj. Smith S-3: C Co ran into a strongpoint 300 yards SE of Pt 146. Moving up on it slowly. Plenty of automatic fire. A and B Cos are in the town (FURSTENBERG), and have it pretty well cleared up.
- 1707 - White 3 to S-3: Running into plenty yet. E Co about 1000 yards NW of Pt 159, and still moving. Hit strongpoint of MGs but are moving now. G Co 300 yards SE of Pt 156. F Co moving over to SE of E co. S-3: The Treadway bridge will be in between midnight and 0200 hours in the morning.
- 1715 - S-2 to White 3: The Air OP reports some armor at 171472. They are firing at it.
- 1717 - Capt. Hall, S-2, to Capt. Stabler, Red: (Above information concerning the Air OP is given). What about C Co? Ans: C Co is at Pt 155; they liquidated enemy strong point. B Co has 16 PWs. A Co has more than that, three are back and they are 16 year old SS troops.
- 1720 - S-2 to G-2: (Gave above situation on the Cos). C Co ran into a strongpoint at 150481 but cleared it out and are moving again. G-2: At 184463, planes knocked out 3 tanks and are straffing the others. At 1600 hours, 2 enemy tanks were seen going E at 1952 grid square. Two bridges are being put up, one at 2535.
- 1725 - S-3 to Red 6: The earliest time I can promise you on the Treadway bridge is 0200 hours. It may be in by 2400 hrs, but can not promise. They will start at 1900 hrs. How is C Co doing? Red 6: They are still around in the woods. Have a few men nipped that we have to get out. S-3: The Col. would like you to send up at 144 and 154 tonight. Red 6: I will try to, but I have no armor.
- 1730 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP Officer, to Maj. Smith: They do not have the footbridge in yet. I have men posted to direct traffic on all the important places. S-3: OK, leave your men there and go back to check on it at 1900 hours.
- 1730 - Maj. Smith to White 3: 3rd Bn will pass thru Pt 159. When they do, E Co will be released to you.
- 1734 - Maj. Crocker, ASP to S-3: Do you have any more targets for the planes? S-3: We do not have any now. The planes were dropping stuff on our 2nd Bn. Maj. Crocker: They reported working on 7 enemy tanks. Could you give me a coordinate on where they worked over? S-3: At 150472.

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- 1737 - S-3 to G-3: We have the town of FURSTENBERG. A and B Cos are in there. C Co is in a fire fight at 151482. E Co last reported at 157472, moving E. G Co at 153457, moving S. All of the 2nd Bn and all of the 1st Bn are across. 3rd Bn is preparing to go across. The latest time on the Treadway bridge is 0200 hours. The Col. of the 1106th was here, and he is starting at 1900 hours.
- 1740 - S-4 to S-3: About the 4.2 mortar ammo. Corps will not have any up here before tomorrow and if we send back to BONN, it will be the day after tomorrow. S-3: OK, have someone waiting back at Corps tomorrow to grab it when it comes in. Ans: OK.
- 1745 - White 3 to S-3: G Co reported a log road block at the underpass. We will need someone to clear it up. We are getting beaucoup enemy reports. E Co is running into beaucoup MG fire, 500 yards short of Pt 159. F Co on the way over now.
- 1747 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens: What are your intentions about DERENTHAL? Ans: Expect the 2nd Bn out there tonight as soon as they can get there. We have the town of FURSTENBERG now.
- 1803 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: C Co is on their objective. Have roughly about 70 PWs.
- 1805 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Would like to have contact point at 188449. Ans: I will call you back or come down tonight.
- 1813 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co is out of communication with radio to us, but the OP reports that they entered town at Pt 148. S-3: If you have to contact the 18th Inf, where would you like the contact Pt to be? Ans: Would like it at 185453, that is, if we get on our objective.
- 1835 - Blue 6 to S-2: I am down at the river waiting for F Co to go across. I will need 3 teams of mine-sweepers. S-2: I will call Capt. Sylce, AT Co.
- 1836 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The latest dope is - E Co at Pt 159, have orders to push 300 yards SE to road junction and cut it, then consolidate. G Co has cleared Pt 148. F Co over the river complete, and will go for Pt 166. (Lt. Kestlinger relays this information to G-3).
- 1840 - S-2 to Antitank Co: 3rd Bn will have to have mine-sweeping teams (3). Ans: It will be taken care of.

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- 1842 - White 3 to S-3: Gives the information in item of 1836 hours. S-3: 3rd Bn has detrucked at 1800 hours. Will boat across if the footbridge is not in. They will go thru E Co and E will be released to your control. You can use them where you want to. 3rd Bn will be responsible for Pt 159 and for road past of Pt 159. They are ordered to go 700 yards E of Pt 159 which will be their right flank. Left flank will be at Pt 165. The 1st Bn is going to Pt 154-Pt 144. You can button up for the night when you get to Pt 166. The Engrs will take care of the stuff on the roads.
- 1900 - S-3 to G-3 Capt. Kelly: The 3rd Bn is going into position between 1st and 2nd Bns.
- 1902 - S-3 to Red 5: What is the situation? Ans: All Cos on their objectives. Engrs are trying to get 57s across for us, and also a litter jeep. Have to hand carry the mortars across. Need armor before we can do anything else. S-3: Have you anyone at Pt 154? Ans: Will find out for you and call you back. The road up to Pt 146 and Pt 145 is cleared. S-3: We have to secure by tonight Pts 151 and 154. Pt 144 is your 2nd objective. E Co is out of at Pt 159, and reports it clear. C co will be released to you as soon as the 3rd Bn gets up.
- 1915 - Red 2 to S-2: 22 PWs which are all balloon people, are coming in. They are all over 40 years old. Five SS troops, very young, and 2 Wermacht. There was a strongpoint at Pt 155. There was a good fight for about 10 minutes. We had 4 casualties that I know of.
- 1930 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to S-3: F Co 1100 yards E of Pt 156. OP reported 2 large demolitions going off in the vicinity of Pt 166. There is a tree across the road at Pt 159. Running mine detector on 148 road and 159 road.
- 1930 - S-2 to G-2: Got 75 PWs so far, will have over a hundred by tonight. (Gives positions of our Cos as previously listed).
- 1940 # S-3 to White 3: The plan is about the same but you do not go as far. You will be responsible for road center at 228497. White 3: F Co is now going after the NW edge of the town.
- 1945 - S-3 to Blue 5: The new plan gives you for a 3rd objective, the 2nd objective of the 2nd Bn on the old plan. That is 228497. New boundry is 220503 to 242508. Ans: I Co is across.
- 1950 - Red 5 to S-3: Footbridge is out. 3rd Bn is going in boats. Got 1 AT gun across and a jeep to pull it. 3 enemy half track came down road on left of A Co. Knocked out 1, 2 got thru. Bazookas were fired but the rounds did not go off, so the 2 half tracks are behind us somewhere.