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- 2000 - Blue Bn reports its CP at 14054730.
- 2005 - Blue 3 to S-3: There are no boats functioning due to mechanical difficulties, and there are no bridges. S-3: Get Capt. Murphy to row you across then.
- 2006 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: PWs from the 1st Bn: 1 PW from the 35 Smoke Co, 4 from the 194th Repl and Trng Bn, 3 from the 3rd Trng Bn, 5 from the 2nd SS Pz Recn and Trng Bn, 18 from the 4th Btry of the 101st Barrage Balloon Bn.
- 2010 - Blue 2 to S-3: There seems to be a lot of confusion down at the river. We are going to go by boats which is slow. S-3: If you are having trouble, let me know. Blue 5 to S-3: You want us to take over objectives No. 1, 2, and 3? Ans: Yes, that is right.
- 2040 - Blue Bn reports: I Co is over complete, and the last of L Co is on the way over.
- 2040 - Red 3 to S-3: C Co is behind A and B Cos now. Blue has passed thru. Patrol out to Pt 144, no report from them as yet. 3 enemy half tracks got thru A Cos road block, 1 was knocked out. The other two we are rounding up now - so we have two good half tracks. The Colonel says he can hear a lot of track movement to the North.
- 2045 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Gives the positions of the 18th and the information that they have 40 PWs.
- 2055 - Red 3 to Maj. Smith: Colonel Driscoll does not want to move until he gets his armor. S-3: He can wait for his armor, it should be over by 2400 hours. I want you to go to objective No 2 tonight and jump to take No 3 objective at 0800 hours in the morning. Red 3: C Co has pushed almost all the way up to Blue objective. Lt. Hoffman is going to stay here, and I am going forward. Will try and put a line in to our forward CP.
- 2055 - S-3 to G-3: We are buttoning up on our initial objectives. DEBENTHAL is clear. 3rd Bn is all across.
- 2100 - Blue 2 to S-3: I Co has passed thru C Cp, leading elements of L Co at Pt 159. K Co crossing river now. Some of the 1st Bn AT guns are going across now. Capt. Murphy does not think that the bridge will be in before 0100 hours.
- 2102 - S-3 to Blue 5: There will be a traffic control point at the bridge tonight. You will have 20 vehicles first, then groups of 10 vehicles.

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- 2109 - Blue Bn reports: I Co 1000 yards from objective, no resistance.
- 2116 - Blue Bn reports: I Co is on objective, no resistance.
- 2134 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to S-3: The footbridge is in now. The rest of the 3rd Bn is going over, 3 platoons and the mortars have yet to go over. We are operating one "3-boat" raft. Work is progressing on the Treadway bridge, it should be completed by 0300 hours. The Dozer will be the first to go over the treadway. (S-3 explains that Capt. Clark and the MP officer, Lt. Llewellyn, will be on hand to regulate the traffic, when the Treadway is completed).
- 2135 - Sgt. McGill, Blue Bn, reports: I Co is 500 y ards from objective. Bomb braters and trees in the road. Can get around the crater, but trees will have to be moved.
- 2140 - S-2 to S-3: I Co is on objective and moving into position. S-3: Plan on jumping at 0800 hours, get this word to Blue 3.
- 2150 - S-3 to White 3: Lt. from A Co 1st Engrs, has gone across the river in a jeep (on the 3 boat raft), he has been given an order of priority of work on fixing your road. The time for your jump is 0800 hours tomorrow, you only go to the road center, not the town. White 3: F Co cleared Pt 166. S-3: 1st Bn has not moved beyond their initial objective. 3rd Bn is at Pt 159.
- 2200 - Blue Bn reports: We are sending in 8 PWs from the 35th Bn of some "Fog-Generating" outfit. They will be mixed with those from the 1st Bn on a truck load from the 1st Bn.
- 2205 - Capt. Clark (Speaking from bridge site) to S-3 and S-5: I talked to Capt. Murphy, and he says he can do nothing until the dozer gets across, the craters are large. I Co also reports road blocks and craters. K Co and M Co are now using the footbridge. The footbridge was completed about 15 minutes ago. They are also shuttling some AT guns across. It looks like it will be 0600 hours before the bridge is in, they only have a few pontoons in place. (S-5 asks about recon for the Regtl CP. Capt. Clark says that this will be done as soon as the Treadway bridge is in).
- 2225 - Blue Bn reports: I Co is at Pt 173, and digging in, in pan.
- 2237 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens and S-2: How is bridge coming? Lt. S: Not before 0300 hrs. Red 2 to S-2: There are 72 PWs all together, the others are on their way back now. They are a motley collection of balloon and flak people. The only fight was the strong point that C Co ran into, there were a few SS with this group. There has been no report of capturing any AA guns.

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Red 2: In the matter of the incident of the three enemy half tracks: The 3 half tracks came thru, and one was stopped by small arms fire. The bazookas did not work. The other two half tracks continued on and ran into some medics who were coming up the road. The Medics hit the dirt when they were fired on, none were hurt. The halftracks continued on, one eventually hit a bank and blocked the road and the other hit a tree. The 11 enemy who were in the halftracks, were eventually captured by B Co. These PWs said there were 7 Half tracks in their group - the other 4 being in town to the North. Red 2: The Colonel has a Fwd CP in FURSTENBERG.

2244 - G-3 Maj. Green, to Lt. Stephens: Here are the locations of the people up North: 2nd of the 329th at ALFELD, 4378, elements of 3rd Bn of the 329th at EVERODE, 4974; L Co of the 330th at FREVEN, 4972, 3rd Bn of the 330th (elements), at SPROINT, 4667, I Co of the 330th at NAENSEN, 4866, elements of the 113th at 4765, A Co of the 113th at WENZEN, 4365, B Co of the 113th at LUDHORST, 3763.

2247 - Blue Bn reports: K Co is all across now. (Blue 3 requests engineers to work on roads).

2305 - S-5 to Red 6: The latest dope on the bridge is 0200 hours. The one AT gun fell off the ferry while in process of loading, injuring the boat, and is now being retrieved by a crane. The footbridge is working now. Red 6: Think we can get two of those enemy halftracks running. (Discuss incident of the 3 enemy half tracks, as above item from Red 2). Red 6; says a Captain of the engrg says bridge will not be done until morning. The ferry was also damaged when the AT gun fell off.

2315 - Colonel Gara, 1st Engrs, to S-5: They are having trouble with the bridge. We will be lucky if the bridge is in by 0600 hours. They are having trouble with the sites. White 6 complained about the craters and trees on the roads, they were not as bad as reported. The crater has been filled, the railroad over-pass is open. Will continue work on the ferry, it should be operating again in an hour. The footbridge is not being used now, all foot troops are across.

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- 2320 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Ralph, Regt Comm O: (Lt. Stephens inquires about the phone lines to the Bns across the river. Capt. Ralph states that all the Bns have laid or are laying wire now. Lateral lines will be put in as soon as possible).
- 2321 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Stephens: (Reports same information as item 2315 hours concerning the bridge). Lt. Stephens: Blue Bn has requested engineer work on road to I company. Have Capt. Murphy contact Blue. Ans: OK.
- 2326 - Lt. Stephens notifies Blue Bn of the bridge situation (to be completed by 0600 hours). Notice is also given that Capt. Murphy will contact Blue Bn.
- 2337 - Blue Bn to Capt. Stephens: K company contacted I company.
- 2344 - Blue Bn reports: K company 100 yards East of Pt 165.
- 2357 - Blue Bn reports: Nothing new on our situation. The mine sweeping crew is working up along the road now.

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LOCATION: During the period the Regimental CP moved from AMEINDEN, Germany (112474), to FURSTENBERG, Germany (119495). (River mentioned in following items is the WESER river).

- 0003 - PWI to Lt. Stephens: Stragglers brought in by the 1st Engr Bn, are from the 15th Company of the 661st Regt.
- 0030 - PWI reports: 8 PWs from the 35th Smoke Co; 1 from the 208th Conv., Co; 1 from the Air Force Medical Unit (Baffzen); 6 from the 3rd Co., 26th Engr Bn; 11 from the 194th Repl Training Bn; 8 from the 101st Barrage Balloon Bn, 4th Btry; 5 from the 398th Repl and Training Bn; 4 from the 3rd Co of the 167th Regt; 1 from the 2nd SS Recon and Training Bn; 1 from the 989th Repl Training Bn; 1 from the 13th Co of the 216th Regt.
- 0055 - Blue 3 to S-3: L Co went to 159 to contact 2nd Bn patrol; found no one there. Called Capt. Elder, and he is going to have E Co send a patrol to contact L Co at Pt 159.
- 0130 - 1st Bn to Lt. Stephens: Is the Treadway bridge in yet? Ans: I'll check on it and call you back.
- 0135 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Engrs: 3rd Bn needs engineers to do some work for them on the road. Ans: You have a platoon. Can not give you any more engineers as we are tied up now in taking you across the river.
- 0137 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: Can not get any more engineers. The platoon we have is working for the 2nd Bn. I'll call them and see if you can borrow them to work on the road block at Pt 165.
- 0139 - Lt. Stephens to White 3: (Gives above information on the Engrs, and also gives the latest information on the 18th Inf locations).
- 0140 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Everything is fairly quiet. (Gives latest locations of the Co's). G-3: Latest of 18th Inf is - I and F Co's back in town of LAUFENFORDE. G Co is at 155395, clearing out along the road. K Co at 170426; I Co behind them. E Co at 178415.
- 0200 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 0205 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: I Co of the 331st is not across the river yet. K and L Co's of the 331st are plotted as being in the town of HOERZMINDEN, 182605.
- 0220 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP Officer, to Mr. Lipinski: Am at the river CP; negative report. Bridge not in yet. It will be in sometime around 0400 to 0600 hours in the morning.



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- 0305 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 0402 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn, reports: C Co is at 143. 12 PWs have been taken.
- 0404 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Anything further on the bridge? Ans: No, we expect it to be completed by 0600 hours. G-3: OK, I guess everything is buttoned-up until it is completed. Ans: Yes, sir. G-3: Any news on the bridge that VII Corps is building? Ans: No.
- 0408 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0411 - MESSAGE to 634th Recon: You will be unable to move out as planned at 0530B. Await further orders. (Msg coded, transmitted, and Rodgersed at 0447 B).
- 0440 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0443 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: C Co at 140514; 12 PWs taken; negative report.
- 0455 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0540 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn: How are things? Ans: Quiet. C Co is on Pt 143; took 26 PWs. Balance of companies, negative.
- 0546 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2, to Lt. Kestlinger: What news do you have of the bridge? Ans: I expect to hear from Capt. Clark in the next 10 to 15 minutes. The last time he reported, he stated that the bridge was expected to be in by 0630 hours to 0700 hours. I'll call you just before it is ready.
- 0600 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Clark (At the bridge site): How is the bridge coming? Ans: It is not in yet. The pontoons are not all of the way across. Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. Hoffman has asked for a half hour to one hour priority, so he can get his stuff and people lined-up.
- 0605 - Lt. Kestlingerto G-2: Took town of BOFFZEN, 26 PWs, medium resistance - ack ack and mortar fire. We are pushing up towards the hill. We are going East, and to the 18 grid line.
- 0610 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: How are things? Ans: C Co is at Pt 143; 26 PWs, medium resistance.
- 0615 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2: (Item of 0600 given).
- 0618 - Lt. Kestlinger gives the latest information as listed above to Lt. Tunic of 7th FA.
- 0620 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Kestlinger: Was 634th Recon notified when they can cross? Ans: Yes, by radio. Capt. Clark: 4 more sections to be put in on this side. The ferry is broken. The bridge will not be in before 0700 hours.

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- 0630 - White 6 to S-3: I only have one 1st aid jeep across, no ammunition. The ferry is broken. 1st Bn has only a few vehicles across. S-3: H-hour will be announced. (Lt. Kestlinger gives White 3 the positions of the 18th Infantry as listed in call from G-3).
- 0635 - Lt. Oswald, G-3, to Maj. Smith, S-3: The contact point for your 2nd Bn people is at 186453. S-3: I'll make it at 0800 hours. Get word to Colonel Beck or Maj. Green, now, that the bridge and the ferry are not in. Bridge will not be in for 2 hours.
- 0640 - Maj. Smith to Capt. ~~XXXX~~ Kolb, Red 3: H-hour will be announced. Do any patrolling you want. Red 6: We have already started for 3rd objective. C Co was sent out to 143 and 144 at 0200 hours. We started for 3rd objective about 20 minutes ago. I will let you know how it makes out.
- 0642 - S-3 to Blue 2: At 0800 hours, get strong patrols out to initial objective. Hold main part of Bn until we can get stuff across. H-hour will be announced. 1st Bn has already jumped for 3rd objective, and they may need a little support.
- 1645 - Lt. Kestlinger to Col. Grant: Div wants a contact laid-on at 186453 at 0800 hours with 18th Inf 3rd Bn. 1st Bn has already jumped for 3rd objective.
- 0702 - Lt. Oswald G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Any news? Ans: Maj. Smith is on the way down to the bridge. C Co has elements at 149517.
- 0705 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Kestlinger: The bridge will not be in before 0930 hours. Your people can tie in with the 18th Inf, if you want to. Their bridge should be completed in ~~XXXX~~ about an hour. Otherwise, you can wait for this bridge and send your tanks and TDs straight across. Lt. Kestlinger: I believe the Maj. has changed the H-hour to be announced by regiment.
- 0708 - Col. Heath, CO 7th FA, to Lt. Kestlinger: How are things? Ans: Bridge should be open by 0930 hours. The Maj. is on the way down. C Co took Pts 143 and 144. 1st Bn has gone for 3rd objective. 2nd and 3rd Bns will hold up.
- 0730 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: I Co starting payroll to Pt 189 in 20 minutes. Ans: 1st Bn jumped for the 3rd objective, with armor.
- 0745 - S-3 to Capt. Kelly G-3: Our bridge will not be in before 0930 hours. I understand that there is an infantry support bridge down at the 18th Inf; would like to send some light stuff over between 0800 hrs and 0900 hrs. The treadway bridge will be in down there also by 0800 hrs; would like clearance for 13 tanks and 12 TDs. (Capt. Kelly is to call back with the answer).

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- 0800 - Blue CP to Clerk: I Co patrol is on its way.
- 0802 - S-3 to Capt. Wilder, Hqs Co CO: (Notifys Capt. Wilder to look for a new Regtl CP in FURSTENBERG).
- 0813 - G-3 to S-3: On the Inf Support Bridge, you can use it at 0900 hours. S-3: G and F Co's are in the town of DERENTHAL. 3rd Bn is going 300 yards to the NE. 1st Bn in process of going to road center at 172517. G-3: Where would you like to contact the 83rd Div? S-3: At 153528. Plan on me using the Infantry's Support Bridge at 0900 hours to get about 50 vehicles across.
- 0815 - Co. Driscoll, Red 6, to Col. Horner S-5: A and B Co's are at Pt 163, as of 0800 hours. C Co is at Pts 143 and 144. Have 49 PWs. S-5: The I&R is looking for a route to the Infantry Support Bridge, and the Treadway down in the 18th Inf area. Will try to get some stuff across down there for you. 3rd Bn has sent a strong patrol to Pt 189. Red 6: We have 3 AT guns across now. Got 152 PWs since we started yesterday.
- 0845 - White 2 to S-3: Just talked to Col. Gara, and he said it would be another hour and a half before the bridge comes in. He did say that they were using a bridge in the 18th Inf area. Have the I&R down there now. Let me know what your patrol finds out, as we have a priority for sending 50 vehicles over that bridge (18th Inf) at about 0900 hours.
- 0845 - S-3 to Blue 3: You have the dope on the 1st Bn, haven't you? Ans: Yes, I have. S-3: Am sending vehicles (no tanks or TDs) across the 18th Inf Support Bridge at 0900 hours.. Might give you some word later about getting vehicles across. Blue 3: I Co patrol at Pt 189, checking the edge of the woods and contacting 1st Bn Fwd CP. Using Pts 145, 165, 177 as our MSR. S-3: Send someone out to check route Pt 178, 184.
- 0850 - White 2 to S-3: Road from Pts 138 to 140 is good. Bridge is in now, and other will be completed in about 15 minutes. S-3: Get 20 vehicles to road right away.
- 0856 - Maj. Green G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 18th Inf is going to sweep the road LAUENFORDE - WEINBREXEN. Do you want to hold up your vehicles until they finish, and make sure that the road is de-mined? Ans: Have them sweep it, and we will keep coming. G-3: Understand that your people were firing in that place last night? Ans: Will tell them that the 18th Inf will be working out there.
- 0857 - S-3 to 1st Bn CP: Tell Maj. Edmonds that he can get 10 vehicles across right away. Have clearance to use bridge in the 18th Inf area. Vehicles are not to be heavier than $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Lt. Llewellyn will pick up vehicles in front of your CP. He will be in charge of the convoy.
- 0859 - S-3 to Blue 3: You can get 20 vehicles across right away. Have clearance on bridge in 18th Inf area. Nothing bigger than $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Lt. Llewellyn will pick up vehicles in front of your CP.

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- 0900 - S-3 to Lt. Llewellyn: I have clearance to get 50 trucks across at 0900 hours. You will be in charge of the convoy. Pick the trucks up in front of the Bn CP's. 20 from 3rd and 2nd Bns and 10 from 1st Bn.
- 0900 - Lt. Valten, PWI to Clerk: 19 PWs from the 51st Smoke Co; 1 from the 35th Smoke Co; 1 from the 194th Repl & Training Bn; 1 from the 398th Repl & Training Bn; 2 from the 6th Flash and Sound Bn, on pass; 1 from the 117th Arty Regt; 1 from the 735th Inf Regt.
- 0913 - White 2 to S-3: Understand that 1st and 3rd Bns have vehicles going across too. Do you want us to wait here, or up by the bridge for them? S-3: Wait for them where you are. You will all go across together. The Treadway bridge will be finished by 0930 hours or 1000 hours. So get your tanks and TDS warmed up, but do not move them yet.
- 0925 - S-3 to G-3: Latest information on our 1st Bn is - Their center at 175518, with A and B companies there. C Co is getting the other roads from the North. Road on the west bank of the river is OK. Sending 50 vehicles down that way. Our Treadway will be in by 1000 hours. We have a recon out; they should be at the 21 grid line. When we push to the Corps bridgehead line, what happens? G-3: Believe that the 26th Inf moves thru you. How are things going? S-3: 1st Bn has taken 152 PWs so far.
- 0951 - Maj. Green, G-3 to S-3: Have CO of the Recon report to the 26th CP in HATINGEN, about 0439. S-3: The light tanks are with 1st Bn. G-3: We want them too. Make that effective as of 1000 hours. They plan to push east. S-3: I understand roads from "G" and "D" and from LAUFENFORDE NE and N are good.
- 0955 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Edmonds, Red 5: Have the light tanks platoon leader report to the 26th CP at NATINGEN at 0439 grid square. They are attached to 26th Inf as of 1000 hours. Our Bns have recon out today. The 26th Inf has mission of going thru us. They have to go to Corps Bridgehead. Bridge isn't in as yet.
- 1000 - Blue Bn reports: K Co sent two platoons from Pt 165 to vicinity of Pt 164, along edge of woods. No enemy spotted. Patrol in town has not returned.
- 1002 - G-3 to S-3: Will you see that Colonel Gara or someone at 1st Engrs gets this message? Ans: Right, I will attend to it. G-3: Tell Colonel Gara the platoon of C Co, plus balance of company to work with the 26th Inf. The time of the 26th Inf moving depends on your needs and when the bridge is in.
- 1005 - S-3 to Lt. Kayes, A Co Engrs: (Repeats message from G-3 to Col. Gara).

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- 1010 - Capt. Hall to G-2: I understand my tankers haven't been issued 1/25,000 maps. Can you clear me up on this? Ans: Get in touch with the Engineers, Capt. Diggs.
- 1015 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA, to S-3: How is the bridge? Ans: Should be in by 1100 hours to be definite. G-3: Where will we infiltrate and when? We would like to go to town of DERENTHAL. S-3: Road between WEHRDEN and BEVERUNGEN is open and reported good. We have jeeps and people as far as DERENTHAL (1342). Send out your recon when ever you want to. There are two bridges in up there. The bridge in the 18th sector will hold 1 1/2 tons and its open to us. G-3: I'll have our Ex. O. get in touch with you this afternoon.
- 1030 - Blue Bn reports: E Co patrol reports Pt 145 as being clear. L Co patrol reports trees blocking roads 300 yards from Pt 173.
- 1035 - Colonel Gibb to G-3: G-3: VII Corps has been contacted and nothing new. Our liaison officer is up there now. YORKS outfit plans to reach that boundary. S-6: I can not move my Bns up North until these people stop moving in. G-3: The 18th is pushing now and they will pass thru you to the Corps line. Task Force HORN is in HOLZMINDEN and pushing North. 26th Inf is going to pass you to the east. After this operation all of us will go east. The 18th Inf will be contacted on the south.
- 1042 - Capt. Clark (At bridge site) to Lt. Stephens: Bridge will be completed in about 20 minutes. Lt. Stephens: What is holding them up? Capt. Clark: They are putting in guide lines, etc.
- 1045 - Lt. Kayes to Lt. Stephens: The bridge is complete now. Ans: We plan on using it at 1100 hours.
- 1055 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: The 18th positions are as follows - left flank of the 3rd Bn line at 186411, run line to 325, then circle back to 200420. E Co at 220425, center point. Remainder of the 2nd Bn behind them at 210415, working along the river. 18th Inf is pushing to Corps bridgehead line. White: Patrols were sent to Pt 179, nothing heard from them as yet.
- 1107 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Clark: Do you have the order of Hq Co and Hq passing over the bridge? Ans: I have the Bn order. The 1st Bn is going over now, about 30 vehicles. When I get to the 3rd Bn I will call you. The order of units are given by Lt. Stephens as Chemical Mortars, Canon Co and Antitank Co.
- 1109 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Blue patrol just came back from Pt 189; got 3 PWs, they were found ~~awake~~ asleep.
- 1110 - MESSAGE - To GO 16th Inf from CG 1st Div: GP location at 141417. Starting 2 wires at once. (This message was given to the communications office).

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- 1115 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is 2nd Bn doing now? Ans: They have patrol to Pt 179. No report as yet. Blue 3: K Co is moving out to 177, 188 187, right up the road to Pt 194 - that is their objective. I Co is moving to 178, 184, 195, 203, to southern edge of town. I Co will follow K Co to 187 and will take northern part of town. Operations will begin now. I Co's patrol to Pt 187 has not returned. Tell 2nd Bn to be care ful of firing up left draw.
- 1117 - Sgt Collura, Regtl Operations Sgt., to Mr. Wiles, Asst. Comm. O: Colonel Horner wants new GP to open at 1600 hours. Get as many installations in there as possible.
- 1120 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Things are moving fast over the bridge. 1st and 2nd Bn's heavy stuff is over now. You will follow 3rd Bn. Good idea to make preparations now for moving.
- 1125 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: What is the story on the 3rd Bn? (White 2 is given report of 1115 hours from Blue 3).
- 1125 - Lt. Valten, PWI, reports: The 7th FA just brought in 6 PWs from the 2nd Bn of the 561st. They stated there are road blocks to NEUHAUS, but they are not completed. Five tiger tanks reported in the town, and they are disabled in one way or another. Three tanks were towed out of the town NORTHWARD, and 2 tiger tanks are setting at 252526.
- 1127 - Lt. Kestlinger gives plans of the 2nd and 3rd Bns, as previously listed in items of 1115 and 1055 hours to Capt. Kilb, 1st Bn S-3.
- 1130 - Lt. Kestlinger gives the same information to G-3, as to the plans of the 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 1130 - S-2 to Blue 2: The information of NEURAU is sketchy. People who had orders, withdrew in the direction of that town. Only people of concern are SS and Engineers. One PW said road blocks were on the roads 3 days ago. Two disabled Tiger tanks were in town. They are probably gone now; moved out for repair. They were located in the vic, of 231520. Doubtful that there are any infantry there.
- 1135 - PW Cage will be located in FURSTENBERG after 1300 hours. (This message was given to all Bns.
- 1135 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Stephens: I notified all Bns to send all of their transportation across.
- 1140 - To all Bns and Units attached in order: "Move out for crossing as soon as possible.
- 1148 - Lt. Stephens to 634th TDS C Co: Tell Capt. Armstrong that he can move across the river with his advance any time. It is suggested that he move to BOFFZEN..

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- 1150 - Col. Kritz, 7th FA to Lt. Stephens: We would like to move our CP into DERENTHAL. Lt. Stephens: It should be clear for you; some of our rear elements may be there.
- 1225 - Blue Bn reports: All companies pushing forward without resistance. 3 FWS coming in with the 1st Bn FWS.
- 1135 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Edmonds, Red 5: We want you to move your rear across the river before 1800 hours today. Ans: Our rear CP is moving over now but I cannot move my kitchens until after I feed chow. It will be about 2000 hours before I am clear.
- 1240 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 5: The Colonel would like your rear CP to be moved across tonight by 1800 hours, if possible. Can you do it? Ans: Yes.
- 1240 - Blue Bn reports: I Co just E of Pt 178. I Co is now passing Pt 177.
- 1244 - Lt. Kestlinger to Service Co: We want you to cross the river complete by 1800 hours. Will you get that message to Maj. McKoan? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1245 - Lt. Kestlinger to Co A, 1st Medics: When can you cross the river? Ans: I am preparing to move now. I will move in about an hour.
- 1255 - Maj. McKoan, S-4, to Lt. Kestlinger: What is this on the move? Ans: Can you move across the river by dark? S-4: I do not know; I will have to go look for a place. I would rather move in the morning.
- 1255 - RADIO MESSAGE: Blue Bn I Co at 177. I Co at 178.
- 1304 - G-3 to S-3: Any new dope? S-3: The Co's have been moving without opposition. Expect them to close in on final objective by 1340 hours.
- 1305 - S-3 to Blue 5: Do you have any late locations on the Co's? Ans: No. S-3: I just got a radio message that I and L Co's are at 177 and 178.
- 1310 - RADIO MESSAGE, from Blue Bn: Victor 1. (I Co) passing 189. K Co 1500 yards ahead of I company.
- 1320 - Lt. Kestlinger to White Bn: Are you moving your rear CP across the river? Before dark? Ans: Yes, sir. Lt. Kestlinger: The new FW cage is open in FURSTENBERG.
- 1320 - White 3 to S-3: The Co's are moving but we have no definite locations. S-3: The contact point will be at 234506.
- 1322 - Blue Bn reports: K Co 1500 yards past 189. I Co at 189.

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- 1330 - S-2 Maj. Lauten to S-2: Any dope? S-2: (Gives locations of our Co's as previously listed above). We are sending back 165 to 170 PWs. They have not been interrogated. S-2: The 104th has been getting hit on all sides by enemy at 3040.
- 1330 - Capt. Clark to S-3: 7th FA has cleared. Ans: Wait until the 5th FA starts and then move up to the new CP.
- 1332 - White 3 to S-3: We ran into road blocks of logs, bomb craters. Tanks were stopped by Co's passed by. Engrs working on it now at 183458. G Co gone by 175.
- 1345 - Maj. Smith to G-3: What is the 26th Inf objective for today? Ans: DASSEL and EINBECK. S-3: The 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn are moving right along for objectives. The 2nd Bn is running into undefended road blocks. Suggest an Engr R_{con} move out ahead of 26th Inf because it is certain they will run into more road blocks. G-3: We are moving just across the creek to LAUFENFORDE. S-3: Do we follow the 26th Inf? Ans: It is possible, but the Armored must be considered. S-3: If we follow them, will it be for tomorrow morning? Ans: No.
- 1350 - G-2 to S-3: What time do you expect your people will have completed moving? Ans: Bulk by 1500 hours, completely by 2000 hours tonight.
- 1350 - Red 5 to S-2: A patrol went to Pt 182. They picked up 8 PWs. The main road is clear all the way up. The road that branches east of Pt 182, has a road block 100 yards from the junction - no mines were found on the road. Some knocked-out vehicles were found on the road and they will have to be cleared.
- 1400 - Lt. V Iten, FWI reports - 123 PWs from the 1st Bn: 32 from the 51st Smoke Co; 7 from the SS Pz R_{con} and Training Bn; 11 from the Flash and Sound Bn; 38 from the 26th Engr Bn; 8 from the 101st Barrage Balloon Bn; 8 from the Battle Group SCHON; 17 from the 398th Rep_a and Training Bn; 46 PWs from the 2nd Bn: 13 from the SS Pz R_{con} and Training Bn; 16 from the 209th AA Bn; 4 from the 398th Rep_l and Training Bn; 4 from the 194th Rep_l and Training Bn; 3 from the 6th Flash and Sound Unit; 6 from the 26th Engr Bn; 1 from the 35th Smoke Co; 1 from the 194th Rep_l Co.
- 1430 - Lt. Kestlinger to White Bn: K Co is approaching (187) 2159523. I Co behind K and L cleared 184. White 3: Last report was that they cleared 179. They probably are 1000 yards past that Pt by now. Probably F and G Co's are at 190 and 191. S-3: The Colonel wants them up there so the 26th can move thru, even if they have to ride tanks and TDS.
- 1445 - Col. Gibb to Col Grant White 6: Where are your Co's now? Ans: Past 190. I was up to 191, and I couldn't see them. 7th FA is halfway between 190 and 191, and the Co's were way ahead of them. S-6: CGA (3rd Arm'd) is waiting for 196, 203 line. Any contact with the 3rd Bn? Ans: None today. F Co is going up to 196 and put his left flank there. My 3rd Co on the road now with Antitank guns. How is the 3rd Bn? S-6: K Co is at 215514. I Co 1500 yards due south of 189.

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- 1450 - S-3 to Blue: What contact do you have with Ewd? Ans: None, the two 284's are here. Capt. Richmond is up now.
- 1455 - White 3 to S-3: Co's 500 yards of 190, met an impassable road block. Engineers are working on it. Infantry has gone around. Tanks are stopped.
- 1500 - Rear CP closed - and personnel move forward.
- 1530 - Maj. Smith to Colonel Beck, G-3: We have now NEUHAUS. 3rd Bn is in there with no resistance. I Co is in the town. 2nd Bn is on road at about 290498 with leading elements. G-3: 26th Inf will move shortly, starting a little after 1600 hours. Their 2nd Bn will be leading,
- 1535 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Barnett 5th FA: 26th Recon out in front of NEUHAUS: CALL OFF ALL FIRING.
- 1545 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Kelly, G-3: Our I&R on patrol from NEUHAUS up to HOLZMINDEN to contact the 331st Inf. G-3: They would like a contact Pt at 2200 hours at 153528, and 212536. The 331st has started a patrol down that road that your I&R will be going, so have them on the lookout for them.
- 1600 - Capt. Hall to G-2: Blue Bn on objective, not trouble. I&R going to patrol to people on the North. Have sent back 177 PWs; this makes 252 for today.
- 1610 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Blue Bn is on objective. White Bn, we believe, is on theirs or just about there.
- 1620 - G-3 to S-3: One of your Bns will be attached to the Cav Group about 0700 hours. They will be picked up in their present area. The TDS will go with them.
- 1630 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: The Bn that will go with the Cav Group will be the 3rd Bn, which is in NEUHAUS.
- 1635 - MESSAGE: White CP at 175.
MESSAGE: White Bn Co's on objectives. Time 1545 hours.
- 1645 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Co's on objective digging in. Have sent a combat patrol to contact the 3rd Bn. F at 228509; G at 229495. E at 217478. Platoon of 57's and TDS are behind G Co. The tanks are behind and able to support either company. 4.2 mortars and our mortars are in position at Pt 190.
- 1725 - Red 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Situation is given as above items. S-3: Contact Pt for you set at Pt 152 at 2200 hours.

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- 1730 - G-2 to S-2: 500 vehicles and 2000 troops reported coming from the west towards EINBECK. S-2: 59 PWs from 1st Bn - 3 from the 51st Smoke Co; 5 from Hqs 3rd Smoke Bn; 8 from 101st Barrage Balloon Bn; 13 from the 26th Engr Bn; 20 from the 211th Repl Bn; 4 from the 46th AA Repl Bn (Motorized); 6 from 398th Repl Bn. Total of 311 for today.
- 1740 - PWI to Clerk: 1st Bn - 8 stragglers unidentified. 2nd Bn - 1 PW from the 194th Repl Bn; 2 from the SS Training Bn; 1 from the Para Repl Bn; 2 stragglers from the 6th Sound and Flash Bn.
- 1740 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to S-2: Our CP is at 23055210. The Air Corps did a good job. One Mark VI and one Mark IV and two half tracks were knocked out. There are two hospitals full of Germans; have a guard on them.
- 1745 - Colonel Beck to Maj. Smith: 3rd Bn of the 16th Inf attached to Cav Group at 0600 hours tomorrow morning. Co C of the 634th TD, less one platoon, will be attached to them. S-3: If they take the TDs and not the tanks - it will be new people with new people. G-3: The tanks stay with you. As it is, the TDs go and the tanks stay. The Bn will be split up anyway. They will probably meet at NEUHAUS area. The Cav is back beyond B RAKEL now. Can Maj. Wozenski come into Div CP? S-3: Yes. G-3: I'll talk to Colonel McDonald and call you back. What is the best route from the bridge to NEUHAUS? S-3: I suggest WEHRDEN to MEINREYEN, to DERENTHAL, to the secondary road to the main road.
- 1800 - S-3 to White 3: You will lose your platoon of TDs tomorrow, in fact you will lose them tonight. Have the platoon leader report to 3rd Bn CP at NEUHAUS. What do you know about the road that leads from WEHRDEN to DERENTHAL, to your present location? Ans: We repaired the road in six places, and a bridge is out at 227494. Engrs are working on it now. Road up to 190 is good, with FILL in holes. S-3: Our 3rd Bn is attached tomorrow at 0600 hours to the 4th Cavalry. They will go East; destination unknown.
- 1813 - S-3 to Capt. Kälb, Red 3: You are getting another platoon of mediums tanks from the 745th Tnk Bn.
- 1815 - Col. Beck to Maj. Smith: Here are the instructions for CO, 3rd Bn: CO of 4th Cav requests that one rifle company with attached heavy weapons, plus one platoon of TDs, be located on the road 1½ miles E of NEUHAUS on the road leading to SILBERBORN ready to mount tanks at 0630 hours. (The heavy weapons Co will be broken down and placed with our Co's). Next Co and platoon of TDs will be located ½ mile E of NEUHAUS on the same road (will move with 24th Cav Sqdrn. The Bn (-) ready to move at 0830 hours with Grp Hqs.
- 1830 - MESSAGE from CG 1st Div, 1st US Inf, to CO, 16th Inf: Time signed 1000B. Confirming VOGG: 1 platoon, Co D, 745th Tank Bn and Recon Co, 634th TD Bn, is detached from the 16th Inf and attached to 26th Inf effective 091000B April 1945.

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- 1842 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Clark: Everything is across.
- 1845 - MESSAGE - CO, 16th Inf from CG, 1st Div: Time signed 1745 B 3rd Bn 16th Inf and Co C, (1 plat), 634th TD Bn is detached 16th Inf and attached to 4th Cav Group effective 100600 B April 1945.
- 1850 - MESSAGE - CO. 16th Inf from CO 3rd Bn: Time signed 1825. CP located at 23455210.
- 1900 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: What squadrons are with the 4th Cav. Grp? Ans: The 4th and 24th.
- 1905 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Moore, 18th Inf: What is your latest positions? Ans: They have cleared the first 3 towns and are now in USLAR.
- 1915 - Lt. Walker to Sgt Minno: Here are the coordinates of equipment abandoned or destroyed (3rd Bn): 235521, 1 abandoned staff sedan. 234522, 1 abandoned Mark IV tank. 234523 1 abandoned 2 ton truck (Charcoal burner). 234523, 1 abandoned 4 wheel trailer. 2335235, abandoned 3 wheeled 2 ton truck. 23405237, abandoned small sedan. 235521 abandoned 4 ton H/T (not arm'd). 235521 abandoned 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck. 23605165, 1 burned out, 75 SPG. 23615160, 1 burned out 75 SPG. 226522 1 burned out Mark VI tank. 229521, 1 abandoned 3/4 T Command Car. 231522, 1 Burned out 5 ton truck.
- 1930 - S-3 to White 3: Any of the 26th Inf pass by you yet? Ans: No. The bridge isn't fixed yet. S-3: I want you to get a patrol down to 213. Mission of contacting the 18th Inf. You will also move to NEUHAUS tomorrow morning at 1000hours. Move your elements by infiltration; do not interfere with the Cavalry convoy, who will move thru NEUHAUS.
- 1935 - S-3 to Red 3: I am going to move you sometime tomorrow up to SILBERBORN, after lunch, say about 1300hours. You will assemble there. Get your billeting details up there at 1000 hours. You will have the whole town. Ans: OK.
- 2000 - White 3 to S-3: Do we keep the 4.2's and how about the Engrs? Ans: Keep them. You start moving at 1000 hours. If the Cavalry is not on the road, you can move faster than planned. White 3: OK.
- 2050 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to Capt. Clark: Can you tell me what you are doing tomorrow? Ans: Blue Bn is going with the 4th Cav Group, and heading East. 1st Bn will move up to where 3rd Bn now is, and 2nd Bn will also move up there.
- 2100 - S-2 to G-2: PW Identification given and the report of activity from 3rd Bn. There were 65 enemy in NEUHAUS. Patrol of I&R went to HOLZMINDEN where they contacted one platoon of the 331st Inf. Report of knocked out enemy vehicles in vicinity of NEUHAUS given. There was no enemy artillery or mortar fire during the period.

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- 2130 - Blue 2 to S-2: Any new dope? Ans: 83rd Div has elements in town at 4760.
- 2145 - S-2 to G-2: PW total 417 (Gives identifications as previously listed).
- 2220 - Capt. Clark gives company positions, as previously listed in above items of this journal, to G-3.
- 2230 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2240 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. 26th Inf is passing through.
- 2300 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. 26th Inf is passing through.
- 2300 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Check with 2nd Bn and see how the 26th Inf is doing.
- 2302 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: Who reported the 26th Inf? Ans: G Co reported it - gives route of march.
- 2315 - Lt. Stephens to Blue Bn: Check and find out where the 26th Inf is.
- 2325 - Blue Bn reports: No one has seen the 26th Inf.
- 2327 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: G Co reported the 26th Inf going past them.
- 2329 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 2330 - Lt. Stephens to Blue Bn: When the 26th Inf shows up, find out what unit it is.
- 2345 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: I need the Engineers for a road block up here at 245526. Ans: OK, I'll see what I can do.
- 2350 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: Your engineers will have to work on a road block at 245526. Ans: OK, I will tell them.

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LOCATION: During the period the Regt CP moved from FURSTENBERG, 149495, to NEAHAUS, 229524, Germany.

- 0005 - 1st and 2nd Bns report negative.
- 0012 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: G Co reported 26th Inf going NE. 3rd Bn; reported no contact with the 26th but that a few enemy had to be chased away.
- 0020 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn, to Lt. Stephens: Lt. Cassoric, A Co Engr officer, is calling his Co now and telling them about the road block, at L Co. He should get some additional help to do the job. I'll give you the details on what he finds out.
- 0030 - Lt. Cassoric to Lt. Stephens: Capt. Murphy, CO of A Co Engrs, will send a platoon to the 3rd Bn to take care of the road block at 245526.
- 0035 - Blue 5 to Lt. Stephens: The 33rd FA is here but no 26th Inf. I just sent a patrol to SILBERBORN. A radio message just came in putting the 26th Inf in SILBERBORN, so I guess the 33rd will go there as soon as the road block is clear.
- 0035 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Information on the 26th Inf as above, is given. The 26th had been held up by a road block at 270513.
- 0100 to 0300 hours, the Bns reported negative and hourly negative reports were submitted to G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0305 - Blue 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are trying to clear the road block by hand, so we can get the two Bns of artillery up that are blocking the road off. Our TDs and Engrs are behind them some place and the artillery is lost. Lt. Kestlinger: The Cav should hit the bridge at 0600 hrs and it will be a little after 0630 hrs before they get up to you.
- 0400 - The Bns report negative.
- 0435 - Capt. Kelly, G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: What is new? Ans: 3rd Bn is still working on the road block. G-3: The 26th Inf is on the main route now. Will you pass that on to the artillery that is waiting to get through the road block?
- 0445 - Mr. Lipinski to G-5: Will you pass on to the CO of the Artillery that the 26th Inf is on the main route. Blue 5: K Co of the 26th Inf is in this column. When it gets light, they are going to put K Co at the lead of the column and try to catch up with the rest. Road block is cleared away.
- 0046 - The above information from Blue 5 is given to G-3.
- 0500 - White Bn reports negative.



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- 0505 - Blue Bn reports: Road block at Pt 208 is clear. Patrol from 2nd Bn came in. All is quiet.
- 0506 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0542 - Blue 5 to Mr. Lipinski: 33rd FA has started to move. They will pull off the road to let K Co of the 26th Inf go by. I estimate it will take one hour to clear the town.
- 0546 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: (Mr. Lipinski gives the above information in item of 0542 hours). Do not know how far they will get before they run into something.
- 0600 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0603 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: Do you have anything to report for the night? Ans: The 33rd FA was held up on the road by a road block at 2445, but they will be clear of town about 0645 hours. They will pull off the road and let K Co of the 26th pass. We have no word of the rest of the column.
- 0605 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0625 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Is the 33rd FA still moving? Ans: The last I heard they were. G-3: Still no dope on the rest of the 26th Inf.
- 0635 - Blue 5 to Mr. Lipinski: The column is moving but very slowly. 188th FA is up near us now. They should be clear in 20 minutes or so.
- 0703 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Forward elements of the 4th Cav Sqdrn has arrived and will pick up our I Co. Mr. Lipinski: Has K Co cleared yet? Ans: I do not know; there are inf troops behind the 188th FA which might be them.
- 0705 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gave above information.
- 0715 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Just received a message from the 26th Inf that their head of column is at 328576. Held up by another road block. Will take about an hour to remove it.
- 0855 - Red 5 to Mr. Lipinski: What is the news? Ans: L Co has moved up and were picked up by the 4th Cav. 26th Inf was held up by Blue's undefended road block. They started about daylight.
- 0905 - PWI reports: PWs from 1st Bn; 9 from the 26th Engr Bn. From the 103 AA Bn, 2 PWs from the Engr IEHR (ZEV); 1 from the MARCH Co. HUIZLINFERN. From the 1st Engrs, 1 PW from the SS Pz Recon and Training Bn.
- 0910 - Lt. Valten PWI to S-2: I would like to close the cage here and move up. Ans: OK, notify 1st and 2nd Bns of your moving. What is this IEHR Engr Bn? Ans: I believe it is the same as the 26th Engr Bn.

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- 0915 - Blue Bn pulled its switchboard.
- 0930 - Red 3 to S-3: Will it be OK to move at 1300 hours? S-3: Yes, it is. The town of SILBERBORN is clear now.
- 0940 - G-2 reports: PW source reports the 1066th Arty Regt is part of the 166th Div. It has 2 Bns. 2nd Bn is reported working in the vicinity. Has 12 guns to the Bn and were in 2646 the night before last. They had very little ammo. 18th Inf is now in that area, so do not think they will cause any trouble. Other Bn reported in KASSEL.
- 1015 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ans: 26th Inf met a little fire fight at 353577, just east of the town. Did not amount to much. The 18th Inf jumped at 0845 hours. G Co had a fight at 3046 is the patch of woods just as they jumped off.
- 1030 - Col. Curtis, 1st Engrs to Lt. Stephens: The WEREDEN bridge will be pulled sometime after 1400 hours. Plan on using BEVERUNGEN bridge for trips to the rear.
- 1105 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Did the 1st Bn contact 83rd Inf on the North? Ans: The I&R contacted them last night from NEUHAUS up. Red is moving to SILBERBORN. They will start about 1300 hours. G-3: Tell Maj. Smith that I will send him about 20 trucks sometime this afternoon. 26th Inf ran into a fire fight along the 38 grid line just east of DASSEL.
- 1115 - CP closes and moves forward.
- 1215 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck G-3: We are moving the 1st Bn to SILBERBORN; CP is at NEUHAUS. G-3: It may not be necessary to move the 1st Bn. This afternoon or tomorrow morning we plan on moving 1 of your Bns. We are dismounting the 26th Inf and probably will send you down with the 18th Inf. I am trying to get you 20 trucks to shuttle 1 Bn at a time. The 26th Inf has Recon in EINBACH. Other Bns are on the N and S of the road. S-6: I plan on moving to the 6th phase line, as soon as it is clear.
- 1215 - S-3 to Red 3: You will have to hold up your movement until traffic clears up at SILBERBORN. Ans: When do you think that will be? S-3: Sometime this afternoon.
- 1245 - S-3 to G-3: We just got an order to pick up 20 trucks. Ans: Disregard it. We are leading with the 26th and 18th Inf. S-3: The center of area is 5952. Ans: OK.
- 1249 - S-3 to Service Co: Tell Capt. Merindeno to disregard that about picking up 20 trucks. Ans: OK.
- 1252 - S-3 to Sgt Wheeler, I&R: Have your platoon ready to roll at 1400 hours.

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- 1320 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives the following PW identifications): Taken by 3rd Bn: 1 from Battle Group JANDA, 466th Inf Div; 1 from the 19th Pz Engr Bn; 7 from the 35th Smoke Co; 3 from the 6th Trucking and Training Bn; 1 from the 51st Smoke Co; 1 from the 46th Motorized AA Repl Bn; 3 from the 5th Air Corps Repl Bn, Det. MOID; 1 from the 193rd Repl Bn; 1 from the Airport GUNTERSLOH; 2 from DUISBURG, draftboard; 1 from Conval. Co, 20th Repl Bn; 1 from Engr IEHR Bn; 3 from the 398th Repl Bn. Total 29 PWs.
- 1350 - S-3 to G-3: What is the prospective route? Ans: I cannot say for sure what route will be used for the Cav. I'll call you back. The 26th Inf is at 402593, 404589, 409598. G-3: The route is - DASSEL, ELLENSEN, WELDERSSEN, ROTENKIRCHEN, EDEMISSSEN, ODAGSEN, IMMENSEN, STOCKHEIM, HOLTENSEN.
- 1445 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: 6 PWs from the 26th Engr Bn; 4 PWs from Constr., Bn 10/VII. 4 PWs from Airport DAHL; 2 PWs from Homeguard Bn 234/XI.
- 1550 - S-3 to White 3: As of 0800 hours the Engrs are attached to 1st Bn. Have the officer report there at 0800 hours. For the move you will get no trucks; you will ride with the 5th FA. You will keep 4.2 mortars and platoon of tanks. We should move at 1000 hours. You are going into the town at 590510. 1st Bn will lead and go to LAGERSHAUSEN. Will get you a man from the 5th FA to lay it on for the move.
- 1600 - MESSAGE: Div CP opened at 1400 hours at G-315420.
- 1655 - G-2 to Clerk: 83rd Div reports Panzerfaust and small arms fire at 270633; 20mm at 576650; light resistance at 652642. Approximately 100 enemy at 270632 to 335625. Elements of Armored and 13th Cav at 654657-680685.
- 1715 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is the 1st Bn CP? Ans: FURSTENBERG. White: What time should the Engrs officer report to the 1st Bn? Ans: No special time. White: Make it 1900 hours.
- 1720 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn CP: Where is your A and B Co? Ans: B is at the
- 1740 - Lt. Stephens to White 2: (Gives the latest locations on the Armor, 26th Inf and the 18th Inf).
- 1745 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Bn: Leading elements of CT-16 at 490593. Objective of 26th Inf is 620570. TFF, 3rd Armored, at 7539; TFR at 7437; TFW at 7732. 23rd Inf at 7727. The 18th Inf is securing line from 5850 to 5643. 4th Cav trying for towns at 7961, 7450. Cav progress is reported slow; no exact positions on the Cav.
- 1840 - Red 3 to S-3: Anything new? Ans: You will move between 1000 and 1200 hrs tomorrow. You will be going to towns of LAGERSHAUSEN and DENKERSHAUSEN. 1 Co will ride tanks and 1 ride Cann Co. Regtl CP will be in DENKERSHAUSEN. Your Bn, less 1 Co in LAGERSHAUSEN. Other Co and the 7th FA in DENKERSHAUSEN.

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- 1900 - Col. Gibb to General ANDRUS: What is going on? Ans: They got about 100 PWs up front today. The enemy got a pilot and 2 men, plus an airfield of the 33rd FA; they got the pilot and the men back. S-6: The only road I can see for a move is the MSR, the other road is jammed by the Cav, their rear is only 3 miles ahead of me now.
- 1910 - White 3 to S-3: Anything new on the move? Ans: No, but you'd better have advance party to move with Regt so as they can move the Co's off the road as they pull into town.
- 1915 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co: Move on the second shuttle with Service Co in the afternoon. Send your two 2½ ton trucks and your one 1½ ton truck to Hq Co at 0800 hours in the morning.
- 1925 - S-3 to Red 3: (Conversation concerns transportation for the move tomorrow). S-3: 1st Bn is to have no extra transportation. Bn will shuttle by means of using the kitchen trucks. In Red #3's serial will be the 1st Bn, Cannon Co, and the 7th FA. Red 3: Where will the 2nd Bn be? S-3: In IMBSHAUSEN, and the Service units in HOLFENSEN.
- 2000 - Maj. Margolis, Mil. Govt, to S-2: Lt. Chandler, White 2, has key to the PO there. There are two guards on the 2 hospitals there. 38 soldiers, 4 nurses, 2 doctors, in the hospital.
- 2022 - G-2 to S-2: The 26th ran into trouble at DASSEL and at the hill 285, and then to OIENDORF. 1st and 2nd Bns now in EINBECK. Bridge at 5058 is reported in. 18th Inf is not running into much trouble. 18th is reported at 9926, 7736, 6740, 6860. Tac Recon indicates that all enemy movement is eastward.
- 2125 - S-3 to G-3: 3rd Bn of the 18th is in our assembly area. Ans: They will be moving out at dawn. The bridge is bad, but they have a by-pass. S-3: The bridge up N is uncertain. I think our best route will be the E-1. That will make it a 2 hour trip. Ans: I'll call you back on the route, but I think it will be OK at 1000 hours, with one hour between Bns.
- 2145 - G-3 to S-3: OK, on tomorrow at 1000 hours. Your IP will be around your CP. Figure one hour for the Bns. 18th Inf is sending a reinforced Co to phase line #8.
- 2150 - S-3 to White 3: You cross the IP at 1130 hrs. IP is at WEIRHAUSE. Route will be from NEUHAUS to USIAR, to NORTHEIM, that is route E. It will also be marked by 16th Inf signs. Want the Bn Ex Officer and Co Ex Off here at 0830 hrs to go on billeting details. Billeting detail is not to be more than six jeeps. 5th FA will be in your column, also Co A 1st Medics, Co Hqs 87th Chem, Co A 745th Tank Bn. Speed of column will be that of the tanks which is 15 miles per hour. You go to IMBSHAUSEN, 5th FA will also be in that town. 18th Inf has K Co in that town now.

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- 2158 - S-3 to Red 3: You cross IP at 1000 hours tomorrow. IP will be NEUHAUS. Route will be from NEUHAUS to USLAR, NORTHEIM, that is E route. It will be marked by our signs. Want Bn Ex Off and Co Ex officers up here at 0830 hours to go on a billeting detail. 7th FA will be in your column. Red 3: How about Cannon Co? S-3: You can have 6 jeeps for the Bn billeting party and add one for Cannon Co.
- 220a - S-3 to 5th FA: Above information on the move for tomorrow is given. (Maj. McKeon, S-4, is also notified of the same).
- 2220 - S-3 to Co A, 1st Medics: Same information as above in regard to the move. Co A of the medics will follow 5th FA Bn at about 1000 hours.
- 2240 - Clerk to G-2: We have 22 more PWs. No identifications on them as yet. Total today is 69 PWs.
- 2305 - White CP reports negative.
- 2338 - PWI reports: 14 PWs from 2nd Bn - 1 PW from the 46th Motorized AA Repl Bn; 1 from the Engr LEHR Bn (ZEV); 6 from the 82nd Repl and Training Bn; 1 from the 6th Flash and Sound Bn; 1 from the 180th Engr training Bn; 6 PWs taken by the 5th FA Bn are from the following: 4 from the 209th Barrage Ballon Unit and 2 from the 943 AA Bn. 8 PWs taken by the 87th Cheml Bn: 3 from the 26th Engr Bn; 1 from the 19th Pz Engr Bn; 1 from the 94th AA Repl Bn; 3 from the 398th Repl Bn. 6 PWs taken by the I&R platoon; 1 from the Engr LEHR Bn (ZEV); 2 from the 6th Flash and Sound Bn.

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LOCATION: During the period the CP of OT-16 moved from NEUHAUS, 229524, to LAGERSHAUSEN, 602521, Germany.

0001 to 0600 - All units report negative.

- 0630 - G-3 to Clerk: 18th Inf, A and C Co's at 553438 in the town of NORTHEIM - the other Co is on the way to KATLENBURG. 26th Inf, B Co at 505580. 3rd Bn, 26th Inf, attached to 4th Cav Sqdrn. 4th Cav, Sqdrn in KALFELD. At 595600 is a defended minefield, they are trying to by-pass it to the North. 21th Cav Sqdrn also on road at 645455. TFK at 685470, and 715455; TFB at 756400; TFB at 747387; TFP at 746365. 3rd of the 413th at GIEBOLDHSEN. TFK receiving small arms fire, mortars and SP fire. TFB receiving small arms, mortars and SP. TFK knocked out 2 SP guns and tanks, and an airplane.
- 0903 - G-3 to S-2: Postpone movement until 1200 hours because of road conditions.
- 0905 - S-3 notifies Red 3 and White 6 to Postpone movement until 1330 hours. (1st Bn time is 1200 hours).
- 0908 - Lt. Kestlinger to Cannon Co: Postpone movement of 1st to 1200 hours. Guide on that.
- 0909 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co: Service Co moves at 1600 hours.
- 0912 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. 87th Cheml Wpns, "C" Co: 2nd Bn moves at 1330 hours. Guide on that.
- 0914 - Lt. Kestlinger to AT Co: The move is off until 1200 hours.
- 0918 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: 1st Bn moves at 1200 hours.
- 0920 - S-3 to Sgt Wheeler, I&R platoon: Come over and report what you found out last night and get your outfit ready to move up to assembly area. Ans: Alright, Sir. It will be just a matter of minutes to get their guns together.
- 0930 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA, to S-3: I understand there is a 2 hour postponement? Ans: That is right. They will move at 1330 hours.
- 0932 - S-3 to G-3: What is new? Ans: Pretty good now. How much stuff do you have on the road? S-3: Just a couple jeeps, no trucks. My recon is out now. G-3: Last report of 26th Inf is at 566558, they left EINBECK and came East across river at 501580. Went east along RR tracks to E BOLDSHAUSEN to the East.

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The 4th Cav in WILLERSHAUSEN, 635562. S-3: Was ECHTE cleared? Ans: Yes, elements hold bridge at 526512, it is a class 50 bridge. Infantry and one tank reported in the vicinity. A Co of the 18th Inf was sent up to relieve them. 1st Bn elements of the 18th Infantry in WULFTEN, 6843, all bridges blown. G Co relieved the 18th Inf for a mission to OSTERODE now. S-3: Is the 26th going in direction of phase line 8? Ans: Yes. It may be possible to get you closer to OSTERODE, depending on how fast they move and the amount of cleared territory. S-3: We will start as planned at 1200 hours. Where is the 24th? Ans: In KATIENBURG, same as the 18th, though it is possible they are in WULFTEN now. S-3: So the story is that the 18th goes to OSTERODE, the 26th goes to town NE of phase line #8? Ans: Right.

- 0955 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Col. Horner, S-5: What is the latest? Ans: 26th is in town at 5655. Cav at 605573. Elements of Cav at 6345, and G of the 18th NE of DORST. TFK at SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN. 113th Cav has elements moving N at 6505 at the road junction; also at SESEN, 7267; Bn of Inf in GOSLAR, 8571; Bn of Inf and Div GP at 7874. The only enemy behind the front line - 1 enemy tank at 491505 and 400 yards N of there - 100 enemy. They are not well organized. Good bridge at 530512. Bridge trouble to town N of there. No bridge from NORTHEIM - WULFEN. Bridge in at 628 (the Cav used it). PWs taken yesterday 518 from the 18th; 600 by the 26th and Cav. 2nd of the 18th Inf East of EINECK. Principal resistance from road blocks and SP guns. Enemy unit identified - 466th; General KAST, trying to organize his Bns, has no communications with his rear. There is good going on the pocket. Town of OLPE cleared 2 days ago.
- 1000 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn, Lt. Moore: Information of item of 0932 hours given in detail. Look at 6056, see town of ECHTE? It is cleared by the 4th Cav, they moved to WILLERSHAUSEN. Look West to EBOLDHAUSEN, 1st of the 26th Inf is there. 1st Bn, reinforced by company of light tanks. TFC of the 3rd Armored is SE of WILLERSHAUSEN to town of BOISTE. Southeast of there to SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN is TFK. 1st Bn of the 18th in WULFTEN. Going to HATORF along railroad track is TFK, along the 76 grid. Coming SW is WOLLERSHAUSEN, TFK is there. SE of RUDERSHAUSEN, elements of the 23rd Inf in there, and directly south of ERUDENHAUSEN are elements of the 23rd Inf. The 24th Cav is going towards OSTERODE along with the 18th. G Co of the 18th in KATIENBURG. Rest of the 18th in NORTHEIM. Northwest of NORTHEIM is HOLLENSTEDT, a small tank and some infantry reported there. A Co of the 18th is going up to clear that out. Elements of the 4th Cav along 8060 grid, along with the 26th Inf. We will start at 1200 hours for assembly area.
- 1005 - The information as above is given to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2.
- 1055 - Maj. Green G-3 to S-3: Change in route. VII Corps pushing 9th Div thru, and Cav has elements on road in NORTHEIM. Take road DASSEL, then S to RALLIENHAUSEN, E to HILWARTSHAUSEN to MORINGEN. At HOLLENSTEDT, 18th Inf has elements. Enemy reported at 565535. 1 Co of the 18th going to clear it up. Additional enemy at 6351, 3rd Bn of the 18th is to clear this. More enemy reported at 675480, and the 2nd Bn of the 18th is to clear this. There is a good bridge on road from MORINGEN to HOLLENSTEDT, takes 50 ton, 18th Inf used it.

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- 1055 - G-2 Maj. Lauten to Capt. Hall S-2: (Same enemy information as above is given) 2nd Bn of the 18th in fire fight at 677477. Bridges are in at RR 636457; road bridge C-636452, 638451. General information: Captured some people VI Corps; 6 WYERCHRIS, and 466th Motorized Div. The Corps is disorganized; no communication with troops. Part of its stuff was captured by L Co of the 18th. Corps Commander MATTEHALT. 66 Corps is further South. Battle Group WESTPHALIA below 66th Corps.
- 1100 - G-2 to S-2: SEABERG was cleared by the 18th AB Corps. 2000 PWs taken. 5000 PWs 2 days ago. 7000 PWs taken by the 7th Army. HANNOVER collapsed and surrendered, two prongs advanced from there.
- 1145 - Sgt Collura, Regtl Ops Sgt, gives changes in route to Capt. Merindeno, Transportation Officer, and to Antitank Co.
- 1215 - Maj. Lauten, G-2 reports: "A" troops of the Cav meeting light resistance at 672586. 3rd Bn of the 18th Inf at 663545 encountering enemy and enemy artillery. TFK is close to OSTERODE, receiving SP or tank fire.
- 1315 - CP closes at NEUHAUS and moves forward to new location, LAGERSHAUSEN.
- 1615 - Message - CP opened (Division) at 1430 hours, G-565424.
- 1617 - Message - From G-2: Reliable source states many enemy tanks and vehicles dispersed between LAUTENTHAL and WIIDERMANN, observed night of 10 April.
- 1630 - Message to GO 16th Inf: Report with S-3 to Div CP, as soon as possible.
- 1745 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: 1st Bn PWs - 1 from 31st Engr Co; 1 from the Pz recruit (Paderborn); 2 PWs from Horse Park Paderborn. 7th FA PWs: 2 from the 35th Smoke Co; 2 from the 2nd Marsch Co, 19th Pz Engr Bn. 2 from RAD Bn 238 (Korbach); 2 from the 396th Repl and Training Bn, Northheim. PW from the CIC, PW from the 1st Pz Regt, 1st Pz Div.
- 1805 - Sgt Kurber, 2nd Bn reports: We closed in at 1730 hours. Lt. Chandler to S-2: I want the CIC right away. We had a fire fight in town and I would like to check on some of the people.
- 1825 - S-2 to G-2: I heard that the bridges were out? Ans: The 2nd Bn is in SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN, so there must be some way of crossing. A troop of the Cav and the light tanks had trouble with enemy and enemy artillery at 288 and 300. 3rd Bn of the 18th at 6852. S-2: How about 7342? Ans: "C" troops of the 24th Cav is going there but we have no word on them.
- 1827 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: Service Co picked up 24 PWs - 20 from the Engr Lehr Bn ZEV, 3 from the 26th Engr Bn, and 1 from the 19th Pz Engr Bn. 1st Bn sent in 3 PWs - 2 from the Hq WEHRKREIS VI, and 1 from the hospital.

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- 1850 - Maj. Smith to G-3: Is Maj. Green there? Ans: No, Sir. S-3: Will you tell him to call me, it is rather important.
- 1907 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Red 2: The Colonel wanted me to call to have you be sure to have a good outpost around this town so the enemy do not run away with the CP.
- 1912 - Colonel Beck to S-3: You wanted me to call? Ans: We would like a Co of engrsr, minus one platoon. Col. Beck: Yes. S-3: Would like 1st Recon of 634th TD. Ans: No soap. We have about 200 enemy behind us, we have to use them for this. S-3: Would like one platoon of TDs and 2 platoons of light tanks. Ans: I will call you back to let you know what I can give you.
- 1915 - White 3 to S-3: What do we do tomorrow? Ans: We jump off for HERZBERG, 8043) and take over there. We are having a meeting later tonight with the plans.
- 1922 - S-3 to G-3: About the time tomorrow, we would like to start the main body of 1st Bn at 0800 hours. The Recon group of the 1st Bn at 0600 hours. Ans: I will check on that. The 18th Inf is to hold on left flank and swing around right to HERZBERG and occupy the town. Col. Beck: On the TDs, the answer is no. On the Recon, the answer is no. On the light tanks the answer is, no. On the Engrsr, yes. Will give you light tank platoon later.
- 1945 - The following units have been ~~XXXX~~ notified that there is a meeting at 2015 hours in the Regtl CP: 1st, 2nd Bns; Hq Co, 5th FA, 7th FA, S-4, Cannon Co, Antitank Co, 745th Tank Bn.
- 2000 - Lt. Valten, FWI reports: PWS from the 2nd Bn - 21 stragglers; 3 from Battle group STENBERG. 1st Bn PWS: 9 from Battle Group "Hof-GAESMER". CP of WEHKKREIS VI, yesterday was in KENKERSHAUSEN. Remnants of Engr. Lehr Bn, consists of 150 men - were in woods just out of HILBARISHAUSEN 3754, last night. They are out of water and so the Bn Commander has decided to give up.
- 2105 - S-2 to White 2: Did CIC get up to you? Ans: Yes, they got 4 of them. S-2: The Colonel has all the information on #2 and #3.
- 2113 - S-2 to Red 2: Colonel on his way back with all the latest #2 and #3 informatim. He can give it to you better than I can give it to you over the phone.
- 2115 - White 3 to S-3: When does this platoon of Engineers report down here? Ans: Soon as they report to me I'll send them down. I still do not know when you get the light tanks. Have the overlays ready and also the route for tomorrow. Send an officer down to pick it up.
- 2117 - S-2 to White CP: Is the S-2 there? Ans: He is on his way to Regt.

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- 2130 - White 3 to S-3: Where is the IP going to be and what time? I also want to tie-in with the 7th FA, so I can get F Co on their trucks.
Ans: I'll call you back.
- 2139 - S-3 to White 3: IP will be at WIELERECHTSHAUSEN. Column starts moving at 0800 hours. You leave IP at 1100 hours. Route will be from NORTHEIM to KALTENBURG DUHM, LINDAU, GIEBOLDHAUSEN to HERZBERG. White 3: I'll have F Co at the IP at 0830 hours, so they can get on 7th FA trucks as they go by.
- 2200 - Clerk to Message Center: Give this information to the proper units, -
QM - Gas-Rations at C-555485; Div GRS Pt. C-555485; Div WP C-555485;
DAO at C-560477; Ord C-566489; Engr C-6747; Clearing Station C-538467;
Signal at C-560479; PW cage at C-479469.
- 2201 - Message from CG 1st Div: Co A, less one platoon, attached to 16th Inf effective 112100 April. CO of Co A report immediately to 16th Inf at 6052.
- 2220 - S-2 to G-2: Gives FWI report for today, as previously listed. G-2: Got a total of 1500 PWs for today. 3rd Bn of the 18th has people in OSTERODE now. HANOVER is reported cleared. 2nd Armored up to 2590 grid, they are 100 miles from BERLIN. All of V Corps is at 20 Easting and meeting nothing. Tactical Recon reports they had a field day East of the HATRZ mountains. Our people knocked out 5 tanks today, but we lost about the same number. Col. Beck to Lt. Kestlinger: Are you closed in yet? Ans: Yes, Sir. We close at about 1700 hours. Sorry we did not call you on it.
- 2400 - White Bn reports negative.

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- 0110 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: D Co picked up a couple PWs in civilian clothes, B Co picked up a couple, and there are about 10 still around. We are sending the PWs back. One has a map showing where they were going and so forth.
- 0115 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0125 - Lt. Evans, 1st Bn reports: 2nd platoon of C Co, on outpost, spotted a few enemy coming over the hill and fired on them with machine-guns.
- 0410 - 1st Bn reports negative.
- 0600 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0615 - S-3 to G-3: Find out from the 3rd Armored if they have HERZBERG yet, or if they have any changes. (G-3 calls at 0620 hours and gives the following information); Talked with Colonel Bewles, who said they were to be relieved by TFL of the 104th, and that his people had called for TDs. They have the town about two-thirds taken, and there is enemy in it. S-3: (Gives the following message for Colonel Beck and from Colonel Gibb) - do you want us to start from here now, or do you want us to wait until HERZBERG has been cleared by the 3rd Armored, as we were previously ordered to do?
- 0630 - Colonel Gibb to General Andrus: Everything is mixed up up there, and they haven't moved since last night. What do you want me to do? Gen. Andrus: Do not move until you get the dope from me to move.
- 0645 - Col. Beck to Maj. Smith: We do not want you to go into HERZBERG until it is clear. You will move on our order.
- 0715 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn, to Major Smith: What is dope on the delay? S-3: No Town, the place that we were to go thru has not been cleared. Tell Colonel Grant that he will not move until ordered to by this headquarters.
- 0810 - S-3 to Col. Beck, G-3: Any new information? Ans: TFL has the Southern 2/3rds of the town. You go ahead and get one Bn west of the town and prepare to go in when the situation clears. S-3: I have people up there now in contact. G-3: General Taylor is up to the Cav now to get them cracking.
- 0815 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO, to Clerk: Route of the 4th Cav Sqdrn - 820580, 900558, RJ 040534, RJ 952552, town 9951. Route of the 24th Cav sqdra - town 8043, 870592 RJ 927500, RJ 958480, RJ 970490, RJ 992465, town 0345.

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- 0820 - Capt. Carroll, 745th Tnk Bn, to Capt. Clark: What is the dope? Ans: 1st Bn has been put on an hour alert. Do not know what time we will move. Town of HERZBERG has not been cleared yet.
- 0823 - INTERCEPT MESSAGE: From CO 26th Inf to CG 1st Inf Div: All bridges out on our sector. Request permission to move through town 7450, also request position of the 18th Inf.
- 0823 - G-3 to S-3: What route are you using? S-3: (Gives route as previously listed). Ans: OK, I just wanted to make some plans.
- 0825 - S-2 to G-2: Any information? G-2: We have an unconfirmed report that E Co of the 18th Inf is in HORTEN, but I am not sure. 1st Bn of the 26th Inf reports that bridge is out at 724582. One platoon of the 26th Inf is at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 724593, rest of the Bn is south of that. 3rd Bn is in the town. 2nd Bn is in the FORSTE area. As of 0700 hours, the 104th Inf had a Task Force fighting in the North part of HERZBERG, and report it 2/3 clear.
- 0830 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck: Gives the information which was brought back from the 104th Inf Div sector by Lt. Kestlinger. They will not let us use the road at 680408, until they have their troops out. The town there is not clear yet (HERZBERG).
- 0840 - S-6 to G-3: Just get word back that they do not want me East of RJ 680408. There are Infantry and enemy tanks in the town. My lead elements are 1 1/2 hours from HERZBERG. Now, do you want me to go ahead, as you ordered before? If I move, I'll have to move my whole regiment. Ans: I'll find out and call you back.
- 0852 - Maj. Margolis, Mil. Govt O, to S-5, Colonel Herner: Was thinking of going back to either D Co of the 1st Medics, or where the wreck is and find out the story on it. (Refers to accident which a Military Govt. truck had in movement from NEUHAUS to LAGERSHAUSEN. The vehicle turned over killing two persons and wounding several. Irving Batten, of the Regtl enlisted staff S-1, was one of these who were killed). Col. Herner: Just get the story from Lt. Henry of Service Company. The Polish officer will be available in a day or so. Your driver is back already.
- 0900 - White 3 to S-3: When do we get that platoon of engrg? Ans: When you are committed, you will pick them in in HERZBERG.
- 0910 - RADIO INTERCEPT: CO 26th Inf to CG 1st Div: Cav is a t Pt 144, and is not moving. We are passing thru it. Feet road not useable. Enemy mortar fire heavy caliber, landing in this area (signed 120850).
- 1002 - G-2 to S-2: Troop C, 24th Cav Sqdrn forward elements at 756488, no opposition in there. A report from VII Corps says that the 2nd Armored is in MAGDENBURG. As far as we know HERZBERG is not taken yet.

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- 1010 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: We are trying to move the entire armor out new. We may have to push with the 18th Inf. S-6: If I could get my 3rd Bn back, I would like to push a Bn from BAD LOTTERBERG and working up that way. Ans: Just stand by and we will keep you posted.
- 10200- White 2 to Capt. Hall: I got a Communist over here. He wants to talk on the radio to the Germans to get them to quit. S-2: We have no way to use him. Tell him to wait until the Military Government gets there to see him.
- 1028 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: We get a message from VII Corps to get word to DOAN to move his stuff out immediately, and get going as soon as he can. You are to get one Bn into HERZBERG by infiltration and move the balance of your stuff as soon as DOAN can move out. S-6: Tell the General to get the Cav out of my hair and to get my Bn back. Ans: OK, I will see what I can do.
- 1045 - S-3 to Maj. Rawie, 5th FA CO: The 1st Bn has the mission of clearing resistance left in HERZBERG. The Colonel wants you in area 7541 to support attack if necessary. Move battery at a time, well spaced. At least a half hour between batteries. 1st Bn recon will be on the road in about 15 minutes. Main body on the road in about 3/4 of an hour. HATTORF is also clear. Ans: OK, I will start my recon in a few minutes.
- 1110 - S-3 to White 3: The 1st Bn moves to HERZBERG by infiltration. Send Lt. Chandler, he will go with us, and then we will send him back to you with instructions as to where to move. White 3: Our F company can probably move with the 5th FA. S-3: OK.
- 1115 - Capt. Fish, Adjutant, to Hq. Co: Advance group to move with Col. Herner; Hqs Co will move after the 1st Bn. The 1st Bn will move at 1200 hours.
- 1535 - MESSAGE: From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Enemy infantry at 820430, four 88's at 810439. Four Mark VI tanks and 3 co's of infantry reported by civilian at 855475.
- 1543 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to S-6: Area in the vicinity of Pt 6 on the other side is held by enemy. According to patrol, by visual contact, the bridge is in but we will not know until we get there. Route of approach is covered by machine gun and tank fire.
- 1545 - MESSAGE from CG 1st Div: Div CP open at 1340 hours at C-739506.
- 1630 - Operator to Lt. Stephens: We have a line to A Co, 1st Engrs.
- 1637 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: Cleared to 815439, crossing is in. Cleared A Co area to 802435, and that crossing is also in. Clearing of buildings out there is in process.

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- 1655 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any information? Ans: (Gives information as above from the 1st Bn).
Stephens:
- 1715 - Red 2 to Lt. ~~Kestlinger~~: 7 or 8 more PWs picked up by B Co., at the factory on the NE side of town. Identifications are 204th Pz Flak, 1066 Field, 159th Inf, 26th Volksgrenadier and a couple of medics. S-2: Information is given that last night 3 SP guns were located at 816441. The 26th Volksgrenadier Div identified in front of us.
- 1743 - Lt. Stephens to Red Bn: When the trucks are through, turn them over to S-3.
- 1744 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: When you are through with the trucks, turn them over to S-4.
- 1750 - Lt. Valten, PW1, reports: I have a Dutchman here who says there are between 22 and 25 machine gun emplacements between here and SIEBER. They are supposed to be located on both sides of the road. Have 7 PWs from Battle Group SHAFFER.
- 1800 - S-2 to Red 6: Gives above information. Red 6: We are getting fire from up the road and from the road junction. B Co is held up by 20mm fire from the right. No mortar fire but we are getting artillery fire from 75ms and 105s.
- 1813 - Colonel Gibb to 4th Cav: When is your platoon going to start? Ans: Starting now. S-6: 1st Bn is up to the 82 Werthing. He elements are getting fire from the ravine on the road to IONAU. Get in touch with him and give him all the information on when your platoon is leaving and mission of it.
- 1815 - S6 to White 3: The Cav is going up the road to IONAU. Tell Colonel Grant that it will only be necessary for one company to be in that area.
- 1816 - Red 2 reports: Tell Capt. Hall, S-2, that I just sent up 6 more PWs. 1 PW was from the 26th. Capt. Hall wanted to know when we got a PW who was in the 26th.
- 1820 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Got 14 more PWs most of them from the 26th. They are odds and ends put together under one command. My guard that brings them up will point out one man for you, he is willing to talk, and he has a map.
- 1835 - Col. Driscoll to S-6: A Co is at 815445. B Co is at 823443, receiving 20mm AA and machine gun and artillery fire. Bridge is in. S-6: Can you get the tanks over it? Ans: Yes.
- 1905 - Red 2 to Clerk: We are sending 13 PWs in. One has a map and wants to talk.
- 1915 - Red 6 to S-5: Large enemy tank at 820445.
- 1930 - Red 6 to S-6: 3 big tanks and 1 halftruck close to B Co. Cub was directing fire on it, but it was falling on B Co. Think we have it straightened out now. The tanks were coming up the draw.

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- 1945 - Red 6 to S-5: A Co is at 82345; B Co at 835452; C Co at 821448, and still moving. Tanks following C Co. Enemy moving out in front of them.
- 1950 - Above information sent to G-3 by radio.
- 2000 - White 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where are the 3 camps we are to guard? Ans: One is by the CP, one by Service Co, and one in the center of the town - right below the castle.
- 2020 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? Ans: Getting PWs from the 26th Div, they are all adds and ends. They do not know much. We haven't had many casualties. No report on the artillery fire. Getting some SP and tank fire, though.
- 2030 - Message from G-2: Through personal interview with escaped French PW an Engineer has the following reports: At 79550132 and 79613, 3 guns vic of 798611 2 guns. Vicinity of 807607 2 guns, net in position as of ~~2000~~ yesterday. Approximately 50 tanks, Tigers and Panthers, were seen on the 8 April moving E between objective and 7659. There was a General in 8659 and it is believed that the remnants of all troops will reform and put up a fight either in ZILLERFEID or at 9851, or 9249. The latter two being excellent terrain for defense. There are 2 roads leading into town from SW. One is believed to be mined in the vicinity of 774548. There were no trenches or road blocks near town as of 10 April. Powder works which extends from 815595 to 830594, which was bombed 17 October, but is to be used as secondary defense with 40 SS troops and Volkstrumers as garrison. This report is considered reliable.
- 2050 - S-3 to Red 5: We do not get the 3rd Bn but they do what we want anyway. They go thru ELLRICH to BENECKENSTEIN. They will have normal attachments. Ans: What are we doing tomorrow? S-3: Continue your mission. Red-3: A Co at 829465; B Co at 845458; C Co due south of A Co but we are going to move C Co to 837457. There are two tanks in front of C Company.
- 2100 - Col. Grant to S-2: Anything new? Ans: (Gives positions of the units as previously listed).
- 2105 - S-3 to Lt. Meere: Ed can plan on losing his 3rd Bn tanks and have only this normal TD platoon. 3rd Bn is going thru ELLRICH to BENECKENSTEIN.
- 2110 - S-3 to Capt. Murphy, CO Co A, 1st Engrs: (Gives 3rd B n plan).
- 2114 - Lt. Meere to S-2: G Co road block is at 808438. Getting direct tank fire and small arms fire from 809438. Think it is friendly. S-2: I will check, but I doubt it.
- 2116 - S-2 to Red 2: (Inquires concerning above item 2114 hours. Red 2 will check).

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- 2120 - 18th Inf to S-3: E Co of the 18th at 785451 going to 785466 where they will button-up and outpost at 792456. G of the 18th is at 773468 going to 779474 and button-up with outposts at 786468. Both companies report small arms fire. E Co reports enemy tank in the vicinity of 776451. We are not moving tomorrow but will patrol to phase line 10 and to the 26th Inf.
- 2130 - Col. Curtis, G-3, to S-3: PW cage is in NORTHEIM.
- 2131 - S-3 to G-3: Gives company positions of A, B and C.
- 2133 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Wezenski, Blue 6: Pick up a platoon of tanks and release platoon of TDs in this town.
- 2140 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes: Wezenski just called me and L Company is already committed and can not be brought down. Unless they are pulled out they will be up there all the time. Ans: They will be taken care of, OK.
- 2145 - Lt. Moore, to Capt. Hall: G Co picked up a major on northeast part of town in a paper mill. He is a member of the Luftwaff. He said the 26th Volk Gren Div Hq is located in LONAU, 813468, and that they have no intentions of moving soon.
- 2155 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I gave Maj. Smith the Co locations awhile ago, and I gave him the wrong locations. Here are the locations: A Co is at 830469, C Co is at 828456, B Co is at 843456. The main bridge is not in but the one west of it is in. C Co estimated 5 tanks, several halftracks and infantry in front of them in the draw. B Co said they hear plenty of stuff in the valley in front of them. We had one jeep hit something and it ruined 4 tires. Do not know what it was. All companies are buttoning-up.
- 2210 - Capt. Catrell, 745th Tnk Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger: How about the plans for the morning? Ans: Have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast, and we will give you a call in the morning about the future plans. (Gave 1st Bn positions).
- 2235 - S-2 to G-2: Get some more prisoners. 12 more from Battle group Shaffer. 13 from 2nd Co., 78th VGD. 1 from 507th AA Brig and 1 from a hospital. Also get a Major and a Lt. The Lt. was wounded and is recovering. The Major is in Personnel Dept. of the Luftwaffer in BERLIN. In town of LONAU, 813468, he said in that town today was a headquarters of the 26th VGD, and that they did not appear to be in any hurry to move. (Gave the company positions for our units). G-2: The plans for tomorrow stand a good chance of getting another pocket. S-2: How about BAD LOTTERBERG? G-2: The last report I heard it was not clear yet. BAD STACHA reported clear today. Teck ELICH without resistance. A report that an Army CP at WEILERMAN (probably 11th Army).

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- 2300 - S-5 to Capt. Dien, Service Co: Tell Major McKean, S-4, there are 3 Allied prisoners of War Camps in HERZBERG, and for him to report it to G-4 and pick up rations for 600.
- 2325 - Lt. Walten, PWI reports: In interrogated this major and Lt, and I could not get anymore than they get at the battalien. All he knew was of the 26th VGD in LONAU.

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LOCATION: HERZBERG, Germany, 798424.

- 0047 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Edmonds, Red 5: Anything new? Red 5: There is a heavy road block near C Co. They are getting it cleared. B Co reported beaucoup enemy. The hills are steeper than we have ever seen. An assault gun of ours has thrown a track on the road, and it is blocking our path. Lt. Stricklin is with A Co. We are getting a tank dozer to clear the road block.
- 0100 to 0300 hours, negative reports are received from the 1st and 2nd Bns, and forwarded to G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0315 - 1st Bn to Capt. Clark: Negative report. Did the Engr Officer get the message to report to 1st Bn? Ans: Yes.
- 0400 to 0600 hours, negative reports received from the 1st and 2nd Bns, and forwarded to G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0600 - Capt. Clark, duty officer, reviews activity for the night for G-2, Lt. Stineway. Information previously listed in journal items of 12-13 April.
- 0635 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2, reports in at Regtl CP, and inquires concerning road to be used by the 3rd Bn.
- 0640 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6, to Capt. Clark: The road to C Co is a very poor road, and will not stand MSR traffic for any length of time. I recommend that a wooden bridge be put in on the main road, the gap is not good. If the bridge is put in, it will give a hard-to-hard road. Capt. Clark: Are you doing anything now? Red 6: Oh Yes. We are pushing forward.
- 0745 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5 to Capt. Clark: Have a German officer that I am sending in to the PW cage by jeep. He has only been in the area about 24 hours, but he saw quite a bit of stuff on the way. He speaks English very well and is perfectly willing to talk. Tell Capt. Hall that I would like to know the results of the interrogation.
- 0755 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: (Gives the positions of the 1st Bn, as of last previous listing, and the information that they will start to push between 0800 and 0900 hours). The 2nd Bn is in the town with us and they will jump off today.
- 0800 - Col. Driscoll to Capt. Clark: Several tanks and inf are holding up C Co. The other Co's can move but will not until C Co is able to get up. I am trying to get armor around to take care of them. There are two trucks, one tank, a command car, and motorcycle out in front of B Co. - we are getting some fire on it.



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- 0815 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2: Where is C Co? Ans: It is at 823354.
- 0830 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5, to Capt. Clark: Col. Driscoll wants a platoon of Engrs attached to him as it is wasted time when they have to come from A Co engineers. It takes too much time. Ans: Maj. Smith says that you will get a platoon of engineers as soon as he can get it.
- 0845 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Murphy, CO A Co, 1st Engrs: Get a platoon of engrs up to 1st Bn and have them stay there. If you want to send chow up by jeep to them, it is OK.
- 0848 - Red 5 to S-3: (Conversation concerned the platoon of engrs that are going to 1st Bn Fwd CP). Red 3: C Co started to move up the road and 400 to 500 yards up the road they ran into 2 enemy tanks. A and B Co's have not started yet.
- 0900 - Col. Beck, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: On that message that I sent last night about C Co of the 634th TDs detached from the 4th Cav., and attached to the 18th Inf, it is amended to read - "will be detached and attached in Division order". 2nd Bn of the 18th Inf got off at 0730 hours on extensive patrols to phase line #10; 3rd Bn of 18th Inf jumped off at 0800 hours. Cavalry got off at 0500 hours.
- 0910 - S-3 to White 2: Did the 3rd Bn pick up platoon of tanks from you today? Ans: No, they have not.
- 0924 - S-3 to S-4: (Spoke of rations for the Engrs, and tanks).
- 0927 - Red 3 to S-3: What is going on up North? Ans: 18th Inf clears out all those trails going up to LONAU. 3rd Bn going to vicinity of ELLRICH. BAD LAUTERBERG and BAD SACHSA are cleared. Red 6: Someone is between A Co and us now. A Co hears small arms to left rear. Ans: That is the 18th Inf. Red 6: Several tanks running around out here. Two tanks, a Mark VI and Mark IV in front of C Co. There are three or four up where B Co is, near the road junction. We are still trying to go up over the ridge. I will let you know how it turns out later.
- 1000 - S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: Things are going slow. There are two tanks in front of the center company. The flanks can move as fast as they can walk but the company on the road is meeting all the stuff. We are trying to work to the flank from the ridge. Is the 18th Inf going to clear LONAU? ~~XXX~~ G-3: Yes. They are working on it now. They are starting from 787457.
- 1020 - White 2 to S-3: What is new? Ans: 1st Bn is still working on the tanks up there. 3rd Bn is going up thru ELLRICH. 18th Inf is cleaning up the town of LONAU, north of G Co.
- 1028 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? Red 2: Tanks are still holding us up. There are tanks right near C Co. We are trying to work around it with our TDs. S-2: PW taken by B Co says there are about 200 men in his Bn - 4 Co's of about 50 each. He says that he saw two tanks in the area. Up until yesterday his Bn was only armed with rifles. He was an artillery officer but his guns were all destroyed. They even eat all of the horses that were pulling the guns. Have another PW, a sergeant, who says that

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there are 3 guns still active around LONAU. We are interrogating him now.

- 1040 - S-2 to G-2: New identifications are - 1 man on furlough; 4 men from BG SHAEFFER; 34 men from the 26th Arty Bn; 3 men from the 3rd Bn of the 26th Arty Regt; 5 men from the 26th VGD. A Total of 47. (PW report as given in item of 1028 hours is repeated).
- 1050 - S-6 to G-3: We are having trouble on the road to SIEBER. Is the town of BAD LAUTERBERG taken yet? G-3: I do not know. S-6: Well, if it is taken I want to send the I&R to ST. ANDREASBERG. If it is not, I'll send the 2nd Bn. G-3: I'll call you back.
- 1055 - S-6 to Red 6: What is the dope? Red 6: We have two tanks up on the ridge with A Co now. S-6: I am sending the I&R to BAD LAUTERBERG, if that is clear, they will go to ST. ANDREASBERG.
- 1100 - FWI to S-2: Sergeant we have is from the 3rd Bn of the 26th Arty Regt. He got caught by taking the wrong road. He says that the 3rd Bn has three 105's left and the 2nd Bn has five 105's left. The regt has 8 or 9 guns left. He saw three Tiger or Panther tanks going S of LONAU. In the vicinity of 835479 at 1800 hours last night he saw a battery of guns. He asked the men who were there what outfit they were from, and they said 309th. Do not know what that is. He said he heard that another division was working here too. As of 1700 and 1800 hours last night the CP of the 26th Div was North of SIEBER, 86134850. CP of the 3rd Bn 26th Arty Regt in LONAU, 81424680. CP of the 26th Arty Regt at 85924785, but he believes that they have all moved to ANDREASBERG. He also says that it will be tough to make the 26th Div surrender as the General in Command is a relative of Himmler.
- 1110 - Lt. Kestlinger gives situation information as of this hour to Lt. Moore.
- 1125 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: Have some dope for you. The town is the 104th Div's. Have a Corps periodic on it. 3rd Bn of the 413th is at 905417. TFL is in town S of that. S-6: I'll get my I&R up there and if it looks good, I'll move my 2nd Bn there. We have 6 tanks in front of us. We have two of ours on the high ground now to work on them. Col. Beck: Talked to Williamson, he says his F Co is at 808485, they report short clashes with the enemy. E Co is working S on a place called LONAU.
- 1140 - Lt. Grasset, 104th Recon, to Sgt. Minno: On the 413th CP - unable to contact them. Here is a message we intercepted from the 413th: Bn 3 at 8940 receiving fire from high ground to N and SE. Blocks 3 and 4 covered. Towns at 0638 and 230355 have been cleared. No friends there now. Time signed 1100B.
- 1200 - S-3 to Red 3: Anything new? Red 3: Still trying to work around down there so the C Co can move. Everytime they try to move, they get hit. Got two tanks out with A Co, going to work on the tanks that are holding C Co up from there.

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- 1210 - PW reports: From the 1st Bn - 10 PW's from 2nd Co. BG Wilde. 2 PWs from BG Schaeffer. One from 571st Repl Regt. From the 7th FA - 5 PWs from the 26th VGD. From Cannon Co - 1 PW, on furlough.
G-2:
- 1220 - S-2 to ~~XXXXXX~~ Gives the above PW report.
- 1225 - S-6 to Red 6: How is it going? Red 6: Not so good. I am going to move the others on and try to get behind them. Our tanks are not much good here. The enemy tanks have about a company of infantry dug in around them. S-6: OK, keep me posted.
- 1248 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tank Bn: Is your platoon there from the 2nd Bn? Ans: Yes. Lt. S: Tell him to stay with the 2nd Bn. Capt. Carroll: Change of plans? Ans: Yes.
- 1249 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Moore, 2nd Bn: Anything further on E Company? Ans: They are being attacked now at 808468 by infantry. (Lt. Stephens reviews the situation as pf previous items of this journal).
- 1300 - White 3 to S-3: Where is the Cavalry that was going to LONAU? S-3: Their orders were changed. White 3: A Civilian reported one heavy tank and 300 enemy are on the road. According to a sergeant in our OP, an American jeep went up the road and was captured. S-3: Why didn't the OP stop him? White 3: That was before the civilian report. S-3: Where is the OP? Ans: OP is on the high ground on the left. We have troops on the high ground and tanks on the road in case something shows up. S-3: What about mines? White 3: No mines layed. S-3: Lgy them. White 3: OK. Is the 18th Inf in LONAU? S-3: E Co is at 808468 in fight with infantry. Remainder at 810497. White 3: There are no troops between us and the 18th Inf? S-3: Right. White 3: Can we fire some artillery on the enemy? S-3: Yes. The Cavalry is working up roads from the north. Our K Co is with the 4th Cav. 3rd Bn (-) will go and take BENNECKENSTEIN and HASSELFELDE. If they take that, they will move to BRAUNLAGE. At present in ELLRICH. There is a possibility that you will move to BAD LAUTERBERG. At present being worked on by Bn of the 413th. The I&R platoon is reconnoitering route now. I will let you know about it later - then you will move and take ST. ANDREASBERG. White 3: What about the 1st Bn? S-3: 1st Bn is still having trouble. They are working up with A Company. C and B Co's are OK, but no routes. White 3: At 857457, two enemy tanks are reported. S-3: The road to the town of BAD LAUTERBERG has been reconnoitered. You can't use the main road all the way - there are road blocks interfering. You will have to work around.
- 1315 - S-3 to White 3: Here, is a mission for you. You will send a Task Force, consisting of a Co of tanks and Engr support to take LONAU from the N of HERZBERG. I will tie everything in with the 18th Inf. White 3: Do we continue to block the roads from the E and N? S-3: Yes. White 3: What about the 18th Inf? S-3: It will be a concentrated attack by the 18th Inf and us. When the Co gets up there, we will bring them back or we will see what the situation may bring, and push from there. White 3: What about the boundaries? S-3: No boundaries, except the road between HERZBERG and LONAU must be cleared. White 3: Can we commit another co if needed? Ans: Only with approval of Col. Gibb. The 18th has E Co working up there. They are running into Inf. White 3: If we take it, we block the roads from the E and N? S-3: Check. White 3: We will start in about one hour.

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- 1315 - S-2 to Red 2: If you come along to any labor camps, etc., you are to put a guard on it and keep the people inside.
- 1325 - Col. Dane (Kacket? Code name) to S-3: The radio liaison with you (Cav) is using the wrong radio band. They should be using 3416 band. They will be getting the information much quicker. S-3: How are they doing up there? Ans: They are in contact all the way. One Task Force went up the road N and ran into road block, 3 miles N of the town at 003397; another is moving NE at 056378. Other moving E meeting small arms fire. They captured a PW who stated several road blocks to the N is held by 50 SS men. S-3: Are you planning to employ the 3rd Bn? Ans: I have no word from Col. Mac Donald. I will let you know if anything comes up.
- 1330 - Lt. Valtan, PWI reports: 11 PWs from the 1st Bn of the 26th Arty.
- 1330 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Maj. Smith: That jeep that went through our outpost was captured, he was shot in the leg, escaped, and came back through our outpost. He is at the Aid Station; they will evacuate him. He is from the 109th AA Bn.
- 1332 - Maj. Smith to Maj. MacGregor: Where are your elements in regard to LONAU? Ans: 808468. They attacked from the N and we counterattacked from the flanks; after some progress our people pulled back 800 yards. There seems to be a Co of 60 to 70 men in the area. There are people in position facing SW. It is not a serious situation. S-3: I am sending a reinforced Co up from HERZBERG to get in the town. We can push from two directions. This will lessen the enemy pressure. Who ever gets in the town, will contact the other. I will keep in contact with you. 18th Inf S-3: What Co will do this? Ans: Our G Co will be doing it.
- 1337 - S-3 to Red 3: The Col. wants you to definitely take town of SIEBER if you can advance with C Co or not. Ans: C Co is moving now. They are approaching buildings at 387457. S-3: Keep pushing with A and B Co's. 2nd Bn has been ordered to send a reinforced Co up to take LONAU. Will start in about 45 minutes. Will probably be G Co. 3rd Bn has not moved yet. They are in ELLRICH. Have not hit anything on road to NW yet, i.e., the 4th Cav. 18th Inf is just W of LONAU. They are at 808468 with E Co, and 811497 with F Co. Red 3: A and B Co's will be moving very shortly.
- 1350 - MESSAGE: White Fwd to White Rear: Running into small arms fire and 2 rounds of SP. Request litter jeep 400 yards beyond bridge.
- 1354 - Maj. Green to Maj. Smith: How far along is the 2nd Bn plan? Ans: 3rd of the 413th is at 50 line in the town of LOTTERBERG. Meeting ~~many~~ small arms fire and tank fire. Between HERZBERG and LONAU are considerable enemy. Sending G Co up there with tanks to take LONAU. G-3: 26th Inf is running into plenty. S-3: We are only reconnoitering down there now. 2nd Bn is setting pat, except for G Co which is taking LONAU.

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- 1408 - White 3 to S-3: Anything else on G Co jump off? Ans: I have given the 18th Inf their call signs so that ties that in very nice. White 3: We have 2 platoons of tanks we can use now, right? Ans: If you need them. If you find you can not use the LONAU road because of fire, it will have to be cleared. White 3: What about the Engrs? Ans: I will have Capt. Murphy come up and he will give you any support you need.
- 1415 - Col. Barnes to General Andrus: I was talking to VII Corps and he said every effort will be made to get this going. Ans: We are making every effort. I do not see any possibility of moving anybody else East. If there is anymore going east, it will be the Cavalry.
- 1425 - 104th IO reports: We received the following message which might be of interest to you: Reference town at 835400, one of our patrols encountered small arms and machine gun fire at that town, they were working it over.
- 1435 - Col. Heath CO 7th FA, to Capt. Clark: What is the 2nd Bn doing? Ans: (Gave information about G Co as above).
- 1445 - White 3 to S-3: G Co is moving. Do not know if we contacted the 18th Inf or not. We got a call from E Co of the 2nd, so I imagine it is E Co the 18th Inf. We still havent seen the Engrs. Ans: I will check on it.
- 1450 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Murphy: Get the Engr officer to 2nd Bn now, and if you have to pull him off of what he is doing, that is OK. Ans: Right.
- 1520 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 3 enemy tanks and inf at 838458 in front of C Co. B Co had tank fire on them from 848458. A Co is moving up the ridge, NW of 15 in the woods.
- 1524 - Col. Driscoll to Lt. Kestlinger: Is there any air around any place? Ans: Do you have a good target, sir? Red 6: 4 enemy tanks at 842461, just forced them out of factory area and they are on the road now. Ans: I will call Div and find out. I will call back.
- 1526 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Green, G-3: Is there any air available? Ans: I do not think so, but I will check. What do you have? Lt. Kestlinger: 4 enemy tanks at 842461. They forced them out of the factory area and they are on the road now.

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- 1545 - S-6 to Red 6: How are things going? Ans: C Co is fighting in the factory. Chased 3 tanks out of there. 4 tanks are on the RJ. Arty is firing - we are going to get the Cib up. B Co is not moving. A tank is up the read. A Co is moving between 83rd and 84th grids.
- 1550 - S-3 to White 6: The Colonel says you can use anything you want to get the objective. Ans: OK, I'll use E Co, they are 400 yards past the bridge.
- 1550 - MESSAGE - Cannon Co to CO 16th Inf: Request air mission on Red check points 16, 3 enemy tanks along the read.
- 1550 - MESSAGE - Cannon Co to CO 16th Inf: 4 enemy tanks going into SIEBER, request air mission on SIEBER.
- 1602 - ~~XXX~~ PWI reports: 15 PWs from 1st Bn, from the 3rd Co, 26th Arty Bn.
- 1610 - Capt. Murphy CO Co A, 1st Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: Maj. Smith wanted me to put a road block on the read going SW to NORTHHAUSEN. That read is marked with a big "E". It is an "E" route. In addition a truck from the 662nd Engrs is deserted there and it is full of holes, and there is an enemy road block there. Ans: I'll have Maj. Smith call you in about 10 minutes.
- 1610 - RADIO I&R: Cannot use big boy, so investigate little ones.
- 1615 - S-6 to G-3: Gives situation of this hour as of previous items of this journal.
- 1620 - S-3 to Capt. Murphy: That is the E route. Ans: But you cannot use the read. S-3: Put a block on it and send the people around by another route.
- 1625 - S-6 to G-6: B of the 24th Cav at 010380 stopped and constructing road block. C of the 24th Cav fighting and advancing on feet at 053393. I & G of the 24th is stopped, 3 of the 16th will pass through A of the 24th at 110363 and blocking to E and N. G of the 16th Inf has platoon at 817457, rest of G at 810450. E of the 16th Inf is moving to attack. C of 16th at 840457. B of the 16th Inf at 846456.
- 1628 - White 3 to S-3: Get a report from platoon. They are 800 yards N of the bridge and are moving. Tanks are moving with them. We have no TDS you know. S-3: I'll send you two from F company.
- 1637 - G-3 to S-3: Line has been out for quite a while so I thought that we ought to have a talk. S-3: G Co has 1 platoon going up main read and getting fire but still moving. G-3: About how far are they? S-3: 810450. Other platoon going up trail, going up the ridge in the same direction (818456) and are still moving. Tanks are with both of the platoons. There is an enemy road block in the vicinity of 818456, and this has to be cleared. G-3: How about the 1st Bn? S-3: The 4 tanks turned out to be 7 tanks. A Co is at 839475; C Co at 837457 with six tanks in front of them. Two tanks at 839458 and 4 more covering the two from 842462;

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We want it retrieved by a patrol with a tank, M-8 or TD. The truck is about half way to the town. The road to SHARZFELD was cleared by the TD people that I told you about. Send a recon patrol down to see what is holding the road block, the force, condition of road, and leave a small defense force there and the engr's will clear the road block.

- 1810 - Maj. Green to S-3: E Co 18th Inf is ready to replace G Co. VII Corps #6 is here and he wants to know how much artillery was fired at the enemy tanks? S-3: About 400 rounds medium and beaucoup light. G-3: How was it fired? S-3: By observed (ground) and the Cub. G-3: How many tanks observed? Ans: 7 to 10 tanks, in front of our 1st Bn, fired by ground and Cub observation. The enemy used two tanks in front, Mark VI's, and 500 yards to the rear keep 4 more covering the 2 tanks. A Co is at 840475; C Co at 840458; B Co at 840456. The front line extends more in front of the tanks. Enemy on high ground to the East of us, 4 Co's of infantry. SE of the town another Co on a road block. SE of HERZBERG, enemy dug in on the high ground at 817422. They have a road block covered by fire, (on road leading from SHARZFELD). Enemy is on the high ground N of SHARZFELD, a couple of companies. They had a fight in that town all day (104th Cav).
- 1810 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: Do you want that patrol to go all the way to the town? Ans: Yes.
- 1820 - White 3 to S-3: If the patrol to the road block runs into a fight, should they stay there? Ans: No, but I want that truck. White 3: What time? S-3: 2045 hours.
- 1830 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: All companies are moving slowly and surely towards the town of SIEBERT. It is rough going and the Colonel is pressing his men - wants to take town tonight. C Co receiving machine gun fire from the road junction. They have the tanks with them. They are at 844459. B Co is heading for that hill on the 85 line, then going to hill at 863473. Forming line generally NE. G Co will move right in town. Companies receiving fire all along the valley.
- 1835 - Lt. Stephens to White 2: 104th Recon will be waiting for the patrol at 2100B. 104th are going to hold in town until relieved by elements of the 413th.
- 1840 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: We had one man KIA, 16 WIA, 26 PWs taken. One 5th FA officer, Lt. Powers, was wounded; picked up in the school house. Where in the hell is E Co of the 18th Inf? Ans: They are supposed to be coming now.
- 1850 - Lt. Stephens to 5th FA: Our G Co picked up Lt. Powers of your outfit who was wounded. He was found in the school house. Ans: What about his men? Lt. S: I do not know. The officer was evacuated through Co A, 1st Medics.

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- 1905 - White 2 to S-3: F Co would like to start their patrol right away. The Engr Officer would like to see the road block in the daylight. They have been half way there and they would like to go now. Ans: OK, the 104th has been notified to expect you by 2100 hours. White 2: OK.
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- 1955 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn S-1 to Lt. Stephens: Can you tell me where the Engrs CP is located? Ans: They are in town somewhere. White 1: Where is A Co of the Engrs? Ans: They are right around the corner from us.
- 2015 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: (x x x first part of conversation not monitored x x x) At least the 18th Inf will be pinned out. S-6: 1st Bn now moving, hope to have SIEBER tonight. G-3: I figured it out and we have a front 27 miles and no Div can attack successfully on that big a front with so much in front. S-6: My I&R Sgt is at BAD LAUTERBERG. I will make every effort tomorrow to take St. ANNRAESBERG. My 1st Bn knocked out a Mark VI tank today at 843459 with a bazooka. About 190 prisoners for today.

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- 1955 - Col. Driscoll to Col. Gibb: C Co is moving a little now. Got a VI tank with a bazooka. We may bet up to that place tonight, or at least to the high ground. Got over 100 PWs. S-6: Want you to button-up before dark and send bazooka people out tonight. Do not be afraid to shoot artillery as there is an ammo dump close. Red 6: Had about 15 casualties. C Co is moving out from where those tanks were behind the buildings.
- 1955 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn S-1 to Lt. Stephens: Can you tell me where the Engrs CP is located? Ans: They are in town somewhere. White 1: Where is A Co of the Engrs? Ans: They are right around the corner from us.
- 2015 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: (x x x first part of conversation not monitored x x x) At least the 18th Inf will be pincd out. S-6: 1st Bn now moving, hope to have SIEBER tonight. G-3: I figured it out and we have a front 27 miles and no Div can attack successfully on that big a front with so much in front. S-6: My I&R Sgt is at BAD LAUTERBERG. I will make every effort tomorrow to take St. ANNRABESBERG. My 1st Bn knocked out a Mark VI tank today at 843459 with a bazooka. About 190 prisoners for today.

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- 2045 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: F Co patrol reached SCHARZFEID; on the way back. G Co is back already. Lt. Stephens: Will you see if G Co found anything of that 5th FA group? White 3: F Co reports read black blawn by engrs and they are on their way back.
- 2050 - Maj. Smith to Red 2: How is the situation at present moment? Ans: We just moved to 838457. C Co is at 849467. B Co moving around forward part of knob at 849463. A Co is at 841482. S-3: 7th FA Gub reported tanks and Infantry were seen to leave the town of SIEBER, going NE to the rear. Also saw tanks and trucks at 883477. Trucks were loaded ready to go somewhere. Col. Driscoll: C Co is just at the edge of town at 852480. B Co is going just south of it. G Co getting direct fire from the town. Fer tonight B will be on the south with G Co in the town and A Co on the North. We got one big tank and a halftrack today. S-3: At 823478 along road people that were flushed out of LONAU came back and are dug in. Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 is going to attack town of HOLIGUEST (SP?) tomorrow. Now at cross read at 052420. Attacking Northwest from there. Is road clear up to G Co? Ans: It is. We had to clear a couple of road blocks but it is clear to C Co. The terrain here is very rugged. We knocked off quite a few enemy. I need officers badly. S-3: E Co of the 16th are in LONAU. G Co, 16th, came back in trucks.
- 2055 - White 2 to S-2: F Co reports road clear and want to know if friendly vehicles can go down that road. S-2: Yes, but warn them that there might be something along that road. White 2: Got a PW from the 26th Div who says that the 5th Para was in SCHARZFEID and took off yesterday. He was picked up at 826410. There were 15 to 20 tanks there last Wednesday.
- 2110 - Maj. Smith, S-3, to Col. Driscoll: We will commit 2nd Bn on the high ground to your left tomorrow. They will have N half of St. ANDREASEBERG. Ans: I don't know how they are going to get up there. S-3: The Col. wants the road junction secured at 862485 tonight. He is going to send the lead company up that road at 0530 hours in the morning and relieve whatever elements you have up there. Ans: We will see what we can do.
- 2130 - S-3 to White 3: You will take the high ground North of the main road taking North half of town of St. ANDREASEBERG. Attack will be continued to the east to tie in with 3rd Bn. They are now at 052420. Your lead Co relieves elements of 1st Bn at road junction at 861485 and starts from HERZBERG at 0530 hours.
- 2130 - Col. Gibb to General Andrus: We will end up with A Co at 863485; B Co at 866475; C Co has cleaned the town of SIEBER and are at 854475 and advancing. 2nd Bn will attack at dawn up a road starting at 860479, lead company to relieve A Co, mission of going for the Northern part of St ANDREASEBERG - the 1st Bn to take the Southern part, and move on to BRAUNLAGE. Gen. Andrus: BRAUNLAGE is the job of the 26th Inf, they are going for that tomorrow. Col. Gibb: Then in that case we will go south a couple 1000 yards and then go due East.

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- 2132 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me an indication of your plans for tomorrow? Ans: Call you in about 30 minutes. 18th Inf S-3: Can you give me your goose-egg? Ans: Roughly I'd say - 920490. 18th Inf: Going up the main road. Ans: Yes, sir. 18th Inf: We will move between you and the 2 6th Inf, east of the dam. Up about the 53rd grid line and East roughly to about the 87 grid.
- 2140 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives latest PWI reports information. Red 2: What about the officer I sent you from the mountain troops? S-2: He was not from the mountain troops. He was from the 77th Regt of the 26th Div.
- 2159 - White 3 to S-3: Can we have Cannon Co observer and Engr support? S-3: Yes, you can. White 3: Are we going to get a platoon of TDS? Ans: No.
- 2200 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf S-3: Here is the dope you wanted. At about 0700 hours or 0800 hours, our 1st and 2nd Bns moving abreast to the 865 easting, going across country, using the trails and then clear back to main road. The objective is ANDRA ESBERG. Our 3rd Bn is out there already, their objective 0344.
- 2210 - S-3 to Cannon Co: 2nd Bn attacks N of road abreast of the 1st Bn, want observer to report to Capt. Elder tonight.
- 2236 - S-2 to G-2: Total PWs so far is 83. Have the following: 1 from 26th AT Section; 6 from BG Scheiden; 2 from 26th Signal Bn; 5 from the 39th Fus Bn; 1 from BG HUCKEL. BG Buckel is in position in LONAU area. Part of the 326th Div Battle Group has about 150 men. They represent Army NCO school Eisenach. The original group was committed in other sectors. In addition I have 26 PWs coming from 2nd Bn and 40 to 50 coming from 1st Bn. Here is some hot news. Four men here in HERZBERG who worked in town at 0533. In the north edge of town there is an underground factory. 300 people were brought from Berlin area to work in it on the latest German defense weapon. It is a rocket affair called HE-117.
- 2250 - Maj. Crocker ASP to Maj. Sandell LO 7th FA: Have plans for you for tomorrow. At 1st light in the morning, have you any targets? Planes will be looking for targets. If they do not see any, would you like to have them unload their eggs in ANDRAESBERG? Ans: It will be OK, unless you hear otherwise.
- 2310 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: When can I pull my road blocks and stuff in, if I have to move in the morning? Ans: Colonel says pull them just before you move.
- 2315 - S-3 to Capt. Murphy, CO Co A, 1st Engrs: 2nd Bn starts attack along side of 1st Bn, want same support today.

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- 2329 - White 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Would like to get photos from Capt. Hall. Strip 8548 to 9348 and 8549 to 9349. Like it by 0300 hours.
- 2320 - S-3 to G-3: A Co is at 852485. C Co in southern edge of SIEBER, and are clearing it up. B Co in vicinity of 860470, going to high ground at 867475. 2nd Bn goes left of 1st Bn, then sweep up two Bns abreast and clear the road up to ANDRABSBERG, and seize the town. 2nd Bn advances on HOHEGEISS where they contact 3rd Bn. G-3: 18th Inf on phase line 10, that is boundry between you and them. Will mop-up 870530 and go to 53 grid to North end of lake, over to include town at 7854 which they will clear up. 26th Inf makes an all out drive to take their objective. 4th Cav will protect the flank of the 26th Inf. Weather permitting, we will have 4 fighter-bombers up all of the time. That will take care of any tanks that cause trouble.
- 2337 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant: Gives him plans for tomorrow's attack. Tells him that the General wants us to push like hell. We have 4 planes up tomorrow, every 30 minutes.
- 2343 - Col. Driscoll: Have you the big picture? Ans: Yes, I just got the depe. C Co is through the town. S-6: Will you be prepared to move at 0630 hours? Ans: I don't think I'll be able to. S-6: Tie in with Col. Grant and be prepared to move as seen after him as you can. We have to go all out tomorrow. (Gives plans, as previously listed for tomorrow's show). The companies have got to keep going. If one company is stepped, push a company around it. Red 6: Will get cracking as soon as we can. I will also tie in with Colonel Grant.

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LOCATION: During the period the Regtl CP moved from HERZBERG, 798424, to SIEBER, 800429, Germany

- 0125 - 1st Bn reports: It is pretty quiet now, we are trying to get chew out to our people.
- 0130 - Lt. Valten, PWI, reports: From the 2nd Bn - 6 PWs from Battle group RIEGER, formerly the 507th AA Brigade. 4 PWs from Battle Group WILDER. 2 from Battle Group Buckel, formerly NCO Scheel Isnach. 2 PWs from Battle Group THIEME. 1 PW from Battle Group Rendel. All of these are a part of the 326th VG Div. 3 PWs from 2nd Bn 78th VGR; 2 PWs from the 1st Bn 78th VGR. PWs sent in from the 1st Bn - 9 PWs from 26th Arty Bn, Infantry unit. 9 PWs from Battle Group Schaeffer. 3 PWs from the 39th Fus. Bn. 3 PWs stragglers.
- 0135 - MESSAGE, Frey Division: Telephone code compromised.
- 0615 - G-2 is given the above PW report.
- 0615 - 1st Bn reports to Lt. Stephens, all quiet all night.
- 0618 - 2nd Bn reports to Lt. Stephens, E Co moved out on time.
- 0619 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Things are all quiet. E Co is moving out and will relieve C Co. The 1st and 2nd Bns will then push-off together.
- 0620 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Lt. Stephens: E Co detrucked and is relieving C Company.
- 0630 - White 6 to Lt. Stephens: When I pull out of here, there will be no guards left on these camps. Tell Major Smith that. Also, what do I do with the 3 TDs from the 18th Inf? Ans: I will check and call you back on that.
- 0655 - 7th FA to Capt. Clark: (Capt. Clark gives company locations as of this hour).
- 0735 - MESSAGE: To CO 16th Inf from CG 1st Div: TP map ceer code has for 11 April to 20 April been compromised and will not be used. Pt of origin msg of designating map locations as shown in G-3 periodic report, can be substituted therefore until new map ceer code is issued (0125).
- 0745 - White 3 Capt. Elder, to Capt. Clark: Where is the liaison to the Engrs? Ans: I will check with Capt. Murphy. White 3: G Co is moving. E Co is in the vicinity of C Company.
- 0747 - Capt. Clark to Ce A, 1st Engrs: Where is the liaison Officer? Ans: He is on the way.

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- 0748 - White 3 reports: E Company is passing through SIEBER.
- 0750 - Capt. Clark to White 3: The Engineer officer is on the way.
- 0752 - Col. Heath, GO 7th FA to Capt. Clark: Where is E Co? Ans: E Co is at 855478; G Co is following them - they have gone thru G Company.
- 0754 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Davis, 1st Bn: What is the picture? Ans: G Co cleared the town last night. E Co went thru the town of SIEBER 15 minutes ago. G Co is going past the CP now.
- 0800 - S-3 to 14th Cav Grp S-3: How is the attack going? Ans: I do not know about positions but the jump off was at 0500 hours. They were getting machine gun and small arms fire.
- 0805 - S-3 to Division Air Liaison: I would like to have the air hit St. ANDRAESBERG until I have a more specific mission.
- 0855 - S-3 to Capt. Scott, 2nd Bn: Have you heard anything more about the Bn? Ans: No. S-3: Are they getting a CP up to SIEBERT? Ans: Yes, Lt. Chandler went forward to establish a CP. Col. Grant and Capt. Elder went forward. They will probably stop off at the 1st Bn CP.
- 0900 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Merindone, Transp. O: Have 8 trucks ready to go to 3rd Bn, they will be picked up.
- 0905 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to G-2: (Our situation, as of previous items is given). G-2: On the SAIZA river the armor is bogging down some. Enemy is blowing bridges. Our troops are in the town of ALSIEBIN, 17282 -7745 - 7743.
- 0915 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6, to S-3: S-3: How is everything? Red 6: Everybody is fighting. S-3: What about the 2nd Bn? Did they get thru all right? Red 6: No, they are moving. Colonel Grant has a different conception on the use of the road than you told me. He wants to use the road that C Co is using. S-3: Is he going to have to? Red 6: There is no other road until way down below. S-3: He isn't supposed to use the road. Red 6: But there is no other way. S-3: OK, I will call him up. Red 6: I will see him and work out some kind of arrangement with him. S-3: OK. Red 6: There is still small arms fire in SIEBERT. E Co had to fight to get down here, ie, between SIEBERT and the top of the hill. Why in the hell is all the pressure on us? S-3: It is on all of us. 18th, 26th, TF MacDonald, etc. Do you know if E Co has started? Red 6: Yes, they have been going thru the "X". G Co is bugging out. B Co had 3 men WIA by sniper fire going thru the town.
- 0925 - White 2 to S-3: E Co is at 866488 moving east across country. There are no roads there. They sent the tanks back. G Co is at 866480. When they can get up the main road to the road junction, they will swing northeast. CP is at 866480. S-3: How is it going? White 2: They are going alright. They can not find a road. I think the 1st Bn is running into some 20mm fire. One tank is firing airbursts over the town.

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Our sector is pretty quiet so far. S-3: Get this to Colonel Grant - 1st Bn, Co C, on the main road has priority with their tanks and TDS. He is to keep off the road until they get there.

- 0930 - Lt. Ilwlynn, MP officer reports: 4380 PWs so far. 77 in the cage now that are not included in this number.
- 0955 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me the latest picture on your people and I will exchange a little information with you. Ans: B Co is at 866475 on the move. C Co is at 863482 also moving. E Co is at 866488. As seen as C Co clears road, G Co moves. A Co is back in SIEBER. F Co is in SIEBER. Have run into quite a bit of 20mm AA and Automatic weapons fire. G-3: 18th Inf E Co going from LONAU to 8550. I Co of the 18th cleared town at 775543. K of the 18th at 770515. L Co of the 18th coming along behind. A of the 26th Inf is at 840573. 2nd Bn of the 26th clearing out ALTENAU.
- 0958 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is your 2nd Bn? Ans: They are on the move. Maj. B: Can we fire on 889479? Ans: Yes, you can fire on that. Maj. B: Let us know when you want the fire called off.
- 1020 - S-3 to White 2: How are things going? Ans: I have not heard a thing. The Colonel is up at the 1st Bn? S-3: How is fire in the town? Has it let up? White 2: No, it has not. In fact, it has increased. About 40 rounds came in this morning.
- 1025 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports to S-2: Have a PW deserter of a straggler collecting point, it was at 918550. He went off in the grass to sleep, and was caught by an Army Chief of Staff and a Corps Commander who said that he was going to be shot in the morning. Our planes came over and he took off. Army CP is at BRAUNLAGE and Corps is in buildings at 918550. Units that passed his point were Panzer Lehr (Patterborn) in half tracks; about 500 men, from the 507th AA Brig; 600 to 700 SS in trucks and half tracks. Trains are in the vicinity of 868510. Got 2 PWs from the 26th AT section. 3 from the 39th Fus Bn. A tank, SP, and halftrack were knocked out yesterday.
- 1030 - S-2 to G-2: (S-2 gave the above PW report). G-2: 26th Co A, is at 842593. 2nd Bn has ALTENAU.
- 1040 - Maj. Crowley, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me your situation? (Lt. Kestlinger gives same information as of item 0955 hours). Maj. C: Do you have any problems for us? Ans: Not that I know of.
- 1045 - Lt. Valten, PWI reports: PWs from the 1st Bn - (Total of 48) - 4 from the 39th Fus Bn; 13 from the 77th Regt or Battle Group SCHAFFER.
- 1100 - S-3 to Capt. Scott, 2nd Bn: Do you know what the situation is? Ans: The only thing that I have is that E Co is beyond 867488 and still moving.

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- 1120 - S-3 to Red 6: How are things? Ans: A Co is at 876484. B Co was at 879474. E Co at 874487. F Co reported tank setting on read at 874485. You know where the PW said there was a 3 gun battery of 150mm guns? They fired at us. Col. Heath thinks one battery around St. ANDRAESBERG and one S of it about 1500 yards. Just reported 3 enemy tanks at 874485 where one was reported before.
- 1125 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant, White 6: Looks like E Co is not far enough from the read. Ans: He went straight across country in an easterly direction. S-6: What is E Co running into? Ans: Not very much. They should be a little NW of where tanks are. S-6: Cub reports a tank at 877483, no tanks at the read junction. S-6 to Red 6: What type of resistance are you running into? Ans: The same thing. B is moving with little opposition. C Co is here. Can't use tanks. Read is clear up to the junction but tanks are getting some direct fire.
- 1130 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives above PW report). The Co's are moving but having a little trouble. Cub reported a tank at 877483. F Co at 874484.
- 1135 - S-3 to G-3: 2nd Bn, which is the furthest N, has E Co at 874487; A Co at 873483 with four tanks in front of them. They are shooting at them now. Three tanks at 875484 and one more at 877483. B Co at 879474. In addition to the tanks they are meeting the same dug-in infantry as of yesterday. When the 2nd Bn pulled off they got 50 rounds of 150mm in the town of SIBBER. There is also a battery of 105's in the vicinity of St. ANDRAESBERG. In addition to that they received mortar fire. G and C Co's in town of SIBBER. F Co is in woods SW of the town in an assembly area. As seen as the tanks are cleared from the read junction, G Co takes off cross country going to St. ANDRAESBERG. We are using plenty of artillery. We can see the tanks. Ground observation is shooting at the 3 tanks and the Cub is directing fire on the one tank.
- 1145 - S-2 to G-2: Arty FO with A Co reported three tanks at 875484. Artillery is firing on them. When they jumped off from SIBBER this morning they received 40 to 50 rounds of 150mm. Ans: 18th Inf having a little trouble. 3rd of the 18th reports no trouble at all. A Co of the 26th at 850571 ran into an enemy read block which may be defended.
- 1150 - Col. Beck to Maj. Smith: The 1st Recon troop complete is attached to you as of 1400B. The GO will be there ahead of them to tie in with you. I want to give the 34th Recon Co an easy mission in the hole up there. They are pretty well worn out. That platoon of TDs of yours that was with the N Cav Sqdrn will be back with you sometime today. Did any representative of your L Co pick up the trucks? Ans: Yes, Sir. G-3: Here are the latest plots on the 3rd Bn - At 1100B, K Co was at 050416 on the high ground, S of the RJ. I Co E of the read on the high ground at 055413. They are running into small arms fire, 20mm, and AT fire. Both Co's have 2 platoons of mediums and light. Their plan was to drive in and take the RJ, upon taking that the Bn will continue to push towards the NW. 24th Cav will send B troop to BRENECK - ENSTEIN. 1st Bn of the 26th was at 840572, was fighting a defended read block, small arms and machine gun fire.

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They were using plenty of artillery against road block at the 85 grid. The 26th will push the 1st Bn hard to take ALTENAU. 2nd Bn will push south and clear the main road. B troop, 14th Cav, will push on ALTENAU on the 2nd road that leads to TORHAUS PLACE. Worried about dam at 935556, afraid enemy may blow it. They have no bridge material. (Maj. Smith gives latest locations on the 1st and 2nd Bns).

- 1150 - S-2 to Red 2: I have 48 PWs from you. Ans: I have a Captain now that I am sending up to you. He was taken from C Co's road block.
- 1155 - S-2 to Lt. Valten, PWI: 1st Bn is sending a Captain in. Ans: I have an Engr Captain from an Engr Bn. He was looking for his HQ in SIEBER and couldn't find it so came on in. Strength 100 to 120 men. Their job is to construct road blocks, they have no mines.
- 1158 - White 3 to S-2: E Co at 882493 and still moving.
- 1200 - Lt. Valten, PWI to S-2: 7th FA brought in 5 PWs. 1 PW said the 39th Fus Regt (200 men) led by Lt. Col. BOIE is located at 865458. The Col. went to SIEBER on recon, and was killed.
- 1205 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: E Co is now at 885193. Opposition unknown. A Co having a little trouble with three tanks.
- 1300 - S-3 to Red 6: What is the dope? Ans: Tanks pulled back from 45. A Co is moving out after them. They hit the tanks three times with no results. B Co meeting dug-in infantry at teh 88 grid. Have 5 or 6 casualties in vic of 883470, have to figure a way to get them out. The slope running south of the road from 865 to 878 is all baldass open. A Co is moving close to the ridge where the 88 grid crosses the road. The tanks are there and A Co is going to come down on them from the ridge. The tankers seem to be drunk. They are shooting at the ground, air, ridge and throwing bottles. S-3: The Col. will be down and straighten things out.
- 1320 - Red 2 to S-2: We captured one Tiger man and 2 SP men. The Tiger man was taken close outside of the tank which he took off from. The SP men was fighting as an infantrymen but get SPs yesterday; two of their three were knocked out. Tiger tank was from the 502nd Heavy Pz Bn.
- 1325 - G-2 to S-2: Anything new? (S-2 gives the positions of our units as listed in detail above. States that things are going much the same as yesterday). G-2: PW taken by Cav says four 150mms guns at 925500. 2nd Armored and 3rd Armored linked up. 5th Armored is 30 kilometers Ne of SPENDAL. Elements of the 83rd Div across river. 2nd Armored has 2 Inf Bns and Bn of 30th Div across. Rfidging is held up by enemy artillery.
- 1325 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Our L and K Co's have joined up across the dam. 2nd Bn has elements at 846509. The strongpoint there has definitely been cracked. Platoon from E Co at 835485, new word on it yet. What is your situation? Ans: (Latest positions as listed above given). G and C Co's are still in the town of SIEBER.

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- 1350 - S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Get hold of Capt. Stewell. Tell him to get a truck load of panzerfaust (100) - handle them very carefully and not bounce them around in the truck. Deliver 50 to the 1st Bn and 50 to 2nd Bn in the town of SIEBER. We want them as soon as possible. Check with Major Margolis.
- 1400 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Stewell, Regtl Amme 0: (Same message as above.).
- 1415 - Maj. Green to Lt. Stephens: The 1st Bn of the 18th get information from the Armered people 100 miles east of here at DESSAU that they had picked up a group of Americans. 16 of these men were from Dagweed, they were PWs since D-day, some of them are from L Co - all of them from the 3rd Bn.
- 1432 - MESSAGE FROM CG 1st Div to GO 16th Inf: 1 recon troop is attached to 16th Inf effective 141400B.
- 1440 - Capt. Murphy, CO, C Co A, 1st Engrs, to Maj. Smith: Just came back from the 3rd Bn - they are working up, just beyond the RJ, south of BENNECK-ENSTEIN (Sp?). They are receiving 20mm and machine gun fire. Can I pull out one of my platoons? I have two platoons working the road. S-3: Here is our plan - there is RJ at XR 873483. They are going to work that way and get a road to ST. ANDRAESBERG. They are going to try to get a road. If they are working the same road, I will pull that platoon back.
- 1445 - S-2 to 5th FA: At 903504, #3 Fox OP reported enemy convey moving NE and consisting of trucks, 2 tanks and horse drawn vehicles.
- 1445 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: E Co is at 894493 still moving. G Co at 872494. An enemy convey was seen at 903504, 2 tanks, 2 SPs horse drawn artillery and enemy personnel.
- 1450 - S-3 to G-3: Here is our latest situation - E Co at 893494; G Co behind them at 883492; B Co at 897471, going across country. They captured an American Command car with 5 enemy riding init. A Co working along road at 884477. They are still along the road that leads to ST. ANDREASBERG. There are three Mark VIIs supported by 4 SPGs and about 40 infantry. We are trying to work B Co down to the road. They will put in a road block at 900480. They will carry mines. They hit the Mark VIIs with bazookas and they bounced off (right). They captured 1 of the tankers who was standing near the tank. Tanker has had 7 years of service, on all fronts. Enemy tankers are all drunk. It is rough going for the boys. They average about 500 yards an hour, not even fighting. B Co ran into enemy fire and eliminated them. They had six casualties. A Co also found infantry. I&R cleared road down 844443 and 844435. They cleared area out by patrol and observation. That was cleared this morning.
- 1453 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Crocker ASP: At 903504, moving on that road to the NE are 2 tanks, MK VIIs; 2 SPGs and horse drawn vehicles. Can I get air on it? Ans: Air is grounded, if possible will have mission later.