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- 0827 - White 3 to S-3: S-3: Which company would you want to send up toward 1st Bn? Ans: E Co. S-3: I will call you. Continue blocking between 92 and 80 for now.
- 0830 - Red 6 to S-3: A PW from a German Corps and who speaks English said that he had definitely talked to both Clark and Wilder. They are OK, including the driver. Clark and Wilder were sent back to Army. That is quite definite. (The PWs work was that of monitoring American radio). Red 6: We will be ready to shove off in an hour. Not moving all 3 companies initially, B is staying.
- 0845 - Capt. Murphy CO 1st Engrs A Co to S-3: When are you moving? Ans: Between now and noon.
- 0845 - S-2 to White 3: Want you to put one Co over where 1st Bn is now. Want you to take the route 94, 95, 96, 97, and go into position at 73, and swing out that area. 1st Bn will jump with two companies and have one there till you get over there.
- 0925 - S-5 to S-3: Im at Pt 73; the CP will be at Pt 73. We have to get the road 73 to the 3rd Bn clear, so we can lay a line to them. (S-2 gives movement of E Company as previously listed). S-5: The bridge at Pt 80 is out; it will take a Bailey Bridge to fix it. There are mines on the road about 1000 yards from where I am now. The move will be after dinner tomorrow, sometime after 2 o'clock. Have Co A medics look around in Village at TAMNE. Service Co stay where they are. Who is going to clear the high ground around Pt 49? S-3: Haven't assigned anyone yet. S-5: There are a lot of enemy up there and are around here. Somebody will have to work this over.
- 0934 - S-3 to White 3: Have E Co go up road 94-95083 and around to 73. We probably will have to use this as an MSR. You will have to have engrs with you as there are AT mines reported around 83, and we do not know what else will be found on the road. Will send you a squad of engrs. White 3: I will have E Co hold up until the engineers get here. S-3: They will come by truck. It shouldn't take long.
- 0935 - S-3 to Co A, 1st Engrs: Talked to our #5, he says he has been on recon of KONEGSHOF. He reports its all rubble there. We are going up around 75 instead. E Co is moving from KONEGSHOF directly east on the road to Pt 73. The bridge at 087543 is out. It will take a bridge to get around there. Your company Ex Officer is here now, I'll give him all the dope.
- 0941 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Clerk: We are pulling out now. You won't have communication with us until you lay lines to our new location. We are going to the vicinity of 94.
- 0943 - Col. Horner, S-5 to S-3: Have Military Government sent there men to 73.

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- 0944 - S-3 to Red 3: E Co is going from 94 and follow the road east to RUEBELAND. Red: A is 1200 yards west of 73 in a fire fight, we are moving our tanks up to clear it up. C Co has cleared the town of NEWAR. A Co will clear the main road. S-3: Is the MSR clear from where you are back to 97? Red: Still some stuff between 97 and 96. We are moving to pt 83.
- 0945 - MagCO, 16th Inf from CG: "Air support party will operate from 18th Hq today. time signed - 0900E.
- 0950 - G-3 to S-3: 1/26th working N and NW to secure road net - works going NE from there positions and will make contact with you at Pt 5. 2/26th working north. 3/26th will secure top of big hill. New boundry is top of big hill. (Not north Side) to cross roads N of ELBINGRODE 124586 to 175580 to 236590 up to 255605 to WESTERHAUSEN. We have been directed to take the top of the big hill. S-3: B Co in ELBINGERODE. Which has 2 Co's over vicinity 080545. E Co is moving from KONIGSHOF East on road between 54-53 easting up to RUEBELAND where they'll remain. Red is cleaning RUEBELAND, lot enemy there and in woods to the south. A Co is in fight 1000 yards S of RUEBELAND
- 1005 - S-3 to Red 6: How many PWs have you? Red: 500 so far. S-3: Have E make contact before you shove off. Red: I've already shoved off. C is in NEWAR clearing it out. A Co is in a fight. B Co is at 59 and had a squad at 48 which drew heavy fire from the edge of the woods and withdrew. Have B Co spread all over sweeping the area. S-3: Hold B at 59 until you contact Blue Bn. Red: My CP will remain where it is.
- 1020 - S-3 to Maj. Mc Kean S-4: We move up to where Red is at 1400 hours. You don't move until tomorrow.
- 1020 - Lt. Valtin, FWI to Capt. Hall: The 103rd AA Bn send in about 30 PWs. I have sent them to the Div Cage. I believe they were all stragglers. S-3: Make arrangements to move PW cage to RUEBELAND right away. Col. Horner has a PW cage there for you and about 500 PWs.
- 1024 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Johnson (Blue): (PW cage moved to RUEBELAND. Closed in Present location).
- 1035 - Capt. Oelze G-2 to Capt. Hall: What's new? S-2: (Reviews situation). What the other people doing? G-2: 26th mopping up rear areas and will take big hill this afternoon. They took 1217 PWs yesterday.
- 1105 - S-3 to Red CP: Let me know when you make contact with Blue or with E Co.
- 1108 - Message from White Bn: E passed IP at 1030 hours.
- 1120 - Clerk to Red 3: Our north boundry is 123585, 175580, 230589. The 19th Corp is attacking BLANKENBERG from the N and NW today. Red: We are trying to get up the road to HETTENRODE. The enemy is fighting, he is not giving up.

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- 1132 - G-5 to S-3: When are you moving your CP? Ans: At 1400 hours. We are ~~going~~ to RUBEHLAND. G-5: Is Col Hicks there? S-3: He was, but he has left already.
- 1140 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to Capt. Hall: Got beaucoup 600 PWs; 1 full Col; 1 Lt. Col; 1 Maj who was evacuated; and many other officers. I sent a patrol out from A Co to get some krauts who wanted to surrender, and also a Div Hq, about 100 around the CP, who went give up. Got a hospital. I will give you more details later. A Co sent a ultimatum down to the Div CP who are in a cave that if they don't give up we will send a tank down to shoot up the cave.
- 1145 - Capt. Murphy, C Co A, 1st Engrs to S-3: Holding up on my move as by the time I get up there everyone will be on there objective.
- 1146 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Oelze G-2: 26th Inf has jumped out. (Discussion of ~~XXXX~~ general sitrep).
- 1150 - Capt. Thomas 7th FA to Maj. White: At 102582 enemy vehicles were observed will it be safe to ~~fire~~ fire? Ans: Yes.
- 1200 - Maj. White to Red 3: A platoon of the 1st Recon at 152538 working to the SE. Capt. K: A Co at Pt 60 going to jump from there. C Co in town B Co in the woods, west of Pt 60, There are a lot of PWs at Pt 83 across the river.
- 1205 - Red 6 to Maj. White: We are past 83 and I am going to get the men out of there now.
- 1235 - Msg: From 2nd Bn to CO, 16th Inf: Easy 300 yards west of Pt 95. Bridge 400 yards south of 94 is out. Trees across road 500 yards east of 94; are clearing. Bn CP 400 yards east of 80. Fox and George are buttoned up in vicinity of 80.
- 1240 - Msg: G-3 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Fluorescent panel display code compromised following panel code is effective upon receipt 19-21 April CERTISE singley. 22-24 April, YELLOW singley.
- 1240 - Capt. Stabler Red to Capt. Hall: We have 5 members of the Reich Military Personnel here. Ans: I will have CIC check them.
- 1245 - Red 5 to S-3: A contact patrol from K co just came down here. The sgt in charge reports a road block of trees at Pt 59, which is half way between the two towns. Diggings near the road block and on the shoulders of the road indicated that there were mines there. Saw no enemy, only saw a few knocked out vehicles. (S-3 questions patrol Sgt who says that K has come up to where I and L are, the whole company is up there, and that they are not receiving fire up there). S-3 to Red 5: E was at 121530 at 1235 hrs. The bridge south of 94 is out. There is a bomb crater where they are now. Red 5: I will try and get this to Blue Bn by 284 radio. Estimate 2 companies of enemy vicinity of 158569. A Co is 800 yards short of Pt 60 now. B on the left of them, less one platoon.

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- 1255 - S-3 to Capt. Murphy, Co A Engrs: Notifys of bridge out at 093533. E Co on east of that and now at 121530. The message that I have said there was a bomb crater at 121530 that needed bridging.
- 1255 - Msg: From CO, 2nd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Givs location of your CP and PW cage. Request CIC at 089542.
- 1255 - Msg: CO 2nd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Bomb crater 200 yards west of Pt 95. Cannot by-pass need bridging.
- 1300 - Red 2 to S-2: One PW which we just interrogated said that BG Ritter has 150 men, vehicles, plenty of gas and ammo. The B1 is to attack tonight at LOPM for BLANKENBERG to try to get out. S-3: Get this PW in to Lt. Valtan. Red 3: B is moving up on A's left to push north and relieve pressure on A so that A can push on to the objective.
- 1315 - Maj. White to Blue 3: I talked to your patrol leader on Pt 59, and Pt 73. He stated at 134562 there is a road block that can't be by-passed. Capt. Booth: I want to use that road for a MSR. I'll get some engineers on it. There is a hospital here with 800 inmates. We have 468 PWs and 115 coming in. S-3: I think there should be a road block between 59 and 48. Blue 3: K Co west of town facing west. I Co 108575 to 118574; I Co to 120556. AT protection to west on northern part of town. S-3: 26th Inf has a contact point at 56, but we won't make contact until they get up with us. It would be swell to put a platoon of K out north of 59 and block.
- 1320 - G-2 to Capt. Hall: At 141550 is a big cave; along road running NW is 4 or 5 small caves. At 141755 another large cave. At 149552 another large cave. At 150553 a couple small caves. Across river in vicinity 137553 ~~xxx~~ another cave or two. Ans: At 157568 is a big cave. A couple companies at 157568. Evidence of mines on road at 137561. Hve 468 PWs in cage with 115 coming back. A hospital in Roben, 800 patients there. A Co moving towards HUTTONRODE. PW from Battle Group Ritter (Lt. Col Ritter) have about 150 men, plenty of vehicles and gas. They are going to make a counterattack tonight to break out of pocket.
- 1320 - Maj. White to Capt. Elder, White 3: Gives 3rd Bn locations. White 3: The 95, 83 road is no good, there is a bomb crater at Pt 95. F Co spotted 100 enemy at 089559, there are 6 americans with them, we are trying to check on it.
- 1320 - Msg: From 2nd Bn to CO, 16th: Send location of friendly units on our flanks.
- 1340 - Col. Wozenski Blue 6 to Ma j. White: I have plenty of PWs here that I would like to get rid of.
- 1340 - Msg: Intercept 284 radio: CO 1st Bn to CO 3rd Bn: Patrol from K Co contacted us at 2455, patrol reports road block consisting of trees near Pt 59, also believe mines in vicinity of road block. Patrol did not see any enemy.

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- 1130 - PWI reports: 739 PWs in cage, including 20 officers.
- 11435 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn to S-3: F 500 yds south of Pt 83. Capt. Elder to Maj. White: E Co is at Pt 73. There's no road because of bomb crater, needs beaucoup work. It has bomb crater or demolition. Impassable for vehicles. S-3: How much work will it take? W-3: I don't know.
- 11455 - S-3 to White 3: I want you to have one company where you are and E down to Pt 74 blocking road there. One platoon 300 yards east of 97 and the rest of the company at Pt 73, secure the town, move the Bn, minus that company, over to this town.
- 1530 - S-3 to Red 5: What is your latest situation? Red 5: C and A are just jumping. A is 300 yards short of Pt 60. C is jumping from the point where they have been. B is in position on the edge of the woods. S-3: E Co is going to 74. 2 platoons of G will be in this town. One platoon will be east of 97. Rest of the 2nd Bn will be in this town. Swinging I Co to the North.
- 1539 - S-3 to Blue 2: Want to swing I Co up north of the road on the right of L Co to help protect the road out of town and to help fill the gap. Swing them N of the road that leads to Pt 59. Have you been getting any fire up there? Blue: Not in the last 20 or 30 minutes. S-3: A and C Co's shoving off for their final objective. Have I Co left flank tie in with right flank of L Co.
- 1545 - Clerk to G-3: Can we have the latest position of the 26th? Ans: A reported at 057554, 1 hour ago a moving N to make with you at 089570. But I cannot tell you when that will be. L/26th at 977586 also at 987577. I/26th 994586 also 130572. There I&R is at 008589. Their White Bn clearing up local N of their present position.
- 1550 - Message from 7th FA: Cub reports about 50 enemy troops moving East along road at 155584.
- 1620 - Red 5 to S-3: C Co moving, no reports on them. A Co 40 minutes ago was just past Pt 60 and still moving and receiving small arms fire. B reports they are continuing the cleaning out of assignment area, and getting small arms,  $\frac{1}{2}$  truck, mortar, big boys. Am checking on what they mean by big boys.
- 1630 - Clerk to Red 3: Enemy infantry infiltrating 163569. Warn people in that area. Plenty of enemy activity at 189580, vehicles and every thing else. Enemy personnel and traffic moving about in town at 18855800. Red: C Co at Pt 61. H Co 800 yards past 60. B Co still same place. Light resistance I believe as no one has complained.

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- 1630 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker Blue 2: What's new? B-2: We are busy as hell. Is the CIC or MG up here yet? S-2: No, they should be here in the morning. B-2: This hospital - I want it checked. The Commanding Surgeon of the Corps and other brass are here. They are moving about in the hospital and demanding this and that. It has at least 700 soldiers in all stages of recovery. S-2: I will send the CIC up and check it in the morning. I will also try to get the guard relief for the hospital. It will take at least 24 hours. G-2: I am sending down 2 englishmen. They were PWs for the last 3 years. S-2: Keep them up there until MG gets up there.
- 1640 - Capt. Hall to G-2: I have 883 processed PWs. I have in the neighborhood of 800 more. It will be hard to get a breakdown. I am going to get a break down as far as Corps trs, army trs, and div trs. One PW stated con Gp Ritter has 150 men w/auto wpns. They will attempt a breakthru tonight vicinity of BLANKENBERG to the E. Also, have a monitor from 66th Corps Hq which was in ELAND, six (6) days ago. He interrogated our Capt. Clark Wilder. We picked in a Field Hosp w/8 patients. We are evacuating them back. Also, another hosp w/700 patients. Placing a Guard in it. We would like to have it relieved in 24 hours. G-2: OK. (Capt. Hall reviews the sitrep).
- 1700 - Capt. Hall to Maj. Onie G-4: G-4: I notified Army about the relief; they ran out of guards. They are using Belgium Fussiliers. They probably will get some in a few days. I will contact Army again.
- 1715 - Lt. Valtin to Capt. Hall: Total PWs 1555 including - 45 officers. XI Army, 29; Army Gp "B" 76; 5th Para Div - 116; Div Wozenk - 32; 326 Div - 46; 26th Div - 6; 590 QM - 21; B Gp 11 Corps - 10; 60 AA Bn - 57; 1st AT Bn - 25; 6 Corps - 37; 271 Arty Trng Bn: 34; 9th Corps - 13; 103 AA Bn - 32; 536 Repl Bn - 10; Army Wpns Schoel - 10; Naval Force - 22; Stragglers 155.
- 1727 - S-3 to Red 6: Kälb just left here. He says C is up there and A is on its way to objective. Red: Not as simple as that. There is a lot of enemy there and we are getting arty and mortar fire.
- 1730 - S-3 to Blue 3: Have you a line from F Co into your switch beard? Blue: No, not that I know of. S-3: You will have one. Want a patrol from you? to F Co. Patrol to go to 57 - 80 and down to F Co. Every 2 hours, starting at 2000 hours. You can alternate it. Blue: That means we contact them every 4 hours. S-3: Yes. I also want you to send a mortarized patrol every 3 hours to contact either 2nd Bn or G Co in town of RUEBELAND. Send the patrol out at 2300 hours, 0200 hours and 0500 hours.
- 1745 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to Clerk: Identifications in front of our Cos between town and our front and the town of BLANKENBERG. 1st Gren Regt; Pollsdam Div. CO-Maj. POHL. 5th Co has 70-80 men; has Rs, MGs 2 plats, machine pistols and 1 plat AT guns. They came from BERLIN a week ago. There were 2 tanks in HITTE RODE this morning attached to this outfit. 8th Co, CO -1st Lt. BOHE - has Co strength of 100 men, 26th Ez Faust; 8-80mm merts; 804, 2 MGs, 2 AT guns. 6th and 7th Cos in that vic. As we are facing the front, their 1st Bn is on the L. This Bn is a part of the same regt, they move out from HAMBURG last night.

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- 1755 - 3rd Bn reports: A Creation by the name of MURAT MILIE is in the PW cage, his family is here with proof that he shouldn't be a PW.
- 1758 - Clerk to Capt. Hall: Message of 1755 given.
- 1800 - Msg. CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Div CP opened, D-062463 at 1700 hours.
- 1815 - S-3 to White 2: Want F Co to contact Blue and at 2200, 0200, and 0600 hours. Blue will contact you at 2000, 2400, and 0400 hours. White 2: G is partially here, probably are here, and I think E Co is in place.
- 1830 - S-3 to G-3, Lt. Lyons: We are getting a counterattack of tanks and infantry, the enemy is coming in from the NE and towards HUTTENRIDE. The enemy is in the 1957 grid square. W have one company in this town, A Co is at 176568 in a fire fight. B Co on the left at 170570 and also in a fire fight. They are getting arty, mortars and small arms. G-3: There is a good chance of getting planes. S-3: It appears to be more than just an ordinary amount of stuff.
- 1832 - S-3 to Red 3: What are the details on this counterattack that you are getting? Ans: What counterattack? Lt. Lyons reported a tank off to the right and feet elements off to the north. Looks like advance elements of a larger force. S-3: Get more definite information and call me back.
- 1837 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; Lt. Lyons: Never mind the planes, we can take care of this with artillery. G-3: Good. We could get them but it would be hard - this is on a Corps boundary. Have started it thru, but will call it off. Are you concerned about this thing? Ans: No, we can take care of it.
- 1845 - CUB REPORT: Air OP reports: At 1945 5605 an enemy antitank gun is in position.
- 1900 - PWI to Capt. Hall: We now have 1895 PWs. The officer of 2nd Bn 1st G.R. states that he was committed in "H" area. From 5th Co - 120 men. From 7th Co - 35 men. From 8th Co - 150 men. They had 8 HMGs; 8 - 81mm mortars. Two infantry how vic 184573. Mission was to hold. Bn C pat, 164567. He didn't know who was in the town.
- 1900 - Maj. White to Maj. Crocker (Air Liaison): You called a while ago about air targets. There is 3 enemy tanks and SP gun and 100 infantry giving out Red Bn a small counterattack. They are on road from BLANKENBERG (2159) running SW, through HUTTENRODE. We have a company in HUTTENRODE. We would like to get a mission on it. Ans: It is getting late and so I don't know if I can get any planes tonight. It takes 2½ hours for a trip and I don't think we have that much daylight left. S-3: I thought you might have some planes in the air. Ans: I will check on it.

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- 1915 - S-2 to G-3: Gives the info on our PWs and the above info was given as of 1900. Gives the position of our units. A or OP reports enemy tanks and infantry at 194569.
- 1920 - White 6 to Lt. Stephens: I just released a platoon of tanks to 1st Bn at 1917 hours. Ans: Ok sir.
- 1925 - Division Arty to Lt. Stephens: One of 5th FA agents picked up a brief case today belonging to someone from your outfit. It is full of air photos, operations overlays and etc. You can pick it up at Div Arty msg center. Ans: OK, thank you.
- 1925 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth Blue 3: You have another patrol. Ans: What do you mean another patrol. I have two now. Lt. Stephens: Do you have the patrols to F and G at 11 - 2- and 5? Ans: I knew about them. Lt. Stephens: OK.
- 1930 - Air OP reports at 165573 - 200 Inf attacking south.
- 1935 - Lt. Hoffman Red 2 to Capt. Hall: One PW says in HITTENRODE this morning there was 1 tiger - 2 Mark IV - 6 half tracks with 4.2 in G. And 100 troops. Maj. Edmonds: - C firing at 194568 and 193573 - getting a counter-attack of 100 inf - 3 tanks - and I SP. C is 300 yards East of Pt 61. 7th Able firing on enemy - enemy moving at 172571 - 165571. Getting the platoon of tanks up to G also MG and mortars ammo.
- 1945 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Hoffman: The info on 2nd Bn 1st GR.
- 1946 - Air OP reports: Long column of enemy vehicles moving N and NE along road at 225564.
- 1950 - Lt. Lynch Div IO to Clerk: 18th Inf - K Co - ~~257508~~ 257508. I Co - 238504. L Co - 278527. E Co - 185524. F Co 195534. G Co 2054. 26th Inf - L Co 979589. I&R platoon of 26th Inf. ~~2061560~~ 041560. A Co of 26th - 061563. I Co 996587. K Co 965575. 1st of 26th at 0454. 2nd of 26th at 0256. A of 24th Cav - 365570. Another part of 24th Cav at 316555.
- 1955 - PWI: We now have 1980 PWs now.
- 2000 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker Blue 2: You will be interested to know that these 2 PWs from RAF were held in chains for 6 months. they say that the PWs, Americans were from Ardennes were treated the worst of any PWs. Only 50% are alive. Lt. Walkers get about another 100 PWs coming. Capt. Hall gives latest on 1st Bn.



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- 2010 - Lt. Heffman Red 2 to Capt. Hall: C in town and it is clear. A and B still in the same positions - B got fire off our then at 165511 had 15 casualties. Could we have 2 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  trucks to go to Pt 60 to pick up about 70 PWs?
- 2020 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Edmonds: The Colonel told me to find out if Col. Driscoll still needs the tanks or not. If he doesn't need them send them back to 2nd Bn. Red 5: The Col. Asked to send 2 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton trucks up for move PWs. Friendly arty fire fired by 7 Able. Estimated 15 casualties.
- 2025 - Lt. Stephens to Col. Bekk: C Co repulsed the counterattack and captured most of enemy and now have the town. G-3: Good show. A of 26th on road junction at 066569.
- 2030 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 to Capt. Hall: We are getting some arty between here and Pt 59 and down toward you - Capt. Hall: I will check on it.
- 2039 - Maj. Edmond to Lt. Stephens: Have quite a few PWs around point 60. A is moving fast and should have town shortly. Col. Driscoll would like to keep the tanks. Ans: OK, sir.
- 2100 - Maj. White to Col. Wezenski Blue 6: How is everything? Ans: Not too bad. S-3: Contact pts between us and 26th Inf is pt 56. Try to make contact with them in the morning. Blue 6: Just sent another 97 or 98 PWs back. Another 27 on way. We are trying to make it an even 1000 for us today.
- 2115 - PW count 2287.
- 2120 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue: The arty falling at Pt 59 is enemy.
- 2125 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Kelly G-3: 18th Inf got 400 PWs around THALE, the town wants to surrender, they got 2 generals. There are 4000 allied PWs in town.
- 2140 - Blue: Negative report.
- 2142 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: Capt. Kelly (Div) called said F/18th at 209549, they knocked off lead vehicle of enemy vehicle, they others turned around, so watch for them.
- 2210 - Capt. Donnelly G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. K: We have processed 2287 today.

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- 2230 - PWI reports: Latest count on PWs 2369. Identifications: 5th Co 1 Gren Regt -11; 7th Co 1 Gren Regt - 10; 8th Co 1 Gren Regt -38; Regt Hq 1 Gren Regt - 17; Hq Co 2nd Bn 1 Gren Regt - 21; 13th Co 1 Gren Regt - 7; 14th Co 1 Gren Regt - 4; Regt CP as of 0400 hours was on BLANKENBERG- HUTTENRODE road. Beside 2nd Bn there was a Eng platoon from Hq Co with 60 men vicinity of 169577, a bicycle platoon of 24 men to their left. The 13th Co at 167573 and 100 men sent forward from HUTTENRODE to vicinity 172570. 13th Co lost 2 heavy hows but probably have 5, 120mm mortars. 14th Co has no AT guns it has 40 men with bazookas and panzerfausts.
- 2245 - Clerk to G-2: Message of 2230 given.
- 2250 - Maj. White to Maj Smith, 2nd Bn: Your Bn less F Co will clear area SE RUBEHLAND. An overlay is to be picked up tonight, you will get tanks back.
- 2255 - Maj. White to Sgt. McGill Blue: Pick up overlay here at Regt showing area of responsibility., for mopping up starting at 0900 in the morning.
- 2300 - Blue: Negative report.
- 2320 - PWI reports: 2483 PWs: Identifications: 5th Co 1st Gren - 6; 7th Co 1st Gren -8; 8th Co 1st Gren - 22; Hq Co 1st Gren -27; Hq 2nd Bn 1st Gren 17; 13th Co 1st Gren -7; 14th Co 1st Gren -4; 185th Engr Bn 1st Gren 3; 1st Bn training;-4;.
- 2330 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donnelly G-2: Report of 2320 given. Capt. D: Division has 4200 PWs now. 1st Inf has taken 1100. 26th has taken 689. Madgeburg is clear.
- 2352 - White: Negative, report.

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LOCATION: RUBELAND, Germany, 143554.

0005 - Blue: Negative report.

0010 - Lt. Valtin, PWI reports: PWs - 2483 for today. CO, 2nd Bn, 1st Gren Div confirms info previously reported and adds that the 1st Bn, 1st Gren Regt, remained in its position E of HELMBERG. He says that the 6th Co and 2 platoons 7 Co didn't arrive and they must be lost somewhere in the woods NW of HUTTENRODE; the other elements of this Bn have suffered extremely high casualties. The Capt, also states his Bn no longer exists as such. Attached to him was 1 Btry of Arty. Besides his Regt there is only the 2nd Regt, also called the 1054 Regt. No 3rd Regt arrived in the woods. The elements of the Hq Co, 1st Gren Regt identified in today's fighting, were attached to his Bn. To his right was some sort of SS Unit and to his left was Battle Group Veidt.

0100 - White: Negative.

0105 - Blue: K Co patrol contacted L Co at 0020 - all quiet. I Co patrol contacted 1st Bn at 0031 - all quiet.

0125 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Hoffman: "What's new?" Ans: All quiet.

0126 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Negative report.

0205 - Blue: Negative report.

0206 - Red: Negative report.

0230 - White: Negative report.

0240 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: All quiet down here.

0300 - 3rd Bn to Lt. Stephens: Negative. Ans: 18th Inf has one company in town but it is not clear yet.

0302 - Lt. Valtin, PWI, reports: 17 more PWs making, it 2500 for today.

0307 - 2nd Bn to Lt. Stephens: Everything is quiet, except F Co wire is out.

0320 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn to Lt. Stephens: Everything pretty quiet in the town.

0322 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: All quiet down here.

0402 - Dagwood Blue to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.

0421 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.

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- 0432 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0500 - Dagwood Blue to clerk: Negative report.
- 0519 - Red Bn: Negative report.
- 0540 - Negative report to G-3, Lt. Lyons.
- 0552 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: Anything to report? Ans: Nothing to report. (Discuss PWs for 19 April 1945).
- 0600 - Blue: Negative report.
- 0607 - Red: Negative report.
- 0625 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3, Negative report.
- 0700 - Blue Bn: Negative report.
- 0710 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Are any of your people moving? Ans: I think all of them are going to clean up their area.
- 0715 - 5th FA S-2 to Mr. Lipinski: Where are your front lines? The companies are going to clean out the area as indicated on the overlay, extending South of BLANKENBERG and South as far as the S2 grid line.
- 0850 - S-3 to Blue 3: Did you get the overlay last night? Ans: Yes, I broke it down by giving K Co the section to the right of Pt 48. The road up from town to Pt 33 to I Co inclusive. The other road on the left is F Co's. K Co is using MG's and Tanks.
- 0900 - Maj. White to Maj. Smith, White 5: What are zones of responsibility? Ans: 200 yards SW of 98 is the center of the area. E Co will be on the North. From 97 to 111 G Co will be responsible. How about 111 for a contact point?
- 0910 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj. White S-3: A patrol from 18th Inf left 2155 10 minutes ago, inform your people. 26th Infantry is ready to contact you at Pt 5 with your Blue Bn. Maj. White: We will make the contact point at 1030. Maj. Green: CCA of 8th Armored is going to attack the town of BLANKENBERG, they are relieving 330 this afternoon. They will attack from the West.
- 0915 - Maj. White S-3 to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: Contact with 18th Inf and 8th Armored discussed.

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- 1015 - Dagwood Blue to Clerk: Following is list of destroyed and captured material for 19 April. I Co: - 1 tank knocked out by bazooka at 049480. 4 cars and 1 truck knocked out by small arms at 093513. 3 trucks (1 of them burned) 2 cars, 1 volkswagon, 2 trailers, 3 tanks (1 burned out) west of railroad at 119566. 1 truck, a car and 1 motorcycle at 118569. 1 half-track knocked out at 135567. K Co; 1 1/2 ton truck at 109573. 1 sedan at 109574. Also hospital van at same place. 3 cargo trucks at 108574-110575-112574. I Co: - 1 car knocked out by arty 112569, 6 abandoned cars (serviceable) at 112569. 3 cars knocked out by air corps (same coordinate), 1 truck knocked out by arty, 4 abandoned serviceable trucks, 1 truck knocked out by air corps, 3 abandoned tractors, 2 abandoned wagons and 4 knocked out wagons by arty. M Co: - 20 boxes enemy equipment near Bn CP. A&P destroyed 14 triple barrell 20mm ack ack guns. 2 - 37mm duel purpose guns. 2 - 76 SPs, 1 - 88mm SP. 50 machine guns. 12 - 80mm mortars.
- 1045 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Valtin, PWI: How many PWs you have for today? Ans: 59 for today. S-2: Will you start giving me identifications if you don't get too many at one time? Ans: OK, sir.
- 1050 - Capt. Hall to G-2: What's new? Ans: 18th Inf has just about finished job in town of Thalle. Have about 600 PWs so far. They took WHITSBERG, (Commander of 66 Corps). Cleaned out THAIE and are going for WIENRODE and TIMMINENRODE. 26th Inf has 2 - 20mm guns and 100 enemy holding them up. Got a few PWs. S-2: Gave list of destroyed and captured equipment taken by Blue Bn yesterday.
- 1057 - Danger 3 to Clerk: Patrol from 2nd Bn of 18th Inf reported enemy at 187562. Funny place for enemy to be. Wondering if it could be your people. Ans: Will call you back.
- 1104 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Chandler White 2: What do you know? Ans: Nothing. Don't know how G and E are making out yet.
- 1115 - Capt. Hall to Major Edmond Red 5: What's doing? Ans: Not much. Col. Horner was around here and picked up 4 or 5 young kids in civilian clothes and said to throw them in as PWs because they were shooting at our troops.
- 1122 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to Capt. Hall: We captured a Captain this morning who said he came through BLANKENBERG and he said the troops in town realize it is hopeless but they are blowing their tanks and artillery pieces and that they will snipe and make it tough for anyone that comes in town. (They are out of ammo, for tanks and arty guns). Sending a patrol from A Co to 187560 to check enemy reported there. They are leaving now. Enemy convoy of 13 vehicles reported at 195586. Think our air corps is working them over. G-2: We got a fairly reliable report from Army that Geobells is in the BLANKENBERG area.

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- 1155 - Lt. Valtin PWI reports: 113 PWS since the last report - your 17 makes total of 130. Identifications: 18 from 326 Div, 1 from 5 Para Div; 20 from 509 AA Brig; 6 from Volksturm; 2 from Hitler Youth; 4 from Army QM 590; 24 from 9th Pz Div; 1 from 359th AA Bn; 1 from 451. Repl and Trng Bn; 1 from 688 Engr Brig; 1 from Hq 11th Army; 3 from 398th Repl and Trng Bn; 6 from BG WITTE; 5 from 26 VGD; 3 from 1066 Arty Regt; 2 from Motor Park VI; 2 from 183 AA Regt; 4 from Supply Units 116 Pz Div; 3 from 466 Div; 6 stragglers.
- 1157 - White 2 to S-2: The German Colonel in Hospital says 51 PWS in the hospital are ready for discharge. He has no food for them. S-2: OK, if he will make out the proper papers - take them in.
- 1205 - Lt. Valtin PWI: 21 more PWS - 17 from 9th Pz Div; 4 from 434th AT Bn.
- 1300 - Sgt Collura to Maj. Green G-3: What's the latest in 18th<sup>th</sup> and the 19th Corps? G-3: The XIX Corps plan to take the town of BLANKENBERG and sweep W and clean the woods. The 330th Inf will be relieved by CCA, 8th Armored, and rejoin their outfit to the E. CCA, 8th Armored will push  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the town. CGB, moving to assembly area. N of BLANKENBERG and go S (down) on the down with CCA. E/18th in the town of WIENRODE, took 500 PWS. B/18th took THELA and it is pretty well cleaned out.
- 1330 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Scott: F Co area all clear; 50 PWS taken. G Co - no word on them. 20 PWS taken at the road block; went down main road from 97 to 111. E Co - the boundary S of Pt 60 - is all cleared.
- 1335 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth Blue 3: How's situation at Pt B3? Ans: We had 5 casualties. We withdrew them and we are going to send up some tanks. It is all cleared up by that little corner.
- 1336 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Kelly: (Latest situation given).
- 1407 - Red 2 to S-2: Have SS PW who knows where the SS Army Hqs is - its between Pt 37 and Pt 13. The exits are at 204<sup>98</sup> to about 192586.
- 1415 - Lt. Moore, White Bn to S-2: G Co has cleared the area, took 17 PWS.
- 1428 - PWI to Clerk: 6 from Red bn from 271 Arty Repl Bn. White Bn 42 PWS from 185th Arty Regt 6, Hq 11th Army 204-1054th Regt, 1 straggler, 5th Para Div 1, 1st AT Bn 1, 4 271th Repl Bn and 2 from 185th Repl Engr Bn. 7 - 26th Div.
- 1430 - Capt. Hall to G-2: PW information given. (SS data in particular).
- 1435 - Capt. Booth Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: I Co cleared west edge of sector at 098571 there is a road block. We made contact with 26th at 095568. At 103851 there are some rifles that we will destroy later, also a 40mm gun with the breech block missing. K Co picked up 5 PWS between 59 and 48. 6 PWS were picked up at Pt 35. At 162576 there were another group of jerries. There were about 100 PWS in all. I Co cleared from 48 to 33. At Pt 33 there is a strong point that is not clear.

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- 1510 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Stephens: E and F have cleared these areas, is it necessary for the companies to stay out in the woods? Lt. S; I'll find out about it.
- 1615 - 3rd En to Clerk: I Co reports the area now all clear.
- 1630 - Maj. White to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: You will contact F the same as last night. Tomorrow at 0900B, you will do the same as today, just clean up.
- 1632 - Maj. White to Capt. Kolb: What is the latest? Ans: They are still out. Got about 200 PWs thus far. (Maj. White reviews situation).
- 1750 - Lt. Valtin, PWI reports: 720 PWs for today.
- 1752 - Capt. Hall S-2 to 7th FA, Maj. Robbing: Reports 7th FA man by name of Rohdes on road between here and ELBINGERODE drunk, and in company of civilians.
- 1759 - S-2 to G-2: (Reports 720 PWs for the day). S-2: How is the 18th Inf doing? G-2: Have an accurate count on over 5,000. People who have been down there say the count will be around 8,000. S-2: How is the 26th doing? G-2: Their count is about 200. The 18th Inf took TIMMERODE and got about 2,000 PWs out of there.
- 1836 - Blue: Negative report.
- 1905 - G-2 to Capt. Hall: (latest information - discussion).
- 1907 - Lt. Valtin, PWI to Clerk: PW count 738.
- 1930 - Blue: Negative report.
- 1950 - Lt. Valtin, PWI: PWs for day is 811.
- 2000 - Capt. Hall to G-2, Capt. Donnelly: PW count given. Capt. D: 18th Inf has over 5000 today. There has been 35 to 40,000 PWs taken in the HARZ mountains, around BRANDENBERG there are elements at 145625, 165615, 142593. They are all working East road blocks and mines are in their way.
- 2025 - 5th FA S-2 to Clerk: Observed a convoy of 15 Jerry trucks with an American truck leading it, alert your people.
- 2050 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: 8th Armored is attacking town of BLANKENBERG at 1730 hrs. 18th Inf cleaned town of CATTENSTEDT and took 150 PWs.
- 2105 - S-3 to Red 3: Gives above message.

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- 2107 - S-3 to Blue 5: Gives above information.
- 2109 - S-3 to White 3: Same as above.
- 2205 - 3rd Bn report: Patrol from F Co contact ed us. All quiet.
- 2206 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: The PW cage will open up at THELIE at 0800B, tomorrow. Hold up on your PWs or send them to THAIA.
- 2213 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donlevy: The latest PW count for 16th - 924. G-2: Here's Div count - 8,500 -18,500 -26; 924 - 16th. (Discussion of general intelligence information).
- 2300 - Blue: Negative report.
- 2320 - Sgt. Minno to Capt. Donelvy: The PW count for Dagwood for today - 934.
- 2355 - White: Negative report.
- 2356 - Blue: Negative report.
- 2357 - Sgt. Minno to G-3: Negative report.



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LOCATION: RUBEKLAND, 143554, Germany.

0001 to 0700 hours, negative reports from all Units.

- 0705 - CO, I Co to Lt. Kestlinger: Have Sgt. from 8th Armored who contacted us. They have an outpost at Pt 33. Later in day they will take BIANKENBERG.
- 0830 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 18th Inf reports some enemy between your 1st Bn and the CP at 2155, on the road. The 18th is going to send some people up and clean their part of it out. Will you send someone down there to clean it to your boundary? Ans: I'll give 1st Bn a call right away. The 8th Armored has an outpost at 123586, they say they are going East sometime today.
- 0840 - S-5 to S-4: Colonel Curtis wants our captured vehicles to be taken to THAIE. Get 10 drivers from each Bn, and the Serviceable vehicles and run them over there this afternoon.
- 0843 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: (Gives information of item 0830 hours). Red 3: We are running the A-B-C-patrol thru that area starting at 0900 hours. Lt. Kestlinger: That will be OK then.
- 1005 - G-3 to Clerk: 18th reports elements of 8th Armored in CATTENSTADE (2357). They are coming down from the North thru the woods and will contact your 1st Bn in HUTTENRODE. Planes report town of BIANKENBERG occupied by elements of the 8th Armored. They see G-I transportation there. G/18th sweeping the woods in their area of action found elements of 8th Armored at 208548. So They'll swing East and join their F Co at 2657.
- 1010 - Clerk to Red 3: Gives above information.
- 1026 - G-3 to S-3: There will be a meeting at 1400 hours today for your CO and yourself at Division Hqs.
- Blue 2 to Clerk: I patrol returned. They went to Pt 33 and almost to Pt 34, then swung SE and hit main road coming back into town. Met many units of 8th Armored on road. No contact with enemy.
- 1150 - Red 2 to Clerk: 8th Armored have contacted us at the road block. The road block and contact point is 189575 it was the 58 Armored Infantry, they swept to the 58 grid.
- 1105 - Maj. White to Danger 3: Where is 18th Inf? Ans: There CP is in THAIE, they have F Co in TIMINRODE. Maj. White - Message of 1050 given.
- 1115 - PW Cage at THAIE open 210800B.

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- 1120 - Maj. White to CO's of "A" - 745 tank Bn; "C" 634th TD; "C" 87th Chem, and AT Co. You will get your platoon as of 1200 hours, under your control.
- 1130 - Maj. White to 1st - 2nd and 3rd Bns: Given - the above message.
- 1132 - 3rd Bn reports: L patrol returned with 34 PWs. Many civilians looting in the woods. A convoy of abandoned vehicles at 093574; trucks,  $\frac{1}{2}$  trucks. 80mm ammo at 096573, 400 to 500 rounds. Patrol reports one  $\frac{1}{2}$  truck full of enemy in woods at 104587.
- 1155 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Maj. White: Can we send back our Arty Observer? Maj. White: Yes - Do what you think best and secure the area.
- 1232 - Blue 2 to Clerk: At 1225 hours K Co patrol met Infantry from 8th Armored who were cleaning out woods. They took PWs from the woods. K Co patrol took 1 PW. Report enemy mines and bazookas vicinity Pt 48. They destroyed 1 -20mm AA gun.
- 1330 - PWI to S-2: Have a total of 215 including 6 officers.
- 1630 - G-2 to S-2: Tac Recon report as of late last night. They report heavy columns W and SW from A-3232 and A 3353. Also columns moving SW and NE at E7872. These columns are believed to be Russians
- 1715 - Maj. White to Capt. Kelly: Do the mortar and assault platoons of 745th Tank Bn stay with us. Capt. K: They will be detached from you probably tomorrow.
- 1840 - 634th TDs to Lt. Stephens: We are located down here where E Co is (NEUWER).
- 1850 - Capt. Hall to G-2: We have 424 PWs for today. Nothing else to report.
- 1902 - Danger 10 to Maj. White: Do you know what town you are going into? Ans: We are considering THALE. I can't tell definitely yet.
- 1942 - MSG: CO, 16th, 18th, and 26th Inf Regts: 701st Ord Co, 634th TD Bn, 745th Tank Bn, Div Cml O, G-2, G-3, and G-4. -- "A demonstration of new weapons consisting of AT and Chemical Mortars will be held at D 670291 on April 22 at 1600B. At least one representative from your Cannon Company, Tank Bn, TD Bn, and Ord Co should attend if the tactical situation permits."
- 2023 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj. White: The 9th Div 4th Cav have some installations under guard, which are of importance. Some of these fall in your area. I have a written poop sheet coming down to you showing you the positions and etc. It will be necessary for you to send someone to the respective CP where installation are at 1000B to be shown by guide the place to be put under guard. The relieve of area - to be accomplished by noon, 1200B, 23 April. There's a permanent MG at ASCHERSLEBEN and QUEDLINBURG. We will use route "A", road net, Hq 7th Corps, Adm O #126, 12 April.

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- 2130 - Maj. White to CO Cannon Co: Given the information on demonstration. He is to send an officer too. 9th Div C.P. 4515 PANSFELDE.
- 2145 - Lt. Valtin: Total PW for today - 465.
- 2200 - Blue: Negative report.
- 2215 - Maj. Green to Maj. White: This mission is cancelled, it just came in from Corp - will have something new in the morning.
- 2300 - Blue: Negative.

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LOCATION: RUBEELAND, 142555, Germany.

- 0601 to 0700, all units report negative and hourly reports are submitted to the G-3 office.
- 0750 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10 to Capt. Clark: You know the plan is changed. You will go into assembly area vicinity SANGERHAUSEN.
- 0850 - Maj. Green G-3 to Capt. Clark: Here is a little advanced information. The approximate area assigned the 26th Inf is now the Division assembly area. We will be prepared for further movement by Corps order.
- ~~0953 - Blue: Negative.~~
- 1009 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Capt. Clark: Combat attachments remain the same. Order will come down later. Ans: Have you the boundaries of our area? Ans: G-3: Yes, this will give you an idea: 4917, then N to 4924, 5325, 5528 5729 (Eastern boundary - same as shown yesterday - 610282, 646255; W to 610244, 5419, 530174. The town of ALLSTEEDT - exclusive to you. In regard to billets, it is directed that the people will not taken out of all houses. No troops will be billeted with civilians. That house will be used for installations down to include, CO CP and messes, troops will be kept out side.
- 1050 - S-6 to G-5, Col. Barnes: What does it look like? G-5: We go into an area prepared for further movement. We don't know anything further. Apparently Army changed the plan; I hardly think it is going into an attack. Might be a clean up situation; we could go forward, backward, or south. S-6: CK.
- 1100 - G-2 (Sgt Lindberg) to S-2, Capt. Hall: The Chief of Staff was just in here. He wants us to canvas the Div for a list of persons who speak Russian. The report is to be in by the 24th. Give information as to the degree of knowledge that each person listed has of the language. S-2: I'll take care of that.
- 1118 - S-3 to G-3: (Discuss possibilities of the next move). G-3 states that we will follow the 18th and 26th and perhaps the CT-16 can move some of its stuff before dark tomorrow nite. Only one trucking Co is available for the Div, the 18th and 26th using them first. G-3 suggests using Service Btry trucks of the attached Arty units to move some of CT-16 until such time as the trucking Co trucks are made available.
- 1120 - Lt. Valtin, FWD: Since my written report of last nite, we have had 82 FWS.

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- 1135 - Lt. Kestlinger calls the following units and gives them following notice; Have a billeting detail alerted for 1300 hours for movement. Carry 1 days ration and blankets. Limit Bn party to 4 or 5 jeeps: Hq Co.; Co "A", 1st Medics; Service Co; AT Co; 2nd Bn; 1st Bn; Co "A" 1st Engrs; Cannon Co; Regtl Medics; 3rd Bn. 1st Engrs will go with AT Co on the move. They will report to AT Co right after supper.
- 1150 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs have you today? Ans: 82 PWs.
- 1155 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Carroll, 634th TDs: Alert a billeting detail for 1300 hours and hold them in Company area. Notify 745th Tanks that we want the assault guns and mortars to move with you. So that when you move you have all the attachments with you.
- 1157 - Lt. Kestlinger to AT Co: Sending over a platoon from the Engrs. They'll move with you.
- 1159 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 5: How many trucks do you think it will take to move your Bn? Ans: At least 23 trucks.
- 1200 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: How many trucks will it take to move your Bn? Ans: 30 trucks.
- 1203 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: How many trucks will it take to move your Bn? Ans: 30 trucks.
- 1239 - S-3 to G-3: Would like to know if the reports that we use for tomorrow is clear? G-3: Will let you know.
- 1240 - All Units, CT and Attached: Billeting party report to Dagwood CP at 1400B.: 7th - Clerk; 5th - Capt. Moore; 1st Bn.; 2nd Bn - Capt. Elder; 3rd Bn - Cpl Weinberg; Co A, 745th Tank - Lt. Vighano; Co C, 87th Cml - Ln O; Hq Co -; AT - Cpl Cohen; Cn - (line out) Read msg -1237B (cha); Service Co - Sgt Smith; Med - clerk; Co C, 634th TD - Lt. Dian; Co A, 1st Med - Sgt Piper.
- 1255 - G-3 to S-3: Route will be OK.
- 1300 - Maj. Onie G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: PW in THALA closed; cage at ELLRICH at 1800B.
- 1310 - S-3 to Blue 3: Meeting at 1530B.
- 1335 - Lt. Valtin, PWI: 112 PWs so far today.
- 1415 - PW Cage at ELLRICH at 22 1800B. G-2 to Clerk: 3rd Armored has Dassaw half closed. Russians at E 9278 (Dahme) - 104th reports a town ~~and~~ across river being shelled and they are not doing it.

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- 1445 - Lt. Valtin, PWI to Clerk: PWs for today total 136.
- 1600 - Lt. Valtin, PWI to Clerk: PWs for today total 181.
- 1601 - Lt. Allen to Lt. Kestlinger: Does that engr and Lt. still come to us?  
Ans: Yes, I'll check with 1st Bn so that the engr assemble with you just before the move.
- 1608 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Stabler 1st Bn: I'd like to have the engr stay put until time to move then go to AT. Ans: OK, I'll take care of it.
- 1730 - G-2 reports: 26th Inf took Brig Gen STRAUSHKE, of the German Air Corps as a PW today. The 18th Inf took PW, a Lt. General FREITER-FIKO, CO of the German 9 Corps. VII Corps cub reports arty falling at E-1386, KRAKAU; It is not ours; nor the people to the north; must be the Russians.
- 1825 - Cpl. Weinberg, Blue to Clerk: I Co will do some MG (test) firing at 1088570.
- 1855 - Clerk to all 3 Bns: No more info available on move. But have a billeting party prepared to move (on call) tomorrow.
- 1930 - PW count: 203.
- 1935 - Maj. McKoan S-4 to Lt. Stephens: Danger 4 just informed me we are in the Army light Area: I guess that means we can use lights.
- 1950 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: What is the meaning of Army light area? Ans: You can use low beam lights on your vehicles. Do not relax on black out discipline though.
- 2130 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O. to S-2: The QM called and said they were ~~XXXX~~ giving me 16 to 21 trucks. Will you ask Maj. White to give me the breakdown on this tonite? Ans: I'll check.
- 2140 - G-2 to Clerk: What is the PW count for today? Ans: 206.

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LOCATION: RWBESLAND - (Same coordinate as April 22).

- 0715 - G-3 to Clerk: Due to the weather, troops may be billeted in houses. This order supercedes the one put out yesterday which stated only installations down to include Co., CP's and messes.
- 0931 - Red 2 to Clerk: We had a man that we were bringing back to regiment in a jeep. On the way there, he jumped out and got away. He was a Volstrum. He is about 5 feet, 10 inches tall; 33 years old; has black hair but not much of it. He is thin and in the usual civilian clothes. He has a small identification card saying he is a mechanic from ST. ANDREASBURG. Man must be important or he would not have tried to escape. Notify Capt. Hall to alert the MP's for him.
- 0932 - Sgt. Himple of the Regtl Medics is notified of the above.
- 0950 - 2nd Bn is notified of the above case of 0931 hours.
- 1005 - G-2 to S-2: What is cooking down your way? Ans: Not a thing. G-2: We are watching the Russians closely but have no further reports. They are fighting in BERLIN. They are fighting fifteen miles from the possible link-up.
- 1020 - S-3 to Colonel Gibb: Col. Horner was planning to send advance parties out at 1300 hours today. I am up at Division now and it is definitely OK. Have the #3 Section alert the quartering parties after they notify Col. Horner. Is that alright, sir? Ans: OK.
- 1040 - Lt. Kestlinger notified all units of the 16th Infantry and attached to have billeting parties here at Regtl CP at 1300 hours today.
- 1050 - S-4 to S-3: Are we definitely moving tomorrow? Ans: Yes, we start at 0700 hours.
- 1100 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer notifies of 30 PWs today.
- 1105 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 5: Maj. White directs you to turn over 4 kitchen trucks to Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co, by 2000 hours today. Ans: OK.
- 1107 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: Same message as above.
- 1150 - G-4 to S-3: Can you tell me what time you will clear town of GUTPERSBERG tomorrow in your move? Ans: I'd say at 1100 hours. G-3: The 18th Inf will follow in back of your column. They will have about 500 vehicles. I'll tell the 18th not to hit that road until you are clear.
- 1230 - TO Bn S-3's and CO's of Special Units are notified of a meeting at the Regtl CP at 1500 hours.

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- 1300 - S-2 to G-2: 37 PWs today. A Civilian reported that they had 2 high ranking officers who were sleeping in their home. Upon investigation they could not be found. The people lived in HUTTENRODE.
- 1309 - Billeting detail cleared IP.
- 1315 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO reports: 69th Division in visual contact with the Russians. They are in V Corps.
- 1345 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA to S-3: Checked the route from ELBINGERODE; if the stream does not get any higher, we can forde it. We will pick up your F Co here, and the others at RUBEHLAND. S-3: We are having a meeting at 1530 hours, I'll tell you about picking up those people after we have had the meeting.
- 1519 - The following were notified to report to the Regtl CP immediately to pick up movement orders; 745th Tanks, 634th TD, Cannon Co, Antitank and Co A of the 1st Medics.
- 1534 - G-2 reports: Russian column approaching 69th Div area. All units alerted. This came from the 104th Div at 1320 hours.
- 1515 - Lt. Valtin, PWI, reports: Present PW count 72.
- 1559 - S-2 to G-2: 72 PWs so far today. Everything is pretty quiet. G-2: 9th Div turned a General over to the 18th Inf but he does not know anything.
- 1610 - MESSAGE: 22 April 45 Confirmation of Verbal Orders. To CO 16th Inf. "Green Sery lights, Green Star Rockets (Green Star Parachute M19A1) Flares and Green star clusters (M20A1) will be used only for purpose of identifying ourselves to the Russians until further notice. (Beck - G-3).
- 1925 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs today? Ans: 72.
- 2110 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 1: You will not move tomorrow. You will get your trucks as before but you will not move. The Colonel is trying to get buildings for you.
- 2145 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Stabler, Blue Arty Obs for 7th FA: You will move as planned but 3rd Bn does not.
- 2200 - G-3 to S-3: Conversation concerns getting 3rd Bn Officers rolls up to the new area.
- 2205 - S-3 to Blue 3: How many trucks do you need to get bed rolls up? Ans: I couldn't say. S-3: What do you have? Ans: Just two blankets, no shelter halves. (S-3 discusses the contemplated training program).
- 2300 - S-3 to G-3: We are going to leave the 3rd Bn behind. Ans: Yes, Col. Gibb and Col. Horner are going on recon at 0700 hours to WOLFERODE and SE to BISCHOPRODE to look for billets for the 3rd Bn. Our Division Forward CP will open at 1000 hours at BLANKENHEIM at 5629.



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LOCATION: HOLDENSTEDT, 578260, Germany.

0030 - PWI reports: Total PWs for 23rd April is 103.

0420 - G-2 reports: An American jeep was captured by the Germans and is running around in American territory. Number of jeep was 20346643. On bumper was 473 AAA Hq 2. Captured between C-9851 and C-9041. Two GIs in jeep killed and one wounded. Enemy took their clothing. One enemy is wearing a Medics helmet, has on a leather jacket, wears gloves, has dark hair, mustache, and needs a shave. Other Germany wearing field jacket with no chevrons, wearing US helmet with net over it. The third German is blond, wears mustache, has high forehead. Last seen at C-9851, heading towards DORTSMOUTH.

0740 - S-3 to G-3; for relay to 18th Inf S-3: March Order - 7th FA, 2nd Bn, 5th FA, Special Units. Last in serial - 634th TDs and A of the 745th Tank Bn.

1910 - Red 5 to Lt. Stephens: What about the platoon of Engineers? Ans: You keep them for the present.

1915 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Maj. White, S-3, wanted a clearance on moving your 3rd Bn tomorrow starting at 0600 hours. It is OK. Use the same route and their serial number will be D-25. S-3: Do we keep the Engineers? Ans: At present, yes. You also have the mortars and assault guns. You are losing 7th FA and 5th FA tomorrow morning at 0600 hours when they revert to Division control.

1924 - Maj. White to Maj. Edmond: The Engineers will revert back to their own control shortly but you will keep them at present. I will call 1st Engrs and try to arrange it.

1926 - Maj. Barnett, 5th FA, to S-3: (Conversation concerned trucks for movement of CT-16).

1927 - Maj. Olmey to Colonel Horner: We have enough cots for each man in your outfit back in BONN, and we will bring them up providing you will handle them from now on. Ans: OK, get them and we will handle them from now on.

1935 - Maj. White to Lt. Johnson, 3rd Bn: Discussed situation on the platoon of Engrs as previously listed in this journal.

1952 - Lt. Stephens to White 2: You can send your Artillery liaison officer back in the morning.

1955 - Red 5 to Lt. Stephens: Do you know what time our Bn will start in the morning? Ans: Yes, sir. They will start at 0600 hours.

2000 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: When did your Bns close and where are they located? Ans: We only have one Bn closed, our second Bn. They are at BEYERNUMBERG. They closed at 1015 hours. 1st Bn will be in tonight. 3rd Bn will be in, in the morning. 1st Bn will be in BORNSTEDT, 3rd Bn in BISCHOPORDE.

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- 2008 - Lt. Lynch, Div Liaison Officer reports: 30,000 Germans waving white flags marching west at DUBEN, 3543. PW camp at WURZEN was taken and 11,000 allied PWs liberated. Lt. Col. Lord says V Corps is simply sitting, doing nothing.
- 2015 - MESSAGE - From CG, 1st US Inf Div to CO 16th Inf: Effective 250600 April all Division artillery reverts in present location to Division artillery control any prior commitments regarding use of artillery transportation by CT remains in force.
- 2047 - S-3 to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA IO: You will revert to Division artillery control at 0600 hours in the morning.
- 2106 - S-3 to Red 5: Has any of your outfit come in yet? Ans: No, they have not. I just got word that as of 1200 hours tomorrow the engineers will revert to Bn control. I will take care of them tonight and send them back in the morning. S-3: As soon as the trucks come in let me know of it. If they are 7th FA or 5th FA trucks they will have to make plans.
- 2135 - G-3 to Capt. Fish, S-1: What time did your first elements cross the IP and what time do you think your 1st Bn will close? Ans: IP was crossed at 0700 hours, 1st Bn will close about 2230 hours.
- 2300 - MESSAGE: To CO 16th Inf: Officer patrols by Bn or Separate companies will be maintained in daylight hours to keep civilians, including children, away from unit areas and report violations of non-fraternization policy. Civilian curfew hours to be enforced from 2000 hours to 0600 hours. Signed Chief of Staff.
- 2345 - Red 3 reports: 1st Bn has closed in at 2345 hours.
- 2346 - Lt. Kestlinger reports to G-3: (Gives the above info of 2345 hours).

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LOCATION: HOLDENSTEDT, 578260, Germany.

- 0045 - Maj. Edmond, Red 5, to Lt. Stephens: We are all closed in here, complete.
- 0810 - Capt. Stabler, Arty. 10 1st Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you know where the 7th FA CP is? Ans: At 503203.
- 0820 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Chandler, White 2: (Gave the information as listed in journal item of 2000 hours, 24 April 1945, pertaining to non-fraternization). All units are notified of the same by Lt. Kestlinger.
- 0915 - Maj. White, S-3 to Maj. McKean, S-4: I just received an Administrative Instructions from Division. It pertains to painting of helmets, painting of vehicle bumpers, maintenance of vehicles, inspection of vehicles, shoe repair, laundry and shower facilities, officers sales store, repair of weapons and signal equipment.
- 1007 - Maj. White, S-3 to G-3: Cml. Co, Co C, 87th Cml Co revert to Bn control at 1200B today.
- 1008 - There will be a meeting of Bn and Special Unit commanders and attached at Regimental CP at 251500B April. The following were notified: 1st Bn - Sgt Spizatto; 2nd Bn - Lt. Chandler; 3rd Bn - Capt. Richmond; Hq Co - Pvt Enger; AT Co - Lt. Allen; Cannon Co - Lt. McCain; Serv Co - Sgt. Smith; Med Det - Sgt Bailey; S-4 - Maj. McKean; Co A, 1st Medics - Sgt Piper; Co A, 745th Tnks - First Sgt; Co C, 634th TD Bn - Lt. Dean.
- 1102 - White 3 to S-3: Can we test fire some weapons? Ans: Where? White 3: In our Bn area in dug in holes or against a hill side. We will put out the necessary guards, etc. S-3: What time? Ans: 1300B. S-3: Fine.
- 1136 - Message - From CG 1st US Inf Div to CO, 16th Inf: Rcn Co 634th; Co D, 745th Tnks Bn is relieved from attachment to 18th Inf and reverts to control of the 745th Tank Bn; assault gun platoon and mortar platoon, 745th are relieved from attachment to 16th Inf and revert to control of 745th.
- 1208 - G-3 to S-3: What time did your 3rd Bn close in? Ans: I will check and call you back.
- 1210 - 3rd Bn closed in at 1200B.
- 1211 - S-3 to G-3: Same as above 1200 hours.
- 1218 - 3rd Bn CP location 635276.

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- 1245 - Message to CO 16th Inf: Effective 250600B April, all Div arty reverts in present locations to Div Arty control. Any prior commitments regarding use of artillery transportation by CTs remains in force. From CG 1st DS Inf Div 1730B.
- 1246 - Message - To CO 16th Inf. Engineer combat team platoons are detached from CT effective 251200B revert to 1st Engineer Battalion control. From CG 1st US Inf Div 2030B.
- 1250 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Corps said that the regiments are on a 24 hour alert and the tanks and TDs are on a 48 hour alert.
- 1215 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tank Bn<sup>1A</sup> Co: Gives the information of 1250 hours.
- 1530 - MESSAGE: To CO's 16th and 18th Infs: Companies C and D of 87th Cml Bn are detached from 1st Div and revert to control of 87th Cml Bn effective 251200B. From CG 1st US Inf Div 0835B.
- 1600 - CO 631th TDs to Maj. White, S-3: Do the men have to carry their weapons? S-3: Yes. You have to carry weapons except when having some kind of support.
- 2400 - G-2 to Clerk: Army will not admit as official news that elements of V Corps has linked up with the 58th Russian Div of the 1st Ukrainian Army at TORGAU and RIESSA as of 2230 hours.

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LOCATION: HOLDENSTEDT, Germany, 5782 60.

- 0930 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10, reports: Contact with the Russians reported at E9115. 104th Div took 1500 PWs yesterday and V Corps took 3000. Recorded in Div journal is a conversation with Corps which says resistance may be in the Monarch area.
- 1120 - Report from G-2: 104th Div took 6000 PWs. 3rd of the 44th is awaiting orders to cross river at E3836. 58th Georgian Div and the 15th Russian Div are along the 69th US Inf Div front. Meeting of American and Russian Regt CO's at 1000B. Div CO's at 1600B. General DITTMAR was picked up by XII Corps. He was a military spokesman.
- 1140 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Capt. Clark: The Div is under a 24 hours alert prepared to move on notice. Billeting details be prepared to move at first light tomorrow morning. Details to follow.
- 1155 - Maj. Kealy to Lt. Kestlinger: Billeting officer will report to G-3 office at 1330B. We will assemble and move out to look over new assembly area (Vicinity- Monarch).
- 1200 - S-6 to G-5: Same information as above. G-6 and G-3 went down for orders; will fly back. Orders from VII Corps. Probably 2 Combat teams will move tomorrow. Details later.
- 1355 - S-3 called Red 3, White 6, Blue 6, 745th Tank Bn CO, CO 634th TDs, and CO AT Company. Gave the tentative plans as listed above.
- 1500 - Colonel Barnes (Division) to S-6: One CT will move tomorrow. It will be the 26th. You will move day after tomorrow. Danger Base will be re-routed on the way up, so that they will be near us after we move. We are moving to the vicinity of K-0036, 160 miles from here.
- 1615 - S-3 to Red 3: A billeting party is to be ready to move out at 0645 hours. They will leave from the Regt GP at that time. Five jeeps per Bn will go. Take rations for 2 days, the trip will be about 120 miles to a forward assembly area. The mission will be of a Static nature, protecting a flank. (This above message is given to 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, 745th Tanks, CO HQ Co, Co A, 1st Medics, 634th TDs, and Cannon Co.
- 1730 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10, reports: 9th Div reports PWs being taken without resistance. 47th Inf captured 500 at F2265. German Colonel who is a PW states the Russians are in E-3388, E-3483 and 3578. This report also states that the Russians crossed the ELEE river at E3794 and E5171.
- 1735 - Service and Anti-tank companies given message of 1615 hours of this journal.

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- 2000 - S-3 to G-3: What route do you want the advance party to take? Ans: The column will be taking the autobahn to road 173 into HCF, Germany.
- 2030 - S-3 to Blue 5: Will you look into that shooting in the woods between you and Cannon Co? Ans: Yes, sir. Will send some people out to look into it.
- 2100 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: You will pick up mortar platoon, Engineers and 7th FA at 0800 hours in the morning. You will pick up the assault gun platoon.
- 2300 - S-3 to G-3: Will the main body leave the morning after tomorrow? Ans: Yes.
- 2320 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO, reports: The 11th Armored, CCA, crossed the Austrian border at the town of "L", coordinate Q-4534, at 1840 hours.

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- LOCATION: During the period the Regiment moved from HOLDENSTEDT 578260, to SETB, GERMANY. The Regtl CP was temporarily located in a hotel in the central portion of the city.
- 0024 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The proposed move has to be completed in two days. You will move tomorrow afternoon at 1400B. Trucks will be available and your S-4 has already been notified. Your billeting detail will meet your billeting officer at HOF, tomorrow morning at 1000B.
- 0545 - All units alerted for movement by 1300 hours by Lt. Kestlinger.
- 0645 - S-3 to G-3: You have us down for 65 trucks for the move today. We can't move on that many trucks. Ans: I will call you back.
- 0652 - S-6 to Red 6: What is the minimum number of trucks that will move you? Ans: 20. S-6: How many of your people can ride with Cannon Co? Ans: One company. S-6: How about Antitank Co? Ans: Never tried them.
- 0655 - S-6 to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co: How many extra men can you carry? Ans: About one half of a company.
- 0709 - S-3 to Co A, 1st Engrs, Capt. Murphy: Can you carry any extra men on your trucks? Ans: We could, but they would have to stand. S-3: Have your platoon at BEYRNAMBERG at 1300 hours, they will be attached to Hq Co, and will move with 2nd Bn.
- 0800 - S-3 to CO, Co A, 1st Medics: You will get one truck for the move. You will be in the lead serial.
- 0820 - S-3 to Red 3: Hq Co, Service Co, Co A, 1st Medics are in the 1st serial. You will be 2nd. Cannon Co will help you carry your personnel. Expect 20 trucks.
- 0830 - S-3 to S-4: You will command 1st Serial. Leave here at 1330 hours, and hit the IP at 1400 hours.
- 0831 - G-3 to S-3: You will receive 65 trucks. Division will close out here at 1030 hours.
- 0845 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO, reports: We move at about 1100 hours.
- 0920 - Capt. Ralph, Comm O, to S-3: What time can we pull our board? S-3: Around 1330 hours. When you pull the board connect all three Bn lines. Each vehicle will have the number M-279 on it and the lead vehicle a sign saying CT-16.

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- 0930 - Red 3 to S-3: Anything new? Ans: Not aside from what I have given you. You will have an order in about one hour.
- 0930 - MESSAGE - Password for all units from 1200 hours 27 April to 1200 hours 28 April: BRIDGE - BRUSHWOOD.
- 0940 - S-3 to Lt. Ramirez, Ex O Hq Co: On completion of the move, one platoon from the 1st Engrs (Officer and 40 men) are attached to you for rations.
- 1000 - Maj. Robbins, 7th FA, to S-3: Can you read me the order over the phone? S-3: (Gives order over the phone; convoy number, distance, march units, speed, etc).
- 1015 - White 3 to S-3: Discuss disposition of units after arrival in new area. S-3 indicates that CT-16 will be relieving troops in the new area by 1800 hours 28 April 1945.
- 1034 - S-3 to S-6: Your tanks and TDs can move under control of Colonel Nicholls, 745th Tank Bn, and when he is able to move. S-6: I'll let Col. Nicholls handle the movement. Any news on the tactical situation in the new area? Ans: There is no contact with the enemy, it is a blocking mission. S-6: Would like to push on a couple thousand yards from the assigned area when we relieve those people for better ground. (The point of moving on further to be discussed later).
- 1037 - 745th Tank Bn Co A, Capt. Carroll, and CO Co G, 634th TDs, Lt. Dean, were notified that their units would make the move under the control of the 745th Tank Bn CO Colonel Nicholls.
- 1100 - Capt. Ralph, Comm O, to S-3: Are our radios to be open or closed? S-3: The order reads that they are to be closed. Ans: Division net will remain open for a listening watch for the move.
- 1120 - Blue 3 to S-3: Discussed the order of march.
- 1125 - S-4 to S-3: No signs of the trucks as yet. Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O, is down waiting for them.
- 1130 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, Co A, 745th Tanks: Discussed tank and TDs moving together under control of 745th.
- 1136 - Capt. Merindeno to S-3: We are short three trucks. I broke them down as follows: 19 trucks to 3rd Bn; 17 trucks to 2nd Bn; 19 trucks to 1st Bn; 4 to Regt, Hq Co; 2 to Service Company and one to Co A, 1st Medics. Ans: OK.
- 1222 - S-3 to Red 3: Do you have any questions? The Colonel and I are leaving in a few minutes. Ans: No, sir.



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- 1225 - S-3 to <sup>WHITE</sup> Red 3: Do you have any questions? Ans: Is the route marked?  
S-3: Yes.
- 1227 - S-3 to Blue 3: Did you get the order? Ans: Yes. S-3: Do you have any questions? Ans: No, sir.
- 2300 - New CP opens at SEID, Germany. Trip made with no incidents.
- 2345 - A check was made of the 3 Bns for the progress of their units, with the following results: 1st Bn - last units closing in now. (Hq Co). 2nd Bn - E Co has closed and H Co except for the kitchens and supply units. 3rd Bn - No units have reported to the CP as yet. 7th FA - No Communication with 7th FA.
- 2348 - Capt. Merindeno Transp O, to S-3: All extra trucks except the 4 that Regtl Hq has, are returning to Div QM.

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LOCATION: SELB, 12783h, Germany. (Part of the 1st Bn, and all of the 2nd Bn took positions inside the CZECHOSLOVAKIA border). CT-16 relieving elements of the 97th Division.

- 0005 - Red 3 to S-3: All closed as of 2340 hours. Only one maintenance truck was forced to leave the convoy during the trip, a 2½ ton truck. There are a couple of vehicles just outside of the town with flat tires. (Red 3 inquires about the orders for the relief, and S-3 states that the relief is to be made by 1400 hours).
- 0010 - Capt. Merindeno, Transportation officer, to S-3: Lt. Ramirez, Ex O, Hq Co, told me that the 4 QM trucks were to be kept here tonight. S-3: Those trucks are to be unloaded and returned tonight.
- 0012 - S-5, Col. Horner, to Lt. Ramirez: You will unload the 4 trucks and return them tonight.
- 0040 - Blue Bn reports: Our forward elements are in now. I will let you know when they are closed in.
- 0112 - Mr. Lipinski, duty officer, to Lt. Moore 2nd Bn: Are you closed? Ans: No. The 7th FA dropped G Co off in HOF. Everything is closed except G Company.
- 0125 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: The Bn closed as of now (0115 hours). As far as I know there is one ambulance missing.
- 0130 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: All our units have closed in as of 0115 hours. G Co dropped off in the wrong town (HOF), but we are sending back for them.
- 0210 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report.
- 0240 - Anti-tank Co reports: Just checking in to tell you that everything is OK.
- 0315 - Mr. Lipinski to White CP: Is G Co reported in yet? Ans: No, not yet.
- 0320 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report.
- 0328 - 2nd Bn reports: G Company closed at 0310 hours.
- 0530 - Lt. Kestlinger, duty officer, to G-3: Negative report.
- 0645 - Lt. Kestlinger notifies the 1st Medics and 7th FA to pick up overlays and operations instructions before 0730 hours.

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- 0800 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3, to Maj. White, S-3: On this phase line #1, is that an attack mission or do we move there to defend? S-3: Move up to phase line #1 and defend. You might move to phase line #2 as it is better ground; will let you know. As to the enemy situation, we can't find out much other than that there are small groups and some snipers. Red 3: Where is this contact point with 2nd Bn, and will 2nd Bn have half the town of SCHONBERG? Are we to have the other half of that town? S-3: Will call you back on that. You will be at Phase Line #1 by 11:00 hours.
- 0815 - S-3 to White 2, Lt. Chandler: The long line on Operations instructions is phase line #1. You will move to that line by 11:00 hours and defend. Be ready to go to Phase Line #2 on order. The General is coming down for a meeting this morning, and this is one of the things that they will talk about. As for the enemy, we can't tell you much. There are only small groups reported.
- 0830 - S-3 to Red 3: The boundary of Phase Line #1 is the three upper buildings. They are in your sector, i.e., the town of REICHENBACH and the cross-roads at 262858 is the boundary of Phase Line #2.
- 0901 - White 6, Col. Grant, to S-3: Anything new? S-3: Nothing more than what I told Lt. Chandler. White 6: We only go to Phase Line #1? S-3: That's right; until you receive further orders. White 6: Have your people left for the town of "H"? S-3: Yes. White 6: Will the route be posted? S-3: I do not know. White 6: What is the latest of this outfit? Their Bn CP location, etc? S-3: I sent a situation overlay out last evening. It contains the latest locations. They have a platoon of I company east of the town.
- 0925 - S-3 to 386th Inf S-3: Do you have any troops in HAZIOV? Ans: There are two companies in the town. They will pull out as soon as relieved, i.e., one company will stay in the town until relieved. They are patrolling in that sector and have patrols running to ASCH. S-3: What about enemy fire? Ans: They are receiving very little enemy fire. The Division liaison officer reported some infiltration taking place. S-3: What about the road between ASCH and HAZIOV? Ans: It is cleared. I have a report that there are some mines in the woods. None of our men have had trouble with them, but a civilian is reported to have had a foot blown off. S-3: Do you have any troops in BONERSROTE and ASCH? Ans: Yes. Along there is our general line. The road blocks in woods have been removed. Shoe mines in woods have been marked. S-3: Any Artillery? Ans: Only an occasional round. The shoe-mines are on the sides of the main road and in the woods at GR 197867 and 223850. They also found some at 213862.

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- 0928 - G-3 to S-3: Effective 0930B, the 7th FA is detached from you and under Div Arty control.
- 0935 - S-3 to White 3: Gives information as of item 0925 hours. This same information is given to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2.
- 0945 - Capt. Stowell, Regtl Ammo Co, to S-4: Trucks went down for gas, but there is no gas there yet. It will not be in until sometime this afternoon.
- 0946 - Duty Clerk to G-2: Is it alright to write "Somewhere in CZECHOSLOVAKIA on outgoing letters? Ans: Not yet, not until SHAEF Hqs, says so.
- 1007 - White 3 to S-3: Like to have 10 trucks. S-3: I will get Capt. Merindeno on it, but cannot promise you that you will get 10 trucks.
- 1008 - S-3 to Service Co: (Capt. Merindeno, Transportation officer is on his way to Regtl CP - the above request will be made to him when he arrives at this CP).
- 1015 - White 3 to S-6: Do I get a Cannon Co observer, sir? Ans: No, I do not think they will be able to reach where you are going.
- 1019 - S-2 to Blue 3: Few installations in this area that have to be taken over and guarded. Hospitals, PW camps, Labor camps, etc. How about sending someone down at 1300 hours to go over with me to look at them so we can see what we need to guard.
- 1022 - S-3 to Blue 3: What are your plans? Ans: My attachments wtil are not here. Have no plans as of now. S-3: Gives area that 3rd Bn is responsible for. 1st Bn in ASCH with woods to the east.
- 1025 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO, reports: 97th Division code name THERMITE; 303rd Inf code name TEA KETTLE; 386th code (Inf) name TEASPER; 387th Inf code name TEAPOT. Division artillery - TEAGUP. 6th Cav Grp - HAMMER; 28th Sqdrn - HAMMER RED; 6th Sqdrn - HAMMER WHITE. 8th Corps artillery, 203rd FA Grp, Lt. Colonel D.B. HARRIOTT, code name HIGH FRAISE; 191st FA Bn, 155 Hows - LOTION; 734th FA, 155 Rifles, - LUSTY. One Bn of 105s - 76th Artillery. One Bn of 155s of the 955th FA; Btry B of 17th FOB.
- 1047 - G-3 calls for a check of the Bn positions.
- 1050 - Blue 6 to S-2: (Discuss enemy capabilities in the 3rd Bn area).
- 1110 - G-2 reports that it is OK to use the term "Somewhere in CZECHOSLOVAKIA" on outgoing correspondence.
- 1111 - The above information as of 1110 hours is given to all Bns.

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- 1131 - Blue 6 to S-3: To operate, I will have to move K Co into LANGENAU and L Co into HUCHWALD. Rest of the Bn with K Co. S-3: That is OK.
- 1135 - G-3 to Clerk: The General and Colonel Beck with representatives of the 26th Inf will be down to see you at 1330 hours.
- 1200 - Red 3 to S-3: Would like to have a platoon of engineers to clear that road thru the woods and take care of a couple of road blocks sometime after dinner. Our Bn CP is at 185889. S-3: OK, I will send them up.
- 1215 - S-3 to Platoon Leader of 1st Engrs: Want you to take your platoon to 1st Bn for the afternoon to do some work on clearing roads. Their CP is at 185889. You will return to Hq Co for chow.
- 1220 - G-2 to S-2: 88mm fire landed at 3079, Nebelwerfers landed at 314722. Enemy strongpoint at 183937. 200 enemy reported holding Airfield at CHEB with 12 MGs. 15 enemy reported at GRUN, 2194. Road blocks at 299670, 211665, 295688, 290688, 309641. AT mines at 223824, 223823, 239893 and 223882. Teller mines reported at 195867.
- 1230 - White 3 to Capt. Clrk, duty officer: What about the trucks to move our companies? Ans: Capt. Merindeno is getting them for you. Will check with him and let you know.
- 1235 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Merindeno: How about the trucks? Ans: Those trucks will be up in about 20 to 25 minutes, as soon as we can get enough gas.
- 1236 - Capt. Clark relays above information to White 3.
- 1255 - Capt. Merindeno to Capt. Clark: Have 10 trucks and they are on the way over to 2nd Bn.
- 0100 - Red 3 to Red 6: A and B at STEINGRUB. C Co in position. Will send patrols towards Phase Line #2.
- 0130 - Red 3 to S-3: What is the 26th Inf doing? S-3: They are moving out to the high ground. Red 3: We have reached Phase Line #1, and patrolling to Phase Line #2. What about contact with 26th Inf? S-3: I will make arrangements for you to make contact with their L Co between 1430 and 1530 hours, at the crossroads at 191887. Red 3: Hell, I was there this morning and our CP is far from there. Will send someone from Hq Co, to make the contact. S-3: I will get the picture from them and get it down to you.
- 1345 - MESSAGE - (28 April via 193) To CO 16th Inf from CG 1st Div. 7th FA Bn and 33rd FA Bn detached from 16th and 26th Infs respectively and revert to Div Arty control effective 280930B. 5th FA Bn and 32nd FA Bn detached from 18th Inf revert to Div control eff on arrival assembly area. 634th TD Bn, minus detachments, detached Div Arty, revert to Div control on arrival Div area. (Signed 0930 hours).

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- 1400 - General ANDRUS, accompanied by General TAYLOR, visits CP and confers with Colonel Gibb.
- 1430 - 26th Infantry reports only enemy identification which they have had in this area is the 1st and 2nd Companies of the 331st regt of the 413th Div. Estimate 25 men in each company, made by 26th Inf S-2.
- 1424 - S-3 to Capt. Johnson, 3rd Bn Rear CP: Get this information to Colonel Wozenski - One company with one platoon of antitank guns is to be prepared to move over to 1st Bn; prepared to be attached to 1st Bn on order from this headquarters. Have this delivered to Colonel Wozenski immediately, by jeep if necessary.
- 1427 - S-3 to Maj. Smith, White 5: Go ahead and go out on Phase Line #2. Keep actual physical contact with 1st Bn. Get this word to them right away.
- 1445 - S-3 to Capt. Johnson, Blue 1: That company will not move today. They will remain under your control.
- 1500 - S-3 to Maj. Robbins, 7th FA: Maj R: Our CP is at 171846; guns are in a goose-egg 1000 yards East and South of this and can reach 27. (S-3 gives locations of our units as they will be tonight). Maj. R: We have FOs with 1st and 2nd Bns and IOs with the others. Also have FO with 191st Field for reinforcement, they are mediums. S-3: It is OK to register your guns East of Phase Line #2.
- 1510 - White 3 to S-3: We are on Phase Line #1. S-3: Get on Phase Line #2 and button-up there. (S-3 gives right flank contact with 1st Bn elements at 257804 and orders White 3 to maintain contact with them).
- 1515 - MESSAGE - 28 April 1945, thru Message Center, filed 1235 hours, signed 1135 hours B. TO: S-2 16th Inf - for information - third Army password and reply on time and date indicated. From OOB 28 Apr to 1200 B 29 Apr Password - DOROTHY, Reply - IAMOUR. This is not the same as the First Army password and reply.
- 1525 - S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Have the I&R platoon check the area in this square - 1480, 1580, 1282, and 1582. Ans: OK, sir.
- 1545 - Maj. Lauten, G-2, gives the following information to S-3: Directly to our front there have been indications of some enemy moving in, and others moving out. The people identified out front have been from the 13th Weckreis similar to our Corps or Service Commands; it forms the 413th Mobilization Div Hqs. Yesterday in this area there were 4 rounds of 88mm and 5 rounds of Nebelwerfer fire. The wooded area out <sup>no</sup> SE of ASCH and E of SELE has road blocks and probably some mines. There is <sup>no</sup> indication of any organized enemy in the area. Between the Italian front, Berlin front Russian front, and the American front, there are probably 100 enemy div's of which 30 are Panzer outfits with approximately 50 tanks each.

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The Russians are about 30 miles from the 11th Armored Div. The 11th US Armored Div has been ordered to stay where they are. The enemy capabilities, as it concerns the big-picture, is that he can hurt somebody but hasn't sufficient power for any big-scale show. A great share of his efforts are focused on the Russians. V and VII Corps are getting 5000 to 7000 prisoners of war daily. There were 6000 taken by the people of the 97th Div yesterday.

- 1612 - G-3 to S-3: Starting tonight Corps wants periodic at 1600 hours. We will want a report from you as of 1600 hours each day. S-3: Our companies are moving now. G-3: For today put them where they will be in your report, and that will be OK.
- 1627 - S-3 to White 3: White 3: In VOJANOV, F Company will go into that town. G in the town at 262826. E Company will be at 290803. White CP roughly at 241832. (White 3 requests fire be lifted on town at 270840, as F Company is going in there).
- 1632 - S-3 relays the "lift-fire" request, as above to Major Sandell, IO 7th FA.
- 1635 - The CP which had been temporarily located in a hotel in the center portion of the city of SELB is moved and opens in the group of buildings formerly used by the 386th Inf Regt CP. The new location is 127834.
- 1715 - Radio message from the I&R: Point #1 is clear.
- 1725 - Message - CO 16th Inf to S-2 and S-3: Compromised password from 1200B 28 April to 1200B 29 April - WHIPPET - WINNER.
- 1745 - Maj. White to Red 3: How is everything? Ans: Pretty good. We have had no contact with the enemy. (Maj. White gives company positions of the 26th Inf and of Dagwood 2nd Bn). Red 3: At 1900 hours we will move to STEINTRUN. There are some demolitions in the woods. The Russians were working the other end of the road we were working. One mine blew up and killed 4 Russians and injured several.
- 1750 - Maj. Green to Maj. White: Major White gives locations of our units as previously listed.
- 1802 - Maj. White to G-3: There are 20 men left here from the 303rd Regt of the 97th Div guarding installations. Can you make arrangements for them to be picked up? Ans: I can call their outfit. S-3: We will relieve them in about one hour.
- 1810 - S-3 to White 2: The TDs are in now. They are in the vicinity of our CP, but they are badly in need of maintenance, so we will keep them here for a day or two. If you need them, we will send a platoon out.

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- 1815 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn: Gave the information about the TDs to 1st Bn.
- 1816 - Co A, 634th TDs closed in at 1730 hours. One fell out on the way.
- 1830 - Co A, 634th TDs report the one TD that was stuck on the road is now in.
- 1845 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Companies are in position now; no contact with the enemy. A company at 250870; B company at 260857; C company at 222895. CP in HEMMERODE.
- 1905 - White 2 to S-2: We have 8 enemy. Caught 4 in town and 4 later. Captured at 270840. They pulled out just before we got there. Bedieve bridge is blown at 295838. Road block at 251839, no scrapping. went all through the woods today. Minefield on road at 200832, and roadblock at 152822. S-2: Any hospitals or warehouses in that area? Ans: No.
- 1943 - Clerk to Red CP: Submit overlay by 1300 hours 29 April, showing company positions, CO CPs, HMGs positions, 81mm mortar positions, AT guns, Road Blocks, and contact patrols.
- 1945 - Lt. Gorham, 3rd Bn, to S-2: Guards have been posted on camps and hospitals.
- 1950 - S-2 to Red 2: Are you set up yet? Ans: We have a forward in KONNERSREUTH; A Company is there too. B Company is in SCHONE. C company is north of NASENGRUBER. We ran into some mines today at one road block. There were 7 Russians wounded and 4 killed when it blew up. Our patrol picked up 3 Italians who said that there were 50 enemy in HORREUTH - they had no tanks, no mortars and no artillery. Italians also said no enemy in BRAMBACH.
- 2005 - Information, same as item 1943 hours, given to 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 2030 - S-3 of the 26th Inf to S-3: 2 platoons of I of the 26th in town at 210900. One platoon in DOIREUTH. You can contact us in town at 210900. Ans: OK.
- 2035 - S-3 to Red 3: Contact I of the 26th in town at 210900.
- 2037 - Blue 3 to S-3: The woods are now clean. We found road blocks and minefields. I'll send you an overlay.
- 2050 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO to clerk: 26th Inf reports receiving light mortar fire and SP fire from SE of ROSSBACH. Radar plant and radio tube plant in town of "A". From vicinity of ADORF, observed 50 enemy and combination of 10 soldiers and 40 to 50 civilians working on RR at P2199. 6th Sqdrn of the 97th Div reports about 450 enemy at garrison in ADORF. 26th received SP fire from P 200985, falling in area of 180940. Enemy seemed to be hanging around RJ leading into woods, no trouble from them.



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- 2055 - G-2 to S-2: (Discuss general situation).
- 2057 - S-3 to Red 3: How about your patrols? Ans: We patrolled to Phase Line #2 except in the C co area. S-3: How about hill 644? Ans: No. S-3: How about BARRENDORF? Ans: That is clear. A Co is there. We are going to continue patrolling to E in the morning.
- 2130 - Maj. Robbins, 7th FA to S-3: The engineers will have to fill a crater NW of 225839. Tomorrow 7th FA will move to west edge of HAZLOV and medium Bn will move to LINDOV after the 7th FA is in position.
- 2143 - S-3 to Platoon Leader Co A, 1st Engrs: Fill in crater just NW of bridge at 225839. Start from here at 0730 hours. Report to 7th FA CP in HAZLOV. When you have completed the job there, then return to Regt CP. The I&R platoon will recon for a new route. They may find route which may have to be cleared of mines, and road blocks.
- 2150 - Red 6 to S-2: Sending back 2 PWs from the 410th Volks Arty Korps. One Captain and one wounded PW. Came from BRAUNBACH. Unit - Komp Grp Mangold. Manning various road blocks and BRAUNBACH, and to the N to 2796. CP of KOMP GRP MANGOLD is in IANDWIST. Med spread out on road blocks, etc. 300 men in unit, 30 men of group protecting house in BRAUNBACH. Weapons - they had four 15.4 cm guns; they were brought back yesterday because of lack of ammunition. Have code names of Group, papers, and maps; sending it down. Full Colonel in charge of Group. Colonel's name FRIER VON HUDD. 1000 men in the group.
- 2157 - 745th A Co, to S-6: Capt. Carroll in on the road. Four tanks are in good shape. You probably will not get them for several days, i.e. two of them. S-6: I will probably need a platoon if the occasion arises. Ans: They are in bad shape, need repairs. They are having engine trouble, boggie trouble, oil-line trouble, etc.
- 2201 - Lt. Lynch, IO reports: In vicinity of CHEB, 97th Div captured 350 PWs; killed 250, and 400 enemy went NE (at airport) this morning. 18th Inf took 115 PWs in getting the airport and are still getting some fire, mostly automatic.
- 2205 - 3rd Bn reports: K company patrol returned, all is quiet.
- 2208 - Red 3 to S-3: Will make contact with the 26th Inf every 4 hours, and they in turn every 4 hours. Patrols every 2 hours (contact).
- 2217 - S-2 to G-2: (Intelligence information as recorded above). G-2: 7th Army is army that we jumped in NORMANDY. Commander BRANDENBERG. People at CHEB are the 13th Homeguard.
- 2230 - S-2 to Lt. Valtin, PWI: What is the latest information on PWs? Ans: 7 PWs plus captain from unit guarding in town where the 2nd Bn is located. (Discuss items of 2150 hours and 2201 hours). S-2: When the PWs come back get information as to mission, weapons, defending road blocks and flanking units.

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- 2233 - Blue Bn reports: Coordinates of road blocks and mines: Tree road block at 165835. Trees and mines at 171830. Jeep blown up, no mines (mines probably removed) at 185860. Bridge over RR blown at 198866. Trees and mines at 202838.
- 2253 - Lt. Valtin, PWI to S-2: 7 PWs from 672nd Special Unit command; guarding ammo train outside of the town at 2683. Much ammo there. At 2984, one PW stated 100 CCS candidates have formed a MIR. At town of AMTENTEIGH, tank barrier with mines guarded by a few Volksturm.
- 2305 - 2nd Bn negative report.
- 2308 - S-3 to G-3: Negative report.
- 2310 and 2400 - 3rd Bn reports negative.

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- 0005 to 0200 - Negative reports were received from all units, and negative reports forwarded to G-3.
- 0220 - 3rd Bn reports: One patrol left at 0155 hours; another went out at 0215 hours.
- 0200 to 0400 hours - Negative reports from all units submitted hourly and negative reports given to G-3.
- 0505 - 1st Bn reports: Negative. Contact patrol contacted I company of the 26th Inf. (This information is given to G-3 office by Lt. Valtin, duty officer).
- 0535 - 1st Bn reports: C company contacted A company at 0525 hours.
- 0600 - 3rd Bn reports: Motorized patrol returned and report all quiet.
- 0620 - 1st Bn reports negative.
- 0644 - Negative report given to G-2 and G-3 office.
- 0700 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 0900 - Red 3 to S-3: Have a PW from the 410th Arty (Volks). He says the 10th Btry of the 410th VA, staff, and part of the 4th Group are in ERAMBACH. Have a total of 100 men who are being used as infantry. There is an outpost at the RYBENIK with 2 machine guns.
- 0915 - White 3 to S-3: In the town where F company is, there is a grain storage place with about 6000 kilos of flour; have a guard on it. We are having them turn in all pistols, as our troops said they were being shot at. (Major White gives 1st Bn positions).
- 0920 - S-3 to Maj. Margolis, Mil Govt: Gives the above information from White 3.
- 0925 - S-3 to G-3: Anything new? Ans: Trying to devise a way of guarding some river installations. 26th Inf is considering moving but it hinges on what Corps says. 18th Inf, will be in complete by noon. S-3: We had contact patrols with the 26th Inf.
- 0930 - S-3 to Blue 6: Anything happen? Ans: No, all is quiet. We got a few PWs in civilian clothes. Sending them down. (S-3 reviews situation of our front.



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- 1045 - Lt. Valtin, PWI reports: One PW from BG Mangold who is a Captain says that the CP is at LANDWIEST. BG is a 4 Bn group. The 410th VA Corps has strength of 300 men, and is divided into subordinate units Nos. I and II. Unit II has 150 men, and hold from the vicinity of BRAMBACH to a point one kilometer south of BAD ELSTER. CO is wounded and is now a PW. To the right of this unit is an artillery unit fighting as infantry; probably group 1 of BG Mangold. This unit is reported to be in BAD ELSTER mainly. Attached to group #1 is a so called OCS brigade. There are two road blocks - one at 266881 and the other at 260865. Prepared road blocks all over the area but most are not ready as yet. Bridge in STEINGRUB is blown.
- 1125 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives information in above item). The outfit to the North of us sent a patrol at 1500 yards with a radio. They are remaining out there and calling in all stuff with the radio.
- 1140 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: B company patrol to BEIRYNIK, reports no enemy. A six-tree road block at 266872; well constructed road block at 265867.
- 1145 - S-2 to White 2: The PWs you sent in last night said they were guarding an ammo train near F company. I would like to have you check on it. Find out what is in the train - if there is one. The 14th Bn of the 410th V Arty Corps consisting of 150 men are holding a line from BRAMBACH north to BAD ELSTER. The 18th Inf got 250 PWs around CHEB, killed 400, some took off.
- 1200 - S-2 to Red 2: It seems that the XII Corps of the 7th Army is in front of you. The 31st Gren Replacement Regt is North of you. The 655th Engr Brigade is south of you. The XIII Horse Guard Regt around CHEB. They are all service units and the 413 Mobilization unit controls them. Red 2: The 2nd SS might be around. A PW said he saw two 2nd SS men but they may have been stragglers. S-2: The 2nd SS is pretty well beat-up, it is reported the division only has about 4 to 5 tanks left.
- 1320 - S-3 to Lt. Lewis, 2nd Bn: Send a guide back to Regtl Message Center with 2nd Bn with route signs; have him contact our I&R at Msg Center and mark a shorter route back to the 2nd Bn. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1340 - Red 3 to S-2: B company went to the town of BELBYRINK and found it clear. They went along the railroad to the north of SNEKY, PLESNA, and then west to BRAMBACH and found these towns clear. From BRAMBACH they took the main road back, so didn't see the town. A company went to HOHENDORF and found it clear. C company got to hill 644; they could see enemy sentries on the outskirts of BRAMBACH. At 265905 they could see enemy. In HORRENTH they saw 16 men from I company of the 26th Inf.

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- 1410 - Maj. Green, G-3, to Capt. Hall: I company at FRAUTLAZNE; L company at CHEB; Platoon of I company in REICHERSDORF; K company from CHEB airfield to 325730; E company HAJE to GR SV KRIZ; F at 3169; Platoon F in HUNDSBACH: G company East of WALDSASSEN, 520473. A company SW of WALDSASSEN. (All of adjoining unit to QT-16).
- 1415 - S-2 to G-2: Gives message of 1340 hours.
- 1552 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Infantry got 300 PWs. 26th Inf got 67 PWs, 57 of which were hospital cases. S-2: We have about 25 Germans we are taking out of hospital and will send them in. G-2: 10th Armored reached Austrian border, no resistance. No other news.
- 1610 - Lt. Valtin, PWI, reports: Lt. Hoffman, Red 2, sent me down a civilian who walked into A company lines. He was a former diplomat who worked for the German government until 3 months ago. He has papers on him that he was discharged. What should I do with him? Ans: Send him up to Div for further interrogation as an interesting character.
- 1750 - S-3 to White 3: How are things going? Ans: We had a report of 600 enemy out here somewhere but we haven't seen anything. F Company getting a couple rounds of mortar fire now and then, and they see a few enemy but aren't bothering them too much. Patrols to B company every two hours and local security out. E company ties in with the 18th Inf.
- 1805 - White 2 to S-2: The train in the F company sector has no ammo on it. However, there are mines, panzerfaust, etc., along the road at 242840. The town F company is in, has an airplane plant there. PW says town at 3086 has MG in church, and 4 AT guns and 600 enemy. In the town of that (ST. BYRNLIK) there are 3 MGS dug in on NW edge of town. We saw them digging in. Also MG on SE edge of the town. Bridge at 281819 was prepared for demolition but we took it intact. We have had no shelling today.
- 1845 - G-2 reports: High wind in form of Squal expected tonight from central France. It is expected to swing N of us.
- 1915 - Clerk reports information of 1805 hours to G-2.
- 1950 - Colonel Robinson, Div Arty, to S-3: Can you tell me if the road due east towards 7th FA positions is open? S-3: No, it is not. We gave up the idea of opening it. It will take a bridge to open it.
- 1953 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer reports: Tell Capt. Hall that I picked up 22 of those characters from the hospitals. There were 25 of them. Two had no legs, and one had a broken foot, so I left them there.

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- 2010 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to S-3: Have you any one in the town of LIBSTENJN? S-3: No, we have not. That is in the 18th sector.
- 2030 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 2100 - S-3 to G-3: Negative report.
- 2210 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs today? Ans: Got 22 from a hospital and one other one this morning. CIC picked up about 45 today. G-2: Rudolph Hess's brother was picked up today by CIC. Said he was down here for his health.
- 2300 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 2307 - 1st Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: B company patrol followed the RR track to SNEKY. Saw one enemy run into town. Patrol continued on into PLESNA. Then heard one shot to their rear in SNEKY. Saw no enemy in PLESNA, started to return and then heard 2 shots in PLESNA.
- 2311 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gave 1st Bn patrol report (2307 hours). Reports everything all quiet.
- 2315 - 3rd Bn gives negative report.
- 2345 - Red 2 reports: Have 7 PWs. One a Med Officer. The others pioneers, who were building road blocks.
- 2400 - 2nd Bn negative report.

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- 0001 to 0800 hours, negative hourly reports were received from all units and forwarded hourly to the G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0910 - G-3 to S-3: 26th Inf, I company has the town of HORREUTH, and would like to have you move your C company abreast of them. Ans: We could occupy hills Nos. 644, 716 and 765. G-3: You could secure a line just short of the main highway. S-3: I will check with the 26th Inf S-3, and coordinate the move.
- 0913 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ajs: No information on our front, or on that of the adjacent units. We took 435 PWs yesterday. We pass into V Corps today. S-2: The CIC was working on something last night, but some men from the 1st Bn of the 26th Inf interfered in it. They are doing more investigating today. Tell the 26th Inf to let us handle things in our own area. G-2: Yes, I will.
- 0920 - FWI to S-2: Discuss the PWs taken by the 1st Bn last night. S-2: Hold on to the PWs for today.
- 0922 - Red 3 to S-3: Anything new? Ans: No. The 26th Inf has decided to move up to the position we wanted them to a few days ago.
- 0924 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: At 316842 there are 30 to 40 enemy. Artillery and 81mm mortars are firing on them now.
- 0945 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO reports: Third Army took 15,000 PWs; First Army took 8,177 PWs. V Corps boundary will be same as the present 6th Cav and 1st Div boundary. Southern boundary between V Corps and XIII Corps will be arranged by V Corps. 9th Armored moving to VII Corps for administration and supply only; will be under SHAEF control. 6th Cav reported 125 American PWs at 218022. Sent 50 man patrol to get them.
- 0950 - S-2 to G-2: 2nd Bn saw 30 to 40 enemy at 306843 at 0930 hours. We are shooting at them now. Of the 7 PWs taken yesterday, one was a Medical Officer and 2 were aidmen. They are from hospital at BRAMBACH. I am going to send them back as soon as the town is clear.

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- 1345 - Red 3 to S-3: Would like a platoon of Engineers to clear the NERNEROV-BRAMBACH road. S-3: Will send a platoon up to you. The 26th Inf is working out to BAD EISTER with F company, to GRUM, and finally to SHOL and RAUN. 26th Inf L company is moving up just short of the railroad. Red 3: C company is moving to BRAMBACH this afternoon, we know the town is clear. A company is going in at HOENDORF. B company is staying where they are.
- 1352 - G-3 to S-3: Just checked with the 26th Inf. Their F company is in BAD EISTER. Their E company is going to SHOL. Their I company is going into OBER BRAMBACH. The burgemeister of BRAMBACH, and a German major, named FROG, came in and said the town was clear except for hospital personnel. The burgemeister wished to surrender the town. S-3: Gives 1st Bn plan and asks that the 26th Inf clear road N and S thru OBER BRAMBACH. G-3: Will make this request to the 26th Inf.
- 1400 - S-3 orders Engineers for the 1st Bn as requested in item 1345 hours.
- 1450 - G-3 to S-3: The 26th Inf had 12 man patrol into OBER BRAMBACH and L company is moving in there. They also had a 12 man patrol into RAUN.
- 1530 - Red 3 to S-3: B company patrol hit town of PIESA and found no enemy. At SNEKY they were fired on.
- 1550 - S-3 to 745th Tank Bn A Co, Capt. Carroll: Have you sent any of your tanks out yet? Ans: No. I am still working on the tracks. I can send them out any time though.
- 1610 - S-3 to Maj. Klissen, 26th Inf: Is it all right for C company to use the HORREUTH-BRAMBACH road? Ans: Yes. Our K company is in RAUN; C company in SHOL; F company in BAD EISTER; A company at 182996; G company at MUHHAUSEN.
- 1630 - Blue 2 to S-2: Is there any news of mines and road blocks from the Volkstrum people, and such? Ans: We know of nothing yet. The Engineers are checking the woods around ASCH. Lt. Walker: When people come back to the hospital here, I am going to send them to the CIC for a quick check.
- 1720 - Red 3 to Duty clerk: The 1st Bn is in position.
- 1730 - White 3 to S-3: We picked up 2 men in a house with a radio and plenty of parts. The men have passports from ESTONIA. They have money from all parts of the continent and have addresses from Africa, Paris and other places. We will send them down to regiment.



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- 1755 - S-2 to 26th Inf S-2: We picked up a couple of Germans today who belong to one of the hospitals in BRAMBACH, a medical officer and an aidman. I understand some of your people are in there so I would like to send them back there. Ans: We have people in the edge of town, only. S-2: I will hold them tonight then, and send them back tomorrow.
- 1820 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark, duty officer: We are now in BRAMBACH. 26th Inf is in OBERBRAMBACH. We have a hospital with quite a few wounded Germans in it. We have 3 liberated British here that we are sending back.
- 1825 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: We have 3 British here. Do I have to send any papers back with them?
- 1900 - PWI reports: 4 PWs from hospital in BRAMBACH. 6 from RAD bn of the 2nd/351. 24 from SELB hospital. 23 soldiers in civilian clothes. 1 from Battle Group Mangold. Total 58.
- 1930 - 3rd Bn negative report.
- 1935 - S-2 to MP Office: I&R will take away that German officer and the one enlisted man. I will come down as soon as the British soldiers that are being sent in by the 1st Bn arrive.
- 2030 - G-3 to S-3: Have you anything more on your dispositions? S-3: We are out along that road, and have contact on the right and left. Had a patrol fired on today, other than that, all has been quiet. G-3: 2nd Division coming down this way in a few days.
- 2120 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2142 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP Officer, to S-2: The British prisoners haven't come in here yet. I got rid of 46 of those people that the CIC brought in.
- 2200 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2205 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: CP is now in BRAMBACH, and I would like to have engineers tomorrow.
- 2210 - S-2 to G-2: British soldiers were picked up today. They have some information that I will get. G-2: At 4003, it is reported that there is a German assembly area.
- 2225 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Ward, 1st Engrs: Come up after breakfast to BRAMBACH. There is some work for you to do there.

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2240 - MESSAGE - From CG 1st US Inf Div to CG 16th Inf: All units reminded that 1 May is particularly significant to the Russians, which this year may give rise to certain demonstrations and excesses. All units will be alerted throughout period 30 2400 April to 01 2400 May to suppress any disturbances promptly. Any such acts will be reported immediately to this headquarters.

2240 - 2nd and 3rd Bn report negative.

2355 - Mr. Lipinski, duty officer, relays message of 2240 hours to all units.

2359 - White and Blue report negative.

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