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- 0845 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Have you any further orders yet? (Lt. Stephens) It has not been put out yet.
- 0910 - S-3 to G-3: Anything new? (G-3) Nothing for you, the 18th and 26th will probably try the Seigfried Line today. They knocked out a couple of Jerry tanks yesterday. The 12 SS men that were captured came back to pick up trucks that they had left behind.
- 0915 - S-3 to All Battalions: Gives them the above information.
- 1100 - G-3 to S-3: Send a billeting officer and your civil affairs up here at 1400 hours with 1/50,000 map, sheets 80, 81, 92 and 93.
- 1100 - S-2 to G-2: What is going on? (G-2) Our people are pretty close to their objectives. 26th is up to 017063. 18th is to about 032031. They have not run into anything yet. 2nd Div is about up to 0009, but they have some enemy in front of them. No PWs.
- 1200 - Cistern 4 to S-3: We found some mines here in Weismes that were put in by your people and Division told us to call you and you would take care of them. (S-3) Send a guide down after dinner and we will take care of it.
- 1200 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce: Have your mine officer up here at 1330 hours to look at some mines here in Weismes.
- 1200 - Capt. Sylce to S-3: About these mines where are they? (S-3) I will have a guide up here at 1330 hours to show you.
- 1200 - S-3 to All Battalions: S-3: It looks like we will be sending out a quartering party tomorrow and mosing to the west the next day. That is just for your information.
- 1200 - Maj. Margolis to S-3: We are to take Malmedy. 18th Corps is moving out everybody will be in Malmedy and the small towns around there.
- 1200 - Brown to Lt. Kestlinger: We have found several more AT mines in our area. (Lt. Kestlinger) OK, I will notify AT Co and they will take care of them.
- 1411 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Sylce: Cannon Co has some AT mines around their GP. Will you take care of them? (Capt. Sylce) Yes, Capt. Golden is here now, I will have Lt. Baker take care of it.
- 1414 - Lt. Kestlinger to Dextrose 2: What is new? (Dextrose 2) Nothing of great deal now. We are moving forward and meeting some sporadic resistance. I have been trying to contact G-2 to give them some important information, but the lines were busy. If you would contact G-2 later, they will give you all the dope.

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- 1458 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: The 82nd A/B Div report the pill boxes around Undebreth are unoccupied. A PW claims that there is no one in the line, probably means the Seigfried Line. Tanks that were knocked out last night, two hit mines. They were very unusual tanks and the battalions claims they were not Mark Vs or VIs.
- 1600 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 82nd A/B captured 12-88mm guns with aiming circle and ammunition in good condition. They were in Loshien at L-0396. No movement and observed two tanks knocked out, examined 6 log bunkers and two concrete emplacements and observation tower all unoccupied. One place was booby trapped and they saw a great deal of suspicious wire. Two PWs confirmed the death of the Lt. Col. Commanding the 991st Regt, at the crossroads where the 26th trapped 5 tanks. A PW from the cage states that the 12th SS had heavy losses and believes they are in vicinity of Dahlan. PW states that a Fortress Bn manned "The Line", all the year round.
- 1605 - Lt. Baker to Lt. Kestlinger: Have run into a bunch of German mines, 30 or 40 of them, Teller, AT #2s. We are still finding them. I would like to blow them and want to know what Maj. Smith would want me to do. (Lt. Kestlinger) I will have him call you. Tell Cannon Co to be careful of that area.
- 1625 - G-3 to S-6: There is the following possibilities that one battalion will be attached to the 18th or 26th for a 24 hour holding job. It is not decided, we may stay here as one unit or may move further back. Relief is coming for entire Division possibly the day after tomorrow. One battalion may be sent in alone. A liaison officer will be sent to each regiment.
- 1630 - S-6 to Blue 6: Gives him the above information.
- 1705 - Lt. Kestlinger to Disguise A: We have about 30 Teller mines that we took out from around our Cannon Co, what do you want us to do with them? (Disguise A) Take them out to an open field and blow them up.
- 1707 - Lt. Kestlinger to Brown: The engineers say to blow the mines in an open field. (Brown) We found 32 Teller mines, we will blow them tomorrow morning.
- 1935 - S-2 to G-2: Our 1st Bn picked up some papers in Amel today. I think they belong to the people on our right. I am sending them down. (G-2) K Co 18th is at 044037 on patrol there, they saw a platoon of enemy clearing snow from bunkers; 2nd Bn 26th at 025060. The enemy is behind the 3rd Bn 26th have been cleaned up. 2nd Bn 39th is at 0021; 3rd Bn 995118; 35 PWs have been taken today.

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- 1950 - Delight 6 to S-6: I want to come home. (S-6) There is no place to move, but if they will release you I will find a place for you. Higher headquarters have about 6 plans one of the plans would put the regiment in the line. (Delight 6) I am in support of the 18th because the 32nd is out of range.
- 2115 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) We have 114 PWs. A patrol from the 18th picked up 27 at 0350h. The patrol went on and crossed the Dragon's teeth 041052 and up the west side of the pill box at 047056, and it appeared to be manned by 9 men in an open emplacement, they went on to the second set of teeth at 045061 then came back.

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- 0915 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to G-3, Col. Hicks: What is new? Ans: Nothing, we are just trying to straighten out this moving. What I want is to fix you up with a 2 hour notice and leave you where you are for now. The 18th and 26th are not receiving or running into much trouble.
- 0945 - Col. Horner, Blue 3 to Col. Gibb, S-5: What is the dope this morning? Ans: Nothing so far. (Blue 6) I hear that one of our Bns is alerted in case we are needed. Decoy still has a battalion in Hunsfeld. 26th has only one battalion on line. 26th is jumping for Point 164.
- 0950 - Lt. Lynch, Div Liaison Officer reports: Our units have a number of pill boxes surrounded. Roads seem to be the main trouble. 3rd Bn of the 18th up in contact with 2nd Bn at 052556. Took some PWs after a little resistance.
- 0952 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: What is new? Ans: The 3rd Bn has been alerted. 18th meeting little resistance. I will call you later.
- 1030 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Off to Maj. Smith, S-3: Danger 4 just called and asked for 10 trucks to move the 18th. Is it OK to give them to them? Ans: Give them the trucks.
- 1045 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O. reports: A of 26th is at 036070. B of 26th is at 034072. 3rd of 325th at 040025. 1st of the 325th is at 043023, mopping up the town. 2nd of 504th is at 044007. 1st of the 504th is at 039003. Resistance light at first but has been increasing, large amount of small arms and sniping.
- 1050 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O. reports: 1st Bn of 9th Regt at 025128. 3rd Bn of 9th Regt is at 010123, facing northeast.
- 1118 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Celeze, G-2: What is going on? Ans: 26th 1st Bn scrapping up at bend at Helenthan road. Through dragons teeth but not pill boxes. 18th has town of Sheidel. Also tough deep scrap there. In between Sheidel and stream engaged in small arms fight. Very little mortar and artillery. South of that 1st Bn of 18th got town of Mescheid, and also in contact with enemy and receiving small arms fire. People in right have town of Noyhold.
- 1135 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O. reports: 1st Bn 39th is at 001149 to 003147. 1st Bn, 60th 999159 to 00153. 1st and 3rd Bns, 9th Inf, 024126 with 3rd Bn on the right.

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- 1150 - Maj. Smith, S-3, to Capt. Bour, White 3: Do you have anything going on in the way of training? Ans: No sir. (S-3) This afternoon, starting at 1330 hours, I want the companies to run small squad problems; movement into positions, so that the squad leaders can get control of his men, etc. Let me know what each company is doing by 1330 hours. Training to be done in their immediate area.
- 1155 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Keys, Engrs: The 3rd Bn has been alerted to help either the 18th or the 26th. If they go, I want the platoon to go with them. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1200 - Same info as above item of 1150- hours to Capt. Smith, Red 3.
- 1205 - Col. Gibb to Col. Horner, Blue 6: Conversation pertains to allotments for officers going back to the States. Mention is made of training of men to start today.
- 1330 - S-3 to Red 3: Capt. Smith outlines training program that is set up for the afternoon. The training will consist of extended order, signals, along with Road Block work. "D" is working on mechanics and functioning of their weapons and putting them into operation. AT platoon and Communications sections also working on training.
- 1335 - S-3 gets same report from White 3, Capt. Bour, as to details of the training for the afternoon.
- 1340 - Lt. Bashford, G-2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: They are getting along well out there. The 18th has people out between their two goose-eggs, approximately 053062. The 26th has elements about to the boundary line of their goose-egg. Opposition is picking up but no report of counter attacks. A number of mines have been reported. Some of our tanks are already thru the dragoons teeth.
- 1450 - Capt. Hall gives above info from G-2 to Capt. Stabler.
- 1435 - Capt. Hall gives above info from G-2 to Lt. Chandler, White 2, and a conversation is had concerning an issue of cloth maps.
- 1440 - Same general conversation as item 1435 hours with Lt. Walker, Blue 2.
- 1500 - Maj. Lord to S-6, Col. Gibb: Things are happening someplace else. They are going to do something someplace else in a hurry. In all probability you will take over the left sector. We are going to stay where we are after this next objective is taken. Nothing new for you today.

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- 1507 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Capt. Hall S-2: What are the details on that document picked up? Ans: It was picked up yesterday, 1st February, in Amel on road by a soldier. Capt. Donnley asks for coordinates. (S-2) I will find out and call you back. S-2 asks disposition of cases such as this and the answer is that it will probably be the same as those periodicals of sometime ago. Possibly drastic action.
- 1510 - Capt. Hall gets coordinates on the papers mentioned in above item from Lt. Brown, Red 2 - 886963. Conversation continues concerning the issue of cloth maps.
- 1517 - Above coordinates given to Lt. Bashford, G-2 by Capt. Hall.
- 1720 - Lt. Lynch Div L.O. reports: 3rd of 9th Regt at 037139, 1st of 9th at 025127. 2nd of 9th at 042142. The town of Vevhof is cleared. 29 PWs taken from the town after heavy fighting. 3rd of 325th at 045035, 046032, 050028. 2nd of 304th is at 055005. 1st of 504th at 048998. The 2nd and 1st Bns of 325th are in the town of Vevhof.
- 1730 - Capt. Golden to Capt. Hall (Golden CO Cannon Co): We have located a mine field near the CP.
- 1735 - Capt. Sylce of AT Co notified of the minefield that has been located near the Cannon Co CP. (Capt. Sylce says: I'll take care of those mines in the morning; I called Capt. Golden and he says that the mines aren't bothering anyone. Lt. K: OK.
- 1900 - Maj. Smith to All Bn 3's: We have had some changes, we may take over from the 8th or 26th in a couple of days, don't know when. Corps only has two divisions in it now.
- 1930 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: You are alerted to start moving at 1000 hours tomorrow morning. There is a 95% chance that you will relieve the 26th, and 5% that it might be the 18th.
- 1940 - Capt. Hall to G-2: What is new? Ans: Positions haven't changed much. 26th hasn't moved, 18th has two paths blown thru dragon's teeth.
- 1955 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Be ready to move at 1000 hours tomorrow. Have quartering parties to go about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to an hour before, made up of Company Commanders and platoon Sgts. Bn CO and any Hq. people that he wants. Detail later about move. Start planning.
- 2000 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Richmond, Blue 3: Same info as above regarding movement at 1000 hours tomorrow.
- 2010 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Bour, White 3: Same info as above regarding movement at 1000 hours tomorrow.

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- 2015 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Sylce, AT: We are going to move and want your platoon to go their respective En by 0830. Will let you know, when we move.
- 2018 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Golden, Cannon Co: Be ready to move out tomorrow, think we will relieve the 26th. To move at 1000 hours. May call on you early to go out and look for positions.
- 2019 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Armstrong, TDs: Want your platoon down at 0830 hours. We have to be ready to move by 1000 hours, looks like we will relieve the 26th.
- 2020 - Maj. Smith to Villian Able, 745th Tanks: Will move out tomorrow to relieve the 26th. Have the platoon leaders over to Bn CP by 0800 hours.
- 2031 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Wilder, Hq Co: Going to move tomorrow, have a small operating CP to leave here by 0800 hours.
- 2034 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Lord, G-3: The Colonel would like to have you change the boundry south of Krinkelt so we can use the south end of town for a CP. Major Lord: Make a recon to attack thru the 26th to take Hollerath, 1st En of 26th has no contact.
- 2035 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Olsen, G-2: You told me about the 18th blowing a couple of paths thru dragons teeth and gotten some tanks thru them. (G-2) 26th withdrawn to just west of dragons teeth, had intense small arms today, very little arty and mortar. 2 S/Ps, 155, got them up tonight, and knocked out two pill boxes. No signs of counter attack or tanks or S/P guns on the partof the enemy. 18th has Ramscheid cleared. 82nd has Underbereth and N Neulef. 2nd Div, cleared town at 0514. 9th Div reported going great, guns with little contact. Our own people encountered a lot of mines. Road conditions are bad. Engrs are working on them. Small counterattack against Newhauf, some infantry and two S/Ps driven off. Air reports very little movement in rear today, what was there was going NNE. Weather clear. Div arty fired one counter btry today. Requested photos will be taken care of.
- 2115 - Above info from G-2 given to Lt. Walker Blue 2.
- 2130 - Capt. Merindeno to Maj. Smith: How many trucks are we going to get? Ans: 30 trucks, call Danger 4 about them.
- 2133 - Capt. Merindeno to Major Smith: What time for the trucks and where? Ans: I want them at 0900 hours at your place.
- 2150 - Dixie A (Medics) to Maj. Smith, S-3: What is the score? Ans: If we move tomorrow, you will probably move places with Dixie G. Dixie A: What is the time planned? Ans: At 0830, we move.

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- 2156 - Colonel Gibb to Major Lord, G-3: Any information yet? Ans: None sir. Colonel Beck is still up at Corps. As soon as we get some dope, we will let you know. (Col. Gibb) What is the 26th going to do in the morning? Ans: I don't know yet.
- 2206 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Any later dope yet? Ans: No, not yet. I will let you know when I get it.
- 2210 - Capt. Ralph, Communications Officer to Maj. Smith, S-3: Are we figuring on taking over the 26th locations? Ans: That is right. We will take over and they will take over here.
- 2212 - Capt. Richmond Blue 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Anything new? Ans: Not yet.
- 2228 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Any news yet? Ans: Not yet. (Red 3: Will we have our friends with us? Ans: Yes, you will have them by 0830 in the morning. Here is the locations on the 26th. Red Bn at 035068 facing northeast. White Bn at 024064 facing northeast. Blue Bn is in assembly area at 008050. We will move in their positions.
- 2322 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Parsons: Has Colonel Beck come back yet? Ans: There will be no information until he gets back.
- 2353 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: You are still in the 24 hour alert status. You do not move tomorrow.
- 2355 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Elenner: We are on a 24 hour alert status. We will definitely not move tomorrow.
- 2356 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Bour: Same info as above.
- 2357 - Lt. Kestlinger to Cannon Co.: Same info as above.
- 2358 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Richmond: We are still on the alert. (24 hours). We are to send an officer to the 26th; to get the 26th CP by 0830. We stay put tomorrow.

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- 0001 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Wilder: We are on a 24 hour alert, but will not move tomorrow.
- 0002 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Balyeat: The Regiment is on a 24 hour alert. But we are pretty sure that we will not move tomorrow.
- 0003 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Sylce: We are on a 24 hour alert, but will definitely not move tomorrow.
- 0004 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes: What is the idea of this alert? I'll be up in the morning for the complete picture. (Col. Barnes) OK, do so.
- 0005 - Lt. Kestlinger to Med. Det: We are on a 24 hour alert.
- 0005 - Lt. Kestlinger to Co "A" 1st Medics: We are on a 24 hour alert.
- 0007 - Lt. Kestlinger to 745th Tk Bn: We are on a 24 hour alert, tell Capt. Carroll that he need not send the platoon up.
- 0800 - Lt. Kestlinger to 631th TD's: We are on a 24 hour alert, tell Capt. Armstrong that he need not send out his platoons. Major Smith will talk to him in the morning.
- 0905 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Do you have anything on the 18th and 26th? (G-3) They both had a very quiet night. The 26th will advance to the crossroads and clear out the pill boxes today. The 18th is on their objective and will stay there, and clear out the woods.
- 0915 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? (Lt. Kestlinger) The 26th will advance to the cross-roads today and clear the pill boxes. The 18th is on their objective and are going to clear out the woods.
- 0922 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce: You will be feeding the Engineers starting with the supper meal tonight. There will be 10 men.
- 0925 - White 2 to S-3: I just had a call from the TDs. They say that they are moving back to their company, is that OK? (S-3) Yes it is OK, as we haven't anything doing for today.
- 0942 - Lt. Baker to Lt. Kestlinger: I have 39 mines on the road to Faymonville. I would like to blow them, will it be OK? (Lt. Kestlinger) OK, go ahead and do it.
- 0950 - Col. Garra to Lt. Kestlinger: This afternoon a dozer is coming down from the 299th Engineers to your CP, to bury some dead cows that are around your CP. Col. Gibb has requested this. Will you have someone show the operator of the dozer where the cows are. He will be down at 1300 hours. Be sure that he cleans up all the dead cattle, even if he has to work at night. (Lt. Kestlinger) Yes sir, I'll take care of it.

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- 0952 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2: Have some one down here at 1245 hours to pick up a dozer to bury the dead cows around your CP. Make sure that the dozer finishes the job. Even if he has to work at night, as we will not be able to get the dozer again. (White 2) OK.
- 1010 - Capt. Wells to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is the 7th Field Artillery? (Lt. Kestlinger) They are in the town of Honsfeld.
- 1105 - Lt. Baker to Lt. Kestlinger: There were 40 mines there, and we have taken care of all of them.
- 1450 - Lt. Baker to Lt. Kestlinger: We have found some more mines, and we are going to blow them. Is that OK? (Lt. Kestlinger) It sure is.
- 1455 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Do you have the location of the Division Artillery? (Lt. Stephens) Yes, they are in Bullinger.
- 1600 - S-3 to White 3: Have you a range picked out? (White 3) Just for test fire. (S-3) Want you to have some training on how to knock out pill boxes. The 395th, is going to do the job that we were going to do. The 18th and the 26th will be pulled back, and we will stay where we are.
- 1635 - Lt. Baker to S-3: Just finished with those mines that were by Cannon Company.
- 2115 - G-2 to S-2: 1/26th cleared out all the pill boxes. At 1400 hours artillery interdicted at 036071. There is no change in the 18th. They are consolidating their positions. The 82nd A/B to the south was counterattacked by the 11th PGR at 060998. The first attack was at 0800 hours and lasted till 1500 hours. The 26th took 29 PWs from the 277th Replacement Bband the 989th Inf Regt. In the V Corp sector the 3rd PG, 116th Pa, and the 12th VGR has been identified. We will have night fighters up tonight.

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- 0600 - G-2 to S-2: Is anything new up there? (S-2) Not a thing. (G-2) The 26th took 4 bunkers at 045168. They were sending a patrol to Hollerath, but the patrol could not get there. The 18th had a contact patrol to their neighbors on their right.
- 0930 - Lt. Lynch to Duty Clerk: The 99th Div on the night of the 5th and 6th, are taking over the 18th sector. The 394th takes over the 82nd's sector today. The 395th jumps at 0900 hours, the 26th jumps after that. 1/23rd is in Bronsfeld, patrols to Ettleschied. 1/9th is in Jurcheid, 3/9th is in Schouffen. Two Bn's of the 60th are in Dreeborn. The 87th Div has Roth, Ramscheid, Eloof. The 26th Inf took 29 P/Ws including three officers with the use of flame throwers on the pill boxes. They took a total of 90 P/Ws yesterday. The 18th reduced two pill boxes last night, and report the woods full of booty traps. The 18th was receiving fire from S/P's that were firing from Hollerath. The 82nd A/B Div took a P/W from the 33rd Regt of the 9th Pz Div. PW states that the 9th Pz Div is supposidley in the town of Whiteran. The 82nd captured a 5 man patrol last night. The Air Corps dropped 2100 tons of bombs on Berlin yesterday.
- 1032 - S-2 to G-2: What is new up there? (G-2) The 26th is having some trouble with some pill boxes east of the road junction. The G-2 Periodic has just as much dope as we have up here.
- 1300 - S-3 to G-3: Have you got anything for us today? (G-3) No we have nothing new up here. The 26th is doing OK.
- 1420 - S-2 to G-2: Have you anything new? (G-2) K/18th is at 053072. The 395th is on their first objective, they took 15 P/Ws, and are going to their 2nd objective with light resistance. Things up north are pretty good, elements are at 075022, 045250, 071020. P/Ws are from 981st Regt of the 272nd Division. They state that their officers told them that they were to retreat so as not to get captured. Because if they were captured they would not see their families for a long time. The situation up north looks pretty good, and if the Krauts do not do something soon it looks like they will lose the dams in that area.
- 1430 - 1st Engrs to Duty Clerk: To contact Company "A", ask operator for Danger Rear, then ask for Mayfair and then for Disguise "A".
- 1820 - S-2 to G-2: Is anything new? (G-2) The 26th has I and K Co's in the town. They took 20 P/Ws. There doesn't seem to be any one in the town as far as I can gather. The 18th took a few more pill boxes and the 395th are on their objective, no trouble at all.
- 1910 - G-3 to Col. Gibb: Can you find a place to put Col. Heath's outfit near you? (Col. Gibb) Yes we can take care of it alright.

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- 2200 - Maj. Lord to Col. Gibb: Corps wants a representative from Dagwood and Division to attend a meeting. Jerries blew up the dam. I'll be down at 0900 hours and we can leave together to attend the meeting. The meeting is in Spar.
- 2220 - Col. Gibb to Col. Akers: What is this about a meeting at Corps? (Col. Akers) I don't know anything about it, I'll call you back.
- 2230 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck: I just talked to Col. Akers and he doesn't know anything about a meeting. He is going to call me back on it. (Col. Beck) I will take care of things.
- 2245 - Col. Akers to Col. Gibb: We are not having the meeting. It is for some people from Jayhawk. (Col. Gibb) It must be some kind of a job again. I don't have the people to do it with. I've lost 80% of my old NCO's and 70% of my old officers.
- 2248 - Col. Barnes to Col. Gibb: You are to send Col. Woolnough over to the 99th Div. He is to get a Regiment over there. (Col. Gibb) OK, Col. Horner is going to be my Ex. Officer, and Maj. Wozenski will take over the 3rd Bn.
- 2249 - Col. Gibb to Blue 5: Report to this headquarters in the morning with all your stuff. (Blue 5) Yes sir.
- 2250 - Col. Gibb to Blue 6: Maj. Wozenski is going to take over your Bn in the morning. You are to come down here and be my Ex Officer.
- 2347 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: You can pull the guard off of the crashed plane just as soon as the body of the pilot is removed from it.
- 2348 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Groves: You are to take care of the body of the English flyer. His name is on his parachute, it is W.O. Fleet. There is a guard on it now, they will be relieved as soon as the body is removed by you.

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Location: Weismes, Belgium - Co-ordinates 842029.

- 0915 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Brooks, Red Bn: The body of the British flyer will be removed today by Capt. Groves, GAO, the guard on the plane removed after the body is taken away.
- 0917 - Col. Woolnough, S-5 to Col. Barnes, Chief of Staff: What is the story on me? Ans: Have orders that you will report immediately to the CG of the 99th Div; it is 200 yards from us. (S-5) Will it be OK to take two enlisted men with me? Ans: I guess that it is OK.
- 1030 - Message not entered in journal of 3 February listed below; CG, 1st Div to CG 16th Inf: Tank dozers of the 745th tank Bn will be used only in forward areas to clear away for assault vehicles. They are to be used as temporary expedient under fire. Bulldozers will be used to dig in artillery positions and other engineer work.
- 1225 - Major Smith, S-3 to Red 3: We leave tomorrow for 25 mile move to take over a defensive sector up north. Quarters parties to be here at 1400 hours. Representatives from personnel down to platoons. It would be best if CO's came along. Use about 7 vehicles for the Bn. 1 jeep per company; 1 - 3/4 and 1 - 1 1/2 to carry extra people.
- 1230 - The same information as in above item was given to Capt. Bour, White 3: Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co; Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co; and Capt. Dion of Service Co; Captain Winters, Blue Bn; Jaunt Charley; Co A, 1st Med; 745th Tank Bn; Major McKoan, S-4.
- 1300 - Colonel Evans to Capt. Clark: On this move, you will not use the usual tactical signs. Shoulder patches will be removed, also helmet insignia and bumper markings; this applies to the complete CT.
- 1315 - All units were notified of the above message by Capt. Clark: Red Bn, Lt. Brown; Service Co, Capt. Merindeno; Hq, Capt. Wilder; AT, Capt. Sylce; Cannon Co, Lt. Ballard; White, Capt. Elder; Blue, Lt. Walker; Medics, Lt. Goldberg; Villian A, officer on duty; Jaunt Charley; Capt. Armstrong; 1st Medics - CO.
- 1328 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Edmonds Red Bn: Maj. Wozenski (Blue); Bn Commanders to go with advance detail to contact the Bn Commanders up above. The Cn CO's will return tonight. Billeting parties to remain.
- 1343 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Col. Beck, Div. CP: Is the 5th to be included in our column tomorrow? Ans: Don't know, I will let you know later.

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- 1515 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Sheets to be used are 20-1/50, 5102, 03, 04; 5202, 03, 04 - 1/25,000. (the same information is given to Lt. Chandler, White 2; Lt. Brown, Red 2.
- 1545 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Clark: Do the tanks and TD's go with us? Ans: No.
- 1550 - Maj. Lord to Capt. Clark: Has any representative from the 14th Cavalry group been there yet? Ans: No, sir. The CO was here and left with Col. Gibb. (Code name for 14th Cav Group - GEYLON *.
- 1600 - Capt. Clark to Duty Officer, 14th Cav Grp: We have information that all tactical insignia will be removed. Our liaison will be up to see you.
- 1612 - Capt. Brooks, Red Bn to Lt. Stephens: I understand we get 30 trucks. Is that for everything? Ans: Yes, that will be all that you will get.
- 1645 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Clark: What about the engineers? Ans: I told them to move out as soon after supper as possible. They will be at your place tonight and move out with you tomorrow.
- 1705 - Capt. Clark to Disguise (1st Engrs): Delight has not been issued any maps and it is important that they get some tonight. Ans: Will call you back.
- 1730 - Disguise (1st Engrs) to Capt. Clark: I checked with Determine and they assure me that 7th FA has enough 1/50,000 and will get the 1/25's in another day.
- 1738 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: You get all of Co A, 1st Engrs. No time and no route as yet.
- 1815 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: What do you know about the 18th? Ans: I don't know anything. Will let you know when we know anything concerning them.
- 1825 - Sgt Valtan, PWI to Capt. Clark: A deserter from the German Army just showed up at Hq Co orderly room. Deserted 4 months ago from some AA outfit. His house is where our orderly room is. Sending him to Div. He knows where there are some V-1 launching sites.
- 1830 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Lord, G-3: Col. Horner wants to know about time and route. G-3: I don't know yet. Let me talk to Col. Horner. (Conversation continues with Col. Horner) - The order is all ready except for time and route. We have had a changes so far and when it is set, I'll let you know. (Col. Horner) What about artillery? Ans: One group of their arty will be left there and you will call for fire from them.

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- 1915 - Capt. McGregor, 18th Inf. to Capt. Clark: We are sending billeting details to you. Blue Bn will arrive at first light to hold those places for our white Bn. Ans: That is OK with us.
- 1920 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Clark: How many trucks do we get? Ans: 29 trucks. The tactical signs will be the usual with a black square painted over it. Lt. Chandler: Can you give me any further dope? Ans: No not yet.
- 2100 - Lt. Kestlinger to Villian Able, "A" 745th Tanks: What is your strength? Ans: With attachments, 113 men, and 6 officers.
- 2105 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Armstrong, Jaunt Charley "C" 634th TD: What is your strength? Ans: 118 men, 5 officers.
- 2107 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: We will need an issue of maps. The ones that we have are marked up and used up. Ans: There will be time for an issue of maps.
- 2116 - Lt. Lewylln, MP's to Capt. Clark: Conversation concerns details of Road Guides for tomorrow's move. Capt. Clark relays permission from Maj. Smith to have the MP guide truck return and follow Service Co's last vehicle to pick up the guides late tomorrow.
- 2124 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co. to Capt. Clark: I've just been notified that I'm getting the trucks at 12 or 1230 hours midnite. There are to be 90 to 96.
- 2130 - Col. Woolnough to Col. Gibb: I'm getting the 393rd. I go tomorrow. Will try and get the jeep back to you tomorrow. Good luck to you and give my regards to all of your people.
- 2137 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co to Capt. Clark: Any further dope on the move? Ans: 2nd Bn moves at 0815 hours; 1st Bn at 0900 hours; 7th FA at 0930 hours; Cannon Co at 1000 hours. Send liaison Officer to the 7th FA so he can return when they have passed the IP. There will be 5 minutes between serials.
- 2147 - Col. Gibb to Col. Hewitt (Corps): I have a problem on my hands, in regard to route if they change it. I used one road and there was absolutely no traffic on it whatsoever. I would like to go thru the town beginning with "EW", then "K", and "SU". I have my signs posted. If they change things, it will be difficult. I am kind of pressed on the thing. Ans: I will take care of it.
- 2152 - Maj. Lord to Col. Gibb: How did you make out? Ans: I talked with Col. Hewitt, he is fixing things up.
- 2220 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. McKay, Cannon Co: Change serial #5 to include Cannon Co and AT; cross IP at 1015 hours, following the 7th FA. The IP is the RJ at 855037, time between serials, 5 minutes; time between units, 1 minute. Tactical signs will be black square superimposed on white background.

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- 2225 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Chandler, White 2: On move tomorrow. 2nd Bn is the 2nd serial. It will not be necessary to have liaison with advance. Time of movement: Cross at 0815 hours. IP location RJ 855037. The distance between march units; 1 minute. Speed, 20 Mph. Route same road the colonel took today. From here to Robertville, Eupen, Kornelmunster, Gressenich, Schevenhaut and on thru. The road will be marked by guides and markers. Tactical signs, black square superimposed on white background. No change on any vehicles. Estimated time of trip: 4 hrs. They are going into an assembly area. Detruck off the road. The relief is to start at night or if foggy, during the day.
- 2230 - Maj. Smith gives same info to Lt. Brown, Red 2, as it affects the first Bn. 2327 - hours, same info given to Villian Able, as it affects the tanks.
- 2330 - Lt. Kestlinger gives the same information to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co, as it pertains to Cannon Co.
- 2334 - Maj. Smith gives the same information to the 14th Cav. Group as it affects their unit.
- 2340 - Same information to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co.
- 2345 - Same info to Lt. Henry, Service Co.
- 2347 - Capt. Brooks, Red Bn to Maj. Smith; Should the men carry their rolls? ans: I don't think so, as they will have to walk.
- 2350 - Lt. Kestlinger gives route info, etc., to CO of the TD's.
- 2355 - Lt. Kestlinger Gives Co A, 1st Medics, route and other information concerning the trip.

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- 0135 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Paper received from you shows (par 4) as 254. Maj. Lord verbally gave it to me as 245.
Ans: It is 254.
- 0145 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O. to Lt. Kestlinger: The trucks were just delivered as follows: 27 to each Bn; 6 to Hq, 2 to Co A, Medics. One truck is broken down on the road - we will try and have it by morning. (total 91 trucks).
- 0702 - 1st Bn reports that they have closed station.
- 0705 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Richmond, Blue 3: Did you get your trucks?
Ans: Yes. (Lt. Kestlinger) Col. Horner says that if you can't get everything on, to send back for the remaining things.
(Capt. Richmond) What about kitchen trains? Ans: They go under Bn control.
- 0830 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith: Move is going OK, and the route is marked.
- 0902 - 1st Bn cleared IP at 0900 hours.
- 0905 - Capt. Clark notifies all units that they will clear a little earlier, about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
- 1100 - Regt'l CP group moved from vicinity of Weismes, Belgium, to new location, via route previously listed in journal of 5 Feb 1945, to the vicinity of KLEINHAU, Germany, where they were to prepare to relieve Combat Team 13 of the 8th Division.
- 1500 - CP opened at F-052372, and shared with CP of CT 13, both CPs functioning during the orientation and relief. (Town of KLEINHAU very badly damaged by artillery from previous action in the area. CP located in the only building in the town that has a partial roof, doors, partitions, etc were improvised. Quarters for the CP set up were very crowded, heavy mud covered all roads and routes. Conditions miserable).
- 1520 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Hall (8th Div #3): Is there anyone from 1st Div at your CP? Ans: NO, there was a Lt. Lyons here this morning. He stayed about 2 hours, then took off to rejoin the Div.
- 1600 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Hall (8th Div #3) Can I get clearance to move the 32nd Cav Group tomorrow. I would like you to get clearance from Corp and army. Ans: What time do you plan on moving them and how many vehicles will they have? Maj. S: Anytime during the day. About 200 vehicles column. Ans: That is OK. Here is one thing, we would like to know what time they would hit the area. Maj. S: OK.

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- 1846 - Maj. McKoan, calling from S-4 Greyhound #4 (13 CT): Maj. McKoan reports everything is OK and that he will be ready for tomorrow.
- 1847 - Capt. Hall, S-2 notifies that the password for CT 16 will be the same as that being used by CT 13 - THWART * RENEALY.
- 1905 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 to S-3: Wolf is now moving into position. Booth will be in a little later; his recon was delayed until after dark. Bouchard, "L", Co, is in GAY. S-3: Relieve in place and then recon for better positions. (Blue 6) By 2000 hours, we will be clear of the roads. We have our own (separate) CP; tying in with these people, 13th CT, by phone. (S-3) Radio silence unless in an emergency. No tanks will be in your control, well back. No tanks for the present, request them if you want them.
- 1920 - Delight 7th FA 3 to S-3: Do we get an observer from Cannon Co? (S-3) Yes, you do. I understand that Delight 7th FA is in a position ready to fire. (Delight 7th FA) Yes.
- 1925 - Message from CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf Regt: Gas and rations open at 070000A, at Walheim, K-902351. CR Collecting point opens there at 071200A. Pass on to 7th FA Bn. (Signed) 1550 hours - 6 Feb 45.
- 1927 - Lt. Kestlinger to Message Center: Relay the above message to the 7th FA.
- 1945 - S-3 to Red 3: Have you started your relief yet? (Red) Yes it is going on now. (S-3) Is any stuff coming in? (Red) A little, about 6 rounds came in about 15 min. ago. It is either light artillery or 81mm mortar. The relief is going along very slowly, so that there should not be any trouble. Do I get a Cannon Company observer? (S-3) Yes he should be with the foot troops. If you should use over 300 rounds of ammo a day, let me know. (Red) I'll call you again just as soon as we are all in.
- 2000 - Captl Ralph to Lt. Kestlinger: Has radio silence been lifted yet? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, Col. Gibb says he will let you know just as soon as it is lifted.
- 2100 - Capt. Toby (Delight 7th FA) to S-3: What are the positions of the 517th? (S-3) They have 1 company at 083322, and another at 087337. They have no one in the little town of Zerkass, and nobody across the river, either towards the south of the east. How are your prepared? to fire? (Toby) The whole Bn is ready. Either to your front or the Cav Grp.. I have observers with all Bn's.
- 2120 - S-3 to G-3 of 8th Div: Is Col Beck or Maj. Lord of Danger there? Ans: No, they are not. (S-3) Have you anything new on the 517th CT? Ans: No we haven't, they are just in our area, we have no control over them.

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- 2125 - Maj. Smith to Red 5: Have you one company relieved already? Maj. Edmonds: We aren't doing it by companies. I explained the way that we are doing it. Have more than 2/3 of the front elements relieved already. Will keep you posted.
- 2130 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: I'm at the CP of the 8th Div, I'm going to try and get some control over this 517th Parachute Infantry.
- 2150 - 8th Div Signal to Maj. Smith, S-3: We have two messages to the 18th and 32nd Group. I understand they are with you. Is it alright to send them to you? Ans: Yes. Address them to the 11th Cav Group, who are working with us.
- 2200 - 8th Div 3 to Maj. Smith: Notified the General about the Para Troopers and will check with Jayhawk 7th Corps if they are in an y trouble. Also the 817th TDs go back to Victor 5th Corps. They would like to remain in position tomorrow. Is that OK with you? Ans: That is OK.
- 2207 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Bour, White 3: Anything further on the relief forming? Ans: Nothing except "G" has passed CP.
- 2240 - Maj. Wozenski, Elue 6 to Maj. Smith: "I" Co in process of moving in now. Does not have platoon on high ground as other outfit had. 3 platoons along line from contact point to fork in Y junction. We have contact with people on north. Heavy machine guns are on high ground, where reserve platoon was. Can get a t least two hot meals per day. Sending patrols to "K" on the odd hour. Relief complete in next half hour. CO K Co Booth reports it looks like no movement in day light because enemy near railroad tracks. His relief will be a little later. We would like 57's on Booth's K Co right flank tomorrow. We have plan worked out in case of flooding. Booth is sending patrols on even hours to "I" Co. On odd hour, patrols to Chateau in White Area. They have strong outpost in river bottom. Gap in between himself and "I" Co, but is well covered by machine guns and patrols. In case of something going wrong at the dam, we will get plenty, so I want to plan with 7th FA to lay in a concentration, so we can get out OK. Got a report that 1000 yards northwest of Booth CO K Co is plenty of artillery moving in (45th FA).
- 2245 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: All 3 rifle companies passed here. Only mortar platoon of "H" Co left.
- 2252 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith: Two companies completely relieved. Others about 2/3 completed. Everything going OK.
- 2305 - 13th Inf, Red, to 13th Inf 3: A Contacted C at 2250. C just closed at 2300. B is closed out. D is moving the mortars now. We haven't had any trouble with shelling.
- 2340 - G-3 of 8th Div to S-3: Movement of the 11th Cav to IP present area time 071540. Route N-28 to Eynatum to route A thru Kornelmunster, Breinig, Zweifelall, 071750. Send a guide to the G-4 section of this Hq's who will meet the column in Zweifelall.

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- 2345 - Blue 2 to Capt. Hall: What is up? (S-2) Nothing at all. (Blue) I am interested in an estimate of coverage of damage on the dams by the engineers. (S-2) An overlay will be given out in the morning on that. (Blue) What notification will we have in case the dam blows. (S-2) You will have 3 to 4 hours. (Blue) That is OK, as we will only need 35 to 40 min. (S-2) The dam has an earth built base of 1000 meters, base of the top of the dam is 500 meters. It is comparable to the dam at Robertsville. We have control of this dam. Steps are being taken towards security of this dam now, and Schmidt is in the process of being taken now. (Blue) Are you going to establish a regimental CP? (S-2) Yes we are, but the exact area has not been selected yet. (Blue) I'm putting one in I Co sector, but have no one to put in K Co sector. (S-2) I'm sending the L&L out on a recon tomorrow. Did you get all the maps and photos that I sent you? (Blue) Yes, have lots of stuff on Monschau. (S-2) I want you to give me all the information on rivers and dams in your area. If they are fordable for soldier or not. Want the depth, width, tide, current, mines and other obstacles on both sides of the river, bridge repairs, cost, can troops go across on rubber boats or not. The condition of the roads leading to the river. Want a supplementary report in the morning. (Blue) Can we get several engineers to go along with our night patrols to check for this information. (S-2) I'll see what I can do for you.
- 2355 - Capt. Smith to Lt. Stephens: Capt. Smith asked for engineer work on road from Field trains. Explained impossible tonight but to send jeeps with chow back to road fork at 029385 and bring them up thru the town. Lt. Stephens says that work on road will begin in the morning.
- 2357 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Lt. Stephens: 1 platoon of 13th Inf "E" relieved by platoon of 16th Inf. "F". H Co mortars being placed in position, relieving 13th Inf White mortars.
- 2400 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Maj. Edmonds, Red 5: What is the story on the 81's and 57's? Ans: They are in process, but the AT guns are going to be slow. Capt. Hall says Blue nearly thru, White a little slow. Blue is taking one section North of White. They have two Co's on the line. Maj. Edmonds reported conditions of roads and asked if the Regiment could get a road dozer working on them in the morning. (Red Bn is feeding chow at 0400 hours.)

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- 0055 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: Sector at 0050 hours is complete, responsible for same.
- 0110 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: D Company mortars in process several hours before. Anti-tank guns are set up.
- 0115 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: F Company completely in at 0023 hours. "E" and "G" have had one platoon each pass a certain check point of "E" and "G" of the 13th Infantry.
- 0205 - Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Our mortars and Anti-tank guns are still not in, but all three rifle companies are complete.
- 0210 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3 of 8th Division: Gives him reports on all Bn's.
- 0225 - Capt. Cylce to Mr. Lipinski: Anti-tank guns with White and Blue Bn's are all set in. Red Bn still going into position, should be complete in the next hour and a half.
- 0247 - 8th Div Signal Co to Mr. Lipinski: I have a message for the 14th Cav Grp. The message is from Gen-Ridgeway of the 18th A/B Corp. Part of the message says, "Effective immediately, all passes to Paris are cancelled". The remainder of the message refers to road conditions. Am sending a copy of the message down to you by message Center.
- 0250 - S-3 of 13th Inf to Mr. Lipinski: Our "G" was relieved by your outfit at 0240 hours. That completes the relief here. Your Bn CO accepted responsibility for the area.
- 0252 - White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: The relief is complete as of 0240 hours.
- 0255 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3 of 8th Div: Gives above report.
- 0310 - Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Anti-tank guns will be in position in a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
- 0335 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Relief was effected at 0150 hours.
- 0340 - Mr. Lipinski to S-3 of 14th Cav Grp; How is your relief? (Cav Grp) There is one unit that we have no contact with. A messenger is being sent out to contact them.
- 0345 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: The people that we relieved have cleared the area. There has been no enemy activity as yet.
- 0405 - Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Our anti-tank platoons and mortars are in now and everything is quiet.
- 0415 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are taking over now. The relief is now complete.
- 0420 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3 of 8th Div: Red and Blue Bn's are in complete. The 14th Cav has one more unit to go.

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- 0525 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3 of 8th Div: Everything is quiet, nothing on 14th Cav yet.
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- 0650 - S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The relief is now complete.
- 0652 - 14th Cav Grp to Lt. Kestlinger: We have taken over the responsibility of our area. Is there an officer from the 18th Cav Sq at your CP? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, not at present. He is at the field train now, I'll have him call you as soon as he comes in.
- 0700 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: "I" Company reports small arms fire at 118377. Artillery was placed on it, and all is quiet now. "K" Company patrols contacted the 2nd Bn at 0100 and 0500 hours.. The Patrol at 0300 hours was at the chateau, but no one from the 2nd Bn was there. At 0400 hours the 1st platoon of "K" Co reports 2 bursts of machine-gun fire 200 yards in front of their OP.
- 0705 - G-3 of 8th Div to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any idea how my units are closing in at their new area? (Lt. Kestlinger) From what I heard, I'd say they were closing in rapidly at their CP.
- 0735 - 121st Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: What kind of activity did you have last night? (Lt. Kestlinger) Our Blue Bn had some small arms fire and mortar fire this morning, between the hours of 0500 and 0600. Our move is completed.
- 0738 - White Bn of 13th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: Is Maj. Carrie there? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, he has left for his new CP. (13th Inf) If he should return will you tell him that all personnel of Grayhound White cleared the area and was on the move to the new assembly area at 0735 hours.
- 0915 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: The Engineer platoon is to be pulled back, and put under Corp Engineers.
- 0945 - Col. Horner to Capt. Ralph: Is there a line being run to the Cav Grp? (Capt. Ralph) Yes sir, it is being run right now.
- 0950 - Lt. Alexander (Red) to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you get in touch with Capt. Brooks for me. My lines are out and we are getting a few rounds of artillery. (Lt. Kestlinger) I'll try.
- 0955 - (Message) To CO 16th Inf. Regt. "Confirming location given verbally by Grp CO to 16th Inf Regt 061300, CP 14th Cav Grp located at F-053398" signed CO 14th Cav Grp, (2300).
- 0958 - Blue 6 to S-3: We closed at 0100 hours last night. The people on our left were going to get the Engineers to fix the road, did they call you on that? (S-3) No they did not. (Blue 6) Well, can we get our engineers on that? The road is between the 09 and 10 grids. (S-3) The Engineers are busy on our MSR in the woods now. But I'll see what I can do. Do you have a line to the 14th Cav Grp? (Blue 6) Yes we have. We have been firing small arms back and forth across the river all morning. Can we get some tanks to fire some indirect fire and try to hit some of the sore spots? (S-3) I'll see what I can do for you.

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- 1029 - 8th Div to Col. Gibb: The 78th is close enough to the town at 0531 to smoke it. After they smoke it, they will move in on it.
- 1030 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: The 78th is close enough to Kommerscheidt to smoke it. After they smoke it they are going to move in on it.
- 1103 - Lt. Moore to Lt. Kestlinger: We have some Engineers here that are going to work on the road by us. Can you tell me where the nearest gravel pit is? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, I don't. Have the Engineers call Division.
- 1109 - S-3 to White 3: What are your company positions? (White) "G" Co is on the high ground with 5 squads on outpost line. All of "F" with 1 platoon of "E" on line. 2 platoons of "E" company are back. (S-3) How about an overlay showing all the positions? (White) OK.
- 1135 - S-3 to White 3: The following patrol information will be gained, during the night of the 7th and 8th. All approaches to the river in your Bn sector. The type, the width, the surface, concealed or under observation. Also assembly areas close to the river bank. Also a complete recon of the river bank, on our side. With a sketch showing the distance from the top of the bank to the water, slope of the bank, and surface of the bank. The patrols will consist of 1 officer, 1 NCO, 1 Engineer NCO, and 2 riflemen. Want a report by 1200 hours.
- 1145 - S-3 to Blue 6: Gives him same as above.
- 1148 - Col. Beck to S-3: The assistant CG of the 82nd Air-borne is here and would like to get in touch with Col. Grassa of the 517th Parachute Regt. Will you see if you can get in touch with him. (S-3) Yes, I will try.
- 1150 - S-3 to Capt. Brooks: Send a man down to the 517th Parachute Regt to contact Col. Grassa, and tell him to call the assistant CG of the 82nd Air-borne Division.
- 1215 - Blue 3 to S-3: What about those tanks? (S-3) Am working on it now.
- 1220 - S-3 to G-4 of 8th Div: The road at the hairpin junction is very muddy. Would suggest that you make the road oneway at that point.
- 1222 - Capt. Brooks to S-3: The Message was delivered and signed for by a Col. Zais.
- 1235 - S-3 to Red 2: Gives same information as 1135 entry.
- 1310 - Blue 6 to S-2: How many Engineer NCO's will be down? (S-2) You will get 3 engineers NCO's. (Blue) I would like 4.
- 1350 - Red 3 to S-3: Can I get a couple of engineer NCO's? (S-3) I have sent a note to Lt. Kayes to have 3 Engineers report to you. (Red) Have them report to the rear CP. We will work up to 400 yards east. (S-3) Don't get mixed up with the Airborn who are working south of that point.

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- 1400 - 502nd Parachute Regt to S-3: We are moving SE of your area tonight. Can you get an area suitable for two Bn's? (S-3) You can use 0337, it is the only place available. (502nd) The troops are there now. We are going to attack. I will send out a Recon and let you know what I find.
- 1430 - Red 3 to S-2: The 517th on a map of 1 over 25000, coming 1500 yards south of us along the river line. They are down in the WU in the rear of Hurtgen. 1 Co is badly shot up, they have another Co there. The Jerries threw lots of small arms, mortars over the forward slope. There are also a lot of anti personnel mines there. (S-3) Have you any observation on Schmidt (075304)? (Red) Yes, there are other people near the town. There is no troops on the far side of it. It is out of our sector. The Parachute people are going to sit tight.
- 1440 - Col. Garra to Maj. Davis of 16th A/B Corp: The 1st Div needs at least 1 group of Engineers to work on the roads in the 16th Inf sector.
- 1450 - White 3 to S-3: Is there any chance of getting a bull-dozer? (S-3) I'll try and get you a T #2 from the TD people, they are near you. It will take some time though.
- 1445 - S-2 to White 2: How wide is the river in front of you? (White) It is increasing over that of yesterday. The 8th Div people said that the depth was waist deep the other day. Not much current. The bank on the other side, immediately to our front is increasable about 8 feet to the ledge. The 3 of the 8th Div says that the river is about 40 feet wide where they crossed. They did not estimate the width of the river at the widest point. They crossed 400 yards NE of the dam. We observed no movement or any enemy there.
- 1505 - S-2 to Blue 2: I'm sending you some maps and some photo's showing an overlay of the enemy units on the far shore. (Blue) Will send you some stuff on the other people in regards to a lot of mines. (S-2) Will give me all available information on the bridge at 114373 to bridge at 116389. Information regarding size, depth, bank, etc. (Blue) Have no info, other than what the other people say. They said that it is wadable, the portion that I saw was swollen and the bank has a 3 to 4 foot rise.
- 1510 - Capt. Groves to Col. Horner: Blue Bn wants 600 rounds of 81mm smoke to have on hand for an emergency. This will put them and the Regt that many rounds over the basic load. (S-5) Let it go until you contact the DAO, 200 rounds per Bn will be OK for now. I want you to turn in a daily ammo report to me.
- 1520 - S-3 to ^Frovaost Marshal of 8th Div: Make the road from the road junction by the water point to Kleinhan-Hurtgen, a one way road. (P.M.) It will be taken care of immediately.

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- 1521 - S-3 to Blue 5: I have another recon mission for you tonight. Have your reserve Co look for stuff in front of the 18th Cav Group. The Col. Does not want them to do a thing, he wants you to do it. Look for possible wading places across the river. But do not cross it.
- 1535 - S-3 to 18th Cav: You will not do that mission I gave you. You will sit tight tonight. We will send patrols out to your front, I'll send my Blue #3 over to make all the arrangements with you.
- 1537 - Lt. Kestlinger to All Units: The road to Kleinhan is now a one way road going West to East.
- 1539 - Red 2 to Clerk: At 1330 hours, 8 enemy were seen at 075304.
- 1540 - IRR OP to S-2: Our OP is located at 074384. Have very good observation here. There are some knocked out tanks up here and some TD's. Also saw some Jerry Mark 's that are knocked out. There are also about 40 dead up here, Americans and Jerries.
- 1600 - Blue 6 to S-3: An overlay is on it's way down to you. With this additional job up north, I'll need some more Engineers. How many can I get? (S-3) None at the present time. We are trying to get more. Col. Garra is working on it now.
- 1625 - Red 3 to S-3: Sending an overlay to you. Here is the dope on our patrols. "A" Co patrol leaves at 1800 hours from their mutual outpost, will go down along the river bank and over to 100343. C Co patrol leaves at 2400 hours and will go NE and then E up the trail, but not to the end of the trail, as we know their are Krauts there, then to the river and to 100343. B Co patrol leaves at 1800 hours from their left flank. Patrol will go to hill 400 then to the south of the hill to 247 and then NE up to 100343. All the patrols will be officer patrols and purely recon patrols. (S-3) Have you a line to the 517th? (Red) Yes.
- 1635 - Red 2 to S-2: Our shell report is, 260 rounds of med. mortar, 50 rounds of light artillery, and 5 or 6 rounds med artillery. The people up here turned over all their photos to me. (S-2) I'm sending you some also.
- 1650 - Mr. Wiles to Lt. Kestlinger: Is the radio silence lifted yet? (Lt. Kestlinger) Yes, but only for operational use.
- 1735 - S-2 to Red 2: What is your shell report? (Red) 30 rounds 81mm mortar, 2 rounds of 50mm light artillery.
- 1745 - S-3 to Capt. Golden: I want you to look for positions behind the 3rd Bn. Positions east of Strass, if they are good, we will move you in tomorrow night.
- 1750 - S-3 to Red 3: Call off your patrols, will let you know more about it later. Some one else is in that sector.

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- 1755 - I&R OP to S-2: Using the hunting lodge as an OP in the daytime. We can see the Roer River and Drove. (S-2) I am interested in the western edge of the woods only. You can expect me up there sometime tomorrow.
- 1800 - Blue 6 to S-3: This place is full of AP & AT mines. There is no way to the river but thru the field. Is it possible to get the people who laid them to remove them? They may be able to understand the overlays, I can't. (S-3) I'm afraid not, get together with the engineers, and work something out. (Blue 6) We will keep trying, I'll call Wolf back about those mines that have to be cleared from the paths so that the patrols can use them.
- 1805 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is new up there? (Blue) We are sending tanks and infantry into Schmidt. Took PW's in Komerscheidt. Mines are our biggest obstacles. Nothing on the people on the north flank.
- 1810 - White 3 to S-3: What is new? (S-3) No advance south of us at 080322. The 505th CT is coming in tonight and tomorrow, and will attack at positions of the 121st and the 28th. They are going out tonight. The engineers are working on the roads, but the going is rough, and they are having a hard time.
- 1820 - Blue 2 to S-2: Will you ask Maj. Smith if we have to make contact with White, with all this other stuff out here. (S-2) No, you don't.
- 1830 - S-4 to Lt. Kestlinger: This is the breakdown on the Weisles. White Bn-3, Blue-2, Red-1. And one which is broken and is being fixed.
- 1855 - Capt. Toby to Lt. Kestlinger: Delight OP's are at, #1 FOX 087337, #2 FOX 088362, #3 FOX 106381. #3 Fox CP reports, 1 ambulance going towards Drove, No enemy personnel seen today. Enemy trench and Fox holes near house at 124373, they were fired on. Trains and factories in operation way out.
- 1900 - S-3 to Red 5: Had 2 men hit by mortars in C Co. (S-3) You will move tomorrow night over to where the 18th Cav is. Your right flank will be at 115388, left flank at 113409. They have two troops up there, and the line is being held by about 200 men. (Red 5) I'll go ~~xxxx~~ go up there tomorrow with the Company Commanders and contact these people. (S-3) Their CP is in Stress, across the street from the 3rd Bn.
- 1915 - 8th Div to S-3: Will you notify your people that there will be no fires in the woods and also have them stop people with lights on, as the road is under observation and we have a relief going on tonight.
- 1920 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Wilder: There will be no fires in the woods, and you will stop all vehicles that have lights on. Also see that the men do not smoke out in the open.
- 1945 - Red 2 to S-2: Do you want me to give the aerial photo's that I have to the other outfit? (S-2) Not the ones that I gave you.

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- 2000 - Red 3 to S-3: Here is some info on those people. They are going to cut the road at 090320. They will go down generally to the SE, starting at 2100 hours, 3rd Bn, generally around 082325, to protect the right flank. The 1st Bn is to protect the left flank and to cut the road that leads out of Zerkoln.
- 2025 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 1910 hours, 1 illuminating flare at 15°. 1922 hours at 50°. At 1947 hours at 30°. At 1950 hours, 2 enemy gun flashes at 88°.
- 2110 - 18th Cav Sq to Lt. Stephens: Units to our north receiving long range rifle and automatic rifle fire. It lasted for 15 min, and they returned the fire by firing at the gun flashes.
- 2115 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: Amber flares at 2010 hours 15°, 2025 hours 20°, 2026 hours 100°. 2030 hours 15°, 2040 hours 43°, Gun flash at 57°, 2035 hours 15 to 20 flashes at 90°, 2057 hours tracer fire at 50°.
- 2120 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is new? (Blue) Small arms and automatic rifle fire to our north. People claim that it is long range stuff.
- 2125 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White) Nothing new since dark, there are communication trenches at 093358 and 095395. Don't know where the machine guns are firing from. I think that the mortars are dug in around 093352 on the forward slope. Some people are working out to the front tonight.
- 2145 - S-2 to 8th Div: What is the latest? (8th Div) Schmidt is clear. Also clear well out to the 07 grid. Took 500 PWs, some from the 3rd PG and some from the 272nd.
- 2200 - Red 3 to S-3: The people who were on our right are not there. The 501st came into there position, but did not take over all of it.
- 2305 - Red 3 to S-3: Made contact with the people on our right. They are getting a little stuff, not much of it falling on us. We are going to make contact with the 505th during the night.
- 2320 - Blue 2 to S-2: Shell report. 25 rounds 120mm mortar fell vicinity of 114389 at a range of 300 to 350 yards at 30 degrees.

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- 0025 - Blue 5 reports: I Co patrol left at 2400 hours.
- 0027 - Lt. Kestlinger to 8th Div, G-3: Hourly report.
- 0100 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0102 - I&R OP reports: 0019, 1 amber flare at 65 degrees; 0020 hours 2 flares at 20 degrees; 0021, 1 amber flare at 20 degrees; 0025, illuminating flare over Duren at 20 degrees; 0035, 1 gun flash at 104 degrees.
- 0102 - Ceylon (18th Cav Grp): Negative report.
- 0015 - Red Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co contacted 505th on their right. Will contact them every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
- 0015 - I&R OP reports: 2310, 1 gun flash at 115 degrees; 17 seconds to bang. 2313, 1 amber flare 55 degrees; 2320 small arms fire 180 degrees with white flare. 2325, 20 amber flares at 55 degrees, probably dropped by plane. 2330, white flare 90 degrees. 2335, small arms fire, 180 degrees. 2340, 1 flare 175 degrees. 2343, amber flare at 55 degrees. 2348, flare at 120 degrees. 2358, 2 white flares at 65 degrees.
- 0016 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 3 weasels broke down, request permission to use the WE one-way road for two way traffic for tonight. One of our recon patrols ran into an AP mine. 3 of them were WIA, all litter cases. Lt. Kestlinger: You can use the road.
- 0017 - Red Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: At 2315 hours a 7 man enemy patrol came up on B Company outpost. Three men from the 517th reported in to B CP. They reported that they were on high ground at 075378 for the last three days. Saw 3 rows of bunkers in valley. 1st row is now occupied. 2nd and 3rd unoccupied. Due to heavy arty fire, enemy is reported to be moving back from the first row of bunkers to 2nd row. This information came from Capt. Kolb.
- 0200 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red CP: Are they shelling any of the roads near you? Ans: I have no report of it.
- 0205 - I&R OP to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0134 hours, gun flash at 100 degrees. At 0145 hours, gun flash at 120 degrees both flashes the river.
- 0210 - Red, Ceylon, White, Blue, give negative reports.
- 0222 - Capt. Clark reports negative to Granite (8th Div).
- 0310 - Ceylone reports negative.

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- 0312 - Blue Bn reports negative. All the patrols have returned with the exception of one.
- 0312 - Red Bn reports: "B" Co line is out, all of the other companies report negative.
- 0315 - I&R OP: 0205 hours, 180 degrees, white flare. 0207, 150 degrees, 1500 to 2000 yards, a flare and automatic rifle fire, this repeated at 0225 and 0245.
- 0318 - White Bn: ~~Negative~~, some flare activity.
- 0320 - Capt. Clark to 8th Div CP: Negative except for flare activity and some automatic fire.
- 0350 - Bn Blue reports all quiet.
- 0400 - I&R OP reports: 0325, very bright white flare at 40 degrees, lasting four minutes. 0328 amber flare at 70 degrees. 0347, gun flash at 54 degrees.
- 0405 - Red, White, Ceylon report negative.
- 0416 - Capt. Clark reports negative to 8th Div CP.
- 0500 - I&R OP reports: At 0414 hours at 110 degrees, 7 or 8 white star flares. 0420 hours, 46 degrees, white flare. 0430 hours at 110 degrees, gun flash no sound. Lot of small arms SE of OP.
- 5-2 - Ceylon and Red Bn report negative.
- 0504 - White Bn gives negative report. At 0415 hours F Co saw flashes believed to be rockets at 120 degrees.
- 0525 - Blue Bn reports: All patrols returned. All quiet. One officer had one of our concussion grenades go off in his face but didn't hurt him.
- 0605 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: Artillery flash at 0507 hours at 44 degrees, 10 seconds flash to bang. At 0512 hours at 46 degrees, flash to bang, 16 seconds. Flares seen at 0520 hours at 70 degrees, at 0525 at 15 degrees. At 0542, flares at 40 degrees, at 0535 a red flare at 30 degrees. At 0540 degrees at 39 degrees, artillery, 13 seconds from flash to bang. Enemy tracers fired at same point. We are located at 074384.
- 0610 - Ceylon, reports negative. Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0618 - Capt. Clark to 7th FA: Gives I&R OP report as of above.
- 0620 - Red Bn line is out.
- 0621 - Capt. Clark to White CP: Anything doing? Ans: F Co reports enemy rockets firing at 105355. That is all that is happening.

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- 0642 - Capt. Clark to 8th Div CP: Things are still pretty quiet down here.
- 0700 - Ceylon CP reports negative.
- 0712 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to Capt. Clark: At 0635 hours in vicinity of Untermuibach machine guns, mortars and small arms fire. About 1/4 miles southeast of here quite a bit of artillery fire.
- 0715 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 0716 - Red, White report negative. Capt. Clark reports to 8th Div.
- 0806 - Blue Bn reports negative except for a few shells in the I area.
- 0807 - Col. Beck to S-3: That Cav outfit hasn't arrived yet has it?
Ans: No! Col. Beck: Our 6 will be up to see you today with reference to getting the people out that we left there.
- 0824 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to Capt. Clark: Enemy artillery concentration in general vicinity of O90380 at 0800 hours.
- 0832 - Maj. Smith to Red Fwd: What do you have for me? Ans: Not much. Had contact patrol to 505 last night. An enemy patrol came in on B Co outpost last night, about 7 enemy. we fired on them and they withdrew.
- 0840 - Maj. Smith to 8th Div CP #3 (Maj. Hall): What is the story on the 505th? Ans: 2 of our companies have not been relieved yet. You relieved only 1/3 of our line. The 505th was to have jumped this morning. I don't know if they did, but we have got to get relieved.
- 0850 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to S-3: We spotted an enemy train going south on the railroad. There were 2 cars in front of and 2 cars behind the engine. (S-3) OK let me know anything further on it.
- 0858 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Capt. Winter, Blue 3: How did your people work out last night? Ans: OK, we will have an overlay for you about 1200 hours.
- 0902 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to 8th Div #2: I'll send an officer down to pick up that stream study you were to have for me. Ans: OK.
- 0905 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to White 2, Lt. Chandler: How about your report? Ans: I gave orders for it to be sent in. (S-2) It didn't come in. How did you do last night. Ans: Some people ran into booby traps. The patrol overlay will be in later today.
- 0935 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP reports: The air is working over the train that we reported awhile ago. Air got quite a bit of flak. 0910 one small enemy vehicle going NW on road out of Jakobwellesheim.

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- 0943 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to 8th Div CP: Are there people from Danger there yet? Ans: No.
- 0945 - CP location moved from KLEINHAU, up the main road to a group of buildings at 066393. CP located in basement of building; upper part of building badly damaged by previous artillery action in the area. Headquarters Company, drivers, etc, dug in in the area. Kitchen equipment, etc, in tents in a wooded area about 200 yards from CP building.
- 0945 - Ceylon, Maj. Ferret to Capt. Hall S-2: We need a road scraper to fix us up, between 055399, 047382, 056388. (S-2) I'll try to get one for you, but our engineers are busy.
- 1125 - I&I to Cpl. Belonga: 0945, large column of smoke 5 to 8 miles NE. 1000, small arms 2 to 3 miles SE. 1022, one small enemy vehicle SSE towards Kols. 1045, 2 enemy walking SE from 147423. Spotted enemy btry around Drove, trying to pin point it. That train is still there, once in awhile a puff of steam comes from it. Planes bombed and strafed it but it hasn't moved at all.
- 1127 - Lt. Westlinger to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Do you have any information on the 505th? Ans: No, we haven't, other than they jumped off.
- 1141 - Col. Grant, Blue 6 to Col. Horner S-3: We need an emergency dozer immediately. Vehicles are stuck. Ans: There is only one platoon of our engineers up here. At the present time they are working from Kleinhau to the Field Train. There's none available at the present time. Lt. Kayes is here now. I will tell him about it. Plan on moving the kitchen train to the vicinity of Gay.
- 1146 - Capt. Parsons, Danger, to Lt. Westlinger: There are two companies of the 8th not relieved. Do you know reason for it? Ans: Frankly I do not. The Major and the Colonel are out working on it now.
- 1150 - Capt. Donnelly to Capt. Hall: S-2: What is new? Ans: Not much, enemy is very inactive. G-2: What is your disposition? Ans: 1st Bn around BERGSTAIN: "A" Co near 35; boundary line to 1st and 2nd Bn. Capt. Hall continues with map references. Reports that a 7 man enemy patrol tried to come in but were stopped, and reviews situation as of journal items to this hour.
- 1213 - Capt. Parsons to Capt. Clark: We have given 8th Div the OK to pull 2 companies out. Is there anything new? Ans: No. G-3: Send an overlay up on a 1/25,000, showing your disposition and the Cav Grp.
- 1225 - Capt. Clark to Sgt Wheeler, I&I: There is a fire to the east, can you pin point it? Ans: Yes, I will call you back immediately.

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- 1230 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Col. Beck G-3: I just came back on the road thru KLEINHAU. We got stuck three times. It will be impassable in a half hour. Suggest that you close it and have Engrs work on it. Ans: Fine, Smitty, I will call Col. Curtis on it now. Col. Gara, 1st Engrs is up at your old CP. Do you have a line to him thru your switch? Ans: No. G-3: Oh, yes, send an overlay down on your dispositions.
- 1306 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Lt. Lyons G-3: Are you putting out a measel sheet? Ans: I do not know. I will call you back.
- 1328 - MESSAGE - To Liaison Officer, 16th Inf: DELIVER (32nd Cav Sqdr) closed at 1250. CP here. Inform Dagwood. Signed at 1302, from CO 14th Cav Grp.
- 1330 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Col. Gara speaking from Dagwood CP, 1st Engrs: Discuss road conditions in vicinity of KLEINHAU. A Bn of light Arty will be using this main road, 1600 hours today, going into position about 300 yards west of KLEINHAU. Col. Gara says that the road at 093312 is not open.
- 1345 - Capt. Oeleze, G-2 to Capt. Hall S-2: Conversation concerns air photos for Col. Seitz, who is taking over one of the areas in this vicinity. (S-2) will give the Col. the photos which we have.
- 1409 - Capt. Woodward, Liaison with Deerskin, 14th Cav Grp, to S-2: On account of the confusion of the password last night, these people want to know what army and Corps we are in now. Ans: First and 18th.
- 1412 - Col. Beck, G-3 to Col. Gara, 1st Engrs? (At Dagwood CP): G-3 asks for a report of recommendations on crossings sites, to include both bridges and boats. Colonel Gara says that the Engr recon has been completed and that he will make a report.
- 1415 - S-2 to Lt. Moore, White CP: Lt. Moore reports that Col. Grant, is on the way to the Dagwood CP with report of survey of last night.
- 1425 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 to S-3: S-3 says that the 1st Bn is coming up on Blue's left to replace the 18th Cav. Blue 6 says road conditions in his area are very bad, in one particular spot only $\frac{1}{2}$ tracks can get thru and then this would only be possible for a short period of time. Blue 6 says that he would like to try and get I up where I is sometime tonight. (S-3: That is OK, move them early. Blue 6: The right of I and left of I will be roughly at the 3825 Easting, at the trail. I to the contact point and L to the Bridge.
- 1427 - Lt. Woods, Danger to Capt. Hall, S-2: What is your CP location? Ans: 066393. (Code of 8 Feb - VXXDYD)

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- 1450 - Col. Smith, Ceylon 6 speaking from Dagwood CP to G-3: Conversation concerns liaison with arty which Col. Smith had previously asked for. (G-3) Determine 5 is taking care of this. Maintain contact with the 517 on the right and Dagwood on the left. Ceylon 6 says that his relief will start tonight.
- 1510 - Blue Bn reports: 1206 hours, OP reports artillery firing on enemy vehicles at 140378, and also two enemy bicycles going East at 143377. 1435 hours, K Co reported one round of smoke landed in a building in the 2nd platoon area. 1500 hours, OP reports 2 small vehicles seen going north, and one going south, at 180400. Also saw 6 enemy at the same place.
- 1517 - Capt. Armstrong, CO Jaunt 634th TD Charley to Lt. Kestlinger: One gun (155) of the 138th FA is firing right behind our CP. Wanted to know if there is anything we can do about it. Ans: I think not, but I will tell the S-3 about it. (Capt. Armstrong said 6 rounds of enemy arty came in his CP area about noon, lost only a couple tires, no one was hurt).
- 1515 - G-3 to S-3: Are you going to put your Red Bn back into line?
Ans: Yes, am putting them in where 18th Cav Squadron is. L Co will go down with the 3rd Bn. (G-3) The 45th FA has been asked to move by Div Arty. They will move tomorrow. We have no control over these paratroopers, they are under V-Corps control.
- 1545 - S-3 to Jaunt Charley, 634th TDS to (Capt. Armstrong): Have a truck stuck in the mud by my 2nd Bn and would like to know if you can pull it out for us with one of your T-2's. Capt. Armstrong: Send a guide down to my CP.
- 1602 - S-3 to G-3: Is the General going to come down here with Col Seitz?
Ans: No, will bed own tomorrow morning. Tell Col Gibb that the number is #12 now instead of #11. We are worried about the right flank tonight. Wish you people would tie in good over there.
- 1605 - I&R OP to Clerk: 1225 hours at 16244244, oil storage tank hit by artillery. It is still burning. 1230 hours 191416, 2 guns btry. 1235 hours, 179345, 1 vehicle going NE, it maybe a tank. 1405 hours, 1 vehicle going SE at 186346. 1425 hours large vehicle going NW 180339. 1425 hours, vehicle going North. 1505 hours, 198400, 2 vehicles moving South. 1508 hours, 202390, motorcycle and 1 vehicle going northeast. 1545 hours, 1 vehicle going East of BINSFIELD.
- 1616 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him latest reports from I&R OP of 1605 hours.
- 1620 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red and Blue 3's: How many pack and pole charges wire cutters, and bangalores do you need. (Red 3) Will let you know later. (Blue 3) Same answer.

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- 1625 - S-3 to Blue 2: Clear the road for your own people tonight. You get the engineers for the business tonight. Lay on plans for tomorrow night. Call me up later and let me know what your plans are.
- 1640 - Col. Curtis to Lt. Kestlinger: Is Col. Gara there? Ans: No, but if you call our switch, the Col. is in the same building.
- 1641 - MESSAGE - To Commanding Officer 10th Inf: Ammo allocation for period 080600 to 120600 A Feb as follows: 81mm mortar Lt. 2200 rounds. Other types not rationed. Unexpended balances from previous periods cumulative. (Signed G-4 2030 A).
- 1652 - Red 5, Maj. Edmonds to S-5, Col. Horner: Lt. Col. Waters came down to our CP; he says he is from TF "A". His CO, Col. Swift, gave him orders to look over our positions as they have orders to relieve us. (S-5) The situation is the same as before. The Cav relieves you. The Col. has his directions mixed up. He is supposed to go West and he went East. So tell him to go West. The 14th Cav relieves you and not them.
- 1705 - I&R OP reports: 1620 hours, 2 gun battery flashes seen, 2000 yards NW of Binsfeld. 1700 hours, 3 vehicles going NW on road towards ROSELHELL. S-2: Am going to try and get an observer up to you tomorrow so you can fire on some of the stuff you see.
- 1712 - S-3 to G-3: Some people from the A/B are fooling around our Red positions. Would like to get a definite boundry. (G-3) I'll check on it and let you know. Right now our Div right boundary runs along the KALL river. Our left boundary is wherever those people are at. We are trying to get it straightened out now. That's why I wanted you to be tied in with those people. (S-3) We are, but they are coming into our positions now.
- 1722 - Col. Beck to S-3: The 508th is relieving the 517th sometime after dark. (S-3) That's going to cause trouble. We are relieving tonight too. Can you get them to start at midnight, we'll be finished then. (G-3) I'll see what I can do. I finally found out how to get in touch with those people. You get them thru Macadam Fwd (18th A/B Corps). Col Swift is in command of the two outfits, he can be found by going thru Champion Fwd 82nd Airborne out of Macadam XVIII Corps. The 33rd FA has a position that conflicts with positions of 745th Trks. Artillery is at 037 375. (S-3) Yes, I know. There is room in that area for the both of them.
- 1730 - Maj. Fowley to Major Smith: Don't think 517 will be able to be relieved by 508th, Col Beck talked with those people and they are expecting to get an order to attack.

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- 1745 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Barker 2nd Bn CP E Co: Where is everyone?
 Ans: A rocket came in and buried some of our people, so everyone is digging and trying to get them out. The people that are relieving are not here yet. Some of the 508th came over and said they were to move in here. (S-3) Send them over to the people who are to relieve you.
- 1750 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co. to Maj. Smith: Have nine trucks now, and am trying to get four more. Will let you know if I do get them.
 1800, Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Smith: These Airborne people are coming up in trucks and unloading rolls out here. The enemy hit message center with a 300mm rocket and we don't know how many we've lost. Can't get these men out of here. Ans: You move out of that area.
- 1805 - I&R OP reports: 1620 hours, 2 gun battery located approximately 2000 yards N of BINSFELD. 1700 hours, 3 vehicles moving NW on road towards ROMLLSHLEIK. 1730, what appeared to be refugees, were moving NW on road going from JAKOBVILLSSHEIK to KLEBSHEIK.
- 1808 - Blue Bn to Sgt Collura: Shalling, 15 rounds 105, 10 rounds of 75mm.
- 1830 - Col. Heath, 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: What is this relief about?
 Ans: Red relieves 10th Cav.
- 1832 - White Bn: 23 rounds of 81mm mortar.
- 1835 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: We have two more to get out. B Co runner and a man from Para to be accounted for yet. Only one believed killed that we know of now; rest were shock up.
- 1836 - Lt. Carpenter, Cannon Co, to Lt. Stephens: Tanks moving or something, 10 northing, between 34 and 36 grid. Think 7th FA is firing on them but we can't because we are moving.
- 1838 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Winter: Gives the above information.
- 1910 - Capt. Sylce to Lt. Kestlinger: That road that comes in one way is all blocked up with Arty and other vehicles. Have to get six half tracks up. Ans: Go back and around by HURTGEN and up.
- 1930 - Maj. Folley, G-3 to Maj Smith: In regards to a flood. You will notify us in the clear and will be priority. If the dam should break, get it back to G-3 in the clear so we can get it to higher Hq.
- 1930 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co. to Lt. Kestlinger: All I have is 10 trucks, but I'm going to try and get a few more.
- 1935 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Balyeat: Here is a message for Capt. Groves:
 (The message concerns the ammo allocation previously listed in message from G-4).

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- 1940 - Maj. McKean to Col. Horner: White kitchens are moving tonight and Red is moving in the morning. I told "A" of the Medics that they had to get out. Blue kitchens not moving. I will bring up wrecker, gas, rations, breakdown up in Blue kitchen area. Weasels will be sent out tomorrow. (S-5) Have "A" medics get a large medical tent and fix that up for his men, in GRASSHAU.
- 2000 - Lines to Red Bn reported out.
- 2005 - IER OP reports: 1835 tracer fire seen at 122 degrees, beyond the river. 1910, 12 gun flashes, 45 degrees, with no flash bang report. 1930, enemy vehicles lights observed, travelling SW, approximately in the vicinity of VETLEIB (2 or 3 at a time), can see them going only the one way, although it is possible that they are going both ways. 2004, green flares, 60 degrees, a round the river.
- 2010 - Capt. Winters to Lt. Kestlinger: No pole or pack charges. We want 75 sections of Bangalore and 180 small wire cutters (this will be enough for about every other man to carry one on that job). Capt. Winters mentions the fact that they are having trouble keeping communication wires in as the jeeps coming out of the woods are cutting the wires constantly. (Blue CP moving tomorrow.
- 2015 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5 to S-3: People relieving want to know if they can get arty support. (S-3) Will check. (Red 5) Relief is slow, Airborne people have vehicles on road bumper to bumper.
- 2040 - Capt. Brooks calling from Deerskin (18th Cav Sqdrn): Haven't been able to contact Maj. Edmonds, has the relief started yet. Ans: No.
- 2045 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to S-2: Here are our patrols: L to K on the even hour. K to L on the odd hour. K to the unit on the right every even hour, contact point the CHATEAU. Get White to contact us every odd hour. We have heard tank and vehicle movement between 104360 and 123358. Going to have patrolling out there to keep things tied up. Have White patrol to K CP. Our engineers and mine people are working and they report flare activity. The road forward is complete "KA-PUT", the recon cars are all stuck on it. It is out.
- 2052 - S-2 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: How near are you to K Co? Ans: About 50 yards. S-2: How about a patrol to K CP on the odd hour? White 2: Don't know if that is necessary. (S-2: Check the gap and tell me if they are tied in.
- 2100 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5 to S-3: Squadron vehicles are bogged down above your old CP at KLEINHAU. I am trying to get them to detruck where they are. We are ready. One Squadron got thru, relieving C Co, said they would clear by 2130 hours. Our trucks are here. S-3: Get those people to detruck where they are.

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- 2115 - White 2 to S-2: Couldn't contact those people by phone. Think patrol would be OK to K Co. Lt. Shelby should be here any minute. (S-2) Give me a ring when you contact him.
- 2110 - S-2 to Capt. Deleze, G-2: Gives I&R reports from 1600 hours to present time. Shell report for 16th area today - 50 rounds of arty and 75 rounds of mortar fire. Mentions large rocket landing in BERGSTEIN, and oil dump previously listed, still burning. (G-2) Schmidt and H arscheid are reported taken. There is still a pocket of enemy between 31 and 32 eastings, number unknown. They are running into elements of the 3rd Gren Div. Enemy shows no signs of blowing the dam. Enemy still has people on the river. Bergstein has been receiving the heaviest artillery fire. Friendly troops are on the western side of the big reservoir, cutting road about at the 75 northing. From the 9th army on up there is a pretty continuous line. Understand that patrols got across the dam that Notorious (9th Div) worked on. (S-2) What is the warning system for the blowing of the dams? (G-2) Coordinated thru Ack Ack; everybody tell everybody else, I guess. In the big Picture; They got across the Ruhr (down south) in several spots. 3rd Army: Progress was made against moderate resistance. Friendly troops crossed river at L-0238, P-9840, P-9841. At P-9642 the town was cleared of enemy. Identified 352 WGD, 110th of 11th Pz Div; 713th of 16th Div. Friendly troops reached P-9777, L-0079 and 0279. Several counterattacks were repulsed in this area.
- 2157 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co. to Maj Smith, S-3: The 1st bunch of trucks left at 2000 hours; got 5 left in the pool.
- 2215 - Blue CP reports: 2052 hours, "M" Co reported 5 rounds of arty in their area. No casualties. Later 8 more rounds came in; gun reading was azimuth of 2400 mils, estimated 1500 to 2500 yards. K Contact patrol to white left at 2000 hours.
- 2216 - S-2 to White 2: K started a patrol to you at 2000. Arrange a patrol to G on the odd hours. If you can not make it at eleven be sure and do it at 1 o'clock.
- 2217 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives info of above item.
- 2240 - Capt. Knight, Danger 3 to S-3: Can you give me troops that are relieving your Red Bn companies? Ans: Relief is not completed.
- 2244 - Capt. Winter Blue 3, to S-2: L Co in position about 3/4 hour ago, without incident. Little arty of forward road. Engrs will clear 3 gaps tonight.
- 2300 - Major Edmonds, Red 5 to S-3: Am I going to have FO in my new location? Ans: You will have one from Cannon Co, and I'll get you another tomorrow. (Red 5) 2 companies are in process of being relieved now; we are detrucking 2 miles short of where we expected to detruck, so it will take longer.

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The two front line companies will be relieved by daylight. 2nd Co can be put in in the daylight. In that bad stretch of road there is a 10 ton wrecker stuck and a half track, and one M-8.

- 2302 - Lt. Chandler to S-2: Got in touch with Shelby, the K patrol made contact; we will send one at one o'clock and on the odd hours. Said MG was firing (didn't know whether it was friendly or not) but it wasn't bothering. 12 more rounds of arty came in at 130 degrees azimuth.
- 2345 - Capt. Winter, Blue Bn #3 to Mr. Lipinski: There are a number of flares out to our front, nothing unusual however. K Co reports hearing vehicles moving in the vicinity of the railroad station, across the stream. Otherwise things are quiet. Report from White Bn on river conditions: Depth at 083352, 9 feet. Approachable only North of dam; south of dam bank is steep - 10 - 30 feet high, 65% to 75% slope. Flow 12 to 15 miles per hour. Increase in depth since Feb 2 is 2 feet, below dam due to thaw. Above the dam 80% frozen at coldest period, at 083352 on west bank there is a sheet of ice 15 feet wide and less than an inch thick. At 095363 stream 12 feet wide. Ice on either bank will support a man 6 feet from the bank. Flood area 097369 is frozen solid. Pts crossed 087344, 0923363, 095363. At 087344 banks very steep. 75% slope. Stream 50 feet wide and waist deep, E Bank 2 feet high, bottom firm. 092363 - Bank 2 to 4 feet high on both sides and increasing on both sides. 3 to 5 feet deep bottom firm. 30 to 40 feet wide, sheared banks and flat beyond. 095363 - same as above. At 096365, wooden ft bridge a cross canal only. Prepared for demolition. Dam bridge at 090360 has been blown for 50 to 60 feet. Earthen dam is not very wide.

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- 0020 - Capt. Knight, G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Just had a call from Maj. Sanders, Asst. Div. Signal Officer, who says that radios within the regiment can come on, and with adjacent unit (The one relieving Red Bn and unit on the left). Maj. Sanders called Capt. Ralph but he wanted to have the information come thru the #3 office also. The radio should open for an SOP check. It should be done tonight - check with Capt. Ralph and do what is practical. Contact the people on the right (32nd). We had a message from MACADAM (XVII Corps), Thru liaison; you can contact them and give this message: Want them to make contact with the Airborne people on the right, (505) vicinity of West part of town behind your Red Bn - the town beginning with "3"; actual physical contact tonight. Capt. Knight says to let him know the success of getting message thru and what Capt. Ralph says in regard to the radio silence.
- 0024 - Lt. Chandler, White 2, to Mr. Lipinski: We are firing mortars on 3 tanks and 40 enemy on the other side of the river, north of the dam. The 40 enemy were observed about one hour ago. The 7th FA is going to fire on the tanks. Tanks at 093360.
- 0027 - Mr. Lipinski checks with Capt. Ralph regarding the lifting of the radio silence. Capt. Ralph had previously talked to Maj. Saunders. Capt. Ralph states that the silence within regiment was lifted yesterday and that he was prepared to transmit in case of emergency. Capt. Ralph asks that this info be passed on to Ceylon.
- 0045 - Mr. Lipinski to Maj. Lee, Ceylon: Relays message from Capt. Knight. Maj. Lee had previously received the same information.
- 0047 - Mr. Lipinski reports conversations with Maj. Lee and Capt. Ralph and gives information from Lt. Chandler regarding tanks and infantry, to Capt. Knight, Danger 3.
- 0055 - Blue Bn reports 4 rounds of mortar fire within the last hour. Small arms fire was heard to the right. Otherwise quiet.
- 0057 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5, to Mr. Lipinski: Our C Co is loaded in trucks and is moving out. They are throwing a lot of stuff into the town, the Cav had 3 or 4 casualties and I think we have had at least one. B will be out within the next hour; having some trouble getting the last platoon out "A" is in the process, will take about 3 more hours.
- 0114 - White Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Everything is quiet. Mr. L: Do you have anything further on the tanks? Ans: No, Sir. White: We fired on them with 81mm mortars. E Co received 2 rounds of enemy mortar, estimated 50mm.
- 0115 - Mr. L to Danger 3: Gives info as recorded for the past hour.

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- 0156 - Blue and White Bns report negative.
- 0222 - Capt. Clark to Red Bn, Capt. Brooks: How are things? Ans: Only one Co has been relieved. Co C for Troop B.
- 0225 - Capt. Clark gives hourly report to Danger 3.
- 0258 - Blue and White Bns report negative.
- 0400 - Blue and White Bns report negative.
- 0415 - Capt. Knight, G-3 to Capt. Clark: What is the latest? Ans: 2nd and 3rd Bns are negative. Red Bn is busy. (G-3) Here is some information from the 18th Airborne: 3rd Bn of 505 is going down to town of Harschied, 500 yards short of the town, 1st Bn will be 500 yards short of the 3rd Bn and 2nd Bn following. Harness (508th) has relieved Dragnet (517th Para Regt). They have contacted the people on their flanks.
- 0420 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Edmonds: What is new? Ans: Stuff is coming in. Other outfit had several casualties, 1 platoon sergeant. We had several casualties. Capt. Clark: What's the disposition? Ans: A Company and 2 platoons of AT guns out. 2 Co's are now in process of going into line. Troop A for Co A; Troop C for Co B; Troops B for C Troop. A Co will be up where 3rd Bn has platoon of AT guns and not where troop A was.
- 0503 - White and Blue Bns report negative.
- 0523 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Edmonds: What is new? Ans: Nearly all out of the old place, except for some elements of A Co and some AT guns. Lycas arrived at CP of other outfit at 0255 hours, in process of relieving now. Cobb starts relieving at 0500; will be completed by 0030 hours. A Co will be closed in between 0700 hours and 0730 hours. Expect to be closed in at 0730 hours.
- 0527 - Lt. Kestlinger relays above information to Danger 3.
- 0625 - White Bn reports: G Co is all quiet. F Co received small arms and mortars and fire (50mm) from across the river at midnight. The enemy used MG's and sprayed the whole area. Don't know if there are any casualties.
- 0627 - Blue Bn reports: At 0545 hours, K Co reported MG fire to their right, hitting 2nd Bn. Rest is all quiet.
- 0641 - Red Bn reports: B Co on position; CoA moved out of the line and are going up to its new position. Our line to Fwd is out.
- 0645 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Knight, G-3: Gives info of above items. (G-3) Maj. Worthington, Ceylon 5, stated 32nd assumes responsibility of area at 0530 hours. He knew that the other people were not out yet.

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- 0710 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0733 - Red Bn, Capt. Brooks, to Lt. Kestlinger: 2 Co's, B and C are in position. We are in communication with Fwd CP by 284 radio. Are we supposed to pick up 600 rounds of 81mm smoke? Ans: I will have to ask the major.
- 0740 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Give this message to Capt. Hall: Col Evans wants the photos sent up to G-2 instead of the 26th. Info from 16th Airborne Corps: Between 1800 hours, 7 Feb to 1800 hours, 8 Feb, there was a rise of 1½ feet; 6 to 8 inches on the 8-9 period (1900A to 0800A).
- 0755 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0756 - Lt. Kestlinger reports negative to G-3.
- 0815 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Brooks, Red Bn: Pick up the ammunition.
- 0818 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LC: Outfit relieving us is all out but 5 AF guns. Will pull them out tonight. Our two co's are in position. Reserve company moving up to reserve position. Mortars in position. 8 casualties on relief, about 15 all together.
- 0940 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: I understand that A Co got into a little trouble last night? Ans: They had about 15 casualties. What about the river rising? (G-2) From 7 Feb to 8 Feb, 1½ ft. rise and from 0800 to 0900 hours, extra 6 to 8 inches in rise. Do you have anything on 3 enemy tanks at 0030 hours? Ans: No I have not heard. (G-2) Where do you think best place to cross the river? Ans: That's hard to answer.
- 1000 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Maj. Lord, G-3: Is Seitz coming up today? Ans: Yes. (S-6) When is he relieving my 2nd Bn? Ans: Tomorrow. The roads are in terrible shape and they will have trouble getting anywhere. (S-6) What is story on river rising 2 feet in last 36 hours? Ans: Must be from the heavy rains.
- 1005 - Blue Bn negative report.
- 1005 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: Our communications were no good but we are having a line put in now. Visibility is poor.
- 1010 - Maj. McKeon, S-4 to Maj. Smith, S-3: I moved up where Blue rear was. I have 8 weasels here that I will send out.
- 1034 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Waite 2: Is the foot bridge in your area still in? Ans: Yes, it is OK for foot troops. (S-2) How much water in the dam? Ans: About 30 to 40 feet wide down below and twice as wide at the dam. (S-2) I will put I&R down SD dam as an observation post. What is this about observing 40 enemy about midnight last night? Ans: That is right? Observed with flares. (S-2) 1st Bn had trouble last night but they did manage to get other people relieved.

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- 1045 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donnelly, G-2: The Colonel just got information that the dam is rising and that it would only hold a few more days. What can you give me? Ans: I will check up on it.
- 1050 - Major Edmonds to Maj. Smith: Discussed flood plans.
- 1054 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Bour, White 3: I called you about possible flood. The dam has been blown up, up above, and it may go in about 3 days. You have a line to fall back to. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1110 - Capt. Merindeno to Capt. Clark: I am still waiting for 4 trucks. Ans: Call Red and find out where they are.
- 1113 - I&R OP: Visibility is very poor at present but it may clear up soon.
- 1120 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Maj. Smith: I am down here at Blue Bn checking on the roads. We have 2 platoons of Engineers on the road in the woods and they say it will take 2 or 3 days to be passable for jeeps only. Whole area in front of woods is nothing but marsh. We have to get Div to do something about it.
- 1129 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Lord, G-3: We have troubles. The road from Straus to Krenazer to Menden is impassable. The Engrs say it will take 2 or 3 days to work the road into a condition for jeeps only. Ans: The Bn of Engrs is coming up today to work on them. (S-3) That will not be enough engineers. We need a Bn of Engineers for a week on just one spot. (G-3) If we can't get enough engineers, we will have to use infantry. Ans: We could use infantry but they have no tools. What they could do would be a drop in the bucket. (G-3) General Ridgeway is on his way down himself today to see the conditions of the roads.
- 1140 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to S-3: Initial conversation concerns issue of weasels to the Bns today thru service company. (White 3) Would it be OK to use a TD, firing "Star Shells", as a warning for flood in the Bn? (S-3) Yes. There are two TD's in Straus, of the 634th, think they are in your platoon. You can arrange with them.
- 1157 - Capt. Bour to S-3, Capt. Clark: Bring this point to Maj. Smith's attention: Any people, making a recon for relief in the right portion of our sector, must be up here the night previous, otherwise they will have to sit around and wait.
- 1207 - Operator notifies that there are 4 lines to Danger out of switch.
- 1212 - I&R gives negative report.
- 1218 - Lt. Kestlinger notifies Red, Lt. Brown, that a Major from S-3 of Grapefruit (28th Regt) will be over to see Maj. Edmonds today in regards to a boundary problem.

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- 1220 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: White 3 calls to re-emphasize the importance of getting recon people up 24 hours in advance for the relief of F Co. (S-3) Says the importance of this is realized and that Div will be informed of the point.
- 1257 - Sgt. Wheeler, I&R, negative report.
- 1312 - Capt. Parsons, Danger 2 to Lt. Stephens: Col Kritz of Divarty say "A" Co of 745th is still occupying position we need for guns, alittle behind town beginning with H. Lt. Stephens says we have been moving those people around quite a bit now. I'll have to speak to Maj. Smith about this)At this point the line went out).
- 1340 - S-2 to Blue 2: "Did you get the overlay I sent you? (Blue) Haven't seen it yet. Picked up some stuff today but I haven't checked on it yet. No report of any shelling today. (S-2) White had a little stuff over in their area today, little machine gun fire. They had 3 tanks in their area last night. They saw them at 093360, 40 Inf were with them. The Inf was scattered.
- 1350 - Capt. Parsons, G-2: In regard to 32nd FA wanting Co A of 745th Tanks to move. They have nothing there but a few tanks scattered out in the woods. It is only 1 company of tanks there. They are in no ones way. We are not going to move them. The FA can move in, the tanks will not be in their way.
- 1352 - S-3 to White 3: That assembly area that Capt. Elder picked is alright. Want you to get some one up to the house right away (054395). (White) OK, we will take care of it right away.
- 1354 - S-3 to Red 3: What did you want of this stuff? Ans: Don't know how much we want. (S-3) Put in a mininum. Red: Do you want me to lay anything on for patrolling? (S-3) No wait up on it.
- 1355 - S-3 to Blue 6: Colonel wants you to come back up right away. Ans: Will be right up.
- 1405 - S-2 to G-2: Nothing new, observation is poor. Lot of enemy seen on the other side of river. (G-2) 1 of the 311 is in the vicinity of 085281 and going pretty good. The 1 of the 60th is also there going towards 1127 grid.
- 1415 - White 3 to S-3: Just talked with the 634th TD's. They said they would fire the Star Shell, but they haven't the ammo. (S-3) You'll have to substitute something else for it until I can get the ammo for you.
- 1420 - S-2 to White 2: Has my I&R Sgt checked in with you today? (White) Yes, he did, I have given him all the available information. He has a line into my board. Some movement was heard about an hour ago in back of the hill at 106361.

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- 1430 - White 3 to S-3: 1st Bn 26th officer is down here. He says he relieves us tonight. (S-3) No relief takes place tomorrow. I'll check on it again. Col. Daniels is on his way to see you. He commands Bn that will attack thru people that relieve you tomorrow. White F Co reports that the river ~~is~~ in front of them has risen 1 foot in last 1 1/2 hours.
- 1440 - S-3 to Maj. Lord: The 26th is up here and say the relief is tonight. (G-3) No it is not, they know it tomorrow. It will definitely not be made tonight. (S-3) The river has gone up 1 foot in the last hour and a half south of the dam. (G-3) OK, I'll give that info to army.
- 1443 - S-3 to White 3: Relays info of above item.
- 1453 - Maj. Lord to S-3: Where was the rise in that water? (S-3) At 083355, south of the dam.
- 1455 - I&R OP to clerk: 1415 hours, 1 scout car going North along road into town of Pragenheim. 1430 hours, 1 tank entering NW outskirts of Jakobsvillesheim. 5th FA Dandy observer is up here. He is all set to go.
- 1520 - S-3 to Red 5: No patrolling for tonight. Send one of your LO up to CP 26th, who are in the town of BINGEL. Have him stick with them when they jump off. Have him up there at 0800 hours in the morning. All.
- 1530 - Maj. Lord to S-3: Have you used colored smoke grenades? (S-3) Yes, why? Ans: Good, you can answer these questions for us; Call us back and let us have the answers to: 1. Who uses the smoke grenades? 2. Purpose of use? #3. Number used over a given period? 4. To what success? 5. Suggestions of colors? 6. Increase or decrease of burning time?
- 1538 - S-3 to White 3: CO, 1st Bn 26th Inf is on his way down to your CP.
- 1540 - S-3 to Red 3: Capt. Smith not in, going to call later.
- 1550 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Bour: Gives him above questions regarding the smoke grenade. Answers: 1. Anyone who has a grenade launcher. 2. Mark target or stop fire. 3 & 4. None used in 5 months of being with rifle company. 5. Red for fire, White to stop fire. 6. Can't answer.
- 1555 - Capt. Winters: Answers to above numbered questions: 1. Flat leader. 2. Haven't been used for some time. 3. haven't been used since Caumont, France. 4. Tried them for air identification, no success. 5. No suggestions. 6. No suggestions.
- 1600 - Capt. Clark gives above information about smoke grenades to G-3.

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- 1606 - General Andrus to Cpl. Gibb: What is the story on the river?
 Ans: Came up about 2 feet so far today. We have an evacuation plan all ready made. There are only a few vehicles supplying them.
 General: Paratroopers lost contact and are moving out. 60th Inf doing a good job. (Col. Gibbs) Going across the river in many places tonight in rubber boats, as last night there was some movement out there.
- 1620 - Capt. Donnelly to Capt. Hall: What is new? Ans: Plane's bombed and strafed Krauzau. (G-2) Paratroopers, 15 hrs, no contact. 78th not much contact; 505th, 1st and 2nd at 073315; 508, 2nd, at 077323. 60th at 090290.
- 1625 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: The river has come up a foot in last hour and a half. They are watching a small island.
- 1630 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: K reports rise of 3 feet in river and starting to flood opposite side, between I and the canal, starting to come in there. Observer reports that it has come up one foot in the last hour.
- 1635 - Capt. Clark to Red and Blue: Gives info that at 1630 hours, 3 rounds of red smoke will be placed over 095355. At 2000 hours, 3 white air bursts will be placed over dam at 090360. Would like report from Co's if these can be observed by them.
- 1636 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Some people are to cross river in rubber boat in front of the people on your right sometime tonight.
- 1640 - Col. Gibb to General Andrus: Notifies him of river condition in last couple of hours. General Andrus: It has been called off for us.
- 1645 - Capt. Winters to Lt. Lynch: K was the only company which could observe the Red smoke.
- 1703 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Hall: 7th can't get us wind direction or velocity which we would like to get every two hours. Ans: We will try and get it for you.
- 1710 - Capt. Hall to Maj. Fowley, G-2: Is it possible to get a detailed weather report? Ans: Yes, you can get it here. You can also get one from Determine, which is never more than 2 hours old. It will give you wind direction and speed also temperature.
- 1715 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 to Capt. Hall: The rise of the river is 1½ feet, There is a swift current.
- 1725 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Hall: Two enemy were seen at WINDEN between the river and the canal, they were fired on by 60mm mortars.
- 1728 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to S-2: There is a fire in STOCKHEIM, Black smoke is coming up there. Fire was started at STOCKHEIM.

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- 1735 - White Bn Shell Report: Negative.
- 1738 - Blue Bn Shell Report: 15 rounds of 105mm, 5 rounds of 120mm.
- 1745 - Maj. Smith to Red, Capt. Smith: We have a warning system set-by which 3 bursts of white phosphorous will be fired over your company positions in case the dam goes. During daylight, red smoke will be used. If the dam goes when the companies move back, the mortars will have to lay down a smoke screen. (Capt. Smith) C and B Co's will move back to 10 NS grid line.
- 1755 - Red Bn Shell Report: 48 rounds of 81mm, 20 rounds of 50mm.
- 1815 - Delight 7th FA and Danger notified of shell report for the day - 75 rounds of Mortar, 25 rounds of 105.
- 1820 - Sgt Wheeler, IER reports: 1725, small vehicle moving N into FRAGENHEIM. 1730, one tank moving S out of FRAGENHEIM.
- 1840 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: 2 rounds of smoke was fired at 123377. Capt. Clark called Delight to check and found that the shells had no significance with the dam.
- 1850 - Maj. Crocker, Danger 3 to Capt. Clark: 1500 hours, Red Bn of 311, 300 yards N of Dam, 309th going through Red to take the Dam. No enemy encountered. A road block at GROSSHEIM.
- 1905 - Col. Gibb to Danger 3: The first Bn of 311, 200 yards N of Dam, no contact. Engineers are working on roads. The Kleinbau road is to be closed. There is a question on the boundary between us and the 8th Div. Nothing is going on tomorrow until tomorrow night. The story of the water rise today is thought to be rain and melted snow, coming down from hills. Nothing wrong with the Dam, so far as I know. 26th is all in.
- 1915 - Col. Gibb to Col. Evans: Col. Evans states that #3 dam is open or blown, the water is going out toward #5. The river will be 2 feet above flood stage for 4 days. Col. Gibb states he has no data showing flood stage of river. Dam #3 is the big dam, is that right? Ans: Yes. Col. Evans states the dam further south might be able to control things a bit, but it looks as though things may be called off.
- 1958 - Col. Evans to S-6: Have just talked to a man who has a man looking at these dams. He says that they are not blown. Master had a plane out today and the pilot said he thought the dams were blown. What happened is that the snow melted and ran into the creeks. The creeks run into the rivers, the rivers rise.

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- 2000 - MESSAGE: From CG, 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Changes in operations instructions 49 delete paragraph 2, change paragraph 3a to read on night 809 Feb 16th Inf will relieve 16th Cav. Squadron assuming responsibility of sector upon completion of relief.
- 2010 - S-2 to White 6: Nothing new up here. The water is rising and no one knows how much it will rise. (White 6) It increased about 18 inches today. F Co had 30 rounds of small mortars. No enemy observed today. (S-2) Friendly people are supposed to be close to the dam.
- 2018 - I&R OP reports: At 1914 hours, enemy ack ack, 20mm, at 75 degrees. At 1921 hours a btry of arty at 68 degrees. At 1946 hours bright fire started West bank of river at 65 degrees.
- 2027 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? Ans: Had 1 man step on a booby trap. He isn't too bad though. Lot of wire seen in front of C Co. Enemy activity can not be seen in the daytime. (S-2) We have people close to the dam. They are probably there now.
- 2030 - Blue 6 to S-3: The lanes we swept last night are way out of our sector now. We need more engineers, to sweep new lanes. Can you give me some and get them down here tonight? (S-3) I'll try. I'll send you two mine sweeping teams from AT platoon.
- 2109 - Col. Gibb to Col. Ware: Why do you have to send a company grade officer on that leave? Ans: It is orders. Col. Gibb: Put me in for around the 20th. Col. Ware: There will be two for your regiment the next time.
- 2100 - S-2 to Gp2: G-2 says that they are trying to get people up to the dam, otherwise all is quiet.
- 2145 - I&R OP reports: At 2010 hours, amber flare 80 degrees. 2025, Red tracer fire 103 degrees. 2045 hours, 3 amber flares in a group.
- ~~2025~~ - 93 degrees. 2045 hours, gun flashes near West bank of Roer river at 66 degrees. At 2050 hours, same thing. 2055 hours, bright fire started on high ground at 115 degrees. 2125 hours, small arms fire to South.
- 2205 - Blue 3 to S-3: Are we going to get the Bangalores and wire cutters? Ans: Working on it now with Engineers. Will let you know about it later. (Blue) How about measel sheets? Ans: Working on it.
- 2215 - Capt. Hall to Danger 2: Any hot poop? Ans: No. (Capt. Hall tells of the flare activity.
- 2225 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: I only received one set of data, photos, etc., will I get more? Ans: I don't believe so. People are within 300 yards on the North side of dam, and another unit is passing through to secure the dam. Little or no resistance meh.

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- 2252 - I&R OP reports: At 2135 hours 2 enemy planes dropped flares at 10,000 yards due east of OP. At 2155 hours one Blue flare at 100 degrees, approximately two miles. At 2205 hours, at 100 degrees, one rocket shooting into sky. At 2209 hours a flash at 105 degrees, the bang was 11 seconds. At 2225 hours a flash at 92 degrees, the bang at 12 seconds. At 2245 four airplane flares at 42 degrees.
- 2300 - Red Bn to Lt1 Stephens: All AT guns are out of former positions.
- 2301 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2310 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Parsons, G-2: Negative report. Capt. Parsons says people down south are lifting mines around dam and are now going into control room at the dam. (Phone line went out at this point in the conversation.)
- 2318 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Reports level of river same with a slight increase in current. Lt. Stephens reports information received in item 2310 hours.
- 2356 - Blue Bn reports negative.