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- 0010 - Red Bn: Negative report. White Bn: Negative report.
- 0020 - Mr. Lipinski to Division 3: Hourly report.
- 0045 - I&R OP reports: A t 2310 hours, small arms fire, southeast of OP. At 2326, a flash at 125 degrees, bang was 11 seconds, one gun. At 2334, at 125 degrees, one gun - no flash-bang count. At 2335 hours, one shell landed approximately 1000 yards south of OP. At 2348, a flash at 91 degrees, this was two guns, no flash-bang count.
- 0050 - Mr. Lipinski relays above info to 7th FA.
- 0055 - Blue Bn reports: M Co reports 3 rounds of artillery at 0025 hours. K Co patrol contacted L.
- 0105 - Red Bn to Mr. Lipinski: No change in the river. White Bn reports negative.
- 0130 - Mr. Lipinski gives hourly report of above items to Div #3.
- 0205 - Blue Bn to Mr. Lipinski: K Contacted L. M Co had one round of artillery at 0130 - no damage reported.
- 0202 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report - no change in water level.
- 0207 - I&R OP reports: At 0130 hours, a flash at 91 degrees. No sound. Light artillery SE of OP. At 0135, NE of OP, light artillery in town just below Dagwood CP. At 0120 hours small arms fire SE of OP. A t 0148, light artillery NE of OP, 3 shells.
- 0210 - White Bn: Negative report.
- 0211 - Mr. Lipinski reports to Division 3 concerning the reports of the past hour - reports no change in the river.
- 0305 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report - water level unchanged.
- 0310 - Blue Bn reports: Engineer officer returned and he reports the river is up to the banks. The current is very swift. It is 75 ft. wide and between 10 to 12 feet deep. K Co contacted L and returned.
- 0311 - White Bn: Negative report. Water level unchanged.
- 0314 - Mr. Lipinski to Division 3: Reports for hour - including engineers report in item of 0310 hours.
- 0317 - I&R OP reports: At 0210 hours, enemy small arms fire SSE of OP, Approximately 2000 yards. A t 0235 hours, one gun at 110 degrees with a bang of 9 seconds. At 0247 hours enemy machine gun fire south east of OP. At 0300 hours, one gun, no flash-bang, at 90 degrees. At 0315 hours, flash at 110 degrees, one gun, no bang count.

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- 0330 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Tunic, 7th FA: Gives report of water level as the same; gives I&R report of above item 0317 hours.
- 0347 - Blue Bn: Negative report.
- 0348 - Lt. Higgins, Red Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Water level unchanged. White Bn reports negative.
- 0420 - Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Division 3.
- 0500 - Red, White and Blue Bns report negative - water level unchanged.
- 0507 - Capt. Clark gives above report to Division 3.
- 0510 - I&R OP reports: At 0350 hours, shelling with phosphorus at 140 degrees. At 0355 hours, machine gun and mortar fire at 130 degrees. At 0410 hours, 3 gun flashes at 105 degrees, no sound. At 0425 hours gun flashes at 140 degrees. At 0425 gun flashes at 150 degrees.
- 0545 - Div 2 to Capt. Clark: 18th Airborne Corps reports they have ROSENFELD, took it against heavy opposition from enemy. V-Corps reports C dam as being occupied by our troops. Dam is pretty good condition as late as 2100 hours last night.
- 0605 - Red, White and Blue Bns report negative.
- 0615 - Capt. Clark to Division 3: Negative report.
- 0644 - I&R OP reports: 0525 hours, 1 gun flash at 120 degrees; 0540 hours, 1 gun flash at 95 degrees, 11 seconds flash to bang. Also 1 at 110 degrees, 11 seconds flash to bang. 0600 hours small arms fire at 120 degrees. 0615 hours, 1 btry (4 guns) flashed at 75 degrees, 5,000 yards out; same was repeated at 0620 hours. 0625 hours 3 gun btry flashed at 75 to 80 degrees. 0630, rifle shots 65 degrees by the river.
- 0705 - Red, White, Blue - negative reports. Capt. Clark reports same to Division 3.
- 0810 - Capt. Clark to Danger 3: Capt. Parsons reports that friendly troops control at least half the dam; are picking up mines on this side of the dam and have possession of the control room. Only light resistance was met. As far as Capt. Parsons knows, no one jumped off up north.
- 0815 - I&R reports: 0700 hours, 1 gun flash at 105 degrees, no flash to bang report. 0714 - Several gun flashes at 74 degrees. 0752 hours train moving SE at 86 degrees, far out.

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- 0914 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: What is cooking? Ans: Everything is quiet. (S-2) What about the river? (Ans) There is some increase in depth. (Capt. Hall reviews items of journal in regard to the general situation).
- 0920 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Winters, Blue 3: What is cooking? Ans: The enemy is milling around out there, across the river to front of I Co. (S-2) Where at? Ans: 127380 - they are walking around the ridge and then disappear in the woods. I Co fired 60mm and 81mm mortars on them. Someone also reported vehicles moving to the front. They called Capt. Wells for fire. (S-2) We do not have a report on it. How is the river? Ans: In front of K Co, it is a little over the banks. (Capt. Hall reviews items of journal regarding the situation).
- 0926 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Parsons, Div 3: Anything new? Ans: No, everything is quiet. (S-3) Are the people to the north attacking? Ans: No, they are sitting tight. (S-3, reports things quiet here. 09027 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Brown, Red 2: Any change in the river? Ans: No, only what I told you about yesterday. (Capt. Hall reviews situation as of items of this journal).
- 0930 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP reports: 0752 hours - train moving SE about 86 degrees, at a great distance. 0825 hours, 1 white vehicle, possibly an ambulance or light truck, moving SE out of KETTINE EDM (2240). 0840 hours, small vehicle moving SE on main highway, vicinity of FRANGENHEIM.
- 0905 - Enemy gun battery, general vicinity of 158370, in those woods.
- 0910 - 1 train moving N along railroad track from NOVENICH on up thru towards HOCHKIRSCHEN.
- 0930 - Capt. Donnelly, Div 2 to S-2: Info of SCHWAMMANAUER dam; 50 feet crater in the south side. We hold the "pen-stock" portion of the dam. The "pen-stock" has been blown. The amount of water that is flowing out is no more than the equivalent of the water when turbines are in full force. There is no water flowing out of the crater in the south part - the water is below the crater. The engineers checked the inspection tunnel in the dam. They found no explosives in their preliminary survey - it appears that the enemy has no intention of blowing the dam. The south side of the dam has a 188mm gun, shooting direct fire across the dam. Pill boxes and concertina wire are also on the south side. (It was not clear whether the gun and pill boxes were close to the dam - but they were presumed to be on the high ground commanding the dam). This strong point is definitely manned. (At this point in the conversation the phone line went out).

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- 0940 - S-2 to Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: Discuss reports from last night and this morning, OP info previously listed. Sgt Wheeler reports that 5th FA and 7th FA have observers with the OP group - artillery will work on targets as the y appear.
- 1000 - Lt. Balyeat, Serv Co, to S-3: S-3 relays request to Capt. Groves, Ammo Officer, for 150 lengths of bangalore, complete with fuses, wire, etc. Orders 180 pr of short wire cutters - Lt. Balyeat says that he will try a rush order on securing these cutters.
- 1012 - Capt. Donnley, Div 2 to S-2: (Resume conversation as of 0930 hours when phone lines went out). ROSENFELD taken by 310th Inf's 1st Bn. Harness (508 Para Regt) got a patrol into Zerkhall a few minutes ago, found no enemy. This, and other indications, might mean that the enemy is evacuating this side of the river. S-2 gives reports from I&R as previously listed in this journal. Discuss possible enemy shuffling of units in various sectors. G-2 reports that 1800 American heavy bombers raided Leipzig yesterday.
- 1018 - S-3 gets call from Capt. Groves, Ammo Off., and orders 450 bangalore lengths (150 per Bn) plus fuses and wire, etc. Capt. Groves is to check with Bns for requirements on wire, fuses, etc.
- 1030 - S-3 to Maj. Lord, Div 3: S-3 requests that Ceylon CP (11th Cav Grp) and attachments be moved from our area, so that the 16th reserve can be put in there tonight - suggests Ceylon CP move to GRASSHAU. G-3 will do what he can about the matter.
- 1035 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Col. Driscoll, Red 6: S-2 requests permission to have Lt. Brown, Red 2, come to regiment and act as Regt'l S-2 during Capt. Hall's absence (Pass to England). Red 6 gives permission. Lt. Brown to report to 16th CP this afternoon.
- 1036 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Everything is about the same here. The current is a little stronger today. C has received a little 88mm SP fire, about 30 rounds. B's sector is fairly quiet. The ground across the river is pretty well beat up by previous bomber action. Red 3 and S-3 discuss various roads in the Red Bn area as possible routes for use when CT 16 jumps off. S-2 wants road along Red Bn front line checked for mines, condition, etc. tonight. A check is also to be made with the 28th Inf for information concerning routes approaches, etc, in their sector.
- 1045 - Sgt. Doskiss, I&R, ordered to report to the 16th CP, by Capt. Hall, for instructions.
- 1046 - S-3, Maj. Smith to Blue 3: I will attach 2 mine sweeping teams from AT mine platoon, to you. Want you to clear the west side of the river; locate boat sites and places for crossings near bridge in front of L Company.

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- 1100 - Capt. Hall to I&R RIVER OP (contact thru - White En, F Co line):  
Report: The water is up about 1½ feet in the last hours (24); probably due to rain; no appreciable rise this morning. The point which I&R observes looks solid. S-2 tells OP to remain where they are for the time being. S-2 asks if stream is flowing swift. Ans: The stream is swift below the dam. I&R reports excellent radio communication; radio check is made every ½ hour. Arrangements have been made with White En phone operator to notify I&R immediately if any lines go out- in which case the radio will be turned on immediately.
- 1130 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to Capt. Hall, S-2: I understand that several paths have been cleared thru the minefields leading to the rivers edge and that these paths have been marked with tracing tape. This information comes to me from Lt. Kayes, A Co engr. This procedure is dangerous; enemy will zero in on these paths - the same thing happened to one of our outfits in Italy, and 2 Bns were lost. Be sure and remain d Maj. Smith of this condition and get that tape removed tonight. We will have to devise some other method of marking these paths. (Information was relayed to Maj. Smith).
- 1140 - I&R OP: 0955 hours, large fire started in KRAUTHAUSEN, causing a large column of smoke. 1050 hours, enemy gun btry at 73 degrees, at a great distance, 5 to 8 miles. 1050 hours, 2 vehicles moving SE on highway between Kelz from Franwullesheim. At 1055 hours same place, one vehicle going NW. 1105 hours, enemy troops around house at 123406. 7th FA fired on this target.
- 1155 - S-2 to Red 3: What is the story? Ans: C Co notices a change, 1400 hours to 1500 hours, yesterday to today. The river has come up about 1½ feet since then. The open field across from them is being covered with water, it is rising very slowly.
- 1200 - Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens: What goes on? Ans: 28th Inf Rgt is due tomorrow at 0530 hours.
- 1242 - S-2 to Blue 2: Your #3 Fox OP is at 107381. Do they have full sweep of the river from the bend up? Blye 6: Yes. S-2: Can you get there in the day time? (Blue 6) No. I'm going out to look at an OP; I'll call back and let you know how it is.
- 1311 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: Tell Capt. Hall that the OP that I was going to look at is not good.
- 1325 - I&R OP: 1150 hours, adjusted some "Long Toms" on highway 169375. 1230 hours, 1 small vehicle going SE in JACOBSVILLEHEID - 1 man on cycle going NW. 1235 hours, 3 vehicles going S along main road into Kelz. 1255 hours, 1 vehicle left Kelz, going to E; 1 vehicle came into Kelz. 1258, 3 vehicles left Kelz, going S. 1200 to 1300 hours adjusted Longtoms on Kelz.

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- 1330 - Maj. Lord, Div 3 to S-3: Due to the road conditions, we can not move those people out. Anything you work out with them is OK.
- 1331 - S-3 to Blue 6: Corps and Div Commanders say that people up North will jump 48 hours ahead of you. (Situation and plan of attack is reviewed). Do not lay any tape down south. If you do, dirty it up so it cannot be seen by the enemy. (Blue 6) I'm sweating out a report on the road here. My by-pass is bogging down.
- 1410 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to Maj. Smith, S-3: That information that you have from the 2nd Bn; would like to know if you would give that to my C Company Commander who will work with the 26th Inf. (S-3) Plans are now that we send one Bn over the bridge which 28th will make, and maybe another one. Col. Gara: It will take about 24 hours to build a bridge, might only put in a baby bridge.
- 1430 - S-3 to Col. Grant, White 6: The plan of attack - the 28th will (maybe) jump tomorrow, and we will go about 48 hours later. We will have to jump to protect the Corps flank. We will use the bridge the 28th will make. Your mission will be to drive to DROVE. 1st Bn to go due south along river. Blue 4n might have to cross on boats - this is all tentative. How is the relief going? Ans: OK, still working on it, should start by 1930 hours. (S-3) Assembly area OK, but haven't got the house, might get the town of GEY. Big thing is supposed to go tomorrow - then the 3rd Armored will pass thru them and drive.
- 1440 - S-2 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: What is new? Ans: All quiet up here. Fired on a few vehicles and some personnel.
- 1445 - S-2 to Lt. Ghandler, White 2: What is new? Ans: A large fire burning in KOLON.
- 1450 - Maj. Lord, Div 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Just had a conference and the boundary will be as I told you this morning. One Bn reinforced will get a clearance over that bridge up North. (S-3) Will pull them out and put them up North, one day prior to other job. Will have ten tanks and 8 TDs with them. (G-3) Possibly tomorrow, for them; 24 hours after for you.
- 1500 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: Found an OP in L Co. position, can see in 1137 grid square; all of that area.
- 1520 - I&R OP report: 1330 to 1345 hours, registered Longtoms on railroad west of ROMMELSHHEIM. Also saw some gun flashes from the same vicinity. 1415 hours, 1 vehicle moving SE from STOCKHEIM TO SOLLER. 1420 hours, 1 cycle moving N from SOLLER to KETTENHEIM. 1425 hours, 3 vehicles SE, STOCKHEIM TO SOLLER. 1430 hours, 2 vehicles going from SOLLER to STOCKHEIM. 1445 hours, 1 vehicle going W from ROMMELSHHEIM to BINSFELD. 1505 hours, 3 vehicles going SE into JACOBVILLEHEIM. 1515 hours, 1 cycle S into VETTELHEIM.

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- 1610 - Capt. Ceesy, Div 2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: General situation around KEILS and vicinity. S-2 informs G-2 that our mediums have just bombed GEY, one plane just dropped its bombs.
- 1620 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R, reports that their was a formation of 30 mediums that went over, one of these planes dropped its load on GEY and vicinity.
- 1625 - Maj. McKeon, S-4 to S-3: I have 500 pair of pliers for you, 240 more illuminous buttons.
- 1628 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Maj. Lord, G-3: Gives information concerning the bombs being dropped, as of item 1620 hours.
- 1630 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith: We just had 3 parachutists land in our area - we are sending a stretcher out for them. (S-3) Send them in to the CP.
- 1635 - Capt. Hall to Sgt Doskiss, I&R: We may pull the OP back.
- 1640 - Capt. Crobes, Ammo Officer, to S-3: I have 350 bangalores. (S-3) Issue 125 to the 3rd Bn; 125 to the 2nd Bn; 100 to the 1st Bn.
- 1641 - White Bn shell report: 15 rounds of 81mm.
- 1645 - 3rd Bn Shell report: 20 rounds, 81mm; 5 rounds, 105mm; 22 rounds 75mm.
- 1650 - Lt. Brown Actg S-2 to Capt. Lycas, Red Bn: Is it advisable to go to my OP in daylight? Ans: You have to be careful. I have two of the Parachutists, they are American, I haven't spoken to them yet.
- 1700 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Can you see KREUZAU FROM four OP? Ans: Yes, Lt. Brown: Is it advisable to go out in the daylight? (Blue 2) I'll call you back. I know what you want and I'll try and fix it up.
- 1705 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to S-2: How about your shell report? S-2: I'll call you back.
- 1709 - 26th Inf, White 3 to Maj. Smith: Will you call your Blue 6 and tell him that the recon party will be down at 1900 hours. Ans: OK.
- 1710 - Red Bn to Lt. Brown, S-2: 40 rounds of SP - 88mm; 10 rounds, 120 mortar all in G Company area.

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- 1715 - I&R OP report: 1525 hours, 1 bike going S from FRANGENHEIM. 1527 hours, 3 enemy on road between BINSFELD - FRAUWULLESHEIM. 1537 hours, friendly plane crashed on plain NE KRECCAU. 1545 hours, 2 gun flashes in general area of EGGERSHEIM, counter-btry firing now. 1600 hours, 2 enemy going NW on road 183376. 1613 hours, friendly bomber crashed this side of river and S of DURCEN. 1640 hours, 4 enemy walking S into JACOBVILLEHEIM. 1645 hours, friendly plane strafed vicinity STOCKHEIM. 1658 hours, 50 cal., tracer fire over RUHR from KARATHUSEN into NEDERAU.
- 1720 - Lt. Kays, "A", 1st Engrs., to S-3: Did you want me? Ans: Yes, 2nd Bn is going to the job. They want the platoon leader up there at 2100 hours.
- 1725 - Blue Bn to S-3: Anything new? Ans: 2nd Bn will do the job with company of tanks, 2 platoons of TD's. Recon from 26th Inf., will be up at 1900 hours.
- 1735 - S-2 to 7th FA #2: We have a mine overlay. Send someone up and you can have it.
- 1750 - S-3, 3rd Bn to S-3: Do you want both of my TD platoons? Ans: Yes, forget the far side recon. We are trying to get you over a bridge Up N. If we can't, you go as planned.
- 1752 - S-3 to Red 6: One of the parachutists in on the enemy bank and is OK. We are going to try and get him tonight.
- 1810 - Sgt Doskiss I&R to S-2: What do you want me to do? Ans: Move out and let them take over. You go to the "I" Company area.
- 1815 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2: Shell report - 35 rounds light arty; 50 rounds of SP-88mm; 45 rounds of light mortar; 10 rounds of 120 mortar. Also gives OP reports.
- 1820 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Red CP: How are you going to get that parachutist? Ans: They will send out a 3 man patrol to cross the bridge. They are covering him until dark.
- 1830 - White Bn Shell report: 95 rounds of 81mm.
- 1845 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Red Fwd, Capt. Smith: What is the score on these TD's? (S-3) You will be in fire support of 2nd Bn for the end run. TD officer will make the recon for position and you will direct his fire.
- 1915 - Maj. Lord, Div 3 to S-3: Take a 3 day pass on your plans.
- 1920 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to White 6: The play is off for 3 days.
- 1921 - Col. Beck, Div 3 to Maj. Smith: The 26th wants to use your MSR to the Fwd areas. The engineers are going to make it 2 way. (S-3) OK, but keep traffic to a minimum at dawn and dusk.



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- 1935 - Lt. Stephens to Red #3: Everything is off for 3 days.
- 1940 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Winters, Blue 3: There is a 3 day postponement on everything. "I'll give you details tomorrow.
- 2005 - I&R OP report: We are located at 07733835 (night OP). At 1840 hours, 3 gun btry, 5 seconds flash-bang at 71 degrees. At 1857 hours, 3 gun btry, 22 seconds, flash-bang, at 68 degrees. At 1858 hours, 3 gun btry, 22 seconds flash-bang, 72 degrees. At 1900 hours, 6 guns, 21 seconds flash-bang, 68 degrees. At 1902, 1 gun, 33 seconds flash-bang, 99 degrees, (muzzle flash is plainly visible). At 1903 hours, 8 guns, scattered, 22 seconds flash-bang, 71 degrees. At 1922 hours, 1 gun, 13 seconds flash-bang, 75 degrees. At 1925 hours, 3 guns, 15 seconds flash-bang, 71 degrees. At 1925 hours 1 gun, 12 seconds, flash-bang, 75 degrees. At 1926 - 3 guns, 15 seconds flash-bang, 61 degrees. At 1945 hours - 1 gun, 30 seconds, flash-bang, 106 degrees. At 1949 - 1 gun (big one) 110 degrees, no sound. At 1949 hours, 7 guns flashing, no flash-bang, 110 degrees.
- 2015 - Blue Bn to Clerk: At 1905, "K" Co reported 185 degrees, 100 yards, tank firing 2 rounds. At 2005, "K" Co reported they heard a tank at 160 degrees, 1200 yards. Tank fired 4 rounds. Also 4 rounds of mortar landed in area.
- 2020 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: "What's doing? Ans: Not much. Patrol got half way across the bridge in front of C Co., was challenged by an enemy - and the enemy took off. Did contact the paratrooper. Saw him take his clothes off as if he was going to swim for it.
- 2032 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: "What's cooking? Ans: We can see the town and the river. We have another OP at 114377. Where was this patrol challenged? Ans: Right on the bridge. They were preparing to lay planks where the bridge is blown to get the parachutist across, when they were challenged.
- 2045 - Maj. Lauten, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: I am checking on this MII man TENGODD. If you don't want him, we will take him at the Div cage. (S-2) What's going on? Ans: 3rd Army doing very good. (S-2) Anything on the dam? Ans: The water is running out rapidly and will be for 3 or 4 days, until it is down to the normal gates. Don't believe the enemy is going to blow it. Indications are if they don't blow it tonight, they will not blow it. Corps examined it and they say it isn't prepared for demolition.
- 2104 - Col. Driscoll to Maj. Smith: Any objections if we throw up some flares in B Co to help engineers look for booby traps etc? Ans: No, that will not hurt anything.

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- 2115 - Lt. Col. Foley, Biv 3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Can you give me locations of where your White Bn is pulling back to? Ans: They pulled back to west of GEY at about 053398.
- 2120 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to Maj. Smith: 26th called me up to see if there were any assault boats available for training. I have 14 and I wanted to know if you wanted half of them? Ans: We do. Maj. Oxford: We will get them in tomorrow.
- 2125 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Is the I&R recon still going on tomorrow? Ans: Yes. White 3: What time will they leave? Ans: About 9 o'clock.
- 2145 - I&R OP at 2100 hours, 1 red flare, 48 degrees, in enemy territory.
- 2205 - Blue Bn reports: "I" Co sees flashlight at 126384. Cannon Co., observer reports river 6 inches higher than before.
- 2208 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Red Bn: Any reports on the river? Ans: No change.
- 2308 - Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: 2250 hours, 2 white flares observed by "I" Co. "L" Co reports engineers still working.
- 2310 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: 2152 hours, gun flash at 89 degrees. 2116 hours, saw same gun flash in btry. 2230 hours, 12 successive flares (illuminating) over river at 74 degrees.
- 2315 - Capt. Clark to White Bn: What is going on? Ans: We expect to finish about 0200 or 0300 hours.
- 2317 - Capt. Clark to Red Bn: What is your report? Ans: Negative. River level is the same.
- 2319 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder CO H Co: Capt. Elder: I wanted to find out about the houses in GEY. I would like to find at least one room for each company. (Col. Horner answers): We have no authority to throw anyone out but if you find any places, take them. Anyone back as yet? Ans: Just the mortar platoon.

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- 0007 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn to Capt. Clark: Our contact patrol returned from 8th Div at 2330 hours, and reported negative. Negative report for the hour.
- 0014 - Capt. Winter, Blue Bn, to Capt. Clark: 2 rounds of 105mm at 0010 hours came from right rear at 116386 near "I" Co outpost. Believe it might be friendly stuff. Ans: I will check with 7th FA.
- 0018 - Capt. Clark calls 7th FA. 7th FA will check and call back.
- 0020 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0026 - Capt. Clark reports everything quiet to Division #3.
- 0035 - I&R OP reports: At 2310 hours, a gun flash at 55 degrees. At 2325 hours, 2 gun flashes at 105 degrees. At 2340 hours, gun flash at 90 degrees - c counterbattery observed at the same time. At 2355 hours, gun flash at 110 degrees, 11 seconds flash-bang. At 0005 a gun flash at 89 degrees. At 0008 hours a gun flash at 106 degrees, 18 seconds flash-bang. At 0019, gun flash at 106 degrees, 18 seconds, flash bang.
- 0100 - Capt. Winter, Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: A mortar to our left flank is firing into "K" Co. Our mines sweeping patrols are all in. Negative report except for the mortar.
- 0104 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0116 - Col. Grant, White 6, to Capt. Clark: Will you check and see if you have anything on KREUZAU? Ans: I will check. Anything going on? White 6: Our AT and H Co are out, E and G are working on their relief. We will probably be completed by 0300 or 0400 hours.
- 0120 - Capt. Clark to Div 3: Not much doing. A little mortar fire on K Co. 2nd Bn relief is coming along OK.
- 0155 - I&R OP to Clerk: At 0045 hours, gun flash at 106 degrees, 18 seconds flash-bang. At 0100 hours, gun flash at 106 degrees. At 0105 gun flash at 80 degrees, and one at 32 degrees. At 0110 hours, 4 gun flashes at 76 degrees. At 0115 hours, gun flash at 92 degrees, 29 seconds flash-bang.
- 0200 - Lt. Stephens gives the foregoing report to 7th FA.
- 0214 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 0220 - Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: At 0120 hrs, OP #3 reported an enemy gun fired 4 rounds at azimuth of 80 degrees and an estimated range of 3,000 yards; fire fell to left rear. At 0130 hours a yellow flare was observed 300 yards to the right of K Co. At 0140 hours more chandelier flares were dropped over DUREN.

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- 0230 - Col. Grant, White 6, to Lt. Stephens: F Co is completely relieved now. We should be completely finished in another hour or so.
- 0234 - Lt. Stephens to Div 3: H and F Companies relieved now and the rest should be complete in another hour.
- 0305 - Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: At 0233 hours, I Co contact patrol to K returned with a negative report. 2nd Platoon of K reported one friendly mortar shell 75 yards to the left. One white flare 1000 yards to south. At 0236, K Co reported 3 (105mm) shells landed 15 yards from the OP. At 0251, 2 (105mm) shells, presumed to be friendly, landed in the area.
- 0308 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 0335 - Lt. Stephens to Div 3: Nothing to report.
- 0342 - I&R OP reports: At 0233 hours, 4 shells landed approximately 1,500 yards south of the OP. At 0234 hours, one gun flash at 110 degrees no flash bang report. At 0247 hours, 3 shells landed approximately 1,500 yards south of OP. At 0248 hours, gun flash at 93 degrees, no flash-bang report. At 0255 hours, gun flash at 93 degrees, 32 seconds flash-bang. At 0259 hours, flash at 82 degrees. At 0316 hours, one shell, coming from southeast, landed in the vicinity of GEY.
- 0412 - Bn Bn to Lt. Stephens: At 0317 hours, OP #2, reports one illuminating flare at 90 degrees and 1000 yards. At 0319 hours a 105mm shell landed in K Co area near the 1st platoon. At 0330 hours I Co received 2 rounds of mortar fire from vicinity of factory at 119437.
- 0430 - Lt. Stephens to Red Bn: Red reports negative.
- 0432 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: How far is your relief? Ans: All but one outpost squad of G Company.
- 0435 - Lt. Stephens relays above information to Div 3.
- 0458 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Lt. Brown, S<sub>2</sub>: We have finished the relief by 1st Bn of the 26th Inf at 0045 hours.
- 0506 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0508 - I&R OP reports: 0405 hours, 1 gun flash at 85 degrees, 14 seconds flash-bang. 0420 hours, gun flash at 140 degrees. 0435 hours, 2 aircraft flares at 30 degrees, 5,000 yards. 0440 hours, 1 gun flash at 90 degrees, firing south, 15 seconds. 0445 hours, gun flash, 140 degrees.
- 0510 - Red Bn gives negative report.

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- 0515 - Lt. Steinway, Div 2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Anything new? Ans: White has completed relief, otherwise negative. Lt. Steinway: Starting today the switchboard will be monitored for an indefinite period to check on giving positions in clear.
- 0520 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Div 3: White has completed its relief, otherwise negative.
- 0605 - Lt. Brown, S-2 reports negative to G-2.
- 0615 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Negative. The Corps engineers report no change in the river.
- 0616 - Capt. Stabler, FO observer with Bn: River, no change.
- 0630 - I&R OP reports: 0545 hours, gun flash at 115 degrees. 0605 gun flash at 88 degrees, 27 seconds flash-bang. 0608 hours, gun flash at 90 degrees. 0613 hours, gun flash at 75 degrees, 12 seconds flash-bang. 0615 hours, 3 gun flashes at 88 degrees. 0620 hours, 1 gun flash at 75 degrees. 0622 hours, gun flash at 80 degrees, 15 seconds flash-bang.
- 0720 - Blue and Red Bns report negative. No change in river.
- 0809 - Blue Bn reports: 19th Corps Engineers reporting thru our L Co say the river is "UP one foot overnight, nothing alarming".
- 0829 - I&R to Lt. Brown S-2: We have our OP set up with Red Bn OP. Three houses are useable for OP's. Blue has one, 7th FA has one and Red Bn has one. You can call us through Red.
- 0908 - I&R OP report: 0800 hours, two large enemy vehicles going north entering VEINGREIBENHEIM. 0825 hours, one large truck moving along main highway to FRAGENHEIM. 0825 hours, one train moving south from FREISHEIM. 0830 hours, fire and large column of smoke at STOCKHEIM. 0835 hours, one light truck moving NE, apparently along main highway, 255355. 0834 hours, smoke, apparently from camp fires, general vicinity of 160374. 0848 hours, two light trucks moving NE apparently along main highway, 1,000 yards N of ROVENICH. 0852 hours, one round light artillery, direct fire weapon, 500 yards E of STRAUS. 0857, 0902, 0905 hours, one round and 2 rounds of artillery at the same place as previous item.
- 0910 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Red 3: Our C Co had some sporadic friendly artillery fire come into the area last night. It is believed to be coming from Corps and is being checked on. (S-3) See Capt. Bour and see if he is working out a fire plan. (Red 3) Yes, Sir. We saw nothing of the lad that dropped by parachute. (Remainder of conversation concerns discussion of wire cutters and possible routes of crossing river for the Red Bn).

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- 0930 - Maj. Lauten, G-2 to S-3: Did you pick up the other member of the crew last night? The one that was preparing to swim? (S-2) No, we didn't get a thing on him. (Latest OP reports relayed to G-2).
- 0945 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Will not be able to get up there as I expected, so I'll give you some OP reports now: A four gun btry at 225425 and about 100 enemy in that vicinity. 30 enemy walking NW on road at 170115. A hell of a fire burning at point 119393, it is over the bridge and about 500 yards in the town.
- 1025 - G-3 to S-2: I understand that you can trains running from one of your OP's. I would like to send an air support officer up there. He might be able to do good up there. (S-2) OK, I'll send back word as to which OP it is.
- 1035 - 82nd Div to S-2: We would like our northern most outfit (508th) to send a patrol into nose on west side of ROER river, 340 East-West grid. (S-2) Our 26th Regt is there. You can get them thru our board.
- 1052 - Blue Bn reports: I Go reports 105mm guns firing short, 4 rounds, (single). This was reported to 7th FA at 1011 hours. At 1055 hours at coordinate 128382, enemy tanks firing into our vicinity.
- 1100 - Red Bn reports: At 1055 hours, 7 88mm reported on east side of Hill 211, coming from direction of 100 to 110 degrees.
- 1155 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Maj. Crawford, G-3: If you would send that ASP man to me, I will send a guide with him to the location of train. (Maj. Crawford) I will have him down between 1 and 1:30 o'clock, perhaps he can get his radio truck close to that point.
- 1210 - Blue Bn reports: 1120 hours, OP spotted enemy mortar position at 135397. 7th FA firing on them. 1215 hours, OP observed 4 rounds of enemy artillery landing 100 yards in front of position.
- 1235 - I&R OP reports: 0907 hours, 2 cycles moving along main highway into FRAGENHEIM. 0913 hours, 2 foot troops same place. 0921 hours, one horse drawn vehicle moving SW FRODSHEIM. 0930 hours, a large column of smoke at KREUZAN. 0930 hours, 1 round of arty fell NW of STRAB. 0940 hours, one cycle moving into FRAGENHEIM. 0950 hours, one round of arty NW of STRAB. 1000 hours, large fire 110 degrees, 8 to 15 miles out. 1009 hours, KOLON bombed by mediums. 1025 hours, 1 horse and wagon with 3 men S out of FRAGENHEIM. 1033 hours, one round of arty NE of GEY. 1040 hours, friendly planes bombing and straffing in vicinity of DESTERNICK. 1100 hours, one vehicle S 223434. 1104 hours one round of arty N of GEY. 1106 hours, one round medium arty, 500 yards E of STRAB. 1122 hours, one vehicle N into KELZ. 1147 hours, one cycle into FRAGENHEIM. 1149 hours, 2 cycles N into FRAGENHEIM. 1150 hours, one enemy tank into KELZ from SE along main road. 1151 hours explosion in vicinity N end of SIVERINICH. 1155 hours 4 rounds of light arty N of GEY. 1155 hours, 5 rounds of arty in GEY. 1156 hrs, one round of arty W of OP. 1159, 15 rounds in STRAB. 1203 hrs, 3 rounds arty in STRAB. 1204 hrs, 1 round in STRAB. 1209 hrs, enemy plane W of OP getting flak. 1210 hrs, 1 cycle S into FRAGENHEIM. 1225 hrs, 7 enemy in vicinity of 170870.

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- 1310 - Capt. Brooks, Red Bn to Lt. Brown, S-2: Got some arty, one landed 40 yards in front of chow line, some mortars and arty.
- 1320 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Gives him the information sent in by I&R OP. (G-2) The 78th doesn't have southern part of dam, something is laid on for this situation. The 78th and 82nd Airborne are patrolling this side of the river. The town of KLEVE has been taken by the CANADIANS.
- 1340 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Stephens: I understand you got a report on the status of the river. I would like to have the river measured at 1500 hours and a report every 3 hours after that. Major Oxford makes a report to Corps every hour on the river status.
- 1350 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Try to measure the depth of the river at 1500 hours. Capt. Smith: We can not measure it at 1500 hours but will try to measure it tonight. The OP has had nothing but negative reports all day.
- 1355 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Blue Bn: Blue OP report: 2 enemy, 139382, also 4 rounds of arty around OP. Mortar position at 135397; arty was fired on it.
- 1400 - Lt. Stephens to Sgt Carloza, Blue Bn: Are you in contact with 19th Corps Engineers? Ans: I believe we can contact them; I'll call you back.
- 1402 - Colonel Gibb to Danger 5: Prisoner situation is not good. I would like to get rid of them before we move.
- 1405 - Col Gibb to Danger 6: If General Ridgeway wants to up to our OP's to see what he wants to see, he will have to go to "A" and I Co areas. The OPs are 100 yards from the river. It is suggested that he go to the OPs under the cover of darkness and stay there all day.
- 1410 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Wilder, Hq Co CO: We want a direct line to Grasshopper (28th Inf). Ans: I will inform the wire section chief.
- 1430 - Sgt. Carlozza, Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: I contacted Corps Engrs and they will give report every two hours. (Lt. Stephens) Fine, get a depth and start from there.
- 1515 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Maj. Smith, S-3: What did recon show? Ans: No direct tank round found. Maj. Smith states that only one jeep, possibly a jeep for the Bn 28th radio; tanks, TD's and weasels are only things that will be allowed. (Col Gara, 1st Engrs, comes into the conversation at this point). Col Gara, states that there is an infantry support bridge that will take 1 1/2 tons, this straightens out Col. Grant's problems of supply. Most of these supplies are to come thru STRAB. Col. Grant says he wants to get across bridge around 0200 hours, and that most of his Bn will be motorized.
- 1520 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 1525 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6, to Maj. Smith, S-3: What is new? Ans: I just spoke to Col. Grant about river crossing and he is doubtful about a 24 hour track crossing, he said one man swam river last night and tried to launch boats but couldn't. The current reported as 12 miles per hour. He is going to pick 25 strong swimmers and put up 110 wire on other side, stake it so launch boats can be pulled across. After wanches are set up boats can be pulled back by pulleys. Maj. Wozenski: I believe the river runs faster up here. Maj. Smith: Well, it looks like this thing won't go for a couple of days yet. Col. Grant is going to check his Bn for the strongest swimmers. Maj. Wozenski: How about building a light bridge that can be carried down to the river, dropped and let the current carry it across, build it longer than the river is wide. (Maj. Smith) I checked into it. Maj. Wozenski: What about the North? Maj. Smith: They took KLEVE found it mostly under water. Maj. Wozenski: How's the dam? Ans: We have control of northern end. The Jerries on South side. Water depth reported decreasing. The sluice gates are jammed, no way of shutting them. They are blown open. Maj. Wozenski: 26th S-3 called me and said he had some hot poop for me and that he was on the way over. Is the air going to give us support? Maj. Smith: Probably up North.
- 1558 - Capt. Smith to Lt. Brown, S-2: Will you talk to Maj. Smith about getting road at 105388 fixed up by the engineers? The road is under observation but if we needed to move heavy stuff over it, it wouldn't hold. Also there is no change in the river.
- 1600 - Blue Bn shell report: 15 rounds tank fire, 35 rounds mortar, 30 rounds heavy arty.
- 1605 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Maj. Lauten, G-2: Do these air photos go to the 7th FA or do they get their own? Ans: Arty gets their own.
- 1630 - I&R OP report: 1239 hours, 1 horse drawn vehicle entered KETTENHEIM from N along main road. 1241 hours, 5 enemy walking N from WETTWEIS. 1246 hours, 2 vehicles entered KELZ from NW. 1251 hours, 1 light vehicle entered KETTENHEIM from S. 1257 hours, 1 vehicle (light) S from KELZ. 1258 hours, 1 enemy walking N into FRAGENHEIM. 1258 hours, 2 bikes entering FRAGENHEIM from S. 1302 hours, 1 motorcycle on road SOLLER and FRAGENHEIM going NW. 1310 hours, 3 enemy on road going NW at 188393, 1 horse drawn vehicle at 188393 going NE. 1325 hours, train going SE vicinity DESSENICH. 1330 hours ASR got report. 1537 Ack Ack fired at ey planes, NE of OP. 1547 hours, 6 enemy light arty rounds landed in GEY. 1625 hours, 6 white and 2 red flares (friendly) 35 degrees in DUREN.
- 1640 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn to Lt. Brown, S-2: 20 rounds of 88mm, 13 rounds heavy mortar.
- 1643 - Lt. Brown to 7th FA: 35 rounds medium arty, 60 rounds med. mortar, 45 rounds 88 SP.



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- 1648 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Above shell report and OP report.
- 1700 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Johnson, A Co, 1st Engrs: We want a little recon in Red and Blue area to make an infantry assault site so I want your officer there tonight. The bridge from WINDENBACH to their CP's, that road is bad and needs repairing.
- 1706 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozanski: The current in river lately has been 12 miles an hour which is impossible for boats, should be about 4 miles an hour at the most for boats. We will have 28 boats, each have 6 man crew. 3 stay on near bank and 3 paddle the boat. 14 lanes needed from 112372 to 115376. There is 300 foot of rope in front and 300 foot of rope in back of boat. The 3 men on bank will pull the boat back by the rope. A foot bridge is to be up to get 3rd company across and supporting weapons plus a way to evacuate casualties. Ans: 26th wants to put a company in slope on Booth's right flank.
- 1712 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: We are sending up an engineer officer to make a recon for an infantry support bridge. Ans: Report on river and it is about the same.
- 1715 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Kayes, Co A Engrs: Pick out a spot for infantry support bridge in 3rd Bn area to support up to 1½ tons loaded. Also we have to pick 14 lanes to put boats to cross river. I want the 7 boats taken to Blue CP tonight.
- 1720 - Maj. Smith to 26th, Red 3: I hear you want to take over right half of our K Co sector and put a company there. Ans: Yes, sir, will start at 10 o'clock.
- 1726 - Maj. Smith to Blue: 26th, 1st Bn, will take over right half of K Co sector and be responsible to the road junction on the 10 grid line. This will take place at 2200 hours tonight.
- 1810 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to I&R OP: Any changes in river rise? Ans: About 2½ inches.
- 1812 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs, to 1st Engrs: Repeats above item.
- 1835 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: I hear that we are restricted to track vehicles only for the treadway. Ans: That is right. You can take up to and including 1½ tons on the infantry support bridge. We will have a minimum of vehicles over the treadway and will work the others over the support bridge. White 3: We would like to build up a supply of ammo and C rations on this side, as we may be marooned over there for 48 hours without being able to get supply vehicles back and forth.
- 1844 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Lord G-3: I want something from you. I need track mortars of 745th attached to Cannon Co as a support to White. (G-3) Davison's mission to cover left flank. Will see what I can do but for the present the answer is no.

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- 1902 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Bour, White 3: Haven't got the assault guns. The track mortars belong to Davison but if I can talk him in to it, they will go to you. Ans: OK.
- 1910 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Col. Driscoll, Red 6: We have patrolled the south end. We are not yet in control of that end of dam. Lt. Brown: We are sending down some pocket size photos to you. Thanks for letting us have McDowell.
- 1912 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Maj. Smith: I would like to get some mine sweeping teams for tonight for this plan of ours. Ans: Yes, you can have use of the AT mine platoon. I told Sycle to attach them to you.
- 1920 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Just picked up 15 rounds of mortar at point 35. Ans: Thank you, I'll pass it on.
- 1930 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Oelezw, G-2: Gives report of A Company receiving 15 rounds of mortar fire at Point 35.
- 1950 - I&R OP reports: Observing from 07733838; 1846 hours, heavy friendly arty barrage 125 degrees, 3,000 yards stopped at 1900 hours. 1905 4 gun flashes at 80 degrees. 1907 - 2 gun flashes at 78 degrees. 1912 hours, 2 guns flashed at 89 degrees and 90 degrees, 23 seconds flash-bang. 1915 hours, 3 light rounds of enemy arty landed 1 mile SE of OP. 1920 hours, 39 and 90 degrees, 1 round of light arty, landed 700 yards S of OP. 1930 hours friendly counterbattery on guns fired from 89 and 90 degrees.
- 2010 - Blue Bn reports: Green flare 40 degrees, otherwise negative.
- 2040 - Col. Driscoll to Maj. Smith: Martinius from the engineers is down here, he said he was to check C Co area for a possible location for a bridge. What's the story. Maj. Smith: He was to check whole 1st Bn front. Col. Driscoll: An officer from the engineers is going to each co. Maj. Smith: The bridge to be put in is a new type, called an infantry support bridge.
- 2050 - Capt. Tobey, 7th FA to Lt. Brown: Sound and flash picked up shelling at 1138, the times of shelling were 1918, 1917, 1914, 1935, mediums and heavies were reported by sound and flash.
- 2052 - Lt. Brown to Blue: Shelling of sound and flash report given. Is there a possibility of getting a shell report to tie in with the data the sound and flash have. Counter battery could then be put on the stuff coming.
- 2100 - I&R OP report: 1956 hours, large flash 90 degrees, 10 miles out. 2004 hours, flash at 80 degrees, 21 seconds flash-bang. 2012 hours, flash 105 degrees, 17 seconds flash-bang, one gun. 2020 hours/small arms fire SE of OP 2,000 yards away.

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- 2110 - Capt. Wells to Lt. Brown: L Co had fire most of it landed other side of river, some of it landed between outpost and river. The center of the fire was at 119377. This is in Jerry territory.
- 2112 - Lt. Brown gives above information to 7th FA.
- 2120 - Clerk to 7th FA: Flash and bang of 2100 hours report.
- 2125 - Blue reports: 2015 hours, one white star cluster 50 degrees, 500 yards. 2045 hours, illuminating flares 210 degrees, 1,500 yards.
- 2135 - Capt. Booth to Maj. Smith: We have an engineer down here who wants to look for a site to put as a treadway bridge in L area, and foot bridge in L company area. Ans: The treadway bridge goes to left flank of L Co. He should look for a site for a foot bridge, and an Infantry assault bridge.
- 2155 - Lt. Walker, Blue Bn to Lt. Brown: Engineers report no change in river.
- 2205 - Red Negative report.
- 2210 - Capt. Golden to Capt. Clark: White wants two observers over there tomorrow, does Maj. Smith want me to pull one away from other Bn. Ans: No not until they go.
- 2200 to 2400 hours Bns report negative.
- 2400 - Lt. Walker to Lt. Kestlinger: The river measured at 108371, 2 to 3 feet from edge of bank, it is 6 feet deep, running 4 to 5 miles per hour.

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- 0005 - I&R OP reports observing what appeared to be two balls of fire going straight up into the air from a point far out in enemy territory, at an azimuth of 80 degrees.
- 0008 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0010 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Parsons, G-3: Gives 3rd Bn report of 2400 hours. (Called same report to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs).
- 0045 - Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: "K" Co reports rifle shots in the vicinity of the Chateau.
- 0115 - Red Bn, Negative report.
- 0118 - Capt. Clark gives report of 0045 hours to Division 3.
- 0138 - I&R OP reports: 0027 hours, gun flash at 84 degrees. 0031 hours, bright light observed at 92 degrees, light remained in sky for about one minute.
- 0210 - Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: At 0125 hours, L Co reported vehicles across river. Unable to determine number of vehicles. 0150 hours K Co reported automatic weapons firing at 150 degrees.
- 0235 - Red Bn negative report.
- 0237 - Capt. Clark gives report from Blue Bn, 0210 hours, to Div 3.
- 0310 - Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: Lt. Baker has stopped his work due to concertina wire and flares. (Lt. Baker's work is removing of mines). K Co reported small arms fire at 230 degrees.
- 0312 - Red Bn, negative report.
- 0314 - I&R reports: 0200 hours, gun flash at 106 degrees, 23 seconds flash to bang. 0237 hours, white flare at 125 degrees.
- 0315 - Capt. Clark to Division 3: K Co report of small arms is given.
- 0400 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: One short round of arty landed in rear of a K Co platoon. No damage. (Reported to 7th FA) No change in river.
- 0430 - I&R OP reports: 0350 hours, gun flash at 85 degrees. 0402 hours, gun flash at 45 degrees, 30 seconds flash to bang. 0409 hours, gun flash at 110 degrees, 25 seconds flash to bang.
- 0432 - Capt. Clark to Division 3: Negative report.
- 0505 - Red and Blue Bns report negative for the hour.

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- 0510 - Capt. Clark to Division 3: Negative report.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports negative. Red Bn reports negative, and no change in the river. Capt. Clark gives this information to Division 3.
- 0615 - I&R OP gives negative report. Blue Bn reports negative with report of small arms fire to the east. Red Bn reports negative and the river as unchanged.
- 0720 - Lt. Stephens gives above information to Division 3, and the same information to the 1st Div Engrs.
- 0800 - Blue Bn reports negative with the river depth unchanged.
- 0830 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: We are going to lay a line into the switch-board from our OP. Will do it under cover of the fog - using compass readings for direction.
- 0844 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: The river is now 10 feet deep, in the middle of the stream.
- 0845 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Oxford, 1st Div Engrs: Gives info of 0844 hrs.
- 0900 - S-2 to White 2: Can I do anything for you? Ans: Would like to get a photo. (S-2) That's on the town of "K" (Kreuzau). White: Yes. (S-2) I'll ask Maj. Lauten, G-2 for some. Did you get the one I sent you last night, the pocket sized one? White: Yes.
- 0902 - S-2 to Red 2:
- 0902 - Red Bn reports all quiet.
- 0905 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ans: Maj. Lauten is talking to Corps now. All the dams are gradually emptying out. The normal depth is about 5 feet, so it isn't too bad.
- 0920 - White 3 to S-3: Is there any way I can contact the tank people? (S-3) I'll get someone up there to get them. Whod o you want? Ans: The platoon leader.
- 0930 - G-2 reports: 1st and 2nd SS and 21st Pz Div were identified on the Eastern front yesterday against the RUSSIANS. To the north, the British had further success around KLEVE. Two companies of the 16th Para Regt were captured intact. They were on an island in the river and surrendered after taking a beating for two days from artillery - it is probable that there were not many men left. In the VII, V, and our Corps, all was quiet.
- 0931 - Lt. Brown, S-2, gives Bn #2s the above information.
- 1000 - I&R OP report: All quiet. Visibility about 50 yards. (fog).
- 1004 - Blue Bn reports negative - no change in the river's depth.

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- 1005 - Capt. Parsons, G-3 to Maj. Smith, G-3: The 18th is going to do some practice firing with their reinforcements in the vicinity of 040391, firing N. Thought that you would want to let your 2nd Bn know. Ans: Will tell them.
- 1006 - Capt. Bour, White 3, informed of above item.
- 1012 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Maj. Lauten, G-2: Do you have a good aerial cover of KREUZAU? Ans: I will have a blow-up 1/3000 cover of the sector most interested in sometime today. (S-2) Lt. Chandler, White Bn, wants it. (G-2) They are going to enlarge the lines and sectors that you will need. (S-2) Did you hear about the SS Panzer Divs on the RUSSIAN front? (G-2) I hope it's true identity and not replacements.
- 1020 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Bour: Did you get your illuminating buttons? Ans: Yes. The TD's have some. Maj. Smith: Will you see that the tanks get some. Ans: Yes.
- 1030 - Maj. Smith to 740th Tank Company CO: Are you with the 28th Inf, and will it be OK if I send my tank officer down? I would like to have our tanks move into your positions after you move; in this way our tanks will be ready to move when we go. Ans: Yes, we will be glad to show it to him.
- 1050 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to 26th (2nd Bn) CP: What is your CP coordinates? Ans: SWGDIF, 042387.
- 1100 - Blue Bn reports: At 1015 hours, from the #3 Fox OP; two rounds of 75mm received from Azimuth of 160 degrees at 4,000 yards. At 1015 hours, K Co 3rd Platoon reported tank firing from 150 degrees at 1200 yards, rounds landed to the rear, also 81mm fire at 260 degrees at 900 yards landed in first platoon area. Number of rounds unknown. This wind direction received from 7th FA., 7 miles per hour.
- 1115 - I&R OP reports negative, visibility zero because of fog.
- 1205 - Blue Bn reports: K Co, 5 rounds 150mm landed right rear of 3rd Bn from 175 degrees. Tank and SP firing from 150 degrees, 1000 yards, landed 250 yards to right rear of 1st platoon of K Co. 1200 hours, K Co reports tank movement, 130 degrees from 3rd platoon at 2,000 yds.
- 1210 - I&R visibility still zero.
- 1212 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Any dope for us? Ans: Nothing. There is nothing but fog. A little arty is being reported. K Co reports tank movement. (G-2) Tactical recon reported very few vehicles yesterday.
- 1305 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Div Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: Any news on the water. Lt. K: I was up to the 28th this morning, they reported the river 6 to 8 feet deep flowing 12 miles per hour. The 28th is having a man swim the river with 110 wire tonight. The 13th put a boat out in the river last night, it spun around and made no headway.

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- 1320 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: S-3 inquires about engrs report on sites for river crossings, etc. Red 3 states that no report of engineers has been made. S-3 inquires as to the possibility of walking troops across span if plans were laid down. This procedure is thought to be better than going up and around. Red 3: States that it is possible if the town is taken by the 2nd Bn. There is a mesh on the second abutment that the troops will have to scramble up. S-3: Check on the equipment needed if the operation is tried at night with no fire on bridge.
- 1415 - I&R OP reports visibility from OP as 600 yards.
- 1429 - Blue Bn reports: 1305 hours, L Co reports no change in river. 1305 hours, OP reports 6 rounds mortar landed at 111389. 1339 hours, OP reports 1 gun at 128362, fired two rounds and landed out in front of OP. 1400 hours, K Co 2nd Platoon reported heavy vehicle traffic 800 yards up stream. 1410 hours, E Co reports no change in river.
- 1517 - I&R OP visibility unchanged.
- 1510 - Lt. Brown to Red Fwd, Capt. Smith: Anything new? Ans: No. (S-2) The people up north tried to get a boat across last night but the river is too swift. We want to get more news stories for our publicity. See what you can do.
- 1550 - Lt. Brown to Blue 2: Repeats request for publicity.
- 1553 - I&R OP reports: At 1520 hours a German gun was firing at 90 degrees from here, about 5 rounds. Also 5 bursts of machine gun fire in front of L Co. The river is about 3 miles per hour (current). Went down a little since last night. Hasn't come up any today.
- 1600 - Red Bn to Clerk: At 1535 hours, enemy gun firing, 5 rounds, coming from 90 degrees azimuth, landing 500 yards southeast of Bn, OP. Estimated to be about 88mm. Shall report for today 12 rounds heavy mortar for the 24 hour period.
- 1605 - I&R OP, poor visibility.
- 1654 - Capt. Booth, 3rd Bn to Lt. Stephens: Maj. Wozenski would like to know how soon K Co can move? Ans: I will call back.
- 1657 - 1st Engrs to Lt. Stephens: Can you give me a report on the depth of the river lately? Ans: I will check and call you back.
- 1658 - Lt. Stephens to Sgt Carlozza, Blue Bn: What is the latest dope on the river? Ans: We are in the process of moving - will call when I can get the information.
- 1700 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Have you noticed any change in the depth of the water? Ans: No. Lt. Stephens: The I&R reported that it had fallen. Ans: No, I believe it is the same.

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- 1702 - Lt. Stephens to Sgt Michaud, I&R OP: Someone called from the I&R OP and stated the river had fallen. Ans: Yes, it was this morning. Lt. Stephens: Check it.
- 1700 - I&R OP: The river is the same as this morning.
- 1716 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue Bn: What is up? Ans: How can we pull K Co out? Ans: As soon as the other people come in. Blue: When and whom will it be? Ans: Tonight you will pull them out. B Co will be the relieving element. Blue: Does that mean the whole company? Ans: No, you will have to leave a screening force. Blue: How far should it extend? Ans: To the road junction. Blue: That means will we have of leaving part of K in? I talked to Col. Horner about the road to WINDEN. The A&P platoon leader of 1st came over, stated that you told him the AP Platoon should work on them. Ans: Correct. The Engineers are too busy at present.
- 1736 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Diggs, 1st Engr #3: On the road from BENGHEIM to WINDEN it is getting very bad - drainage ditches need to be dug; holes filled; other minor repairs. It will need 1 Bn of work for 1 day. Ans: OK, I will speak to Maj. Oxford and Lt. Kayes.
- 1804 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: What is your shell report? Ans: 32 rounds medium mortar; 70 rounds of 75mm, 14 rounds of 105mm.
- 1807 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Shell report - 20 rounds of 105 mm, 70 rounds of 75mm; 15 rounds of heavy mortar; 32 rounds medium mortar. G-2: Weather forecast - rain.
- 1808 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Do you want an assault gun? Ans: We don't have room for it. We can place it back somewhere and use it as an extra gun. (S-3) OK, plan on getting it tomorrow night at 1800 hours.
- 1900 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: We have no report from Co "I". Just got a call from C Company. There is a little bit of a do - due south of our positions. I am going to check with the 3rd Bn. Maj. Smith: What kind of fire? Ans: It is small arms fire, mortars and a few bullets came zwinging by.
- 1910 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: I have something for you. Ans: What is it? G-3: A sort of V-2 weapon, rockets with carriages. Do you want them? Ans: NO, we have no use for it.
- 1924 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: Here's the story on the rumpus. The enemy came up on the other side of the bridge and they generally sprayed the town with MG fire. Further north along the river, 100 to 150 yards up another MG sprayed the hill area where one of our platoons is located. Our mortars were zeroed in and I believe they inflicted some casualties.



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- 1943 - Lt. Walker, Blue Bn to Lt. Brown: We had a little rumpus down here in factory around near bridge and up around Point 93. Several enemy MGs opened up. (S-2) Did you pick up any flashes? Ans: Yes, arty officers picked some up and laid the wood on the spot. (S-2) Any further information on the river? Ans: Checked it at 1720 hours and 1745 hours, no change. I will call you back later and give you some more poop.
- 2000 - Maj. Smith to 26th, 1st Bn 3: Are you going over with B Co? Ans: Yes. (S-3) What time can we expect you? Ans: Between 2100 and 2200 hours. We contacted K Co, CO, and couldn't reach the S-3.
- 2002 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: You can expect those people around 2100 to 2200 hours. The 3 tried to contact you but couldn't, instead he contacted CO of K Co. (Blue 3) Can you extend their boundary? Ans: I believe you can. Will find out about it.
- 2032 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown: Here's our contact patrols: Co I to Co K on the odd hour; Co K to Co I on the even hours.
- 2110 - Blue Bn, negative report.
- 2115 - I&R OP: 1956 hours, observed friendly tracer fire at 86 degrees. 2020 hours, 1 white flare at 55 degrees. 2100 hours, series of illuminating flares, heavy enemy artillery barrage 1 1/2 miles SE of OP.
- 2215 - Red Bn, negative report.
- 2223 - Blue Bn reports: 2130 hours, 2nd platoon of K Co observed 2 white flares at 230 degrees, 600 yards. 2150 hours 2nd platoon of K Co, observed gun flashes 140 degrees, 170 degrees, no further info. Information from Co I on the river: 40 to 45 yards wide; drop from top of dike about 12 feet.
- 2228 - I&R OP reports: 2200 hours, 1 round artillery fell short, unknown origin - could be friendly; landed about 800 yards from OP. 2216 hours, 1 round of medium artillery landed 500 yards SSE of OP.
- 2235 - Capt. Oealey G-2 to Lt. Brown: I just looked over the shell report. Was it AF, SP, or tank fire? Ans: Tank fire. (G-2) Do you know how many tanks? (S-2) No, I talked with the 2 and he couldn't estimate the number. (G-2) Where were they firing from? Ans: In front of the third Bn. (G-2) Could they probably be SP guns? Ans: Yes.
- 2302 - Blue Bn reports: Info on the river: 40 to 45 yards wide, it has left its normal stream bed on this side by 10 yards. Bank to bank it is 50 yards wide. The drop front of dike to water is 12 feet lateral; from top of dike 10 yards. Corps engrs with I Co had 1 man wounded.
- 2307 - Red Bn reports negative and no change in river water level.
- 2325 - Mr. Lipinski gives info in item of 2302 hours to G-3.
- 2347 - I&R gives negative report.

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- 0005 - Blue and Red Bns report negative with no change in the river. Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Division 3.
- 0103 - Blue Bn Reports: 0015 hours, Co I reported patrol to K returned, all quiet. Negative report.
- 0105 - I&R OP reports: Planes passing over head. Light flashes observed at 80 degrees to 110 degrees, range undetermined.
- 0107 - Red Bn, negative report. Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Div 3.
- 0112 - 28th Infantry 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Are you shooting any flares? Ans: Not that I know of. None has been reported. 28th 3: We would appreciate it if it would be stopped. It is hindering our work. Ans: What color flares are they using? Ans: I will call you back.
- 0114 - 28th Inf. to Capt. Clark: In regard to color of flares, they are white. We would appreciate it if you could find out if they are yours or the enemy's. Ans: OK, I'll check.
- 0117 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Blenner, 1st Bn: Have you been using any white flares? Ans: No, we have no reports on our using flares, but the enemy has been using them.
- 0123 - Capt. Clark to 28th Inf #3: We are not using flares. We have been receiving reports of the enemy using white flares.
- 0200 - Blue Bn to Capt. Booth to Capt. Clark: K Co reports hearing some tracked vehicles at 160 degrees and at 0108 hours. Otherwise negative.
- 0201 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0203 - Capt. Clark to Division 3: Negative report.
- 0210 - I&R OP: 0126 hours, 1 gun flash at 88 degrees. 0133 hours, approximately 20 rounds of enemy artillery, 2 miles SE of OP.
- 0255 - Blue Bn Capt. Booth to Capt. Clark: 26th's B just completed relief of that part of our K Co; it amounted to about 1½ platoons and these men are now in buildings in the same area. Negative report.
- 0305 - Red Bn to Clerk: Negative report.
- 0307 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report and info of 0205 hours.
- 0330 - I&R OP reports: 0300 hours, 2 gun flashes at 92 degrees. 0315 hours, several flashes at 100 degrees and 110 degrees. 0324 hours, 1 white flare at 54 degrees. (OP reports a high wind and because of this the sound of the guns can not be picked up for a flash-bang count).

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- 0403 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Hourly report (Items 0357 hours and 0402 hours).
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- 0500 - Capt. Richmond, Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.
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- 0607 - I&R OP reports: 0540 hours, 2 gun flashes at 115 and 118 degrees. 0557 hours, 2 gun flashes at 115 and 118 degrees.
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- 0611 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Nelson, G-3: Negative report, mentions gun flashes of the I&R report.
- 0705 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 0800 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: No change in the river. Machine gun in house at 113374. Machine gun in house at 115374.
- 0805 - Lt. Higgins, Red to Lt. Stephens: Negative report.
- 0806 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report except for item of 0800 hours.
- 0807 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Engrs, Maj. Oxford: No change in the river.
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- 0855 - Capt. Connley, G-2 to Lt. Brown: What is new? Ans: We got about 60 rounds of arty around here last night. (G-3) 8th Div had some patrols across river last night; 1st patrol ran into mines on this side; 2nd patrol got in middle and got machine gun fire; 3rd ran into mines on the other side. 10 men lost out of 50. Don't know what kind of mines.
- 0900 - Capt. Stabler, FO for Arty to Lt. Brown: B sees two boats coming down the stream with red cross flags, getting ready to shoot on them. Ans: Those are people who had patrols across river and had some people wounded, and are trying to get them.
- 0905 - Blue Bn reports: 0822 hours, a column of 15 enemy in the vicinity of 224432, also one tank in same vicinity. 0830 hours I observed two groups of 3 enemy behind factory, fired on by 81's. 0900 hours, engineers report no change in the river.
- 0910 - Lt. Brown, S-2, to 28th Inf #3: Notifies him of our B seeing the boats with red crosses on the river.
- 0915 - I&R OP report: 0740 hours, enemy tracer fire seen at 143370. 0758 hours, 1 horse drawn cart moving N at Pt 120. 0816 hours, 2 trucks moving S past Pt 120. 0830 hours, train seen on railroad running towards NEIDERRAU. 0848 hours, 4 rounds of artillery fire at same place as above tracer fire. 0857 hours, 1 train entering PROTZHEIM from the N.
- 0930 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Donnelly, G-2: I&R report given. Capt. Donnelly: 1st Canadian Army - 15th Pz Div, both units and 60 PGR of 116 PG Div identified, all counter attacks repulsed. 800 PWs taken yesterday. Total so far 4,550. 9th Army, no enemy activity. 3rd Army - cleared town at L-0679 and R-9049. 7th Army only enemy patrol activity along the front. 1st French Army - All enemy cleared this side of the RHINE.
- 0940 - 28th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: We sent medics across the river to get men that went on patrol last night. They got 5 men, one man is still lost.
- 0942 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Lord, G-3: Is the 26th moving up? Ans: Where K and L Co's are, I think 26th will go across. Naturally the 26th will take over that sector.
- 0945 - Lt. Kestlinger to 28th Inf #3, Maj. Mellon: Major Mellon reports - 2nd Bn patrol of 14 men tried to cross at 116408, they couldn't reach the other side by boat. With the rise of water it has gone over the bank. The boat hit wire entanglements and a mine, boat was blown up. There were 6 casualties. 3 are MIA. The wire was at 118415. This morning 5 men were brought back by medics, and one man tried to swim back across river, he has not been found. The boats drifted 400 to 500 yards in getting across the river. The current is about 12 miles per hour.

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- 1010 - I&R OP reports: At 0915 hours, smoke from campfire 500 yards SW of Point 98. At 0930 hours, friendly bombing and strafing in vicinity of point 78. At 0950 hours, friendly planes bombing and strafing South and southeast of OP in the vicinity of the river. At 0955 hours, bombing observed around cathedral district of Cologne. At 1000 hours, two trains observed moving about factory district in town of BEBISHEIM.
- 1014 - Blue Bn reports: At 0910 hours, the #3 OP reports tank fire at 180 degrees, no estimate of range. 3 rounds fell close to OP. Friendly planes strafing and bombing at Point 77.
- 1040 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Danger 2: Gives report of campfire smoke at 157374. Bombing and strafing at 126381 as of 0930 hours; and other reports of last hour regarding train, etc.
- 1110 - I&R OP report: 1015 hours, friendly planes strafing and bombing in vicinity of 3052, TURNICK. 1025 hours strafing and bombing 31153546, some 88 and 20mm flak went up. 1104 hours, large truck moving S at point 120. 1106 hours, strafing SE of OP in the vicinity of the river.
- 1118 - Blue Bn to Clerk: No change in water report. OP reports a possible mine field on road N of KREUSAU to STOCKHEIM, beginning at 125393. One pattern runs north from the road. The other pattern runs NE from road forming a "V" at these coordinates.
- 1130 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Smith, Red 2-3: Repeats item 0930 hours from G-2.
- 1230 - I&R OP reports: 1148 hours, 1 enemy scout car 500 yards W of ROVENICH going NE. 1157 hours, 1 enemy walking N, 600 yards N of Pt 120 on road. 1200 hours, leaflets dropped vicinity of point 117. 1206 hours, 33 B-26's bombed 110 degrees, 10 miles out; 4 were observed shot down.
- 1238 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Gives above reports since last call to G-2.
- 1315 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Col. Gibb wants Col Grant up here at 1400 hours.
- 1320 - Maj. Smith To Capt. Booth, Blue Bn: Col. Gibb wants Maj. Wozenski up here at 1400 hours. You will not make the crossing, the 26th will. Tomorrow the 26th relieves K and L. A Co relieves I Co. You will go into assembly area. Your mortars stay in position to support the attack.
- 1325 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: There is a change in plans, (gives above change as of item 1320 hours).
- 1332 - I&R OP reports: At 1225 hours, one parachute seen falling 100 degrees, about 4 miles out. At 1312 hours, one enemy horse drawn vehicle headed south at point 120. At 1315 hours, fire and large column of black smoke arising from vicinity of grid square 3547, around factory section of LIBLAR.

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- 1340 - Blue Bn reports: At 1125 hours, OP #2 reports 5 enemy observed at point 113, saw smoke coming out of house, maybe enemy OP. Two minutes later, 5 more enemy going North to south carrying either mortars or MGs. At 1150 hours, OP #2 reported red and white signs at 126392. At 1230 hours, K Co reported sniper at 100 degrees, 500 yards, azimuth taken from factory. At 1300 hours, 2 enemy seen at 128-390. At 1335 hours OP #1 reported small gun, 50mm or 75mm, shooting from North end of grove, fired about ten times, 2 of the rounds landed near the OP.
- 1355 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: Can you tell me where the 3rd Bn is going?  
Ans: They are coming to area between CP and A Company.
- 1400 - Sgt Doskiss, I&R to Lt. Brown, S-2: Those people took off already.  
Ans: OK.
- 1415 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Maj. Smith: The Col. from the 299th Engrs Bn was here and he said you people do not want anymore boats. Don't you think that you should be prepared for it? (In case it doesn't go up above)? Ans: We have no boat sites in area, so no use having boats around. The Colonel explained it to the General (Andrus). (G-3) OK.
- 1420 - Colonel Driscoll, Red 6 to Maj. Smith: I Have my platoon leaders looking over I Co. Is that alright? Ans: Yes, It will take place tomorrow night. The 20th is doing the crossing.
- 1423 - I&R OP reports: 1332 hours, 2 enemy going south at Point 120. 1334 hours 2 enemy going North at Pt 120. 1335 hours horse drawn art and 2 men going S past Pt 120. 1340 hours 7 enemy going south past Pt 120. 1348 hours 1 enemy going south past Pt 120. 1350 hours 1 cyclist going north past Pt 120. 1358 hours 2 enemy going north past Pt 69. 1407 hours 1 track going north past Pt 120. 1410 hours 1 Scout car moving north east at Point 54. 1417 hours 1 enemy moving north at Pt 120. 1445 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2, Capt. Donley: Reports contents of above report. Capt. Donley: The patrol that Granite (8th Div) sent in a boat across the river, ran into "S" mines at the end of a wire previously laid to the rise of river. 8th Div feels the entire bank is "S" mined with waterproofed mines.
- 1450 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Repeats above item of 1445 hours. Capt. Richmond: OP reported 18 enemy, 6 enemy, and 150 enemy digging in at coordinate 224430 where the 47s strafed them. We cannot reach them with our guns.
- 1455 - Red Bn reports: At 1446 hours, one enemy in dugout around point 46. At 1452 hours, one enemy at 132389 going north.
- 1500 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Repeats contents about mines in item of 1423; also look for mines on road between KREUZA U and STOCKHEIM. OP picked up enemy at Pt 120. I have a good photo, blow-up, of the town of KREUZAU. Sorties were flown yesterday and I believe we will have a good photo in a few days, showing defensive positions. Lt. Brown asks the river level. Capt. Smith says, no change in river; level is the same.

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- 1505 - 1st Engrs to Maj. Smith: Any change on water today? Ans: Not That I know of.
- 1516 - I&R OP reports: At 1426 hours, one light vehicle moving northeast at point #120 (coordinate 173439). At 1430 hours, one enemy moving south at Point 120. (coordinate 175364). At 1432 hours, two enemy moving south at Point 120. At 1442 hours, one horse drawn vehicle moving southwest at point #71 (coordinate 210399). At 1443 hours, 3 enemy moving south, generally in the vicinity of point #67 (coordinate 159392). At 1450 hours, one enemy moving north at point #120. At 1500 hours, friendly planes bombing at 100 degrees, about 12 miles out. At 1507 hours, 3 enemy on bicycles moving south at point 120.
- 1527 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: You will have to lay it on with the engrs for the assault crossing in case it doesn't go up above. The general has directed that you lay on the plans in case you have to use them.
- 1545 - Blue Bn reports: At 1342 hours, OP reports 18 enemy on road into EGGERSHEIM. Six enemy seen in vicinity of point #64 in the woods. At 1415 hours, OP #1, reports 150 enemy seen at 225430, can see them digging in. Observation of river at 1500 hours, shows no change. At 1515 hours, OP #2 observed a communication trench and a dugout at coordinate 113370. At 116376 there appears to be a mine field.
- 1555 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Reports contents of items 1516 hours and 1545 hours. Capt. Donnley says 8th Div does not cover northern KREUZAU, mostly southeastern portion.
- 1600 - I&R OP report: 1538 hours, 1 enemy on bicycle moving north at Pt 120. 1541 hours, 1 enemy moving north of Pt 120. 1545 hours, 1 enemy moving about in general area of Pt 120.
- 1613 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: G-2 reports 300 enemy infantry moving south from H OCHKERSCHEN 230430 to 225409.
- 1617 - Col. Gibb to Col. Driscoll, Red 5: I just got a call from Div. We are to make an assault crossing in our area. I want you to make recon., and submit recommendations for crossings. I don't want you to recon the other side, except only by visual recon.
- 1525 - Blue Bn Shell Report: 10 rounds tank fire; 3 rounds of light mortar; 15 rounds of 75mm; 40 rounds of 150mm.
- 1527 - Red Bn Shell Report: 6 rounds of mortar; 12 rounds of 120mm. mortar; 25 rounds of light artillery; 25 rounds of 105mm.
- 1630 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj. Smith: In regard to your request for a mine destroyer tank; we have a place where we may be able to get one. When do you want it? How long will you be using it? Ans: 3 days.



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- 1632 - Maj. Crowley, Div Engrs to Maj. Smith: I just got a call from G-1 stating that you requested a mine destroyed. Ans: Yes, a flail tank. Maj. Crowley: Hell, I thought you wanted a mine smasher. You know you will not be able to move anything across the river until 36 hours after they jump. Ans: Right, we are just getting things prepared.
- 1633 - Lt. Brown gives shell reports to G-2.
- 1648 - Dagwood Blue Bn reports: .1604 hours, OP#1 reported, 150 enemy at 223428. Seems to be moving S into town in bunches of 20. Also observed some vehicles.
- 1712 - I&R OP reports: 1600 hours, 2 enemy moving South at Pt 120 (175364). 1605 hours, large fire and column of black smoke 118430. 1613 hours, enemy cyclist going South at Pt. 120. 1615 hours, 1 enemy light truck moving south Pt. 120. 1617 hours, 2 enemy moving south Pt 120. 1628 hours, Friendly 50 cal. tracer fire inside DUREN. 1633 hours, 1 enemy going North Pt. 120. 1634 hours, 1 enemy going south Pt. 120. 1637 hours, 1 light vehicle moving North Pt. 25 (192426). 1654 hours 1 White, light vehicle, moving South Pt 56 (221407). 1655 hours, 1 light vehicle moving south from Pt 56 to Pt 73 (226391). 1657 hours, 1 enemy going north from Pt 67 (159393). 1700 hours, 1 cyclist going north from Pt. 120. 1712 hours, 1 cyclist going north from Pt. 120.
- 1720 - Lt. Brown, S-2 gives above information to Division 2.
- 1722 - Maj. Crowley, Div Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: We are being heckled constantly for a report of the information on the river situation. Will you check up and find out exactly what the set-up is for measuring, etc., including the Corps Engrs, who are supposed to be stationed there. I will also need a complete record of the reports that were made from 12 noon of yesterday - those that were made by Corps Engrs.
- 1800 - S-3 to Maj. Crowley: What is this about the river? Ans: What is the set up of XIX Corps Engrs? (S-3) All I know is that there are two officers down there. Maj. Crowley: Guess they just call thru your Blue Bn board? Ans: That is correct.
- 1805 - I&R OP reports: Heavy smoke screen(friendly) in DUREN between 1730 and 1800 hours.
- 1810 - Blue Bn reports: No change in the river. OP #2 reports at 1740 hours, a house on fire in DINGEN (111371). Adjusted fire on factories, 8 inch HOWS, got 6 hits on factory, finished firing at 1755 hours. 12 rounds were fired.
- 1830 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs, to Lt. Kestlinger: I would like to get what info you can give me for your I&R OP concerning the river situation. Anything that they have for today. Ans: I'll check on it, sir. Maj. Oxford: We will appreciate it very much. We are putting in a gauge of our own tonight for hourly reports which we are being asked to make.

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- 1855 - Lt. Kestlinger to I&R River OP: Have you noticed any change in the river today? Ans: It has been the same all day long. There was a 2 or 3 inch rise reported this morning but there has been no change during the day. The flow is about 3 miles per hour.
- 1857 - Lt. Kestlinger gives above report of 1855 hours to Maj. Oxford.
- 1907 - Blue Bn reports: 1852 hours, K Co reports seeing flash, going on and off at 185 degrees and at 600 yards. River unchanged.
- 1925 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Col. Beck, G-3: I got a call this afternoon to be prepared to cross in boats. Col. Beck: We hope to get you across dry-shod, but you are to be prepared to go by boat. (S-6) That is an engineer's problem. We are passengers until we get to the other side. We completed our recon for sites, etc., I'll cross where ever told, it is an engineer's problem. (G-3) Just got a message plus 3 awhile ago. They are all waiting for return to normalcy. It is an engineer's problem for the entire division. (S-6) I want to get orders in writing, then I'll go. I want that for my own protection, if I lose a couple of companies I want to be able to prove my case. We are making recon and doing everything we can, but I say it can't be done. (Col. Gibb gives details of river situation and mentions that the river approaches are "Marshy" even when the river is in normal stage). Can you give me the time length of my column, vehicles and men, over the bridge that 28th will put in? (G-3 Officer ----- (clerk did not catch name of officer) says he would give you as much time as he possible could, depending on the success of his attack. How much do you want? (S-6) Clearance priority for 80 vehicles to cross. Anticipate it being at night. (G-3) The clearance can be had. The exact time, not certain. Will try and do this for you.
- 1932 - I&R OP reports: OP is at 07733835, for tonight. Will be at 07503830 tomorrow. At 1858 hours, one enemy gun flash at 92 degrees.
- 2002 - Blue Bn reports: I Co reports light flashing around at 90 degrees, 800 yards out - at 1915 hours.
- 2010 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I'll take the following vehicles across the bridge. Each rifle company, 1 jeep plus trailer with ammo. Also 1 German half track for each rifle company. M Co will have 6 machine guns jeeps, 1 radio jeep, 1 ambulance jeep (medics), 1 liaison jeep (7th FA), 1 3/4 ton truck (medics) Blue 6, jeep, and Blue #2 and #3 jeep.
- 2012 - I&R OP reports no change in the river.
- 2030 - S-3 to 634th TD's: Want you to shove the 1st platoon down to where the 3rd platoon is, and pull the 3rd back. Let me know when the move is completed. (finished).

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- 2035 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Maj. Smith says that he can not give you information on how many vehicles you can take across the bridge. He is waiting for clearance orders from the 8th Div. He'll let you know as soon as he finds out. In reference to the TD's, the Maj can not give you any information on them until he knows just how we are going to move.
- 2044 - 28th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: Our left unit which is white, and also Blue Bns, will send out recon patrols. White patrols between 2100 hours and 2300 hours. Blue will send patrol across the river between 2300 hours and 0200 hours. Red Bn patrol just left for across the river. Blue Bn patrol will go to north edge of woods at 118406. They might draw fire, so tell you units not to fire artillery there.
- 2047 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Is it OK for my #6 and #3, and 3 rifle company CO's to go on aerial recon for tomorrow? Ans: Yes, it is all laid on already.
- 2101 - I&R reports: 1940 hours, 1 white flare broke into white clusters in the air, 90 degrees. 2032 hours, 1 white flare at 90 degrees. 2044 hours, 1 white flare at 40 degrees. All is quiet here.
- 2107 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 2205 - Lt. Brown to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: What PW report are you refering to? Ans: The HQ US Army Psychological warfare. I want to have it for company distribution, if possible. (Lt. Brown) I'll check with Div and see what I can do. What is new on the dam? Ans: Corps eng'rs located two Inspection Tunnels and have control over same. Petcocks on dam opened and also on earth built dam.
- 2215 - Lt. Higgins, Red 2 to Lt. Brown S-2: Negative report. Lt. Brown: Any report on water? Ans: No. Lt. Brown speaks about HQ PW report and suggests a company distribution of same as a daily report.
- 2225 - I&R OP reports: At 2112 hours, friendly tracer fire at 34 degrees, flying across the river. At 2210 hours, 3 illuminating flares in succession at 80 degrees over the river.
- 2300 - Red Bn reports negative. River the same.
- 2305 - Blue Bn reports negative - L Co reports river the same.
- 2310 - Negative report given to Division, G-2.
- 2400 - I&R OP reports rain, and visibility poor.

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- 0010 - Blue Bn reports: At 2308 hours, K Co reported an amber flare, 300 yards out at 270 degrees. The OP reports a small amount of machine gun fire, at 2352 hours and at 0005 hours, from a house near the bridge. The OP also reports a white flare, 500 yards out, at 250 degrees.
- 0015 - Lt. Brown, S-2 receives negative report from Lt. Higgins, Red. Lt. Brown reports above item to Capt. Oelze, Division 2.
- 0105 - Blue Bn reports: At 0022 hours, I Co reported red flare, possibly a parachute flare, which formed a red cross as it fell from a high altitude. Approximate distance, 600 yards. At 0032, K Co observed amber flare at 180 degrees, at 700 yards. At 0040 hours, K Co observed an amber flare at 210 degrees, at 450 yards. At 0100 hours, machine gun previously reported at 0010 hours, fired several rounds.
- 0112 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: River level is unchanged.
- 0115 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Parsons, Div 3: Report made of item 0105 hours.
- 0130 - I&R OP reports: Visibility poor, everything quiet.
- 0200 - Blue Bn reports: K Co patrol contacted I Co. K Co reported two rounds of tank fire.
- 0205 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: All quiet, river unchanged.
- 0208 - Mr. Lipinski reports item of 0200 hours to Division 3.
- 0300 - I&R OP reports: At point 248, a large fire observed on the horizon at 62 degrees, distance not estimated. At 0250 hours, three white star flares just over the river.
- 0315 - Blue Bn reports: Machine gun, previously reported, has been shelled by our artillery.
- 0316 - Red Bn reports negative. Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Division 3.
- 0400 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0403 - Red Bn reports negative. River level unchanged.
- 0405 - Mr. Lipinski to Div 3: Negative report for the last hour. (G-3) There has been some bombing going on, did you catch any of it? Ans: No, we didn't. (G-3) We just got a teletype, saying that we had night fighters up tonight.

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- 0432 - I&R OP reports: 0320 hours, 4 orange flares at 45 degrees, 6,000 yards out. 0330 hours, 2 orange flares at 80 degrees, 8,000 yards, 0345 hours, 3 orange flares at 40 degrees. 0350 hours, one gun flash 75 degrees, no count on flash-bang. 0417 hours, one gun flash at 85 degrees, 27 seconds flash-bang.
- 0503 - Blue Bn reports negative. River level still unchanged.
- 0505 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0515 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Negative report for the past hour.
- 0531 - Red Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co reports they are receiving mortar, machine gun and bazooka fire.
- 0555 - Lt. Kestlinger reports above item (0531 hrs) to G-2. G-2 reports nothing new - all is quiet in the division sector.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports negative. River level unchanged.
- 0605 - I&R OP reports: At 0510 hours, several rifle shots at 115 degrees, at 5,000 yards. Between 0535 hours and 0550 hours, both friendly and enemy machine gun fire in the vicinity of 78 degrees and at 5,000 yards. At 0555 hours, one amber flare, 110 degrees and 5,000 yards.
- 0615 - Red Bn reports: B Co reports that they are firing 7th FA on the enemy mortars and bazookas that were firing at them from across the river. Everything else negative.
- 0617 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: B Co received enemy fire from across the river - mortars - bazookas - machine gun fire. They are firing 7th FA on those targets now. River is still unchanged.
- 0630 - 28th Inf. CP to Lt. Kestlinger: Anything new over there? Ans: No, nothing here. What about the patrols? 28th Inf: None of our patrols were able to cross the stream. They got about 15 yards out and could go no further, as the current was too swift.
- 0657 - Blue Bn reports negative for the past hour.
- 0720 - Red Bn reports negative with river unchanged. Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0840 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: How is the river? Ans: Same as yesterday. Maj. Oxford: We have a gauge in the river now, and in the event that we can give you any information, we will. Lt. Kestlinger: (Gives information as of item 0630 hours from 28th Inf).
- 0845 - Maj. Orney, G-4 to Col. Horner, S-5: How many life preservers will you need for coming operation? S-5: We are not sure that we will need them, but 1,000 will be enough.

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- 0855 - Capt. Oelze, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: We are now in "CENTURY" Corps - the third.
- 0900 - I&R OP reports: 0803 hours, heavy small arms fire (enemy and friendly). 0834 hours, scout car (enemy) travelling south at Pt 37 (169411). 0841 hours, one enemy horse drawn vehicle moving heavy weapon into Pt 22 (164420). 0848 hours, one enemy vehicle, possibly tank, moving heavy weapon into Pt 22. 0855 hours, 4 horses pulling wagon moving NW into Pt 22.
- 0900 - Blue OP reports: No change in river. 0845 hours - it has been reported that propaganda leaflets will be dropped on KREUZAU and DINGEN. 0855 hours, OP #2, reports barbed wire at 108368, along the railroad tracks to 102373.
- 0905 - 26th Inf., White 3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: We would like to go into WINDEN and pick out aid station. Is it OK? Ans: Yes.
- 0915 - Lt. Brown to Red 3, Capt. Smith: Capt. Smith states that the engineers are down with B Co looking at the river.
- 0945 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Bour, White 3: The Colonel wants you to take no more than 60 vehicles across. 3rd Battalion will take only 20 vehicles. You can leave the 1st Bn Liaison back, for he would be with you. You will have only one flail. The maintenance track and T-5 retriever can be left back. You will not have the tank dozer. That helps with the bridge. The S-4 and Cmd track can be left. You will have only one Cannon Company observer, and one 7th FA observer.
- 0950 - Lt. Brown to Lt. Chandler, White 2: They are going to fire propaganda shells about the Eastern Front today. The 28th Infantry had patrols try to cross the river but the current was too swift for the boats.
- 1015 - I&R OP reports: Water level unchanged.
- 1025 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Any dope? Ans: 1st CANADIAN ARMY - met generally light resistance due to bad roads. Enemy blew canal at E-9060, causing floods. Line: 8044, 8647, 9018, 9151, 9552, 9555, 9456. 2ND BRITISH ARMY - sector quiet. 9TH ARMY - at 1630 hours, the river averaged 11 feet - 6 inches in depth and 300 yards in width except at J ULICH where it is less. River fell 6 inches in last 24 hours and will fall 6 inches in the next 24 hours, if no rain falls. 3RD ARMY - 8th CORPS, all quiet except for high velocity artillery and one counterattack which was repulsed. Identified in the 8th Corps sector. -2nd Bn 10 PGR, 9 PGD, and 331 Regt of 167 Div. In 12th CORPS area resistance due to MG's in pill boxes. Yesterday resistance at L-004411 and 913944 - both are cleaned up now. TAC-R reports enemy infantry and try, tanks and artillery moving S and SW around L-0058 and P-9853. 20 CORPS, one, no aggressive action. Identified 743 Regt, 719 Div, at Q-2981. 456th Regt, 481 Regt of 256 Div at L-0406. All regts of the 5th Para Div were identified as of 12 January. Suspected 3 para Div in sector. 1ST CANADIAN SECTOR - Identifications: 156 PGR, 60 PGR of 116 Div. 16 PR not reported. 104 and 116 PGR of 15 PGD reported. 16, 17 and 18th regts of 6 Para Div identified. Two Bn of 180 VGB, one from 1222 VGR and one from 1223 VGR reported. 19 and 20 regts of 20 Para Regt identified. The indications

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are that the enemy expects to be able to shift his reserves to the NORTH and then back again as needed. The 130th PZ div, and 3 PG Div, and possible 3 Para Div and 9th Pz Div are still in reserve.

- 1030 - Blue Bn reports: At 0952 hours, the river dropped 2 inches. 1016 hours, OP #2, reported 5 rounds of 75 or 88 landed near OP from estimated angle of 75 degrees.
- 1055 - I&R OP at 0920 hours, saw enemy camp fires burning 20 yards S of Pt 98. At 0925 hours, 2 bikes going S at Pt 120 (175364). 0930 hours to 0945 hours, we registered 7th FA on smoke in woods, 400 yards S of Pt 98.
- 1058 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Gives all OP reports up to date.
- 1120 - Blue Bn reports: No change in river from last report.
- 1130 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Colonel Beck, G-3: I need someone to take I Co area. (G-3) I'll consider it. We can only get one Bn of the 26th on the line. I will talk it over with Red. S-3: I've talked the crossing site over with Colonel Gara. The 28th Infantry didn't get a boat across last night. They ran into mines. They tried a duck, but it didn't work.
- 1132 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: A Co stands pat tonight. 26th Inf to take over I or they will hold until relieved. Capt. Smith: Lt. Ronnie of the TP's will continue. (S-3) If you are ordered to cross it will be the following day that the tanks attack. Engrs will sweep mines tonight, try boats tomorrow. (Red 3) We can cross at canal. It's about 30 to 40 feet wide. The current is fast. John's area (Lt. Lycas C Co) is heavily mined and wired. (S-3) Well, this is the situation as it exists. Any later reports from the Engrs and I will call you.
- 1140 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Reports contents of above item (conversation with Red 3). KUFFERATH occupied by A Co. Also the bridging material is in that town.
- 1142 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Brown: River, no change. (S-2) The Engrs have gauges and equipment at work on the river observation.
- 1147 - I&R OP reports: At 1135 hours, one enemy vehicle going south at Pt 25. At 1140 hours, 3 rounds of leaflets in vicinity of Point 20. At 1145 hours, one enemy motor cyclist moving southeast thru point 69.
- 1148 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5 to Maj. Smith: Capt. Richmond asks if he can get anything in KUFFERATH. Maj. Smith says A Co will not move. Contents of item of 1135 hours given to Capt. Richmond. Blue 5: Anything definite about the relief of I Co? S-3: I'll know about 1300 hours.
- 1240 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Brown: 3 high velocity tank shells fired from the rear, fell into A Co area. S-2: Will check with the 28th Infantry.

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- 1242 - Lt. Brown to 28th Infantry: Are you having any tank fire practice? (Lt. Brown repeats information in above item from Red 3). 28th Infantry says that they will check.
- 1245 - Lt. Kestlinger to 7th FA 3: Reports tank fire in item 1240 hours and gives coordinates of Red Bn area as 103388. 7th FA says they will check with, 745th Tanks.
- 1246 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives contents of item 1245 hours. G-3: Will check with everyone in regards to tank fire.
- 1255 - I&R OP: One enemy vehicle seen moving NW thru point 13. Visibility not too good. Can faintly discern COLOGNE.
- 1300 - Determine 3, Div Arty, to Lt. Kestlinger: Try and find out quantity of rounds, caliber, and volley, or single? Ans the time. Lt. Kestlinger: I'll do that and call you.
- 1302 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Will you give me the time, No. of rounds, caliber, volley or signal rounds on that tank fire? Ans: About 1230 hours, 5 or six single rounds of 75 caliber.
- 1305 - Lt. Kestlinger to Determine 3 Div Arty: Repeats information on item in regard to the tank fire above.
- 1310 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: I called Colonel Beck about the 26th Infantry taking over I Co. Maj. Green: I was here when you called. I will call Red about it.
- 1315 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6, to Maj. Smith: What's on about I Co? No, place to put their people. Ans: You know the plans changed for our 1st to assault landing. Maj. Wozendki: How about the town north of our sector? S-3: I Co is not to be fooled around with during daylight. If you can get them out, cleaned up and a good meal, they will be set for this thing. Maj. Smith: If you have people in Bergheim, keep them there, tells the 26th to get out. Blue 6: I'll talk to Red 6 and have them condense A Co.
- 1320 - Capt. Elder, CO Co H. to Maj. Smith: The 13th Cav is moving into our area, B Troop. Not enough room. Maj. Smith: Probably the 32nd Cav. I will check.
- 1330 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Smith (Ceylon 3 Cav Grp: I understand your 32nd Cav is moving into our 2nd Bn area. Ans: They are not crowding those people. Our people have moved back into the woods.
- 1335 - Div Arty #3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 7th FA, firing 3000 yards further out than coordinate 131390. The first 3 rounds lost. A group of M 1's and M 8's firing into town of GROSHAU, in front of 7th FA. Div Arty 3: I don't know who they are but will try to find out and call you.



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- 1338 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: I am sending down a captain from the 90th Cml "pns (B Co): I want you to put them into the area between you and Company A. They will recon in the area. Give them all the assistance you can. Ans: OK, will do.
- 1402 - Blue Bn reports: 1335 hours, 4 rounds of mortar fire hif in town. Cal. 80mm. Co I reported it came from draw behind the factory. 7th FA and 81's firing on them. 1348 hours, 4 more rounds came in from the same place.
- 1404 - IER OP reports: 1335 - 1 white horse drawn vehicle moving SE at Pt. 69. 1345 hours, 1 horse drawn vehicle moving SE at Pt 69., 1 bicycle moving SW at Pt 69. 1400 hours, 1 vehicle moving NW; 500 yards, E of Pt 52; 2 men walking 500 yards E of Pt 52, going NW.
- 1415 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: No soap on the relief of B and C Companies. We only want to commit 1 Bn of the 26th Infantry.
- 1420 - Colonel Gibb, S-6 to Maj. Lord G-3: What did you get on the 28th in regard to river crossings? Ans: They got a boat across but it got snagged and men had to swim back; another boat was brought under fire. (S-6) ~~any~~ further information on the river? Ans: No, gauge readings remain the same.
- 1430 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: Co I will not be relieved and BERGHEIM is ours. Co A will not move out of the town. Blue 6: Yes, A Co is pretty well scattered out through the town. (S-3) Col. Driscoll is here, do you want to speak to him? Ans: Yes. (Blue 6 to Red 6) I would like you to condense A companies position in town. (Red 6) OK, I will get on it right away.
- 1435 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: 3rd Bn is moving their CP and a company where A Co is now located. Squeeze A Co up and coordinate with Capt. Richmond. Ans: OK, will get on it.
- 1438 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: Would it help any if you pulled L out and put them behind I. Ans: It would help out a little, but I just talked with Col. Driscoll. I am sending Richmond down to Red CP to coordinate plan of Co A and moving companies in there. (S-3) OK; if you need any help, let me know.
- 1445 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Toby (Delight 7th FA): The town of Kreuzau is giving us a little trouble. Our 1st and 3rd Bn's are gettings one fire f from there which is bothering them. I want a shoot placed there in the town, and a sweep made of the area. A TOT on the woods east of Kreuzau. (Toby) OK, I will give Division Artillery a mission, and have some heavy stuff laid in there.
- 1458 - G-2 to S-3: They don't want any buildings, but they want the mortar pits and the communications. (S-3) Hell, they cannot have that. Our mortars will be supporting I Co and our 1st Bn in the assault across the river.
- 1510 - G-2 to S-3: In regard to aerial photos of February 11th, we have 1 set here, which we will send down with your liaison officer. However we want the set back. It is a hand printed set. Tomorrow we expect some more sets in for distribution.

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- 1514 - Capt. Toby to S-3: I am about to throw in my cards. We can get 120 rounds from the 5th FA and that is all, plus our own. We are all going to register for the 5th FA.
- 1520 - G-3 to S-3: What's up? (S-3) We have a mortar position for those people of 109386, also an OP in a house at 111386. If they want a CP building they can go to Bergheim and take a house that is not occupied by our 2nd and 3rd Bn's. (G-3) That is OK.
- 1535 - Maj. Crawley (Disguise 3 1st Engrs) to S-3: I was talking to Bill about this patrol. I suppose we will make it a sample boat crossing, with a crew of 9 men and 3 engineers. I suggest that we have protection scattered on near side in case we run into any trouble. (S-3) The crew will patrol the far side and pull the empty boat back by the 1000 foot wire. There will be a lane, Guide and etc. (Disguise 3 1st Engrs) We will get down there tomorrow and talk it over with you.
- 1540 - Blue 2 to S-2: 5 rounds of tank fire, 5 rounds of 75mm How., 10 rounds of 81mm, that is our shell report. (S-2) Nothing new up here. A little movement this morning at Point 22.
- 1550 - Blue 2 to S-2: Tank tracks observed coming from Ubinden, beginning at coordinate 118394, 124364. Another trail beginning at 127391, 130390 on the approach to Kreuzau, OP reports possible machine gun behind Red House at 118374. At 1545 hours 4 more rounds of mortar fire came into our area.
- 1600 - G-3 to S-3: Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: What about those 4,2 people? What time do they want them in? S-3: Depending on weather, probably soon, probably in the PM. Maj. Lord: I will have them leaving their area about 1100 hours bringing them to you about 1300 hours.
- 1620 - Red Bn shell report: 3 rounds of 150mm, 30 rounds of 81mm, 18 rounds of 80mm. Capt. Smith to S-3: I believe I have things straightened out in the town. Wilder's driver was hit by 81mm right outside our CP. Capt. Smith: We must do something about this traffic jamming up by my place. (S-3) What people seem to be coming by there other than the 26th and I Co? Ans: Well, its just a few of everyone, with too many vehicles. (S-3) If necessary we will cut out daylight traffic by your place. (Capt. Smith) If we could route them by STRASS to Pt. 90, it would help. (S-3) I'll do what I can.
- 1625 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Gives shell report in item of 1620 hours.
- 1635 - Maj. Smith to 26th S-3: Speaks of positions for mortars. (S-3) You can use any house that is not used for a CP position. 26th S-3: We want mortar positions for K and L Co's. (S-3) Reports death of Capt. Wilder's driver (Joe Schmidt) by 81mm mortar. Also speaks of checking traffic going by 1st Bn CP. Can you use that road from STRASS. 26th S-3: We are sending single vehicles only with supplies after darkness. Vehicles going only as far as Bn CP.

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- 1645 - Lt. Brown to 7th FA, Col. Heath: Reports Shell report of 1620 hrs.
- 1710 - S-3 to Red 3: Gives him traffic plan. Also tells him that movement will have to be cut down to a minimum.
- 1718 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is the plan for the relief? Ans: Good, They'll move in at 1930 hours, and we'll move out. (S-3) Want you to get back to the damn to dusk idea on the traffic by I Co. No vehicles in the daytime. Blue 3: Have a sign by the 1st En CP saying no traffic on this road.
- 1722 - S-3 to 1st Engrs #3: Getting more fire in our Red and Blue areas, from too much movement. Any vehicles going down there will have to get permission from 1st En CP CO. No traffic on the road, East of BERGHEIM at night. 26th is coming in, in place of our K and L Co's. I Company stays where it is.
- 1740 - I&R OP reports: Water still the same. No change.
- 1750 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Send an officer to one of these fighter bomber bases for a period of 3 days. Send someone who is familiar with the way we have contact with the fighters. Pick him out now and I'll give you the dope later. Do not send a dumb guy either. Send some one with brains.
- 1802 - Blue En reports: Negative.
- 1845 - I&R OP reports: OP in CP building in No 1, night OP is #2. The OP by the river is No. 3. The night OP starts working at 1900 hours.
- 1849 - 634th TD's to S-3: Thw switch you requested is complete.
- 2015 - Blue En reports: 1905 hours, K Co reports tank fire from 150 degrees, 1200 yards to 2000 yards. 15 rounds of mortar fire coming from 160 degrees, near factory. No change in the river.
- 2020 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What do you know about the bombing? Ans: Nothing - only that it is off to our left.
- 2040 - I&R OP reports no change in the water level.
- 2100 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: Anything new? Ans: No, nothing. White 3: Can we get 2 cannon Company observers, as originally planned? S-3: No, you can only have one. White 3: Did you say that we had to leave the 2 1/2's behind? S-3: You can have 60 vehicles. Any 60 that you want. ~~XXX~~ -
- 2117 - I&R OP reports: (Location 07733835). At 1926 hours, an air raid was observed at 354 degrees. Ack-ack fired at planes. 1940 hours friendly tracer fire observed across river at 60 degrees, 5,000 yards.

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- 2124 - Blue Bn to Clerk: At 2025 hours, I Co reported at 315 degrees from Co CP, searchlights. At 90 degrees, 3 searchlights crossed and a blue parachute flare was seen. Red and green flares, flares at 90 degrees, 1000 yards at 1 minute intervals.
- 2140 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 reports: The relief of K and L is just getting started. It will be 2 or 3 hours before it will be completed.
- 2156 - Maj. McKeon, S-4 to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO: Expect Life preservers tomorrow. Anything doing? Ans: Nothing except the air activity.
- 2200 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 2204 - I&R OP reports: At 2037 hours, tracer fire at 80 degrees, 5,000 yards out (approximately).
- 2210 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2221 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Everything is quiet here. Relief in 3rd Bn is in progress. It will take 2 or 3 hours yet to complete it.
- 2305 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: L Co reports hearing enemy telephone ringing across the river at 2230 hours. They put mortars on it. Relief is going slow.
- 2311 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 2315 - Capt. Brooks, 1st Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: Someone is dropping flares and bombs to northwest. Plenty of planes, bombs and flares. A lot of searchlights are also observed.
- 2321 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Things are quiet here. Relief is going slow. Do you know whose planes are bombing? Ans: We don't know but believe it to be enemy. Bombing to northwest of AACHEN.
- 2327 - Capt. Groves, Service Co, inquires about the air raid.
- 2330 - I&R OP to Lt. Kestlinger: At 2317 hours, air raid at 354 degrees way out.
- 2356 - Blue Bn reports: Nothing to report except that the companies are in process of moving now.

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Camouflage discipline in CP area increased. Visiting vehicles in motor pool area camouflaged immediately upon arrival. CP personnel using marked camouflaged trails, etc., to get from one CP installation to another. Roads in the vicinity continue to be extremely muddy. A heavy haze has covered the entire area during the day, visibility very limited.

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- 0012 - Blue Bn reports: Flares at 45 degrees, 5000 yards and 10 degrees at 3000 yards. At 2325 hours planes were heard straffing.
- 0014 - Red Bn reports: Negative. River unchanged.
- 0030 - I&R OP reports: All quiet.
- 0110 - Blue Bn reports: Flares seen and friendly artillery falling on E side of river between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.
- 0114 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0115 - Lt. Kestlinger reports all quiet to Danger 3.
- 0138 - I&R OP reports all quiet.
- 0210 - Lt. Walker, Blue Bn reports: L Co has completed relief, but K Co has not.
- 0220 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0235 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 0303 - Lt. Walker, Blue Bn, reports all quiet; relief not completed.
- 0314 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0315 - Lt. Brown reports negative to Danger 3.
- 0337 - I&R OP reports all quiet. At 0320 hours small arms fire was heard to the NE.
- 0345 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: K Co closed in new area as of 0400 hours. 26th Red 6 has taken responsibility for K and L Co's, positions. 26th Red Bn is closing their positions.
- 0410 - Red Bn reports to Lt. Brown: Negative report. Some small arms fire far out.
- 0412 - Lt. Brown to Danger 3: Negative report. Our K Co has closed in new position.
- 0425 - I&R OP reports: All quiet.
- 0505 - Red Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report.
- 0506 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0510 - Mr. Lipinski to Danger 3: Negative report.

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- 0530 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 0541 - Danger 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Do you have anything to report for the night? Ans: Everything very quiet. K and L companies relieved.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0602 - Lt. Higgins, Red Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report.
- 0603 - Mr. Lipinski to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0635 - Mr. Lipinski to Red Bn: Any shooting going on out there? Ans: All is very quiet. Checked with the companies; quiet as a lamb. (bomb).
- 0637 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue Bn: Same answer to the same question as above item.
- 0640 - Mr. Lipinski to White Bn: Any shelling up there? Ans: There is some way over to the southwest, but none around here.
- 0645 - Mr. Lipinski to 7th FA: Any reports on incoming shelling? Ans: Haven't heard of any.
- 0700 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 0706 - Red and Blue Bns report negative. Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Danger 3.
- 0755 - 28th Inf reports: Our I&R went to the other side of the river and stayed there. The 13th Infantry sent a patrol across but boat was fired on and out of 12 men, 5 returned.
- 0820 - I&R OP reports a heavy haze, and extremely poor visibility.
- 0824 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0908 - Lt. Brown to Red Bn, Capt. Smith: How did the night go? Ans: B Co had a little small arms fire and the enemy set one of the buildings afire. We shot mortars at them and that shut them up. No casualties. It is not too safe to stick you head outdoors now - they are dropping stuff on us.
- 0915 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to 28th Inf #2: Did you send a patrol across the river? Ans: No, they tried to cross, but couldn't make it.
- 0920 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2: Did you call? Capt. Donnley: Yes. At 1416 hours, 14 January, the water in the big dam was 55 feet below the top of the dam. This is a 4 foot drop since 0930 hours of 13 January. 1st Co, 6th Para Regt, identified at 107321. FW says Co strength is 90 men. 82nd Airborne reports a 6 inch drop in river between 0600 hours and 0800 hours, 15 January. 8th Div was bombed last night, one JU-88 was shot down.

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- 0925 - I&R OP reports: Continued haze - poor observation.
- 0950 - Colonel Gibb, S-6 to Colonel Driscoll, Red 6: How is the water?  
Ans: Plenty rough yet. Hasn't gone down any. North of the bridge is a spillway; I am going south of that. Approaches to the water are not too bad. (S-6) Can we try a boat tonight? (Red 6) I suppose so. They are machine gunning us quite a bit lately. Hitting pretty close in. Plane dropped a bomb off to our left. (S-6) North of you is no good. (Red 6) That's right.
- 0956 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Winter, Blue Bn: How did your relief go last night? Ans: Very well. We were out about 0200 hours. The Bn Commander called up about 0400 hours that he was taking over responsibility of positions. (S-3) When you move out we are moving in your CP, so don't put your rear CP there.
- 1010 - 28th Inf #3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: We would like permission to fire at 132400 and 119407; is that OK? Ans: Yes. If you don't fire any shorts and it is observed fire. Our troops are near there.
- 1030 - I&R OP reports continued dense haze.
- 1137 - Colonel Foley, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is you L and K Co's?  
Ans: In KUFFERATH. (Maj. Smith reads operations report of the 28th Infantry).
- 1140 - I&R reports poor visibility, continued haze.
- 1150 - Capt. Smith, Red 3, to Maj. Smith, S-3: D Co of the 26th have their mortars set-up about a block from Lt. Lycas (that is, about 100 yards from Co C). They will draw fire, and I am afraid the enemy will throw everything in. Secondly, traffic on the road near D leading into town. There is entirely too much traffic on the roads. Can we remedy this? (S-3) I will get on it and see what I can do.
- 1210 - I&R OP reports: Some shells just came in. This morning we noticed some gun smoke come up beyond the ridge in DROVE. A battery of guns, possibly 150mm, 300 yards SE of Pt 95; azimuth of 110 degrees from OP. In the town of KREUZAU a little church, N E of Pt 62, there is a large Red Cross flag flying. Our artillery was hitting in that vicinity yesterday.
- 1227 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Engrs, A Co, Lt. Kayes: S-3 wants two mine sweeping teams to report to this CP. Lt. Kayes: You are upsetting my road work. (S-3 says to cancel this request in favor of the road work).
- 1230 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Sylce, AT Co: Send 2 mine sweeping teams to the CP immediately. They will work in the 1st Bn area, cleaning an area for the chemical mortars. Ans: OK.

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- 1330 - I&R OP reports: Visibility poor; haze still covers the area.
- 1335 - Lt. Kestlinger to 26th Inf, S-3: Can you give me information on the type of treadway that you are putting in? Ans: We have an M-1, but are trying to get an M-2. The location of the infantry foot bridge will be at 118413. The other will be at the same place where the bridge is blown.
- 1337 - S-3, Maj. Smith, To capt. Golden; CO Cannon Co: You will have two M-12's; want recon for positions. The 1st Bn TD's have good positions. Coordinate with the TD's so that you do not occupy the same positions. They can probably give you some positions; some that they have recon'd and are not going to use. Don't do anything about this, however, until you hear from me. Ans: No recon, either, until I hear from you? (S-3) That's right.
- 1357 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to G-4, Col. Curtis: Get "Steve" and ask him to make up twenty 81 and twenty 60mm grappling affairs. The wire that used to be on the far side (bank) of the river is now in midstream, because of the rise in the river. If the wire was on the bank, we could use bangalores but as it is we will have to try something else. As soon as these grapplers are made, we would like to try them. Ans: OK, I'll take care of it.
- 1414 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to S-2: Both parties report "nothing new". S-2 reports poor visibility and heavy haze.
- 1415 - Red Bn S-2 calls regarding a 2 sheet overlay of friendly mine fields sent out to battalions, signed by "DIGGS", date 8 February. S-2 says he will check and see what the various numbers on the overlays mean.
- 1417 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Diggs, 1st Engrs, S-2: Lt. Brown asks for explanation of the set-up on the above mentioned friendly mine field overlays. The following explanation is given by Capt. Diggs: (1) The overlays were issued as a warning of mines in the various areas shown on overlays. (2) The original MASTER COPY legend, and information on these areas is available thru 1st Engrs. The MASTER COPY is not to leave the 1st Engrs headquarters. Detailed information can be had by any of our units by going thru Lt. Kayes of A Co Engrs, or thru 1st Engrs headquarters direct. Information will not be available over the phone, but requests for information can be made over the phone, and details of the area which the unit is interested will be sent out by the Engrs. (3) The reference numbers on the overlays which the Bns have are merely reference numbers for the MASTER COPY. These numbers to be used when requesting information regarding a particular area. (4) Information as to number of mines, pattern, type, etc., available.
- 1430 - Lt. Brown gives Capt. Smith, Red 3, the above information on the mine field overlays.



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- 1445 - I&R OP reports: From daylight this morning to 1400 hours today, the river gauge shows a drop of 3 inches. The enemy mortar positions previously reported as being between points 63 and 64, have been fired on by 81mms. The area (ridge) of the I&R OP has just received a heavy shelling by enemy mortars and some artillery.
- 1457 - Capt. Smith R d 3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: (1) 25 rounds of mortar fire just came in on the D area of the 26th Infantry, 50 to 75 yards west of John's CP (Lt. Lycas C Co). (2) A sniper just opened up across the river when we fired back; he shut up. (3) S-2 inquires about smoking the high ground across the river when the attack starts. Red 3 says that this is all laid on. The ground around Pt 45 and cutting down to Pts 63 and 62 will also be smoked. (4) Red 3 requests that a phone line direct from the I&R OP to Red be put in. (S-2 says that this will be done. (5) Red 3 wants S-2 to speak to Maj. Smith about moving the mortars that are drawing the fire.
- 1514 - Col. Fowley, Danger to S-6, Col. Gibb: There is a meeting here at Danger CP tomorrow at 1400 hours. You and the S-3.
- 1416 - Capt. Baker, CO 90th Cml Mortars, to Capt. Groves, Ammo officer: Conversation concerns hauling of 3,500 rounds of extra ammunition for the chemical mortars. Capt. Groves is to furnish eight 2 1/2 ton trucks for the job. (90th Cml Mortars just moving into this area, and under Regimental control).
- 1524 - I&R OP reports no change in visibility - haze.
- 1555 - S-3 to S-3 of 26th Inf: In regard to your D Co mortar positions. They went in at 113307, in back of my I Co; C Co is along the main road. They are doing a lot of firing and have received about 30 rounds back which are landing in my outfit's area. Would appreciate it if you could find another position for them.
- 1600 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: At 2000 hours tonight the 28th Inf will attempt to cross the river in 3 different points. At 410, 418 and 425.
- 1620 - Red Cp reports: C Co reports 45 rounds of 81mm mortar and 30 rounds of 88mm, 12 rounds of 105mm. A and B and D co's negative.
- 1630 - S-2 to Red 3: Sending down some aerial photos that were taken the 11 of February. They are very good.
- 1635 - Blue Bn gives shell report: 9 mortars round, 81mm in the I Co area; 5 rounds of 75mm.
- 1637 - Lt. Brown gives shell report to Danger 2: 65 rounds of medium mortar, 50 rounds of light artillery and 20 rounds of medium artillery.
- 1639 - Same report as above item given to 7th FA.

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- 1705 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Maj. Robinson, 7th FA: Conversation concerns SP guns (155). The officer had not reported to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co., as yet.
- 1740 - Maj. Green, Div G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Could you give me any information on B 90th Gas B n? Ans: They are in the process of moving in, and everything is coming along fine. Maj. Green: Will you call me when they are in complete? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1745 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Green, G-3: The B of the 4.2's Co closed in area as of 1500 hours and will be available to start firing at 1200 hours tomorrow.
- 1800 - Capt. Groves, ammo officer, to Lt. Kestlinger: Will you have the 4.2 company have some men to help get this ammo tomorrow? At 0800 hours.
- 1805 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Stabler Fwd Obs: Will you get a runner over to B Co of the 4.2's? Have one NCO and 5 men report to Service Co to get ammo. They should know where the ammo is to be dumped.
- 1955 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Was just looking over our overlay and it shows your I in same position as A of the 26th Inf. Ans: I has the front line position but A of 26th might be in the town for billets.
- 1958 - I&R OP reports: At 1957 hours two air bursts 200 yards west of OP. Our OP (night) coordinates are 07733835.
- 2005 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2015 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: Do you have an idea of what this meeting is about? Ans: I think they want ideas, as they are still waiting for a Corps order.
- 2310 - General Andrus to Col. Gibb: What is the good word tonight? Ans: All quiet. Col. Driscoll is going to start cleaning up the river. Going to use hooks to clean it up. We will have a show put on so that they will not get an idea of what is going on.
- 2145 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Corps wants to know if you still want the flail Tank? Ans: Yes, would like it for D minus one. Maj. Green: OK, we will see what we can do.
- 2200 to 2400 negative reports from I&R OP, Blue Bn and Red Bn. Negative reports submitted to Danger 3 on the hour.