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- 0100 - Red, Blue Bns report negative. I&R reports negative. Lt. Kestlinger submits negative report to G-3.
- 0200 - Same as above item.
- 0300 - Red Bn and I&R OP report negative. Blue Bn reports that I Co reports vehicular movement in groups of 3 and 4 every few minutes between Points 95 and 77. 7th FA putting harrassing fire on four points every 15 minutes.
- 0305 - Lt. Brown, S-2, reports item of 0300 hours to G-3.
- 0400 - Red, Blue Bns report negative. I&R reports negative - have heard some small arms along the front during the last hour. Capt. Clark reports negative to Danger 3.
- 0500 - Blue Bn reports a few rounds of machine gun fire in vicinity of I Company.
- 0510 - Red Bn reports negative. Capt. Clark gives negative report to G-3.
- 0545 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Edmonds; Red Bn: Who is getting all the fire that is coming in? Ans: It sounds as if it is up north.
- 0600 - Lt. Steinway, Danger, to Lt. Stephens: 28th Inf got a patrol across the river at 117412. It will stay across the river all day. A patrol from 13th Inf hit a mine - 5 men are reported missing.
- 0602 - I&R OP reports: 0540 hours, enemy machine gun fire 45 degrees, 5000 yards. 0547 hours, heavy concentration of arty at 135 degrees, 5000 yards, no gun flashes visible.
- 0615 - Red Bn reports: G Co had 10 rounds of 105mm come into their area 10 minutes ago. It was thought to be friendly artillery falling short. It was checked thru 7th FA and 7th FA said they were not firing in that area. Further check is being made.
- 0620 - Lt. Stephens gives above information to G-3.
- 0705 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0755 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3, Capt. Smith: How is the river this morning? Ans: About the same. Lt. Stephens: Any more to report about that arty that fell on C Co this morning? Ans: No, I have no report on it.
- 0815 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 0850 - Capt. Smith, Red Bn to Lt. Brown, S-2: What did those people on our left do last night? Ans: The liaison officer will be down presently and tell us all about it. Capt. Smith: Will you let me have an overlay on the front lines, and unit sections, South and North? S-2: I will send you one that is two days old, it will cover the left up to the 13th Inf.
- 0905 - Lt. Brown to Maj. Lauten, G-2: Did you find out anything about the patrol on the left? G-2: One was shot up, and one got across. Will hear from the one across tomorrow. S-2: Not much doing last night. C Co received 10 rounds of artillery. I Co received some machine gun fire. There was some vehicles moving a good distance out. 7th FA shot up 4 points on a 500 yards stretch.
- 0910 - Lt. Brown to 28th Inf #2, Maj. Mellon: S-2 asks about the patrols sent out. Maj. Mellon: Our patrol got over three men, 4 started but one fell overboard and now he has returned safely. They were I&R OP men, a Sgt., T/5, etc. I told them not to transmit until they thought it safe. They have a 300 with them, maps and photos. I will contact them tonight. They paddled the boat across with the helps of the engineers. S-2: The people on the North tried but couldn't make it. How swift is the current? Maj. Mellon: I believe it is 10 miles per hour, the channel is ddeep, about 8 feet, and very swift. The shallow place holds a lot of debris and spins the boat when caught in it.
- 0915 - I&R OP reports poor visibility - hazy.
- 0920 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: The man from the SP's is here. Did Capt. Golden make the recon yesterday? Ans: I will have him call you back.
- 0928 - Maj. Smith, S-3, to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: The battery commander is here from the SP's that will be with us. Go on recon with the Lt of the two guns. Get positions where we can fire on positions opposite us. He will meet you down on the road.
- 0950 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Did the other people get anything across last night? Ans: Yes, they got 3 men with radio across. The engineers took them across, and the 3 men will stay there. What was all the shooting this morning? Red 3: I guess the Jerry was kind of leery. About 0600 hours, C Co was hit by 10 rounds of artillery which, we believe, was our own. It also hit our B Co. We notified 7th FA about it and they weren't firing. It was probably another outfit who was not zero-ed in properly. S-3: I will investigate it. What about D mortars of the 26th? Did they move? Red 3: I don't know? S-3: I talked to Maj. Clisson and I told him to move them. Red 3: OK, I'll let you know. S-3: Did the engineer's clear the paths? Red 3: Yes, I don't know how many they cleared. Maj. Crowley is down there now.

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- 1009 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1015 - Capt. Groves, Ammo officer, to Maj. Smith, S-3: We have 500 rounds of 4.2 available.
- 1023 - Maj. Oxford, Div, Engrs to Maj. Smith: What is new? (Maj. Smith gives information regarding boat crossing by 28th Inf of last night). Maj. Oxford: I have a plan in mind in regard to clearing the lanes across the water. Lt. Kayes is here. I will discuss the plans with him.
- 1028 - I&R OP reports negative. Visibility poor because of haze.
- 1036 - Red Bn reports: 3 rounds of 76mm SP landed on Hill 211.
- 1055 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Maj. Smith: Anything doing? Ans: The latest is that the people on the north may go tomorrow. The people on our left are ready to go at 0530 hours. They got 3 men across with radio. They had no trouble getting across. White 3: Here is the breakdown on the transportation - one dozer, one liaison jeep, three AT platoon jeeps, one scorpion, one engr., jeep, 1 heavy weapons CO jeep, one Command half track, Cannon Co.
- 1056 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1135 - I&R OP reports: 1055 hours, incoming artillery landed 110 degrees from OP and about one mile out. At 1100 hours, one smoke shell landed in STRASS.
- 1140 - Col. Robinson, Div Arty, to Maj. Smith: 7th FA called and said that Dagwood Red was receiving tank fire from the rear, about 3 rounds. Rounds came in about 1125 hours and hit a building. Do you have any tanks firing? S-3: No, we haven't any firing. There is definitely no tanks in this vicinity that are firing. Earlier this morning both B and C reported light artillery coming from the rear. Col. Robinson: None of our units, except 7th FA, is firing 1200 yards from the river. Ceylon 14th Cav Grp is not firing at all. At 0600 hours we stopped firing and rounds still came in.
- 1202 - Blue Bn reports: Negative for the past hour.
- 1204 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: All we have for you is the radio news: Admiral Nimitz has announced that a large task force covering an area of 200 sq miles, is 300 miles off the coast of Japan. 1200 to 1500 carrier based planes are hitting at the mainland of Japan. Photography from Army reports that the area in vicinity of DUREN, shows a startling number of buildings are being used for military activity. Various sheds and small buildings show that these buildings are being used to shelter tanks and SP guns. This indicates that the enemy is fixing defenses. Sheds are also thought to cover some pill boxes. TAG Air yesterday reported a noticeable lack of road and railroad activity. There was a small amount of canal traffic on the RHINE. Tactical Air also located the following gun positions: 6 gun battery positions at 235370. 6 gun battery positions at 220120. 4 gun battery positions at 197405. 5 gun battery positions at 235114. 4 gun battery positions at 240426. Up north things are quiet.

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8th Div got a patrol across river last night. One patrol hit a mine, and the patrol nearly got wiped out. The other patrol is over the river, and will return tonight.

- 1235 - I&R OP reports negative. Haze still covers the area.
- 1255 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth, Blue Bn: Gives information on Engr. patrol that crossed river last night.
- 1332 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: What are the demensions on the German half track? Ans: Will call back.
- 1340 - 28th Inf, S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Have you the coordinates giving the places we want smoked for us? Lt. Stephens: Yes, 119401.
- 1345 - OP reports that the weather is clearing up. Might be able to pick up something.
- 1355 - Blue Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: Measurements of German half track are: The track itself $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches - Inside measurements from inside to inside (center to center), $52\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Outside measurements $75\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The Weasel, M-29, measurements - width 15 inches (track). Inside measurements is $25\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The outside measures 66 inches. Center to center measures 45 inches.
- 1412 - Blue Bn report to Lt. Kestlinger: OP reports at 1210 hours, one enemy seen at 139349 moving southeast along road. At 1228 hours, OP reports enemy machine gun firing 170 degrees, 3000 yards. At 1345 hours, OP reports Volkswagen on road leading into DROVE.
- 1420 - Capt. Donnley, ⁴ S-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: I have a report from Corps stating two groups, 15 to 20 newly built buildings of a storage type, similar to those we spoke of earlier. Freshly made dugouts surrounding buildings at F-2042 and F-2842. I believe your OP can see something at F-2042, if you place it there. Capt. Donnley asks about the visibility. S-2 says visibility is clearing up and gives report of above from Blue Bn.
- 1450 - I&R OP reports - haze beyond point 22.
- 1451 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: There will be no meeting today. Make up a list of the people we want at our meeting, include Colonel Heath. Five to ten copies.
- 1507 - Sgt Redman, Blue Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: Gives changed measurement for M-29 Weasel: Inside, between tracks, $25\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Track $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Total of $66\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- 1510 - Lt. Wiemer, G-2 to Clerk: We have some aerial photos. Will you send a Liaison officer to pick them up? Ans: Lt. Lynch will be gone for several days. Will you send them thru message center? Ans: Yes.

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- 1540 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: There will be no meeting. Other than that, all is quiet.
- 1545 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Brown: Our ASP has been listening in on the people up stairs and they are talking about 100 vehicles in FROITZHEIM. I have given this to the artillery and they are putting a shoot on it.
- 1600 - Red Bn reports: 20 rounds medium artillery, 5 rounds of mortar.
- 1605 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves, Ammo Officer: G-4 allocation of ammo - 2013 rounds of 81 light - from 0600, 16 Feb to 0600 20 Feb.
- 1608 - Red Bn shell report: 60 rounds of 81mm mortar, 30 rounds of 88mm.
- 1610 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Capt. Baker, CO 90th Cml. Wpns: How much ammo would you need to smoke that area for 2 days? Ans: I would say between 5000 to 6000 rounds of WP.
- 1615 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Shell report - 60 rounds of artillery; 105 81mm mortar.
- 1616 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Toby, 7th FA: Same shell report as above.
- 1617 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Col Driscoll, Red 6: What about the crossing? You want to cross near the old bridge site up-stream, south of factory with one company, is that right? The Colonel desires that you cross north with one company. Engrs have observation at that point. Col. Driscoll: It is a matter of fighting when you get across and lots of wire. S-3: Would like you to have two groups try and get across tomorrow. The Col. has a TD Co for your support.
- 1640 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Groves, Service Co: Will you tell Maj. McKeon to issue the Life preservers to the 1st Bn, with that they will have save 84 for the engineers. They are to be issued tomorrow morning.
- 1650 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj Smith: About smoke for 4.2's and about the quantity. How many rounds do you need? Ans: Will need 5,000 rounds for the day of landing operations. These supplies must go thru us. G-3: Artillery has a lot of smoke that can be used.
- 1700 - Blue Bn negative report.
- 1705 - 28th Ing to Lt. Brown: Our Red Bn is receiving small arms fire. Will you check and see if any of your people are firing over our way?
- 1710 - Lt. Brown checks with Capt. Smith of 1st Bn and finds that our people are not firing. 28th Infantry is notified of this.
- 1720 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: D day up north is the 20th.
- 1722 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Bour, White 3: Info of D day given to Capt. Bour. White 3 states that he would like to have two Cannon Co' observers in order to use the M-12's to best advantage. Maj. Smith states that the 4.2's will also be available. They can be used for smoke to the best advantage.

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- 1750 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Armstrong, 631th TD's "C": Information of jump-off time given, also instructions to set up TD's in GEY for support weapons.
- 1755 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Information of jump-off time given. Blue 3: Capt. Wells, 7th FA, has a place for 155 SP's and would like to have them do some firing, set them up around GEY. S-3 states that he has control of 155's and would like to save them until 2nd jumps.
- 1800 - Maj. Oxford, Div "ngers, to Lt. Kestlinger: Information on jump-off time discussed.
- 1820 - Blue Bn reports: 1810 hours, OP spotted platoon of enemy at 13403965, seemed to be going in both directions, seemed to be effecting a relief. Artillery fired on them with good results.
- 1900 - I&R OP reports: Night coordinates of OP 07733835. Up to 1900 hours all is quiet.
- 1910 - Blue Bn reports: 1847 hours, 12 or 15 more enemy at 13403965. Artillery started firing on previously reported group. May be the same group that was observed before.
- 1930 - I&R OP reports: No change in the river. Some mortars were fired on both sides of the bridge, and some mines were set off.
- 2000 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 2005 - Blue Bn reports: 1927 hours, OP reported 2 red flares, 30 seconds apart, approximately 80 degrees at 3000 yards. 1938 hours, OP reported enemy machine gun bursts at 90 degrees and at 2000 yards.
- 2105 - Red 6 to S-3: There is beaucoup tracked vehicular movement in KREUZAU. Would like to get all the artillery we can on that main road. S-3: I'll take care of it and call you back on the time.
- 2106 - Blue Bn reports: 2010 hours, OP reported enemy gun firing at 75 degrees, 14 seconds flash-bang. Fired 2 shots. Also observed enemy searchlights at 45 degrees, on for about 2 or 3 minutes at a time.
- 2126 - I Go heard vehicular movement around Pt 78. Friendly artillery is falling there now. 2036 hours, OP reports one amber flare at 80 degrees.
- 2107 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Washburn, Div. Arty: There is a lot of tracked vehicles moving in KREUZAU. Would like to get all the artillery we can along the main road 119398 to 122393. This is the first movement we have heard, they may be moving something in. We would like a big "Stonk" on it. Put the request as thru Maj. Sandell, Arty LO. Call me back at Dagwood 3 when the arrangements have been made.

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- 2110 - I&R OP reports: Saw friendly tracer fire NE about 10 degrees across the river (going across the river). There is some enemy mortar fire in that same area.
- 2111 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: Have my mortars and 4.2s all ready, want it all to go at the same time. Would like to throw in some WP. Ask Maj. Smith for permission to fire some. Lt. Stephens: Time on "Stonk" is 2130 hours, Maj. Smith says you can fire 5 rounds of WP per gun at 2131 hours - he doesn't want to give the positions away - fire them after the other stuff gets started. Red 6: I plan on 200 or 300 rounds with my mortars.
- 2125 - Maj. McFadden, Artillery, to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO: TOT is at 2130 hours; 5 Bns - our organic and the 809th. 7th FA is firing 4 volleys.
- 2134 - Lt. Seabring, 28th Inf S-3 to Maj. Sandell: Are you firing WP in the woods? Ans: Maj. Sandell explains TOT of 2130 hours. Lt. Seabring: We thought if you were going to continue it, that we would ask you to stop, we have people working in the woods and it lights up the place.
- 2145 - Maj. Mellon, 28th Inf, to Lt. Stephens: In the next 15 minutes we are going to try and pick up the men who are across the stream. 5 flares just went up on our side of the river. Have your people hold up on flares, etc., until 2300 hours.
- 2146 - I&R OP reports: On the "Stonk" at 2130 hours, our artillery accidentally hit an enemy ammunition dump. It is burning now.
- 2146 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3, Capt. Smith: Warns about firing flares - explains about 28th Inf trying to get the men back from across the river. Want flares, etc., called off until 2300 hours. Red 3: 7th FA is firing Star Shells at 2155 hours - you call 7th FA to hold up, I'll call and stop C Company.
- 2148 - Lt. Stephens to Blue CP: Gives info about holding off flare activity until 2300 hours for the 28th Infantry.
- 2149 - Maj. Sandell calls 7th FA about calling off Star Shell firing for the 1st Bn until after 2300 hours.
- 2200 - S-6 to Red 6: How did the shoot look? Red 6: Fine, sir. There were 4 big explosions, looks like an ammo dump burning. The fires are still burning. Maj. Robins asked for another TOT in 15 minutes or so. I put Cannon Company on the Udingen - Kreuzau road. The last minute, activity was reported there, so I called Cannon Company to come in as of the same time, 5 rounds per gun. We fired 180 rounds of our own stuff. Called off our Star Shells for 28th Infantry patrol work. (S-6) You aren't moving anything across the river tonight? Red 6: No, Sir. S-6: Fire on everything out there. Use them all. You can use 5 more rounds of WP per gun for the 4.2s.

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- 2201 - Blue Bn reports: The "Stonk" of 1st Bn was observed, results good. At 2140 hours, 2 illuminating flares at 80 degrees and at 2500 yards. Chandalier flares, from planes, at 600 yards out. 2200 hours No. 3 Fox OP reports 4 friendly Star Shells. 10 amber flares north of Krenzfeld. Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth: In case the 1st Bn calls for mortar fire, give it to them.
- 2207 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Seabring, 28th Inf: We were unable to call off our Star Shells. There will be no more until after 2300 hours.
- 2215 - Maj. Sandell gets word from 7th FA that the next "Stonk" will be at 2230 hours.
- 2230 - I&R OP reports: 2135 hours, "Stonk" at 45 degrees to 100 degrees and at the same time one enemy white tracer was seen at 80 degrees. 2140 hours, seven enemy cluster flares at 35 degrees. 2145 hours, several white flares in succession, lighting area at 50 degrees. 2153 hours small arms fire on river NE - both friendly and enemy.
- 2237 - Maj. Mellan, 28th Inf to Lt. Stephens: Reports difficulty getting men back from across the river because of TOT's lighting up the river, area. Lt. Stephens says that there will be no more until 2300 hours.
- 2242 - Colonel Gibb to Red 6: How did the second shoot go? Ans: There was a lot of noise, no explosions. Enemy threw back a couple rounds of 150mm at C Co, no one was hurt. Luschner of 1st Engrs was wounded in B area by a booby trap. Jeep has been sent back for him. S-6: Rig-up some 50 caliber for tomorrow and work those babies over across the river. (Red 6) Will do, sir. We are thru for tonight unless something comes up.
- 2245 - S-3 to Capt. Seabring, 28th Inf. Maj. Smith explains reason for the 2 "Stonks" tonight. Says there will be no more without notice. 28th Inf has had no contact with the patrol across the river today, are in process of trying to get the patrol back now.
- 2300 - Blue Bn reports: 2210 hours, OP observed 10 amber flares due north at 5000 yards. 2220 hours, M Co reports chandalier flares NW of 81mm positions, approx 3 miles out. 2228 hours, I Co reports 15 rounds of enemy mortar fire in the Co area. Believed to be coming from 120375. 7th FA will fire on this target.
- 2310 - Red Bn reports: A little machine gun and light mortar fire came in after the last shoot, but otherwise things are negative.
- 2325 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Reports flare activity across the river, some mortar fire and arty fire, etc., as of OP reports for the past hour.
- 2357 - Blue Bn reports: 2330 hours, small arms fire observed. Mortar fire from factory area. Flares at 10 minute intervals from azimuth of 20 to 180 degrees.

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2400 - Red Fwd gives negative report.

2400 - I&R OP reports: 2255 hours, enemy tracer fire at 55 degrees along the river. 2305 hours, large amount of flare activity and tracer fire opened up in area 85 degrees to 120 degrees, along the river. 2305 hours fire started at 65 degrees, seemed like oil or gas burning. 2315 - successive flares, few minutes between flares, in area 85 degrees to 120 degrees.

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- 0029 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives reports of last hour, previously listed in journal, 16 February 1945.
- 0102 - Red Bn reports: At about 0025 hours, 25 rounds of enemy artillery came in. Bn OP says 15 rounds of heavy stuff came into their area. The line to B Co went out - probably from the shelling. No casualties have been reported.
- 0110 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0045 hours, artillery and mortar fire came into the area. Phone lines are knocked-out, this report is being made over the artillery phone. No casualties have been reported - everyone has pretty good cover.
- 0112 - Lt. Kestlinger gives Red and Blue Bn reports to G-3.
- 0125 - I&R OP reports: 0050 hours, a battery of guns firing from SE, 5 seconds flash-bang count. Eight rounds came in from SE, landed on river at 75 degrees from OP. (This message is given to 7th FA). 0115 hours, enemy machine gun fire. 0121 hours, 6 more shells coming in from SE, hitting same spot. (OP coordinates 07733835).
- 0225 - Blue Bn reports: L Co receiving some artillery fire; rest negative.
- 0235 - Red Bn reports: Still receiving some artillery fire; no casualties reported; rest negative.
- 0303 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0303 - I&R OP reports: 0149 hours, considerable machine gun fire - both ours and the enemy's at 76 degrees. 0158 hours, one gun flash at 91 degrees. 0226 hours, two gun flashes at 104 degrees.
- 0322 - Blue Bn reports: OP observations: 0200 hours, at 80 degrees, gun fired 4 rounds, landed S of OP: caliber 150mm. At 35 degrees, a burp gun fired at 2000 yards. 0210 hours, at 50 degrees, small arms fire, 2000 yards. 0215 hours at 35 degrees, burp gun firing, 2000 yards. 0220 hours at 170 degrees, white flare observed 3,000 yards. 0225 hours at 35 degrees, small arms fire, 2000 yards. 0225 hours at 40 degrees, MG and small arms fire. 0235 hours, at 100 degrees, gun fire, 5 rounds; 19 seconds flash-bang. Landed S of OP. 0225 hours, 100 degrees, gun firing, 9 seconds flash-bang, landed S of OP. 0220 hours, Co M reported continued artillery fire on their area. Small arms fire in front of I and C. 0300 hours, Co I reported 8 to 10 rounds of artillery fell in their area. 0320 hours, OP reported small arms fire 45 degrees, 2000 yards; also white flare (illuminating), 45 degrees, at 3000 yards. (Flash bang readings given to 7th FA).
- 0337 - Above reports for the past hour given to G-3.

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- 0400 to 0600 - Red, Blue report negative. I&R OP reports negative. Negative reports submitted hourly to G-3.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports a little machine gun fire, 90 degrees, 2500 yards, rest negative.
- 0605 - Red Bn and I&R OP report negative. Negative report to G-3 by Captain Clark.
- 0700 to 0800 hours Red, Blue and I&R OP report negative. Capt. Clark reports negative to G-3.
- 0845 - Capt. Clark to 28th Inf S-3: What about those men that went across? Ans: They are still across, we have no contact with them. We can not observe them. Capt. Clark: Are you going to try and go after them again tonight? Ans: Yes.
- 0850 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Have you looked over any TD positions for indirect fire? Ans: In GEY; I'm going out now. FA and Tank officers have been out. Capt. Clark: Will you stop in and give us the positions? Ans: I'm going to contact Armstrong (TD officer) in GEY this morning.
- 0855 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Smith, Red 3: I am going to send Capt. Thompson of 634th TDS, Co B down to give you supporting fire when you jump.
- 0900 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Capt. Clark: Clark: Contacted 28th this morning, (proceeds to give item 0845 hours).
- 0905 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Capt. Clark: We do not want the TD of B Co to move up before 24 to 36 hours ahead of jump. Smoke signals will have to get clearance, 7th FA to Div, and coordinate with artillery. The use of 5000 rounds of smoke is highly improbable and impractical. It would neutralize your own observation and leave you obscured completely.
- 0910 - Lt. Kestlinger, speaking from 28th Inf, to Capt. Clark: 28th Inf., didn't get those 3 men back last night. Tell them to lay off TOT's from 2100 to 2300 hours. As a boat was launched TOT's went off and the enemy sent up flares (White phosphorous).
- 0915 - Capt. Sylce, AF GO to Capt. Clark: I have a bomb in my driveway. Ans: I'll try div for a bomb disposal crew.
- 0917 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Repeats item of 0845 hours and item of 0910 hours. Capt. Smith reports everything quiet.
- 0920 - I&R OP reports visibility poor - haze.
- 0937 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to Capt. Clark: Nothing new to report. Capt. Braxton of 90th Cml Wpns will come down to see you this morning.

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- 0940 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Maj. Lord: Conversation concerns smoke preparation for coming attack. S-5 explains that in order for the 16th Inf, to get into town, the high ground in back of the 1st objective (which is the enemies main line) must be blanketed. S-5 says that two days may be needed to do the work. G-3: 3,500 rounds of smoke are available to two companies of 90th Cml Wpns. They have two trucks for hauling ammunition. After using 2,000 rounds the first day, the trucks can go back for ammunition. You don't need two day's supply of smoke to start with. S-5 says a minimum of 2,500 rounds will be kept on position. G-3 says the smoking program should be tied in with Div artillery. (G-3's point is to avoid neutralizing out own artillery's use, by the use of too much smoke.
- 0950 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Lord, G-3: B of the TDs will move 24 hours previous to their use. (Remainder of conversation concerns use of smoke screen for attack - generally the same discussion as in item of 0940 hours).
- 1007 - Col. Horner, S-5 to G-4: Conversation concerns details of smoke screen, using 4.2 ammunition, and the amount of smoke ammunition needed. Discussion ends with an agreement for the 16th Inf, to have 2,000 rounds on position; 26th Inf to have 1,500 rounds on position. (With mutual fire support - this makes 3,500 rounds immediately available). Effort will be made to have 4,000 to 5,000 rounds available in dump.
- 1020 - I&R reports negative - haze.
- 1030 - Blue Bn reports: 0912 hours, OP reports suspected enemy ammunition dump at 199422. 0930 hours, #3 Fox OP, suspected gun position 151382. Fired 3 rounds of 7th FA - results couldn't be observed because of haze.
- 0940 - I Co reports suspected SP gun at 90 to 93 degrees from point 1163⁹/₅, and at 600 yards.
- 1040 - S-6, Col Gibb to Col Ware, Div: Conversation concerns negro troops who will be assigned to the 16th Inf. Col Ware says each regiment of the Div is to get one combat platoon complete, less platoon sergeant and platoon leader. These troops are not considered as replacements, but as a complete unit - probably attached to the regiments. These troops are to arrive some time between 26 Feb and 1 March 1945.
- 1045 - Capt. Zero, PRO to Lt. Brown, S-2: 3,500 copies of division history available to you now. 3,500 copies additional may be available later.
- 1055 - Lt. Brown to Maj. Lauten, G-2: Reports items from Blue Bn in regard to suspected gun positions, e tc. G-2: River reported down one inch this morning. Only "hot-poop" of yesterday was reported of the 82nd shooting at an enemy pill box - 3 naked enemy ran out of the pill box and ran into another pill box. TOKYO was bombed again by 1500 planes. Our front - nothing new. RUSSIANS still going ahead.

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- 1057 - Lt. Brown gives above information to Capt. Smith, Red Bn.
- 1107 - S-6 to Red 6: Want you to cross one boat in each area tonight. The grappling hook will be ready today, for use tonight - for a try. The mortar will have to be taken down close to the shore. Red 6: Will do, Sir. S-6: Getting any shelling after the "Stonk" of last night? Red 6: Some artillery is coming in around the I&R OP and Bn OP. Last night quite a bit of small arms but loose for about 1/2 hour after the "Stonk" - more in front of the 26th, though. Kolb (B Co CO) observed a weird explosion in the undamaged portion of the factory that is across from him. The explosion occurred quite a long time after the "Stonk". Kolb hasn't been able to figure out what it is.
- 1125 - I&R OP reports poor visibility - haze.
- 1145 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes, Chief of Staff: When can I have Smitty? Ans: He has been told to leave any time. Do you have anyone to recommend for the information and Education course? S-6: I had put Maj. White in, but if you can find someone else I would rather not lose him.
- 1155 - Capt. Smith, Red 3, to Maj. Smith, S-3: Have you got the boat from the engineers yet? S-3: I haven't got it yet but I will. I want to see what the Colonel says first. Capt. Smith: We are going to make 2 crossings. One North of the factory and one south of it. S-3: The one S of the factory is going to be the tough one.
- 1158 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Kayes, A Co, 1st Engrs: We want to make a trial crossing after 2400 hours tonight, so you contact Capt. Smith and get the details. Get your men down there about dusk.
- 1214 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1259 - I&R OP reports: The river has dropped 1/2 inch.
- 1320 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1330 - Sgt Wheeler to Maj. Smith: People on right being relieved tonight by 99th Div. (Sgt Wheeler acting as Div Liaison in the absence of Lt. Lynnh).
- 1445 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: I would put down more and more harassing fire during the entire night all along that area; also lay on with B of 90th. G Bn to put down some smoke in case of a lot of flares, they can lay down some smoke so they can get back. Have a box barrage and smoke ready in case anything should happen tonight. You should get the grappling hook today, but don't count on it too much.
- 1445 - Capt. Sylce, AT CO, to Red 3: Has the officer of 634th TD left yet? Ans: He is still out on recon. Let us know when he comes back.
- 1456 - Blue Bn shell report: 100 rounds of 150mm; 150 rds of 105mm; 200 rounds of mortar.

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- 1535 - Red Bn Shell Report: 21 rounds of 150mm, 100 rounds of 81mm, 25 rounds of 88mm.
- 1538 - Above Shell reports given to G-2 and 7th FA.
- 1550 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Life preservers are OK, set for tonight.
- 1551 - Capt. Knight, Div, to Maj. Smith: Is that Flail Tank to go to 745th Tanks? Ans: Yes.
- 1700 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1810 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Capt. Clark: There is a quiet period tonight between 2100 hours and 2300 hours. Notify your 4.2s and artillery. Ans: We have already done that.
- 1822 - L&R OP reports: Little machine gun fire and small arms fire at 110 degrees at 1800 hours. Night OP is at 07733835.
- 1840 - S-3 to Red 3: Div says that from 2100 to 2300 hours it is quiet. No firing will be done during that period.
- 1849 - S-3 to White 3: Notifies of quiet period above.
- 1850 - Blue Bn notified of quiet period.
- 1855 - 90th Cml CO notified of quiet period from 2100 to 2300 hours by S-3. S-3: Before you do any firing, check with us.
- 1905 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1920 - L&R OP reports: Enemy machine gun fire at 68 degrees at 1900 hours. 1902 hours; mortar fire landing NE of OP.
- 1930 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I need an MP or two to direct traffic on road that Lt. Kayes is building at the following coordinates 096387 thru stretch of woods to 088385. Lt. Kestlinger: I'll call Division about it.
- 1935 - Lt. Kestlinger to Danger 4 (Sgt): Who do I see about road control? I need MP(s) with phone lines to keep traffic from bucking at the road stretch. (gives above coordinates). Ans: I'll see what can be done about it and call you back.
- 1955 - Div 4, Sgt, to Lt. Kestlinger: Who else is using that road other than your Engrs? Ans: Only those bringing up the material to fix the road, but they are pounding it to pieces. Div 4: Our MPs go only as far as Grosshau. I believe that road is in your regimental area. Lt. Kestlinger: If we can take care of it, we will.
- 2000 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to S-6; Col. Gibb: Airborne going out. Being relieved tomorrow night. S-6: When do we go into V Corps? Ans: I don't believe we will. (S-6) Are you sure things are going to go on schedule? Ans: No, I'm not sure.

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- 2005 - Blue Bn reports: "Love" #3 OP reports 6 to 8 rounds of 75mm at an azimuth of 1800 mills by sound only, no range estimated, alanded near OP.
- 2035 - Mr. Wiles, Asst. Communications officer, to Lt. Kestlinger: Did you get the new dope on Pyrotechnics - 13-1800 A to 20th., from 28th Inf Regiment? Amber cluster authorized M22-A1 (this is mortar fire) to mean lay down mortar barrage; and green star, paragraph M19 A-1, to mean lift mortar barrage. Lt. Kestlinger: OK, thank you.
- 2040 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: I hear a rumor about a sleeper being pulled tonight. S-2: I'll find out some data, and call you back.
- 2045 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Stabler, FO with Red Bn: There will be two boats, one going north of point 46 at 2300 hours, and one going south of point 46 at 2300 hours. There will be 9 B Co men and 3 engrs in the boat. If no trouble, they will stay and investigate some wire. If they run into trouble, they will return.
- 2050 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Gives contents of above item of 2045 hours, sets coordinates at 116401. G-2: Gives shell report - 230 rounds of light, 120 rounds of medium and 589 rounds of light mortar. At 0630, CANADIAN ARMY captured all objectives, HOWASSUM AND GRAFENTHALL.
- 2055 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Red 6 picked up a shoe mine. It has very little metal on it. It has everything in it but the cap. (G-2) Let me have it, if you can. S-2: OK.
- 2103 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs 3, to Lt. Kestlinger: G-3 says that a Scorpion of a Plail Tank will be down tomorrow. It will be coming from Corps Engrs for Engr Control under Lt. Kayes. Lt. Kestlinger: It will be used at A Co with the tanks. Col. Gara: When it is called for, we want to know where it is, and who has control of it - so let us say that it is under Regimental Combat Engr control, working for Dagwood.
- 2105 - Blue Bn to Clerk: Negative report.
- 2110 - I&R OP reports: Negative.
- 2125 - Maj. Olney, Div, to Lt. Kestlinger: What is your trouble about the road? Ans: Well, sir, it is a 1 1/2 way road rather than a two way road. Maj. Oxford suggested a two way telephone with an MP at each end of the road. Maj. Olney: It is strictly a CT-16 section and we don't have the MPs to spare. Ans: We will take care of it from this end, thank you.
- 2202 - Blue Bn and I&R OP report negative.
- 2230 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Lewellyn, Regt MP's: I need two MPs with phones on that cordoury road from STRASS to 1st Bn. Traffic will have to be held up on the west until oneway is thru, then hold up east until west is thru. Come up in the morning and we will talk it over. Ans: OK.
- 2305 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 2307 - Capt. Smith, Red 3, to Lt. Kestlinger: We will probably start work between 2100 to 0200. Will you make sure that the right and left are notified? Ans: Yes.
- 2310 - Lt. Kestlinger to 26th Inf S-3: Our 1st Battalion is going to send someone across at 2100 hours to 0200 hours, right in front of the 1st Bn. Ans: OK, good luck to them.
- 2315 - Lt. Kestlinger to 28th Infantry S-3: How about that patrol of night before last? Ans: Nothing heard from them and our boat we sent over tonight reports no sign of them.
- 2317 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3, Capt. Parsons: All quiet here. At 2100 to 0200 hours, 1st Bn is going to send boats across. They haven't heard from those 3 men on the 1st trip (28th Inf).
- 2355 - I&R OP reports heavy haze - visibility nil.

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- 0005 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Has that patrol gone out yet? Ans: We had word that it was to leave around 2400 hours.
- 0007 - Blue Bn reports: OP reported machine gun fire at 30 degrees, and enemy small arms fire and machine gun fire at 120 degrees.
- 0030 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Any dope on your boats yet? Ans: They haven't started yet; expect to start in 15 minutes. The bridge on the left isn't quite finished yet. S-6: Let me know as soon as you hear from it.
- 0120 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Report is negative. We haven't started our patrol as yet, probably 15 minutes to a half hour. Have you heard anything from those people on the north yet? Ans: Only that no word or contact could be made with them by the second boat which crossed to contact them.
- 0122 - Red Bn reports negative. Lt. Stephens reports negative to G-3.
- 0130 - I&R OP reports enemy sending up a few flares on the other side of the river.
- 0200 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0205 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: They have the bridge over the canal, and they have started down to the river with the boats. They should be there in 10 to 15 minutes.
- 0206 - Lt. Stephens submits negative report to G-3.
- 0300 - I&R OP reports negative. Heavy fog.
- 0302 - Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: An enemy machine gun fired a few rounds from across the river into WINDEN.
- 0304 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Heard anything from your people yet? Ans: No, nothing yet. All reports are negative so far. Will have some information as soon as my Red Bn, calls in.
- 0310 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Any news? Ans: No, everything is negative. We are waiting for the report now. People did not get across as far as I know. They ran into some small arms fire. We are smoking the area now. (This report phoned to G-3 at 0311 hours).
- 0340 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Here is the dope on the boats: (1) Boat to the south of the factory went across, but got hung up in the trees in the stream. Ran into machine gun and small arms fire. Men had to swim for it. One man is wounded and 3 men are MIA; they might show up, though. (2) Boat to the north of the factory got across. The men got out and looked around. They went to the first line of trenches and saw no enemy. Just about that time they heard the shooting from where boat No. 2 was, so they returned to the boat and came back.

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- 0400 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0402 - Lt. Kestlinger gives report from Capt. Smith, item 0340 hours, to G-3, stating that a full report would be made in the morning.
- 0430 - I&R reports negative. Blue Bn reports negative. They had heard the small arms fire at 0345 hours and at 0400 hours, across the river by M Company.
- 0502 - Red Bn reports negative. Lt. Kestlinger reports negative to G-3.
- 0600 - 28th Infantry S-3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: (Lt. Brown gives information concerning the boat crossing by 1st Bn). 28th Inf: We had two boats go across the river. One at 2200 hours and the other at 2400 hours. The 3 man patrol has been across for the last 48 hours. Tried to pick them up this morning, but could not find them. Believe they were taken by the enemy.
- 0601 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0602 - I&R OP reports: Small arms fire at 40 degrees from OP, coming from down around the river bank at 0550 hours.
- 0606 - to 0800 hours, all units report negative.
- 0825 - Lt. Seabring, 28th Inf., to Lt. Brown, S-2: We would like clearance to fire in the vicinity of 118407. Lt. Brown: OK. Do you still believe the 3 men of your patrol to be prisoners? Ans: Yes, we went after them and they were not there.
- 0840 - Capt. Moore, Arty, LO to Clerk: The artillery that has been firing this morning is III Corps artillery; firing counter battery. In other words, III Corps guns firing at enemy guns. Will you see that Col. Gibb gets this information? (Col. Gibb is informed).
- 0850 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Tell Maj. Smith that there is nothing more. The three men are still missing. We had a patrol out looking for them with no success. You might tell the people up north (28th Inf) to be on the look out for our 3 men. We had two wounded, instead of one. One of these men was quite badly shot up - hit in several places and also had boat splinters. The other one got creased across the butt. The South boat got hung up in the trees in front of the factory.
- 0858 - Lt. Brown S-2 to Maj. Mellon, 28th Inf: Did you see anything of our boat? We lost one last night? Ans: We have a lot of smashed up boats down by the blown bridge. Yours may be there: if we find it, we will let you know and you can get it. We had men all along the river last night with ropes to help any men who might be in the river. I doubt that your men got down this far or they would have been picked up. (Discuss patrol activity of last night, information previously listed). Maj. Mellon: Our engs say that the water has gone down over 3 feet of ground on the shore. (Not to be confused with a 3 foot drop in water level). Indications are that the river is going down. Had no trouble getting boats across last night. Although the enemy probably has our 3 men who have not returned. The enemy hasn't used the radio which the men had with them. (Usually the enemy uses sets which they capture). The men, of course, could have destroyed the radio before being taken.

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- 0900 - I&R OP reports negative. Visibility was about 7,000 yards for a short period of time this morning, but it is closing in again. Haze.
- 0905 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs to Lt. Brown, S-2: The boats which you have carry the regular code marking - the yellow square with the black diagonal. In the event that the boat is found, it can be returned to you. (Lt. Brown mentions that the 28th Inf engineers say that the river receded over 3 feet of ground, as of item 0858 hours). Maj. Oxford: Our Engineers can barely squeeze out a one inch drop by their gauge.
- 0915 - Blue Bn reports: I Co "E" outpost, 115384, spotted two enemy on hill 600 yards to the front at 130 degrees from the outpost, at 0830 hours today.
- 1000 - I&R OP reports visibility poor.
- 1002 - Capt. Carroll, 745th Tank A, to Lt. Brown, S-2: (Lt. Brown gives report of patrol activity of last night).
- 1005 - Lt. Brown S-2, to Capt. Oelze G-2: Lt. Brown gives report of patrol activity of last night - information previously listed. (S-2) Any news about the 99th going in on our right? Ans: It is the 9th, not the 99th. No information on this point.
- 1025 - Lt. Brown gives patrol information to White and Red Bns.
- 1040 - Lt. Kestlinger to 28th Inf.: Is it true that it is 3 days plus what we figured? Ans: That is right. Lt. Kestlinger: Now it will end with a 3 instead of a 0. Ans: That is right.
- 1010 - Col. Gibb to Lt. ^Finigen, Div: Are we getting any officers? Ans: Yes, six Lt's. We are picking up 21; 9 1st and 12 2nd's. They will be divided between 18th and 26th. Army has promised us 7 more.
- 1045 - I&R OP reports: Water level the same; friendly artillery falling on the other side of the river.
- 1045 - Lt. ^Aestlinger notified White and Red Bns of the 3days to be added for the attack.
- 1100 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth, Blue Bn: Add 3 more days on that number. Airborne on the right relieved by the 9th Div. Capt. Stabler: Have you a G-3 overlay of our friendly lines? Ans: I will try to get you one from Div thru our liaison officer. (Blue Bn reports negative).
- 1125 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Elder 2nd Bn: I have a 2nd Bn job on that cordorouy road leading into WINDEN. It needs two guards on a 24 hour schedule to direct traffic until at least two days before jump off. Appoint a cordorouy road officer, responsible to this office. Ans: OK, I'll come up to see you today..

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- 1145 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Col. Driscoll, Red 6: Could you give me some more dope on what happened last night? Col. Driscoll: We didn't get to bed until 0300 hours this morning, so when I get the finer details, will let you know. Maj. Smith: We got a few rounds of enemy artillery in here this morning. Col. Driscoll: I know. We picked up the sound and will have the artillery fire on it, it sounded like a Bn plus one battery.
- 1202 - Blue Bn reports: 1200 hours, enemy gun (105) 135 degrees at 7000 yards. Two rounds landed to the right rear of the OP.
- 1215 - I&R OP reports: Five rounds of artillery landed 1000 yards from OP, and 10 rounds in the vicinity of the OP.
- 1350 - Lt. Brown to Maj. Lauten, G-2: We have a shoe mine. Do you want it? Ans: No, the engineers up here have some. I have some interesting news. There has been very light resistance in the Canadian sector yesterday, they took 1500 PWs for the day, it looks as though things are cracking up there.
- 1420 - Sgt Wheeler (acting Liaison to Div: to Capt. Clark: VII Corps tentative time is now our tentative time. 28th Division is to relieve the 2nd Division. 2nd Division is to relieve 78th Div. 82nd Airborne is being pulled out to go to an assembly area.
- 1500 - I&R OP reports: Visibility extremely poor. Lt. Brown gives permission to close down OP at 1600 hours.
- 1505 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Engrs (Lt. Martinez): Maj. Smith would like to have 6 boats down to the 1st Bn before 1700 hours.
- 1510 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1515 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Martinez, 1st Engrs: Lt. Martinez states that they have only 4 boats to send to the 1st Bn, one was lost last night, the other one that was used can't be retrieved. The 4 boats will be sent to the 1st Bn.
- 1600 - I&R reports that visibility poor at OP #1. Observers moving to OP #2.
- 1645 - Col. Beck, G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Would you be interested in 2 M8's for your property? Ans: Yes, sir. G-3: would you be willing to exchange 2, 105's for 2 M8's or take them in addition without crews?
- 1651 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Green G-3: In reference to the M8's we would like the 2 M8's in addition, instead of in lieu. Ans: OK.
- 1707 - Red Bn Shell report: 24 rounds 105mm, 12 rounds of 75mm, 100 rounds 81mm.
- 1710 - Blue Bn shell report: 18 rounds of 105mm, 8 rounds of 75mm, 20 rounds of 81mm.

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- 1716 - Lt. Brown S-2, gives following shell report to Division and 7th FA:
70 rounds of light, 130 rounds 81mm.
- 1737 - Maj. Crowley, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Stephens: Do you know of an expedition of the 299 down to the river to show his people the route, etc? Ans: (Maj. Smith) - Yes, Maj. Crowley: Do you have a plan? Maj. Smith: Yes - they are going thru the 1st Bn.
- 1755 - Lt. Gregg Hq 1st Engrs to Lt. Brown: The 299th will not send down the guides as previously arranged. It has been postponed until later.
- 1806 - Blue Bn reports: OP reports at 1657 hours, enemy battery firing at 90 degrees, 5000yards. Shells hitting in 1st Bn area, six rounds were fired.
- 1808 - (Grasshopper) 28th Inf #3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We would like to know if you are doing anything tonight? Ans: I will have to find out. 28th Inf: We have our mortars ready to fire at some machine guns at 119417. Will you give us clearance to fire? Ans: OK, it will be alright, we are doing nothing tonight.
- 1812 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red Bn: At 119417 there are some enemy machine guns, when they open up the 28th Infantry will fire their mortars at them.
- 1857 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Gregg, Hq 1st Engrs: In regard to the postponement of the guides of the 299th Engrs. What was the reason? Ans: Someone misunderstood our plans. Lt. Kayes, A Engrs, was supposed to show them the boat lanes. Tomorrow they have planned a meeting at your place. The Ex O of 299th, Lt. Kayes, and you or your representative will discuss the plans. Maj. Smith: OK. Capt. Clark will be here.
- 1902 - I&R OP reports night coordinates at 09733835. It is foggy.
- 1906 - Blue Bn reports: 1807 hours, OP reported 3 rounds of 47mm landed near OP, coming from 90 degrees.
- 2005 - I&R and Red Enrs report negative.
- 2030 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: A Co would like a couple engineers to come down tomorrow to explain how to load and launch the boats. Ans: I think that can be arranged. Engrs guides will not be down tonight. Red 3: Also A Co would like to fire a few grenades and M-1 rifles tomorrow. Ans: OK.
- 2100 - I&R OP reports: Negative. Water unchanged. Could not observe the gauge often today because of visibility.
- 2105 - Blue Bn reports: OP reported at 2035 hours, friendly machine gun fire at 260 degrees, no estimate of range.
- 2108 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Lt. Johnson, A 1st Engrs: A Co would like a couple of men to help them on boat loading practice tomorrow.

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- 2125 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: You know Company B of 634th TD is going to support us if and when we need them. Can you send Captain Thompson up here at 0900 hours tomorrow? Ans: Sure, will take care of it.
- 2205 - Blue Bn reports 6 rounds of mortar fire landing in vicinity of Pt 81.
- 2215 - Red Bn reports negative. Lt. Brown gives negative report to G-3.
- 2235 - I&R OP reports: At 2114 hours a heavy concentration of friendly artillery at 106 degrees in vicinity of river. At 2159 hours a light concentration at 108 degrees in the vicinity of the river.
- 2250 - MESSAG E: To: CO CT 16, from: CG, 1st Div: Change number 1 to field order number 56 so much of field order 56 as refers to the 82nd AB Div is amended to read 9th US Infantry Div. (2040A Feb 18, 45).
- 2303 - Red and Blue Bns report negative. Lt. Brown reports negative to G-3.
- 2355 - I&R OP reports: At 2320 hours, a heavy enemy mortar concentration approximately 115 degrees, vicinity of the river. Also a concentration of enemy artillery fire southeasterly direction about 1 mile distant from here.

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- 0007 to 0255 - 1st and 2nd Bns, and the I&R OP report negative.
- 0257 - I&R OP reports that at 0235 hours enemy machine gun fire was observed south of the Night OP, and that some airbursts had been seen.
- 0300 - 1st and 2nd Bns report negative. Capt. Clark, duty officer reports negative to G-3.
- 0400 to 0700 - Negative reports were received from all units and hourly reports were submitted to G-3.
- 0718 - 28th Inf CP to Lt. Kestlinger, duty officer: Did anything startling happen last night? Ans: No. 28th Inf: We sent a patrol out to the spillway and they reported water a little higher and swifter.
- 0800 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 0830 - Operator reports all lines to the Bns out because of some incoming artillery. Lines are being restored.
- 0902 - Lt. Kestlinger to Anti-tank Co CP: Want Lt. Baker up here at 1300 hours with 3 mine detectors and their crew to work with B of the 634th TD's.
- 0925 - Blue Bn reports: 6 gun enemy battery at 85 degrees, 1000 to 5000 yards; 18 rounds were fired. Reading taken at Blue OP.
- 0930 - Maj. Lord G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: What is new? Ans: 1st Bn is engaged in boat practice. 2nd and 3rd Bns are doing routine training. The enemy has moved in some artillery. G-3: Between the hours of 0900 and 1000, counter battery is being fired.
- 0930 - Approximately 15 rounds of enemy artillery fire fell in the Regimental CP area. No damage resulted; no casualties.
- 1005 - I&R OP reports: Gas truck and a small ammunition dump burning in GEY, at the cross roads.
- 1100 - Col. Curtis, G-4 to Col. Horner, S-5: What is this about the road being closed because of a truck that has been hit? Ans: Yes, that is right. A truck that was carrying gas was hit and as soon as the fire is out we will pull the truck away.
- 1115 - Capt. Lafferly, S-2 to 26th Inf, to Lt. Brown; S-2: At 124379, a haystack, believed to be a pill box. TD fired on it yesterday and the shells bounced off.
- 1200 - Red Bn reports: At 1155 hours, OP reported that an enemy battery fired 8 rounds (in the last 10 minutes) from an azimuth of 90 degrees.

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- 1205 - I&R OP reports: At 1115 hours, one enemy was seen moving a bout in the vicinity of Point 47.
- 1220 - Blue Bn reports: At 1020 hours, OP reported a 2 gun enemy battery (could be 3 guns) firing from an azimuth of 70 and 90 degrees at approximately 6000 yards.
- 1230 - Sgt. Wheeler, acting Division Liaison) to Lt. Stephens: 99th Inf Div, now with VII Corps, expects to move into vicinity of Herve. Can be used only on ARMY orders. 9th Armored Div, assembly area, just south of Herve. 28th Inf. div expected sometime between midnight tonight and tomorrow night to relieve 39th Inf Regt. Only those elements of 28th Inf Div necessary to relieve 39th Inf Regt will be moved at this time. General ALLEN says he has been getting patrols across the river for the last three nights. The 9th Div took over responsibility from the 82nd Airborne last night. Madcap (109th AA Red) is tied in with Div, will notify us when enemy air comes over. At 110355, hay stack which is believed to be an enemy strong point, was fired on - it turned out to be a plain haystack.
- 1305 - Blue Bnr eports to Capt. Clark: At 1250 hours, I Co outpost (115387) reported an enemy gun at 110 to 120 degrees, at 700 yards, firing into I Co. (I&R reports negative).
- 1320 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Smith, Red 3: What happened to the guides for the 299th? Ans: Maj. Smith called that off. Capt. Clark: Well, when do you plan to give them the lay of the land? Ans: That has been done.
- 1333 - Capt. Clark to Maj. McKeon, S-4: How about the life-savers? Ans: I issued 1000 to the Bns. 84 are for the engineers.
- 1406 - I&R OP reports: 2 large enemy trucks seen moving into point 22 from the south and continuing on into point 37.
- 1450 - III Corps to S-2: Did you receive any copies of the pamphlet put out by XVIII Corps on the Breaching and Destroying of the Siegfried line? Ans: Yes.
- 1510 - I&R OP to Clerk: Negative report. Haze getting heavy. Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1524 - Red Bn reports: A P-47 strafing KREUCHAU at 1522 hours. One enemy gun, possibly an 88mm, firing from azimuth of 90 degrees from OP, coming from a great distance. Plane continued on over WINDEN.
- 1555 - I&R Day OP reports: Closing out, visibility extremely hazy. Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 1028 - Red Bn Shell report: 4 rounds of 75mm SP; 25 rounds of 88mm; 12 rounds of 150mm; 3 rounds of 81mm mortar; 50 rounds of 120mm mortar.

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- 1629 - Blue Bn shell report: 35 rounds of 105mm; 6 rounds of 75mm; 8 rounds of 81mm mortar.
- 1635 - Lt. Brown gives shell reports to Capt. Donnley; G-2 and Capt. Toby, 7th FA.
- 1637 - Maj. Edmond, Red 5 to Col. Horner, S-5: We are going to try and go across tonight. Ans: Where? Maj. Edmond: A little south of the place where it was unsuccessful. S-5: Find out how long it takes to go across; lanes used; obstacles found; and all you can find out about the crossing.
- 1725 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Brown: This information III Corps got thru the 78th PW's interrogation; A PW from 5th Co, 5th Parachute Regt of the 3rd Parachute Div, captured this morning in the vicinity of H AUSEM, F-1128, says Command Post of 5th Regt's 1st Parachute is located in a pill box in town of VLATTEN, F-1528. The 1st Bn of the 5th Para Regt occupies HELMBACH 1126. The 2nd Bn of the 5th P Regt, is in position on hill north of HELMBACH. The 3rd Bn is in the line, location unknown. PW says 9th Regt is committed but does not know just where; the 8th Regt is in reserve. Each regt has 3 Bns. The 5th Co has 95 men. The 1st Bn of the 5th arrived the 18th of February. This came from Corps: The 3rd Pch Div has relieved the 85th Div. This may explain the change of personnel south of 26th's 1st Bn. S-2: Did you hear how badly the 5th Regt was beat up? Ans: No, I didn't.
- 1810 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Capt. Clark: At 0030 hours, we will try again with a boat. Engrs notified OK, and boats all set. Will you make sure people up north and on the left are notified. Alert everyone, might have a few men on banks below with ropes and grappling hooks. Capt. Clark: You will go at the upper crossing? Ans: Yes, 200 yards south of the factory at 114398. We will get all the information required, current speed, drift, time of crossing, etc. We will recon on opposite bank up to the ditch, trenches; will investigate the wire. Recon will not be too deep tonight; possibly further tomorrow night.
- 1815 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1817 - Lt. Kestlinger gives information of boat crossings tonight to 745th Tnk Bn.
- 1820 - Div Arty to Lt. Kestlinger: Who called about the ammunition dump in the town of GEY? Ans: It must have been someone from G-4. No officer from here called about it.
- 1825 - Lt. Kestlinger to 28th Inf S-2: Gives information concerning the boat crossings by our 1st Bn. Asks that the 13th Inf be notified. 28th Inf asks if coordinate 114398 is correct. Ans: Yes, that is the factory crossing that is east of that.

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- 1905 - I&R OP to Clerk: Night coordinates 077338⁸35. 5th FA has some men up here with an aiming circle. Reports of gun flashes will be made to 5th FA and S-2, by mils using the aiming circle.
- 1907 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1915 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2: Gives information about 1st Bn's plans for river crossings tonight.
- 2000 - I&R OP reports: 1950 hours, light concentration of enemy mortar fire to the east in vicinity of the river. 1955 hours, one buzz bomb coming up at 2095 mils, going up in an easterly direction.
- 2030 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 8th Div reports that some vehicular movement (tracked) is moving north of KREUZAU.
- 2032 - Red CP notified of above item concerning vehicular movement north of KREUZAU.
- 2045 - Red Bn reports that C and B Companies cannot verify that there are vehicles moving north of KREUZAU. (Lt. Kestlinger relays this info to G-2).
- 2100 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Capt. Clark: Some vehicular movement around DROVE. Do not know the type of vehicles. (This info relayed to G-2).
- 2106 - I&R reports: 2015 hours, enemy gun flashes 1375 mils.
- 2130 - Blue Bn reports: 2030 hours, barrage laid down to our front, coming from 90 degrees, by sound. Mortar fire coming in to the factory area - landing about 1000 yards to the left.
- 2215 - I&R reports: Barrage of friendly artillery fell in vicinity of the river.
- 2230 - Blue Bn reports: 2135 hours, OP reports one white flare at 40 degrees, 1500 yards. (2142 hours, the same was repeated). 2150 hours, at 90 degrees, one white flare at 180 degrees and 1400 yards another white flare. Two shells were reported to have dropped in the M Co area. ~~2312X~~
- 2232 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Artillery reports quite a bit of flare activity along the river. Ans: Yes, we have a few but nothing unusually.
- 2300 - I&R OP reports negative. Red Bn reports negative.
- 2310 - Blue Bn reports: 2240 hours, enemy gun about 1500 yards out and at 100 degrees; 9 rounds landed to the right of the OP. White flare at 180 degrees, 2000 yards. Tank and truck activity at 121390 - 121342. Artillery is notified..
- 2400 - I&R, Red and Blue Bns, report negative.

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- 0005 - Lt. Kestlinger gives negative report to G-3.
- 0105 - I&R OP, negative report; Blue Bn, reports one gun firing at 110 degrees, small caliber, started firing at 0055 hours and is still firing; Red Bn reports small caliber gun firing and some of the rounds falling in the CP area of Red Bn, vehicle movement is heard in DROVE. Lt. Brown gives the hourly report to G-3.
- 0155 - Red and Blue Bns report negative; I&R OP reports enemy machine gun fire at 0120 hours to the SE in the vicinity of the river, and at 0145 hours an enemy mortar concentration about 1 mile E of the I&R OP. Negative report given to G-3.
- 0253 - Blue Bn reports negative; Red Bn reports that boys in the patrol have started off, otherwise a negative report; I&R OP reports that at 0220 hours and 0225 hours a light concentration of enemy mortar fell in the area East of the CP. Negative report given to G-3.
- 0400 - Red and Blue Bns report negative. I&R OP reports that at 0320 hours, enemy machine gun fire observed SE of OP and lasted until 0328 hours. (OP coordinates 07733835). Negative report submitted to G-3.
- 0415 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Capt. Clark: The patrol has returned. They didn't have much time for recon. Estimated time of crossing: (By Engr Officer) 6 minutes. Speed of current: 10 to 12 miles per hour. Drift (down stream) 100 to 125 yards. Patrol received enemy small arms fire and returned. No casualties.
- 0417 - Capt. Clark relays above report to G-3.
- 0457 - I&R OP reports: 0425 hours, a large fire started out in enemy territory by our artillery at 77 degrees.
- 0500 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn to Capt. Clark: At 0455 hours, 25 rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in the vicinity of the OP, otherwise negative.
- 0501 - Blue Bn reports: Negative. 6 rounds of our own mortar fire fell on the East bank of the river about 200 yards in front of the OP.
- 0505 - Above hourly reports relayed to G-3.
- 0557 to 0700 - Red and Blue Bns report negative. I&R reports negative. Negative report given to G-3.
- 0700 - Lt. Alexander, Red Bn reports: Getting quite a bit of artillery. Gun flashes observed at 110 degrees, 90 degrees, 60 degrees, 70 degrees at 0615 hours. Observations made from OP. Information forwarded to 7th FA.

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- 0702 - Blue En reports: At 0605, 0620, 0625 hours 3 separate artillery barrages hit area. Total of 50 rounds. Flashes observed at 75, 90, and 110 degrees. Estimated range at 6000 yards. Information forwarded to 7th FA, and G-3.
- 0913 - I&R OP reports poor visibility, mist.
- 0920 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Alexander, Red En: What do you know of the patrol? Ans: They crossed 300 yards South of the factory. River speed 10 to 12 miles per hour. Crossing time 5 minutes. Drifted 100 yards downstream. Boat shoved off and came back right away because of sniper fire. Wire under water caused trouble while returning. No casualties.
- 0935 - Lt. Brown, S-2, relays patrol report above to G-2.
- 0940 - Lt. Brown to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Here is the dope on the Red Patrol - (gives above report). Gives location of factory spot as 114398, patrol crossed 200 yards south of this point.
- 0942 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Maj. Lord, G-3: How is the dam? Ans: Water still flowing out, 1/3 to 1/2 empty now. There was a 2 1/2 inch drop last night. That's about all we have on it.
- 0953 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Dinsmore White En: Gave above item concerning the Red En patrol.
- 1005 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 1010 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. Alexander, Red En: Col. Galin EX O 299th Engrs is coming down to go to your OP to recon for the putting in of Quadruple fifties. Ans: OK.
- 1025 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Elder, White 3: We would like to know if you would be interested in White WP smoke for 60mm mortar which has been made available? Ans: I will let you know later. (Same statement made to Red and Blue Bns).
- 1035 - Capt. Moore, 5th FA Liaison with 7th FA, to Maj. Smith, S-3: We had five Bns on the following target: 14463988, 14153992, 19063730, 18563744, 15383754.
- 1045 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Crowley, 1st Engrs: Gave information on the 1st En patrol of last night. S-3: We would like to have the 299th Engrs take care of all the crossing details. We should have a little meeting here tomorrow at 0900 hours. Ans: OK, will have all of the officers in charge notified.
- 1100 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to Lt. Brown: On the WP smoke for 60's mortars, we would like some but not too much. (Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith): Are we going to be able to have illuminating star shells fired if necessary to light up the area? Ans: We will be able to do this through Div artillery. We will have motor powered boats for evacuation of wounded.

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- 1106 - Capt. Booth, Blue Bn to Maj. Smith: About the 60mm smoke shells; we want them. They are OK. The Companies are doing a little firing.
- 1119 - G-3 to Maj. Smith: We just got a call from the 2nd Bn of the 60th, and they are receiving small arms fire from the rear in the vicinity of HURTGEN. Do you have any ranges in that vicinity? Ans: No, we don't have any in that vicinity.
- 1120 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Maj. Smith: I have 3 air corps men up here with a couple enlisted men. One is a flight dive bomber and other two are medium dive bombers. They would like to see things from the ground. Ans: OK, I will send them up to B Co factory which is 200 yards from the front. They will not get hurt there but they will hear plenty.
- 1205 - I&R OP and Blue Bns report negative.
- 1210 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Red 6, Col. Driscoll: Look on aerial photo #14 from those photos which the cub took. There is a house at the corner of the woods, with trenches etc., around it. Get a boat over there and have men stay in that house overnight. Red 6: There is enemy in that house, sir. (S-6) Then knock it down. Red 6: We did have it on fire. I would like to get someone over there for recon to find out what, where, when and all about it. Want some actual information. Red 6: Mentions enemy outposts all along the river and that our men always draw fire; admits that recon has been sketchy. Mentions possibility of a second house across the stream as a possible place for an observation point. S-6: Don't do anything now. Think it over and then give me your plans and we will discuss them.
- 1230 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting Div Liaison, to Capt. Clark: General Taylor is interested in Bn CP coordinates, he wants to visit them. Ans: I will have someone compile them in order and call you.
- 1245 - The following coordinates are relayed to Sgt Wheeler in answer to the above request: Red, 102388; White, 079389; Blue, 101398. (Given in code of the 20th Feb).
- 1305 - CO of 26th Infantry to S-6: We are trying to lay on an extensive harassing fire between 0330-0530 along shore so we can move our stuff in. I am going to see the 9th Div and see that they take care of that sector if you will take it up at 119376 and carry it North. Ans: I will be glad to. I have 4 multiple 50's, I can use. CO 26th: We are going to take TD's and Tanks down to the shore. I will have TFD's on my right. "Jack's" CP is at BRANDENBURG, we intend firing 6 rounds every 2 minutes.
- 1310 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Lauten, G-2: How long will it take to get a photo on the overlay? It is very clear. Ans: Not very long. The sooner we get it up here the Corps Engrs can go to work on it.

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- 1312 - Blue Bn reports: Enemy ambulance seen going North at 141379.
- 1315 - I&R OP reports poor visibility, haze.
- 1317 - Capt. Diggs, 1st Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: If you have sketch map ready bring it down to my OP and I will take it to Corps. Ans: It will not be ready before late this evening or early tomorrow morning.
- 1337 - Information from Sgt Wheeler, Acting Div Liaison: 75th American Division to go to British 2nd Army to relieve British 6th Airborne Division. 95th American going to 7th Army. (RUMOR - 66th and 3rd American Divisions going to 21st Army Group). 104th Division reports being successful in the use of carrier pigeons by patrols across Ruhr river.
- 1340 - Red Bn reports: 1335 hours, an enemy gun, firing direct fire, possibly 88mm, firing from a sound azimuth of 110 degrees, at a possible distance of 3000 yards. Could not observe the shells landing.
- 1345 - Capt. Clark informs Red 3 concerning the 6 air corps pilots who are coming to the Red Bn. Pilots are to remain over night and return in the morning. Also notifies Capt. Smith that 6 enlisted men of 299th and six officers of the same unit will recon in the 1st Bn area tonight under direction of A Co., 1st Engrs, Lt. Kayes.
- 1424 - Capt. Armstrong, CO 631th TD'S, to S-3: Do you want us to bring our other platoon? Ans: Not yet, but count them in on the plan.
- 1430 - I&R OP reports negative visibility.
- 1431 - 26th Inf Red #3 to S-3, Maj. Smith: We hear some small arms fire back in the rear. Do you have a range that is being used? Ans: Yes.
- 1500 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to S-3 28th Inf: We plan to do a little more firing every morning now from 0330 to 0530 hours so that when we fire our preparation it will not seem too unusual. Ans: That shouldn't interfere with anything. If it does, we will let you know.
- 1501 - Blue Bn negative report.
- 1510 - Col. Curtis, G-4 to Col. Gibb: There are some M-29-C Weasels (amphibious) available. How many can you use? Ans: Six and one for myself. Col. Curtis: I'll see what can be done.
- 1511 - Capt. Clark notifies Red 3 and Blue 3 to report to Maj. Smith at 1545 hours today.
- 1524 - Maj. McKoan to Maj. Smith: How many grappling hooks are we to get? S-3: Six. Maj. McKoan: Two are ready now. Will send these two to the 1st Bn in the morning.

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- 1530 - OP reports: Still raining and we can't see anything. Would like to know if we can close down? Ans: I'll call you back.
- 1537 - Lt. Kestlinger to I&R OP) You can close the OP if you cannot see.
- 1540 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves, Ammo Officer: Ammo expenditure allocation for period 200600 A to 240600 A Feb as follows: 81mm mortar light 750 rounds. Unexpended balances from previous period revert to Army.
- 1543 - I&R OP reports: OP #2 is working now. OP #1 closed.
- 1545 - Capt. Groves, Ammo Officer, To S-3: You know about this ammo allocation that we were given? Ans: Yes, I do. Capt. Groves: Do you think White Bn will need any or can I split it up between the other two Bns? Ans: Split it up between the other two. White will not need any.
- 1605 - Blue Bn reports: Shell report for today - 22 rounds of 105mm; 15 rounds of 75mm, 20 rounds of 47mm; 35 rounds of 81mm mortar.
- 1620 - 28th Inf, 3 to S-3: Will it be alright to fire WP and HE shells at 0430 hours tonight to 0440 hours at 127409 and 125405 and from 0230 hours to 0240 hours at 121421 and 124415. (S-3: Yes, it is OK.
- 1628 - S-3 to G-3: Been trying to make a 1/5000 sketch of build-up area of KREBUZA U and of the west bank. Maps of it are no good. Buildings and roads on map are not accurate. Wonder if we can get higher headquarters to make an accurate sketch of towns we are going to work on? They can do it from aerial photos. G-3: OK, I'll take it up with the #2 section, they'll handle it. Here's what I want. Send an officer over to the 11th Cav Group at 0900 hours tomorrow to pick up a new type of tank. It's yours to show to the men and to look over.
- 1635 - Red 2 to Lt. Brown: Shell report as follows: 20 rounds of 120mm mortar; 35 rounds light artillery; 2 rounds of 150mm.
- 1640 - S-3 to G-2: Would like to get 1/5000 sketch of towns that we will work on. They can be made from aerial photos. Want them to show houses and roads accurate. G-2: OK, will see what we can work out.
- 1645 - S-2 to G-2: Shell report for today is 40 medium mortars; 25 rounds of heavy mortar; 80 rounds light artillery; 5 rounds of medium artillery. We are going to put a show on tonight but details are not yet known. Will call you later.
- 1647 - S-2 to 7th FA FDC: Shell report same as above.
- 1705 - Capt. Golden CO Cannon Co to Maj. Smith: Did you call saying that you wanted to see me in the next couple of hours? Ans: Yes, I have some fires I want to talk over with you. Capt. Golden: I am at B Co, and I can't come back until after dark. S-3: OK, send Lt. Ballard down here.

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- 1730 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting Liaison to Div reports: Concentration of vehicles and equipment in GOLDSHEIM, 1849 grid and BLATZHEIM, 2231 grid, at 1230 hours, reported by 8th Div. CG of 9th Div reported.
- 1800 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting Liaison to Div reports: TAC RECON at 1040 hours reported 100 or more tanks parked around buildings at F 188495, were bombed and strafed. At F 222515, 20 or more vehicles around buildings, bombed at F 195475, 163471, 158470. Three possible heavy gun positions, believed occupied, 164416 (is center of group of 3 very heavy gun positions camouflaged). 26th reports camouflaged haystack at 118360 also fired artillery at enemy personnel 11453660.
- 1820 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3, to Lt. Stephens: I don't believe it will be advisable to fire the 57's tomorrow on account of the tracer ammunition.
- 1850 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Sylce: Is all your ammunition tracers?
Ans: Yes.
- 1855 - Lt. Kestlinger to 28th Inf: In checking on points to be fired tonight entries earlier in journal are found to be OK. 28th Inf states no patrol will go across the river tonight. The ferrying people are going to try some of their equipment tonight. I will call you back on the time.
- 1900 - I&R OP reports: 07733835, night location, hazy, nothing to report.
- 1905 - 28th Inf to clerk: Our ferrying people are going to work on the river starting at 2400 hours. They will call when they are finished.
- 1915 - Maj. Smith to White 3: You will have a light tank available for demonstration tomorrow. Pick it up at 0900 hours at 14th Cav Group CP.
- 1920 - Maj. Smith to Red 3: There will be no firing of 57's on account of tracer ammunition. It will disclose our positions. Work up a TOT for 0545 hours, just a few rounds per gun, 10 per cent of what you will fire all night.
- 1925 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: It's OK on no 57's for tomorrow. You will probably get no extra TD's or tanks for your job in DROVE, if it is possible we will give you some. Putting on TOT 0545 hours.
- 1935 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Maj. Smith wants a quick TOT, of 5 rounds per gun at 0545 hours tomorrow. Select targets where damage might be inflicted.
- 1938 - Lt. Brown checks with Red and Blue and White Bns - Negative reports. Red Bn will not be attempting a crossing of the river tonight.

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- 1950 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Oelze, G-2: S-2 reports that no activity is planned for tonight.
- 1957 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 2010 - Red Bn reports: C Co reports 11 rounds of 81mm mortar just landed in their area. No casualties.
- 2011 - Blue Bn reports: At 1951 hours, OP reported enemy and friendly machine gun fire at 190° and at 1500 yards.
- 2038 - Maj. Green G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Any activity in your area?
Ans: No, nothing unusual. (Refers to journal items of past hour).
- 2105 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 2115 - Blue Bn reports: 2030 hours, OP reports small arms fire 120 degrees, along the river, and 2 illuminating flares in the same area. Some mortar fire was also observed. 2050 - OP reported a 75mm "HOW" at 90 degrees in vicinity of STOCKHEIM; fired approximately 15 rounds. 2053 hours, "Fox" OP reported 15 rounds of artillery landed 400 yards to the left of the OP. Fired from 1500 mils azimuth and at approximately 5000 yards. 2105 hours, I Co reported at 121386, three flares were observed - 1 Red, 1 White, 1 Blue. 2030 hours, 15 rounds of 150mm or larger, landed in the vicinity of the crossroads near I Company CP.
- 2200 - I&R and Red Bn report negative. Blue Bn reports, at 2127 hours, white, red, and maber flares 110 degrees and out 3000 yards.
- 2400 - All units give negative reports.

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- 0005 to 0120 - Negative reports made by all units, and negative reports given to G-3.
- 0122 - Lt. Stephens reports to Capt. Knight, G-3: Negative. G-3: Our night fighters are up tonight.
- 0200 - to 0400 - Negative reports made by all units, and negative hourly reports given to G-3.
- 0406 - Red Bn reports: Negative except that B Co reports about 4 rounds of friendly artillery has landed in their area. 7th FA has been called for a check. (Later report informs Lt. Lynch that 7th FA located the trouble and correction has been made).
- 0412 - to 0545 - Negative reports from all units, and negative reports submitted to G-3 by Lt. Lynch.
- 0555 - Blue Bn reports: At 0525 hours, OP reported friendly artillery barrage to the front. At 0535 hours, 20 rounds of 75mm landed 100 yards from the Blue Bn OP.
- 0600 - I&R OP and Red Bn report negative - Lt. Lynch reports to G-3.
- 0705 - Blue Bn reports: At 0615 hours, small arms fire at 40 degrees, and at 1500 yards. At 0645 hours, fire was observed burning at 10 degrees and at 3000 yards.
- 0710 - Red B n reports Negative. Lt. Lynch gives hourly report to G-3, item 0705 hours above.
- 0815 - I&R reports observing smoke on the other side of the river.
- 0816 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0910 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Col. Driscoll, Red 6: "hat did the artillery do this morning? Ans: Started fires out there, none fell short. It was a good concentration. A few flares went up after the concentration had been fired, there were also some flares during the night. Col. Gibb: You don't have to send your people over tonight. Col. Driscoll: We are going to use grappling hooks in guiding the boats over.
- 0938 - Capt. Thompson (Co B 634th TD Bn) to S-3, Maj. Smith: We have six frequencies for operations. I would like to know what frequency I could use without interfering with you. Ans: I will have the communications officer contact you.
- 0948 - I&R OP to Lt. Brown, S-2: Visibility is clearing up. We are going to move our OP on the hill.

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- 0959 - Col. Driscoll to Maj. Smith, S-3: Here is something that I wish you would turn over to Col. Horner - the water is very bad, that is muddy and sometimes black. I believe that all of the impurities haven't been disposed of by the filtering process. Ans: I will speak to the Col. About it immediately.
- 1003 - Blue Bn reports: #3 Fox OP reported either 75mm pack-howitzer or 105mm firing from 1400 mils; fired 3 rounds at 0815 hours. (This information was given to 7th FA).
- 1006 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting liaison to Division, reports: 1845 hours, Div artillery reports mine set-off, systematically, with explosion at 128409. 2146 hours, Div Artillery reports hay stacks were fired on at 128409, and turned out to be pill boxes. 2035 hours, TDD (Davison) reported that considerable more activity was observed tonight than the previous night. Started with burp gun and machine guns firing from the town across the river near the dam. Threw some mortars back and were ready to use star shells. Nothing here to make them start anything - must be they are getting jittery from activity on our flank. Enemy has been heard digging foxholes, as the foxholes there are rather beaten up. (This conversation was Maj Glissen to G-3).
- 1117 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: There is a new 42 ton tank. It has 32 inch track, 90mm gun with muzzle break. Tank being used by 3rd Armored. Known as M-26-E-#3; has extra wide boggies. It has 6" of armor.
- 1120 - The following persons and organizations were notified of the new tank described above and cautioned against accidental firing at this tank should it appear. Red Bn, Capt. Smith, S-3. White Bn, Lt. Chandler, S-2. Blue Bn, duty clerk, Cpl. Wineberg. 745th Tank Bn CP. 634th TD Bn CP. Antitank Co, 1st Sgt. Cannon Co, Lt. Ballard.
- 1145 - Sgt Doskiss, I&R OP: Give this message to Lt. Brown. We lost our OP in the shanty. III Corps flash and sound outfit took it over. For details contact Lt. DWAN, code name - Crinson Baker Ranger.
- 1150 - I&R OP reports that they will operate from the NIGHT OP, at 07733835, because of III Corps taking over the DAY OP.
- 1209 - I&R OP reports: No change in the river. Friendly artillery observed firing phamplet (propaganda) shells on the other side of the river.
- 1218 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1255 - From Sgt Wheeler, Acting Liaison to Div: 9th Inf Div tried to get 2 patrols across the river last night. Lost one man, believed drowned, when boat capsized. 47th Inf Regt patrol went to river site and ran into small arms fire. 78th Inf got a patrol across; received machine gun fire. No further information. 95th American Div is going to 9th Army instead of 7th Army, as previously reported. 8th American Armored going to relieve 7th British Armored. At 2200 hours tonight, 1st Bn of 39th will be relieved by elements of 28th Inf. Relief of 2nd Division by 28th started yesterday.

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- 1300 - 28th Inf S-3 to Clerk: Request permission to fire CAMEL ORANGE (4.2 mortar unit) on 118405. (Lt. Stephens gives OK, saying: "Not any closer than that").
- 1310 - Lt. Stephens to Red Bn: 28th Inf is going to fire 4.2's on 118405.
- 1311 - I&R OP reports: Between 1230 hours and 1300 hours, 3 rounds of enemy light artillery landed approximately 200 yards West of the OP. (OP location 07733835).
- 1325 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6, to Lt. Stephens: Lt. Jackson, I Co just reported that planes just dropped 2 or 3 bombs in back of the I Co positions. Looked like P-47's, although I didn't see them myself.
- 1326 - Lt. Stephens to Col. Fowley, C-3: Gives information of above concerning the bombs behind I Co. Col. Fowley: OK, I'll see what can be done about it.
- 1330 - Lt. Stephens to I&R OP: Did you see some planes drop bombs? Ans: Yes, sir. P-47's; looked like they bombed in the vicinity of Pt. 78.
- 1340 - Lt. Kestlinger, LO to 28th Inf., to Lt. Stephens: 28th Inf is of the opinion that 30 vehicles are going across the bridge that Maj. Smith, S-3, mentioned. Ans: 80 are going across.
- 1355 - Blue Bn reports: I Co reports that the enemy throws shells every time a jeep goes up the road with its wind shield up.
- 1410 - I&R OP reports: 1315 hours, a large column of black smoke between Pt 1 and Pt 11. 1321 hours, friendly planes bombed Pt 50 and 78. 1338 hours, bombs were dropped on DUREN.
- 1412 - Capt. Rodly, 103 AA (MAYFAIR), to Lt. Stephens: I was wondering if it would be worth while bringing incendiary ammunition, or not. I would rather come down a day before the one that was planned. Lt. Stephens: I will find out about it.
- 1445 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Do you have any recommendations on last night's firing? Ans: I think it is OK, everything is satisfactory. Red 3: The school house is burning. Maj. Smith: No good. That was supposed to be the CP. We have a new tank. Possibly A Co can look at it at the same time the 3rd Bn looks at it.
- 1450 - Maj. Smith to Blue Bn, Capt. Booth: For the shoot tonight, do not shoot anymore 81's than is specified, they knock the road apart too much. (Set up for showing new tank made).
- 1500 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Red 6, Col. Driscoll: Is there any change on the way you want to cross the river? Ans: No, not if the plans stay as is.
- 1502 - Blue Bn reports: 1305 hours, large fire around Pt 20, also some bombing to the front. Ack-Ack seen at Pt 26.
- 1505 - I&R OP reports negative.

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- 1510 - 28th Inf, S-3 to Capt. Clark: Our G Co is getting small arms from the Southwest. Are any of your companies firing? Capt. Clark: I'll check and see, all our training is going on back in the woods.
- 1515 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder: You doing any small arms firing?
Ans: No.
- 1520 - Capt. Clark to Red 3, Capt. Smith: Any small arms going out there? Ans: No.
- 1530 - Div Air Officer to Lt. Lynch: Would like to know about this bombing in your area today. What the damage is or what casualties you had.
Lt. Lynch: I'll check, and call you back.
- 1535 - Lt. Lynch to Blue 3: Can you give me some information on the bombing today? Blue 3: OP reported that a bomb landed this side of the river. We have no report of any damage. I'll check and call you back.
- 1539 - Blue 3 to Lt. Lynch: That bomb landed behind I Co, there was no damage and no casualties. It just scared the hell out of a lot of people.
- 1543 - Lt. Lynch to Div Air Officer: On that bombing, there was no damage or casualties. Air Officer: It was an accident. The bomb dropped by accident. Planes were working for unit on our left.
- 1620 - I&R OP reports: 1520 hours, 1 small vehicle moving N in vicinity of Pt 133. 1525 hours, 1 small truck going S, vicinity of Pt 133. 1605 hours, 1 horse drawn vehicle at Pt 120, going North. 1605 hours, 1 bicycle at same point, going south. 1610 hours, 1 large vehicle going South at Pt 120.
- 1622 - Blue Bn reports: At 1555 hours, 8 fighter bombers bombed town of NIEDERAU, 300 yards East of Pt 31.
- 1630 - Red 2 to Lt. Lynch: Shell report for today is: 45 rounds of 81mm mortar, 26 rounds of light artillery.
- 1640 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: Shell report: 2 rounds 50mm, 35 rounds of 75mm, 3 rounds of 105mm, 15 rounds of 150mm, 3 rounds of 88mm.
- 1641 - S-3 to Maj. Smith to Red 3, Capt. Smith: Tomorrow night 4 officers and 35 men of 299th Engrs will be coming in the factory by B Co. Set aside a place for them to set up the Hqs and to sleep. Also take care of feeding them. A foot bridge will be in the night of the 23rd, about two 2½ ton loads will be carried and hidden down by B Company.
- 1645 - S-2 to Delight: Shell report - Artillery - 75 lights and 20 mediums; mortars - 5 light and 55 medium.
- 1647 - S-2 to G-2: Shell report - (same as above).

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- 1658 - Blue Bn OP reports: 3 enemy vehicles and 1 horse and wagon on road 224415, going North.
- 1700 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Have you finished your firing? Ans: Yes, I guess so. Why? S-3: No more firing small arms. The 28th Infantry's chemical mortars, and the Engrs are complaining about being made uncomfortable by the small arms. Ans: OK, I'll stop.
- 1710 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: Don't fire any more small arms tomorrow. Fire anything else. Ans: Don't fire 60's, because they were landing near our 81's.
- 1714 - Capt. Clark to AT Co: Same message as above.
- 1715 - I&R OP reports: At 1635 hours, 1 small truck seen going south, 500 yards East of Pt 52. 1646 hours, 1 large white truck seen going North at Pt 80. 1700 hours, large column of black smoke in vicinity of Pt 36.
- 1830 - Blue Bn reports: At 1705 hours OP reported possible Gas DP hit at 195418. At 1725 hours, an AA gun position was spotted in woods at 135389.
- 1835 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder: About the trucks. Lt. Kaye will take 3 trucks and jeep. Ans: OK.
- 1930 - Red 6 to S-3: Your I&R is arriving in G Company. It is 5 men and that is five too many. There are too many people up here. S-3: OK send them back.
- 2000 - I&R OP gives negative report.
- 2005 - Blue Bn reports: At 1835 hours, OP reported smoke coming from house at 136383. Artillery firing on it now. At 1930 hours, 1 round of 105mm came from 110 degrees, 6000 yards out by sound. 1940 hours, 1 red flare at 50 degrees, 5000 yards, and airplane overhead believed to be taking pictures.
- 2100 - I&R OP reports: Lot of small arms fire across the river by DUREM. It is mostly enemy fire.
- 2101 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: At 2025 hours, OP reported 3 red flares at 10 degrees, 6000 yards.
- 2105 - S-4 to Lt. Stephens: DAO wants to borrow a Weasel from us. I'll see them have one from the 2nd Bn. It is just for 1 day.
- 2112 - I&R OP reports: OP is now back in original spot and will work from there.
- 2115 - 28th Inf S-3 to Clerk: Our gondola unit will be working down in front of our White unit. Would like you to be a little carefull in that area.

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- 2117 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3: 28th Inf is going to have some engineers working tonight over on your left. So if you see or hear something out there, check on it first.
- 2205 - Blue Bn reports: At 2105 hours, OP reported 3 white shell flares at 110 degrees, 2000 yards. Machine gun firing 40 degrees, 2000 yards. At 2150 hours, small arms fire 175 degrees, 3000 yards. 1 red flare 35 degrees, 2500 yards. Airburst at 20 to 25 degrees, 4000 yards. Between 2120 hours, and 2145 hours, at 45 - 80 and 90 degrees, 8 flares. They are star shape flares and stay up a couple of minutes. At 2150 hours, 1 round of 75mm, landed 200 yards to left of OP, came from 170 degrees.
- 2207 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Our contact patrol came across a jeep that was hit by a mine. The jeep was from the 28th Inf, 5 men in jeep were wounded. 28th Infantry knows about it.
- 2210 - 28th Inf to Lt. Stephens: Our engineers that are working out there are getting fire from your sector. Lt. Stephens: I'll check on it.
- 2212 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3: 28th Inf called and said that his Engineers that are working out there are getting fire from your sector. Red 3: I'll check the companies.
- 2214 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: None of our companies have fired a shot.
- 2215 - Lt. Stephens to 28th Inf: Checked with our Red Bn and they say that they have not fired a round.
- 2217 - I&R OP to Clerk: Enemy artillery landing along the river front to the left of the OP.
- 2230 - G-3 to S-3: People on the North want to hit KREUZAU with Fighter-bombers. They'll be under our control. Have you any objections? Ans: We definitely don't want it.
- 2259 - I&R OP to clerk: Enemy machine gun fire across river near DUREN firing across the river.
- 2302 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 2305 - Blue Bn reports: Lot of small arms fire going on, what does Red report? Ans: Negative.
- 2309 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Have you any report of bombing or straffing? Lt. Stephens: No, we have not. G-2: Lot of stuff going on across the river.
- 2312 - S-3 to Red 6: What is going on up there? Ans: Nothing, were getting some artillery, so we threw some back.

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- 2315 - Blue Bn reports: 2310 hours, OP reported high velocity weapon (77mm) from 160 degrees, 5000 yards, landed 200 to 500 yards beyond the OP. Ack-Ack battery (3 guns) at 140 degrees, 6000 yards. Lot of enemy machine guns firing East of OP. M Company reports 7 rounds of 77mm landed in their area.
- 2331 - 7th FA to Capt. Clark: All that activity out front is British Air Activity in front of 104th Division.
- 2348 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 2400 - I&R OP reports negative.

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- 0010 to 0204 hours, all units report negative. Capt. Clark, duty officer, gives hourly negative reports to G-3.
- 0258 - I&R OP reports: At 0256 hours, small arms fire observed north of the OP.
- 0259 - Blue Bn reports: OP observes friendly and enemy machine gun fire at 30 degrees, 800 yards, at 0257 hours.
- 0308 - Capt. Clark gives items above to G-3.
- 0400 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - I&R OP reports: At 0325 hours, very heavy small arms fire to the northeast. More of the same at 0330 to 0354 hours; both friendly and enemy fire.
- 0407 - Red Bn reports Negative. Capt. Clark reports item of 0405 hours to G-3.
- 0450 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0500 - I&R OP reports: At 0408 hours, small arms fire northeast of OP in vicinity of NEIDERAU, also machine gun east of NEIDERAU. Red Bn reports negative. (Lt. Lynch, Dagwood duty officer).
- 0558 - I&R OP reports: From 0530 to 0555 hours, white phosphorous shell observed 5000 yards east of OP, believed to be friendly. At 0545 hours, one gun flash at 105 degrees or 1873 mils, lasted 20 seconds and landed 250 yards east of OP.
- 0610 - 28th Inf, S-2, to Lt. Lynch: Conversation concerns a SP gun in the vicinity of NEIDERAU, north of STOCKHEIM.
- 0620 - Lt. Lynch reports item of 0558 hours to G-2.
- 0640 - Lt. Lamb, G-3, to Lt. Lynch: Lt. Lynch gives item of 0558 hours.
- 0645 - Lt. Lynch to Lt. Wood, TFD Davison: Anything to report? Ans: Nothing since 0400 hours. Beginning at 1900 hours last night, we had mortar fire. (The following information was given to Lt. Lynch from The TFD journal): At 0251 hours, digging at 089357; one Bn fired 1 volley and stopped it. At 2105 hours, digging at 085349. At 2155 hours, Recon asked for fire at defensive fire point #3, 096583660. The third platoon had received one round of enemy artillery. The 26th Inf to TFD left flank, reported receiving enemy machine gun fire from their direct front. At 2350 hours, an 81mm officer reported to the 26th Inf, that he was getting 66% duds. Lots will be checked with ordnance. At 2400 hrs, negative report. At 2430 hrs, mortars reported by 3rd platoon as coming from white house 097367, believed to be pill box. 26th Inf, fired on same and activity stopped. Eight inch "How" will be layed on it today. At 0315 hrs, lights showing from 09073590. Bn fired 1 volley and stopped them. 0500 to 0800 hours; negative.

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- 0650 - Red Bn reports negative. Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0600 - Lt. Steinway, G-2 to Lt. Lynch: Did you see the plane? Ans: Yes, I did. G-2: Would you say that it was afire? Lt. Lynch: No, I couldn't. G-2: I saw two first, and then one.
- 0805 - Lt. Lynch to I&R OP: What information can you give me on the planes? Ans: There were 3 in the 9th Army Sector, and 2 over our lines to our rear. All seemed to be fighter-bombers. I believe that they dropped two bombs in the 9th Army sector. One circled to our rear lines and then went south. (Planes mentioned in above conversations drew heavy flak from our Ack-Ack units).
- 0810 - Lt. Lynch gives report of above item to G-2.
- 0811 - Blue Bn reports one plane over Bn area.
- 0812 - I&R OP reports: Confirms number of bombs dropped, as two; number of planes overhead as three; and more planes, number unknown, to our rear lines. All planes going in direction of GERMANY. Report fire still burning below town of DUREN. Reports low ground haze, can see beyond river.
- 0900 - I&R OP reports: 3 or 4 enemy shells landed on the side of the hill. No details.
- 0912 - Lt. Brown, S-2, to Blue Bn: Will you find out how many shells fell in your area between 1800 hours and 0800 hours? Ans: Yes, sir. (Same report asked for from Red and White Bns).
- 0914 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: We didn't receive shell fire. Lt. Brown: The flash and sound outfit claimed they picked up 60 positions. We think this to be false -- probably GERMAN demolitions.
- 0918 - I&R OP reports: Ground haze. At 0845 hours, 12 rounds of enemy artillery fire landed in vicinity of GEY. Smoke coming from STOCKHEIM; indicates guns may be there.
- 0928 - Red Bn reports: 10 rounds, 76mm, 30 rounds, 88mm; 20 rounds, 81mm; 10 rounds of bazooka fire; 1 bomb.
- 0929 - Blue Bn reports: 1 round of 75mm; 16 rounds of 77mm; 8 rounds of 81mm.
- 0929 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Capt. Oelze, G-2: Things were very quiet on the whole front. We had 57 rounds of light artillery and 28 rounds of mortar. G-2: The division front was quiet. VII Corps, 8th Div., and 9th Div., all reported negative.
- 0930 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Do you have a Field Order for the coming event? Ans: No, we do not have; don't know what we will do. G-3: Have you anything in writing? Ans: No, but we have it layed on.

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- 0932 - I&R OP reports: An enemy gun which we have been unable to pick up has dropped about 5 rounds to our right rear; in the last 10 minutes. Friendly artillery has dropped a few rounds in and around the vicinity of the church across from B Co. Visibility is clearing up fast.
- 1008 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 1010 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1017 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting Div Liaison, reports: Concertina wire reported at 089357. Heard enemy digging at 085349, harassed it with mortars. From 2000 to 2030 hours, (21 Feb), enemy armor was reported by 9th Div., but there was no details as to the direction, etc. 2315 hours (21 Feb) SF gun reported at 199377.
- 1024 - Maj. McKoan, S-4, reports all of the grappling hooks are ready. S-3 says they are all to go to the 1st Bn.
- 1030 - I&R OP reports: Some heavy artillery was landing in town of DROVE around 1000 hours. One large fire was started, but it has died down now. Some light artillery has been falling on Pt. 78.
- 1032 - S-3 to Capt. Booth, Blue Bn: Want measurements on the inside with of Weasel, inside width of a track, and measurements of German $\frac{1}{2}$ track. Ans: OK.
- 1052 - S-3 to Red 6: Four quadruple 50's going into position after dark tonight on I Co's left flank. Will move one track every 10 minutes. Under control of Lt. Wilbur. Tie phone line in with them. Red 6: I've talked with those people; it is all layed-on. S-3: It looks like it will go up north tomorrow. At 0250 hours, one Bn is to take town of SPOCKHEIM, and at 0330 hours the other two Bn's cross and reduce NEIDRAU, Red 6: We will be prepared to go in two days. Ans: That is right. (Conversation continues with discussion of engineer work, quadruple 50's, etc.
- 1100 - I&R OP reports: 3 or 4 days ago, we picked up an enemy OP at 135405; just now someone fired 3 or 4 rounds of HE at it. One round hit to the right and one in front. They did no damage. Visibility is good, but there is no enemy movement. Our 81mm mortars are firing at houses on north edge of woods, 50 yards north of point 127.
- 1112 - Capt. Booth, 3rd Bn to S-3: Measurements you asked for: Weasel, with 20 inches; inside track $25\frac{1}{2}$ inches; total outside measurement 66 inches. German $\frac{1}{2}$ track, track $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches, outside track $52\frac{1}{2}$ inches, total outside measurement $75\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Jeep, inside measurement $42\frac{1}{2}$ inches, total outside measurement $66\frac{1}{2}$ inches. (S-3 reports jump off of people up north set for 0250 hours).
- 1122 - I&R Reports visibility good, no sign of enemy movement.

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- 1130 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Thomas, 7th FA: What's name of those self-propelled vehicles? Ans: MANPOWER. S-3: What is the numerical designation? Ans: "I'll find out and call you back. (987 FA).
- 1134 - Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks to Lt. Brown, S-2: What is new? Ans: Nothing new; something may go tomorrow. Capt. Carroll: Lots of people on your left. Ans: Yes. Capt. Carroll: Did you send anyone over last night? Ans: No.
- 1136 - I&R OP reports: At 1120 hours, 105mm gun firing to Point 062 to 063. At 1125 hours, at 100 degrees, 9 seconds flash-bang count, an 88mm dropped 4 shells southwest corner of WINDEN.
- 1140 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Col. Gibb: "Troxell" called and said no change.
- 1145 - General ANDRUS to Col. Gibb: Looks like things will go on schedule, so be ready. Ans: We are all set to go. (Conversation continues with a discussion of the strength of Headquarters Company).
- 1200 - Capt1 Oelze, G-2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: There are some Signal Photo people coming down after lunch to photograph mortar and grappling hooks affair. They will check in with you first. Ans: Fine; is there anything new? Ans: No.
- 1210 - Capt. Oelze to Lt. Brown: What time is the show today? Ans: About 1500 hours; will find out and call you.
- 1212 - I&R OP reports: Poor visibility, negative report.
- 1215 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Oelze, G-2: The show will not come off today. Grappling hooks sent down to 1st Bn. If anything else develops, will call you and let you know.
- 1222 - Blue Bn reports Negative.
- 1300 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to I&R OP #2: What are the coordinates of your OP? Ans: 06533922.
- 1304 - Lt. Brown, S-2, to I&R OP: Can you get down to WINDEN? Ans: Yes, with jeeps in the daylight or at night.
- 1310 - Red 6 to S-6: The Co down south has to go both ways. S-6: What is your G-2 on the enemy? Ans: Few outpost further back a few mines. S-6: I expect to have a fairly light defense on bank. Col. Crant will be coming up stream the same time you are crossing and might be of some help to you. Get in touch with him and work your crossings in conjunction with one another. Red 6: Capt. Lycas is sick, probably the flu. S-6: Well, he has three more days to get well; who can you replace him with if necessary? Red 6: Probably SARKAS. (Red 6 speaks of buildings up an ammunition store). S-6: Have all the men been oriented? Red 6: Yes, and all practiced with boats.

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- 1315 - I&R OP to Clerk: Artillery has been working over bridge across from B Co. Planes are up and are strafing southeast of the OP; Ack-Ack is firing at planes. Visibility is exceptionally good.
- 1330 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 1340 - I&R OP reports: Artillery has a fire burning in North end of town of KREUZAU, black smoke is billowing up. Identity of burning objective is unknown.
- 1400 - Blue Bn reports: Saw 2 enemy at 1230 hours at coordinates 129382.
- 1405 - Col. Curtis, G-4 to S-5, Col. Horner: What kinds of ration do you intend using? And: D and C. G-4: There are no amphibious weasels available.
- 1406 - S-5 to Red 6: What type of rations do you anticipate? Ans: 3 meals; possibly 2 "C"'s and a "D", or a "K" ration. S-5 says no weasels will be available. Red 6: We will need a raft or a foot bridge then.
- 1415 - Maj. McKeon S-4 to Maj. Smith; S-3: We have 3 dunks. What shall I do with them? Ans: Keep them there. S-4: When will you need them? S-3: Don't expect to use them. Just park them and let the guys go.
- 1430 - I&R OP reports: Visibility the same. At 1446 hours, one round of enemy light artillery landed 400 yards West of OP.
- 1435 - Red Bn reports: Enemy 40mm Ack Ack gun at 125 degrees, sound azimuth. Approximately 2000 yards range, shooting at P-51 planes. 88mm firing into north end of town of WINDEN coming from a 60 degrees sound azimuth. 88mm's takes 3 seconds from time of blast to time shell goes overhead.
- 1445 - Capt. Elder to S-3: I got the message about no weasels. S-3: Going to jump off tomorrow possibly at 0250 hours to 0330 hours, depending on visibility (speaking of people to the north). Lt. Kestlinger will be up tomorrow night with the 23rd when they attack in the morning of the 24th. You will know tomorrow as soon as bridges get fixed. I'll have Capt. Carroll (745th Tanks) move tanks in GEY as soon as other tanks move out.
- 1447 - Red 6 to S-3: I will have TD people meet Lt. Wilbur at the regt. S-3: You will infiltrate tonight, more TD's up tomorrow.
- 1505 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1507 - S-2 to Red 2: Give me shell report from 1600 hours yesterday to 1600 hours today.
- 1515 - I&R OP reports: Our artillery is shelling, has started a fire in KREUZAU between the church and bridge. There is a fire and black smoke, can't identify what is burning.

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- 1520 - I&R OP: At 1450 hours, one enemy scout car observed going north of point 54 into town of KELZ. At 1510 hours, one enemy gun position believed to be an 88mm, shielded in front by barrells at Point 98.
- 1520 - Red Bn shell report: 18 rounds of 50mm; 25 rounds of 61mm; 10 rounds of 76 SP; 30 rounds of 88mm, 1 rocket, 10 rounds of bazooka.
- 1530 - Lt. Brown to Danger: What about the 11th Pz? Ans: They are to the left front, they may have gone to the East and may be in mobile reserve down in 3rd Army front. At our direct front, that is, west of COLOGNE, the 9th Pz Div is located. On line in front of us the 3rd Para Div, 5-8-9 regts are located. The 5th has been committed at 1237. North of that the 85th Div is located. The 105th has never existed since December. At ZULTICH AND EUSKIRCHEN, the 3rd PG Div has been located. It consists of 103 tanks Bn, 8th and 9th PGR. They have 40 tanks and SPs with them southeast of EUSKIRCHEN, the 62nd VG are forming. The 10th SS have not been identified, they might be in front of us. In front of the 28th Inf, the 353rd and 363rd Regts have been located.
- 1600 - 28th Inf to S-3 to Lt. Westlinger: C Co is to send a patrol across the river at 1900 hours. They think they will be able to walk across. We will call when they return.
- 1602 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Red 2: Information of 1530 hours and 1600 hours given.
- 1620 - Blue Bn Shell report: 5 rounds of 75mm; 16 rounds of 77mm; 1 round of 105mm; 8 rounds of 81mm.
- 1630 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Shell report given - 135 rounds of light artillery; 50 rounds of mortar; 10 rounds of bazooka, 1 bomb.
- 1638 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Col. Gibb: Maj. Cockran, 28th Inf is up here and he has certain restrictions in using the bridge. The 28th Inf has a staging area for your vehicles. There is a possibility that your vehicles will be held up. Col. Gibb: In that event, the assault will go across the river (Red Bn). Col. Grant 2nd Bn will attack whenever he gets across the river - a night attack is preferable.
- 1645 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: I have to go over some things with you. Platoon of TD's pulled out at 0600 hours; other TD's into position tomorrow night. Four 50mm machine guns on track. Our MPs will take over the road tomorrow. 155 SP will be with Cannon Co. You and the Col. be here at 1000 hours for details of fire plan. The 299th will move in to your area with boats tonight. Tomorrow night the foot bridge will be moved in.
- 1647 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to 90th Chem. Hqs: Send up an officer to Maj. Smith to pick up some orders.

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- 1650 - Lt. Brown to 7th FA: Gives shell report.
- 1700 - Blue En reports negative.
- 1710 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Col. Gibb: This is the route they want to use - GEY - GROEL * BERZBUIR, then the bridge. They want you to check with them in BERZBUIR, before you get down there, so that in case the bridge is blown-up they will not have your people down there all bunched up. Ans: OK, that is just fine.
- 1712 - I&R OP reports: P-47's bombing DROVE.
- 1715 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: Want clearance to move some TD's at 1830 hours up the road to their position. Have MPs of Div take over the corduroy road on morning of 25th at 0900 hours. Ans: OK, I will take care of that.
- 1725 - I&R OP reports: One enemy Ack Ack gun, 1000 yards east of Pt 96.
- 1727 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: How many observers have you? Ans: Four. Maj. Smith: Want two observers with 2nd En; report up to the 2nd En tomorrow. Come to a meeting at 1000 hours tomorrow for fire plans.
- 1800 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Fire will start at 0400 hours instead of 0330 hours.
- 1802 - Lt. Kestlinger to 7th FA: Fire will start at 0400 hours instead of 0330 hours. (Same message given to Blue En, Cannon Co, 299th Engrs). For Cannon Co: 1. 2315 to 2320 hours, 118405; 2. 2400 to 0005 hours, 129401; 3. 0035 hours to 0040 hours, 13053950; 4. 0115 hours to 0150 hours, 123392; 5. 0210 hours to 0215 hours, 120398; 6. 0300 hours to 0305 hours, 124392; 7. 0330 to 0335 hours, repeat No. 1; 8. 0400 hours to 0405 hours, repeat No. 2; 9. 0425 hours to 0430 hours, repeat No. 3. 10. 0450 hours to 0455 hours, repeat No. 4; 11. 0510 hours to 0515 hours, repeat No. 5; 12. 0620 hours to 0625 hours, repeat No. 6.
- 1830 - I&R OP reports: One large vehicle going south of road to Pt 99.
- 1915 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Smith Red 3: Discuss the shell report.
- 1916 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Discuss shell report and air photos. Blue 2 would like pictures No. 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- 1950 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown, S-2: Can you find out what the air found out today when they worked over DROVE? Ans: OK, I'll try to do that. (Lt. Brown asks G-2 for such a report - they are to call him back.
- 1959 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Niple, Med. Det: Give the 2nd En litter bearers even if you have to take them from the 3rd En.
- 2000 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Lt. Walker Blue 2: Air did not have any targets. They just worked over the roads.

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- 2008 - Capt. Niple to Maj. Smith S-3: We have 20 litter bearers from Army, and 26 from A Co, 1st Medics. How do you want them broken down?
Ans: Get them tomorrow and give 20 to each Bn.
- 2011 - I&R OP reports negative.
- 2015 - Lt. Bashford, G-2 to Lt. Brown: 9th Div reported small groups of enemy active east of Ruhr. Enemy artillery and mortar fire light. Saw 4 enemy vehicles moving S in vicinity of F, 134306. At F 1123 enemy active in morning.
- 2020 - Blue Bn OP reports: At 1930 hours, OP observed six light at 40 degrees and 4000 yards. Two planes were overhead probably taking pictures. 1950 hours, 6 rounds of 150mm at 70 degrees, no estimated range, shells landing 500 yards south of OP.
- 2045 - Blue Bn reports: Planes overhead at 360, 60, and 90 degrees. 40 amber flares were dropped. Ack-Ack is firing. (Presumed to be enemy planes).
- 2046 - 28th Inf S-3 to S-3: Our patrol returned. River was too deep and the current too swift.
- 2105 - I&R OP reports: Friendly machine gun fire observed NE of the OP.
- 2151 - I&R OP reports: Negative.
- 2155 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: We just got a report from 78th Div that enemy paratroopers were dropped at 2040 hours on the ROTGEN-AACHEN road. We do not know yet if it is true or how many.
- 2200 - Lt. Kestlinger notified Red, White and Blue Bns, 745th Tanks, 634th TDs, Antitank Co, Cannon Co, Headquarters Co, 7th Field Artillery, in regard to the unconfirmed report of enemy paratroopers being dropped on the ROTGEN-AACHEN road.
- 2255 - Blue Bn reports: At 2139 hours, OP reported streaks of fire coming from grove (believe German AT bazooka mounted on wheel carriage) fired 20 rounds, landed in vicinity of WINDEN. At 2230 hours, small arms fire and enemy burp gun at 90 degrees and 2000 yards.
- 2300 - I&R OP reports negative. 2400 hours, negative report.

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- 0004 to 0300 - Negative reports submitted by all units, and negative reports submitted to G-3 by Lt. Kestlinger, duty officer.
- 0305 - Blue Bn reports: 0218 hours, OP reports, large fire at 50 degrees and at 10,000 yards. At 35 degrees, 8,000 yards, WP landing. At 0223 hours, at 55 degrees, 3000 yards, SP firing, shells landing near OP.
- 0307 - Red Bn and I&R OP report negative - a large artillery barrage can be observed in the 9th ARMY sector. Lt. Stephens reports negative to G-3.
- 0324 - Lt. Steinway, G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Anything doing? Ans: No. G-2: Any buzz bombs? Ans: No. G-2: One landed between here and the 8th Division.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: No return fire until 0340 hours when six rounds of 75mm came in from 70 to 90 degrees, landing 600 yards south of Blue I OP. At 0350 hours, 4 red star clusters at 45 degrees in the vicinity of STOCKHEIM. Two white flares at 1400 mills, 3000 yds.
- 0415 - Lt. Steinway, G-2 reports: 3rd Bn of 28th Inf well across, receiving some mortar fire. F of the 13th Inf, has one platoon across and is meeting light resistance.
- 0416 - Red Bn reports: Four rounds of artillery and small arms fire observed - nothing else.
- 0421 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Reaction to artillery barrage - nil. G-3: 125 feet of bridge completed, and 75 feet to go. They are opposite town at 112416. Town is being mortared. 1st Bn of the 415th is across; 2 companies of 2nd Bn of 415th across. One company of 413th across. 30th Inf, has one foot bridge across and is fighting in town.
- 0434 - Lt. Steinway, G-2 reports: 28th Inf, has one company on the 1st Phase Line. North crossing is limited. Current swift and caused some casualties and swamped a few boats.
- 0500 - Blue Bn reports: Small arms fight with machine guns to left front. "L" Co reports two casualties from engineers who are working near "L" Co from short round at 0410 hours.
- 0500 - Red Bn reports negative and Lt. Brown reports same to G-3.
- 0510 - 28th Inf #3 to Lt. Brown: Can you lay mortar fire on KREUZAU? They are firing mortars on us from there. Ans: I'll see what I can do.
- 0512 - Lt. Brown S-2, to 7th FA: 28th Inf, is getting fire from KREUZAU. Can you shoot at it? Ans: Yes, in about 15 minutes.

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- 0515 - Lt. Brown to Cannon Co: 28th Inf, getting fire from KREUZAU. Can you shoot at it? Ans: We are shooting at it now.
- 0518 - Lt. Brown gives above information concerning KREUZAU to 28th Inf.
- 0525 - G-3 to Lt. Brown: 3rd Bn of 28th, all across; lost lots of equipment and arms. 1st Bn of 28th has elements across and has had boat trouble. 104th has 9 Co's over; "I" Co at 103473, "K" Co at 108465, "G" Co at 101515. 30th Inf, has one Bn over, and bridge is in.
- 0530 - I&R OP reports: Considerable amount of gun flashes can be observed and machine gun fire - nothing else.
- 0535 - 7th FA to Lt. Brown: We will fire on the East edge of KREUZAU in about 6 or 8 minutes. (Lt. Brown relays this information to 28th Inf).
- 0600 - Red and Blue Bns report negative.
- 0603 - Lt. Brown to G-3: "L" Co reported 2 casualties from Engineers.
- 0605 - I&R OP reports: Fires burning along the river.
- 0609 - 28th Inf to Lt. Brown: Can you get started on Screen #6? Ans: OK. (Lt. Brown calls 90th Chem Wpns concerning the smoke screen. 90th does not have Screen by number - asks for coordinates). 28th Inf furnishes coordinates at - 119403 and 12054020; this is passed on to 90th Cheml. Wpns, with instructions to keep screen on until ordered to lift.
- 0624 - Lt. Steinway G-2 to Lt. Brown: Forward elements of "K" of the 28th at 132411. B Co almost over the river. No bridge across as yet. No change reported in enemy identification.
- 0638 - G-3 to Lt. Brown: We have a new location on "K" of 28th Inf; they are at 142406.
- 0652 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0702 - I&R OP reports: Enemy gun flashes at 1305 mils.
- 0715 - Red Bn to Lt. Brown: Except for quite a bit of artillery, we have a negative report. We had 4 men wounded and 2 killed.
- 0720 - Lt. Brown to G-3: We have a negative report except for some artillery fire in B Co area, wounding 4 men and killing 2. Happened about 0630 hours.
- 0723 - Lt. Brown to 28th Inf: In regard to the smoke, do you still want it? Ans: Yes, sir. S-2: Is that right about "K" being way forward? Ans: Yes, Sir. S-2: Do you have a bridge in yet? Ans: No, not yet.
- 0732 - Capt. Baker, 90th Cheml Wpns to Lt. Brown: Was wondering if you still want the smoke? Ans: Yes, they still want it.