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- 1600 - Capt. Armstrong to S-3: Had a little good and bad luck up in that little town forward. Lost 2 TD's; leaves White with only one operating. One lost track, if I can do some hammering up there, I'll be able to repair it. S-3: OK, do it tomorrow.
- 1612 - MESSAGE: White Bn to CO 16th Inf: F Co at Pt 99. E Co cleaned out pocket east of 98 and is moving towards 100.
- 1625 - PW reports: 1st Co 352nd AT Bn, had 12 - 75 AT guns, of which 2 were destroyed in BOIGH. 2nd Co, 353 Fus Bn, trains are in VETTWEISZ. The Co came last night from LEVERSBACH. About 2 days ago 60 men from 353rd Repl Bn - left GLADBACH and were attached to 353rd Fus Bn.
- 1629 - S-2 to G-2: (Forwards above PW reports).
- 1642 - Red 3 to S-3: Here is as much as we have now. A is 200 yards SE of 98. C has just made the left turn on the trail going to 117. It is tough terrain going thru those woods. B is still in the town.
- 1647 - G-3 to S-3: The Engineers will do the same work they are doing now, but will be under command of 1st Engrs. They are detached effective 1700 hours.
- 1700 - RADIO MESSAGE FROM CANNON CO: Enemy tanks at 167579.
- 1700 - Maj. Smith to 26th Inf S-3: Maj. Glissen said that he was going to send A Co to relieve G. I understand G is still in position. We can use that extra Co with White Bn. Maj. Glissen: A platoon of tanks and TD's have been in position in southern half of town since 1500 hours.
- 1702 - Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: You can get us thru White Bn board.
- 1710 - S-3 to White 3: I just called Maj. Glissen and he said A Co was in position of G Co since 3 PM. White 6: F requests fire on two tanks, 161371, 164372, SE of Point 100. E Co west of point 190. I want to consolidate with E and F in with Red Bn. I only have four tanks and one TD. S-3: Reports that 3rd Armored captured town at 2251. They have a Bn of 13th Infantry out there.
- 1735 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Bn 5's - It is your responsibility to send PWS back to Regt'l cage. We don't have the vehicles to bring them back. (Maj. Smith - White 5: E 150 yards west of Pt 100, pinned down by direct fire).
- 1745 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to S-3: F Co at point 100. E Co has 29 PWS. F Co reports Tanks and Infantry in SOLLER. Fire received 150 yards from point 100. Northeast of FRANGENHEIM between point 102 and 113, also SP guns. Try to get some fire on the west. S-3: I'll get all the arty up there that I can. White 2: There are 45 PWS that E Co wants to get rid of; they are in DROVE now.

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- 1750 - S-3 to G-3: I'm still looking for my light tanks. We were supposed to get a platoon. We need them. The bailey bridge will be in by 1800 hours. Putting finishing touches on it now.
- 1755 - Capt. Clark notifies all Bns: You will be able to use the bailey bridge, only one way to this side.
- 1800 - S-6 to Red FWD #6: What is the dope? Ans: Running into a lot of enemy and some tanks at 117, South east. Haven't got any TD's up yet. E Co reported 2 Tiger Tanks SE of them. I have two Co's committed and B Co is still in DROVE. If I get in any trouble, I'll hold up. S-6: Keep shoving them around.
- 1800 - PWI reports: 17 PWs from 1st Bn - 7th Co, 8th Para Regt, came with some 60 men from FRUITZHEIM, 2 days ago. Had 25 casualties by artillery in woods East of DROVE.
- 1814 - S-3 to White 2: Your light tanks will be up in the town in 5 minutes. Try and feed them if you can. White 2: E Co reports 4 tanks and a lot of infantry going into SOLLER. Beldeve Red Bn is chasing them. S-3: Get Scott to lay a "Stomp" on them right away. (Scott is FO for arty).
- 1815 - PWI reports: 26 PWs, 22 from 1st Co 600 Engrs Bn. One, 7th Co, 8th Para Regt. One, 5th Co, 8th Para Regt. One, 16th Co, 6th Para Regt. One, 2nd Co, 941st Regt.
- 1820 - Above PW information given to G-2.
- 1905 - Col. Gibb to Col. Driscoll, Red G: How are things going? Ans: Not too good, quite a few enemy in front of them, got a few enemy PWs now. They don't know where they are, trails are running all over the place. Our own artillery is falling on "A", we are getting it called off.
- 2000 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth: You contact 2nd Bn at Pt 99 tonight. 1st and 2nd Bns will hold where they are for tonight and reorganize. 2nd Bn is a little tied up by the woods. Will probably be a push for SOLLER in the morning. How are you doing? Ans: All companies tied in physically good observation to the front. S-3: How is road 79 to 80? Ans: Road is pretty good. S-3: 18th jumping for JACOBWULLESHEIM tomorrow. Send a patrol out towards Pt 68, up to house and back. Ans: I will have K Co send the patrol out.
- 2007 - Decoy (18th Inf) S-2 to Lt. Stephens: How are things? Ans: Gives Bn positions that they will have for tonight.
- 2018 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green G-2: 1st and 2nd Bns holding up short of town. A Co at 158368, and B Co 156364, facing east. Buttoning up for the present. G-3: How far are you from the town? Ans: About 800 yards to go to edge of town. Enemy has about eight tanks and several co's of infantry. Getting lots of fire from south and southeast. G-3: Notorious (9th Div) will push towards THUM. S-3: We will patrol to front of us tonight, generally east. What will be for us tomorrow? Ans: You will be going for 2nd Objective, and then hold up there to see how others do.

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- 2025 - Col. Grant to S-6: I want to go after SOLLER. I'll use F Co with 2 tanks and TD's followed up by G Co with platoon of light tanks. I'll have Stan push his right flank into town. I'll leave about 0900 or 0930 hours. S-6: OK, go ahead. Make your own arrangements with the artillery.
- 2030 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Lt. Brown: We took a few PWs who were on patrol. They were from 5th Co, 8th Para Regt. 7th Co is east of Pt 117. Bn CP in FRANCHHEIM at 180355. Saw two tiger tanks 500 yards South of SOLLER. Also five tanks entered SOLLER from south. We are also sending 3 civilians back that were picked up by 1st Bn.
- 2030 - 1st Bn reports: We have 2 more prisoners. The 1st was picked up by A Co. He is from 1st Co, 600 Engr Bn., from NOVENICH. They left at 0100 hours last night and went to SOLLE. Left SOLLER this morning and took positions in woods between Pt 100 and 117. Engrs Co has 60 to 70 men in it. Consists of 3 platoons, each has 3 machine guns, no bazookas or other antitank weapons. Saw 2 or 3 enemy tanks 300 yards south of Pt 100. They didn't receive any artillery from us. Company Commanded by a Captain but PW did not know his name. They left BLANKENHEIM last Saturday night. Other prisoner was from 2nd Company, 353rd Repl Regt. His company comm anded by Capt. HEINSEN. About 100 men in company.
- 2045 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to 1st Bn: What is the story on the civilians? Ans: I don't know anything about it. S-2: 2nd Bn said you turned them over to them. Ans: No, we didn't. We took 39 PWs today.
- 2050 - Lt. Brown to Lt. Chandler, White 2: What is the story on the civilians? Ans: We checked back and can't say who turned them over to us. They are on the way back now.
- 2102 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith, S-3: We are jumping at 2130 hours, and will try to get the town. G will follow F in with light tanks. Lt. Campbell (Antitank) only has AT Guns (2). We lost 2 tracks today. We need one right away to pull AT gun. Would like 3rd Bn to block road around 81. Could we get that? Ans: Not at 81, will block it at 67. White 3: Once F Co drives, we would like some kind of patrol from I Co to establish contact. We only have one M-10. We saw tiger tanks and M-10 is only thing that will stop them. Ans: I will check on it.
- 2106 - Capt. Clark to Antitank Co: One of your tracks is knocked out at 2nd Bn. Ans: I know, we have a mechanic there now. I don't have any orders to replace it.
- 2110 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Brooks: 2nd Bn jumps at 2130 hours tonight for SOLLER. We want you to put two strings of mines across main road at 67. Can you get your M-10's back to DROVE? Ans: I think we can. S-3: OK, turn them over to 2nd Bn to be used after they get town. Ans: OK.
- 2114 - Capt. Clark to 631st TD's, Capt. Armstrong: We are switching over your 3rd platoon with 3rd Bn, to the 2nd Bn.

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- 2120 - Col. Barnes to Col. Gibb: Talked about moving Division CP to the Dagwood CP when CT-16 moves on tomorrow.
- 2125 - Lt. Lynch reports: TFW-1860, TFL 1959 and 195585; TTY-198544; TFK - 2354, TFD - 235520.
- 2135 - Maj. Edmonds to Capt. Clark: (Capt. Clark gives information on the location of all units).
- 2147 - Capt. Elder to Capt. Clark: F Co did jump at 2130 hours. That is all I have now.
- 2150 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown S-2: We sent back 7 PW's.
- 2200 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ans: 3rd Armored is in ELLSDORF. (1860) and ELATSDORF (225515). How about SOLLER? Ans: We are going after that tonight.
- 2204 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Clark: We got a report from Cannon Co, from Lt. Carpenter, that F Co is in town. Don't know anymore about them. G Co has just left here. They said to send G Co up.
- 2224 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Col. Gibb: I just wanted to question a couple things. Did you say that at 2130 hours tonight you were attacking SOLLER? Ans: Yes, we attacked and are in SOLLER. We got the information thru arty channels that F Co is in SOLLER and to send G up. G-3: Are you prepared to move forward? Ans: No, not until one of my flanks is protected so I can pull one of my battalions to push forward. G-3: You have to be prepared to go to VETTWELISZ tomorrow. S-6: OK, I will pull out my 3rd Bn in the morning. What is mission of the 9th Div? G-3: To establish a bridgehead and protect flank. How are your casualties? (S-6) Not too bad. About 120 so far. I want to get the 26th up as soon as possible to relieve my Bn.
- 2245 - Capt. Elder to Capt. Clark: The TD's are in DROVE need 6 cans of water, 150 gallons of Diesel and 6 boxes 30 cal MG ammo. Can you get it to him? Ans: I'll check and let you know.
- 2247 - Above information is given to Capt. Armstrong of 634th TD's.
- 2248 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Armstrong: Get that stuff up as soon as possible.
- 2310 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to I&R platoon: You move out at 0700 hours.
- 2320 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: Here is the situation. B Company, in DROVE now, will move through Pt 99 to SOLLER, where F and G Co are now. When they get there, they will attack with platoon of tanks for the town. A and B in vicinity of Pt 117, will attack due east in morning for FRANKENHEIM. I want you to assemble in vicinity of Pt 99 and push out and capture VETTWELISZ. Establish road blocks at Pt 70-85 and 86 on railroad. 1st Bn will protect your right flank. 2nd Bn will protect right flank at FRANKENHEIM. 18th is going for JACOBWULLESHEIM. You will have 5 tanks and 4 TD's and platoon of Antitank and platoon of Engrs. 18th should be in STOCKHEIM now.

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- 2335 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to Capt. Clark: The 2nd Bn is fighting in SOLLER. 3rd is going for VETTWEISZ tomorrow. I want 5 tanks with them.
Ans: OK, they are there.
- 2335 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes: I am pushing all night with 1st and 2nd Bns, tonight, and from SOLLER will attack FRANKENHEIM, we will push out for VETTWEISZ. Ans: Our main job is to protect flank of Corps. We can't get you out on a limb like that. S-6: I will wind up with 2nd Bn just south of FRANKENHEIM, 3rd facing northeast and 1st Bn facing south. G-5: Don't push for further town until we are set up north. We will have 26th relieve your Bn. How are you fixed up on tanks and TD's? Ans: Not good. Only have 6 TD's left out of 12, and are short 2 tanks. G-5: I will see what I can do for you.
- 2340 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Lt. Johnson, 1st Engrs A Co: Contact platoon leader with 2nd Bn and tell him that he is attached to 3rd Bn as of 0800 hours in the morning.
- 2345 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Elder, White 3: Martinez is detached from you as of 0800 hours and goes to 3rd Bn. Lt. Johnson will take care of any Engr problems you have.
- 2355 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Armstrong, 63rd TD's: How many TD's do you have in 2nd Bn and 3rd platoons? Ans: 4 TD's under 3rd platoon leader. S-3: I want them to be ready by 1100 hours to jump with the 3rd Bn. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 2352 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Randall, 18th Inf: Infiltration around eastern edge of your 1st Bn. I have passed that point with everything and with my mission to take VETTWEISZ, I would like you to take care of it. My B Co is on way up to SOLLER. The mission I get from Div is for 26th to protect my right flank. It appears a patrol got in to east of your 1st Bn, and right flank is wide open. I got G and F in town of SOLLER. Moving B from DROVE to SOLLER. At daylight E Co, A and B at 155365 facing north, and south will push east. 3rd Bn from STOCKHEIM to SOLLER will push out for VETTWEISZ. 1st Bn from 187366 to 205372. 2nd Bn from 167363 over to 187365. I have to have my 2nd Bn relieved to go to VETTWEISZ.
- 2358 - Capt. Parsons, G-3 to Lt. Brown: 18th Sent a reinforced platoon to town of "J". Enemy there but platoon staying there - 2 companies are now going out to reinforce them.
- 2359 - Above information given to Lt. Walker, Blue 2.

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- 0056 - Capt. Smith S-3 to Mr. Lipinski: B Co is moving out now. A few rounds of artillery landed near us, and the other two companies. Four more prisoners have been taken.
- 0100 - 26th Inf S-3 to Col. Gibb: I have only two rifle companies in DROVE. Cannot get the rest over because the roads are jammed. S-6: There is a possibility of an infiltration from the SW on the right flank of B Co, but I don't think it will be very much of a threat. Ans: OK, I just wanted to let you know the situation.
- 0102 - Blue Bn reports: At 0032 OP reported a large fire SE of SOLLER.
- 0110 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: A, B and C Co's are getting a little artillery fire. Nothing else to report.
- 0215 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: SOLLER is ours now. G Co is on S end of town and extends E and W. F and E, NE and W ends of town. AT guns going into position now. F Co took two officers PW, and 38 enlisted men - 5 civilians. Had one enlisted man WIA. E Co is pushing one platoon out to the woods and tie in with G Co. B Co is E of 99. Engineers filling 3 craters in the road, between 99 and the town. Tanks and TD's in the town.
- 0223 - PWI, Sgt. Snyder, reports: 12 PW's from White. 9 from 6th Co, 8th Para Regt; one from Hq. 600 Engr Bn; two from 2nd Co 943 Inf Regt.
- 0235 - Mr. Lipinski to Red Bn: What is doing? Ans: Nothing. B Co is on the move. We are still getting artillery fire.
- 0245 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives reports as above for the past hour. G-3: 18th C Co is in town. A and B are on way up. When they finished cleaning up, they will go on.
- 0300 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: 14 PW's from 600 Engr Bn; 2 Officers from 600 Engr Bn; 24 from 353 Pz YEAGER Div; and 7 civilians.
- 0315 - Blue Bn reports to Mr. Lipinski: At 0240 hours OP reported small arms fire at 90 degrees and at 800 yards. I Co patrol returned and reported no contact with the enemy.
- 0325 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report. G-3: Town of "J" is clear. C and B Co's move when G Co gets to STOCKHELM. They are sending one platoon East.
- 0327 - Mr. Lipinski gives PW breakdown of previous reports to G-2.
- 0345 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: B Co jumped from SOLLER about 0330 hours.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: At 0315 hours, OP reported 3 enemy guns at 110 degrees and at 3000 yards. Estimated 75mm, fired or around each. (Reported to artillery).

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- 0415 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Everything is quiet up here. Chow wagons on way up to companies. B Co passed thru at Pt 119.
- 0420 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Knight G-3: B Co jumped off from SOLLER for FRANKENHEIM at 0330. So far no report from them. Ans: 9th Div closed about 0240 hours.
- 0435 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: B Co reported one tank knocked out on way to town but didn't say whose tank. Very dark to clear houses. They are into the town and doing OK.
- 0515 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: B Co is on their objective. Only one casualty; 5 PW's. The tank was reported knocked out was an enemy tank.
- 0518 - Mr. Lipinski gives above reports to G-3.
- 0600 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: How are things going? Ans: OK, (gives above reports). G-2: Town of JACOBWULLESHEIM was cleared. 18th Infantry reports receiving some artillery fire near river. 26th Inf reports getting some mortar fire. They have towns of B and D.
- 0610 - Lt. Brown S-2 to I&R: Are you ready to shove off? Ans: At 0700 hours. S-2: Check in with 2nd Bn, before you leave and use your 28h radio.
- 0623 - Lt. Brown to 2nd Bn: My I&R platoon is starting out at 0700 hours from SOLLER and patrolling towards VETTWESISZ, so will you see they get through your road block O K? Ans: Right.
- 0625 - Lt. Brown S-2 to Capt. Smith Red 3: The I&R is going to recon between SOLLER and VETTWESISZ at 0700 hours. They will take south road through group of woods. Will you contact B Co and be on the lookout for them and relay any message they might have. Ans: OK.
- 0630 - Lt. Brown gives same message as above concerning I&R to Blue Bn. Same information given to Cannon Co asks that fire be kept off town of VETTWESISZ.
- 0700 - I&R to Lt. Brown: We are ready to shove off, anything new? S-2: Everyone has been notified.
- 0720 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Brown: Is 1st Bn doing any patrolling to the front this morning? Ans: Not as yet.
- 0725 - Blue 6 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Is it OK to move "I" with E Co into SOLLER? Ans: Check with Col. Grant, White 6, I think it will be OK. The time for you will be between 1100 and 1200 hours.

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- 0735 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Sylce, AT CO: Have AT platoon in FRANGENHEIM this morning.
- 0737 - Cannon Co to Maj. Smith, S-3: Is it OK to fire at 102? Ans: Yes.
- 0738 - Maj. Smith to 1st Bn FO, Capt. Stabler: How about A and C? Ans: They have left from Pt 77. The TD's attached to B Co will be detached from B Co at 1100 hours, if their progress is permitable.
- 0740 - Maj. Smith S-3 to G-3 Capt. Knight? Information on positions of units given. G-3: 18th Infantry reported that the town 1st Bn is going for is held in force.
- 0745 - Lt. Steinway, G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: 9th Div made 600 to 700 yards in northern sector before meeting opposition. Stopped by strongpoint in front of their position there.
- 0750 - Capt. Stabler FO 2nd Bn, to Maj. Smith S-3: Are the attached tanks detached at 1100 hours also? Ans: No, just the TD's.
- 0755 - Maj. Edmond to Maj. Smith, S-3: How is the 9th Div doing, our flank is pretty open. Ans: They haven't done anything yet, but will. 26th Inf is going for KELLS, they sent recon out and found enemy there.
- 0800 - Maj. Smith S-3 to G-3: 1st Bn in FRANGENHEIM. Tanks and TD's in town also.
- 0830 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: Can you get some more artillery on the town the 1st Bn (VETTWEISZ) is going to? Capt. Wells can get 5 Bns, a little more would help. Ans: Will do.
- 0845 - I&R stopped at edge of town, situation under control.
- 0845 - Notice that incoming calls will be transferred to Capt. Clark at the Fwd CP.
- 0855 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj Lord: Our new CP location at 132382. G-3: We can put a Bn of the 26th Inf over there to relieve one of your Bns. Which one do you want? Ans: Would want the 1st Bn when they move to protect the flank. Our 1st Bn moves at 1200 hours, then that unit to come on out to 200375 with right at 186370, to protect that flank.
- 0905 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Elder White 3: One Bn of the 26th will take over FRANGENHEIM to protect southwith its left flank at 182369. They will come in when 1st moves out. You are to send a platoon with 2 tanks to block that road until that Bn of 26th gets there. Then they can come back. Don't expect you to move today or tonight.
- 0910 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Stabler FO: One Bn of 26th going into FRANGENHEIM instead of White, and mission is to protect to the south. White will send a platoon with two tanks to protect from 119 to 133, until the 26th gets there. Would like to know what time you will jump after 3rd Bn jumps.

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- 0925 - I&R reports: Our artillery hitting 400 yards west of Pt 1, captured enemy in vicinity; awaiting orders.
- 0930 - Maj. Smith S-3 to 26th Inf S-3: I don't think you should move in to the town until they start the attack so, the road will be clear. S-3 of 26th: One Bn less a Co; it is the 2nd Bn; will go into assembly area up near DROVE. Ans: OK. Will work this out together.
- 0945 - Red 6 to Maj. Smith S-3: I am at FRANKENHEIM, artillery coming in from right rear. ----- line goes out at this point in conversation.
- 0945 - PWI report: SECURITY BN IN DUREN - formed in October or November. Personnel from AA units. Now the unit has mostly 88mm AT guns. Each Co has 5 platoons, 6 guns each. Has at least 6 Co's. PW says in VETTWEISZ, engineers are supposed to be laying mines. DESTERNICH (2438) is a place where units pass thru to and from the front lines. Artillery probably located at edge of woods E of MUDDERSCHEIM, 2240. AT (88mm) gun positions at 218380, 218383, 233387, 234389, 230365, 232366; also near WELER, 2739; ROVENICH, 2635; and ERPP, 2841; five 75mm AT guns along the road KEELZ to VETTWEISZ, 196397 to 197402. Positions are encircling the town. 2nd Bn of 941 has been dissolved and attached in to the 8th Para Regt. Hq 600 Engrs Bn, 3 officers captured. CO wounded. Moved their CP to SOLLER, they are attached to a Regt, but don't know which one. PW from 9th Btry 353rd says FO in pill box in SOLLER with 12 other men with telephone and radio. 9th Btry has four 12.2's Russian guns, and 60 to 80 men. Each gun is manned by 5 men. Officers and men were taken.
- 0954 - Maj. Margolis, Mil Govt to Div Mil Govt: I have 15 people on way back, 5 women and 10 men. Come from KREUZAU, DROVE and SOLLER.
- 0955 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 to Maj. Smith S-3: Is 1st Bn going to clear the woods on my right. Ans: No, they were not to clear it all. Blue 6: I will pass it with my lead Co and have one of my other Co's, will clean it up. Will jump between 1100 and 1200 hours, will let you know. S-3: 2nd Bn will stay where it is. 1st Bn to go to 105 - 104 west of woods at 104, ties in with you in vicinity of Pt 105. Blue 6: Would like to get supporting machine gun and mortar in the woods from 2nd Bn. Would like an observer from 4.2 mortars. Observers with White reports guns at Pt 82. S-3: OK, will take care of that for you.
- 0957 - Maj. Lord G-3 to Maj. Smith S-3: All definitely laid on for one Bn to come in by noon. Ans: I&R got to edge of town and drew fire. Everything is all tied in now. I'll call you back.
- 1020 - PW report given to G-2.
- 1025 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Red 3: Is line to Col Driscoll back in yet? Ans: Line is out but will be in shortly. He sent radio message back that outfit on right was throwing heavy artillery fire to enemy. Do they know where we are? Ans: I will check on it. Lt. Brown, S-2 to Cpl Young Red Bn: 4 PWs taken by B Co in FRANKENHEIM. From Hq Det 353rd Div; 2 from 1st Co AT Bn and 2 from 2nd Co. TD Co, 1st Co, 1st Co has 3 platoons each, each have three 75mm guns motor pulled guns. 30 men in platoon. Most of the guns destroyed but some went to KEELZ.

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2nd Co had 2 platoons of 3 TD's each. Each TD had 5 men with gun for infantry support. Lt. JESKE CO, Ammo and supply dumps for 2nd Co in WETTWESISZ. All but 3 tanks supposed knocked out. 2 withdrew in woods between 102 and 103. One in direction of FRANKENHEIM. During night quite a lot of troops between Pt 102 and 103. 3 more prisoners taken by A Co, collecting themselves between oods at 102, 103.

- 1030 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Richmond Blue 5: Have you put a time on H-hour yet? Ans: No, but will let you know.
- 1045 - 26th S-3 to Maj. Smith S-3: I will work direct with you. Will come down to see you. I will assemble them in town FROITZHEIM.
- 1155 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Maj. Smith S-3: H-hour is 1200 hours. Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6, has a 284 radio with him.
- 1057 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to Maj. Smith: I had only about 20 casualties so far. They threw artillery in next to our house. I just had a patrol to cross road junction at Pt 102. Sylce (AT CO), has some guns here. How is 3rd Armored doing? Ans: They are out to 180605.
- 1130 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: The Col. Talked to you and gave the situation? Ans: Right. He said you had a recon to Pt 102 without much trouble. Red 3: Any locations? Ans: One Bn of 26th going into FRANKENHEIM. (Gives locations of 3rd Armored, and other units locations).
- 1149 - Blue 3 to S-3: Can not locate 4.2 observer. Checked with 2nd Bn and they do not know where he is. He must have gone back to his outfit. S-3: The guns are going into position along the road that leads out of SOLLER, 166380, they'll be right on the road. You will be able to pick up an observer there. Blue #3: We are set to move now. The wire will most likely go out as soon as the tanks start to move. S-3: OK, keep in touch with us by radio.
- 1200 - Blue 2 to S-3: We are moving out now, right on the button.
- 1211 - White 3 to S-3: 3rd Bn wanted 4.2 observer from us. Don't know where he is, last I saw of him, he was going to his unit. They are moving their guns to 166380 on the side of the road. (Capt. Scott, FO cuts in on conversation; tanks with infantry on them are going like hell. They are at 83 now).
- 1224 - Capt. Scott to Lt. Stephens: I'm at OP, I can see tanks of 3rd Bn, they are beyond Pt 83, have just rounded NE corner of woods and are firing into objective. I see no return fire. The dismounted company is entering Wedge of woods and are getting no fire. One TD and light tank are stuck in the mud. All the others are going OK.
- 1228 - Maj. Wozenski Blue 6 to Maj. Smith S-3: Going to jump at 1200 hours in a column of companies. "I", "K", and "L". S-3: 1st Bn saw some bunkers out there and straw like a trains area. Going to base his jump on yours. Blue 6: Going to sweep the North trail. S-3: 18th had recon out toward their town, don't know if they jumped off yet or not.

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- 1230 - Blue 6 to Col. Gibb S-6: We are starting and steadily moving along. Co "I" is 200 yards from the town. The left flank is about 1000 yards from town; right flank is about 500 yards. "K" is between 101 and 103; starting thru the woods. Now 200 yards in woods and moving along. No opposition. We have 3 TD'S stuck; 1 burning. One light tank is stuck. S-6: I will send the tanks over from the 2nd Bn as soon as possible.
- 1230 - S-3 to Red 3: Progress of 3rd Bn very good. They are beyond 83 and about down to 69. Colonel wants your Bn to start moving to your objective now. Red 3: OK, we are starting now.
- 1233 - White 3 to S-3: My OP reports 2 tanks burning near 83 and the infantry is deployed. Can not see the infantry but they are getting a lot of straffing in on them. They are up around the group of white buildings, 182388.
- 1240 - Red 6 to S-3: Ready to push off now. Getting lot small arms fire and SP fire from right and right rear. Can see enemy out there.
- 1243 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co to Capt. Clark: This morning we had several rounds come in. One of our men was wounded; the assault gun crew lost 2 men wounded; one killed. We need more men to operate. Will you contact 745th Tanks? Ans: Yes, Sir.
- 1244 - Capt. Clark to 745th Tanks, S-3: Gives information of above. Ans: We are trying to get replacements for you.
- 1246 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Smith (Lt. Stephens is LO to 26th Inf) - Red, 26th out of contact with White and Hq.
- 1254 - Blue 6 to S-3: I Co is in the town and K is going right in too. They are on the eastern edge of woods now. I has 2 tanks in now. Want the baby carriages from White (TD's) immediately, also am going to rush my AT defenses up immediately. Am going to lay down a smoke screen to cover my vehicles that are stuck out there. S-3: Send someone down to White Bn and pick them up. They are attached to you now.
- 1300 - Lt. Stephens to 26th Inf CP: Tell your S-3 that we are ready for his White Bn to move up now.
- 1304 - Col. Grant, White 6: I am sending my tanks down now, but they have not had rest or eaten hot chow. Col. Gibb: Send the tanks out to the 3rd Bn right away. They are holding the edge of town and need tanks.
- 1308 - Capt. Booth to Capt. Clark: Co I at Pt 84; K Co is in the town on the left of Co I. There's a big fire out there probably a tank or oil fire.

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- 1325 - Capt. Booth to Maj. Smith: 1 Co 100 yards NE of point 84. A platoon of mediums going thru now. S-3: The 1st Bn is moving now, started 3/4 hour ago. Capt. Booth: Tank knocked out south of point 103, would like as much artillery as you can get to us. I have a mine detector going thru trail in woods. S-3: Town of KREIZ will not be taken until 1900 hours tonight. I will see you get as much arty as we can give you.
- 1330 - Red Bn reports: Six PW's. 3 from SCHOLLMESS GROUP of 353 AT Bn, 9 assault guns each company, 75mm guns. 4 men crews, each platoon has 3 guns. CO is 1st Lt. KESKER. They have a protective crew, 54 in this platoon. Group crew 80 to 100 men. Protective crew a branch of service infantry. TD'S belong to armored. 1st Co, AT #3rd Co AA guns. Called 353 or 1353, both are correct.
- 1330 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith R d 3: They have 3/4 of the town. How are you going? Ans: We are still going. S-3: What Co do you plan to keep in town? Ans: C Co. S-3: Have people from 26th Infantry seen you? Ans: No.
- 1335 - Red Bn reports: 6 PW's from 1st Bn, 3 from SCHOLLMESS GROUP of 353 and 3 from TD of 353.
- 1345 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to S-3: How are things? Ans: We have 3/4 of the town of VETTWELISZ. You told men the 18th was going. G-3: Plans were changed the last minute. S-3: If the 18th will keep that town, that is all that we need. Speaks of tanks being knocked out. G-3: Aren't you getting those tanks up too close? S-3: We are sending the 2nd Bn of tanks up into town. We need more tanks and more TD's. G-3: You will get 3 more TD's. Aren't those boys getting a good deal of working out? Ans: Yes. G-3: How about casualties? S-3: A few, but we don't know just how many. S-3: The 3rd Bn is in town, they have all but 300 yards short of the railroad tracks. They haven't got KITTENHEIM yet. G-3: Understand 1st Bn getting small arms fire south east of FROITZHEIM. S-3: 1st will cover 3rd Bn Right flank. G-3: How far has Red gone? S-3: Don't know, Hope to tie in with Red at VETTWELISZ. Roads are good. G-3: What Bn do you plan to use? S-3: Will use 2nd and 3rd. Will give 1st Bn a stationary job. Will work for town of G with armored. It's a 2nd Bn town. We will follow the 18th. They are jumping at 1900 hours. We want another Bn up to VETTWELISZ tonight.
- 1346 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 to S-3: The town is cleared. 1st tanks bogged down on road south of point 09. S-3: Any PW's? Ans: No report. Tanks turned off at point 83. They will be turned around and send on the right road.
- 1347 - Blue 3 to S-3: One tank knocked out on point 103. 1st Bn should put fire on. S-3: Weapon position at 105, it shows on photograph. Blue 2: We have 3 tanks in town. No lights in town as yet.

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- 1347 - Mr. Wiley to Lt. Brown: A, B, and C Co's are on the move.
- 1348 - S-3 to White 3: Send someone down to take the responsibility of taking over FRANGENHEIM. Use AT and Infantry.
- 1350 - S-3 to Capt. Smith Red 3: Capt. Stabler answers and said Capt. Smith gone to see Col. Driscoll. S-3 tells about Anti-tank fire between 103 and 105, firing NW and knocking out our tanks.
- 1404 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to S-3: Two tanks back in town. One knocked out, one bogged down. S-3: I talked to Red about it, suggest smoke on the edge of woods to VETTWEISZ. Blue 2: I believe a little stonk will do it at 103, 105.
- 1405 - S-3 to G-3 Maj. Green: Have whole town of VETTWEISZ. "L" is working for KETPENHEIM. Conversation regarding tanks that are stuck. 5 tanks are operational, 5 non-operational. 1st Bn is covering right flank, near 189383. 2nd Bn is still in SOLLER. I sent word to the 26th to move up. The 26th EO just got word to them 30 minutes ago. G-3: Move 2nd Bn up to town of F right away.
- 1412 - Col. Grant to Maj. Smith: There's an officer here from 3rd Bn, 26th Inf, and he stated they haven't received an order from the RCP to move, that was half hour ago. I am sending down G-Co. They have no tanks or TD's to hold the town in case something happens. You understand that don't you? Ans: Right!
- 1417 - Lt. Brown to I&R Plat Sgt.: I want you to go from VETTWEIB TO GLADEACH. Check your measel points before you leave, on the main road. Keep your 294 radio.
- 1425 - S-3 to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Was McKay with I Co? Ans: Was with 3rd Bn. S-3: Send an observer up to 3rd Bn OP.
- 1430 - S-3 to Maj. Glissen, 26th Inf started off at 1400. Men going thru VETTWEISZ.
- 1437 - S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: McKay of Cannon Co up to I Co. He has communications to Cannon Co.
- 1445 - S-3 to Capt. Elder White 3: Report of item 1445 hours. 26th, 2nd Bn was in NEUDINGEN. S-3: No situation report from 1st Bn.
- 1450 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Any report from 1st Bn? Ans: C is at 121.
- 1500 - Maj. Lord G-3 to Maj. Smith: Here is the plan - Button up after you get your objective, get active recon out to your next objective. We are planning on a morning attack day after tomorrow. (Maj. Smith reviews tactical situation from items previously listed in this journal).

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- 1500 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is Blue? Ans: K in town point 85, on the railroad. "I" north of 84, "L" south of 84. Going for KETTENHEIM at dusk. Maj. Edmonds: There are two TD's at 104, are looking for any firing from AT's.
- 1505 - S-5 to Capt. Smith Red 3: Just got back from FRANZENHEIM. Our "B" Co crossing at point 104. East of the woods. C cut road at point 121, southern edge of wood. A on reverse slope of hill 203 around town. How about 26th White? Ans: Didn't see them on road but believe they are moving up to VETTWELSZ. Direct fire weapons are firing from south to southwest, also machine gun fire around 132. Direct fire from west end of town, sometimes SE, SW and W from SOLLER, just clears hill 203. What can we do about it? S-5: I'm afraid there is nothing we can do about it but use your tanks. Regimental CP will not move into SOLLER unless movement is contemplated. 100 enemy infantry going NE - have tanks working on them. Red 3: I have a platoon of G moving down to FRANZENHEIM to relieve 26th Inf. We have A at 19.
- 1527 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 100 enemy spotted at 71.
- 1530 - Capt. "Lider to S-3: A Co not moving, they are awaiting 26th. A platoon of G Co moving into town will be pulled back. A is staying in. We have 3 antitank, one has a broken spade, 2 have a split; weld jobs. S-3: I will get Capt. Sylce on it and get them into shape soon as possible. How about the 26th? Ans: Col. Daniels says he saw them walking near 99. S-3: The 26th passed here at 1415 hours riding tanks, they should be down there soon. The 18th goes at 1900 hours tonight for the canal at KELZ. The following report came over the radio via German broadcast: RUSSIANS - 25 miles from Berlin; 9th Army took 1500 prisoners; CANADIAN ARMY took 2000 PWs; 1st ARMY 10 miles from COLOGNE.
- 1556 - I&R reports: At pt 85, enemy tank in that vicinity. One casualty. (This came thru Antitank Co via radio).
- 1640 - Capt. "Richmond Blue 5 to Maj. Smith: Quite a few enemy infantry out in front, probably 2 tanks and 2 TD's knocked out. Our light tanks are stuck. We have 2 mine detector teams working out a road thru the woods.
- 1640 - Blue MESSAGE: 20 enemy at 209380. Enemy in trenches east of factory at 201388. 2 enemy tanks at 201388. Hasty mine field at 109387. C Co has a few casualties. S-3: When the 18th takes KELZ, they will send a patrol into KETTENHEIM. I'll let you know the time.
- 1655 - Maj. Edmond to Col. Horner S-5: Could you tell me the plan on these communication lines? Ans: We are putting in a switchboard in SOLLER tonight until we can go to next town. We will have an operational CP in SOLLER tomorrow.

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- 1715 - Maj. Smith to ^{white} S-3: No TD's up forward. One antitank at 57, trail knocked off; the other two split. S-3: I have Capt. Sylce taking care of them. Are you taking care of those people? Ans: Yes, I had a hot meal up at 1400 hours, and another will be up at 1900 hours. They are resting now.
- 1726 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 to S-3: Plenty of enemy at the following points: 106, 107, 88, 73, and 57. The TOT caught plenty of enemy at 107. Ans: OK, let me know if you don't get enough artillery.
- 1730 - Blue Bn reports: Enemy troops and vehicles assembling at 22753970, being fired on by artillery.
- 1730 - Col. Driscoll Red 6 to S-3: We are getting some stuff in here. B and C are not. A will stay where it is. 3rd Bn did a little firing on us in woods, but didn't think there was any one hurt. Had a tank out in the woods to help clear them out, but have them back in town now. Smoked the open ground between here and the woods. Can see all over from here - see some enemy out there. 3 gun btry due south of C and not too far away. Going to have to supply by SOLLER, FRANGENHEIM to woods by weasel. Maj. Smith: We will not move tomorrow.
- 1745 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 reports: SP gun at 203385 shooting at it now. Enemy blowing up equipment north and south of us, along river reported by 7th FA "A" Btry.
- 1755 - Lt. Walker Blue 2 reports: Enemy blowing bridges at 229111, 226422?, 239400.
- 1755 - MESSAGE FROM I&R: Three enemy infiltrated our position, we killed two and captured one.
- 1800 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: How are things going? Ans: OK, now. Would like you to have the 9th Div arty hit GINNICH, FROITZHEIM, FUSSENICH; engineers are there and getting artillery fire from there. G-3: Will get right on that and will get air on that tomorrow.
- 1800 - G-2 reports that 98 PWs went thru cage today.
- 1815 - G-2 reports: 9th Div took THUM, and are going south. 3rd Armored took town of GROUVEN at 2059.
- 1834 - MESSAGE FROM I&R: 50 yards west of railroad not cleared. Enemy tanks at cross roads at Pt 85. 15 enemy, 100 yards north of Pt 85.
- 1832 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozenski Blue 6: K position not cleared; gives info sent in by I&R. Captured one enemy and killed 2, when they tried to get into our pns. Blue 6: That night that we reported a lot of small arms coming from factory - going to get some stuff up there after dark. there are 2 tanks in town. Col. Gibb: How many tanks and TDs do you have now? Blue 6: 1 tank knocked out, 1 reported knocked out, 2 stuck, 2 in town, 2 in SOLLER, M-10 knocked out, 2 stuck, light tanks, 5 are out of action, stuck, will go up forward to get the situation clear, and move the wounded out. Col. Gibb: I want you to get Pt 85 and 90 cleared up and then send a combat patrol with I&R to GLADBACH. I&R not to go close, put Inf with them. 18th will jump at 1800 hrs. Get me a complete report, and I don't care when patrol goes out but get it out.

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- 1834 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Edmond: Maj. Edmond: 4 TDS up forward, tanks are back with "A". Will check this and call you.
- 1840 - Maj. Edmond reports: 3 TDS are operational, 4 IV (Mark) are OK. One stuck, don't think it is knocked out, and one is on its way up to us.
- 1935 - Major Smith to Capt. Carroll 745th Tanks: Give me a report of tanks. Ans: 1st platoon - 3 and 1 stuck; working on one. 2nd platoon, 3rd Bn, 1 knocked out, 1 hit a mine, 1 stuck, 2 here, 3rd platoon; 1 out, 2 in town, 2 stuck far out, no wrecker to work on those stuck. S-3: People up north out to 240520 to 230530. 18th will go at 1900 hours.
- 1945 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to S-3: Everything quiet up here. S-3: How is the TD situation? Ans: One around DMOVE, track damaged. S-3: I told Armstrong (634th TD's) to go to work on that. White 3: One tank hit in GEY, one TD has track off, can be fixed. One burned (3rd Bn), one stuck, working on it. One in ordnance for repair, one is out. Two in operation. S-3: The regiment has only 3 TDS and 7 tanks operational. S-3 speaks of conversation with Capt. Carrohl. S-3: You will have two tanks and perhaps more as soon as we can get them repaired. The 3rd Bn needs the 1 TD you will get one if I can get TFD, Col. Davison, working on it. S-3 speaks of Div Armored passing by here tomorrow. Speaks of enemy blowing GLADBACH bridge and enemy possibility of evacuating to the southeast. 3rd Bn has plenty of contacts out there and sees groups of enemy on this side of the river. Capt. Elder asks about tomorrow's plan. S-3: Hope we sit tight, don't know any other plans.
- 2020 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10: K of 18th Cav Sqd will make recon tomorrow. Starting from 1435 and travel route 1834, 2134, 2246, 2437; with patrols operating two-to-three thousand meters to the south. 18th Inf Regt has B Co objective and C on the way. Light opposition. White Bn 1200 yards to go as of 2000 hours. Combat (9th Armored) is going to move tomorrow. Roads will be busy. There is talk of closing roads at 1000 hours to 1800 hours. They are coming up here, it is believed to billet here.
- 2040 - Lt. Brown to ALL UNITS *. Gives message of 2020 hours.
- 2050 - Blue 2 to S-2: 25 PWs taken by I Co. One of them was wounded. They are from the 353rd Div. of the 91st and 943rd Regts. Our CP is at 168380; also our OP.
- 2100 - S-3 to Col. Fowley: We are not moving tomorrow. You people may set up in end of building next to us. S-3: Are the armored people coming thru? Ans: Yes. S-3: 18th wanted to check up on town for patrol. "What is your positions? Easy of Decoy 18th 223474. Red of 18th has KELZ - two companies in there. Blue of 18th in JAKE moving out. Counter-attack on KUPPEN thru east, on TFD.

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- 2105 - Capt. Elder to S-3: Service Co fixed one AT temporarily and can't work anymore tonight. S-3: I will see that the ordnance crew gets up there early in the morning and goes to work on those electric weld jobs. We are not moving out tomorrow, so that will give you a chance for repair. Capt. Elder: What's the next objective for the 18th tonight? Ans: NOVENICH, 230460. White 3: Who is in FROITZHEIM? S-3: 2nd Bn of 28th jumped off and took over there.
- 2110 - S-3 to Capt. Booth: 18th took KELZ and would like to contact you when you take KETTENHEIM. Ans: I will do so. I have a TD blocked on that road. I have a T-2 working at it. Hold up people coming to Pt 70.
- 2112 - Capt. Moore to S-3: A little trouble in that place of "K". TD is stuck, as soon as we can get a contact point, we will let you know it. White Bn has one company on objective at 2237.
- 2115 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10: 30th Div: 1st Bn of 120 fighting for 1374. E of CCB, TFL, advancing north 0364. 406 regiment town of 0384. 35 Div 134th Regt at 915765; and Bn of same unit at 900774 to 895771.
- 2125 - Blue 2 reports: Your I&R platoon is over by I Co now. S-2: Yes, I know, I got a radio message from them. Blue: There is a gun firing up and down here again. It is firing over the road, direct fire, and messing things up in general. S-2: Do you have any idea of where it is? Ans: Around the factory area. S-2: White Bn of 18th has one Co on objective 2247. That puts them in the woods, but I think they mean the town.
- 2130 - PWI reports: 2 PWs from Blue Bn, deserted, in vicinity of FROITZHEIM, after they got lost from their company. They are from 8th Co, 8th Para Regt. The Co with 100 men came from FROITZHEIM towards DROVE yesterday. They were to participate in counterattack on DROVE. They retreated towards FROITZHEIM when it became obvious that the counter-attack would be unsuccessful. 8th Co had only light casualties. About a week ago, the 2nd Bn 8th Para Regt, received many replacements so that the strength of Bnw as brought up to some 350 men. PW believes that the companies of 2nd Bn, excepting 8th Co have once more dwindled to 30 men per company. The 1st Bn 8th Para Regt is supposedly south of FROITZHEIM.
- 2143 - Maj. Clissen to Maj. Smith: The 39th Regt on our right, the 3rd Bn is heading for town of NIDEGGEN. K Co is about 600 yards short; L Co south of town of NIDEGGEN by 1400 hours. 1st Bn jumped off for hill between town of NIDEGGEN and adjoining town. 30th Div is at 1572.
- 2200 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the latest information: 18th took 2 PWs, 1 from 5th Btry, 185th Arty Regt; Regt1 GP - 272nd Div at BERG. TAG RGN reports - 4 tanks and 50 trucks at F3341; F3640 - 66 trucks and 5 tanks; F3638, 3 tanks and 20 trucks. F-3250, 15 trucks; F-3739 - 2 large guns; F-3938, 4 trucks and 2 tanks; F-3943, 50 trucks and 5 tanks; F-3446, 10 trucks. 18th incidentally is across the river.

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- 2227 - Lt. Stephens to Col. Fowley: What is the latest information on the 18th? Ans: L Co is across the river at 23 grid line, East of the town. I Company at 212442; 3rd Bn has elements at J and K.
- 2337 - S-2 gives the above information to the Bns.
- 2250 - PWI reports: 24 PWS received from 3rd Bn. Identifications as follows: Combat School, 353rd Regt, 9 PWS; Hq 941st Regt, 3; Hq 943 Regt, 1; 4th Co, 943rd 3; 3rd Co, 353rd Engr Bn, 2; 1st Co, 13th Fortress AT Bn, 3; 1st Co 600 Engr Bn, 2; 3rd Co, 600 Engr Bn 1;
- 2305 - Mr. Wiles, Red Bn to Lt. Stephens: Several SP guns firing; our mortars fired on an enemy patrol SE of Pt 121. Lt. Stephens: 9th Armored takes off to USKERGHEIN 330290; 9th Div got to FROITZHEIM; B ERG, and THUIR tonight.
- 2345 - PWI report (Sgt. Snyder): 941st Regt 4 PWS; 2 Co, 353rd AT Bn 7; 3 Co 353rd Field Repl Bn, 2; 6th Co 8th Para Regt 1; S and F, 353rd Div, 3; 1 Co, 353rd AT Bn, 6; 1 Co 8 Para Regt, 2; 7th Co, 8 Para Regt, 1; 6 Co, 8 Para Regt, 1; Hq 941st Regt 3; 6th Co 941st 2; 3rd Co 941st, 2; 3rd Co 353rd Engr Bn, 2; 2nd Co, 2 SS AA Bn, 1; 3rd Co, 600 Engr Bn, 13; 1st Co 600 Engr Bn, 25; 6th Co, Security Regt DUREN, 1; 9th Co, 353rd Arty Regt 1; 3rd Bn, 12th Arty Regt 12th Inf Div, 1; Combat School 353rd, 4; Hq 943rd Regt, 1; 4th Co 943 Regt 3; 353rd Repl Bn, 1; 1st Co 13th Fortress AT Bn 3.
- 2355 - Above report given to G-2. G-2: "L" of 18th at 2144, town clear, other elements pushing on to next objective.

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- 0005 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO Reports: TASK FORCE H at 201651; TFD at 268529. 2nd Bn of 114th at 256573. "F" of 121st at 230495. 2nd of 121st at 225487.
- 0010 - Above information given to Ens.
- 0010 - Blue 6 Maj. Wozenski reports: I am buttoning up for the night. The I&R is still with Co "I", will not be able to go into KETTENHEIM.
- 0015 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report. E and F of 18th up across the river in woods, getting some big stuff, believed to be a railroad gun.
- 0055 - PWI REPORTS: 24 Prisoners. 9 PWs from the Combat School, 353rd Regt, 10 men led by Lt. HEINZE left ERPP late last night to go to VETTWEISZ. This is half of the Combat School, 353rd Regt; other half in town of ERPP. When they arrived in VETTWEISZ Lt. HEINZE called up The CO of 1st Bn 941st, who is in DESTERNICH. He ordered these men to hold VETTWEISZ. Lt. HEINZE told his men they were now 3rd Co of 941st. PW believes that some 20 men retreated toward DESTERNICH. Also defended ing VETTWEISZ was 3rd Co 353rd Engr Bn, with some 25 men. PW believed this company to be destroyed along with some stragglers. The crew of one AT gun from 1st Co 13 Fortress AT Bn and some CO Paratroopers on SE part of VETTWEISZ, also took part in the defense. 1st Co 353 Engr Bn in KELZ from 1st Co 13 Fortress Bn and also CP of 1st Co, 4 to 5 enemy guns destroyed there. PWs saw two 75mm AT guns, SP at 22253780 and 22303778. Rest in VETTWEISZ are stragglers.
- 0056 - PW report phoned to G-2.
- 0115 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Lt. Stephens: That knocked out tank can't be moved by T-2; will try and pull it by dozer. If we can't move it, will blow it up. Evacuated all casualties. Some AT gun still firing, also some express trains (arty) going overhead. Got 2 AT guns in now and getting another in. Will have wire lines to companies.
- 0125 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives above information. G-3: 18th K has not reached the river yet. F is down to southern edge of woods. "G" is moving up behind them.
- 0145 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Unable to use I&R at present due to conditions. One AT gun knocked out by a mine. Things are quiet up here.
- 0245 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: 1st Bn has negative report; 3rd is still working on the same thing. What do you have on 18th Inf? G-3: K Co reached railroad along IRRESHEIM road at 2144, ran into AP mine field. F reached southern edge of woods at HOCHKERCHIN, bridge OK. 18th 1st Bn sent a patrol to LUXHEIM and found strong force of enemy dug in.

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- 0310 - 1st Bn reports negative with some arty coming in.
- 0322 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: We got the tank off the road. Road is open now. Checking road for mines. Our Fwd CP will be in by 0400 hours. VETTWEISS all cleared up except the factory.
- 0340 - Capt. Richmond to Lt. Kestlinger: We have approximately 150 civilians here, found them in cellars. We knocked out a few enemy guns by using WP. The guns were next to haystacks, which we set on fire, and burned the guns. Patrols going out to factory, if no enemy there they will go out road until they contact them.
- 0435 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. Kestlinger gave item of 0340 hours. G-2: 18th Inf K Co in HOCHKIRCHEN (2245), I Co in town north of that - NORVENICH. Bridge out at this town. PWs of the 12th Inf Div, said the 12th Div would attack this town sometime in the morning.
- 0445 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives report from 3rd Bn as of 0340 hours.
- 0450 - Blue Bn reports: Our forward CP established at 0400 hours at the following: 195384.
- 0510 - Capt. Booth to Capt. Clark: K Co back from that town 85 to 71. We have organized a patrol to go to point 70.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports: The I&R is back with Regiment. Don't send any advance CP up here yet. The road is mined.
- 0707 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: The 4.2s are no good where they are, suggest they move up to VETTWEISS. Find out if the 745th Tanks and the 634th TD's are going to work on their tanks and TD's, that are stuck out here. We have cleared point 70, have some PWs on way back. Would like to have the I&R platoon back to reinforce our patrol. Capt. Clark: They are up at I Co/ Blue: No, Capt. Richmond said he sent them back to Regt. Capt. Clark: I'll check.
- 0711 - Capt. Clark to 745th Tnk Bn: When are you going to work on the tank situation? Ans: We have 4 tanks stuck, one with 1st Bn; one with 2nd Bn, and 2 with 3rd Bn. We will get them out this morning if there is no direct fire coming in.
- 0716 - Capt. Clark to 634th TD's: What is the TD situation? Ans: We have 4 TDs stuck along side of SOLLER, and will not be able to get them out until the area is cleaned. I'll check with 745th Tnk Bn and see what they intend to do with their tanks.
- 0720 - Capt. Clark to I&R Platoon: Call Capt. Booth at 3rd Bn, and see how he wants to use your platoon.
- 0722 - Capt. Booth to Capt. Clark: We have 70 civilians, prisoners, out here. We are putting them in holes and buildings.
- 0725 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report. G-3: The first elements of the Armored Div hit the bridge at 1200 hours. Lt. Lynch, Div LO, will be down with complete story.

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- G-3 to
0735 - Capt. Clark: CGB is going thru GEY-KREUZAU to an assembly area at SOLLER (1230 hours). At SOLLER they will gas up and go to VETTWEISZ, they may go east from there. CCA is going to cross at DUREN and some to DROVE (1900-2000 hours) to stay-over night. In the morning they might go south.
- 0815 - Capt. Clark to Hq Co: Notify the I&R to get in touch with me at the S-3 office.
- 0824 - Capt. Clark to I&R Sgt: Report to Capt. Booth of 3rd Bn at 0930 hours: Ans: OK.
- 0840 - 634th TD's to Capt. Clark: Went in to get the M-10 out that is stuck. Got run out of there once but went back. Winch broke so we will not be able to do any thing until we repair the winch. Capt. Clark: You want to take care of it this morning as the 9th Armored is coming up and will tie everything up.
- 0844 - Capt. Clark to G-3: What Bn is in KELZ? Ans: B and C of the 18th, A is north east of that, L Co just beyond A, about 300 yards. F is at 232465, E Co at 234476. G is on this side of the stream. Bridge there that will take a jeep.
- 0840 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Booth: Have a patrol out to #56. The I&R will be up to see you. Capt. Booth: The patrol will go out at 1000 hours. Capt. Clark gives general situation from journal items. Capt. Clark: On the patrol don't go into town unless it is found that no one is in town just check on roads and enemy strength between you and the town. Capt. Booth: It is estimated we had 25 casualties yesterday. K Co has an 88mm in good condition. We have 4 medium tanks stuck. One TD is knocked out, the other 3 are stuck.
- 0855 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Booth: The I&R will report to you in VETTWEISZ at 0930 hours.
- 0900 - Blue Bn reports: 5 PW's were sent to you this morning, one of them was a deserter from the SCH ULTEB Div.
- 0920 - Lt. Brown to G-2: We only have 5 PW's today. G-2: Do you have any contact with the enemy between KELZ and GLADBACH? Ans: No, not that I know of.
- 0920 - S-3 to Blue 3: Get patrol up to GLADBACH as soon as possible. Cub reports soldiers and civilians waving white flags there. Blue: OK. We lost an AT gun last night on a mine. It's a major repair job. We picked up a ~~an~~ AT gun with ammo, so we'll haul that for awhile. Like to move my rear up. S-3: Better hold up on it for awhile. Blue: 40 to 50 civilians around the town believe 15 or 20 are soldiers in civilian clothes. Better get CIC up here. Rest of civilians moaning about chow, so get Major Margolis, Mil. Govt, up to look into it. No fire on the road as yet.

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- 0930 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Col. Horner: What is the latest situation?
Ans: Gave positions of 26th Inf and our positions. White 6: If there isn't any opposition, I would like to move through GLADBACH.
Ans: I don't think you will move before noon but you probably will move sometime later today.
- 0938 - Capt. Carroll, 745th Tnks to Lt. Stephens: What is the latest information? Ans: We are sending recon to GLADBACH. If there isn't much trouble there, we will send a Company up there. We have nothing else.
- 0940 - Maj. Edmond to Lt. Brown: Do you have any late information for me?
Ans: No.
- 0948 - S-3 to Capt. Booth: Did the I&R arrive alright? Ans: Yes. Also a recon for your CP and a sound and flash outfit. S-3: Tell the sound and flash to get out of there. Blue 3: We have to get our kitchens up here soon. They will be too far to the rear soon. Ans: Reserve the buildings for it.
- 1005 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth: Whenever it goes, your mission will be to take GLADBACH, then push north to LUXHEIM, and one company to contact 18th Infantry in EGGERNSHEIM. Ans: We will be going parallel to the front if we go that way. S-3: There is no time limit on it and it will be different then.
- 1010 - Maj. Smith to Col. Grant, White 6: Here is the Colonel's plan. The 3rd Bn has recon on way to GLADBACH. Their mission is to take GLADBACH, push north to LUXHEIM and take EGGERNSHEIM. You move to GLADBACH. Ans: OK. We are feeding chow at noon so don't give us orders before that. Ans: It will not be before that.
- 1015 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith Red 3: Repeats Regimental plan, as above. Saying that this will take place late today.
- 1030 - PW report: 5 Pws from 3rd Bn----From 9th Btry, 3rd Arty Regt, 1 PW from 3rd Co, 943Regt, 1 PW from 5th Co 941st Regt, 2; 4th Co 943 Regt 1 PW; 1st Co, 600 Engr Bn, 9 PWS. PWS from 1st Co, 600 Engr Bn were an isolated group vicinity of SOLLER, and surrendered this AM to our 2nd Bn. PW from 9th Btry 3rd Arty Regt, deserted at VETTWEISZ. His btry of four 150mm guns is in GINLICK. 3rd Bn is the heavy battalion with twelve 150ts. A message center or reporting station of 3rd Prch. Div is in ZULPICH. Capt. Wilder, CO 1st Bn, 943 Regt, formed a battle group three days ago from regimental reserve, Bn reserve, and 5th Co, 941st Regt. At that time 150 men and three assault guns; Capt. Wilder has 45 to 50 men with possible 2 assault guns in GLADBACH. (Above report given to G-2).
- 1030 - Maj. Wozenski to Maj. Smith: I&R platoon rode jeeps up to edge of town, point 56, and opened up with 50 calibers. S-3: Shove L Co up into town, push point 28, then when clear, to point 29.
- 1035 - S-3 to White F Co: Maj. Smith asks if Col. Horner is there. Ans: No. S-3: Get word to Capt. Ralph, Regtl commo Offi, to put work crew on 3rd Bn CP at VETTWEISZ; Capt. Wilder is waiting for him there. (At this point in the conversation Capt. Carroll of 745th Tnks asks for info; S-3 repeats item of 1030 hours from Maj. Wozenski. Also says that 3rd goes to LUXHEIM & EGGERNSHEIM. 2nd Bn goes to GLADBACH; 1st Bn goes to VETTWEISZ.

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- 1041 - S-3 repeats message of 1030 hours. Further word later.
- 1100 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: How are things; how far are you away?
 Ans: I&R got to edge of GLADBACH. "L" Co is heading out there now. 2nd Bn will go up there as soon as 3rd Bn gets up there. Our CP will be in VETWEISZ. 1st Bn will be in VETWEISZ, 2nd Bn in GLADBACH and 3rd Bn to push for LUXHEIM. G-3: Can 26th Inf have SOLLER? Ans: As soon as we move out they can have it.
- 1105 - Capt. Booth to Maj. Smith: Patrol went to town, did not cross railroad tracks, picked up 3 prisoners, drew a little fire from Pt 72 and came back. Enemy blew bridge in back of town while patrol was there. (Heard explosion and believe it was bridge). We got a lot of arty fire in here after patrol got back. Plenty around K Co positions (about 30 to 40 rounds). S-3: Put artillery concentration on left flank as you go up. Spread out and get into GLADBACH in a hurry. Col. Grant: How about some tanks and TD's? Ans: I will get you a platoon of M-10's. Ans: OK.
- 1115 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith: Your platoon of M-10's will report to 3rd Bn CP in VETWEISZ immediately. Ans: OK. S-2 to Capt. Booth: The platoon of M-10's will report to you and you are to leave them with 2nd Bn in GLADBACH. Ans: OK.
- 1115 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Brown: rear CP. Gives above information from I&R platoon. Also tells him that Colonel Horner wants rear CP to move forward. All installations are set up in Fwd CP.
- 1120 - I&R reported at Pt 56, fire fight, 3 PW's.
- 1130 - Lt. Stephens to Operator. Transfer all calls to Fwd CP.
- 1150 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is it? Ans: Ready to move out. TD's from 1st Bn are not here as yet. S-3: Platoon leader on way up, but don't wait for them. Use TD's when they arrive but don't wait. S-3 to Blue 6: (Discuss plan of attack). How is your recon? Blue: Reached Pt 56, drew fire, light small arms fire from either side of the town and from entrenchments at Pt 72. Fairly heavy artillery barrage hitting town from SE, 75's and 105's.
- 1156 - S-3 to 18th Inf: Have people on edge of GLADBACH, and reinforced Co on way in 15 minutes. Ans: Recon reports EGGERSHEIM heavily mined and booby trapped but town unoccupied.
- 1201 - S-3 to 26th Inf: We are in SOLLER now. CP will move to VETWEISZ as attack progresses. One company going to GLADBACH in 15 minutes. I&R is on edge of town in fire fight. Will hold until L Company can come up and work on in. (Maj. Smith gives plan of attack). 26th Inf: S-3: Try and notify me 2 hours before 1st Bn moves out, it will take me 2 hours for our Blue to get up there.
- 1210 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: 3rd Bn going to move out in 10 minutes with one Company. 2nd Bn will follow.

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- 1215 - S-3 to White 3: Has the fellow "EPSTEIN" got down there? White: Yes, he is from the air force.
- 1229 - S-3 to White 3: What time do you plan to move your 1st Company?
Ans: At 1300 hours.
- 1234 - Blue 6 to S-3: Leading elements of I Co just cleared and I am smoking 7257 and as far north as I can.
- 1246 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What have you on Blue? Ans: I Co has just cleared line of departure. The Col. and Maj. Smith are at 3rd Bn CP now.
- 1312 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Kestlinger: I Co in edge of town. 2nd Bn on road following them up. Report this to G-3.
- 1314 - Above message given to G-3; G-3: 9th Div will go for FROITZHEIM today.
- 1323 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to Lt. Stephens: Get in touch with Lt. Kayes, A Engrs, and tell him that if he needs bridging to get in touch with me. I have the vehicles layed on by the treadway bridge at the quarry.
- 1346 - Col. Beck to Lt. Stephens: The General wants you to tell Col. Gibb to get a bridge in GLADBACH so that the 26th can pass thru you and go to ERP. Your mission to hold and protect the right flank of the Div. COB of the 9th Armored Div will go to MUDDERSHEIM, DESTERNICH, SIEVERHICH, tonight. The 16th Infantry will also be doing something.
- 1350 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Smith: Gives information from Col. Beck. S-3: Call Div and tell them that CP opens at 1330 hours at 200387. Tell them that the advance is getting a lot of enemy arty., fire in GLADBACH. Have them move the Engr equipment up here to VETWEISZ.
- 1355 - Lt. Stephens relays above message from Maj. Smith to G-3.
- 1400 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Maj. Smith: L and K in town, getting some harassing fire on Pt 56. 10 to 15 enemy still running around. Artillery is coming from Pt 44. Would like some medium arty put on that. Ans: OK, will lay it on.
- 1410 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green G-3: Above information given. Going to have 2nd Bn make the bridgehead. Would like road from here to KELZ cleared. Engrs will be able to put bridge in tonight. Maj. Green: 9th Armored will attack tonight to take towns up stream. 26th Inf will go thru you.
- 1430 - Lt. Brown to G-2: Gives the above information on the 3rd Bn.
- 1432 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Maj. Smith: L moving towards Pt 44. K still in town, road mined from GLADBACH TO MUDDERSHEIM. Enemy personnel around 44.

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- 1145 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Has any armor gone thru your White En? Ans: I'm in SOLLER, and no armor has gone by. Did see some go down to FRANKENHEIM. G-3: Check with your 2nd En and find out which way they went.
- 1155 - Capt. Richmond Blue 5 to Maj. Smith: One tank knocked out by mines. One bogged down. Getting some mortar and SP in town. Maj. Wozenski, Blue 5: Had his radio knocked out.
- 1500 - I&R OP reports: Small arms to our front.
- 1502 - Capt. Knight, G-3 to Maj. Smith: Have you seen any armor going west? Ans: Not yet.
- 1520 - Capt. Oelze G-2 to Lt. Brown S-2: The 18th patrol got into EGGERSHEIM and found no one there, they have taken 93 PWS, they were from 12th Inf, 353rd Inf Regt.
- 1525 - Lt. Lynch reports: TF Crawford at 245501; 1st of 121 at 2955. 311 of 78th passed over 9th Div bridge at 0700 hours this morning followed by 310th Inf, mission to attack SE.
- 1530 - Blue 5 to S-3: One company approaching 44 and one company approaching LUXHEIM. Road at 56 under direct fire. We are smoking the SE pretty well with 4.2 mortars.
- 1535 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith: Capt. Elder calls for general information and receives it.
- 1535 - S-3 to Blue 5: The Colonel wants I Co to move. They will draw a lot of fire.
- 1535 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: It is clearing up and can see pretty well. Enemy throwing some stuff in front of us. S-2: Where are you? Ans: On the outskirts of VETTWISZ, in the factory.
- 1540 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO reports: CCB of 9th Armored Div going to move today. Route SIVERNICH, DISTERNICH TO WEILER, EBEN, BORR, NIEDERBERG and expects to be there by dark. CCA, doesn't move until tomorrow.
- 1544 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: Just saw 6 enemy moving northwest from vicinity of Pt 57 with their hands up. 2 more following them at distance of 400 yards.
- 1549 - S-5 to Red 5: I have some buildings marked for your kitchen. Red 5: Lt. Leonard is on his way up.
- 1549 - PWI to Maj. Smith: 7 more prisoners: 2 are from 3rd Co, 353rd Replacement En: 1 from 3rd Co 943rd Regt, 3 from 1st Co, 941st Regt and 1 deserter from some HOME GUARD outfit. No new information.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2: Gave the above report on prisoners. Total for today is 19.

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- 1600 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Maj. Smith: Is Col. Driscoll there? Ans: No, he left. Red 3: A Co is already in position. S-3: Hold B and C Companies. Red 3: A is from Pt 84 south cutting 84 and 86 road.
- 1600 - Blue 5 to S-3: Just talked to the Major, he says that there is too much enemy artillery and to move would be to get slaughtered. He wants a night move to get at them. S-3: I think the Colonel will agree to that. Blue 5: The place is real flat. I'm at I&R OP, if you want me.
- 1605 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: You know the Company of 4.2's with you -- 26th Inf will need those when they go through you. Will you send a liaison officer over to 26th Inf? Ans: OK.
- 1607 - S-3 to Blue 5: Colonel says it is OK on the dark stuff. He wants you to shove into those towns so he can shove the 2nd Bn in and get the bridge in so that the 26th can push through us. The faster we do it, the sooner the 26th goes thru us.
- 1608 - Lt. Kestlinger to 90th Cheml Mortars: Gave the information received from Division about them going to 26th Infantry.
- 1615 - Lt. Lynch to Lt. Kestlinger: C of 32nd Cav meeting resistance at 110360. C of 18th Cav in fight at 135349. Knocked out two Mark V tanks and one Mark IV at that place.
- 1618 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder: Your move will not be until dark tonight. GLADBACH is clear but we can't move out under daylight.
- 1620 - S-3 to G-3: Took GLADBACH kind of easy, but since then we have been getting a lot of arty fire in GLADBACH and the town we are in. More than unusual today too. The junction at 222408 is under direct fire. We will take LUXHEIM and EGGERSHEIM under cover of dark. G-3: Where is fire coming from? S-3: The direct fire is coming from southeast.
- 1630 - Col. Beck to Maj. Smith: Have you seen any of the armored? Ans: Yes, they have a recon going up each road. I don't think they plan on using any tanks until tonight. Getting some direct fire coming from southeast. They plan on making a bridgehead tonight with Engrs and armored Infantry.
- 1640 - S-2 to I&R OP: At 85, where road crosses rail road tracks, put a vehicle there and set up a road block and don't let anyone up the road to GLADBACH during daylight hours, regardless of rank. Keep it on until I tell you to take it off.
- 1650 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Green: What is situation on 39th Inf? Ans: Not as good as should be. Haven't the town yet. 3rd of 39th working on woods west and southwest of THUM. S-6: Is this thing set for tomorrow? Ans: Yes, Sir. S-6: Engrs set to put in Bridge? Ans: Engrs are ready to put in the GLADBACH bridge. Davison working with 18th Inf. (TFD working with 18th Infantry).

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- 1700 - S-3 to Blue Bn: Am closing road from VETTHEISZ TO GLADBACH. Don't send anything up until dark.
- 1700 - I&R OP reports: Too much mist. 2 rounds hit OP but didn't do any damage.
- 1705 - Lt. Brown to Capt. Stabler, 1st Bn: There are a lot of enemy at Pt 59.
- 1706 - I&R Road Block: Do you want us to let these wire and ammo people thru? Ans: Not until dark, they then can take their own chances.
- 1730 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5 to S-3: People back from town say it is rough up there, also road blocks at cross roads and in center of town. Box mines and craters. I need a tank dozer to work on crater. Who is going to remove Box Mines? Ans: Let Martine, A Engineer, worry about that. I'll get a tank dozer from 745th Tank and have it at the railroad tracks (Liaison Officer sent to 745th Tanks to have tank dozer at railroad tracks by 1830 hours). S-3: The Colonel does not want Maj. Wozenski to take anymore tanks up and get them stuck. S-3: The 26th Inf is sending patrols to recon (2 Jeep loads) GLADBACH after dark. The 2nd Bn is working up there too.
- 1800 - S-3 to Blue 5: You will have Tank Dozer at RR tracks at 1830 hours. Ans: Fine; Martinez will be waiting for him. We will have to de-mine before we can start vehicles in there. Jeeps are the only thing that can get by. If they are in town, they can't come out. S-3: Any information on bridge at Point 44? Ans: No. The 26th Inf CP is here in the factory. S-3: Will the road blocks hurt ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ your push tonight for LUXHEIM AND EGGERSHEIM? Ans: Yes. The Blue 6 is just waiting for dark, to take off.
- 1805 - S-3 to Capt. Elder: Do you plan to follow I Co in town? Ans: Yes. S-3: The Colonel says we must get a bridge in tonight. Ans: Get us Engrs and we will get bridge in. S-3: Tells of 3rd Bn having trouble with road block at cross roads in town. S-3: The 3rd Bn will take care of that. Jeeps can get by, 3rd Bn will jump for LUXHEIM and EGGERSHEIM just at dark.
- 1820 - Lt. Stephens to 7th FA: Maj. Sandell wanted me to check with you a bout friendly fire falling on C Co. Ans: I just called Div Arty about it.
- 1822 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Attacking point 28 at 1900 hours. Sending Engrs in at 1830 hours. Advance detail from I Co. There are 26 civilians in GLADBACH, can we get hold of the CIC and evacuate them to the big town? Bridge at point 44 blown and there are many enemy there.
- 1830 - S-3 to Capt. Elder: Speaks of who is to take ERPP tomorrow. S-3: The 26th Inf goes thru GLADBACH late after midnight, then Amored takes off thru GLADBACH. White 3: Speaks of mines and road blocks and who is to take care of mines. S-3: Tells him Martinez of A Co, 1st Engrs to take care of road blocks and mines and Lt. Kayes, same outfit, is to put the bridge in.

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- 1835 - Capt. Ralph, Regt Commo Officer, to Lt. Stephens: Division lines are out, and we are working on them. I only have 18 miles of 110 wire, and no chance of getting anymore. I am laying 12 miles to the 2nd and 3rd Bns tonight. I have no 130 wire. Will you tell this to Maj. Smith? Ans: Yes, Sir.
- 1900 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R reports: This afternoon at 1400 hours, we saw a squad of enemy at Pt 107. They went 400 yards NE, then returned.
- 1920 - S-3 to White 3: I just detached 4.2's mortar observer (Lt. Allison) to 26th Infantry. He can't do you any good anyway, they are out of range. S-3: 26th Inf will pass thru after you put the bridge in. White 3: I Co hasn't left, probably 2000 hours. S-3: A Task Force may pass you on trail 87-73 to WEITWISZ on to the town of GLADBACH.
- 1930 - S-3 to Blue 5: Tell Blue 6 that he is to have cleared out of town of GLADBACH by 2400 hours. The 2nd Bn and the 1st Bn of 26th Inf coming into there. Blue 5: Whose going to clear the mines now? Ans: The Engineers. Blue 5: Two platoons in town, this edge of town and met no resistance.
- 1932 - S-3 to White 3: Repeats above information. S-3: I Co will move up at 2000 hours. You can move foot troops up before that time if you want to. The engineers will have a problem up there. Enemy blew town and put down mines in rubble. Engineers working on them now. You are to keep fire off them while bridge is being put in.
- 1955 - Blue 5 to S-3: Just talked to Maj. Wozenski. Had between 1500 and 2000 rounds in on them this afternoon. "K" will clear LUXHEIM. A platoon of engineers that we have will clear part of the road, road blocks and mines. I would say that tomorrow, people had better not use the roads up here too much. We will have town clear by 2400 hours. Can't get down to that bridge yet; have put a platoon down there to watch those enemy. S-3: You had better get your stuff up tonight, because of the 26th Inf and Armored that will be using those roads tomorrow.
- 2000 - Red 6 to S-3: Do you have or can you get control of the Armored? There is armored movement at 134. We don't know if it is enemy or friendly. If it is friendly, we have mines on the road, and we may shoot at them. Will you let us know, so we can be prepared. We are concerned very much in that area. We will consider everything in that area enemy. Ans: The 29th is supposed to be in that area now. They know that we are here.
- 2020 - Blue 5 to S-5: 600 yards NE of Pt 44, tracked vehicle and enemy personnel, and lots of it. Center of TOT 240420. We don't have a wire to the forward people now, it is knocked out.

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- 2025 - Red Bn reports: G radioed, one Sherman tank was going past B outpost at Pt 121. 2015 hours, reported that Sherman tank turned around and went towards 101. No enemy activity at Pts, 133 and 134 during the past hour.
- 2025 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant, White 5: Did you hear about tanks and Infantry concentration on other side of river? Think they might be pulling out, but they may leave SP's to cover the banks of the river. If the moon comes out you might have to lay down smoke to protect the engineers.
- 2025 - PWI REPORTS: 50 Prisoners: Hq Co 941 5 PWS. 5th Co 941st 2 PWS. 1st Co, 941st 3 PWS. Hq Co 943 1 PW. 3rd Co 943 2 PWS. 4th Co 943 4 PWS. 3rd Co 353rd Engr Bn 2 PWS. 3rd Co 353rd Repl Bn 3 PWS. 353rd Combat School 9 PWS. 8th Co 8 Para Regt 2 PWS. 9th Btry 3rd Arty Regt 1 PW. 1st Co 600 Engr Bn 11 PWS. 1st Co, 13th Fortress AT Bn 3 PWS. Home Guard in VETWEISZ, was in civilian clothes 1.
- 2025 - S-3 to Capt. Clark: They are going to clear GLADBACH by 2300 hours. L Co practically all in the town (LUXHEIM); K will go up with L and then to EGGERSHEIM. The CP will move to LUXHEIM. The engineers will clear the main road to LUXHEIM.
- 2025 - Blue 5 to S-3: L Co is in the town of LUXHEIM. The road block has boxes mines.
- 2025 - MESSAGE, to G-3, 1st US Div: L Co in LUXHEIM, light resistance. (Cleared at 2050 hours.).
- 2127 - White 3 to S-3: Here are several questions I would like answered. When does the 9th Armored Div move? Ans: 2200 hours. "hite 3: What about I Co? (Same as above).
- 2135 - White 3 to S-5: How about the TD's that we loaned to 3rd Bn? S-5: They will be released to you on your arrival in GLADBACH.
- 2140 - Blue Bn reports: K passing thru L, going to 28. Are not getting any fire. MPs are walking back the PWS that 3rd Bn captured today, they should be in soon.
- 2145 - Capt. Clark to Blue 5: When 2nd Bn comes thru town, turn the TDs over to them. Blue 5: I'll get them to them. K is well on way to EGGERSHEIM; should be in there in an hour or so.
- 2201 - I&R OP at 201388; reports hearing small arms, sounding like burp gun, at 2155 hrs. Azimuth of 205 degrees, and 500 to 1000 yards out.
- 2202 - Capt. Clark checks with Blue 5 concerning the TDs. Blue 5 says he knows of only one TD, that one is in your town. (VETWEISZ).
- 2207 - S-3 to White 3: What are your plans? Ans: Troops are on way, G partly motorized, E following on foot. Plan to go into the town eastward. They will go to the group of houses north and will jump across from there. Motorized troops will probe there first, and foot troops will jump when they arrive. There will be a little time jumping as some of the troops are walking. E is going right into town; going south out of town to 57, swing back into town and sweep for mines.

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F is going to stay in this town, going out in the morning. S-3: No good. You must close in that town tonight. Ans: White 6 says it will be done by daylight. S-3: Road is 26th Infantry's after 2400 hours. Ans: Will do. S-3: Warns of craters on roads, says engineers must have bridge in tonight.

- 2224 - Capt. Clark gives message to Msg Center: To CO, 1st Inf Div: 3rd Bn in LUXHEIM, moving to EGGERSHEIM. G Co in GLADBACH; E and F moving into GLADBACH. (Same information to 18th Inf).
- 2225 - RADIO INTERCEPT, signed 2120 hours., from 18th Inf to CG 1st Inf Div; 3rd Bn began attack at 2050 hours, I Co crossing stream at 234459, time 2100 hours.
- 2232 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder White 3: Capt. Clark gives White 3 information on road and discusses bridge that Engrs will build at Pt 57 if other Pt is not suitable. White 3 talks with Lt. Hatty, of TDs and asks him to come to White CP. White 3 requests a wrecker be sent to pull disabled American tank off the road.
- 2255 - PWI reports: 15 PWs from 3rd Bn, 13 from 353rd Repl Bn; 2 from CT-WILDE. 1 PW from the Repl Bn says EGGERSHEIM and IRKESHEIM have been evacuated of troops. Trains went off in direction of POLL. Since last night the Repl Bn and CT-WILDE have been consolidated into one unit under CT-WILDE control. Strength of Repl Bn 100 to 150 men; Strength of CT-WILDE 100 men.
- 2256 - Negative report from I.R.
- 2302 - Msg Center reports: Msgs to 18th Inf and Div have cleared.
- 2305 - Lt. Chendler, White 2 to Capt. Clark: G in the town, E and F haven't arrived. I still in the town. Patrols going to where bridge was.
- 2306 - Blue Bn reports: K on objective, no resistance, moving into position.
- 2305 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to S-3: The situation with us --there is an enemy tank and MG fire in front of C Co. We have our people alerted.
- 2308 - Maj. Smith S-3 gives following message to message center: (For 18th Inf and Div) K in EGGERSHEIM, no resistance. I and I Co's in LUXHEIM. 2nd Bn closing in GLADBACH.
- 2345 - Maj. Smith to Blue, Capt. Booth: On the enemy situation at 227423, what is the story? Ans: I Co sent the message by radio, we have no phone with them. There are big craters and barricades in the road, we are trying to get them fixed up. I Co is on the road now. The town will be clear at 2400 hours. S-3: Sent a patrol out to make contact with the 18th Inf; there will be no specific time for contact, I will get in contact with the 18th.
- 2355 - MESSAGE: Report casualties to Division at once.