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- 0105 - Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: About the patrol I mentioned, they received a burst of machine gun fire at that point. One man was wounded in the knee. A plane just flew over our positions very low.
- 0108 - Blue 5 to Mr. Lipinski: At 1210 hours a few machine guns firing tracers up in the air, 180 degrees, 2000 yards, four firing red tracers, one firing white tracers. I Co patrol returned from 1000 yards to the front of the left flank of I Co, they didn't see or hear anything. Enemy rockets fired from 5000 yards out, 3465 mills at 0025 hours.
- 0120 - White 1 to Mr. Lipinski: G Co line was knocked out by a rocket, coming from 165 degrees from Freesport. E Co reported them from the right flank coming from 150 degrees, one man from the I&R was slightly wounded. This was reported to 7th Field.
- 0132 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the hourly reports received from the battalions.
- 0145 - Red 1 to Lt. Stephens: Rockets firing about two batteries, 180 degrees 3000 yards from the Battalion CP.
- 0148 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: No definite time on the first rockets. We just had more over at 0141 hours. OP #1 reported them at 200 degrees, OP #2 reported them at 200 degrees. Took point of that and digure it at 87009975. 3 gun flashes at 170 degrees, 10 seconds flash to bang.
- 0150 - White 5 to Mr. Lipinski: G Co just reported about 50 to 60 rockets went over them towards friends on our right, believe coming from 100 yards west of 87.
- 0152 - Red 1 to Mr. Lipinski: Another reading on the rockets, 150 degrees from right flank of B Co.
- 0155 - White 5 to Mr. Lipinski: Bn CP just reported rockets firing from 155 degrees and I believe that to be the most correct.
- 0157 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight: Gave them the latest reports on rockets.
- 0207 - White 5 to Mr. Lipinski: A rocket concentration fell in the 8303 grid square, one man wounded, it fell near our road block.
- 0220 - Mr. Lipinski To G-3: Plenty of rocket activity. Seemed to be several batteries, and they have fired several concentrations. Firing from vicinity 870003, landing at 833033, artillery being laid on.
- 0249 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: At 0230 hours a buzz bomb appeared to be shot down by night fighters, fell behind Jerry territory.
- 0303 - Mr. Lipinski: Gives him the hourly reports from the battalions.

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- 0355 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski; OP #1 reports 15 enemy 210 degrees, 800 yards out.
- 0358 - White to Mr. Lipinski; 6 shells landed behind the I&R road block at 0353 hours.
- 0845 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark; The G Co patrol got to the road junction at 864025 north of the railroad, above 54, were fired upon by enemy machine gun from road junction to the east around 867025. The patrol entered fire fight and another group of enemy came up on the right flank, the patrol withdrew and returned. One light casualty, one man hit in the knee.
- 0847 - Hq Co to Capt. Clark; A call from the I&R attached to the 2nd Bn, says an enemy rocket hit the I&R road block. 3 of our men were injured, Schroeder and Irvin are back to duty, Wagner may be evacuated.
- 085b - G-3 to S-3: What is the disposition of your M-10s, not the 634. (S-3) One platoon with 3rd Bn, one with 2nd Bn, and one platoon in regimental reserve.
- 0900 - S-3 to Co B 644th TD: Here are your targets for today - 886982, 887963, 879970, 862968, 851972, 855992, 880004, 885001, 832002, 836002, 848002, 852003.
- 0905 - Red to S-2; OP reports 15 to 20 enemy planes over Faymonville going west, flying at tree top level.
- 0906 - S-2 to G-2; Reports the above message regarding the enemy planes.
- 0908 - S-3 to Madoap; Gives them the report of enemy planes.
- 0910 - CP area strafed by enemy planes.
- 0912 - Red 2 to S-2; Enemy planes strafed our area, recognized as ME-109s, no casualties, one plane shot down, planes reported to be carrying bombs.
- 0917 - Madoap to S-3; We had a Warrant Officer wounded when those planes strafed our CP area.
- 0918 - Red 2 to S-2; Two more enemy planes just went down.
- 0930 - G-3 to S-3; What are you doing about these planes. (S-3) Three were shot down.
- 0925 - S-4 to S-3; We just saw three planes shot down.
- 0935 - Blue 2 to S-2; At 0826 hours OP #1 saw 4 enemy, 2 carrying a litter, and also two trucks at 8702; at 0900 hours Fox 3 reported 4 enemy trucks and 10 enemy at 869015.

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- 0945 - White 2 to S-2: At 0915 hours two enemy seen at 848017; at 0940 hours two enemy seen at 848017, one appeared to be an officer; at 0935 hours two enemy going into a house at 848017. We have a pilot from a ME9109.
- 1003 - White 2 to S-2: One ME crashed landed in the minefield in front of G Co, the pilot was not hurt, and is on his way back. One JU-88 observed hedgehopping in area.
- 1015 - S-2 to G-2: One ME-109 crashed landed in our minefield, and the pilot is on his way back.
- 1020 - S-2 to Madoap? Gives them the dope on the Me-109 in 2nd Bn area.
- 1040 - White 1 to S-2: There is a plane at 838018, and is not very much damaged.
- 1122 - S-2 to G-2: People have been observed walking around in Faymonville.
- 1125 - Capt. Clark to White 3: How many mines do you want, 3rd Bn has 200, they don't want, and AT has 60 over their basic load. (White 3) I will take them.
- 1135 - S-3 to Capt. Groves: How many mines did you get? (Capt. Groves) 800 and they were broken down 200 each battalion and AT. (S-3) We have 260 over, and are giving them to 2nd Bn so they will have them to finish up with.
- 1145 - S-3 to White 3: You are getting the 200 mines.
- 1155 - G-2 to S-2: Fighter bombers just reported 10 M-IVs down on main road at 851001, 5 destroyed and 5 probable.
- 1203 - White 3 to S-2: I talked to Shelby and he and his men haven't seen planes this morning. Only plane they saw was a Jerry who came in clearing his guns.
- 1206 - Delight 3 to S-2: I believe Corps missed the town about 20 miles in regard to tanks and planes. Well, up with 2nd Bn put the warning through this morning when the Jerry planes came in and the AA was waiting for them.
- 1224 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1203 hours OP reported 9 enemy in snow capes at 884034, and our 81s and Cannon Co fired at them effectively; at 1205 hours 3 enemy observed going southeast pulling sleight, turned at road junction at 76; at 1210 hours one enemy going west on the same road; at 1215 hours 3 enemy going northeast on the small road at 76 north of turn at 889011, Cannon Co and 7th Field fired.
- 1311 - White 2 to S-2: I am sending map down to you taken from the Jerry pilot, scale 1/500,000, and shows exact front line. (S-2) Have you seen any Jerries? (White 2) We saw a platoon in Removal, killed 3, probably a relief platoon, also saw a 5 man patrol coming up to our OP, but they turned off.

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- 1313 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1300 hours at 867016 16 enemy and probably one civilian walking towards Faymonville; one group of 9 went into Faymonville; another group of 8 went north and then turned east into Faymonville. Fire was brought on them.
- 1323 - G-2 to S-2: Anything new? (S-2) No. Do you know anything of the 18th VGR? (G-2) Yes, 30th Div captured a PW sometime yesterday. Sources claim they were relieving 1st SS and 3rd Parachute Div. I understand a Jerry plane is down in your area. (S-2) Yes, at 838018. A ME-109, practically in good shape. (G-2) Fine, Air corps brass hats are very interested in GAS. Here is something of interest at 9402, the Air Corps saw something funny, they claim to have seen tanks. These are probably tanks knocked out by the 26th or the artillery. Claim they are suspicious. Air Corps also picked up other vehicular movement in Monschau area heading northeast. The spotted several columns are are shooting them up.
- 1333 - Maj. Yeager, ASP to S-3: I hear you have a 109 down there? (S-3) Yes. (Maj. Yeager) Will you see that no one touches it as we want to examine it closely.
- 1338 - S-2 to G-2: Are we supposed to have air up. (G-2) There is air up who are supposed to be working over some tanks out in front. (S-2) A bomb landed between us and our 3rd Bn. At 1203 hours 9 enemy in snow capes were observed at 864034, 81s laid in on them; at 1300 hours 16 enemy and probably one civilian walking into Faymonville.
- 1348 - G-3 to S-3: The 26th is losing their 90s. The four you have in Weimes remains there, 4 you have with 3rd Bn stay there, but the 4 in mobile reserve will move to Butgenbach.
- 1350 - S-3 to B Co, 644th TD: Relays the above message regarding their guns.
- 1351 - Red 2 to S-2: 8 enemy observed in Faymonville, two went into a house and the artillery scored a direct hit on the house.
- 1418 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: We just got a report that our planes shot down a 75 enemy aircraft and our AA got 37 planes in the pocket today.
- 1422 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new over there? (Red 2) We picked up some enemy movement in Faymonville. The shelling has been very light so far today.
- 1450 - S-3 to Red 3: How are you on mines? (Red 3) OK. We have 200 on hand. There is no change in our minefields. Only change could be 100 rolls of concertina wire, we covered the gap with a 57, 2 bazookas and one 50.
- 1500 - Lt Lynch to Capt. Clark: This morning our Air Corps ran into the enemy air corps over the pocket and reported that we knocked out 75 out of 100. A buzz bomb hit a house in the 26th area, but didn't go off, no one hurt.

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- 1515 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reported at 1435 hours picked up one scout car coming from 75 going toward Faymonville. Stopped behind a group of houses on the outside of town. Cannon Co and 7th Field brought fire on it.
- 1531 - Red 2 to S-2: 3 enemy between 75 and 74 wearing white capes. They are going from one building to another.
- 1615 - White 2 to S-2: Here is the shell report for today. F Co, A 1705 C-SE, E-300 yards east of 50, F-1705, G-1710, H-Nebelwerffers, J-Harassing the roads, K-none. 81 mortar position - A-1705, C-SE; E-81 mortar position, F-1705, G-1710, H-Nebelwerffer, J-harassing roads, K-none. Bn CP area - A-1705, C-SE, E-847031 and vicinity, F-1705, G-1710, H-Nebelwerffers 12 rounds, J-harassing, K-none. Freeport OP reports at 1525 hours one enemy on bike going left to right at 852002; at 1340 hours I&R reported two unidentified soldiers 300 yards west of 83; at 1505 hours two enemy walking left to right at 832995.
- 1620 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 6 rounds 105, 12 rounds 81. I Co patrol is going to 42 then to 59 at 0100 to 0600 hours. L Co patrol is going to woods at 41 at 2000 to 2400 hours.
- 1656 - White 2 to S-2: E Co is sending a patrol out at 1930 hours.
- 1657 - Red 2 to S-2: There is a fire burning in Faymonville.
- 1705 - Blue 2 to S-2: L Co saw 7 enemy at 839004 at 1630 hours; at 1655 hours 11 enemy seen at the same place; at 1702 hours enemy movement at the same point, possibly a chow line.
- 1710 - S-2 to Red 2: What is burning in Faymonville? (Red 2) Just a few single houses set afire by our WP.
- 1715 - S-2 to G-2: That road which all the activity was seen on is at 909978. (Also gives him a summary of the OP reports).
- 1730 - Blue 2 to S-2: L Co at 1600 hours reports TDs fired at house at 876026 and 6 enemy took off from the house to the woods.
- 1731 - S-2 to Delight 2: Here is our shell report - 30 rounds Nebelwerffers, 30 rounds 81, 20 rounds of artillery.
- 1735 - White 2 to S-2: I&R OP reports that in vicinity of 832994 there is an enemy observation post, they observed enemy milling around. One medium bomber shot down, also 5 enemy observed at 69.
- 1738 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: V Corps report: Bombers report between 1150 and 1225 hours one locomotive and 10 cars standing facing west at T-984990 and at K-9604 tanks dispersed along the road, bombed and strafed and 10 were damaged. 40 tanks at 9040 knocked out, confirmed by the 2nd Div.

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- 1740 - White 2 to S-2: There has been enemy activity around 69 all day. The E Co patrol at 2100 hours is to get identification of dead enemy at the northern edge of town on the grid square line.
- 1740 - Red 2 to S-2: D Co shot 30 rounds of WP on 55 as directed and two fires started.
- 1800 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1737 hours L Co reports six enemy at 889004, and rockets fire at 889003, a TD concentration put on it.
- 1820 - White 2 to S-2: I&R OP reports at 1645 hours one unidentified man moving northwards 300 yards east of 94 to Thinimont; at 1650 hours two unidentified men in vicinity 830002.
- 1830 - Capt. Groves to Lt. Kestlinger: How many mines do I get today? (Lt. Kestlinger) 200.
- 1900 - White 3 to S-3: There are lots of planes over, do you know anything about them? (S-3) Let me check, and I will call you back.
- 1915 - S-3 to G-3: There are lots of planes over Faymorville, do you know anything about them? (G-3) All we know is we have night fighters between St. Vith and Monsechau all night, and another squadron over V Corps sector.
- 1916 - S-3 to Madcap: Have you anything on those bombers going over? (Madcap) They are flying at 33,000 feet, and we are tracking them, they must be friendly.
- 1917 - Lt. Lynch to Lt. Stephens: Those 30 tanks in front of the 26th, the Air Corps claims they destroyed 10 of them. In front of the 9th Div, the 39th Inf says they were cleaning up the pocket. They went out to knock out a tank and a battle developed, but turned out OK. 9th TAC claims 91 enemy planes knocked down. V Corps claims AA shot down 20 planes. 19th Corps reports an increase of artillery and strafing attacks. 7 enemy attacks ranging in strength from 75 to 600 men between Q-3372-Q-9045, one enemy penetration reached one kilometer. Enemy paratroopers landed east of Q-3668. Patton's east to west lines are from P-4057 to 4957, and he is only meeting artillery and mortar fire. The enemy lost many tanks from Grossdeuchland Brigade in an attack at P-6751. 1st SS Panzer Div at P-5653 no other change in the front.
- 1937 - Red 2 to S-2: One plane, supposed to be enemy, taking pictures at 1932 hours in front of and to the left of 1st Bn OP.
- 1952 - Red 2 to S-2: More enemy movement today, decreased artillery and increased air activity, movement could indicate a change in the enemy personnel in front of 1st Bn. Patrol is out trying to get a PW.

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- 2005 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1955 hours M Co reports planes overhead at 2800 mills; at 2000 hours OP #2 reports 140 degrees 3000 yards out plane straffing.
- 2012 - G-2 to S-2: Enemy air activity reported at Brussels, evidently not too good, more information on this when reports are more complete. There is also enemy in Saarbrücken area, not much information on this until later. 9th VG made attack to the south, the attack was apparently still going on this afternoon. Corps is anxious to know who is in front of the 16th, they think that perhaps the 3rd Parachute has moved.
- 2018 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 3 buzz bombs landed in division area today, two more unexploded. About 1930 hours at 9210LH, 32nd Field observed two red flares in quick succession, then three red flares, then 3 yellow flares. On the question of the mines freezing, there is a possibility of dirt freezing between the spider and the mine, causing the mine to be ineffective. Mines are now being inserted in sandbags to avoid this possibility of freezing.
- 2050 - Blue 2 to S-2: There is a plane coming in low from the southeast, no hostile act as yet.
- 2105 - Red 2 to S-2: Quite a few enemy can be observed in front of the burning buildings in Fayonville, our artillery is firing on them now. One unidentified plane flying low over our positions.
- 2106 - Blue 2 to S-2: One plane flying low, heading east over CP.
- 2107 - Blue 2 to S-2: Several planes flying very low, coming in from the east. Suppose them to be enemy single motored, probably fighters.
- 2108 - S-2 to Madcap: Relays the above message.
- 2114 - White 2 to S-2: E Co patrol went to north of 69. They ran into 12 enemy one hedgerow away, the patrol was only 8 men so they did nothing about it. The patrol stayed for about a half hour and then pulled back. They could not locate the dead enemy, they had evidently been picked up. They were there at dark.
- 2145 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the latest dope from V Corps. Our elements at K-9551LH received heavy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire during the morning. In the afternoon they received artillery fire, 220mm. Kalterherberg was heavily shelled around 1800 hours. 5 PWs taken were from 7th Co. 990th Regt.

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FWs taken at K-9711. FWs taken at K-9412 were from 8th Co, 990th Regt. The FWs from the 7th Co say their regiment only has about 200 men left, 70 of which are dug in at K-946124, also say that there are log covered dugouts at K-968127. Enemy still continues to attack Bastogne area, but we are still attacking to the northeast. We have advanced to P-4757 and P-4559. We have taken town at P-4558. The woods at P-4757 are being cleared of the enemy. In the north there is an enemy pocket at P-4789, our units there have advanced 500 yards. 1st Army reports a civilian reports that on the 29th Dec he saw in the town at T-4381 on the door of a house the woods 10th SS Div, and on the 31st Dec he saw what he believes were SS troops and 12 tanks.

- 2205 - White 5 to S-3: A recon plane is flying over G and E Cos and also the town. The plane is taking pictures.
- 2209 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2030 hours OP #2 reports vehicular movement, a couple of trucks and motorcycles at 160 degrees, 2000 yards out; at 2107 hours a plane flying around believed to be taking pictures; at 2200 hours a plane flying west to east, strafed 1500 yards out from K Co, and also taking pictures.
- 2215 - Red 3 to S-2 : 6 shells just fell to the right of C Co, about 105s. B Co's OP reports hearing tommy gun and machine gun fire in Faymonville, I think it is my patrol.
- 2324 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2212 hours L Co reports gun flash at 150 degrees, 7000 yards out; at 2214 hours Fox #3 OP reports at 2745 miles 7 to 8000 yards out one medium artillery piece firing 8 to 10 rounds which landed in their vicinity.
- 2327 - Red 3 to S-2: B Co patrol returned, they reached a point 200 yards northwest of 54, and ran into enemy outpost and had a fight, they hit two of the enemy.
- 2330 - S-3 to G-3: Gives them the report on the B Co patrol.

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- 0005 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; OP #2 at 2340 hours reported two vehicles moving at 180 degrees, 2000 yards out; also at 190 degrees, distance unknown, two tanks going west; at 0044 hours one truck at 190 degrees, 1200 yards out.
- 0006 - White to Lt. Kestlinger; Co E reports heavy motor movement at 85.
- 0015 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Gives him the hourly reports received from the battalions.
- 0030 - Red to Lt. Stephens; B Co has picked up a battery at 190 degrees from them, shot from 857035.
- 0032 - Lt. Kestlinger to White; Gives him the dope on the battery picked up by B Co. Alert your OP to watch for the battery and get an azimuth on it, so that with the azimuth from 1st Bn we can get close to fire artillery on it.
- 0100 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; At 0034 hours OP #2 reported at 210 degrees a four gun battery, flash to bang 12 seconds, spotted at 864002. A plane was observed flying from east to south taking photos. Artillery is going to fire on that gun battery.
- 0105 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Gives him the hourly reports received from the battalions.
- 0205 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; At 0105 hours 7th Field fired on the 4 gun battery previously reported; at 0147 hours OP #2 reported a 3 man enemy patrol coming towards the OP.
- 0208 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Gives him the reports received from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0304 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski; At 0246 hours L Co reported the I Co patrol on the way in with 2 PWs, picked up between 42 and 59.
- 0310 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3 and G-2; Gives them the reports received from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0430 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski; The PWs are on their way back, and they will talk. They are from the 8th Regt. We would like to find out their CP location, that is which house it is in, also where the rest of the battalion is located. Will you interrogate them tonight? (Mr. Lipinski) Yes.
- 0432 - Mr. Lipinski to PW Gage; Relays the above message regarding PWs.
- 0500 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski; The I Co patrol returned from 59 with two PWs.

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- 0645 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: OP #2 reports a 4 gun battery about 150mm at 210 degrees, 12 seconds flash to bang.
- 0650 - Capt. Clark to Delight: Gives him the above report on 4 gun battery.
- 0725 - PWI to Capt. Clark: PWs state there is a machine gun outpost in house at 882028. They are from the 2nd Co, 8th Parachute Regt. They are in position in the woods in the 8802 grid square, MLR runs along the edge of the woods. They are in wooden dugouts, some hold as many as 10 men, are 20 yards apart. 1st Co partly in cellars in Faymonville. 3rd Co dissolved due to heavy losses in Duran area. Company Kitchen in Schoppen. The battalion arrived from Duren area on 26 Dec. and they expect relief shortly. The company has 70 men left, but reinforcements are expected soon. Battalion CO is Major Huss. The company CO is new. Two days ago they were in position in woods in vicinity of 902015, also had wooden dugouts there. They were relieved by other paratroopers, but they did not know their identification. They had 3 platoons of 3 squads, each squad has two machine guns. One PW was a Sgt.
- 0730 - Capt. Clark to Blue 2 and G-2: Gives them the above PW report.
- 0830 - Blue to Capt. Clark: The OP reports 15 enemy planes headed northeast.
- 0832 - Capt. Clark to Madcap: Notified them of the above report.
- 0833 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: The 30th Div took one PW, captured at 812015 was from the 4th Co, 293rd Regt, 18th VG Div. The 26th had two men killed and three wounded when laying British mines, when they pulled the pins they exploded. The 9th Pushed out last night to an outpost at 945135 where things got too hot, so they pulled back.
- 0836 - S-2 to G-2: Our 3rd Bn OP reports 15 enemy planes headed northeast.
- 0840 - S-3 to Red 3: What is new? (Red 3) All Quiet, the patrol did not get all the way to 54, they had to withdraw because of fire, the road is well worn by hob nail shoes.
- 0850 - PWI to S-2: PW says at 881027 there are one NCO and two men, it is their relief, only have carbines and NCO has a pistol. The house is destroyed, but they live in the cellar. MLR along edge of woods. Half of company in Faymonville, 4th Company in support. He has seen on tanks, S/Ps or mortars. They were not to petrol, and if attacked and it was light they were to hold, but if in force they were to withdraw to MLR. Knows nothing about mines or wire. No observer with them. They all sleep in the cellars.
- 0900 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 0857 K #5 reported 5 rounds of medium artillery at 175 degrees, 1200 yards out, landed to their rear.

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- 0910 - S-3 to G-3; Did you get that stuff I sent up yesterday? (G-3) Yes, 229 enemy planes shot down yesterday.
- 0915 - White 2 to S-2; At 0818 hours one enemy going west at 855992; at 0850 hours two enemy walking towards house at 848017.
- 0921 - Capt. Groves to S-3; Have 200 mines, do you want me to hand on them. (S-3) Yes, keep them where they are.
- 0925 - TF Davison to S-3; We are planning to fire small arms on a little range east of town, will fire up against the hill at 846064 from 0900 to 1600 hours to check the weapons. (S-3) We take a dim view of that firing behind our lines, I will talk it over with the Colonel and let you know.
- 0931 - S-2 to G-2; Gives him the reports of the patrols during the night.
- 0940 - S-2 to PWI; What time do they get chow. (PWI) The time varies. Only one man goes back to Schoppen to pick up the chow. I am continuing to question them. (S-2) Here are some more points to bring into consideration. How much ammunition do they have on hand? What is the code that they use? What type of communications do they have to the rear? What flare signals do they use to indicate enemy approaching; to lift artillery fire; front lines; illumination; attack; and any other flares.
- 0947 - S-3 to G-3; I just got a call from TF Davison, and the plan is to have a 0900 to 1600 hours firing range at 846067. Firing two companies all day. We don't like the idea, it doesn't tie in with our plan of things to have firing behind our lines. Our engineers and some of our troops are around there. (G-3) What about in the wooded draw. (S-3) This is alright with us. (G-3) They are sitting around down there, they need some thing to do.
- 0955 - S-2 to Blue 3; Gives him the PW report. (Blue 3) Here is the story on the patrols; they went down to the woods north of 59 and they started down to flush the hedgerows. They went down to a gravel pit and into a bunch of trees and a house at point 59. They came across some fresh tracks in the snow and followed them for awhile up towards a house. Then they back tracked and came around the gravel pit and were nearly on them. They then lifted their faces. The Jerries had to be lifted out of the hole really frozen to death.
- 1008 - S-2 to PWI; What else did you find out? (PWI) They had no flare pistol and when they did, the signals were changed every two hours. As for the house, they can't pinpoint it. It is either the house at 879028 or the house at 881029. They were captured near one of these houses. (S-2) Here is some additional information which may enlighten you. They were taken near a gravel pit, this should straighten that matter up. What did you learn about the strength of the company? (PWI) 70.

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- 1030 - PWI to S-2: The house at 881029 is the one, they did not see the gravel pit, but did see the other house towards the village.
- 1037 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Have Major Smith report to Division at 1100 hours for a meeting.
- 1202 - Brown to S-2: A little enemy activity in front of F Co since 1000 hours; at 1020 hours eight enemy seen going along hedgerow at 838012, and at 1100 hours fired on machine gun being set up at 838005.
- 1235 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1230 hours three rounds of 75mm landed in the OP area. The shells came from 180 degrees. Also 200 yards southeast of 74 is an enemy kitchen, and the artillery is now firing on it.
- 1245 - Red 3 to S-3: A Co is going into the line tonight and B Co is coming out.
- 1247 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engr to S-3: Notify your AP Platoons and Mine Platoons that they should be on the look out for defective fuses in the British AT mines. The mines go off when you pull the safety pins. A couple of men were licked last night while laying them.
- 1249 - S-3 to All Bns & AF CO: Gives them the above dope on British Lines.
- 1300 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1225 hours Fox OP 3 reported 5 rounds of 105 from 3180 mills landing in the vicinity of their OP. L Co at 1232 hours reported 2 rounds mortar landed to the left of their OP #2; at 1255 hours OP #2 reports 15 rounds of 47mm landed in vicinity of 46.
- 1300 - Decoy 2 to Capt. Clark: We are sending out a patrol at 1400 hours today. Two squads are going down the draw to 904026, into the woods, hit the trail southwest, search crossroad and bald hill if possible, and be back before dark.
- 1305 - Capt. Clark to Blue 2: Gives him the above dope on 18th patrol.
- 1333 - Red 2 to S-2: Three enemy at 75 pulling a sleight going west to east, Cannon Co is firing at them. One enemy coming from east to west at 75.
- 1345 - G-3 to S-3: We received a letter from Army and they want to know how you like the M-15 WP Grenade, is it good, etc? (S-3) Negative.
- 1400 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is new/ (Blue 2) All quiet OP #1 is at 87350395; IP #2 is the same as before; 3 Fox OP is the same as OP #1.
- 1405 - Brown to S-2: At 1205 hours one enemy going north on road at 870015; at 1320 hours three enemy at 75 going east.
- 1410 - White 2 to S-2: At 1000 hours I&R reported one enemy at 818003; at 1045 hours I&R reported fresh tracks in snow at 825000 going north and south, tracks were not there yesterday; at 1110 hours I&R reports 3 enemy carrying machine gun ammunition along hedgerow at 828002, 5 minutes later 2 more enemy going east. Friendly air craft strafed in valley behind 94.

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At 1220 hours 10 enemy in last hour going west at 835004; at 1227 hours 7 more enemy at 835004; at 1240 hours 5 enemy seen carrying ammunition going east at 832002; at 1318 hours two enemy on road going south turned off road and went east to west and stopped at 828995; at 1330 hours fired artillery at 83 where 15 to 20 enemy were observed; at 1400 hours Freeport reported two enemy in snow suits at 849017.

- 1420 - S-3 to Red 3: Something is cooking for tomorrow and we are going to help it out. I want you to do the following - for tonight send a patrol down to Faymonville to raise as much hell as they can, using explosives, TNT and also taking ammunition along with a time fuse so that it will go off after they leave. For tomorrow fire your 60s at known enemy outposts at 41 and 56, raise all the hell you can there. 81s will fire into Faymonville. Smoke will be on call to smoke 56 in Faymonville, also the high ground southwest of Faymonville. Your 50s will fire indirect fire into Faymonville and at house near 56 all the way over to Steinbach. Time and amount of fire to be announced later.
- 1430 - S-3 to White 3: We are putting on a show something is cooking and we are going to help it along. For tonight have aggressive patrols to woods east of 66 to raise all the hell they can, such as blow up a house, etc. Tomorrow you will fire your 81s at Udenval, smoke will be on call to smoke all along in front of F and G Cos on line from 68 to 66. Your 50s will fire indirect fire at Steinbach to right flank of F Co. Your 60s will fire at all known enemy outposts. Time and amount of fire to be announced later.
- 1435 - S-3 to Blue 3: Something is cooking and we are to help it along. You will send a patrol out to raise all the hell it can. Explosives and delayed fuses. Pick out the best place for it. For tomorrow your 81s will fire into the woods south of K Co. Smoke will be on call. Your 60s will fire at all known enemy outposts. The 50s will fire from Schoppen exclusive to Faymonville. Tanks will fire at high ground, right flank 855013, left flank 866013. TDs will fire into Schoppen. 7th field into Udenval, Cannon Co into Thiriment. Time and amount of fire will be announced later.
- 1450 - S-3 to Brown: Something is going to break tomorrow and we are going to help it along. Tomorrow I want you to cover the town at 834, also have one assault gun cover OP at 825997. Be ready to smoke the high ground. Time and amount of fire will be announced later.
- 1500 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports at 1410 hours one enemy going southwest at 849017; at 1412 hours two enemy at 849017 came out of house and went west. Smoke coming from building; at 1425 hours one enemy at 855992 going east.
- 1502 - S-3 to B Co 61/7th TD: Be ready to fire into Schoppen tomorrow. Time and amount to be announced later. Something is cooking and we are going to help it along.

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- 1505 - Blue 2 to S-2: 3 Fox OP reports at 1315 hours twenty enemy at 889004 in houses, artillery fired on them; at 919975 on the road OP observed 4 vehicles and 5 to 10 enemy.
- 1510 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the latest dope on the big picture. Enemy penetrations in Saar area were sealed off at 0250 hours. Enemy attacks reached Q-9114, Q-8114, Q-6255, 8846, 3072, 3269, two enemy companies are surrounded Q-6055, other attacks were repulsed. 3rd and 8th Corps reported meeting heavy resistance. Have reached P-6059, 6159, 6160, 615B, 6047, 5157, 1st Canadian Army reports enemy threat withdrawn. PW states that attack was called off. The 190th Inf identified north of Venlo, believed to be relieving the 7th Panzer Div. 272nd Inf Div located at K-9723. 340th Inf Div located at P-6059.
- 1535 - White 2 to S-2: Shell report - E Co at 2345 hours one round 150mm from southeast landed vicinity water tower, harassing fire damage none. F Co 0230 hours one round 105mm from the southwest landed 200 yards southwest of 50, harassing fire damage none.
- 1540 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1430 hours, one Nestor Michael gave us the following information. Paul Le Jole in Bruyeres, a grocer, said that two days ago Jean Michel from Champagne came to him and asked for information on American artillery positions. He also inquired at other houses. He told a woman that he was on his way to Walk and Malmedy. He is reported to be a Nazi party member and to have acted as a spy before. His brother-in-law, Peter Gellison, owner of Hotel Gellison close to railroad track in Malmedy is equally suspicious as a spy. Nestor Michel and 4 Nazis are still in Verriers. Names of the other men are Otto Peifer, Joseph Garner, Eugen Thurms, Joseph Herband, Joseph Paquay. He had a meeting with a Nazi from Walk a week ago. His father is a PW for political reasons.
- 1550 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1445 hours one enemy tank at 871007 going north, and disappeared in the woods, we fired at it but don't know the results.
- 1555 - Red 2 to S-2: Shell report - A Co none; B Co 10 rounds 81, 6 rounds 105, C Co 24 rounds 50 mortar.
- 1640 - S-2 to White 2: What are your shell reports, and what are your patrols for tonight? (White 2) B Co patrol is going down to check 70 at 2000 hours. If we contact anybody, will keep listening post down there all night. At 1900 hours F Co to house where the enemy is. I will check on shell reports.
- 1645 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 20 rounds 81, 30 rounds 150, 22 rounds 47.
- 1650 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - one round 150, and one round 105.
- 1715 - S-2 to Delight 2: Here is our shell report - 60 rounds mortar, 80 rounds of artillery half of which was medium.

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- 1745 - Red 2 to S-2: We will outpost 500 yards south of 39, starting at 2130 hours and will stay all night. C Co will patrol to 54 by way of 53, starting at 2100 hours.
- 1750 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Report from V Corps, 89th Regt of 12 VGD identified approximately at 4888. PW claims his unit relieved the 12th SS Div. 3rd Bn of 18th reports one enemy machine gun at 904018 and fire fight at 907 017 at 1635 hours.
- 1756 - Blue 2 to S-2: One low flying plane coming in from the west, no hostile act as yet.
- 1845 - S-3 to Red 3: The time 0830 hours to 0845 hours, 81mm mortars 5 rounds per gun per minute; 60mm two rounds per gun per minute. At 0845 hours to 0900 hours 50 cal. machine guns firing, harassing with 60s and 81s. After 0900 hours keep up harassing at slower rate. Tanks and TDs stand-fast. Stabler is to tie in with 7th Field for official time at 0730 hours. Smoke to start with 0845 hours. Smoke west of Paymonville, blanket the highground. Platoon will attack enemy position vicinity 56 at 0900 hours. (Red 3) The patrol tonight will be 10 men and one officer with pack charges, grenades, BATS, tommy guns, etc. We will pour it on.
- 1853 - S-3 to White 3: Same orders as above.
- 1855 - S-3 to Blue 3: Same order as above except for the platoon attack. Lights and mediums to work through you to fire as much as possible without hurting the pieces.
- 1900 - S-3 to B Co Smith TD: The time is 0830 to 0900 hours throw all the stuff you can without hurting pieces, no star shells tonight but tomorrow night.
- 1902 - S-3 to Cannon Co. Time 0830 to 0900 hours for HE. Smoke slowly starting at 0845 hours. Use your own judgement on rate of fire.
- 1920 - Red 2 to Cap.t. Clark: Here is the information given by Mr. Legarder from Puyers on Sunday, Dec, 17, 1944. A Mrs. Hancker from Thirimont came to Puyers to meet Joseph Paquay Jr from Walk. Supposed to be sent by the SS to find out what troops were here and bring the information back to the SS. On Monday-Dec 18th a meeting of Nazi sympathizers was held at the home of Eugene Jarma, and those present were Otto Piefer, Alfred Herbreanal, Joseph Parquary Jr, and Mrs. Hancker, she returned to Thirimont to give the SS her report. It may be interesting to note that Mrs. Hancker's husband and son are political PWs of the Allies.
- 1955 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports at 220 degrees, 1500 to 2000 yards out vehicle movement, a half track or tank, seems to come from Paymonville.
- 2210 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1945 hours L Co fired 30 rounds of 60 mortar and the 18th was laying mines, and it showed them up.

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- 2215 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 26th artillery observer reported one fallen tree and one knocked out tank. Corps reports lots of movement west and south of Hallenrath, a convoy of 100 mixed vehicles from 021006 to 030060, 11 tanks destroyed, 6 damaged, 23 other vehicles destroyed. 500 vehicles west to north of St. Vith. 20th patrol met enemy in woods at 923-017, received mortar and machine gun fire, believed observer in woods as mortar fire very good.
- 2130 - G-2 to S-2: Corps reports 89th Regt, 12th Div, captured PW at 1888. 2nd Div reports 404th Regt. 246th Div on their right flank.
- 2140 - S-2 to G-3: Our A Co relieved B Co, and relief was complete at 2130 hours.
- 2152 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports at 2017 hours a german police dog came within 30 yards of K #2 and then returned towards enemy lines. I Co patrol just passed through L Co.
- 2202 - Red 5 to S-2: Do you have anything on Patton's progress? (S-2) Gives him Lt. Lynch report of 2215 hours.
- 2215 - S-2 to White 2: What is cooking? (White 2) The F Co patrol reported they accomplished their mission, saw nothing, and heard nothing. The E Co patrol went down to 70, heard nothing around 69, but heard a couple enemy near Faymonville. Shelby is shooting a white star cluster tonight every hour on the hour. (S-2) My opinion is that F Co patrol did not go to the house or near 69.
- 2235 - White 2 to S-2: The patrol left at 1830 hours with 11 men and Lt. Lombafski. Went down to house, out road to left and through small patch of woods to main road and back. Heard people near the house but no one fired on them.
- 2325 - S-3 to White 1: I just wanted to tell you 30th Div will be putting on a little attack tomorrow at 010006 at 0830 hours.
- 2350 - S-3, Cluster to S-3: Here is a word of caution about firing in the morning. (S-3) We definitely will not bother you at all, the stuff that will effect you will be observed fire only.

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- 0001 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: At 2303 hours I Co patrol reported in, all returned, no trouble, accomplished their mission: at 2327 hours 3rd Bn 18th reported that they were going out to work on their minefield; at 2332 hours another Co I patrol reported in, mission accomplished; at 2342 hours OP 2 received a direct hit on their house from a mortar firing from due south, OP personnel took to the cellar. 7th Field notified.
- 0003 - Red to Lt. Stephens: Companies receiving some mortar fire from Faymonville.
- 0023 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports received from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0156 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: K #2 reported mortar flashes at 175 degrees, 760 yards out, 5 rounds landed on K #2; at 0147 hours L Co patrol to H1 returned, they heard men talking and coughing in the woods east of H1 and a machine gun firing from the rear of one of the buildings at H1 at approximately 450 yards. They heard one rifle shot at the first building and believe someone was killing a calf. All artillery and mortar fire reported to 7th Field.
- 0208 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gave him the reports from the battalions received in the last hour.
- 0245 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: C Co patrol just returned. They went out at 2100 hours and they had 3 TNT charges with them. One man was carrying two of these charges and when he attempted to get close enough to a house to blow it Jerry opened up on him. He hit the ground and in so doing lost the two charges, the rest of the patrol opened up and then withdrew.
- 0258 - Delight to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you tell me if you have any patrols out near 868025? We would like to fire there at some mortar positions. (Lt. Kestlinger) I will check with the battalions and call you back.
- 0301 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red: Do you have any patrols near 868025, 7th Field would like to fire there? (Red) No, all our patrols are in. Negative report for the last hour.
- 0303 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Do you have any patrols out near 868025, 7th Field wants to fire there. (Blue 3) We have none out there. Negative report for the last hour.
- 0305 - Lt. Kestlinger to Delight: I checked with the battalions and they have no patrols out there, so it will be OK to fire.
- 0307 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gave him the reports received from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0403 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0327 hours K Co patrol reported in. They heard enemy digging at the base of Triangel 100 yards east of H4, they came back because enemy also heard them. Directed mortar fire on the enemy.

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- 0410 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions, as received in the last hour.
- 0600 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co reports hearing voices out in front of their outpost.
- 0607 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Anything happen? (Lt. Kestlinger) Nothing happened. (G-3) F Co 26th had a patrol out laying mines and they shot up a few enemy.
- 0707 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: A buzz bomb is believed to have landed in Faymonville.
- 0759 - Red to Capt. Clark: Everything is very quiet. We are getting everything laid on for today. A buzz bomb hit in Faymonville at 0704 hours.
- 0800 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Everything is very quiet. A buzz bomb fell in Faymonville at 0704 hours. What is new on the other fronts? (G-3) Everything is exceptionally quiet on all fronts, most activity is in your sector.
- 0834 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is the latest poop? (Blue 2) At present all quiet. (S-2) What about the patrol activity? (Blue 2) Started out from the usual place, went 100 yards east of LH, met three Jerries digging in. I believe the Jerries have our OPs spotted, as they are getting pasted again. (S-2) Yes, I can gather that from the journal. (Blue 2) Our I Co patrol that reached the edge of the woods at H2. They fired down towards 59, and received a burp gun fire back.
- 0844 - S-3 to Red 3: How are things going? (Red 3) We began firing on time. They are really throwing them out. (S-3) Were you zeroed in? (Red 3) Yes. (S-3) What about the patrol? (Red 3) Our patrol had a very good time last night. They were out 5 1/2 hours. They went over all road junctions that we had trouble with in the past. They got down to the road junction where the houses are. One man from the patrol went out with charges, but was stopped short. Had a little fight and had quite a time. When the patrol returned, we put mortar stump on there.
- 0855 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: Here is the Air Corps tally for yesterday - motor transports destroyed 69; damaged 13; probables, 0. Tracks and tanks destroyed 0, damaged 13; probables 0. Air craft - no enemy aircraft sighted. (G-3 to S-3) What is the latest? (S-3) We started our show on time and are really laying it out. (G-3) Any Jerries coming in? (S-3) No, but our G Co picked up a PW, and he is hot, but we don't have anything on him yet.
- 0859 - S-3 to Capt. Groves: Here is a message we received from G-4: "The following ammunition expenditure authorization for period 030600A to 070600A. 81mm Light, 626 rounds; 81mm heavy 307 rounds; 81 WP 198; 105 M-3 366 rounds. Previous authorization for stockage of ammunition in excess of basic load are rescinded effective 030600A. No further withdrawals will be made from ASF until excess ammunition is expended".

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- 0905 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 0725 hours I Co reported a buzz bomb landed 500 yards in front of the 2nd Platoon OP; at 0815 hours Co K, K-3 reports mortar firing from 240 degrees and 800 yards out, 7th Field notified.
- 0915 - Red 3 to S-3: I just got the ammunition allocation for the next 14 days, and after firing this morning we will be practically out. (S-3) Reads the message from G-4.
- 0930 - S-3 to Blue 3: Did the buzz bomb go off? (Blue 3) No. (S-3) Is it still intact? (Blue 3) I guess so. (S-3) Will you investigate it? (Blue 3) Yes sir. (S-3) What about the patrol? (Blue 3) It is lucky we didn't go down to the house at 59, as Jerry moved his OP up a little. The patrol went down towards 59 and they heard digging, and a member of the patrol who understands German heard one of the enemy say "Someone is sneaking up on us". So the patrol came back. What is the latest on the 18th? (S-3) They plan to send a platoon patrol down towards the railroad overpass.
- 0936 - S-2 to White 3: Do you have any identification of that PW yet? (White 3) I don't know, but I believe Chandler is finished with him. Any news? (S-2) 3rd Army claimed they took 5000 P.W.s, 2000 of them from the 5th Paratroop Div.
- 0950 - White 3 to S-2: The P.W. was working in a hospital in Born. Was on furlough from Dec 23 to Jan 3rd. Was a Belgian. He was going home to Kalmey to visit his folks. He was told by the Jerries that all that territory was in their hands. He said that between Point 110 and 98 there is a big supply dump. Between Point 85 and 84 are enemy mortars. At Point 65 about a squad of enemy. The troops are paratroopers, but he don't know which ones. He said there is an outpost in a house in front of F Co, one at 68. Patrol changes between 10 and 12 at night. Enemy gets ammunition in small vehicles. SS troops still in Saarbrucken.
- 0956 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Three men from the 82nd Airborne Div were whipped out by enemy in American uniforms. 17th SS Panzer Div suffered heavy losses. The 19th WGD attempted to cross the Flies River 5 times and finally succeeded in getting a company across the river but was pushed back. The Jerry's 36th Div suffered heavy losses yesterday.
- 1000 - S-2 to G-2: Gave him the dope on the PW.
- 1010 - Red 3 to S-3: C Co received quite a bit of mortar and artillery fire.
- 1015 - Brown to S-3: We just fired at 842003, as we were told by PW that is an enemy mortar position.
- 1030 - G-2 to S-2: The 26th got one PW. He is from the 2nd Co, 1055th Inf Regt, 89th Div. He is being processed now. The 18th is doing very well, they are down to the edge of the woods on the eastern side, working into the woods. 26th is running into a little artillery and mortar. 2nd Div is running into plenty. (S-2) Our C Co is receiving quite a bit of artillery and mortar.

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- 1110 - S-3 to G-3: Maj. Lord wanted to know about the light tanks I have with the 3rd Bn. They came from Col. Nicholson when we first came here. Another thing, I just came from the 1st Bn and they had a patrol to 866029 pushed off a few enemy, the ground is too hard for digging so they came back.
- 1120 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 0930 hours OP #2 reported enemy machine guns firing at 155 degrees by the railroad station; at 0940 hours OP #2 reported one vehicle moving at 140 degrees, 700 yards out; at 0940 hours K Co reported burp guns to the left front; at 0955 hours OP #1 reported mortars at 868025 and are being fired on; at 1000 hours OP #2 reported track vehicles at 160 degrees, 1000 yards out; at 1005 hours K #5 reported an enemy gun firing at 160 degrees, range unknown; at 1030 hours mortars at 210 degrees fell in vicinity of OP; at 1045 hours OP #2 reported at 180 degrees 1800 yards by sound, mortar shells, 7 landed in rear of OP; at 1055 hours K #3 reported a tank firing at 155 degrees, 1000 yards.
- 1125 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 99th Div reports they ran into heavy small arms fire, 2nd Div took PW. Too early to give anything on 9th Div. 26th got a PW from 2nd Co, 1055th Regt, 89th Div. V Corps reports the rest of the outfits have gone out 500 to 2000 yards. 8th Corps ran into stiff resistance, and are in a fire fight. A Co, 18th have a platoon in a heavy fire fight, 150 enemy counterattacking them from 915009. They called for several battalions of artillery to blast them.
- 1135 - PWI to S-2: PW said outpost at house at 836006, 15 men; house at 837006, 20 men; house at 838011, 20 men; group of three houses at 831016, 15 or 20 men in each. Outposts have machine pistols, rifles, and panzer fausts. He heard a number of mortars fire from 84002 to 843002. A supply base located in the 9698 grid square. Their main traffic is from 10 to 12 at night. He said he heard heavy tanks or trucks going north on main road. Two days ago 70 parachute signal men at Saarumont. Main supply route - 1495 to 0895 to 9502. At 1599 he saw some V-1s coming out there. Saw no ditches or fox holes on the way. On Dec 23-24 he saw a bunch of Nebelwerfers at 960024.
- 1145 - White 3 to S-3: We had one of our 57s knocked out by direct fire, they threw in plenty on us.
- 1200 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div reports 120th Inf moved out to Otainment and went south of it. Unconfirmed reports that they are in vicinity of 810005. The 82nd A/B Div is in a fire fight at Beharment. Divarty reports 200 enemy at 8940236, also 200 at 915015. They are firing at then now. 18th called for cease fire on enemy at 915008. Our forces are regrouping at 918015. 2nd Div reports troops in Wirtzfeld; they are cleaning out the town. 18th reports A Co platoon withdrawn under pressure of 150 enemy. 18th has called for 4 battalions of artillery to be put on enemy and report excellent results at 1106 hours.
- 1210 - S-3 to G-3: We are getting more fire than usual. We had one of our 57s knocked out by artillery. One house of ours was also knocked down. The enemy is searching 1st and 3rd Bns with fire. (G-3) 150 men to 250 men counterattacked to the left of 18th. They put a box barrage around them and inflicted a lot of casualties on the enemy and they were withdrawing under fire. 26th had one PW identified from the 89th Div. You may have a change of people in front of you.

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- 1215 - S-2 to G-2: The PW we have is a Belgium. He says that they have no intrenchments or fox holes. They are all in houses in Underval. In a house at 838001 there are 20 enemy. 15 to 20 enemy in each of the three houses at 831016. 15 enemy at 836006 in house and across the street in another house there are also 20 enemy. He says the troops have no machine guns, but have machine pistols, rifles, and panzerfausts. He says that there is a supply dump in the 8698 square. Supply trucks came in at night between 2000 and 2400 hours.
- 1220 - PWI to S-2: A Belgium from Ligneuville after receiving order to evacuate took his family, wife and 6 girls to Weimes. After much difficulty he succeeded in reaching our lines after an 8 hour trip. He says that the evacuation was ordered because enemy has nothing to eat. He confirmed the PW's report that the enemy in this area have no MLR. He saw no wire, trenches, or tanks. He says the enemy morale is very low. Soldiers that he has talked to even SS have told him that they hope we would attack as there is nothing they can do to stop us. 5 days ago he saw 10 to 15 tanks, most likely belong to the 12th SS Panzer Div going in the direction of St. Vith. He says enemy at one outpost in house at 817010 consisting of 4 enemy with one light machine gun. In the woods between Ligneuville and Thirimont he saw no enemy activity.
- 1250 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any more information on your patrol? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, we will let you know about it as soon as we hear anything.
- 1300 - Capt. Wilder to S-3: According to Lt. Lewellyn a member of the Defense Platoon has said that the 745th people picked up an enemy paratrooper in civilian clothes by the church, here in Robertville last night. The PW had been asking about our artillery positions, etc, so the 745th became suspicious and picked him up. (S-3) We will check up on this.
- 1300 - PWI to S-2: The PW says at 831016 and 838011 are occupied by SS troops. Also in building at 837006 there is a radio station manned by paratroopers. The aerial is in the trees by the house. The building at 836004 also has paratroopers in it, believe there are other personnel in there for operating the radio.
- 1305 - S-2 to 745th: My 3rd Bn reports that your outfit picked up a civilian yesterday who was asking questions. They say he turned out to be a paratrooper. Do you know anything about it? (745th) No, but I will check on it.
- 1306 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest PW report.
- 1330 - White 2 to S-2: E Co got a PW. He was wounded out in front of the wire, he isn't hurt too bad. He is from the 3rd Parachute Div, 12th Co, 8th Parachute Regt. He was picked up between 69 and 59 opposite 70. (S-2) 30th Div reports being down to 81. 18th got 3 PWs and also ran into a couple hundred enemy in quite a few places. 2nd Div is cleaning out the town of Wirtzfeld.
- 1330 - Lt Kestlinger to PWI: Did the PW have anything to say about our artillery? (PWI) The PW said that our artillery had been rough on the roads; the houses in Thirimont and Logneville have been badly hit, and the people are living in the cellars. The morale is low.

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- 1332 - Lt. Kestlinger to Delight 3: Gives him PWI report.
- 1333 - S-2 to G-2: Tells him of PWI report. (G-2) I hear that we have some new people over by our left front. (S-2) Yes, I know about it. (G-2) PW taken by the 18th Corps A/B, says that the troops are suffering from lack of food. He also states that the civilians are being forced to give up food for the troops. This adds force to the statements made by our PW's about there being a lack of food.
- 1335 - G-3 to S-3: On the overlay that came up this morning, there is a correction to be made. On the second sheet, in the upper right hand corner the vertical line is 40 instead of 10.
- 1350 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 26th Inf reports taking PW from 2nd Co 1055 Regt. 89th Div. He states that he arrived in Schoppen 2 days ago, after a 4 day march from Berg, (1432). There were 50 to 60 men in the 2nd Co, 12 men squads, with an LMG. Most of the men were over 30 years old. 2nd Co was supposed to relieve somebody, but when they went into position there was nobody there. The PW was picked up at 92850125. Northwest from that point there is a trail running along the edge of the woods, his company is dug in, with overhead shelter with the trail about 7 yards to the rear. In back of them, there are log huts, believed to have been built by the Americans, and in these huts they heat their rations and coffee. PW says that 2 weeks ago the morale was very good but it is going down again. He thought that their mission was to hold while SS units continued to push westward. 2nd Inf Div reports that an enemy ambulance surrendered to them with 10 medical personnel in it. The 18th Inf reports taking a PW from the 5th Co 8th Parachute Regt. PW was taken at 890026, he states that there are about 17 men left in the 5th Co. This Co is now attached to the 6th Co, which has about 60 men. The 7th Co is attached to the 8th Co, and is on the right flank of the 6th Co. These people are in position East of the Railroad tracks. The PW says that he saw a kitchen and a few vehicles in the town of Schoppen. PW has not seen any artillery positions. He believes that the artillery fire comes from the south of Schoppen. The CP of the PW's outfit is at 889023, in a lone house. In and Regt'l CP's have moved out. He joined his company 2 days ago.
- 1407 - S-2 to Red 3: Gives him the latest report on the PWs.
- 1505 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1230 hours K-5 reported tanks firing from 185 degrees 1200 yards; at 1237 hours OP #2 reports enemy tank firing from 220 degrees, 12 rounds landing to the rear; at 1250 hours K-5 reports tanks firing from 235 degrees at 1500 yards, K-3 reports tank firing from 220 degrees at 2000 yards landing company area; at 1308 hours OP #2 reports six medium shells landing vicinity of OP from 180 degrees, 2000 yards out; at 1317 hours 3 fox OP reports 4 gun battery, 4000 mills, 50 to 8000 yards by sound; at 1440 hours K Co patrol left for 44, artillery notified of the above reports. (Targets).
- 1510 - White 2 to S-2: At 1420 hours one vehicle seen going southwest at 855996.

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- 1512 - White 2 to S-2: PW from 12th Co, 8th Regt. He left Duren three weeks ago. Was formerly driven out of Luchem and Luchemberg. He thought the 4th Div put them out of Luchemberg. PW is 19-20 years old, is smart and reads maps and air photos very well, and is an acting NCO. When his outfit left Merken, they had 40 men and one officer. Arrived at Honesfield and then went to Schoppen. He thinks the division hospital is at 930008. Division CP in vicinity of 910956, and the regimental CP was in Bullingen sector. From Schoppen his outfit went into position near the north edge of woods of Heck. His outfit was afraid that we were attacking. They pulled out 6 days ago. His company has no officer now. His officer was wounded in vicinity of 882009 where they were in position for awhile. He believes his whole battalion, as of 3 days ago, were in the cellars of Faymonville. He doesn't know of any company or battalion CPs. Have one light machine gun left, no mortars. When coming from Schoppen, just previous to being taken by us, he was told to stay off the main roads because of our artillery. He went cross country and went to the knob at 72, he looked down at Weismes and figured it was Faymonville. He met nobody on the way, he finally ran into our road block, where he was only slightly injured and called out asking the way to Faymonville. He was captured at the road block. He appeared well fed and happy. He says his battalion is in rough shape, has had no replacements since being here, and they have no tanks. Reports no traffic in Faymonville during the day because of our artillery.
- 1530 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 99th Div reported that the enemy pulled back in front of them. The 60th had a patrol into Konzen, and it got too hot so they pulled back. 2nd Armored reports as of 1015 hours - CCB, TFY at 508865; TFX 546875; CCA, TFC 458859, TFA 425854. 3rd Armored had elements at 592930 as of 1229 hours. 2nd Armored point of advance is at 5486. They have advanced 1 to 3 Kms all along the front. PW taken by 18th was from 5th Co, 8th Parachute Regt, reports no tanks, one hot meal a day between 2000 and 2100 hours. 30th Div had one battalion on objective A where they encountered 30 enemy. One PI from 7th Co, 293rd Regt. Eidomont now clear. 2nd Co, 293rd Regt was at Hidomont, and they came there from Ligneuville 5 days ago.
- 1545 - S-3 to Blue 3: What is new? (Blue 3) The patrol went to the south end of the woods, found two dead herries, went down to 44. The CP reports our patrol coming in now, and it looks like two men are wounded. We are going to have a patrol to 57. (S-3) 1st Bn reports 56 is not occupied. What do you think of a patrol to 56 instead of 41? (Blue 3) I don't think it is good, we might lose some people.
- 1546 - White 5 to S-2: We have a Major and a Captain who says they are from Corps to check on TD defense. Do you know anything about them. (S-2) No, they did not check in with us, send them back to us under guard.
- 1548 - G-2 to S-2: The 18th wanted to know about the break through in the 16th area. (S-2) I don't know anything about it, it is quiet down here.
- 1600 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the dope on the PW taken by the 2nd Bn.

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- 1610 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 6th SS Mountain Div; 17th SS div; 21st Panzer Div were identified on the 7th Army front. The 1st Bn of 17th SS crossed the Saar River.
- 1630 - Cannon Co to S-2: An 88 or a S/P firing from about 888001.
- 1645 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1500 hours A Co heard motor movement possibly tank near Faymonville; at 1545 hours OP heard what sounded like a tank from the direction of Faymonville; a gun firing from 170 degrees landing in the battalion area; at 1620 hours one tank 160 degrees firing to left front.
- 1655 - PWI to S-2: The PWs says he is from 12th Co, 8th Paracite Regt, and the company is in position. 3rd Bn along ridge of woods 902930, it was there where Lt. Zisaius had a nervous breakdown, and the PW took him back to Mienfield to an aid station at 002996. GP is near there. When they were at 8800 they received 35 casualties, 16 dead in two days. 11th and 12th Cos have 55 men, 3 to 4 light machine guns. 9th and 10th Cos have 70 men. No AT guns. They let our patrol go through so that we would not know how thin their line was. Schimpf, rank unknown, is to take over the Div. PW was not in Faymonville, he was told by a wounded man from his company that the company was there. They got chow in Schoppen. Not much traffic on the road as our artillery is terrific. He says our air bursts are terrific, they can't hear them come in before they hit. He did not see any artillery for them.
- 1700 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1650 hours OP #2 reports 105 gun firing from 210 degrees 2000 yards out landing vicinity of OP, at 1150 hours K-5 reported enemy gun firing from 170 degrees, 1200 yards. Here is our shell report- 3 rounds 150; 45 rounds 105; 57 rounds 75; 11 rounds 120 mortar; 26 rounds 81 mortar.
- 1710 - S-3 to Red 3: Could we have an AT gun for the 2nd Bn? (E Co lost one. (Red 3) Yes, the Colonel says OK. Patrol at 0100 hours going to Faymonville. Outpost at 56.
- 1712 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: Shell report A Co 110 rounds 81 mortar, 15 rounds 88, 10 rounds 105; B Co none; C Co 25 rounds 81 mortar; 25 rounds 105.
- 1730 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2: What is new? (White 2) No patrols tonight. Outposts at 66; northwest of 68; and north and west of 70.
- 1735 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest report on PW and shell report.
- 1745 - S-2 to Delight 2: A PW says that artillery landing near 880008 was very devastating one day, there were 35 casualties, 20 dead.
- 1750 - Ly Lynch to S-2: An 18th patrol from 1st Bn went to 91807 turned south and at the end of the trail at 911013 they saw two officers and men coming toward them, both officers were killed. One officer had red braid and the other had a golden eagle on his helmet. The patrol heard enemy activity at 911009. When the officers were shot 45 enemy some with machine guns were coming down the trail. Patrol asked for defensive fire and caught 150 Germans out of their positions. Patrol reports American equipment in woods, jeeps and trailers. The patrol itself killed 10 Jerries.

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- 1800 - PWI to S-2: We have 72 year old woman who lives in Faymonville, she was evacuated from Montenuau to Born. In Iveldingen she said there were some tanks. In Remonval there are foot troops, but no tanks. The last enemy she saw was at the bridge at 853018. She was trying to get to Faymonville and the Germans would not let her so she came across the lines into our positions.
- 1900 - General Huebner to S-6: How are things? (S-6) Pretty good, we have a couple of PWs. We can take Faymonville, but I don't see any reason to stick my neck out. We had a patrol in there last night, and they got into a fight. (General Huebner) The big picture is moving well, but we don't have much information on away down south. They haven't gone far enough to draw the enemy reserves yet.
- 1915 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Armored, CGA as of 1620 hours were at 605913 and 597910; CCB at 550907 and 560889; resistance is from well placed tanks and AT guns and infantry dug in and well concealed at advantageous points. Receiving a lot of artillery fire and fierce fighting at town 4285. CGA got through to 600928, AT mines along the way. At 1748 hours 30th Div reports one platoon at 798020; one platoon at 810016; one platoon at 812019, and are going to try and hold it tonight. The 112th, less the 2nd Bn, plus the 509th Parachute Bn are at cross road in vicinity of 5387. 7th Armored plus CCD, 9th Armored Div remain in Corps reserve. The 75th Div less 29th plus 50th Parachute Regt and 2nd Bn 112th continue to defend their sector. 2nd Armored Div destroyed 8 enemy tanks; 82nd A/B Div and 2nd Armored have met infantry and bazookas, but very little armor. The 84th Div believes it has hit only the shell, but not the main defenses.
- 1915 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: At 1851 hours OP #2 reports machine gun and rifle fire at 190 degrees, 600 yards; at 1905 hours OP #2 reported machine gun firing to the west at 180 degrees, 600 yards.
- 1945 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: First Army at 1830 hours reports they suspect that the 10th SS Panzer Div is just north of Hourlaize; both panzer regiments of the 2nd SS Panzer Div have been identified in the 1st half of the 84th Div sector. PW taken in Mancheau from the 4th Co, 474th Bn believes 89th VGD is too weak to replace the other outfit that was down there. Yesterday there was a fair size enemy tank concentration in the vicinity of La Rouche. Here is something that may be of interest to the 3 Section from the 18th Inf, they claim that there are enemy mortars at 889019, 892017, 905011, they also claim 100 enemy between 884012 to 890008, at least they could see the fox holes.
- 2010 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs did you take today? (S-2) Two.
- 2015 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1920 hours Co L reports small arms fire to their left front; at 1935 hours K Co reports burp gun firing at 152 degrees, 275 yards out; Co I patrol checked out.
- 2035 - Green 6 to Capt. Clark: The AT gun is in position in 2nd Bn just to the rear of the former gun position covering the same field of fire.

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- 2055 - White 2 to S-2: The contact patrol from 30th Div reported that 120th was pulling back to its original position, got down to 64 and west of 64. They received very heavy mortar fire, are now pulling back. They got 5 PWs from 293rd VGR from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th Cos.
- 2130 - G-2 to S-2: 18th A/B Corps took Reharment, P-6395, also La Fosse, P-6595, Bergerval, P-6796, meeting heavy resistance. Tirostons bypassed. Met light resistance at Hierlut, P-6192. Enemy attacked at P-4484. The 2nd SS was identified there. PW said 3rd and 4th SS are in the line, they have two battalions forward. 116th Panzer Div reported west of Gurthe River. We took Fernal, P-4186. The 48th Inf Regt is located at P-5933. PWs say 2nd SS was relieved by 9th SS, but was put right back in the line without any explanation. At K-6595 there is heavy opposition, tanks and infantry are dug in at Beffe, P-4285. 7th Armored Div reported the 1st SS east of Bastogne, enemy counterattacked at P-5464 with tanks and infantry at 1400 hours, attack still in progress at 1600 hours. On the 7th Army front the enemy has been stopped except in the center. PW states that the Recon Bn, 21st Panzer at Bitché.
- 2140 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2055 hours OP #1 reports machine gun fire at 220 degrees, 255 yards; K-3 reported enemy mortar at 190 degrees 800 yards.
- 2145 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 2020 hours a burp gun firing at 41 and 56; at 2110 hours at 135 degrees, at a great distance, a large searchlight.
- 2200 - Capt. Groves to S-3: The mines we have now are English and the battalions want to get rid of them. (S-3) The battalions will keep the mines until we can get replacements.
- 2300 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: The outpost head for 56 engaged the enemy north east of 56 and probably killed two. This happened at 2200 hours. They are going out again at 0300 hours. Fire is being put on 56 now.
- 2302 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: At 2230 hours OP #2 reported a gun flash at 240 degrees, 3000 yards, 8 seconds flash to bang.
- 2305 - Mr. Lipinski To Delight: Gives him the above gun positions.
- 2310 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 2358 - Blue 5 to Mr. Lipinski: A high velocity weapon firing from 2335 and 2350 hours. OP #2 says 175 degrees from the OP, 7 seconds flash to bang. The patrol from I Co spotted a Jerry outpost at 876028.

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- 0005 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the report received from the battalions during the last hour. (G-3) 2nd and 3rd Armored got along well today going 2 or 3 kilometers and as much as 3 and 4 in some places. Around Bastogne a pretty good counterattack received from the north, positions about the same. Nothing on the 3rd and 7th Armies.
- 0150 - Blue to Mr Lipinski: There is an enemy gun firing to the left front of our positions landing about 3 to 400 yards in front of the OP.
- 0203 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0905 - Blue to Lt Stephens: One gun firing at 185 degrees, landing to the left front, reported by OP #2. K Co patrol passed through their own lines at 0213 hours.
- 0312 - Lt Stephen to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0400 - Blue to Lt Stephens: The patrol to 44 reports it clear. 1 gun at 170 degrees from OP #2; light tank firing on railroad track from 1200 to 1500 yards.
- 0415 - Lt Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0500 - Blue to Lt Stephens: OP #2 reports one high velocity gun firing at 180 degrees, 2000 to 3000 yards out firing into the battalion area.
- 0514 - Lt Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0540 - Red to Lt Stephens: A Co patrol that left at 0100 hours went into Faymeville and didn't see or hear anything.
- 0558 - Blue to Lt Stephens: A four man German patrol tried to get into K Co positions and two were killed, one seriously wounded and the other we have prisoner. We are sending him down. He is from the 2nd Co, 8th Parachute Regt. At 0530 hours K Co OP reported a 75mm shelling 150 degrees 1200 to 1500 yards out.
- 0615 - Lt Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0620 - G-2 to Lt Stephens: Did anything happen last night? (Lt Stephens) Gave him the dope on the enemy patrol. (G-2) 4 men from the 5 man patrol of 18th that were missing have come back.
- 0703 - Blue to Lt Stephens: K Co reports at 0610 hours an enemy tank firing 135 degrees 1500 yards out. OP #2 reports at 175 degrees 700 yards out sporadic mortar fire. The PW that was wounded, just died.
- 0702 - White to Capt Clark: We received mortar fire 40 yards northwest of the CP. G Co also received some about 400 yards south of 68.
- 0710 - Capt Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions received in the last hour.

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- 0841 - S-2 to Red 2: What is going on? (Red 2) Not much. The patrol went south nearly to 56 when they were fired on and came back. The patrol did not get to Faymenville. They went back later and received fire again. The patrol to 54 got to 863024 when they received 50 caliber fire from the direction of E Co. They saw a trail in the snow leading to E Co (S-2) Any artillery last night? (Red 2) A tank fired on us about 0500 hours at about 4000 yards out.
- 0850 - S-2 to Blue 2: What happened over there during the night? (Blue 2) Not much, you have the depe on the enemy patrol. (S-2) Any shelling during the night? (Blue 2) Yes, we did get some shelling.
- 0900 - S-2 to White 1: Anything doing down there? (White 1) Not a thing. The I&R report that observation is practically nil. (S-2) What about artillery fire? (White 1) Just a few rounds.
- 0920 - FWI to S-2: The FW from the 2nd Co, 8th Parachute Regt says there is a house CP at 88020278, 3rd house to the west. In this house there are 15 or 20 men armed with one machine gun per 5 man squads. The whole company is around these houses. These not in houses are in foxholes. The company strength is 70 men. The 4th Co, heavy machine gun squad, was left in Faymenville. Heavy machine guns at 86700862. When relieved on 1st Jan were relieved by Fusiliers Velks Grenadiers to his right. The battalion CP is either at Scheppen or in that vicinity. The battalion commander is Gess. 8th Parachute Regt expects to be relieved by the 5th Parachute Regt. The last he saw the 5th they were in the Duren area. No tanks here. Flares are changed- red flares means enemy attacking; amber means we are here; green means tanks are approaching; white and red together means artillery is falling short. The morale is high. He doesn't know anything about mines. On his left towards Faymenville is the 4th Co, but he doesn't know about the right. Their losses were not too heavy. 8 squads of 4 men in three platoons.
- 0942 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above depe on FW. (G-2) Enemy attacked Bastogne again during the night. Attacked by 9th SS from T-5464 to T-5463. 12th SS identified at 6262, fighting continues, but under control. 7th Corps reports enemy counter-attacked with 2nd SS at 4434 at 1730 hours and took town at 5688. 19th Corps reports little activity. 2nd Armored at 423852, 450850, 475865, other units at 540872, 530880, 520900.
- 0945 - S-3 to G-3: On these Corps jockers, the same thing happened at Caumont. They checked in with Crocker at Division, but we were never notified (G-3) They never said they were going to the 16th (S-3) They were picked up at a platoon CP of the 634th TD in our 2nd Bn area. They did not check in at regiment or the battalion. Recon officer of 834th TD got in touch with our 2nd BN CP who in turn had them picked up and disarmed. They were treated as suspicious persons until identified.

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- 0947 - FWI to S-2: FW from 2nd Co, 8th Parachute Regt states that they came into present positions to relieve the 9th Parachute Regt. There are about 20 men in his company CP, which is in house at 88100285, unknown number of men in fox holes. His company is manning an outpost line in advance line for the regiment. The outpost line runs about 80 yards south of creek which runs north-east through 42. His company extends along road from 57 to 59 with quarters in vicinity of 59. The right flank of his company is at 59. He doesn't know if there is a MIR in the rear, but he believes that there is one.
- 1010 - FWI to S-2: I questioned that FW again and he says that there are 30 men in his platoon. He also says that they had very few casualties in the past few days. FW says that they have set up some wire, but not too much.
- 1014 - S-2 to Blue 2: Did you find your Zombies? (Blue 2) No we are still looking for them. They disappeared from a platoon CP. We are searching the area now. (S-2) Gives him the latest FW report.
- 1030 - Lt Lynch to S-2: 18th A/B Corps reports our forces to Reherment at P-6395; La Fesse, P-6595; and Bergeval at P-6796, met heavy resistance. Treis and Prest were by-passed. One division took 30 PWs from 164th VGD. Enemy attack at P-4484 with tanks and believe to have been 2nd SS Div. FW said 3rd and 4th PGRs of 2nd SS are in the line, but have had heavy casualties. The 48th Inf of 12th VGD was identified at 5933. FW from 288th Inf Regt were relieved by 9th SS, but were immediately put back in the line. Heavy opposition at K-6595. Heavy fighting P-4286. 7th Armored reports 1st SS identified east of Bastogne, 2nd Armored reports elements at 423852, 445858, 450850, and 475865. Elements at 540872, 505854. 3rd Armored reports CCA elements at 597907 and 604912. 1st Bn 333rd has elements at 530880 and 520900.
- 1115 - Brown to S-2: The visibility is so bad that we can't see a thing.
- 1147 - S-2 to Blue 3: What is new? (Blue 3) Everything is quiet, no shooting either way. 3rd Bn outpost line starts at 41 with three outposts in woods east of 41; skips to 44 where there are two outposts. A patrol last night bumped into an enemy outpost at a location described as "At 42 turn south down the road, where the B in BEI is, the enemy had an outpost". Our patrol was not detected and TDs fired on this point. The stream bed is always pretty free and a patrol could probably go 100 yards from 55. (S-3) I suggest that a patrol be sent as far as possible towards 55 tonight. (Blue 3) That will be done and they will try to get down to the overpass to see what is there.
- 1152 - S-3 to Red 3: What is doing? (Red 3) We have a group going out to 56 starting at 1200 hours today. The patrol last night was unable to get up there, they drew fire. Last night the patrol ran into a supposed ambush trying to get into town. (S-3) I suggest you send out an outpost tonight but that they do not try to get into the town. (Red 3) If the patrol that goes out this afternoon doesn't find any enemy at point 56, we will attempt to beat the enemy into position tonight. Our outposts run along in front of A Co, C Co is on the bald part of the hill where outposting is not good. (S-3) Gives him the 3rd Bn outpost line.
- 1202 - G-3 to S-3: I talked with Major Middlewerth today and the 18th is going to recon the area of your C Co with a view to taking that area over a couple of nights from now. (S-3) Gives him the outpost positions of the 1st and 3rd Bns.

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- 1230 - Lt Iyach to S-2: As of 1040 hours V Corps reports British 30 Corps reported to have taken town at 2272 and 2268 as of 0645 hours today. 18th Corps reports enemy retook Dairement at 6696, also retook Aucement at 6992. Enemy using tanks and S/F guns at 6696.
- 1257 - S-3 to Blue 3: Gives him the dope on the 18th Inf recon party.
- 1307 - S-2 to Blue 3: The Colonel says that you will take over O Co's sector 1st Bn will take E Co's sector, and 2nd Bn will pull one company back. You will keep your CP and reserve where it is.
- 1310 - S-3 to Red 6: Gives him the plan on taking over the different sectors. (Red 6) From the PW information there is supposed to be a company of enemy infantry running 56 to 55 and tying in at 57. From 57 to 59 another company and from 59 on over a third company. One company is reported in Faymenville. We are going to try to flush the enemy out of 56 today.
- 1318 - S-3 to White 3: Gives him the tentative change of position plan.
- 1345 - White 2 to S-2: At 1235 hours two enemy observed going to house at 849016.
- 1405 - Red 3 to Lt Kestlinger: G Co reports 3 inch stuff falling in their area. (S-3) I will check with 644th TD.
- 1410 - Lt Kestlinger to 644 TD: Are you firing? (644th) No, we are not doing any firing.
- 1440 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1435 we heard rifle shots near point 56, and about 3 or 4 more coming from our left flank. Believe it to be coming from "L".
- 1450 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports, meeting enemy resistance, but took P6965, P6295. 7th Corps reports enemy counter-attacked at 0535 hours at 4487, but it was broken up, and 3 enemy tanks were knocked out. Snow and blown bridges has slowed them up. British are at P-2368, P-2772. 3rd Army repelled an attack of infantry and 15 tanks at P-6055. Enemy attacked with infantry and 15 tanks at P-6063, P-6061, and made a slight penetration. Enemy retook P-5363. Enemy attack with 35 tanks and 1 infantry regiment at P-5464 was contained. Enemy infantry at P-5463 are being mopped up. The enemy around Bastogne are from 1st P.G., 15th P.G., 26th Infantry Div., 9th SS Panzer, Panzer "LEHR", 12th SS Panzer, 340th Infantry, 5th Parachute Regt., 167th Infantry, 1st SS Panzer, 9th and 2nd Panzer south of Reckefert. 166th Panzer southeast of Marshe, PW reports that gas and food are very scarce, but that they have lots of ammunition. Enemy with tanks at Q-7344. PWs from 17th SS, 36th Inf, and the 19th Inf, say that they have had heavy casualties. Our troops are withdrawing to Maginot Defense. Heavy fighting at Q-8087. Attack by 17 SS made some penetration but it has been reversed. All attacks have been stepped.
- 1510 - Major Randal to Major Lauten (18th S-2 to 16th S-2): Would like an overlay of your outpost lines in front of you, which we will be taking over. (Ans:) You could get a much better one from the Battalion.
- 1530 - White 2 to Clerk: 1418-1 enemy west on road 855992; 1421-1 enemy east same place; 1445-1 enemy vehicle going west at same place; 1500-Freeport OP saw 4 enemy going into house 855992. IAR at 1445 hours saw 2 enemy south of road 828999; 1500-2 enemy going behind house 832001.

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- 1545 - Lt Brown, Red 2, to Major Smith, S-3: Observed 3 vehicles and one tank near pt 75. Having artillery fire on it.
- 1600 - White Bn: I&R reports at 1545 hours, 1 enemy seen digging at 828995 along road at edge of woods at 1550 one enemy was seen walking at the same point.
- 1602 - Captain Hall, S-2 to G-2, Captain Oldsey: Report of 1545 hours given, activity around 855992 given showing possibility of supply dump. Capt Oldsey states that the arty knows about it and have been working it over, if they haven't they will.
- 1605 - Capt Hall, S-2 to Red 2, Lt Brown: Tanks reported at 1545 hrs moved east when arty fired on them, according to Lt Brown.
- 1608 - Capt Hall to Blue 2: What is going? (Ans) Not much. S-2 reports that the 18th is going to do some indirect firing.
- 1620 - Red Bn gives Shell report.
- 1625 - White Bn gives shell report.
- 1630 - White Bn reports: Freepert OP-at 1530, 7 enemy going east on road at 855992, disappeared behind ridge. 1540, 2 enemy seen going east at 855992. 1600 hours enemy personnel carrier observed going SW at same coordinate.
- 1635 - Capt Hall, S-2 to White 2, Lt Chandler: 1st Bn reported one enemy leading a cow 200 yards east of 54. Get someone to put some harrassing fire on 97, on those houses there. We have received reports all day of people moving around those houses.
- 1705 - Lt Brown, Red 2 to Capt Hall, S-2: The patrol that went out received small arms fire just before getting to the Pt 56. There were 10 enemy. The patrol was forced back with no casualties. The enemy had some machine guns. We will send another patrol out tonight.
- 1710- Blue patrol from K at 2200 hours to 889010; I Co patrol to Pt 42 to 55 at 0100 hrs.
- 1715 - I&R reports 2 enemy at 828999 and 2 at 831002, walking toward town. OP closing down for the day.
- 1730 - Lt Ballard, Can Co to Capt Hall, S-2: At 1530 at Pt 54, 5 enemy with mess kits; at 1530 at the same thing; 1610 at Pt 54 enemy leading cow headed west. Between 1545 hours and 1630 hours, 15 enemy seen 891003, going SW. At Pt 76 one enemy vehicle at 1610 hours .
- 1732 - Capt Hall to G-2: Patrol of 1st Bn given, also observations of Bn OPs.
- 1735 - White Bn reports: Outpost, E Company North of Pt 70; G Company Nw of 68; F Co north of 66.
- < 1740 - Lt Ballard, Can Co to Clerk: At 1715 hours, 200 yards E of Pt 54, 24 enemy seen in snow capes, were observed for only a short while.

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- 1750 - Lt Brown, Red 2 to Clerk: G Company patrol at 1900 hrs will go to Pt 56 and stay all night. Outpost 500 yards south of 39, all night.
- 1819 - Lt Chandler, White 2 to Lt Stephens: G patrol going out at 0100 to 0500 hours, to south of 68 to 84. Mission will be to pick up man from OP and to look at defensive positions behind it.
- 1900 hours- Major McKeon, S-4 to Lt Kestlinger: the 57 is back and goes to 1st Bn AT.
- 1915 - Major Smith to Capt Smith: Any news? Ans: Just our patrols, the raid on 56. (S-3) Think the mission will be difficult? (Ans) Reasonably quiet. An enemy patrol is out front. Our OP spotted them. Can-Co fired on it.
- 1920 - Major Smith, S-2 to White 3: Anything new? (White 3) all quiet, nothing new from Pt 120; it is quiet there.
- 1920 - Decoy 2 to Capt Clark: Those PWs of yours from the wheelbarrow, were picked up in front of our lines, full of holes but still kicking.
- 1925 - Capt Clark to Lt Walker, Blue 2: Same as above.
- 1925 - Capt Clark to Danger 2: Same as above.
- 1926 - Capt Clark to Col Hicks: Same as above.
- 1928 - Capt Elder to Capt Clark: Someone is firing a tank in our rear and is cracking in our area. Coming from NW. They are not to fire, will you check on this. (Capt Clark) OK
- 1929 - Capt Clark to Col Hicks: Same as above. (Col Hicks) I don't know of anyone firing.
- 1930 - Capt Clark to Maj Middleworth, Decoy 3: Same as above. (Maj Middleworth) No, we are not firing.
- 1931 - Capt Clark to Capt Elder, White 3: I checked with Div and 18th, no guns, (tanks) are firing that they know of. Can you let me have a little more dope on it. (Ans) Coming in from the north or a little NW, and it doesn't seem to be too far out, about 2000 to 4000 yards. We can see the flash of gun to the rear. They are airbursts.
- 1934 - Capt Clark to Col Hicks: Gives him the above conversation. (Col Hicks) It may be possibly be coming from TF Davison.
- 1935 - Capt Clark to Col Davison: Gives info concerning the fire that is incoming. (Ans) We are not firing. We can hear them whistle over. They seem to be about 4 to 5000 yards away.
- 1937 - Capt Clark to Capt Elder: Same as above, and states that he will check further.
- 1940 - Capt Clark to Capt Thomas, 7th FA: Did you received a call from 2nd Bn about Tank Fire? (Ans) We have checked with Determine, and they are looking into the matter. (Capt Clark gives info from TF Davison.)

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- 1995 - Lt Walker, Blue 2 to Captain Clark: Do you know if the soldatbuchs are still on the "Zombies"? (the men in the wheelbarrow) (Ans) I just talked with Smitty, and he said they claim to be medics. Will you check on this and let me know? (Ans) OK.
- 1955 - Capt Clark to FWI: Do you still have those soldatbuchs from the two Germans who were killed? (Ans) No, I sent them up to Div thru message center.
- 1957 - Capt Clark to Lt Walker, Blue 2: The soldatbuchs were sent to Div. (Lt Walker) These two jokers say their names are Peter Shelling and Herman Newman, Medics, and claim they came up to treat the wounded and got lost and wandered around. They have no papers or Soldbuchs on them. Say that Soldbuchs were taken away from them by Co Commander. We'd like to know, the names on the soldbuchs. (Capt Clark) OK, I will check with G-2.
- 1959 - Capt Clark to Capt Donnelly, G-2: Do you still have the Soldatbuchs from those two Germans that our 3rd Bn hauled around in a wheelbarrow? (Ans) There seems to be some confusion about those two "Zombies", the 18th claim they have those two men. (Capt Clark) Our 3rd Bn sent an officer from K Co over to the 18th to check identify, but FWs claim they are medics; they have no papers of soldbuchs. We wish to check them with the names in the Soldbuchs. (Ans) I will check and call back.
- 2010 - Red Bn, Pvt Young to Sgt Minno: We are receiving airbursts in our A and C Co areas, as well as around the Bn CP. We believe it is friendly artillery. Will you check on this matter? (Ans) The same situation prevails in our 2nd Bn. This matter is being investigated by Div and arty. (Pvt Young) Let us know the results.
- 2013 - Capt Donnelly, G-2 to Capt Clark: We sent the Soldbuchs to Corps. I am checking with them. Just letting you know that we are carrying it through.
- 2030 - Capt Donnelly to Capt Clark: Are you sure that the Soldbuchs came up here? (Ans) Wait, I will check with the FW cage. (G-2) I believe that they are still in our message center. I checked with our message center just now, and they haven't received them.
- 2031 - Capt Clark to FWI: When did you send the Soldbuchs to G-2? (Ans) through message center at 1700 hours.
- 2032 - Col Davison to Capt Clark: We are now receiving the airbursts ourselves. Seem to be coming from well north of lake behind us - toward Sourbrott. Did you notify Determine on this? (Ans) Yes, sir, and I will call them again.
- 2035 - Capt Clark to Col Hicks: Col Davison just called and he is receiving the same arty airbursts now. He believes it is coming from N of lake towards Sourbrott. Since the time I called you, our 1st Bn has been receiving this arty fire. (Ans) I will investigate and see what I can find out.
- 2037 - Capt Clark to Cpl Weinberg, Blue CP: Lt Walker called before and asked for the names of the two enemy. One, Peter Shelling, taken from a letter, not a soldbuch, and the other is Herman Saken, taken from Soldbuch.

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- 2111 - Lt Lynch, Div Liaison to Sgt Minno: From the 3rd Armored Div: elements at 5990 and 6290; and also at 6289; COB at 5680 and 566882. 2nd Armored Div - CoA patrols reached 485856. Enemy Inf, 12th SS, 340th Inf; 5th Pz, 167th Inf., Pz Lehr, 1st SS, 9th Pz; 2nd Pz - south of Rochefort; 116th Inf SE of Marche.
- 2112 - Lt Walker to Capt Clark: In regard to those two jokers, have the Div PW people questioned them thoroughly. (Ans) OK, I will. Perhaps we can get some information from them as to where they have been hiding out.
- 2114 - Col Driscoll, Red 6 to Capt Hall, S-2: We have elements attacking Pt 56 from the rear. Shooting the place up with small arms to drive enemy N to our lines.
- 2120 - Capt Hall, S-2 to White CP: Same as above.
- 2127 - Capt Hall, S-2 to Capt Donnley, G-2: I am a bit confused on this zombie business. Capt Hall reads statements from this journal. (G-2) Deacy claims they are medics armed with hand grenades. Here's a little news of 2000 hours: 2nd Pz Div identified at P2368; our forces hold P 2272; PW from 2nd Pz said outfit was to be relieved by 9th Pz Div. Several enemy attacks, at Bastogne area; P4060, a penetration was made there; heavy enemy pressure at P9561, 2 Bns enemy tanks and infantry attacked Q8742. Heavy attack is also reported at Q8037. The enemy have reached Q8732. Bn seize enemy attack supported by tanks, repulsed at Q7442 and Q7344.
- 2140 - Lt Walker, Blue 2 to Gpt. Hall, S-2: Our K Co is receiving TD fire from the rear. (Ans) We have been receiving reports from TF Davison, Red, and White of the same. Div Arty is checking on this.
- 2150 - Capt Smith, Red 3 to Capt Hall, S-2: Co C is receiving TD fire, time fire, in area. Coming from rear. (Ans) We are checking. I will call Div again.
- 2151 - Lt Brown, Red 2 to S-2: How many sets of aerial photos did you send down?
(Ans) 5 sets.
- 2152 - Capt Hall to Major Lord, G-3: Our Bns, as well as TFD, are receiving airbursts. (Ans) I will check with Div Arty. Have you checked with 644 TDs? (S-2) No, I will check with them.
- 2155 - Capt Hall, S-2 to Capt Wiggennow (Hazard Banker): Do you know of any of your TDs firing? (Ans) No, we didn't fire since supper time. (Capt Hall) Do your TDs fire time bursts or air bursts? (Ans) Yes. (S-2) What about 90's? (Ans) Yes.
- 2200 - Sgt Carlozza to Sgt Minno: One red and green flare at 87200295; also small arms fire about 600 yards out to our front.
- 2203 - Major Lord to Capt Hall, S-2: Div arty checked all possible sources. Div Arty claims there has been an increase in enemy artillery. I called Col Nicholls, and none of his guns are firing. If you can get a definite location of guns, he will send a patrol out to check it. (S-2) I will get more information on it.
- 2205 - Capt Hall gives Capt Smith the information from the above conversation.

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- 2210 - Capt Hall to Capt Elder, White 3: Same information given as in conversation with Major Lord concerning the Arty fire on TD fire. (Capt Elder) There's some funny stuff going out in our front. Stan is sweating out a 7 man patrol that is creeping up on his line. John reported his OP near 67 reported 8 enemy coming up from SE. Got about 50 yards away. We were letting them come up to get a couple of PWs. They stopped, set up a gun (mortar), and shot 3 rounds and then took off in the blue. They came from direction of Pt 68. Three dead were picked up. Shelby reported a gun and red flares came up in front. Enemy tank then fired rapidly. Cannon Co is putting a stomp on 68.
- 2220 - Maj Lauten, S-2 to Capt Donley, G-2: Maj Lauten gives intelligence summary of the day, as recorded in this journal. (G-2) 26th had 50 to 60 enemy come up to their lines shouting and screaming. 26th didn't use rifles in fear of giving away positions, used mortars on them.
- 2223 - Capt Wigginow to Capt Hall, S-2: At 2215, we had in next RJ E of here a WP shell hit. Came from azimuth 5280 mils and 292 degrees and it was smoke.
- 2239 - Capt Smith to Capt Hall: We had 2 more rounds in 2nd Plt, Co G; Lt O'Connor from Cannon Co who was there, gave this information: Due north from C Co's position - Bang-Bang, 2 seconds. Estimated calibre 75mm. Shell landed 50 yards from there, due south.
- 2245 - Capt Hall to Col Nicholls: Talked to Div about the firing; said if we get a line on it to let you know. (Ans) Yes. (S-2) Our C Co just got 2 rounds in their area Azimuth, due north. Calibre 75mm (Ans) I will send my people out.
- 2250 - Maj Smith, S-3 to Cannon Co: Have you had any unusual happenings? (Ans) Yes, we have reports of arty firing from the rear of Can Co. We had several fall in front of our guns. (Ans) If we get any additional shell reports I will let you know.
- 2253 - Lt Lynch, Div Liaison to Sgt Minno: Here is report from G-3, From V Corps: Counterattacks on Jayhawk (VII Corps). Evidently taken care of. Advancing after they had stopped them and are still going. Further South in the Bastogne area, they have one attack and have made penetration on the left side. Further South, no penetration and pressure still constant.
- 2301 - Capt Brooks to Maj Smith, S-3: Have you any further shelling? (Ans) No, the last one was about 2205 hours. Major, the amber flare that we have been waiting for, was seen 2240 hours (20 minutes to 11). Lycas reports he hears no firing. The patrol is supposed to send two men back. (Capt Smith takes phone): Patrol reached its objective. Sending men back with 6 PWs (S-3) Division has called off all firing for one hour so we can locate the gun. Have someone out to take azimuth of flash, etc.
- 2311 - Maj Smith to Blue: Division has called off arty fire until 2400 hours. Have someone out to check for incoming shells from the N, get azimuth of guns, etc. (Ans) Our K has had 2 more rounds of arty coming from due North, Believed to be tank.
- 2313 - Maj Smith to Capt Wigginow: Our Division has called off all artillery until 2400 hours, so we can pick up the gun that is firing behind our lines. Have someone out to check azimuth, etc, on firing. (Ans) OK

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- 2350 - Villian to Lt Kestlinger: We saw flashing to the northeast and the explosions to your front. They seem to be from the Hauntless area. This was about 10 minutes ago.
- 2352 - Red 6 to S-3: We got 6 FWs. The patrol went around the back and came up on them from the rear. They used ~~and~~ knives and pulled them out of their holes. The FW claims a relief is coming out at 0100 hours. We are going to try and get them. We are leaving two squads out at 56 to grab the relief.
- 2355 - Lt Kestlinger to G-2 and G-3: Gives them the above report from the 1st Bn.
- 2356 - Blue to Lt Kestlinger: At 2305 hours the 1st platoon of K Co reported two short rounds coming from the north, believe it to be a tank. At 2310 hours OP # 1, reports one short round landed in L Co area. At 2355 hours OP # 1, reports a heavy concentration of flashes at 180 degrees to 210 degrees, 10 degrees between flashes at 8000 yards.
- 2359 - White to Lt Kestlinger: Negative report.



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- 0005 - Red 3 to Lt Kestlinger: OP reports TDs firing, one gun firing at 20 degrees, 7 seconds, and one larger gun from 15 to 20 degrees, 22 seconds. We shot the azimuth from 862038. Both guns are landing their stuff away out in front of us. This was reported at 0005 hours. (Lt Kestlinger:) Any reports or stuff landing short since 2315 hours? (Red 3) No.
- 0030 - Blue to Lt Kestlinger: Here is the report on the gun flashes in the last hour, no rounds fell, short. From our CP at 2325 hours one at 220 degrees; at 2330 hours one at 35 degrees; at 2333 hours one at 55 degrees, one at 39 degrees, one at 340 degrees. K Co reports at 2330 hours one at 36 degrees, 17 seconds flash to bang, at 0002 hours one at 340 degrees, 12 seconds flash to bang at 0024 hours one at 310 degrees, 11 seconds flash to bang. M Co reports the following from the 81 CP, flashes at 5300 mills, 6300 mills, 800 mills, 20 degrees, 18 degrees, and 50 degrees.
- 0038 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: K Co at 0036 hours reports one round short landing 25 yards to the right flank of K-5, one round 50 yards left rear of K-2, 340 degrees, one second flash to bang. OP #2 at 0037 hours reports short rounds landing near OP. OP #1 at 0038 hours reports short rounds landed in vicinity of CP. L Co reports rounds landing short at their OP. They believe it might be the 90s.
- 0040 - Lt Kestlinger to Delight: Gives them the above report. (Delight) We will take care of it.
- 0107 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour as received from the battalions.
- 0135 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: We sent 6 PWs to you from 3rd platoon, 1st Co, 8th Parachute regt. They operated an outpost, at 56. Their shift was 1900 to 0100 hours. The next shift was 0100 to 0700 hours. Outpost was manned 24 hours a day by 6 men and 3 machine guns. Company strength 90 men. Company in houses along main road in Fayonville. OP is last building toward 56. The Company GO is Lt. Gorholz. 4th Co is in Fayonville, 2nd Co on their left flank. The 3rd platoon has 4 panzerfausts. No tank, guns, or mortars in town. Average age 19. Morale good. Food comes from town. They have no water.
- 0210 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports received from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0230 - Delight to Mr. Lipinski: One of our guns is bothering 3rd Bn. Do you hear any guns firing around you? (Mr. Lipinski) No.
- 0300 - PWI to Mr. Lipinski: OP of 1st Co is at 86620250; 1st Bn CP is at 86860186; 8th Regt CP is at 89030044; battalion train at 89030044. One 31 Dec PW saw 4 Nebelwerfers at 90130095. The 5th Parachute Regt was supposed to relieve them. The 5th is in reserve at Herresback 9392. The Div collecting station is at Mirfeld 9096. The 1st Co has only two platoons. PWs platoon now has 39 men after his capture.

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Co strength 80 to 90 men. The 1st platoon is in position in vicinity of 865026, no regular MTR, just a string of outposts. They depend on the country for food. PW knows of no mines in front of Faymonville positions. When the 8th was pulled out of position at Butgenbacherhoch they were relieved by a GAF outfit. Two squads to each platoon one on line, one in reserve. PW saw no tanks. All weapons are in position all the time only personnel are changed. The CO of 1st Co is Lt Garrholz.

- 0302 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Shells still dropping short.
- 0322 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports from the battalions in the last hour.
- 0401 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: K Co patrol to the railroad tower just returned, all quiet. They saw nor heard no enemy. (Mr. Lipinski) How about the artillery? (Blue 2) I think they have it stopped, believe it was a 105 of 32nd Field.
- 0402 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: Everything is OK. We have the PW and will send him down soon. No word yet on that outpost.
- 0421 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: One single engine plane flying around, no hostile act committed yet.
- 0425 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the battalion reports received in the last hour.
- 0432 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: We are sending down the PW. He is from that outpost. He is a Sgt. and speaks good English. The other 3 men got away.
- 0455 - Red 3 to Mr. Lipinski: ~~and is alerted~~ From what the last PW said it looks to me like one platoon is moving over to the left around 59. He says his company in town was alerted.
- 0500 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Out side of a tank firing 36 rounds into our positions there is nothing to report. Have we still got AA with us? (Mr. Lipinski) No, the 1st Bn got 7 PWs tonight from around 56.
- 0506 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives them the battalion reports for the last hour.
- 0545 - PW1 to Mr. Lipinski: Another PW from 8th Parachute Regt. He was picked up at 868029. He was a squad leader, had gone out to see how his men were doing when captured. 866250 may be a platoon CP and not a company CP according to him.
- 0550 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: At 0515 hours a plane going west to east south of our positions; at 0555 enemy plane flying low over CP fired on by friendly AA.
- 0559 - White to Mr. Lipinski: The unit on the right at 0445 hours reported 5 enemy came in shooting burp guns at 825022, one man was wounded. The enemy withdrew when fired on. G Co patrol is back, and will send in details later.

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- 0615 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the battalion reports of the last hour.
- 0700 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: The outpost at 56 attacked at 0630 hours, fire has died down now.
- 0710 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 0625 hours plane flying east to west at medium height; at 0625 hours M Co reports enemy machine gun fire passing overhead. At 0630 hours L Co reports enemy burp gun between 41 and 56 firing at G Co.
- 0715 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the battalion reports for the last hour.
- 0812 - Red to Capt. Clark: C Co outpost was attacked, but nothing to worry about. Their line is out, and we haven't got the whole dope on it as yet. Will let you know as soon as we do get some news.
- 0815 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the battalion reports for the last hour.
- 0850 - S-3 to Red 3: What is new? (Red 3) Gives him the dope on taking the 7 PWs. We received a little mortar fire early this morning. That is what knocked out our line to C Co. (S-3) I will be up to see you today.
- 0855 - S-3 to White 3: What is doing? (White 3) Not much, but it sure was a funny night. Buzz bombs came over in formations last night. (S-3) Anything happen? (White 3) Nothing except what I reported last night. How did the 1st Bn patrol make out? (S-3) They got 7 PWs. (White 3) Shelby reported a weird thing last night. He saw a flare going across the sky at about 50 mph with a light on the end, heading for 120th area, and it wasn't a buzz bomb.
- 0915 - S-3 to G-3: when will this thing with 120th take place. (G-3) Not until this other thing is ironed out. I would say in about two nights. (S-3) You know about the 7 PWs last night? (G-3) Yes I do. (S-2) That outpost is still out there, they just sent back the PWs. They have a machine gun and about 20 men out there.
- 0916 - S-3 to PW1: Are the PWs from last night still there? (PW1) No they have gone.
- 0917 - S-3 to Decoy 3: On this thing that is going to take place, are you taking over K Co complete? (Decoy 3) Yes, we are.
- 0925 - S-2 to White 2: What is cooking? (White 2) All quiet, nothing to report. (S-2) What about your patrol? (White 2) At 0100 hours 6 men and one officer went to 84 and returned, they saw some communication wire around 68 but did not cut it. Didn't see anyone at 84. Of the 15 enemy that came in on C Co of 120th only one was captured. He was from the 2nd Co, 3rd Parachute Div. (S-2) Try and get more dope on 84.
- 0940 - Decoy 2 to S-2: The 2 PWs last night who were evidently over in front of you were from the 2nd Co, 8th Parachute Regt, and said that their company front extended from 874025 to 881029 and about 20 men in house at 881029. Say machine gun covers draw from 881029. In the battalion interrogation they gave a story about changing the name of their outfit to the 8th Fusilier because of the many replacements, although they are still under the 8th Parachute Regt, control.

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At one time the PWs said that the company strength was 70 then later said 150 men. They insisted they were not previously captured before, said they originally were 4 men, two were captured. One man was not wounded, and one wounded only in the leg.

- 0957 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Because of the ammunition situation we are having the artillery stop the interdiction on Faymonville and are putting our own 60s on there. Ask Maj. Smith to have TDs fire down the road, starting at 55 to 56 in case anything happens.
- 0947 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: From V Corps - 1st Bn 295th Regt, 18th Inf Div counterattacked on 18th A/B Corps at P-6592. The battalion CO was captured. Both PG Regts and assault gun battalion of the 2nd SS are still in contact with our forces. On the northern sector, 7th Co, 982nd Regt, 272nd Inf Div, attacked 78th Div at 0030 hours. Bastogne area, penetration by enemy from the northeast up to P-586610. 18th S/B Corps - a 15 man patrol attacked P-8202 dressed in uniforms, attack was repulsed. A counterattack at P-6796 of unknown enemy strength at 0500 hours. Enemy infiltrated the town of St. Jacques, but attack believed to be under control. 82nd A/B Div knocked out 37 enemy tanks during the day. 1st British Army reports the 159th of the 30th Corps pushed south of line 3483 to 3783 to 3985. Armored Corps reports heavy fighting all day between 4060 and 5060.
- 1000 - Red 6 to S-5: Between 0600 and 0700 hours this morning the enemy attacked 56 with 20 to 30 men. We had one killed and one wounded. We killed some of the enemy, and the others took off. One enemy sniper was left covering our wounded man. 25 of our men are out there and will stay in the trenches of sorts on the reverse slope of the hill where observation is fair and positions are pretty fair. They will stay until ordered to pull back.
- 1005 - S-2 to G-2: What is being done to circularize the enemy with propaganda, giving them the information of how the war is progressing. The PWs seem confused about the situation, and are much too optimistic.
- 1030 - White 2 to S-2: About the 7 enemy who were seen last night by our outpost. They came from the underpass, probably from Faymonville. The enemy did not see the outpost, so the outpost let them pass and called E Co, telling E Co that 7 enemy were coming in. The 7 enemy after passing about 30 yards beyond the outpost, turned and went down by the railroad tracks and out of sight of the outpost. About an hour ago, 16 enemy were observed about 200 yards southwest of 69 going towards 69. They were observed by G Co, and mortar fire was placed on them. At 0800 hours our OP spotted one enemy running east and into the house at 849016, and 5 minutes later he ran back.
- 1032 - S-2 to Blue 2: Discussed the mixed up information concerning the 2 apparently wounded PWs, who disappeared last night. Lt. Walker states the information that he now has, says the PWs had no blood showing and there were no holes observed in the PWs.
- 1045 - S-2 to G-2: G-2 states that a call has been put in concerning the request for propaganda for the enemy. He thinks the request will have results. S-2 gives him the detailed report of our patrols and PW info from items of this journal including conversation of Col Driscoll with Woolnough at 1000 hours.

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S-2 states that the patrol information would indicate the enemy has strong outposts which are quite easy to approach, or get around. Mention is made of the 15 enemy reported to have approached 825022 reported by 120th Inf. S-2 requests PW sent in be further interrogated for the following information - location of the 14th Co; and any troops in Faymonville and identity; ask about the alerting of the company; find out the location of the 2nd Platoon CP and company CP.

- 1057 - White 2 to S-2: One enemy at 858013, and possible machine gun nest.
- 1058 - Blue 2 to S-2: L Co OP at 41 reports they were fired on by enemy machine gun, one man was wounded, and mortar fire was received from 57. They returned 60mm mortar fire on this place. K-6 reports a machine pistol at 160 degrees, and the same CP reports they received 9 rounds of 105 from 240 degrees.
- 1128 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1103 hours enemy digging around 39, strength unknown. Small group of enemy observed 200 yards east of 54, 7th Field is firing; at 1110 hours observed one man with horse drawn sled going from 75 toward Faymonville, also one enemy at 39; at 1127 hours one enemy ambulance going from 76 towards town.
- 1130 - S-2 to Red 3: Gives him the complete report on the PWs taken by his patrol last night. What happened to the three machine guns at the outpost? (Red 3) Probably still there. (S-2) We should get those. What about 39? (Red 3) We have a patrol from A Co going out there now.
- 1200 - S-2 to Red 6: The Colonel said it will be OK to put the company in the town where you are. (Red 6) OK, is there anything now? It is quiet up here. (S-3) Nothing new.
- 1202 - S-3 to CO 644th TD: Stop up here this afternoon. (644th) I will be there about 1300 hours.
- 1210 - Brown to S-2: At 1010 hours two enemy observed 200 yards east of 54; at 1102 hours three enemy observed at 76 going towards 75, one was leading a horse; at 1110 hours one ambulance at 76 heading east.
- 1212 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the reports on what has been seen by the OPS.
- 1215 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #1 saw a small group of enemy walking around in Faymonville, and are being fired on by 5th Field.
- 1220 - S-3 to Delight 2: Gives him the locations of enemy installations as stated by the PWs.
- 1229 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1229 hours at Point 76 two enemy observed going towards Faymonville and 3 more going west to east.
- 1320 - White 2 to S-2: The people on the right took a PW from 2nd Co, 9th parachute Regt. PW says from 66 to the stream bed that runs southwest is the boundary of the 3rd parachute Div and the 18th VG. At 66 there are 10 men in the houses and on cold days there are more. At 833009 at that house is the Company CP of 2nd Co, in bad weather about 100 men around there. The PW started out to get a PW and was captured, they had one killed and one wounded.

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The people on the right are sending a patrol to 66. OP reports at 1300 hours three enemy on foot going northeast at 855992. One enemy southwest, two more about two minutes later, then two with a horse-drawn sled; then two more southwest, the two more northeast pulling a sled, then one about 25 yards apart going northeast, then one enemy southwest, all at the same point.

- 1345 - White 3 to S-3: Any more information on this show tonight? (S-3) It is not tonight, probably the night after tomorrow. They are putting it out in writing. If I get anything I will call you. We are keeping a platoon on 56.
- 1347 - G-3 to Lt Stephens: 2nd Div reports one company will fire bazooka ammunition 300 yards south and west of its 23rd Inf CP from 1400 to 1530 hours.
- 1348 - Blue 5 to S-3: The only CP we can find in this town the 644th TD has already occupied. (S-3) That's OK they move tomorrow. If you need any people moved call Jake.
- 1410 - Brown 6 to S-3: Do you know of any 90s firing behind us? One just dropped short and wounded one of my men. (S-3) I will check on it, we have no 90s firing.
- 1419 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1240 hours six enemy walking from 76 to town, and Cannon Co fired on them; at 1350 hours P-47s strafing Paymonville.
- 1421 - S-3 to G-3: That firing from the rear last night has started again. A round fell into Cannon Co's gun positions. They say it came from the rear and is no larger than a 90mm. We want to find out who is doing it. We want to stop all tanks, TDs and 90s from firing and register them one by one, then see what happens. (G-3) OK, I will call Divarty on it.
- 1425 - White 2 to S-2: At 1110 hours one enemy in snow suit at 853014 going north; at 1120 hours one enemy at 853013 going south; at 1130 hours one enemy jeep at 856993 going southwest to northeast, 4 enemy in the jeep; at 1140 hours two jeeps with 6 enemy at 856993 going northeast to southwest; at 1210 hours 3 enemy on foot going northeast at 855992; from 1245 hours to 1250 hours one enemy on foot going southwest, two more behind him, one man with horse drawn loaded sled, two more behind him 25 yards apart at 855992; at 1255 hours one enemy at 855992 going southwest. IAR reports at 1215 hours at 828998 up hedge to north two enemy with white packs; at 1355 hours at 832012 smoke coming from three houses.
- 1430 - Decoy 2 to S-2: The PW says the CP is at the same place, the last house out of Schppen on the north side of the road.
- 1435 - S-3 to All Units: This change over has been postponed indefinitely.
- 1440 - Brown to S-2: At 1210 hours six enemy to the south of 84; at 1245 hours six enemy between 75 and 76; at 1250 hours two enemy vicinity 76; at 1400 hours 35 enemy at 80 going into the buildings, and we are firing on them now.

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- 1445 - S-2 to G-2: There is a correction on the last enemy CP location the correct location is 89190020, and the 1st En train is at 89170002. (G-2) A PW from 30th Div is from the 2nd Co, 9th Parachute Regt, Div., boundary along stream at 818000, have 10 men in a house at 829013 as an outpost. The house at 833009 is the 2nd Co CP, and has 200 men in it on cold days. There has been a slight gain at Bastogne. Good gain in VII Corps sector, had advanced several kilometers at noon. There were 15 to 20 enemy attacks at Bastogne on Jan 4th. 10th PGR identified at P-3861. 2nd and 116th Panzer Divs also identified. 17th SS still attacking in vicinity Q-5949 and Q-7335. There was an enemy attack by 15-men at P-8208. PW from 991st says they were relieved by Volkstrum unit.
- 1450 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1445 hours 4 enemy went into small building at 86950155.
- 1500 - G-2 to S-2: Corps reports large enemy movement of tanks and infantry going north in vicinity 7090.
- 1505 - S-3 to G-3: On the show last night we fired 500 rounds 81, and are only allowed to fire 60 rounds a day, want permission to draw 500 rounds.
- 1510 - S-3 to Red 5: Col. Woolnough is trying to get you 500 rounds of 81 which you expended last night.
Capt. Clark to 644th TD: Stand fast, the proposed move for the battalions has been called off.
- 1525 - S-2 to G-2: We have a couple of PWs from the 9th Co, 9th Parachute Regt, who were picked up in vicinity of 839013.
- 1538 - Red 2 to S-2: OP saw 4 enemy walk into the building at 8690155.
- 1550 - Blue 2 to S-2: There is a plane over bombing and strafing north of Buckenbach.
- 1552 - S-2 to Delight 2: There is a plane bombing and strafing north of Buchenbach, you had better notify your AA unit.
- 1553 - Blue 2 to S-2: The planes are two P-47s and they are strafing our area.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2: Notified them of the above message.
- 1556 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - A Co 5 rounds 81; B Co none; C Co 20 rounds 81, and 15 rounds 105.
- 1557 - Blue 2 to S-2: The planes have red rudders, but have not hit us yet.
- 1600 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 3 rounds 60mm mortar and 10 rounds 105.
- 1606 - White 2 to S-2: At 1350 hours two enemy going southwest on road at 855992 where they went into a house; at 1410 hours one enemy going northwest at 855992, and were lost behind the ridge.

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- 1445 - S-2 to G-2: There is a correction on the last enemy CP location the correct location is 89190020, and the 1st Bn train is at 89170002. (G-2) A PW from 30th Div is from the 2nd Co, 9th Parachute Regt, Div., boundary along stream at 818000, have 10 men in a house at 829013 as an outpost. The house at 833009 is the 2nd Co CP, and has 200 men in it on cold days. There has been a slight gain at Bastogne. Good gain in VII Corps sector, had advanced several kilometers at noon. There were 15 to 20 enemy attacks at Bastogne on Jan 4th. 10th PGR identified at P-3861. 2nd and 116th Panzer Divs also identified. 17th SS still attacking in vicinity Q-5949 and Q-7335. There was an enemy attack by 15 men at P-8208. PW from 921st says they were relieved by Volkstrum unit.
- 1450 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1445 hours 4 enemy went into small building at 86950155.
- 1500 - G-2 to S-2: Corps reports large enemy movement of tanks and infantry going north in vicinity 7090.
- 1505 - S-3 to G-3: On the show last night we fired 500 rounds 81, and are only allowed to fire 60 rounds a day, want permission to draw 500 rounds.
- 1510 - S-3 to Red 5: Col. Woolnough is trying to get you 500 rounds of 81 which you expended last night.
Capt. Clark to 611th TD: Stand fast, the proposed move for the battalions has been called off.
- 1525 - S-2 to G-2: We have a couple of PWs from the 9th Co, 9th Parachute Regt, who were picked up in vicinity of 839013.
- 1538 - Red 2 to S-2: OP saw 4 enemy walk into the building at 8690155.
- 1550 - Blue 2 to S-2: There is a plane over bombing and strafing north of Buckenbach.
- 1552 - S-2 to Delight 2: There is a plane bombing and strafing north of Buchenbach, you had better notify your A unit.
- 1553 - Blue 2 to S-2: The planes are two P-47s and they are strafing our area.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2: Notified them of the above message.
- 1556 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - A Co 5 rounds 81; B Co none; C Co 20 rounds 81, and 15 rounds 105.
- 1557 - Blue 2 to S-2: The planes have red rudders, but have not hit us yet.
- 1600 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 3 rounds 60mm mortar and 10 rounds 105.
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- 1610 - Red 2 to S-2: About 10 enemy forming up between 56 and 55, and we are firing on them with 60mm mortar.
- 1615 - S-2 to Red 3: About the enemy digging in at 9, did A Co patrol find anything out there? (Red 3) They went out, but didn't see anything. A few enemy forming between 56 and 55, and we are using 60mm mortar on them, if that don't stop them we will use 81.
- 1620 - S-3 to G-3: "Enemy forming up in vicinity of 867027. We are firing on them with 60mm mortar. How about the ammunition I asked for? (G-3) I will have to ask Major Lorda bout it when he comes in. (S-3) What kind of air do we have. (G-3) Up in force over pocket working on tanks.
- 1633 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report, 19 rounds 105; 38 rounds of 75; 54 rounds of mortar.
- 1634 - S-2 to Delight 2: Gives him the shell report for the regiment.
- 1635 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the shell report for the regiment.
- 1640 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 254 PWs taken by VII Corps. Mostly from 2nd SS. VII Corps is confronted with 2nd SS on the right, and 260th Volksgrenadier in the center; and 12th Volksgrenadier on the left. 3rd Armored received counterattack at 0730 hours of tanks and infantry, believed just a probing attack. They delayed 3rd Armored attack until 1100 hours. 3rd Armored took PWs from 8th Co, 2nd SS, 4th PGR. 1st Co and 3rd Co, 156th Regt, 2nd SS Div and 116th Panzer Div in vicinity 605910 north of Lanswal, 7th Armored took 15 to 20 enemy attacks in Bastogne area. In vicinity of 3861 east of St. Hubert a PW was taken from 9th Panzer Div, 2nd Armored being held up by artillery. Enemy has AT guns and infantry dug in.
- 1700 - Blue 3 to S-2: I Co is sending out a patrol at 0100 hours to 42 and 55, if they can make it.
- 1710 - White 2 to S-2: Both PWs are from 9th Co, 9th Regt. Picked up just north of 68, both were Frenchmen. The company was 80 strong when they left Duren area. Now strength about 39. Commanded by Capt. Muller. 1st Bn has been disbanded, and 2nd Bn is not too strong. 11th Co in Remonval, 10th Co in Oudeval with Bn CP, 9th Co at 68. 3 machine guns in company. Two fires from house farthest west and one just outside of the house they are in. Have a few Panzerfausts. 200 yards up the road from 68 they have machine gun in group of trees. 10 meters from 68 to machine gun they have Teeler mines. 5 man outpost, two at machine gun, two in woods west of 68 and one in the house. Outpost at other house, and two northwest of house in trees. AT Co came from Faymonville to Oudeval turned over to 5th Regt. Nebelwerfers fired from Oudeval. Ammunition dump on west side of church in Oudeval. Capt. Bucholz is Bn CO. Phone communication to him in house. Mortar observer up with them in house. The kitchens back in Heppenbach. 9th Co will be relieved tonight from 2200 to 2400 hours by 10th Co and they will go back to Oudeval. They have no vehicles. They received direct hits on both houses. They didn't know the outfit on the left. They had a patrol out to destroy our outpost north of 68.

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- 1731 - Red 2 to S-2: There is a fire burning at 74.
- 1742 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 82nd A/B reported unknown number of tanks in vicinity of 6189. 3rd Armored as of 1030 hours at 623897-612895. PWs from all three regiments 12th VG say morale low. Slow advance of 3rd Armored due to poor road net, ice, and mines. TFH at 560875-565883. 84th Div at 422852-428852. 82nd A/B at 620910, 634916, 650912, 660924, 673928, 673943, 683960, 680965, 676973, 675980, 674985. TFD entering Lavlaux at 6289 meeting small arms and artillery. TFM advance to 680891, enemy tanks at 604893. 30th British Corps took 150 PWs yesterday, and report 3 to 4000 yards advance. Bure clear. Grupont held by the enemy. As of 0930 hours 10 tanks reported in vicinity of Langival, suspected elements of 10th SS Div.
- 1800 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1630 hours enemy 120mm mortar fired from vicinity 857007; 7 enemy with arms seen going northeast at 855992, last seen at 855994. E Co is going to set ambush at 600 yards east of 53 and 600 yards south of 39 between 2000 and 2300 hours. Between 2200 and 0100 hours recon patrol to 200 yards of 70 and cut east behind village to see what is in village.
- 1815 - Blue 2 to S-2: A low flying plane straffing southeast of us.
- 1825 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1745 hours OP #2 reports 8 rounds of 105 landed by railroad at 240 degrees azimuth; at 1800 hours OP #2 reports small arms fire at 225 degrees, 1200 yards out; at 1807 hours K Co reports enemy machine gun 280 degrees, 800 yards fired two bursts of 8 rounds each.
- 1850 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Outposting 56 and 500 yards of 39.
- 1855 - Blue 2 to S-2: A plane coming in from southeast of CP straffing.
- 1856 - Lt. Stephens to Madcap Red: Gives them the above message.
- 1908 - PWI to S-2: Two PWs captured at 842015 are deserters. They say the 3rd Bn CP is at the house at 85260021, 9th Co CP in house at 83770110. A battery of 105 howitzers at 86609810, three days ago. Saw artillery in woods at 862986 and 854989. They saw a Nebelwerfer at 845989 eight days ago. Three 80mm mortars from 12th Co south of Ondeval. Teller mines 27 meters wide each side of the road at 839012, extending to the point where they were captured. Minefield northwest of road at 543. 11th Co on the right. CP made up of Hq Co under 9th Co on the left. 9th Co has 40 men and 20 men of 12th Co. 9th Co is to be relieved by 10th Co between 2200 and 2400 hours tonight. Route for relief is past road junction 512 and roadjunction 545.
- 1920 - Brown to S-2: 30 men 200 yards east of 89 at 1630 hours.
- 1935 - S-2 to S-2, 120th Inf: An enemy patrol ran into your C Co yesterday and you took a PW from 2nd Co, 9th Regt. (120th) led we did. (S-2) Today we got a couple of PWs from 9th Co, 9th Regt. They were taken at 839012. PWs say that 1st and 2nd Bns are in bad shape, also says that the 1st Bn was disbanded and personnel split between the 2nd and 3rd Bns. (120th) Our PW doesn't agree with that. He says the highest numbers of men he saw in the 2nd Co was about 100 men. (S-2) 9th Co, 9th Regt is at 848002; 106th Co in reserve at 850015; 12th Co has 15 men with the 9th Co.

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The balance of 12th Co, the mortar platoon, is in the vicinity of Ondeuval. I am making an overlay and I will send you one.

- 1910 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Armored reports as of 1200 hours. - CGB reports being on line at 511873 to 532061, moving to 5386, another TF has column at 515859. Another TF at 506850 to 495857. CCA at 476860 to 459859 also TF at 446355 and 436857. Another TF to attack at 4364 from the west. Patrols of CGB has reached a point less than 1080 yards north of 495838. 3rd Armored reports one TF at 608891; TF CCR at 560875 to 565883. They are in contact and receiving small arms and mortar fire. TF CCA repulsed counterattack at 1145 hours and is moving on to 6189.
- 1950 - White 2 to S-2: Our outpost at 844014 is missing. 3 men were out there. They had a phone with them. Missing as of 1900 hours. No sign of a fight out there, the phone was cut and only one helmet was left behind. Men did not have the password and were warned that the enemy would try to get the outpost. We still have outposts at 300 yards northwest of 69, and another 300 yards southwest of 67.
- 2000 - S-3 to G-3: We had a 3 man listening post missing. The relief went out at 1900 hours and found them gone. All they found was a helmet. The phone was cut and packs and rifles were gone, and no sound of a fight was heard. Listening post was at 844014.
- 2010 - Red 2 to S-2: The OP just picked up an 88 it is located behind ridge south of Fayonville. Just a little but north of 87. The gun fired three rounds which landed in vicinity 3rd Bn.
- 2016 - S-2 to Blue 3: What is going on? (Blue 3) Nothing, just a few planes flying around. (S-2) PWs say that sometime the 5th might relieve the 8th Regt, if you hear anything throw some artillery at it.
- 2025 - S-2 to Red 2: What is doing? (Red 2) Nothing.
- 2030 - S-3 to Red 6: The Colonel wants me to bring up a few points with you. There is an instance of where we had positive proof of the enemy going to try and take one of our outposts. The outpost was warned, but the enemy took it anyway. The Colonel wants the outposts to be either pulled back or else built up so that it can't be taken. We found out what was bothering us last night. They had to pull out 8 of our 155s. They fired a round of smoke and the shells landed 300 yards back of our front lines. It killed one man from Cannon Co. Col Woolnough wants me to tell you that 81 mortar ammunition is critical.
- 2040 - S-3 to Blue 6: Gives him the same dope.
- 2103 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2015 hours OP #1 reports two rounds of enemy artillery from 100 degrees, estimated 105; at 2100 hours OP #2 reports that at 225 degrees at 1500 yards a fire believed to be a house burning.

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- 2200 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: As of 2002 hours from 18th A/B Corps reports / 82nd A/B on the line 626900, 631902, 660908, 680930, 680936, 683950, 682960, 674980. TFH, 3rd Armored at 567860. Here is the intelligence summary as of 1800 hours - observed 500 vehicles, tanks, motor transports, and horse drawn in area P-8596, P-9287, P-8591. Direction not determined. Fighter bombers attacked them. 18th A/B Corps reports 669th OST Bn identified at P-6694; 2nd Co, 9th Parachute Regt at P-8102. Small advance made by our forces today. VII Corps identified 2nd SS at P-6059 and 156th PGR, 116th Panzer Div at P-6091. 30th British Corps mopping up at P-2368 and 2271; other troops reached P-3181. Identified 60th PzA at P-3683. 3th Corps received several enemy attacks. Slight penetration at P-5161; all other attacks held. Troops reached P-5070, 4858, 4560, against stiff resistance and frequent counterattacks.
- 2210 - Red 6 to S-2: We have two more PWs, they are from the 4th Co, 8th Regt. The men are out of Schoppen. Out of this group of 10 which came in 5 were killed and 3 wounded. Their mission was to take 56. One had on an American Field Jacket. They are at the Bn Aid Station, and are being interrogated there. There is 10 machine guns, three 81mm mortars and 90 men in the 4th Co.
- 2215 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2105 OP #2 reported one unidentified plane flying east to west; at 2118 hours OP #2 reports small arms and machine gun fire at 120 degrees 2000 yards; 2110 hours K Co reports 6 rounds of mortar landed near their OP, 270 degrees, 300 yards, estimated 60mm.
- 2235 - S-2 to G-2: The attack on our outpost this morning we reported 8 enemy killed. Col. Driscoll reports that in the attack this morning was made by two groups of 10 men each. Out of the group of 10 which came in on 56 five were killed and three wounded, these enemy were out there all day and were only recently brought in. The 2nd Bn captured a two man enemy outpost at 850018. (G-2) 30th Div picked up one PW from 2nd Co of 9th Parachute Regt. Killed 8 and captured the one. PW says he has been in the position for the last three days. Company strength 100 men. PW taken at 819024. Co CP at 833009, Co positions probably northwest of there. He saw 3rd Co at Heppenbach 4 days ago, when he passed there.
- 2240 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Here is the PW report on the two wounded enemy brought in by G Co, from 4th Co, 8th Regt. Last night 20 men were picked to form special patrols of 10 men and one Sgt, each to attack 56. 5 were killed and two wounded and evacuated through our medics, three wounded and escaped. 4th Co located in Schoppen. One PW stated 90 men in company and the other said there were 200. Four 80mm mortars and 10 to 12 machine guns. CO is 1st Lt. Williner. PW stated that 3rd Co is now in Paymonville. 1st Bn CO Major Gross. CP in Paymonville. 4th Co alerted at 0200 hours this morning. PW did not know if the rest of the company left Schoppen or not. One battery of 88s in Schoppen, located 100 meters east of church in field, dug in, approximately 893003.
- 2250 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: OP #2 reports small arms and automatic weapon fire, 1500 yards to the right from coming from southwest.

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- 2251 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: C Co says they counted 14 dead enemy in front of 56, mostly from action of this morning.
- 2330 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: The 2 PWs are from Hq Co, 9th Regt, 3rd Div. Formed platoon from Hq Co at Removal with the mission of patrolling and to be used for counterattacking force. 11th Co and 10th Co in Onderval. 12th Co with mortars are west of Onderval. 9th Co and a platoon of the 12th Co in two houses at 68.
- 2348 - Lt. Stephens to G-3 and G-2: Gives them the above message.
- 2400 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report for the last hour.

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- 0105 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Another PW is on his way back, C Co got him in the same place as the others.
- 0115 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0200 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: At 0113 hours K-6 reports a tank fired 6 rounds at 270 degrees, 1000 to 1200 yards, this was reported to 7th Field.
- 0205 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: The PW was from the 4th Co, 8th Parachute Regt captured at 56. He says the CP is at 87000225, forward CP at 1st Bn is at 868019. There are two AT guns in Faymonville, one at 87600225 is facing northwest, the other one at the road Y at 86450220 facing east. Regimental CP at 921970.
- 0230 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0400 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 0338 hours I Co patrol returned, they reached a point 200 yards northeast of 55, met no enemy and drew no fire.
- 0402 - White to Capt. Clark: F Co listening post had two enemy get up to them, they killed one and captured the other.
- 0405 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0430 - PW to Capt. Clark: We have a PW from the 4th Co, 8th Regt. Their objective was to take small tip of woods 875032, squad of 10 men. They had two machine guns. He was in the first wave. Also 10 men in the second wave with two machine guns. Company CP in house at 87020228, battalion CP at 86850187, artillery pieces in Faymonville, a 75mm behind house at 86840224, another at 86690224. Five 88 mortars, but not in position, behind house in meadow at 86700231. Their company CO is 1st Lt. Wetting. Line of resistance 300 meters from the railroad tracks north of Faymonville. 1st Co is at right of them, they get their food at house at 89220024.
- 0520 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0550 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: What's the latest? (Capt. Clark) Gives him a summary of the night's reports. (G-2) 2nd Div had a very quiet night. Captured a Jerry from 5th Co, 1055th Regt in vicinity 9404 grid square.
- 0600 - Blue to Capt. Clark: An unidentified plane dropped a bomb in enemy territory in front of our OP.
- 0610 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report. (G-3) At 927070 2nd Div is doing some practice firing all day, they are going to test their small arms.
- 0701 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 0637 hours an unidentified plane flying southwest to northeast with lights on.
- 0704 - Red to Capt. Clark: An enemy plane dropped a bomb in C Co's area, no casualties. OP reported a gun firing at 185 degrees, 6000 yards, firing to our right flank. We are trying to pin point him.

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- 0711 - White to Capt. Clark: At 0615 hours a light recon plane flew over the town; at 0640 hours a plane dropped a light bomb in our rear; at 0700 hours two rounds of light artillery landed in G Co area.
- 0720 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0905 - G-3 to S-2: Here is the tactical air report from the 9th and 19th: Motor transports destroyed 151, probably destroyed 14, damaged 41; armored vehicles 22 destroyed; railroad cars 12 destroyed; horse drawn 11 destroyed. Above targets between Bastogne and L-0395 and L-1696.
- 0930 - S-3 to Delight 2: We would like to talk to someone in the 3 Section about targets, we have 300 rounds to fire with the TDs and want observation by plane to adjust them.
- 0932 - S-3 to White 3: I talked a few days ago about those houses at 68, to have them knocked down. Well they are still standing and we have reports from PWs there are about 2 companies in there. Why don't you get some direct fire with your tanks or TDs? (White 3) The Colonel didn't want the tanks or TDs brought up to the front line. (S-3) Well pull them back to do indirect fire. (White 3) OK, we will knock them down.
- 0930 - S-3 to 634th TD: How much ammunition do you get daily for firing? Harassing fire? (634th) Not allowed any. We get 200 rounds per week. Not used for harassing fire. (S-3) See what you can get for me to be used for direct fire on known targets.
- 0945 - S-3 to Delight 3: We have 644th TD set to fire 300 rounds and would like to have your cub observer for them. I have a point I want hit. You can put it on priority CP at 892022, battery positions at 893003, 866981, we can't fire if you can't see them. Kitchen at 892000, supply at 855991 Cp at 921970, CP at 853002. Lots of people in Onderval and Schoppen. The two houses at 839012 contain enemy and we want them knocked down.
- 0947 - S-3 to Blue 3: We are firing 300 rounds of TD today, and you can adjust for them. (Blue 3) The patrol to 55 got as close as the 2nd hedgerow, but didn't see anything except some fresh tracks. (S-3) Where are you firing your TDs today? (Blue 3) 3 houses in depth from house at 57 to 59 the last house is their CP. Indirect 50 caliber fire into the woods and at the railroad.
- 0949 - S-3 to Red 3: We would like to have some indirect fire from 50s. in front of us mostly into Faymonville. Will leave it up to you, work it out the way you want it.

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- 0950 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 0850 hours OP #2 observed 4 guns at 195 degrees, 2000 yards; light howitzer; 0855 hours observed a tank or S/P firing at 170 degrees, 1500 yards; 0855 hours at 180 degrees, 1200 yards a high velocity gun firing; at 0900 hours at 150 degrees 1000 yards a tank firing at 0938 hours four air burst believed to be 75.
- 1000 - G-3 to S-3: They have not moved enough to send you an overlay of the big picture. Fighting in the 2nd and 3rd Armored sector and the Bastogne area, will send you an overlay tomorrow. (S-3) We are harassing these people as much as we can with 60mm mortar. 50 cal., and TD indirect fire on those positions we got from the PWs.
- 1005 - Delight 6 to S-3: I talked to Divarty and they would rather not fire as they say they have better targets for that. As soon as the restriction is off we will shoot for you until your head swins.
- 1100 - PWI to S-2: A PW here wants to go to Florida. He is from 2nd Co, 9th Regt. Supported by elements of the 4th Co, total strength including the 4th Co is 100 men. He says the outpost line is half way between Thirimont and where he was captured. He was directing engineer Sgt up to the cross road to lay mines. The battalion has four companies, 3rd Bn on the right of Regt, but don't know who is on the left. Expect another company to relieve his company soon. On 31 Dec held sector east of Faymonville. Says his train has not arrived yet, they have lived off the country. Bn CP is in Thirimont.
- 1111 - White 2 to S-2: The patrol to Steinbach was shot at north of 70 then came back. OP was put there later but enemy had moved out.
- 1143 - PWI to S-2: PW changed his mind CP at 83310015 the house next to the church, company in houses east of church on the north side of the road. Battalion to the rear on the road to Onderval. The two howitzers are Russian 88s at 869028.
- 1300 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1155 hours K Co reported enemy 60mm mortar 115 degrees, 1000 yards, one round landed 25 yards from K-6; at 1216 hours K-5 reports enemy machine gun 210 degrees 1000 yards.
- 1315 - S-2 to White 5: Lt. Chandler sent me some papers, are they off the body of the Jerry F Co killed last night? (White 5) That's right. (White 6 to S-3) We are trying to find a way to work on houses. The house northeast of 66 got 4 hits with 155 and 4 hits with Cannon Co. The 3 houses at 68 have 3 hits per house with 155 plus 3 hits from 7th Field. If we can get ammunition for 155 we can do it. (S-3) I will check on it.
- 1338 - S-3 to 745th: I am pulling out two tanks with the 76 guns on them, tomorrow, and putting them with Cannon Co. (745th) That will break up two platoons, I don't like to do it, but if I have to I will. (S-3) We will take one gun per day. We can get 76 ammunition, the other stuff is hard to get. (745th) I have one gun with 2nd Bn at the road junction covering its approaches, another one with 1st Bn with AT approach. Will you make necessary arrangements with the battalions? (S-3) Yes I will call them up. (745th) Another thing I would like to fire them from here. We are with Cannon Co, and can work on them. (S-3) OK, I will call you back as soon as I contact the battalions, the tanks will fire during the day.

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- 1340 - S-3 to Red 3: I am going to pull back the tank with the 76 for firing. I will keep it out for several days. (Red 3) Do we get it back? (S-3) Yes.
- 1343 - ~~S-3~~ to White 5: The same message as above.
- 1345 - S-2 to G-2: In regards to PW who states he was with a Sgt. from the engineers, who was killed, we picked up the body and have his papers. The PW was telling the truth. Papers indicate he was a member of the 16th Co 3rd Parachute Pioneer Bn.
- 1405 - S-3 to 745th: It is OK on the guns, pull them out. How much ammunition do you have? (745th) Only what is on the tanks. I don't know how much ammunition I can get from our S-4, but I will check. I don't want to shoot too much? (S-3) How much? (745th) About 150 rounds per day and alternate guns. (S-3) OK. (745th) I have several 75mm guns, do you want me to use them? (S-3) No, the Colonel wants 76mm guns. (745th) Is it on account of the ammunition? (S-3) Yes, it is easier to get 76mm.
- 1503 - Brown to S-2: At 1345 hours we fired at two Jerries at 812011, they were headed for 68 and disappeared into trenches.
- 1525 - White 2 to S-2: Here is shell report for today; - 16 rounds 105; and 2 rounds 150, 10 rounds 75.
- 1530 - S-3 to Red, White, and Blue 3s: We are running a little school tomorrow on wire laying for A&P platoons from 0900 to 1200 hours and 1330 hours to 1630 hours. Engineer officers will attend. The next day we will have school on mine laying. Pick your own area for the schools.
- 1603 - S-2 to Disguise 2: What happened to the 1/10,000 maps that Corps engineers were making? (Disguise 2) They are here but are frozen until G-2 tells us how to distribute them.
- 1605 - White 2 to S-2: Patrols for tonight are ambush patrols. At 1815 hours 8 man ambush patrol will go 600 yards east of 53, south of the woods. At the same time another patrol of 5 men will go to 853020; At 1830 hours an ambush patrol of 8 men will go to 851018. These patrols will stay out until midnight.
- 1610 - Red 2 to S-2: A Co had six air bursts and 6 rounds of 155. C Co had 4 rounds 120 mortar and 6 rounds of 75, also one bomb dropped this morning. B Co negative, but is all for the last 24 hours.
- 1615 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1434 hours OP #2 reports mortar fire landing on road to the left of the railroad station; at 1435 hours L Co reports platoon lead and MCO went to house at 41 found several dead Jerries; at 1440 hours OP #2 reports enemy gun firing at 210 degrees, landing in vicinity of railroad station.

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- 1617 - S-3 to G-3: We are changing I For K Co today. Will let you know how it goes. We have been killing a few Jerries here with our limited supply of ammunition. We have been shooting our tanks at them.
- 1622 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report for today - 30 rounds 60mm mortar, 20 rounds 75.
- 1626 - S-2 to Delight 2: 120 rounds artillery today and 60 rounds of mortar.
- 1627 - S-2 to G-2: Repeats the above message.
- 1640 - Capt. Scott to S-3: We fire on house at 68 with 5th Field, shot 39 rounds and got one hit on each house. They are not destroyed so I will try again tomorrow.
- 1730 - Red 2 to S-2: Outpost at 56, 500 yards south of 39, people are out there now.
- 1740 - Blue 2 to S-2: Patrols for tonight - I Co at 2400 hours to 880031.
- 1815 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1725 hours OP #1 reports S/P gun at 160 degrees, behind Hasse woods, fired 8 rounds; at 1725 hours OP #2 reports S/P gun at 180 degrees.
- 1900 - White 2 to S-3: Are there any ammunition restrictions? (S-3) Yes, 81 light can be fired only in emergency and with OK of this headquarters, 81 heavy fire by allotment. (White 2) When are the tanks going to pull? (S-3) They are not going to pull.
- 1905 - Red 5 to S-3: What is this new ammunition restriction? (S-3) 81 light only when OK'd by this headquarters, and 81 heavy fire by allotment.
- 2006 - Red 2 to S-2: G Co heard 4 shots coming from 56. Small arms fire coming from direction of E Co outpost.
- 2015 - Blue 2 to S-2: Plane bombing to the north of us going from north to south.
- 2017 - Lt. Kestlinger to Madcap: Gives them the above message.
- 2030 - Blue 2 to S-2: One plane flying southeast to northwest coming in low.
- 2100 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: V Corps reports XVIII Corps area crossed Ambleve River, 680992 and 683993 as of 0830 hours. Had elements on line T-684977 to 700985 as of 1200 hours, enemy resistance light. VII Corps reports Devantabue at P-447840 was taken, and our units were one klm from the cross road at P-576852. Identified 752nd Inf, 326th Div at P-5887, new in pocket. British area - town at P-3883 is held by one enemy company 60th PGR was identified at P-3683 to P-2577. South is quiet today. East of Bastogne 988th Inf Regt, 276th Inf Div, 276th Fusilier Bn at P-7348. Equipment of 2nd Panzer near Culles counted today 81 tanks, 7 assault guns, 105 miscellaneous vehicles, 74 field pieces, 9th air and 2nd Armored get the credit.

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- 2133 - G-3 to Blue 3: How is everything? (Blue 3) Very quiet. (S-3) They were trying to move up outposts in the 1st and 2nd Bns area. I am putting two tanks in with Cannon Co tomorrow. (Blue 3) I Co relieved K Co.
- 2250 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: 3rd Platoon L Co reports small arms fire 500 yards to their right front; 2nd Platoon reports digging in between their two outposts; OP #2 reports a gun firing at 245 degrees, estimated range 4 to 6000 yards.

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- 0005 - White to Mr. Lipinski: E Co received 7 rounds of artillery at 2305 hours at 280 degrees.
- 0007 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives them the reports for the last hour.
- 0103 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: A buzz bomb landed in enemy territory.
- 0110 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0200 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: I Co patrol returned with a negative report.
- 0300 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: One enemy gun fired 13 rounds; gun located at 873010. The 7th Field is going to fire on it.
- 0311 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0409 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) 18th reports hearing heavy machine gun fire in front of you. (Lt. Stephens) I will check and let you know.
- 0410 - Lt. Stephens to Red: 18th reports heavy machine gun fire in front of us, do you know anything about it? (Red) No, everything is quiet.
- 0412 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-2) 26th reports that they are receiving harassing artillery fire, also that a six gun battery fired on them earlier this evening.
- 0415 - Red to Lt. Stephens: On that machine gun fire, it was to our left front, believes it over by I Co.
- 0417 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: 18th Reports hearing heavy machine gun fire, do you know anything about it? (Blue) Yes, we are shooting 50 caliber machine guns from fixed positions just harassing the enemy with some indirect fire.
- 0419 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the above report on machine gun fire.
- 0700 - Blue to Capt. Clark: OP #2 reports machine gun fire at 200 degrees, 500 to 700 yards, long bursts.
- 0720 - Capt. Clark to White: Did you have any patrols out during the night. (White) None after 2400 hours.
- 0725 - Capt. Clark to Red: Did you have any patrols out last night? (Red) A patrol to 56 all night long, no contact with the enemy.
- 0728 - Capt. Clark to Blue: What did you find out? (Blue) Patrols went to 883032, 879032, but no contact with the enemy.
- 0730 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the patrol reports.
- 0830 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: VII Corps cut the main road in their area. Took 500 PWs from 326th Inf Div. Made small advances. Enemy aggressiveness in the Bastogne area died down, apparently digging in. 2nd Div had a skirmish with an outpost and took 14 PWs from 990th Regt.

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- 0835 - S-2 to White 2: Gives him the above report from Lt. Lynch. (White 2) An enemy patrol from north of 66 going to 68 was spotted by F Co listening post and fired artillery in direction they were going. 3 people seen at 817016, G Co fired flares and they took off.
- 0842 - S-2 to Red and Blue 2: Gives them Lt. Lynch's report of 0830 hours.
- 0850 - S-2 to G-2: We had a quiet night here, nothing happened. (G-2) The people on the right jumped off this morning. No news from the south.
- 0940 - White 2 to S-3: I wanted to know about firing 81 heavy without your permission? (S-3) That is not right, it is the 81 light. (White 2) Is it possible to get any more snow suits? (S-3) Not at present.
- 1100 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1000 hours they observed at 2900 mills at approximately 7000 yards three guns firing, they fired six rounds which landed 400 yards south of the OP; at 1038 hours L Co reported six rounds of light artillery landed 100 yards in front of the 3rd Platoon OP, estimate range at 1500 yards from 170 degrees.
- 1112 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: One PW captured by 26th was from 3rd Co, 12th Fusilier Bn, 12th VGD. Arrived in Bullingen 18th Dec, 60 men originally in company. Suffered 20% casualties. Relieved 30th Dec, PW remained with civilians. Yesterday civilians were evacuated and PW deserted. He thinks Bullingen is held by approximately a battalion of enemy. He states 6th and 7th Cos of some regiment is in the town, believe to be 1055th Inf Regt in that sector.
- 1137 - S-2 to White 2: What is doing down there? (White 2) We are firing at a few enemy in Ravenal. We saw one enemy on the knoll between 71 and 72.
- 1144 - S-2 to Red 2: Whats going on this morning? (Red 2) Not much, it is very quiet. (S-2) Have you picked up anything to indicate mine laying in the vicinity? (Red 2) Not a thing. (S-2) Do you plan any patrols for this evening? (Red 2) Probably, but I will let you know.
- 1147 - S-2 to Blue 2: Any indication of Jerry mines? (Blue 2) No, we ~~listen~~ ^{always} tell the patrols to look for them.
- 1159 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1143 hours OP reported gun firing 220 degrees, 3 to 4000 yards out.
- 1135 - Lt. Bryant to S-2: General Taylor has some officers from the 39th Inf. They want to talk to you about patrolling and etc. They will be down to talk to you and if possible may be go out to one of your battalions.
- 1341 - White 3 to S-3: Two enemy machine guns firing from Steinbach into E Co left flank. We are putting artillery and mortar on it. Two men were wounded from E Co.

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- 1101 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1207 hours L Co reports enemy mortars firing from 220 degrees in vicinity of church. TDs are now firing at them; at 1211 hours OP #2 reports enemy machine guns firing from 180 degrees, 400 to 600 yards out; at 1220 hours OP #2 reports enemy machine gun firing from 59 firing into L Co; at 1224 hours L Co reports enemy mortars 195 degrees, 800 yards fired on 2nd platoon; 20 seconds between flash and bang; at 1320 hours L Co reports enemy mortars still landing in 2nd platoon; at 1336 hours OP #1 reports enemy machine gun fire at 210 degrees, 1500 yards; at 1340 hours L Co reports TD firing on enemy mortars and landing right on the enemy; at 1355 hours OP #2 reports several bursts from burp gun heard from vicinity of switching house on railroad, also several enemy observed there by K-6.
- 1405 - Red 2 to S-2: Enemy machine pistol heard firing 1000 to 1500 yards right front of OP.
- 1445 - Red 3 to S-3: What do you want on this mine school? (S-3) How to lay a minefield, also how a Jerry mine works and etc.
- 1458 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1045 hours one enemy observed at 855913 in snow suit, machine gun nest believed to be at 855913; at 1453 hours 10 enemy observed vicinity of 855992 came from northeast and went southwest; at 1535 hours one enemy observed at 855992 went northeast.
- 1500 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1430 hours L Co reported an enemy patrol of 12 men at 887032 coming towards our forward OP at 41, being fired on by our 60s. At 1420 hours OP #1 reports 4 or 5 enemy in white suits moving around 57, being fired on by our tanks; at 1450 hours L Co reports another 12 man patrol at 875031 being fired on by our 60s.
- 1545 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 105 rounds of artillery, 13 rounds of mortar.
- 1547 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports enemy observed in Menil, P-6489. Enemy driven back to P-7093, P-6890, P-6488, light resistance. PW taken from 9th Co, 5th parachute Div at P-6992. 500 PWs taken on 6th Jan. 40 PWs taken today by 18th Corps. 7th Corps reports only 4 or 5 tanks seen today. 2nd British reports all troops withdrew from town at P-2368 by force of enemy pressure, line is now P-2372, 2376, 2981, 3381. 3rd Army reached line P-5161 4557. 7th Army reports town at 1214 clear of enemy, elements of 353rd Inf Div reported at R-1821. Recon of 21st Panzer Div reported at R-1441. Enemy pressure at Q-8742 continues. Friendly elements cut road at 8637. South line at Q-7837, 7538, cleared of enemy. 500 enemy surrounded at 7335. Enemy attack on Q-6252 made no progress and three counterattacks repulsed. Units at Q-8434 and 8347 continue to make slow progress.

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- 1600 - S-2 to Blue 3: The 1/10,000 maps have arrived. (Blue 3) The enemy patrol of this afternoon, evidently came in along the ridge line and up the stream bed. They came approximately as far as 42 and then dispersed and disappeared. They might be out in the snow waiting to withdraw under cover of darkness. The 12 men reported at 42, were observed from 41, were evidently from the 18th. A patrol is out checking on this now. Tonight we will be quiet until 0300 or 0400 hours, Booth will then send two strong patrols to clear 57. We will change a few of our outposts around tonight.
- 1605 - Blue 2 to S-2: We picked up the former head of the Nazi Party for the town of Weywertz. He was just picked up in September, was hospitalized and since then has been wandering around. (S-2) Send him down to us.
- 1606 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the dope on the civilian picked up by 3rd Bn. (G-2) Send him down to our PW cage.
- 1615 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1545 hours one enemy truck going southwest on road at 855992; at 1600 hours one enemy observed leaving building at 852019, crossed the railroad track east of the building and went into a gully where observation was lost on him.
- 1617 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1525 hours L Co reports another enemy patrol about 30 men about 200 yards to the right of 42, 60s were fired on them and the TDs also fired. The men seen at 890031 were definitely identified as from the 18th. Here is our shell report; 30 rounds of mortar.
- 1630 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 12 rounds 47, 6 rounds 88; 6 rounds 81; 12 rounds 50.
- 1635 - S-2 to Delight: Here is our shell report 200 rounds of artillery, and 100 rounds of mortar.
- 1640 - Red 2 to S-2: The patrol from A Co is going to 028856 at 2000 hours. Another patrol will go 500 yards south of 69 and out to 56.
- 1645 - White 2 to S-2: F Co is going to send a patrol 400 yards past their front line and put an outpost in the same place; E Co the same as last night. G Co the same as last night. At 0300 hours E Co is sending a patrol to 850018 to get some Jerries.
- 1715 - Blue 3 to S-2: At one time it was observed there were 12 men in snow suits coming towards 41, we fired tanks and mortars at them and lost them. About an hour later we saw about 12 men going west of 42, these might have been the same ones. Later we saw a group going over the ridge between 59 and 57. Booth will find out if we got any of them tonight when he sends his combat patrol to 57 tonight.
- 1740 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: At 56 on the right flank, 5 or 6 enemy tried to work their way up, when they got within 75 yards our men gave them a heavy mortar burst. Our men think they got one, the others took off. One of our men was wounded by mortar fire.