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- 1800 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 75th Div is changing its sector and is moving into 18th A/B Corps sector. The 104th Div reports 25 man enemy patrol pushed back their outpost from 919117. Planning to send stiff out to restore it. Considerable increase of enemy artillery fire in 60th Inf sector. 3rd Armored, CGA at 648882, 628878; CQB mopping up at 6185 and 571857, also have forces at 572850. 2nd Armored at 558838, 563843, 568848, 570851. Patrols to 575853. Force also at 588846. 84th Div - 1st Bn 334th at 450835; 2nd Bn 333rd at 559840; 3rd Bn 333rd at 525855. 5 to 10 tanks engaged at 445835. 82nd A/B at 664871, 673871, 664871, 649882, 673871, 669890, 690913, 700915, 698940, 693958.
- 1805 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #2 reports enemy gun firing at 220 degrees; three rounds at 1610 hours and 4 rounds at 1625 hours: at 1635 hours I Co reports mortar fire landing in 2nd Platoon area coming from 195 degrees 800 to 1200 yards out; at 1655 hours OP #1 reports 25 rounds of 50mm mortar, coming from 2500 mills and landing forward of the OP; at 1740 hours I Co observed two shots fired from 887026.
- 1837 - S-3 to Red 3: How is that deal going at 56? (Red 3) OK, there were just a few of them and we pounded them plenty. The school is going well, and the men seem interested. Tuesday three men from each company will have a school on radio procedure.
- 1847 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him our patrols for the night. (G-3) We have a report of friendly forces having a road block at 500810, and that road is cut in 4 places now.
- 1915 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1845 hours I Co moved their right outpost to the 2nd house along the road at 41 to fill gap between L and C Cos, it is manned only at night.
- 1930 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: A plane overhead circling at medium height, and another plane coming in from the south flying low.
- 1940 - White to Capt. Clark: OP reports that 1850 hours movement near the underpass was heard, it seemed like vehicles being towed.
- 1945 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: One plane dropping flares due north of us.
- 1948 - Capt. Clark to Madcap: Relays the above report to them.
- 2030 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 84th Div, 3rd Bn 333rd Inf at 540845 to 521848; 1st Bn 334th Inf at 445828; 2nd Bn 334th at 441833; 290th Inf at 431844. 3rd Armored has one force at 657878, another at 646879; 2nd Armored has one force at 543839, another at 539837, another at 492843, another at 481839. Marcourt at 4281 has been taken.
- 2130 - Red 3 to S-2: A Co patrol got in a little fight at the same place. Artillery from the southeast fell on A Co front, about 10 to 15 rounds. OP reported 50 rockets fell on the battalion front.

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- 2145 - G-2 to S-2: VII Corps reports 5th Parachute Regt, 3rd Div was identified at 6993 in a small pocket. The entire regiment believed there. Our forces at P-5285 meeting no enemy resistance. 5 to 10 tanks engaged at P-4483. Our forces reached P-6185, 4381, 6388, 5182. 18th Corps reports our forces at P-6887. Enemy still holds the rest of the ridge with two regiments, tanks, and S/P guns. Enemy resistance very heavy. In the Bastogne area enemy holds Tillet, P-4259, Gross Deutschland Brigade #1 identified in there. 15th PGD identified at P-4761. Air reports Prilon at B-5811 and Amberg at B-2311 packed with freight cars and all sidings had cars on them at 1200 hours. Enemy attacking at R-1316, 1517, 1639; results unknown. (S-2) Gives him the dope on the A Co patrol.
- 2150 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports 10 to 14 rounds of rockets coming from 170 degrees, estimated by sound at 6000 yards.
- 2230 - Red 3 to S-2: The patrol got back OK, met with lots of fire power. They are not sure if they went to those houses. They did get down in the stream bed and came in wet. It is pretty bad out with this snow coming down, you can't see. However, they will try again at 0300 hours. G Co reports a S/P gun firing from 163 degrees, 2100 yards out.
- 2210 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: Plane overhead now, going northwest, dropping flares, one flare 6000 yards out to our east.
- 2230 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: One plane high going east tow est.

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- 0015 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: At 2310 hours a plane flying west to east.
- 0112 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0800 - Blue to Capt. Clark: K Co patrol is back.
- 0838 - S-2 to White 2: What happened last night? (White 2) Everything was very quiet. The patrol got to enemy outpost but couldn't locate them. They went further and heard voices. The listening post north of 70 still report people in the house. We received some artillery about 2000 hours last night, about a 75mm.
- 0935 - S-2 to G-3: Gives him a summary of the patrol activity during the night.
- 1115 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1045 hours two enemy at 859012.
- 1130 - Blue 2 to S-2: The CIC did not show up this morning. (S-2) They will be down right after chow.
- 1138 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: It is OK to shoot in Faymonville with mortars and artillery, but use it sparingly.
- 1220 - White 2 to S-2: ICA reported at 1204 hours two enemy with rifles and packs going west at 830002.
- 1335 - G-3 to S-3: 23rd Inf will fire this afternoon at 902055 from 1430 to 1600 hours.
- 1345 - S-3 to Blue 3: 6th TD is moving two guns back that were firing in the forward positions. The two forward being moved back for firing.
- 1350 - Red 3 to S-3: I heard the TDs are leaving. (S-3) Just to fire one at a time, it will take place tomorrow.
- 1410 - S-2 to G-2: Liaison officer from 120th says 7th Armored maybe coming around this way. (G-2) Resistance in front of VII Corps practically nil, they made some good advances.
- 1420 - Blue 2 to S-2: Two enemy at 57 in house and tanks are firing at them.
- 1500 - S-2 to White 2: How is everything? (White 2) We had a few fire missions on the house at 68. At 1900 hours a three man team from G Co is going out to harass enemy known emplacements for one hour. G Co has one enemy pinned down and are going out after him.
- 1550 - Decoy 2 to S-2: Our 3rd Bn has a listening post going into position at 893024 at 2300 hours to 0100 hours. Consists of one officer and five men. They will have communication by sound power phone. 2nd Bn has a recon patrol of one officer and three men from 200 to 0100 hours going to 914016. Mission is purely recon. They will use green parachute flare in case of trouble to bring down pre-arranged fire. A permanent outpost is located at 912023. Communication by sound power phone, this is maintained on a 24 hour schedule. We have a permanent outpost maintained daily from dawn to dusk at 907025, it belongs to E Co.

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- 1604 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 28 rounds mortar, 14 rounds artillery.
- 1605 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 40 rounds of artillery, 12 rounds of mortar.
- 1616 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1450 hours they observed 7 enemy going west at 855992; at 1510 hours the mortar rounds landed 50 yards to the rear of the OP estimated coming from 120 degrees; at 1530 hours two enemy going southwest at 855992; at 1601 hours one enemy going northeast at 855992; at 1602 hours one enemy going southwest at 855992; at 1605 hours one enemy going northeast at 855992; at 1610 hours one enemy going northeast at 855992; at 1615 hours one enemy going northeast at 855992.
- 1643 - S-2 to Blue 3: Gives him the dope on the 18th Inf outposts and patrol.
- 1759 - G-2 to S-2: Here is some dope on the big picture - 18th Corps A/B reports everything very quiet last night. Patrols reached 768002 and 758012 without contact. PW taken from 1st Bn of 161st Inf Regt, taken at 6689. 7th Corps reports town at 4883 cleared last night. The town at 6386 taken. 2nd British Army reports counterattack at P-3882. Took high ground at 3481, captured town at 3581. 3rd Army, 12th Corps on line P-8240, 8041, 7841, 7745, 7647, 7346. 8th Corps has patrols reach P 5264, no contact. Strong resistance reported at P-5061. Captured town at P-4761. Cleared area at 4559. 7th Army enemy attacked in area R-1316, enemy entered town at 1518. We withdrew to 1835 and 1837. Other enemy attacked R-1639, and enemy entered town at R-0943. The enemy who had been circled at 7335 backed out, mopping up continues. Enemy reinforced bridgehead across the Rhine.
- 1707 - S-2 to Delight 2: Here is shell report 100 rounds mortar, 150 rounds of artillery.
- 1718 - Red 2 to S-2: We will outpost 500 yards south of 39 and at 56 all night.
- 1725 - S-2 to G-2: Here is shell report 100 rounds mortar, 150 rounds artillery.
- 1727 - White 3 to S-3: We fired artillery all day, but observation was not good. E Co will put on a show tonight from 1900 to 2000 hours. Will have 3 men go out 700 yards in front of each platoon to fire bazooka and flares at known enemy outposts. G and F Cos will have the normal listening posts.
- 1731 - Lt. Stephens to Red, White, and Blue: Gives them the latest dope on the big picture as given by G-2 at 1659 hours.
- 1759 - Lt Lynch to S-2: 82nd A/B reports elements have captured CO of 1st Bn 161st Regt, 62nd BGD in vicinity of Thiers. He says he commanded the enemy pocket in vicinity of 6689 and was supported by 6 Tiger Royal Tanks. This is confirmed as 82nd knocked out one of these. A message from Col Ford to G-2 "Think enemy might pull out of Bastogne area. Probably will put increased pressure on 1st Div. Doubt if he will come further than around Wilts Holalize."

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- 1810 - Brown to S-2: At 1700 hours 8 enemy entered house at 878027. We fired on them and scored a direct hit on the building.
- 1845 - S-3 to Blue 3: The mine school for tomorrow with the engineers is called off because of the weather.
- 2000 - Capt. Scott to Capt. Clark: We picked up a little activity in front of B Co and we wanted to fire star shells by 644th can't fire because they are in the process of moving. Do you have anyone that can fire for us? (Capt. Clark) I will check with 634th.
- 2004 - Capt. Clark to 634th: Can you have guns in place that could fire star shells for us? (634th) No.
- 2006 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Scott: 634th Can't fire but if you can determine you may be able to get someone to fire.
- 2030 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: At 1605 hours 1st Bn 334th jumped off at noon today to 437618. 2nd Bn 334th reached 430825 at noon today and met no resistance. 1st Bn 290th are at 430836. TF Hogan reports no enemy contact. 112th took three towns this morning. One at 701958, one at 709967; and another at 710976. 2nd Armored CGA is at 482830, CCB advancing and meeting only small arms fire. 3rd Armored CCR at 658682. CCD at 661865; CCW at 636808, held up by a minefield. 2nd Bn 290th have advanced against light opposition and are now at 450827.
- 2042 - White 6 to Capt. Clark: Will you tell Major Smith to see what he can do about having the roads cleared up here as they are getting very bad. (Capt. Clark) I will tell him about it.
- 2100 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: An enemy gun battery firing at 210 degrees from OP #1. Enemy came up to 400 yards from south of 44 and fired machine guns over I Co positions. I Co fired mortars on them.
- 2115 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: Here is the summary for 1800 hours - 18th A/B Corps no enemy contact on left flank, very little on right. Identified 9th Co, 5th Parachute Regt, 3rd Div, 11th Co, 190th Regt, 62nd VGD at P-6693. 3 small towns vicinity P-7196 were taken by our people. VII Corps reports enemy resistance fairly light, some rocket fire was received. Our forces have reached P-4281, 6586, 4479, 6386, and 50181 at which point a road block of 8 or 10 tanks were encountered. Our forces also reached 6085 and 6885. 9th SS Panzer Div is believed on left flank of VII Corps. 30th British Corps reports enemy withdrew to high ground at 3580 and 4083. Enemy still holds 2470, 2473. PWs taken from 11th Panzer Grenadier Regt from 9th Panzer Div at P-3182 state unit was to withdraw about 3000 yards. 7th Armored reports Bonnerue at P-3859 was cleared of enemy. Strong enemy resistance encountered at Tillet. Increased enemy resistance encountered at 4459. PW from 15th Co from 1st SS Grenadier Regt, 1st SS Div stated 2nd SS PGR relieved by paratroop outfit. At 0600 hours this morning an enemy attack at 7349 by two battalions of infantry and 20 tanks was repulsed by 0900 hours.

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12 enemy tanks knocked out. Enemy infantry and 18 tanks infiltrated our positions at 4659 early today and is still continuing. But since 1300 hours situation has been well in hand. The Fuhrer Escort Brigade of Gross Deutschland Div infiltrated vicinity 8540 with infantry and tanks but 7 tanks were knocked out and situation believed contained. In the south enemy attacks between Q-6455 and 6054 were repulsed early today.

- 2130 - White 2 to S-3: We would like to get a bulldozer to work on the road from Kotuby's place to here, we are afraid of being snowed in by tomorrow. We shot the works to the enemy and drew no return fire. Listening post reports nothing. How about some more snow suits? (S-3) I will talk to Mac about it.
- 2210 - S-2 to G-2: Everything quiet. (G-2) 1st SS vicinity of Bastogne; 9th SS on left flank of VII Corps; 2nd SS not identified for a couple of days; 12th SS Vicinity Bastogne; 10th SS never showed up at all, must be in reserve. 18th took PWs from 2nd Co, 1055th Regt at 918017.
- 2245 - Disguise 3 to S-3: On the snow plow to clear the road to Weismes we can not do anything until the moon comes up, it is too dark. The moon comes up at 0230 hours to 0300 hours. We can do it then and will be finished by daylight.
- 2255 - Blue to Capt. Clark: OP #2 at 2111 hours picked up a gun firing at 220 degrees about 2000 to 3000 yards out; a t 2239 hours enemy reported at 884026 and we fired on them with mortars.
- 2315 - White to Capt. Clark: At 2225 hours an enemy tank fired 7 rounds into G Co area from 175 degrees, approximately 837015, less than one second flash to bang. OP believes that the tank is on the road between 63 and 84. We called this into 7th Field. At 2300 hours three rounds fell 100 yards southeast of 52, shells came from the south.
- 2400 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 2225 hours OP #1 reports one enemy machine gun firing from 300 yards south of 44; at 2239 hours enemy heard talking at 884026; at 2318 hours OP #2 reported light enemy gun firing from 220 degrees 1500 to 2000 yards out, fired 6 rounds.

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- 0010 - White to Lt. Stephens; At 2221 hours enemy artillery at 185 degrees from half way between 52 and 70; at 2221 hours another gun firing at 140 degrees 3000 yards taken from the same point.
- 0018 - Lt. Stephens to Delight; Above observation relayed to them.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0200 - Blue to Lt. Stephens; At 0120 hours M and K Co's 81s report small arms at 4000 mills, range undetermined; at 0121 hours OP #2 reports due south friendly 60mm fire about 250 yards out; at 0130 hours OP #2 reports 165 degrees, three rounds went overhead, no flash from gun observed; at 0136 hours OP #2 reports at 30 degrees 600 to 700 yards out, small arms fire.
- 0210 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; Gives him the hourly reports from the battalions. (G-3) The 18th reported an 8 man enemy patrol in vicinity of your I Co.
- 0212 - Lt. Stephens to Blue; The 18th picked up an 8 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of I Co. (Blue) I will check.
- 0220 - Blue to Lt. Stephens; I Co picked up that 8 man patrol and are firing mortars on them.
- 0222 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; Gives him the above report on the enemy patrol.
- 0300 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; I Co reports that a 10 man enemy patrol came up the railroad tracks, they went towards the 18th, then came over towards I Co. I Co was waiting for the patrol to come into machine gun range, but the patrol didn't come in that close, so they put mortars on them and they took off. The results of the fire is unknown.
- 0304 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Relays the above message.
- 0400 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; At 0334 hours L Co received small arms fire from the direction of K Co's patrol objective. The patrol is still out. L Co OP #3 received some mortar fire, no damage.
- 0500 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger; At 0435 hours an artillery piece firing from 2800 mills at 6000 yards; at 0440 hours three mortar shells landed around I Co OP #3.
- 0513 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Gives him the hourly reports from the battalions.
- 0900 - White 2 to S-2; What did Major Smith find out about the mines? (S-2) The engineers were busy in front of the 18th.

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- 0911 - S-2 to Red 2; Anything doing? (Red 2) No, it is all quiet. We are getting some harassing fire from our left flank at 0845 hours; machine gun fire; also heard digging around road between 56 and 41. We can't observe it.
- 0915 - G-2 to S-2; The password has been compromised from noon today to noon of 11 Jan. The third alternate will be used.
- 0922 - White 2 to S-2; At 0830 hours one enemy going southwest on the road to the house at 855992.
- 0923 - S-3 to Red 3; What is cooking? (Red 3) There is a little firing by a gun near 56 and 41, but is not harming anything. I am going to call Richmond to see if he can do something about it. We are getting a school started today. (S-3) How are your roads? (Red 3) OK. (S-3) We had someone working them over last night.
- 0913 - S-3 to White 3; How are things? (White 3) We got some of the snow cleared away. How about mines? (S-3) That is an engineer problem, let them worry about it. (White 3) How about letting E Co fire their bazookas to check them and at the same time get at these snipers that are close in. (S-3) OK with me if it is OK with the Colonel, but don't waste the ammunition. Check with your ammunition officer first.
- 0935 - S-3 to Blue 3; How's things? (Blue 3) A 10 man enemy patrol came up from railroad tracks. Outpost at switch station let them come up to wire. Two men were in black, and eight in white.
- 0945 - S-3 to Disguise "A"; I want a bull dozer on road that leads from Robertville to Champagne. (Disguise A) They are on it now. (S-3) I also want road from Champagne to Weywertz cleared, and road that leads to our Co I. (Disguise A) Yes, sir.
- 0950 - S-2 to G-2; Gives the G-2 latest dope from journal entries. Enemy patrol came up last night. It looked like they bounced off of the 18th and came up to the railroad tracks on our left. Our outpost saw them; 2 men in black, shadowed by 8 men in white. Outpost had machine gun trained on them in case they tried to come in. (G-2) The 39th and 2nd Inf Divs have negative reports for the night. Corps artillery fired on the main roads last night. Believe the enemy was pulling a lot of stuff out. Enemy made some more gains over by the 7th Army sector.
- 1015 - Red 2 to S-2; I have a book that was left here when the people moved out. It belongs to the Engr Base Section. It has code names for the 1st Army up to the 101st Airborne. Also, list of weapons in 1st Div and Airborne Div. I'll send it up to you.
- 1025 - Brown to S-2; Negative report for 1000 hours.



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- 1050 - White 2 to S-2: I&R reports at 0925 hours two enemy working on what is believed to be a machine gun nest at 834997; at 0950 hours one enemy working along hedge believed to be laying communication wire at 834997; at 0955 hours two enemy clearing snow from machine gun position at 831998.
- 1115 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports at 0911 hours one enemy going north-east on road from 855992; at 1003 hours one enemy at 861001 going west to east; at 1051 hours one enemy at 885992.
- 1135 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest OP reports. (G-2) 8th Corps pushed back 2000 yards. Enemy made another crossing of the Rhine down south. 7th Corps took a PW who says all SS are pulling out.
- 1210 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: V Corps reports that VII Corps and 3rd Armored will not attack today. 83rd Div moved through 3rd Armored and possibly attack this afternoon. 2nd Armored made no progress yesterday, but were to attack at 0830 hours today in a small sector. 84th Div will continue to attack at 0830 hours VIII Corps reports 17th A/B lost about 2000 yards on the western side of the salient. 87th also lost a few hundred yards. V Corps reports that there were two counterattacks in VIII Corps area, one near Bonnerue, P-3859 by infantry, fierce fighting in this area, enemy holds the town, the second attack came at P-2659 made by infantry supported by 20 tanks, this attack repulsed. Both PG regts of 3rd PGD identified as well as 115th PGR of 15th PGD. Things are quiet in the Bastogne area. 26th VG has not been identified since the 3rd January. III Corps sector the enemy has improved his defenses, No contact with Panzer Lehr since 4th January.
- 1230 - Red 2 to S-2: 5 enemy observed walking into building at 74.
- 1303 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1300 hours several more enemy around 74.
- 1310 - S-3 to Lt. Kayes: How are the mines in the snow? (Lt. Kayes) I don't know, we checked them about a week ago, but I will have someone check them. What about the dozer to work out towards the companies? (S-3) One is working at the 3rd Bn and the 2nd Bn.
- 1325 - S-3 to 641th TD, and Cannon Co: Have you got the TDs firing? (644th) Yes, we have 500 rounds for 4 days. (S-3) Two tanks are coming back to you to fire on targets at 805988, 854989, 850002, 834003, 893002, 905993, 920970.
- 1330 - S-3 to 745th: I want you to get 800 rounds for those two tanks to fire.
- 1332 - White 2 to S-2: I&R reports at 1215 hours two enemy going south from 831997 to 828995; at 1250 hours three enemy going north on road at 830999; Freeport OP reports at 1225 hours one enemy vehicle going northeast on road at 855992; at 1230 hours three enemy in front of building at 855992; at 1235 hours enemy activity at 85850100; at 1235 hours one enemy horse cart going northwest on road at 855997; at 1240 hours one enemy seen at 85700105; at 1245 hours five enemy on skis going across country

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at 855992; at 1250 hours five more enemy the same as above.

- 1335 - S-3 to Blue 2; Tell Capt. Richmond that I would like to have him pull one 57 for a period of 24 hours for servicing. The AT officer will get in touch with him.
- 1357 - Lt. Lester, Disguise A to Lt. Stephens; We are working the road with a dozer from Gueuzaine to cross road half way between 36 and 38, due north about 500 yards. The enemy just lobbed a shell in on the cross road, and I wanted to check concerning the road to Weisems before continuing on. (Lt. Stephens) Check in with the 2nd Bn and do what ever they think is best.
- 1400 - White 2 to S-2; Freepert-OP reports at 1300 hours enemy gun firing, 160 degrees. 3500 yards out; two enemy carrying a long tube at 855007; at 1315 hours one enemy at 855007 going east; at 1330 hours 5 enemy standing in road at 855992, a few minutes later they went into a house at the same place; at 1345 hours one enemy vehicle going southwest on road at 855992.
- 1428 - White 2 to S-2; Nothing new to report, (S-2) How often do you shoot at 855992. (White 2) At night. (S-2) What is out there? (White 2) Supply dump area, they seem to be going back and forth.
- 1435 - Red 2 to S-2; Our OP reports hearing one enemy machine pistol but can't locate it definitely but by sound it is estimated to be about 900 yards to the left front.
- 1437 - Decco 2 to S-2; Here is our 3rd Bn patrol. I Co patrol leaving at 0100 hours and returning at 0300 hours. Patrol consists of one officer and 7 men carrying one sound power phone. One 81mm mortar observer is going along with the patrol. Patrol is going to 891028. They will stay out there for awhile and then will set the switch house on fire. They will use gasoline and incendiary grenades.
- 1450 - White 2 to S-2; I&R reports at 1405 hours one enemy going east at 831002.
- 1506 - Message from G-2; Current passwords compromised. For the period from 1200 hours 9 January to 1200 hours 11 January use; Password SMOKY Reply MOUNTAIN. Passwords will not be disclosed by anyone to anyone except upon positive identification.
- 1510 - Red 2 to S-2; At 1505 hours the OP observed 11 enemy at 74, Cannon Co fired on them.
- 1515 - G-2 to S-2; In the V-1200 hour report the following item appeared; Last night 3 men in American uniform, one wearing a Captain's insignia and in an American Jeep, were stopped by a sentry in a rear area last night. They did not have the password and the sentry started to take them in for identification. No word was heard from the party, they disappeared.

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It subsequently developed that the jeep got wrecked and all occupants turned up in the hospital. Here is the report on the big picture. 18th A/B Corps area very quiet. No enemy patrols reported. One enemy tank observed at P-7701. VII Corps area only scattered artillery fire. No enemy patrols reported. PWs from 116th Panzer Recon Bn stated their mission was to secure the withdrawal of the 2nd SS Panzer Div. Did not know where SS were going. 30th British Corps reports enemy holds town at P-2368. Enemy seems to be withdrawing. Two enemy tanks were knocked out at P-2275. Town at P-2979 was reported clear of enemy. 8th Corps reports two enemy attacks yesterday; infantry but no armor involved in attack at P-3859 at 1300 hours yesterday. The Fuhrer Escort Brigade, Gross Deutschland identified. Enemy took town of Bonnerue at P-3859. The other attack was by infantry and 18 to 20 tanks at P-4659, but was repulsed. Both PGR and AT and Recon Bns of 3rd Panzer Div identified also with the 115th PGR of the 15th PGD. In the 3rd Corps area the enemy improved his defenses yesterday but made no attacks. PWs of the 12th SS Panzer Div said the 26th PGR is in vicinity of P-6162. The Division CP is in vicinity of P-6657. On the 8th of January no contact with 901st PGR of the Panzer Lehr Div has been made since 4 January. 1st SS Div was identified 7 January in area occupied by 167th VGD, but slight evidence that it may not be there now. The 21st Corps area had stiff attack at P-7349 yesterday. Two battalions attack from the south east and one from the northwest supported by 14 to 20 tanks, we destroyed 8 tanks. 276th VGD also believed in area. 352nd VGD identified at P-8343. The 7th Army area the enemy attacked vicinity of Rimling, Q-6555 yesterday and reached line Q-6454 to Q-6554 before being stopped. In the afternoon we counterattacked and regained half of Rimling; enemy still held the other half of the town with 200 infantry and six tanks. The enemy attack at Q-6656 repulsed by our artillery as was the one at Q-7447. PWs taken from 19th Inf Div and the 410th WG Artillery Corps. Enemy attacked all day yesterday in vicinity of R-1837 but all were repulsed. Enemy used 10 tanks in one attack. Both PGRs of 21st Panzer Div identified. The 937th Regt of 245th VGD identified at R-1144. In the bridgehead area north of Strassburg, the towns at R-1110, R-1214 and half of the town at R-1512 are in enemy hands. PWs taken from the 460th G. Replacement training Bn in vicinity of R-1110; said they are attached to 553rd VGD. The 1st French Army reports the town in the vicinity of V-9780 cleared of enemy. The enemy turned southwest and attacked at V-9176, and the attack was still in progress at midnight. About a battalion is across the Rhine at P-0277. Identification made of 198th and 708th Inf Divs in this area. Situation believed to be under control.

1535 - White 2 to S-2; Here is our shell report; 31 rounds 105; 2 rounds 81 mortar; 12 rounds of 88.

1545 - Red 2 to S-2; Here is our shell report; 17 rounds 105.

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- 1600 - Red 3 to S-3; Did you get a quota for us on the 4.2? (S-3) They referred me to G-4, and they haven't a quota yet. You can start zeroing in with what you have. How much do you have? (Red 3) 1000 rounds. (S-3) You can expend up to 200 rounds. (Red 3) OK, I am going to start rodking 74, there is too many people out there to suit me.
- 1603 - Blue 2 to S-2; Here is our shell report; 26 rounds 88; 30 rounds mortar 15 rounds 105.
- 1608 - S-2 to G-2 and Delight; Gives them our shell report for the day.
- 1610 - White 2 to S-2; At 1500 hours one enemy seen going southwest at 855992; at 1502 hours one horse drawn cart going up the road northeast 855992; 4 enemy going to ridge at 857013; at 1556 hours 4 enemy on road at 855992.
- 1630 - White 2 to S-2; G Co patrol is going to 84 at 0100 hours, one officer and 7 men to check the damage to the houses; also to see if the half track comes up. They will listen if any show wagons can be heard, and will watch for mortar flashes and will return at 0600 hours.
- 1638 - Red 2 to S-2; Our OP reported two enemy, one leading a dog at 74, and our mortars are going to fire on them.
- 1643 - S-2 to G-2; Gives him a summary of the OP reports in the last hours.
- 1700 - Lt. Lynch to S-2; V Corps reports PWs from 116th Recon Bn claim their mission was to secure the withdrawal of the 2nd SS. 1st Army believes the 1st SS is left. Enemy crossed the Rhine at Optheim at W-0277 believed to be battalion in size and without armor. Identified 326th Regt and Fusilier Bn of 198th Div. From 26th Inf reports PW from 2nd Co, 1055th Regt was taken this morning under the impression that a unit composed of 5000 officers candidate personnel was facing them. His platoon position extends from 92750130 to 92950100.
- 1705 - S-3 to 644th; You are going back to 2nd Div. You report to AT officer tomorrow morning at 2nd Div. (644th) Any relief unit? (S-3) None. (644th) As soon as I see him I will call you.
- 1710 - White 2 to S-2; At 1630 hours I&R observed 7 enemy at 829002 to house at 832002. Freepoint OP reports at 1617 hours 10 enemy going northwest on road at 855992; at 1630 hours one enemy observed at 854019 in snow-suit.
- 1718 - Capt. Case to S-3; What is new? (S-3) We are losing 644th, what are your recommendations? (Capt. Case) Just won't have anyone in reserve that is all. (S-3) You think it over and call me in the morning, we have to make some change.

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- 1725 - Red 2 to S-2; C Co is sending a patrol out at 0100 hours to houses on railroad track, 500 yards east of 53.
- 1730 - Blue 2 to S-2; No patrols, except one to retrieve dead officer's body.
- 1800 - Blue 2 to S-2; OP reports at 1540 hours enemy gun firing from 240 degrees, 100 yards out, fired 13 rounds, estimated 88; at 1715 hours OP #2 reports 6 enemy going into a house in vicinity of Faymonville, 7th Field fired on it and scored direct hits on house.
- 1834 - S-3 to White 2; You are losing 4 TDs from 644th tomorrow. You are getting three 57s tomorrow. (White 2) In the last three days we have scored 7 hits on house at 64. Hit house twice north of 66.
- 1840 - S-3 to Blue 3; You are losing a platoon from 644th tomorrow. (Blue 3) No patrols except one by K Co to get Lt. MacLoughlin's body. When the snow gets packed down more we can patrol.
- 1844 - S-2 to Blue 2; Did you get 3rd Bn 18th patrol? (Blue 2) Yes. We saw some enemy today and shot at them.
- 1845 - S-3 to Red 3; We are losing 644th tomorrow so I have to take your platoon of the AT Co and gives them to 2nd Bn.
- 1854 - Brown to S-2; About that 100 enemy reported, Lt. McKay said he might have over estimated the number. Possibly 75 would be more like it. They were seen at 888004 on highway from Faymonville to Schoppen. Only saw 3 or 4 at a time going back and forth towards town. Most of the movement towards Schoppen. No vehicles seen, only enemy personnel.
- 1904 - S-2 to G-2; Gives him the above report.
- 1906 - Blue 2 to S-2; OP reported they heard vehicles moving south and south-east of Faymonville at 1830 hours.
- 1930 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens; I am sending down Lt. DeBauley, a French Officer, temporarily until we get you a replacement.
- 2100 - Blue 2 to S-2; At 2255 hours I Co reported an enemy patrol consisting of 15 men came up from 59 to 44; then went 25 yards from Co I outpost. They dispersed by mortar fire.
- 2115 - Lt. Lynch to S-2; 2nd Armored TFD at 485820; TFX at 568843; 2nd Bn 333rd Inf, 84th Div at 567845; TFR at 538830; TFY at 546827; 1st Bn 280th Inf at 473824; 3rd Bn at 462814; 1st Bn 33rd Inf relieving TFF, 3rd Armored and the latter unit going over to 6185; 3rd Bn 333rd Inf at 514830; 3rd Bn 329th Inf at 673846 facing south. Elements of same unit at 665840 and 663835; 3rd Bn 331st Inf at 650845; 2nd Bn 331st Inf at 637843; 1st Bn 330th Inf at 628842; TFB, 2nd Armored 498820; TFA 492815; 33rd Inf 468798 to 465798.

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- 2152 - S-3, 120th Inf to S-2; We are having a little party tomorrow at 1000 hours and we will just be testing our weapons so will you notify your units and higher headquarters? (S-3) OK.
- 2205 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue 3; Gives him the above report.
- 2215 - Decoy 2 to Mr. Lipinski; 32nd Field reported small arms fire over to the south which would put it over near you, have you had any reports of it? (Mr. Lipinski) No sir.
- 2218 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue 3; Are you firing any small arms now. (Blue 3) We are firing 50s indirect fire. There is an enemy patrol around 44. We are firing 60 mortars at them. We are firing 50s every half hour.
- 2220 - Mr. Lipinski to Decoy 2; Gives him the above information.
- 2222 - Mr. Lipinski to White 1; Notifies him of the 120th firing tomorrow.
- 2230 - S-2 to G-2; Everything is very quiet here. (G-2) Everything is quiet elsewhere too. I think to the west of us that the bird has flown the coop. Up in Eupen to night two men in G-I uniforms, believed to be Germans, threw a bottle of acid in a medical captain's face and they are looking for them.
- 2300 - Lt. Lynch to Mr. Lipinski; Enemy attack on the 80th Div, but the details are unknown. 116th Panzer Div PW states enemy is defending high ground near Lolnehe. 513th Regt of 19th A/B had battalion cut off this morning near P-4661 but contact has been reestablished. 6th Armored Div reports enemy is withdrawing to their front and that they will follow. 82nd A/B Div and 30th Div with 112th and 124th RCT attached got their objectives and continued to improve their positions. P-6885 is reported clear of enemy. 75th Div and 105th Div are still in 18th A/B Corps reserve. 7th Corps reports 3rd Armored moving well. 2nd Armored meeting heavy resistance. Several British brigades switched positions today.
- 2340 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski; A Co outpost, 500 yards south of 39 was forced back at 2335 hours by an unknown number of enemy. They came up the trail running north and south from 39 to Paymonville. Believe one enemy wounded. Will let you know more when we find out.

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- 0011 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0012 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Here is the story - The outpost up south of 39 were moving to the southeast to the old outpost, extending line to there, when they ran into some Jerries; they saw more Jerries around the place and they had to pull back to their position. Co A is sending a combat patrol out to probe the area north of 39, 39 and south of 39 to clean the area out.
- 0025 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Relays the above message to him.
- 0257 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: One gun firing from 185 degrees from OP #2, the rounds are landing in the 18th sector.
- 0259 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: Gives him the above information.
- 0306 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative for the last hour. (G-3) In front of I Co 18th about 1500 yards out they heard shouting. They placed mortar and artillery fire on it. Then the shooting ceased and lights flashed on and off in the same area, then everything quieted down.
- 0400 - Red to Lt. Stephens: A Co brought back a wounded PW that is now dead. The patrol found evidence of a 10 man enemy patrol in the woods 500 yards south of 39. The enemy came from Faymonville and was fired on by the listening post wounding the PW that just died on us. The 8 man listening post will stay out there.
- 0414 - White to Lt. Stephens: 25 to 30 rounds of artillery fell in front of the 2nd platoon of G Co, and E Co says that it was friendly.
- 0415 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Repeats the above message.
- 0416 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: Asks about artillery fire in connection with the E Co report. (Delight) None of our stuff is going out.
- 0507 - Delight to Lt. Stephens: Sound and flash located a gun at 837968.
- 0508 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0550 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: An 88 firing direct fire from 165 degrees landed shells just behind OP #2, 4 second flash to explosion when it hit. This has been called into 7th Field.
- 0700 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: 4 mortar shells hit near OP #2 at 0637 hours; at 0655 hours one enemy mortar shell landed 1000 yards to the right rear of the 81 CP, flash of gun 4500 mills.
- 0710 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Did you get a notification that 120th Inf of 30th Div is having some test firing? (Capt. Clark) Yes we did. Nothing doing for the past hour.

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- 0800 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: The V Corps intelligence report as of 2400 hours has very little that is new. VII Corps took PWs from the 20th PG and 9th SS, also one PW from the 326th Signal Div. The PWs say there was to be an attack there today. Around the bulge they made a little progress near Recogne. Identified 25th PGD there. Reached the high ground at P-4260. The 7th and 9th Arties report no loss or gain of ground in their area. Identification made of the 119th PGR of the 26th PGD.
- 0818 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: Our patrol went out and roamed around in front of the company positions. They didn't run into anything. They picked up the wounded enemy, but he died. We have his pay book, he is from the 8th Co, 9th Regt, also some letters and pictures.
- 0840 - S-3 to White 2: The patrol last night was doing nicely, went to 68 then headed for 64. On the way out they were fired on by friendly artillery. On the way back, they were fired on again by friendly artillery and a sergeant was killed. We just had a report the artillery supporting 120th Inf fired in that vicinity and about that time last night, they had been given information concerning our patrol and no fire line had been set. The patrol did find out that there is a 3 man enemy listening post in the vicinity of 845014, which they avoided. 300 yards southwest of 68, they ran across a sentry and went around him. On the road from 68 to 65 there were only foot tracks. The patrol was moving towards 64 when artillery fired on them from the rear. On that road were more foot prints, no vehicle tracks and no indication of any movement. The colley that killed the sergeant came in at 845014, the patrol said it was only a couple hundred yards from the front line. The sergeant's body has been sent back to Capt. Groves.
- 0845 - S-3 to Blue 3: What is new? (Blue 3) We got the body of Lt McLoughlin last night in the corner of the switch station. Last night, the second night in succession, another 15 man enemy patrol came up the road from 59.
- 0846 - AF Davison to S-2: We will be test firing this morning and afternoon in the vicinity west of the lake.
- 0847 - S-2 to A 11 Unit: The above message relayed to them.
- 0850 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him a summary of the night's activity. (G-2) 30th Corps reports the towns of Cheoux, Rendeux, Hodister were taken yesterday. PW from 2nd PGR, 2nd Panzer Div said two battalions pulled out 7 January and one company was left as a rear guard. The 18th A/B Corps reports enemy line east of Salm River is at Salm Chateau at P-6986. A captured map taken from a dead enemy officer reveals that the 295th VGR, 18th WDD was to relieve the 293rd at K-7700-8402. V Corps reports stiff resistance. PWs from 4th SS Regt, 2nd SS Div reports line runs from P-4983 to 5782. PW from 3rd SS PGR, 2nd SS Div taken at P-4881. 7th Armored reports Recogne taken by us after stiff resistance. Berle taken, only lightly defended.



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- 0910 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports at 0810 hours 4 enemy went into house at 855992, came from northeast; at 0815 hours 10 enemy, one by one, came from southwest to 855992, two of the ten went into the house, 6 went northeast, one was pulling a sled, two followed with a litter, the two with the litter came from the house at 855992; at 0815 hours two enemy from the southwest went to house at 855992; at 0817 hours two enemy came up railroad track to 854010, went up the ridge 100 yards and went into the woods; at 0831 hours one enemy going southwest from 855992; at 0835 hours one enemy going northeast from house at 855992; at 0835 hours two enemy came from the southwest and went into the house at 855992; at 0830 hours two enemy coming from the southwest went into house at 855992, also observed what is believed a tank and three enemy on top of it at 855992; at 0845 hours two enemy went northeast from house at 855992; at 0845 hours two enemy went southwest passed house and a few minutes later came back and went into the house at 855992; at 0848 hours two enemy going southwest to 885992; then west across the field 400 yards; at 0852 hours three civilians, one male and two females went from house at 855992 going northeast, they were not observed going into the house; at 0852 hours one enemy going southwest to the house and then west across the field. Artillery is being fired on this target.
- 0925 - G-3 to S-2: The relief of the 26th is to be decided by 1400 hours.
- 0935 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports one person leading two cows in Faymonville 200 yards east of 74.
- 0955 - Red 2 to S-2: 12 rounds of light mortar hitting around G Co outpost, coming from 185 degrees, 900 yards out, Cannon Co fired on it.
- 1000 - White 2 to S-2: I&R reports at 0930 hours at 828002 three enemy and one mule left house and went west to 832002; at 0940 hours at 828002 three enemy from house to 832002; at 0950 hours at 830008 two enemy going southwest on road; at 1005 hours at 832002 two enemy at house. Freeport OP reports at 0950 hours two enemy going northeast to house at 855992; at 0909 hours one enemy going southwest from house, two enemy going southwest past the house; at 0918 hours two enemy northeast from house at 855992; 0925 hours one enemy going southwest to 855992 went 400 yards; at 0950 hours one enemy tank at 855992 going southwest.
- 1010 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #1 reports two enemy carrying box going west behind the house at 875012 at 0835 hours.
- 1020 - Brown to S-2: At 869002 enemy mortars firing on outpost, we fired on same at 1015 hours.
- 1035 - G-2 to S-2: TF Davidson test firing behind you. (S-2) They called me this morning. (G-2) Did you notify those on your right? (S-2) No, just the battalion, but I will notify them. We have had continuous activity at 855992 since 0600 hours this morning.

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- 1055 - G-3 to S-2: I want you to talk to the people on your right and have a boundary between you for a no fire line. Make arrangements with them and call me when you have, and then I will take it to 30th Div.
- 1115 - White 2 to S-2: At 1015 hours IER reports at 831998 they observed one enemy going south over the hill; at 1045 hours two enemy going down the hill at 831998. Freeport OP reports at 1017 hours one enemy at 855992 going east on road; at 1014 hours one enemy at 851010; at 1015 hours two civilians entered house at 855992 from the southwest; at 1018 hours one enemy at 851010 going to house at 855992.
- 1154 - White 2 to S-2: G Co at 1000 hours reports they observed one enemy tank also a half track with personnel at 813011 going west toward 68. Also observed enemy digging in at 71.
- 1157 - S-3 to 644th: Have you been notified about staying with the 1st Div? (644th) Yes sir, we have been notified. 4
- 1203 - S-2 to Red 3: What do your OPs report? (Red 3) We had some light mortar land on us and they heard some machine gun fire in Faymonville. (S-2) For the last several days there has been increased activity at 855992 and today it has been heavier than ever. We are firing down there, but keep your OPs on the alert for any movement.
- 1205 - S-2 to Blue 3: Have your OPs seen anything? (Blue 3) At 0835 hours the OP picked up two men carrying a box and they went behind the house at 785012. (S-2) Gives him the dope on the activity at 855992.
- 1207 - S-2 to White 2: Any OP reports of movement? (White 2) Lt Day just reported he spotted a tank and tracked personnel carrier 300 yards east of 68 and they fired on it, but they got away.
- 1220 - Red 2 to S-2: 4 or 5 enemy going from 75 to 74 at 1215 hours.
- 1230 - IER to S-2: At 1140 hours at 833006 six enemy going northeast along hedgerow; at 1225 hours two enemy observed in vicinity of 832002.
- 1235 - Brown to S-2: Between 1000 and 1200 hours this morning we have seen a total of 50 enemy going from 889004 and 100 yards east of that along that road. They were in groups of two or three at a time.
- 1240 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: V Corps reports north of Bastogne we pushed out along a 2000 yard front from a distance of 1000 yards. Center of push at 560654. In the British sector the left boundary is cleared up.
- 1242 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1240 hours a tank fired 3 or 4 rounds coming from the ridge south of Faymonville, vicinity of 87.
- 1313 - IER to S-2: At 1307 hours six enemy going northeast along hedgerow at 833006.

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- 1315 - Div AT Officer to S-3: I would like to get the following information from your AT Officer on 57mm guns for period 0600 hours 16 Dec to 2400 hours 21 Dec., number of guns on hand at beginning of period, number of guns on hand at the end of the period, daily losses, ammunition expenditures, personnel losses and claims for knocked out targets. Could you give that report to me by phone tomorrow. (S-3) OK.
- 1322 - I&R to S-2: At 1245 hours three enemy observed going west at 830002.
- 1325 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: Are the 64th staying or not. (Lt. Stephens) They are definitely staying.
- 1337 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1335 hours one enemy seen 200 yards east of 74; came from center of Faymonville then went back, and seen going east into town.
- 1359 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 64th is not moving out, they are sitting tight.
- 1400 - S-3 to White 2: Has 64th got in touch with your Fox #2? (White 2) No. (S-3) I understand your Freeport OP spotted a lot of movement at 855992. (White 2) Yes. (S-3) I am going to lay a TD on it and register it in. I am tying it in with you, and will make that spot impassable. I think it will stop them. Check with your OP and lay it on. (White 2) He is prepared to lay it on. (S-3) 7th Field is putting on gun on 86, and are putting a TCF on Endenal.
- 1413 - White 2 to S-3: Freeport OP reports at 1245 hours one enemy going northwest on road at 855992; at 1330 hours two enemy on ridge line 854012. Stopped there for awhile and then went east to building at 856011. I&R reports at 1315 hours at 833006, one enemy in snow suit went to house in vicinity of 828003; at 1325 hours at 832002, 4 enemy going from there to 828002; at 1340 hours at 828003, one enemy in snow suit crossing open field to 830999; at 1405 hours at 831998, 2 enemy moving north to house at 832001.
- 1414 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1335 hours one enemy 200 yards east of 74; 1345 hours two more enemy 200 yards east of 74, two in snow suits at 76; at 1410 hours two enemy in snow capes went into house on road 100 yards southeast of 75; they came out and proceeded down road towards 76 again.
- 1420 - White 2 to S-3: Did you establish a boundary on the no fire line with the 120th? (S-3) You contact the 1st Bn 120th and establish a line you want and whatever you agree on we will establish.
- 1458 - S-3 to G-3: We are going to change B Co with C Co tonight.
- 1500 - G-2 to S-2: Determine just reported 5 tanks and one half track in Endenal at 1345 hours at 855992, also 69 other characters. Have you any confirmation on his? (S-2) This wasn't a ground observers report. I just talked with our 2nd Bn and they reported a tank parked near hedge-row at 862996 where trails come together, also enemy activity at 868996. I will check with 7th Field on your report.

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- 1503 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: Here is something that I will bring down later, Message to S-6: Operations Instructions #34, dated 10 Jan 45, is indefinitely postponed". This message is also to be given to 614th TD.
- 1508 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1500 hours one enemy machine pistol heard firing on G Co's position, coming from 56.
- 1531 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: VII Corps has troops on high ground southwest and east of Samre at 5081. Good gains were made yesterday around Bastogne. Advance north to 560654 on a 2000 yard front, they by-passed Tillit.
- 1533 - G-3 to S-3: Madcap Red is going to fire 10 rounds 90mm in air at 2000 feet at 1600 and at about 8605.
- 1535 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports two air bursts southeast of OP at 1400 and 800 yards approximately 105mm.
- 1536 - Lt. Stephens to All Units: Gives them the dope on the Madcap Red firing
- 1545 - Blue 2 to S-2: The patrol for tonight will be an ambush patrol to 100 yards southwest of 44. They will leave at 1900 hours and return between 2200 and 2400 hours. Here is the shell report for today, 27 rounds of mortar, 5 rounds 88, 12 rounds 75.
- 1547 - S-2 to White 2: What do you know about the enemy tanks? (White 2) We haven't picked up any today.
- 1550 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1422 hours three enemy going northeast at 855992; at 1425 hours one enemy entered house from northeast of 855992; at 1433 hours one enemy in house at 855992; at 1445 hours two enemy entered house from northeast at 855992. ICR reports at 1425 hours two enemy at 829998 went to 832001; at 1435 hours one enemy at 832001 went to 829002.
- 1555 - G-2 to S-2: Enemy build up reported south of Pihian, P-6284. One of our patrols crossed the Salm River at P-7093 without contacting enemy. A patrol contacted enemy at P-7501 and P-7900. Our armor passed Samree and we have troops on high ground southwest and east of town. Heavy small arms fire at P-6294. One enemy opposition on line P-3580, 3779, 4080, 4379, 3180, 3279. Stiff resistance met at P-4260 by dug in enemy. 1st Bn 902nd PGR, 130th Panzer Div at P-3858, 167th VGD at P-5754 and 5954. Our forces at P-5665 and 5854. The enemy attack at P-4260 has gained some ground. 553rd VGD offered heavy resistance to advance in Birchhead area and in Hardt mountains. 21 Panzer and 25th PGD continued heavy attack in Stunwiller area R-1836. Our forces reached Q-9544, R-0345. In Canadian sector friendly forces failed to clear enemy pocket at E-0949, but area at E-8528 was cleared.
- 1624 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1620 hours two enemy at 76 walking from right to left.
- 1625 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 11 rounds 81 mortar; 13 rounds 75; 14 rounds 105; 9 rounds 88; 5 rounds 155.

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- 1630 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 15 rounds 105; 24 rounds 55 mortar.
- 1632 - S-2 to Delight 2: Gives him the shell report for today.
- 1634 - S-3 to G-3: The 83 Northing will be the no fire line. We won't fire west of it, and 120th Inf will not fire east of it.
- 1700 - White 2 to S-2: I&R reports 1520 hours two enemy and one mule going west on road at 832002, two enemy at 829002; at 1535 hours one enemy going from church to house at 83; at 1540 hours two enemy going west on road at 829002; at 1545 hours two enemy with sled and box on sled going east on road at 829002; at 1555 hours one enemy tanding 50 yards southwest of church at 83; at 1555 hours six enemy milling around the hedgerow behind house at 833006; at 1605 hours five enemy going east on road at 832002; at 1630 hours two enemy going east at 832002; OP reports at 1510 hours two enemy crossing railroad track to house at 853018; at 1542 hours two MG-109s bombed to the rear; at 1546 hours two enemy at 853018; at 1555 hours friendly air bombed and strafed over ridge in front of OP.
- 1705 - White 2 to S-2: G and F Cos will man listening posts tonight. At 1845 hours E Co is sending a patrol to enemy outpost north of 70 to take over for the rest of the night.
- 1725 - Delight 2 to S-2: Between 1500 and 1600 hours the air OP reports foot troops moving from Faymonville southeast toward woods at 891009 and disappeared. Route along low ground south of railroad to 880017 then southeast along edge of woods to 891009. Two men at 897023 going northeast; 20 enemy going north at 891006 to woods at 891009. Signs of vehicles or wagons at 891007. Dust of heavy vehicles moving along road from road junction at 854998 east northeast to 865002 where dust disappeared. Suspect enemy billets in houses at 891007.
- 1730 - Red 2 to S-2: A patrol is going out at 2100 hours to 500 yards east of 53. Outposting 500 yards south of 39 and 56.
- 1745 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: 30th Div reports no opposition along line 3500, 3779, 4080, 4180, 4379. British 2nd Army is clearing up pockets that crossed the Maas between Venlo and Roermond. The 39th Inf of 9th Div planning attack east on their front. Patrols of 9th went as far as 1000 yards, no enemy. 83rd Div has objective in Bihain area of 6284.
- 1750 - Brown to S-2: At 1300 hours to 1600 hours we observed 30 to 35 enemy at 889004 from 2 to 5 men at a time; observed a S/P gun at 888001; at 1430 hours two enemy at 76.
- 1900 - White 2 to S-3: How about ammunition? (S-3) I have placed 800 rounds with Cannon Co, I think the 81s will be about the same as last time.
- 1931 - S-2 to Red 3: What is New? (Red 3) Nothing. B and C Cos are changing now, they should be completed in an hour.

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- 1950 - S-2 to White 2: Discuss identification of enemy in front of 2nd Bn. White 2 does not think a change has been made but says an additional outfit may have come in, probably as reinforcement or relief, definitely more people out there now. At 1715 hours tank motors were heard in the vicinity of 86. The same ones were heard at 1850 hours. Enemy were also heard talking at 69. At 2000 hours a convoy of trucks were heard moving west to east, 2000 yards out and due south. At 1850 hours one amber flare at 71; at 1930 hours enemy heard talking at 848015. At 1948 hours convoy moving east at 220 degrees from OP #2; a couple of tanks milling around near Undenval. These reports are from G Co outpost. The patrol that went north of 70 fired bazookas at enemy outpost north of 70 and received no fire in return.
- 2015 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him a summary of the day's reports of enemy activity.
- 2040 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 3rd Army reports as of 1000 hours this morning - 4th Armored, CCR passing through elements of 6th Armored, objective Bouray, P-6264. The 89th Div began clearing woods at 4059, but no report of progress. 8th Corps reports the 17th A/B on line P-5162, 5161, 5160, 5060, 4859, 4758, 4658, 4458. 18th A/B Corps reports everything very quiet, but enemy hold east bank of Salm River. 90th Div captured Berle. 26th Div last reported 1000 yards east of Harlange. 8th Corps reports 101st A/B captured Recogne at P-5763.
- 2030 - Red 3 to S-2: The relief has been completed without incident.
- 2045 - Capt. Clark to G-3: The relief at 1st Bn was completed without incident.
- 2046 - G-2 to S-2: We have a report from downstairs that they can see enemy guns flashing out front. Do you know anything about this? (S-2) No, will let you know if we hear of anything.
- 2140 - Red 3 to S-2: Our listening post went out from A Co report at the north edge of the woods they could hear voices at the south edge of the woods. They'd see fire from a point east of the trail. This report came from men that laid the wire. The patrol of 6 men still there. Nothing is being done about the situation yet.
- 2150 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: OP #2 reports at 1430 hours at azimuths of 160 degrees, 165 degrees, 190 degrees, 200 degrees, 240 degrees, numerous flashes quite a distance out; at 2120 hours OP #2 reports a buzz bomb at 120 degrees hit ridge in Jerry Territory.
- 2300 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: OP #2 reports enemy gun firing from 120 degrees. L Co reports enemy machine gun firing from their front, they also report vehicular movement 2000 yards to their front.
- 2302 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Our patrol went out to a point south of 39, and found no enemy there in the houses. The patrol went 400 yards east of 53, and report no activity around their listening post.
- 2305 - White 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: We had 7 rounds from a S/P gun land on the edge of town. The 1st Bn patrol came through our lines at 2215 hours.
- 2310 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) 60th Inf got to 947119 met resistance.
- 2355 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: OP #2 reports gun flash 220 degrees 2500 yards out fired six rounds to their right flank.

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- 0022 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0105 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co outpost reports hearing voices in the woods. The outpost has pulled back a couple hundred yards and will mortar the target.
- 0107 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: E Co reports that they saw a white flare 500 yards in front of the 2nd Platoon, at 90 degrees. Freeport OP reports enemy opened up a machine gun on the left of E Co.
- 0110 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the report for the last hour. (G-3) 2nd Div has reported a small amount of artillery.
- 0155 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0110 hours an enemy observed in the vicinity of the switch house, but he withdrew when a flare was fired; at 0115 hours a burp gun was heard 100 yards southwest of 44.
- 0207 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0130 hours one round of artillery coming from the rear at 355 degrees, and fell 25 yards from a machine gun position.
- 0210 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co moved people back out on the outpost, it is all quiet out there now. One enemy was observed quite far out, a machine gun was fired on him, but the results are unknown.
- 0212 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0315 - Delight to Mr. Lipinski: Determine can't fine out who fired the last round which fell short, which makes the 3rd round short. Have E Co try to get a flash to bang report as it would help a lot.
- 0319 - White to Mr. Lipinski: E Co received 2 more short rounds.
- 0320 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0400 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: At 0313 hours OP #2 reports three rounds from a gun firing at 180 degrees, 1500 to 2000 yards out.
- 0401 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight: Relays the above message to him.
- 0405 - White to Mr. Lipinski: 12 rounds of mortar fire fell on G Co.
- 0408 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0554 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: What is doing down there? (Mr. Lipinski) Nothing (G-2) 3rd Bn 18th had some enemy movement in front of them. 26th had a patrol go to 925015 which got in a fire fight with enemy patrol, one man was wounded. 2nd Div had 14 rounds of S/P land on them.
- 0605 - White to Mr. Lipinski: We hear some friendly machine gun fire in the 1st Bn sector, have you any reports on it? (Mr. Lipinski) No, they reported negative.

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- 0610 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0620 - Blue to Capt. Clark: OP #2 reports a gun position located at 180 degrees 16 seconds flash to bang, a light artillery piece, landing between cross roads and some of our positions, fired six rounds.
- 0626 - Capt. Clark to Delight: Relays the above gun position.
- 0710 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0810 - Red 2 to S-2: 8 enemy going from 76 to 75, the first man leading a cow.
- 0819 - Red 2 to S-2: The listening post heard voices last night, so we pulled them back 200 yards and put mortar fire in there. They went back there but found no dead, so they stayed there for the rest of the night. 56 had a quiet night. The patrol got to houses, saw some signs but encountered no one, Artillery was light for the night.
- 0830 - G-2 to S-2: What did you have in the way of patrols last night. (S-2) One patrol went to 857025 to look into the houses there, just south of the railroad track, but found no one. While going to P at 859027 men heard Jerry's talking, so they kept on the northern edge of the woods, through mortars in there then went to see if anyone was there, but found nothing.
- 0930 - S-3 to Capt. Groves: Do you have oil for 57s for zero weather? (Capt. Groves) Cannon Co already has it, but Ordnance has to put in in the gun themselves. Balyeat was handling it, I will check with him.
- 1000 - White 2 to S-2: Two MEs flying around F Co, no hostile acts committed.
- 1001 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report on the planes.
- 1001 - White 2 to S-2: At 1000 hours OP reported one enemy machine gun firing from the left front approximately 2000 yards.
- 1005 - S-2 to Madcap: Two MEs flying around 834023, no hostile act yet.
- 1010 - Message from G-6: Operations Instructions #34, this headquarters, dated 10 January 1945 is indefinitely postponed".
- 1011 - Message from G-4: Ammunition expenditure allocation for period 110600A to 150600A as follows: 81mm mortar light 671 rounds; 81mm mortar heavy 318 rounds; 81mm mortar WP 118 rounds; 105 M-3 340 rounds. Unexpended balances from period ending 110600A revert to Army.
- 1015 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Here is the 30th Corps front line 4280, 4079, 4077, 3977, 3579, 3476, 3175, 2872, 2670, 2666. 87th Inf pushed to the 60th grid line. 4th Armored Div pushed through 6th Armored Div for 500 yards. 87th Inf Div took town at 4259. Sending units as far as 40605. 35th Inf Div took 6049.



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- 1041 - S-3 to Brown: Did your tanks arrive yet? (Brown) Yes sir. (S-3) Have you fired any this morning? (Brown) No, it is very foggy, but are going to fire by map reference. 644th is going to fire at 855992 everytime they observe anything moving on the spot. (S-3) Fire all you can on the targets.
- 1045 - S-3 to 644th: Have you fired any on the spot this morning? (644th) No, too much ground haze. We are going to register in from Fox 2. Plan to lay it on there as soon as visibility increases.
- 1053 - Red3 to S-3: The Colonel just called from B Co. There is increased activity around 56. It is hazy out there and we can't observe very good. We are doing a little fire out there.
- 1055 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 3rd Army reported continued pressure and two small counterattacks at P-4160 and 5605. Artillery was moderate from S/P and nebelwerffers. Fighter bombers reported a long column moving north and northwest on road out of town at P-6162 at 1630 hours. The road between P-6353 and P-6554 reported jammed up with vehicles moving northwest at 1416 hours. There were towed and S/P guns in the column but no tanks. Fighter bombers report many tracks around Trier, indicating a build up in that area. Ground observer reported large concentration of troops at P-5851 moving towards P-6051 at 1600 hours, and there is a definite trend of moving towards the Saar area. 3rd Army, G-2 states that this has been a staging area. PW taken states 12th SS has been withdrawn and the 5th Parachute Div is now being withdrawn. 82 A/B Div has established a bridgehead across the Saar at P-7093. 7th Corps repulsed two counterattacks in vicinity of P-6583, captured enemy strongpoint at 647844, and destroyed a strongpoint at P-663837. 2nd Armored Div advanced against strong resistance at P-539808 and 520807.
- 1120 - G-2 to S-2: What enemy mined areas do you know of to your front? (S-2) One reported by a PW and another minefield he told us about. The first one is from the junction at 839012, 27 meters on each side of the road on the trail running to the northeast approximately 200 yards. Teller mines with some S mines, and the west ditch of the road is cleared and there is a path through the mine field. Also PW stated there are mines on rail from junction running to the northwest. He further stated that there were teller mines around the houses that are just to the west of the junction.
- 1144 - S-2 to G-2: I want 25 sets of photos 1066-1076 Sortie 30/5330 5 Jan 2056-2063 30/5329 5 Jan. 2071-2080 30/5329 5 Jan.
- 1153 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1055 hours two enemy going northeast past 855992; at 1056 hours one enemy going southwest past 855992.
- 1205 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1143 hours one enemy going southwest at 853010.
- 1214 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Corps reports 20 or more trucks moving east at P-8770. Several more in area. Convoy of 20 vehicles reported by TAC at P-6270 at 0930 hours.

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- 1216 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1210 hours two enemy on road between 76 and 75; at 1215 hours two enemy 200 yards south of 54.
- 1229 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #1 reports 1 truck and 1 motorcycle going South 2500 yards out at 0824 hours. OP #2 reports at 0905 hours 3 enemy walking around at 869022. At 0955 hours the 2nd Platoon of Company "L" heard tank motors far out to their front. OP #1 at 1125 hours reports enemy machine gun firing West at 3700 mills, 1500 to 2000 yards out.
- 1245 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1234 hours 3 enemy going from Point 75 to Point 74. At 1238 hours 4 enemy seen 400 yards SE of Point 54, our 81s fired on them.
- 1303 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1200 hours one enemy walking on road from 56 to 55.
- 1310 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports small arms fire on CP's left at 1200 hours and burp gun heard at 858023; at 1213 hours two enemy at 853010 entering gully.
- 1314 - Brown to S-2: At 1145 hours two enemy at 75; at 1200 hours 4 enemy at 200 yards southeast of 54 going east; at 1215 hours 3 enemy at 75 going to Fayonville; at 1235 hours four enemy 400 yards southeast of 54; at 1259 hours one enemy at 56 going to 55.
- 1450 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the OP reports up to 1300 hours.
- 1520 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the summary as of 1200 hours. 30th British Corps reports our forces moved a considerable distance yesterday without opposition but hampered by mines and snow. General front line was Warizy at 4280 and Racelies at 4079, Vacont at 4174, Halleux at 4077; Genes at 3977, Lignieres at 3579, Bande at 3476, Grune at 3175, Massogne at 2872, Masbourg at 2675, and Avenue at 2666. 3rd Army reports two small enemy counterattacks at P-4160 and 5665 yesterday, made no penetration. Moderate artillery fire fell along the front and all of it was either S/P or nebelwerfer fire. PW said the 12th SS has been withdrawn and the 5th Parachute Div is being taken out. Air reported a large column of vehicles and troops bumper to bumper moving north and northwest on the road out of Mischamps 6162 at 1630 hours. The road between 6353 and 6554 was jammed with vehicles headed northeast at 1415 hours. The trend of movement from the front appeared to be south towards the Saar area. Our troops reached P-6853 at 1630 and were fighting in town at P-6552 with forward elements at P-6853. Our cavalry cleared Harlange at P-6050 and were on line P-5950, 5850, 5750. Our armored units made slow progress against considerable AT fire reaching line P-6059 to 5961 to 595962. 14 tanks and about 500 infantry were reported digging in a rear at P-4761, 3 tanks knocked out. Our troops captured Tillet at P-4259 after heavy fighting and reached P-4359, 4360, and 4260. Cleared woods at 4059 and reached road at 4060 and reached line P-3958, 3660, 3560, 3358. 7th Army reports enemy pressure was maintained but little change in line of forward troops yesterday. Our troops were fighting in Hotten at R-1733 where 14 enemy tanks were knocked out.

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Other troops made slight progress against moderate opposition reaching line Q-8439, 8239, 7938. Our troops are on line Q-7443, 7344, 7546, but were forced to withdraw from Rimbigen at Q-6555. Our lines was 6954, 6653, 6353, and one of our regiments reached Q-6050 while another against slight resistance reached line at Q-4163 to 3964 and 3664.

- 1535 - S-3 to Capt. Groves: I understand you have some 60mm smoke. (Capt. Groves) Yes, we have 36 rounds which I will breakdown for the battalions. I don't know if they will continue to come in. (S-2). Can we turn in the Beehives as we can always get some when we need them? (S-3) You can send them back.
- 1545 - G-2 to S-2: I just talked to Divarty 2 and the cubs report tracks between Schoppen and Faymonville and some from Faymonville to Onderval. At 8802 lots of tracks along the stream leading into the woods. I think the 2nd Co is still in there, and there might be a couple of S/P guns in there. Long Toms are firing at 992008 some vehicles parked.
- 1600 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 75 rounds of 50mm mortar; 15 rounds 81mm mortar; we are putting out a listening post 500 yards south of 39, and people at 56. B Co is sending out a patrol at 2100 hours going south from 39 to road junction then north of 54, across the track, then west along trail to sheds, then back to 53, then back to their positions.
- 1610 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 9 rounds of 81mm mortar; 11 rounds of 47; 6 rounds of 155, 18 rounds of 105. Freeport OP reports at 1545 hours three enemy going southwest along junction at 855992.
- 1620 - G-2 to S-2: A Captain Manley, a British officer is on his way to see you.
- 1630 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is shell report - 6 rounds 75; 20 rounds mortar; 8 rounds 88; 12 rounds 47.
- 1635 - Brown to S-2: At 1400 hours two enemy going north at 889004; at 1407 hours one enemy going east at 888004.
- 1637 - S-2 to Delight and G-2: Here is our shell report - 85 rounds artillery 90 rounds of mortar.
- 1705 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1650 hours OP reports to have heard a burp gun in vicinity 56.
- 1715 - White 2 to S-2: At 1620 hours enemy came out of house at railroad culvert looked around, went back in at 853018; at 1625 hours an unusual amount of small arms fire was heard in 1st B area; at 1630 hours an enemy stbd in door of house at 853018.
- 1725 - S-2 to G-2: The British officer was down and will return tomorrow.

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- 1745 - Blue 2 to S-2: K Co is sending a recon patrol at 2100 hours returning at 2400 hours going to 890029; another leaving at 2200 hours going to 875025.
- 1757 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1730 hours an enemy machine gun was heard at 160 degree azimuth from OP and approximately 1000 yards out; 7 rounds of light mortar fell about 75 yards north of 56.
- 1900 - Delight 2 to S-2: Here is the report on the flight recon. Time of flight 1300 hours to 1430 hours. Road not being used as evidenced by tracks and plowing of snow. 840000 east to 844000, then north to 844003, then south to Onderval, this portion of road appeared to be plowed. From road junction at 855999 east northeast to 866003. From road junction at 867016 south to road junction at 866013 then southeast to 868008 then west to 871008. From road junction at 893000 south to road junction 512, then southeast to cross road at 899982, then southwest to Amel, then south to road junction at 8889555, then southeast to Moderscheid. From cross road at 908994 following road east 1000 yards then south to Heppenbach. Traffic on road from 927969 northeast to 935978. Enemy center of activity at woods vicinity 893010. Fox holes and digging at 855990. Suspected gun position, tracks activity etc, vicinity 865003.
- 2000 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1950 hours ten bursts of enemy machine gun fire 500 yards to the left front.
- 2015 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1410 hours OP #1 reported a gun firing at 2500 yards no distance, shells landed 5 feet to the rear of OP; at 1455 hours I Co reports artillery firing at 160 degrees, landing near 2nd platoon OP; at 1540 hours OP #1 reported a barn set on fire by our tanks at 866012, 10 enemy ran out, then went back in to pull out equipment. Three dispersed by tank fire, some then went into Faymonville, others went into house, believed to be CP at 867014, both groups were fired on.
- 2020 - Maj. Crowley, 1st Engr. to Capt. Clark: We would like to get a written statement from Col. Gibb as to the use of mine fields and road blocks, why we use it, and why they are good. This has to be written tomorrow for higher headquarters.
- 2021 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 18th A/B Corps situation as of 1200 hours - 75th Div relieving the 82nd A/B Div; 290th RCT closed in vicinity 620950; 7th Armored Div went to assembly area vicinity of 686172; 112th RCT relieved the 119th RCT. 8th Corps had patrols go up to P-3859, clear of enemy. P-3958 occupied by our troops; 16th Engr Bn, 16th Div at 5664; 12th SS Tank Regt, 12th SS Panzer Div at 6060; 67th Pioneer Bn at 5665; Remer Brigade, 902nd PGR, Lehr Div on the 87th Div front.
- 2022 - Message from G-3: All tanks of 7th Armored are painted white.
- 2025 - Capt. Clark to All Units: Gives them Lt. Lynch's report of 2021 hours.

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- 2153 - Red 2 to S-2: At 2150 hours a buzz bomb exploded to the left front of our battalion OP.
- 2200 - Blue 2 to S-2: Co K's patrols depart at 2105 hours and 2145 hours. At 2135 hours OP #1 observed green flare at 160 degrees, 1500 yards.
- 2220 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 329th Inf at 669835; 2nd Bn 663830 to 661838; 3rd Bn 659838, 657842, 654845, 653834; 3rd Bn 331st Inf at 644842; 1st Bn 635838, 638833, 632829, 629833, 633337. 2nd Armored Div Y runs from 558832 to 544822. 84th Div, 1st Bn, 334th Inf at 489813, 478605; 3rd Bn is relieving A and B of 2nd Armored Div. This being done now. Effective junction between us and British made at 4577, we are on the east side and the British on the west side.
- 2240 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: We can hear some small arms fire and artillery in your sector. (Blue 3) Our 50s are doing some indirect firing.
- 2300 - Blue 1 to Lt. Stephens: At 2205 hours OP #2 reported machine gun firing at 160 degrees, 300 yards; at 2215 hours OP #2 reports light artillery at 170 degrees, 2000 yards; 2200 hours Co M reported buzz bomb landed at 2200 hours 1800 mills, 3000 yards.
- 2332 - White 1 to Lt. Stephens: One air burst in the E Co area and they are checking to see whether it was ours or Jerry.
- 2335 - Red to Lt. Stephens: The B Co patrol returned with a negative report. They left their area went toward 39, then to A Co's outpost, then to railroad track, there they observed a junction to the left at 200 yards but saw or heard nothing, then continued along the railroad track where they checked a barn and a shack but found nothing, then continued toward 53 and found no enemy there, then continued along the stream, and came back through A Co.
- 2400 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gave him the reports for the last hour.

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- 0008 - White 1 to Lt. Stephens: At 2313 hours E Co reports small arms fire in front of 1st Bn.
- 0018 - Red to Lt. Stephens: B Co outpost reported firing their machine gun at a burp gun. They fired only one burst.
- 0106 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the report for the last hour.
- 0105 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: OP #2 received six rounds of 47mm in their vicinity in the last hour.
- 0545 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co outpost reports vehicular movement, 1200 yards to their left? rent.
- 0610 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? (Lt. Kestlinger) Nothing. (G-2) Here is some news from Corps; the British are at St. Hubert 3161, also at cross road at 3870; 82nd AB Div at 4070 and 4573.
- 0720 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: 19th Corps took 4 pill boxes and some PWs at F-011301. 18th Corps reports no activity. 7th Corps reports heavy resistance at P-6583 and at P-6283 a counterattack was repulsed at 0930 hours. La Roche east of the river is cleared. at P-7082 tank fire received, also artillery. 12th Inf at P-6283; 60th PGR is in La Roche area; 9th SS on the eastern front of the 7th Corps. 30th Corps reports at 4577 some resistance consisting of booty traps and mines; 30th PGR from 2nd Panzer Div are to protect left flank of 116th Panzer; 156th PGR at P-4174. PWs say the 9th Panzer is pulling out. 3rd Army reports patrols to P-3258 and 3852 found the towns clear; at P-6050 enemy withdrawing. Officer PW states 9th Panzer is to replace 15th.
- 0825 - Red 2 to S-2: B Co outpost spotted an enemy machine gun position that was firing in direction of 3rd Bn. B Co fired 60mm mortars at them.
- 0830 - S-2 to Red 3: What is going on down there? (Red 3) A little machine gun fire going on in front of 3rd Bn, and we are throwing 60 mortars on them. B Co patrol went to 39, across tracks, up railroad, looked at buildings, but didn't see anything. (S-3) How is 38 to 39 and 54 for tanks? (Red 3) Not so good at the beginning.
- 0837 - S-3 to White 2: What went on during the night? (White 2) Nothing happened. One vehicle moving around 70, other than that nothing happened.
- 0840 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is everything? (Blue 3) Patrols didn't find a thing. They went to railroad bridge at 873025 strung a phone and didn't find a thing. Had a burp gun fired at us, but couldn't find them. They threw buzz bombs at us, and one landed near and knocked the plaster down.

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- 0815 - S-3 to G-3: Unusually quiet. Received a little machine gun fire and artillery fire. Heard one vehicle all night. The 1st Bn patrol went to 863026, no enemy. 3rd Bn had a patrol to 873025 and one to 890029, no enemy.
- 0854 - G-2 to S-2: What did your patrols do last night? (S-2) 1st Bn had a patrol to 863026 and didn't see anything. 3rd Bn had a patrol to 873025 and another to 890029 and saw no enemy. 2nd Bn heard one vehicle in vicinity 7L.
- 0900 - Capt. Clark notified all battalions to submit a brief account on what they think of hasty minefields and etc.
- 0922 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: The tankers are firing practice casister at 8L8060 at 1500 hours today. (2nd Bn and 64th TD, and 3rd Bn also notified).
- 0937 - White 2 to S-2: B Co is sending a patrol out at 0955 hours to 100 yards north of 70 to shoot some bazookas at the houses there.
- 1017 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div patrol from the 99th Sd Bn went down to wooded section in front of them, and ran into a fire fight at Cheveloose. Will reorganize and return to the town. Another patrol went to Labomes, and found nobody there. One company of Helvin is half way through its objective without meeting any opposition.
- 1104 - S-3 to Capt. Groves: I want the mines changed, (Capt. Groves) I am going it now, 1st Bn will have 200 and the AT 400. (S-3) I want all British mines changed for American for the thing we are planning. 200 for basic load of each battalion.
- 1205 - S-3 to Blue: Have Col. Horner and Capt. Richmond report to the Colonel at the CP at 1315 hours.
- 1220 - Blue 2 to S-2: Enemy machine gun firing from 250 degrees 800 yards out from OP #2 at 0800 hours.
- 1235 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1230 hours they observed 2 enemy dragging sled at 76 going east along road, lost sight of them at 880008.
- 1314 - S-2 to White 2: An English officer is on his way up to see you. Work out the details with him and help him all you can. (White 2) OK. (S-2) If you have some C-Rations give it to him to give to the others. Let me know how it comes out.
- 1405 - White 2 to S-2: At 1300 hours 7 rounds of mortar fell in OP area; at 1320 hours 12 rounds fell in OP area; at 1338 hours 3 enemy seen at 855992 going northeast; at 1343 hours 8 rounds mortar fell in OP area; at 1353 hours 3 enemy were seen at 855992.
- 1410 - G-2 to S-2: One of the AA units hears a lot of automatic weapons firing from vicinity of Weyverts. Our officer back at V Corps reports that Corps believes no enemy west of 45 southwest line. (S-2) Gives him a summary of the reports to the present time.

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- 1430 - 745th Assault Guns to Capt. Clark: We have been relieved from TF Division and sent back to your people. We are firing with Cannon Co. (Capt. Clark) I would say that you stay with Cannon Co, and if Maj. Smith wants it different I will let you know.
- 1440 - White2 to S-2: Everything is laid on for these people. I have a guide here to meet these people so they won't be stopped along the way.
- 1445 - Red 3 to S-3: We will not be moving our CP until we take the town and high ground. (S-3) Well plan on making room for these people so they can put their CPd own there.
- 1450 - S-3 to White 3: Will you move your kitchen train to Champagne as this will make it in our sector, and at present you are in their sector.
- 1500 - White2 to S-2: At 1420 hours 3 enemy seen at 849016; at 1430 hours 3 enemy seen at 853010.
- 1520 - G-2 to S-2: V Corps reports a little artillery fire fell along the front. Friendly patrols to K-862024 and 858025, and saw nothing. PW from 3rd Co, 899th Inf taken at K-95950445, stated that 2nd Co, 911th Inf was to the north flank. A strong enemy OP was established at 947117; also at 945135; an enemy patrol of 15 to 20 men at 926063. VII Corps report two enemy counterattacks at P-627823 yesterday and it was repulsed. Patrol to south of Samale, P-5082, did not find any mines or road blocks but did receive some small arms. Enemy continued withdrawal to east. VIII Corps reports enemy quiet. Friendly patrol found P-7400 clear, another patrol received small arms vicinity of 7501. Attempts were made to enter town at 9986, received small arms and automatic weapons fire. Lucky reports enemy continue its withdrawal from pocket southeast of Bastogne towards north and northeast. At P-1060 area same units reported out of contact with enemy. 9th Army reports enemy attacked at F-012301 was broken up by our artillery by 1230 hours. British report only contact with enemy at P-4573. 7th Army reports our units withdrew to 12th one line at 1015-1217. Enemy attack at R-1733 with infantry supported by 15 tanks penetrated to northeast to R-1533, 25th PGR and 21st Panzer Div were identified in this attack. An enemy attack forced our troops to withdraw to Q-7838, at Q-7236 6th SS Mountain Div made some penetration. PW believed strong attack will follow. French Army strong enemy attacks forced our troops to withdraw to line of river at V-8872, 9479. The 269th Div was identified in Seclttslatt also believed 30th SS in area.
- 1540 - Capt. Groves to S-3: We can get 2 1/2 pound blocks, shall we take it instead of 1 pound blocks? (S-3) No, it will blow too much, the one pound blocks will be better.
- 1550 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 87th Div patrols went to P-4461, 4360, 4161, and 4062, clear of enemy but a lot of mines, out of contact with the enemy. The ferry is pulling out orderly. 103 PWs were taken on 1st Army front. 2nd Armored attacking south this morning. 10 buzz bombs landed in Liege and 10 in Huy. 106th Div consists of 43rd, 112th, and 517th Regts, less 1st Bn of 112th will go to 28th Div., which will go to 15th Army. 3rd Bn of 239th Inf destroyed dug in tanks at 6585. Objective of 2nd Armored is cross road at 600818. British entered 4577, 4575, 4273, 4070.



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- 1558 - White 2 to S-2: At 1520 hours one enemy seen in vicinity of building at 857017.
- 1600 - Lt. Balyeat to S-2: Paint for tanks to be issued to the battalions directly.
- 1602 - Red 2 to S-2: Shell report - 8 rounds 81 mortar.
- 1620 - S-3 to White 3: When 120th passes through F and G Cos to Thirumont we will establish following outpost to cover their left flank. They will be relieved by the 23rd when they come in. Outposts in vicinity of 841011, 841016, 840007, 838004, which will be the tie in point with G Co. 23rd will move in sometime after 0800 hours. 1st BN will be in vicinity of 51 and will have close liaison with you. When the time comes for relief they will relieve the OP line, then G Co, then part of E Co. If the 120th is stopped they take over hole for hole.
- 1625 - White 2 to Capt. Clark: Here is shell report - 6 rounds 105, 8 rounds 47, 15 rounds 60 mortar, and tank fired about 12 rounds.
- 1642 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is shell report - 21 rounds of 50 mortar, 18 rounds of 81 mortar, 9 rounds of 105, 4 rounds 155.
- 1650 - S-3 to White 3: 1st and 64th Recon will be pulled out tonight.
- 1655 - S-3 to 64th TD: Your Recon will be pulled tonight, and when the attack starts you move to Gusane.
- 1700 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Enemy attack 012301 with undetermined number of infantry, but it was broken up at 1235 hours by our artillery. 78th Div is getting some of the pill boxes in their area. A Column of vehicles went into St. Vith from the pocket last night.
- 1725 - Red 3 to S-3: How about the engineers? (S-3) There will be an engineer officer with you and I will try to get you a dozer. (Red 3) Do we have any light tanks? (S-3) TF Davision has a mission but we will try to get a couple of tanks attached to you.
- 1728 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Engr: What officer is to be attached to 1st En? (1st Engr) Lt. Lusmer at AT, I will send him to the 1st Bn.
- 1730 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1900 hours a patrol from A Co will go down to investigate that shack across the railroad then to the road south to 54, then into town as far as they can, there they will observe and try to pick up something. When they return another patrol will go to 40, then 41, then 55, and into town from the north, and will recon the road down that way.
- 1745 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1742 hours enemy machine gun firing vicinity of trail junction at 863025 northwest of Faymonville firing and direction of 56, B Co fired mortars on them.

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- 1747 - S-2 to Delight 2: Here is our shell report - 55 rounds of medium artillery, 15 rounds of light artillery, and 85 rounds of mortar, half of which was light.
- 1800 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2100 hours a patrol starting vicinity of 43 to go south as far as possible; objective north of 77. K Co at 1930 hours will work on mines at 889032. I Co outpost at 879032 and 882032 with communication.
- 1835 - Lt. Kestlinger to All Units: There will be a Co and S-3 meeting at the CP at 0930 hours tomorrow.
- 1918 - Maj. Anderson, 23rd Inf to S-3: I was talking to our 2nd Bn CO and he said your 2nd Bn was going into the town. (S-3) Yes that is right. (Maj. Anderson) Col. Lovelace wondered if that could be changed as our 2nd Bn is going there. (S-3) That is OK as we will be in the end of town and there will be a room there.
- 1924 - White 3 to S-3: About this show tomorrow our expenditure on mortars will be 450 rounds of 60 and 300 rounds of 81 light at various targets. (S-3) That is OK.
- 1927 - S-3 to 1st Engrs: Which platoon are you having attached to us? (1st Engr) I have to check with Lt. Kayes, and tell him to call you.
- 1938 - White 2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) Not much, they say the enemy is clear west of 45 grid line.
- 1945 - Red 2 to S-2: Co A reports they can hear a tank or heavy vehicle moving around in Faymonville.
- 1954 - White 2 to S-2: E Co reports at 80 degrees, 180 degrees, and 100 degrees, which would make it a little east of 52, they hear about 4 tanks in vicinity of Faymonville, also mortars in Ondeval. Has 1st Bn reported any? (S-2) They reported hearing one tank in Faymonville.
- 1957 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP heard vehicular movement at 1944 hours, heard tank or half track in Faymonville; at 1954 hours at 180 degrees from OP #2 2500 yards out they heard a vehicle which seemed to be stuck.
- 2000 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 9th Div artillery received heavy concentration of artillery at 9313 probably caused by heavy firing of the 5th Field. Two battalions of enemy artillery located at 9914. 4 PWs, deserters, picked up at 9412. Stated tank at 946117 is booby trapped. Air OP reports Schoppen to 908010 show some vehicle tracks. Houses between Faymonville and 889029 shows lots of foot tracks around them. 33rd Field fired on enemy digging in at 960028. 2nd Div had a PW captured at 960050, identified as 89th Fusilier Bn. He states that the 1st, and 3rd Cos are in line, also states that the 277th Div is on their right flank.
- 2020 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the reports from the battalions on the vehicles heard around Faymonville.

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- 2030 - S-3 to G-3: I have a problem about Steinbach. There are a few there that is on the boundary and it is important to the 23rd. (G-3) Looks like they will have to take it out if they are going through there. (S-3) I would like the boundary changed to 857 instead of 855. (G-3) Let the thing as it is now and don't worry about it.
- 2116 - White 2 to S-2: At an azimuth of 105 degrees a fire was observed near Raymonville. It started about 2114 hours.
- 2127 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #2 reports an enemy gun at 180 degrees; 12 seconds flash to bang, 7th Field has been notified. An enemy S/P or tank is firing from approximately 890015 or 250 yards from there; we are trying to pin point the gun.
- 2130 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Armored at 564804, 545813, 5983, and at 533831. 1st Bn 329th Inf is on general line of 671838, 673874, 672823; 2nd Bn 651833, 651830; 3rd Bn 331st is at 6583; 1st Bn 658831 and 647820; 2nd Bn 637820. At 1200 hours they were still advancing under moderate resistance.
- 2152 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: Word from 3rd Bn at 1940 hours reported tank movement at 75 and 76. A later report at 2135 hours says the same activity is possibly a convoy in movement.
- 2155 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: Capt. Wolf, I Co, reports at 2130 hours, that they were hearing movement which sounded like a mortar column between 75 and 76 moving towards Raymonville. An enemy gun is firing on a direct line from OP #1 through the road junction at 59. L Co's 2nd platoon reports hearing a burp gun and grenades, possibly a patrol ran into something.
- 2215 - Red 2 to S-2: The A Co patrol returned at 2140 hours. They went to the shed on the railroad track and encountered no enemy; crossed the railroad tracks and went towards 54; traveling between the railroad and the highway; about 300 yards from 54 they heard 6 large trucks, estimated to be loaded, moving up on road from the south, turning into 54. The patrol also observed a group of enemy around road junction at 54, believed to be putting in an A T Gun. The enemy group dispersed and the patrol believed themselves to be under observation and withdrew, returning to the company.
- 2217 - White 2 to S-2: The patrol had to come back in. They got out past the outpost but the sled bogged down; they couldn't get through the drifts. The snow was knee deep, only a toboggan would work. They will not try it again tonight. A couple of fires can be seen, away out, estimated to be in vicinity of Schoppen.
- 2225 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the 1st and 2nd Bn patrol reports.

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- 0035 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0048 - Mr. Lipinski to Red: Is there any fire in your sector? (Red )  
A Co's 5 man patrol was shot at according to the OP. One man to  
the L Co OP and there is a squad going out. The patrol was going  
to 56 and 41.
- 0054 - Mr. Lipinski to Decoy 3: The small arms fire you heard was "A" Co  
patrol in fire fight around 869032, had to send a squad out, don't  
know full particulars. Ans: We are firing some indirect fire.
- 0100 - Major Washington to Mr. Lipinski: OP still can hear small arms fire.  
Ans: Yes, they sent a squad out to help bring back wounded.
- 0110 - Capt. Dinsmore to Mr. Lipinski: All quiet here, some small arms  
in front of Red.
- 0111 - Mr. Lipinski to Danger 3: "A" patrol 870032, had a fire fight, some  
wounded, 1 man got to "L" Co. Op notified company from there. They  
sent out another squad. The report of small arms fire now is probably  
the other squad.
- 0113 - Mr. Lipinski to Danger 2: Same report as above.
- 0120 - Capt. Brooks to Mr. Lipinski: B patrol not A patrol shot up. Lt  
Hannah and all men in L, OP reports some wounded. Ran into cross  
fire. 3 MG's NE of Point 35 by the curve in the road.
- 0123 - Mr. Lipinski gave above information to White En.
- 0200 - Blue En to Mr. Lipinski: B Company patrol checked in at their  
outpost and are on their way in. K Company patrol is on their way in.
- 0205 - Capt. Brooks to Mr. Lipinski: At 0137 hours, "A" Company reported  
vehicle traffic in Faymonville. I called our OP and they didn't  
hear any. Heard machine gun-down near Point 56.
- 0207 - Red En to Mr. Lipinski: Activity reported from Freeport at 175  
degrees on road net east of Ondunval. Dandy increased their rate  
of fire.
- 0210 - Mr. Lipinski to Danger 3: Haven't any report on B Company patrol  
yet. They are back but haven't gotten their report in. There is  
a report of some vehicular activity in Faymonville.
- 0250 - Blue En to Lt. Stephens: B Co patrol on way back to Co. They have 2  
litter cases. They came in through L Co. K Co patrol went out to  
woods (Hasse), 885025, saw one tellermine, spotted enemy outpost to  
the west side of railroad tracks, 889029. Saw someone smoking a  
cigarette. About 100 yards south of it and a little west of outpost  
is the mine. At 0210 hours tank fired 3 rounds at OP #2 at 180 degrees.  
M Co mortar platoon reported machine guns 3, 100 mills, 2000 yards out,  
firing into our lines.

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- 0305 - White Bn to Lt. Stephens: All quiet out here.
- 0320 - Capt. Brooks to Lt. Stephens: Lt. Hannah is back with B Co patrol. Two men badly wounded by machine gun fire. From 55 take road to 56 (NE of 55) at sharp turn is a machine gun. They were coming from 41. Going back towards 56, 150 yards from there is another machine gun, another is also along the road.
- 0324 - Lt. Stephens gives above report to Danger 3.
- 0405 - Red Bn gives negative report. One machine gun at sharp turn NE of point 55, 75 yards SE of 1st machine gun is another, and 150 yards NE of the 1st gun is a 3rd machine gun.
- 0406 - Lt. Stephens gives negative report to Danger 3; reviews B Co patrol activity. Gives same information to Danger 2.
- 0430 - Delight to Lt. Stephens: What is this about 6 trucks loaded with enemy, unloading in Faymonville? Ans: This reported some time ago, and we don't know if the trucks had anything in them.
- 0503 - White reports negative and mentions that an enemy plane flew over but didn't do anything.
- 0505 - Lt. Stephens reports negative to Danger 3.
- 0550 - Lt. Steinway to Lt. Stephens: What is new? Ans: Nothing much, all negative. Lt. Steinway, Danger 3: The same prevails on the Div front. Custom also had a quiet night, however, 2 enemy followed one of their patrols in last night. The enemy were captured, they had an overlay with them - unit identification unknown at this time.
- 0555 - Lt. Demogenes, Blue Bn, to Lt. Stephens: 0523, OP #2 reports one white flare, 1750 mills at 1200 yards. 0526, OP #1, reports one green flare 140 degrees, and 1,000 yards out, also one amber flare at 250 degrees and 600 yards out. At 0530, Co "I", ran into a 4 man patrol, who came up to their positions. Fired upon them; results, 1 dead and two wounded. Captured 1 wounded man, other two escaped. PW states that 2 groups of 4, total of 8 men. "I" Company saw only 1 of the 4 man patrols. They came up to Pt 44 and there ran into our OP. The PW was wounded in the knee.
- 0620 - Lt. Demogenes, Blue Bn to Lt. Stephens: At 0615 hours, OP #2, reported gun firing, light artillery, at 180 degrees. 4 rounds landed 250 yards behind the OP.
- 0625 - Lt. Stephens gives Danger 3 the Blue Bn report, and also calls Delight and gives the same information.
- 0630 - Sgt Minno to Danger 2 (Lt Steinway): Gives Blue Bn report as previously listed. Danger 2: Here is some dope on Custom-At 0250 hours, enemy patrol hit their line at 825024. Strength unknown. However, patrol was believed to be carrying American weapons - M-1's and BAR's. At 0450 hours, another hit at 799032, the 30th was setting up 2 machine gun posns. Enemy patrol came in at a blind spot; killed one of our men; and captured the MG's. The patrol, also, was believed to be carrying American weapons.

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- 0700 - Lt. Demogenes, Blue Bn to Sgt. Minno: Company "I" reported tank firing 200 degrees from railroad station, 1100 yards out. No further info on the PW.
- 0702 - Same report as above given Delight.
- 0710 - White Bn gives negative report for two companies, other lines are out.
- 0711 - Negative report given to Danger 3, Major Foley.
- 0738 - Lt. Demogenes, Blue Bn to Sgt. Minno: At 0730 hours, the mines that were supposed to be pulled - the job is complete. (Delight and Brown notified of this). At 0732 hours, OP #1, reported burp gun firing from vicinity of Point 59; indirect fire to left and over OP - intermittent fire. The PW is a litter case. We are evacuating him thru normal channels. Do you want him down there? Ans: No, he will be interrogated thru channels. Co "I" couldn't get a thing from him.
- 0833 - White Bn to Sgt Minno: At 0820 hours reported seeing one personnel carrier and a few minutes later another vehicle at 855992, going NE, later disappeared behind ridge. Observation made by Freeport.
- 0834 - Capt. Clark to Blue CP: Mortar Platoon leader of 745 tanks on his way down to see Captain Richmond.
- 0837 - Brown reports that they are closing station.
- 0838 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: Going to send wounded PW up to Regt'l medics. He's from the 14th Co of the 5th para regt. 6th and 8th Co's, he stated, are in the line. He will talk freely. Also knows the location of some mines.
- 0843 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Bashford, G-2: Gives PW report above and other information of earlier item concerning the PW.
- 0847 - Capt. Hall to Sgt Valten (PWI): Notifies PWI of the PW who is on his way down. Gives orders for the PW to be interrogated with special emphasis on minefields, locations of units, etc.
- 0855 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 and Capt. Hall discuss the information on the patrol activity of last night - info previously listed in this journal.
- 0904 - Red Bn to Sgt. Minno: At 0830 hours, the Red OP observed 3 enemy with sled between Points 75 and 76. At 0850 hours, one enemy was observed at Point 76.
- 0905 - Capt. Bour, 2nd Bn to Major Smith, S-3: "R" Co said our friends get thru to Thirumont; right flank is on line with them. Getting mortar fire. Colonel of the 120th wants us to move our OPL out.
- 0907 - Col. Hicks, G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Here is some info that just came down from Army. "Until further notice all HE ammunition for 4.2 inch mortar will be fired by lanyard only. This doesn't apply to WP. (S-3) The 120th is up to the edge of Thirumont. Went thru our posns now having a little fight there.

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- 0910 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Conversation concerns the above information on PW and the patrol activity of last night.
- 0917 - Lt. Walker to Capt. Hall: Just received call, the enemy states that they are going to try and knock off house where "I" Co's OP is located. They claim it is an observation post. Enemy having been saving ammo for this occasion.
- 0930 - Clerk to Lt. Brown, Red Bn #2: Custom reports being on north edge of Thirimont, lost 1 tank believed to be from an enemy mine. Capt Hall told me to tell you to have your OP's be on the lookout for enemy guns which may be firing on one of our OP's at 888033.
- 0935 - Clerk to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Same info as above given to Lt. Chandler. White 2: Freepart reports gun firing on azimuth of 160 degrees and 3500 yards out. An exact report from G Co is observed, a 50mm gun firing from point 98 shooting to the left of G Co. Gun was observed from point 67. Cuff, 2nd Bn 120th, reports they are held up at point 84. Right flank on road running west out of Thirimont. Tanks now moving forward.
- 0940 - Red OP reports: Tank fire coming from due south, shell landing 1500 yards to the right of the OP. About 20 rounds came in. A Co reports they picked up 2 AT guns near Point 54. They are trying to get arty on it now.
- 1020 - G-2 to S-2: What is new on the 3 men that were going thru your lines? Ans: They started out with our patrol but the snow was too deep for them. The sled that had their equipment on it kept getting stuck. So they had to return. Custom reports being on north edge of Thirimont. Had patrols going into Faymonville last night, one patrol believes they saw enemy AT gun going into position. Our White Bn is observing Custom's advance.
- 1030 - PWI to Capt. Hall: PW is from 11th Co, 5th Para Regt. Says they are going to fire 60 rounds at our Forward observation that they spotted in the vicinity of road junction at Point 57.
- 1045 - Lt. Lynch, Div Liaison reports: 18th Corps - Odenmont resistance was light. In the Stavelot area no resistance. They have pushed down to 720999. Very light resistance in area of 735997 which they have reached. 2nd Div reports they got PW from 3rd Co, 89th Fusilier Bn. He says he came in with 150 replacements 5 days ago. GP is in Henningen.
- 1050 - G-2 to S-2: Any further dope on the PW? (S-2: He is from the 11th Co, 5th Para Regt. He is up at the PW cage now.
- 1130 - PWI to S-2: PW from the 11th Co, 5th Para Regt, from 2nd platoon which closed sector from 878030 to 883027.

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On right is 6th Co to which they are tactically attached to the left is 8th Co. MLR consists of 2 men foxholes, 250 yards apart, due to lack of man power. 2nd platoon has 28 men which holds the whole sector from 878030 to 883027. MLR extends from 883207 to trail along to group of houses at Antonchen to hedges. MLR of 6th Co is in woods along trail 885023. Regt'l CP at Schoppen in houses at 89320025. Mine field at 884029. CP of 6th Co, vicinity of 886020 in woods.

Bn CP in lone house ingrid square 8801, due south of creek at 881021. Ten yards behind MLR is wooden dug outs. They change guard only during darkness. Yesterday they stored mines in house in Antonchen. His platoon had 46 men but yesterday while storing the mines in the house, someone set them off and killed 18 men. Platoon has 4 bazookas large and also has 6 MG's, but only 4 are in position because of lack of manpower. There are 4 platoons in the Co. One other platoon is with the 6th Co, and one with the 5th Co. Each Co has 3, 75mm AT guns. They came in to position on 5th January, took over from 8th Co, 5th Regt. One 88mm mortar by Bn CP.

- 1145 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW report, above.
- 1149 - S-2 to Blue 2, Lt. Walker: Gives detailed PW report as above.
- 1154 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Chandler: Lt. Chandler: Enemy is still at Point 68. The Bn that went in to the town got shot up. Enemy at 68 and 66. Got PWs from 9th and 10th Companies. TDs are down at our outpost firing at Point 68. Called up and asked us to take Point 68. Capt. Hall gives PW report as above.
- 1200 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Just got a report from our 2nd Bn about the 30th Div. "I" Co is around Thirimont. The company that passed thru us is pretty well shot up. One squad was to take the buildings at Point 68 - they are pretty well shot up. Enemy outpost at 892117 is still there.
- 1202 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Hall: That outfits company is held up 1000 yards north of 94.
- 1215 - G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Could we have the time on the 23rd relieving you? Ans: In process, will not be done before dark.
- 1230 - Lt Lynch to S-2: Elements of 119th are on line at 772018, 775016, 779016, 785022 as of 1000 hours. 3rd Bn 120th Inf on objective. E Co is running into small arms and automatic fire, and some nebelwerfers coming into the town.
- 1235 - 745th, S-6 to S-3: What is the dope on the mortar platoon? (S-3) They are with the 3rd Bn. (745th) By what order? (S-3) By order from Division, they called us on it.
- 1255 - S-3 to White 3: How are things going out to your front? (White 3) Another wounded man just came back from that squad. (S-3) Looks like you will have to relieve in place, let me know when they start.



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- 1300 - S-3 to Red 3: What have you found out on the skis? (Red 3) We are working on it now. (S-3) I would say the men should carry two extra pairs of socks and as soon as possible get a house to get them back a few at a time to get warm. How are the minefields coming? (Red 3) We are working on them now. (S-3) No time set on the H-hour, we asked for 0615 hours, and the 18th asked for 0700 hours. Division said they would try and get it for us. (Red 3) A Go got a few casualties, about 7 or 8, the building they were in was hit.
- 1310 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is the sled business? (Blue 3) I think we will have them this afternoon.
- 1315 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1245 hours tanks fired from 72 or 73, fired about 12 rounds to the right flank and rear, we fired on it with our artillery but don't know who it was.
- 1335 - S-3 to Brown: Are you in your new area. (Brown) All in the new area. 7th Field is pulling in also.
- 1341 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1340 hours two enemy in white capes going from 75 to 76, two others going from 76 to 75, and are also in white capes.
- 1342 - S-3 to 745th: How is the tank dozer doing? (745th) It is due any minute now.
- 1345 - S-3 to Decoy 3: We are going to jump at 0615 hours. The 1st Bn needs it that way. 1st and 3rd Bn will jump at the same time. Your jumping at 0700 hours will tie in OK. We are initially going to attack the strong points along the road. Which company will occupy the nose that we spoke of? (Decoy 3) I Co. (S-3) Our 2nd Bn will tie in with them, initially it will be the 3rd Bn.
- 1350 - S-3 to 86th Cml: Put one round every two minutes per gun, on town of Faymonville and one round per minute on Schoppen until you get word from us to stop. (86th Cml) OK, sir.
- 1351 - G-2 confers with S-2 concerning the enemy at 839011 that 30th Div has bypassed. S-2 indicated that 30th Div hadn't fulfilled its part of an agreement to clear the point out, the 16th could not commit people for a fight at the time.
- 1400 - Red 3 to S-3: How many 4.2 observes do we get and when? (S-3) One, immediately. (Red 3) How about the contact point with 2nd Bn, when they go on through us. (S-3) I put one on the overlay, north of 87.
- 1405 - G-2 to S-2: There seems to be a lot of artillery coming in, any in your area? (S-2) Yes in the 2nd Bn area, Weimes area.

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- 1415 - White 2 to S-2: The enemy artillery, coming roughly from 160 degrees seems as though it is a battery of 75s, doesn't seem heavier. It is coming in quite rapidly, about 4 rounds per minute. Trying to hit around 36. The situation now with people in front, there are an estimated 25 enemy there at 68. The friendly people are past 68, left a squad to take that point, the people went into town and should be beyond 84, think they went to the junction west of 83. The people west of them are held up, 1000 yards north of 94. Previous report of some of these people being in the town is incorrect. The plan now for clearing 68 is for 2nd Bn 120th to do the job. I believe it will be done today. The shelling is still going on along our front, mainly around 67. Estimated to be tank fire, maybe as big as 88, as there have been some time bursts. E Co is not getting anything to speak of. Phone lines are out, contact by radio.
- 1425 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report from 2nd Bn.
- 1435 - Delight to S-2: Air OP reports along 99 grid line between the 87 and 90 grid lines troops moving north and northwest along several routes toward Faymonville. There are groups, small groups, the largest size, 20 men. One group fired on at 886016.
- 1440 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1230 hours OP #1 observed two enemy at 867015 seen walking towards 73; at 1235 hours I Co OP heard several trucks moving vicinity of 889026; at 1313 hours OP #2 reports enemy machine gun to the right; enemy gun at 3200 mills, 9000 yards by sound.
- 1441 - S-2 to All Units: Gives them the Air OP report.
- 1420 - S-3 to 86th Cml: Is the CO back yet? (86th) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ No. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (S-3) I want an observer to go to 1st and 3rd Bns. (86th) They will go over immediately. On the fire you called for we can reach Faymonville but not Schoppen. We are laying on Faymonville now.
- 1425 - Red 3 to S-3: The tanks are still not painted and we want to load them. (S-3) An observer will be coming over to you soon.
- 1430 - S-3 to S-6 745th: The battalion reports tanks are still not painted. (745th) Sweating out paint trying to get more.
- 1435 - S-3 to Disguise 3: I want the MSR road worked on with bulldozer from the church at Sourbrodt due south, to junction at 861007 to 873067, to bridge you built to the 3rd Bn. (Disguise 3) We will get there if we can, they are still working on digging in the artillery.
- 1500 - White 3 to S-3: This outfit that is going to relieve us is going to take 68 sometime this afternoon. F Co and the platoon of G Co will remain in position until this 68 has been cleared. (S-3) The 4.2 observer from 3rd Bn will go with 2nd Bn at the stated time. They can fire only 8 rounds per minute for the company, due to restrictions by Army. I want you to call me when 68 is cleared and when the relief starts.

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- 1510 - General Taylor visits CP.
- 1515 - S-3 to Blue 3: Are you firing the tanks all day? (Blue 3) Yes.  
'(S-3) On any movement observed from the south use the tanks on it, keep them disturbed as much as possible. (Blue 3) We are doing that now.
- 1520 - S-3 to Brown: Where are you firing? (Brown) We are not firing now.  
(S-3) Movement picked up south by the cut, and I want you to fire on it. Col. Nichols says the assault guns are firing over allotment, is that true? (Brown) No sir, but I will check with them. (S-3) I want you to tie in with 86th Cml that are at M Co mortar position at 883050.
- 1532 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps made gains up to 3000 yards against light or no resistance. Resistance stiffened at P-8002 but was soon overcome. Our forces reached K-7900 to 8100 to 7398 and 7095. 7th Corps, patrols report no resistance on a 1½ mile penetration. One strong enemy patrol was killed or captured. 30th British report an enemy attack at P-4875 and it was repulsed. An estimated enemy battalion is at P-4874 otherwise little or no opposition reported. Our forces reached P4570 to 4872. 8th Corps reports on 12 Jan reached P-5162, 4761, 4560, very light resistance. 7th Army reports heavy fighting continues in area R-1733 and our troops reached R-1533 to 1635. Counterattack at Q-7838 was repelled and our troops reached Q-7539 to 7540. Enemy reacts very strongly to any pressure against his salient. Our troops made a local withdrawal and are now on line Q-4263, 4062, 3863, 3564.
- 1540 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Report from 30th Div says 99th Ski Bn is at 735982 from there to 745986. One platoon of 99th Ski Bn is at 759011. 120th Inf is at 835003. I Co 120th is in bad shape due to losses at 807021.
- 1545 - White 2 to S-2: Here are Jerries at 68 and 84. G Co is in the town; F Co is 100 yards south of 66 getting fire from 68. No signs of enemy armor. Artillery has let up around here some. A reinforced platoon is going to work on 68.
- 1600 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 30th Div reports 1st Bn 424th at 718957; 3rd Bn at 729980; 3rd Bn 423rd Inf at 740984, meeting heavy resistance.
- 1610 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report: A Co 150 to 200 rounds of mortar and artillery; B Co 4 rounds of 50 mortar, 3 rounds tank fire.
- 1610 - Lt. Stephens to Disguise A: How about getting a snow plow on road from Robertville to Weywertz. The road is now one way and getting worse. (Disguise) I will take care of it tonight.
- 1620 - G-2 to S-2: V Corps reports Army believes that the present front line runs from 4570 to 4565 and from there to the east gradually tapering north and south. We took 50 PWs in vicinity 6582. Most of the PWs were replacements for the 12th VGD. They were acting as rear guards. PWs were also from 12th SS Signal Bn and 9th SS Artillery Regt. We believe they were most likely picking up their wire.

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The lth SS PGR of 2nd SS Panzer Div was identified to the left of 7th Corps where it had relieved the 9th SS Panzer Div. The 20th SS PGR of 9th Panzer Div was identified to the right of the 30th Div. Otherwise all is normal at 30th Div. The recon reports 200 to 300 enemy vehicles north and northeast in the vicinity of 9065.

- 1625 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1600 hours an enemy machine gun in vicinity of 41 fired 5 or 6 bursts.
- 1630 - Decoy 2 to S-2: We would like to put an OP in the building at 887037. (S-2) OK. (Decoy 2) We will lay a line tonight and set up in the morning.
- 1631 - S-2 to Blue 3: Decoy is going to put an OP at 887037. (Blue 3) That is OK with us.
- 1635 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 6 rounds 75; 10 rounds 105; 10 rounds 88; 10 rounds of mortar.
- 1638 - S-2 to White 2: Two photos are on the way to you. (White 2) Those people are not going to attack. (S-2) What do you know about the 3rd Bn 120th? (White 2) Nothing, but I will try and get some dope for you.
- 1650 - 23rd Inf to S-3: The time we attack is 0630 hours.
- 1654 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 25 rounds 47; 200 rounds 120 mortar; 310 rounds 75; 44 rounds 88.
- 1655 - S-2 to G-2: 700 rounds of artillery, 500 of it fell in 2nd Bn area; 400 rounds of mortar of which 250 landed in 2nd Bn area.
- 1706 - Red 2 to S-2: A Co reports heavy motor movement in vicinity of Faymonville as of 1705 hours.
- 1708 - Red 6 to S-3: What is new? (S-3) Time of their attack is 0630 hours. They don't plan on using noisy guys either. Got one problem they want to smoke your hill. (Red 6) OK with me. I wanted to make some arrangements with them. I planned on smoking it myself. Since they are taking care of this, I will use colored smoke to designate our time of attack.
- 1710 - G-2 to S-2: Jerry is definitely pulling from the west, do you think they are moving into your area? (S-2) I don't know, but I will try to get more information.
- 1712 - S-2 to Red 2: Can you give me more on that Faymonville report? (Red 2) We are getting fire on it now. I will call you when I get something definite.

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- 1720 - Brown to S-2: Between 1400 and 1600 hours 12 to 15 men milling around at 889004. The cub reported activity this vicinity but this is all our OP could see.
- 1730 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports tank at 160 degrees 2000 yards out going north, they can hear them and are firing on them.
- 1733 - Blue 2 to S-2: A little more mortars and artillery coming in. Just had 13 more rounds come in along the railroad from about 2500 yards out 195 degrees. Cannon Co observer with K Co reports observing a few enemy moving around on other side of Schoppen.
- 1745 - Red 2 to S-2: Two air bursts about 600 yards from OP came from direction of 39 or 56.
- 1755 - G-2 to S-2: "hat is this on motor movement in Faymonville? (S-2) I don't think it is much but I will check up and if there is some more will let you know.
- 1757 - S-2 to Red 2: What about this traffic? (Red 2) They are still firing out there, there is a heavy vehicle moving around.
- 1800 - 86th Cml to S-3: We are still firing on Faymonville. (S-3) You can stop now, it is getting dark. (86th Cml) We fired 125 rounds.
- 1802 - S-3 to S-3 745th: Have you anything laid on for the tank dozer? (745th) We are waiting for a call to come in now. (S-3) Is the paint in yet? (745th) It is being put on now.
- 1805 - White 3 to S-3: The battalion has begun to relieve us, starting from right to left, little artillery coming in.
- 1810 - Red 2 to S-2: The patrol from A Co will check with the listening post and go to the building along the railroad and listen, then return but not by 53. People will be at 56.
- 1813 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1736 hours at 195 degrees at 2500 yards an enemy gun fired six rounds; at 1735 hours one mortar round landed between L Co's outpost and 2nd platoon from 195 degrees, 1200 yards.
- 1815 - Red 6 to Capt. Merendino: These people are coming down the road with blackout lights on and the troops are closed up and smoking, getting some stuff in on them.
- 1830 - Lt. Kestlinger to 23rd Inf: Gives them the above report.
- 1830 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 3rd Armored has cut the St. Vith Houfflaize highway. Russia has started a grand offensive with at least 28 divisions on the Polish front. We are now within 85 miles of Manila. 2nd Bn 119th are from 769019 to 780018; 3rd Bn 118th from 783026 to 798016; 3rd Bn 120th from 811004 to 815004; 2nd Bn 120th from 829015 to 838005; 1st Bn 424th from 710952 to 722965; 3rd Bn 424th at 728900; 517th outfit from 737952 to 745986. 2nd Armored TFX is at 580813; TFX is at 592826; CGB is at 535804; CCA is at 560804; 3rd Armored TFK is at 645785; TFW at 667795; 2nd Bn 335th at 515769, report no opposition; 1st Bn 334th at 523698, also no opposition; 3rd Bn 334th at 527790; 1st Bn 329th is at 6462nd Bn 329th at 640806; 3rd Bn 329th at 662808.

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- 1832 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co reports that their forward elements contacted elements of 2nd Bn, 120th who's G Co is in Thirumont getting a counterattack by tanks and infantry.
- 1835 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the above report.
- 1846 - S-3 to All Units: Gives them the last report of Lt. Lynch at 1830 hours.
- 1945 - Blue 3 to S-3: Both patrols leaving at 2400 hours. K Co, 1st Platoon to 42 south on road, and will sit for a half hour; the other patrol will go down to the railroad to the overpass. We will notify 18th.
- 1947 - G-3 to S-3: No go. Get relief complete, get it organized as best you can and then button up.
- 1948 - G-2 to S-2: There is a report of vehicular movement to Ballingen from the east, and Divarty is putting a TOI on it.
- 1949 - White 2 to S-3: An officer from Cuff came into the CP. Their G Co is going through our lines. They are pulling out now. They were attacked by 10 tanks and some infantry and couldn't handle it. They will form up around 66 to the left of their F Co. We want permission to keep the mines in. (S-3) OK. How much of the relief is completed? (White 2) Maybe half. (S-3) Go through with it.
- 1949 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the above report about G Co, 120th.
- 1953 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 3rd Armored TF Lovelady at 642802 also at 634766. 2nd Armored at 601817; TFA at 565796; TFB at 545796; 2nd Bn 331st at 638817. Cavalry elements reached 4978.
- 1955 - Red 3 to S-3: I want to know if Col. Driscoll wants me to continue with the removal of the minefields 2nd Bn called and wants to leave theirs in on the road to Faymonville. (S-3) I gave them permission to leave them in. You can let them stay in and I will notify Col. Driscoll.
- 2000 - Capt. Scott to Maj. Sandell: We want permission from Maj. Smith to leave the AT road mines in the road for defense for tonight. (Maj. Sandell) Maj. Smith says to leave them in. (Capt. Scott) The people who passed through us are in the process of making a touchback.
- 2005 - Red 6 to Red 3: On the patrol at 2100 hours I would like to get someone down as far as Faymonville, north of 54 to see what they can hear or pick up, purely recon. (Red 3) I will let A Co run both, and have another one at 0100 hours. (Red 6) OK.
- 2016 - Red 2 to S-3: There is a change in our patrols. At 2100 hours a patrol is going north of 54 to the road junction. When they return another patrol will go south of the railroad track towards 54.
- 2045 - I&R to S-2: At 1645 hours six men moving about the house at 866024; at 1650 hours 4 men were seen putting on snow capes and pushing scout cars out of building at 866024.

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- 2100 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: At 1900 hours 30th Div reports F Co, 120th tried to get 40 personnel out to G Co of 120th but were prevented so doing by direct fire from 855018. E and F Cos have contact with each other. The Crisis outfit lost three tanks by mines in the snow. The isolated company was counterattacked by estimated battalion of infantry. G Co is ringed by friendly artillery. 3rd Bn 120th on objective. E Co has no contact with the enemy, and are sending patrols to F and G Cos. If not on objective of F and G Cos and it is not occupied by enemy, they will occupy same. Crisis has 75 casualties pass through the clearing station as of 1800 hours. 3rd Bn 422nd at 729981; 1st Bn at 709952; 423rd at 740982 on objective there; 2nd Bn 422nd at 718957; E and F Cos of 120th in vicinity of 833015.
- 2127 - S-2 to G-3: The relief of 2nd Bn completed except one platoon of G Co and that is in process, going on smoothly.
- 2128 - G-2 to S-2: 30th Div is not sure that there were tanks out in front of them, they say they were perhaps direct fire weapons instead. The traffic to east of Ballingen has stopped.
- 2130 - Red 2 to S-3: We put a little stump on Faymonville using 60s, 81s, and artillery. How about the 64th, or is that enough? (S-3) That is enough, are you using smoke? (Red 3) Put about 100 rounds 81, 200 rounds of 64, 100 rounds 4.2 and 50 rounds artillery, the time is up to Col Driscoll. (S-3) He says 0800 hours.
- 2131 - 745th to S-3: The other tank here in maintenance can we sent it up in the morning? (S-3) OK. We are not moving tomorrow.
- 2150 - S-2 to Red 3: What is new? (Red 3) A Co heard heavy vehicles moving from right to left out of Faymonville, moving to 74, 75 and 76, and we are putting artillery on them. I am definitely sure there are AT guns in and around Faymonville in vicinity of 54.
- 2200 - White 6 to S-2: Relief completed at 2135 hours.
- 2201 - S-2 to G-3: Relief completed at 2135 hours.
- 2235 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div is going to send a company down to that town tonight.
- 2238 - S-3 to 64th: This thing of guns is postponed. Bring two guns back tomorrow to do some firing. How much ammunition do you have? (64th) About 180 rounds. (S-3) Cannon Co and 7th Field are near you so you tie in with them.
- 2301  
2109 - Red to S-3: More motor movement was heard in and around Faymonville, we have notified 7th Field.
- 2330 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: The patrol went to 400 feet from bridge on road leading to Faymonville from 39 and heard a tank in the north edge of town apparently looking for a position. They heard a few rifle shots on the south side of the railroad tracks.

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- Red to Lt. Kestlinger: We can still hear vehicular movement in Faymonville.
- 0017 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0059 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0015 hours OP #2 reports unidentified plane taking photos and flying south to southeast; at 0035 hours an unidentified plane flying west to east; at 0042 hours a flight of planes heard coming from the south.
- 0110 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0135 - White 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co of 120th now at 64; at 0200 hours they will go to 658283. E Co at 0230 hours will go to 688483. Tentatively at 0730 hours E Co goes to 94, at 0730 2nd Bn goes to 106. F Co had 35 casualties today. G Co had 25 PWs. Enemy counter-attacking force today consisted of two tanks and one company of infantry.
- 0201 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0325 - White to Mr. Lipinski: We talked to 23rd Inf and they say they have a company in 64. At 0200 hours they will go to 658283, E Co goes to 688483. Tentatively at 0730 hours E Co goes to 94, also one company from 120th.
- 0340 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: A and B Cos report quite a bit of tank movement in Faymonville and vicinity. The movement seems to be from east to west, sounds like heavy stuff. (Mr. Lipinski) Did you notify the artillery? (Red) No.
- 0345 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0348 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight: Gives them the report of tank movement in Faymonville.
- 0405 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: OP #2 heard small arms at 130 degrees 2000 yards out. Enemy planes over at 0245 hours taking pictures.
- 0408 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: D Co reports two motorcycles 800 yards to their right front at 0350 hours.
- 0410 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0505 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: A Co patrol got to within 400 yards east of 54, they heard tanks in Faymonville and to the south on the high ground. Sounded as though tanks were moving into position, there was also some motor movement. Fires were started in town apparently by our artillery. The patrol drew no fire and there was no casualties.
- 0512 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.



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- 0715 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 0627 hours an unidentified plane flying east to west at medium height. At 0645 hours 3 Fox reports one tank beyond the ridge, moving west, south of Faymonville; at 0709 hours friendly artillery falling in the southeast part of Faymonville, an enemy 50mm mortar was silenced by our artillery.
- 0720 - White to Capt. Clark: E Go and the battalion OP heard 2 or 3 tanks around 70.
- 0721 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0810 - Blue to Capt. Clark: At 0735 hours OP #1 reported machine gun fire, believed to be 50 caliber, at 240 degrees; and a plane dropped a bomb 230 degrees behind the ridge; at 0810 hours OP #2 reports our artillery hitting Faymonville.
- 0812 - G-2 to S-2: Any further developments? (S-2) No, but our artillery is hitting Faymonville. (G-2) Good, probably laying it to the tanks that you reported this morning. Corps was very interested in your report. Here is some information from Corps. The PWs in Corps area, including the one you took, were mainly from the 3rd Co, 89th Fusilier Regt, taken in vicinity of 958093. 18th A/B Corps reports enemy counterattack with tanks and infantry contained last night at 2230 hours. As of 0600 hours, the enemy still held Thiriont and some ground to the north. 30th Div believes they will take everything under control. Radios not in working order, because of the cold weather. Their only communication with front line units is from the noise. Believe progress going fine. In the 7th Corps they are meeting considerable resistance. Running into mined roads, S/P guns, nebelwerfers and artillery. Furthest advance is P-560775. PWs were taken from 560th VGD and 2nd Panzer Div. On their Eastern flank at 638762 they reached the high ground at 673801 and the ridge at 664804. PWs taken from 9th SS and 12th VGD. 30th British Corps reports elements at 4871, clearing town at 5072, PWs from 2nd Panzer Div. 3rd Army advanced to town at 5267. PWs from the 1st of the month to the 12th total 2000. Have taken town of Salle at 4763, and repulsed a counterattack at 5466 which included 25 tanks. 9th Panzer Div was identified at Foy at 5862. A PW captured there states his company was the only one there, the rest of the 9th SS was moving east on 10 Jan. Heavy fighting at town of Longvilly and Bras.
- 0852 - G-2 to S-2: 23rd Inf got a PW from 2nd Co, 9th Parachute Regt, and he stated he was told that they were going to be attacked by the Americans in 3 days. (S-2) Gives him a summary of the patrol and OP activity.
- 0930 - S-2 to Red 3: What is new? (Red 3) All quiet except we picked up some vehicular movement in the town, also two enemy at 54. (S-2) Gives him the latest report from G-2.
- 0937 - S-2 to Blue 3: Gives him the latest G-2 report.

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- 0952 - Red 2 to S-2: At 0948 hours the OP reported two enemy sighted carrying a machine gun and ammunition at 873008, but we did not get a chance to fire at them.
- 1000 - S-2 to White 2: What have you on the 120th? (White 2) 68 was taken last night but are pulling out of it. They are having a fight in Thirumont. The 1st Bn went in there, came in from the west. (S-2) Gives him the latest report from G-2.
- 1005 - Blue to S-2: At 0900 hours OP #2 heard tracked vehicles at 230 degrees 2000 yards out.
- 1020 - Red 2 to S-2: A Co reports at 1010 hours several fires in Faymonville.
- 1025 - G-3 to S-3: 23rd Inf says there are some good targets for air around Steinbach and south on the high ground. (S-3) That is too close for us.
- 1030 - Red 3 to S-3: We started several fires in Faymonville. Stuff is still coming into town here, but no damage. (S-3) Did you get the bull dozer yet? (Red 3) No we did not. (S-3) If you don't get it by this afternoon give me a call. (Red 3) How are the chances of putting on another stunk, as at 0800 hours. We can get pretty good effect. (S-3) OK get the TDs on it. (Red 3) OK we will lay it on at 1200 hours.
- 1040 - I&R to S-2: We are all set up at 52 and are trying to get in with E Co, but so far no luck.
- 1056 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 119th Inf is on their objective at 790001. 2nd Bn 119th is half way to their objective at 775010, they will establish a bridge head at 773000. They have taken 59 PWs so far. 5 friendly tanks were knocked out by friendly mines and enemy mines. They had 7 killed and 182 wounded.
- 1105 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports three Mark Vs going northeast at 855992, and 7th Field is going to fire on them.
- 1105 - I&R to S-2: Our OP is 100 to 200 yards west of 52.
- 1110 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the report on the 3 Mark Vs.
- 1125 - Red 2 to S-2: Battalion OP reports at 1125 hours three enemy going from Faymonville to 75.
- 1130 - G-3 to S-3: We have some people here from Army that have film and want to take pictures of the modified 8ls or 60s. Have you any? (S-3) I will check on it.
- 1132 - S-3 to Lt. McCarthy: Gives him the above message. (Lt. McCarthy) All our 8ls are modified. It consists of a flash light set up for night firing. I will have a man meet them at Champaigne and bring them here.

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- 1134 - S-3 to Blue 3: Some people from Army are coming down to take pictures of the modified 8ls. I asked Mac about it and he says all his guns are modified.. The people will be down to your GP, take care of them.
- 1135 - G-2 to S-2: The people in Thirumont are still fighting. On Hill 551 we hold the northwest slope and the Jerries the other slope. At 839012 Jerry is in positions Strongpoints at 843009 and 850011, are firing on troops in Thirumont. Some people of the 30th Div are on objective at 788999, 775010, 810007. I think the line is now 1st and 2nd Bns of 5th Parachute Regt, and then the 2nd and 3rd Bns. of the 9th Parachute Regt.
- 1140 - S-3 to G-3: I checked on the modified mortars and we have them. Send the people down to our 3rd Bn.
- 1147 - S-3 inquires of Lt. Kunze, AT Co, concerning mines that were laid on road between 43 and 44. Lt. Kunze said 18 mines were put in. People last night were unable to locate the mines. Lt. Baker will call you back and give you the story.
- 1150 - S-3 confers with Blue 3 about the above mines. Blue 3 suggests by-passing the spot through the regular minefields until such time as the mines can be lifted without danger. (S-3 suggests watching for situation similar to this in the future.
- 1200 - Capt. Sylce to S-3: States that the mines laid out at 40 were picked up by the engineers according to the outpost. His platoon did go out and found 4 mines last night. S-3 is not satisfied with the situation and wants things straightened out between the engineers and the AT mine platoon. The road from 43 to 44 is the same condition as 40, mines are laid and they can't be found when they are to be picked up.
- 1215 - I&R to S-2: 1200 hours heavy barrage friendly artillery at 74 also heavy smoke screen at that point which has obscured our view.
- 1218 - G-2 to S-2: There were two men picked up in civilian clothes out in front of 26th. They were on furlough from the east, one's name is Goebbles the other is Painter.
- 1220 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1110 hours one enemy left gully at 855010 went west into building into ~~gully at 853012~~ building at 853012; at 1112 hours two enemy left building at 853012 went east into gully at 855010; at 1130 hours one enemy vehicle seen going northwest on road at 855992; at 1145 hours two enemy left hedgerow at 852017 went into buildings north of 852018; at 1155 hours two enemy were seen going southwest on road at 855992 were pushing sled or cart; at 1200 hours 5 enemy were seen at building at 855992 left and went northeast into draw.

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- 1305 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1300 hours one enemy going east from Paymonville to 75. (S-2) I&R will go in where Freeport is now, and will also reconnoiter to a forward position where 2nd Bn can see things after the push starts. I or B Co position should be OK.
- 1307 - S-3 to Red 3: Reports no further word on when we will go into action. Warns him concerning using caution when using the 4.2 mortars. Discuss difficulty of locating mines on roads at 40 and 41, and 43 and 44. Red 3 says their mines have all been lifted, only have regular minefields remaining. S-3 says engineers will devise some marker for marking every hasty minefield in the future.
- 1325 - S-3 to G-3: Do you have anything positive on our situation? Whether we will move tomorrow? (G-3) We won't know before 2000 hours tonight. I will let you know immediately if we hear anything. (S-3) Anything new on 120th? (G-3) There is nothing new on the 1st Bn, they have one platoon and possibly two companies on their objective. G Co just below where 1st Bn was reported. (G-2) 30th Div is running a dive bombing mission on Ondenval very shortly.
- 1326 - S-3 to White 3: 30th Div is running a bombing mission on Ondenval, tie in with those people and warn your people. Any information on people in Thirumont area? (White 3) No, nothing but what I told Capt. Hall this morning. (S-3) I can't give you any information on tomorrow. How is the firing, any coming in? (White 3) Some this morning about 0800 hours, heavy stuff. Some falling in the southern sector.
- 1345 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Report from Divarty - enemy CP at 883012. Tracks from all directions converging in vicinity of the house. Smoke also observed. 30th Div reported on objectives 810007. 23rd Inf reports enemy no longer believed to be in woods at 834014. The artillery liaison officer reports they received information that 30th Div is receiving fire from enemy strongpoint at 843009 and 855992. 2 PWs picked up by 26th dressed in civilian clothes. They report company CP at 944016 and battalion CP at 949019. Two companies in Balligen, about 100 men.
- 1345 - G-2 to S-2: 23rd Inf reports that their C Co OP observes 4 tanks in vicinity 862002 from Ondenval saw our artillery falling 400 yards short. Woods at 834014 may be clear.
- 1350 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Did you get any reports on bombers? (Lt. Kestlinger) They are working in front of 2nd Bn. I will try to get you some information.
- 1350 - S-2 to White 2: Planes strafing and bombing out in front.
- 1358 - Capt. Sylce to S-3: When the engineers laid their minefield in the 3rd Bn sector they picked up 13 of ours. We picked up 4 mines last night, making a total of 17. One mine is still missing. I am sending them out again tonight to sweep the road and vicinity to locate it and all others that may be there. We laid none at all in the 3rd Bn area.

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- 1359 - Determine to S-3: Are our planes doing you any harm in any way? (S-3) From our reports they are working over the area south of our 2nd Bn. No damage to our troops. If we are hit, we will call you promptly.
- ✓ 1408 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports P-47s bombing and strafing to the right front of them. Also picked up men in shadows of buildings in Faymonville between 74 and 75. Go A reports bombing and strafing one mile to southwest of them.
- 1410 - I&R to S-2: Our planes dive bombing north of Ondenval, 1000 yards south of OP.
- 1415 - White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1200 hours five enemy going west at 855992; at 1210 hours two enemy going southwest at 855992; at 1215 hours two enemy going east at 854011, also a machine gun nest; at 1305 hours one enemy going northeast at 855992, smoke coming from a few of the buildings in Steinbach; at 1315 hours one enemy going southwest on road at 855992; at 1340 hours one enemy burp gun firing from direction of Steinbach; at 1400 hours friendly planes bombing and strafing Ondenval.
- 1435 - White 2 to S-2: What is cooking? (S-2) Nothing. (White 2) 120th located just a little south of 50. At 0200 hours started for 62, might be up to 83. B Co had planned last night to take 68, where old G Co outpost was. Had 30 casualties so they came back. They had a platoon of tanks, platoon of TDs, plus remainder of G Co with them. Their whole battalion is down near 50, except G Co. The G Co CO took 4 officers and 16 men and went back and left one officer and the rest of the company up there.
- 1439 - S-3 to Lt. Kayes: You will take complete charge of clearing the mines and roads. What about the roads from Sourbrodt down to Faymonville? (Lt. Kayes) They are OK.
- 1510 - White 2 to S-2: Freepport OP reports at 1410 hours one enemy seen at the house near the railroad culvert at 853018; at 1415 hours one enemy ran across the railroad track near culvert went east at 853018; at 1457 hours one enemy going from house at 853018, crossed fields to houses at 850018; at 1500 hours one enemy motorcycle going southwest at 855992.
- 1512 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 7th Corps reports a quiet night, yesterday units advanced up to 5000 yards. 83rd Recon has road block at Hoffanlaize Ocheramer at 638762. They are reinforced by TFK British took towns at 5072, 4871, 4570, 4370, 4070, and established contact with 8th Corps at the road junction at 3869. 8th Corps reports 87th Div has elements in town at 4266 and 4664. The 17th A/B captured town at 5064. The 11th Armored Div advanced to 524. Resistance light along the 87th and 17th A/B Div front. 101st A/B captured town at 5762. 3rd Corps reports heavy opposition. The 6th Armored Div advanced to 603613 and town at 6059. The 358th Inf has elements at 630572 and 648552. 7th Army had heavy pressure. 7th Corps reports 83rd Recon road block at 638762 cutting Houffalize - St. Vith road, also occupy high ground at 625760. Elements of TF Kane later reinforced the 83rd Recon on the road block.

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- 1530 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1529 hours two enemy walking from 75 in shadow of houses toward Faymonville.
- 1602 - Decoy 2 to S-3: Did you people have any mines in the present area of our 3rd Bn? (S-3) We were never in there, that was contemplated at one time, but we have remained in our present positions since moving here.
- 1604 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 45 rounds 50mm mortars; one round 170.
- 1610 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 10 rounds of 47; 53 rounds of 105; 8 rounds of 88; 24 rounds of 150; 60 rounds of 81 mortar; 5 rounds 120 mortar.
- 1612 - G-3 to S-3: What you talked to me about, you got it, Fish Fry (We attack tomorrow at 0615 hours).—All details like you wanted them. (S-3) I assume certain things. (G-3) Assume everything. (S-3) OK.
- 1620 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 119th at 788993; 2nd Bn 773000; 3rd Bn 783006; 117th Inf at 804999 going to objective Fox; 3rd Bn 120th at 825908; L Co, 120th still on objective Easy; 2nd Bn 119th has bridgehead on position, engineers are building bridge as original was blown. The 120th Inf having with direct fire weapons. Believe they can take care of it tonight.
- 1625 - G-2 to S-2: Tactical recon reports at 1508 hours large concentration of vehicles, about 100 and some tanks at L-1598 of which 15 were stationary. 3 large artillery pieces firing from K-9901 square, two dug in tanks in K-8300 square.
- 1630 - S-2 to Delight 2: At 1545 hours Fox OP observed 3 enemy tanks at 868996. Tanks moved east out of sight. At 1550 hours air OP adjusted fire for 5th Field on a 3 gun battery at 86689950; at 1607 hours Air OP observed enemy vehicles at 853988 and 853989.
- 1630 - Lt. Kayes to S-3: The mines-out at 3rd Bn have been taken care of. There are four mines laid by an AT gun crew, but they will take care of those.
- 1638 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports one enemy on motorcycle going southwest at 855992; at 1532 hours enemy command car going northeast at 855992; at 1514 hours two enemy coming over ridge to road at 854010; at 1545 hours three enemy tanks coming northeast at 855992.
- 1655 - I&R to S-2: It is pretty quiet. Enemy is shelling vicinity of OP and Welsmes, but have not been able to pick up anything.
- 1700 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Bn 117th at 807993; 3rd Bn 120th at 810009; elements of 1st Bn 119th at 789992; elements 1st Bn 119th at 791998; 3rd Bn at 785005; 2nd Bn 119th at 774005; F Co 119th at 774999.

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- 1702 - G-2 to S-2: Artillery attached to 23rd Inf reports that at 1445 hours tanks were heard at 845013. Cubs are going up to check on it. Our liaison officer down with 30th Div reports that 30th Div lacks about 200 yards to the top of Hill 551. In Thiriment they have the church area, but do not have the road junction at 839014. They also don't know what is in the woods at 839012.
- 1715 - Red 3 to S-3: What about these 4.2s, can we get all the ammunition we need? (S-3) You can use as much ammunition as you want, but be careful as some of the ammunition is defective.
- 1717 - Blue 3 to S-3: Have you any definite dope yet? (S-3) We will have a definite answer and time by 1830 hours.
- 1720 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 21 rounds 105; 20 rounds 50mm mortar; 14 rounds 75.
- 1724 - G-2 to S-2: 9th Army reports enemy patrol of about 50 to 60 men destroyed in area K-9067. 18th Corps reports light vehicular movement heard between Vielsalm and Salm Chateau going both ways. 12 man enemy patrol tried to get into Hedemont, K-7901 but were eliminated. Some enemy artillery fell on Malmédy and K-8001. Our forces have taken 3/4 of Thiriment. 1st Bn 9th Parachute Regt identified. No armor has been encountered in eastern sector by our advance. 2 PWs taken from 1st Bn 294th Inf Regt. Our forces reached 825996. 7th Corps reports enemy artillery fire during the night. Friendly patrols saw small enemy forces east and south of Berisminil, P-5277. Town was being cleared. Enemy aircraft scattered a few bombs and dropped flares, believed to be for taking photos. One unit had reached 596776 in the Lucky sector. 8th Corps reports opposition continued strong on night yesterday, 17 enemy tanks were operating south of P-5864 during the day. Our troops on line P-5564 and 5464, repelled a counterattack by 25 tanks, destroying 4 tanks. One division meeting light resistance, reached line P-5065, 4964, 4864. 7th Army reports no change, reported in the Rhine bridgehead. Our troops made local advances at Q-7838. 1st French Army reports enemy attack against V-8671 was repulsed, as was a strong attempt to cross the river at V-9377.
- 1750 - Maj. Olson, TF Davison to S-3: Col. Beck has given us permission to knock off the patrols to 1st and 2nd Bn. Still maintaining stuff on the dam.
- 1755 - Decoy 3 to S-3: What time do you figure K Co will have the woods clear? (S-3) The woods should be clear by 0900 hours. K Co is jumping off for there at 0700 hours, and I Co is to help K Co if the going is too stiff.
- 1755 - I&R to S-2: 5 enemy spotted at 71 approaching from southeast. They had something behind a white sheet, it may have been a weapon for some kind. A lot of artillery is falling in Faymonville. The only activity we could see in Steinbach was smoke coming out of the houses there.

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- 1818 - 86th Cml to Lt. Kestlinger: Tell Maj. Smith that we will be unable to fire any more HE until we get more ammunition from ASP. All of our ammunition has been condemned by Army, lot numbers, shells and fuses must be checked on each round before we can fire, that would mean about one round every 3 minutes, and we would have to have a special clerk on each gun. (Lt. Kestlinger) Ok, I will see that he gets your message.
- 1825 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 30th Div reports counterattack, 100 men and 5 tanks in the Thirimont area, they have it under control.
- 1825 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1805 hours at 210 degrees, 3000 to 4000 yards out 5 bursts of enemy machine pistol fire; at 1820 hours at 72 and 73 three rockets came from here and seemed to be landing in 3rd Bn sector.
- 1826 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Gives him the latest report on 30th Div.
- 1827 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2: Gives him the latest report on 30th Div. (White 2) I had word from Cuff that they had elements on 94, and the others held up in own, expecting and ready for a counterattack.
- 1830 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: Gives him the latest report on 30th Div.
- 1835 - G-3 to S-3: Jump off time tomorrow will be 0615 hours.
- 1840 - S-3 to Red 3: Jump off at 0615 hours. 2nd Bn 23rd jumps off at 0200 hours. Green smoke shell means 1st Bn wants fire and smoke lifted from Hill 72. Purple smoke signal means receiving friendly fire, both for our troops and the 23rd.
- 1841 - S-3 to White 3 and Blue 3: Gives them the same information as above.
- 1850 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the shell report for the day. (G-2) Ligneville reported clear, and Thirimont taken care of.
- 1900 - S-2 to Delight: Gives him the shell report for the day.
- 1910 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports a great deal of artillery at 210 degrees to 220 degrees; fire in Ondenval; tanks heard in that area.
- 1950 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div getting counterattack in vicinity of Thirimont with 100 infantry and 5 tanks.
- 1953 - Red 2 to S-2: Go A patrol will go out at 2200 hours, will leave from the right flank of A Co through their listening post to 500 yards south of 39, then south across the railroad tracks, then east to 54, will also have men forward of 56.



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- 1959 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 119th Inf have 1st Bn at 790988; 3rd Bn at 788994, 2nd Bn 117th at 809994; 2nd Bn has town of Eigneuville cleared. Bridge is in at that town. 3rd Bn 120th receiving heavy artillery fire on objective G. 1st Bn 120th still clearing out town and defending it also. Have bridgehead on objective B but no bridge. 3rd Bn 117th has one company at 808026; one company at 815003; one company at 821035 on line there.
- 2015 - Red 2 to S-2: At 2012 hours OP reports one vehicle south of Faymonville coming from 75 going towards town. Both A and B Cos reported at 2015 tanks south of Faymonville moving somewhere between 70 and 86.
- 2017 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: As of 1650 hours 30th Div took 63 PWs up to 1400 hours. Still fighting for objective G. Going in Thirment still very tough. Every house in village practically a machine gun nest, not only downstairs but on the first floor. 119th pushing north of Ligneuville, 400 yards from the town, also in Reculemont and advancing towards Point, 839010, still in enemy hands. At 774998 30th Div has a bridge across Ambleve River, but are getting artillery and nebelwerfer fire. The following is a report from Divarty - Air OP reported 9 gun positions at 978984, more guns at 910979; 5 in line from 91 974 to 916977, also vehicular movement at 924987. They are firing at guns at 916993. Infantry companies located at 851015 and 854019.
- 2028 - I&R to S-2: At 1920 hours a large fire started at 190 degrees; at 1929 hours one white flare at 75 degrees.
- 2029 - Capt. Groves to Lt. Stephens: Will you ask Maj. Smith if there will be any increase in the allowance of 81mm ammunition? (Lt. Stephens) OK.
- 2103 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2010 hours OP #2 heard vehicular movement at 230 degrees, 2000 yards out; at 2012 hours OP #1 heard a tank moving at 210 degrees, 2000 yards out.
- 2107 - I&R to S-2: Our artillery is shelling Steinbach; vehicular movement to our right, sounds like tanks moving out.
- 2120 - Message from G-4: Ammunition expenditure allocation for period 150600 to 190600 Jan; 81mm light 1747; 81mm heavy 609; 81mm WP 360; 105 How M-3 720. Unexpended balances for period 110600 to 160600 cumulative.
- 2120 - Message from G-4: Ammunition expenditure allocation for Co B, 644th TD Bn for period 150600A to 190600A Jan for #3" gun as follows; 160 rounds HE normal charge; 290 rounds HE reduced charge.
- 2123 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Groves: Gives him the above messages.
- 2135 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Ask Maj. Smith to lay on a boundary with 23rd Inf and let me know tonight where it is.

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- 2138 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: 30th Div identified 2nd, 4th, and 9th Cos of 1st Bn 939th Regt, also 10th and 8th Cos south of Ligneuville. PW states the whole outfit is there. 1st Bn 9th, 3rd Bn 9th in Thirumont; 2nd Bn in Steinbach area. We are not in the town yet, nor are they on the high ground south yet.
- 2140 - S-3 to White 3: What attachments do you want for F Co? (White 3) A tank and TD platoon.
- 2203 - S-2 to Red 2: 10th and 8th Regts identified at Ligneuville. 1st and 3rd Bns 9th in Thirumont area. PW from 8th says whole outfit there, probably means the battalion. (Red 2) Arrangements for OP at 40 are complete. Advance CP will be around 74.
- 2205 - S-2 to White 2 and Blue 2: Gives him the latest PW information as received from G-2.
- 2230 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The counterattack on Custom (30th Div) was repulsed at 1915 hours, knocked out 1 tank and got one probable. The 30th division expects to go to objective "L" tomorrow. 507th captured the town at 4864 and are on a line running from 5068 to 4868. The 11th Arm'd have "B" element at 5864, and are advancing North. The 2nd Arm'd GCA is at 600768. GCB is at 5576 meeting AT fire. GCY is at 604773, meeting dug in tanks. CCX is at 593775. The 3rd Arm'd TF "L" is at 655763; TF "W" no advance due to heavy mine fields. The 3rd Bn of the 334th is at 542746; 2nd Bn is at 523757. The 3rd Bn of the 331st is at 689803; 1st Bn is at 689822. The 1st Bn of the 329th is at 683829; 2nd Bn is at 687837.
- 2245 - 7th FA to S-2: Division Artillery reports tanks in the 8401 grid sq.
- 2300 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2226 hours OP #2 reports a lot of planes going East. At 2235 hours OP #2 reports planes bombing at 130 degrees. At same time OP #1 reports that our artillery is firing southeast of Faymonville. At 2240 hours OP #2 reports gun firing from 160 degrees, 17 seconds flash to bang.
- 2355 - Decoy 2 to S-2: Our patrol from I Company has just returned from the switch house, they report that they saw an enemy patrol headed North along the railway tracks. The enemy patrol may be coming in on you.
- 2358 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives him the above information on enemy patrol.

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- 0017 - Decco to Lt. Stephens: About that enemy patrol, 4 or 5 man patrol went up tracks and turned east. They didn't go near any of our outposts so they must know the ground.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 1: That enemy patrol went up the tracks a bit, and then turned east so they probably won't bother you.
- 0026 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0107 - I&R to Lt. Stephens: Friendly artillery landing in Steinbach, and an enemy plane over from 2400 hours to 0030 hours.
- 0122 - Lt. Moore, White to Lt. Stephens: I am up at the E Co CP and quite a few planes going over. A couple of them came down and strafed fairly close. (Lt. Stephens) I will see if Division knows.
- 0125 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: There are several planes going over and a couple came down and strafed close to E Co. Do you know whose they are? (G-3) I called awhile ago about some and they were ours, but I haven't checked on these yet. I will see if I can find out.
- 0129 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: I called Corps G-2 and they said they have been receiving reports since 2000 hours of planes strafing all along the 5th Corps front but the bombers upstairs are our bombers. The others must be enemy.
- 0131 - Lt. Stephens to White: Relays the above message to them.
- 0200 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: One plane at 0145 hours strafed Faymonville; and M Co reported one plane strafing 3500 mills, 2500 yards out.
- 0202 - I&R to Lt. Stephens: At 0110 hours one plane strafing a little east of the OP; at 0120 hours an artillery flash at 118 degrees, 15 seconds flash to bang; at 0130 hours a light on the hill beyond Steinbach; at 0140 hours plane strafing the general area; at 0152 hours artillery flash 118 degrees, 9 seconds flash to bang.
- 0212 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0220 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co patrol returned. They found two strands of barbed wire fence west of 54, and a six strand barbed wire fence near the letter "B" in Badarr. The town was quiet.
- 0300 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: L Co reports some enemy moving in toward their OP. Enemy moving in toward their OP. Enemy around 41, and B Co is firing on them.
- 0305 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: Planes overhead flares to our front.
- 0315 - I&R to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0245 hours scattered small arms fire in direction of Faymonville; 0300 hours plane overhead.

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- 0316 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co outpost at 56 engaged in a fire fight, there are three machine guns involved but don't know how much enemy. Cannon Co is firing on them. A Co listening post got hit at about the same time and withdrew. 7th Field is firing on them now.
- 0319 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the above report.
- 0335 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Anything new on the outposts? (Lt. Kestlinger) Nothing as yet. (G-3) 23rd Inf reports all quiet.
- 0350 - I&R to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0330 hours small arms fire in direction of Faymonville; at 0340 hours heard vehicular movement in direction of Thirimont moving north.
- 0400 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: There is a lot of activity south of us, lots of flares.
- 0412 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: After Cannon Co fired on 56 things quieted down a bit. No reports of small arms, we had one man hit. Capt. Kolb estimated it was a 40 man patrol. The enemy is still lurking about out there. If anything develops I will call you.
- 0416 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue: Did Co I give you an estimate of how many men were in that enemy patrol? (Blue) About 10 men.
- 0431 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) 3rd Bn, 18th reported tank and vehicular movement at 1500 yards. 3rd Bn AT Also report vehicular movement at 180 degrees 800 yards. A rain check on 23rd Inf, they will jump as a whole.
- 0503 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: The situation in front of Co A quieted down somewhat. Capt. Winters is working a few men out there. We have fired artillery out there, but the results are unknown.
- 0506 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0509 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: One plane strafing out in front in Jerry territory.
- 0605 - White to Lt. Kestlinger: Lines out to two companies and Freeport OP, the other two companies reported negative.
- 0606 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? (Lt. Kestlinger) Gives him the dope on the outposts being hit by patrols, also the dope on our patrols. (G-2) The 26th took a PW in front of their 2nd Bn, he was from the 4th Co, 593rd Engineer Bridge Building Bn. He left Reuth on 12 Jan to visit his people in Butgenbach. Claims his outfit had been on the Russian front, claimed his unit is going to Trier. The 18th A/B Corps reports half of Thirimont is in our hands. The bridge at Ligneuville is OK.
- 0615 - S-3 to Blue 6: How is it going? (Blue 6) L and I Cos just jumped off.