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- 0620 - S-3 to G-3: They just jumped off. (G-3) How did you make out with the enemy patrols? (S-3) We chased them all off.
- 0640 - G-2 to S-3: What is going on? (S-3) They jumped off at 0615 hours. (G-2) Anything else? (S-3) Nothing since the patrols hit our outposts.
- 0645 - Red 5 to S-3: A Co jumped off at 0615 hours and are moving without opposition; B Co as soon as they left 56 were fired on. This is all I have and I got that by radio. Our lines are out.
- 0648 - S-3 to Blue 3: Gives him the dope on the 1st Bn. (Blue 3) I Co ran into a fire fight; and L Co has not run into anything yet.
- 0649 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the above reports from 1st Bn and 3rd Bn on progress.
- 0652 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2: Gives him the reports of the progress made up to this time.
- 0718 - G-2 to White: What is going on? (White) Nothing here. From the OP everything seems to be going OK. 1st Bn was just getting a little artillery.
- 0723 - S-3 to Decoy 3: How is your situation coming? (Decoy 3) We jumped off on time, no details and no contact.
- 0725 - S-3 to Red 5: Have your tanks started yet? (Red 5) Not yet. The last report from A Co they had not reached 54. Just a mumble something is coming in on the radio. They want me to start the tanks now.
- 0730 - S-3 to G-3: Our tanks are starting to move now. Both companies report progress, but going is slow. (G-3) 120th Inf received a counter-attack about the same time you jumped off; about a battalion of Infantry and some tanks.
- 0740 - S-3 to Blue 3: 1st Bn just called for their tanks. 23rd Inf jumped off on the right. 18th jumped off on time. (Blue 3) I think I Co is on the objective. L Co isn't yet. They did not call for the tanks yet. I Co had 3 litter cases already. Their left platoon is on the objective, that is south of the road.
- 0740 - S-2 to G-2: G Co, 23rd jumped off at 0630 hours and went to Steinbach meeting no resistance. A little artillery coming in on our 1st Bn area. (G-2) 18th jumped off at 0710 hours, no report of progress yet. The 120th had counterattack at 0605 hours, believed a battalion of infantry they came from the east. Tied down so much artillery they had to let up so as to see what was going on.
- 0745 - Red 5 To S-3: B Co is at 55. Don't know what the situation is with A Co. The 300 radio set is the only thing that is working. Will let you know as soon as we find out. (S-3) Has A Co reported any trouble? (Red 5) No they didn't.

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- 0746 - G-3 to S-3: As of 0740 hours 1st Bn 23rd Inf is at 855020, north edge of objective "Y". They are in a fire fight.
- 0749 - S-3 to Brown: Are you doing any firing? (Brown) Not yet. They haven't called for any fire yet. (S-3) B Co is at 55, A Co is at 54. 23rd Inf is in a fire fight 200 yards northeast of 70. I Co has one platoon on objective. Let me know when you get something.
- 0750 - S-3 to G-3: 3rd Bn reports I Co has one platoon in position, and the rest of the company is fighting for the houses at 882028. I Co is fighting for houses at 873025, they have two of them so far.
- 0753 - Decco 3 to S-3: What is the dope over there? (S-3) A Co is at 862022, B Co at 866024, L Co at 876026, I Co at 883028. 1st Bn 23rd is in a fire fight at 855020, at the road junction there.
- 0755 - Red 5 to S-3: A Co made contact north of town at 0730 hours and are in a fire fight. B Co reached the north edge of town around 55, also in a fire fight which is increasing. Cannon Co and 7th Field are firing a box barrage starting from the south edge of town. Getting some cross fire from Steinbach. (S-3) 1st Bn 23rd Inf is at 856020 in fire fight moving south. (Red 5) Our tanks are still moving up. (S-3) I Co is at 883028, L Co is at 876026.
- 0755 - Blue 3 to S-3: I Co has one platoon in position, the rest of the company is working on houses and believed to have two of the houses. L Co is working on the house on the road, they have two houses. They are getting some mortar and machine gun fire. They should have it cleared up in about an hour.
- 0808 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the reports from the 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 0830 - Red 2 to S-2: A Co is north of Faymonville in a fire fight. B Co is on the north edge of town. Enemy machine gun firing from 864017, also getting a little artillery. NO Pws so far..
- 0830 - S-6 to Red 6: How are things going? (Red 6) Not too good, and not too bad. Heavy fire fight with A Co on the western edge of Faymonville. We are trying to get tanks up there.
- 0831 - S-6 to Blue 2: What have you got? (Blue 2) The right platoon of I Co is on the road at 57 meeting small arms fire and light opposition.
- 0832 - S-2 to G-2: 2nd Bn of 23rd is to jump off as soon as Steinbach is clear. (G-2) C Co of 23rd is 200 yards northwest of town, getting no mortar or artillery fire. Machine gun fire coming from the nose northeast of town.
- 0840 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: Here is the latest; our A Co at 862022, B Co 866024, L Co 876026, I Co 883028, 1st Bn 23rd in fire fight at 855020. Our companies are all in fire fights. 1st Bn tanks are on the way up now.

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- 0845 - S-3 to G-3: Fight going, receiving a lot of machine gun and tank fire around town, 3rd Bn made progress. I Co doing well at 873025. I Co is getting stiffer resistance from the buildings. A lot of small arms and mortar fire coming from the buildings. Our tanks are moving up now. Don't know if they had any trouble getting through the minefields or not.
- 0850 - Red 6 to S-6: The lead tank knocked out by a mine on the road between 53 and 54. They are going to try and pull the tank out and send the rest through the gap. Lots of fire in Faymonville, enemy and friendly. The first tank got through and is in town the second tank was the one which blew up.
- 0850 - White 3 to S-3: All mines are not out yet on the road that runs from 52 to 68. Informed 2nd Bn 23rd About it. (S-3) 3rd Bn reports 57 is under control. I Co is still in a fight. They have one tank in the town, but the second tank hit a mine. They are going to push it aside and try and get the others into the town too.
- 0900 - G-2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) Not much change. There is lots of small arms fire in town, both friendly and enemy. We got the first tank in the town, but the second tank hit a mine. I Co is at 874025 and have the situation under control, I Co at 881028 is still in a fire fight. (G-2) F Co 23rd jumped off and are getting a little mortar and artillery fire.
- 0905 - Red 5 to S-3: Here is the latest - A Co pinned down, a man can't raise his head even, on the west edge of the town around 54. B Co is still moving slowly in vicinity of 55. One tank got in, and the second one hit a mine and is holding up the rest of the tank and TDs. I don't know where the tank is that hit the mine.
- 0910 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the latest reports from the battalions. (G-3) The 18th is a little south of your I Co, by the railroad track, but don't know what they are running into.
- 0920 - S-2 to White 3: How are things going? (White 3) E Co is getting some artillery. G Co 23rd in and around Steinbach, in fact still in G Co's old front line. 120th is still west of 83.
- 0925 - Decoy 3 to S-3: What is the situation over there? (S-3) Gives him the reports for the last hour. (Decoy 3) Here is our situation - I Co at 891026, held up by machine gun fire from woods, due south of them, and also from your woods. I Co is down to 902019 and are moving slowly, getting fire from the draw at 896023 and the woods at 900018 and 910017, on three sides. We committed two squads of K Co in vicinity of 896029 to relieve the pressure on I Co. When you go down into the woods it will help them. Things going slow with L Co. I Co is stopped. Getting some tank fire from the other side of Faymonville but no damage yet.

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- 0932 - S-3 to Blue 6: Is K Co committed yet? (Blue 6) They are taking off in 10 minutes. The house northeast of 59 is not eliminated yet. I Co is down around 57. (S-3) Middleworth says their I Co short of 60, fire coming from woods to their front and from the edge of your woods. Let me know when K Co starts for the woods.
- 0945 - Lt. Stephens to S-3: How are we doing? (S-3) Not too hot. (Lt. Stephens) These people lost two TDs going into Steinbach. They took 3 PWS. Enemy fighting from house to house. They are sending a platoon of tanks down. G Co is going from Hill 559 down to take the cross road at 048018. (S-3) 18th Inf as follows - I Co 891026, K Co 897028, L Co 902019.
- 0950 - G-3 to S-3: 18th Corps reports enemy cleared from the ridge at P-7195, 7496, 7597, 7599, and the town at 7395. Artillery fire and enemy resistance generally light, except in Ligneuville. Enemy counterattack three times last night in the Thirimont area but gained no ground. No identifications on the counterattacks. PW said they were made by 5th, 8th and 9th Parachute Regts, no SS troops involved. Our troops crossed river at Ligneuville. Took PWS from 1st Bn, 293rd Regt, and 10th Co, 8th Parachute Regt. 7th Corps reports our forces reached T-54735. Fighting continues at P-558738. Our forces have taken P-565758 and reached P-601764 and 638759, fighting continues at 664775, took town at 667778. Reached line at 690820, 700852. Artillery moderate, numerous mines encountered. 30th British Corps reports they took PWS from 202nd PGR and 77th Inf Regt. Met stiff resistance in P-5070 area. 2nd Armored Div reports our forces took town at P-5864 but met stiff resistance. Enemy counterattacked in company strength in vicinity of P-6083 at 1215 hours. Very light resistance in P-5169, 5267, 5068 area. 11th PGR identified in vicinity of P-5864.
- 0955 - Lt. Stephens to S-2: These people got 3 PWS from 7th Co, 9th Regt. 7th Co has 70 men. One PW said 5th, 6th, and 8th Cos in Faymonville, supposed company strengths to be the same as the 7th Co. Those 2 TDs that were knocked out, one was by AT fire and the other by a mine. There is a lot of mortar fire in this area.
- 1000 - S-2 to Red 6: Gives him the dope on the PWS taken by the 23rd Inf. (Red 6) We had one tank knocked out by mines, the other got through but we don't know where it is. A Co is taking quite a bit. They are down at the edge of town, getting machine gun fire. B Co is doing OK.
- 1005 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the report on the PWS taken by 23rd Inf, and the locations of our companies as of this hour.
- 1005 - Blue 2 to S-3: I Co is on their objective digging in, TDs are also there. One platoon of L Co is at 57, two other platoons held up in vicinity of 42 getting rifle and machine gun fire. Capt. Richmond is getting in touch with I Co to cook something up. No PWS as yet. Mortar fire in our jump off woods, some M Co men in there. K Co and tanks on way hopped off from down in I Co area.

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- 1007 - G-3 to S-3: Can your 4.2 mortars lay on for 18th? (S-3) Yes, where? (G-3) To the left of L Co. Call Middleworth on it.
- 1010 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Do you want smoke from us? (Decoy 3) Yes. (S-3) Where? (Decoy 3) I don't know yet, I asked the battalion for it. How do I control the fire. (S-3) Through our 3rd Bn to Lobster Charlie. (Decoy 3) Will you notify them I will call for fire missions from time to time. (S-3) Yes, our K Co is on the way to the woods.
- 1012 - Blue 2 to S-2: We have three PWs, one from 11th Co, 5th Regt, and two were replacements who came in yesterday. We are sending down for an enemy officer, he is wounded, will evacuate through the Regimental Aid Station. The story is that he was shot by his own men, when he wanted to give up. They were taken by I Co at 59. There are more coming in, but I don't know how many. 59 is still in process, on position and digging in. 2 enemy were killed at 41 this morning. So far we have had 12 to 15 wounded and 2 killed.
- 1015 - S-3 to 86th Cml: 18th will call for smoke mission from you, cooperate with them to the fullest extent.
- 1018 - Red 6 to S-6: A Co is fairly well disorganized. I am moving them around to attack town from the north. B Co is having some success in town. I figure to Move C Co to B Co's left.
- 1020 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the report from Blue 2 on the PWs taken by them.
- 1025 - S-2 to Lt. Stephens: Gives him the PW information as reported by 3rd Bn, also reviews the companies positions.
- 1040 - G-6 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) Things are not going too good. Two battalions are now committed. A lot of our artillery is going into Faymonville. The enemy has one battalion in town and another around the fringes and the roads are mined. The estimated strength of the two enemy battalions is 1000. A Co is disorganized; B Co is on the edge of town; G Co is going in on the left of B Co; K Co is going to the wooded area left flank of 3rd Bn. I Co is along the road and can support K Co. Tied in on the right with friendly people. 4.2s ineffective, too slow, their effectiveness is an amount of fire in short period of time, this is not possible now. 4.2s firing for 18th now. If the 3rd Bn can shake loose the place can be flanked. If the attack had been made three days ago results would have been better. (G-6) I will try again to have some GHFSR put on the town.
- 1045 - Lt. Stephens to S-2: Here is more information from the PW previously reported. Bn CP of 2nd Bn in church at Faymonville. Two companies in Faymonville, one in fox holes along the road from Faymonville to Steinbach. German and American mortars are in draw behind the nose of hill south of Steinbach. One PW indicated the strength of the companies at 30.
- 1045 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the latest information of the situation.

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- 1048 - Blue 2 to S-3: Any more dope on the town yet? (S-3) Not yet. (Blue 2) We are still having trouble south of 42, the tank with K Co reports no trouble as yet.
- 1050 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the PW information received from Lt. Stephens.
- 1057 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-2: From our B Co draw a line to I Co, 18th, L Co is 1200 yards east on the same line, K Co is in between and slightly left. (S-2) Gives him the latest PW information.
- 1100 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the latest PW information. (Red 2) The lost tank is with B Co. Our tanks are not moving yet. No great change in situation still in north part of town. B Co is 200 yards southeast of 55 have the houses in their sector cleared, some B Co men are down to the railroad, not hurting too bad.
- 1101 - Brown to S-3: We had a call from K Co and they say I Co is on objective, one platoon on objective and the other platoons pinned down at 59 and 57 by small arms fire and occasional artillery fire.
- 1110 - Lt. Stephens to S-3: Enemy 9th Regt CP is in town of Schoppen near the church.
- 1110 - S-2 to Blue 3: What is new? (Blue 3) K Co is in progress on the edge of the woods, and it will be a sticky mess, I don't expect results in the woods for at least two hours. I Co is trying to swing one platoon around to flank that stuff, running into a lot of machine gun fire, they are holding their fire and then cutting loose. We are sending in about 15 PWs. 59 is all cleaned up and our troops are digging in.
- 1112 - Red 6 to S-6: That one tank is with B Co. TDs are going with A Co. The tanks should be ready soon. A Co is getting reorganized, still have people in those two houses, they are trying to come along the tracks and in from the north. The enemy is not giving up easy. We are mortaring them heavy. C Co is on the way down, going to put them in there too.
- 1120 - G-2 to S-2: Do you have any air targets? (S-2) The house next to the church in Schoppen, which is enemy regimental CP. This afternoon we will have about one squad every hour. We are going to put air recon on the draw south of the town and the main road between Butingen and Ondinval.
- 1120 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div reports G Co, 119th at 773981; F Co at 771992; 3rd Bn 120th having a tough fight at objective. G and A Cos of 117th clear out of the woods north of river in vicinity of 780005. 75th has a battalion across the river at the town of (2) 2nd Armored jumped off at 0900 hours.
- 1130 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the latest reports of progress. (G-3) 155 S/P guns will be available to you at 1430 hours.

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- 1135 - Decoy 6 to S-6: We are having heavy casualties, the company in the draw will be able to stay awhile, but the company on the left will have to withdraw some. (S-6) We have two battalions completely committed. K Co is in the woods now, should clear it up. (Decoy 6) We will try and take off as much pressure off your left as we can. (S-6) It will be slow. I will let you know the developments.
- 1135 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Gives him our present situation. (Decoy 3) The pressure is increasing on L Co coming from 910018. I Co at 891024, some fire still coming from the woods.
- 1140 - White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports visibility poor. Enemy around house at 874026.
- 1155 - G-2 to S-2: G Co 23rd Inf got down to 68. They have some people in houses there. L Co 18th is pulling back a little to 904020. Getting a lot of stuff thrown at them. (S-2) One Jerry officer picked up by L Co. (G-2) Is L Co across that road yet? (S-2) No, they are having a little trouble at 868023. (G-2) G Co, 23rd is north of road. (S-2) The right flank of B Co is on the railroad tracks. One AT gun southeast at 863021. 23 PWs and one officer so far. (G-2) 18th isn't galloping anywhere but seem to be doing OK.
- 1200 - S-3 to Red 6: How are things going? (Red 6) They are definitely in the houses. We have to get B Co cracking. We have about 16 litter cases in A Co and about the same in B Co. The houses are spaced and Jerry gets all around fire and our boys are taking a beating to get the houses. (S-3) The people on the right have 68.
- 1220 - S-3 to Brown: We will have 155s this afternoon and I want Capt. Golden to set them up to fire on Faymonville.
- 1220 - Red 6 to S-6: Quite a few casualties. Estimated 15 in B Co, and about 16 in A Co. All but 4 of the houses north of the railroad are cleared. We have 3 houses south of the railroad. There are 26 PWs coming back.
- 1222 - S-3 to G-3: The situation in Faymonville is clearing, but is still tough. So far we have about 20 PWs. K Co has one platoon half way through the woods. We will have to check on mines after this because they are blowing up. We were fortunate and got all ours out.
- 1225 - S-2 to G-2: 1st Bn has all but 4 houses north of the railroad track, and we hold 3 houses south of the railroad. We have 26 PWs coming back.
- 1230 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: G Co, 119th at 772978, and a company of the 119th at 793978 and around the town.
- 1237 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co has 20 PWs and A Co has 6 PWs.
- 1240 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: Point 71 is pretty well organized, plenty of people on it. I don't think we can take Steinbach without doing something about 71. We would like to fire on it as we are getting quite a bit of fire from it, but it is in the 23rd sector. (Capt. Clark) I will check on it.

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- 1240 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 30th Div has Thirimont clear. They are fighting in Pont and Franchenville.
- 1242 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are sending back 9 PWs from 6th Co and 10 wounded PWs.
- 1244 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I Co is at 59.
- 1244 - Capt. Clark to 23rd Inf: Our 2nd Bn is receiving quite a bit of fire from 71 and we would like to fire on it with your permission. (23rd) OK, and we will let you know when to lift it.
- 1247 - Capt. Clark to White 3: It is OK to fire on 71 and they will let us know when to lift it.
- 1248 - Red 5 to S-3: B Co has all but 4 houses north of the railroad. The TDs and M-ls are up with the boys now.
- 1255 - PWI to S-2: Have 15 PW's and 1 officer from the 14th Co 5th Regt. 1 PW from the Signal Platoon Hqs 5th Parachute Regt, 3 from the 6th Co 5th Parachute Regt, 1 from Hq 2nd Bn 5th Para Regt, 2 from the 13th Co, 2 from the 9th Btry 3rd Regt, 1 from the Hq Btry 3rd Arty Regt, and 1 from the 2nd Co 3rd AT Bn.
- 1300 - S-2 to G-2: Tells him of PW report on identification of PW's captured.
- 1305 - S-2 to Blue 2: Is Decoy sweeping left of the woods or is "K" Co doing that? (Blue) We are taking care of all of that. We had a report that "K" Co had a platoon through the woods, and that "L" Co is still having trouble. (S-2) Gives Blue PWI report of 1255 hours. (Blue) We have 8 PW's from the 6th Co and 1 from the 2nd Co 3rd AT Bn.
- 1306 - G-3 to S-3: Are the woods clear? (S-3) No, not yet. The TDs are with "A" Co, tanks are with "B" Co. B Co has all but 4 houses north of the railroad. C Co is going in between A and B. I am getting the 155s set to fire direct fire into Faymonville.
- 1310 - G-2 to S-2: How about PW's? (S-2) I Co got 26 PWs, K Co got 19 PWs, 8 were from the 6th Co of the 5th Parachute Regt, and 1 was from the 1st Co 3rd AT Bn. 10 of K Co PW's are wounded. (G-2) How is Faymonville? (S-2) Not much change. B Co has all but 4 houses north of the railroad.
- 1315 - Red 3 to S-3: Capt. Kolb is getting heavy fire from the 4 houses, he is putting Mediums on it. A Co has 1 more house, that gives them 4 so far. C Co is close, forward of Point 56 and is going down the slot. A Co is in same position.
- 1320 - S-3 to Decoy 3: All but 3 or 4 houses cleared now. K Co is clearing woods west of the railroad. I Co has 27 PWs, K Co has 19, B Co got 20, A Co got 6, and 23rd Inf got 6. What is happening over there? (Decoy) We pulled L Co back about 500 yards. They got shot up by mortar and artillery fire. I Co is holding Okay where they are. K Co is still at the same place.



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- 1324 - Col. Waters to Col. Gibb: Will you need the 155s after 4 o'clock? (S-6) I'll need them in the morning. (Col. Waters) Okay I think that I have a couple available.
- 1325 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: Gives our present situation.
- 1327 - S-2 to PWI: We have 9 more PWs on the way down. (PWI) We have them already.
- 1330 - White 6 to S-6: The high ground around point 71 is bothering these people on our right also is bothering our 1st Bn. We cleared through the 1st Bn of the 23rd and are going to fire observed fire on it. They'll be able to call it off any time they want to. We will have the 7th FA do the firing. (S-6) Gives the big picture. (White 6) I plan on feeding hot chow.
- 1335 - Blue 6 to S-3: We are in the woods (second) past the railroad. How about our left? We have got to get support from there. (S-3) I'll get on it right away.
- 1336 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Gives above message from Col. Horner. (Decoy) We are going to put on a joint show with Horner and see what we can do.
- 1337 - PWI to S-2: 150mm guns located in the vicinity of 877979. Guns are from the 9th Btry 3rd Parachute Arty Regt which has 2 light Bns and 1 heavy Bn. There are 4 guns to a Btry and 3 Btrys to a Bn. PWs were told yesterday that the Americans would attack today. They were told to hold at all costs. Bn train is at Iveldingen and the Bn CP is at Eibertingen.
- 1350 - S-3 to G-3: K Co is passed railroad and has cleared the eastern third of the woods. They killed a bunch of krauts that ran out of the back of the woods towards Schoppen. Tank situation is not so good, 2 tanks lost their tracks in an enemy minefield, 2 are stuck in the snow, that only leaves one left. All the tanks are recoverable. I Co is tied in with I Co on the left and comes down to the road junction at 873025 to the left flank of B-. A Co now has 4 houses, B Co is working on the 4 houses that are left with the tank that is left.
- 1400 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: Div Arty reports K Co all the way thru the woods, they have 10 wounded PWs with them. The 120th Infantry is on the high ground at "G". The 119th Infantry is on objective "J" and "H". The 117th Infantry is on "K" and is going on to "M". 30th Div reports that G/119th is at 772978, K/117th is at 809978, I/117th is at 815979, I/117th is at 800978.
- 1402 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives him information on PWs of 9th Btry 3rd Parachute Arty Regt. (Blue) 31 PWs are on the way back from "K" Co. Spot check shows that they are from the 6th Co.
- 1405 - S-2 to G-2: K Co is sending back 31 PWs. Spot check shows that they are from the 6th Co. PWs taken by the 23rd Infantry are from the 14th, 10th, and 12th Cos of the 9th Parachute Regt.

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- 1420 - Red 2 to S-2: Have 7 PWS, 1 from the 1st Co 8th Regt, and 5 from the 6th Co 9th Regt. Faymonville is their boundary. The 8th on the eastern part and the 9th on the western part. There are mines north of point 54, our people moved them out. They have AT gun, but PWS don't know where they are now. Other PW was a Major that was attached to the 9th Regt, to construct defenses. Maps that were taken from a S/Sgt from the 9th Regt are pretty good. The Major's name is Bruckner. CO of the 3rd Bn 9th Regt is Major Staudent. 1st Lt, Kluter is CO of the 6th Co which only has 2 platoons to the company. 1 platoon has 2 MPs, and there is only 50 men in the company. 1st Co of the 8th Regt has 150 men.
- 1423 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 2nd Bn of 120th is going on trucks to detrucking area; from there they are going to "L". The town of Thirimont is being worked on. K and L of the 120th is clearing up the southern tip, and I Co of the 120th is mopping up the eastern tip. 1st Bn of the 119th has cleared objective "J", after a good fight. They got 27 PWS. G/119th will continue on down to "J". I/120th is consolidating on top of "G", G/119th is on the southern tip of "H", E/119th will pass thru and go to "I".
- 1429 - S-2 to G-2: Gives latest PW report.
- 1432 - S-2 to White 3: Gives latest PW report and also gives him a bove information from Lt. Lynch of 1423 hours.
- 1435 - S-6 to Brown CP: Capt. Golden is on his way down with A captain from the 155s S/P's. When he gets there have him take two 105's and put them into a position to fire direct fire into the town until the 155 S/Ps arrive.
- 1445 - Decoy 2 to S-3: Our I Co is making an attack at 1830 hours on the woods, south-east of your eastern most position, (891023). I was thinking that you might help us by firing on any targets that you may observe. (S-3) We sure will. (Decoy) Don't fire after 1830 hours.
- 1446 - S-3 to Blue 3: Decoy is going to attack woods at 891023 at 1830 hours, you can help them along by firing on any targets that you can observe. Don't do any firing out there after 1830 hours.
- 1447 - G-3 to S-3: What is new? (S-3) People from the 155s were down here, said they did not think that they could move inbefore dark. "G" Co is moving into town. K Co got 31 PWS which makes a total of 50, that they got out of the woods. We got about 84 PWS so far. Got an intercept over the radio saying that all the houses north of the railroad are clear.
- 1451 - G-3 to S-3: The bridge south of your CP will be out from now until 2000 yours. The Engineers are going to do some work on it. The MPs are laid on and will take care of all the traffic.
- 1455 - PWI to S-2: PW from 1st Bn, Hq Co 8th Regt is from the wire section. His Bn is in Faymonville. En CP is at 868018, 1st Co in position at 867024. PW thinks that 3 companies are there. Each company has 100 men. He also says that the railroad is the line between the 8th and the 9th Regt. The 6th Co right flank is at 863022, left is at 864018. The 2nd Platoon of the 6th Co is on the north side of the road.

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- 1500 - Radio Intercept, I Co is trying to get permission from "L" to use baby carriages on houses to clear them out. Were given permission, but were told to watch out for "L" Co's people.
- 1502 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him PW report of 1455 hours. (G-2) This morning all of Thirimont was cleared, they are now working on Hill 551.
- 1503 - PWI to S-2: 12 PWs from 6th Co, 5th Regt., 2 from Hqs Co, 14th Co, 5th Regt., 3 from 8 Co, 5th Regt, 4 from 2nd Co, 3rd AT Bn., 1 from 7th Co, 5th Regt, all PWs taken by Blue. AT people come from sq of ten men armed with bazookas and attached to 14th Co.
- 1510 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Hall: Steinbach is all clear.
- 1515 - S-3 to Red 5: Bridge across the lake by the CP here, is going to be out until 2000 hours. There are MPs laid on that will reroute any one coming across.
- 1516 - S-3 gives above information to White and Blue 5's.
- 1517 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O., reports: Blue of 117 moving down to an objective called "Mac", on a road south of Lingenville, running NW to SE. Mission to cut that road. "H" objective is taken.
- 1520 - Capt. Richmond to Maj. Smith: Booth stuck way out in front, he hasn't got enough strength to knock out those houses. The house and the area around it is covered by MG fire. House from Point 57-59 is being cleared up by "L".
- 1530 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O.: 26th Div reached general line P-7051 to R 6952, to 6853. The 101st has elements at 6752 and 6753. The 328th at 6553 and 6554. The 90th Div is in area 6455 and 6355, 6357. The 6th Armored Div at 6257 and 6158. CGB at 6158 and 6159 and M 6059 inclusive to 5961. Monarch, has contacted, firm, with 30th British. 11th Armored captured P 5763 and C 5764 and N 5864. CCA and CCR on line 5565 to 5366. 101st A/B on line 5961 and 6062. 194th Regt captured B 5266. Remainder Div reached line of river 5270 to 4767. 7th Army, knocked off 14 tanks. 8th Army reports 11th Armored Div CCB withdrew to outskirts of town at P 5864. Fight for town continues. 506th Regt has Ens at 5804, 5664, and 5663. The 327th is at 6062, 6063 and 5963.
- 1530 - Major Anderson, 23rd Inf to Clerk: That hill that was your objective, are you firing arty on it? We are going after you have stopped the arty. Let me know when you have. Ans: Fire will be stopped up to the boundary.
- 1533 - Major Smith to Major Anderson, 23rd Inf/ Fire is stopped.

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- 1550 - PWT to Capt. Hall: One PW from 7th Co, 5th Para Regt, which company he says does not exist any more. He was a part of assault platoon attached to the Bn Hq Co. The CP is in a house 891000, mortars in woods 891021. 5th Co is on extreme right, with CP in in the house in the woods. Co, CP 889023. The reg't CP is now in Moderscheids, he thinks in the school house. Says he heard rumor of his 3rd Bn being encircled by us. Mines are in front of the MR. PW from 2nd Co, 3rd AT Bn, captured in woods near RR. Says his outfit has only one 75mm gun from AT Bn of 2nd Co at 89180025. Co CP of 3rd Bn is at 89470010. He saw arty position in vicinity of 898001. Rest of 2nd Company at Schoppen. 6 guns were lost in the Duren area, only the one 75mm left. Strength, 50 to 60 men left. Armed with rifles and MG's.
- 1555 - S-2 to Red 2: Red 2 reports "C" is at Point 55. "A" is unable to do anything. B has all but one of the houses North of the RR track. B is starting PWs back now. S-2 gives PW info, previously listed.
- 1557 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives detailed PW report as listed in item of 1550 hours this journal. Blue 2: People across tracks are having trouble with house. L having trouble in same area. Casualties 37 evacuated without counting L, no info on them. No report on KIA's. Getting some arty, tank and mortar fire. Contact with Decoy by phone. Woods north of tracks are all clear. Can see no indications of enemy build-up out front, visibility is limited.
- 1600 - Lt. Lynch Div L.O.: Custom PW identifications: 293 VG, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 1-2-3-4-15 and 14 companies. 294th VG, companies 2-3-6 and 11. 87th Nebelwerfer, 5th Para Regt, companies 9, 11, 12 and 18th. Hq 1st Bn, 1818th Arty.
- 1602 - Major Lord to Captain Clark: Situation given by Capt. Clark.
- 1603 - Major Smith notifies Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co, that 23rd is jumping off for 74 and not to fire there.
- 1610 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to S-2: Total PWs 155 now. Inspire has 63, you have 92. S-2: Our liaison officer says 3rd Bn of 5th Regt, identified. Aids: Yes, 9-11 and 12th Companies at the AT Co, over in the Lingenville area. In the Thrimont area the 4th and 12th companies of 8th Regt, identified. S-2 gives detailed PW report as of 1550 hours, this Journal. S-2 gives present disposition of our companies as listed in previous items. G-2 asks if armor can be moved down the roads. S-2 says we have moved our own - some question as to whose mines, friendly or enemy knocked them out. One case was definitely enemy. A total of 3 have been knocked out.
- 1625 - Capt. Smith to Major Smith, S-3: John is getting some small arms fire, by passing a little stuff. Stan having trouble with his right flank. Frank cleared enemy of house, the house on left still has enemy in it. S-3 gives situation as of this hour.

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- 1628 - PWI to Capt. Hall: Prisoners from the 8th company, 5th Para Regt, were taken at 883020. 2 mortars, 80mm were knocked out there. 2 left in woods at 8902. Prisoners belong to mortar platoon. 2 machine guns with squad of 8 men attached. At 889023 are 20 men of 1st platoon, 14th company. The 5th company is further to the right. 888028 is mined, A/P mines; 6th company, 5th Para, estimated strength was given as 30 men and as 60 men. 8th Company has 40 to 50 men left. The Div received 300 men as reserves 3 days ago. 10 men sent to 6th company. Came from Leverkusen. 6th Company, 9th Regt, has 68 men strength. At 8801 is house believed to be En CP. 14th Co trains in house at 92139708. Prisoners picked up some GI clothes in Honsfeld.
- 1630 - Major Smith to Major Washington: How is "L" company situation? Ans: Still not straightened out yet. (S-3) B Company is getting fire from 58 and I wondered if you could move L forward. Ans: Not yet, but maybe we can get TDS on it.
- 1640 - Blue and Red lines are reported out.
- 1645 - S-3 to G-3: No important changes since I last called you.
- 1645 - Danger 2 to Clerk: 18th Corps: Our forces are advancing east of the Salm river, made no contact with enemy in the Salm-Chateau, P-6986 area. Our forces hold half of the town at K-8300, Thirimont. Received a counterattack of two infantry companies in this area at 0605 hours but it was contained by 0645 hours. Jayhawk: (7th Corps) - Secondary road running northwest from P-6575 to main road at P-6275 was jammed with vehicles this morning, indicating enemy attempting to withdraw in this area. Considerable enemy opposition met in P-6677 area. Our patrols found towns at P-7081 and P-7082 well fortified. 2nd British sector repelled local enemy attack vicinity of K-6676 yesterday. In the lucky area, our forces took towns at L-0402 and L-0403 and reached line 0102 and 0403 and 0502. 8th Corps had heavy opposition on their right front. Enemy pressure forced our troops to withdraw from town at P-5864 during the night. Master-plus 6: Southwest part of town at B-1733 cleared by our forces and 14 enemy tanks knocked out. Enemy counterattacked in Q-7938 area was repulsed and our forces advanced to Q-8238 and Q-7638. 1st French Army: Enemy holds small bridgehead in area V-9175. Strong enemy patrol entered Q-0198 last night but was forced to withdraw. Master, plus 8: Our patrols attempting to cross the Ruhr river before dawn were repulsed. 1st Canadian: Our forces attacked E-0949 night of 13 and 14 of January but were later forced to withdraw.
- 1715 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith, S-3: What are your plans now? Ans: Col. won't make any plans till after dark. Bns are cleaning up and trying to straighten things out. Assault guns fired on those houses where they said we couldn't take 155. 36 hits out of 60.
- 1725 - Msg G-4 to S-6: Ammo expenditure allocation for period 150600A to 190600A increased as follows: 81mm WP 300 rounds. Signed Andrus.

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- 1726 - I&R OP, Sgt Wheeler: 1500 hours, tracer fire seen going 200 yards NW of here. 1545 hours, 2 flashes were observed at Point 71, apparently rifle or MG fire. Increased friendly activity in the village of Steinbach, quite a bit of friendly troops along the road point 70 and south, walking around without taking cover. Friendly troops were observed bringing back 23 PWs out of Steinbach at 1600 hours. At 1620 hours, 3 more PWs were taken out of the town, 2 of which were in civilian clothes but wearing German helmets. At 1700 hours an increase of small arms fire, 700 yards SW of the OP. Visibility is and has been hazy. Ey is still shelling the general area.
- 1727 - Maj. Lauten, S-2 gives G-2 a detailed summary of enemy units and dispositions, from information gathered from interrogation of PWs for today. Maj. Lauten, as a point of interest, mentions that one of the enemy Bns that has been encountered is commanded by a 2nd Lt, an old paratrooper, although there is a captain and several over lieutenants in the outfit.
- 1735 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: Gives company locations by reference to photos. A Company is organizing and getting ready to move.
- 1740 - Maj. Smith to Danger 3: C Company is making some progress, now at 867018.
- 1745 - Capt. Clark to White Br: C Co is at 867019. B Co still at the RR tracks. A at 54. Ans: We found 2 of our 40mm AA guns at Point 50.
- 1750 - Capt. Clark gives same info as above to Blue 2. Blue 3: Our L will be at 57 soon. K is working on house now.
- 1756 - Capt. Hall asks Blue 2 for a estimate of the shell report. Blue 2: Rough estimate 600 to 800 rounds of mortar and about 200 rounds of 105mm.
- 1805 - Captain Oelze, G-2 to major Lauten: What is Blue En situation? Ans: I and L are doing OK and K expects to reach 877020 soon. S-2 says mortar was heavy today, artillery moderate.
- 1810 - Lt. Lynch to Clerk: 1 of the h24 at 735935, and patrols to town at 714938. 106th Div CP at 719610. 75th Div; 11291 - line 707914, 710918. 2nd of 291, 714926. 1st of 281, 714857. 2 of 289 in town 706866. Elements of 117 at 805977, 812976. 3rd of 334 has patrols to 5574 and report no enemy. CCA of Powerhouse at 579743 and stopped to fix bridge. CCX Powerhouse cleared town at 5974. 2nd of 329 and 2 of 331 are now attacking town at 7092.
- 1815 - Dagwood White to Clerk: Shell report for today; 60 rounds of 210 or 240. 200 rounds of 170. 300 rounds of 105. 200 rounds of 120 mortar. 400 rounds of 75 arty. 350 rounds of 81mm mortar. 125 rounds of 60mm mortar. 10 rounds of 150 mortar. No light arty or mortar since 1600 hours. Almost all of the heavy arty has landed since 1600 hrs. Report from 1600 hours yesterday to 1700 hours today.

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- 1835 - PWI to Capt. Hall: Prisoner from 6th Co, was a member of 40 replacements that arrived last night. He said his company was withdrawing in direction of Schoppen.
- 1838 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Ceeze: Gave info on the above prisoners and gave the estimated report from White and Blue Bns.
- 1858 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O.: K of the 117th at 810971. L-117 at 817977, I-117 802977. B and C of 119th are in center of objective "J". TF "W" leading elements at road junction at 673787. TF "B" have cleaned up 5174 and have armor at 574747. TF "A" is on side of bridge at 579743. The bridge is under repair. TF "X" at 5974. TFY at 605755.
- 1900 - Col. Horner to S-3: House on left of woods was taken. Think we got 6 live enemy from it. "L" Company on road going to push down to 58. "L" Co, CP at Point 57. "I" Co, CP at Point 59. "K" Co, CP on right corner of woods, 300 yards N of Railway. 3 tanks still down there near the railway, the ones that are stuck. The 18th jumped off to 1900 hours. We have 20 men in each platoon not counting the officers.
- 1910 - Maj. Middleworth to S-3: We just started an attack with "M" Co. (S\*3) The 3rd Bn got the woods and the railroad, wial outpost the railroad down to Faymonville.
- 1915 - Col. Gibb to Capt. Smith: (Red): What is your situation? Ans: Up to one half hour ago, "C" was still pushing forward. "B" Co, is still south of the railway tracks, up to the stream that goes E and W. "A" Co, has not started to push forward yet. (S-6) Did they get to 54? Ans: Yes, they are there. (S-6) Have Col. Ditscoll call me later.
- 1920 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck: Think that we will get the southern edge of Faymonville today. Intend to go for Schoppen tomorrow morning, but someone has to get the 18th moving and protect our left flank. Will send my 2nd Bn thru town to Schoppen; 1st Bnsouth to high ground; 3rd will move best way they can and go thru the town to high ground to W of Schoppen, but the 18th will have to get moving. (Col. Beck) I'll take care of it and see that someone gets on your left.
- 1920 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Botsford, G-2: "L" is down over the road and it is all clear north of the road, going to put outpost down to the RR. "K" has woods all clear. "C" south of RR at 867019.
- 1925 - I&R OP to Cpl. Belonga: 1845 hours, German small arms fire heard southeast of OP. Fire seen in Steinbrook, forest fire at 185 degrees. 1920 hours, flash 146 degrees, bang of 12 seconds.

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- 1930 - PWI to Capt. Hall, S-2: 3, 120mms in vicinity of 862985. They were  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilometers behind the OP. 1 man said there were 3 platoons, 3 to a platoon, varied from day to day. 35 to 50 coming in from red Bn. Capt. Celeze: We have word that "G" of 23rd is coming from the south and "F" from the north all but about 2 houses left to clear up Remenal. "G" commander says he has more PWs than men.
- 1937 - S-1 of White to S-3: Got a call from Inspire (23rd Inf) White, they were working on 68, have 30 PWs.
- 1945 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Horner, Blue 6: How does it look? (Ans) Not bad and not good. "K" has edge of woods, what's left of them. Engineers had to quit because of dark and couldn't see trip wires. "L" has all the house occupied. The enemy went down across the open ground toward Schoppen. Got about 92 PWs today. The 18th has postponed it until 1900 hours, (Col Gibb) It is imperative that we get point 58, as Driscoll is getting fire from there. Ans: I don't think there is anything there, it is coming from the high ground. Col. Gibb: As far as I know, we will continue basic plan. Col. Horner: We took a lot of casualties because of the 18th not doing what they were supposed to do. (Col. Gibb) I took that up with Division, things will be ironed out.
- 1950 - S-6 to White 6: Will continue our basic plan. Ed will reach line tonight, E and W thru 7h and clear road down to 75.
- 2000 - Capt. Trafus PWI to Capt. Hall: Man from 6th Co, says mines in front of MLR at 887026. Trains to Lissendorf. 40 replacements is a lot of "bull", about the total company is captured.
- 2010 - Maj. Lord to Capt. Hall: How's your Red Bndoing? S-2 gives latest information of 1st Bn and of "L" and "K" Companies.
- 2018 - S-3 to Cannon Co: What have you got laid on for tonight? Ans: 73 and 75 will be 200 or over. East 75, and trail NE 872015, due E 200 yards stream 877015 - 882026, point 77, 200 yards S of it. 888013 - 89. Edge of town and also in middle of it.
- 2020 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 to Capt. Hall: The PWs are on the way back now. About 30 to 50, we used them to carry litters and that is why they didn't get back. Lots of light arty and mortar. The companies are getting set for the night and they are half way thru the town, will let you know their locations later.
- 2040 - Valor 3 to S-3: We have some SP that are going to do some firing for you tomorrow. Would like to know what time you want us to be in position, and ready to fire. (S-3) Be ready to fire at 0800 hours. Maintain Liaison with our Cannon Co.
- 2040 - Col. Gibb to Capt. Smith: Do you know what the Colonel's plans are? Ans: Well, we are half way thru the town and they are organizing, he is going to stay until they get set. Quiet because of darkness and getting organized, I don't think it was because of opposition.



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- 2043 - Lt. Lynch reports: 30th Div: 2 of 119 has, company in northern half of objective "I" and 1 company just east of 1st Co and east of the objective.
- 2045 - G-3 to S-3: Got a pretty good outfit on the right of you. They got the hill SE of town. Are buttoning up for the night. You got a pretty good outfit yourself, tho. (S-3) Gives him our company dispositions. Our plan will be almost the same as we had in our original order. If someone moves up on our left, we shall attempt to take Schoppen. (G-3) K of the 18th is at 891021, will keep on moving down on your left. Should be able to see them in the morning. People on right will keep driving to final objective.
- 2045 - I&R OP to Clerk: 2004 hours flash 164 degrees, bang of 5/seconds. 2025 hours, 180 degrees and a bang of 6 seconds.
- 2047 - Above flash bang report given to 7th FA.
- 2113 - Lt. Lywellyn, MPs to Maj. Lauten: 58 more prisoners just came in so that makes a total of 131 for today minus the ones that went through medical channels.
- 2120 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Maj. Lauten, S-2: I just called to see what is doing? Ans: 1st Bn is about halfway through the town. Blue 2: At 884029 are anti-tank and anti-personnel mines and north of woods more trip mines.
- 2122 - Capt. Clark to Danger: How about that bridge? Ans: That will not be open until 2400 hours at the soonest and definitely by morning.
- 2123 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Edmonds: Gave info of above concerning the bridge.
- 2125 - S-3 to Capt. Booth, White CP: You will forget about road between 52 and 54, use the 1st Bn road. "F" co, with tanks and TDs move into forward positions in Faymonville before sun up. 1st Bn jumps at 0615 so make it 0645 when you move tanks and TDs. You will have to take 75. When 1st Bn is S of 74, you move on 75. Col. Grant: You realize that this will screw up our plan. (S-3) Yes, sir, but that is Colonel Gibbs order.
- 2135 - Maj. Smith to Blue (Capt. Richmond): Gives above plan. They you go ahead and take Schoppen. That probably will not be until tomorrow.
- 2135 - I&R OP to Clerk: At 2045 hours a white illuminating flare at 95 degrees from OP. At 2100 hours heavy concentration of artillery on far side of Steinbach.
- 2140 - PWI to Maj. Lauten: Here are identifications of 58 prisoners; 6 men from 11th Co, 5th Para Regt, 8 men, including 1 officer from 2nd Co, 8th Regt, 8 men from 1st Co, 8th Para Regt, 3 men from HQ, 1st Bn, 8th Regt, 5 men from 8th Co, 3 men from Hq, 2nd Bn, 8th Regt, 1 man from 15th Co, 5th Para Regt, 2 men from 2nd Btry, 3rd Arty Regt, 3 men from Hq 3rd Bn, 3rd Arty Regt, 1 officer, unidentified.

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- 2145 - Maj. Lauter to Danger 2: Gives the above report to Div. G-2: Inspire took 75 PWS plus 100 on the way.
- 2145 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith: When you get S of town and get 72 and 73, the 2nd Bn will go into action. They will have to use the same road as you. We had 1 tank dozer hit mines near Point 55.
- 2148 - Danger 2 to Clerk: 18th Corps: Their line is P-7186 - 7192 - 7798 - 8197. Hawk: P-5974 - 6176 - 6575 - 7082 - 6677. Two towns held by enemy at 6677 and 6777. 3rd Army: Reached line 6461 - 6162 - 5965. Have plenty of assistance with them. 7th Army: 20th Para Regt, 7th Para Div, identified at R-1733.
- 2150 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Lord: We jump at 0615 hours. Gives rest of plan as previously listed in this journal. Can you give me plan for Decoy? Ans: They will push when your 2nd Bn pushes.
- 2155 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Golden, Cannon Co: Gives plan for tomorrow. You will have two SP 155s with you at 0800 hours. I want to knock down Schoppen houses, house by house.
- 2200 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith: Want you to send officer from "F" Co, back. Capt. Smith: How about handler? Ans: Send him back too.
- 2215 - Capt. Tafus PWI to S-2: Two more PWS from Red from Hq. 2nd Bn, 9th Regt. The Arty PW says when he last saw his gun, they were at 882020. They were 105s, 2nd Btry. Trains of 3rd Bn at Stephenshof, 868996.
- 2222 - Maj. Smith to Inspire, 23rd Inf: What is your situation? Ans: Our left flank is at 863011.
- 2225 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: 23rd's left flank at 863011. At 0600 hours they go for high ground at 8586.
- 2226 - Same info as above given to White and Blue 3's, and Lobster, (86th Chem) Villain A and Jaount C.
- 2240 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Custom lost 5 company commanders out of 9 today. Hit by a lot of arty. Ran into plastic mines and teller mines. Lost 15 vehicles. White of custer back on hill and still fighting. One company started with 116 and ended with 26.
- 2245 - G-4 to Capt. Clark: Bridge is now open.
- 2246 - Capt. Clark gives above report to Red Bn.
- 2247 - I&R OP report: 1950 hours, large explosion vic, of 52. 2200 hours gun flash 180 degrees and 4 seconds flash bang. 2215 hours, 178 degrees and 8 seconds flash and bang. 2220 hours, 180 degrees, and 5 seconds flash and bang. (Capt. Clark relays above info to 7th FA).

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- 2300 - Lt. Lynch to Clark: "A" Company of 117 at 813983 defending to E. 3rd Bn 117 at 810968. 30th Took 120 PWs today. 2nd Armored TFX at 6173. TFX on high ground at 603733. TFB crossed bridge at 580731. TFA in town at 5775. 3rd Armored contacted 2nd Armored at 622748. 3rd Armored TFK at 633755, TFL at 660777.
- 2305 - PWI, Capt. Trafus to S-2: PWs from 2nd Co, 8th Regt, strength 40 men. 14th Co, 5th Regt, on left of 2nd Co, 8th Regt and 1 Co, 8th Regt on left of 2nd Co. PWs captured at 874026. 1st Co is near Faymonville estimated 40 men with 3 MGs. 4th Co in reserve, estimated 100 men. Had only 2 mortars and we captured those at 867021. Div Code Name is ADLER. 5th Regt - FALKE, 1st Bn HOSENTRAGER, 2nd Bn - TISCHLAMPE.
- 2306 - Blue Bn reports all quiet, L Company contacted B Company. Between 40 and 41 a tank and bulldozer have blown tracks on mines.
- 2323 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW report info of 2305 hours.
- 2340 - PWI to S-2: Four 150mm Arty in vicinity 917991. Ten days ago 10 150 Arty Hows were seen collected at church at Heppenbach and crew of guns said that a whole arty corps was in this neighborhood. (This is hearsay). Arty Corps usually has 12 Btry's. 15th Company, 5th Regt, is at present in town of Moderscheid at edge of woods at 900990. Trains for company in Heppenbach. Mortars at 89359988 belongs to 13th Co, of the 8th Para Regt. 15th Co, of 5th Regt has 150 men.
- 2345 - S-2 to G-2: Gives above PWI report.
- 2347 - Blue 2 to S-2: All quiet. Our patrols contact B Company North of point 74. "B" has outpost 4 houses North of 74. This is the report they gave "L" Co.
- 2355 - PWI report: 2nd Bn of 9th Para Regt consisted of 250 to 300 men as of 26 December Signal Platoon of Bn. Hq. consisting of 20 men were committed as infantry in Faymonville area today. Bn CO is Capt. Tiem, who was killed in action today. 8th Co of 9th Regt had three heavy machine guns left of which two were put out of action today. The 18 men belonging to this machine gun squad of the 8th Co were committed in the western exit of Faymonville by the railroad. The Bn CP of the 2nd Bn, 9th Regt was in house next to the church in Faymonville. 2nd Co of 8th Regt has 80 men instead of 40. 1st Bn of 8th Regt has 200 men left. On the road from Faymonville to Beim-antoncher there are Teller mines. The 4th Co, 8th Regt has 30 to 40 men instead of the 100 which were previously reported. 2nd Co has 66 to 70 men of which 33 are from 2 platoon of another company.

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- 0025 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: At 2345 hours movement observed east of our OP about 1000 yards out, sounds like our tanks moving up; at 0020 hours the same movement was heard.
- 0030 - PWI to Capt. Clark: According to one PW the 7th Battery and 8th Battery and possibly the 9th Battery of the 3rd Artillery Regt are located at 867997 and 869997 respectively. They are 150 howitzers. We have another PW from the Motorcycle Platoon of the 5th Parachute Regt which has no motorcycles but has 35 men. They left Schoppen this morning for the front, but the PW got lost and don't know where the rest of the men are.
- 0035 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above PWI report.
- 0106 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0110 - White 6 to Capt. Clark: I am a little worried about sending the company down to Faymonville at 0615 hours. Have Maj. Smith get in touch with me if he intends to attach F Co to 1st Bn.
- 0116 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: At 0110 hours flash seen at 180 degrees, flash to bang 5 seconds.
- 0130 - Capt. Clark to Delight 3: Gives him the above report.
- 0210 - Red to Capt. Clark: Things are pretty quiet. B Co has had 30 casualties and A Co 40 casualties. All but one have been evacuated.
- 0225 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: Observed a gun flash at 180 degrees, five seconds flash to bang.
- 0230 - Capt. Clark to Delight: Gives him the above report.
- 0320 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0400 - PWI to Lt. Stephens: One PW from 6th Co, 9th Regt, he had no further information that is new, except that he confirms statements of the other PWs relative to the 6th Co holding the road south from 863022 to 864019. PW has been attending 3 wounded in a basement of a house, this would account for 4 more from the 2nd platoon.
- 0403 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Anything new? (Lt. Stephens) Gives him the PW reports.
- 0430 - Lt. Stephens to White: How is everything? (White) Everything is quiet; a couple of lines to the companies are out. One or two shells landed the other side of town and probably clipped the lines.
- 0431 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0510 - White to Lt. Stephens: F Co moved into a forward assembly area, in vicinity of 55 on the north side of the tracks at 0505 hours.

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- 0512 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hours.
- 0620 - S-3 to Red 3: Have you jumped off yet? (Red 3) I was on the phone with Col Driscoll and he is trying to get them started, then the phone went dead.
- 0623 - G-3 to S-3: Air coming over today, keep your eyes open for air targets. I think the people on the right have jumped off. They had patrols to the town beginning with "H", and found nothing so they might close that today.
- 0625 - S-3 to White 5: How come your TDs and tanks moved up before 0645 hours? (White 5) If anything is to be said about it have Col. Gibb call me.
- 0703 - S-3 to Red 3: "hat time was it when the tanks took off? (Red 3) 0545 hours. B and C Cos moving very slowly.
- 0725 - I&R OP to S-3: At 0545 hours traffic observed south of OP and to the northeast.
- 0727 - Red 2 to S-2: The companies jumped off at 0700 hours this morning.
- 0745 - S-3 to Red 3: How is it going? (Red 3) Just going along, I don't think they are meeting too much, can't hear anything from here.
- 0746 - S-3 to G-3: Our people are going ahead slowly, searching houses, not meeting too much, but it is very slow. They are doing a thorough job of the houses. (G-3) The people on the right jumped on time, those closest to you have also jumped.
- 0750 - Decoy 2 to S-3: Is Faymonville clear? (S-3) Not yet, they are going slowly.
- 0757 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the Corps Intelligence report for the last 24 hours, 18th Corps encountered light resistance at Solz Chateau and until they reached Beck. Took Beck after heavier resistance and took 120 PWs. Identified 751 and 752nd Regts. Gained 500 yards in vicinity of Grand Holleux. Took the town at P-7395 and cleared the high ground at 7295. In the vicinity of the bridgehead at Ligneuville advance was made against moderate resistance to P - 7997. Reached the outskirts of Vaux. Took Neiderwampach, once were driven out but retook the town at 1800 hours. Took Arloncourt and Oburcy, and are moving toward Wordin.
- 0805 - Red 2 to S-3: We have contact with B and Co C. Their leading elements at 74, and they took 10 PWs. (S-3) Are they meeting much? (Red 2) No.
- 0807 - S-3 to White 6: B and C Cos going by 74, have taken 10 PWs, and not too much opposition. The Colonel wants you to get started. (White 6) I clean up 74 and 75 and on out, is that right? (S-3) Yes sir. (White 6) OK, I will let you know when they jump off.
- 0810 - Red 3 to S-3: They are at 74 cleared everything there. (S-3) I just gave the 2nd Bn orders to push out. Estimate that they will pass 74 going for 75 at 0830 hours.

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- 0819 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "What is 1st Endoing and when are they off for 73? Is my move towards 74 and 75? Should I coordinate with their move forward? (Lt. Kestlinger) The Colonel says to go after objectives independent of 1st Bn. 1st Bn is making a continuous move right through. The unit on the right jumped off from the edge of Onderval. The unit on the left jumps off in conjunction with you. I told them 0830 hours. (White 6) How is the road situation? (Lt. Kestlinger) The road north of the railroad is open, and the road south of the railroad still has knocked out tank and TD on it. It will be cleared up as soon as possible, as soon as you take the high ground.
- 0837 - 23rd Liaison Officer receives word that 1st Bn 23rd is now abreast of 2nd Bn 23rd and have no contact, on outskirts of Onderval.
- 0840 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the breakdown of the PW identification of the PWs taken by them yesterday. (Red 2) We have 16 more PWs who were taken last night and we were unable to bring them in. A and C companies have taken 10 more this morning and they are coming in through A Co. The battalion is moving pretty good, have control of 74. (S-2) How about the buildings west of 74? (Red 2) They are probably there now. The TDs are moving with them. We took a total of 60 PWs yesterday.
- 0850 - Red 3 to S-3: B and C Cos are well up on 73. A message from Col. Driscoll says for us to come up. A little machine gun fire is all they are meeting. We may be out of contact for a little while as we move ahead. (S-3) Gives him the dope on the progress of the 23rd Inf. Col. Horner is alerted to move to Schoppen as originally planned.
- 0857 - PWI to S-2: Here are some identifications - 10 men from Hq 1st Bn with 8th Regt; 1 man 2nd Bn, 9th Regt; 2 men 2nd Co, 8th Regt; 2 men 4th Co, 8th Regt; 1 man Hq 1st Bn, 3rd Parachute Artillery Regt.
- 0900 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report of identification, and the progress of the companies.
- 0906 - S-6 to Blue 6: The indications are that they have pulled out somewhat. The 23rd is in Onderval with no opposition. Driscoll is through the town and took 10 more PWs from the woods. How soon can you start? (Blue 6) Not until this afternoon. (S-6) By 1300 hours push to Schoppen if we can get there before dark. (Blue 6) I am sending a K Co patrol to see what the score is..
- 0908 - G-3 to S-3: Any contact? (S-3) A few scattered individuals. (G-3) I think they have pulled back.
- 0908 - S-6 to White 6: Get to Schoppen, push it along. 23rd has Onderval no opposition. If you want 155 guns to fire check through Cannon Co by means of your Liaison Officer.
- 0910 - G-3 to S-3: A Co, 23rd is at 859004; B Co at 859004.

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- 0912 - S-3 to Brown: 2nd Bn may push to take Schoppen as the enemy may have pulled out. Tie in with your liaison officer with the 1st Bn so fire can be lifted at the proper time.
- 0912 - Maj. Tegtmeyer to S-6: Here are the casualties as of midnight, that is wounded, evacuated: A Co, 16; B Co, 14; D Co, 8; Hq Co 2nd Bn, 1; F Co, 2; H Co, 1; I Co, 18; K Co, 18; L Co, 18; Medics, 2; also 9 evacuated sick.
- 0915 - Red3 to S-3: B Co is in a fire fight coming from south and southeast, but they say it won't amount to much.
- 0918 - S-3 to Delight 2: We have a report of 4 tanks and 100 enemy infantry between 117 and 118. (Delight 2) Yes, we have all the cubs going up now to try and adjust on them. We will put everything on it when we get adjusted.
- 0920 - S-3 to G-3: B Co is in a fire fight coming from the south and southeast, but they don't think it will amount to much.
- 0925 - S-3 to White 3: How is F Co doing? (White 3) They jumped off at 0930 hours for 74.
- 0930 - Red3 to S-3: I have a report that all houses are clear, and they are moving towards 72. Will probably end up with 3 companies on line.
- 0930 - PW1 to S-2: We have a cook from 4th Co, 8th Regt who says he cooked last for a 17 man mortar section, and he thinks we have the mortars in our hands north of the railroad track. He says they have a howitzer platoon with three men to a section, one gun is without a breech block north of the railroad track. He also saw a machine gun section with two heavy machine guns and a scout car belonging to Division. A man from the Assault Platoon, 9th Regt said his outfit had 35 men yesterday, and 16 today. His unit was in place west of the railroad bridge at 867021, he said the units were all mixed up in that area. He don't know about mines, he said some mines were in Faymonville, but he didn't know where.
- 0940 - G-2 to S-2: Confirms report of enemy retreating down Route 2 and also along the trail southeast at 859000. The contact with our front is the only contact reported, looks like the enemy is pulling out. However we expect some resistance near Schoppen.
- 0942 - Maj. Tegtmeyer to S-3: A Co has had 9 casualties evacuated since midnight.
- 0950 - S-2 to All Units: Send all PWs to our new cage at the new CP location.
- 1000 - G-3 to S-3: Reports from 23rd says enemy on the left of their sector is pulling back in route. Tanks and infantry reported. The town of Onderval is all buttoned up. K Co, 18th got to 890019 and drew fire from draw at 898018. A large column of horse drawn equipment moving east out of Moderscherte.

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- 1006 - S-3 to Brown: "ave you fired the 155s yet? (Brown) The line is not in yet, but it should be in shortly.
- 1010 - S-3 to White 5: Where is F Co? (White 5) No word yet, I will call you back.
- 1011 - Brown to S-3: 155s started firing, contact by radio. We have wire to guns, call us if you want fire.
- 1020 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div reports 120th fired on two enemy tanks at 0400 hours at 832933. Trucks heard at 836987 at 0600 hours. Two PWs from 1st SS, one from Nebelwerfer Supply and one from supply.
- 1022 - S-3 to Blue: Did you see any movement of the 2nd Bn? (Blue) I saw a column moving southeast out of Faymonville about 0830 hours. (S-3) That was not the 2nd Bn. Find out if 2nd Bn has been observed and call me back.
- 1025 - White 5 to S-3: I have a radio message from the Colonel which says "F Co situation nil at 76". Apparently no opposition. A half hour ago E Co was ordered to go up. G Co has been alerted to go right behind them.
- 1026 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the above information.
- 1027 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 18th A/B Corps reports Tanks are ordered to forward assembly area tonight and tomorrow.
- 1037 - Decoy 3 to S-3: What is your situation? (S-3) F Co at 76 no opposition. (Decoy 3) Our people are south as far as 890019 and in a fire fight to the east of 895019. The draw is an enemy strong point. We will try to get to the nose.
- 1045 - G-2 to S-2: A PW reports the Cp of the 8th Regt is in a dugout at 890010.
- 1100 - S-6 to White 6: Move into Schoppen ins'trengthifi you can, otherwise onto the high ground west of Schoppen. (White 6) F Co reports contact with enemy 300 yards west of 76.
- 1105 - S-6 to Blue 6: Send one company to the left of 2nd Bn at 886014, keep the rest of the battalion in Faymonville.
- 1123 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 2nd Bn, 119th is between I and Z, receiving direct fire from O, and small arms fire from the west. 2nd Bn, 117th is 600 yards north of M. 1st Bn 117th is 500 yards north of N. 3rd Bn 119th on L; the middle of L, not completely cleaned yet. They overran two artillery positions and routed a lot of vehicles. 2nd Bn, 120th cleaning up on the hill. 1st and 3rd Bns, 120th still in the town, made contact with 23rd Inf.



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- 1124 - S-3 to Red 1: The 3rd Bn is sending a company to 887015 to protect the left flank of the 2nd Bn. They are in the process of doing it now. 2 companies will go into assembly area in Faymonville. Dividing line in town between you and the 3rd Bn, eventually they will get the whole 3rd Bn in there. Col. Driscoll and Col. Horner can get together and figure the dividing line. If you can't get it figured out let me know. Possibly the church will be a good dividing line. The 3rd Bn will come into town from the road leading from Weywertz. Are your people down to 87? (Red 1) No, we are out of communication with forward.
- 1125 - S-3 to G-3: According to the last report F Co is at 880009, and Col. Gibb gave them orders to proceed down into the town. 3rd Bn is going into positions down to line at 870003 running east to west on either side of that point.
- 1130 - Delight 6 to Maj. Sandell: The enemy just threw some artillery into Faymonville, it came from due east. 2nd Bn at 883005 in the woods moving out to take Schoppen as of 1130 hours. Some people at 89, and have been there for some time. Air OP reports enemy infantry moving out of Schoppen on road to the south and southeast.
- 1145 - S-3 to White 5: We just got a report from the Air OP that you are closing in on the town also that traffic is going out of Schoppen to the south and southeast. One company will go into Schoppen and two companies will go to the high ground northwest of Schoppen. You are ordered to push out to 101 the high ground south of Schoppen and send patrols to Moderschied. 1st Bn is ordered to move to 87 on the high ground. When your companies move from the high ground northwest of the town the 3rd Bn will send a company to occupy that place.
- 1145 - S-6 to G-3: What is new? (G-3) Eibertingen and Montenuau are to be taken by 1st Div. The 18th is to go to final objective tomorrow before dawn with remaining two battalions. 3rd Bn will go with you to Schoppen. Will take final objective tomorrow. (S-6) Had the 18th gone we would have not suffered so many casualties. I hope to get the tanks up by tomorrow.
- 1220 - S-3 to Blue 3: I just gave orders to 2nd Bn to get the high ground at 101, then to secure bridgehead across the river to protect the bridge. You are to get your battalion into position in vicinity of initial objective of 2nd Bn and to be ready to jump off in the morning. Are there any enemy at 885015? (Blue 3) Yes. (S-3) At dark have your whole battalion on the high ground at 880009. Tie in with 1st Bn whose left flank is at 877003, also try to tie in with the 18th.
- 1220 - Red 6 to S-6: How are things? (S-6) I want you to take 87 today and also make a recon to find a road to the final objective which was originally given to Horner. Plan has changed, the 23rd continues down to take Eibertingen and Montenuau, and the 7th Armored will not be employed until then. I am having Grant to continue over the stream. This plan will begin tomorrow. (Red 6) We took 54 PWs today, some resistance, a couple of little fire fights. We counted 11 dead of ours in A Co Area. We are getting some artillery now in Faymonville.

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- 1221 - Brown to S-3: We fired 75 rounds in Schöppen have 25 rounds left, do you want us to shoot it into Schöppen? (S-3) No, cease fire on Schöppen. Try to fire into Modersheid.
- 1225 - Delight 2 to S-3: At 1205 hours our Air OP reports two S/Ps in Schöppen believed to be enemy but think they are ours. Troops are withdrawing from the town to the southeast. At 1200 hours in vicinity of 885018 are two enemy half tracks and 40 infantry, and we have fired on them.
- 1230 - Divarty to S-6: One M-12 is to be detached from you and attached to the 23rd Inf at once.
- 1231 - S-3 to Brown: Gives him the above message.
- 1233 - Message from White 6: Woods between 76 and 89 believed to be cleared.
- 1250 - S-3 to Blue 3: I forgot to tell you about 88, figures you would shoot someone down there anyway. (Blue 3) Can we move right away? (S-3) No, we will tell you when to move. (Blue 3) At 1330 hours 18th is sending a patrol to the woods at 885015, how about them cleaning it out. (S-3) I will see about it and let you know.
- 1255 - S-3 to Decoy 3: I hear you are sending people down to the woods at 885015. (Decoy 3) Yes we are sending one company at 1500 hours.
- 1255 - White 3 to S-3: We don't know if the woods are cleared as they are not to 89. (S-3) Your objective is 90 and 10A.
- 1255 - PWI to S-2: Here are some identifications - from 3rd Bn - 2 from 11th Co, 1st Platoon, 5th Regt, and three from 4th Co, 8th Regt. PW from 1st Bn, 2 from Hq Co 1st Bn, 8th Regt, 11 from 6th Co, 9th Regt, 7 from 7th Co, 9th Regt, 5 from Hq Co, 9th Regt.
- 1300 - 3rd Bn, 18th Inf to S-3: We would like the locations of your forward elements, especially the 2nd Bn. (S-3: Your regimental headquarters has it, 2nd Bn is at 885007.
- 1301 - S-3 to Blue 3: How far is your preparation gone on that attack? (Blue 3) Not too far. (S-3) Then forget it, 18th is sending a company down there at 1500 hours. (Blue 3) The engineer officer reports a minefield on road at 5959. It is clear if you use the by-pass, it is for tracked vehicles.
- 1304 - G-2 to S-2: The new password will be down on the 1400 hour message center run.
- 1305 - S-2 to G-2: A PW taken by 1st Bn from 6th Co, 9th Regt said the 5th Co had 120 men. 6th Co formerly reserve behind Faymonville but was committed this morning. 6th Co observed remnants of 5th Co, This morning they were ordered to withdraw to a new line to be indicated later. (G-2) 2nd Bn 18th sent an F Co patrol down the road to 917018, they got into the woods and ran into an enemy patrol that was moving around. They got into a fight and then withdrew. The Germans were not dug in, they could be holding this area by patrol.

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- 1312 - Lt. Stephens to S-2; 23rd Inf: Gives him the latest PW information. (23rd) The new line of enemy is at the tip of the woods 865997, one of our patrols ran into heavy machine gun and small arms fire there; the under pass at 885993, a patrol hit heavy fire there but we knocked out a half track; the woods at 847989 south of the creek, a patrol received heavy fire; nothing on the enemy to the east; now draw a line between these points and you have the line.
- 1315 - S-3 to G-3: The 18th and others are getting false reports on us being in Schoppen, our forward elements are at 885007.
- 1320 - S-3, 23rd Inf to S-3: Our 1st and 2nd Bns jumped off at 1230 hours.
- 1320 - Red 6 to S-3: I misunderstood you. Clark said you wanted the battalion sent down there. (S-3) No, only what you need to hold the goose egg. (Red 6) I will send my strong company there.
- 1330 - Lt. Stephens to Red 2: What have you to from the people for 87? (Red 2) They started at 1200 hours but no news yet.
- 1332 - Lt. Stephens to Delight 2: Contact the cub and see if you can see friendly troops around 87.
- 1333 - Red 1 to Lt. Stephens: Our forward CP at 867019.
- 1333 - 23rd Inf to S-3: Where is your 1st Bn? (S-3) Leading elements at 870000. (23rd) How about Schoppen? (S-3) I am checking on that now.
- 1340 - G-3 to S-6: We are not interested in the town of Amel and you don't have to bother with it. (S-6) I would like to hold the 1st Bn in general reserve of the others, I am going to take 400 to 500 yards around 985974. (G-3) We gave an order to push a battalion with all possible speed to the high ground at 897009. (S-6) I will let you know about our people as soon as possible.
- 1400 - Div ASP to S-2: We will have some planes in about 10 minutes, do you have a target? (S-2) An enemy convoy was reported moving from the south to Amel on the main road, this was reported this morning, but have nothing further.
- 1405 - Blue 2 to S-2: 7th Field reports fight on the edge of Schoppen. (S-2) The only report we have is that contact was made by a scrap at the edge of the woods. Will let you know if anything further comes in.
- 1405 - G-2 to S-2: Have you people down at 870003? (S-2) 1st Bn has a company going down there, but I don't know which one. Our people are not in Schoppen, they are in a fight between Schoppen and Faymonville. 3rd Bn is in the same place. They are to move to where 2nd Bn is when they move out. 2nd Bn is going to the high ground southeast of Schoppen and will establish a bridge head at 892993.
- 1410 - S-3 to Disguise 3: We need the roads opened quick, and need additional help. (Disguise 3) Lt. Mays is here and will bring additional men and will work until it is finished.

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- 1410 - PWI to S-2: Here is some more information on the 6th Co withdrawal. The 6th Co withdrew on their own hook, orders didn't come through. They withdrew to very last houses on edge of Faymonville, were joined by the 5th Co there and went into old foxholes previously dug. The battalion CO was killed. There were 20 men in the assault platoon, and they were a mixed group of signal people, etc. One medic, from 1st Bn 8th Regt took care of 50 lightly wounded enemy and 8 severe cases yesterday, but he didn't take care of all of them. We have one more PW from 2nd Co, 8th Regt to be interrogated.
- 1415 - S-3 to S-6; 745th: Any luck removing the TD and the tank? (745) The TD is removed and we are working on the dozer. (S-3) We need those roads very much. (745th) We will rush them up.
- 1420 - S-3 to Blue 2: The Colonel wants the 3rd Bn to go to its assigned objective at 1500 hours. I gave Capt. Richmond the dope. Alert your companies now and when Capt. Richmond comes back have him call me.
- 1426 - Message to Red 6 from S-6: Report situation and location.
- 1430 - PWI to S-2: The orders given at dusk last night were to withdraw to the southern edge of Faymonville and hold at all costs. All the PWs say this. The Platoon Leader issued the order. They are poorly clothed, infested with vermin, but their morale and their security consciousness.
- 1435 - Blue 3 to S-3: Did you want me? (S-3) Start moving to objective, we talked about at 1500 hours. (Blue 3) We will get started as soon as we can. It will be rough on the men out there, they can't stand to be out there in the open, probably quite a few will be evacuated tomorrow. (S-3) Gives him the 2nd Bn plan.
- 1435 - White 5 to S-3: We jumped off the edge of the woods to 89, around into town. Col. Grant is worried about 88 and the northeast. E Co in vicinity of 76 now and will follow F Co and will swing to the south if trouble comes from 88, then west into town. E Co is moving now. (S-3) The Colonel says to clear the woods even if you have to use the three companies. 3rd Bn is moving out at 1500 hours.
- 1440 - S-3 to G-3: 2nd Bn jumped off for edge of town as of 1330 hours sending a company around to come into town from the southwest.
- 1445 - Red 2 to S-2: We evacuated 14 wounded PWs this morning.
- 1450 - Maj. Sandell reports that Capt. Scott, with the 2nd Bn, called for fire on 88 and #2 Fox called for fire on 89.
- 1451 - G-2 to S-2: I talked with 23rd Inf and they say their people are on the creek in 8499 grid square and close to underpass at 855992. The 18th should do something soon. (S-2) Gives him the latest information on our situation.

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- 1458 - S-2 to S-2, 23rd Inf: What are the latest reports on your people? (23rd) A Co is to the right of B Co, G Co is further to the right; E Co is to the right of G Co; F Co is south of town. E and G Cos are moving slowly against machine gun and small arms fire. The bridge is out, but the engineers are working on it. C Co is east of F Co below the junction and north of A and B Cos. 3rd Bn is back. We have taken 4 PWs, but they are not interrogated yet.
- 1500 - White 5 to S-3: F Co was jumped by the enemy while he had his platoon leaders back talking to them for the jump off. They jumped his left flank. The enemy is in the woods and two tanks are firing around 88. Enemy infantry is trying to come up the draw between 88 and 89, and we are putting artillery out there. "e are getting rough shelling in the woods.
- 1505 - S-3 to White 3: The Colonel wants you to get up there if you have to use three companies. He wants to put the 3rd Bn in there. (White 3) East of 75 is OK. F Co clearing up 70 a little. Tanks still firing from around 88.
- 1510 - General Taylor visits the CP.
- 1511 - Maj. Sandell says that the cub observed fire on 89. 3 tanks or S/Ps, and with 25 to 30 men pulled out for town when fired on by artillery, also says two S/Ps firing from 885006.
- 1512 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest situation, and the latest PW information.
- 1525 - S-3 to Blue 6: Did you move yet? (Blue 6) We can't for a half hour yet. (S-3) Can you put the battalion in an assembly area in town of Faymonville? (Blue 6) The town isn't clear yet. Can put K into town and will have I and L along the road ready to go. (S-3) OK lay it on.
- 1530 - S-3 to White 5: Are your vehicles parked in the street in Welmes? (White 5) I don't think so, but will check. (S-3) If they are move them off until you are ready to go.
- 1530 - Red 3 to S-3: Boys are practically all in position at 87 with no trouble. C Co is the company that went down. Lt. Brown went with them. A Co took over his position, from 72 to right flank of 73; B Co continues over to the left, not all the way to 75, which gives us a southeast line turning to the southwest. We cut the road in two places on trail to the east, 100 yards, and then comes back another 100 yards and cuts it to the west. (S-2) F Co reports trouble east of 87, can you hear anything? (Red 3) No. (S-3) Gives him the locations of the other units. (Red 3) We are closed in, but the rear will not move up today. We have a line to C Co.
- 1535 - Red 2 to S-2: Did you get the PWs I sent down? (S-2) Yes. (Red 2) How are things going? (S-2) 2nd Bn is having a little scrap. How are you doing? (Red 2) C Co is at 87 in strength, not having any trouble. Plastering the town with a few rounds. A and B Cos are at the road between 73 and 74. Did the 18th move? (S-2) The last report they were at 8901. Getting fire from 896019.

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- 1545 - White 5 to S-2: F Co is still at line at 88 and 89 on the north-south line. Right flank turned back a little towards 88. Having some trouble. E Co is working to 88 then towards Schoppen. They were being hit by some infantry. Karas is going now.
- 1549 - S-2 Decoy to S-3: Our K Co claims your 3rd Bn is shelling them with mortar fire. I don't know how they can determine that. Will you check on it? (S-3) OK.
- 1550 - S-3 to Blue 3: K Co of the 18th says they are getting mortar fire from you. (Blue 3) What kind? (S-3) 81. (Blue 3) We are not firing. (S-3) What about 60mm? (Blue 3) I don't believe so. (S-3) Will you check and make sure? (Blue 3) Yes.
- 1620 - PWI to S-2: More PWs came in. 3 from 8th Co, 9th Regt; 2 from 6th Co, 9th Regt; 2 from Regimental Defense Platoon of 9th Regt; one from 14th Co, 8th Regt. The Defense Platoon consists of 30 men. They came to Faymonville from Thirimont last night. PW reports seeing a battery of 105 Howitzers 3 days ago in vicinity of 853014. The Regimental Commander is still Van Hoffman. PWs were captured by our 2nd Bn.
- 1624 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: The 11th Armored and 2nd Armored have contact. The pocket to the west has been cut off.
- 1629 - Decoy 3 to S-2: I am down at our 3rd Bn now. When we try to get out of the woods we will get plenty of mortar and artillery on us. I Co is in the woods north of K Co. L Co is moving down there after dark. We are holding what we got and will push after dark if we can't move before that.
- 1630 - S-6 to G-3: The overlay shows this town of Eibertingen is cut through the center by the boundary line. Did you do that? (G-3) No sir, the boundary is 876976 to 883966. (S-6) OK, there must be a mistake in the overlay.
- 1630 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps took Sal Chateau; a PW taken from Recon Bn, 12th SS Panzer Div; took 8195. Light resistance and light artillery in their sector. 7th Corps contacted the 8th Corps at P-562722 also at Houfalize. They had no resistance at 5971. Good progress at K-6776 against the 1219th Inf Regt from 176th Inf Div. 3rd Army has heavy resistance by 2nd and 9th Panzer Divs. Counterattack by 5 to 20 tanks at 5668 as of 1800 hours. The Jerries have the town. Heavy artillery built up in 12 Corps sector.
- 1635 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Cos E and F, 117th going due south into Objective M, meeting heavy resistance there. Co G, 117th cut the northwest corner, and relieved the pressure. Therefore, they would be on M tonight. A patrol from 119th went as far as 823958 and they were not able to get a cross the road. They had observation on the enemy and could watch 117th.

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- 1648 - G-3 to S-3: What is the latest situation? (S-3) Co E is going in on the right of F Co. The Colonel is now talking to Col. Grant. They are receiving fire from 3 sides. Jerry has tanks, S/Ps and infantry down there. (G-3) We have some tanks down there and they are taking care of them. (G-3) How about your 3d Bn? (S-3) They are staying about where they are. They have stopped. How about the 18th? (G-3) They are still where they were. (S-3) Are they exerting any pressure? (G-3) No.
- 1648 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the 23rd situation - A Co is getting considerable fire at 863993 and 867997 along the road. B Co has not taken 855992 as yet. How many PWs have you? (S-2) 53 since last night.
- 1654 - Decoy 6 to S-6: We are trying our best to get down to your unit near Schoppen but every time we stick our noses out we get everything thrown at us. We will get there tonight to assist you all we can. The rest of my stuff goes into action in the morning. I wanted you to know we are doing all we can to assist you. (S-6) OK. My 2nd Bn is being held up by fire from the south.
- 1700 - S-6 to Blue 6: Grant is receiving fire from the south and can't get anywhere. Would it be possible in the morning to push through Grant and take Schoppen? (Blue 6) I don't know, I didn't want to pull K Co out until they cleared the woods. (S-6) Think it over and I will let you know later.
- 1700 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: What is the flank positions of G Co? (Red 3) 867005 then come down and cut across to 873004. The southern point is at 87.
- 1706 - I&R to S-2: We are getting established out here now. We are 400 yards east of 4C. About 5 minutes ago we observe d 700 yards north and west of 89 some friendly troops moving towards town and they came under an artillery concentration. We can't see Schoppen now as it is covered with smoke.
- 1708 - S-3 to S-3, 23rd Inf: In regard to sending you liaison officer down to C Co we don't allow the liaison officers to get down to our battalions without our permission. The contact point that was agreed upon with Division was 862998 and that is what we should agree upon. (23rd) What time should we meet there? (S-3) Patrol over to there every two hours. (23rd) OK.
- 1715 - S-3 to Red 3: I have a contact point that I want you to work with the 23rd. It is 862998 at the trail junction there. I want you to send one on the even hours 2000, 2200, 2400, 0200, 0400 hours. I figure there is an hour each way, if they go down the road. Start at 1900, 2100 hours etc. From your place. How is everything? (Red 3) OK. What is new? (S-3) The 2nd Bn is to tie in with F Co on the east side of the woods; E Co is on the south and west; G Co is along the road from 76 and is to contact F Co. They will be facing more northeast, so they will have more or less all around defense

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- 1730 - PW1 to S-2: We got 4 PWs from the 2nd Bn two were medics from 2nd Bn, 9th Regt including a 2nd Lt, who was a doctor. The doctor stayed behind because of some wounded. The aid man said 17 men passed through their aid station. The other two were from the 4th Co, 8th regt captured in woods on south road from Faymonville to Schöppen, say they were lost from their company. A Lt, Wieding collected them up with 30 others from various units, mostly from the 4th Co. They had 3 machine guns and were to defend the little woods. They knew the 9th Regt was on the right. Col Lieban has taken over the 8th Regt. He was told they would have support of three tanks and he thought he heard tanks or assault guns in Schoppen. Says there is about 100 men in the battalion, one light machine gun and some mortars lost in Faymonville.
- 1745 - S#2 to G-2: Gives him the above information.
- 1755 - Brown to S-3: Friendly artillery is falling in the vicinity of 89 from a compass of 6000 also a 4 gun battery firing from a compass of 800. We want the artillery lifted or shifted to the left. We have called 7th Field on it.
- 1810 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: K Co, 18th is getting a counterattack by 50 to 60 infantry and one tank coming in at 888017.
- 1815 - Blue 6 to S-3: Tanks and infantry coming up trail at 89, maybe going toward 18th. It is wide open up there right into the 1st Bn. The tanks and infantry are now at 885015, and we are firing on them.
- 1816 - Lt. Estlinger to White: Gives him the above report.
- 1817 - Lt. Estlinger to Decoy 3: Gives him the above information. (Decoy 3) Yes I know, they tried to sneak in a counterattack on us on K Co. It was about 50 men and one tank at 889018. We have it under control.
- 1820 - I&R OP to S-2: Our troops approaching 89 and we could see small arms and machine-gun fire. They are getting some artillery and it also looks like a direct fire weapon firing at them.
- 1840 - S-3 to White 3: "What is new? (White 3) Will call you later on it. (S-3) Are you getting any action now? (White 3) Quite a bit of shelling.
- 1855 - S-6 to White 6: How is it going? (White 6) It is not good out there at all. Karas is trying to do what he can, but F Co has a lot of casualties. Jerry has some direct fire weapons on the high ground, we are pulling back from the southern edge of the woods, we have to give up that little bit. There is a strong point at 89. You have to walk from platoon to platoon and man to man, which takes about two hours in this deep snow. They went thru sweeping the woods the best they could, and picked up an outpost on the northern part. A S/P or tank on the road pulled back around 89 and is still firing. We left some Jerry's behind and had to send a platoon back to clean them up. They are firing all along the road back to Faymonville. We captured one NGO who reports one officer, one NGO and 15 men were to hold this line. The direct fire weapons are holding us up. We lost one tank. We also got fire from the north today. There are some of our people down in the woods and didn't get at them. (S-6) Get out of the woods until I can get someone to go through you.



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- 1920 - Blue 6 to S-2: The road to M0 down to M1 and to the town was reported clear this morning, but it still isn't clear. The engineers are fooling around but have not taken the mines out yet. Traffic is going down the road but it is held up because of the mines. We wanted to blow them, but it is against orders.
- 1930 - Red 2 to S-2: We have patrols going to the 23rd and 2nd Bn, also a patrol at 2300 hours to 98 and back at 0200 hours. (S-2) Gives him the latest situation reports of our units and the 18th Inf.
- 2005 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engr: The road from 869040 south to 868024 to Faymonville partially opened but the shoulders are not clear of mines and it is holding up traffic, and we want it cleared up tonight. (Maj. Oxford) Lt. Kays is at 866024 with one dozer working on the main highway and the road west of the railroad to Faymonville with another dozer but will try and get in touch with him for you.
- 2005 - S-2 to White 2: What is the situation? (White 2) F Co passed 76 and went through the woods to the other side. On the north, and half way through the woods, they apparently by-passed some enemy infantry. On the way through the woods, one enemy was killed and 2 picked up and sent back. There was also infantry dug in outside of the woods. First they made an attempt to clean out the pocket in the woods. After getting through the woods, a tank or S/P fired from the rear. One of our tanks went around and chased them off, then a bigger one came up and knocked out our tank but we retrieved it, it did not burn. The enemy artillery and direct fire on three sides of the woods made it rough. A line was formed east of 76, north and south. F Co had a number of casualties. There may still be some of our men in there. One officer was wounded and Kolb wrenched his knee. Everything else is in good shape. Direct fire did the most damage. We killed quite a few enemy and captured between 5 and 8. Three were from the 4th Co, 8th Regt. The PWs said their mission was to clear the woods; one officer and 13 men, others were already there. Fire came from north of 89 all day and south of Schoppen. Direct fire came from south, southeast, and northeast. There were a half dozen direct fire weapons, at least a battalion of artillery, and probably several more in the area. Small arms came mainly from southeast of the woods along the hedge which is shown on the photos. Kolb says in the northeast tip of the woods there is a pill box or at least a strong point, he was told this by other people. The companies are now in line, F and E together then G Co. (White 6 to S-6) We have contact on the right and patrols will be sent out. I will put something at 88 so that nothing can come in.
- 2006 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1820 hours 20 shells landed on our forward elements they came from 175 degrees; at 1900 hours three air bursts seen over our forward elements, came from 185 degrees.

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- 2025 - S-6 to G-3: "What is new? (G-3) Look at your map. Where 23rd Inf had that trouble the line extends west to 30th Div sector. That high ground can be taken only from the west. My plan is to push something through the 30th and hit it from the west. (S-6) That sounds good. All my battalions are tied up with the present situation, and the 2nd Bn has enemy on three sides. (G-3) There is a possibility of 2nd and 3rd Bn 18th remaining where they are and the 1st Bn being attached to 23rd to help push through. (S-6) On the Hill by K Co 18th between boundary and the stream are 8Q to 9Q enemy and 2 S/Ps and one tank. This is an urgent point to be cleared, but due to the boundary we can't do it. I think two companies can do the job. I suggest that they do this job, which is rightfully theirs.
- 2030 - S-3 to Decoy 3: E Co's left flank is at 880011, their right flank is at 878007; G Co ties in with E Co right flank and goes over to 873008. A platoon north ties in with the left flank of E Co then back to 874010. K Co is where it was. Did your K Co move? (Decoy 3) They haven't moved. They are going to try and take those woods tonight, they estimated enemy in there is 80 infantry and one tank, 2 S/Ps and one half track near the group of houses. (S-3) C Co's left flank is at 873003, and their right flank at 867004 tied in with the 23rd. We have a combat patrol to Schoppen and one to the south.
- 2040 - S-3 to White 3: Send a recon patrol to 88 and a combat patrol to 89 and find out what is there.
- 2040 - Lt. Jewellyn to S-2: 197 PWs have cleared through our cage in the last two days. Since Nov 16th 1236 have cleared here, this is not counting those evacuated through the medica.
- 2047 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest situation, and the latest PW information.
- 2110 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1950 hours enemy artillery barrage fell in vicinity of 59; at 2000 hours flash seen at 160 degrees, flash to bang 12 seconds; 2007 hours flash at 162 degrees, flash to bang 12 seconds; 20 35 hours 5 bursts of enemy machine gun and small arms fire vicinity 89.
- 2112 - S-3 to Brown: 2nd Bn is sending a recon patrol to 88 and a combat patrol to 89. K Co 18th is to attack the woods at 885015 tonight.
- 2135 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Here are the centers of the companies - B Co 861011, A Co 866011, C Co 870005, F Co 872013, G Co minus one platoon 874008 one platoon of G Co 876012, E Co 877008 faces east, I Co 875026, I Co 881027 K Co 885020.
- 2145 - G-3 to S-3: What is the story on the pull back? You pulled back your companies and left the flank wide open. (S-3) We didn't pull back, G and C Cos are tied in. Established contact point you wanted and are patrolling to 23rd. (G-3) OK.

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- 2156 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: At 2045 hours enemy digging and talking at 885015, we put artillery on it. The patrol from K Co contacted I Co at 2030 hours. I and K Cos had about 25 rounds of artillery land between them.
- 2205 - Decoy 6 to S-6: We tried without success to get to the patch of woods on the edge of town. We are going to send a strong patrol out tonight to see if we can take it. I tried very hard this afternoon to take it but was unsuccessful. We will see what happens tonight. (S-6) OK, I know your 3rd Bn had it plenty tough today.
- 2230 - G-3 to S-3: Here is your instructions for tomorrow: TF Davison will relieve your 3rd Bn tomorrow morning. The 3rd Bn will assemble in Faymonville with the mission to protect the left flank of 23rd. That is all. (S-3) OK.
- 2232 - White 3 to S-2: A patrol from G Co is going out at 0200 hours to 89. A patrol to 88 by Co is going out at 2330. E Co exchanged small arms with an enemy patrol or outpost at the western edge of the wood at 889008. At the last count F Co had 49 men, and approximately 15 men have turned up since then. About 30 casualties have been evacuated so far. It is impossible at the present time to evacuate the casualties so far still in the woods.
- 2245 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest reports for the last hour.
- 2250 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: K Co reported their outpost heard a loud speaker broadcast. Are trying to get more information on it. I Co patrol contacted K Co. Patrol to the railroad tracks at 58 reported road across railroad can be used for tanks.
- 2258 - S-3 to Red 3: Gives him the information on TF Davison relieving the 3rd Bn. We won't attack in the morning. (Red 3) It is pretty quiet here now.
- 2305 - White 5 to S-3: I just talked to Forward and they are pretty well buttoned up and things are quiet.
- 2312 - Decoy 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are going after that woods at 0230 hours. Just going down to see what they can get out of there. (Lt. Kestlinger) K Co just heard a loud speaker down there and Capt. Booth is going to investigate.
- 2315 - B-3 to Blue 3: Gives him the plan for tomorrow.
- 2326 - PWI to Lt. Kestlinger: We have a PW here from the 4th Co, 8th Regt, he was captured in the woods at 882004. He was leading a patrol of 15 men which were to comb the woods. He says the remnants of the 4th Co is in there. There is not more than 15 men left in the company. To the right of his company is the assault platoon of the regimental headquarters. On the left connections are very poor because of the 9th Regt there. 1st and 2nd Companies more or less wiped out in Faymonville. The 4th Co CO, 1st Lt. Wedding was temporarily put in command of the battalion. The Battalion Commander, Major Gross, was wounded in action. He stated he saw two assault guns on eastern edge of woods at 1015 hours this morning. He didn't think they belonged to the div. MLR consisted of hasty fox holes only. They lost 2 mortars and have three 50mm mortars left.
- 2345 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2: Gives him the above report.

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- 0108 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co patrol got 200 yards West of 87; contact patrol to 23rd was fired on; we are sending out another one immediately.
- 0140 - White 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: We have a PW from 15th Co., 5th Parachute Regt picked up at 829009. His company has two Officers and 120 men. He came up from South of the woods with one Officer and 35 men. They found three Americans in the woods, presumably lost and they were sent back. The PW and three others were sent out on a recon, he got lost, but reports they had set up a machine gun at 88050090.
- 0204 - Delight 3 to Mr Lipinski: Divarty wants permission to fire 888017, can you grant us the OK on this? Mr Lipinski: I will have to check with the battalions.
- 0205 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue 3: 7th Field want to fire at 888017, but I understand you have some patrols down there. Blue 3: No, but the 18th has. You will have to get clearance from them.
- 0207 - Mr Lipinski to Delight 3: The 18th has a patrol down there, and you will have to get clearance through them.
- 0218 - White to Mr Lipinski: The patrol from F Co started out from the woods between 76 and 89, went South to the next patch of woods where they heard voices, by-passed it, and went South again to the woods at 876901, where they drew burp-gun fire; then they returned.
- 0223 - Mr Lipinski to G-3 and G-2: Gives them the reports for the last hour. G-2: A patrol from the 18th picked up a PW earlier this evening who stated the 2nd Co, 1st Bn. 1055th Regt, 89th Inf Div has 50 to 60 men organized into two platoons with 6 light machine guns, 12 panzerfausts, and are located in foxholes without mines and wire at 9201 grid square. The 3rd Company is located in foxholes on the edge of the woods at 9300 grid square. The 1055th Regt received 30 replacements two days ago.
- 0310 - Red to Mr Lipinski: At 0110 hours A Co contact patrol was fired on at 200 yards West of 87; at 0125 hours L Co contact patrol reported in; at 0240 hours C Co patrol went out to 98 where they were fired on from the woods; at 0250 hours A Co patrol ran into a prepared defense somewhere South of 87, they were lost.
- 0314 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0408 - Red to Mr Lipinski: B Co reports troops digging in 1300 yards to their front also small arms fire which they believe to be friendly at 0350 hours.
- 0421 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0507 - White to Mr Lipinski: The patrol from G Co got out to the West edge of

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the woods between 76 and 89 and heard enemy talking and digging in. They received enemy artillery fire and returned at 0500 hours. E Co received some enemy artillery fire at 0445 hours, one casualty.

- 0512 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0600 - G-2 to Mr Lipinski: Anything new? Mr Lipinski: Gives him the patrol reports received during the night.
- 0700 - Blue to Capt Clark: At 0615 hours K Co reported that I Co, 18th, contacted their third platoon.
- 0710 - Capt Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0807 - Capt Clark to White 3: How is everything? White 3: OK, we are getting a little shell fire on E and G Cos.
- 0808 - Capt Clark to Blue 6: How is everything? Blue 6: OK. Capt Clark: Are you moving? Blue 6: No.
- 0811 - Capt Clark to G-3: Neither 2nd or 3rd Bn is moving. G-2: Are any of your units moving? Capt Clark: No, not unless ordered. What about the 18th? G-2: They are sitting still.
- 0856 - S-3 to Blue 3: Where is your CP now located? Blue 3: On the road near 43. What is the latest on the 18th. S-3: They are sending a battalion way around the 120th to establish a bridgehead. Blue 3: Why in Hell don't they get on the ball, this isn't a technicolor war with only a/squad of men. They send 16 men out last night to take care of some 80 Jerries. Hell, those people aren't doing a damn thing. S-3: I know it. The Colonel has something in mind. Blue 3: What is Davison going to be in Booth's place. S-3: They have about 100 dismounted men. Blue 3: The Jerries used the loud speaker last night, but we couldn't understand them. We received some artillery on Faymonville.
- 0900 - G-2 to S-2: What happened during the night? S-2: We made contact last night. A couple of times we exchanged small arms fire. We had a patrol that was to go to 889004 but they got in a fight before they got there. We took a PW from the 15th Co last night. A patrol to 23rd ran into a fight every time they went out at 865002. A 1st Bn patrol at 862992 received small arms fire. Received some artillery during the night and on Faymonville this morning. C Co is at 870003. A and B Cos are at 865003. What is 23rd ~~do~~ doing this morning? G-2: The 23rd is about the same place. They got a little artillery but they are not doing a great deal this morning.
- 0907 - S-2 to White 3: What happened last night? White 3: E Co had an outpost near 76 and twice the enemy worked up to them and they drove them off.

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A patrol of G Co went out and E Co fired on them, and the enemy figured it was an attack and put artillery on them, so they withdrew. F Co's strength is about 62 men and 4 Officers, not counting the rear echelon.

- 0915 - G-3 to S-3: What is cooking on the relief? S-3: Col Davison has gone down to the 3rd Bn and I believe it will be completed by noon. All other factors being good. G-3: How about Col Davison, did he want to work under you or under Division? S-3: I don't know, he didn't say. He is going to put about 100 dismounted men in K Co's position, and they may as well be attached to us. G-3: Where are they going? S-3: It all depends on when these people push out and where. G-3: Where are A and B Cos going. S-3: As their flanks push out, they will go in between them.
- 0917 - S-3 to Red 3: Did you make contact with those people on the right last night? Red 3: Yes, but not on schedule. The first patrol was fired on, then we used another route. S-3: What kind of fire did they draw. Red 3: Small arms. S-3: What route did you use? Red 3: They used the one on 72; then the trail at 73; and down to the point. S-3: Couldn't you get down the route from 87. Red 3: No, we had a patrol go down there and they drew fire from the houses at the fork. S-3: Where did you contact, and what time? Also what company did you contact? Red 3: I don't know. S-3: It was supposed to be K Co. It was on the trail leading from 87 down to the SW. They also received fire from there also. We had a patrol go out to the West from 87 and the trail that runs mostly West. They received fire from 800 yards from 87; that one came back then. Another, changed their route, came down to the fork at 72 and followed that one down, going down the back way, here they ran into an Officer and a couple of men. What is the other plan for those people. S-3: Their 1st Bn is moving through the 3rd Bn. Which means for your protection of their flank, on the high ground primarily to the Southeast; as their flank moves up to theirs. Here is something I want you to lay on immediately - an Officer patrol to contact those people to find out definitely where their left flank is and their intentions. Red 3: OK, any further poop. S-3: No.
- 0945 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is cooking? Blue 2: It is all quiet down here, what have you got? S-2: The 18th have tried again but no soap yet. Schoppen is not taken and I don't think it will be. A PW taken last night said the woods was occupied again by the Jerries. Blue 2: We could not make out what they were saying over the loud speaker last night. The house at 886004 is still occupied. One time we saw 40 Jerries, and another time 12.

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- 1010 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? (Red 2) All quiet here, what is the 2nd and 3rd Bns doing? (S-2) TF Davison is taking over from 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn is going down near you. The woods in the 2nd Bn area is occupied again by Jerries.
- 1020 - Decoy 3 to S-3: We would like a recheck on your 2nd Bn position and any action you have planned for them. (S-3) Gives him the companies locations. We have no action planned for them today. (Decoy 3) Can anyone from your 2nd Bn see anything in vicinity of 899010, 894013, 8970a5? I want to know if they are receiving trouble from those points, also if they can see anything over there. My 3rd Bn is going to be working around there.. When does TF Davison relieve your 3rd Bn? (S-3) I don't know what time.
- 1025 - S-2 to S-3, 23rd Inf: What is new? (23rd) It is quiet this morning. We are working on plans to use another battalion. The Jerries are on the high ground along the edge of the woods. We think they are the 3rd Bn and remnants of the 9th Regt. (S-2) Gives him our picture.
- 1030 - S-2 to Decoy 2: What is new? (Decoy 2) We have patrols in the woods east of the woods K Co is in, and we are going to put L Co in there. The 5th Co, 5th Regt was in there, but we are not meeting any resistance as yet. We are getting some mortar and tank fire from Schoppen. A Patrol from the 1st Bn brought back 4 PWS from the 2nd and 3rd Cos, 1055th Regt.
- 1035 - G-3 to S-6: You have quite a few missing from F Co. (S-6) No, we got most of them back. F Co has about 65 men now. The men were wearing snow suits and it is hard to find a man when he falls.
- 1040 - S-6 to White 6: On this reoccupation of the woods last night did you fire? (White 6) No, we had wounded in the woods, but Karas did fire. (S-6) Get the tanks in position to plaster the woods. (White 6) I have plenty already. (S-6) Plaster it all day, also get 4.2s to fire and throw in some WP also. (White 6) We have a TOT laid on.
- 1045 - S-6 to S-6, 23rd Inf: How are things going? (23rd) It will be 20 minutes before they start walking, and 1300 hours before they can get started to pass through the center companies. The companies relieved will move over and fill up the gap. I would like you to contact my element in the woods so we can tie in. (S-6) If you need any fire call on me as I have Cannon Co, assault guns, and 4.2 mortars.
- 1045 - PWI to S-2: We have a PW here from 15th Co, 5th Regt, can you tell me where he was taken. (S-2) At 879009. He says that there is a machine gun in the woods at 861008. He was sent out last night from vicinity east of Schoppen with one officer and 35 men to counterattack the woods at 883005. He said he heard tanks at 889004.

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- 1050 - Red 3 to S-3: What is new? (S-3) This will only be for now. The road from 55 to 40 is one way out only; 3rd Bn road and the one from 44 to 52 is one way in; and the road you used to get down to where you are now is one way out. I will get an MP and signs out and later it will run like this - the road from 43 to 55 will be both ways; from 55 to 44 out only; 55 to 33 out only; and 52 and 54 both ways.
- 1105 - Decoy 2 to S-3: Can your 3rd Bn see anything at 890010? (S-3) No, they don't see anything there. (Decoy 2) How about 894013? (S-3) Not today. (Decoy 2) Do you see that hill in the clearing in the woods, well we are going to work down that way today and if your 2nd Bn sees anything we would like that information. (S-3) OK. TF Davison will relieve our 3rd Bn at about 1200 hours.
- 1107 - Blue 3 to S-3: The engineers are cutting these lines, and I wish you would do something about it. (S-3) OK, I will take care of it.
- 1110 - PWI to S-2: The PW from the 15th Co was committed with 30 to 35 men to attack the woods. The rest of the company, 100 men, are in the big woods between Schoppen and Moderschied. A week ago the company was employed for digging trenches and laying wire, but he don't know where.
- 1115 - S-3 to Msg Ctr: Have Lt. Kayes report here to me. You will have to send someone over to Co K, 1st Engrs.
- 1125 - PWI to S-2: The PW says the 15th Co is under 2nd Bn control, and has been since August.
- 1135 - S-6, 644th TD to S-6: We have a T/5 from your Service Co. He was picked up driving one of our vehicles. We are holding him under arrest. (S-6) I will send someone down for him.
- 1135 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him a summary of our activity today and the latest PW information. (G-2) An 18th patrol reports 30 enemy at 886013 in woods with house in vicinity a strong point with two machine guns.
- 1145 - S-6 to G-3: What is the 18th plan in case I have to move forward? (G-3) L Co is pushing down to the left of K Co. G Co is going in where L Co was. (S-6) Well if I have to move and get hit very hard it isn't going to be good. (G-3) OK, we know that.
- 1145 - S-5 to S-4: The 644th TDs have a T/5 from Service Co under arrest. He was picked up driving one of their vehicles. (S-4) I sent someone down already. (S-5) Make sure that hereafter all vehicles like that we keep forward of the Regimental CP.
- 1150 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 120th will relieve 3rd Bn 119th and continue to 5. 1st Bn of 117th is going to N Objective. H Co 517th is at 768950; I Co 517th 762945; G Co 517th 762935; 1st Bn 517th 750924; 3rd Bn 291st 718920; elements of 291st at 707912. 30th Div have people on east edge of N. Have strong patrols to Q and P.



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- 1220 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Gives him the information of the one and two way roads. (Blue 3) TF Davison is not here for the relief yet.
- 1225 - Capt. Clark to White 3: Gives him the information of the one and two way roads.
- 1227 - I&R OP to S-2: Visibility-very poor, can only see 500 yards.
- 1245 - Capt. Clark to Brown. Gives him the setup on traffic on the roads. (Brown), the tanks are up with us now.
- 1310 - S-6 to G-3: What about the 23rd? (G-3) They crossed the line of departure just after noon, but nothing on their progress yet.
- 1315 - S-3 to 23rd: How about the jump off? (23rd) We are waiting for 1st Bn 18th before we decide.
- 1320 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the traffic control plan in our area.
- 1325 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: One PW from 13th Co, 8th Regt picked up by the contact patrol to 23rd at 865998. The CO is Lt. Novack. The Battalion CP is in Ondevald in a dugout in the woods. Two platoons in each company, with 20 men in each platoon.
- 1340 - S-2 to Red 2: What is cooking? (Red 2) Not much. Did you get the last PW. (S-2) Yes. (Red 2) Their artillery laid in one stomp this morning on us, and B Co received some mortars, not too heavy.
- 1342 - G-2 to S-2: I just talked to 23rd Inf and they said many troops are concentrated at the edge of the woods near the underpass at 855892 and over on the edge of the woods, where their A Co was drawing fire. (S-2) Gives him the dope on the last PWs.
- 1346 - S-2 to Blue 2: Anything new since this morning? (Blue 2) Nothing, we can't see hardly anything.
- 1352 - S-2 to White 2: Anything happening up there. (White 2) We are still opposed by the same force. A tank was seen between 0900 and 1000 hours coming around the northwest of the woods and we fired on it. The enemy is shooting mortars, which proves there is still infantry there. We received heavy concentration just about dawn. We took a couple of PWs along the edge of the woods, southeast of our outpost position at 878002. (S-2) I believe remnants of the 2nd Co, 5th Regt, and 1st Co, 8th Regt are in Schoppen.
- 1357 - S-3, 23rd Inf to Capt. Clark: We are going at 1500 hours.
- 1400 - S-2 to I&R OP: "hat can you see today? (I&R) Practically nothing. (S-2) Do you have observation east and west of Schoppen? (I&R) Yes Sir, but not so good on the eastern side but we can see good on the western side on a clear day. (S-2) This is what I want you to watch closely. 2nd Bn don't have very good observation along there.

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- 1402 - G-2 to S-2: Our 3 Section wants to know if there were any civilians in Faymonville. (S-2) Yes about 2 or 3. Here is something that just came in, a tank showed up this morning at the northwest edge of the woods at 881008, and was taken under fire by our TD, was hit and then pulled back.
- 1406 - S-2 to Red 2: Did you find any civilians in Faymonville? (Red 2) Yes sir quite a few, about 60 of them. We have a mayor appointed and everything is under control. (S-2) OK Division wanted to know about it.
- 1409 - S-3 to Red 3: I understand you wanted me to call you? (Red 3) Yes, the patrol is having a rough time. They got down as far as "Y", an officer with 4 men drew a little fire and one of the men was wounded. We took another PW which you undoubtedly know about, who was brought back by the patrol. The officer and the other two men have not returned yet. (S-3) There has been a change in the flank of C Co, their left flank is at 863993. (Red 3) The PW claims there was a platoon of Jerries at the "Y". (S-3) What officer was it? (Red 3) Lt. Stein.
- 1410 - S-2 to G-2: There are about 60 civilians in Faymonville. A mayor has been appointed and everything is under control. 1st Bn didn't expect to be there long so they didn't evacuate them. (G-2) Will you find out why the Germans left them there. Victor 6 wants to know about them. (S-2) OK.
- 1412 - S-6 to Red 6: Take a look at your A Cos position, the left hand platoon, go south to 863993, they extend to 864992, which passed them directly behind their objective. Your best solution is to go through them and clean up the crap. (Red 6) I am going to get someone out there right now to have a look.
- 1415 - G-3 to S-3: C Co 18th is at 851973, and the people on your right move at 1500 hours.
- 1415 - S-2 to Red 2: I am sending someone up to check the civilians to find out why the Germans left them there and how the Germans treated them. Victor 6 would like to know so will you take him to the mayor. (Red 2) Yes.
- 1428 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: What is the latest on the 18th? (Capt. Clark) We are expecting some news at any minute from them 23rd jumps at 1500 hours.
- 1430 - S-6 to Red 6: Suppose you start a company from their C Co. Clean the woods and drive southeast to 112, and drive due south to 112 with the company that is in the woods. (Line went out).
- 1443 - Red 3 to S-3: Our 4 man patrol from C Co, who went after the officer and the two men have just returned. They can't spot them, they found their track but drew fire before they got to the "Y". That leaves a couple of men and an officer unaccounted for.

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- 1450 - S-6 to G-3: What is the picture? (G-3) We figure tomorrow it will be you with 2nd and 3rd Bns, 18th. (S-6) I have to tie in with 18th at 90400L. They got to have the hill at 90600L. I have to go to the hill at 896995. I have Driscoll making reconnaissance over towards 23. All battalions will drive southeast. 3rd Bn came in from the north and get Schoppen. 2nd Bn will go to the southwest of Schoppen to Hill 534, which is about 500 yards south of Schoppen. The longer we sit here the stronger the enemy gets. (G-3) We know your situation and are doing what we can.
- 1515 - Red 6 to S-6: We were cut off when I was up at B Co. I am down at my GP now. (S-6) OK, here is the dope. Starting with 75, from 75 200 yards northeast to 79, continue 200 yards northeast of 113, through 114, through 128 to 98, follow that trail through the woods to the east to the main northsouth road, which is 300 yards northwest of 112. Turn south and go straight south to the stream then head for the point which is 400 yards northeast of 27, then go to the road junction on the northeast corner of Amel. Follow the road from 137 to the road from Amel to Emmershot. Points 99, 88, 89, and 894010, 872990 is the phase line one. From 874983 going around the hill crossing your boundary line to 886984 and northeast to 904000 is phase line two. Phase line three will be objective we have marked on the original plans. Your mission will be to block the road from Amel to 114 and from Amel to 118. From 880014 down to 906977 boundary between two and three. Those are just plans that depend on happenings today.
- 1515 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reported they are at P-709876. 7th Corps took 55 PWs yesterday. 3rd Army had counterattacks at L-0105 and 0203 and repulsed both of them. 3rd Corps reached P-6560. Identified Panzer Lehr and 9th Panzer Div at 6172. They took 772 PWs yesterday. 7th Army reached R-1213, and withdrew at R-1217. Attacking against heavy resistance at Q-7839 and 7640. 2nd British Army got as far as K-6976, 6479, 6777.
- 1517 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 117th have patrol to O and P. 3rd Bn 119th have patrol from L Co to Q.
- 1530 - S-3 to White 2: I am sending Capt. Clark down with an overlay showing the tentative plans for tomorrow. The operational instructions will follow later tonight. It is just an overlay, so you can make plans for recon.
- 1530 - Blue 3 to S-2: We would like to know what Maj. Margolis is doing about these civilians. There are a lot of cows up here, which need care, but he should send the civilians under guard and take those cows out of here. 3 civilians just came from that hot spot woods driving a cow. We are sending them back to you, but not the cow. (S-3) I am sending down a rough overlay and some operation material by Capt. Clark.
- 1533 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: A reports from the 30th Div says they contacted 1st Bn 18th, and were told that their C Co was at that time headed for V-6. The rest of the battalion will fallow in 20 minutes. 2nd Bn, 291st is at 740915, 1st Bn 517th has a road block at 759919.

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- 1535 - Maj. Sandell to Delight: An overlay is coming down and instructions will follow down later.
- 1545 - PWI to S-2: The town had about 700 people in it. The enemy evacuated 600 and the other 100 refused to leave. The enemy looted everything in sight. Took beds, stores, etc. The Germans found a girl wearing a 1st Army patch. They made her put in on the table in her parlor and then they all pissed on it. The civilians were on the whole not bothered but allowed to live in the cellars and find what they could to eat. They were allowed to milk their cows. All horses were taken away by the Germans. The number of civilians, casualties is unknown. The civilians were overjoyed with the return of the Americans.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report. (G-2) Are you going to evacuate them. (S-2) No, but would like the CIC to go down there. (G-2) OK tomorrow.
- 1559 - Red 6 to S-3: I want to check on C Co from the people on the right, they are reported at 863993. (S-3) That is right. No dope on their K Co, it is in the midst of an attack. (Red 6) That officer didn't come back yet, and the 2nd patrol is back. They found blood on the snow and believe the officer was wounded and is holding up some place. He doesn't know what is going on any way.
- 1605 - G-3 to S-6: I talked to the General, and he doesn't want you to move into Schoppen. He feels that we have to get the 18th on objective #1 first before you can do any moving.
- 1620 - S-2 to White 2: What is cooking?. (White 2) John says there are Jerries still in the edge of the woods firing small arms at them.
- 1620 - S-3 to Red 3: It looks like your business will be the only one moving. G Co will push down and tie in with you.
- 1630 - G-2 to S-2: 23rd is doing alright. Fire is coming from their left flank. They saw some enemy south of the stream junction at 847992. 1st Bn 18th is from 841981 to 850975. (S-2) Our 1st Bn are getting some sniping from the woods east of 2nd Bn.
- 1631 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 60 rounds of artillery. Three civilians are being sent right up. One civilian lived on a farm near Schoppen. Says the heavy artillery pulled out but the light stuff is still there. Can also give location of groups of enemy. The interrogator should get some good information out of them. I want them held until what they know is useless. (S-2) We will send them to Division to be held, I have already notified them about these civilians.
- 1632 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is the shell report - 95 rounds of artillery.

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- 1700 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 600 rounds of 75 or 105; 10 rounds 120 mortar; 20 rounds 81 mortar.
- 1701 - S-2 to G-2; and Delight: Gives them our shell report.
- 1713 - S-3 to 86th Cml: Can you give me your present gun locations? (86th Cml) We are 200 to 300 yards short of your 3rd Bn CP, by the underpass.
- 1714 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Corps reports a counterattack today at 6559 of 7 tanks and 200 infantry, which was repulsed. We took the high ground south of 6565, but the enemy pushed us back off. PW states all tanks in area are from 9th SS except for a few from the 2nd SS. High Headquarters believes enemy leaving behind battle groups and pulling out their main units.
- 1725 - Red 6 to S-3: Chandler just came back from 23rd where he talked to the Co of C Co who told him that he has one platoon north of 98 which is attacking but is pinned down now. He is getting his tanks to fire direct fire at the houses there. (S-3) K Co 18th is in the same place. L Co is at 897017 and will try to work own to 892017. 18th got out to high ground at 852979. Enemy is now between them and the 23rd Inf. Have a job of cleaning up to the river. They have to go north and then east to tie in with 23rd.
- 1730 - Blue 2 to S-2: The people I sent back with an arrest slip were sent to the CIC by the PWI people, and they should be at the PW cage.
- 1810 - PWI to S-2: The civilians were hiding from the Germans at 885015 which was the CP of the 5th Regt. Today the house went up in flames, this is when they escaped. 20 enemy troops in the woods that vicinity and dug in on the trail north of woods. They could still hear an infantry howitzer near them.
- 1812 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: B and C Cos 18th on hill, check point is 80. I Co 23rd At 862989 and runs to L Coast 74.
- 1830 - Capt. Clark to G-3: TF Davison is relieving K Co, and they are moving into town, and the others remain the same.
- 1855 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: TFR is at 80781 heading east. 1st Bn 331st at 688786; 2nd Bn 684799; 2nd Bn 289th 723877; 1st Bn 291st 715912; 3rd Bn 729921; and a small mixed TF at 741917.
- 1900 - S-2 to PWI: Send the 3 civilians back through PW channels with the explanation they probably should be handled by CIC.
- 1910 - S-2 to Blue 2: The civilians that you sent in were evacuated through PW channels. Evacuation of civilians is only by an order from Corps now. The CIC can evacuate civilians for tactical reason but no mass evacuations.

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- 1930 - S-3 to White 3: 1st Bn is to clear to the 1st Phase line tomorrow. You keep in close contact with their left flank. The 18th must take 897015 before we go. A Co replaced C Co, and you will keep close contact between G and C Co. 1st Bn 18th has unit at 844982 facing northeast. C Co 23rd has a platoon fighting at 861997 facing east, another facing northeast at 862966, another facing south and southeast at 862992. The center of A Co, 23rd is 853996. Their 3rd Bn has a line running from 850990 to 858990, left to right K, I, and L Cos. Enemy is in front of C Co 18th facing east.
- 1930 - G-3 to S-6: It looks like pass situation pretty well buttoned up. They want you to push a battalion to Eilbertingen. You move a battalion down to Eilertingen, go north one grid square and place one battalion there; then go another grid square and put another battalion there, and your third battalion in reserve ready for a jump into Schoppen.
- 1931 - Message from G-4 to C #1 to Adm O #1; date 16 Jan 45; Text - Par 2a, clr sta closes in vicinity Jalhay opens at 171500A new location K-854093. Par 6d displaced persons collecting point Robertville.
- 2001 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: Where is K Co. (Blue 2) 55 (Lt. Kestlinger) Anything new? (Blue 2) We are running a contact patrol to TF Davison every two hours starting at 1800 hours. (S-3 to Blue 3) It doesn't look like you will do anything tomorrow. (Blue 3) On this tentative plan I have some questions. If we are going into Schoppen it will be a tough job in getting that hill mass. Do you think one battalion can do it. (S-3) It has got to be made at least a try at it. 1st Bn may have to swing around tomorrow and tackle their objective.
- 2010 - 23rd Inf to S-2: Our C Co is along edge of woods from junction 98 down to the nipple of the woods. One of the houses just below the nipple of the woods is on fire and we got 3 PWs from there. The other 2 houses are still occupied.
- 2015 - S-3 to S-3, 23rd Inf? What are your plans for the C Co. (23rd) Here is the complete information, 3rd Bn will continue to get the final part of that objective. C Co and the rest of the battalion will be the left flank to continue on. C Co will revert to regimental control and hold.
- 2027 - S-3 to Red 6: I just got the latest position of C Co, 23rd Inf. They knocked out the one house. Their left flank 864996 and the right flank at the bend of the woods at 862993 extending along there facing to the east. The house that is just to the north is on fire. They took 3 PWs out of there. They also knocked out a machine gun nest on the edge of the woods there. They don't know what is in the other two houses. If and when you pass thru them, C Co will revert to regimental control. Their 3rd Bn will continue on tomorrow to get down towards the other end of that objective. (Red 6) What are the plans? (S-3) The original ones. (Red 6) What about the other battalion? (S-3) They are standing fast. What time do you plan to do it. (Red 6) Frankly I don't know. I plan tentative to run tanks down the road. Where is the line you want us to tie in at? (S-3) They want you down to the stream. (Red 6) It is going to be a little difficult.

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- 2040 - White 3 to S-2: Karas is sending a patrol down to 88. They are going out at 2230 hours until 0100 hours. What is the latest on the 18th? (S-2) Gives him the latest dope received.
- 20420 - Red 6 to S-6: If I go down to the stream both of my flanks will be open if no one else moves. (S-6) Your right flank will be covered by the 23rd. They are going down to Eilbertingen. (Red 6) I know there is enemy in the woods southeast of 87. (S-6) You will put two companies in the line tying in with G Co on the south and the 23rd on the north.
- 2102 - S-2 to G-2: What is going on? (G-2) Patrol contact between 1st Bn 18th and 23rd. Total PWs for them is 22 today. I Co of 23rd is down pretty far. They are down to about 85 line. From about 853 line at the railroad tracks to 862 line in woods, south of 984. There is an ammunition dump burning down in Eilbertingen. They got a PW from the 3rd Bn, 8th Regt today. He had been down in Amel and was sent up with 30 other men.
- 2125 - S-3 to G-3: What is the latest? (G-3) I have the situation, and plans of the 23rd. You know where the 18th is. (S-3) Yes. They are getting out an order now and I would like to have an idea on the plans. (G-3) For tomorrow you will execute plan that Col. Gibb and General Taylor talked about. You will tie in with the people on the right and protect the left flank of the 23rd, who are getting a gap between you people but if you maintain patrols it will be OK. The 23rd plans on going all the way to the objective. The 1st Bn, 18th reverts back to 18th tomorrow.
- 2125 - Brown 6 to S-3: What chance is there of getting those 155s again for Schoppen? (S-3) I will try to get them for you.
- 2135 - S-3 to G-3: After we take our small objective tomorrow and the 23rd takes theirs how about putting TF Davison in the gap to maintain contact? (G-3) TF Davison will be under your control for the minute.
- 2140 - S-3 to TF Davison: I understand that you are attached to us for tomorrow and Col. Gibb wants your liaison officer up here in the morning to coordinate the thing set for tomorrow.
- 2146 - S-2 to Red 2: What is on your mind? (Red 2) Nothing much. (S-2) Did you ever find Stein and his two men? (Red 2) No we didn't, you can mark them down as PWs. (S-2) The 18th made contact by patrol with the 23rd up where the bridge is blown by 896.
- 2200 - G-2 to S-2: 7th Corps reports our forces reached P-688780 and 689799. Captured document show elements of 3rd Panzer Grenadiers Div at P-6575. 8th Corps identified 1st SS Div and 9th Inf Div at P-6559. 12th Corps identified 167th Inf Div and 5th Parachute Div.

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- 2210 - S-3 23rd Inf to S-3: Your G-3 has given us another limiting point for tomorrow, 871983 by the stream fork. We move out at 0830 hours.
- 2215 - S-6 to White 6: Did you see your replacements? (White 6) No, not yet. They won't come up until tomorrow. I have an officer from F Co with them. (S-6) I hear that they look pretty good. (White 6) A patrol from E Co is going out in 15 minutes to the same place as yesterday. Do you think this snow will cause any trouble? (S-6) Not the snow, but the ridge into Germany will.
- 2220 - Red 6 to S-3: What dope have you? (S-3) Extending from C Co's position at the edge of the woods ties in at 98 with left flank of K Co, I Co extends to left and ties in with K Co due west to 857985. L Co ties in right flank of I Co and follows the railroad tracks up to 853989 and faces southeast. B Co ties in there and comes up the railroad tracks to 857997 and faces west. F Co goes from down to 848991 tonight to secure the bridge. C Co 18th is at 850980 facing east, B Co faces northeast at 845984 and will send patrols to bridge where they have made contact with the enemy. They will try to build a bridge there tonight. F Co will have to take care of the enemy there.
- 2240 - Red 2 to S-2: At 2231 hours the second platoon of B Co reports two tanks firing directly across their front, at 180 degrees, range 3 miles, the platoon is facing west. At 2232 hours C Co reports tank movement on the right front and the left front.
- 2300 - Blue 2 to S-2: OP #1 picked up two guns firing, one from 180 degrees and the other from 160 degrees, ranges unknown. TF Davison reports digging and tank movement at 886014, and are putting artillery on it. OP #1 reports what seems to be a tank firing from 178 degrees, unknown range, it is firing in to hl. 7th field has been notified of all this.
- 2310 - I&R-OP to S-2: At 2255 hours at 190 degrees a few burst of friendly machine gun fire and small amount of enemy artillery fire. East of the OP small arms fire was observed.
- 2315 - S-3 to G-3 and G-2: Gives them the reports for the last hour.
- 2328 - Red 3 to S-3: We can't give you a definite time for the jump off, but it will be between 0800 and 0830 hours.
- 2330 - S-3 to S-3, 23rd Inf. Gives him the above information from 1st Bn.



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- 0015 - White to Lt Stephens: The patrol got to 200 yards northwest of 88, there they heard voices in the woods, estimated to be a squad and a half. Also in the woods southwest of 88 in the woods between 76 and 89 digging was heard. The patrol also heard a lot of vehicular traffic about 1000 yards southeast of them.
- 0025 - Lt Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0045 - G-3 to Lt Stephens: What time did TF Davison relieve K Co (Lt Stephens) The relief was completed at 1700 hours.
- 0100 - S-3 23rd to Lt Stephens: Our jump off time is 0900 hours. One battalion a little before 0900 hours.
- 0110 - White to Lt Stephens: A few rounds of our artillery fell short near E Co and they can hear digging between 76 and 89.
- 0205 - Lt Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0304 - White 2 to Lt Kestlinger: Things have quieted down as far as the small arms are concerned, but we can hear them digging at the same location in the woods. A couple of rounds of enemy artillery came in around 74.
- 0308 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0530 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) 3rd Bn 18th jumped off.
- 0611 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour (G-3) 3rd Bn 18th is at 896019, and resistance so far is light.
- 0625 - G-2 to Lt Kestlinger: Anything doing over there (Lt Kestlinger) Not a thing. What do you have (G-2) 26th had a recon patrol to 936009, and brought back a negative report. 3rd Bn 23rd is being harassed by a S/P gun in the 8500 square, but can't get the location of it. 18th Corps has light resistance. Vielsalm was taken yesterday with light resistance. 7th Corps reports enemy counter-attacked at 7081, by the 9th SS, they had 10 tanks. In the Canadian sector at B25569 took a PW from the 6th Parachute Division.
- 0655 - Red 3 to Capt Clark: Our companies are now moving, but that is all I have for you now.
- 0700 - Capt Clark to Decoy 3: How are you doing (Decoy 3) Where are the L.2s, I need some smoke laid one from 903020 west to 899019 (Capt Clark) I will ask Major Smith about it and have them fire for you. Where is your 3rd Bn now (Decoy 3) At 896019 on the stream, we can't get across. They have machine guns on both sides of the stream and are throwing in mortars. We took one PW there.

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- 0705 - Capt Clark to 86th Cml: How much smoke do you have on hand (86th Cml) We have about 150 rounds at the guns (Capt Clark) Can you shoot from 993020 west to 899019 (86th Cml) We can shoot that but we will have to turn our plates. (Capt Clark) Don't do anything about it yet, I will call you later.
- 0720 - Capt Clark to Decoy 3) Major Smith says OK on the 4.2s Do you want to direct it through 86th Cml. (Decoy 3) No, I will call you when we are ready for it.
- 0725 - Capt Clark to G-3; Everything is quiet down here. 1st Bn is moving around a little.
- 0732 - Capt Clark to White Msg. Ctr, There is a 4.2 mortar unit in your town called Lobster Charley. We want to get a fire mission to them, but the line is out. Could you send a man over there for us. (White) Yes sir.
- 0735 - Capt Clark to Decoy 3; We are out of communication with the 4.2 and it will take a few minutes to contact them (Decoy 3) K Co got across the stream and is organizing on the other side, can you get the smoke to get the other company across?
- 0745 - S-3 to G-3; I want some ammunition for Cannon Co. they have used up their allotment, will you bring this to the attention of Maj. Loré or Col. Beck (G-3) K Co 18th is across the stream with lots of casualties, but we don't know how many.
- 0755 - 86th Cml to Lt Kestlinger; Capt Clark wanted me to call (Lt Kestlinger) Have your guns ready to fire if we call for fire.
- 0805 - S-3 to Red 3; What is the dope (Red 3) A Co relieved C Co, but the line is out and we don't know if it is complete. B Co is engaged in a fire fight north of 98.
- 0815 - S-3 to Blue 5; B Co is in a fire fight a little north of 98. K Co. 18th is across the stream northwest of 78.
- 0820 - S-3 to White 3; What is doing (White 3) Nothing at all.
- 0830 - S-3 to Red 2; You told Maj Smith B Co was having a fire fight north of 98. C Co of the 23rd is there (Red 2) B Co jumped off and after going a little ways they got in a fire fight north and northeast of 98, where the trail enters the woods.
- 0832 - S-3 to 23rd Inf; Our B Co is going down east of your C Co. They are now at 867996 and are in a fire fight there (23rd) We took a PW who was out on a patrol, and he says that 30 replacements came in, in front of us last night. Your A Co was supposed to go through us today (S-3) They started to but got in a fire fight before they reached you (23rd) Our 3rd Bn is receiving a little counter-attack in their area.
- 0835 - S-3 to Red 3; Gives him the above information on the 23rd Inf.

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- 0835 - S-2 to Blue 6; Gives him the latest dope on 1st Bn, 23rd Inf, and 18th. (Blue 6) What does it look like, will we get hot chow this noon (S-2) It looks like you will.
- 0840 - S-2 to G-2; What is new (G-2) I and K Cos, 23rd getting an attack from the southeast. C Co took a PW from the 2nd Parachute School. L Co took one from 4th Co, 9th Regt. The 18th is across the stream in the woods. (S-2) The enemy is digging in at 889002 and 881008, this was reported by a patrol.
- 0840- S-3 to 23rd Inf; Our B Co went through your C Co, they either went through where your K Co joins your C Co or 400 yards north of there.
- 0845 - 23rd to S-3; Your B Co is passing through my C Co now. Have you anyone in the woods to the northeast (S-3) My A Co is supposed to be going up there.
- 0850 - Red 3 to S-3; B Co started out OK, got to the draw 800 yards west of 87 and got plastered by artillery. They kept going to 98 where they got into a fire fight. C Co is going along fairly well, they have tanks with them and must have all three houses if they are moving.
- 0900 - S-2, 23rd Inf to S-2; Our 1st Bn reports a tank at 867996. The attack was more infiltration than anything else. Another tank was spotted on the main road by the railroad tracks.
- 0907 - S-3 to Brown 6; How much ammunition do you have (Brown 6) 923 rounds, and my basic load is 864 rounds (S-3) You can fire to your basic load.
- 0910 - S-3 to G-3; B Co has passed through C Co of the 23rd Inf, and the rest of the battalion is making progress against resistance.
- 0910 - S-2 to Red 2; Gives him the latest report from the 23rd Inf. (Red 2) B and C Cos have their CPs in those houses down there and they haven't reported any tanks down there. A Co is taking over C Co positions.
- 0915 - Lt Lynch to S-2; 101st A/B Div is being replaced by 11th Armored Div. 17th A/B Div is taking the place of the 11th Armored Div. 7th Corps continued to make good gains yesterday. 30th Div jumps off at 0930 hours.
- 0930 - S-3 to Brown; I have a restriction on your firing. You got 70 additional rounds today. You now have 50 rounds you can fire today, otherwise put your fire through 7th Field.
- 0932 - G-2 to S-2; The pressure continues on 3rd Bn 23rd. Understand there is a tank in front of your B and C Cos. (S-2) We haven't had a report of any, but it is probably around those two houses that were just cleared up. (G-2) K Co 18th having a pretty tough time, the company commander was wounded, and they have quite a few casualties. The front seems active this morning. There are still indications of the enemy in front of the 1st Bn 18th (S-2) There is not too much resistance in front of our sector.

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- 0945 - S-6 to Red 6; How is it going (Red 6) Not too good, there is a lot of stuff in the woods, small arms and machine gun fire. The tanks are slow but are going after it. The TDs north of the woods are going OK (S-6) Tell Frank not to go out on a limb if it gets too tough to dig but hold what he has until those on the right get going. Keep tied in with B Co (Red 6) K Co is south of 98 (S-6) Regulate on them so you do not have an open flank.
- 0950 - G-6 to S-6; Don't let Driscoll get out too far, I don't want him out on a limb. (S-6) Yes sir, I just told him the same thing. Those people on the right are not where they reported they were. They have to clean up there instead of attacking. The north edge of the woods is OK, but the are in a fire fight in the woods. However they have tanks coming up (G-6) An enemy battalion on the other side of the river is surrounded. There is also a company of school troops in there. The artillery is working over the draws and approaches. A PW said they received 15 reinforcements.
- 0952 - Decoy 2 to S-2; L Co cleared out the woods southeast side of Hill 569. K Co jumped at 0500 hours and got across the draw into the woods on the other side near Hill 557. They are still in the woods. They have been receiving heavy mortar fire, and don't know where it is coming from. They haven't been able to move since getting across the draw. There has been quite a few casualties. There is no indications of much enemy infantry, it seems to be mainly mortar fire. There was some machine gun fire. TF Davison is doing some firing, trying to draw fire off us, they have been assisting quite a bit. Some PWs are coming in but we don't have any identifications or details as yet.
- 0957 - I&R OP to S-2; It is very foggy up here this morning. We can't see a thing. We can hear small arms and artillery fire in the general direction of Schoppen.
- 1000 - S-6 to Red 6; Gives him the information from G-6 (Red 6) C Co is on its objective. (S-6) Tell Kolb to tie in with B Co on his right, and not to expose his flank.
- 1015 - G-3 to S-2; What do you think is in front of TF Davison (S-2) A platoon of infantry and possibly on S/P (G-3) I want to create a diversion to take some stuff off of 3rd Bn. How much will it take (S-3) about a company. (G-3) How about a patrol (S-3) A Combat patrol will create a diversion (G-3) Take it up with Col. Gibb and let TF Davison run the patrol.
- 1020 - S-6 to G-3; I don't think it will do any good to send those men over there. The enemy has observation on there and could control and stop anything. I don't think it would help much. We could send the men, but they wouldn't be able to take the objective and we would get men killed. I am afraid B and C Cos will probably get out on a limb. See the cross road where C Co was, well A Co relieved C Co there, and then A Co pushed down to the patch of woods at 874003, they are now in progress and couldn't say they were there yet. C Co extends from there to 870996 to the other patch of woods. B Co is not definite, coming along the woods. The supposed strong points have been cleared.

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- 1025 - G-2 to S-2; There has been two cases of PWs coming back to the Division Cage with knives, one carried in a boot top, and the other hung around the neck of a PW, also a compass was found on one PW. Have Lewellyn really shake those boys down. Here is the disposition of the 18th - A Co 842985, C Co 846987, B Co 848986, a road block at 851981. Indications are that they are meeting some resistance, but not too much. C Co has some PWs. Probably the 18th will clean it out fairly soon. The facts are that the enemy is infiltrating down the stream bed and trying to get out.
- 1030 - S-3 to Red 3; Do you have anything for me (Red 3) C Co is where they were supposed to go. Kolb is ready to go again after reorganizing (S-3) Did they clear out those three houses (Red 3) They would have to in order to get to where they were going, (S-3) Any tanks seen there (Red 3) No, I don't believe so. A Co is after those woods, they left about a half hour ago, they sent a patrol to recon it first and then one platoon was going after it (S-3) What is C Co's flank by coordinate (Red 3) Left flank about 873995, have the forward slope of the rectangular woods. A Co is taking it slow (S-3) Is A or C Co getting any fire (Red 3) No.
- 1045 - S-3 to White 6; C Co is on objective at 873996 to 871994. B Co is moving to objective, center of position is 865995. A Co reconnoitered the woods at 873998, and one platoon is to go after it. The Colonel wants you to be prepared to tie in with G Co on the left flank of G Co.
- 1055 - Red 3 to S-3; B Co is not moving yet, called for 7th Field in there and some mediums. Would place B Co at 98, going north, not in the woods yet. (S-3) If B Co get into the woods, and the other people do not come up, it will leave your flank open to the south. The colonel plans to send A Co to help you in that event, will change the boundary of the other battalion to make this possible. (Red 3) I will send a liaison officer to the 23rd and find out their definite situation.
- 1058 - S-3 to G-3; If we get to our objective our right flank will end up at 870990. Someone has to tie in with our right flank (G-3) You will have to do it yourself (S-3) We can put a company there (G-3) 1st Bn 18th took two 88s in their advance. Their C Co is at 844989 down to the road. The others are holding their own.
- 1115 - White 2 to S-2; The enemy in the big woods on the west and south side, have two machine guns at least. It sounds like a fair number of men possibly more than a platoon. The enemy in the little patch of woods west of that and south of that was estimated as 15 in there last night.
- 1115 - G-3 to S-3; Has anything been moved down by the 23rd (S-3) No, we passed through them and they considered themselves relieved. (G-3) Where is the right flank of B Co (S-3) 863993.
- 1134 - G-2 to S-2; What did you find out (S-2) Not much, the three houses have been taken. B Co is approximately at 864995 as a center point. C Co probably at 870994. Any more dope on the school troops that I heard about this morning (G-2) 23rd identified the 3rd Parachute Recon unit with a strength of 40 to 60 men. They are probably the ones that are attacking 3rd Bn, 23rd. 1st Bn, 18th is doing fairly well, C Co is at 844990, and probably further than that now,

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they may have the whole nose. A Co is on the left and B Co on the right. 18th had people in vicinity of 897017 and they were receiving artillery and mortar. The mortar fire was coming from Schoppen. C Co, 18th took a half track and two 88s.

- 1140 - S-3 to Red 3; How is it coming (Red 3) B Co is still getting ready to move. C Co is consolidating. Lt Martin just came back and he says you can see our boys and the enemy mixing it up 200 yards from the burning house. B Co extends from the burning house southeast to the trail, and I think C Co ties in there somewhere. C Co's CP is the first house on the left.
- 1145 - S-3 to White 3; The 3rd Bn, 18th is getting mortar fire from Schoppen area, alert your observers to pick up the sound and phone back here for cross section.
- 1150 - Red 6 to S-6; A little rough out here. There is a double apron barbed wire fence running east and west along the woods. I am moving again. We will knock the fence down with a tank. (S-6) Could you stay where you are (Red 6) I could but it isn't very good (S-6) Are they shooting any artillery at you (Red 6) They are throwing some, they are not shooting artillery in the woods but on the outside of the woods.
- 1205 - Red 6 to S-6; We are now in the woods on the north edge (S-6) How does it look (Red 6) Better. What is the 3rd Bn, 23rd doing (S-6) They are now moving. How many tanks do you have (Red 6) 5 mediums and 4 TDs (S-6) I will find out what all the other units are doing and call you back.
- 1210 - S-2 to Decoy 2; How are you doing (Decoy 2) The mortar fire isn't as bad now. We took a PW from the 5th Co who stated a company was down to 50 men. I&R, 5th Parachute Regt the PW stated had 20 men in the platoon, he also stated they were working with the 5th Co and that they only had about 50 men left. Our K Co patrols working east and south have not been troubled too much by infantry. Some S/P and mortar fire has been raising hell with them. A PW states 7th Co, 5th Regt was destroyed in Duren. J and L Cos are still back in the woods.
- 1215 - S-6 to G-3; B and C Cos moving through the woods now. How about getting on the 23rd (G-3) General Taylor is going out there to see them. (S-6) If they don't get out there on my right we will have to give up the ground.
- 1230 - S-2 to White 2; Will you send a jeep down to the PW cage for a couple of people going to Faymonville. They were questioned and have 4 children there so we want to get them back (White 2) OK.
- 1300 - Decoy 2 to S-2; Here is some PW information. The PW states the 8th Co, 5th Regt has 50 men strongly dug in at 892013 to 893014 and have some water cooled 50s with them. There are mortar positions at 893011, believed to be 81s. At 896005 is a 120mm mortar position. 2nd Bn CP is located at 89340088. K Co was given a small counterattack from the south, it was small and is well in hand.
- 1306 - White 2 to S-2; What information do you have on the other units (S-2) Gives him the latest dispositions (White 2) We found two map cases in the house down here and they may be interesting.

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- 1320 - Red 2 to S-2; We had 3 PWs on the way back from C Co, but they got on the wrong road and got to 23rd so they turned the PWs over to them. We have 7 more that will be back. (S-2) Can you give me your positions (Red 2) C Co is at 844990 moving north; B Co is at 849985; A Co is at 841985; and we have a road block at 851982.
- 1329 - S-3 to G-3; Gives him the latest 1st Bn positions.
- 1335 - Red 3 to S-3; Col. Driscoll wants more tanks. I don't know what the situation is but he just radioed for more tanks (S-3) OK, I will send you the platoon from the 3rd Bn, 5 tanks.
- 1340 - S-3 to 745th Tk Bn; Send the platoon you have for 3rd down to the 1st Bn immediately. They need more tanks.
- 1347 - S-3 to White 3; I want an overlay, 1/10,000, on your exact company positions by platoons, showing your AT guns, TDs, and tank platoon.
- 1350 - S-3 to Red 3; The tanks will be right down (Red 3) Our situation is that B Co is half way down through the woods going east. (S-3) 23rd is sending more stuff down to take care of 98.
- 1355 - G-2 to S-2; I have those photos for you, they will be down tonight (S-2) Gives him the latest 1st Bn positions (G-2) K Co, 18th is at 896017 in close contact with an enemy force. The enemy line runs from 894013 to 891014 about on company. A Co 18th at 842989. The 1st Bn, 5th Regt holds the ground north of Schoppen.
- 1400 - Col Davison to S-3; Do you know anything about tanks going west to east in the direction of my positions at about 1000 yards to our right front. I would say that it was in your B Co position (S-3) I would say they were friendly tanks. I just talked to 2nd Bn and they didn't report any enemy tanks. We have some tanks going to our 1st Bn.
- 1410 - Red 6 to S-6) Where is the 23rd (S-6) Their tanks and TDs are with K Co on your right and are working southeast from 862993.
- 1410- I&R OP to S-2; One man observed going west across an open space at 892003. Some artillery has fallen in Schoppen.
- 1416 - S-6 to G-3; What is 23rd Doing (G-3) Their A Co is moving to the right of your B Co. The situation on 3rd Bn has 1st up (S-6) B Co is in the middle of the woods and are going east. The enemy is all around them now, in front and to the rear. The enemy is coming due north along the edge of the woods. How about doing something to get 23rd to clean their part of the woods. (G-3) OK, I will see what I can do.
- 1420 - TF Davison to Lt Stephens; We destroyed a machine gun at 887018.
- 1425 - S-3 to Red 3) I am going to send you a platoon of light tanks. I will have the platoon leader report to you. The mediums are on the way already.

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- 1430 - S-3 to 745th; Are the tanks on the way (745) Yes, they have left. Sullivan is leading them in by a jeep. You must have heard them go by your CP. How is the situation with 1st Bn (S-3) Gives him the latest reports.
- 1430 - Lt Lynch to S-2; 1st Bn 120th is on objective Q, and are having heavy fighting there; 3rd Bn is 1000 yards behind them protecting to the left; the 2nd Bn is on objective L, prepared to move to P, when they move to P the 1st Bn 119th will go to L.
- 1435 - S-6 to G-3; We want them to make physical contact and make them responsible because we are now over in their area (G-3) they are having a fire fight down there now, but I just talked to an officer from 1st Bn over at the 23rd who said everything was OK, but we will tell them to contact you.
- 1435 - S-3 to S-3, 23rd Inf; Our B Co's left flank is at 868995, and their right flank is at 866992 and are attacking southeast. They had fire on the company CP, The enemy worked up to 98 and along the edge of the woods and in back of B Co at 865997.
- 1440 - S-3 to TF Davison; Have a platoon of light tanks go down to 1st Bn. The enemy came in from the direction of the 23rd and came from 863993 directly north to 865996 and fired into a few of our company CPs. Have the platoon commander report to Col. Driscoll at the 1st Bn CP in Faymonville.
- 1455 - G-2 to S-2; 18th Corps reports fire fight with an enemy patrol in vicinity of P-8499 just before 0600 hours. Also a fire fight at P-822950 to 820953 which lasted until 0300 hours. 7th Corps reports 50 PWs were taken at P-6777 from three units of 15th PGD. Report enemy resistance strong. 3rd Army reports the enemy holds a small pocket at L-0203. 3rd Corps their line as P-7051, 6653, 6455, 6556, 6457, 6458, 6559. Two enemy counterattacks were repulsed and they knocked out 17 tanks. They have crossed the road at T 6363. They identified the 416th Inf Div, and the 130th Panzer Lehr at P-6559. 7th Army reports our boys at R-1415, also reestablished a small bridgehead at 1316. Jerry brought two companies across the river at R-1720 but were taken care of. The enemy holds the town at R-2125. The enemy attacked at 1733 and suffered heavy casualties. 1st French Army reports enemy attacks at V-6864 and 7350, which were repelled with heavy casualties.
- 1500 - Inspire 3 to S-3; Just got a PW who was a warrant officer, he says that an officer from the people who captured him took a case away from him that had some overlays with some positions on it.
- 1500 - S-2 to G-2; Gives the situation over in "B" Co area, also tells about the enemy infiltrations, and of 14 PWs who are on their way back. Tells of contact between the 16th and the 23rd Infantry.
- 1515 - S-2 to Red 2; A case with some overlays in it was taken away from a PW. We would like to get ahold of it, it may be valuable.



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- 1530 - S-3 to White 3: Left Co of Inspire is in the woods, contacting our "B" Co. (White) Co C at edge of woods, with elements around those 2 houses off of the road around point 82. Co B we are not sure of, but may be around point 873, think their left flank is at 873 (S-3) Platoon of light tanks with them? (White) Yes they just come in. The Med's are with the Co.
- 1537 - Red 5 to S-2: We just evacuated 2 enemy, who were pretty badly shot up. They were taken in B Co area, and we would like to have them interrogated. (S-2) Okay I'll take care of it.
- 1538 - S-2 to Co A 1st Medics: Hold the 2 enemy taken by our Red Bn. Am sending someone down to question them.
- 1539 - S-2 to PWI: Have 2 enemy at the 1st Medics, they were hit pretty bad, and had to be evacuated. Send someone down to question them.
- 1544 - S-2 to MPs: PWs are being sent to the Division PW cage without being properly searched. Tell your men to be careful when they are checking over the PWs.
- 1558 - G-3 to S-3: How does it look? (S-3) B Co has extended out to the fire break and are even with C Co.
- 1610 - PWI to S-2: The wounded PW taken by the 1st Bn were from the 13th Co of the 9th Parachute Regt. He was part of a group of 40 that were supposed to clean out the woods. He states that there are 3 120mm mortars at 876969. There are 9 more in the Co, which is near Amel. Regt 1 CP is at 852977. This morning he says he saw 1 assault gun at cross-roads at 476. PW was taken with 6 others.
- 1615 - S-2 to White 2: Would like the shell report (White 2) We are receiving real heavy artillery lately. Here is the shell report - 60 rounds 81 mortar; 30 rounds 120 mortar and 500 rounds of 105 and 150 artillery. Those machine guns are still in the western edge of the woods (S-2) Gives him the latest positions of the 1st Bn.
- 1630 - I&R CP to S-2: Visibility is very poor. There is scattered artillery in the vicinity of 57.
- 1640 - S-2 to G-2: The 2 PWs that went through Co A 1st Medics were from the 13th Co, 9th Regt. They were part of the group of 40 who were sent to clear the woods. The PWs said that as of yesterday there were three mortar positions at 85559686. The company has 9 more mortars that were pulled back. The PWs said they were two of a group of 6 that were captured, the other 4 are unaccounted for.
- 1647 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report; 60 rounds light artillery; 50 rounds of mortar; and 30 rounds of tank fire.
- 1655 - Red 2 to S-2: here is our shell report; 180 rounds of 105. (S-2) Try and locate the brief case of the Warrant Officer PW. (Red 2) The PWs turned in through the 23rd said their mortars were destroyed. Had heard rumors of another parachute outfit relieving them. Another rumor said SS troops were to reinforce them.

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- 1705 - S-3 to Red 3; We received the positions from Col. Driscoll. It looks like a good job. What is in the L shaped woods? The Colonel wants to know what is in there. Send a patrol to there tonight (Red 3) We are shooting our own AT to 87. We have TDs and two platoons of tanks. We will take care of the woods.
- 1706 - Message from G-4; Ammunition expenditure allocation for period 150600 to 180600 increased as follows; 105 How M3 70 rounds. #4 ammunition allocation expenditure for period 150600 to 190600 increased as follows; 105 How M3 90 rounds
- 1708 - S-2 to G-2 and Delight; Here is shell report for today - 800 rounds of artillery, mostly in and southeast of Faymonville; 140 rounds of light mort ar; and 35 rounds of 120 mortar.
- 1710 - S-2 to G-2; In the L shaped woods at 874994 our 1st Bn observed, about a half hour ago, approximately 100 enemy withdrawing east from that area (G-2) 23rd reports 150 enemy from front of them withdrawing to Ibertingen. A PW taken by 23rd says another parachute division is coming in and had one battalion at the town at 9195, and there is also a rumor of SS coming in.
- 1719 - G-3 to Lt Kestlinger: Are you firing 4.2s? G Co, 26th is getting some 4.2 stuff coming in on them (Lt Kestlinger) We wouldn't have the range. We moved the base plates, but I will check and call you back.
- 1721 - Lt Kestlinger to 86th Cml: Are you firing now (86th Cml) Yes (Lt Kestlinger) Where (86th Cml) From 884007 to 883005.
- 1725 - TF Davison to S-2; We picked up a S/P gun at 884014 on the little trail. 7th Field is adjusting on it now. It has been firing at the house that is a contact point between the two companies. I will let you know the results.
- 1726 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3; Our 4.2s are firing a mission from 884007 to 883005, which is no where near the 26th.
- 1730 - Lt Lynch to Lt Kestlinger; 30th Div recon contacted 1st Bn 18th. 1st Bn 117th at 810953, enemy dug in south and southeast of the hill; 1st Bn 120th is generally at 819953.
- 1735 - I&R OP to S-2; Enemy gun flash, a direct fire weapons, appears to be at the edge of the woods at 883004, on a 163 degree azimuth from here. It is firing in a northeasterly direction.
- 1750 - Lt Lynch to Capt Clark; Contact between 20th Div and 23rd is at 841989. 1st and 3rd Bns of 120th are on Q, they are having trouble with a road block east of N. There are 4 tanks in there, but have them surrounded.
- 1756 - TF Davison to Capt Clark; We adjusted fire on the gun that was firing from 885009, and the artillery started something burning out there, and we have received no more fire.
- 1850 - S-3 to G-3; What do you expect of us tomorrow (G-3) You will take objective 2. The 23rd will take all three towns, that is an Army order. The 18th will take objective 1; Corps won't let them touch 2 yet.

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- 1852 - Red 6 to S-2; I suppose you are disappointed because of no PWs. We had over 20 of them, but most of them went through the 23rd. Most of them were from the 13th Co, 9th Regt. (S-2) I did get some information from two of the ones that went through medical channels.
- 1857 - S-6 to Red 6; What is cooking (Red 6) We are not tied in on the right. A S/P on Hill 99 fired at us and the TDs chased it away and the enemy artillery chased the TDs. A few small clashes here and there. I am sending patrols out, they will check the L shaped woods, B Co is in the woods pretty far. (S-6) It looks like you will go for the 2nd Phase Line tomorrow. You will have to turn over your tanks, but you can keep the lights.
- 1900 - G-2 to S-2; I received the documents right after I called you. How are things going (S-2) B Co ran into a double apron barbed wire fence and built in bunkers so that proves they didn't just move in (G-2) 120th has elements down to 827938 and 815934.
- 1905 - S-2 to 23rd; How does it look tonight (23rd) Much better. They counterattacked about 1600 hours but everything is going OK. We took about 75 PWs today. (S-2) Did you get any information about the double apron fences our B Co ran into (23rd) No, but I think they are our own built by our men that were in here before the breakthrough. There are three 150 assault guns up here.
- 1905 - S-6 to G-6; What is the plan (G-6) Same plan as last night, but you will not go beyond the 2nd Phase Line (S-6) What about my flanks (G-6) I know, but I can't touch the 18th at all. I will see what I can do about the others. The 23rd will take the 3 towns. (S-6) If I am going to 903993 I am going to have to have the hill at 905010 in friendly hands. I don't believe I can take my complete two objectives. Let me study it awhile longer and I will call you back (G-6) I think you are right, but it is Army that is telling us what troops we can move.
- 1930 - S-6 to White 6; I would like you to start an offensive at 0645 hours to include the road junction southeast of the woods and 88 down to 100. The 3rd Bn will start moving from E Co's present position going due east and the southeast to 101. The 1st Bn will work down to the high ground west of 113. The people on our right will work towards 125. The people on our left will continue to sit tight as they have been doing for the past four days. The attack will be co-ordinated within the regiment. (White 6) I will work out some plan.
- 1945 - S-6 to White 6; I want to go over this thing with you again (White 6) At 0630 hours my tanks and TDs will be in position to fire at the western edge of the woods and all known enemy. At 0645 hours my troops will start moving. E Co goes southeast towards 88 and the ground to the east towards 100. F Co goes down to the far side of the woods. G Co will be kept on the right flank (S-6) OK, make your plans along those lines.
- 1958 - G-3 to S-3; A patrol from C Co, 23rd went down to the fire break at 865992, made no contact and returned. Another patrol went south along the 862 north-south line to the edge of the woods and made no contact. They will outpost the edge of the woods tonight.

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- 2000 - Message from G-4: Ammunition expenditure allocation for period 190600 to 230600 as follows; 81 mortar light 2160; 81 mortar heavy 950; 81 mortar WP 530; 105 Howitzer M3 900; unexpended balance from period ending 190600 reverts to Army.
- 2005 - Red 2 to S-2; A Co took two PWs by the squads in the woods. Also have 70 civilians in two houses. (S-2) Gives him the latest reports.
- 2015 - S-6 to G-6; I would like a platoon of light tanks with each battalion, and the remainder of TF Davison to come over to tie in with the 3rd Bn and the 18th. I want to pile on as many infantry on tanks as possible and have as many tanks as I can. The center of the 1st Bn is at 883984, the southern part is at 880980, the northern part is along the road at 887986; 2nd Bn to start where the 1st Bn ends on the road and will go to 895992; 3rd Bn to march around the high ground at 897006 and tie in with the 18th. I want the 3rd Bn to get the high ground at 896995. TF Davison has 1st Recon, 674th Recon, 745th Recon under my control and I will give them elements of infantry to work with them.
- 2019 - Lt Lynch to S-2; 1st Bn 289th at 710855; L Co, 289th at 721858; K Co 289th at 727859; 2nd Bn 289th at 730878; 290th at 738888; L Co 290th at 743894; B Co 290th at 760908; C Co 290th at 751911; A Co 290th at 768910; 3rd Bn 517th and 2nd Bn 291st on objective at 7792; H Co 517th at 765934; E Co 517th at 771960; one platoon of E Co 517th at 782957; elements of 2nd Bn 119th at 777969 to 782971; B, F and C Co's 119th at 787974 to 799977; A Co 119th at 790980; I Co 117th at 806969; 2nd Bn 117th is at 799959; 1st Bn 117th is at 8195; L Co 117th is on 819957; H Co 117th at 822949; 1st Bn 120th at 826938; 3rd Bn 120th 835944; 2nd Bn 120th at 811965; I Co 119th at 827998.
- 2020 - S-3 to White 3; What is on your mind (White 3) When do we get this platoon of light tanks (S-3) I don't know what time, but it will be tonight.
- 2055 - Red 2 to S-2; Here are our patrols for tonight; A Co patrols at 2100 hours to 878004, and 879002, two patrols one to each of the above. C Co at 0400 hours patrols to 874994.
- 2045 - S-2 to PW1; The PWs we were to get were sent through the 23rd, but we have two coming back sometime tonight.
- 2050 - G-6 to S-6; Do you think you can make this thing tomorrow without TF Davison (S-6) I will need the three platoons of light tanks if I am going to do it. I am going to hit with everything I have. (G-6) I will call you later and see if you can get the other three platoons of light tanks.
- 2055 - S-3 to TF Davison; It has been tentatively approved by the General that each of our battalions will have one platoon of light. Send the platoon leaders to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- 2100 - G-6 to S-6; We accept your plan. You jump at 0645 hours (S-6) Yes, all our plans are being made under cover of darkness. (G-6) Your 3rd Bn will relieve the pocket in front of TF Davison (S-6) Yes, I am sure it will (G-6) OK, I have given you all we have outside of the engineers.