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- 2102 - S-6 to White 6; Just the way we talked about it. The light tank officer is on his way up to you. It is all or nothing at all. We shoot the works. Don't forget we have no reserve or anything. Speed is what counts and we have nothing to give you if it doesn't work.
- 2111 - S-3 to Brown; Have Capt Golden report to the CP immediately.
- 2130 - Lt Stephens to Decoy 3; How far are you now (Decoy 3) About half way up the hill holding for the night.
- 2140 - S-3 to 745th; Where is your tank dozer (745th) It is back with me (S-3) Have it ready for the 1st Bn to use tomorrow on call.
- 2155 - S-6 to S-6, 23rd Inf; My plan for tomorrow is to take Phase Line #2 (23rd) This morning the enemy was to attack us, that is what a PW said. My plan for tomorrow is two companies abreast down to the road to objective H.
- 2158 - White 6 to S-3; I want permission to start B Co 10 minutes behind the rest of the battalion (S-3) Permission granted (White 6) I would like another ambulance if possible because of the difficulties of evacuation over the present road net. (S-3) I will try to get you another one. Cannon Co will fire only on observed targets tomorrow, except in case of counter-attacks, that it will pour it on. (White 6) Is there any limit on 4.2s (S-3) No limit.
- 2210 - Red 2 to S-2; One of these two PWs is a Sgt. from the 5th Co. 9th Regt. They were to defend west of Faymerville, and hold out as long as they could and then withdraw to Schoppen. Had 50 men in the company, 25 were killed, missing or wounded. He said they were to be relieved tonight or tomorrow by an SS outfit.
- 2210 - S-6 to Determine 6; How is the artillery setup (Determine 6) Fine, we have plenty of ammunition (S-6) Do you have enough to save a situation that may not be so good after awhile (Determine 6) Yes (S-6) What have you got to back me up (Determine 6) About 8 battalions, including 3 mediums and 2 Long Toms. (S-6) What is the possibility of getting a couple of 155 S/Ps (Determine 6) Not much chance. You see they have reverted to the people going on through (S-6) In the event I might need them, I would like to be able to get them in an hour. You see we are attacking tomorrow morning with everything we have and once we go we are done, so I may need everything (Determine 6) Yes, we were discussing your problem here awhile ago. We were talking about getting some heavy stuff if we can get observation, but remember that we have two others to back up also.
- 2220 - S-3 to Blue 3; You will have plenty of artillery for tomorrow, but Cannon Co is only to fire on observed targets, but in case of an attack it will fire. (Blue 3) If the enemy fires from the woods in the 18th area or from the woods on the 2nd Bn objective plaster the hell out of it, and I am going to make a boundary with the 18th that they won't fire over that.
- 2230 - S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest PW information.
- 2255 - White 3 to S-2; Where is the platoon leader from the light tanks, he hasn't showed up yet and we are making plans and he isn't here yet. I understand that the 745th has some half track ambulances, would it be possible to get one (S-2) I will talk to Maj Smith about it.

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- 2257 - Capt Clark to 745th: Where is the platoon leader who was to report to 2nd Bn (745th) He left an hour ago with his platoon of tanks.
- 2300 - Capt Clark to White: The tanks left an hour ago with their platoon leader.
- 2300- G-3 to S-6; I found something very interesting from PW interrogation here. Where B Co of the 23rd started from today, they pushed through a heavy defensive line where others had not been able to push through. C Co reported a heavy flanking fire. The story was that Jerry had 300 to 400 paratroopers who launched an attack down there at 0830 hours this morning. I thought something was up there, because of all the fire, but 23rd apparently didn't know what was happening. We put in 14 battalions of artillery right on the cross roads down there, and there are dead Jerries piled all over the place there. The attack ran north from the cross roads and ran into C Co and kept pushing north through the woods, but I couldn't see how C Co could pass through B Co. (S-6) B Co had a heavy fight all day today. They hit the attack head on. B Co hit them and kept going. The 23rd just didn't know what was going on.
- 2302 - Capt Clark to White 2; Will you tell Capt Bour that the ambulance will be there in the morning.
- 2330 - G-2 to S-3; Reicht was cleared at 0600 hours Jan 18th. PW from 1st SS stated only one combat team now left of the regiment. They have 16 tanks in St. Vith located at 843878. A PW from 352nd Inf Regt, 246th Inf Div was taken east of Petit Thier. In the 7th Armored area 7 counterattacks in the past 24 hours in the area east of Bastogne. The 10th Co, 110th PGR of 11th Panzer Div was identified at Dutzdorf in a counterattack involving 15 tanks and infantry. 2nd British Army took the town at K-6077. The Russians are 48 miles west of Warsaw.
- 2358 - PW1 to S-2; Here is the information taken from the 2 PWs taken by 1st Bn in vicinity of 872999. They are members of the 5th Co, 9th Regt. They got separated from their company when it retreated near the edge of the big woods. They stated the 6th Co is on their right; 7th Co on the left. When he last saw the company they were in hasty constructed fox holes. They also say only 25 men left which may be contradictory. They knew nothing about the relief.

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- 0107: Red to Mr. Lipinski; We are getting a little S/P fire from the vicinity of 99, going across our A Co position, but landing beyond them.
- 0118: Mr Lipinski to G-3; Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0200: I&R CP to Mr Lipinski; The visibility is getting better, but so far we have been unable to get anything definite on gun flashes. At 0105 Hrs at 105 degrees we observed one white flare a long ways off.
- 0440: White to Lt Stephens; An American jeep and trailer went through E Co's outpost at about 0320 hours going east on the road between 76 and 89. He was not stopped anywhere so he must be a guest of Jerry now. The CP picked up a gun battery at 145 degrees.
- 0443: Lt Stephens to G-3; Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0640: G3 to S3; The 3rd Bn 18th will be late in jumping off, and I don't know how late.
- 0646: G3 to White 3; What have you got now (White 3) Very little now as the communications are shot to hell. (S3) Let me know when you get something.
- 0655: Blue 6 to S3; K Co has jumped, and the others are in position. As soon as K Co gets contact then I Co jumps. We are having a hell of a time with our telephones, the tanks are tearing the lines to hell. The radios are not good. My forward CP is in Faymerville.
- 0658: S3 to G3; We jumped off, no report on the progress yet.
- 0659: I&R to S2; At 0620 hours one enemy battery at 142 degrees, 10 seconds flash to bank, 7th Field notified.
- 0715: Blue 6 to S3; I Co is jumping off now. We are trying to solve our communication problem.
- 0716: Red 5 to S3; Is it possible to have work done on the road from 75 to 87 to our forward CP. We need a tank dozer for the job.
- 0720: S3 to 745th; I want your tank dozer to go down to 1st Bn Forward (745th). OK, it will be there.
- 0735: Blue 6 to S2; One platoon of K Co riding on tanks is still moving, but don't know where they are. I Co is swinging to the right of them passing the woods. L Co has moved out too, and all three are moving.
- 0736: Blue 6 to Lt Kestlinger; K Co is on the 1st objective. I Co is still moving, no contact as yet.
- 0739: S2 to White 2; Any news? (White 2) We can't get them by wire or radio. They jumped off on time.
- 0749: I&R CP to S2; We are completely snow-bound, and can't see a thing over 50 yards. We hear no small arms and there has been no incoming artillery since 0600 hours this morning.

0802; White 3 to Lt Stephens; G Co reported being in the patch of woods 200 yards west of 88, moving on 88 with no contact.

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0803; Blue 6 to S-3; They are at the corner of the woods to the right of where K Co was to go. They are approaching their final objective. Will report when they are on. We are out of contact with I Co. I know that I and L Cos are moving but have no word as to where they are. The tanks are bogging down, and the TDs are doing the same. You can't hear a tank move out here, and you can't see a thing. (S3) Gives him G Co's position.

0810; S-3 to Maj Oxford, 1st Bgr; The road to TF Davison is bad, we can't get over it. (Maj Oxford) We will work on all roads shortly, all are snowed in, but will put B Co on TF Davison road.

0810; I&R CP to S-2; Now and then we can hear friendly machine gun fire, very spasmodic. There is scattered artillery but we can't distinguish friendly from enemy. We can't see a thing.

0811; Red 6 to S-3; A Co is 200 yards south of 99.

0812; S-3 to G-3; K Co at 892013; I and L Cos are still moving toward town. G Co at 880000; A Co 878995.

0814; Red 6 to S-3; C Co is 200 yards north of 112.

0815; Red 6 to S-2; A Co is on objective as of 0810 hours.

0815; White 3 to Lt Stephens; Progress of F Co cleared the western edge of the woods between 76 and 89. They worked around the northern edge and southern edge of the woods, I don't know about the eastern edge. They have taken in the northwest corner of the woods.

0818; Red 6 to S-3; What is the location of the unit on the left? (S-3) 200 yards west of 88 at 0800 hours.

0820; Blue 3 to S-3; We took 3 PW's. I Co went into town, they missed the 1st objective and took the 2nd, and are going back for the 1st. K Co is almost on final objective.

0825; White 2 to S-2; The identification of the 3 PW's are two from 3rd Co, 3rd Pioneer Bn, and one from Hq. 8th Regt. The last word from F Co they were sweeping the north and south edge of the woods and also circling the east edge. E Co was up to the first two houses northeast of 88, without opposition. Location given as 885003. G Co was through the two clumps of woods, head for 88, no contact. F Co we believe is through the woods. (S-2) Gives him the locations of the other units.

0830; TF Davison to S-2; We have 2 PW's, deserters, they are being sent in to you. They were taken at 890019. They are from the 4th Co., 3rd Bn, 5th Regt.

0830; S-3 to Decoy 2; K Co is at 897013; I Co has elements in the town of Schoppen; we took 3 PW's at 880008. 1st Bn quite away down. Are you on the hill. (Decoy 2) I would say they are, but nothing definite as we just made contact with them a few minutes ago. I will call you back when I get something new.

- 0833; S-3 to G-2; G-2 gives him detailed report of present locations of our companies and the PW identifications.
- 0845; S-3 to White 3; What is F Co's mission? (White 3) F Co reached objective at the trail junction at the edge of the woods at 89. E Co is 200 yards short of their objective northeast of 88. G Co should be on 88 now. E Co moves from 88 to 100; F Co moves to 88 when E Co moves out. (S-3) L Co is going toward 89. I Co has elements in town. When E Co gets on 88 they revert to Regimental reserve. They don't move unless permission is granted by this headquarters.
- 0845; Radio Operator to Lt Stephens; Here is an intercept we just picked up, "G 100 yards northwest of objective."
- 0845; Decoy 3 to Lt Kestlinger; How are you ending up with the 3rd Bn. (Lt Kestlinger) I will have Maj Smith call you back. (Decoy 3) K Co is on objective at 898016, no opposition.
- 0847; S-6 to G-6; We need help as we can't supply anyone until I get a couple of weasels. The tanks are getting stuck, and we can't move our transportation. Can use a minimum of 3 but need 6. (G-6) I will see what I can do.
- 0850; S-3 to White 3; I Co is on the northern edge of town; L Co is at 89; K Co is the same as before; 3rd Bn, 18th is on 78. (White 3) G Co is to the left of 88; E Co is northwest of 88 in the patch of woods, but should be beyond that now. (S-3) A Co is at 113; C Co is on the right; B Co in close contact on their right. (White-3) We need the roads worked on. (S-3) The engineers are working now, and we are trying to get weasels.
- 0850; Red 5 to S-3; A Co is on objective, B and C Cos are 100 yards short of objectives.
- 0855; Blue 6 to S-5; We have reached objective on the left. I Co is on objective #2, they by-passed 89 and ended on objective #2. L Co is at 89 and is passing around to the right. K Co will be moved from the woods up to 89 and then into town. 3 light tanks are stuck.
- 0855; G-3 to Lt Kestlinger; The demonstration at Army is postponed until tomorrow at 1500 hours. Officer and driver will bring their bed rolls, and the driver will bring his mess kit. Arrangements are made for billets and feeding. (Lt Kestlinger) Lt Ramiria is the officer who will be going.
- 0900; S-3 to TF Davison; I want you to patrol constantly from your left flank to the stream at 886012 in that area. Contact the 3rd Bn, 18th on the knoll at 898015, contact point is 895018. Don't move.
- 0900; S-2 to G-2; A Co is at 885984; their objective; C Co 878983; B Co 875985; K Co 891012; L Co 889004; G Co 879999; E Co 882000; F Co just above E Co. No word of I Co except that they are on the north edge of town. (G-2) How do those boys do it. The weather is ghastly. Shoe packs are on the way for the men in the companies.
- 0922; I&R OP to S-3; We hear a tank out front, but can't tell the distance, but it is this side of Schoppen.
- 0925; S-2 to Red 2; How are things? (Red 2) The only communication with forward is by radio. As far as I know there has been no contact with the enemy.

- 0927; PW1 to S-2; 2 [redacted] were from the 5th Co, 5th Reg. They said their company had 35 men left. The company was located in the big patch of woods at 892-016. The 6th Co was to the left, and the 2nd Co to the right. They don't know of any other companies. They spent last night in a cellar in Schoppen. They were captured when they were trying to find the company again. The company had hastily dug positions. The morale of these two was very poor.
- 0930; Lt Kestlinger to Decoy 3; TF Davison is to contact your L Co, or the right flank of I Co. They will patrol the north-south road to the stream constantly. Notify you I and L Cos. (Decoy 3) Our I Co patrol is to contact your K Co. (Lt Kestlinger) Our K Co moved out for Schoppen. (Decoy 3) The other patrol to E Co, no limit.
- 0930; S-2 to G-2; Gives him the late st PW information.
- 0933; S-2 to PWA; The CO of the 5th Co, 5th Regt is 1st Lt Noth.
- 0935; G-3 to S-3; B Co of the engineers will be with you, but there are no weasels available.
- 0940; Disguise 3 to S-3; Co A is to be pulled out and the 20th Eng is to relieve them. They will keep going until the relief is effected. (S-3) The set up is not satisfactory we need another battalion to clear our roads.
- 0941; S-6 to G-5; I just received a call from the engineers, who state that they are being pulled out for Division reserve, and the 20th Engineers are being put in their place. (G-5) Correct, the General feels we need a reserve. (S-6) I would recommend that this should not be done. We don't need a tactical reserve. The Germans can't move in this weather. We need our roads for traffic, as they are all snowbound. (G-5) I will see that the 1st Engineers remain on the job until your job is finished, and the road is opened. (S-6) I suggest we use both the 1st and 20th Engineers. Would you consider this thing. I can see no need for a tactical reserve. We would need them to keep the roads open. (G-5) OK, I will talk with the General, and call you back.
- 0956; G-3 to S-3; Have you the plan of the 18th. (S-3) Yes. (G-3) Their I Co is cleaning out the woods behind them. (S-3) What is behind there? (G-3) I don't know. Then they will push south to the hill you people have been worrying about.
- 0959; S-6 to G-6; The engineer situation has us bothered. (G-6) We are talking the situation over now. We are getting two battalions of engineers, they are on their way down. (S-6) I can't get down to my battalions. The only thing I can see is to have the engineers keep the roads open. (G-6) (turns the phone over to G-5) Oxford called saying the engineers were being pulled off their job. Fred, let us get this situation straightened up. The 1st Engrs will continue to work on the roads. By 1300 hours we ought to know enough about the situation if we should go through with the plan or not. (S-6) At the present time our engineer's work is at a small's pace. Weasels are the only vehicles that can move. (G-5) Are your tanks bogged down? (S-6) Yes. We only have 4 weasels and could use more. (G-5) We are trying our best to get more.

- 1000; Red 6 to S 6; are half way through the town. Some mortar fire is coming in from Modersscheid. We would like to go to 101. (S-6) The 18th is going to 79 and they will tie in with you at 91. I would suggest a strong outpost 101 instead of occupation. TF Davison is going into the woods at 886014.
- 1007; S-2 to G-2; Do you have the locations on the 23rd? (G-2) L Co at 860984; K Co at 863984; G Co 866984; B Co 868984. The 1st Bn 18th is getting close to its objective.
- 1010; Red 5 to Lt Kestlinger; A and B Cos are on their objectives.
- 1015; Lt Lynch to S-2; The 3rd Parachute Div is to hold until the 20th when they are to be relieved by an SS outfit from Stadwill. 1st Bn SS of 3rd Para Div is in Valander. 30th Div has patrols in Patau. They took a PW from 517th Regt, also has patrols in Recht with heavy resistant there. The British took 80th at K-6980, and identified the 17th VGR there, also the 10th, 11th and 18th Flak Batteries. The 5th and 6th Batteries of the 5th-Arty Bn also identified.
- 1018; G-5 to S-6; The engineers will keep your supply routes open.
- 1020; I&R OP to S-2; Everything is quiet.
- 1025; G-3 to S-3; Where are you going to contact the 18th. (S-3) 897007.
- 1033; S-3 to White 3; What is the latest? (White 3) I have several problems. We called for a half track ambulance last night, and it has arrived. (S-3) That was laid on, and it should be there now. (White 3) It is essential that we get a bulldozer under our own control. (S-3) I have Lt Keys, Co A, 1st Engrs, minus one platoon which is attached to the 1st Bn cleaning the roads to Schoppen and the roads at 100 and 113. They are on it right now. That is their mission for today. The engineers are in great demand. 1st Bn is on their objective, 113. 3rd Bn is half way through their town with their left about at 90. Where are your companies? (White 3) We have been having a pretty bad time with communication, the radios won't work. Co AF as of 1000 hours are still on the ground east of 88. E and G Cos are both on the move, we are trying to get their location so we can pin them down. E and G Cos are southeast of 88. (S-3) I don't know if you are riding your tanks or not, but the 1st Bn and I Co rode their tanks to their objectives without any trouble, can you do it. (White 3) No, it is impossible, no suitable route.
- 1054; S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest situation. Have you any further poop? (G-2) A Co, 18th is at 843968 moving toward its objective. The 23rd Inf is meeting no enemy opposition or mortar fire.
- 1100; S-3 to G-3; Gives him the latest positions of the companies. 21 PWs are coming back, and also one officer. The 2nd Bn positions are not definite but there is no reason why they should not be moving on their objective.
- 1105; G4 to S-6; I have four M-29s from the 9th Div for you. One will be on the way down; two are in Ordnance, and one across the street.
- 1110; Red 5 to S-3; All the companies are on their objectives. The tank dozer is in action and is going to break through to the companies.

- 1112; S-2 to PWI; Through a radio intercept 2nd Bn is sending down some PWs and an officer taken in Schoppen.
- 1115; I&R OP to S-2; Visibility is still poor. 12 enemy artillery shells coming from due south of us and are landing somewhere on our left.
- 1115; Decoy 2 to Lt Kestlinger; I am checking on the contact point, is it 897007? (Lt Kestlinger) Yes.
- 1119; Col Davison to S-2; My people down with Capt. Blake sent out 4 patrols to the ground that was giving us trouble in the past few days, and they found nothing there.
- 1120; Radio intercept; "I Co reached objective. L Co one block from objective. K Co at 89 going to 101. There is some resistance in town.
- 1125; Blue 6 to S-3; The light tanks got stuck in a creek in the 18th area. The AT platoon will be up in about 45 minutes. (S-3) L Co of 18th is going to 905010; K Co will be on 78. (Blue 6) K Co will outpost the hill and two companies will stay in town. TR Davison will stay where they are and do patrolling.
- 1135; G-3 to S-3; What is the latest on the 2nd and 3rd Bns. (S-3) Gives him the latest positions. (G-3) What is the location of B Co. (S-3) 874984. (G-3) Have you heard anything from the 23rd? (S-3) No.
- 1140; S-3 to White 3; Cannon Co has been requested to fire on 88 at 0930 hours, Do you know anything about this. (White 3) We have no contact with the cos.
- 1145; White 6 to S-3; At the northeast corner of the woods that F Co went through a jeep hit a mine, there wasn't much damage but the roads are in bad shape. The snow will have to be cleared to get rolls and supplies to the men.
- 1146; S-3 to G-3; The supply route is not open from Weywertz to Faymonville to Schoppen. We have to get it opened. Get on Disguise will you. I am getting no results from them.
- 1150; S-2 to White 2; What is going on? (White 2) F Co reports 17 more PWs, and I have already sent 4 back. (S-2) The PWs for today were from Hq Bn, 86th Regt; 3rd Co, 8th Regt; 3rd Engr; 14th Co, 9th Regt; Hq 2nd Bn, 9th Regt, and a couple of replacements. (White 2) Two men in a jeep are being sent back to you, they had one of our patches on. 1st Lt Wieding was in charge of this group of about 100. They had three assault guns up in the woods last night and they were told we were going to attack this morning. They were to shoot and then pull back to Schoppen. The Regimental Commander is Van Hauffman. F Co is east of the woods, E and G Cos are advancing south-east of 88.
- 1151; G-4 to S-3; On the supply road, you now have 2 Co's of engr and a Corps detachment working on it now. You also have a D-7 tractor working from Faymonville to Schoppen. (S-3) It still is not open. We can't evacuate wounded. I will check the roads again at 1300 hours and if it is not open I will call you again.
- 1200; S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest PW reports. (G-2) The 23rd got a civilian who said there were some Jerries in Eibertingen.



1200; PWs to S-2; The PWs taken by 2nd Bn belong to the 2nd and 3rd Cos, 3rd Parachute Engr. Bn, two from Hqs 1st Bn, 8th Regt. The PWs say that the 1st Bn has been made into one company of 100 men. Things are supposedly in utter confusion. The Battalion CP was last in the water tower at 884006. Two days ago they saw some 81 mortars, number unknown, in vicinity of 894994. The rest of the engineer battalion is now in Amel. The 3rd Co, 3rd Engrs has 70 men and they were thrown into line two days ago. They did not lay mines in this vicinity and didn't think there was any. Two days ago they saw two assault guns on the road from Schoppen to the woods. One PW says they were told that the 8th Regt, 2nd and 3rd Bns had been brought up from the rear when our attack started, but they have not seen them. Yesterday the regimental CP was in a house where it was previously reported at 89180020.

1215; Message to Disguise A; AT mines on Faymonville-Schoppen road in vicinity of 881009. In addition the road from Faymonville to Schoppen must be cleared immediately. If you cannot do it in one hour call me. Signed Maj Smith.

1217; I&R CP to S-2; At 1150 hours scattered enemy artillery falling northeast of Schoppen.

1218; Blue 6 to S-3; There are mines on the road from Schoppen to the edge of the woods. Can we get a bull dozer and engineers to clear it? (S-3) I have taken care of it.

1220; G-3 to S-3; Have you heard from Horner yet. (S-3) Yes, he can't give me anything definite yet. F Co will go into regimental reserve at 882000. F Co also got 28 PWs from the woods, which brings our total to over 50 so far.

1220; S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest PW reports.

1222; Disguise 6 to S-3; We have two companies working out on those roads between Faymonville and Schoppen and from Weywertz to Faymonville. That business of being in reserve is cancelled, and if Lt Kays comes in have him call me.

1230; Blue 6 to S-2; We didn't get up on the high ground and we are getting quite a bit of direct fire from the tanks and AT fire. How are the people on the right flank making out. (S-2) We still can't get a clear location. (Blue 6) We had a jeep knocked out by mines, and hope we can get some engineers down here. (S-2) Maj Smith is working on it.

1235; S-2 to Blue 6; I would like to have Walker look in on the Jerry CP that is in Schoppen, there might be some papers there which would be of interest. The engineers are now working on the roads.

1248; Capt Clark to White 3; Anything new on E or G Cos. (White 3) No, not yet it is all pretty well confused. F Co had a patrol out to 3rd Bn.

1252; G3 to S3; Have you anything on 2nd Bn. (S-3) We just talked to them, and things are a little hazy as they have no communications with the companies. 1st Bn is just about all set on their objective.

1300; Blue 6 to Lt Stephens; We contacted F Co, and a Lt. came into our CP at 89 and contacted us there. We tried to take Hill 101 but were taken under fire from the next ridge and to the right of that. We had to pull back, but will try and outpost the hill. We need a platoon of engineers and a good bull dozer also some mine lifters, and shovels to clear the snow.

1300; Red 5 to Capt Clark; They all jumped off on time. C Co got to its objective without firing a shot at 0945 hours. B Co is in a fire fight at 0615 hrs

- 1300 (cont'd) Red 5 Capt Clark and took 11 PWs, and had one casualty on the objective at 1030 hours. A Co on objective at 0810 hours, no fight. We need axes, picks and shovels. We would like a priority on them. The tank dozer can't keep the road clear. Our supply line is from 75 to 87, then down to the forward CP, then down to the companies. (Capt Clark) I will talk to Maj Smith about this.
- 1310; S-6 to White 6: What is your situation? (White 6) G Co is isobscure. E Co is in woods at 887997 moving through there. They had some casualties on the near end of the woods. F Co is moving to the east of 88. (S-6) What about sending someone down to 1st Bn, they can tell you where G Co is. You can get a guide there.
- 1315; S-3 to Capt Ralph; Co A, 745th is moving down into the town, I told them to send a runner back so you can put a line into them. (Capt Ralph) I also am putting a line in to the 1st Engrs.
- 1327; S-6 to Red 6: Can you tell me anything on the 2nd Bn? (Red 6) No, I can't but I can show someone from 2nd Bn how to outflank the enemy on their objective. Visibility is becoming good. I am going to try and send someone to the final objective to look it over.
- 1330; S-3 to 23rd Inf S-3: Where is your K Co? (S-3) The last report had them on the high ground south of the town. (23rd) Where is your nearest unit to our 3rd Bn for contact? (S-3) I Co, with their left flank at 895003.
- 1335; PW1 to S-2: We have two PWs from Hq 2nd Bn 9th Regt; 3 from 3rd Co, 8th Regt; one from 14th Co, 9th Regt; and one from 3rd Co 8th Regt who says they came from Duren 3 days ago with 6 men, and 17 more are on the way. The 3rd Co of the engineers on the left, and the 5th Regt on the right. They were supposed to be relieved on the 20th. They saw 50 to 100 paratroopers at the town of Armetla. Last night the relief order was revoked and they were told to hold at all costs.
- 1340; Red 5 to S-3: We need a dozer to clear the roads, the tank dozer is not much good. (S-3) They are trying to clear the road to 3rd Bn, so they can lend you their weasel to supply your companies with. Have the engineers officer with you see Lt Kays, and if he isn't using the small dozer you can have it. (Red 5) We need another weasel.
- 1341; S-3 to G-3: E Co is at 887997, they got into a little scrap in the northern edge of the thick woods, but are moving along now. (G-3) Check contact point between your 1st and the 23rd's 2nd Bn.
- 1356; Red 2 to S-2: Two PWs are on the way back, they are from the 14th Co, 9th Regt. A wounded enemy officer is at A Co of the Medics, send an interrogator there to him.
- 1357; G-2 to S-2: There isn't much change. A Co, 18th and B Co 23rd ran into a strong enemy point at the overpass at 855970. Iveldingen is believed to be clear. 23rd had contact on the western outskirts of Ibertingen. I Co 18th is on objective. L Co is not on yet, but no contact. 26th and 18th laying on patrols to see what is out front.

- 1357 G-2 to S-2; (cont'd) A Co, 18th is close to the steam. G Co, 18th in vicinity of 852975 an hour and half ago. (S-2) Gives him the locations of our companies and PW information.
- 1408: PWI to S-2; One of these PWs is a Supply Sgt from 14th Co, 9th Regt. He says the total strength of the regiment is now 370 men, now at Ibertingen, Iveldingen and Dedenberg. He was sent to Schoppen area with a squad of 8 men to guard some mortars, he never saw the mortars. His company has 31 men left, no AT guns and 4 or 5 bazookas. He says his regimental commander was supposed to have gone back to demand relief of the general, saying that his outfit could not hold out any longer.
- 1408: S-6 to White 6; 3rd Bn is firing at an enemy tank or infantry east of 88 at 893977. (White 6) B Co is in a fire fight.
- 1415: S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest PW information. (G-2) An enemy officer has been evacuated through 2nd Bn to Co A, 1st Med to D Co, he was from 1st Co 3rd Mountain Regt. He had been here 8 days.
- 1420: S-2 to Red; What is new? (Red 2) There are two wounded PWs and one officer on their way in, the officer is from 1055th Regt. (S-2) Gives him the locations of 18th and 23rd.
- 1425: S-2 to G-2; Gives him the report on PW from 1st Co, 3rd Mountain Regt and asks him to check this and to watch for others.
- 1425: S-6 to G-6; Things are going fairly well, the difficulties are in the center, but they are working on that now and will have it cleaned up pretty quick. My men are all wet and have no place to dry out, and I am afraid by tomorrow we will have a lot of men turning in sick, can't we effect a relief? (G-6) There just isn't any relief. Are you getting hot food to them? (S-6) Yes, and all the blankets and rolls we can get. (G-6) How about that town? (S-6) We have one company from the 3rd Bn in there, that is all I can put in there. If I am kept out here for five or more days I won't have any regiment. Corps will have to replace me any way. (G-6) I know that, and so do they. (S-6) Well I will do everything I can General. (G-6) If I have any good news you will be the first to hear it. Huobner said if we take this he won't ask us to push for awhile.
- 1435: PWI to S-2; A PW from 1st Bn, 8th Regt says 60 men are left in his battalion. Says an alarm company was on his left and the 9th on the right. S-2 There is an officer PW from the 1055th Regt coming in from 1st Bn.
- 1435: S-3 to G-3; A S/P is firing from around 893996 into the town. Did you get anything on 3rd Bn, 18th. (G-3) The last report had I Co at 907014, and L Co coming around their right flank.
- 1445: S-2 to I&R CP; What can you see in Schoppen. (I&R) We saw a large truck on the far ridge, and friendly tanks 400 yards west of 89 being fired on. (S-2) 3rd Bn is being attacked by tanks and infantry. The artillery is going to lay on them so keep your eyes open.

1445; Blue 6 to S-3; We are getting a counter-attack from the south, 893999. Tanks and infantry. Get that road open or we can't stay in this town. We have people in every house. The attack is coming from the south. Those people must get up here. TF Davison should be moved down to the ridge so they can support us. All of our AT guns are stopped 300 yards north of 89. We need that road cleared. (S-3) The dozer is on the way, he left at 1300 hours. (Blue 6) Our wire crew got shot up. Walker just returned and he hit another mine. The one weasel we had is blown up. We need assistance down here. I will get a full report and get it in to you. The enemy is at Moderscheide in back of those hills.

1450; G-3 to S-3; 23rd reports troops to the left front, did you send a patrol that way? (S-3) They wouldn't be very big and I don't know the road they are using. (G-3) Find out the strength of the patrol and the road used. S-3 3rd Bn is being counter-attacked in Schoppen, it is coming from the south. About 5 tanks and 100 infantry.

1455; S-6 to White 6; What are you doing with F Co. (White 6) F Co was in the process of moving east of 88. They are getting direct fire from the south and southeast of town in the 101 area. They are getting casualties. I am going to leave them where they are or move them around the woods. (S-6) 3rd Bn is getting a counterattack of tanks and infantry from the south. F Co has got to get there and get physically tied in with the 3rd Bn. (White 6) Yes sir. They will have to go by way of 89. I believe G Co is tied in with E Co's right flank. I can push F Co out to cover the gap. (S-6) Block between E and L Cos.

1500; G-2 to S-3; 23rd reports 100 enemy coming up the trail at 879995, and they are putting artillery on them.

1501; Radio intercept from 1st Bn; "Enemy vehicles moving back and forth from 125 to 127 and troops moving from road fork to 126.

1510; G-3 to S-3; 23rd reports observing company of enemy moving north on the little trail at 879975. They want permission to shoot at them. (S-3) Go ahead.

1511; S-2 to Red 6; Gives him the report from 23rd Inf. (S-2) Here are the positions of the 2nd Bn, 23rd - E Co 876974, G Co 877969, F Co 870980.

1529; S-2 to I&R CP; Can you see anything. (I&R) A squad of enemy over towards Moderscheide, over the "H" in Moderscheide over on the ridge. (S-2) What do you see west of 101. (I&R) 2 squads or platoons of our troops, west of 89 and swinging back. I will let you know if we see anything else.

1530; Blue 6 to S-3; Things are fairly quiet. Tanks have withdrawn to Amel, but don't know about the infantry. Believe they are in the two farm houses outside of town. Lt. Kayes was just here and reports he is getting small arms fire from the houses just west of the town. It may be long range from 101. (S-3) F Co came in on the right flank already, but are having a time at it. Our main trouble is getting into the damn town in that open space. (Blue 6) I just received a report from Kemp and he said it was quiet, but I don't know if the infantry has withdrawn. (S-3) 2nd Bn, 23rd reported 100 infantry came out of Eilbertingen and headed for Schoppen. It is a rally area.

That was a regimental CP at one time. (Blue 6) Walker went over the town not thoroughly, and he did see the Krauts. Remove Watermark Now

- 1530: S-3 to Red 6: There is 100 enemy in that column coming out of Bilbertingen, and we have given the 23rd permission to fire on them with artillery. I told them 25 men or less could be our patrol. (Red 6) I am sure it wasn't our patrol. (S-3) The Colonel is putting F Co in between E and L Cos.
- 1535: G2 to S-2: Here is the situation as of 1200 hours - 18th Corps meeting stiff resistance at Recht, but the enemy has been withdrawing during the night. The line runs from P-780935 to 820935. One of our patrols got down to 805937, no contact. Some other boys took a road junction at 822950. 7th Corps got to P- 697765, and reported a little resistance from that position. A counterattack may be forming at 701772. The 1st Canadian Army had a counter-attack at E-6172. They took a PW from the 2nd Parachute Div and have the situation well in hand. 3rd Army, 20th Corps report they had an attack of 14 tanks and two battalions of infantry. We had to withdraw from L-0403, but we knocked out 9 tanks and 4 half tracks. 12th Corps reports attack today, but they had little resistance from infantry, but at the river crossing they had plenty of artillery. Our boys got as far as P-8942, 8944, 8544, 8444, and the town at 8341. There is not a change in the 3rd Corps line. 7th Army reported they had to withdraw out from river at R-1013, 1114, and 1823. They had an attack at R-1783, but they took care of it.
- 1535: PWI to S-2: PW reports the 2nd Battery, 3rd Arty Regt located at 914913, one gun. 1st Btry east of Loenshein. The 9th Btry has four 150 howitzers located at 887997, also the remaining gun of the 8th Btry. One man was taken from the 3rd Mortar Bn. The mortar battalion has three companies. The battalion is thought to have thirty 120mm mortars and some 80mm mortars. The 8th Regt has the 3rd Engrs, the 3rd AF, and the 3rd ARTY Regt attached.
- 1540: G-3 to S-3: The 2nd Bn, 23rd is having a rough time at Bilbertingen. The General wants the 1st Bn to push down to relieve the pressure, he wants them to tie in with their right boundary. (S-3) Hell, we can't do that, we are spread all over now. (G-3) What about F Co. (S-3) We just put F Co between E and L Cos to fill the gap. (G-3) There is K Co. (S-3) K Co is in the town as you know. (G-3) Well, it has to be done. (S-3) I will have to talk to the Colonel.
- 1555: S-2 to G-2: Here is some further information. Tanks and considerable infantry came up the two roads leading into Schoppen from the south. They were fired on, and the last reports we have things have quieted down. The tanks have withdrawn, but the infantry is still there. The 23rd reports 100 infantry moving towards our K Co. Our F Co is being put in to fill the gap between E and L Cos. Here are the latest positions - G Co 884994; E Co 888997. They are apparently tying in. These PW we got back are from the 1st Co, 3rd Parachute Mortar Bn. Stated the battalion consists of 3 companies, 20 - 120mm mortars and some 80mm mortars.
- 1555: S-6 to Gen Huebner: What is it I have to do in the 23rd sector, we control the gap between them and us with fire. (Gen Huebner) There is a build up there. Things are clear on the west but not on the east.
- 1600: Blue 2 to S-2: From the civilians around town I found out that there had been a lot of enemy in the houses in Schoppen, and four 75's were south of the town. There are not many dead in town, and the artillery did not seem to do too much damage.

- 1600: G-6 to S-6; The 23rd has a company held up outside of the town, and this makes a gap. There has been a build up in Amel. We have to protect this flank, and get it closed up. (S-6) I will have the 1st Bn send down a strong Combat patrol to them and that should be able to clean up anything that is out there.
- 1602: S-3 to Blue 3; The I&R OP reports infantry coming up on the road from Moderschied to Schoppen. They are catching artillery, and also infantry coming up on the road west of 101, not catching fire there. (Blue 3) I received a report saying troops were coming out of Schoppen toward 101.
- 1605: S-3 to Red 6; Gives him the dope received from I&R OP. The Colonel wants you to send a combat patrol from the north and northeast towards Eibertingen. (Red 6) I have already sent tanks out there to 127 and 128. (S-3) Have you considered using 110 and 111 in case of an emergency. (Red 6) Yes, but the road is bad.
- 1605: S-6 to G-3; There are tanks between Iventingen and the right flank controlling that ground.
- 1605: I&R OP to S-2; We can see Jerries north and east at 101. There is a platoon deployed north and west toward the town. 101 is getting artillery.
- 1615: S-6 to G-3; Someone has the wrong impression down there on the situation. Gives him the locations. (G-3) B Co should be put in to close the gap instead of a combat patrol, that is what the General wanted.
- 1617: S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest locations and the latest PW information. Where is the 3rd Bn, 18th. (G-2) They should be at 907017; L Co is at 907013. (S-2) According to the officer PW at Co A, 1st Med Bn he is from 1055th, and was an officer from a pool, who came up here alone, and was to report to the 3rd parachute Regt.
- 1635: S-6 to White 6; There is a gap between A and G Cos and you will have to do something about it. (White 6) Half way between 87 and 88 there is a small house, at this house I am going to put Lt Day and 10 men and a tank. G Co has enemy in the woods in front of them. (S-6) Try to work out a plan where the tanks with A Co can assist you.
- 1638; Lt Lynch to S-2; 30th Div is going to Objective P. 1st Bn 119th will remain on our right flank tonight. They have also cleaned out objective O.
- 1640; Decoy Blue 3 to Capt Clark; We would like to register in for night fires at 89650050, right near the stream and-northeast of there. (Capt Clark) That is a little too close, I will have to talk to Maj Smith. He says anything 200 yards on your side of the stream is OK.
- 1654; G-3 to Lt Kestlinger; I just received a call from Maj Anderson of 23rd Inf. He says at the town of Eilbertingen, they claim the 16th is firing on them. They want them to cease firing.
- 1655: S-3 to Red 3; Gives him the above information.
- 1657; Red 3 to S-3; I checked on the matter, it is coming from 2 Fox. They are firing at 887572. I just talked to Capt Woodward. I will check the companies anyway to make sure.

- 1700: S-2 to White 6: How many PWs did you send in. (White 2) 28, some came from E Co., 6 from the houses, 22 from F Co.
- 1706: G-3 to Lt Kestlinger: It was their own tanks doing the firing. Their E Co is in the town. 1st Bn, 18th jumped off.
- 1710: S-3 to Brown: Where have you been firing for 1st Bn. (Brown) We just fired at 875978, a registration round. (S-3) A no fire line for tonight is 875980 to 883975, no firing south of this line..
- 1725: S-3 to White 6: The Colonel wants you to make contact with 3rd Bn in Schoppen and tomorrow you will clear the gully by 89. You don't have to occupy it after you clear it. (White 6) G Co is pushing down southwest. Entirely cleared bit patch of woods. Lt Day and the CP group that was out off are at 876001. He has 3 mediums and 3 lights with him. I will make it a strong point for tonight and will try and tie in with G Co. 2 mediums and 5 lights are with Stan. Guns wouldn't work today, they were frozen. The men had to hide behind the tanks and work their guns until they would fire. It sure was a weird day.
- 1730: Red 5 to S-2: We are sending down some rolls of film and some pay books also had 8 PWs but I sent them over to 3rd Bn. They have 41 PWs of their own, and they will send them down together.
- 1730: G-3 to S-6: How is it looking. (S-6) Not too good. 2nd Bn is in a little ball. A Co was bent back a lot closing to within 500 yards, but we can clear it up in the morning. (S-3 to G-3) I am sending down an overlay tonight. Also gives him the positions as of this hour.
- 1745: White 6 to S-5: I want to tell you about F Co. The left flank of F Co is at 887003, and the right flank at 888999. They have outposts in the houses at 889001 but the bulk of their personnel is still in the woods, but they control the houses and the draw between our 2nd and 3rd Bns, they also took over 10 PWs out of it.
- 1749: S-3 to G-3: Gives him the information received from Col. Grant at 1745 hrs.
- 1800: PW1 to S-2: We have had 39 PWs go through the cage today.
- 1807: Blue 2 to Lt Stephens: I would like the positions of our 2nd and 1st Bns, also the 23rd Inf. (Lt Stephens) Gives him all the latest positions. (Blue 2) I am sending down 49 PWs, 8 of them belong to the 1st Bn. They are from the 5th, 8th, and 9th Regt, one from the Arty Regt, and 5 or 6 from 1056 VGR.
- 1812: White 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: We have 19 PWs, one is an officer from the 983rd Regt, can you send up a truck. (Lt Kestlinger) I will see what I can do.
- 1815: I&R OP to Lt Kestlinger: One enemy vehicle moving northeast at 116. at 1740hrs tracer fire coming from 73 being fired south.
- 1830: Decco 2 to Lt Stephens: Can you give me the positions of your 3rd Bn. (Lt Stephens) Gives him the latest dope on their positions.
- 1840: S-3 to TF Davison: I am releasing the light tanks with the 3rd Bn back to you. However, they are stuck. The lights with the 1st and 2nd Bns are in such a position that they can't be released tonight, but will be tomorrow.

- 1843; S-3 to Decoy 3; How is everything? (Decoy 3) Everything is quiet here but I am disgusted with the engineers. We had to use my German half tracks for snow plows. The engineers did not go into town. Where is your F Co. (S-3) They occupy two houses to the west of town, 500 yards south of 89, and are tied in with E Co. They took 18 PWs there. They had patrols out to contact K Co and L Co. (Decoy 3) There are still plenty of Krauts around 91 in the valley; also a 120mm mortar in front of us about 400 yards to our left front in a gully.
- 1845; G-6 to S-6; How are things, and are you getting hot food and blankets to the men? (S-6) We got all the objectives, but still have a few little gaps which I am not worrying about. (G-6) The people were down on a recon and are going to jump off in the morning. I hope I get your 2nd and 3rd Bns out of the line to get a rest as soon as I can. (S-6) All we had today was some S/P fire, and are going to try and dig them out tonight. One of the snow buggies blew up on a mine. The enemy occupies the house south of the town, and we are going to try and clear them up tonight. (G-6) OK, Fred, you did a damn good job.
- 1900; Delight 2 to S-2; What can you give me for a shell report for today. (S-2) I would say no more than 100-150 rounds of artillery today. (Delight 2) We set a convoy on fire this afternoon, about 1300 yards out. They were all vehicles.
- 1905; S-2 to Blue 2; How many PWs today? (Blue 2) 62. Would you call Maj. Margolis in the morning about the civilians in Schoppen. It is quiet up here, just waiting now for a line to come in from forward. (S-3) Tell Col Horner that the dozer started from Faymonville at 1800 hours. You will lose the light tanks, and they will go back to TF Davison. The minefield has been removed.
- 1910; S-3 to G-3; The light tanks have been relieved from the 3rd Bn and the others will be relieved from the 1st and 2nd Bns tomorrow morning.
- 1915; S-3 to Red 5; The dozer is on its way down. (Red 5) We had to carry chow by hand. The Colonel helped carry up food himself. Axes are hard to get, but we are getting along. (S-3) 2nd Bn with G Co clear west over to where you came through, and E Co is going to take 100. I want you to give them any support they might need.
- 1920; S-3 to Decoy 3; We are buttoning up for tonight. K Co is on the north edge of Schoppen; L Co is southwest of them facing east is I Co; G Co is on a line running northwest to southeast at 886995; E Co is at 898998 and almost ties in with G Co; F Co is at 887003; B Co is running east to west at 874983; C Co is on the high ground at 882983; A Co is at 885987 facing east and northeast; 2nd Bn 23rd has taken and cleared the town at 878970; 3rd Bn 23rd has taken and cleared the town at 862972. (Decoy 3) My K Co is at 899015 on line running east to west facing south; L Co 905010 facing southeast; I Co left flank at 905017, right flank 906014 facing east. The Schoppen-Butgenbach road is clear up to K Co. Horner and Packham have arranged the details for the contact patrols for tonight, it will be at 896005.
- 1920; Lt Lynch to S-2; 1st Bn, 117th on objective N; 2nd Bn 117th on objective O, bridge is intact; I Co 805970, K Co 803951, L Co 819959; 1st Bn 119th on objective L; E Co at 770960; F Co 779981; 781978, 783974; G Co 772978; I Co on objective G; 1st Bn 120th on objective Q; 2nd Bn on objective K; I Co 833945; K Co 821946; L Co on objective Q with 1st Bn; 1st Bn 517th at 752927; 3rd Bn on objective N with two platoons on objective G and R; L Co 291st at 796899; I Co 749899; K Co 741891; 2nd Bn 747882; 2nd Bn 289th 733871 3rd Bn 710862.



- 1933: S-2 to PWI; There are 19 PWs on the way back to 2nd Bn, one is an officer from 7th Co, 983rd Regt, 89th Div. (PWI) That is not right. (S-2) Check what outfit he is from.
- 1940: Decoy 3 to S-3: Our 3rd Bn is receiving friendly mortar fire which is landing at 904009. (S-3) That would not be us. Our mortars, if firing, would be firing from 880008. (Decoy 3) That is about where the mortars seem to be firing from. (S-3) I will check this immediately.
- 1944: S-3 to Blue 2; Give him the above report from Decoy. (Blue 2) I will check and call the fire off if our mortars are firing there.
- 1955: Lt Kestlinger to 86th Cml; Are you firing? (86th Cml) No. (Lt Kestlinger) Send your liaison over to our CP for an overlay of the front lines. Also Maj Smith does not want you to fire tonight with clearance from this Hq's.
- 1957: Lt Kestlinger to Brown; Send a liaison officer down here for an overlay of the front line, and you are not to fire tonight with clearing through this headquarters.
- 2000: PWI to S-2; A PW from 1st Co of 5th Regt was attached to the 5th Co. The 7 men from the 1055th, 2nd Co, were from the kitchen and were left in Schoppen when the outfit pulled out. Cooked for 120 men this morning, men from many different groups were in the 120. One cook saw one assault gun pulling out of Schoppen for Moderscheide at 0700 hours this morning. The battalion trains of the 3rd and 4th Cos were in Landserrat about 18 kilometers from Schoppen. The regimental CP of 1055th reported to be at Hunningen. 10 days ago artillery positions were in vicinity of 917989. The 1st Battery of 3rd Arty Regt had three 105s, and they want to Moderscheide. They claim there was a rumor that a VCR was supposed to relieve them in this area.
- 2000: S-3 to White 3; I would like to have your plans for tomorrow. (White 3) Col Grant and Col Driscoll are talking it over now, I will call you back after they have decided what to do. (S-3) You lose your light tanks tomorrow as soon as you can let them go.
- 2010: S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest dope on the last group of PWs. (G-2) The 23rd identified the 1st Bn of 352nd VCR to their front who had the mission to secure Montereaux.
- 2020: S-3 to Blue 6; How is everything going. (Blue 6) The condition of the men is terrible, their clothes are frozen on them. I am going to have a lot of sick men on my hands. I have the AT guns and mortars in town. The CP is not in town yet. (S-3) The Colonel wants you to clean the houses out south of L Co. (Blue 6) I think they pulled but will check. I had a platoon cut up bad going up that knob, a light machine gun section, two men left. Point 10 can't be approached as they have direct observation in daylight, the only way it can be taken is by the flanks. We lost all the TDs but one. (S-3) 2nd Bn is going for 100 tomorrow, and G Co is to clean up the north side of the stream tying in between E and A Cos. Send a patrol to 101 tonight. You take it tomorrow in conjunction with 2nd Bn. (Blue 6) We won't be able to hold it, as we won't have no battalion on the left. They can see us coming for miles.
- 2023: S-3 to Red 6; You stand fast tomorrow.
- 2028: PWI to S-2; The engineer CP is at Mirfeld. 4th Co was committed last night

north of Iberten and were under control of the 9th Regt. The 2nd and 3rd Cos were under 8th Regt. 4th Co had 50 men left according to the PW.

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- 2030; G-2 to S-2; Here is the weather report- from 2000 hours 19 Jan to 2000 hours 20 Jan scattered snow flurries, wind moderating, gusty, sky overcast. Visibility poor, increasing in the afternoon, Minimum temperature 22, maximum 34.
- 2045; S-2 to G-2; The PW count for today is 104 and 6 through medics. (G-2) 23rd took 120 PWs.
- 2100; Red 3 To S-3; What is the disposition of 2nd Bn. (S-3) E and G Cos are in a circular position- 887998 is the left flank of E Co then goes right in a semi-circle to 890998 facing generally east; G Co's right flank is tied in with E Co; F Co is in two houses at 887011.
- 2115; I&R CP to S-2; There is a fire burning at 1620 degrees and a couple of hundred yards out the other side of Faymonville. Another fire in the same vicinity about a half hour ago, which exploded while burning. It is snowing now, and visibility is very poor.
- 2118; S-2 to Blue 2; Gives him the breakdown of the PWs sent in by 3rd Bn. (Blue 2) I understand that our artillery put 5000 rounds of 155 in Schoppen. A civilian says that enemy casualties in Schoppen were negligible. The woods north of Schoppen was somewhat better, however, the civilian saw from 10 to 15 casualties pass his house each day from these woods. All installations were in cellars, underground. It is quite definite that the attack this afternoon was by enemy who knew that we held that area. They came in shooting, fire and movement.
- 2118; S-3 to Brown; Have you fired at 904013? (Brown) No, we fired on 903009.
- 2122; Delight 6 to S-6; I had a call from Divarty about Cannon Co doing some firing into the 18th today, causing some 5 or 6 casualties. (S-6) Is it definitely proven. (Delight 6) People at Cannon Co said they had fire in that area. (S-6) I will check on this, it could be that Horner's tanks fired over there. We had told those people that we would lay it on them if we received fire from that flank. It is definitely wrong, of course, and I will speak to Capt Golden about it.
- 2130; S-3 to G-3; At 1630 hours G Co saw one company of the 23rd with a tank go past 877979, they watched them go into the town. Tomorrow the jump off will be at 0700 hours. E and G Cos will establish a straight line between Schoppen and 1st Bn. Patrols will go south of the town tonight. The road situation is not good.
- 2145; Lt Lynch to S-3; 1st Bn 290th sweeping the woods south of 751911, then will move south; 3rd Bn is going east from 735877, and is in contact with 2nd Bn, 289th at 721873; 1st Bn 331st along line 689802 to 700803 to 703797 to 703793. 3rd Armored, TFD at 688753, 684774, 689761, 687767; TFL 702784, 704770, 700760; TFK 664747; TRW 673769, 616705; 2nd Bn 120th 813929.
- 2152; White 2 to S 2; We have what we think are two field made-officers sent in by F Co. They found them in the hay loft of the CP when they went up to beat around in the hay. The PWs are being interrogated now. (S-2) Gives him the PW summary.

2200; S-2 to Red 2; Gives him a summary of the PW information. (Red 2) I have another PW that just came in.

2200; I&R OP to S-3: At 155 degrees a gun flash observed, 8 seconds flash to bang.

2205; PW1 to S-2; The officer that I have is the Commanding Officer, 7th Co, 1055th Regt. Had been in reserve. He said he was here to take over the sector to the right of the parachute regt, apparently to protect a flank. He was on a recon for a position when taken. One PW is from the 9th Co, 999th Engr Labor Bn, Penal Bn. He says two battalions have been here for two weeks digging AT ditches in the Schoppen area. One PW says 3 assault guns were seen in Ibertingen, and the crew wore the "death head" insignia. Artillery was also seen pulling out on the Amel-Ibertingen road.

2210; Lt Kestlinger to Deocy and Delight; Gives them our patrols for tonight.

2220; S-2 to G-2; Gives him the latest PW news. (G-2) Here are the enemy capabilities, (1) counterattacks of several hundred infantry, supported by a few tracked vehicles in the Schoppen-Ibertingen areas, or both, (2) From the summary of PW remarks, possibility of attack by relieving people through the parachute people before 20 Jan, (3) A new division might be a possibility.

2225; PW1 to S-2; The PW from the Penal Bn said he had been digging AT ditches and fox holes west of Schoppen along the 00 grid line. AT ditches were the conventional zig-zag type. He described them as being 140 centimeters deep 60 centimeters wide and 120 centimeters long. 5 days ago he had seen 10 SS troopers. The PW from the 5th Co, 5th Regt says he took part in the counter-attack west of Schoppen with the 2nd Bn of the 5th Regt, but lost his unit there. A Sgt from the 15th Co, said his company CP last night was at 903983. His company CO sent him and his platoon to the 2nd Bn, 5th Regt to aid in the counter attack on Schoppen, they were supposed to establish MLR west and northwest of Schoppen. He thought there was a possibility of some of the Germans getting away to the east. He said there was a good German tank, in running order, stuck at 900986. He was in support of the 2nd Bn, 5th Regt for a holding mission, he said the 13 the Co had 6 to 10 12 centimeter mortars at 903994 last night. Yesterday he saw 3 tanks going from Amel to Modersheide. The PW from Hq 8th Regt said the 5th Regt was attached to the 8th, and the 8th was running the show.

2225; White 3 to S-3; The jump off time is 0700 hours. (S-3) K Co is going out to 101 tonight, what they find will determine what they do tomorrow.

2227; S-3 to Disguise 3; The road from 888038 to Faymonville has to be opened tonight. (Disguise 3) We will do everything possible.

2228; S-3 to G-3; Is there anything new for tomorrow. (G-3) No.

2240; Red 2 to S-2; The PW we had was from the 7th Co, 1055th Regt. He said the 5th, 6th, and 8th Cos were to attack tonight, but the 5th Co was surrounded and only 25 men got out, and the attack was called off. They had a replacement officer sent to them according to the PW but he don't know where he is.

2255; Lt Kestlinger to Lt Kays; Lt Kisorek has been straightened out on what he has to do tonight. The road from 888038 to Faymonville is to be cleared and a tank dozer is to go to the 3rd Bn.

2325; Lt Kestlinger to Blue 3; 7th Armored takes off tomorrow through 23rd, but this information goes no lower than companies.

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- 0007 - RWI to Lt. Kestlinger: 1st Bn just sent in a deserter from 7th Co, 1055th Regt, and he said the 6th and 7th Cos were in reserve until yesterday.
- 0011 - 23rd to Lt. Kestlinger: Your Col. Beck told our Col. Childs that you would have a contact patrol to our 2nd Bn. Do you know about this? (Lt. Kestlinger) I will check on this.
- 0012 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red: Do you know anything about a contact patrol to 2nd Bn, 23rd? (Red) No, but I will check.
- 0015 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0030 - Red to Lt. Kestlinger: I checked on that contact patrol, and we have none going over there.
- 0035 - Lt. Kestlinger to 23rd: There was no contact patrol arranged with our battalion. (23rd) Col. Beck said it would be arranged for you to make contact.
- 0037 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Do you know anything about us arranging a contact patrol to the 23rd? (G-3) I will have to check on it and call you back.
- 0057 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 26th just reported that 3 enemy, dressed in American uniforms, with our password and reply, came through I Co outpost, and got back to the reserve company and cut some wires. A Sgt jumped them, and they took a shot at him and took off, and are still at large. Corps says it is too late to change the password, but suggest you alert your outfits. (Lt. Kestlinger) OK.
- 0059 - Lt. Kestlinger to all Units: Relays the above story, and cautions them about the password.
- 0102 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0115 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: You will have to run a contact patrol tonight to 2nd Bn, 23rd. Call me back on it when you are set.
- 0118 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: You are responsible to maintain a contact patrol with 2nd Bn, 23rd. (Red 2) We will use a patrol from B Co and run them at 0300 and 0600 hours, four or five men. They will go to 126, then the main road into town. Tell them to look for us.
- 0130 - Lt. Kestlinger to 23rd: Gives them the above information on the contact patrol from B Co.
- 0200 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the information about the contact patrol to the 23rd. Also gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0300 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: K Co patrols reported back at 0240 hours with a negative report.

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- 0308 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0430 - White 5 to Mr. Lipinski: Is it possible to get a plow up here to clear the road as all of our chow jeeps are stuck and can't get through? If we don't get one we won't be able to get breakfast up here.
- 0433 - Mr. Lipinski to Disguise A: Our 2nd Bn is hurting for a plow so they can get their chow up to the troops, can you get one up there? (Disguise) I will see if it can be arranged.
- 0455 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: Observation is good this morning. At 0450 hours we heard vehicles moving around to our direct front.
- 0509 - White to Mr. Lipinski: Negative. (Mr. Lipinski) Did you get the plow you needed? (White) We have arranged for the plow and in the meantime we are sending up chow in the weasel.
- 0517 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0555 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 0510 hours friendly tank movement in vicinity of Faymonville; at 0540 hours two unidentified explosions seen at 187 degrees range undetermined.
- 0556 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: What is new? (Mr. Lipinski) All quiet. (G-2) What about incoming artillery? (Mr. Lipinski) About 4 rounds of light artillery landed in Faymonville. (G-2) The 1st Bn, 18th took 8 more PWs last night. The 6th Co, 352nd Regt, 246th VGD was identified. PWs stated the company strength was 30 to 40 men. They came from Recht as a security detachment. The 2nd Div at 0200 hours had a little patrol scare. A patrol went through their lines and headed for their rear, but no further information. The Army Intelligence report puts the front line and enemy dug in along it at 78092L, 795930, 813926. There is a lot of AA along the road at 8188. A PW stated he seen a tank repair station there. A map taken from an officer PW shows: 720820 as a CP; 752nd Regt'l CP at 765895; 753rd Regt'l CP at 756876; an unidentified CP at 727859, two of them are behind our lines.
- 0600 - Blue 5 to Mr. Lipinski: We are having considerable trouble on the road between your CP and 43, a distance of 800 yards, will you have someone get a bull dozer on the job? (Mr. Lipinski) OK.
- 0712 - White to Capt. Clark: E and G Cos have not jumped off as yet, but are getting ready to jump.
- 0716 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Kays: What about the roads? (Lt. Kays) We have been working all night. My small bull dozer is working with 1st Bn, and the tank dozer is with the 3rd Bn. The roads are all jammed up.
- 0719 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. The roads are in bad shape, but the engineers are working on them now.

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- 0814 - Capt. Clark to White 3: Did you move on time? (White 3) E and G Cos started about 0730 hours. Nothing more to report.
- 0817 - Capt. Clark to G-3: E and G Cos left about 0730 hours, but no reports of progress as yet.
- 0820 - Brown to Capt. Clark: Last night I Co asked for fire at 903019, and we received a report that it was in on the 18th. There was enemy seen in there and we want a clearance to fire it.
- 0825 - Capt. Clark to Decoy 3: Our I Co asked for fire at 903019 on some enemy seen there and Cannon Co was told not to fire it. We would like clearance to fire it. (Decoy 3) We have men 150 yards from there. I will call you back.
- 0830 - Blue 5 to S-3: 18th claims they have outpost between 91 and 79 but Wolf claims there is enemy in there at 903009. (S-3) That is too close to the 18th to fire artillery on it. How are the roads? (Blue 5) Terrible, our vehicles are stuck all along the road from here back.
- 0831 - S-3 to Maj. Oxford: We are in a bad way this morning the roads are all blocked. Kays has a small dozer with 1st Bn, and a large one on the Faymonville road. (Maj. Oxford) We have a large snow plow which will be working in your area. It should clear all your roads. Are you doing anything? (S-3) Yes, we have some limited objective.
- 0835 - S-3 to Red 5: I want your tanks dozer. (Red 5) We sent it back to 745th. (S-3) We have to use it around Schoppen, it gets kind of hot down there. What time did you send it back? (Red 5) About 1700 hours, they went back to the 745th CP.
- 0835 - Decoy 3 to Capt. Clark: The point is too close to fire on, so we will send a patrol out at 0915 hours from 904009 down to 901005. If there is anything there they will find it.
- 0837 - Capt. Clark to Brown: The 18th is sending a patrol out there so don't fire. If there is anything there they will clean it up.
- 0837 - S-3 to 745th: I want you to send your tank dozer to the 3rd Bn. They want to use it between Faymonville and Schoppen. Have the operator report to Capt. Richmond. (745th) OK.
- 0843 - S-3 to Blue 2: I am sending out the tank dozer to you to help clear the roads. What did your patrol find out about 101? (Blue 2) I haven't questioned them as yet, but when I do I will call you.
- 0845 - Capt. Clark to S-2; 23rd: Did 7th Armored push off OK? (23rd) No, but they are getting ready. The roads are too bad.

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- 0849 - Red 5 to S-3: I believe I have the location of the tank dozer. They are low on gas and I will have the tanks filled. Where do you want it to report? (S-3) To the 3rd Bn, to Capt. Richmond.
- 0850 - I&R OP to S-2: At 0700 hours 9 enemy were seen walking towards the northwest 300 yards southwest from 116; at 0715 hours two enemy apparently bicyclists moving southwest along the road from 116.
- 0900 - White 3 to S-3: Our troops moved off at 0730 hours this morning. We have no reports on the results as yet. The tanks moved out to follow them. We are doing some firing on 101. Did the 7th Armored take off this morning? (S-3) Not yet, but they are ready to shove off.
- 0915 - S-2 to G-2: 2nd Bn jumped off at 0730 hours this morning. (G-2) When is the 3rd Bn going to try for the town across the hill? (S-2) I am not sure. They had a patrol out but we haven't had their report as yet. A PW said at 900985 a tank in good condition stuck in the snow. We picked up a couple of officers last night at 888002. One was from the 9th Regt, and the other from 3rd Engr. Bn. Did the 23rd meet any elements of the 1055th in Eilbertingen yesterday. (G-2) No, they didn't. The 18th had a little job laid on for this morning. The 23rd is very quiet.
- 0922 - S-3 to G-3: Our 2nd Bn is in the process of moving forward. The 3rd Bn is not working on Hill 101 yet. They had a patrol, which was out there since midnight. They are making their plans on their report. They were fired on. (G-3) As soon as you get some definite locations let me know so we can be posted. No information on 7th Armored. (S-3) We had a report from the 23rd that they were milling around the towns.
- 0935 - S-3 to Blue 3: Do you need any more operations supplied? (Blue 3) No, we don't. (S-3) What about your patrol? (Blue 3) They are being questioned now on it. (S-3) What about the houses to the south of the town? (Blue 3) No one is in them. (S-3) 2nd Bn is going to try and close the line between 100 and the 1st Bn. 7th Armored is milling around the towns that were taken yesterday. Have Col. Horner call Col. Gibb, never mind he's here now.
- 0935 - S-2 to Blue 2: What has the patrol found out? (Blue 2) I don't have their report yet. Some artillery and mortar fire is coming in the town. We have a report of 10 men at 903005, but don't know if it is the 18th or not.
- 0936 - Delight to Maj. Sandell: There is enemy at 993975.
- 0940 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 117th is going to H and S Objectives. 120th is going to Objective T. 1st Bn, 519th is going to Objective G.
- 0945 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) E Co is extending their lines, no opposition reported yet. I sent 2 Jerry officers back to you. (S-2) 101 have not fallen yet, we sent a patrol out, but they haven't gotten their report yet.
- 0946 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The CG, 18th Corps and other 6's are going to go to 7th Armored today and watch them work.

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- 0955 - S-3 to White 2: What route do you contemplate for your bull dozer? (White 2) In case 101 does not fall, we will have to go over to 88. (S-3) The road there is bad, and the engineers say they can't work on the open slope there. (White 2) Then we will have to go to 87 to 112 and up to 100. (S-3) That is being laid on at present. 1st Bn had vehicles up to 112 yesterday.
- 1015 - S-2 to White 2: I would like a report that the password for 18 to 20 Jan has not been lost or captured. (White 2) OK. E Co is nearing its objective. The tank could not get across the stream. G Co is moving along.
- 1030 - Blue 3 to S-3: Here are the patrol results. One patrol went southeast on the road to Moderscheid and got out opposite the hill and turned right, and examined the hedge rows. No reaction and no discoveries. The night was so dark that they were not sure of their position. The other patrol went to the buildings southeast of town. They didn't go into the buildings. They received long range machine gun fire on the top of the hill.
- 1030 - White 3 to S-2: E Co is near its objective; G Co is in the woods across the draw going to its objective; F Co extended into the area where E Co was last night making contact with L Co.
- 1032 - S-2 to PWI: Send those 3 civilians to the Civil Affairs.
- 1040 - S-3 to G-3: The latest on the 2nd Bn is that they are moving, and the tanks are moving with them. The tanks could not cross the stream, but two companies have just crossed the stream. On the 101 job, the patrols report it is unoccupied, but is not a daylight job. Tonight one company is going out to search the entire area in around there. Two platoons will go out, one platoon on the Moderscheid road and the other due south. To find out if the enemy is there, or has been there. There has been enemy activity reported on the reverse slope of the hill. (G-3) 7th Armored was supposed to jump at 1000 hours, but can't say that they did. They had not passed through 23rd at 1000 hours.
- 1045 - G-2 to S-2: The 18th took a PW from the 10th Co, 1056th Regt. They also report 5 tanks and on prime mover with a large artillery piece moving northwest in vicinity of 879918 at 0945 hours. (S-2) There has been enemy activity reported in the woods at 878990. Artillery and mortar fire is falling in Schoppen coming from the east and Moderscheid.
- 1050 - Red 6 to S-6: What is new on the 2nd Bn? (S-6) E and G Cos are nearing their objectives. (Red 6) We picked up a deserter last night, he was from the 1055th Regt. He came down from 100, says that there are no krauts for 3 kilometers. (S-6) How is the road coming? (Red 6) Very slow, I got my men hot chow last night. (S-6) How are your replacements? (Red 6) Not good, I need officers, especially NCOs to lead. I don't have one now. I have the replacements in the rear and am bringing them up one at a time. One of them shot himself already. They are all AA men not infantry.



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- 1100 - I&R OP to S-2: We spotted a road, believed to be the main road to vicinity of 117, and a lot of enemy there. At 0915 hours one enemy heading north; at 1015 hours two enemy on bikes; at 1030 hours three enemy; at 1045 hours 15 enemy; at 1050 hours 7 enemy ingroups of two or three going southwest onskis or bikes; at 1056 hours one large truck going southwest, and 10 minutes before one truck going in the opposite direction.
- 1100 - PWI to S-2: A PW from the 7th Co, 1055th Regt said he was attached to the 5th Co, and was in position in vicinity of 889980. The 7th Co is on the right and paratroopers on the right and left in the edge of the woods. The battalion moved from Bullingen area four days ago, morale low, frozen feet said to have gotten most of them. 5th Co has 50 to 60 men, 7th Co has 45 men. All of the battalion is committed. They received 80 replacements 8 days ago, laid no mines; had 3 assault guns; but no SS troops. Battalion CP south of 64, but moved out of there.
- 1101 - Decoy 3 to S-3: I have a report from my 3rd Bn. They can see movement in vicinity of 896006, have you any people there? (S-3) Yes, they are ours. (Decoy 3) I asked your 3rd Bn and they said it wasn't. (S-3) It is close to our lines, but I will check on it.
- 1104 - White 3 to S-3: G Co is reported on their objective.
- 1105 - S-2 to White 2: Gives him the PW information on the 1055th Regt. (White 2) E Co is on their objective.
- 1110 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the information on the password and the latest P W information. (Red 2) It is all quiet up here. (Red 3 to S-3) One jeep, a half track, 30 to 40 men on high ground at 114, are they ours? (S-3) I don't think so. (Red 3) That was our jeep that went through E Co the other day. One American dead, and a PW says two Americans were captured so we will get the jeep out after dark.
- 1115 - TFD to S-2: Our dozer has brokendown and we were wondering if we could get one to plow out down to our people. (S-2) We are using them ourselves now to dig out the battalions. (TFD) Could we borrow a weasel to bring out chow to our people? (S-2) I will have Maj. Smith call you.
- 1115 - S-3 to G-3: E and G Cos are on their objectives. The right flank of G Co is at 887986 and the left flank at 888989. The right flank of E Co is at 888989 and the left flank at 889993. F Co is in reserve. The tanks were not able to get across the stream. The gap between E Co and the 3rd Bn is covered by fire. F Co is in back of the gap.
- 1120 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co made contact with G Co up the trail from 113.
- 1130 - S-3 to Decoy 3: The movement at 896006 is friendly. (Decoy 3) We are working east this morning.

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- 1132 - S-3 to TF Davison: I would like to help you but I can't. I explained the picture to your liaison officer, and he can explain it to you.
- 1135 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the 2nd Bn positions. The patrol to 110 ran into mortar fire. (G-2) At 1020 hours tanks were reported at 900948, and some vehicles at 907937 going southeast; and some horse drawn artillery seen at that place I told you about before. 7th Armored jumped off.
- 1150 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 18th has a platoon at 903010 and has an outpost at 901008. They patrolled to 901005 and saw nothing. They saw people at 896006. (Blue 3) Yes, that is our people. 91 is under observation and clear. (S-3) I want you to work out a contact point at 91 for tonight.
- 1155 - S-3 to S-4: Were we ever issued two pieces snow suits? (S-4) No, we have never had them.
- 1157 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div reports one company of 517th on Objective G; one company north of G, clearing the woods; one company 117th half way thru R; 3rd Bn 117th 50 yards south of Objective P, having trouble with tanks and S/Ps. The left of I Co is to contain, and the rest went to the west to attack from the west. The 120th patrols to the road junction north of T found tanks and infantry. 3rd Bn 119th relieved on Objective L by 30th Recon.
- 1200 - Red 2 to S-2: B Co will have a recon patrol starting at 1300 hours going to 8997, high ground to our front. In regard to the password, our companies did not lose any.
- 1205 - Blue 2 to S-2: About the password for 18 20th we have not had anyone captured and one of the written copies have been lost.
- 1207 - Lt. Kestlinger to Decoy 3: I would like to arrange a contact point for our 3rd Bn at 897007 at 2000, 2400, and 0400 hours. (Decoy 3) OK. We contacted enemy in the woods at 914015 and 915017. We are sending I Co out to clean up and occupy the position. The 1st Bn is coming back tonight. K Co is to move between I and L Cos.
- 1215 - S-2 to G-2: Do you know about Lt. Verba, Corps G-2 coming down here? (G-2) Yes.
- 1217 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: What are the flank locations of E, F, and G Cos.? (White 3) G Co is 888987; E Co 889993; F Co 889997.
- 1312 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the above 2nd Bn locations.
- 1315 - Blue 2 to S-2: The patrol to the left went out in a blizzard to 90, cut across the fields cross country, thought they got up to the hedgerow by the hedge that looks like an inverted "7" on the photo. The patrol to the right side went to the houses, didn't draw any fire. They turned left at the houses, followed the hedge halfway up they received machine gun fire and came back. We have no one up on 101, and don't intend to put anyone up there. The town had mortar and machine gun fire this morning, but none this afternoon.

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- 1322 - I&R OP to S-2: All these observations are on the road 300 yards southwest of 117; at 1115 hours one vehicle and three enemy going northeast; at 1156 hours five enemy going southwest; at 1310 hours two enemy going northeast; at 1314 hours a half track towing a gun southwest.
- 1335 - S-4 to S-3: I sent up six rolls of illuminus tape and you can give it out the way you want to. (S-3) OK, I want to test it first.
- 1345 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the 2nd Bn positions.
- 1407 - Red 3 to S-3: We have two outposts, one at 885981 and one at 880978. There is definitely enemy at 114 and 128. We are trying to keep the roads open, and we managed to get supplies up to the companies this morning.
- 1408 - G-3 to S-6: Here are the tentative future plans; we will move your 1st Bn forward to occupy the area east of your 1st Bn. See that wooded area south of the area, they also will clean out the areas in front of the woods. The 18th will go out to the final phase line with two battalions, then you will take over one battalion sector on the front, with two behind, one in the vicinity of Faymonville. The 18th will have two battalions up. (S-6) Where is the 7th Armored? (G-3) In Deidenberg. (S-6) There were 20 Jerries in a ravine that were causing us considerable trouble, they were picked up last night. (G-3) The 3rd Bn, 18th jumped off just now.
- 1410 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Here is the 30th Div summary from 1900 to 2400 hours; 1 Jan - PWS 2; buried by GRS 2; tanks destroyed 6. From 2400 hours 12 Jan to date; 693 PWS, 36 buried by GRS; 25 tanks destroyed. From 2400 hours 17 Jan to date; 1367 PWS, 157 buried by GRS; 119 tanks destroyed. To date; 18,744 PWS, 908 buried by GRS; 363 tanks destroyed. The 508th and 509th A/B are working with the 7th Armored. TFB is west of Born; TFC in vicinity of 8596; TFW in Didenberg going to be followed by TFR, when TFR reaches Didenberg TFW goes to Weisserbruch.
- 1420 - Red 2 to S-2: At 898925 twenty enemy were observed and 32nd Field fired on them. We have good observation on the town down here. We are tied in with 2nd Bn as far as I know. The artillery and mortar fire very light today.
- 1440 - I&R OP to S-2: We adjusted fire about 400 yards northwest of 129 on the following targets; at 1320 hours two enemy moving west along the road; at 1355 hours two enemy moving west along the road; at 1410 hours two enemy moving east; at 1415 hours two enemy moving east.
- 1446 - G-2 to S-2: What do you know? (S-2) Nothing. We have a patrol from the 1st Bn going down to the high ground north of Amel. They have not returned yet. Also we have an OP in the 1st Bn area that can observe the ground south of Amel and the road leading to the town. A fair amount of traffic was observed on the road, most of it was administrative. Our 3rd Bn and 2nd Bn are quiet. What is new on 7th Armored? (G-2) Last reported at Deidenberg, also reported 25 PWS came up the road. (S-2) What became of the traffic on the road. (S-2) Nothing as yet. (S-2) I don't know is the reply to the question asked by G-2; by the way where is the 1st Bn OP. (S-2) What are you laughing at? (G-2) a buzz bomb, a dud, just landed outside the 26th CP and they are watching it through the corner of their eyes. I just received a report about a large column of vehicles moving in, it came from the 5th Field and I am going to check with V Corps on its authenticity.

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- 1505 - G-6 to S-6: How is everything? down there? (S-6) I have 9 companies employed, objectives the same as yesterday, except for Schoppen which I am only going to outpost. (G-6) What I am mostly interested in is the supply situation. (S-6) 1st Bn should have a trail opened by tonight. 1st Bn and 2nd Bn with no more carry than 1000 yards. (G-6) Any serious losses today? (S-6) No, casualties very light today. The main trouble is sickness. We had 9 men from E Co with frost bite today, and several men are sick. (G-6) No relief for us. We have to keep moving. We are doing everything possible to make it more comfortable for the men up here.
- 1517 - Blue 2 to S-2: I am sending back a Perry artillery radio, if the radio has no technical value, please send it back to Co I for their use. Also tonight you will receive about 3 wounded Jerries, amongst them one medical officer. (S-2) Where are they now? (Blue 2) We are picking them up in Schoppen. Do you want them back at the Regimental Medics? (S-2) No, send them back to Co A. I can get an interrogator down to Co A. (Blue 2) Here is another problem. Get the photo interpretation team on aerial photos. I can pick up a minefield and mortar positions. The minefield is at 895993, 897995. They can pick it up. Have them use one before the snow. I picked them up on 5 Jan, 1133A, Sortie 5329, also there are mines on the approaches to the stream.
- 1530 - Decoy 2 to S-2: Did your 3rd Bn ever get to 101? (S-2) No, they had patrols out near there, but they don't occupy it. They will work on it tonight.
- 1535 - Red 3 to S-3: A patrol went to 126 and ran into the 7th Armored, they were going to 134. The patrol then went to 127, then northeast to the first big fork, on the high ground they looked around and saw no enemy, and report the observation was poor.
- 1540 - S-2 to G-2: It is a negative report on the pass words that Maj. Lauten called me about this morning. 3rd Bn has rounded up about 40 PWs. Most of them will go thru the Medics. Will you have the Photo Team look on photo 1133-30/5329, I think that it is a minefield, Fox 2222 to Fox 1715. Have a report that Arm'd vehicles and tanks were going west at 1100 hours. Air recon reported 30 flat cars loaded with tarps on and also 50 oil cars. 10 of the cars were left burning.
- 1600 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 117th is at objective "F", the 120th is at the bottom of Objective "T", 3/517th has 2 cos on objective "G", 3/120 is at 825932, and is having trouble with an unknown number of tiger tanks on both sides of them. They report that it is not serious though. L/117th is at 809918, K/117th is at 818926, I/117th is at 810920. An enemy strong point is at 82969290, center of all tanks. 2/119th is at 778911, 3/119th is along side of them at 781915, and is moving to objective "O". Workshop (7th Arm'd) took 1 PW from the 18th VG. Task Force "B" is at 835936. Task Force "W" is going to high ground at 8894.

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- 1607 - Blue 3 to S-3: Tonight, we have taken the last few houses on the left side of the town, and we will outpost the cemetery. On the right side of the town, we are going to take the last house and put a platoon in it, so we can tie in with "F" Company. We are also going to put an outpost by the mine field that shows in the air photo. (S-3) Hall figures that those are manure piles and not minefields, that dope comes from G-2.
- 1610 - G-2 to S-2: On the objects in the photos that you inquired about. They are not mines but probably piles of fertilizer, scale 10 feet apart and 2 feet in diameter.
- 1625 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: TFW is at 862937.
- 1625 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 5 rounds of mortar and 8 rounds of 105. (S-2) Gives him the latest dope on the 7th Armored and 18th.
- 1630 - 745th to S-3: The bull dozer is back from doing the job for your 3rd Bn.
- 1645 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 25 rounds of 75; 50 rounds of 110 mortar; 20 rounds 105; 5 rounds 210; 10 rounds 105.
- 1700 - I&R OP to S-2: A little tracer fire southeast of Faymonville.
- 1705 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Can you give me anything on your 3rd Bn? (Decoy 3) I Co at 910013; K Co 896001; L Co 900013; I and K Cos are in a fire fight. I Co took 15 PWs and killed 20. Did you have any patrols into Moderscheid? (S-3) No.
- 1710 - White 2 to S-2: Here is the shell report - 50 rounds of 105.
- 1712 - S-2 to Delight 2 and G-2: Here is our shell report for today - 110 rounds light artillery; 10 rounds 150; 5 rounds 210; 60 rounds 120 mortar; 10 rounds of light mortar. (G-2) 7th Armored identified the 294th Regt, 18th VGD.
- 1720 - S-3 to White 3: I just got a point I want you to patrol to. It is more or less a triangle. The road junction east of 100 down to 110. and 114, find out the condition of the bridge across at 110. In the next three days we will get the mission of going to 110 extending down to 128 also including the patch of woods southeast of 101 from there past 128. The 18th and 26th will do the job on Moderscheid and Bullingen and the rest. Our 3rd Bn will patrol the woods southeast of 101, also down toward Moderscheid and try to see the condition of the bridge of 102. 1st Bn will patrol in their own zone as far as they can get.
- 1734 - Decoy 2 to Lt. Stephens: Do you have any OPs that can see into Moderscheid? (Lt. Stephens) I will call you back.

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- 1745 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports progress satisfactory. 3rd Army area at Dittendorf-Dietrich (P-8742), Bastendorf (P-8744), and Erfeldingen, cleared of enemy. 7th Army reports our troops withdrew to dig in on line R-0913, 1015, 1016, 1620, 1722, 1823, 1925. 2nd British reports K-7574, 7073, 7771, 7571, 753723 and bridge at 776771 were cleared of enemy. 1st Canadian Army identified the 6th Parachute Div at E-6172.
- 1810 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1830 hours G Co will start patrol to 886974; C Co will outpost 886979; B Co will outpost 880979. Be sure to notify the 23rd.
- 1815 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the weather forecast - 2000 hours, 20 Jan to 21 Jan 2000 hours. (1) snow tonight with few wintery showers throughout the day tomorrow. (2) Visibility poor tonight. In precipitation areas one half to two miles; restricted one to three miles with light fog until 1000 hours tomorrow, four to ten miles after 1000 hours. (3) Surface wind, southwest, moderate, 8 to 15 miles per hour, moderate to strong 12 to 25 miles per hour after midnight. (4) Maximum temperature 37m minimum 20.
- 1815 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 3rd Bn 119th 789907; 1st Bn 773923; E Co 781889; F Co 788869; A and B Cos, 117th 799910; 2nd Bn 795905; I and L Cos 810911; K Co 814923; 1st Bn 120th 829917 fighting a company of infantry and two tanks and are consolidating on objective, enemy appears to be withdrawing. 3rd Bn 120th 832922; C Co 825932; K Co 829934; 2nd Bn 795924.
- 1834 - Lt. Stephens to S-3, 23rd Inf: Gives him the 1st Bn patrols and outposts.
- 1845 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: 7th Armored near the road junction west of 872948 and south of 8695. TFD jumped off for 8493 at 1630 hours. TFW and TFR have 2/3 of 872948, A Co is south of 8695.
- 1850 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: What is the situation on the hill in front of the 3rd Bn? (Capt. Clark) A patrol went there yesterday and found nothing. We are sending another patrol but there tonight. (G-3) You don't have it posted then. (Capt. Clark) No.
- 1857 - S-2 to G-2: The result of the check up on the password and reply being lost or captured is negative.
- 1912 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 2nd Bn has been given the mission of patrolling the triangle 100-115-114. In the next three days we will have to plan an advance to the woods southeast of 101 to a little past 128. (Blue 3) L Co outpost is in, and the PWs are on the way back to you.
- 1920 - PWI to S-2: We have 4 semi-deserters from Hq Co 8th Regt. They were picked up by 3rd Bn. They took part in the counterattack yesterday morning, said 30 men, 3 assault guns, and one tank were involved. They say the other two battalions had been in reserve for three weeks, and thought these battalions now in the Monteneau sector. One PW saw a secret report of the battalion surgeon, the reports stated that 80% of the men were sick, trench feet, etc, and that the equipment was bad.

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PW thinks the regimental CP has moved. When they first came into this area they saw SS troops taking the shoes off American soldiers, the Germans came in without gas or food. PW thought the 2nd Parachute was to relieve them in this area, but didn't hold out much hope of relief.

- 1930 - Blue 2 to S-2: "Here is a group of people in Schoppen, 79th Field with 25 pounders. A battery in town, or probably a battalion, and have British with them to act as instructors. The guns are in town.
- 1945 - White 3 to S-2: On that triangle area G Co patrol will go to 114 at 2300 and 0100 hours; E Co will go to 115, but time is not set yet.
- 1950 - S-3 to Red 3: G Co is sending a patrol to 114 from 2300 to 0100 hours. In the next couple of days the regiment is to move forward to a line 102, 115, and 128. No order on it yet. Patrols to see what we can find. Keep on the east of Eilbertingen area. Don't know who is going to do the job. The towns will be taken by other people. I just wanted to give you notice.
- 2000 - Blue 2 to S-2: These people from the 79th Field with the 25 pounds are commanded by Lt. Col. Welch. They have British instructors with them. The battalion CP is in Faymonville. They have a Lt. Smith here. (S-2) Have them send a liaison officer down here to explain what they plan to do.
- 2005 - S-3 to G-3: "What is the idea of this 79th Field moving in Faymonville and Schoppen? (G-3) Are they bothering you? (S-3) No, but our people are alerted and they thought they were spies or something. (G-3) I will check on it. (S-3) What is new? (G-3) Not much, the 6th Corps had a lot of pressure today. The armor boys got down to 945 east-west line. 30th Div running into a little road blocks, mostly are down to 890 line.
- 2005 - Blue 3 to S-2: We have a contact patrol, with 18th just above 91 to start at midnight, and another patrol into the woods south of 101 and they will try to go down to the stream, they will also start at midnight.
- 2018 - G-3 to S-6: How did things go today? (S-6) OK. (G-3) 18th pushed out a little and took 21 PWs, also counted 520 dead Jerries.
- 2110 - I&R OP to S-2: We observed gun flashes at 205 degrees.
- 2130 - White 3 to S-2: E Co patrols will go from 100 to 115 at 2300 hours and return at 0100 hours; G Co patrol will go from 113 to 114 at 2400 hours and return at 0100 hours.

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- 2158 - Blue 3 to S-2: We have another patrol going out at 2300 hours. They will go from 99 down to 102 and check the bridge to see if it is intact, and outpost it. OPs which we talked about previously are well in. No enemy on 101. The woods will be checked after 2400 hours. It is my opinion that the enemy has withdrawn from this side of the river. We checked the houses 500 yards southeast of 90, and a civilian reports that 8 enemy with 5 machine guns left there yesterday at 1700 hours. At the houses at 91 the patrol found two wounded Jerries, which are being evacuated, they also found one woman wounded and 8 dead Krauts. (S-2) What about the contact patrol to the 18th? (Blue 3) They go out at 2400 hours.
- 2205 - I&R OP to S-2: At 2110 hours tracer fire, firing from the tops of the ridge away out, shooting along the ground to the southeast at 205 degrees from here.
- 2217 - G-2 to S-2: Can you give me the number of PWs you took since 15 Jan? (S-2) 312 through our cage, and some 50 through medical channels.
- 2240 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports the town of Deidenberg was taken by our people. Rumors from PWs and civilians claim 1st and 9th SS Panzer Divs are in that area. 3rd Army reports 10 enemy tanks were repulsed at L-0204, and it is believed they were from the 11th Panzer Div. In the Saarlauten area 2500 rounds of artillery fell in three houses, but no attack came.
- 2257 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 117th on the right half of Objective W; 3rd Bn on the left half of the same objective; 2nd and 3rd Bns 119th on the northeast half of J; 1st and 3rd Bns 120 are on objective I.
- 2350 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 2220 hours we observed a gun flash 165 degrees 19 seconds flash to bang.



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- 0002 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: At 2300 hours patrol from K Co left for point 102. At 2330 hours another patrol from K Co left to contact Decoy.
- 0045 - Decoy to Lt. Stephens: I received a report from my K Co that they heard tank movement northeast of Schoppen. Have you any tanks moving around down there? (Lt. Stephens) Not that I know, but it is quite possible that it is ours moving around for a better position. We have received no reports of any enemy tank movement.
- 0058 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. (Lt. Stephens) Did any one report hearing tanks northeast of Schoppen, or are any of your tanks moving around? (Blue) We have no reports of any, but I will check on it.
- 0153 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Patrol went to Decoy and contacted them at point 900007. They were supposed to contact them there but no one showed up. Another patrol went to point 102, and found a road block at 903994. They heard voices there, on both sides of the river. They found no evidence of mines on either side of the road.
- 0207 - White to Lt. Stephens: E Co patrol has returned, they went to within 1000 yards of Point 100, towards Point 115, saw no enemy, but saw 1 vehicle in the ditch covered with snow. At 0120 hours, G Co patrol returned from Point 114, saw foot prints in the snow which was made before the last snow.
- 0215 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives hourly report. (G-3) Decoy reports that the contact patrol was successful.
- 0220 - Lt. Stephens to G-2: Gives hourly report. (G-2) Just received word from the 23rd Infantry that the 7th Armored was counter-attacked around Deidenberg. The situation is under control, they have about 20 enemy in a pocket which they are mopping up. A PW was identified from the 3rd Para Division, who stated that 3 Cos of 30 to 40 men each plus assault guns were to attack from Amel at 2000 hours. Attack was broken up by our Arty fire. PW saw tanks with SS troops in Amel.
- 2228 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: Decoy reports to G-3 that the contact patrol was successful. (Blue) We were out there at 2400 hours and saw no one.
- 0245 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Decoy sent out their contact patrol but it was stopped just short of the contact point by artillery fire. Make another try at contacting each other at 0400 hours.
- 0250 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Richmond: Decoy contact patrol will leave again at 0400 hours, so send your patrol out to contact them. (Blue 3) Call the whole thing off, I know where they are.
- 0253 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Blue wants to call off the Decoy contact. (G-3) OK, we will call it off.

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- 0300 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: The patrol went to the edge of the woods southeast of 101, and heard coughing from what must have been a Jerry outpost.
- 0310 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0315 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: E Co, 23rd reports an unknown number of tracked vehicles away out to their right front.
- 0550 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 18th A/B Corps reports a PW they took northeast of Amel. He said that men with panzerfausts were to attack, and were to be supported with 105 assault guns. He said he saw 10 assault guns in Amel. The same type of a report had been received from the 23rd earlier. CCB is in Born. A 26th patrol got to 950025 without making contact. The 18th took 5 PWs from the 6th Co, 1055th Regt, and they stated their left flank was at 906013 and it extended 800 yards. The 18th also captured 40 men from the 89th Fusiliers, and they claimed their positions were at 904013.
- 0830 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 7th Armored took Born and all the roads to the south.
- 0845 - G-2 to S-2: 5th Corps identified the 2nd and 6th Cos, 1055th Regt; the 5th and 6th Cos, 382nd Regt; the 1st and 2nd Cos, 294th Regt; Hq and 13th Cos, 8th Parachute Regt; 10th Co, 1056th Regt; and Komp Habicht composed of the 89th Fusilier Bn. 18th Corps reports an enemy counterattack at P-7587 by 50 to 60 infantry and two tanks, which caused a withdrawal of several hundred yards, very little on the rest of the front. A PW says Todt workers were constructing defenses at P-8085. Our forces are in Born, but are still meeting resistance at the last report. 9th Army reports our patrols could not cross the river at F-079529 because the water was too deep but did cross at F-059551. 5th Corps reports elements of the 1st SS Panzer Arty Corps at L-1087, 18th Corps reports an attack at Deidenberg at 0215 hours by about 20 infantry supported with heavy nebelwerfer fire, but the attack was repulsed by artillery. Firing continues in Born.
- 0906 - Red 1 to Capt. Clark: We would like a bull dozer to clear the road from Faymonville to our forward CP. (Capt. Clark) I will call the engineers on it.
- 0915 - Capt. Clark to Disguise A: Have you anyone working on the road out of Faymonville to the 1st Bn CP? (Disguise) They won't be able to get on it before noon.
- 0917 - Capt. Clark to Red 1: Have your engineer officer call his CO. He will be able to get you the bull dozer.
- 0921 - CIC to S-2: Have you any more information on the sniper that was picked up by G Co? (S-2) No, I don't think we have a case against him. (CIC) He is definitely out of his head. I think it would be a good idea to keep him in Weywertz if we don't get anything on him.

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- 0925 - Blue 6 to S-6: A few direct fire weapons, other than that all is quiet. We cleared up the red house on the other side of 91, we shot it up with a tank. We took 4 Jerries out of there, and they had a telephone and some other things. We are moving our kitchens up to Faymonville. We cleared up the house and a report came in that someone had heard a Jerry radio, so we are going to go through them again. (S-6) The people up above are worried about sickness, so put the men in buildings if you can. (Blue 6) we had and the sick list is a lot lower than we expected.
- ✓0930 - S-3 to Red, White, and Blue 2s: Gives them the latest information on the entire front, and the results of our patrols.
- 0948 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: F Co is in the same position. (Capt. Clark) Gives him the positions of the 3rd Bn companies, and informs him that the engineers are working for the 7th field in Faymonville.
- 0950 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Is your tank dozer busy? (Blue 3) The 745th has it now to change crews and refit it. It won't be back until 1300 hours, then we have to use it to finish the road.
- 0950 - S-2 to G-2: The 2nd Bn patrols last night went to 891980 and found no signs of enemy, nor did they contact any enemy. Another patrol from the 2nd Bn went to 897985 and found no enemy. The 3rd Bn established an outpost at the knob south of Schoppen. They also sent a patrol to 897992, and reported no contact, but did hear some coughing and supposed it to be an enemy outpost. Their patrol to the bridge at 902993 ran into a road block. They heard voices on both sides of the river, but found no evidence of mines on the road. Late yesterday they sent a patrol to a house at 900007, and they found two wounded enemy and one wounded civilian, and 8 dead Jerries. Contact between our 3rd Bn and 18th was not made last night. 1st Bn was all quiet. The final count of people taken from the houses on the first road west of the knob south of Schoppen was 17 through medical channels, and 10 through the cage. (G-2) 3rd Bn, 18th is pushing ahead, have contact, meeting some small arms, and report no artillery or mortar fire. Deserters from 15th Co, 9th Regt came from Ibertingen and directly from an outpost north of Amel, and they say there are 3 S/Ps in Amel. They also said that Amel was garrisoned by Liebach.
- 0952 - Capt. Clark to 745th: What is your tanks dozer doing? (745) Digging out the light tanks. (Capt. Clark) We have vehicles stuck between the 1st Bn CP and the 2nd Bn companies, could you send it over there in the next half hour? (745th) I think so. (Capt. Clark) Please check and call me back.
- 1011 - 745th to S-2: Will you notify Capt. Clark that our dozer is busy and won't be able to get through until 1300 hours.
- 1012 - Capt. Clark to White 3: All the dozers are in use, and won't be finished until 1300 hours.

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- 1013 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Kays: Will you finish with 7th Field by noon? (Lt. Kays) Yes. (Capt. Clark) Can you get a dozer to 2nd Bn by 1300 hours? (Lt. Kays) I am sending it to the 1st Bn. The 1st and 2nd Bns use the same road, and only the companies branch off, and we will have him clear for the both of them.
- 1014 - Capt. Clark to 745th: Can you get your tank dozer to 2nd Bn CP By 1300 hours? (745th) Yes.
- 1014 - General Andrus visits CP and confers with Col. Gibb.
- 1015 - Capt. Clark to White 3: The tank dozer will report to you at 1300 hours. The bulldozer from Lt. Kays will clean the main road for you and the 1st Bn.
- 1052 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1045 hours two enemy at 900948 going northeast along the road.
- 1100 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports two enemy reported previously were last seen entering a building at 905954. The building does not seem to show on the map.
- 1122 - S-2 to Blue 3: What is the story on the road block that the patrol found last night? (Blue 3) I am not satisfied with the report the patrol made, and I am going to send a combat patrol to the bridge and take care of whatever they find there. In regard to the radio conversation over the 610 radio, which had a German talking, he was calling Puma to Tiger, and some tank fire came in shortly after hearing this character. We are searching the houses in hopes of finding the radio operator. One PW, an officer, who Lt. Walker talked to at length, said that he had been in 5 different large German cities when they were raided by 2,000 plane raids. He said it was very bad and that he had a wholesome respect for our air power. He further stated that when the American and Russian armies meet in Germany, there will be nothing left of the country.
- 1130 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the PW report as received from Blue 3, also gave him the location of the 3rd Bn permanent outpost at 89559960. (G-2) TFS is down at 870930; TFW is on the left; and TRR is on the right, not on Amel road yet, which is their objective. TFA and TFB proceeding south out of town on two roads leading south. TFC is north of Born, coming down into the town. Two indefinite reports, say there is some surrenderring in front of 3rd Bn, 18th, quantity and quality unknown, some white flag waving has been going on.
- 1154 - S-6 to Red 6: How are things going? (Red 6) OK. (S-6) What do you have in the woods where the men can get back to keep warm. (S-6) Tents, one per company. (S-6) Is that sufficient? (Red 6) Yes sir. I don't want to bunch them up. (S-6) Any firing up there? (Red 6) Yes, small arms fire in Amel. (S-6) What condition are your men in?

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(Red 6) As good as can be expected. No NCOs. Most of the replacements are technicians, and can't handle the job, and I am going to bust them. (S-6) Do you need anything? (Red 6) No. (S-6) How are your roads? (Red 6) As good as can be expected, but bad in the morning. We then take the chow out by the weasel. (S-6) Can you get out to the companies during the day? (Red 6) Yes. (S-6) What about artillery? (Red 6) We are getting some.

- 1203 - G-3 to S-3: Can you get a battalion in that town of yours for a day and a half? (S-3) No, not at the present time. The town is crowded up with civilians. There are 450 civilians in Schoppen that were evacuated here, also from other towns.
- 1220 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports smoke seen coming from Eibertingen, also motor movement going north on the road at 898925.
- 1226 - White 2 to S-2: What did you want? (S-2) What is going on? (White 2) Not much. What do you have? (S-2) The armor is down to 8793. 18th is advancing a little. 3rd Bn is holding outpost on 101. The town of Born has been cleared.
- 1305 - S-3 to White 3: I understand your people got down to 114 last night OK. Do you see the house below 114? I want you to investigate it tonight and have an outpost in there of two squads and maintain it. The Jerries have an OP south of the woods at 101, however, it was not heard at to great a strength. (White 3) Do you want them to check the bridge at 115? (S-3) Yes, I just saw the division order. Our objective is the one I told you about. This will take place on the 21st or 25th. It is our initial objective. The last objective is Merfeld. It is a small sector, and I would like you to get down to the river. 3rd Bn will work in the woods and get a clear picture. 1st Bn will work down to the high ground south of them. If we can get the house, we can OP it with supporting weapons and hold it. The boundary on our right will be the Corps boundary. 23rd is going out. The 508th Regt is putting their 2nd Bn in the town of Eilbertingen.
- 1310 - Red 3 to S-2: The OP reports they see about 30 Jerries around the town of Mirfeld, north edge of it. Are any of our troops there? (S-2) No. (Red 3) OK, we will fire on them. They are digging in. (S-3) Here is the patrols for tonight: 2nd Bn to the house below 114, if there is nothing there they will put two squads in there and hold it. 3rd Bn to 115 and investigate it. You send a patrol to the high ground south of you and investigate. How is the woods from you place to 114? (Red 3) OK. (S-3) 3rd Bn has an outpost at 101. Their patrol last night got almost to 102, they heard enemy but were not fired on.
- 1311 - S-3 to Blue 2: What does Capt. Richmond have laid on for patrols tonight? (Blue 2) Probably have a good sized patrol go down to check the bridge and hold it. (S-3) Good.

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- 1312 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: The 7th Armored took two PWs, one from the supply train of the 3rd Parachute Div, and the other from the Signal Section, Hq Co, 94th Volks Regt at Diedenberg. The PW from the Hq Co states that yesterday morning the regimental CP was at Born.
- 1330 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest reports from the OPs. (G-2) The 18th ran into trouble. The 3rd Bn going through the woods was given the old white flag trick, and as they moved slowly forward the Jerries fell in there deep holes and the artillery came down on them. It came from due east. The 26th is getting some artillery.
- 1355 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1337 hours two enemy vehicles northeast of 904976; three enemy vehicles southwest of 904976; friendly artillery on the north side of this road; at 1341 hours a large truck or tanks northeast of 904976; at 1350 hours one enemy walking northeast at 904976; at 1400 hours 8 enemy walking northeast at 904976.
- 1420 - Blue 3 to S-3: Two combat patrols from I and K Cos will go to 102. The other will go to the woods 800 yards southeast of 101. Both patrols will leave at 1900 hours and will return at 2400 hours. Our right flank has physical contact with F Co, who is now abreast of us. Contact has been made with the 18th by patrol at 1300 hours at the designated contact point. I don't see any sense in contacting them. We can see them. If we have to contact them let us make it at a different place. They have all the advantages now. Find out if the 18th is going to do any moving.
- 1430 - S-3 to Decoy 3: "What is new out there? (Decoy 3) We started to attack this morning, but were stopped so we gave it up. We are about in the same position as we were yesterday. (S-3) Our 3rd Bn wants to know if you still want contact patrols. They say they can see your positions. (Decoy 3) No, we do not need to have the contact patrols.
- 1435 - G-2 to S-3: We have a report from Divarty that small groups of enemy were seen on the road at 905975. They are coming up the road and going into the woods to the north.
- 1445 - S-3 to Blue 3: I spoke to the 18th and they did jump off but got hit so they decided to stay put. Divarty reports infantry going up the road at 905975 and into the woods to the north. TFW is in Deidenberg; CCB is in Born; TFS is at 867930. The 18th says to forget the contact patrols.
- 1448 - S-3 to White 3: Divarty reports small groups of enemy going from 129 into the woods at 117. TFW is in Deidenberg; CCB in Born; and TFS at 867930.
- 1450 - S-3 to Red: Gives him the same information as above.
- 1500 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1430 hours eight enemy northeast at 904976; at 1407 hours 10 enemy northeast of 904976 walking; one vehicle northeast of 904976; 1417 hours two enemy on skis northeast of 904976; at 1430 hours one enemy on skis southwest of 904976; at 1431 hours 3 enemy northeast of 904976; at 1435 hours one enemy southwest at 904976.

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- 1530 - T.F. "D" to S-3: Did you get the overlay number 39, on the new boundary. (S-3) Yes we did. It starts behind our front lines and does not come down to the front lines. It is put out more for the people in the rear, then for us.
- 1600 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Is anything going on in front of your Red Bn? (Lt. Kestlinger) No, they reported all was quiet about a half hour ago. (G-3) Are you tied in with the people on your right? (Lt. Kestlinger) We are not in contact with them physically. (G-3) The new people in Eibertingen report they are getting fire from the East, that is our sector. Call Red Bn and see if anything is going on, and have them arrange a mutual-contact point with the people on the right. Call me back when the contact point is settled.
- 1609 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: Is anything going on to your front? The people on the right say that they are getting fire from the east. (Red 2) No, all is quiet. (Lt. Kestlinger) You have to contact the new people on the right. What point do you want for the mutual ground contact? (Red 2) Will work on it and let you know. (Lt. Kestlinger) When you decide on the place, let me know, give me the time and the element.
- 1610 - RED OP to S-2: At 1529 hours, 15 enemy going (walking) towards Meyrode coming from Medell. At 1610 hours 3 enemy walking east at 896948.
- 1613 - Red 2 to S-3: Will send a contact patrol to point 126, they will be there at 2100 hours. (S-3) If you do not make the contact, go on into the town.
- 1620 - Blue 2 to S-2: Shell report for today is, about 30 rounds of tank fire and 40 rounds of heavy artillery.
- 1621 - Capt. Ralph to S-3: The 86th Chem. outfit moved up, we have a line to Red and White but not to Gannon.
- 1623 - S-3 to G-3: We will send a contact patrol to point 126, it will be there at 2100 hours. If contact is not made there the patrol will continue on and go into the town. We tried to make contact with the 18th last night, but it was unsuccessful. (G-3) The people around Eibertingen report that they are receiving fire from the east. Does your Red Bn report anything south or southeast of their positions? (S-3) There was something north of Mirfeld, and we fired on it. (G-3) That is most likely the thing that was bothering them. Tell Delight to fire 155s on that thing and also to fire with Prosit fuse, by order of General Huebner.
- 1624 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1617 hours 3 enemy going northeast at 904976. At 1625 hours, 3 enemy on foot walking towards point 150.
- 1635 - S-3 to Determine 3: The General wants you to fire 155s with Prosit fuse at the target that we have been shooting at north of Mirfeld. (Determine 3) We are firing on some traffic southeast of Happenbach right now, but we will get right on it as soon as we are finished with this fire mission.

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- 1637 - S-3 to Red 3: Where do you want this chemical liaison officer as a forward observer? (Red 3) To G Co. (S-3) Get him to the phone I want to give him an order. (Lt. Watt, 86th Cml Bn comes to the phone) I want you to go to G Co as forward observer. If you can't get down to G Co I will contact Capt. Dutton and get this thing straightened out once and for all. I want you to get your things together and go to G Cow within the hour. (Lt. Watt) OK sir, if you say so, I will go. I understood that I was here as liaison for my company.
- 1645 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: TFR 870945 to 876939; TFS 861938 to 865928 to 872930 to 875937. In the town of Born they are held up by four tanks and some S/Ps. They have knocked out one tank and one S/P. There is a garrison of troops there estimated at 200, and were reinforced by a battalion last night. Estimate 5 S/Ps and 5 tanks in Born. 7th Corps reports all elements out of contact with the enemy except one patrol from the 329th and one from 330th.
- 1652 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Robertson: Did your battalion get into position? (Capt. Robertson) I don't know, but will check and let you know. (Capt. Clark) Our contact patrol will meet yours at the road junction at 874975 at 2100 and 0300 hours.
- 1655 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report; 10 rounds 47; 40 rounds 105; 3 rounds 170.
- 1657 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1655 hours two vehicles on the road between Medell and Meyrode. The vehicle which was knocked out as previously reported is still in the road.
- 1702 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports three vehicles going up the road at 898929; one vehicle going down the same road.
- 1710 - I&R OP to S-2: It is getting pretty hazy, and all we can see now is some friendly artillery landing at 129.
- 1712 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest reports from the OPs, and the patrols for tonight. (G-2) The 18th didn't get to the road junction 914015, but are back 250 yards. The difficulty is mainly artillery. The story about the white flags which the 18th saw is that they are not too sure they could have been white snow capes being thrown around. When they tried to advance they were hit by artillery. Evidently the 3rd Bn was badly hit. In the town of Born the southwest part is still in dispute.
- 1740 - G-2 to S-2: 18th A/B Corps reports the enemy was forced back to P-8794 and 8693 offering only resistance from light small arms fire. Fighting continued in the Born area. Patrols reached P-8693 and 7987. 8th Corps reports enemy moving to the rear. 3rd Army reports our forces reached P-8446 and 8845, but only strong resistance was met at 8446. An enemy attack took Weis L-0205 but the attack has been contained. 7th Army reports the enemy has enlarged its bridgehead. One enemy attack pushed back our forces. Enemy pressure has lessened in the Hotten area. 10th SS Panzer Div identified at P-1227. 16 Sherman tanks are reported being used by the enemy. 1st French Army reports the enemy attacks at V-6708 and 7109 were repulsed. At K-7951 and unidentified person tossed a grenade into an AA position. The British report our forces reached K-7281 and 7485. The Canadians report our forces reached E-6072 and 5970. Identified 2nd Parachute Regt under the 84th Inf Div.



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- 1745 - White 3 to S-3: E Co patrol to the bridge, left at 1715 hours to go to point 115. Another patrol to go to house south of point 111, it is starting out at 1900 hours. The 1st patrol will return at 2400 hours and the 2nd patrol will return at 2200 hours.
- 1805 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: We have a patrol going out tonight at 2000 hours, to 885974 (from point 127 go east to hill 4985).
- 1811 - I&R OP to S-2: Visibility is getting very poor up here. Everything is quiet.
- 1830 - G-2 to S-2: The weather forecast is, fair with light fog forming during the early morning, disappearing by noon. Visibility 4 to 6 miles until noon tomorrow. And over 8 miles in the afternoon. Maximum temperature 30 degrees, minimum temperature 19 degrees.
- 1850 - Col. Gibb to White 6: How are things going? (White) Miserable, we lost about 20 men today from frost bite. It's pretty cold (bad), I got a couple of house s for E and G Companies today. (S-6) How did the new replacements do? (White) The new men did pretty good. We found 8 or 9 dead men from "F" Co today.
- 1910 - Col. Gibb to Red 6: How is business? (Red) OK, we only had 3 men evacuated today from frost bite. (S-6) Are you sure of that? (Red) Yes, I had a medical officer check up on every man in the Bn for frost bite. 2nd Bn had 21 men, 3rd Bn had a few, I'm not sure of the number. I'm afraid that some of the men don't know that they have frost bite, even though they have it. (S-6) I understand that you are having replacement trouble. (White) Yes, there is no solution for it, there is no way of having a training camp for them. And I also am in need of some good NGO's.
- 1915 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 5 PWS from the 7th Co of the 25th PGR of the 12th SS Pz Div., they came from Huen at 9388. They stated that 2nd Bn CP is at 873924. There is stiff resistance in the Born area, about 50 PWS were taken.
- 1930 - S-2 to Delight 2: Our shell report is about 150 rounds of artillery, some of it was heavy stuff.
- 1935 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is new? (Blue) All is quiet, we saw some movement at 933948, some vehicles and infantry. (S-2) TF "S" reported identification of the 2nd Co of the 25th PGR of the 12th SS Pz Div. Our artillery got a lot of good targets today. (Blue) We can see the approaches to the town of Mederscheid, and will try and pick something up.
- 1945 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: On the PWS that I told you about, one of them mentioned a 3rd Bn. He was what we believe to be a company clerk. He had a roster showing that the 5th Co had 27 men, 6th Co had 23 men. 7th Co had 21, 8th Co had 41. However they did get some replacements for the Bn and also for the Regt. The 7th Co was given 9 of these replacements.

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- 2005 - I&R OP to S-2: Can hear small arms fire coming from 205 degrees. Our artillery landing at 170 degrees, also friendly planes going south and southeast.
- 2015 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the latest information as reported by Lt. Lynch.
- 2020 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) E Co patrol went south along the edge of the woods to the first bend and saw three Jerries without snow suits, also saw a bunker made of wood in the woods, then went down a little north of 115 and saw nothing there but heard some people chopping over near 101 and heard some talking, then returned. They drew no fire. (S-2) Gives him the latest information on the front as reported by Lt. Lynch.
- 2030 - S-2 to Decoy 2: We have some observation on that town, and if they check in with our S-2 at the 3rd Bn he will direct them where to go.
- 2045 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the E Co patrol report.
- 2100 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 289th 720849 to 735854; 3rd Bn at 737856 to 750860; 2nd Bn 290th 758867 to 762877; 429th 768886; 1st Bn 290th 769889 to 777906; 117th jumping off at 0900 hours; 119th jumping off a half hour earlier.
- 2115 - S-4 to S-3: What is the deal on the shovels that we got from the 26th? They called and want them back. (S-3) We are finished with them so call them in and give them back to them.
- 2140 - G-2 to S-2: 5th Corps report strong enemy resistance continued in Born supported by S/P guns east of town, 2/3 of the town has been cleared from the west. Born is believed to be held by 200 infantry, 3 tanks, and 3 S/Ps with 200 infantry and 2 tanks southwest of the town. They took 100 PWs from 293rd, 294th and 295th Inf Regt's, 1818th Fusilier Bn, 884th March Bn, and 5 PWs from 25th SS PGR of 12th SS Pz Div at P-868929. 7th Corps took 7 PWs at P-7284 from the 19th SS PGR, 9th SS Pz Div. Patrols reached 7182 and 7180 without contact. 3rd Army reports light enemy resistance but many mines reported by 8th Corps and our forces reached P-6973, 6668, 7478, 7477, 7074, 7072. A lot of enemy activity in area Q-2382 with infantry supported by heavy artillery fire, keeping up repeated attacks. Our troops took 5 pill boxes in area L-0203, but enemy pressure by infantry and armor continues in this sector. Two enemy attacks at L-0402 were repulsed. Our troops knocked out 4 enemy tanks in the area L-0205. 3rd Corps troops captured town at P-6661, 6462, 6655 against scattered enemy resistance. The Canadian reported enemy attack again in the area of Zetten, E-6172. The British captured town at K-7874. 7th Army reports our troops on line from R-0410, to 1217, other troops are on line at R-1736, 1638, 1440, 1043, 0145, Q-9543, 8944 and 8646. 43 enemy tanks observed in the area R-1515.
- 2150 - I&R OP to S-2: At 2120 hours a few rounds of small arms fire was heard very faintly at an azimuth of 180 degrees.
- 2205 - White 3 to S-2: We received a report from G Co that a lot of armor is moving to the southwest, either around 127 or 136. Do you know anything about that? (S-2) Some of our stuff was over there, that is around 127; 136 would be unfriendly. I am inclined to believe that this movement is friendly. (White 3) Will let you know if there is anything further on this.

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- 2214 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives report for the past hour.
- 2235 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Have arrangements been made for contact patrols between your Red and White Bn of the 508th? (Mr. Lipinski) Yes sir, it has all been taken care of.
- 2240 - White 3 to S-3: G Co sent a patrol to the neighborhood of Point 114, they went by way of the fire-break south east of Point 100. The road from 114 looked pretty good, showed no sign of having been used lately. It could be used by vehicles and tanks. The patrol found 4 enemy ammo carts which had been used for bazooka or for mortar ammo and was evidently abandoned. The patrol went to 114, going down the west side of the road running into the town. They went within 25 yards of the house. The house seemed to have civilians in it, as the patrol heard children's voices, and old people talking. They observed the house for about a half hour, they did not want to get any closer as they were convinced that there were only civilians in the house. Didn't want them to be able to tip off an enemy patrol that might come around and ask the civilians questions about our troops. The road to the house is in good condition. The house itself is not good for observation, as it is too low. The patrol went from house, down the road to the woods, where it bends in a sort of V shape to the south. They saw more empty enemy bunkers in this area. Patrol returned after that. The place is large and it would take a large force to hold it. It would take a platoon to man the place.
- 2240 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Both K Co patrols have returned, but we have no important dope yet. Capt. Richmond is at the company talking to them now.
- 2259 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 2250 hours, friendly tracer fire seen going straight up, quite far out, at an azimuth of 188 degrees. At 2255 hours the same fire was seen again in the same place. At same time 2 enemy artillery rounds landed south of OP about 2000 yards out.
- 2300 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Haven't a thing to report for the last hour.
- 2312 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives a detailed report for the last hour.
- 2314 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2: Gives a detailed report on patrol from "G" company.
- 2345 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: The 2 patrols from K Co report, an enemy OP at 897992 with 2 enemy. At 898992, 50 to 80 men digging in, in strips of woods running north from Point 102, on the east side of the stream at 904994. We are outposting the West side of the causeway, it shows signs of much use recently.

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- 0012 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) Did you make contact with the 508th? (Mr. Lipinski) I will check on it.
- 0014 - Mr. Lipinski to Red: Did the patrol return yet from contacting the people on the right? (Red) They have not returned yet. (Mr. Lipinski) Let me know just as soon as they return. (Red) A Co patrol to the front came back. They were supposed to go out to that hill, and they got out there OK. They saw some tracks, but they were probably ours.
- 0040 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: The contact patrol to the 508th has not returned. (G-3) Is the 1st Bn moving down to the edge of the woods tomorrow morning? (Mr. Lipinski) I can't say.
- 0225 - Lt. Stephens to Red: What about the contact patrol? (Red) They are not back yet.
- 0318 - Red to Lt. Stephens: That patrol returned that went out at 2145 hours, made contact.
- 0318 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: The patrol that went out at 2145 hours returned and reported they made contact, but someone had failed to report it.
- 0412 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: What's new? (Lt. Stephens) Gives him the patrol reports. (G-2) 18th Corps reports: Born is now clear of enemy except for a few houses, light resistance south of Deidenberg. 8th Corps reports they did not make contact until 1500 hours, that Gouvy was held in strength by the enemy. Ourth, Wallermal, Lamber, Dalle, Bust are all cleared of enemy. 2nd Panzer Div, 9th Panzer Div and 26th VGD were all identified. A PW stated that infantry elements were withdrawing 10 kilometers and the artillery 20 kilometers east. 3rd Corps reports they have reached the high ground at 715648 against stiff resistance, also encountered resistance at Waltz, Borenach, Triere, Candal, Loullong, but are all clear of enemy. Enemy digging in at 692588. 7th Corps reports a decrease in enemy activity. Enemy forces surrounded at Kalmos, but still putting up a good fight.
- 0445 - Red to Lt. Stephens: B Co patrol contacted the 508th.
- 0512 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0555 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Anything new? (Lt. Stephens) It is quiet down here. (G-3) The 18th had a patrol go to 943019 where they saw 8 Jerries among the trees and more to the left of that. 2nd Div had a patrol out to 958049, where they located enemy dug out positions.
- 0912 - S-2 to White 2: What is cooking? (White 2) We put an outpost around the bend of the woods, near E Co, and the FO will go out there. We are going to put an OP at 89, as you can see Moderscheide from there.

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- 0920 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him a summary of the night's activity as listed in this journal. (G-2) Did you get the identification of the 3rd Bn, 25th SS PGR? (S-2) Yes. (G-2) We believe there is an enemy outpost between Amel and Mirfeld.
- 0945 - White 2 to S-2: We just received an attack by an enemy and the E Co outpost at 100 took him prisoner. (S-2) Good, be sure he gets back here. (White 2) That is all I have at present.
- 1000 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: One PW from the 11th Co, 25th SS PGR taken at 879945, he was a member of a 4 man patrol from Amel. 1 captured, 1 killed, and 2 escaped. 9th Co is in a defensive position southeast at 875934; 10th Co in vicinity of 882942; one platoon of 11th Co at 887954; another platoon of the same company at 890967; 2 assault guns north of Amel. There are SS troops in Amel operating in conjunction with paratroopers. In vicinity of Amel a road block at 899965; an enemy outpost at 899965; drew fire at 872927 heard 3 to 5 tracked vehicles in vicinity of 873924.
- 1013 - S-3 to G-3: Here is our patrol results for last night. A patrol went down towards Moderscheid bridge. The bridge was not outposted on the west side of the stream covering the bridge. Just north of the town, generally north to south line 994 from Moderschied, 60 enemy digging in. In the woods which are south of Schoppen, enemy outposts 897991 and 898992. We got down towards the road junction, 899983; no traffic at that road junction, but did hear some Jerries. Established new outpost, which covers that draw. We also patrolled down to the house at 892979. There were people in the house, thought to be civilians, also the patrol went to the high ground at 885973, and found nothing. The Colonel wants to know when they expect to take Amel. (G-3) They will take it, and they want us to come down on the left in the open ground. (S-3) Who is getting that job? (G-3) It is the other Corp's job. (S-3) Have you no definite time on it? (G-3) No, there is a meeting for the Colonel here at 1400 hours.
- 1027 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: At 291st Inf line is from 720848, 751861, 758864, 77587. 2nd Bn, 119th 781877; 3rd Bn 795884. The 117th is jumping off at 0800 hours and the 119th at 0830 hours.
- 1035 - G-2 to S-2: Here is a new identification - 6th Co, 404th Regt, 246th Div. A PW was taken at 874933 at 0730 hours this morning. It looks like the VGD are moving in to bolster the positions. I would believe the 689th is in front of you now.
- 1035 - Red2 to S-2: Do you have any new locations this morning? (S-2) No. The 3rd Bn, 25th SS PGR identified around 8894. The 404th Regt, 246th Div was identified in front of the 30th Div south of Born. 2nd Bn took a PW from in front of their outpost at 892990. The enemy is in the woods south of 101. Also the enemy is on the west bank and the south bank of the river at 102. There are some on the eastern edge of the woods from 100 to 115. (Red 2) A patrol went to 4985 but did not see anything. Anything on the armor moving this morning? (S-2) I haven't heard anything.

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- 1044 - G-3 to S-3: Did Maj. Lord tell you about the meeting this afternoon? (S-3) Yes. (G-3) You are to attend also.
- 1045 - S-2 to I&R OP: Anything doing up there this morning? (I&R) No sir. We can see down to the town and at times we can see the buildings, but everything is quiet now.
- 1138 - S-3 to Red 3 and White 3: I would like an overlay from you. Send it in 48 hours after you close in on a place. Have it show the platoon positions, guns, tanks, and TDs on 1/25,000.
- 1200 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Born is clear, and 77 PWs were taken. TFS at 865927; TFW 862939 to 860952; B Co, 38th 841982; 509th 842942, 856944, 954933; C Co 38th 842931; TFB 845921; TFA in assembly area at 820950; A Co 508th 8793; B Co 873937; Co C 862937; H Co 877945; I Co 874956; G Co 868955; D Co 871961; E Co 880968; F Co 878962; 117th is on the northe dge of 5th Corps; 2nd Bn, 119th has leading elements on the northern edge of Objective S.
- 1215 - I&R OP to S-2: Small arms fire observed at 185 degrees, 2500 yards out.
- 1230 - S-3 to Red 3: Send a contact patrol to the 508th and make sure they notify the battalion when they make contact.
- 1232 - S-3 to G-3: Capt. Clark is over to the 508th now, there is no reason for the patrols they want us to make, there is no enemy out there. We have patrolled all the way to within 200 yards of their left flank.
- 1240 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: We have two PWs in bad shape. Advise questioning of the MCO from the 15th Co, 8th Regt. Claim to be out-posting the woods at 101 with close to 100 men was the planned mission.
- 1215 - G-2 to S-2: "hat is new? (S-2) We have 2 PWs from 2nd Co, 5th Regt, and the 14th Co, 9th Regt, taken by 2nd Bn.
- 1216 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Corps has directed that a contact patrol be sent over to the people in Eibertingen.
- 1245 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: 20 rounds of propaganda shells are coming in. The news items cover the Russian victories. The artillery will get the shells this afternoon, and it is recommended they be fired as soon as possible being that the news is current.
- 1315 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1240 hours we saw an enemy vehicle which looked like a tank moving southwest 300 yards north of 129.
- 1325 - S-2 to PWI: I want you to go to A Co, 1st Medics and question the PWs coming back that are wounded.
- 1345 - S-2 to G-2: Visibility is poor today in this area. The I&R OP reported a tank or truck going southwest at 970976. (G-2) At 0940 hours 1800 vehicles were reported going east and northeast at P-8567. The air corps is having a good time with them. Vehicles were also reported going northeast at L-0074.

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- 14350 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: CGR will relieve CCA on Objective S. CCB will clean up on Objective S. CCA and TFB going to Objective S then to Objective G. 30th Div cleaned Rodt, and took 68 PWs.
- 14402 - White 3 to S-2: We picked up 30 enemy going from 137 to 136. Cannon Co and the mortars are firing on them now. A few have come up to the edge of the woods southeast of 114, about 300 yards south of 114 and north of 128. There seems to be a path there that they are using. We will keep firing on them.
- 14405 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report.
- 14435 - White 2 to S-2: The PW from the 2nd Platoon, 15th Co, 8th Regt was an officer candidate and gave the following information. He thought the 2nd Parachute Div was coming up to relieve or support his outfit. His company had two platoons of 50 men each. His outfit was in the woods southeast of 101. Elements of two other companies, probably the 14th Co, 9th Regt, and the 2nd Co, of the 5th Regt are also in that vicinity. The Commander of the 14th Co, 9th Regt is Lt. Novak. The PW was on a patrol to recon 100, was to wait all day and report American tank movement on the Schoppen-Amel road. The PW used the term "Point 100" and wanted to know if that was the place he was picked up at. He also mentioned seeing a section of 81mm mortars behind 101. They were outposted and building bunkers. Two days ago, he saw 2 assault guns in the town east of there. He came from Heppenbach, where everyone was regrouped 3 days ago.
- 14415 - Red 6 to S-2: An officer from the 2nd Bn of the people on the right was here and acknowledge contact, and was not making any complaints about it. He will take it up with his Regimental 3 when he gets back. (S-2) I will call Maj. Lord and notify him.
- 14430 - S-2 to G-3: About Corps sometime before noon ordering us to contact them, the 508th immediately gave the impression that we had not thus far. Col. Driscoll says an officer from there said that contact had been made and their headquarters had been notified. (G-3) Col. Gibb and Maj. Smith were up here and straightened everything out.
- 1500 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports 8 enemy on the road south of Meyerod on the west side of the 90 grid and parallel to it.
- 1500 - PW1 to Lt. Stephens: The 2 wounded PWs taken today at Schoppen belong to Engr Bn of 3rd Parachute Div, CO is Lt. Nevketter, and were committed as such time in the 8th Regt. Sector. Unit contains 80 men in position along the woods north of Moderscheid at 900981. 3 days ago they saw an artillery position at 937953. The train of the 8th Regt is at 9395 and 9492. He thinks there is some kind of a CP in Moderscheid. He saw 10 assault guns in Moderscheid 3 days ago. The rumor of relief by the 2nd Panzer is still going around, and there is a rumor that the advance party was seen in Heppenbach three days ago. He saw no AT guns and saw no mines.

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- 1515 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1325 hours one enemy going southeast near 150; at 1400 hours smoke from possible enemy tanks, 500 yards northwest of 129, we tried to get artillery on it but the line went out; at 1430 hours one enemy vehicle moving northeast near 129; at 1445 hours an enemy artillery barrage fell on the outskirts of Schoppen, the very edge, but it looked from here like some of the buildings were hit.
- 1518 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: E Co, 119th 786782, F Co 790875; 2nd Bn 797977; K Co 800879; 2nd Bn 117th on line 809883 to 815887; WFS at 85 913 on objective S as of 1300 hours, as soon as S is secured will move down to C at 845899.
- 1530 - White 2 to S-2: A patrol from G Co is leaving in 15 minutes going to 114 then east along the wood-line to the river.
- 1538 - S-3 to G-3: Our Red 3 and the S-3, 2nd Bn, 508th have agreed that the contact point will be 879976. We had our liaison officer visit their battalion and regimental CPs and we have their latest positions and dispositions.
- 1543 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Army states the 1st SS is not in contact. Infantry moving back approximately 10 kilometers as of 2 days ago. 250 vehicles were reported moving northeast from St. Vith. Enemy using WP and Nebelwerfers in the 18th Corps sector. 215 PWs taken by 1st Army. 165 PWs taken in Born. 8 S/P guns and 4 tanks were captured. The Air reports much enemy traffic moving north and east at L-0074. Corps reports 3rd Army at 0940 hours big movement at P-8567. Approximately 1800 vehicles going east and northeast, and the air Corps having a field day.
- 1545 - S-3 to White 5: The 86th is moving out tomorrow. In the woods of 882008 there is a damn good concrete shelter with two rooms 20x20. I want you to go up and take it over to us as a drying room or whatever you want to use it for.
- 1546 - S-3 to Lt. Goodwin: You are detached from us and attached to the 18th Inf. Get in touch with Capt. Delland tell him to go to the 18th CP. We are going to take over your installations. 2nd Bn will take over your forward and someone else will take your installations in Fayonville. (Lt. Goodwin) Can I pull in my liaison and observers. (S-3) Yes.
- 1615 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports PW from 8th Co, 25th PGR captured this morning. He said the 3rd Bn was in the area at P-8894 and SS troops were working with paratroopers presumably 3rd Parachute Div. PW from 6th Co, 404th Regt was taken at P-879433 this morning. 3rd Army reports enemy counterattacked repulsed in area at L-1202. Resistance was moderate to strong as our troops reached the road junction at P-8947 and town at P-8147 and 8047. Many enemy tanks and trucks observed moving east in area of P-8650. Good progress against little opposition in reaching line P-7251, 7054, 7056, 6856, 6853, 6556, 6858, 7163, 7165, 6666. Snow, mines, and demolitions hampered progress but no organized resistance met as our troops reached a line P-6667, 7069, 6972, 7576. PWs reported that the 9th Panzer Grenadier Regt, 130th Panzer Div and 26th WGD had pulled back to the Seigfried line.



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- Our troops occupied Longsdorf, Machelon, Lambscheid, Lipperscheid. Identified 212th VGD at P-9045 and 79th VGD in the same general area. 7th Army is still getting heavy pressure and our troops withdrew to straighten the line to W-0198, R-0315, O420, Q-9128, 8037, 7738. French First Army captured the town at V-7010. British report opposition stiffened during the day. Our troops occupied part of the town at K-8170 and cleared the town at 7874 with forward elements reaching 8077. The enemy counterattacked with infantry supported by 5 tanks and 15 S/P guns in the area 7775.
- 1620 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1615 hours two smoke shells landed at 895944, 5 minutes later smoke shells fell upon the hill. It also appears Moderscheid is being heavily shelled.
- 1635 - Red 3 to S-3: Is the engineer officer there? (Red 3) No. I want you permission to have the bull dozer run from 98 to 111. (S-3) OK.
- 1640 - S-2 to G-2: We took some PWs today, 3 of them all together, one was killed from 2nd Co, 5th Regt. One from 14th Co, 9th Regt and other from 15th Co, 8th Regt. The one from 15th Co was an officer candidate. He said his company of 70 men with elements of a couple other companies were in the woods at 898988. He also said his people were at 901985. MLR from 901980 north into Moderscheid. He said he came from Heppenbach, been sent up and committed from there. Trains in Wereph at 936952. They saw a couple of assault guns two days ago. The other PWT old to take out a patrol to 100 and from there to see if he could see any of our tanks and get what we are doing. Picked up vehicle at 908977 going northeast at 1430 hours. Picked up an enemy tank at 904976 at 1400 hours. We have a patrol out not to 891980 from there to the southern edge of the woods to east to stream. (G-2) 26th got a PW at 908911 from 4th Co, 1st Bn, 5th Regt, 100 men, left company. They have 3 light and one heavy machine gun, 3 mortars, one under repair, and no ammunition for the other two. A Company is dug in at 905007 and 908012.
- 1642 - Maj. Margolis to S-2: I have a deserter here from the German Army, who was with the German Army last Sunday. Do you want me to send him down to the PW cage. (S-2) Yes, to be treated as a PW.
- 1643 - White 2 to S-2: No artillery or mortar fire today.
- 1655 - Blue 2 to S-2: No artillery or mortar fire today.
- 1700 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: One of the TF from 7th Armored is at 855902 and TFS at 852905; TFW at 857908. In moving up TFS over-ran seven 88s intact. No report on the amount of resistance.
- 1705 - Red 2 to S-2: 10 rounds of 105 for the day.

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- 1713 - White 3 to S-3: How about getting a bull dozer to work the road from 100 to Schoppen. The tank dozer will take too long. (S-3) The 7 is out of condition until tomorrow. (White 3) OK, I will use the tank dozer.
- 1715 - FWI to S-2: This PW was on a two day pass last Sunday and just stayed here. His name is in Schoppen. From the 1st Co, 593rd Engr Bn in Burg Renland. He was drafted into the German Army.
- 1720 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1550 hours enemy artillery concentration on the slopes south of Schoppen.
- 1720 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the dope on the deserter.
- 1728 - S-2 to G-2: The CIC should visit a pregnant woman in the house of Henson in Sourbrodt. She may have information on Belgian members of the German Army in this area.
- 1740 - Decoy 2 to S-2: L Co will send a contact patrol to 900007 at 2400 hours.
- 1745 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: We are sending a patrol to the high round where they went last night, 886973 at 1900 and 0200 hours. Contact patrol to 2nd En, 508th at 2100 and 0300 hours.
- 1810 - Decoy 2 to S-2: We have two patrols of 4 men each from the I&R both leaving at 1900 hours from the L Co OP, one to 105005 to check the bridge, and one to 909002 will be back at midnight.
- 1815 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: Is the engineer officer and the dozer with you? (Red 3) The dozer is in Guezaine, and the officer is here. (Capt. Clark) Have the officer call me, Maj. Smith wants that road cleared tonight.
- 1830 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Kays: Maj. Smith wants the road open tonight. (Lt. Kays) That job is impractical to do tonight. There are large snow drifts and it is almost impossible to find the road.
- 1845 - S-3 to Lt. Kays: How about this job tonight? (Lt. Kays) Alexander will have a weasel up there for the regimental wire team, and the dozer is back for repairs.
- 1850 - S-3 to Red 3: The regimental wire team can go to Ivertingen and lay back to 11 and tie the wire to a tree and quit for the night and Alexander can finish up tomorrow.
- 1905 - I&R OP to S-2: Our artillery is landing beyond the ridge southeast of here, some were air bursts.
- 1906 - Red 2 to S-2: At 1800 hours one tank was firing from vicinity of 137, and put about 4 rounds near the C Co outpost.

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- 1906 - S-6 to G-5: I understand I am getting more replacements tomorrow. I would like to hold back on them as I don't have the NCOs to handle them properly. (G-5) The General wants to build your strength up, there may be another job coming up. Your casual NCOs should be coming in pretty quick now.
- 1910 - S-6 to Col. Barnes: Division will not evacuate anyone for frost bite, and they get a purple heart for frost bite. (Col. Barnes) The people are evacuated for observation to reaction for cold. (S-6) I am of the opinion that people out in the weather of the past few days should get a Purple heart if they have frost bite. (Col. Barnes) I will get in touch with the Division Surgeon.
- 1915 - S-6 to White 6: G Co gets a Presidential Citation for the Brand affair. (White 6) E and G Cos will be sent out to clear the woods tomorrow to the river.
- 1920 - S-6 to Blue 6: I Co received a Presidential Citation for their action in the Brand area.
- 1925 - White 2 to S-2: The patrol is back, they went 300 yards northeast of 113, then down the trail to the southeast, then to 111, found quite a lot of Jerry equipment, ammunition and things like that, then headed east along edge of woods, then hit a clearing; then started back, made no contact. The OP saw nothing.
- 1935 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? (Red 2) The tank that fired at the C Co outpost did not hit it. (S-2) Gives him the dope on the 2nd Bn patrol that returned. (Red 2) The 82nd is sending a patrol into Amel tonight.
- 1945 - S-2 to G-2: Discuss the patrol activity, PWs, and OP reports for the day.
- 2027 - Red 2 to S-2: C Co patrol is back, they went to the high ground stayed there and saw nothing. They were on the reverse slope. They heard the tank firing which we reported previously. Another patrol will go up there at 0200 hours.
- 2115 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps is still mopping up in the Born area. Of an enemy group of 17, 2 were killed and 15 taken PW. PWs identified from 11th Co 999 Penal Regt, 2nd Co, 20th PGR, these were believed to be stragglers. The resistance was generally light to moderate. At P-7886, the enemy defended the town with small arms and mortars. The 3rd Army reports only resistance was one company dug in at P-7671 and 7672. We took the following towns: P-7467, 7266, 7264, 7162, 7154, 7155. Reached the line of P-765520, 755545, 725560, 7056, 815503, 825485, 847505, 860547.

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- 1748 - Red to Lt. Stephens: A Go OP reports a tail light believed to be a truck at Mirfeld, which was fired on by 7th Field, seen at the same place where the tank was reported firing from.
- 2105 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 117th at 825891; 1st Bn 120th 828908; 2nd Bn 119th 787865 to 797875, took 75 PWS, 3 captains from 751st and 752nd Regts. 30th Div reports people on right pushing steadily. Front line 738840, 750840, 758848, 759858, 779869. 1st Bn 291st 753844, 3rd Bn 291st 742942; 3rd Bn 290th 760865; 1st Bn 290th 769866; 2nd Bn 335th at western edge of town at 7177. TFD and TFS, 7th Armored have Objective C.
- 2155 - Red to Lt. Stephens: The B Co patrol returned and report they did not contact the 82nd A/B at the contact point they then went 500 yards down the road past the contact point and still did not contact them so they returned.
- 2315 - Blue 3 to S-2: All of the outpost are in without a hitch. There is nothing in the woods southeast of 101, but I am going to sweat it out awhile and if nothing happens I will push a patrol out there. Today we picked out a Mark IV tank that had been knocked out on top of 101. It must have been knocked out by artillery the first night we were here. Another patrol went down the road from 90 around the bend to the deep gully checking for mines and saw and heard nothing. A report just came in from the outpost in the woods, They say they can hear vehicular movement near the bridge at 102 also digging so we will put a stonk on them. When does the 18th go? (S-2) I don't know, maybe tomorrow.

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- 0104 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: K Co outpost at 102 was shot up by 20 enemy in snow suits. One man was wounded, but they pulled back intact.
- 0121 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0246 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: The C Co patrol is back. They found nothing out there, no contact with the enemy.
- 0303 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0305 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: What is new? (Lt. Stephens) All quiet up here. We sent out a contact patrol at 2100 hours to the 82nd but they were not there. We had an OP at 903994 from the 3rd Bn and it was attacked by 20 enemy at 0104 hours. We had one man wounded and the outpost pulled back intact. Another contact patrol to the 82nd will go out at 0300 hours.
- 0410 - Red to Lt. Stephens: The contact patrol returned and report they contacted the 82nd A/B.
- 0412 - Lt. Stephens to G-2 and G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0500 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 0430 hours we saw what is believed to be a flash from an enemy gun at 177 degrees, and our artillery was falling in the same vicinity.
- 0515 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0550 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 0520 hours enemy gun flash, 185 degrees 13 seconds flash to bang; 0525 hours gun flash at 170 degrees, 15 seconds flash to bang; 0530 hours gun flash at 205 degrees, no flash-bang; 0545 hours gun flash 187 degrees, no flash-bang.
- 0555 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: Gives them the above report on the gun flashes.
- 0610 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Our C Co OP reports hearing tank movement to their front. The OP is about 300 yards to the front of the battalion, the tanks are probably in Amel or Mirfeld.
- 0612 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0700 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: At 0650 hours a very large glow could be seen coming over the horizon, it travelled east to west. At first it appeared to be the sun rising, as the glow was very marked. This glow continued to travel very high, and passed directly over the OP. As it passed the OP the immediate area was lighted up as if from a strong flare. The glow continued to travel westward. It could possibly have been an airplane above the clouds, but there was no noise.

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- 0710 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0750 - Maj. McBride, 7th Armored to Capt. Clark: There is considerable enemy activity around the town to the front of the 2nd Bn, 508th, and they want us to lay some fire on it. Will it be OK to fire? (Capt. Clark) Yes. Have you any intentions of moving today? (Maj. McBride) No.
- 0806 - I&R OP to Capt. Clark: At 0740 hours a buzz bomb went over.
- 0825 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 0824 hours at 896950 they observed two enemy; and at 898925 saw a truck going south, with personnel following.
- 0854 - Capt. Clark to All Units: There will be a meeting of the COs and 3s at 1300 hours this morning at the CP.
- 0845 - S-2 to Red 2: 2nd Bn is sending out a patrol today to 114 and east. 3rd Bn had a patrol from 90 to the bend in the road near 102 and put outpost there, and had the enemy come in and shoot at them so they pulled out.
- 0856 - S-2 to White 3: Anything unusual happening the night? (White 3) No. (S-2) Did your patrol leave yet? (White 3) No, they are leaving about 0930 hours.
- 0902 - S-2 to Blue 2: How big was the outpost that was shot up? (Blue 2) 6 men. The enemy came from the river area.
- 0910 - S-2 to G-2: What is the hot poop? (G-2) A very quiet night. 7th Armored took a PW at 887950 from the 7th Co, 404th Regt. They also sent patrols to Amel. The Amel-St. <sup>V</sup>ith road has enemy entrenchments every 20 yards. Mouses on the south side are occupied. 7th Armored artillery set the east side on fire at midnight and the west side on fire at 0400 hours. 2nd Div took 3 PWs who were on pass. One was from the 22nd Fortress Machine Gun Bn, and one from the 8th Home Guard Bn. (S-2) Gave him a summary of reports received during the night.
- 0945 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 30th Div secured objectives U and W, also cleared Neider and Emmelis. Took 140 PWs, and knocked out two S/Ps. They have troops on the high ground at 887895. They contacted TFB at 2200 hours at 889897.
- 1005 - S-2 to G-2: Nothing new, our patrol that went to the hill south of Schoppen saw a knocked out Mark IV on top of the hill.
- 1006 - S-2 to Delight 2: What is new? (Delight 2) Nothing new except new locations of enemy guns at - 975804, one light gun; 96720297, one gun; 97800284, four guns; 99660890, four light guns; 00330034, one medium gun. These are from sound and flash - 96059927, 91210171, one medium gun; 89109335, one gun; 891498000, one gun; 92189728, one gun; 89380564, one gun; 89751090, two guns; 99111078, four guns; 96560241, four guns 90649741, one gun.

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- 1030 - White 2 to S-2: Two patrols are going out one from E Co to go to the woods southeast of 115; the G Co patrol to go to 114 along the east edge of the woods, The E Co patrol will contact the G Co patrol. The OP crew will go out with G Co patrol to east of 114 (893979) and will stay out all day.
- 1035 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 7th Armored are at 845900. They are sending patrol into the big town to the south. 30th Div has been on Objective S for some time at 796875.
- 1050 - G-3 to S-3: Here is yesterdays score for the 9th Tactical Air Force:

| <u>TARGET</u>        | <u>DESTROYED</u> | <u>DAMAGED</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mort vehicles        | 399              | 630            |
| Armored vehicles     | 29               | 53             |
| Locomotives          | 1                | 0              |
| Railroad Cars        | 30               | 96             |
| Gun positions        | 12               | 13             |
| Horse drawn vehicles | 8                | 0              |
| Enemy Aircraft       | 1                | 2              |

Here is yesterday's score for the 19th Tactical Air Force:

|                      |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Motor vehicles       | 308 | 156 |
| Armored vehicles     | 16  | 0   |
| Railroad Cars        | 67  | 47  |
| Horse drawn vehicles | 5   | 1   |
| Gun positions        | 13  | 5   |

Here is yesterday's score for the 29th Tactical Air Force:

|                  |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Armored vehicles | 0   | 1   |
| Locomotives      | 11  | 0   |
| Railroad cars    | 234 | 124 |

TOTAL:

|                      |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| MOTOR VEHICLES       | 707 | 787 |
| Armored vehicles     | 45  | 54  |
| Locomotives          | 12  | 1   |
| Railroad cars        | 301 | 171 |
| Gun positions        | 25  | 18  |
| Horse drawn vehicles | 13  | 1   |
| Enemy aircraft       | 1   | 2   |

1100 - S-2 to Battalion 2s: Gives them the above score sheet.

1101 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 7th Armored patrol to the town was stopped at the cross roads northwest of the town by a road block, and the patrol is now returning.

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- 1126 - G-2 to S-2: As of 1000 hours Tactical Air Recon reports at P-2305 1000 vehicles going east; at F-1224, 100 vehicles going east; at F-1205, 30 to 40 stationary tanks; at F-1214, 25 tanks going southwest.
- 1145 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 7th Armored on "Copper". Knocked out 5 Mark IV tanks. Captured one crew intact. Killed 75 and took 90 PWs. One identified, 7th Co, 404th Regt at 887950.
- 1226 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1150 hours we observed 88mm flak, in vicinity of Schoppen and south, directed at our planes; at 1200 hours 5 enemy going east along the hedgerow at 916957, then they disappeared behind the hill.  
to 830866:
- 1305 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Bn 117th at 823865; 1st Bn 119th at 808864. Yesterday in their fighting they took 411 PWs, knocked out 4 Mark IVs, and 4 Mark Vs, and 2 S/Ps. They suffered 3 killed, 3 mission, and 69 wounded. 30th Div reports one company of 38th Armored Infantry 1/2 of the way through St. Vith.
- 1315 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1312 hours enemy movement up and down the hedgerow at 885921.
- 1325 - White 2 to S-2: The outpost that was to be set up is either at 114 or 600 yards east of there, they are getting oriented and have a phone in. The patrols went on, and so far everything is OK, no contact with the enemy. (S-2) Gives him Lt. Lynch's latest report.
- 1332 - S-2 to Blue 2 and Red 2: Gives them Lt. Lynch's latest report.
- 1350 - G-2 to S-2: 7th Armored has elements in St. Vith. 119th have taken over 400 PWs, knocked out 4 Mark Vs and 4 Mark VIs, and 2 S/Ps. 18th report enemy movement in Moderscheid. (S-2) Gives him the latest report on the 2nd Bn patrols and the OP.
- 1350 - Decoy 3 to S-3: We are putting on a little show this afternoon, a TOT, roughly east of where our 3rd Bn is in position, 915015. If your people hear a lot of artillery between 1400 and 1405 hours it isn't an enemy attack. 1356 - S-2 to
- 1356 - S-2 to Battalion 2s: Gives them the above report from the 18th.
- 1400 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports enemy vehicles and personnel in vicinity of 886919, and 7th Field fired on them very successfully exploding one vehicle.
- 1420 - White 3 to S-2: The engineer officer was here for information on the roads. (S-3) Give him all the dope on what you want done.
- 1421 - S-3 to 745th: Do you have your tank dozer with you? (745th) Yes sir. (S-3) I want to use it with the 2nd Bn for clearing the roads. It will be under an engineer officer. (745th) OK.
- 1425 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports enemy half tracks on the road in vicinity of 898925.



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- 1430 - White 2 to S-2: The two patrols are back. They went to the woods just west of 115. The OP is in position 300 yards southeast of 114. Only one enemy observed near 128. They have good observation on Mirfeld.
- 1438 - Gen. Huebner to S-6: You have done a hell of a fine job. I certainly appreciate it. How are things? (S-6) My Doggies are not too hot. I think we have cleared up all our weather cases. The weasel did a fine job. (Gen. Huebner) I tried to get all I could for you. (S-6) Thanks a lot General. Another thing that was good were the German half tracks. They moved where ours stopped. If you run into any mark them for the 16th. (General Huebner) I will.
- 1507 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1450 hours small arms fire, probably friendly, about 145 degrees east of Schoppen.
- 1515 - G-2 to S-2: 19th Corps reports very light artillery. Some fire activity reported on the south central front. 18th Corps reports some harassing artillery fire. Emmels at P-8390 was clear and movement to the south and southeast of town was made against moderate resistance. Hunningen at P-8499 was also clear. Canadians reports enemy pocket at E-6072 was cleared with about 100 PWs taken. The British report our troops met light opposition in capturing the town at K-8369. Villages at K-8173 and 8175 were repelled. Our armored elements met heavy opposition, but recon patrols reached K-7579 and 7482. Over 160 PWs taken. 3rd Army reports our troops took 50 PWs and killed 40 from an enemy patrol in the area Q-2981. An enemy force supported by tanks regained 2/3 of town at L-0204. Our troops met stiff opposition in their attacks on towns at P-8947 and 8748. Both towns are still in enemy hands. 3rd Corps reports our troops captured the town at P-7256 and occupied the towns at P-6959 and 7566 and advanced to X363 against light resistance. Our patrols reached P-7473. 7th Army reports enemy followed up our withdrawal on the right flank with strong patrols to 0204. The French identified the 2nd Mountain Div north of Mulhousen. Enemy infantry and tanks attacked the town at R-0808 surrounding the town, but the 2nd French Armored Div counter-attacked, restored the situation and took 300 PWs.
- 1540 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest report on the two patrols and the OP of the 2nd Bn. On this propoganda leaflets, I think it is a weak system. A loudspeaker would be better. (G-2) You can have a loudspeaker whenever you want it.
- 1557 - PW1 to S-2: The CIC brought in 2 deserters from Schoppen. One belonged to a Sabotage School "Strifcorp", and has a lot of inside information as to how the unit operates. Another was from the 8th Cav., 1st Regt, 4th Bn., had served in Prussia.
- 1558 - Capt. Clark to 745th: Is your tank dozer still there for 2nd Bn? (745th) Yes. (Capt. Clark) Send it out immediately.

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- 1602 - G-2 to S-2: 119th is on all objectives; 803848, 815853, 832860; 2nd Bn 117th cleared the town at 833861; CCR of 7th Armored pushed off at 1115 hours for the big town to the south.
- 1700 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1645 hours two enemy seen walking northeast at 916957.
- 1705 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) I lost a man today, he is missing from the OP group. While they were pulling in their wire line they observed a couple of Jerries, when they went to fire on them their Tommy gun jammed and the Jerries opened up with a burp gun and disorganized them. They met up with the G Co patrol and all of them now are at 114. G Co is going to occupy the house tonight.
- 1715 - Red 2 to S-2: We are going to contact those people in the house at 2300 hours, and also contact the people on the right. A tank just fired a couple of rounds into our area.
- 1716 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest reports from the battalions. (G-2) 7th Armored is in St. Vith and getting Nebelwerfer fire from the east.
- 1720 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 30 rounds artillery, 40 rounds mortar.
- 1730 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 5 rounds or 6 rounds of tank fire.
- 1735 - White 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 2 rounds 105; 10 rounds 50mm mortar; 13 rounds 150.
- 1745 - S-2 to G-2; and Delight: 110 rounds of mortar, 60 rounds of artillery, and 6 rounds of tank fire.
- 1745 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: What time do we go? (Capt. Clark) I don't know. I will have Maj. Smith call you. Lt. Stephens says that the 18th jumps at 0530 hours and the 26th at 0400 hours.
- 1805 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports at 1525 hours 30 enemy and a few vehicles on the road at 898925; at 1739 hours 18 enemy going north and two going south at 898925; at 1742 hours 17 enemy at 898925; at 1745 hours fires started at Amel by our mortars. A Co picked up an enemy tank in vicinity of 129, and 7th Field was notified.
- 1822 - Red 2 to S-2: The contact patrol returned from 2nd Bn, 508th, but they are not there anymore, in their place is the 2nd Bn, 121th. We made arrangements to contact them at the same place as the other people.
- 1825 - Blue 2 to S-2: We are sending a patrol from K Co to the woods south of 101 at 1900 hours. One squad may stay in the woods, depending on what they find. Another patrol will go to the same place, and the time of departure will be called into you later.

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- 1859 - S-3 to White 6: What time do you expect to jump off? (White 6) Let us know when the 18th and 26th take their first objectives. I would like to go at 0900 hours unless there is no report from the 18th and 26th. If they don't start for objectives 2, I don't want to start. If I am tied in with their 1st Objective, I would like to start at 0900 hours. If it depends on #2 I want to go when they go. (S-3) I will call you back after I see the Colonel.
- 1913 - S-3 to White 6: 0900 hours is the time. (White 6) The right flank of G Co is at 114, and we occupy the house at 114.
- 1913 - S-3 to Blue 2: The 2nd Bn is going at 0900 hours. What time are you going out? (Blue 2) What time is the 18th getting down to Moderscheid? (S-3) The Colonel wants to get down there. The 26th goes at 0100 hours and the 18th at 0530 hours.
- 1920 - S-3 to Red 3: 2nd Bn is going to jump off at 0900 hours. They are going to move by easy stages. The 3rd Bn is trying to put an OP down to the river tonight in platoon strength at 115 and north of 115. The 2nd Bn is going to move 2 TDs down to 114.
- 1922 - S-3 to Brown: We start our movement at 0900 hours.
- 1924 - S-3 to Delight 2: We start our movement at 0900 hours.
- 1925 - S-3 to G-3: We are getting our OP out where we are going tonight in platoon strength. We are working a platoon outpost down to the stream from the 3rd Bn. Only one company, also taking the woods south of Schoppen on the high ground. Moving the 1st Bn to tie in with the 2nd Bn. Time will be 0900 hours.
- 2030 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: St. Vith is officially in our hands. 1st Bn 289th is at 787848; 2nd Bn is following the 1st Bn at 800 yard distance; 3rd Bn 291st on a line from 762831 to 766827. A patrol from 334th went to 771816. The resistance all along the line is extremely light or non extant. 1st Bn 333rd at 759821; 2nd Bn 334th 773818; 2nd Bn 335th 754798 to 753795; 3rd Bn 335th 744780; 2nd Bn 333rd 734846; 3rd Bn 333rd at 654867.
- 2155 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 2135 hours at 220 degrees gun flashes, 10 seconds flash to bang. We don't know whether it is friendly or enemy.
- 2232 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Please advise Maj. Smith that the contact point between you and the 508th, is at 890097, effective tomorrow at 2100 hours.
- 2240 - Blue 6 to Mr. Lipinski: We had a patrol south of point 101, and they report the woods clear. We are moving 2 platoons from "K" Co into the woods and down south to the edge of the woods tonight. They will occupy the former enemy positions and patrol the woods all night. }

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- 2340 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: All is very quiet, we have nothing to report.
- 2355 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: The B Co contact patrol to the people on our right, did not make contact with them at the contact point.
- 2305 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives the hourly report.
- 2307 - Decoy 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Do you know whether your 3rd Bn arranged a contact point with us? (Mr. Lipinski) I'll call them and find out for you.
- 2309 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue 2: Did you have a contact patrol arranged with the 18th? (Blue) No, but we can arrange for one to meet at the red house at 0100 hours. (Mr. Lipinski) OK, I'll let the 18th know about it. (Blue) Our OP reports vehicular movement, sounded like a tank, due south, 2000 yards out, also a gun flash at 150 degrees. At 2305 hours the OP reported vehicular movement going east to west at 180 degrees to 210 degrees about 3000 yards out.
- 2314 - Mr. Lipinski to Decoy 2: Our 3rd Bn did not arrange for a contact patrol, but they will send one out at 0100 hours to meet your patrol at the Red house.
- 2316 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight 3: Our OP reports a gun flash at 2230 hours at 150 degrees at an unknown distance (range).
- 2345 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 2330 hours a large enemy gun firing at 180 degrees, 13 seconds flash to bang. The flash is a large ball of fire, like a rising sun. The gun fired again at 2339 hours. At 2335 hours a small gun firing from 150 degrees, no sound, fired again at 2345 hours. There is friendly artillery firing from 205 degrees, it fired 12 times in the last hour.
- 2352 - Delight 3 to Mr. Lipinski: The shell reports that you gave me a while ago worked out swell. We are now firing counter battery on it. We are going to fire 48 rounds on it. (Mr. Lipinski) Gives him reports from I&R OP.
- 2400 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Nothing to report except, a gun firing from 150 degrees, it fired 4 rounds, time 2350 hours.