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- 0005 - Delight to Mr. Lipinski: Do you have any guns at 876000? (Mr. Lipinski) Not that I know of. (Delight) We plotted it, and it puts it in that area.
- 0010 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2 and G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0043 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report. K Co is just about all in the woods south of 101, I would like you to notify all the artillery units not to fire in there. (Mr. Lipinski) OK, I will take care of it.
- 0045 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight: Will you be sure to notify Division artillery not to fire in the woods at 899988, south of 101, as K Co is in there.
- 0050 - Mr. Lipinski to Decoy: We have moved K Co to the patch of woods at 899988 and they will be there all night. (Decoy) Everything is quiet over here.
- 0055 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report. Can you tell me if the people on our right have been notified about K Co moving? (G-3) I will notify them.
- 0155 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: Friendly artillery falling due south, 5000 to 6000 yards.
- 0210 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Two platoons of K Co went to the woods and out at 101 and are also moving mortars up.
- 0215 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0400 - Our contact patrol met the people from the 424th.
- 0403 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0455 - I&R OP to Lt. Kestlinger: Plenty of our artillery hitting south of Schoppen.
- 0500 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? (Lt. Kestlinger) On our front everything is quiet. (G-2) 7th Armored between 2100 hours and now reported continuous movement of vehicles northeast out of Amel, also receiving some Nebelwerfer fire.
- 0506 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) 7th Armored identified the 9th SS below St. Vith.
- 0710 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour. (G-2) A Co, 26th at the last report are at 927014, no contact, but are having trouble with heavy snow. B Co, 18th are at 919015 no firm contact, but have taken 2 FWS. C Co, 18th at 913015 facing east and in contact with an enemy line, strength of which is unknown, but know of three machine guns.

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- 0810 - Blue 3 to S-3: The woods we were to take southeast of 101 is already taken by K Co, and the road is secure.
- 0812 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Our 3rd Bn took their objective and the road is secure. (Decoy 3) Our A and B Cos are in the woods, and A Co has contacted A Co, 26th. B Co last reported at 918015, this was some time ago. We took 2 PWs.
- 0815 - White 3 to S-3: What is new? (S-3) Gives him the latest dope on the 18th. Our K Co is in the woods north of 115, they got there under the cover of darkness. The 18th made about 1200 yards, and have Objective #1. Are you set to go out? (White 3) Yes we are.
- 0817 - S-3 to Blue 3: What is new out there? (Blue 3) K Co is sitting where they overlook the road. The 18th has a fire fight in their present positions. I think there are 3 Krauts holding them. (S-3) Where is your left flank? (Blue 3) Just south of 102. When the 2nd Bn gets out of there we will run a patrol to them if it is quiet. If not we will send a patrol out tonight. It appears that there is a small enemy pocket in Moderscheid, but nothing else. Must be pulling their artillery out as fast as they can. How about the engineers, the tank dozer, or the bull dozer, so we can go down the road as soon as the 18th takes Moderscheid? (S-3) I will try to open the road from 115 and back sometime today.
- 0820 - S-3 to White 3: I talked to Richmond. His right flank is about 899986, and runs north along the edge of the little trail there up to 901992 facing generally east. Tanks are not up there yet. When you get to your place, if all is quiet K Co will send a patrol out to contact you. If not they will contact you tonight.
- 0830 - S-3 to Red 3: K Co's right flank is at 899986, and the left flank is at 901992. Not trouble getting out there, and the tanks are not with them. 2nd Bn will start moving at 0900 hours. When are you moving? (Red 3) At 0900 hours. (S-3) Let me know when you do. The 18th made limited gains. The 26th has 1000 yards to go for their 1st Objective, 500 yards northwest of 93.
- 0845 - G-3 to S-3: The G-3 of the 7th Armored does not want you to make contact by coming in from the rear. They want you to come down the road. We will fix them by having you contact them by using the road at 890973 that will make them tramp through the snow. Where is your 2nd Bn? (S-3) They are moving out at 0900 hours. K Co's right flank is at 899986, their left flank at 901992, and digging in.
- 0900 - G-2 to S-2: 4th Armored at P-8048 and 7764, cleared up to the river; the town at P-7474 is cleared. The British cleared the towns at K-5669 and 7185. 300 PWs taken from the 1832 Div and 59th Div. 190 Div identified. Temperature 34 to 20 degrees, light snow today, visibility 3 to 5 miles this afternoon.

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- 0905 - White 2 to S-2: We took 10 civilians out of the house at 114. They are 40 to 50 yards old and some children about 10 years old. The OP is out at 114 again. (S-2) I am going to send the I&R out there and they can lay a wire back to your board.
- 0932 - DA 0 to S-3: Are you having any more trouble with loose ignition cartridges in your ammunition? (S-3) You can get that information from Capt. Groves. (DA0) How about the rocket launcher? (S-3) Functions OK.
- 0934 - S-2 to Red 2: Anything new? (Red 2) A Co is on the move. (S-2) The I&R OP will bed own there with the 2nd Bn today.
- 0937 - Blue 3 to S-3: See your pap, Point 115, cross the river in the woods elevation 526, the observation is lifting, and we can see 30 enemy in that area. We can observe and direct fire on them. Can we fire? Will adjust 7th Field on them. (S-3) Yes. (Blue 3) Will you notify the 18th.
- 0940 - S-3 to Decoy 3: At 904986 we can see 30 enemy going into Moderscheide, can we fire? (Decoy 3) That will be fine. (S-3) We will take care of that area.
- 0943 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him the dope on the 30 enemy reported by 3rd Bn.
- 0947 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) The 26th is down at the cross roads a little south of them at Morscheck, and have taken 18 PWs. The 18th is in a fire fight, no mention of artillery but direct fire.
- 0950 - Red 3 to S-3: We are tied in pretty well now. Our left flank, A Co, is at 114 and runs southwest to 896981, facing south.
- 1107 - S-3 to G-3: What is new? (G-3) The 121st relieved the 528th. (S-3) The 2nd Bn 121st relieved the 508th, company for company. Steinbach is the only place for our Regimental CP. Can we move there? (G-3) No soap, until the boundary is changed. How is the 2nd Bn doing? (S-3) Moving forward slowly. A Co closed. Left flank at 890980, and the right flank southwest along the edge of the woods and curving back to approximately 885980.
- 1020 - S-6 to G-3: How are the other people doing? (G-3) 1st Bn 26th on the 1st objective for today; and the next battalion is moving. 50 PWs so far between the two. The 1st Bn, 18th is getting the woods cleared, are receiving artillery fire from the east, interdicting the roads. Things generally are going along quite well. I think the 18th will try for their final objective by tonight. The 7th Armored has had a hard fight. (S-6) They are full of shit. (G-3) The outfit is ready for relief and rotation. I am going to get 890973 as the contact point between you and the 121st.
- 1030 - G-2 to S-2: The 18th cleared up the pocket they created and took 25 PWs at approximately 918017.

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- 1034 - S-3 to Red 3: You will contact the 424th at the trail junction at 890973 tonight at a time to be arranged between yourselves. The 424th is attached to the 7th Armored, their code name is Dervish. (Red 3) OK. We are in by wire with them. (S-3) Where are the companies? (Red 3) A Co is not moving, they are staying put. B Co is swinging one more platoon to the south, approximately 881979, buttoned with C Co. (S-3) Send an overlay as soon as your can. (Red 3) It will take most of the day to get all set.
- 1045 - S-3 to White 3: How are things going? (White 3) Things are a bit uncertain yet, they are going through the woods west of 115. We are not in contact with them for the moment, they are on the move, and expect a call in 10 to 15 minutes. F Co has taken over part of the E Co area and plans to take over more of the woods. No opposition reported. (S-3) A Co is approximately at 886980. Check with Capt. Sylce on your AT defenses.
- 1100 - G-3 to S-3: How about the 2nd Bn? (S-3) You can put them 300 yards from their objective, no resistance. E Co on the left with their left flank at 897984, right flank 895981; G Co on the right, with their left flank at 985981, right flank at the house where the 1st platoon is. We expect them to be completely out to the edge of the woods by noon. F Co is coming down to occupy E Co's old positions, in sort of a reserve, they have some minor missions but mostly reserve. The Schoppen-Moderscheide road clearing is laid on.
- 1125 - Red 6 to S-2: A Co is tied in with G Co at 114, they extend west to the corner of the woods and bends back north. Everything is quiet. We can't observe anything in Mirfeld.
- 1132 - G-3 to S-3: Col. Smith is sending some recon into Schoppen for a possible CP. The boundary will be changed eventually giving you Underval and Steinbach.
- 1135 - White 3 to S-3: E and G Cos are practically on the main positions. E Co is working the small woods by the draw and down to the houses. G Co has contact with A Co at 114. F Co is carrying E Co's flank back to the north. When they get into the houses the whole thing will be finished. Do not believe there is any enemy in the houses, and they have not met anything so far.
- 1144 - Blue 6 to S-3: There seems to be quite a few enemy in Moderscheide. (S-3) Gives him the latest progress on the 18th, 26th, our 1st, and 2nd Bns. Also tells him of the recon into Schoppen by the 18th.
- 1152 - S-2 to White 2: The 18th and 26th are doing pretty good. The 18th is on their first objective and the 26th moved out. What do you have? (White 2) We can see Mirfeld and the road leading northeast out of Mirfeld. (S-2) Can you see any activity east of the stream? (White 2) None has been reported. E Co will be able to see it. F Co moved down where E Co was, and a little forward of that. The Germans were killing cows and hanging them up to freeze at 114.

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- 1200 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is cooking? (Blue 2) Nothing cooking except the Germans we picked up this morning. (S-2) 18th took their first objective and were to move out at 1100 hours for Moderscheid. (Blue 2) About these 2 Germans we picked up yesterday in civilian clothing, when are they going to be shot. (S-2) They will be treated as deserters and turned in as regular PWs. We can't prove them as spies.
- 1210 - S-2 to G-2: What is doing? (G-2) 2nd Bn 19th passing through their 1st Bn. Are you getting anything? (S-2) No. (G-2) 2nd Div is getting the hell shelled out of them this morning. We have 66 PWs so far today.
- 1215 - Blue 3 to S-3: Could I get some light tanks? (S-3) Yes. (Blue 3) Two platoons for the attack. (S-3) Yes. (Blue 3) I would like to have them available as soon as possible, one platoon with I Co and the other with L Co.
- 1310 - G-3 to S-3: What is the latest? (S-3) The 2nd Bn is on their objective on the edge of the road. They are working on some houses at 900980. The liaison officer from the 424th was here but didn't have any positions.
- 1317 - Red 2 to S-3: Where is the location of the dozer? (S-3) With 2nd Bn. (Red 2) I believe I could arrange to use it to clear the road to Capt. Winter's CP. (S-3) Yes, lay it on, if you need any assistance let me know.
- 1335 - Red 2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) Nothing new on the 18th and 26th other than they are moving. They picked up 60 PWs between them. Do you have a compass with mills on it? (Red 2) No. (S-2) We will try and get you one.
- 1345 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) The other two people have taken 90 PWs and have more coming in. 1st Bn got the cross roads and another one is passing through them and a battalion of the 18th is going to start for their second objective. C Co is 600 yards east of the cross roads; B Co is 300 yards south of the cross roads; A Co is 400 yards west of the cross roads. Most of the PWs are from the 1055th Regt. Both regiments of 10th SS Panzer Div were identified at R-0410. The air claims to have knocked out 982 motor transports and damaged 936; knocked out 36 armored cars and tanks, and damaged 41; knocked out 13 locomotives and damaged 2; knocked out 252 Railroad cars and damaged 350; knocked out 19 gun positions and damaged 19; vehicles were parked in the fields at 0193 to 1196 and were worked on.
- 1415 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the above report from G-2: (Red 2) The Radio reports 191 trains moving east from the Roer River.
- 1420 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) Your boy was down and has gone out to look at 114. (S-2) I am going to try and get you a compass with mills and degrees on it. Gives him the report from G-2: (White 2) We have not heard from E Co for a few minutes. OP is at 895979.

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- 1430 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives him the information received from G-2. Are you getting shot at? (Blue 2) No not today. (S-2) I am going to try and get a compass with mills and degrees on it.
- 1430 - G-3 to S-6: General Taylor has a plan of a task force to be made up of elements of the 1st Div and elements of the 7th Armored to take the town of Amel. He wants it under one command. (S-6) I will take it, but I don't want anything to do with the 7th Armored. (G-3) The General will talk to you about it.
- 1435 - S-6 to Red 6: I am going to vie you a town, you will have to take it sometime within the next two days.
- 1440 - S-6 to G-6: Did you want to talk to me? (G-6) I would like to have today and tomorrow for recon on the town and will take it the day after tomorrow. (S-6) I would like to have the 7th Armored and people over there excluded from it. I don't need them. I would just as soon take care of it myself. (Driscoll will move with one column from the north and one from the west. At the same time Horner will work on Mirfeld. (G-6) You go ahead with your plans, and unless something turns up, that will be it.
- 1455 - White 2 to S-2: 12 enemy reported at 899980, and 15 to 20 enemy digging in at 901984.
- 1455 - G-3 to S-3: have the 3rd Bns seen anything of the 18th? (S-3) No they have not. (G-3) What is in Moderscheid? (S-3) We can see individuals walking around. We saw 30 at one crack, mainly facing us. (G-3) They are going to get a surprise. I don't see how the enemy is going to get out. (S-3) They are not going to get out.
- 1500 - S-6 to G-3: I want a company of light tanks to do this job. (G-3) Are you doing it alone? (S-6) Yes, I am. (G-3) Who said so? (S-6) Corps said so, and I want the lights to carry my personnel, and I also want the town. (G-3) OK you will have it, also the tanks.
- 1500 - S-6 to Col. Eymers: I just talked to Maj. Lord and General Taylor about this mission with someone else, but I don't want to work with those bunch of amateurs. (Col. Eymers) There wasn't anything said on how it was to be done. I will see what I can do without you getting in wrong, I will talk to Col. Mason about it.
- 1515 - Red 3 to S-3: Can we get the contact point that Division gave us for contacting the people on the right changed. We will have patrols crossing each other. (S-3) OK, How about making it at 882974, or better yet I will call Division and see if you can keep contact by phone. (Red 3) Yes, that is best.
- 1516 - S-6 to Blue 3: Tell Col. Horner that at the same time he takes Mirfeld the 1st Bn will take Amel. We will get the two platoons of light tanks along with his platoon of mediums and TDs.

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- 1520 - Blue 3 to S-3: When can I pick up the light tanks? (S-3) I am sending up the tank officers so you can talk it over with them. (Blue 3) We saw a bunch of Jerries go from 103 up to 92; also 50 went from Moderscheid to 117, we nailed them.
- 1530 - Decoy 2 to S-2: Our E Co is at 916002, and we can't get our tanks up as the roads are blocked. Would you notify your K Co so they can look out for them. We are in a small fire fight, but no firing across the river.
- 1535 - S-2 to Blue 3: Gives him the dope on the tanks belonging to the 10th.
- 1537 - S-3 to 745th: Did you get a call that your second tank company was attached to us? (745th) Yes. (S-3) Have the company commander report to me. (745th) OK.
- 1539 - S-3 to G-3: Our situation has changed. We have been given a mission. (G-3) That is not certain yet. (S-3) We are going to recon the area thoroughly on the road on which we make our contact and on the road from the 1st Bn southeast. Would like to contact those people by phone tonight instead of by patrol. If we can't contact them by phone we will send a patrol. (G-3) OK.
- 1545 - S-3 to Red 3: OK on that business, contact them every hour by phone. Call them and tell them the story. You get a platoon of medium tanks from the 2nd Bn. Have the platoon leader come over in the morning. (Red 3) OK.
- 1550 - S-2 to Decoy 2: Our 3rd Bn saw 20 Krauts going up toward Moderscheid.
- 1550 - S-3 to White 6: What is going on? (White 6) I just got back from 114, and they are fairly well tied in. The buildings near 115 and the heavy patch of woods and those houses near there haven't been cleared yet. We have stuff down there but there is still some enemy digging in and in the houses. Shelby picked up 5 PWs, and they were in pretty rough shape and ragged. Shelby's CP is not in the house, but in a bunker. Osby's CP is near 100. A Co has physical contact on the road. The 1st platoon of F Co is still in the house. The tank dozer has plowed well forward and I think I will draw my tanks back near where they were. (S-3) The 1st Bn has been given the mission of taking Amel and will attack in conjunction with the 3rd Bn, I think the day after tomorrow. They will use the two roads, one from 114 and the one from 113. You will be in regimental reserve with strong patrols to 128. (White 6) I planned that for tonight. The patch of woods at 128-129, and will have Stan clear out those houses. (S-3) When the 1st Bn attacks they will use your mediums, you will have a platoon of lights. Have your platoon leader contact them in the morning. (White 6) Our only problem is tying in with Horner tonight. (S-3) I will lay that on with him. (White 6) I will call and make arrangements for a mutual contact point. The only other problem is getting the men situation where they will not suffer too much from the cold, and I would like to get extra blankets for those who will be in exposed positions.

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- 1558 - S-2 to G-2: 2nd Bn has 5 PWs which they picked up in vicinity of 891979, and identified them as the 14th Co, 9th Regt, and 15th Co, 9th Regt. There are about 12 enemy at 901980. Some enemy were reported to be digging in at 901985. About a half hour ago 50 enemy were observed moving out of Moderscheid going down the trail at 901989; and 20 enemy observed going northeast on the road from Moderscheid.
- 1608 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report for today: 15 rounds of 105; and 25 rounds of 75.
- 1635 - White 2 to S-2: Here is the shell report; 6 rounds 75; 2 rounds of 105.
- 1638 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 5 rounds of 88.
- 1640 - S-2 to G-2: Here is our shell report; 25 rounds 105, 45 rounds 75 to 88. (G-2) I Co of 26th is running into some opposition.
- 1645 - Delight 2 to S-2: We have some propoganda, where shall we put it. (S-2) Heppenbach is a good place for it.
- 1700 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Have you seen the tank officer yet? (Blue 3) No. (Capt. Clark) Can you see the 18th? (Blue 3) No. we have seen them firing around 92, but have not seen any of their personnel.
- 1705 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: I have the 421st Liaison officer to you people. (Capt. Clark) He has been here and left. (G-3) Have him tie in with your people. (Capt. Clark) Maj. Smith took care of that. (G-3) I told the 7th Armored that there would be no firing and no patrolling in that area on their push tonight. Can you people observe anything of the 18th? (Capt. Clark) No.
- 1717 - Message from G-4: Par 1 d authorization for ammunition in excess of basic load is rescinded. Units will not draw ammunition from ASP until amount now on hand in excess of basic load has been expended. Par 4 a engineer supply new location K-885038.
- 1730 - White 2 to S-2: We have a total of 6 PWs. They were sent out as a patrol. The 14th and 15th Cos are now one. The CP is located at 904980. The company is on the nose east of 126 facing towards 115. The patrol went through the mill where there is a 5 man outpost, the y went 500 yards east of 111. One of the patrol went towards E Co and was shot. The 14th Co is being used as infantry, but have some machine guns. I have two patrols going out tonight, one to the house southeast of 120, the other to the mill where the 5 man Jerry outpost is.
- 1750 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports St. With area received 3 small counter-attacks by small groups of enemy during the night but all were repulsed. Considerable amount of artillery and nebelwerffer fire fell in this area but it was not coordinated with the infantry attacks. Our artillery was working over 300 dug in enemy and 4 dug in tanks in the area K-8588 and 8587. The enemy was aggressive in the St. With area. 7th Corps reports mines and machine gun fire was encountered on the road at P-7780. One enemy tank was knocked out. The British report our troops made satisfactory progress against generally light resistance but plenty of mines.

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An enemy counterattack was beaten off at K-8471. 3rd Army reports our troops are on line L-8402, 0204, 0205, and all towns included. 12th Corps reports meeting generally light resistance, but many mines. Captured towns at P-8748 and 8947 repelling an enemy counterattack at the latter coordinate. Our troops crossed the river and cleared the town at P-7751. Our troops are reaching the town at P-7763 had no contact with the enemy. Our troops crossed the river at P-7768 and 7769, 7670 and reached the high ground at 7673. Our patrols reached P-7776 and 7778. There was considerable enemy mortar transport movement east along the road P-8563, 9572 and northeast from 8576. 7th Army reports considerable patrol activity by 10th SS Panzer Div at R-0410 to 1016, both regiments of the Division were identified. The 7th Parachute Div is believed in the sector R-0818 to 0124. PW from 103rd Regt states the whole of 47th Inf Div is in area Q-9727. Strong enemy pressure in area Q-9128 and an enemy attack penetrated to Q-8434 where the 36th VGD was identified. French report making a good progress against moderate resistance at V-7048 and 7249. A bridge at V-7650 was captured intact. Elements established a bridgehead at V-7750 and 7752 and along the line at 7755 and 7757. Weather report: From 2000 hours 23 Jan to 2000 hours 25 Jan, Fair most of the night. Intermittent light snow before morning. Fog and haze restricting visibility in the morning. Temperature maximum 31 degrees, minimum 15 degrees. Visibility 3 to 5 miles in the afternoon.

- 1815 - Blue 2 to S-2: We have 7 PWs on the way back. They are from the 10th Co, 5th Regt, 3rd Div. They relieved the other 2 battalions this morning. 4 machine guns per company, 12 panzerfausts in the company. 9th and 11th Cos on their right. 50 to 60 men in town of Moderscheid. The Sgt will tell you anything you want to know.
- 1815 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: G Co is sending out a patrol at 1900 hours and will be gone 4 hours. They will patrol down to 128 across the draw to 138, and will try to get into Mirfeld.
- 1820 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Clark: 1st Bn 289th took the town at 8083; 2nd Bn 117th at 836865. Elements of 291st on the eastern and western edge of the town at 7781; resistance not heavy anywhere. Divarty reports there will be friendly flares dropped over our lines tonight.
- 1825 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: We have two patrols tonight. One at 1830 hours from C Co and the other at 2230 hours from A Co to the town of Amel.
- 1840 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Did you hear that elements of 18th are in Moderscheid? 26th is getting a counterattack at 935005, no tanks involved and no artillery concentration as far as I know.
- 1854 - Blue 2 to S-2: These 7 PWs said there are several who want to surrender but are not in the position to do so. How about shooting a couple of more propaganda shells out again. (S-2) Did these men give up? (Blue 2) These men just walked in and gave up. They had six years of war and are tired of it. Very willing to talk and are in good shape. (S-2) 1st Bn is sending patrols to Amel tonight and 2nd Bn is sending patrols to Moderscheid mill to clean it out. 26th is getting a counter-attack at 935005, no tanks or artillery supporting it. 2nd Bn 18th is in the outskirts of Moderscheid.

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- 1855 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: G Co is sending out a patrol at 1900 hours, they will be gone for 4 hours. They will go down to 128 and across the draw to 138, they will try to get into Mirfeld.
- 1859 - White 3 to S-3: What is the latest dope? (S-3) L/18th at 928999, facing southeast. K/18th at 926993 and are tied in with C Co on the east side of the road at 935009, B Co is in between C and L companies, at 955009.
- 1900 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes: What about this business of pushing towards Amel? If you will get everybody from the 18th Corp out of Eibertingen, I will take over the town. I've just been looking over a new boundary that would solve our problem.
- 1903 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives the PWI report of 1854 hours.
- 1904 - I&R OP to S-2: Heavy small arms fire and scattered artillery fire also friendly tracers seen at 124 degrees. Our OP is located at 200 yards west of Point 90, it is just for the night.
- 1909 - S-2 to Decoy 2: We took 7 PWs from the 10th Co, 5th Regt. They walked in and gave up and claim there is 50 to 60 men in the company. Their battalion is in or near Moderscheid. 4 machine guns and 12 Panzer fausts in a company.
- 1910 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the same information as above on PWs.
- 1910 - Blue 3 to S-3: Do you know if 2nd Bn is cleaning out the houses at 115? (S-3) Yes, but I don't know what time. E Co is in the town now. (Blue 3) Yes, I know, we can see the shooting. Roberts can hear a tank in the vicinity of Moderscheid.
- 1920 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1815 hours OP reports one house in Moderscheid burning also a burp gun firing from north of Moderscheid; at 1900 hours K Co reported hearing friendly machine gun fire in Moderscheid; OP reports seeing 6 men walking by the house that is burning.
- 1940 - Red 2 to S-3: Will you ask Capt. Hall if I can get a photo of the ground east of Amel? (S-3) He hasn't any. I haven't any myself. Use your summer time photos.
- 2005 - I&R OP to S-2: Small arms fire and scattered artillery at 124 degrees, fairly large fire either a house or woods at 140 degrees.
- 2007 - PWI to S-2: The 7 deserters taken by the 3rd Bn are from the 10th Co, 5th Regt. The whole 3rd Bn consisting of 4 companies of 65 to 70 men each relieved the 1st and 2nd Bns yesterday morning. Before that they were in Heppenbach where the remnants of the 1st and 2nd Bns are now. The last order the sergeant received was to withdraw to the Moderscheid-Heppenbach road where a new stand is to be made. The battalion CP of the 3rd Bn is at 905985; two 150 howitzers at 933973; also heard the sound of some guns in vicinity of 914989. He also says that an infantry unit was to his left. The company trains are in Listendorf. Valender is free of enemy troops. They were there 5 days ago and then went to Heppenbach.

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Messengers are near the battalion CP at 906986, and the battalion CP itself is in a wooden dugout. The battalion GO is 1st Lt. Balfangs. PWs don't know how far the Russians are. They dislike Lt. Balfangs. The sergeant talked the squad into deserting.

- 2009 - Red 2 to S-3: Our patrol is back. They got to within 300 yards of the northern part of Amel. Received rifle fire and 81 mortar fire on the way back. Heard no vehicular movement. The road is about 12 feet wide and is not plowed. Outpost yelled hands up three times at our patrol and then opened fire and yelled to get everyone up.
- 2059 - Blue 2 to S-2: I am sending down one PW taken by I Co. His company is cut off on the ridge beyond Moderscheid. He says his company is going to try and fight their way back to Heppenbach.
- 2100 - S-2 to PWI: Gives them the above information on PWs coming back.
- 2105 - I&R OP to S-2: At 2020 hours at 135 degrees fire burning and the sound of ammunition exploding heard; at the same place one tank firing towards our lines, also another fire at 140 degrees; at 1940 hours an artillery battery flash 125 degrees, 1 1/2 seconds flash to bang; at 2045 hours at 135 degrees fire restarted by tracers, looks like our tracers.
- 2120 - G-3 to S-3: What times does the patrols leave from 1st Bn? (S-3) One is back already, they got within 300 yards northeast edge of Amel drew small arms fire from an enemy outpost. (G-3) The 124th was worried heard a lot of shooting. (S-3) They have a direct line from our 1st Bn to their 1st Bn all they have to do is call up. (G-3) They want to know if they can shoot there now. (S-3) Have them call our 1st Bn. The other patrol goes out at 2230 hours. (G-3) The boundary is changed, and we have a poop sheet coming out on it.
- 2145 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports our forces were attacking Aldrienger at 7781 from two sides, and are receiving small arms and mortar fire. 7th Corps reports only enemy contact reported at Watte mal. Mopping up continued by our forces, and reached P-7780. 7th Armored made fairly good progress against light and scattered resistance. Our forces reached P-7779, 7776, 764712, 7971. British reached K-8574.
- 2250 - S-2 to G-2: Gave him a summary of the PW information.
- 2255 - Decoy 3 to S-3: I have reason to believe that all of the town is clear. I am arranging with 2nd Bn to contact your people at 903993 at the bridge at 0100 hours.
- 2300 - S-3 to Blue 3: The town is completely cleared. G Co is working towards you, contact them at the bridge at 0100 hours. The engineers will work on the roads in the morning.

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- 2308 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Our 3rd Bn will contact you at the bridge as planned at 0100 hours. (Decoy 3) OK, the town is now clear and we took 60 PWs out of it.
- 2310 - Elue to S-3: OP reports at 160 degrees, 4000 yards out, a 150mm gun fired 15 rounds at 2035 hours; at 2115 hours OP reports at 130 degrees a battery of 105s fired 8 rounds and they landed 400 yards from the CP; at 2135 hours the same battery fire again; at 2200 hours a gun fired from 120 degrees into Modersheid.
- 2315 - PWI to S-2: The PW deserter is from 10th Co, 5th Regt, says he last saw his company at 904994, and that they were surrounded there. Four 105 howitzers at 927963; 4 or 5 81 mortars in Heppenbach at 921971; 2 81 mortars at 933952. Two days ago prepared a second MLR at 941964 to 918970, and he believes they will retreat to that place. The CP of CT Schenk is in houses at 910980. They relieved only the 2nd Bn of the 5th Regt. Only 50 men left in the 2nd Bn. His battalion has 200 men. 800 replacements came from the 3rd and 5th Parachute Regt's, each received 400 men a week ago. Replacements came from SOS and AA units. Company trains are in Wereth, PW deserted because of the Russian advance, he says the war is lost. They were using as an MLR the path leading from the house at 910980 due southeast to Heppenbach. The replacements were broken up at Gross Buhlersheim.
- 2320 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest PW report. (G-2) Total PW count for the Division is 280. We have a lot of reports on tank movement in Amel. At 2015 hours tank going east towards Amel; at 2045 hours a tank reported in town. At 2110 hours increased track movement in town; at 2200 hours 3 tracked vehicles reported in town. Tracked movement reported southwest in front of 7th Armored.
- 2330 - White 2 to S-2: The G Co patrol went along the road from 115 to 128. On the road the snow was deep. Point 128 is clear. Jerry is on 129 and north. The patrol got to 300 yards from 136. They heard tracked vehicles in Amel going east possibly through town.
- 2340 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report on G Co patrol.

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- 0005 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 2325 hours artillery firing at 112 degrees, 4 seconds flash to bang; at 2330 hours at 122 degrees, 4 seconds flash to bang, shells landing in Schöppen.
- 0010 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: Gives them the above report.
- 0013 - White to Lt. Stephens: Motor movement on road between Amel-Mirfeld and 129, and some reports have it moving northeast others southwest.
- 0015 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives them the reports for the last hour.
- 0018 - Lt. Stephens to Delight 3: Gives him the 2nd Bn report on motor movement.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens to Red: What is new? (Red) A Co patrol heard tank movement near Amel, the movement was east to west.
- 0100 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 0030 hours small arms at 124 degrees, also friendly artillery out that way.
- 0104 - White 2 to Lt. Stephens: E Co patrol could not locate K Co, they saw tracks in the snow and followed them, but they didn't lead anywhere. K Co will send a patrol back at 0400 hours. Still motor movement in Mirfeld and Amel.
- 0110 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. (Lt. Stephens) E Co patrol could not locate the K Co patrol. (Blue 2) Capt. Richmond will take care of the 0400 hours patrol.
- 0112 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports of the last hour.
- 0125 - Delight to Lt. Stephens: Divarty reported about 20 tanks around Amel. They asked Corps for some 8 inch guns. Is there still movement out there? (Lt. Stephens) All the reports we have put the movement out there. (Delight) We will get Corps to put another shoot out there then.
- 0145 - Delight to Lt. Stephens: We will fire one medium and two battalions of 105 heavy harassing fire more than one round per minute for two hours.
- 0155 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 0142 hours artillery flash seen at 100 degrees.
- 0200 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Any road movement? (Lt. Stephens) The movement is generally northeast of Amel east to west. (G-2) Any artillery? (Lt. Stephens) No.
- 0201 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. (Lt. Stephens) Gives him the dope on the shoots the artillery is putting on the reported motor movement.

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- 0207 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0212 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Our contact patrol with the 18th just returned and they went on the road to just short of 102 and found ten trees felled across the road. The bridge, which is actually a causeway has been slightly blown, a small hole only; tracks can still use the bridge. No evidence of mines on the road or the bridge. The patrol finally contacted the 18th under machine gun and mortar fire from the 18th. The contact was made in the town then our patrol showed their patrol the contact point at the bridge. They didn't know where the bridge was. While trying to find the bridge we had to take 5 PWs.
- 0217 - Decoy 3 to Mr. Lipinski: We heard from our 2nd Bn. At 0600 hours they jump for their objective. North of 902993 we located enemy in a patch of woods. We are leaving one company in the town of Moderscheid. They will attack at dawn to clear that enemy out.
- 0230 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0300 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: We have a confirmed report from 7th Armored through Divarty from the 424th that there are from 5 to 20 tanks in Amel.
- 0310 - PW1 to Mr. Lipinski: A PW states he is from the 7th Co, 9th Regt. Only about 7 men left in the company. The CO is Capt. Henrich, and he is either dead or wounded. PW was taken from a foxhole near the mill in vicinity of 900980. He states that 40 men were employed at the tip of the forest in front of the mill in vicinity of 902982 from Jump Group Becker. PW two days ago saw mortars between Heppenbach and Halenfeld in vicinity of 921968, but that they were not in position. He states he has not eaten in 3 days. The kitchens are in Losheim within the Seigfried line. The PW was wounded, and that 3 or 4 of his buddies were killed.
- 0320 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2: Gives him the above report (PW). (G-2) 7th Armored is putting four battalions of their artillery on the town.
- 0400 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 0320 hours one concentration of friendly artillery fell east of here; at 0345 hours small arms and machine gun fire was heard approximately 50 degrees; at 0350 hours we heard a motor running, sounded loud like a tank, at approximately 110 degrees.
- 0404 - Red to Mr. Lipinski: We can still hear vehicles in Amel.
- 0418 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0450 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: You have 5 PWs captured on your contact patrol to the 18th, do you know the identifications on them? (Mr. Lipinski) No, but I will check with PW1 and call you back.

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- 0452 - Mr. Lipinski to PWI: Do you have the identifications on the 5 PWs sent up from the 3rd Bn? (PWI) I have 4 of them so far; 3 are from the 11th Co, 5th Regt, 3rd Div, and the other is from the 16th Co, 1055th Regt.
- 0500 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: Our OP reported at 0445 hours heavy vehicular traffic due south 2000 yards moving west to east.
- 0504 - White to Mr. Lipinski: E Co OP and G Co OP reports enemy armor moving and in the southeast, believe to be between Mirfeld and Amel.
- 0510 - Mr. Lipinski To G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0511 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2: Gives him the reports of the last hour, and the PWI identifications.
- 0515 - PWI to Mr. Lipinski: The man from 1055th Regt, is from the 6th Co instead of the 16th Co. The other four men are from 11th Co, 5th Regt, 3rd Div. All new men which came from Holland yesterday with 150 other men. 6th Co has about 35 men left in the company. One of them stated that last night they were supposed to retire from Moderscheid. CO of company is Lt. Habelscheid. 2nd Co is on their right. The PW from the 11th Co stated that the 9th Co is around them, but he doesn't know if they are on the right or left. CO of company is Lt. Schmidt.
- 0520 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2: Gives him the above PW report.
- 0600 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: Nothing new from the 18th other than they took 29 PWs. The 26th PW report - PW from 1055th Regt came from Krenkel on 22 Jan, came to Hepscheid on 23 Jan. Had 4 companies, 60 men per company, 12 light machine guns, 5th Co digging hasty entrenchments along the woods. 1500 were on hill in vicinity of 927999 and were to counterattack at 1700 hours on road junction at Horschech-Hasl; had 50% casualties from a rtiltery.
- 0730 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: Any patrols going out this morning? (Red 3) No.
- 0735 - Capt. Clark to White: Any patrols going out this morning? (White) No.
- 0736 - Capt. Clark to Delight: No patrols are going out and nobody is in Amel.
- 0745 - Maj. Oxford to Capt. Clark: Did your patrol into Moderscheid run into anything? (Capt. Clark) Yes, they ran into enemy, and they took 5 PWs at 902993 which is as far as they went. If your people check in at Schoppen before they continue on they can get straightened out.

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- 0754 - G-3 to S-3: 2nd Bn of 18th jumped off on time. They have no phones in, all wires are out because of tanks hitting them, communication is by radio. They have met no enemy as yet. The route is east of 39, south of 45, southwest to 94, southwest to 101, then to 60. 1st Bn was ordered to move at 0700 hours and tie in with 2nd Bn, 26th.
- 0810 - S-3 to 745th: I would like to have the tank dozer with 3rd Bn. Will you take care of it? (745th) Yes, there is a little maintenance work to be done on it, but it will be over to the 3rd Bn this morning, it is at the 2nd Bn now.
- 0830 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: Will the engineers bed down this morning? (Capt. Clark) Yes, I talked with Maj. Oxford this morning. He says they would stop at Schoppen to get squared around.
- 0835 - Capt. Clark to 1st Engr: Is the bull dozer going to Schoppen? (1st Engr) Yes.
- 0840 - S-3 to White 3: The engineers are to go to the 3rd Bn today, and they are to leave immediately.
- 0845 - S-3 to Blue 3: The tank dozer and a platoon will be up with you. (Blue 3) There are 10 trees across the road in front of the bridge, it will be a two hour job to clear the road. The contact between us and 2nd Bn last night was no good. Our first patrol went out last night and American small arms shot at them from the woods. It must have been the 2nd Bn shooting at them. (S-3) We will get those patrols straightened out this morning, contact patrols aren't of much value anyway.
- 0845 - White 2 to S-2: There is smoke coming from Mirfeld. It sounded like heavy movement in vicinity of Amel. From reports Amel is being attacked. (S-2) I don't think so, that is our job. (White 2) Karas has another PW, he came walking in. I don't have any identification as yet.
- 0850 - Blue 3 to S-3: The 18th wants to move their trains into Schoppen. (S-3) I will straighten it out.
- 0852 - S-3 to G-3: We would like to keep the 18th out of Schoppen for awhile yet. (G-3) I will call the 18th and call you back.
- 0855 - G-3 to S-3: It is Col. Smith's orders that anyone from the 18th that comes into the town throw them out.
- 0857 - S-2 to Blue 2; and Red 2: Gives them a summary of the night reports.
- 0900 - S-3 to Blue 3: Col. Smith says if you find any of the 18th in town to run them out.
- 0905 - Red 6 to S-3: What are our possibilities for tomorrow? (S-3) Good, you have a couple of mine detectors teams with you.

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- 0910 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him a summary of the night's activity. (G-2) Here is the weather report from 0800 hours today to 0800 hours tomorrow. Low overcast clouds with slight intermittent snow. Visibility generally poor. One half mile to one mile in fog to late morning, two miles to one this afternoon; 1 to 3 miles tonight. Wind light from northeast, 8 to 15 miles per hour. Temperature maximum 35 degrees, minimum 10 degrees, average 25 degrees.
- 0925 - S-3 to Decoy 3: There is fire coming in on our K Co. (Decoy 3) The Jerries withdrew from town in such a way as some may go over to K Co. I will check on it though. We took 90 PWs last night.
- 0928 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 335th 771805 to 775796; 2nd Bn 765796 to 754795. 3rd Army Bn 7477; 2nd Bn 117th 838864; 7th Armored jumped at 0715 hours.
- 0930 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Corps reports Albringen was cleared. Friendly patrols passed 1000 yards east and south of the town without contact. PW from 9th SS taken in vicinity of Albringen. Our armored elements reached P-848868 and 985865 at 0100 hours. Counterattack at 2300 hours last night at P-862872 was repulsed. PW from 5th Co, 751st, 3rd Co, 752nd Regts taken at St. With. 18th Corps reports light artillery during the period. 7th Corps had a PW from 11th PGR, 9th Panzer Div taken at Binsfeld. The PW said 10th PGR in reserve in that area; 11th PGR in reserve in Espeler.
- 0930 - G-3 to S-3: There will be only a recon by the 18th in town.
- 0932 - S-3 to Blue 2: Relays the above message.
- 1000 - G-2 to S-2: There is a Lt. coming down to your place from 5th Corps. He has a German accent so don't take him for a spy. (S-2) Do you have anything on 18th? (G-2) Their advanced elements on both objectives. 150 PWs have been taken by their 3rd Bn and 115 by their 2nd Bn. (S-2) What about the 26th? (G-2) As far as I know they aren't doing anything.
- 1010 - Red 3 to S-2: What are the latest locations of the 18th and 26th? (S-2) The 26th is not moving. Elements of the 18th are on both objectives.
- 1014 - I&R OP to S-2: At 0950 hours at 195 degrees a cloud of dark smoke several miles away; at 0950 hours at 195 degrees, light flak; at 0950 hours occasional small arms fire in the general direction of 116. We are located 400 yards west of 101.
- 1025 - G-3 to S-3: How about the bridge between Moderscheid and Schoppen? (S-3) It is OK. It has a couple of holes in it, but about two hours work for the engineers. Tracked vehicles can use it now. The engineers are clearing up the road and working towards the bridge. (G-3) The 18th is having a field day today. They have 295 PWs. Have you contact with the 18th?

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- (S-3) Yes, visual contact. (G-3) How about F Co have they contacted the enemy to their front. (S-3) I don't know, we have no reports.
 (G-3) Will you let me know about it as soon as possible? (S-3) OK. The liaison officer from the 424th is here. Amel is not causing them any trouble, they say we have them pretty well occupied. They expect to be on their objective by 1300 hours.
- 1030 - S-2 to White 3: Gives him the latest positions of the 18th. The 18th wants to know if the enemy still occupies the buildings at Moderscheid Mill. (White 3) As far as I know they are. The patrols report they only use it to cook meals in. (S-2) They are working down that way now and want to know.
- 1034 - S-3 to G-3: A PW states that 5 enemy use the houses for cooking, and so far this morning no activity was observed.
- 1044 - Capt. Clark to White 3: The 18th is on their objectives. Have E Co watch out for them.
- 1045 - S-2 to I&R OP: What is going on down there? (I&R OP) Not much going on now. (S-2) If you see anyone moving around 129 it is probably friendly troops. Friendly troops have been reported in the vicinity of 129.
- 1049 - Red 6 to S-6: The people jumped off at 1000 hours. You can't see too well over there. It is kind of hazy. They have no information on the other two battalions. They have a minefield to our front, that the 508th and 23rd people know nothing about, it is booby trapped. (S-6) What time do you want to attack? (Red 6) Pretty early. (S-6) Say 0600 hours. (Red 3) Yes, my objective is only spitting distance from em. (S-6) The two generals were down here this morning. They are going to another Corps. Our entire division is 3500 yards which probably means two regiments up or only one. The general movement is to the east and a little north. We will take towns and the other people the woods. There are two other divisions in the Corps we will be in. 7th Corps is to consist of two big armored divisions, one light armored division, and two infantry.
- 1106 - Decoy 3 to Capt. Clark: Our F Co reports they are getting friendly mortar fire from 907976, it may be enemy but will check. (Capt. Clark) OK.
- 1108 - Capt. Clark to White 3: Relays the above message to him. (White 3) I will check on it.
- 1110 - I&R OP to S-2: We can hear fairly heavy small arms and machine gun fire from the general direction of 129, but can't see anything.
- 1120 - S-2 to White 2: Where is that PW from? (White 2) 2nd Co, 3rd Panzer-eager Replacement Bn. He is an AT man, can shoot a bazooka. He said he got lost. We picked him up at 896983. He is very stupid and you won't be able to get anything out of him.

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- 1120 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: The houses down by 105 is where we would like to move our mortars down there and our CP to shorten our lines.. Has the E Co patrol returned yet from there? (Capt. Clark) I don't know. I will check with Capt. Bour.
- 1123 - Capt. Clark to White 2: Has the E Co patrol returned yet? (White 2) No. (Capt. Clark) The 3rd Bn would like to put their mortars in those houses. (White 2) E Co may plan on using them. Have Capt. Richmond check with Captain Bour.
- 1125 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: You will have to make the necessary arrangements with Capt. Bour. The E Co patrol hasn't returned.
- 1132 - S-2 to Blue 2: There is a Lt. Engleman coming down to talk to the civilians. He is from 5th Corps and he wants to get the civilians view point on certain things. He may have another Lt. with him.
- 1138 - PWI to S-2: We just received a PW from the 2nd Bn. He is from the 2nd Co, 3rd SS Tank Bn. He stated only 2 or 3 squads of his company are at 896983. He thought they were attached to the 8th Regt. The rest of the battalion is at Mirfeld. He said there were 3 or 4 75s and an AT gun not in use, but stored in the woods behind Heppenbach. He was in Moderscheid mill with 6 other men because he was sick. The others took off yesterday. He walked in the wrong direction and was captured. The old paratroopers were getting are still cocky but the new ones have a very low morale.
- 1150 - Decoy 2 to S-3: We have a recon patrol on their way to Mirfeld. Let your people know, I will give you the dope on it later.
- 1151 - S-3 to All Battalions: 18th is sending a recon patrol to Mirfeld from 129. Will give you the dope on them later. (Blue 3) We want to use the group of houses down by 115 for a CP. (S-3) I will let you know as soon as it is clear.
- 1155 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest PW information. (G-2) The 18th has taken 80 PWs today and haven't cleaned the pocket out yet.
- 1200 - Decoy 2 to S-2: The patrol is down to 804967. I don't think there is much in the town, I think they have gone.
- 1204 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Have you any report on the houses at 900980. (Decoy 3) I will call my 2nd Bn and check on it. (S-3) If it is not cleaned out we will do it as my 3rd Bn wants to use it as a forward CP.
- 1215 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: B Co 48th Armored Infantry at 870878; elements of 31st at 846869; C Co 87th 854878; A Co 48th 867874, and 865879; I Co 424th 886950; L Co 424th 882942; E Co 880934, G Co 873927.
- 1230 - Decoy 2 to S-3: We haven't anyone out by Moderscheid Mill. It is OK to send a patrol there to clean it out, but let us know when you do it.

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- 1230 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1215 hours we saw enemy machine gun fire in the direction of 129, also some artillery falling there now and then.
- 1232 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: 18th says that it is OK to send a patrol to Moderscheid Mill but let them know when you do. (Blue 3) I thought 2nd Bn was going to do the job. (Capt. Clark) I will have Smith call you.
- 1245 - White 2 to S-2: ~~What is new on 18th.~~ (S-2) They have a patrol in town.
- 1250 - S-3 to Blue 3: I am going to send E Co out to clean the houses out. I will call you up when they are clear.
- 1254 - S-3 to White 3: Check the house and clean them out at Moderscheid Mill. It shouldn't be difficult, check on it and let me know.
- 1305 - S-2 to Decoy 2: We have a patrol going to Moderscheid Mills to clean it up. G Co is moving down into those woods, and will be in battalion reserve.
- 1309 - S-3 to Red 3: Objective is Amel. The Moderscheid River is the boundary between you and the 3rd Bn. The contact point between you and the 3rd Bn is 890958. Patrol mission to 118 and also 892967. Gain and maintain contact with the 124th on your right. (Red 3) We have a patrol going to 136 now to check it over. (S-3) How are you going into Amel tomorrow? (Red 3) One company to go through 114 and down into it, and the other company to 126 and 127 and then into the town. The reserve company will follow. If the town is unoccupied, will move in at dusk and take it over.
- 1310 - Red 2 to S-2: The 1st Bn, 124th had 2 civilians come in and they said that at 0300 hours this morning 4 tanks and 125 enemy left, and there was no one in the town. Our patrol is starting now to go into the town. (S-2) 18th sent a patrol as far as 136 about an hour ago.
- 1312 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above information on the town.
- 1315 - S-3 to Blue 2: The boundary between you and 1st Bn is the Moderscheid River. You are to block the road in Mirfeld at 138 and 139. The contact point between you and 1st Bn is 890958. Try to pick a joint outpost out there. Have you any plans laid on? (Blue 2) Yes, I Co jumps off followed by I Co with I Co on the right. They will try to jump off at the same time. I Co will clean out the western part, and I Co the eastern part. K Co is to follow and establish outposts south of the road to Heppenbach. Have you any late news? (S-3) The 18th reports that they have a patrol to 136 and have not contacted any enemy.
- 1330 - Blue 2 to S-2: Do we have any air working for us today? We can't see them but can hear them dive and hear the bombs. (S-2) No, but the 7th Armored may have some working with them.

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- 1332 - S-2 to G-2: Do the PWs you have been taking lately have any idea about the Russian situation? (G-2) Very few have heard anything about it. Especially those who have been in the line. There had been some rumors by the grapevine that there had been big doings in Russia but they knew nothing definite. The late replacements, especially those of the 1055th Regt have heard the news of the Russian situation from the German radio and were very gloomy about it. It is apparently effecting them heavily. The average guess by the PWs is the end of the war is only about 4 weeks off.
- 1340 - I&R OP to S-2: We can hear small arms fire around 130 and a tank in the vicinity of 129.
- 1410 - G-3 to S-6: After you do what you are doing tonight you will go into Division reserve. You will have Weismes to move into. The 7th Armored have moved most of their stuff out.
- 1415 - White 2 to S-2: We have the houses and a platoon and one section of light machine guns with an AT gun in the woods. No signs of any enemy. Can see the 18th digging in on the other side of the hill.
- 1445 - S-3 to Brown: Can you reach Mirfeld and Amel? (Brown) Yes I can reach 4000 yards past Mirfeld. (S-3) OK, don't move your positions.
- 1445 - Red 3 to S-3: I would like to get one tank dozer if I can. That road from 8789 to 111 was only gone over once by a bull dozer. It will have to be one MSR for awhile. 111 to our CP. There is too much stuff on that other road from Steinbach to 6986. (S-3) I can't get one for you until tomorrow, they are all busy.
- 1446 - S-2 to G-2: We have a reinforced platoon occupying the building at Moderscheid Mill. No Krauts, but a few civilians. Can see friendly elements digging in on the high ground to the south at 906976, apparently 18th. (G-2) You know the pocket of Krauts, there is nobody working on them at all. 1st Bn 18th moved on, and the area hasn't been searched.
- 1450 - Blue 6 to S-3: How about moving into Mirfeld right away there is no one there. The Treadway bridge is not complete but I will get one company with tanks in town as soon as possible. (S-3) The Colonel says OK.
- 1500 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Gives him the above information.
- 1505 - S-3 to G-3: A reinforced company from the 3rd Bn with tanks is going into Mirfeld right away. We will send patrols to Amel and might do the same there depending on what the patrol finds.
- 1507 - 745th to S-2: The dozer that we were supposed to send to 3rd Bn has a burned out generator; (S-2) Repair it as soon as possible so we can use it for road clearance.
- 1511 - S-2 to I&R OP: Can you see anything at 129? (I&R OP) A little west of 129 we can see friendly troops in the patch of woods off and on in the vicinity of 902976, we can't see 129 too well.

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1537 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Infantry on the north of Abner; I & L Cos on Mutt; TFS is on the northwest edge of Amos; TFG is 800 meters southwest of TFS; TFR is on the southwest edge of Andy; 1500 meters east of the big town is an objective that is completely taken. Here is the air report for yesterday:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Motor transports	336	326
Armored vehicles & tanks	43	35
Locomotives	0	4
Railroad cars	86	48
Bridges	3	0
Gun positions	34	8
Dumps	1	1
Buildings	26	3
Horse drawn vehicles	4	0

1555 - G-2 to S-2: There is a new paper man coming down, who would like to god own to one of the companies. He is the same one that stayed all night with Joe Dawson up on the ridge. (S-2) OK, I will take care of him.

1600 - Red 3 to Red 6: The patrol is back, they went to the Y west of Amel, say a couple of people, believe they were Jerries. They came back. That doesn't give us much. Lt. Smith was the officer that took the patrol out.

1601- Red 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report - 25 rounds 105.

1625 - Blue 3 to S-3: Expect to be moving in 15 minutes. We will get there before dark. (S-3) Are you going through 129? (Blue 3) Yes, two companies will be riding. (S-3) Do you think you will run into any trouble? (Blue 3) No, if we do, we cantake care of it. It will be a lot of fun. Nothing fell in our area today, but 25 heavy shells fell around Moderscheid.

1635 - S-2 to Delight 3: About 60 rounds of artillery for the day, about 25 fell in the Moderscheid area, and it was heavy stuff.

1643 - Blue 3 to S-3: I Co is moving out now.

1645 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the shell report for the day. I Co is moving out now for Mirfeld. Do you know if there is any enemy in Heppenbach and Hepperscheid? (G-2) Heppenbach, yes, Hepperscheid, no.

1645 - S-3 to Decoy 3: I Co has started out riding on the tanks, L Co is following also on tanks. (Decoy 3) What route are they using. (S-3) They are going through Moderscheid, then out the ridge road, then turn right and go down to the town. (Decoy 3) Do you know our latest position? (S-3) Yes. (Decoy 3) We are astride the road at 906974.

1650 - Red 2 to S-2: We are sending a platoon to Amel, and they are leaving now. How about the 424th? (S-2) They are at the road junction at 148.

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- 1650 - White 3 to S-3: What is the latest? (S-3) The 3rd Bn just pushed off for Mirfeld; I Co on tanks in the lead followed by L Co on tanks. 1st Bn is sending another patrol to Amel.
- 1653 - S-3 to G-3: The 1st Bn is sending out another combat patrol to Amel.
- 1726 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1540 hours one column of black smoke at 140 degrees; at 1600 hours 16 air bursts in vicinity of 136 and 137; at 1635 hours six enemy seen by their positions at 904943; at 1640 hours a fire at 180 degrees.
- 1735 - G-2 to S-2: The 18th Corps reports forces reached the crossroads at 893943 against resistance, moderate resistance at 880929, 872885, 864880; 50 to 60 enemy south of the town at 8083; enemy strong point at P-878121; light resistance at 878905, British captured the town at K-8770, 8575, cleared K-8968, 8668 and the area at K-7485. 3rd Army reports strong enemy opposition, repelled a counterattack at P-8451; the town at P-8451 was cleared; meeting resistance at the edge of town at P-8552; woods cleared at 7719. 8th Corps reports encountering light resistance, mostly mines and a lot of them; captured an enemy ammunition dump at 746705. Air reported 800 enemy moving at P-8267; and 200 casualties from artillery. 7th Army reports three small counterattacks. The French identified the 103rd Regt, 47th Div; 137th Regt of 2nd Mountain Div; elements of 16th Div, all in the front line. Enemy counterattacked with 100 infantry and 10 tanks, but withdrew the bridgehead at 7750. Enemy resistance reported at V-7345.
- 1810 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 7th Armored TFC on Objective Walk, also at Adiards; TFC 863872, 872873, 869873, 869879; B Co 48th 862882; TFC 873884; TFC and TFS 873900, 880907; E and F Cos 424th 886925; I and L Cos 896944.
- 1810 - S-2 to Red 2: Have you heard from your platoon? (Red 2) No, nothing yet, but I will let you know as soon as I find out.
- 1815 - Blue 5 to S-3: I and L Cos are in Mirfeld, no opposition. Forward CP is moving now.
- 1820 - S-3 to G-3: I and L Cos are in Mirfeld, no opposition.
- 1820 - Lt. Stephens to Dextrose 3: I and L Cos are in Mirfeld, without opposition.
- 1822 - Lt. Stephens to Decoy 3: I and L Cos are in Mirfeld, no opposition.
- 1835 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: The platoon is still moving, have been moving since 1745 hours.
- 1840 - I&R OP to S-2: The OP for tonight will be 300 yards west of 90. Friendly troops seen around 129. At 1545 hours a heavy concentration of artillery seen 1000 yards south of OP; at 1555 hours rocket mortars south south-west of OP several thousand yards out.

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- 1859 - Red 6 to Capt. Clark: I have a platoon in Amel, moving into the houses now.
- 1900 - Capt. Clark to G-3: One platoon of B Co is in Amel, moving through the houses now. (The same information given to G-2).
- 1927 - Red 2 to S-2: C Co is moving into the town. A Co is ready to move in a few minutes. Both will be in tonight. (S-2) Did you contact those people at 1448? (Red 2) Not yet but probably will. The last word from B Co was that they were clearing the town with no opposition.
- 1930 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1845 hours small arms and cannon fire southeast of OP in the direction of Mirfeld.
- 1935 - S-6 to G-6: Talk about what an ideal situation there is in front of us. Col. Gibb is informed that he is to be at 5th Corps Hq between 0900 and 1600 hours the 27th or 28th Jan. The uniform will be blouse with ribbons.
- 1940 - Red 2 to Capt. Clark: C Co is in town; A Co is moving; B Co is set; no reports of opposition.
- 2020 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: On objective and took 7 PWs in town.
- 2025 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Anything new on your situation? (Lt. Stephens) The 3rd Bn is on their objective and have taken 7 PWs.
- 2030 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: B Co is in town, and have taken 5 PWs. A Co should be in town, and tanks close by.
- 2035 - I&R OP to Lt. Stephens: At 1920 hours small arms and enemy artillery fire and armored activity southeast of OP.
- 2102 - S-6 to Red 3: What is the latest? C Co is in Amel. (S-6) Contact with the people on the right should be made.
- 2120 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: We have 17 PWs; 10 from 404th VGR, and 7 from 8th Parachute Regt.
- 2145 - S-2 to Red 2: The 404th is not a new identification. They have been identified south of where you are. They belong to the 246th Inf Div. The 352nd is near St. Vith. The 689th Regt has not been identified in this area. Find out where the PW's battalion is, who is on their right, and what they were doing in Amel.
- 2220 - Red 3 to S-3: I have several requests. Can you get hold of another weasel? Open up the road from Eilbertingen to Amel? Our tanks have gotten through. The companies are getting set. AT guns moving up. The road now is the problem. (S-3) Did you encounter any mines? (Red 3) Yes, some mines. I can't know how many. (S-3) I can't promise you the road in front of your CP. I will get the road open from Eilbertingen to Amel. What about the weasel? (Red 3) If the road is open we won't need the weasel.

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- 2226 - S-3 to Lt. Johnson, 1st Engr: Where is your dozer at the present time? (Lt. Johnson) It is out with the combat platoon working from Schoppen for the 3rd Bn. They are very busy. (S-3) The 1st Bn wants the road cleared from Eilbertingen to Amel. Do you think you can handle it? (Lt. Johnson) In the morning, but it will be hard. (S-3) OK, I will get the battalion on it.
- 2230 - S-3 to Disguise 3: I would like to get the road from Eilbertingen to Amel cleared. (Disguise 3) We can catch it for you. I will put the D-7 on it with Co A. (S-3) The combat platoon is working on the road from Moderscheid to Amel and Moderscheid to Mirfeld. (Disguise 3) From 918987 up to the cross roads down to the builds, we have cleared that for the 18th. I will call Co A. The present time, we are working on the road for the 18th from 522 to Mirfeld.
- 2253 - S-3 to 745th: Where is your dozer? (745th) Right here, for repairs, but it will be completed shortly. (S-3) I would like to have it sent to the 1st Bn. (745th) Yes sir, but the 3rd Bn wanted it. (S-3) Send it to the first Bn first and then to the 3rd Bn. 1st Bn needs the route cleared. (745th) OK. (S-3) Have it ready at 0630 hours I will have someone pick it up.
- 2255 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the summary of the activities during the day; and the PW report for the day.
- 2300 - I&R OP to S-3: There is an air raid over enemy territory to our front, white and red tracers, they dropped 4 to 5 bombs at 160 degrees. There is an increase in enemy artillery.
- 2311 - White 6 to S-3: F Co is pulling back to some house. Two companies are still in line, everything is quiet. (S-3) Gives him the latest situation.
- 2315 - G-2 to S-2: 8th Corps forces are west of Clerf River, south of P-8172 and are across the river at one point. 7th Corps forces reached P-7153 and 7253. 8 enemy planes strafed positions at P-8789. 7th Army reports enemy counter attacks at Q-9725 and R-0673. 103rd Inf Regt of 17th Div identified at Q-9725; 107th at 8430; 10th Panzer R-0622; 36th at Q-8430. 2nd British Army forces reached K-7485 and K-880801, K-986743.
- 2320 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: Our forward GP is located at 900969.

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- 0002 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 16 PWs on the way up to the cage.
- 0004 - L&R OP and White 3 report all quiet.
- 0010 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are sending back 15 PWs. We are in the town and are getting set up. At 904964 is a minefield and a PW claims there is at least 500 mines; 904966, 90509655, 90659660 locations have at least one mine. We have established a road block just behind the last position, and we are putting mortars on the enemy (numbers unknown) at 909964.
- 0015 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2 and G-3: Gives reports of the last hour.
- 0030 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: I Co is contacting 1st Bn at 0200 hours and 0600 hours and they are contacting us at 2400 and 0400 hours. K Co is contacting 18th at 2400 hours. L Co is going to Point 149 and to the town if possible at 2400 hours. I Co is going 300 yards east of Point 148 and at 0200 hours.
- 0035 - Lt. Kestlinger to Decoy and Delight: Gives them the above information regarding patrols.
- 0100 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Most of the PWs here were from the 7th Co, 404th Regt, 46th VGD. The Division sector was from Amel to Wallerode. CO of the 7th Co is Lt. Fetke; Bn CO is Rittmeister Dunker, Regt'l CO is Major Ritter. The Co CP was behind the hill east of Amel. 80 men left the town last night for Heppenbach and the night before last, 4 tanks left. There are 40 to 60 men per Co, 3 or 4 machine guns and 5 panzerfausts per Co. Regt'l CP, 404th Regt, is in Wallerode. The 6th, 7th, 8th and 13th Companies hold a line from Amel to Medell. A couple of the PWs were from the 8th Regt, claim there is only 400 men left in the regiment which are known as CT Liebach. A CT of the 9th Para Regt has 150 men left. Stragglers were told to go to Meroche or Heppenbach, which was the main collecting point for the 3rd Div.
- 0155 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: "L" Co patrol returned at 0132 hours. They went to within 150 yards of house N side of the stream. Saw enemy around house and also saw 2 enemy around 1st houses in Valender. I Co patrol left to contact Red Bn at 0154 hours. I Co outpost had 3 rounds of arty land near them.
- 0158 - L&R OP to Lt. Kestlinger: Enemy mortars landing on our front lines to the East of our OP at 0125 hours. Quite a bit of it.
- 0205 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives hourly report of above items.
- 0255 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: I Co patrol from 148 is back. Report no enemy, found culvert across stream instead of bridge. Believe it to be suitable for tanks. Found quite a number of tank tracks across the culvert at 148. "K" Co reports hearing a tank moving due east, also 1 horse drawn cart.

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- 0300 - I&R OP reports: Enemy shells landing vicinity front lines at 0230 hours.
- 0301 - Red and White Bns report all quiet.
- 0302 - Lt. Stephens reports to G-3 for the hour giving information in above items.
- 0330 - PWI report to Lt. Stephens: Taken by Blue Bn: 1 PW from 6th Co, 8th Regt, 4 PWs from 7th Co, 8th Regt, 1 PW from 1st Co, 8th Regt, 3 PWs from Hq, 2nd Bn, 8th Regt, 3 PWs from Service trains, 1st Bn, 8th Regt, 1 PW from 15th Co, 8th Regt, 1 PW from 15th Co, 9th Regt. PW's taken by Red Bn: 2 PWs from 8th Co, 9th Regt, 2 PWs from 8th Co, 9th Regt., 1 PW from Hqs 8th Regt, 8 PWs from 7th Co, 404th Regt., 3 PWs from 10th Co, 999th Engr. Labor Bn. The 2/404th was between Amel and Wallerode. The 7th Co in Amel proper. 6th Co is in around Wessenbruch 881941. The 1st Bn is in reserve North of Wallerode. The 7th Co has about 30 men. To the right of the 404th is the 8th Para Regt, and on their right is the 9th Para. The 3/8th is in vicinity of Amel and Mirfeld and has about 180 men left. It is called CT Rudjacob. The 1st and 2nd Bns of 8th were combined. Regt has only 400 to 500 men left. 9th Regt is on the right towards Heppenbach, has only one combat team left of about 150 men. The 1st and 2nd Bns have been dissolved. The 8th or 9th Regt received orders to withdraw to Meyrode and Valender. The 404th Regt, relieved the 12th SS Pz Div (Hitler Youth) which went to Herresbach and Holzheim with the mission of holding and stopping us there and to absorb retreating Regts such as the 8th and 9th Regts. The 404th had orders to withdraw to main highway, St. Vith, at 0230 hours this morning but order was rescinded. Path south of Amel creek reported mined 885955. The 999th Penal Bn here today is in entrenchments (10th and 11th Cos). They have 70 to 80 men to a company. CP is at Rescheid. Rumor ten days ago was that a higher headquarters was moving there. Yesterday PWs saw 2 assault guns and 2 tanks retreating SE of Amel. Believe assault guns belong to 404th Assault Gun Bn. Engr Co (4th/Co, 3rd Engr) is called CT Sprengen, it has 50 men left. Trains for 1/8th are in Gonsdorn. 3rd Para Div received 500 replacements 8 days ago.
- 0400 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: K Co reports tank movement between 130 and 140. Fired on enemy movement East of Point 149. I Co patrol contacted Red Bn.
- 0410 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 2: Gives above PW report.
- 0420 - I&R OP reports small arms fire SE of here; 2500 to 3000 yards out enemy arty is coming in.
- 0422 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: "Blue" Bn report of 0400 hours given.
- 0424 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: Tank movement between Points 130 and 140.
- 0500 - Blue to clerk: "I" Co had 7 rounds of incoming arty - the arty fire could not be observed.

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- 0607 - I&R OP reports enemy MGs at 0525 hours, SE of OP, close to 18th.
- 0618 - Lt. Stephens to 7th FA: Has Blue checked with ours on short arty? Ans: Yes, we are checking with Div Arty.
- 0658 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: The following are limiting points of the 424th Inf after reaching the town of Meyrode; 931906, 926926, 930936, 930946, 925955.
- 0700 - to 0830: All units report negative.
- 0830 - Col. Barnes to Col. Gibb: When will you be able to clear the place? It is imperative that we start operating tomorrow at 0900A. Ans: We will move as fast as we can. (Col. Barnes) We will start laying wires this afternoon. There will be a meeting this afternoon; they will notify you of the time.
- 0835 - Col. Driscoll to Major Smith: Do you know if the 424th is going to stay in Eilbertingen? Ans: They are going to pull out in 3 days. (Red 6) We picked up 2 half tracks in town, 1 American and 1 German. The MSR which one are we to use? Ans: The new one. It is ours.
- 0847 - Capt. Richmond to Major Smith: OP's- K, 600 yards from 906966; "L" 904970 left; right 906966; K - Semicircle to 901965; I - to 895965, we got a little arty in Amel and Mirfeld. We had 1 tank blown out with a box mine, it blew a track. Had TD pull it back and we have it firing from town. Enemy noted walking around in woods NW of Valender. Plan on moving out to rectangular patch of woods NE of Mirfeld. (S-3) What road are you using? Ans: The one from 115. We are all set now.
- 0850 - Danger 2 gives weather forecast for period 0800 hours, 26th January to 0800 hours, 27th January; Cloudy with possible intermittent light snow this morning. Fair this afternoon and evening with light haze restricting visibility for the entire period. Visibility; 1 to 2 miles this morning, 3 to 4 miles this afternoon. Temperature maximum 29 degrees; minimum 10 degrees.
- 0906 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Brown, Red 2: What's doing? Ans: Had a very quiet night. Got a little shelling this morning N and S of our positions. Everything else is negative for the night.
- 0910 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Chandler, White 2: What went on during the night with you? Ans: Nothing at all. S-2: Red and Blue got some prisoners last night. Prisoners from the 8th Regt said they only have about 400 to 500 men left in the regiment. Red and Blue found some mines. Blue ran over one with a half track and blew a track.
- 0910 - Capt. MacGregor, 18th Inf to Major Smith: S-3: Where are your I and I Cos? (Same information as entry - 0847 hours).
- 0913 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Chandler: Gives this information to the Colonel. Make recon in Faymonville and Steinbach within the following limits (Check points; 75, 56, 55, 70 and 73). Call back with recommendations on how he would get battalion back. We have to clear out the installations in Schoppen today.

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- 0922 - Capt. Hall to PWI: How do the PWs size up? How is their condition? Ans: Just fair. Only one didn't want to talk. They didn't think the war would last much longer.
- 0945 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Olsen, G-2: Talk over PW for the last night. Report made that some arty came in this morning. Requests CIC to go to Amel today. G-2 reports that the 18th Inf had a quiet night last night.
- 0950 - S-6 to G-4: Talked over Red Bn which is in contact with the 76th FA. All of their batterys have been issued snow suits, a two piece affair with pockets. S-6 voices disapproval of issuing snow suits to a field arty outfit. G-4 says he will check on it.
- 0955 - Radio to S-3: Have message from Blue Bn saying negative report for 0930 hours.
- 1007 - S-3 to White 5: 2nd Bn will recon for assembly area in the vicinity of Faymonville and Steinbach.
- 1020 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to S-3: On this move do the detachments remain with us? Ans: Yes, for the time being. Schoppen has to be vacated today. The 7th FA is going to vacate Faymonville eventually.
- 1030 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R to Clerk: 1015 hours, 2 enemy at 898940; 1020 hours, 3 enemy at same place. Otherwise everything is quiet.
- 1059 - G-3 to Clerk: Have your S-3 and S-6 report for a meeting at Division at 1400 hours.
- 1100 - S-3 to Red 3: Colonel would like a boundry set between us and the other people around point 147 and 148. Can you handle it with them? Ans: Yes, I can get in touch with them. (S-3) Give them a call for immediate action.
- 1105 - Blue Bn reports negative, saying that a few short rounds of arty came in but that has been corrected.
- 1130 - Blue 6, Colonel Horner to Capt. Hall, S-2: Get the 18th Inf straightened out. They threatened to shoot at us for using the road from Pt 115 to 129 as it draws fire at Pt 129. No Capt. from the 18th is going to tell my troops that he is going to shoot at them; (Desting - Col. Horner says that he will send ten tanks up there and wipe out that outfit). (S-2 says that he will take care of the matter.
- 1132 - I&R OP reports: See troops on ridge north of Meyrode, we have been told that they are friendly troops if there are troops there. (S-2) Yes, We have troops there. (OP) How about the ridge W of Pt 150? Ans: No, any one S of the river is enemy.
- 1159 - S-3 to Red 3: How are things? (Red 3) How about the platoon of tanks? (S-3) Keep them for the time being. Clark is coming over to see you. Your towns will be Amel, Eibertingen and Neldingen, reserve area. I will give you complete information later. (Red 3) Who is going through us? (S-3) The 82nd Airborne.

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- 1204 - S-3 to Decoy 3: I have a little problem that I would like straightened out. It seems one of your captains told one of my drivers he would shoot him if he came down that road, the road is at 907975, it is a little trail running right into town. Our 3rd En supply has to use this, the Amel road is not open. They have some fire there but there is no other way. (Decoy 3) I will take care of it for you.
- 1212 - S-3 to G-3: When is the 87th Recon going to get out of Ibertingen, the boundary gives it to us. They have already started to move in. (G-3) What are you going to use for it? (S-3) 1st Bn CP, complete with Serve, kitchen, etc. (G-3) How about Amel? (S-3) That is our front line, the enemy is at 895956. (G-3) That town is not yours. That is their sector until the boundary reverts but it will not be long. The boundary was changed before. Now it runs from 880972 to 883965 then east along the stream line. The town will eventually will be yours. The town was given by Corps to 7th Armored, and we can't get it. (S-3) The colonel and I will come up this afternoon to see you.
- 1215 - Red 6 to S-2: The 87th Recon is moving into Ivertingen, will you have Maj. Smith arrange for them to get out. We picked up 14 PWs today out of the cellars, one is a SS man.
- 1227 - S-3 to Red 3: How much has the 87th Recon got in there? (Red 3) We don't know, just a bunch of vehicles. (S-3) Gives him the decision by G-3 with regards to those people on this town.
- 1236 - Lt. Lamb, Danger to Lt. Stephens: Workshop wants to arrange contact point between Red of 424th Dervish and Red of Dagwood at 887957. Lt. Stephens says that he will take care of this item.
- 1244 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Cpl Egstrom: Make certain that Maj. Smith calls me before he leaves for Danger.
- 1255 - Capt. Bour White 3 to Maj. Smith: The light tanks want to move into Weywertz for maintenance. (S-3) OK. (White 3) How about Regt AT? Ans: Have platoon leader get in touch with Capt. Cylice and make arrangements to go back with him. The bldgs, around Point 53 are OK. (White 3) says 2nd Battalion is now in Faymonville.
- 1300 - S-3 notifies Lt. Kunze, AT Co, concerning the AT platoon in above item going back with Regt 1 AT.
- 1301 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: In regard to making contact with Dervish (424th Inf), we are in contact with them at 887957.
- 1315 - Lt. Botsford, Danger: Victor called, they say that they picked up an intercept from enemy arty units stating that Meyerode has been reinforced by Allies and that arty was to be put on it.
- 1319 - Lt. Lynch, Div L.O.: From PW dive Cage: PW says there is ammo dump at 92149706 near Heppenbach, mostly small arms and mortar ammo. The 955th FA reports road from eppenbach to Wereth shows much use; also road from Honsfeld to Holzheim shows much use. No activity in Heppenbach. Road out from Heppesheid to Honsfeold shows much use.

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- 1320 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Botsford: Have civilian who has been forced laborer in Germany for the last 4 years. Lt. B: Send him to the Div PW cage as a PW, they will make up the papers on them.
- 1325 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Trafus, PWI: Capt. T: Identifications of PWs are 3 from 10th Co, 999th; 7 men from 8th Regt (replacements); 1 from 10th Co, 19th SS of the 9th SS Div. 1 from 5th Co, 352nd VGR.
- 1328 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Capt. Bour, White 3: Capt. Bour states there is no place to move to, tanks, and TDs are taking all of the places in town.
- 1330 - L.O. from 634th TD reports: 11 M-10s in operation order.
- 1340 - Dagwood Blue to Sgt Minno: OP report - 1240 hours, one enemy observed walking SW at Wereth; 1320 hours, Freeport reported enemy gun firing from 2600 mills, 3,000 yards; 20 rounds landed in L Cos positions; cal 75mm. Another at 125 degrees, 3,000 yards out.
- 1400 - I&R OP to Sgt. Minno: Negative report.
- 1403 - Capt. Bour, White 3 to Capt. Hall: It looks like when such people clear out of this town, I will have to leave F Co in Schoppen - outside of town in the draw.
- 1420 - Capt. Donnay, G-2 to Capt. Hall: Do you remember the deal we tried or attempted to try in vicinity of Faymonville with the sled or togagan?
Ans: Yes. Capt. D: Well, 18th Airborne is going to do the same thing. They are planning on doing it tonight. What are your feelings on it?
Ans: Pretty good. However, to our front, we are confronted with a stream, which will be an obstacle. It may also be an outpost for the enemy. (Capt. D) Where do you suggest? Ans: To our right front, depending on their situation. Capt. D: I am just getting some suggestions.
- 1445 - PWI to Capt. Hall: About the PWs we have. 5 had been in the division Quartermaster. Stated 500 came from Holland, about 60 came from Division Replacement Pool. 8th and 9th Para Regts have been combined. The guns at Weyworth have been moved. Saw 3 arty guns at 950931. Division at Manderfeld. He stated 9th Regt has about 150 men left. Elements of 12th SS at Manderfeld and Herresbach. Div Staff in 4 houses. 999th Penal Bn left here last Thursday in direction of Herode. 3rd Para Div, PW stated he saw 3 guns seen at 950931. 8th and 9th Regts of 3rd Div combined. Lot of traffic from Heppenbach to Harrassback last night.
- 1524 - Danger 2 reports: 2nd British Army, captured K-8773, 8872, 9072, 8968, 9068, 9072, 3rd Army - We took Q-8070 and P-8172, 8271, 7656, 8254, 7951, 7775, 7876. 7th Army - enemy reached Q-9274, 8430, 7937. 1st French Army - We reached V-8019, 8052, 8156, 7147.
- 1530 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith? We are down in the town now. That is forward is in the town. Still have the rear CP. 18th has to take "H" So if you can help them with fire, will want you to. Major Smith: Want you to make contact patrols to the people on right and also third. Major Smith to Col. Horner: Will get the "ngs" to clear the road from Amel to your positions. (Ans: That is OK.

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- 1540 - S-3 to Disguise A, 1st Engrs: Run a road from Mirfeld to Amel. Ans: (It is all swamp there. (S-3) Got to have the road from Mirfeld to Amel cleared tonight.
- 1545 - Maj. Smith to Villian A: Where is your dozer? Ans: Broken down and in the shop. (S-3) Let me know when it gets out.
- 1550 - PWI to Capt. Hall: Two more PWs, 15th Co, 8th Regt.
- 1551 - S-4 to S-3: We are in our new place, everything is in.
- 1552 - S-3 to Disguise A, 1st Engrs: The tank dozer is burned out. There is about 2,000 yards of road that Col. Horner wants cleaned. It will be a night job. Everything will be tied in.
- 1610 - Lt. Lynch, Div. I.O.: Msg intercepted from 388th V. Arty Corps which stated enemy is reinforcing Meyerode and Medell. Was heard over air at 1210 hours.
- 1620 - Red 3 to S-3: Are the Engrs attached to us? Ans: No, they aren't, but they'll be on a mission with you tonight. Any objections of putting road from 137 to 148, have to have a road to Blue. (Red 3) No we have not. I want to get in touch with the people that were over in Ivertingen for contact on our right, do you know where they moved to? (S-3) No, I don't. Clark should know. I'll get in touch with you later.
- 1627 - S-3 to Blue 3: In your opinion can the road be cleared from 137 to 148? For use. (Blue 3) I think so. (S-3) I've ordered the Engrs to clear it for you tonight, it is OK with Red. Give them what local security they need. (Blue 3) OK, will do. (S-3) 421th has high nose at 902949, also have 546, 532, 489. When this attack on Heppenbach comes off, wish you would give all assistance you can, with mortar fire. (Blue 3) Sure will, when does it come off? Ans: Sunday.
- 1635 - Maj. Smith to White 3: Understand you are having some trouble? Want you to move by 0900 hours tomorrow. (White 3) "G" Co is back and part of H Co.
- 1655 - S-3 to 424th CP: Bull dozer will be working tonight from Amel south to stream to Mirfeld. Thought that I had better tell you as it will be making some noise. Would like to arrange a contact patrol at stream tonight - a contact point. Will have outpost at 888957 to protect the bulldozer, which will be working. Ans: OK, will have a patrol contact your outpost every odd hour.
- 1735 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Brown; Red 2: Have you got an outpost at the bridge? Ans: We have troops there. Lt. Stephens: Dervish (421th) will contact you there at 7, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5. Red 2: Alright.
- 1745 - Decoy patrols: A Co has 5 men leaving at 2000 hours, go thru C Co to point 91 (18th check Pt) and East of 53. The patrol is carrying 1 mine per man and will endeavor to mine the road. F has a 6 man recon patrol going out at 2000 hours at Point 63.

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- 1747 - Blue Bn reports: 1600 hours, 30 enemy observed moving north and south in woods 935953. 7th FA covered the area. 1700 hours, 8 enemy observed at 910965. Shell report: 60 rounds of 75 Arty.
- 1800 - Red Bn, negative shell report.
- 1800 - Delight to clerk: Shell report asked for, the fact that Blue is the only Bn that had reported in (85 rounds 75 Arty) given - Delight said that they would call this number in as the days report.
- 1807 - Shell report phoned to G-2.
- 1912 - Sgt. Wheeler, I&R OP reports: At 1850 hours, at 899966, heard sound of 2 rifle shots, one groan, one dog bark, mess kit rattling all at one time, azimuth 215 degrees, 400 yards.
- 1924 - Maj. Washington to Maj. Smith: There's a Bn of 8 guns in town. This is on the main road. Ans: We will straighten it out; don't worry about it. I will tell you where to move later. The engrs, are working on the road. I will let you know when the road is completed.
- 1930 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Kayes, A Engrs: Everything is laid on. The 424th is 700 yards SE of Valender. I warned those people that we would have a dozer out there. I would like to know when it is in. Ans: OK. I will give your phone a ring at that time. (S-3) Give the dope to the duty officer in case I am out.
- 2015 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker: What is doing? Ans: Not a thing. What about the 424th? (S-2) They have 2 companies on Hill 532. One company just south of 148. Also people in Mirode.
- 2024 - Decey to Capt. Hall: Our patrol is going out to check Point 62 instead of Point 63.
- 2029 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Some enemy observed today up around Werweth. About 20 rounds of arty came in to Blue Bn at one time this evening. Otherwise not much doing. What about the people on our south? Ans: They have taken Mirode, Adell and down to 792915. Are there any enemy west of Mirfeld? (S-2) No. (G-2) Any patrols out at present time? Ans: Do not believe any out at present time.
- 2045 - Capt. Bennett to Capt. Clark: We haven't received an overlay from you in two days, so today or in the morning would you send us an overlay of your positions? Ans: Yes.
- 2100 - Lt. Col. Foley to Lt. Stephens: Just checking on White CP location. Ans: They are in SE end of Faymonville.
- 2100 - Col. Curtis to Capt. Hall, S-2: Ammo expenditure allowance 27 0600 Jan 45 to 31 0600 Jan 45: 81 light, 180 81 heavy - 81 WP none, 105 M3 100. Unexpended balance previous period reverts to Army at 270600 Jan 45.

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- 2126 - Maj. Lord to Maj. Smith: Where is your K Co? Ans: Right flank at 899963.
- 2135 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Except for the Mirode area I have no information east of 90 grid line for you.
- 2136 - Lt. Walker to Clerk: I am sending in 9 PWs. I would like a report back as soon as possible as there is a number of them over there and I want to know where they are at.
- 2145 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Walker: What is the story on these 9 PWs? Ans: K Co went out and got them in the woods. 2 more coming. Were picked up at 911969.
- 2148 - Lt. Kayes, A Engrs to Major Smith: The road is open. Ans: OK, thank you.
- 2152 - Capt. Hall to PWI: There is 11 PWs on way in from Blue Bn. They were picked up in woods by Blue Bn at 911969. I want the report as soon as you can finish with them.
- 2155 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donnelly, U-2: We have 11 more PWs. They are from the Blue Bn and were picked up in woods, 911969. What do you have on the 26th or 18th? Ans: The 26th took 3 more PWs. One from 10th Co, 1056th Regt, one from the 5th Co, 1056th and one from 189th Arty Regt. At hill 625 vicinity 939008 was outpost on top of hill. A man from 10th Co and bazooka man from 11th Co was guarding it. 26th has it now. Total PWs 32 for today for the Division.
- 2157 - Danger 2 to Clerk: Weather forecast for period 26 2400 to 27 2400 continued light snow and cloudy. Visibility poor and goggy. Max 35 degrees, Min. 10 degrees.
- 2209 - I&R OP to clerk: A little small arms fire heard southeast of OP, about 200 yards. At 2130 hours about 25 rounds of arty 200 to 300 yards from OP (OP location 898969). From 2130 hours to now artillery activity northeast of OP.
- 2230 - Capt. Donnelly to Capt. Hall: There is a 2½ ton truck belonging to Dagwood White broken down at 803163. (White is notified).
- 2250 - Danger 2 to Clerk: 18th A/B Corp Macadam area: Merode at P-9093 taken at 1100 hours. Enemy putting up stiff resistance on the high ground at P-893915. Prumerberg at P-872885 is cleared. In the 3rd Army area; our forces have reached P-7878, 7879, light resistance, but many mines, obstacles and considerable S/P fire. The town of Weiswambach at P-8172 is cleared, our forces have reached P-7665, 7855, 7857, 7858, 8065, 7863, 8064, against light resistance. PWs from the 9th Panzer Replacement Unit stated that the Div was in route to the Eastern Front. In the 9th Army sector; our forces have reached K-9468, 9168, 9069, 9170, against light resistance and many mines.

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- 2300 - Blue 2 to S-2: I Co patrol has contacted Red Bn, and has returned OK. Friendly artillery fire falling in our positions. We have called the 7th FA. about it.
- 2302 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight 3: Did Blue Bn call you about friendly artillery falling in their positions? (Delight 3) Yes they did, there was 2 rounds at 2 different times. One landed near the OP and the other near the CP. We have checked on it.
- 2317 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives reports for the last hour.
- 2400 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: At 2330 hours 12 enemy moving into K Co woods at 911969. We are sending some people out to take care of them.

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- 0035 - PWI to Mr. Lipinski: Two from Combat Team Sprenger; 9 from Combat Team Justus. Sprenger is in vicinity of Mirfeld and Heppenbach, and is made up of elements of 3rd Bn, 8th Regt, and other stray elements. Strength - 60 to 70 men. Justus on the right of Sprenger with a strength of 80 men. Justus was made up of division quartermaster troops who came from Minderfeld five days ago where the division trains are located. They said the 12th SS have troops in Harresbach and Minderfeld. 1st Bn 8th Regt was withdrawn to Jukerath. 1st Co; 8th Regt at Gonnernsdorf, 8 men from his company were detailed to Combat Team Sprenger 4 days ago. Part of the 3rd Trucking company in town of Elry near Stadtkyll. Orders were to hold. Yesterday they were given a security talk by Lt. Justus, believe the CP is in Heppenbach.
- 0115 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: OP reports flash at 140 degrees, 14 seconds flash bang, fired four rounds which landed at 100 degrees, 1500 yards. We have notified 7th Field.
- 0120 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0121 - Mr. Lipinski to G-2: Gives him the PW report.
- 0145 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 0100 hours friendly artillery and tank fire due east; enemy mortar fire landing 100 to 200 degrees east of OP; at 0135 hours friendly artillery shelling general area 400 yards southeast of OP.
- 0150 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight 3: Gives him the above report. (Delight 3) Where is your OP? (Mr. Lipinski) 989968.
- 0200 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: The patrol that went to 149 has returned. We will interrogate them in the morning.
- 0250 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Will you please check the coordinates of your last patrol that came in about 0200 hours. (Lt. Kestlinger) 980958.
- 0327 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: A 12-man enemy patrol came into K Cos outpost. One PW was taken and will be sent down in the morning, several enemy killed or wounded, and the balance withdrew. A direct fire weapon firing from 140 degrees, 2500 yards out, estimated 105; another at 90 degrees, 2000 yards, six rounds landed at 160 degrees, 800 yards, type 75mm; L Co is receiving enemy mortar fire in their vicinity (Positions).
- 0333 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3 and G-2: Gives them the reports for the last hour.
- 0401 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: The outpost in the woods is running into more trouble, so they are going to pull back and we are going to lay in a Stonk on the woods.

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- 0416 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0515 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: The Jerries still have the woods. They came up on three sides and also brought up a direct fire weapon. (Lt. Kestlinger) Do you think you have it under control? (Blue 2) Capt. Booth is working on something now.
- 0517 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0525 - I&R OP to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0155 to 0205 hours small arms fire observed at approximately 300 yards southeast of OP; at 0230 hours friendly artillery landing 400 yards south and southeast of OP; from 0200 to 0400 hours enemy artillery and mortar fire landed 400 yards in front of the OP; from 0400 to 0500 hours friendly artillery landing near Valender.
- 0607 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives him the report for the last hour.
- 0800 - S-6 to G-3: Has a decision been reached on this affair yesterday? (G-3) On the time sir. (S-6) Yes. (G-3) I believe it is tomorrow sir. I am not familiar with his, I am sure I better have Col. Beck or Maj. Lord call you back.
- 0930 - New CP opens in Weimes, Belgium - 842029.
- 1000 - Decoy White 6 to S-3: Can you give me any information on Horner? (S-3) As of last night there were still enemy in the woods at 911969. I would like to call you later and give you the latest information, they have a fire mission on now.
- 1012 - Lt. Stephens to Brown 6: You will attend a meeting here at 1400 hours.
- 1045 - Blue 3 to S-3: We sent patrols to 149 and it is clear. There is enemy in the woods at 911969, and we are firing on the woods with light tanks and 81 mortar.
- 1050 - Red 5 to S-3: The 809th CP is moving into Steinbach, and F Co is shut out. The 421st and AA from the 7th Armored are in town. The 809th state they were assigned the town by 18th Corps. (S-3) How about Fayouville? (Red 5) E and G Cos are moving in there. Possibly the houses in the southeast end of Weimes can be used for F Co.
- 1115 - I&R OP to S-2: The 421st were advancing without much opposition. They went up on 532. We will move our OP and call the location in.
- 1151 - Blue to S-2: At 1145 hours K Co reported 20 enemy observed coming in from 139 to the woods at 911969, also one white flare seen coming up from the woods. That area has been under intense machine gun, mortar, and tank fire since 0930 hours and we will continue to harass the area.

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- 1158 - S-2 to G-3: We picked up another member of CT Sprenger more or less a straggler. Last night they pulled in the first houses in Heppenbach to keep warm. His squad has the mission to secure the forward slope of the woods at 911969. If we attacked, they were given orders to withdraw to Heppenbach. He doesn't know what is in Heppenbach. In Heppenbach he claimed he saw 15 Tiger tanks and some SS troops, the rest was administrative traffic. SS troops unidentified. Another joker we picked up by 1st Bn left the patrol he was on. He doesn't know a damn thing.
- 1214 - Red 2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) Everything is pretty quiet. (Red 2) Did the 18th jump off this morning? (S-2) I don't know. There is a meeting for 3s and 6s this afternoon. (Red 2) Did you get my PW? (S-2) He doesn't know a thing.
- 1240 - L&R OP to S-2: OP is located at 896964. The town of Valender appears to be quiet. Foot tracks can be seen on the trail going eastward out of Valender towards 150.
- 1330 - S-2 to G-2: What is the weather forecast for today? (G-2) From 0800 hours today to 0800 hours tomorrow, light snow, visibility is restricted. Light haze and fog, clouds overcast, breaking slightly in the late part of the afternoon. Becoming overcast again tomorrow noon. Visibility 1 mile or less, improving slightly to 1 to 30 miles by noon. Winds: Westerly wind 8 to 12 miles. Temperatures: Maximum 34 degrees, minimum 14 degrees. Flying condition bad.
- 1340 - S-2 to Decoy 2: I have some dope on Heppenbach for you. Our people went into the patch of woods at 911969. They drove out an enemy outpost and took 12 Jerries. Later they themselves were driven out. Facing our 3rd Bn is a Combat Team Springer made up of elements from the 8th Parachute Regt, which consists of 50 to 60 men. Facing our 2nd Bn is a Combat Team Justice made up of Quartermaster troops. PW said that in case we attacked he had orders to withdraw to Heppenbach. The other PWs do not agree with him. They say their mission was to hold.
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- 1350 - Blue to S-2: K Co reports a wrecked P-38 near their CP. It is striped of radio and instruments. Don't know if the Air Corps know of it. The plane has been here a long time. Looks like it might have been here when our troops were here before. (S-2) Gives him the latest dope as obtained from PWs from CT Springer.
- 1515 - S-2 to G-2: How about photos? (G-2) Tonight or tomorrow. (S-2) How about 1/10000 maps? (G-2) I will call you on that. (S-2) Did the CIC go to Amel? (G-2) You had better call them, as I don't know. The 26th took an officer PW. He was a deserter, not assigned to a company. ~~XXXX~~ Claims the battalion has only 4 officers. He was to take 15 men and contact the unit on the right, 5th Co has 27 men; 6th Co 18 men. He said there are 6 tanks from the SS troops parked on a road out of gas. I have a PA system anytime you want to use it.

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- 1530 - S-2 to G-2: Have any of your people been down to Amel? (G-2) I called them last night and they were to go down. (S-2) Will you send them down tomorrow? (G-2) Yes, we will take care of it.
- 1547 - Message from G-4: Change #4 to Adm. Order #1. 1 a DAO, K-843032; 2. B Div GRS point Weismes; C PW cage, railroad station Weismes, K-849028; 4 b Ord Wrecker and artillery repair service K-843032. All above installations OP at 280800.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2: Do you have our defense operations? (G-2) No, but I am working on them.
- 1610 - Blue 2 to S-2: Here is our shell report; 100 rounds mortar 25 rounds 75.
- 1615 - S-2 to White 2: What about your shell report? (White 2) Negative.
- 1632 - Blue 2 to S-2: The CIC has not showed up as yet. (S-2) I will try to get them up for you tomorrow.
- 1635 - I&R OP to S-2: Have some OP reports for you. 1340 hours 1 soldier with cape at 910955, 1350 hours, same as at 1340 hours. 1440 hours, 1 enemy near house at 910955, 1500 hours 3 enemy moving east along trail at 912956, 1530 hours friendly artillery concentration at 912958.
- 1637 - Blue 2 to S-2: The CIC men have not showed up yet. (S-2) I'll try and get them up to you tomorrow.
- 1638 - S-2 to G-2: Can you send some one up from the CIC? (G-2) Yes, I'll send some one up this afternoon.
- 1639 - S-6 to G1: What is the dope on Col. Driscoll? Is he going or what? (G-1) Orders will be out today or tomorrow, the trip will be similar to yours, he will be gone for one week.
- 1646 - TF Davison to S-3: When do you expect to get thru with those two platoons of light tanks? (S-3) By 9 o'clock, starting at dark, will send one every 15 minutes to keep them from drawing fire.
- 1650 - S-3 to G-3: We are taking care of the light tanks, two of them may be a little late. 1 platoon has already gone back to its company. (G-3) Get me the location of the 424th CP. (S-3) OK. (G-3) 1 or 2 officers from the 84th ~~xxxxxxx~~ Division will visit you, just to keep abreast of the situation. There is no change in the picture of yesterday. The 18th will go straight ahead to its objective.
- 1700 - 424th Inf to S-3: Small arms fire has been observed to your left, can you enlighten me on it? (S-3) Tanks and machine guns have been firing into the woods at 911969, there is enemy in there. Are your troops in the town of Valender? (424th) No, they are not. (S-3) Our patrols have reached 907958 with no opposition.

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- 1705 - Elue-2 to S-2: I Co has sent a civilian in, he is 21 years old and I don't think there is anything wrong with him. (S-2) I've called Division for CIC men and if any show up I'll send them down to you. In the meantime send him back to I Co and have them place him under house arrest.
- 1710 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Elements of CCB are on the SW edge of their objective, at 882876, as of 1200 hours. Elements of their other task force are at 877884. The 30th Div sent a contact patrol to 8285 to contact the 7th Armored. They reached 885863 at 1100 hours.
- 1817 - Lt. Roehrig (Elue) to S-3: In the woods at 138 there is supposed to be a minefield. I was going to clear it out tonight, but I understand that the 18th Inf is jumping off in the morning and is going to use that road. Co B of the 1st Engrs, will take care of it, won't they? (S-3) Why don't you get in contact with them and find out. (Elue) OK, I'll do that, and will call you back and let you know what the dope is.
- 1840 - LOR OP to Lt. Westline: At 1645 hours 2 soldiers in snow capes moving north from 906955 towards Valender. I can see vehicles tracks leading over the hill northeast from trail going to 908954. At 1800 hours a concentration of friendly artillery firing in Valender.
- 1910 - S-3 to S-4: What is the situation on Hq Co jeeps that have to be turned in? (S-4) They are over 2 jeeps and we have to turn them in. We are over 10 jeeps in the Regiment and we have to turn them in.
- 1915 - G-3 to S-3: The 18th A/B Corps: K-935017, 932015, 932010, 929300, 910979, 905967, 903965, 903957, 903956, 903957, 903956, 901930, 896927, 896915, 887905, 889899, 859862, 840856, 835846, 805837, 787829, 782813, 779811. 84th Division quiet. Enemy activity light harassing arty with 10 rounds of 240mm vicinity of Beho 7581. 30th Div quiet during period. 7th Armored, little enemy activity during the period, light arty and mortar fire. 2nd British Army, continued advances against little opposition. 9th Army, very quiet night, no enemy movement during period. V Corps at K-943135 approximately 50 men attacked their positions and were dispersed. 3rd Army general advance 4 to 5 kilometers during period. 7th Army, have destroyed bridgehead Moder River, pressure in this zone has decreased. French, have made attacks, Colmar area and making advances.
- 1920 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Capt. Hall S-2: How many PW for today? Ans: Only 2. G-2 and S-2 talked over situation.
- 1928 - Col. Heath to Col. Gibb: Talked over the tactical situation from 1928 information previously listed in this journal. 7th FA wanted to know the details of the set up in case the 7th FA was ordered to move. Col. Gibb said that in case this happened that our Cannon Co could handle everything.
- 2030 - S-3 to Elue 3: Have you started to work on the woods yet? (Elue 3) Yes, we had them already to surrender and they started to draw fire from the flanks. Would like to attack the same time as the 18th, but if they do it different, we will try and do it. (S-3) OK, I will call you back after I talk to 2nd Bn 18th.

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- 2035 - S-2 to Red: What is new? (Red 2) All quiet, only thing new is that the Colonel is going to move the mortars up so that they can fire into Heppenbach.
- 2037 - S-2 to White 5: Anything going on? (White 5) All very quiet around here.
- 2100 - S-3 to Blue 3: I talked to 18th. They say they are laying a wire line to you. Here is the situation. You will have to take the woods before midnight. We told them we would and they made their plans on it. (Blue 3) OK, we have a New CP at 894961.
- 2105 - S-2 to G-2: Nothing new here, what is new up there? (G-2) Down south and up north it is pretty quiet. The 26th has reestablished their outposts on top of the hill.
- 2150 - G-2 to S-2: 5th Corps took 3 PWs from 6th Co, 1056th Regt, picked up at K-944225. 1600 mixed vehicles and wagons were seen on the 25th and 26th Jan in Kolon, Mannheim, also in the marshalling yards 7 engines had steamed up and 8 didn't. PW reports infantry of 9th Panzer Div received orders to reoccupy the bunkers at Leideborn at P-9172 on 22 Jan. PW from 89th Div indicated they would occupy bunkers in vicinity of Oimont, L-0893. 3rd Army reports towns at P-8181, 8178, 8281, 8672 clear. Pressure of the Moder bridgeheads has decreased.
- 2210 - Blue to Lt. Stephens: At 2208 hours OP picked up a 75 howitzer at 135 degrees, 3000 yards out, it fired about 15 rounds and about 15 minutes after the gun started firing, fire was returned by our guns.
- 2215 - Lt. Lynch to Lt. Stephens: 7th Armored reported 1st Bn of 38th attached to CGB assisting them at their objectives. A Combat patrol north of them going to objective tonight. A Company of the 87th was withdrawn from Oak going back out there then's wing south. Some people going to Birch and Elm tonight. TEE and A and C Cos 48th are located at 2262 southwest to 221226.
- 2300 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: We are sending down a couple of PWs, they are from the 3rd Parachute.
- 2320 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: The 325th will be moving along the road into Amel from Iveldingen sometime tomorrow. You will be notified of the time later.
- 2355 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 2325 hours L Co left for 149, at the same time another patrol from L Co left for a point 500 yards north of Point 149.

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- 0005 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives him the reports for the last hour.
- 0007 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: For an hour and a half we have been trying to get into the woods, with that artillery coming in it is tough, but we are going out anyway. I think it is the 18th Cannon Co. I am checking with them now.
- 0010 - Lt. Stephens to Delight: You know the woods we are moving in? (Delight) Yes. (Lt. Stephens) There is friendly artillery falling in there. (Delight) We know about it and have checked with 18th and will check with the 32nd Field.
- 0035 - Lt. Stephens to Red: I had a call from Division in regard to a battalion of the 82nd. It is possible they may pass through your town "A", south of 424th to objective and then east. Will call you later tomorrow. (Red) OK, I will notify the people there.
- 0037 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: How about the artillery, is it still falling in the woods? (Blue) Yes, and we have not found out who is doing it, but we are going out anyway.
- 0042 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: 3rd Bn is sending men to clear the woods out, but the artillery is still falling there and they haven't been able to find out who is doing it.
- 0047 - Mr. Lipinski to Delight 3: Have you been able to identify the artillery outfit firing into the woods? (Delight 3) We have called and checked with Divarty and 32nd Field, and it isn't them. Do you have any idea where the fire is coming from? (Mr. Lipinski) It might be one of the Cannon Companies.
- 0049 - White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: No more fire on that position.
- 0055 - Mr. Lipinski to Brown: Were you firing about a half hour ago in the vicinity of 911969? (Brown) We haven't fired since 2245 hours. (Mr. Lipinski) 3rd Bn is trying to get troops in there and friendly artillery is falling in those woods.
- 0130 - PW1 to Mr. Lipinski: 2 PWs from the 3rd Bn were both from CT Springer. They were captured when they lost contact with their unit. They left their positions at 911969 to look for their comrades and ran into our outpost. They were part of a group of 12 men who arrived here two days ago from Cologne. Seven of them went to CT Springer. First they reported to G-1 which is in Eimerscheid in the house at 96689247, then they were taken to the CP of the 8th Regt which was in Wereth. While they were there the CP received a direct hit and they understood the CP was going to move to a new location, which was not known to them. They then reported to the Springer CP in the house at 92159690. From there to the platoon CP designated by T/Sgt Schultz which was in the house at 91809667. From there to the woods in vicinity of 911969 with 15 men. When they looked for the men in their fox holes they found them mysteriously missing. In the vicinity of 911969 is the left boundary of CP Springer. The unit on the left was unidentified. They confirmed that CT Springer's strength is between 60 and 70 men, and attached to the 8th Regt.

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- 0202 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: At 0100 hours L Co patrol went to 149, no contact with the enemy, and they report the bridge is still intact. At 0105 hours friendly artillery fire still landing in the woods that K Co is in, K Co is still having a bit of a scrap getting into the woods.
- 0225 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Do you have any report on how your 3rd Bn is making out? (Mr. Lipinski) Gives him the above report from 3rd Bn.
- 0305 - Blue to Mr. Lipinski: The woods K Co has been after all night was taken at about 0240 hours. We have about 30 PWS.
- 0312 - I&R OP to Mr. Lipinski: At 0245 hours 6 rounds of enemy artillery fire landed 800 yards due east of the OP. In the last few hours friendly artillery has been landing 1200 to 1500 yards due east of us.
- 0318 - Mr. Lipinski to MFS: 3rd Bn has about 30 PWS and would like a truck sent out after them. (MFS) OK, I will see if I can get one.
- 0320 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: K Co cleared the woods at 911969 at 0240 hours, and took 30 PWS.
- 0450 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: 1st Bn 18th jumped off at 0400 hours and at 0420 hours were said to be moving slowly, but had not met any opposition. 2nd Bn jumped at 0420 hours.
- 0458 - Mr. Lipinski to All Bns: Gives them the dope on the 18th jumping off.
- 0550 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: What is new? (Mr. Lipinski) I don't have a thing now, except the PWS that our 3rd Bn took in the woods. The woods is cleared out. We had about 6 rounds of artillery land near our I&R OP. (G-2) A Co 18th jumped off at 0400 hours and advanced 400 yards; tanks were following up; no enemy opposition. 2nd Bn 18th jumped off at 0400 hours and as of 0450 hours had rough going, held up mainly by weather. 2nd Div is quiet, the same for the 18th Corps.
- 0610 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report. (G-3) A Co of the 18th Inf is at point 42, they are in a fire fight and are using their tanks. Leading elements of the 2nd Bn of the 18th Inf are at point 40, no contact with the enemy. ~~402~~ -
- 0640 - Capt. Wells (Blue) to Capt. Clark: We are getting some small arms fire from the vicinity of Point 149, we would like to know if we can fire there? (Clark) I'll check on it and call you back.
- 0642 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Are the people on our right attacking this morning? (G-3) The 504th which is at 92, east-west grid line is attacking but that is about 600 yards away from you. (Capt. Clark) Our 3rd Bn is receiving small arms fire in vicinity of 907958 and they were wondering if the people on their right were pushing. (G-3) No, the 18th may be stirring up the trouble. Their G Co is at 913973, and F Co is at 40 moving ahead with no contact. A Co is 200 yards beyond 42. They took 15 PWS, but no identification so far. They are still moving ahead having a fire fight and are using tanks.

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- 0647 - Capt. Clark to Blue: The people on your immediate right are not attacking. The 504th which is about 600 yards to your south are attacking. G Co, 18th is at 913973 and receiving mortar fire, and probably they may have stirred up something, but I can't see how it could effect 149, check with 18th for further information, which may give you some light on the subject.
- 0650 - Capt. Clark to Blue: What did you find out? (Blue) The fire is not coming from there. Their people aren't near there. It is believed that some enemy have come up from Valender to occupy the three houses north of the stream along the road. Capt. Richard is sending down someone to clear them out. (Capt. Clark) let us know the outcome.
- 0723 - Blue to Capt. Clark: The woods that K Co OPs are in is receiving small arms fire and artillery from the southeast. (Capt. Clark) What caliber? (Blue) About 75mm. (Capt. Clark) What did Capt. Boushard find out? (Blue) No word yet. The OP reported at 0722 hours enemy gun fired three rounds from 105 degrees, 4000 to 5000 yards, 105mm. This report was given to 7th Field.
- 0740 - PWI to S-2: The correct number of PWs taken is 23 instead of 30.
- 0742 - S-2 to G-2: The correct number of PWs has been confirmed to be 23, and they are the same PWs reported to be 30. These PWs are attached to CT Springer of the 8th Regt.
- 0800 - I&R OP to S-2: At 0630 hours small arms fire in the area of Valender; enemy tracers seen about 0645 hours in the same vicinity; small arms fire northeast of OP about 1500 to 2000 yards, in the general vicinity.
- 0805 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Give him the reports for the last hour. (G-3) It is possible that the activity reported is caused by the 325th coming in from the south and the 18th up north working down the road by 35 and 37.
- 0835 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: Any dope on 18th? (S-2) Not in the last two hours. (Lt. Lynch) A Co 18th is 200 yards east of 42, and have taken 15 PWs after a fire fight. F Co is at 30, and report no contact east of there. The 27th at 913973 received mortar fire. The 504th jumped off at a few minutes after 0600 hours.
- 0850 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: F Co, 18th is 500 yards west of 40.
- 0855 - Message from G-2: Password for all units from 1200 hours 28 Jan to 1200 hours 29 Jan JERSEY SHORE.
- 0925 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: One battalions of the 87th Div reached Thommen at 816814, no opposition. going to Grufflin at 825818. 18th Armored Infantry Bn at 882875; meeting stiff opposition. Element of the 87th Div contacted 7th Armored Div at 818871, and 813861. 30th Div I Co 346th at 837853; G Co 119th contacted 346th at 837853; K Co 346th contacted 7th Armored at 847869; I Co of 346th at 842862; L Co following I Co; 1st Bn 346th at 822825.
- 0930 - I&R OP to S-2: 7 enemy seen at 0915 hours leaving Vallender along trail leading towards 150; also at 0940 hours 4 soldiers seen. Just heads and shoulders over the skyline, 400 yards west of 150. During this time friendly tracers were shooting into the town of Vallender. These men had to go by leaps and bounds in order to avoid machine gun fire. Visibility is bad due to the snow.

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- 0930 - G-2 to S-2: G Co, 18th at 917973, F Co 919975. 7th Armored has advanced to 8987. Three CIC men are coming down to check those cases for you.
- 0935 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Kays: Will you be able to run around the park where AT is? (Lt. Kays) I will see what I can do.
- 0940 - S-3 to G-3: Service troops of the 82nd are moving into Amel. The question is, are they going through to Valender or what are they doing. (G-3) The 505th are just passing through the town, they won't stay.
- 0950 - Blue 3 to S-3: Our CP is located at 893959.
- 1000 - PWI to S-2: Here is the dope on the 13 PWs from CT Springer and the 12 from CP Justice. Both are combined now as CT Springer, Hertler is the CO of 3rd AT Bn. CP located in Halenfeld at 921967. The 1st Bn train is located at Wereth.
- 1010 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above information on CT Springer.
- 1015 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: We chased some Jerries out of Valender. What is going to take it? We will have a patrol in there if anybody is coming into the town. (Lt. Kestlinger) The 82nd is going into Valender, but when they are going in we don't know, Division will let us know. It is OK to send the patrol in there.
- 1020 - I&R OP to S-2: At 0945 hours track vehicle in vicinity of Valender, but we are not sure whose it is; at 1000 hours enemy artillery landing 1500 yards east of the OP.
- 1022 - Brown to Lt. Kestlinger: I would like to pull my observer back from 1st Bn. (Lt. Kestlinger) Leave him up there until I see Maj. Smith.
- 1025 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 82nd Bn is in Heppenbach with two companies. (Lt. Kestlinger) It is alright for you to go into Valender with the patrol. The 82nd will be in there inside of 90 minutes.
- 1030 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: A Co 18th cleared up Objective G. The 505th is to move behind the 325th, they cross the IP at 0830 hours at 40. 2nd Bn 325th 902911; 3rd Bn 985937. 17 PWs picked up by 325th.
- 1045 - Blue 3 to S-2: In the woods and at 139 K Co picked up 26 PWs, and the 18th got 25. One squad of K Co went into the left flank of the woods, they were fired on. A tank and more infantry then went in and did plenty of shooting. Two tanks and two platoons were used, but one tank got stuck. At 0755 hours a burp gun with a direct fire weapon started shooting into the woods. The platoon was ordered out of the woods, then one man was thought to be killed. Point 139 is not clear. K Co is sending an 8 man patrol into look around 193. American troops have observed to be moving out of town. At 908959 TDs and one platoon of tanks have been firing at Valender. It is believed heavy casualties have been inflicted on Jerry. Possibly a patrol will go across the river.

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- 1105 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above information from 3rd Bn. (G-2) The people on the right have patrolled to 918943; A Co is reported at 935988; B Co at 41 this side of 43; G Co at 37; F Co 200 yards north of there.
- 1115 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1105 hours 3 friendly soldiers entered the house at 912956, five minutes later they came out and went back into Valender; during this time they drew no fire of any kind.
- 1155 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is the 3rd Bn? (Lt. Kestlinger) Actually they have 2 TDs and a platoon of infantry down at 907959. (G-3) Have they observed anything? (Lt. Kestlinger) Everything seems to be moving out of town, going to the southeast. What is the latest on the 18th? (G-3) B Co is on 77.
- 1157 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger) L Co took 12 PWs in Valender, and we are adjusting artillery on 939951 where we saw 20 Jerries.
- 1230 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1120 hours one wounded soldier lying in a ditch in vicinity of 908955; at 1140 hours 6 to 8 civilians moving about the house at 912956; at 1210 hours one soldier apparently friendly approached the wounded man and covered him with blankets and started to investigate the fox holes in the vicinity; at 1230 hours soldier returned by the same route.
- 1245 - Lt. Lynch to Lt. Kestlinger: 82nd A/B "iv reached 910918 against scattered resistance. Red a patrol to 917941, balance of area clear of enemy.
- 1250 - Blue 3 to S-2: One enemy vehicle went into the woods at 938950.
- 1259 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Co L cleared Valender. One wounded Jerry still in town. The town is all clear. We also sent a patrol out to the 82nd A/B. A small outpost remains in town.
- 1300 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: 3rd Bn reports L Co in town, and town all clear. They are leaving an outpost in town and sending a patrol to contact the 82nd A/B. (G-3) B and C Cos 18th are at 77; Heppenbach cleared; Co E moving up towards 80; tanks were reported in Honsfeld; our TDs and tanks moving toward Honsfeld.
- 1305 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the dope on the 3rd Bn.
- 1323 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1310 hours 8 to 10 rounds of enemy artillery falling in vicinity of 149; at 1305 hours to the present time one identified soldier in snow suit at 908954. He seems to be delirious from his actions. He cameout of a fox hole. Believe he has field glasses and field phone in his possession.
- 1420 - Decoy 2 to S-2: A PW just gave us a minefield location which is near your 3rd Bn at 9232910.

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- 1424 - S-3 to Blue 3: What is this I hear about you taking Valender?
(Blue 3) That's right. We had a lot of fun and only had one man hurt.
(S-3) How did you do in taking the woods last night? (Blue 3)
We didn't have trouble taking the woods, but about 0750 hours this morning they fired a lot at us. We took 38 PWs out of that woods. We have one medium tank stuck, that we are getting out soon. 12 or more PWs here now ready to be sent up to you, but we have no transportation here now. (S-3) I will send you a truck.
- 1433 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Have any of your people seen anything of the 82nd? (Lt. Stephens) I will check and find out.
- 1440 - I&R OP to S-2: At 1340 hours one soldier, apparently enemy, moving southeast along ridge at 908954. He was apparently wounded. It is getting hazy now so we can't see much. (S-2) OK, I am pulling you back tonight anyway for a couple of days rest.
- 1443 - S-3 to Disguise A: The roads are getting bad and we need a bull dozer here at the CP to clear the road. (Disguise A) OK.
- 1445 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: Have the 82nd A/B people gotten down to Valender yet? (Blue 3) No report of seeing any of them yet.
- 1510 - S-3 to Red 5: Send the Cannon Co observers back to their company. Your tanks will stay where they are. Send the regimental AT guns back to their CP by tonight. The TDs will stay where they are until called for.
- 1522 - S-3 to Brown 6: Your observers will be back from 1st Bn tonight.
- 1710 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 325th is at 927935; 2nd Bn 922937; 3rd Bn 910919; 3rd Bn 504th 925925; 2nd Bn 917916; 1st Bn 903912; 505th is moving to 908935; 508th is at 895915; 424th is moving out tonight.
- 1720 - G-2 to S-2: 5th Corps says their combat patrol engaged the enemy in a fire fight just north of Bullingen. British reports the town at K-7884 clear of enemy. 3rd Army reports our forces made a successful local attack in area Q-2981. 8th Corps has forward elements at P-8383. 7th Army reports friendly patrols reached R-1217 and 1218, with no contact. Patrols also report town at Q-8037 clear of enemy. 6th Corps reports no contact with enemy along the whole Corps front. French report they took town at V-7646 and 7745; 2nd Mountain Div identified in this area. Our troops on line V-7946, 8146.
- 1800 - PW1 to S-2: We have 16 PWs from CT Rodjakop captured in Valender. 3rd Bn 18th Regt plus 13th Co and 14th Co have been thrown into one Kampf gruppe CT strength 300 men. Lt. Rodjakin had 100 men in Valender, attached to him were an unknown number of 120mm mortars. Withdrew successfully to Wereth. CP of 8th Regt was in Wereth yesterday. From past experience one PW says CT Rodjakop will set up in Wereth and 8th Regt in Harrasbach. The trains of the original 14th and 8th Regts are in Ankler.
- 1810 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above PW report.
- 1855 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: Will we be using the Division measles sheet? (Lt. Stephens) No, I think we will use only our own.

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- 1915 - G-6 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) OK, I am getting my people straightened out. (G-6) I don't think it will be Tuesday, it may be later. The 18th will hold tomorrow.
- 1932 - S-2 to G-2: We had 41 PWs today, all from 3rd Bn; 16 from the town, and 25 from the woods. This included the wounded.
- 1942 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 2nd Bn 335th at 914943 to 918937; 1st Bn 923940 to 927934; 2nd Bn 335th passing through 1st Bn. Unconfirmed report is that 325th is coming north about 1000 yards southwest of Wereth. The no fire line was given as Phase Line Utah.
- 2025 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 82nd A/B will recon 909911 and 922915; 2nd Bn 325th at 938943 as of 1830 hours; 3rd Bn 504th 943935 going to town of Herrisbach; 2nd Bn is 934920; 1st Bn 504th is north of the 2nd Bn; 3rd Bn 325 is at 918930; 1st Bn 325th 921950; 325th will take town beginning with "W". A patrol from 32nd is at 87, 939952. Tell Maj. Smith that 7th Armored moves out of area tomorrow. This was given to me by the liaison officer from 82nd.
- 2120 - S-2 to G-2: Will you and two CIC men go Mirfeld to see Lt. Walker. (G-2) I will have Lt. Steinway get those men down there. The parachute people are located at 927947, 930946, 940950, 940940, 956934, 937924. They are going on tonight to take H and W. Believe contact will not be too difficult. (S-2) Any change in 18th? (G-2) No. the 26th saw enemy going to Honsfeld. The 18th captured the Operations Sgt from the 5th. The Jerries expect help from the 1st and 9th SS Divs. If no help then they will fall back to the town of Hausleg, and from there to the Seigfried Line.
- 2215 - G-2 to S-2: 7th Armored reported very light resistance met in their cross country advance to vicinity of 887872 and 891875. 82nd A/B took 30 PWs from 352nd and 404th WGRs, artillery very light, some AT fire and mines. 3rd Army reports Bur-mulang at 8578 cleared, also reached Our River. 87th at P-882800, 887810, 881815, 888820, 893832, 890850, 883870, 876892, light enemy resistance. Wahalhausen at 8455 and Weller at 8452 cleared last night. At Putschid at 8552 heavy fighting reported.
- 2300 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: What is new? (Capt. Clark) Nothing. (G-3) A battalion of artillery called Checker will cross the bridge south of Amel at about 2400 hours, and will go up to the 18th area.
- 2305 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Gives him the above information.

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- 0245 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: 26th Jumped off on time, no opposition reported. 82nd A/B reports that the 325th is out of contact with their C Co, and it is possible that C Co is on Objective California. Find out if your 3rd Bn knows anything about their progress.
- 0315 - Capt. Clark to Blue: Are you in contact with the 325th? (Blue) None of our patrols have contacted them and we have no information as to their progress.
- 0357 - Clerk to Capt. Spinney, Division 2: Reports no contact with the 325th Glider outfit. Report for the hour is negative.
- 0525 - Cpl. Egstrom, Dagwood to G-3: Our Blue Bn is the only one reporting, their reports for the past two hours have been negative. A negative report is also given at 0605 hours.
- 0600 - Capt. Spinney, G-3, to Lt. Stephens: "I" Company of the 26th Infantry is at Point 53; K Co, is at Point 51, they knocked out a tank with a bazooka, some PWs were taken, there is only radio communication with the units. 18th Red Bn received heavy mortar fire.
- 0950 - Maj. Lord, G-3 to Col. Woolnough, S-5: The 18th and 26th go for objectives J, B, C, tomorrow. 2nd Div also attacks tomorrow. It is contemplated that the 16th will not be moved before Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at the earliest. When they move it will be by truck with a battalion at a time.
- 1000 - G-2 to S-2: A/B Corps report enemy front lines are 937015, 952013, 936994, 949989, 931965, 955928, 945918, 930918, 925915, 910900, 900900. The 7th Armored claim no aggressive enemy action. The 82nd A/B Div encountered light enemy resistance going through Wereth. Have identified 689th Inf Regt of 246th VGD, also battle groupe Leibach of 3rd Parachute Div in the vicinity of Herresbach. 3rd Army reports the following points cleared by enemy - Hosingen, Roder, Ptscheid.
- 1005 - S-6 to G-3: What is the matter, is the 18th getting tired? (G-3) No, why? (S-6) How come we are going in tomorrow? (G-3) No, I just said that was the earliest. (S-6) It will take a week for us to get a rest. (G-3) OK.
- 1010 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The 3rd Bn 26th is in the town of Bullingen. Part of the 2nd Div is cleaning the road from Dom. Butgenbach to Bullingen.
- 1030 - Red 2 to S-2: What is cooking? (S2) The 26th cleared town of Bullingen, lots of artillery coming in there. The 2nd A/B also cleared Wereth. (Red 2) We have some people here who say two negro soldiers were shot by the enemy. Have the witnesses, place they were shot, and where they are buried. (S-2) The CIC will be down to check on it.

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- 1040 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is the latest? (Lt. Kestlinger) Gives him the latest reports.
- 1045 - S-2 to G-2: What is the score up there? (G-2) Not much of anything. 26th hasn't moved yet. They took 45 PWS from Bullingen.
- 1202 - S-2 to Red 3: The 508th has H erresbach cleared, and took a couple hundred PWS. The town of Wereth is taken, troops were last reported at 955953. There are conflicting reports as to whether Bullingen is taken, but they have taken about 45 PWS from that area.
- 1330 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 1st Bn 508th 972955; 2nd Bn 965936; elements of 505th 972955; 1st Bn 504th 944941, 947935, 946935, 2nd Bn 504th 954920, 945920; 3rd Bn 504th 954920, 955928. PWS from 3rd Replacement Bn says lots of Jerries in Honsfeld which town is reported to be a Replacement center.
- 1335 - Maj. Oxford, Disguise to S-3: I would like to have Lt. Kays god own and see Lt. Moore to investigate all road blocks around Weismes. We had a truck blow up down there yesterday. The road had been cleared but the truck backed into the field. (S-3) OK.
- 1430 - G-2 to S-2: Bullingen is clear, and down to the railroad and underpass is cleared up. The 18th took 109 PWS from 7th, 14th Cos inclusive of the 1056th. 18th took 32 PWS who surrendered a Red Cross man brought them in. These PWS were from 2nd Co, 1055th; 5th Co 89th Fusilier, 5th Parachute Regt; 3rd, 5th, 14th Cos of 1055th and three aid men. The artillery is reported as not too heavy. No indication of weather clearing for tomorrow - cloudy and light snow in flurries. The Parachute line is now 81 to 93 to 96 northing and straight down on the grid line. They report 105 PWS. The TF Davison took 11 PWS.
- 1500 - G-2 to S-2: Do you know where TF Davison evacuates their PWS? (S-2) To 18th I believe, it would be rather far to bring them out here.
- 1550 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 87th Div is now in St. With. The 347th Inf has patrols on the Orth River between 8738. 82nd A/B is trying to secure the line 14 to 16 to 19 to 47 to 15, they have 15 and 17 now. They are 100 yards from 19 and will fan out and contact F Co 18th, then will button up a cross there. The 82nd has Honsfeld and they took quite a few PWS.
- 1615 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Bn 505th 976980; 1st Bn 967970; 3rd Bn 963964. Troops on tanks riding ahead with no opposition. 508th attacking 19. The 508th has contact and is attacking 17, sending one company to our boundary, Idaho.
- 1715 - S-3 to Decoy 3: What is going on today? (Decoy 3) The parachute outfit on our right contacted us. Also have contact on our left. We had a platoon go out to Objective I, they left at 1515 hours; the platoon was last seen 100 yards from the objective. They were not drawing any fire, will have more information for you later when they return. (S-3) OK, glad things are going smooth.

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- 1720 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: How are things? (Dextrose 3) OK, all is going good. (S-3) Good that means we can stay here. What time are you jumping off tonight? (Dextrose 3) Two hours earlier than last night.
- 1725 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) Tactical Recon reports 100 to 200 vehicles in the town at L-0775, 30 motor transports going northeast out of the town. 100 vehicles including tanks going northeast out of Losheim. The 82nd is not in Honsfeld.
- 1730 - S-2 to Blue 2: The 82nd is not in Honsfeld, but 18th has a platoon going there. They were 100 yards from objective I at 1515 hours, and were drawing no fire at that time.
- 1825 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlirger: Maj. Lord wants an overlay tomorrow morning showing you the exact company positions.
- 1930 - G-3 to S-3: The artillery unit of the people on the right would like to emplace some guns at 910960. (S-3) It is OK if they stay out of Mirfeld.
- 2111 - G-2 to S-2: 5th Corps had 4 PWS taken at K-9515 from the 426th Australian Bn. 7th Army reports our troops have gotten to Dashburg River, and P-899867, light resistance. 293 PWS have gone through the Division Cage. 8th Corps reports 82nd A/B 1500 to 4000 yards to the east in waist deep snow. Enemy is still resisting in the south. Captured 250 PWS as of 1800 hours. PWS from 5th Parachute Regt claims they are withdrawing to the Siegfried Line at 1945, 0895, 0193, which is manned by a Flak Bn. 3rd Army reports P-8674 clear of enemy.
- 2205 - G-3 to S-6: The General will not employ you unless he has to. The 18th and 26th are in good shape. I only think it is a delaying force. They are going good. PWS say Honsfeld is being held.
- 2235 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) The 82nd A/B took 250 PWS; and we took 294 PWS. The 18th is getting the next 3 objectives. The PWS don't know what is going to happen. The artillery was quiet except some in Bullingen. Resistance has been light.

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- 0555 - G-3 to S-3: 26th took the 1st Objective at 0305 hours; 18th took their 1st Objective at 0330 hours; E Co 26th 975019; F Co 976016. E and F Cos are 200 yards short of the town. G Co following F Co. The 18th jumps at 0600 hours for J Objective with the 3rd Bn. 18th met light resistance and took PWs. 26th met lighter resistance but still took PWs. 2nd Div had a go of it in the town of Wintzfeld, and as of this hour are fighting in the town.
- 0845 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) Not much. Honsfeld has been taken. Troops meeting very little opposition. The communications are bad so we haven't received the whole picture yet. I will let you know as soon as we get something.
- 0846 - S-2 to All Battalions: Gives them the latest reports on the 18th and 26th as received from Division.
- 0903 - G-4 to S-6: The heat is on all traffic. The Corps Commander has put out a memorandum on it.
- 1030 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: We are in Murringen. G and E Cos are in the town. F Co is at 980014. 3rd Bn 18th is between 104 and 105 at 975994. 1st Bn 18th is on Objective I and in the town. 2nd Bn 504th is in town of Eimerscheid, and 508th relieved. 78th Div half way through Hesterich. 9th Div on 97 grid line. Planes will drop leaflets at K-9804, 9800, L-0199. 75 trucks at F-1624, 1526, 1299, 1495, 1795, large fire in town at F-231297. In the area L-1599, 1495, 1795 heavy motor transport bumper to bumper for 3 miles.
- 1125 - S-6 to G-3: What is new? (G-3) Pushing for D and K and maybe E and L.
- 1140 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 2nd Bn 505th 960978; 3rd Bn 970970; 1st Bn right behind the 3rd Bn; 2nd Bn 508th 979959; 3rd Bn 982949; 325th went through the 505th.
- 1145 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: The morning the 508th was 1800 yards east of 19. The order of the battalions is 1st, 3rd, 2nd. 1st Bn 504th is 1000 yards northwest of 21. The 346th is 2000 yards northwest of 15. The 1st Bn 18th took 100 PWs in Hornesfeld and took 50 more in the second town. 2nd Div reported to have 14. PWs were from Regimental Hq. 991st Regt. CP was at 00240444. Two companies in Krinkel; one company in Rocherath.
- 1146 - White 5 to S-2: How are things. (S-2) Gives him the latest reports as received from Lt. Lynch and Division.

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- 1310 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 2nd Bn 325th 982982, heavy casualties; 3rd Bn 325th 988978; one unit of 345th at 916877; at 15 the 345th is clearing the woods at 962908. 2nd Div having trouble getting supporting weapons up. PW said men were ordered to go to Seigfried Line tonight. The 9th Div took Roderen against light opposition (resistance). 2nd Bn 47th is at 967154, light resistance; the outfit on the north of them jumped this morning. The 78th is about 600 yards from the main cross roads at Rocherath.
- 1325 - G-3 to S-3: Would you be interested in some green eye shields on the basis of two per man? (S-3) Good idea.
- 1400 - G-2 to S-2: We have a Capt. Cristy from Warweek. I am going to send him down to you. Send him down to the 1st and 3rd Bns. He wants to question the boys on fighting in the snow.
- 1410 - White 2 to S-3: E Co wants to test fire some weapons around 871021 against the ridge firing west to east. (S-3) I don't like that spot as you might have stuff going into TF Davison and Division. A good spot is back by the lake near the dam.
- 1515 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 3rd Bn 18th on objective J. K Co moving on objective K. 1st Bn 38th on line 979056 to 979050. K Co 38th 971047; I Co 971043. 26th in Houtegen. Complete 38th is meeting stiff resistance.
- 1610 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 195th Field is moving into Amel. I thought no one else was to use this place. (Lt. Kestlinger) Maj. Smith says to keep anything you want, but let them have anything left over.
- 1635 - Blue 3 to S-3: How about some engineers to pull some box mines? (S-3) OK, I will get them. They probably will not be out until morning.
- 1637 - S-3 to Lt. Kays: I would like to get some box mines picked up. They are on the surface so you had better get them out before it snows. See Capt. Richmond and he will tell you where they are.
- 1745 - Lt. Kestlinger to Dexoy 2: How are things going over there? (Decoy 2) Going pretty good. (S-3) Have you moved yet? (Decoy 2) No, we have not moved yet.
- 1800 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: K Co 18th on objective K. Patrol from I Co going to check 116. 2nd Div seems to be breaking around Rocherath. They have taken 10 PWs and counted 55 dead. The main trouble is the roads holding them back. They are going to button up there tonight. The 26th is in Murringen, tanks and TD also in town. Only 3 casualties two by mines. F Co 987019 to 983017; E Co 981023 to 984020 to 986024; G Co 981018 to 978018 to 980022. PWs taken from Murringen out of 189th Arty Regt. PWs taken by 2nd Div were from 991st Inf Regt. The 18th took 50 PWs from 1055th Regt; 45 from 1056th Regt, 3 from 9th Parachute regt, 4 from 189th Arty Regt; 3 from 991st Regt; 3 from Volksgrenadier Arty Regt; 5 from 999 Penal Regt; 250 PWs for the Div for today and more coming in. Enemy in Krinklet pulling the White flag trick.

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- 1920 - Blue 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: We would like to get the road cleared from our CP to Valender. (Lt. Kestlinger) I will tell Maj. Smith about it.
- 2045 - Lt. Lynch to S-2: 18th has F Co 987019 to 983017; E Co 981023 to 981020 to 986024; G Co 981018 to 978018 to 980022; 1st Bn 345th 940985; 2nd Bn 910870; 3rd Bn 921879; F Co 325th 989989; E Co 985987; G Co 981980, 3rd Bn 999977; 3rd Bn 508th is in Lanzerath; 2nd Bn 002968; 1st Bn 504th has one company at 992918; another company 987810; 2nd Bn 504th 971929; another company 968925. Leading elements 346th at 961916; 1st Bn 508th 989958; 2nd Bn is receiving heavy resistance; 3rd Bn meeting light resistance, likewise 3rd Bn 325th, Knocked out one Mark V; 508th will secure the line 22 in 013974 tonight. 82nd A/B Div took 319 PWs today. 397 yesterday. 28th of the month to include today, they have 432 PWs taken since the breakthrough 3208.
- 2120 - S-2 to G-2: What is the latest? (G-2) 219 PWs so far and 18 more on the way. K Co is on their objective. (S-2) What is the reaction of the PWs? (G-2) They don't seem to have too much spirit. (S-2) What is the latest on our left? (G-2) B Co 38th is at 978067; K Co 975045; I Co 974041. (S-2) How is the artillery? (G-2) Very light. (S-2) How is the big show up and down the front? (G-2) Scattered momentum.

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- 0830 - Message from G-2: Password for 1200 hours 31 Jan to 1200 hours 1 Feb is Chime - Today. L 1100
- 0858 - S-3 to Red 3: Do I understand that Murrigen and Honsfeld are taken. (Red 3) Yes, and south of Honsfeld is the 82nd and 38th Inf met some resistance from small arms and mortar fire. Rogerath and Krinkelt is not entirely cleaned out. 18th took K objective.
- 0902 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) 18th jumped off at 0500 hours. C Co took their final objective, and met no opposition. (S-2) That sounds good what about the PWs count? (G-2) Final count is 337.
- 0912 - G-4 to S-3: No 81mm light ammunition. All other types no restriction. Any balance at the end of the month is accumulative to you.
- 0915 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves: Give him the above message on ammunition.
- 1014 - G-3 to S-3: The 82nd is having trouble with roads, they lost one road to the 3rd Army so they are using our road now.
- 1045 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: C Co 26th 012043; A Co 008040, B Co 003039, 3rd Bn 18th 013020, 2nd Bn 505th 997987; 1st Bn 007987; 1st Bn 508th 001984; 3rd Bn 325th 993970; 2nd Bn 508th 998966; 3rd Bn 504th 000962; 3rd Bn 508th 008970. All of the 1st Bn 26th are on objective E, the 18th has practically no contact with the enemy.
- 1200 - Red 3 to S-3: I hear one of the companies of the 26th is on their objective. (S-3) The 1st Bn is on the objective. (Red 3) The 981st Field came here in town and crowded it up. Also the 740th Tank Bn of 82nd Div came in and we said no go. We are checking on it with Military Government.
- 1215 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 82nd A/B is now at 002997, 005985, 000970, and 004948. 18th captured some of our own equipment; 2 half tracks, 3 three inch guns, 15 assault boats at 948988 and H eppenbach. Took an M-8, a tank and 15 vehicles but none of the vehicles are any good. They also took some German 75mm AT guns.
- 1430 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 2nd Bn 38th facing north at 979016, 990060; 2nd Bn 23 is in Rocherath, and will pass through 2nd Bn 38th and go to I. 3rd Bn 505th 001991; 2nd Bn 505th 006993; 1st Bn 505th 010991; 1st Bn 508th 003978; 2nd Bn 508th 008982; 3rd Bn 508th 001973; 3rd Bn 504th 003958; 1st Bn 50th 990940; 2nd Bn 504th 977937; 346th center position at 966907; 2nd and 3rd Bns 38th at 985060; 3rd Bn 38th 980043. 2nd Div took 150 PWs yesterday.
- 1553 - S-2 to G-2: What is cooking? (G-2) Both outfits are on their objectives. A PW they took stated that the 16 pill boxes in vicinity of Udenbreth are not occupied. 26th took 15 PWs; 18th took 19. (S-2) What is new? (G-2) Something is going to pop. They are working at the 3, 5, and 6 offices now. 2nd Div is at 985065 and somewhere east of there.

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- 1615 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: The Russians are 40 miles from Berlin, according to the radio. Hitler also made another speech this morning, but I don't know what it was all about. A PW reported civilians are digging out the fortifications of the Seigfried Line, and digging trenches along the pill boxes. We are going to lay artillery on them to discourage their efforts.
- 1832 - S-6 to G-3: What is going on? (G-3) Here is the picture. The 18th and 26th will continue on to limited objectives, 1000 to 2000 yards in advance of their present positions. They will recon in force to the Seigfried Line occupy it if possible. Depending on road conditions, weather, etc, the Corps Commander will make his decision as to what will happen next. There is nothing new for the 16th. (S-6) Fine, good.
- 2100 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 26th have 5 Jerry tanks trapped at 006053; and have 4 tanks and TDs going after them. 3rd Bn took PWs at 010051 and had trouble only at the cross roads. 11 more PWs taken from the 277th Div, 959th Regt 991st Regt Hq Co and from Field Replacement Bn. 18th is firing on tanks in front of them and have 2 PWs from 12th SS Div.
- 2105 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) 82nd A/B Div took 450 PWs yesterday. They were attached by the 9th Panzer Div who it seems were back salvaging vehicles and were thrown into the attack. They have Lanzerath. The 2nd Div is at 985070.
- 2200 - Lt. Lynch to S-3: 3rd Bn 9th at 972075; 2nd Bn 23rd 985073; 3rd Bn 26th 006054; 1st Bn 26th 011044; I Co 18th 022031; I Co 028028; K Co 037032; 2nd Bn 505th 020018; 3rd Bn 020005; 1st Bn 020996; 3rd Bn 508th 006981; 1st Bn 002978; 3rd Bn 325th 911970; 2nd Bn 508th 000965; 3rd Bn 508th 005960; 3rd Bn 504th 002958; 2nd Bn 504th 977908; 2nd Div took 20 PWs; 82nd A/B took one 16 inch gun, also 415 PWs; 9th Panzer and 12th SS identified. One PW said 10 tanks and assault guns belonging to 9th Panzer Div were abandoned because they were out of gas. There was a counterattack at Lanzerath.