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- 0002 - I&R OP - 2306 hours, enemy artillery at 220 degrees; at 2310 hours, tracer fire at 195 degrees and 500 yards; 2325 hours, enemy artillery at 140 degrees - no estimate of range. At 2335 hours machine gun fire at 195 degrees.
- 0008 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Lt. Kayes, 1st Engrs - A Co: Do you know where you will put the bridge in? Ans: They have taken away some of my bridging material - in all probability we will start on bridge tonight, but may not finish until tomorrow. The bridge will be in town.
- 0010 - Mr. Wiles, Red Bn Commo Officer, to Maj. Smith: C Co reported that an enemy patrol hit their outpost, there is one man missing. A strong combat patrol has been sent out to investigate.
- 0015 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Maj. Smith: S-3: Secure both bridges that are put in. 1st Bn of the 26th Inf will not be up tonight, the roads are jammed. Col. Grant: I am going to have to turn my antitank and everything around and send them home, they can not set on the road in daylight, and it looks like the bridge will not get in tonight.
- 0025 - RADIO INTERCEPT: 18th Inf to CG 1st Div: I Co moving on objective at 234462, L Co at 235357, 3rd Bn receiving heavy arty fire, report as of 2200 hours.
- 0035 - 3rd Bn reports: I Co pulling into town. K Co on objective - mines in their area - engineers having a lot of work.
- 0038 - Message sent to Div from S-3 by radio: "No change".
- 0055 - I&R OP reports: 200 degrees, and several thousand yards out, friendly artillery is falling.
- 0100 - Capt. Booth, Blue Bn to Maj. Smith: The patrol will go out at 0130 hours. L and K Co's report the road is mined all the way up and on both sides. No artillery is coming in.
- 0102 - Maj. Smith sends this message to 18th Inf: Sending patrol to contact you at HOCHKERCHEN at 0130 hours.
- 0105 - Mr. Wiles, Red Bn to Maj. Smith: C Co outpost not re-established yet, enemy is in the woods in front of them.
- 0115 - White 3 to S-3: G Co is moving now. We should have a bridgehead in a hurry.
- 0120 - MESSAGE: To Division from S-3: "No change".
- 0130 - MESSAGE: 18th Infantry 3rd Bn on objective. (Time 2310).
- 0143 - S-3 to Capt. Elder, White 3: The armored has been cleared or not. I don't know if it is completely cleared or not.

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- 0145 - 3rd Bn reports: Patrol from K went out to contact 18th Inf at 0130 hours.
- 0200 - I&R OP reports: At 0150 hours, friendly tracer fire at 120 degrees and at 1000 yards.
- 0204 - 3rd Bn to Maj. Smith S-2: Small arms fire heard east of town. What about 2nd Bn? S-3: G is crossing the river now, and E will follow.
- 0206 - MESSAGE: 1st Div to 16th Inf? G of 18th at 247A7L. No contact with the enemy.
- 0207 - Red Bn reports: C Co outpost is not in yet. The men hear digging out there and it will take some time to work outpost to its former position.
- 0234 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Div by radio: 2nd Bn attacking GLADBACH.
- 0246 - White 3 to Lt. Brown: G is on objective. E Company at Point 57, getting ready to cross. We are having trouble getting a bridge in. We would like a 4.2 mortar observer. Will need smoke in the morning. This is our 3 and 4 o'clock report.
- 0304 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: In the last hour, 2 unidentified planes have been observed overhead. Friendly tank at Pt 107 - starting and stopping.
- 0310 - White 3 to Lt. Brown: Armored is shooting E Company. Call them off.
- 0311 - Lt. Brown to G-3: The armored is shooting up E Company. G Company is on objective. E Company is at 229401. Ans: OK, will get in touch with them.
- 0312 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R OP: Tanks and AT guns firing at 75 degrees south of GLADBACH. Lots of shooting both ways.
- 0325 - Blue Bn reports: At 0220 hours, K Co contacted the 18th Inf.
- 0326 - 1st Bn, Lt. Brooks: Negative report. B Co doing a little shooting. Ans: G is on objective; E at Pt 57.
- 0335 - G-3 to Lt. Brown: Tried to contact the armored, but their line is out. Contacting them by radio.
- 0340 - MESSAGE: To GO 16th Inf: Request 3 to 6 riflemen who have been with outfit since leaving states available at your CP for 1100 hours, 1 March; believe resulting interview will repay effort - Colonel Evans.
- 0400 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Sgt Hodgkiss: Will you send a runner to 90th Cheml Co B to Capt. Baker to send observer to 2nd Bn.
- 0406 - I&R OP to Sgt Minno: Lot of small arms fire 195 degrees, tracer fire (ours) at 120 degrees, firing north; at 108 degrees, enemy tracer fire-north.

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- 0407 - Capt. Brooks to Lt. Brown: Everything is quiet; combat patrol from C, they have re-established the outpost; 1 man hit.
- 0435 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Green: Get an observer over to 2nd Bn.
- 0430 - Col. Hamilton, Ex O, CGB, 9th Armored Div visited CP; stated that just prior to coming, a 3 minute preparation was placed on SLEVENICH. Tanks preparing to re-enter the town. His infantry were in MUDDERSHEIM; (Tanks out of the town to the rear) and trying to make a bridgehead. Tanks in DISTERNICH; banks of river have been dynamited and bridge preparation is a Corps Engr job. The Task Force from MUDDERSHEIM will work towards FRIESHEIM; passing North of WELLEN and D'EBENE. 2nd TF will work from DISTERNICH towards WELLEN and D'EBENE to vicinity of NIEDERBERG; 3rd TF will work from SLEVENICH, southeast towards NIEDERBERG, N of WICHTERICH.
- 0440 - Red Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Negative report. Is FROITZHEIM ours? Ans: I believe so. Red: Co C reported tank movement down there.
- 0445 - Capt. Elder to Mr. Lipinski: Here is several problems, I want you to get on. G Co is on the other side of the river, 2 platoons and 1 platoon is at 44, and N of 44; another platoon is S of Pt 44 and 500 yards from the woods on the W side. They are pinned down and have been for quite some while. (232L08). They are receiving much heavy artillery and small arms fire. I want Arty preparation in case of a counterattack. E Co got down to Pt 57, and have cleared it out. Took 7 Pws. They are now crossing the river to relieve pressure on G Co. The road thru town isn't cleared. We have no AT guns or TD's up here in case we need them. Engrs are working on road now. Ans: What about bridge? White 3: There is no crossing. (no bridge). Water is a foot deep. S-3: What about the banks? Ans: Very steep on the east bank. S-3: How about a bridge? Ans: Engrs say it is a 3 hour job, can't work, heavy shelling on banks. S-3: What is the condition of the present bridge? Ans: It is blown in two places; one end has a large crater - leaving an island in the middle. G Co took 3 Pws and one AT gun. Co E patrol brought back 20 Pws. F Co is in GLADBACH. S-3: What about the bridge to the south at MUDDERSHEIM? Ans: I do not know.
- 0512 - IER OP reports: At 0435 hours, there was friendly tracer fire at 115 degrees; enemy tracer fire going in to same vicinity and at 0450 hours an SP fired 5 rounds into the same area. Sounds like the gun is very close. Will alert the observer that is coming to watch for the flash.
- 0514 - Blue Bn reports negative. Arty has been heavy, about 1500 rounds.
- 0530 - Col. Beck to Mr. Lipinski: Will you review the situation in GLADBACH? (Gives Capt. Elder's report of 0450 hours). The 9th Armored has all three towns, secured. Will you have some kind of contact arranged. Mr. Lipinski: Yes, sir. Col. Beck: Have the outfit submit some shell reports, so we can get fire on those guns. Have an Engineer Officer call me.

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- 0545 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Elder, White 3: The 9th Armored has all the three towns to the south secured. Col. Beck asked about contact with 9th Armored. Ans: Hell, we are in a fire fight, and no tanks; they will have to come up.
- 0600 - Lt. Stineway to Mr. Lipinski: S-3: Gives information on 2nd Bn and information given at 0450 hours. 3rd Bn in town of EGGERSHEIM getting a lot of arty. Positions of 1st Bn given. White and Blue are receiving much arty fire. G-2: 2nd Armored is supposed to be near DUSSELDORF, infantry on the left made a big sweep and are way out there. 18th Inf can't put bridge in at NORVENICH because of mines. 26th Inf all quiet. 9th Div not in FROITZHEIM, but too close to fire in there; were three enemy tanks in there.
- 0625 - 1st Bn reports: S-3: 9th Div is not in FROITZHEIM, but a couple hundred yards from there.
- 0630 - Capt. Kelly, G-3, to Mr. Lipinski: Contacted one of the 9th Armored units, they will send a patrol to contact E of your people.
- 0712 - I&R OP reports: At 0645 hours, 12 rounds of medium artillery hit 300 yards SE of OP. At 0700 hours, one round of light arty hit 300 yards SE of OP along road. Arty seemed to come from a 100 degree azimuth. This arty was probably drawn by large convoy with markers showing.
- 0725 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: We did it a little while ago - established a bridgehead, repulsed a counterattack which came towards 44; about 40 men and no tanks; got a couple prisoners. Artillery landing pretty steady along the river. Casualties not too bad. F Co, one wounded; E Co, one killed; G Co, one man killed, 8 wounded; H Co, one killed and one wounded. E Co is tied in with G Co. E Co has 3 platoons across.
- 0735 - Mr. Lipinski to 3rd Bn: Anything doing down there? Ans: Not much, we are removing some mines.
- 0742 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Has FROITZHEIM been taken yet? Ans: Last report that 39th was 600 yards west of there. (Mr. Lipinski gives latest information from above items). How about the bridge in the other sector? G-3: Expect bridge about 0900 hours. 26th Infantry will move up as soon as bridge is in. G of 18th Inf is in RATH having a fight, A is in DORWEILER, C in PINGHEIM.
- 0820 - I&R OP reports: Friendly troops in DESTERNICH with some tanks. A column of half tracks started out, got to point 73, turned around and have come back and are parked just a little ways from here.
- 0832 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Everything is quiet (checked the Bns). I haven't a report on the bridge yet, but we will get some information on it soon.

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- 0845 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Stephens: Checked on the bridge. Half hour ago, they said it would be finished in an hour and a half. They have to put a bridge over a crater - island - and another crater. They have bridge to the island now.
- 0904 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Col. Barnes: The bridge should be completed by 1000 hours. The town is clear. G-5: 26th Inf has orders to move up through there. Ans: He may have trouble during daylight. My leading elements are at 234413 and a complete screen in a semi-circle to 231398. About 1500 rounds of artillery on 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn since last night coming from southeast. G-5: We want to get 26th thru you to town east and then on from there. 18th in town of P, gone thru the town of R, and just outside of W. 104th is completely across. S-6: When will the 26th be here? Ans: About 1200 hours or shortly after when battalions is up there ready to start. S-6: I want to get my tanks and TDs in shape again. Ans: You should have enough time.
- 0925 - 3rd Bn reports: 3rd Bn CP at 228421. Everything OK. There is a lot of air activity up north.
- 0925 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Col. Horner, S-5: Engrs estimated about another hour for bridge. PW reports every road into ERP is road blocked and road is mined. 25 more PWs. They left ERP yesterday. From the 600 Pioneer Bn. We have some civilians in E Co area around Pt 57. Ans: Leave them there. White 3: What about the 26th? Ans: One Bn moving at 0900 hours, other one as soon as possible when roads permit.
- 0930 - S-5 to CO, AT Co: Going to have your Co, Tanks Co, and TD Co, in KEBZ; get your platoon together as soon as the Bns don't need them anymore. Am sending Recon up to KEBZ now to see what the score is up there.
- 0935 - I&R OP reports: At 0900 hours, saw column of troops, possibly a patrol, moving east along main road 2000 yards northeast of Pt 27. Bicycles were moving in front of column. Not sure if they are friendly or enemy.
- 0942 - Lt. Lynch IO to Division: 9th Div has line running in an arc and running from FROITZHELM, GINNICH, MULDERAY, BERG. They knocked out 6 SP guns in FROITZHELM and knocked out 2 tanks.
- 0945 - Capt. Ralph, Regtl Commo O, to Lt. Kestlinger: Lost quite a bit of 300 and 536 radios, having difficulties replacing them, but in 24 hours we will be OK.
- 0950 - PWI reports: (Sgt Snyder): 3 PWs from 3rd Co, 600 Engrs Bn. 2 from 1st Co, 3rd Grenadier Bn, 941st Regt. 3 from 1st Co 943 Regt, 1 from 1st Co. 353rd AT Bn, 1 from 5th Co, 943rd Regt, 1 Volkstrum, 1 officer picked up by 9th Div, he stated not much left of 3rd Co, 600 Engr Bn.

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- 1010 - White CP to Lt. Stephens: Just got a call from G Co, saying that both bridges are in and ready to use. S-3: Yes, I know. The Engr officer is here now.
- 1015 - MESSAGE: CO 18th Inf to CG 1st Div: White 1st Objective taken. G Co, mopping up 0402. Red A and B Co's in DORWEILER, B Co, northern part of BINGSHEIM. Remainder of C Co held up outside. Tanks in DORWEILER. 1 section of 4.2's mortars at DORWEILER.
- 1015 - MESSAGE - TF Davison to CG 1st Div: Location 167428. No units committed.
- 1017 - INTERCEPT MESSAGE from CO 18th Inf: To smoke BINGSHEIM if necessary and 1 section to cut road S/W from POUL, 0437. Blue quiet 0440. White requested additional tank support. Request granted and tank platoon leader will report to White Bn. All quiet at 0600 hours.
- 1030 - PW report given to G-2. (Previously listed PW's).
- 1040 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: The 39th Inf is worried about firing into your A and B Co's. Ans: Have them keep all fires south of the 36 line and it will be OK.
- 1050 - Lt. Brown to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Anything happen on the counter-attack? Ans: We straightened it out alright, we got 31 PW's when is the 26th going? Ans: Pretty quick. Were there any support weapons on the counterattack this morning? White 2: Only artillery.
- 1055 - S-2 to G-2: 2nd Bn counterattack report given. G-2: The 18th have 90 PWs, 5 more from the 58th Pz Corps, they state that they have had no tanks in the last 5 months. PWs from BINGSHEIM and DORWEILER. The 18th has had trouble with SP guns and antitank weapons. Up in VII Corps area everybody is across the river. There has been no reports of retreat or anything across the RHINE.
- 1100 - S-3 to Red 3: What was the dope on C Co last night? Ans: They had outpost that enemy worked behind; have one man still missing. They re-established it though. Also got machine gun fire from front and right flank. They had one casualty. S-3: Have a no fire line with the 9th Div, no fire north of 36 line.
- 1120 - Red 3 to S-3: C Co and A1 platoon leader report that in town at Pt 133, they see friendly troops and armor moving to 134. The troops and armor are now at 133, small groups of enemy going to 134, but not much. White flag went up by 133.
- 1125 - Sgt Wheeler I&R OP reports: Fairly heavy traffic going into DORWEILER.
- 1128 - Lt. Carroll, 715th Tnks to Lt. Stephens: What about the road from VETWEISZ to KELZ? Ans: We called Div and they don't know anything about it.
- 1155 - PW report - previously listed - given to Blue Bn.

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- 1215 - Blue Bn reports: OP reports 2 enemy tanks knocked out at 245365 across river. 3 enemy came out of one and took off down road. Friendly Infantry attacking to front of tanks at 246387.
- 1215 - PWI reports: 2nd Co Repl Bn 353, 2 PWs, 1st Co 501 Fortress AT Bn, 6 PWs; 7th Co 911st Regt, 1; Hq Co 943, 1; 1st Co 941, 1; 1st Co 353 Engr Bn, 1; 3rd Co 353 Engr Bn 4; 1st Co 600 Engr Bn, 2; 3rd Co 493 Inf Regt, 2.
- 1230 - S-3 to Red 3: Pull all AT guns back to KETTINHEIM for maintenance by 1400 hours today. C can wait until 0800 tomorrow.
- 1233 - Same information to White and Blue Bns.
- 1310 - IGR OP: Fire burning and large cloud of smoke in vicinity 29.
- 1315 - PWI reports: 9 PWs --- 7 from Fusilier Bn, 3rd Squadron. 501 was dissolved 2 months ago, and out of it was formed 1st Co, 13th Fortress AT Co. 30 men left in the company. Had 12 to 15, 75mm guns; have one left. All roads blocked and mined. Were all pulled out of GLADBACH to ERP. Attacked to 353rd Inf Div.
- 1320 - S-3 to Red 3: 39th Inf now attacking FRANCHILL, will send contact patrol to C of 16th Inf. Elements 39th Inf will pass thru FRANCHENHEIM and C of the 16th to attack KEMPERHOF this afternoon (This information came from Division).
- 1430 - PWI reports: Hq 943rd Regt. Regimental CP was at 239415 at edge of woods. PW was a radio operator. States that the lack of communications was because Bns had no radios. Div CG was killed in action. Regimental CO was missing in action. Regiment received new CO yesterday. Minefield north of GLADBACH, ERP road and exit out of GLADBACH 229413. 1st Co, 353rd Engr Bn. 3rd Bn is 50 men strong. SS unit is in DIPPELSDORF near COLGNE. All vehicles at stand still because of lack of gasoline. 3rd Co, 353rd Engr Bn 18 men in Co. 2nd Co dissolved, remnants placed with 1st Co. In GLADBACH, the doors of houses are booby trapped. East of GLADBACH are huge number of mine fields. No exact locations on them.
- 1505 - Blue Bn reports: 2 Polish civilians just escaped from enemy and showed up at Freeport OP, and got following information: They report enemy chasing all foreigners before them because they are afraid of a revolution. Poles got as far as BONN and escaped from the Germans. They came through fields and roads. They report no mines in fields but roads are all mined or prepared for mines. Enemy 150mm battery at 281412. Shelling ERP very heavily. Few personnel on their way. Enemy plane on making MIR on the RHINE. Between LECHNICH and ERP did not see one enemy. Pole was in FROISHEIM which is strongly fortified. Saw 6 enemy walking towards front between LECHNICH and HEINICH. Did not see tanks or tracked vehicles along route. Very little transportation being used; only small vehicles. Bunch of trucks stuck in woods at 3344 for lack of gas. One Pole was a former artilleryman, other was former underground man.



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- 1526 - I&R OP reports considerable small arms and artillery to the south of us.
- 1543 - Lt. Carroll, 745th Tanks, reports: One of my jeeps just hit a mine on the road in GLADBACH - 2 of the men in it are dead.
- 1546 - S-5 to White Bn, Capt. Scott: If the engineers are out there, have them get out and check the road where the tank is knocked out. Ans: That's where the jeep blew up? S-5: Yes, it is. Ans: Alright sir, if he is not here, I'll call you back.
- 1600 - PW information given to G-2.
- 1607 - I&R OP reports: At 1525 hours and 1600 hours, heavy enemy and friendly small arms fire in vicinity of FROITZHEIM. On the 2035 grid square, a heavy arty barrage fell at 1545 hours.
- 1620 - Red 5 to S-3: 1st of 39th say they have town at 146 and town south of 143 - BEAG.
- 1628 - Red 5 to S-3: 2 Co's of 1st of 39th went to edge of woods to jump off, but turned around and went back.
- 1644 - 26th Inf to S-2: Have you any PWs that say there are mines between GLADBACH and EMP? Ans: (S-2 gives PW reports previously listed).
- 1645 - Col. Fowley to Maj. Smith: 9th Div reported enemy tank south of your Rd about 1837, also smoke in that vicinity. S-3: No, we haven't had any such reports. Col. Fowley: How about road block on that FRANGHEIM road? S-3: Yes, we have one.
- 1655 - S-3 to Red 3: Reports enemy smoke and tanks north of FROITZHEIM. Ask B Co to either confirm or deny this. Find out what Bn of 39th is going to do.
- 1715 - Red 3 to S-3: Have seen some smoke north of FROITZHEIM, apparently friendly. Have seen no armor; rechecking but am sure that the answer will be negative. The 1st Bn of the 29th plan is indefinite. Their objective was to go to 136, then to sector in vicinity of 74th. There were friendly troops that moved up to 134, then turned around and went back.
- 1720 - Same information as above given to G-3.
- 1730 - 1st Bn CP reports: At 1550 hours, C Co picked up one wounded PW. He walked in to our outpost at 121. He was evacuated thru channels and was not interrogated.
- 1735 - White Bn reports: Friendly tank (9th Armored Div) west of Pt 56, is firing into our F Co position at 232405.
- 1738 - Lt. Stephens relays above message to OCB of 9th Armored Division.

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- 1740 - White Bn reports: That tank just raised its sights and is firing over F Company and into the hill beyond.
- 1805 - Lt. Lewllyn, MP Officer to Lt. Brown: I have evacuated 514 PW's to date.
- 1850 - Lt. Lynch Div LO Officer reports: TFB at 268368. 26th going at 1800 hours. 18th E Co at 275470. F Co in town W of E Co. 18th KO'd 2 mark V's and took 100 PWs; 26th will take town at 2543.
- 1915 - Red Bn shell report: 25 rounds of SP, 5 rounds of 105, 5 rounds of 81mm.
- 1925 - S3 to Red 3: Have some information for you. FROITZHEIM and GINNICH are clear. Still resistance around 147. 3 of 39th going for it tonight. 1st of 39th is going to occupy the 3 towns that the Armor took. The 47th Inf at 0330 hours will go south thru your positions and take FUSSENICH and GEICH. So, get your men out the 1st thing in the morning. The 2nd Armored going for the RHINE and the 3rd Armored has an objective in COLOGNE.
- 1935 - Lt. Stephens to S-3, CCB, 9th AD: Can you give us your latest dispositions? Ans: They are 6 to 900 yards from the line of departure on all routes.
- 1953 - Maj. Green to Lt. Stephens: 39th Inf are in the town of FROITZHEIM and they are now sweeping the road up to your 1st Bn (B Co). And immediately after it is cleared, they will send up 5 tanks and TD's to go thru your B Co to KEMPERHOF. Alert your 1st Bn on it. (This information given to the Bns).
- 2026 - S-2 of CCB, 9th AD reports: There is a fire trench at 215355 running east and west near GEICH, 220345. 50 enemy at dusk moved from this trench to another fire trench at 230360. One PW from there - states the 50 men plus 50 more in the adjoining fire trench are willing to give up. We are working on it - will let you know results.
- 2030 - Blue 2 reports: Patrol going across streams to high ground approximate coordinate at 228423 at 2130 hours back at 2330 hours.
- 2140 - Shell report given to G-2 and 7th FA: 155 rounds of 105mm, 50 rounds of 155mm; 5 rounds of 81mm, and 60 rounds 75mm.
- 2212 - White 3 to S-3: Col. Heath, 7th FA called the artillery liaison that the woods in front of us has enemy in it, and he wants it cleared. I don't intend to send anyone out there. Ans: I will take care of it. White 3: We have local security out and the 26th is out front, so we have nothing to worry about.
- 2200 - S-3 to Col. Beck: I heard from my liaison officer that the Div was being relieved by the 14th Cav Group. Is that right? Ans: We aren't going anyplace but forward. As soon as I find out, I will put out an order.

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- 2220 - PWI reports: 12 PWs and 1 officer taken by White Bn and Blue Bns: They are from following: Hq 2nd Bn, 353rd Arty Regt, 1 Officer; Hq 1st Bn 353rd Regt 1 man; 1st Co 353rd Fusilier Bn, 1; Btry Grp WILDE 4 PWs; Hq 353rd Repl Bn 1; 3rd Co 353rd Repl Bn 2 men; 1st Co 353rd Repl Bn 2 men; The Lt came from Bn CP at 23954160 as a liaison officer to contact 1st Bn 943 Inf Regt (or BG Wilde). He was captured during this process. BG Wilde is defending woods between GLADBACH and LUXHEIM. He thinks 2nd Bn 353rd Arty Regt still has 12, 105's, located generally in triangle of ERP at 263407 and 270248. The CP of 353rd Arty Regt is in ERP at 28154140. Some 35 to 38 men from 353rd Repl Bn which is the total of all Co's of this Bn were put into position 2 days ago in a ditch west of railroad between GLADBACH and LUXHEIM. The 5 stayed to desert, the others took off towards LUXHEIM, so if not captured in LUXHEIM some 30 men from this bn should still be at large. PW from 1st Co, 353rd Fusilier Bn states that his co was destroyed in JACOBWILLESHEIM six days ago. All stragglers going to rear were stopped in FRIESHEIM and sent to MUDDERSHEIM together with 8 men he was attached to an unknown unit. 1st Lt. Wolf has taken overcommand from Capt. Wilde, and is now defending with his battle group, the woods between GLADBACH and LUXHEIM. The strength of his unit could not be determined but should not be over 60 men. Total PWs for last 24 hours, 88.
- 2250 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: Planes dropping flares over EGGERSHEIM.
- 2252 - Blue 2 reports: The planes are working over to our right near now and dropping bombs.
- 2258 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: The planes are dropping bombs now to right rear of EGGERSHEIM.
- 2315 - G-3 reports: 26th Inf have two companies on edge of 1st objective. Fighting is very heavy with all kinds of weapons. Blue of 18th jumped off at 2310 hours for town of GLADBACH.
- 2340 - Blue 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Two flares over EGGERSHEIM that is just over our K Co sector. One plane dropping Anti-personnel bombs. Basket-loads of them. Blue 2: Asks if any communicationsto Madcap.
- 2345 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives above information and is told that no Madcap in Corps area this side of the river.
- 2350 - Information of planes given to G-2 by Mr. Lipinski.

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- 0001 to 0320 hours: Negative reports from all units, hourly reports submitted to G-3 by duty officer.
- 0320 - 47th Inf 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark: Do you know that we have a line of departure from your town, to attack south? Ans: Yes. 47th Inf: Someone fired on us from your town; we had casualties. Ans: No one here but our 1st Bn, and they know about it.
- 0322 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Smith, 1st Bn S-3: Capt. Clark gives information in above item. Capt. Smith: It is not us firing. We know about them moving thru.
- 0345 - 47th Inf 1st Bn S1, to Capt. Clark: It was one of your men who shot them up. His name is RAWLSON (Spelling of name may not be correct), from D Co, attached to A Co. There were some casualties. The Sgt in charge and RAWLSON say they were not notified. (This information was relayed to Capt. Smith, 1st Bn S-3, by Capt. Clark).
- 0355 - Capt. Smith, 1st Bn S-3, to Capt. Clark: Checked up on that case; there was only one casualty - a leg wound. A full report will be made.
- 0355 - Bns report negative and a negative report is submitted to G-3.
- 0401 - G-3 reports the 18th Inf got a hell of a shellacking from enemy planes bombing and strafing. Quite a few casualties in the small town of PINGSHELL. L Co is in the town and I and K are going around it toward their objective. There are no further details on the bombing and strafing.
- 0500 - Negative reports submitted by the Bns.
- 0510 - 1st Bn reports: (To Lt. Stephens) C Co reports artillery falling in area and hearing some tank movement to the left. Other co's negative.
- 0511 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report. G-3: For your information, they have called off the Ack Ack and are sending one night fighter over.
- 0600 - Negative reports submitted.
- 0645 - Lt. Bashford, G-2 to Lt. Stephens: VII Corps reported 75 enemy planes over, 24 of which were reported to have been shot down. UP north they were unable to get any bridges in because of enemy action.
- 0745 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Bashford G-2: What is information on the 26th and 18th Inf? G-2: 18th Infantry's K are in the towns of 3049 and 2847; I had quite a fight there. I and K are in GYANICH. 1st Objective of the 26th Inf is ERP; they got in there. There were about 1500 civilians. Had trouble with SP and assault guns. They brought the 3rd Bn up there to assemble and push for LEOHENICK.
- 0800 - Lt. Stephens to Col. Beck, Div: Do you have anything on the Armored people? Ans: I have their forward most positions - 282105, and 271390; they pulled back and started over again.

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- 0830 - Above information on the locations of the various units given to the En S-2's.
- 0846 - Capt. Golden, CG Cannon Co to Lt. Stephens: Can I call my observers in? Ans: Col. Horner says to bring them in.
- 0915 - I&R OP reports poor visibility - haze.
- 0937 - Maj. Crawford, Air Support Party to Lt. Stephens: There will be 620 RAF planes hitting COLOGNE at 1000 hours today, and again a small force will bomb at 1600 hrs. P-47's will be doing recon to your front area.
- 0955 - Capt. Smith Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: My Anti-tank guns can be worked on right here. I have the maintenance and garage for doing a good job on them other than spot welding.
- 1130 - Col. Gibb S-6 to G-5: How are things up north? Ans: As far as I know, they are successful. All CG's are in a meeting with III Corps #6. S-6: Is 18th Inf pushing? G-5: They are staying in GYMNICH, TFA on the left. S-6: How about the 26th? G-5: Probably going towards the #1 area and the 9th. South of them is CGC, Phase line 2. S-6: What are we going to do? G-5: Do not know, may block and go with someone else. We will not ~~town~~ laterally. S-6: The tanks all went to TFD, with the exception of one which is knocked out.
- 1130 - RADIO INTERCEPT: From TFD to CO, 18th Inf: Danger Recon patrol to WORTH left at 0915 hours.
- 1130 - 3rd En reports: Five parachutes coming down about 1000 yards to right and 500 yards in front of K Co. Sending patrol out to try and get them.
- 1132 - S-6 to Maj. Green G-3: What is cooking? Ans: 26th Inf is clear of the town of ERP and going to town #2. Recon is out now. TFC in town of FREISHEIM, 3000 meters southeast of ERP.
- 1135 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: How are your tanks? Ans: 4 with the 1st En, 5 with the 2nd En, and 3 with the 3rd En.
- 1140 - 3rd En reports: K Co just reported small arms fire at 85 degrees, and 600 yards.
- 1145 - Lt. Lynch Div LO reports: TFA at 2938; TFB at 272373; CCA at 175318. 1st En of 309th at 209363; 3rd En of 309 at 1830; 2nd En of 311 at 140278; 1st En of 117 at 143672; 3rd En of 317 at 142660; 2nd En of 122682.
- 1150 - MESSAGE - From CG, 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Within the past 24 hours there has been over 20 casualties from enemy mines. All units are reminded that the area in which we are operating is heavily mined., and again directed to take all precautions against mines and booby traps.

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- 1158 - Red 3 to S-2: Picked up a flyer who parachuted down. Doc is taking care of him, he has a sprained ankle. He is one of three that bailed out of an A-20 bomber on a mission over COLOGNE. Will send him up to regiment as soon as the Doc is through with him. (This information is relayed to G-2).
- 1235 - Capt. Sylce, AT CO to Lt. Stephens: I have three Russians. Ans: Send them back, but make sure that they are treated halfway decent.
- 1255 - Div Air Officer to parachutist that was picked up by 1st Bn: What is your name rank and serial number? Ans: HARRY E. GETGEN, Sgt, 33509576. Turret gunner from 110th Bomb Group, 645th Bomb Squadron. Hit by flak 2 miles on the other side of bomb line. Do not know about other 2 men of the crew. Pilot said that gas was leaking into the plane, and to bail out.
- 1320 - Bns are notified that the map questionnaire that has been sent out, is to be filled in by the line officers and returned by 3 March.
- 1330 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3: Do you have B and C back in town yet? Ans: All Companies are back now.
- 1350 - Col. Gibb S-6 to Col. Beck: What's the latest information? Ans: Going to turn 90 degrees right. You will go in on the right and take over a bridgehead that the 9th Div will make at 3740. 9th will stay on our right. Col. Smith of the cavalry is attached to us again, will take over from Col Williamson. S-6: Will send Maj. Smith down to get the picture.
- 1510 - Lt. Stephens to G-2: We have another man from that A-20 - Sgt ROBERT L. HILL, 35798878, 110 Bomb Gp, 645th Sqdn, APO 110.
- 1514 - PWI reports: The three Russians are civilians. Two women and one old man. I am turning them over to Military Government.
- 1535 - G-2 reports: Report from III Corps that the enemy is attacking 8th Div in vicinity of 2534. Also located SP gun at 146254.
- 1605 - I&R OP reports: A Piper cub (Arty Observation) plane crashed 500 yards south of OP.
- 1610 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns give negative shell report for the day.
- 1625 - S-2 to G-2: Negative shell report for today. G-2: The counterattack on 9th Inf Div was only 30 or 40 enemy and they were stopped by artillery.
- 1810 - S-2 discusses air photos of the area that we are going to move to with G-2. G-2: Corps will give us coverage.
- 1900 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2, reports that he is turning in an enemy flame thrower for inspection by ordnance.
- 1915 - S-2 to Sgt Doskiss, I&R platoon: You leave at 0745 hours in the morning. Start with #33 grid square and number each North and south Grid Square, from FRIELSHHEIM.

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- 1945 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Bn S-3: Will not need an hourly report from you tonight. If any information comes in, we will call and let you know.
- 2045 - Capt. Ralph, Regtl Commo Officer, To S-3: Got 20 miles of 110 wire and 20 miles of 130 wire. Just the beginning of what we need. Got a few 300-radios-replaced but it still isn't enough only have 2 in each company now, should have 12. All the Bns are still short, too.
- 2112 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Can you give me any information on the 26th Inf?  
Ans: I and K on road at 307443, making good progress. 18th Infantry going to town of DIRNERTZHEIN, left at 1915 hours, but have nothing on them.
- 2215 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Lauten, G-2: Discussion concerns aerial photos of the area that the 16th Infantry will operate in on its next move. G-2 will give 16th Inf all the material that he can get on the area.
- 2220 - Lt. Lynch Div LO reports: Two bridges at 316484 and one at 319548. 18th Inf is out to hold them for us. Lt. Lynch gave the following positions: 1st of 39th is at 3239, heading south. 2nd of 39th is at 295358. 1 Co of 26th Inf is at 312450. 8th Div (1st Bn of 121) is at 290530. TFD of G is at 3030.
- 2350 - Sgt Valten, PWI reports: Questioning of PWS requested by Maj. Smith has proven fruitless for the following reason - These people were captured too far south and west of town in question, and they have never been in or near this town.

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- 0001 - hours to 0900 hours, negative reports were received from the Bns and relayed to G-3 in hourly reports.
- 0900 - PWI reports: Just got two PWs taken by 3rd Bn, Identification - 1st Co, engineer Repl Bn, 12th Div; and 13th Co, 48th Regt, 12th Div.
- 0910 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Where is the CP of the CCB, 9th Armored? Ans: Town at 275389.
- 0940 - MESSAGE, from I&R: Eight baby carriages at Pt 4 (AT guns). Town south of our positions cleared. One enemy taken.
- 0945 - Col. Barnes to Col. Gibb: 9th Div OK'd your new CP location. We will go to 26th present location. S-6: What is our line of advance? Col. Barnes: You go to the town of F, then east to town of E, down to river to town of H, then cut northeast to town of B, then to the river.
- 0950 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to G-2: Gives PW information as of 0900 hours.
- 1015 - PWI reports: PW from 3rd Bn, identified as 1st Co, 12th Engr Repl Bn, 12th Div - he saw 2 assault guns leaving HERRIG going toward LECHINICH this morning. There were 25 men in the Co. The Bn had 3 Co's. PW says that civilians will probably remove mines in this area, and that the civilians are armed with pistols to resist forced evacuation by the SS. PW from the 13th Co, 48th Inf Regt, 12th Div, was captured in HERRIG. The Volkstrum in LECHINICH refused to fight. The trains of several units are packing up to move out. 13th Co has two heavy Infantry Howitzers, 150mm, and four or five light infantry Howitzers. These guns were pulling out of town when the PW was captured. Commanding Officer is 1st Lt, SPRINGHORN. There are 4 assault guns in LECHINICH with little gas. PW reports lack of ammunition, and particularly the heavy mortar ammo. 70 men reported to be in the Company. The Regimental CO is OSTERHOLT, who was wounded in action.
- 1030 - S-2 relays above report to G-2.
- 1045 - Col. Beck to S-3: Are you still working the I&R in that sector? Ans: Yes, the armor is 2000 yards east of that town. Col. Beck: Be prepared to take over on short notice from the Bn of 310th. Get recon out there to get the situation. S-3: We have it out now. Col. Beck: I got a report that a counterattack is forming up southeast of town of "W". I don't think it will amount to much. I am going to check by cub. S-3: We will need about 30 trucks to shuttle our Bns. Col. Beck: I'll see what I can do.
- 1050 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO, reports: 2nd Bn of 26th Inf at 350465, and elements of 9th Armored at 340350. 1st Bn of 310th and C of 11th Tank Bn at 360405.
- 1110 - All units are notified of a meeting of Bn commanders and S-3's at Dagwood CP at 1330 hours.
- 1112 - S-3 tells Capt. Booth to send Lt. Martinez, Engr Officer, with 3 mine detector crews to 33rd FA CP to clear the roads.



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- 1116 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: I want you to get your attachments out to the Bns by 1400 hours.
- 1120 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce, AT CO: Get your platoons back to the Bns by 1600 hours.
- 1121 - G-3 reports: 39th Infantry is at 245386.
- 1125 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: I&R confirmed locations of 1st Bn of 310th at 361405.
- 1126 - Maj. Smith to 634th TD CP: I want the platoons out to the Bns by 1600 hours.
- 1134 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO reports: CCA, 9th Armored Div, has cleared 210315 and 221303, and is going to 230397. Receiving counterattack in vicinity of 3435, of 2 companies and 4 tanks.
- 1140 - MESSAGE, from I&R: Friendly troops 500 yards east of Pt 4.
- 1220 - Lt. Lynch Div LO reports: TF KAIN is at 285665. TF DOAN is at 305665. TF HOGAN at 356676. 3rd Bn of 28th is at 350545. 1st of 28th is at 306561. "I" Co of 28th is at 315555. As of 0930 hours, 500 enemy troops and tanks, unknown number of tanks, headed west at 3557, town of EZRECHEN. 26th Inf getting counterattack, supported by 6 tanks and 2 companies of infantry.
- 1228 - G-2 to S-2: 26th Infantry is getting a counterattack, coming in towards LIBAR, coming from east, 6 tanks and 2 Co's of infantry. 9th Div got a counterattack this morning by 2 Co's of infantry and 8 tanks or SP guns at 3535.
- 1345 - S-3 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: I want you to go on recon for possible movement this afternoon for gun positions. There is a possible movement this afternoon or tomorrow. Come down here after you have made the recon.
- 1348 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Kayes, CO B Co, 1st Engrs: Maj. Smith wants to see you this afternoon.
- 1428 - Lt. Stephens to G-3, Maj. Green: How is the 26th Infantry? They are in the town of LIBAR with their 2nd Bn. They are being met by two Bns and 9 tanks.
- 1530 - Lt. Lynch Div LO: 18th Inf in the town of DIRMERZHEIM, 3147. 26th Inf sector attack has petered out.
- 1535 - S-2 to G-2, Maj. Lauten: The photos do not give us the proper coverage. G-2: I will check.
- 1536 - G-5 to Maj. Smith, S-3: You will have to take WEILLERWEISS as soon as possible. Your first mission will be to relieve the 310th Infantry. I am trying to get 30 trucks for you.
- 1545 - Col. Gibb S-6 to Col. Bekk: What is the story on us? Ans: You will go and take over from these people. You will make two bridgeheads and continue east. The people (310th) are just short of the town. They want us to take it over as soon as possible. Will get trucks for you as soon as I can. The Engrs will make bridges for you. 9th Div will be on the right. Southern boundary will be HEMMERZHEIM. The 26th got into DERNERZHEIM.

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- 1550 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck: Just got a report that the town of "W" is taken. Engrs are getting ready to make the bridges. Col. Beck: OK, will go as planned, mission will be to relieve and hold.
- 1555 - S-2 to G-2, Maj. Lauten: What about the photos? Ans: You will get one set of photos taken in the eastern edge of town and east. Other photos will be down to CORPS and sometime tomorrow or the next day, you will get them.
- 1600 - S-3 to Cannon Co CP: Cannon Co is alerted for the move to the new area, and notified that they are under 1st Bn control. Time to be given later.
- 1620 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: Just got back, couldn't get into town of WELLERWEISS. There is a little sniping in the town and there is a small amount of direct fire from the high ground, overlooking VERNICH - not going in there. One Bn of Inf is in WELLERWEISS, there are not many mines. Red 6 went up with Co Commanders. S-3: You will get one platoon of engr, and Cannon Co. Put your tanks and TD's last in your column. You will make that relief tonight and also get one platoon of AT.
- 1630 - Col. Gibb, S-6 to Col. Beck: The town is pretty much in hands of 310th. Why doesn't the 14th Cav work on town of VERNICH? Ans: They can't. everything is all mixed up down there. The 9th Div is in command of all that stuff down there. S-6: These people do not know that we are going to relieve them. Col. Beck: I know, I talked to 9th Div and they will be getting an order soon. S-6: Why don't you have those people take VERNICH? Ans: OK, I'll see what I can do.
- 1635 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Kayes, A, 1st Engrs: Send the platoon that is attached to 3rd Bn to the 1st Bn. You will have to put a bridge in out there, perhaps. Lt. Kayes: Got a job for the 26th Inf for tonight. S-3: You had better contact your battalion.
- 1645 - Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs to S-3: Lt. Kayes just called me. He is working on a bridge in the 26th area. S-3: We will need a treadway; they have not got one in up there yet. Maj. Oxford: I will call Division on it.
- 1646 - G-4 to Col. Gibb: Have thirty trucks from Corps. They will be with you at 2000 hours.
- 1740 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder: You move at 1400 hours to FRIESHEIM. You stay there until you are ordered to WELLERSWIEF.
- 1749 - S-2 to G-2: How are things? Ans: 26th, 2nd Bn is quiet. WELLERSWIEF has been taken. 18th Infantry went to DIRMERZHEIM.
- 1810 - Lt. Lynch Div LO reports: 28th Inf jumps tonight at 2000 hours for the big town, 3557.
- 1832 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth: You move at 0800 hours. You get 20 tanks at 2200 hours tonight. After 1st Bn has completed their move, you will receive 10 tanks from them. You move to assembly area southeast edge of FRIESHEIM, across the stream. Ans: OK.
- 1925 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Green G-3: G-3 gives following-positions of 18th Inf, TF 18 along with Deerskin Cav Sqdn in the town of DIRMERZHEIM. Town is clear. 26th Inf has left a squad in the town of BLESSEM. White Bn is in the town, LIEBLAR. 18th Inf has one Co in the town of RATH, to the west. 2 Co's of the 1st Bn are in PINGSHEIM. All of the 3rd Bn are in GYMNICH, and the town is cleared. The 2nd Bn of the 18th is in WEISSERSHEIM. The 3rd Bn of the 26th Inf is in LECHENICH.

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- 2000 - S-3 to Red 3: Is the Col. There? Ans: No, I'll have him call you the minute that he comes in. Red 3: Have the towns of LIECHENICH and BLEISHEIM been cleared yet? Ans: No, I've called Div about who will take it and when. Red 3: I have everything ready to be layed on as soon as the Colonel gets/here.
- 2005 - S-5 to Maj. Lauten G-2: We need two good CIC men to be with us right along. Attached permanently if possible. G-2: Will try and get you a team to go along with you tomorrow but so far our teams are far behind in their checking of civilians. S-5: The last time they went thru without checking with us. In FRIESHEIM there are patriots, French soldiers and possibly NAZI under masquerade of Civilians. G-2: Our team consists of officer and 3 non-coms, but they will be broken down into 3 groups and loaned to the people who need them most of all. S-5: I am moving one Bn up tonight and I would like two CIC men to report in FRIESHEIM at 0900 hours in the morning. G-2: I'll do the best that I can do to get them up there. (There were 12 P/Ws captured in ERP today).
- 2022 - S-3 to Maj. Green, S-3: Who goes for BLEISHEIM? Ans: The 26th Inf just before daylight in order to cover that open ground. S-3: What Bn are they using? Ans: No details as yet. (S-3) Who will work over KEELNVERNICH? Maj. Green: The other people don't know their plans as yet. S-3: Would like to know if they take it tonight, for it is very close to us.
- 2025 - Col. Gara to S-3: Lt. Kayes, A Co Engrs has 2 platoons getting a Bailey bridge in. Have Engrs resweep for mines between towns F and W. Co Commanders jeep blown up. Have those people lay on plans for tying in. There is one truck load of treadways on way to Lt. Martinez, engr platoon leader, who will supervise laying of bridge between F and W. (Friesheim and Weilerswist).
- 2030 - S-6 to General TAYLOR: Recon returned from up front. Situation is bad. Bn still in town, roads mined, road blocks, bridges blown. Unit there has no armor and lacks artillery support. Moving Red Bn to FRIESHEIM as scheduled. Gen. Taylor: Will inform the people about the situation; will inform you later as to the outcome.
- 2038 - S-3 to Red 3: Red 6 is back here. Use that platoon of engrs on road sweep for mines from FRIESHEIM to WEILERSWIST, also to help with bridges. There is another truck load of treadways on the way there. The platoon up there will stay there and help; they have a bull dozer and everything laid on. When the bridge is done, they will leave. Tell Lt. Martinez, Engr platoon leader, these orders come from above. S-3: If you need anymore engrs or run in to any trouble ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ call me and I'll help you out. Red 3: My engrs are in LUXHEIM, I'll have them meet in GLADBACH.
- 2040 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce: Will you get your mine platoon to sweep town, clear mines, beginning at 2200 hours? They can contact our CP at edge of town. Every street and alley must be swept clean. 1st Bn leaving tonight at 2230 hours, and 2nd Bn coming tomorrow.

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- 2055 - S-3 to Col. Gara Div Engrs: Speaks of FRIESHEIM being an obstacle because of barriers and mines. Col. Gara says his Engrs have been supervising the removal of barriers by the people who put them in. He advises not to use mine sweepers in town if laid with AP mines. S-3: I figure it will take 8 hours for one platoon to clear town tonight. I have a combat platoon to work road. I expect to use that town for 1st Bn assembly area. Col. Gara suggests that Lt. Martinez, engr platoon leader, supervise clearing of roads and laying bridge, and that 78th Div people be used to help re-sweep the road. Col. Gara: Bridge must be laid in order to get dozer across to the town. 26th has B Co clearing two roads, so they can go for HLEISHEIM. Lt. Martinez can put two good NCO's to do the work on roads and follow up with dozer.
- 2110 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj. Sandell 7th FA LO: 9th Div will clear town of KLEIN and town across the river. Details later. The 26th will clear HLEISHEIM. Details later.
- 2132 - Red 3 to S-3: Are you going to post any guides? Ans: No, we are not. You post them yourself where you need them. The route is marked with our signs. But, have about half dozen men posted any way because in the dark they might go astray.
- 2140 - S-5 to Capt. Ralph, Regt Comm O: The generator and the half track radio will leave at 0800 hours with the Fwd CP. The advance leaves at 0700 hours.
- 2150 - Lt. Kestlinger to 634th TDS: 1st Bn moves at 2330 hours tonight with Cannon Co. 3rd Bn at 0800 hours and 2nd Bn at 1400 hours. Hqs will be set up in new place by 0800 hours.
- 2215 - 1st Engrs to S-3: S-3: Want you to go to FRIESHEIM, detruck and walk to WELERSWSEIST with trucks following. Contact the 310th Inf there, and have them tell you what engineers work they are doing. They swept the road but I want you to re-sweep it. They are building a bridge, want you to help them on it. Maj. Oxford is coming down there with a truck load of bridging equipment. There are some wooden road blocks in WELERSWIST, remove them. There is a bull dozer down there which ought to do the job. Pick out a Fwd CP for yourself in WELERSWIST to operate from, leave your vehicles in FRIESHEIM.
- 2220 - Capt. Merindeno, Regt Transp. O to Lt. Kestlinger: Trucks are here. One broke down and one turned over, so we only have 28 trucks now.
- 2232 - Lt. Kestlinger to A Co 1st Engrs: 1st Bn moves tonight at 2330 hours. 3rd Bn moves tomorrow at 0800 hours. 2nd Bn at 1400 hours tomorrow. Dagwood CP opens at new location at 0800 hours.
- 2240 - Lt. Lynch Civ LO reports: 1st CANADIAN ARMY made contact with 9th AMERICAN ARMY. 38th Inf now located at 1426. 1st Bn of 309th at 242297. 2nd Bn of 309th 248300. 2nd Bn of 47th at 3033 and 300345.
- 2315 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report. G-3: Your LO is on way down with the order.
- 2320 - S-6 to Col. Beck, G-3: What's new? Ans: General says that 310th will secure the town before we pass thru them. You will not pass thru until then. When they secure the town, you pass thru and secure Objective #1, which is the high ground beyond the town.

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- 2324 - S-6 to Red 6: See if you can relieve them tonight. Do the best you can, and we'll see what tomorrow brings.
- 2337 - G-6 to S-6: Conversation concerns the relief that is taking place tonight. General OK's plans of S-6 for the relief tonight, instead of tomorrow.
- 2345 - S-2 to Capt. Golden, Cannon Co: When are you leaving to go with 1st Bn? Ans: About 0100 hours. S-2: Tie in with our FWD Switchboard. (Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO, notified Capt. Golden that 7th FA can be had thru Switch and DELTA).
- 2350 - S-5 to Capt. Ralph, Regtl Comm O: Instructed Capt. Ralph to have the radio half track ready to go in half hour. Have phones installed at Fwd CP. Alert Msg Center unit to be ready to go forward with Col Gibb in half hour. Capt. Ralph is to go with the radio half tracked vehicles. Leave at 0015 hours.
- 2355 - Maj. Green, G-3 to S-3: When you find out score down there, notify Col. Gara. He has one mission for the 26th Inf and possibly one for you. S-3: Situation is: The road is not clear of mines; there is only one way to go across the stream and that is to ford it; there are mines in the town and a number of barriers. Col. Gara should send an engr officer down to survey the work to be done. We are effecting a relief tonight. The Engrs problem is Gara's. I've told him the story. I've got only one platoon of Engrs. The Col and I are going to FRIESHEIM AT 0030 hours.
- 2355 - G-3 to S-3: You have an order on the way down giving you orders to take the 1st Objective on Div orders. That order is given. Go no further without Div orders. 1st Bn of 26th Inf goes for objective #1 at midnight. S-3: How about the 9th Div? G-3: One town on west bank has been ordered to be taken tonight. Believe it is their cavalry group that is doing the job.

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- 0018 - S-6 to Red 6: Forward CP unit of Dagwood is now moving to FRIESHEIM. (323403).
- 0045 - 2nd Bn gives negative report.
- 0110 - Col. Gibb S-6 to Capt. Parsons G-3: I want a Treadway bridge. The Engrs are only putting in a foot bridge, and that is no good. G-3: I will check on this right away. S-6: You can call me at the Forward CP.
- 0115 - Capt. Parsons G-3 to S-3: Those people were short one truck load of treadway. Maj. Oxford, Div Engrs, is on his way up there with it, and will work with those engineers to get it done tonight. S-6: Do the engineers up there know that they are to work with Maj. Oxford? Someone up at Div didn't even notify these people that we were taking over.
- 0135 - Maj. Edmonds to Mr. Lipinski: (Mr. Lipinski gives information from the previous journal items of 3 March, including conversations between Division and S-3).
- 0155 - to 0600 hours all units report negative. At 0400 hours, 1st Bn reported that they had pulled their switchboard. At 0600 hours Col. Driscoll, Red 6, reported that 1st Bn was in position, but that the bridge was not in yet. Bridge was being worked on.
- 0618 - Mr. Lipinski, Rear CP duty officer, to FWD CP: FWD CP reports that 1st Bn is in position and that phone lines are in to them. Mr. Lipinski reports that the rear CP will move forward starting at 0700 hours.
- 0618 - G-3 reports that A and B of the 26th Inf is on the approaches to the western edge of town, and that heavy equipment is on the road.
- 0745 - G-3 to S-3: 1st Bn of the 39th in town of DERMERSHEIM, over stream there. 1st of 26th in town of ELIESHEIM, town is clear. S-3: We are in the town, have the bridgehead; working on a few houses; took over where these people stopped. Haven't got a bridge in yet. 1st Engrs are not working on the bridge. G-3: I understand the 1st Engrs are not to build one today, but to clear the approaches to and around the bridge site. S-3: I want the engrs to build one today, the 310th has pulled out completely. Do you think that you will move today? We would like to use these houses to get some of our people off the streets. G-3: OK, go ahead and use them. S-3: We will clean them up when we get thru. G-3: The 26th Inf has jumped off for their final objective. B of the 27th Armored Regt is in town of VERNICH, on the southern edge. TFY, of 3rd Armored, reached the RHINE on the 74 grid.
- 0755 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Stabler, FO, 7th FA, with 1st Bn: Above information given by S-3. Capt. Stabler gives location of 1st Bn as east to 382, north to 409, south to 43 and 44 - working on that. Line up from north to south is - A, B and C. 2 PWS have been taken.
- 0810 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Get your recon up early so that you can move up here early. Report in to the CP when you get here.

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- 0820 - S-2 gives latest information to G-2, stating that bridge is not in yet.
- 0830 - S-2 to G-2, Capt. Donnley: What about the CIC team? Ans: Will check on them and call back.
- 0845 - Red 5 to S-3: Our installations closed complete as of 0555 hours this morning. S-3: Report from Red 6 says town is clear and they are on the outskirts of it. The bridge is not in as yet. The 1st Engrs had the responsibility. Red 5: Who has the towns North and South of it? S-3: On the right, the 26th Inf has ELIESHEIM. On the South, a recon outfit. S-3 reports that 2 Bns of 16th will go tomorrow.
- 0900 - Maj. Green G-3 to Col. Horner, S-5: The Big Boss is on his way here today, and I want to get a picture of the situation. S-5: The 1st Bridge is not in. 2 platoons of Engrs are working - one in the town, and one on the bridge. This is insufficient. Maj. Oxford is the coordinator between our Engrs and the other Engrs. They are getting fire - left, right, and front. 1st Bn is in town, but with no equipment. Main roads being worked on, must be demined and road blocks moved. Town is clear of mines. G-3: Is enemy fire enough to delay the work? S-5: Yes, Mortar fire, 120mm and artillery around sites and in the town. Until bridges are in, we cannot go on with our plans. We cannot contact these people (Cavalry group) until both of us have bridges in.
- 0920 - Capt. Brooks, 1st Bn to Lt. Brown S-2: We have 14 PWS. Red 6 wants to find out from them what is in those woods. There are 4 PWS up forward and two Frenchmen, formerly PWS of the Germans. They will not be released until dark.
- 0930 - S-2 to PWI: S-2 tells of the PWS of the 1st Bn. They were picked up in WELLESWEISS. S-2: I want you to find out from them whether there are guns, mines, tanks, etc, up ahead. Give them a good working over. Sgt Schneider, PWI, asks for positions. S-2: 1st Bn of 26th Inf is in ELIESHEIM. There is a recon outfit south of ELIESHEIM in KLEIN and VERNICH.
- 1000 - White 3 to S-3: What is the news? Ans: You are to move at 1500 hours instead of 1400 hours, in order to go less crowded thru the town. One Co will go to WELLESWEISS and relieve C Co to block to the south. Recon will go in daylight. Send TD's along with them as soon as bridge is in. White 3: Where is the bridge? S-3: In town. 1st Bn is up to 1200 yards East of stream to canal. They are to the 38 line, east of the town, to the 408 line on the north. South of Town C Co in that East-West road to the 397 line, by the R.R. tracks. Either you or the Col. (Grant) get up here at 1330 hours, have the Co Co who will relieve C Co come along.
- 1005 - Blue 3 to S-3: Town and Bridge being jammed with convoys in four directions. It is a bad situation, officers are needed out here.
- 1007 - S-3 to G-3: Maj. Green: We have no bridge; we had no artillery fire last night, all guns turned around in wrong direction. At 0500 hours this morning we straightened it out. We have no Antitank protection until bridge is in. They started at 0730 hours. Our Liaison Officer called up at 1800 hours last night about Div artillery and gave them all the information. G-3: The Engrs really did a lot of unnecessary work by putting a Bailey bridge in at LIBMAR. S-3: We have 5 Bns firing for us.
- 1010 - S-3 to Capt. Ralph: Put four forward lines to WELLESWEISS and tie in at 1st Bn to all other Bns.

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- 1015 - S-2 to Maj. Lauten, G-2: How about the CIC teams? G-2: They have about 2000 civilians to process up in the 18th Inf sector, and it will be noon or later before they can get to you. Those CIC people already there will sleep there. Teams are in GYMNIC and BLESSNIC.
- 1030 - Capt. Booth to S-3: Div FWD CP is here to take K Co buildings. Ans: Div gave us permission to move in and out tonight, and as long as we do not interfere with work.
- 1035 - Col. Horner, S-5 to Col. Barnes: We were wondering if you were moving your CP here in town today.. Ans: No, we are not. S-5: We would like to put 3rd Bn in for the day and will move out tonight. Ans: That will be OK. S-5: Could you tell me when the 9th Armored Div will move out of here? Ans: They remain attached to 9th Div. I suspect they will move South. I will find out.
- 1045 - FWI reports: We have 11 PWS, 2 of which are Red Cross men. Also have 2 Frenchmen, who were German PWS. PWS are as follows; 2 from 14th Co, 164th Regt of 62nd Div; 1 from the 6th Co, 164th Regt, 62nd Div; 6 from Combat Team ADAM; 2 from the Red Cross; 2 Frenchmen.
- 1100 - S-2 to G-2: Gives above PW report. G-2: The Frenchmen go thru Military Government and to DISPLACED PERSONS. The Red Cross men, I'll have to check on. Elements of the 9th AMERICAN ARMY and elements of the 1st CANADIAN ARMY have met yesterday at 9828. Everything West of there is clear. TFY of the 3rd Armored has reached the RHINE in the vic of 3974. 8th Div elements at 3457. 104th Div has elements at 3359 and 3262.
- 1100 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Lt. McKay, 1st Bn: Have you moved any tanks into town yet? Ans: No, sir. There is an officer from 299th Engrs, here and he said that the treadingway is in. S-3: Let me talk to him - Are you going to put Bailey bridge in same site as the treadingway? Ans: We were thinking of it but we will not put it in anywhere as yet. S-3: Why don't you plan to put it in tomorrow morning? We should have the high ground by then. Ans: I will let you know. S-3: Any vehicles in town? Ans: No Sir. Col. Gibb to Col. Driscoll: What are you doing? Ans: We are working on mines and clearing town. S-6: 3rd Bn from Point 4 to NORTH to 395 northing on the east - you will take the other half and go out to the woods. 3rd Bn down to relieve what you have on north and 2nd Bn for what you have on south. Demine the roads. Do you have town cleared? Ans: Yes, Sir. S-6: I want to push off about 0430 in the morning. Ans: Right, Sir.
- 1110 - S-5 to G-5 Col. Barnes: S-5 says that the 89th Recon sqdrn and TFC of the 9th Armored are congesting the area. Col. Barnes replies that he will see what can be done about it.
- 1110 - G-2 to S-2: If the Red Cross were working with the soldiers, send them through PW channels; if working for the civilians, turn them over to Military Government.
- 1112 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Col. Beck: Finally got the bridge in. Ans: Good. Your objective #3 is as far south as you go. You do not have the town of H now.
- 1112 - Lt. Lynch LO to Div: Elements of CCB located at 350375. 26th Inf locations: C Co on the stream, also 1200 yards out. B Co 800 yards north of that. 1st and 2nd Bn of 28th Regt have taken their objective at 3575. Elements of 104th Div are at 3459, also at 3260, also at 3363. In contact on the RHINE - TFY was at 3974.



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- 1230 - PW reports: AA guns and AT guns (88mm) at 379396. 20mm AA guns at 378396 and 376393. The route of the 16th Regt, 62nd Div, GERNUED - SPRASSELD - MUGGENHAUSEN - WELLERSWIST. PW dropped load of bazooka ammunition at CR at 376395. It is possible that 10th Regt, 353rd Div is also in the vicinity. 25 men in 11th Company. Have 8 to 10 Panzerfausts, but can get all that they need. 4 bazookas in Co, T.O, is 54; CO is Lt. BECKE. 6th Co, 16th VGR, 62nd VGD, CO is Lt. SHULTZ. Said Co CP was in RR station in WELLERSWIST. Aid station at 373403; 45 men in the Company. 150 men in the Bn. Only a 5th and 6th Company in the Bn. Bn CO is 1st Lt. HERMAN. Boundary of the 6th Company, 369399 to 374398 and possibly as far as 347396. GO of CP ADAM is Lt. Adam; comprised of 60 men, and 12 Panzerfaust men. Church tower in GROSSVERNICH is an artillery OP. They came from ODENDORF, 3938. Civilians told PW that streets in WELLERSWIST are mined with AT mines. Four AT guns in RR station at 372395 (75mm), were moved out today.
- 1230 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to Maj. Smith, S-3: Do you have two bridges in? Ans: Yes, one across each creek. Col. Gara: Five mines have been picked up on road going into town. S-3: I believe Lt. Martinez is going to need a bull dozer in WELLERSWIST. Do you know the condition of bridges across the canal? We are going to need two: They will have to go in tonight. Col. Gara: I would advise trying to go across the railroad bridge. Maj. Smith: Yes, we will try.
- 1245 - S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: How is everything going? Ans: Pretty good. One squad of the engineers is working. I have called Lt. Martinez, there are quite a few things for them to do up here. Recon is to take a look at GROSSVERNICH, then establish a screen, then you are to contact them. How is the town of MÜHLSEGER at Pt 1? Ans: I have no report on them as yet. S-3: We would like to have you clear everything to the canal tonight. Tomorrow morning by 0430 hours and 0500 hours, we would like to have you set up like this - Pt 4 is where your left flank should be, and your right flank should be at Pt 17, west to Pt 26, having everything at the edge of the woods. Your northern sector is to be relieved by the 3rd Bn, your southern sector to be relieved by the 2nd Bn. The 2nd Bn is to move in first. All clearance on the WELLERSWIST road is to be granted thru this headquarters.
- 1310 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Maj. Green stated he was interested in bridge data, what is in and how much work there is to be done.
- 1330 - S-5 to G-3: The two Chemical Wpns outfits are moving out now.
- 1335 - S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: Our bridges - the one for the 3rd Bn is at 373410 and one for the 1st Bn at 382402; a bailey bridge is to replace the treadway. The one at 373410 is now in a s of 1100 hours.
- 1335 - S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: What is new? Ans: 26th has a new PW identification. They picked up the CO of the 8th Co., 4th FORTRESS Regt, 26th took 4 PWs all together. S-2 gives PW information from previous journal items, special mention is made of the enemy OP and the 88mm locations in GROSSVERNICH.
- 1350 - PW information given to Blue 2, Lt. Walker.
- 1355 - RADIO INTERCEPT - TF Davison to CG 1st Div. - CP location 229449, entire TF closed in by 032230A. (G-3 notified by telephone, -032235A).

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- 1405 - S-2 to G-2, Maj. Lauten: What is the SOP on civilian police chiefs?  
 Ans: There is an army directive out on that and I will check for you.  
 S-2: How about the CIC? Ans: They are with the 18th now and they should check in with you soon. I am going to get a PA system and have it available for your use. S-2: What is the score on enemy units facing us? Ans: You are headed for the boundary between the 353rd Div and the 62nd Div.
- 1425 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Red 3: How about Pt 44, are there any enemy there?  
 Ans: I'll get a check on it and call you back. S-3: You can have any priority you want on moving heavy stuff into town. Red 3: I'll start moving that stuff in about a half hour, and I will not be using the road much tonight.
- 1440 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to S-3: M Co of the chemical mortars, that were with L Co of the 18th, will go to you effective at 1500 hours. Ans: OK. We are probing by patrol to determine direction of tonight's attack.
- 1440 - S-3 to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Get an observer with 2nd Bn. Have 2nd Bn observer go with G Co. Have 3rd Bn observer report to 3rd Bn CP.
- 1445 - S-3 to Blue 6, Maj. Gozenski: Stop here soon as Capt. Booth relieves you and alert your CO commanders for recon. Read is OK., clear of mines. The 1st Bn says very little fire, and tanks are being moved up now.
- 1445 - Operator notifies that the Rear CP has closed out.
- 1446 - Red 3 to S-3: Patrol to 44 found it all clear. S-3: Wirt, G Co, will be up. Establish road blocks S and SE of 44 right on up to the stream. Wirt will be under your control with mission of holding and protecting your flank until 2nd Bn moves up.
- 1510 - KRITZ (Arty Officer) to S-6: I want to move a Bn of 8 inch Howitzers south of town west of river. S-6: OK, I am moving practically everything up front tonight.
- 1525 - Lt. Brown, S-2 to Red Rear, Lt. Elenner: Is Capt. Brooks there? Ans: No. S-2: I have one Russian, I'll send him up. I also have 19 PWs that I am going to send to Regtl cage.
- 1540 - Lt. Beazley CIC to Lt. Brown, S-2: I will get my team down to see you as soon as we can travel from Div to your CP. S-2: I will be expecting you.
- 1555 - Red 3 to S-3: The patrol is back, found no enemy, only civilians. We see enemy moving around across the canal. We picked up some enemy between 46 and 45, are firing on them now. S-3: Hope to have a platoon of Engrs to bridge canal at Pt 26; open up road to 26 (this is the only road that appears good). Martinez will do the bridging for you. The 3rd Bns bridge will be West of O203 on the main road. Red 3: The mines are pretty well cleared now. Enemy artillery is still falling at scattered points, a bout 2 dozen rounds per hour. Have no special problems. Red 6: What is goose-egg on our final objective, in case we can keep on going? S-3: Left boundary is road from 578 exclusive. Right boundary 495111. Final goose-egg is 29, NE to 10, to 9, SE to 11, SW to 51. 2nd Bn goose-egg comes to 49, they have been ordered to establish contact when they get there and are ready to move out. 2nd Bns weeps the woods. Red 6: Tried to establish communication still don't have the relay opened up. Radios in this area do not work. There were many targets this morning, and couldn't shoot them. 284 radio contact is fair. S-3: Phone can relay 284 radio artillery calls in case of emergency. Red 6: Line should not be tied up. The liaison information of artillery is not getting back satisfactorily.

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An 88mm is sticking out thru the underpass at the RR. The gun wasn't manned but there was enemy near it. There are flak guns in the area; they have definite positions but the early jump on them will give us an advantage. Our plan is this: 2 companies are jumping from line of departure at Railroad track, the SW one; thru 25 over the tracks and cleaning out the woods; swinging to 26 up over the hill - guiding on trail 26 to 27. (We are trying to get YOUNG to get depth, etc, of the canal from the civilians). Shooting patrol to the canal at dark - it seems narrow at 26. East of 26, think and SP is there, enemy in those farms there too. Moving straight on out; B on the right to the edge of the woods - facing over to the "Tit" to contact 3rd Bn. C is going to protect right flank and tie in with B. We will "barrel-ass" straight out over the open ground - it is weired there. S-3: You keep the same engineers platoon. Red 6: We are re-sweeping the road for mines. The treadway also needs a little work. S-3: 3rd Bn at 0400 hours instead of 0430 hours. People on right are not across yet at GROSSVERNICH.

- 1600 - Col. Horner to G-2: Will you check the CIC team and get them down here as soon as possible? Ans: I will check into that immediately.
- 1640 - Light Tanks Officer to S-6: Could you use light tanks on the right flank? Ans: Yes, 2 platoons and assault guns. I am going at 4 and I want to continue to the rigge overlooking the RHINE without a halt. My plan roughly is that gully NW of WELLERSWIST, inclusive of 3rd Bn. 1st Bn East on ridge, with G Co taking SE of WELLERSWIST, tanks and TDs along with them. If bridge is not in, I intend to wade one Co of 2nd Bn. I am going for East objective, each one at the same time; #2 with the 2nd Bn, #3 with the 1st Bn - at the same time.
- 1642 - S-3 to Lt. Gregg, 1st Engrs: Get in touch with Lt. Kayes and have him contact me right away.
- 1647 - PWI reports: 1st Bn has 9 PWs from 8th Co, 4th FORTRESS Regt.
- 1715 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Maj. Smith: Effective at 1700 hours, 2 platoons of D Co, tank Bn, will be detached from TFD and attached to you. TFD have been notified, and a representative from TFD will contact you.
- 1725 - PWI reports: 8th Co, 4th FORTRESS REGT - captured at 368h13 at the big farm; were formed 2 weeks ago in WIESBADEN. Mostly taken from hospitals after being wounded. Each Bn has a 2 rifle and 1 heavy weapons Co. Bn has 350 men and officers. Heavy company made up of 8 cmml mortars and heavy machine guns, did not know the number. 2nd platoon of 8th Co, about 30 men. This group is only one squad, and were on an outpost. 3rd Platoon is BLIESHEIM. 1st Platoon in OBERLIEBLAR. 8th Co the left flank of 3rd Bn sector - to LIBLAR and to northwest on the main road. They were not able to make contact to the left at GROSSVERNICH because there was no one there. Most towns, at least on main road and approaches, have AT mines and obstacles. Obstacles are made of logs with 3 Teller mines placed between and dug in, in front of the obstacles. Two days ago, PW saw 45 tiger tanks from GHQ in WELLERSWIST, they took off towards the NE. Five days ago the 9th Pz Div was in WELLERSWIST: told PW that they were retreating towards COLOGNE.
- 1730 - Capt. Chergotis, Tnk Officer, to Maj. Smith: Do you want those two tanks? Ans: Yes, want one at 1st Bn and one at 3rd Bn. Move down tonight, set up where A of the 745th is and then come up and see me as soon as you get in.

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- 1820 - 1st Bn Shell report - 300 mortar rounds, 250 light artillery, 50 medium artillery. Coming from East and Southeast.
- 1822 - Shell report as above given to 7th FA and G-2.
- 1822 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to S-3: East and South of Pt 44, B Co pushed forward took 6 PWs. 2 men in civilian clothes, who were also participating in the shooting. We threw some mortar out. Ans: OK, Colonel, I will make out the necessary arrest papers for those two birds.
- 1854 - Lt. Kestlinger to 2 6th Inf S-3: Will contact A Co at 0400 hours when we jump off. Ans: OK.
- 1900 - G-6 to G-5: Discuss engineer problem, also artillery. S-6 intimates that there is a lack of cooperation on the part of Div, in as much as the 16th Inf has not been getting bridges when they want them. Do not get artillery fire when we want it; and do not get any information on people on our combat engineers to work day and night when there are people in the rear just sitting and waiting to make Bailey bridges. G-5 says that he will check on this and see about it.
- 1900 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Col. Horner, S-5, would like to see you up here at 2000 hours. Ans: I will be there.
- 1904 - Lt. Kestlinger Also notifies Maj. Smith, White 4, and Maj. Edmond, Red 5 of the same request as above item.
- 1915 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-1: At 1700 hours today, we picked up 2 platoons of Co D, 745th Tank Bn. They are attached to 16th CT.
- 1920 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Balyeat Service Co: At 1700 hours today, we picked up 2 platoons of Company D, 745th Tanks. 20 men with Red, and 20 men with Blue Bns. Ans: OK, thank you.
- 1925 - Maj. Fowley, G-3 to S-3: You know the two towns below the 1st Bn - the 47th boys are going across there to 3 kilometers to southeast, to the little town beginning with "S". The 310th will try to get to 3532.
- 1930 - Lt. Lynch IO to Division to Maj. Smith: Combat 9th Armored scheduled to take off to southwest for the big town of E at 1400 hours. If unsuccessful, 60th Inf Regt, would creep up to outskirts of town and would go for it tomorrow. 39th Bridge construction at LUMENSON was held up. Relief of F and G of 26th Inf was completely by cavalry. Will clean out town opposite where 2nd Bn is now.
- 1937 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Colonel Fowley: G-3: I understand we would get the 745th Assault guns? Ans: I will check on it.
- 1937 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO reports: G-3 has no confirmation of the fact that the 9th Armored Div has jumped. 26th Inf has jumped. 2nd Bn of 26th was relieved by 32nd Cav at 1545 hours, at which time they jumped off for OBERLIBAR. When they secure the factory district in the town, 1st Bn of 26th is going to improve their positions on #2. If that goes OK, 1st and 3rd of 26th will go for #2, they believe.
- 1950 - White 3 to S-2: How is 1st Bn making out? Hear that they are in a fire fight at 44? Ans: Red 5 says that he does not know anything about it. We have no report of it.

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- 2000 - Maj. Wezenski Blue 6 to Maj. Smith S-3: Troops will close in about 2230. S-3: The Colonel wants you to push on and when you get to 1st objective, call in and then go on for final objective. You will have a platoon of light tanks, on call tomorrow.
- 2001 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO to clerk: All 3 Bns of 26th Inf will coordinate in an attack. 1st and 2nd go for objective #3, and 3rd Bn goes for #2.
- 2003 - S-3 to 26th Inf S-3: We jump at 0400 hours. Will try and go all the way out to our final objective. Will try to get all 5 of our goose-eggs. If We go good, will you cover our left flank? Ans: If things go good, I'll cover the left flank.
- 2007 - Col. Fowley G-3 to Maj. Smith S-3: On the assault guns, no go. They go to TF Davison. S-3: I am tied in with the 26th and fairly well with the 47th. We push at 0400 hrs and if things go well we will get all the way.
- 2014 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder White 3: The 47th is on your right. Here is the boundary line. From 370387 draw a line southeast through Pt 68, and 83, that is boundary. They jump at 2400 hours to secure line 83, 97, and 128. 1st and 3rd get orders to go all the way tomorrow. Be all set to go. Ans: OK.
- 2020 - Col. Heath CO 7th FA to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO: Discussion centered around the harassing fires that were called for last night. Maj. Sandell gave the battle plan for tonight and tomorrow.
- 2025 - Red 2 to S-3: 6 PWs and 2 Russians. Want Russians go thru PW channels. PWs from 8th Co, 164th Regt, and is attached to 5th Co, which is spread 376404 to 375394. Three 105's located at 370400. Three 88's at 393393. Have patrol going out at 2030 hours to Pt 26 to check canal.
- 2035 - Blue Bn reports: There is a light burning on and off in the church tower in town. Ans: We will check it.
- 2045 - Lt. Bashford, G-2 to S-2: (Capt. Hall): We have some basic cover for you (speaking of airphotos). S-2: Give it to our liaison officer when it is ready to come down. S-2: gives PW information from previous journal items.
- 2050 - Capt. Oelsey G-2 to S-2: The 353rd Div boundary is North of WELLERSWIST, they are pretty much beat up outfit. They are reinforced by the 4th Fortress Bn. The 91st Regt is practically eliminated; the 943rd Regt is about the same way. WELLERSWIST is strongly held by the 62nd Div. The 401 Volkstrum are being used for artillery support. The SP's we are running into seem to be attached AT units. There is no indication of any new people moving in, in front of us. Anti-airborne stakes are being put in on the RHINE.
- 2100 - S-2 to Capt. Booth: What is cooking? Ans: Our people are on their way. 2 companies are moving now. At 2100 hours the CP will move.
- 2136 - Col. Fowley to Capt. Clark: The town of VERNIEL, below the 1st Bn was found to be unoccupied by armor units, infantry is being sent up to occupy it. The 10th is 3 kilometers west of Cologne, some units of 3rd Armored have touched the river.

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- 2140 - 32nd FA to Capt. Clark: What is your front line positions? B Co is at 36840.
- 2200 - Lt. Lynch to Capt. Hall: I have some photos here. Do you want them tonight. S-2: When will you get here in the morning? Ans: About 0900 hours. Ans: OK. Bring them then.
- 2230 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 to Capt. Clark: B patrol Company got back all right. They saw a few enemy, they seemed to be picking up machine guns and ammo.
- 2230 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Capt. Clark: Anything new? Ans: No. G-3: Did the light tanks report yet? Ans: Yes.
- 2235 - Blue 2 to Capt. Hall: Anything new? Ans: No, we had a few PWs but they had nothing new for us.
- 2245 - Red 5 to S-3: Weasels are having trouble getting over the bridge. I almost rolled my jeep over in a bomb crater by the church in the town. There are no markers on it.
- 2250 - White 3 to S-3: G Co is set. They are putting in their AT guns now. E Co relieved two platoons of B and one platoon of A.
- 2300 - Capt. Clark gives hourly report to G-3.
- 2315 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: Bn is closed in the town where 1st Bn is, with the exception of our 81's as we have no report on them yet. CP will be 600 yards north of Pt 43 on the road. I Co is sending out patrols to 368414 and 373410. If that is clear, we will ease up and send a patrol out to the stream.
- 2317 - Col. Beck to Capt. Clark: What is the dope? Ans: All bns are closed in the town where 1st Bn is. 3rd Bn patrols out to 368414 and 373410 and if clear will move patrol out from there to the stream. (Capt. Clark gives company dispositions). G-3: Are you tied in with the 26th? Ans: Yes, we have one of their liaison officer here. G-3: Do you know their plans? Ans: Yes, Sir.
- 2325 - 1st Bn Fwd reports negative.
- 2326 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: What is the time of your jump off? Ans: 0400 hours in the morning.
- Intermittent snow flurys and rain throughout the period. Roads muddy. Cold.
- Capt. Hall S-2 returns from furlough to England and resumes his regular duties as Regimental S-2. Lt. Brown, Red 2, resumes his duties with the 1st Bn.

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0001 to 0100 - 1st and 2nd Bns submit negative reports. Capt. Clark reports negative to G-3.

0120 - PWI reports: Two PWs from the 2nd Alarm Company, 67th VG. On the 3rd of March all sorts of personnel coming thru ODENDORF (3928), were gathered and put into the 2nd Co. CO is Lt. SIHICK. There were 50 men in the Company. These two men deserted, and they report that there have been others who deserted. They think that there may be 30 to 40 men now, defending from vicinity of 376402 to 371398. On the right, they report 90 men along the RR from the 11th Co, 164th Inf Regt. A 105mm is located at 40003800 - there is one to the north and 2 to the south of the road. The town of STRASSFELD, (3833) is full of supplies and fighting troops; say Division CP is also there. 15 Panzer tanks are reported to be in ODENDORF: the destination of these tanks was the town at 3118. (This report is forwarded to G-2).

0200 - 3rd Bn reports: Patrol west to within 400 yards of Pt #1 didn't find anything. Three PWs from the 4th FORTRESS Bn, have been here since the day before yesterday. Company went west to MOTTERN ICH; had one 81mm; "S" mines were laid just over the RR crossing around Pt #2. Mines are also reported to be on the roads and shoulders. (This report relayed to G-2).

0230 - PWI reports: Unit identifications of the 7 PWs taken by the 1st Bn. 3 from the 2nd Alarm Co; 4 from the 8th Co of the 864th Regt. The area east and southeast of WEILLERSWIST is defended by the 2nd Bn, 164th Regt, with two Alarm Co's attached - in all there are 150 to 170 men. (The 2nd Alarm Co has been reported previously). The 8th Co with heavy machine guns, was reported to be in the vicinity of 374397. (These men have been taken PW, and were only elements of 2nd Co in this sector. Three, 8 centimeter mortars were left in MUGGENHAUSEN, because of transportation difficulties). To the south of this point is the 1st Alarm Co with 18 men. 1st Alarm is the same thing as Battle Group ADAM. The 6th Co, with about 40 men, is in houses from the vicinity of 367388 to vicinity of 366384. The 5th Co has about 35 men, although the exact location is unknown. The 7th Co does not exist. The Bn CP is in the first house, a red brick building, on the west side of the Railroad looking south from vicinity of 374397. The Regt's CP is thought to be somewhere in the woods, east of WEILLERSWIST.

0325 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: 1st Bn has taken some prisoners. Otherwise negative.

0348 - Capt. Boeth, Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I Co sent out 2 patrols tonight. They got to the river. It is 6 feet deep there; 2 feet deep in other places. Patrol controls the railroad. What about the engineers we are supposed to have? Ans: I will check up on it.

0352 - Lt. Kesylinger to 1st Engrs: Have platoon of engineers that are attached to 3rd Bn contact them immediately.

0418 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I want to let you know that I am jumping off at 0400 hours. (Lt. Kestlinger repeats item of 0348 hours).

0421 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 reports: 1st Bn of 47th jumped off from 326365.

0425 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Gives item of 0418 hours and 0420 hours.

0440 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: One Co of 1st Bn of 47th crossed river by wading just below town that 16th Inf 1st Bn was in. They are now on the other side of the river. C Co, of 1st Bn of 47th Inf crossed at LOMMEERSUM; they will come up the road to GROSSVERNICH. 3rd of 47th on same road between I and W (LOMMEERSUM AND WEILLERSWIST).

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- 0450 - 1st Bn #3 to Lt. Kestlinger: A Co past Pt 25 at RR tracks, and has 15 PWS. B Co is on the move.
- 0455 - Lt. Kestlinger to 47th Inf Maj. Bolan: What is your most forward position? Ans: At the RR tracks, just below town your 1st Bn was in. S-3 gives 1st Bn position at 377404.
- 0505 - Col. Driscoll Red 6 reports: A and B reached 26. Bridge over canal still intact. We are searching for demolition. Moving forward.
- 0505 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: 3rd Bn of 47th, in town of G - just below you people. 3rd Bn made a wet crossing. A and B crossed south of town. C Co made a dry crossing. 1st Bn of 28th Inf in town of 3855. 3rd Bn in 3655, town is cleared. 2nd Bn cleared town of 3557. Lt. Kestlinger gives our positions as 1st Bn at 383400 and 3rd Bn at 376416.
- 0520 - Red 6 to S-3: Road at Pt 26 is just fair, we are sweeping it in order to get vehicles up to that point. It may stand tanks. Picked up 13 PWS at the RR and 6 or 8 more on the other side of the canal. (S-3 gives information in item of 0505 hours from Blue 3).
- 0530 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co: Get your mine detector team up the 3rd Bn at 0600 hours. Send breakfast up to them. Have them stay with 3rd Bn for awhile.
- 0535 - S-3 to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Can not get any engineers. Sending bull dozer and mine platoon. I'll get reinforcements as soon as possible. Blue 3: The radio doesn't work up here. I have a wire following them up. There is lots of rubble in road by the underpass at the RR tracks.
- 0545 - S-3 to Lt. Lyons, G-3: A of the 1st Engrs should have been working with 2nd platoon in addition to our Combat engineers beginning with 12 midnight of last night. Lt. Kayes was here at 1800 hours 4 March and left. He said he would return but did not. We called the 1st Engrs at 0300 hours to get him up here and still he hasn't arrived.
- 0555 - S-3 to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engr: Bulldozer and platoon supposed to support 3rd Bn, must have gotten lost yesterday afternoon. We can't operate and put bridges in without support. Our Combat platoon is working with 1st Bn. Maj. Oxford: How about having a platoon of B working on the approaches to the bridge.
- 0600 - Lt. Baker to S-3: Gets situation from S-3: This information puts 1st Bn at 395405 or Pt 27.
- 0605 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Capt. Wolf says stream is 10 feet wide, and from bank to bank 20 yards wide. Lt. Kestlinger gives 1st Bn position as above.
- 0610 - S-3 to White 3: Attack going fine, 1st Bn at Point 200 yards from edge of woods at Pt 27. Want you to move up in assembly area in WEILERSWIST, ready to move as soon as possible. Get your armor up under cover of darkness, not later than 0715 hours.
- 0620 - Lt. Kestlinger, LO is sent to 745th Tanks to deliver notice from S-3 to the effect that the light tanks are to be ready in half hour; ready to roll at 0700 hours. Platoon leaders to report to 1st Bn CP.
- 0622 - S-5 puts call in to 745th Tanks for Platoon leader to call this CP.



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- 0625 - S-3 to Red 3: Any tanks over bridge? Ans: They are moving now. Don't know if they are over yet or not. S-3: 3rd Bn may use your bridge. Let me know when your stuff clears. Let me know when Lt. Kayes gets there.
- 0630 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 1st Bn has bridge that you can possibly use for your tanks. Blue 3: The engineers officer just got here. His bridge equipment is coming up. They are working on mines now, and I have my AP platoon. No word from the advance; radio is out. S-3: You may have to send a runner for the information. Find out where they are.
- 0644 - S-3 to Red 6: (Red 6 says he has he platoon of tanks with him; brought them up last night, and will try and work with just the one platoon of tanks). S-3: 2nd Bn is alerted to move out. The 47th is not going so good; got to the 37 line. Red 6: My people should be just about to the edge of the woods now.
- 0645 - S-3 to White 3: Gives locations and progress of 47th Inf as being at Pt 80. 1st Bn almost on 1st objective, will stop there until you are ready to go. 3rd Bn progress not definite.
- 0648 - S-3 to Blue 3: Do you have your tanks? Ans: Yes. I hit ~~some~~ some AP mines. M is following with wire for radio relay. Radio is out, in this area. Everything is quiet out there, but we have no definite word.
- 0650 - Red 2 to S-5: We have 13 PWs from 2nd Bn of 164th. 8 were from the Alam Co; 5 from the 14th Co. Road is clear of mines from here to the canal. Bridge is in pretty good condition. One Co reports tanks near #47, firing towards #45, but we have no people there.
- 0659 - 26th Inf S-3 to S-3: Expecting to jump after you go for your 2nd objective. S-3: Will notify you. Looks like it will be roughly 1100 hours; will try and give you a 2 hour notice.
- 0658 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 reports: Blue of 47th cleared GROSSVERNICH, crossed river there. A and B of 47th just south of there at 370375 and facing east; going down that road SE and holding there. C of the 47th came up read out of DURNIN. 3rd Bn of 39th Inf at 360350, facing east and waiting to push. Some friendly people, unidentified, are in town in the 3432 grid square.
- 0700 - Red 6 to S-6: Reviews situation and progress for the attack. Information previously listed in items from the 1st Bn.
- 0715 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: 7 more PWs, this makes total of 20. A and B are at phase line #1, 400 yards or 500 yards east of Pt 27, on edge of woods. No further information on the SP that was firing from Pt 47. C is SW of Pt 27, about 500 yards.
- 0715 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith Red 3: At 0815 hours, the Long Toms will be on the road. F on the road and E coming up.
- 0722 - Maj. Smith to Lt. Lewellyn, MP officer: Get up by the crater and the bailey bridge. Lt. L: Div has taken over the bridge. S-3: You go up there anyhow, and do what you can.
- 0730 - Lt. Bashford, G-2 to S-3: What is new? Ans: 1st Bn should have its objective in half hour. G-2: EUSKIRCHEN has been taken, there are about 200 to 400 people to be cleaned out of the woods. The town at 3655, STOTZHEIM, have been occupied.

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- 0740 - S-3 to G-3: I'd like to jump the same time as 26th, around 1100 hours. 3rd Bn is getting some PWS, but there is no definite dope on their situation.
- 0750 - Blue 3 to Maj. Smith: L Co along secondary road leading into Pt 4. I Co pinned down by fire from Pt 4. K Co situation negative.
- 0755 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: I and L situation given. Help for I Co by tanks, could be used if you can get them over there. Red 3: We have only one tank across the river.
- 0808 - S-2 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: How are things going? Ans: We had 2 or 3 sharp fights, but nothing to stop us. S-2: Did you use much supporting fire? Ans: Didn't have to. Pounded them before we pushed off. Do you have a location on K Co? S-2: No. Red 3: How about 2nd Bn? What are they going to do? S-2: They will move to town you are now in and be prepared to shove out in case you are ordered to go on. Red 3: We have about 20 PWS. I expect that we have more by now.
- 0830 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: What about 2nd Bn? Ans: White is going to town of "W", where they will wait until you and the 3rd Bn have your objectives. Then, if you push on, they will take off for their objective.
- 0833 - G-2 to S-2: "hat do you have? S-2: L Co line 376419, 383416, having no trouble. I Co has one platoon pinned down at 386414 by small arms fire from the NE. K Co, I don't know. A and B are thru the woods on line 396409, 400404. Co on the right flank at 393400. At Pt 400410 there are a group of enemy who are giving up. G-2: I have a loudspeaker that you can use to talk to the enemy, or for use in telling civilians what to do. You can have it whenever you want it.
- 0840 - White 3 to S-3: Closing in town, minus C Co. S-3: Gives situation of other units. White 3: Where did 1st Bn cross the river? S-3: They crossed at Pt 26. You will have some 4.2 mortar support; you will also get engineer support.
- 0840 - S-2 to Blue 3: What do you have for me? Ans: At Pt 4 there are 50 enemy who have one platoon of I Co pinned down. K Co on line and to left of I Co. They are past phase line "C" but not to phase line "D". Just got radio message from K and L Co's - on 1ST OBJECTIVE.
- 0850 - PWI reports: 15 PWS from 1st Bn. All are from 2nd Alarm Co, 164 regt. They confirm previous reports on company, and added this: There are probably 20 men left in vicinity of 383407. Regt, CP is thought to be in METTERNICH. Btry of 105's in vicinity line 39853792, 39703771. The airfield and landing strip NE of STRASSFELD is mined. We have 5 PWS from 3rd Bn (16th Inf); 2 from 2nd Alarm Co, 164th Regt, and 3 from 8th Co, 4th Fortress Regt. These PWS have not been questioned yet.
- 0850 - Red 6 to S-3: We are getting SP fire from Pt 7, and the road is pretty boggy. It looks as though some body will have to work on Pt 7, while somebody else goes by. S-3: Send a 4 1/2 mortar observer over to Blue from the Cheml weapons outfit, they will need some fire also.
- 0900 - General ANDRUS to 26th Inf Col. Sytes: How are things? Ans: Pretty good. We have taken about 70 PWS. Andrus: You have about 2500 yards to take and then jump with the 16th. Col. Sytes: We have not had information that the 16th is out in front that far. Andrus: They are, and I want you to catch up with them. I don't believe that we will be able to jump for BRUHL today.

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- 0920 - PWI reports: PWs from 2nd Alarm Co say there are prepared ditches along edge of woods 382410 and 382403 and along edge of woods NW of METTERNICH. PWs from 8th Co, 4th Fortress Regt confirmed disposition of 8th Co. 2nd platoon was in WELERSWIST. 1st platoon is in vicinity of OBERLIEBLAR. 3rd platoon is in HLEISHEIM. 4th Regt, is attached to 62nd VGD. 2nd platoon of 20 men were in position in vicinity of hill 378400, with 2 mortars attached from the 9th Co. PWs think most of them got away toward METTERNICH. Elements of 9th Co, and CP of 3rd Bn, 4th Regt, is in OBERLIEBLAR. 7th Co is in KIERDORF. Regt CP in HEMMERICH. Road from 37464002, 37602992 is mined with "S" mines.
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- 0940 - 90th Cheml Wpns to S-3: Am I supposed to have an observer with your 2nd Bn, also? Ans: Have one with all three Bns.
- 0941 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PWI report from 0920 hours, also one of 0850 hours.
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- 1002 - S-2 to G-2: Our #2 Fox OP reports 5 medium tanks at 386360. Tanks went to 413354. They received heavy artillery fire. Tanks are firing into the town. Someone thru smoke in to the area and river is not good now. Also report couple of enemy seen on East side of railroad at 387387.
- 1020 - G-2 to S-2: III Corps reports that the town at 3836, is reported cleared of enemy by 9th Div. They also report 5 enemy tanks in area south of the town at 3935.
- 1020 - S-3 to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: Speaks of change in boundary line, as of item 0935 hours, and item 1000 hours. S-3: I want you to get your tanks up for assault on town there; let Red use your route. After your armor has moved up. (S-3 tells of 2nd Bn jumping at 1200 hours. Speaks of 47th progress as of item 1000 hours, and verbal report from 47th Liaison officer. Says that we will move this CP at 1400 hours).
- 1025 - G-2 to S-2: III Corps reports that 47th Inf reports that they are getting a counterattack in on SCHWARZMIER, by a company of infantry and 8 or 9 armored vehicles, tanks and SP guns.
- 1035 - S-3 to White 3: I Co of 9th Div is at Point 97. They see 3 Tigers and Sherman tanks. The Tiger tanks came from HEMMERZHEIM. S-3: We are going all the way into HEMMERZHEIM. Jump at 1200 hours. Set up a southern defense and send out patrols to point 49 in woods.
- 1037 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: Get your dozer to 2nd Bn. S-3: They will blow bridge first and then clear it with Bull dozer.
- 1100 - S-3 to Red 6: I believe the change in boundary line between the 9th and will give you a better sweep to your target. Red 6: Roads will not take anything but jeeps and weasels. S-3: Well, they can't get that road open until 1400 hours. The Colonel doesn't want you to jump at 1200 hours. I expect you will have to use road up thru 4.
- 1105 - S-3 to White 3: The situation as far as 1st and 2nd Bns is concerned. Blue pushing out to edge of woods. The 26th Inf will also push up there. You will push at 1200 hours. Blue and Red at 1400 hours. They will cover your flank going over open ground. S-3: There may be a few enemy in town but none in woods. White 3: How about the engineers? S-3: I'll pull a platoon of engineers from 1st Bn and get Lt. Martinez (Engr Officer) over there.
- 1120 - White 2 to S-2: Enemy flak positions in town at 4241. We are adjusting on it now.
- 1124 - S-2 to G-2: Gives latest information from Bns: G-2: The town at 3531 has been taken by GCB of the 9th Armored.
- 1135 - PWI reports: 12 more PWs from 1st Bn: 9 from the 2nd Alarm Co of 164th Regt; 3 from the Hqs of 164th Regt. PWs have nothing new, to add, except that the 2nd Alarm Co can be considered destroyed. They confirmed previous reports.
- 1158 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Elder, White 3: The cub flying over your town, spotted a tank against a building. They are putting the 155's on it. The 26th Infantry going at 1200 hours; going thru to our 2nd objective.

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- 1215 - Cheml Wpns CP to S-2: Is there any priority on fires for the 3 Bns?  
Ans: Priority on the 2nd Bn up to 1400 hours.
- 1220 - Capt. Donnelly, G-2 to S-2: Infantry only got half way. We put lot of artillery on them Armored vehicles, reported as tanks. 217 assault guns Bn - 12, ~~105~~ 150mm guns. Captured 2, knocked out 2. One tank or SP down there that is shooting. Getting 20mm flak fire. 26th Inf has jumped off. No report on progress. 3rd Bn of 4th Fortress Bn, 1st Bn Identified front of 26th Inf. 454th Repl Bn (1st and 4th Co). 2nd Bn of 4th Fortress Bn identified. 100 PWs so far today. S-2: Getting some artillery and flak.
- 1230 - Capt. Parsons, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: People on south had a counterattack from vicinity of town of M. 8 tanks and 200 infantry. Report most of tanks and infantry has pulled back.
- 1241 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Here is a report from the PW cage: Battery of four 105mm howitzers at 399379. One of 4 barreled AA guns at 391383. One btry of 88mm (3 or 4 guns) at 391386.
- 1255 - Red 2 to Maj. Smith: I was up to Blue CP and they wanted me to let you know that they are getting a counterattack. Ans: Yes, I know about it.
- 1255 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: We had a little counterattack, near Pt #2, up here. The 10th Co came down the left side of the road, and 8th on the right from BRUHL. Everything OK now; no casualties. The bridge is completed. They are now working on the underpass. Ans: Where are K and L Co's? White 3: They are on their objective. S-3: The Colonel wants the drive continued in conjunction with the 26th Infantry.
- 1300 - S-3 to Maj. Clisson; S-3 26th Inf: We had a counterattack coming down road from BRUHL. 8th and 10th Co's from same outfit? Did you get anything? Maj. Clisson: No, We got 70 PWs from 8th Co. Our tanks are moving up now. S-3: We are up to 395 and will push up to 415. We are just going to keep moving. Our foot elements will be up there. The enemy blew a RR underpass and the engineers are working on it. Maj. Clisson: We had a counterattack early this morning on our 2nd Bn, and got 6 officers and 70 men prisoners from it. We got all of 3rd Bn and C company moving out and remainder of 1st Bn following. The road has not been swept. S-3: I think I will have it swept.
- 1305 - S-3 to Blue 6: Gave information received from Maj. Clisson about the counterattack.
- 1310 - Maj. Smith to White 3: How are things going? Ans: E Co is at 46 and F Co is at 69. S-3: Are they receiving much fire? Ans: Not running into anything that we know of yet. 4 PWs taken by F Co. S-3: 26th Inf 3rd and 1st Bns pushing. Our 3rd Bn will keep pushing; up to 395 now. (K and L Co's 1st Bn isn't doing anything.
- 1335 - 7th FA to LO: Friendly troops 200 yards west of 84.
- 1340 - Lt. Kestlinger to Col. Beck: Forward elements of 2nd Bn, F Co is at 400378. Ans: Good. S-3: Reports everything going along very nicely.
- 1350 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to Capt. Hall S-2: How are things? Ans: White is moving now. Blue is moving on other side. I understand you weren't going. Red 6: Where is Maj. Smith? Ans: Just left for the new CP. Red 6: OK, I will go up and see them.

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- 1400 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Hall S-2: F Co is now at Pt 84, E is southwest of 70. Got 4 PW's.
- 1402 - Capt. Hall S-2 to G-2: F Co is down to 403378. E is down to 404380, meeting little resistance. 1st Bn is getting fair amount of artillery today. G-2: How many PWs for today? Ans: 42 is as close as I can figure now. G-2: Is the town clear yet? Ans: No, not all together.
- 1425 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: F Co at Pt 84. E Co trying to get to 70. They are getting lots of SP fire. Don't know where it is coming from. Tanks are now over the river, so the bridge must be in. Town is being cleared. S-3: I want you to get patrol out to 49. Ans: OK, we are doing that after we clear town. S-3: 3rd Bn pushing to 49 line now. Ans: What do you want us to do with the engineers? S-3: Use them for the road and then send them back.
- 1430 - S-3 to Blue 6: What is the dope? Ans: The bridge is in but there is lots of rubble alaying around. It will be 1630 hours before it is in shape. The other bridge will be in at the same time. There are 20 to 30 enemy running around behind us somewhere. S-3: Let somebody else get them, they will give up.
- 1455 - Maj. Smith to Col Beck: 2nd Bn has the town of METTERNICH with tanks and TDs. I think the bridge is in at 403389. 3rd Bn pushing out to edge of woods at about the 41 line. Having trouble with road, where the underpass is blown. Have no supporting weapons up. All 1st and 3rd Bns had is infantry. Will try and get up tanks and TDs by 1700 hours. Col. hasn't made up his mind if he is going to just jump tonight. Col. Beck: Will let you know about that after I talk with the General.
- 1515 - S-3 to Col. Beck: Going to move the 3rd Bn to edge of woods and will send patrol in to town, if there is room. one Bn will be sent into the town. If not will jump at 0500 hours tomorrow. Col. Beck: Sounds good, will talk to #6 about it; it sounds good.
- 1520 - A of 90th Cheml Wpns to S-3: We can't get in that position you wanted because the ground is wet. Could put platoon at Pt 26, and one platoon at 46.1530 - White 3 to S-3: F Co is 200 yards south of 84, the town is not clear yet. The bridge is in over the canal. S-3: The 1st and 3rd Bns will jump at 0500 hours tomorrow. Send a recon patrol out to Pt 49, don't get mixed up in anything if you can help it. Outpost is probably tomorrow.
- 1550 - S-3 to G-3: We are at 367398 now. 26th Inf 3rd Bn is at 4044 to 410428, along the trail.
- 1600 - Red 6 to S-3: Companies at A, 13, B, 11; C, 6; D, 5. Engineer platoons one of our; through at 3rd Bn. Only KIA 2, that I know of.
- 1610 - White 3 to S-3: What is new? Ans: E Co is to Pt 70. S-3: I have that plotted on map. There are 12 PWs. They asked for a litter jeep. White 3: Anything new on the 47th Inf? S-3: At MUGGENHAUSEN there are 15 enemy tanks and 100 infantry. The 47th is waiting for orders to go into MUGGENHAUSEN. You will have to be careful of your flank.
- 1625 - S-3 to Red 3: The Causeway not in at the By-pass. Too far blown. Dozer stuck. Tanks will have to go to Point 25 under the RR tracks, turn shapp right away. S-3: Gives report of 47th Inf in the item of 1610 hours.

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- 1630 - Red Shell report - 200 rounds of light artillery; 150 rounds of SP. White Bn Shell report: Self Propelled in great number at Pt 70, and northwest of 84, also at Pt 45. No count made.
- 1635 - PWI reports: Total PWs - 61 enemy and 1 Russian in German uniform. From 2nd Bn - 7 PWs from the 2nd Alarm Co and 1 Russian. 1st Bn, one man from 2nd Alarm Co; one man from 3rd Alarm Co. Also from 1st Bn - 28 from 2nd Alarm Co; 4 from 8th Co, 164th Regt; 3 from 164th Regt; 1 from 3rd Alarm Co. 3rd Bn - 2 PWs from 2nd Alarm Co; 3 from 8th Co, of 164th Regt. Cannon Co 1 PW from 2nd Alarm Co.
- 1635 - Maj. Wozenki, Blue 6 to Maj. Smith: K and L Co's looking at the final objective. We are getting some machine gun fire up forward, so I'm going to send some lights up to clean things out. Lt. Kayes, A of 1st Engrs, has given up on the underpass. He says it is a Corps job. There is a bridge across the river that will take mediums. It was prepared for demolition but wasn't blown.
- 1636 - S-2 to White 3: How many PWs do you have? Ans: 12 right now.
- 1437 - S-2 to Capt. Scott: What is your shell report? Ans: We have no phone communications yet.
- 1640 - S-2 to G-2: PW count given. 12 coming in without interrogation. My shell report will consist of SP direct fire. G-2: 176 PWs taken, 114 by the 26th Inf. 26th 3rd Bn is at 395445, 395430. S-2: K Co has made a contact with the 26th. They are almost on line now. Patrols will be sent into town, if it is clear we will move in.
- 1650 - S-2 to Blue 2: Blue 2: 14 PW's from the 8th and 10th Co's of the 94th Regt, coming in. They were from the group that attacked us.
- 1650 - Sgt Valten, PWI reports: The 3rd Alarm Co consists of 40 men who left last night from the vicinity of WELLERSWIST and went to DOBSCHLETTER-HOF. Grid square is 3841. The PW was captured when on patrol. The Co with approximately 35 to 40 men is or was defending southern edge of above village. 3 light machine guns and other small infantry weapons. PW knew only that they were attached to the 62nd Div. He did not know which regt. Now we have 19 more PWs from the 14th Co, 164th Regt. 4 PWs from engineer platoon of the 164th Regt. 5 PWs from ~~engineer platoon of the 164th Regt~~ Headquarters, 164th Regt, 1 PW from 4th Alarm Co, 1 civilian Pole.
- 1700 - S-3 of 26th Inf Maj. Clissen reports: I wanted to let you know our "K" Co has contacted your 3rd Bn physically. Our left flank 414425. S-3: My left flank is 200 yards from your right. 26th Inf S-3: What is in the woods? S-3: Our K Co, L on right of K. They are stopping until dark and patrolling town. If it is easy going, they go tonight, if hard going - they go at 0500 hours in the morning. 26th Inf S-3: We will go on.
- 1705 - G-3 to S-3: I just talked with Red 6, he said that he was going to keep on going. S-3: I talked with him too. (Gives above information in items of 1700 hours.



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- 1715 - S-2 to G-2: More PW's are coming in. (Gives information of previous PW items).
- 1735 - S-2 to White 2: If you have any extra photos of those areas, send them to me tonight.
- 1735 - Red 2 to S-2: S-2: We had about 105 PW's today. At 409428 is a trail from there northwest to lake, 26th 3rd Bn is there. Our G Co is going to move out around Pt 49 tonight. 47th Inf holds town at Pt 97. In MUGGENHUSEN are 10 to 15 enemy tanks and about 100 infantry. Point 128 is strong point. 3rd of the 39th is about 400 yards west of there.
- 1800 - PWI reports: 2 PWs taken by 1st Bn. 1 PW from 2nd Alarm Co, other a Russian in enemy uniform. METTERNICH seems to be defended in a disorganized manner. Found various units of 164th Regt., there. The 14th Co PW's say previous reports on strength of 14th Co were false. The Co had 18 to 20 men when they left last night from the vicinity of WELLSWIST to go to METTERNICH. There are about 10 men left now. 1st Alarm Co virtually destroyed. There are 12 men in Engr platoon of the 164th Regt of which we have 4. A Corps Hqs, number unknown, was in RAMERSHOVEN as of 3 days ago, at 4527. Two days ago Div VP of the 62nd Div was in HAHN, 4431.
- 1800 - White 3 to S-3: What is new? Ans: I have the plan of the 47th, they go for HEMMERZHEIM tomorrow, going to jump tonight for MUGGENHAUSEN and Pt 115, so that they can go for HEMMERZHEIM from that direction. One Bn is going to jump thru you. Have gone up to look at the ground from your companies. White 3: G is moving as soon as they finish chow.
- 1815 - Lt. Stephens to AT Co: Just got a call from the 7th FA, and in their C battery area are four Tellermines; could you take care of that? Ans: Will get some one down right now.
- 1820 - 3rd Bn reports: The two civilians picked up by L Co in front of MERTENHEIDE were in the field with field glasses. Town is clear. Enemy pulled out at 0800 hours; AA guns in front of ROSEBERG.
- 1830 - PWI reports: 5 PWs - one from the 7th Btry of 162 Arty Regt, 3 from 9th Btry of 162 Arty Regt, and one from 6th Co, 164th. PWs say that stragglers are left in METTERNICH. 7th Btry has two 105's and the 9th Btry has 4 105's.
- 1856 - Col. Gara, 1st Engrs to S-3: How do you feel about the 26th Inf moving their artillery through your town? Their MSR will not be fit to use by tomorrow. Ans: It will be OK.
- 1857 - Col. Horner S-5 to S-3: Someone from G Co took a radio and a motorbike from a house here in town and I want them returned in good condition. Ans: OK.
- 1910 - S-2 to G-2: What is the news? Ans: Nothing much, we have troops about 1 mile out of COLOGNE. Further north they are clearing out the pocket from COLOGNE to the RHINE. No new enemy identifications, still the same people. S-2: Picked up 2 civilians who had field glasses on them. Haven't anything on them yet. G moving up around to 413393. Have report of enemy AA guns in ROSEBERG. Had quite a bit of artillery fire and SP today. Would like you to keep me informed as to what goes on in the south side.

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- 1935 - Lt. Lewellyn, MP officer: 76 PWs since midnight and 12 direct to the Division Cage, making a total of 88.
- 1955 - Shell report to the 7th FA: 400 rounds of SP, 200 rounds of light artillery.
- 1956 - Capt. Sylce, AT GO to S-3: They have called for my 3 mine detector teams.  
Ans: OK.
- 2006 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Where are K and L Co's? Co's K and L are both in town. They are receiving small arms fire. We are sending I Co up to Pt 7. I am trying to get the engineers Officer to clear the road up to Pt 7. S-3: I will get the engineer officer for you, and lay it on. Blue 3: I am sending a patrol up with a detail to sweep the road. S-3: What town are you in? Blue 3: MERTNERHEIT, 4212. S-3: How far are you in? Ans: I don't know. I Co will be going into ROSBERG tonight.
- 2115 - S-6 to Red 6: Do you have 4.2's? Ans: Yes, sir. S-6: K and L Co's are there in town. As soon as they get the road swept, we are going to move I Co up to ROSBERG. I want you to move out to your objective.
- 2025 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs: I want the road cleared to ROSBERG right away. Ans: It is cleared. They went up there this afternoon.
- 2029 - S-3 to G-3: Our K and L Co's are in MERTNERHEIT, getting small arms and some SP fire. 47th Inf is to go thru our 2nd Bn about midnight. G-3: CCA is at 4363.
- 2030 - White 3 to S-3: What is new? Ans: 3rd Bn up in MERTNER. K and L in there. I on tanks going for ROSBERG. K and L in a little fire fight. 26th Inf is moving in contact with K. Did any of those people come down to see you? White 3: Capt. Boir said they were down here. The Colonel talked with the Colonel from that unit; going to pass thru your town then thru here, take a left at Pt 70, do a fast right turn, making the east side of canal as their right boundary and take the town. S-3: What do you hear from G? White 3: Can't say off hand, will let you know. When is Red going to move? Maj. Smith: As soon as Blue can clear the road, Red will move up.
- 2045 - S-3 to Blue 6: Called Lt. Kayes and they were on their way up. Lt. Kayes said they swept at that place this afternoon. Blue 6: I want the engineers to take care of road blocks and the AT mine platoon and my men will sweep the roads. What is Red going to do? S-3: Colonel told him to move up when you clear and go for WALDORF in the morning. They will go for 29 tonight. Blue 6: I will take ROSBERG. What is the 26th going to do? Ans: It is moving right thru.
- 2030 - Capt. Hall to White 2: Some artillery coming in the town today. (Discuss the artillery for the day). White 2 requests CIC people and Military Government; mentions that some Belgians that had been picked up were being sent back thru channels.
- 2136 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Smith: B still hears small arms fire to the left front. Hears tanks over there. Can you give me any locations? Ans: G moving to 49. 3rd Bn has K Co to 425423. L is working to ROSBERG.

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- 2155 - Maj. Smith to 26th Inf S-3: Gave locations and situation.
- 2200 - Capt. Booth to Maj. Smith: K cleared most of MERTENERHEIT. I Co is moving into ROSEBERG without trouble. Roads don't appear to be mined. They only had one casualty. Knocked out a volkswagon. "I" will button up in the town. Moving I Co at 2300 hours tonight. TD's and tanks after I Co, and when we are sure the roads are clear. The 26th Inf isn't tying in with us but pushing to the northeast. That will mean patrols in TRIPPLESDORF area too. Col. Driscoll plans on moving at 2300 hours tonight also.
- 2230 - White 3 to S-3: What about the 47th? Ans: They are coming through about midnight. White 3: Due east of 84 we have six man strong point there. Be sure the 47th knows about it.
- 2235 - Col. Horner to Lt. Lewllyn, MP officer: Will you go down to the warehouse that is burning and see if any of our troops are around and how it got started? Ans: OK.
- 2305 - White Bn reports negative.
- 2340 - Red 6 to S-3: We will push in about 15 minutes. B Company will be on the right, C Company will go for WALDORF. S-3: Hold up after you get WALDORF and get some rest. Red 6: I know that the tanks can go to Pt 7.
- 2350 - S-3 to G-3: Situation is given and the plans for concerning the 1st Bn, and the 2nd Bn outpost.

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- 0001 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0010 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: Our armored is moving out from Pt 4; I Co moved out at 2300 hours, but we have no reports from them - no contact.
- 0115 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: We are moving, started at 0015 hours, no communications as yet.
- 0120 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: 1st Bn moving as of 0015 hours. 2nd Bn line is out but they will not move. G-3: 26th Inf is at DORF-PINGSBORN with 1st and 3rd Bns; are this side of the RR tracks and they are still moving.
- 0140 - Capt. Scott, 7th FA LO with 3rd Bn to Lt. Stephens: The patrol from "G" returned from Pt 50 (424397), found no enemy. 47th Inf has not started to pass thru town.
- 0205 - 2nd Bn reports to Lt. Stephens: Negative. I have an unconfirmed report that F Co of the 47th is in town. If so, they haven't contacted any of our companies yet.
- 0209 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens: I Co is in town. ARMOR is moving up. Do not know where "L" Co is, but they will end up between K and I.
- 0214 - Lt. Stephens reports above items to G-3: (Lt. Stephens had called 1st Bn, and they had no further information).
- 0235 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 reports: Two of my jeeps are stuck on road east of the RR between Pts 25 and 3. How about getting the road block at Pt 2 taken care of. Ans: I'll call the engineers.
- 0238 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Kayes, A Co, 1st Engrs: Is anyone working on road block at Pt 2? Ans: We are working on it but are not making much progress. Lt. Stephens: Call Maj. Wozenski and find out from him what he wants done to get the roads open.
- 0309 - 2nd Bn reports: F of the 47th has gone thru town and E of the 47th is on its way. Lt. Stephens: How about their tanks? Ans: Haven't seen or heard the tanks.
- 0316 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Bn: Have you heard anything yet? Ans: No, we have all of the radios open, but we can not contact them. We heard the 3rd Bn trying for contact too, but they are having no luck.
- 0323 - Lt. Stephens to 3rd Bn: How did you make out on the road? Ans: His men are dead tired, and he shouldn't have to work on it at all. Corps should do the job. Lt. Stephens: I'll talk to Division about it.
- 0326 - 1st Bn to Lt. Stephens: A and B are on 29 and going to Pt 10. Ans: F and E of the 47th have passed thru 2nd Bn.
- 0329 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: A and B at 433408, and going to town of KELDENICH. 3rd Bn is using a road that has gone completely out. Our Engrs are busy doing other jobs. Can we get some more engrs? Ans: I'll see what I can do. Have Lt. Kayes get in touch with his men (Bn).

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- 0413 - Lt. Evans, 2nd Bn, to Capt. Clark: Negative report.
- 0430 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: What is the latest? Ans: Communications are very poor; radio communication is terrible; telephone lines are out. However, it sounds very quiet out there. I am sending messengers out now to contact them. Capt. Clark: Let me know the situation when they return. Ans: OK.
- 0432 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report.
- 0453 - Sgt. Carlozza, 3rd Bn, to Capt. Clark: Just received some information from town, from the Regimental AT Sgt. They found "Regal" mines in vicinity of 407440, and they cleared the road up to Pt 7, and up into the town. There are mines on the main road running toward Pt 6. Our armored and AT guns are in town. The situation is very quiet up there.
- 0511 - White Bn, negative report.
- 0520 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: A Co on their objective. B Co is on theirs, coming down to Pt 11. C Co is going up to the edge of their objective. We are running into little opposition. Our armored is moving up.
- 0555 - 2nd Bn, Lt. Chandler, to Capt. Clark: What is new? Ans: (Gives above item of 0520 hours).
- 0630 - 3rd Bn to Capt. Clark: Our forward CP moved out as of 0603 hours. Location is unknown.
- 0632 - Capt. Clark to 1st Bn: What is new? Ans: A Co at Pt 10; B on the right; C Co is in WALDORF, eastern edge of town.
- 0800 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn, Lt. Brown: What have you got on the roads? Ans: Pt 4 to Pt 7 is clear, but to Pt 6 it is not too good - it can not handle much traffic.
- 0802 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: Blue 2: 4 PW's. One is from the 5th Co of the 33rd Regt, 9th Pz Div; now he understands that there are only 4. All motorized equipment is across the RHINE; rest of the unit near COLOGNE, or assembling in woods at GLADBACH.
- 0820 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Johnson, Engr Officer: Could you fix the hole near bridge that the shelling made, so we can get our kitchen trains across? Ans: OK, will do a little work on it.
- 0830 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives latest information on the Bns, previously reported in above items. G-3: 47th Inf is in town of HEMMERZHEIM, going NE from there. 26th Inf is close to objective No. 2 (on the line given in our previous order - 423455). The other people are on objective No. 3. What do you plan to do with the 2nd Bn? Ans: I don't know what is planned.
- 0830 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: Gives above locations of 47th and 26th Infantry's as above. Same information given to 3rd Bn, and 2nd Bn.
- 0845 - Blue 2: Sent down two PWs and one Pole who was an officer candidate in the Polish Army, he is in an army uniform. Ans: OK, will take care of them.

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- 0855 - Duty clerk to PWI: Gives information in above item. PWI: One PW from 6th Co, 8th Para Regt; one from 5th Btry, 162nd Arty Regt.
- 0856 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Topy, 7th FA: Gives information as to the locations of 26th Inf, 47th Inf, and 16th Inf.
- 0930 - Lt. Kestlinger to All Bns: Think about routes up to objectives around SECHTEM and BORNHEIM.
- 0935 - White 3 to S-5: Is the castle off limits? Ans: Yes, it is off limits. There are some historic monuments. The CIC should take care of it.
- 0945 - S-2 to G-2: What do you know? Ans: The 26th Inf took 15 PWS, 8 from 10th Co, Battle Group ZORN. 7 PWS from (?) Company of Battle Group ZORN. 3rd Bn of 26th on objective 4244 and south. 1st Bn of 26th at 405470. The following towns have been cleared - 4032, 4029, 3928, 4055, 4054, 3852. Friendly troops in the vicinity of 385410. The armored is on line 440625, 440640. People are lined up along the 39th north-south line. S-2: We have 4 PWS, one is a deserter from the 9th Pz Div.
- 1005 - White 3 to S-3: The engineers are of the impression that our road will be a main supply route. S-3: That is right. Have the engineers sweep to Pt 10, and get all the mines out of there. White 3: The Colonel (White 6) wants a contact with 1st Bn before any work on the road. S-3: You will send a patrol to Pt 10 and contact 1st Bn there. White 3: We will send the patrol at 1030 hours. Tell I Co that we will be going by.
- 1014 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co to S-2: The observer with K Co can see movement out at SECHTEM. Could that be the 26th Inf? S-2: No, that is still enemy.
- 1020 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to S-2: The new CP location is at 325403, and is now open. 60th has town 4333 cleared. 9th Division has town at 4227.
- 1024 - Red 3 to S-3: We are pulling out of here and moving forward to town between 29 and 10. S-3: (Gives detailed plan for moving forward).
- 1025 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant: Your route will be 49, 50, 29. Your mission to get Pt 53, 30, 31, 32, 56, 33, 34, 35. The town there will be your objective.
- 1030 - Col. Gibb to Blue 3: Get recon out to SECHTEM. Let the men get some rest. I will send the I&R platoon to assist you on the recon.
- 1045 - S-3 to Capt. Well, 7th FA FO with 3rd Bn: Tell capt. Booth to send someone into TRIPPLESDORF, 4243, to take a look, it has been reported that it is not occupied.
- 1105 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Are you moving up to the town we are in now? Ans: We have recon to another place, we will know this afternoon.
- 1125 - 2nd Bn to S-2: Can we get photos 1205 thru 1208? Ans: I'll see if I can get them to you.
- 1130 - Blue 3 to S-3: K Co had a patrol into TRIPPLESDORF, and were fired on. S-3: You will have to take TRIPPLESDORF then. The 26th Inf has to take BRUHL, so Div changed the boundaries. Blue 3: That changes my plans some. (Maj. Smith gives review of the general situation).

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- 1135 - S-2 to Blue 2: I would like to have photos 1205 thru 1208. Want to send them to the 2nd Bn. Blue 2: 2120 - 2115 up to 2425 are the ones that I would like to have from them.
- 1145 - Blue 6 to S-3: Maj. Wozenski receives the information of the previous conversation between Col. Gibb and Capt. ~~Smith~~ Booth, Blue 3.
- 1147 - S-3 to White 3: Here is some news of the 47th Inf on your right, Their objectives are as follows: Draw a goose egg around the following (086887 and 100) (72888) (5773), also ROISDORF. Boundary includes road from HEMMERZHEIM to 456393, that is the road junction. From there it runs over to 480404. They will take care of flank, all this afternoon and tonight. The town south of HEMMERZHEIM is DINSTERKOVEN taken by the 60th Infantry. What plans have you made? Ans: I'm working on them. S-3: Have they cleared the road yet? Ans: I'm working on them. ~~OK~~: Ans: No. S-3: Have you sent any patrols to Point 29; if so, what of it? Ans: They went out at 1030 hours and haven't returned yet. S-3: The 3rd Bn will work on TRIPPLESDORF, late this afternoon and tonight.
- 1150 - S-2 to I&R: Think that you'll find the 3rd Bn in ROSBERG, up around 422414.
- 1200 - White 3 to S-3: Our objectives are 53, 31, 30, 32, 56. We need to soften it up with harassing fire. Red 6: will not give me any clearance on any except 56. S-3: I believe 53 is too close. S-3: I intend putting chemical mortar just west of 53.
- 1201 - S-6 to White 6: Have another objective for you. Get everything all cleaned up so you can turn everything over to White 5, so that you can go to England. You have to be at Danger Base on the 8th. You leave on the 9th. White 6: OK, Sir. I am going to get my line of departure by 55 and 56, using G Co tanks, and if all goes well, I will attack to my final objective. My CP will be in the vicinity of 29.
- 1215 - S-2 to G-2: K Co had patrol go to TRIPPLESDORF, they were fired on there. Will clean it out today. I&R platoon is going to SECHTEM, for the 3rd Bn. Are you going to put out any information on the RHINE as to the depth, width and current? G-2: Do not know for sure.
- 1216 - S-3 to Maj. Edmond: See 31 and 30? Blue wants harassing fire. I need exact location of your right flank. Maj. Edmond: The positions that Red 3 gave me are not too exact. S-3: I'll call him on the 284.
- 1220 - S-3 to White 3: Have you sent anyone up to see red at their CP to coordinate this thing? White 3: Lt. Chandler is following G Co. S-3: Send someone up 25, 3, 5, 7 to 29 to get them. I'll call on 284 and try clearance.
- 1221 - Maj. Smith sent the following message to Red CP: REQUEST CLEARANCE ON POINTS 30, 31, 32, 55, 56, or EXPLANATION WHY NOT? At 1230 hours this answer ~~came~~ came back: FIRE ONLY ON 56, OTHERS TOO CLOSE TO OUR TROOPS.

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- 1222 - Maj. Green, G-3 to S-3: What's news? Ans: S-3: We are tied in with the 47th. S-3 gives information in item 1147 hours, and item 1215 hours. S-2 to G-2: S-3: 1st Bn CP in HEMMERICH, our CP will be 432405; 3rd Bn CP in BURG; 2nd Bn CP will be 432405 (same as above). Our MSR runs through METTERNICH and HEMMERICH.
- 1250 - Col. Heath, 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: I am at White CP. Ans: We are going to point 29, we will move at 0900 hours in the morning. Col. Heath: Can I make arrangements to go in at 84, with White 6? Ans: Go ahead.
- 1302 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Sending down 2 Frenchmen with some German PW's. Frenchmen worked in HERSEL. They say that there are many fortifications there. Have the PWI team go over them.
- 1330 - S-2 to G-2: Got 19 PW's - One from 6th Co, 8th Para Regt; One from 5th Co, 33rd Pz Regt; Two from Air security Co, 2nd Bn; one from the Fort Pz Tower unit #1203; three from 6th Co, 164th Regt; one from CT SCHLIER; One from CT RICHER; one from Pz Gren. Repl Bn of the 64th; one from 1st Das Cossack Horse Regt; one, Supply Regt 353rd.
- 1346 - Blue Bn reports: OP locations #1 at 42754095; #2 at 425424. At 1225 hours, OP #1 reported NE part of SECHTEM can be observed. 1314 hours, OP #2 reported 7 rounds of 75mm coming from 55 degrees, landed 600 yards East of the OP.
- 1354 - Lt. Lynch Div LO to S-3: Here is some hot "poop" from the Journal. Conversation between Col. Edwards, Corps G-3, and G-3 of Div; There is a possibility the southern boundary between 9th US Inf Div and 1st US Inf Div would be changed to include the town of BONN in the 1st US Inf Div Sector. At the present time, III Corps is waiting for the outlook of the successes of the 9th Army. Change will involve 78th, 9th Armored, 9th Infantry, and 1st Division.
- 1355 - S-3 to White 3: Here is some hot-poop: 86 and 87 completely taken by the 47th.
- 1410 - PWI reports: Wounded enemy officer was badly shot up. Could not talk too much. He was from the 353rd Fus Bn, and was attached to the 941st Regt, 1st Bn. After having lost the Bn, he was put in charge of a so called 10th Alarm Co of 60 to 50 men, and which was tactically under the 1st Bn of 941st Regt. About 4 days ago the 1st Bn of 941st Regt, after having received replacements, was again up to 250 to 300 men. All this information was as of 3 days ago when he once more became a straggler and was captured.
- 1420 - Col. Beck to Maj. Smith: The 18th Inf will move from our right flank. Planning to put them in METTERNICH, and WELLERSWIST.
- 1425 - White 3 to Maj. Smith S-3: The "engineers have cleared the road 29 to 70. G Co has left. Will call when I hear from them.



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- 1430 - PWI, reports information from a civilian prisoner: Approximately 30 tanks in town of HERSEL; believed moved into woods. In MERTER, from that general direction, artillery is shooting. He thinks the gas dump has been moved from along road Pts 19 to 39. At 4842 in woods is a lot of vehicles. Ammo dump in school house in HERSEL with red cross on it. Using red cross vehicles to haul amm out. SS troops in town with tanks and fight with civilians this morning. Bridge in BONN too weak for heavy stuff. Started pontoon bridge 2 weeks ago from both sides of the river but it isn't finished yet. In MONDOHF are 11 - 105's. Streets in HERSEL have plenty of mines and road blocks. Less than a company strength in town of WESSELING. Tank road blocks in the town. Machine guns, 20mm ack ack and panzerfaust in BONN.
- 1500 - G-2 to S-2: At 1420 hours about 30 barges seen operating on the river in the vicinity of 4750 and 5053. (Seen by 5th FA FO). Artillery fired on them until observation became poor; now trying to get air on the targets. 9th Div moving ahead, picking up stragglers, very little resistance. Cavalry making gains on left, will give you locations later. E and G Co's of 115th Regt between 436604 and 426617. F Co is at 440594. TF Doan is at 435607, 432617. TR King is at 438624, 442626, 443634. TF Hogan is at 447645. TF Williams at 440672. TFL at 420704, 420710. TF Yoke is at 429725, 440716, 445715, 429713. 1st Bn of 47th is in vicinity of 435368, meeting some opposition from tanks or SP guns. White of the 60th going towards town of B without trouble.
- 1500 - Capt. Robinson, 90th Cheml Wpns to Maj. Smith: I made recon and my platoon is moving up. They should be in position in the hour.
- 1515 - Col. Grant to Col. Gibb: I have the permission of the Div CP selector and Military Government to relieve my guards on the Castle. I am planning to go for the big town sometime tonight.
- 1530 - Blue 2 reports: Town is clear. No enemy, no friendly troops. Patrol is going on in direction of objective. At 1430 hours OP #2 reported 2 large vans, 1 truck at 454474. OP #1, reported enemy movement in vicinity 445437. 1525 hours, OP #2 reported one volkswagen, 6 staff cars in convoy going S-458473. 2 ambulances, one truck and one staff car, 1 horse and wagon going south. S-3: What are you going to do if other town is clear? Ans: We will push at 8 tonight. If not clear, at 4 in the morning. K and L abreast and then I Go to the factory.
- 1530 - Red 2 to S-2: Have some Germans down here with party uniforms and also some 14 PWs. Got a radio station down here, transmitter that is still operation - it is about 500 to 600 yards from Pt 29. Collecting all weapons. Had CIC check on it but you had better tell Division.
- 1535 - S-3 to G-3: Gives information of item 1515 concerning 3rd Bn movement plans.
- 1535 - G-2 to S-2: What is this about 32 tanks at 4842? S-2: Will check on that for you. (Gives information on radio station and G-2 says that he will have Colonel Pickett check on the radio station).
- 1600 - S-2 to G-2: I am going to send this Frenchman back so that you can interrogate him.

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- 1620 - White 3 to S-3: G is now passing thru C on way to Pt 31, then 30, then 32, then 4556. They have a platoon of tanks, our CP is moving 500 yards S of Pt 11.
- 1645 - Blue 2 to S-2: Patrol to SECHTEM starting now.
- 1655 - FWI to S-2: Two PWs from CT ZORN; one from 1st Co 613th AA Bn. (Reviews the information given by the Frenchman; is same as previously listed).
- 1720 - S-3 to Red 3: We have orders to make an enforced drive to the RHINE and your objectives will be WESSEL, HERSEL and VIDDIG; also the town in between. Mission of clearing the woods out of BORNHEIM. The ferry across there has been used for evacuation. We captured some PWs from it. You will find the place heavily mined, but not strongly held. Daylight movement will be restricted but good protection for the Co will be had in buildings and basements at night. After you make it, you stay there. I will get I&R in those woods tomorrow. 2nd Bn after BORNHEIM, I understand they are thru C Co. The Chemical Co is behind B with 2 platoons. Sometime tomorrow I will move one platoon to SECHTEM and one to BORNHEIM. We will have a recon on your left at 470445. Town of KELDERICH with 3rd Bn to the castle SW of KELDERICH. The 47th Inf has ROISDORF and going tonight for GOLSFORF and ODEKOVEN. The 18th will get BONN ~~xx~~ since our boundary was changed.
- 1730 - S-2 to G-2: The Frenchman that came from HERSEL said he saw 30 tanks that were moved into the woods. The troops he saw were Panzer and not SS troops. The town has AT barriers and mines.
- 1740 - S-2 to G-2: The news about the radio station -- there is only a building there, no equipment there.
- 1800 - Blue 2 to S-2: The patrol got to the edge of SECHTEM. There was a lot of small arms fire. One I&R man was KIA (Nudecker). They saw enemy at the first road junction in the town. At 444437, there is a dugout that a lot of fire came from. The OP saw a tank at 454455, the tank went to KELTRICH, there were direct hits on the tank but it didn't burn.
- 1830 - S-3 to G-3: The 2nd Bn G Co got DERSDORF. One platoon ran into a fire fight. At 460402, they are meeting small arms fire. Red of 2nd Bn in vicinity of HEMMERICH. G-3: How about ULLEKOVEN? S-3: They are working on it now. I would like to get this information to 47th Inf. G-3: I will relay it.
- 1830 - Capt. Elder to Lt. Kestlinger: One platoon is SW of Pt 30, tanks are going down to help them out, they are pinned down.
- 1928 - S-3 to Red 6: White Bn is having a fight. Plenty of 20mm fire but no artillery. Capt. Golden, Cannon Co, says shooting can be heard to his rear. 47th Inf is at 87 and 89. From Pt 52 to 87 road is now clear. Your boundary runs 54, 71 to 16. Red 6: White should have swept 57 to 73 before they went down. We can see the flashes from those 20's. We put a fire mission on these and haven't heard from them since. S-3: Trenches between 73 and 57, may be flak positions. Cannon Co has been firing. Red 6: What about SECHTEM? PW reported a counterattack. Supposed to be 30 men infiltrating into SECHTEM. I&R got within 250 yards of town. Drew machine gun fire from the flank. Red 6: I lost two light tanks this afternoon. S-3: Do you want the I&R tomorrow to patrol the woods or do you want to use your own patrols? Red 6: You work the I&R, I'll keep a close watch up here. No burst of fire while I have been talking to you. I will try and keep you posted.

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- 1938 - Div Arty to Clerk: Have 2 men up here from your 1st Bn who are lost. They want to go to your Service Company to get gas. Ans: Send them to our CP in WELTERSWIST.
- 2010 - S-3 to Capt. Ralph: The Communications are very poor. Ans: I have all my crews out laying lines now. We have 2 lines to 1st Bn, one line to 3rd Bn, and will have 2 more. We have 2 lines forward, one thru White rear, one thru Red. 2 lines in to White by switch. I will check lines and call you back.
- 2020 - Red 2 to S-2: What is the news? Ans: French civilian gave us some information, but it is a couple days old. He says that the woods at 4842 have vehicles in them that are stalled from lack of gas, also supply dumps, on the super highway, running from BONN to COLOGNE. He also reports pits dug in with explosives on the road. The town of HERSEL has barrackades in all streets with AP mines around them. Every 100 meters from center of town there are dug in emplacements for tanks. There are dummy's in some of them with 75mm guns on them. The guns are real. Red 2: Sending down 20 PWs that we got since this morning. Had no transportation to send them back. Got PW from 9th Pz Div, says elements are across the RHINE and elements are on this side between BONN and COLOGNE.
- 2030 - S-3 to Red 3: Want you to send a combat patrol as soon as possible to investigate the area bounded by the following measel points - 11, to 53, to 52 to 51, 50 and home. Take care of anything that is there. Also investigate the little town of ULLEKOVEN. White 1 to S-2: Just got a report that G Co is in a fight at 31 and 32.
- 2030 - Capt. Ralph to S-3: I checked and Division Team is nearly in but they have shorts on both lines. There is a short in the 1st Bn line.
- 204200 - S-3 to G-3: Left flank of G Co is at 457407, southwest from there through road junction 459402, back due west about 700 yards, then down southwest to 452400. E and F ready to jump through them. Receiving fire from high ground at 470389, 20mm ack ack, fired into Cannon Company area. The road from WALDORF, no one has been there, so we are sending patrol through there. Attack is meeting stubborn resistance, fixed machine guns in BRENNICK. There are some troops forming up in SECHTEM now. The I&R is back, had a man killed. 3rd Bn is jumping at 0400 hours tomorrow.
- 2050 - S-2 to PWI: 20 PWs coming in from 1st Bn. Find out all that you can about SECHTEM and woods at 4842. Also about towns of WIDDIG, URDORF, HERSEL and BORNHEIM.
- 2055 - Blue 2 to S-2: 1823 hours, 12 enemy in vicinity of tank at 454445, tank is moving out now. 1846 hours, OP #1 reports 20mm ack ack firing from 110 degrees and 1500 yards. 1900 hours, OP #2 reports 4 guns at 50 degrees and 10,000 yards, no flash to bang count. 1940 hours, "I" Co reports from their outpost 432413, a tracked vehicle, vehicle moving away from them at 45 degrees, and 2000 yards out. 1945 hours, OP #2 reported hearing vehicular movement in vic of SECHTEM. 2015 hours I Co outpost at 428413, heard enemy shouting to their left front and enemy movement to their direct front. 2010 hours, OP #1, reports large caliber gun at 95 degrees, 400 to 500 yards out. 2042 hours, OP #2 reports 3 white flares at 15 degrees and 1500 yards. 2044 hours, OP #1 reports 5 white flares at 5 degrees and 2500 yards out.

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- 2120 - S-3 to Red 3: I might move your light tanks to assist the 2nd Bn. What is the story on the alert of your Bn to assist the 3rd Bn? Red 6: I believe the Colonel misunderstood me. Alerted in case something comes up from SECHTEM. S-3: Looks pretty good in 2nd Bn now. Have a group of people in 32 now. Will work on 5556 and then final objective. Two machine guns and 2-20mm at point 54.
- 2130 - PWI reports: PW from maintenance Platoon 353rd Inf Div was captured when on his way to BRUHL. He was taken in BOTTERS, 4739. He was picking up flour there. The Div is still fully motorized. The platoon is located in grid square 6640. In the town of 6342, there are elements of the 1st SS Div (LAH) billeted. Other troops are also there. Town is full of troops. Road from there to BONN was full of vehicles that were out of gas. Traffic running NNW. In this section there are other SS units. (Unknown as yet). Bridge over RHINE at BONN is in good condition, though under artillery fire, traffic flows smoothly over the bridge. Mainly up to the COLOGNE sector. No barricades or other installations in BONN. Narrow gauge RR East of the RHINE, going thru PLEIS to HANGELAR to BEVEL which is across the river from BONN and from PLEIS to MULLDORF is in use, mainly at night. Super highway from SEIGBURG to COLOGNE carries heavy traffic at night including tanks and heavy guns. At Pt 532508, the bridges there are half knocked out. If the other half were to be bombed - it would close the highway. The highway bridge at 623482 would also be a good bombing target.
- 2135 - S-3 to White 3: The tanks are at the Red CP. Whenever you want them, call for them. White 3: The RR will be the boundary between companies.
- 2140 - S-3 to Blue 2: The 26th Infantry just reported plenty of flares going up from SECHTEM area. Ans: We hear stuff from over that way. S-3: We want plenty of heavy mortar fire, 50 caliber, chemical mortars and Cannon Company will fire all you want --- and DON'T WORRY ABOUT AMMO. Ans: OK, Sir.
- 2140 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW report and information of 2130 hours.
- 2155 - S-3 to Blue 3: Tell Maj. Wozenski to hold what you have and call off the attack. Orders will be out later.
- 2204 - Red 2 to S-2: We have a combat patrol going out at 2200 hours to Pt 11, 53, 52, 51, 50. Also a contact patrol with 3rd Bn between 8 and 9.
- 2212 - S-3 to White 3: Blue is not jumping tonight. 26th Infantry will take it some other time. Looks like we get a hunk of BONN. That makes you defend 280 degrees.
- 2230 - Red 3 to S-2: Contact patrol between A Co and I Co. S-3: I Co will take over town at 5556. You be prepared to help either on your right or left. 47th Inf has two companies on the high ground at Point 73.
- 2233 - S-3 to Blue Bn: 1 Bn of 47th is at Point 73. The 2nd will take 56, then go for BORNHEIM. 47th does not intend to go for ROISDORF tonight. So, 2nd Bn will be surrounded. I Co will have to relieve G Co with the mission of protecting to SE, the rear and right rear of 2nd Bn.
- 2244 - Maj. Smith to White Bn: 1 of 47th at 73 (two companies). They overran 2 20mm flak positions. I Co will relieve G Co on your call. I Co will be attached to you. It will be used only for blocking position.

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- 2255 - S-3 to G-3: Gives above plan.
- 2256 - Blue 2 to S-2: We will contact "L" Co at Pt 9 on even hours and they will contact us at Pt 8 every odd hour. "A" will contact the 26th every even hour.
- 2315 - Sgt. Valten, PWI reports: 2 PW's from Special Co of 79th AA Bn. One PW from 9th Co, 29th VGR. 2 PW's from Maint. Platoon, 253rd Div. 2 PW's Maint. Btry of 3rd Arty Regt. One PW from 9th Btry, 3 Arty Regt, 3 Para Div. One PW from 13th Co, 164th VGR. One PW from Hq 2nd Bn, 33 Pz Regt, 9th Pz Div. One PW from 6th Co, 33 Pz Regt. One PW from combat school, Army group B. One PW from 1st Bn of 941st Regt. One PW from Trucking Company of 2 SS Pz Corps. One PW from 10th Btry of 162nd Arty Regt. One PW from Hq Btry 85 Rocket Regt. PW from 2nd SS Corps says Corps is in the east. PW from 9th Pz says Div is across RHINE. As of the 2nd of March they have a total of 50 tanks.
- 2320 - S-2 gives G-2 the above information.
- 2321 - 1st Bn negative report.
- 2340 - PWI reports: PW of the Combat School, Army Group "B", says that last night the Combat School divided in to 3 companies, totaling about 200 men. They came from KEMPENICH, 5602. They are made up of picked men from all Divisions of the Army Group "B", They were at school to learn about the latest weapons and infantry tactics, after which they were to return to their division to teach. PW states they stayed in BORNHEIM but states that the 3 companies went to SECHTEM. The 1st two companies are rifle companies. 3rd Company is heavy weapons company, with six 8cc mortars and one machine gun. As for BORNHEIM, PW says that it is held by at least one company of 80 men. No assault guns or tanks were reported in either town. Tanks and heavy guns reported in SECHTEM in earlier reports, were most likely from 9th Pz Div which has pulled back across the RHINE.
- 2350 - Above report given to G-2.

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- 0001 - S-3 to White 6: (Discuss the situation as of this hour, details previously listed in last items of journal 6 March 1945). White 6 states that when his Bn gets to its destination, 4 companies will be spread over a wide area with no reserve. S-3 states that reserve plans have been made with the 1st Bn.
- 0005 - Blue 3 to S-3: At 2330 hours, 6 March, patrol from 1st Bn contacted "L" Company. At 2338, one amber flare at 15 degrees and 4000 yards. At 2340 hours the same was repeated. 2334 hours, 8 rounds of 75mm landed in the "L" company area. 2345 hours, 4 rounds of 75mm landed in vicinity of OP #2. (Coordinates of this OP listed in Journal of 6 March).
- 0100 - Blue 5 reports: At 0030 hours OP #1, reported a battery of 105mm guns firing 8 rounds at 85 degrees, 14 seconds flash-bang count; also at 20 degrees, one 105mm fired one round, 15 seconds flash-bang count. A lot of tank movement is reported at 40 degrees, 2000 yards to 4000 yards out. Range and direction not definite.
- 0103 - Mr. Lipinski, DO, to 7th FA: Gives above report.
- 0110 - White 3 to S-3: Have definitely got Pt 56. Had a little fire fight at 55, but have it under control. "E" company is now moving to go thru and start final show. I'll keep your dftly officer posted. "I" Co, officer was here and he sent for his company; should be here in about 2 hours.
- 0113 - S-3 to G-3: We have the town of BREINIG. "G" Company took it. Notify the 47th Inf, thru 9th Div, that we will contact them where we agreed to at 456395. They will contact our "G" Co, there. The first contact will be at 0200 hours.
- 0115 - S-3 to White 3: Notifies of contacting the 47th Inf, at Pt 55.
- 0120 - PWI reports: PW from Hqs, 1st Bn, of 85th WERFER regt, is a deserter. He has been away from his regiment for 3 days. At that time his Bn had 3 Btrys of six, 6 barreled 15c rockets. PW from 9th Co, of 29th PGR is also a deserter. He says that the 3rd Field Replacement Bn of the 3rd PGD has gone across the RHINE. PW from the 3rd Btry of 79th AA Bn is also a straggler. He does not know where his Bn is. Strength as of 4 days ago of the 3rd Btry was three quadruples, 2cc guns, and six single 2cc guns. 2nd Btry same as the 3rd. The 1st Btry has 3.7cm guns. Last night one battery of motorized light guns (105's) was seen going from BORNHEIM to BREINIG.
- 0125 - Above report relayed to G-2.
- 0142 - White 3 to S-3: "E" company moving towards "G" company now. They report 55 clear, and 56 still obscured. Captured 5 AA guns, 2 trucks and 8 PW's.
- 0120 - PWI reports to Col. Gibb: A PW says that about 150 men from the 945th Regt were assembled in SECHTEM by 0700 hours, 6 March. PW went to SECHTEM and waited, then took off. Does not know if they assembled or not. The Regimental CO issued this order from BOTZDORF, 404458.

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- 0210 - Capt. Johnson, 3rd Bn to Mr. Lipinski: At 0126 hours, OP #1 reported a white flare at 120 degrees and 4000 yards out. Due North a large fire was burning. At 80 degrees, 2 guns were firing with a flash-bang count of 10 seconds; approximately 155mm; some of the rounds landed about the vicinity of the OP. At 0128 hours, "K" company patrol returned and contacted "I" of the 26th Inf. At 0135 hours, "I" Co was moving out. (OP located at 42754095).
- 0212 - 1st Bn reports negative. "C" company patrol returned at 0120 hours; went to Pts 11, 53, 52, 51, and 50 - made no contact.
- 0214 - Col. Gibb to Capt. Shaffer: Is the 17th Infantry going for ALFTER tonight? Ans: I don't think so, not until in the morning. Col. Gibb: Will you check with those people and call me back?
- 0220 - Col. Gibb to Capt. Elder, White 3: What is new? White 3: "G" has cleared Pt. 55; working on Pt 56. Got 20 PW's, 6 AA guns and 6 trucks. One PW says there are 100 enemy in and around the houses, 20 of which are wounded. "E" passing to Pt 32. "F" in position at Pt 32; going to keep moving. S-6: Our new mission is ROISDORF, ALFTER, and straight to BONN. Want you to keep going tonight and will have 3rd Bn pass thru you.
- 0212 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant: White 6: "E" company will start moving by 0315 hours; "F" by 0400 hours; "G" in the center of town by 0630 hours. My CP will stay at Pt 11. S-6: Keep as close to that timing as you can. Will alert the 3rd Bn to reach your town at 0630 hours, they will be on a one hour alert, starting at 0500 hours.
- 0220 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6: Have a change in plan. Order has just come down and we have a new mission. Have to take ROISDORF, ALFTER, and then straight east taking the northern part of BONN. Boundary will be main road East and West in BONN. 18th Inf. will be South of us. When the 2nd Bn gets the town of B by 0630 hours. I will pass you thru them to go after ROISDORF and ALFTER. Earliest time you will move is 0600 hours. I will notify you by 0500 hours if you are to start moving at 0600 hours. You will be on a one hour alert. 1st and 2nd Bns will then move thru you and go for BONN.
- 0225 - S-3 to Red 6: The Colonel has alerted 3rd Bn to pass thru 2nd Bn to take ROISDORF and ALFTER. Want you to take over with one company, the "K" and "L" positions; troops to be in position by 0600 hours. 3rd Bn is alerted to move by 0600 hours. You will have to cover your own positions with 2 companies. Red 6: They are plastering the town with some long range 105 stuff. Colonel Gibb: After the 3rd Bn takes their objective, by the next morning hope to push off for BONN.
- 0305 - S-3 relays plans for tomorrow to the 7th FA, Lt. Patterson.
- 0306 - 3rd Bn gives negative report. "K" contacted the 26th Inf. at 0200 hrs.
- 0315 - S-3 gives plans to Lt. Boyland.
- 0316 - S-3 to "A" of 90th Cheml. WPMs: Gives plans for operation, same as above, and requests a platoon be sent to BORNHEIM to cover the East. S-3 will let 90th Cheml. know when the town is clear.

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- 0330 - S-3 to G-3, Lt. Lyons: Gives details of operation plan. Asks that the Assault Gun platoon, plus 745th mortars be made available by 0700 hours in the morning. Lt. Lyons: Will get Colonel Beck and will work on that right away.
- 0400 - Lt. Lyons, G-3: The Assault Gun platoon and mortar platoon of the 745th being used by the 26th Inf. Capt. Dedowitz of Division Artillery will coordinate all fires for us with 9th Division Artillery. Col. Beck likes the plan very much, however, thinks that if things go well that you should leave OLSDORF a little sooner.
- 0400 - 1st and 3rd Bns give negative report.
- 0415 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger, DO: Leaving 5556 with "Q". Have a large number of enemy in basement, they have bolted the doors and locked themselves in (PW says 100 in there, but this is impossible). Have taken about 20 PW's. Had a fire fight and there were a few casualties. "E" jumped toward 35. "F" has jumped for 333415; all jumped quite a while ago. CP is moving to vicinity of 32, in the next 10 minutes. Have a switchboard in at 32 already. "I" is moving down to relieve "Q". (Latest information, as the above conversation ended was that "F" has a platoon at 33 right now, moving on to 34, rest of company following. "F" met and pushed out opposition at 33).
- 0438 - Capt. Ralph, Regt. Comm O, calls the Bns and arranges for communications for the day's move. Checks radios, etc.
- 0440 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The 2nd Bn of the 121 is fighting in FISCHENICH. LESCHNICH is clear (don't know who is in there) but they are heading to IMMENDORF. KALSEGHUREN is also clear, unit there heading to RONDORF.
- 0502 - Red 3 reports "B" and "L" have made contact. Lt. Kestlinger gives info of item at 0440 hours. Red 3 reports relief going OK.
- 0505 - I&R OP #1 reports: White flare at 30 degrees and 5000 yards. Enemy machine gun fire in same vicinity.
- 0508 - S-3 to Blue 3: Conversation concerns progress of 2nd Bn, and plan of routes for 3rd Bn when they move. S-3 will call later with details.
- 0515 - S-3 to White 3: Can you have it by 0630 hours? Ans: Should have. "E" is going OK, town is not clear yet. "F" cleared 34. S-3: Are roads mined? Ans: No report on that; we left our vehicles and tanks, just the doughboys came up on foot. Will check and let you know. The White CP is at Pt 32.
- 0520 - Capt. McFadden, 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: Cannon Co reports friendly fire falling at 35. Ans: We haveno one there now but will have soon.
- 0521 - White 3 to S-3: "F" CP is at 34. Have platoon ahead of them and one with them. Crater just short of 33, needs fixing for vehicles. Things are going OK.



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- 0524 - S-3 to Blue 3: (Gives information as above). S-3: Crater short of 33 may need fixing for vehicles. 2nd Bn CP at 32. (Suggests recon for vehicular movement at least to get to BREINIG). You are ordered to move now, as close to 0600 hours as you can. Must cross all of that ground before daylight. Blue 3: Road fork at 35 is our jump off. Will let you know when we move. Assembly area will be at 56. If we can move to 35 with CP, we will; if not, at 56.
- 0535 - S-3 to Capt. Robinson, 90th Chem "A": (Capt. Robinson reports that 3 of his men were just injured, one of their own shells hit a cable 40 feet from the gun on its way out and exploded). S-3: Want you to jump one platoon initially up to East edge of 56, get in firing position, facing East, for supporting fire. Move forward around 0615 hours. Move other platoon into BORNHEIM, on my orders, about 0645 hours.
- 0536 - S-3 to Lt. Kayes, "A" Co, 1st Engrs: Gives location of 2nd Bn and information concerning 3rd Bn moving to ROISDORF. Our MSR will be thru BORNHEIM. Near underpass at 33 is a crater that needs fixing. Lt. Kayes: There is an engineer officer following the 2nd Bn.
- 0537 - S-3 to White 6: Where is "I" company? Ans: Taking over 55 to 56. Stan is at 35; Harry's CP at 34. Going OK. S-3: 3rd Bn is moving as close as possible to 0600 hours. Will pick up "I" on way thru. Regimental CP to be at HEMMERICK. White 6: Crater at 33 can be fixed OK. I'm having my AP men go there.
- 0540 - S-3 to Lt. Lyons, G-3: We have troops in BORNHEIM. Our 3rd Bn has been alerted to move up.
- 0543 - Lt. Kestlinger to 90th Chem Wpns: We have troops at Pts 35 and 300 yards East of Pt 34.
- 0555 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: One platoon of "B" has relieved "L" company. Other platoon continuing present assignment.
- 0607 - White 6 to Red 3: "F" company has cleared their position of the town. We got a line to 34. "I" company has taken over from "G". "G" company captured 52 PW's, 19 AA guns, 14 trucks. I have given "I" co, the mission of cleaning up the place. My CP location at Pt 32. I have two tanks with "F" company and a platoon of 57's. Roads are being cleared.
- 0616 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Lyons: (Gives reports as above). G-3: I have notified the 9th Div of your locations. Here are three objectives for the day, center of goose-egg, 483365; 500350; 500320. "E" and "F" companies of the 26th Inf. jumped off at 0600 hours.
- 0617 - 7th FA reports - Just received a message from #2-Love, "E" company is on objective and cleaning up.
- 0710 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: "B" company and the AT guns are in position now.
- 0740 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "F" co extends from Pt 35 north of RR, around to include Pt 15. I have 3 AT guns up there. Two tanks from 33 to 35. "G" co extending from 33 to 13 and 33 directly north. Two 57's on roads. Another platoon from 34 to 15, cuts that road, AT guns up there. "G" co on the right flank and Pt 15. Road out of 34, received sniper fire, trying to clear it up. "E" co along 55. Maj. Wozenski is moving "I" co from 5556 - this will leave a big gap.

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- 0830 - Capt. ~~Smith~~ Booth to Lt. Kestlinger: Lift artillery at 0930 hours.
- 0835 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Repeats item of 0740 hours.
- 0900 - NEW CP LOCATION OF REGIMENT - 431406 (HEMMERICH). This information is given to the battalions.
- 0905 - Red 2 reports: Tell S-2 that I picked up another train.
- 0915 - White 5 to S-3: I understand that "I" is going back to its people. "E" is going to 56. There is a lot of movement out at Pt 19, 20, 38, and 22. Horse drawnstuff moving into BONN, moving in on the big road and the next road up north. Enemy dug in near Pt 13, 400 yards from "G". Got 125 PW's, mostly AA. 16 trucks, 21 AA guns - they used them for direct fire weapons.
- 0930 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Capt. Hall: We picked up 30 PW's. I haven't interrogated them thoroughly. S-2: Where is your CP? Ans: 200 yards East of Pt 32. There are enemy roaming around in the field between 13 and 14. We can't round them up.
- 0935 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Robinson, 90th Chml Wpns: Will you move one of your platoons to BORNHEIM, east of Pt 34? Ans: I have one platoon at Pt 56 now, and will move the other one up.
- 0940 - White 2 to S-2: Got 150 enemy; they are all over the place. Still some enemy west of Pt 34, and also at Pt 13. 2 enemy platoons were seen going NE up to the railroad. Vehicular movement and Infantry at Pt 19, 20, 21, going towards BONN. Have seen at least 25 vehicles.
- 0945 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. Green, G-3: Present time, 3rd Bn is moving thru the 2nd Bn; 2nd Bn has about 150 PW's, 21 AA guns, and 16 trucks. When is the 26th going to come down? Maj. Green: The 11th Cav will relieve the 26th down to new boundary. S-3: We want to jump for BONN tomorrow at 0500 hours, and would like the 11th Cav to start relieving starting from the south as soon as possible. G-3: That sounds good, will see what I can do. The Cav will take SECHTEM and go straight east to the river. Colonel Beck and the General are down at the 18th and are seeing what the picture looks like.
- 0955 - G-2 to S-2: 9th Armored reports enemy resistance very light. Took towns at 4530, 4728, 5025, 5020. 5219 to east and 5239, there has been no resistance. They also got to 5329. 78th Div cleared forest and got towns at 4124, 4223, 4322, 4222, 4020, all cleared. There was only small enemy groups encountered. All elements of the 3rd Armored are on the river.
- 1000 - Red 2 to S-2: Those trains were picked up at grid square 5351, also a marshalling yards and a lot of activity in that vicinity. Enemy troops at 457429; this target is being fired on. S-2: Gives above information from G-2.
- 1025 - Red 2 to S-2: OP reports lots of movement at Pt 21 and 22 along the road.
- 1030 - Capt. Robinson, Cheml Wpns to Lt. Stephens: We are getting fire missions from all battalions. Who has priority? Ans: 3rd Bn has priority.

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- 1030 - PWI reports: Have a deserter from the 13th company of 164th PGR, who doesn't know anything about his company other than that they had three 75mm HOWS and three 12mm mortars. On the evening of 5th March, the last elements of 941st Regt, about 150 men, assembled in BOTZDORF, 4246, and the advance party was sent out during the night to SECHTEM and the Regt. CO said that the rest would follow. PW left SECHTEM at 0700 hours, 6 March, to come to our line at which time the remainder of 941st had not arrived. As of the 5th of March, Div OP of 62nd VGD was in DERSDORF. In all probability, Hqs, 3rd Arty Regt, 3rd Para Div, has gone to SIEGBURG, northeast of BONN. PW from the 10th Btry, 162nd Arty Regt, states that his btry left HEILERSDORF for BONN on 5 March. 31 PW's from 2nd Bn: Combat School, Army group "G", 5 PWs, Hq 164th VGR 2 PWs. 5th Co 164th Regt 1 PW. 2nd Co 164th Regt 1 PW. 5th Co 78th Regt 18 VGD 2 PW's. Engr Bn, 353rd Inf Div 1 PW. Hq 4th Fortress Regt 1 PW. Hq 339th Regt, 167 VGD 1 PW. 7th Btry, 3 Arty Regt, 3 Prch 1 PW. 1 Btry, 79th AA Bn, 14 PW's. 103 Assault Gun Bn, 3 Pz Div 2 PW's.
- 1030 - PWI reports 71 more PW's - 16 from the 1st Btry of the 79th AA Bn, and 55 from the 3rd Btry.
- 1035 - S-2 to G-2: Information as above and also would like an air mission on roads down near the river. The big highway and at the marshalling yards at 5351. G-2: 26th Inf. has town of BRUHL, have 13 PW's.
- 1035 - ~~KOLBY~~ Col. Gibb to G-4: I understand that the clearing station is not moving until tomorrow. We need them up here. If we don't get some action from those people, I will call the General and find out. G-4: Will call you back in half hour and let you know when they are moving.
- 1036 - PWI reports: 9 more PW's - 4 from 3rd Btry 79th AA; 3 from 2nd Btry 79th AA; one from Hq Btry 613th Heavy AA; one from 3rd Btry 613th AA. PW says SECHTEM approximately 200 men from Combat School, Army Group "B", has been confirmed.
- 1038 - White 2 to S-3: "F" Company wast of 35; 2 companies are ready to jump, just waiting for smoke. "I" company at Pt 56.. Much traffic on the main road leading into BONN.
- 1038 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Green: We would like an air mission on the AUTOBAN, and the road that runs parallel between it and the river. Also the marshalling yards at 5351. There are several locomotives steaming up and much activity. Ans: OK, will turn it over to the ASP.
- 1050 - Capt. Clark to White 2: The Colonel would like the tanks and TD's to fire on the AUTOBAHN with 50's and direct cannon fire. Let us know what they could do.
- 1130 - Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6 to S-6: We were delayed half hour due to improper adjustment of smoke. "K" has jumped now and will be followed by "L". "K" is now 200 yards from 59. S-6: 47th is at 490370, and will not move. 9th Armored is at 5329. Where are you? Ans: 200 yards north of 35.
- 1130 - Red 2 reports: OP-reports 2 trains heading north at 5350.
- 1135 - I&R reports OP at 43394057 (our OP).

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- 1136 - Major Green, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: As of 1400 hours, TFD is attached to you. 26th will be responsible for the area up to the boundary.
- 1140 - Blue 6 reports: OP reports lead elements of "K" are on the outskirts of town in vicinity of 59. "L" company is in vicinity of 58. The Armor is moving up with "K" and having no trouble.
- 1145 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: Sending down 3 PW's. 2 of them are deserters. One was a soldier in France but was discharged.
- 1147 - Lt. Stephens to Red CP: The 26th is ready to take over where you have "B" company and part of "A". Ans: Have them contact me. (Us).
- 1150 - Lt. Stephens to 26th Inf S-3: We just got word that you are relieving some of our 1st Bn. Ans: Yes, we will take all the responsibility.
- 1150 - Red 2 reports: At 5042, small vehicles and 2 personnel observed going from north to south.
- 1202 - Capt. Robinson, Cheml Wpns, to Lt. Stephens: I am going to displace forward to Pt 32 after our recon is made.
- 1205 - S-2 to G-2: G-2 reports: 9th armored Div. at 6019 and 577176, there is some sniper fire in the town. The 3rd of the 47th is at 488367. There is a large transportation all along the river, trying to get the air tow ork on it. West of BRUHL there is still enemy resistance. At 462487, Div Arty fired on some enemy cavalry. 3rd Army reports that 8th Corps made 5 Km advance against moderate resistance, from small groups of enemy. The 4th Armored Div broke thru for gains of 15 to 20 miles to the East and to the North east of STEINBACH at L-2062; forward elements at L-5183. 12th Corps reports steady progress. 1st Canadian reports: fighting still continues in vicinity of WESSEL (A-2240). Light resistance at A-1231. At K-1531 heavy resistance is reported. Identified there are 7th Para Div, 116 Pz Div, and 190 VGD. In the 9th Army railway bridge has been used as f6ot bridge. RHEINBACH, K-2129, cleared yesterday; OSSENBERG A-1931 is occupied by forward elements. Enemy activity consists of preparation of defensive positions W of Rhine. Direct fire is coming from across the river.
- 1207 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: "K" company is at 482391 and "L" company is at 492396.
- 1230 - Capt. Booth to Lt. Kestlinger: "K" is in factory just short of 61. "L" company is at 60 and "I" is moving out now.
- 1240 - I&R OP reports: 1000 to 1290 hours trains observed running PORTZ-SPIGH area.
- 1255 - Capt. Dinsmore, 2nd Bn reports: Sending down a PW who just came from BONN.
- 1300 - S-6 to G-3: What will the 18th do? Ans: CT 18 is going to move east of BUSCHOVEN. The 60th Inf. is doing well. S-6: I would like to have the 18th take DUISDORF. TFD is broken up, and as a recon unit will not be used by me. The 18th could use them to good advantage.
- 1309 - NOTE: TFD is attached to the 16th Inf. as of 1400 hours. TFD is going into assembly area in vicinity of BREWIG.

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- 1320 - PWI reports the following information from civilians: BONN will be given up without a fight. Hospital officials had a meeting, they said the town would be given up. White flags are all over the place. The people want us to come in.
- 1322 - G-3 to S-3: I want to pull the 47th 1st Bn out. Ans: OK, but hold the 3rd Bn for awhile.
- 1330 - I&R OP reports: Between the hours of 1000 and 1030, observed 7 trains running both directions between FORZ and SPIGH. At 1115 hours, one train going between BEUEL and TROISDORF going south. At 1130 hours, one train in the same place, only going north. Started to rain at that time and visibility is poor.
- 1332 - S-6 to Blue 6: Clean out ALFTER. Then form a task force and be prepared to move in BONN tonight. Will move 1st Bn into ALFTER to back you up. Check with me before you do any taking off. I will send the I&R platoon down to you. Blue 6: I hadn't planned on that, but will make plans, for tonight.
- 1335 - S-6 to G-6: Can we go into BONN tonight? Ans: The 18th is moving this afternoon to take DUISBERG, but he has a long way to go. However, it is OK, if you can do it. You've been doing nice jobs the last couple days. S-6: Plan to move 3rd Bn, 1st and then 2nd into town tonight, if there is no opposition.
- 1400 - G-3 to S-6: The 1st Bn of the 18th are out to DUISBERG, and going to the high ground. The roads are crowded with trucks shuffling those people up forward to assembly area. There is a little fighting at the cross roads at 495343. They will be glad to get the recon down there. S-6: I'll send recon officer to the 18th Bn CP right away, at BUSCHOVEN, 4632. G-3: I spoke to General Andrus and he said you had plans laid on. S-6: Yes, that is correct.
- 1405 - Blue 6 to Colonel Gibb: (S-5, asks Major Wozenski if he can use 4 assault Guns: Ans: Possibly so but would like to speak to Colonel Gibb about this incident). Blue 6: About 100 rounds of 88 HE came in at clock work precision in a space of 3 minutes. This concentration came from South and Southeast, possibly 104-105. Wells is checking up on it now. It blew 2 tires off my new jeep and shrapnel chewed my dashboard, up. Blew 2 tires off Mac's jeep. I am worried about crossing open ground with out lots of smoke. S-6: Well, I'm not taking any chances, but if its there for the taking, we will take it. I'll put 1st Bn in there and you send your recon forward and bring "I" company back into rear area. Blue 6: "K" sent a tank and recon out to 62, we will close to 77. S-6: Your route will be thru road North of 78 and 79, head directly for Traffic Circle down into bridge road, 200 yards west of traffic circle. Then go east by south. (At this time in the conversation another concentration of heavy artillery comes into Blue area - about 25 to 30 rounds). S-6: I am sending 1st Bn to 94-95. He will come over (Red 6) to railroad just south of main road and will protect your right flank. This will be my plans if we push tonight. If we wait until tomorrow, plans will change.
- 1409 - S-5 to Lt, Ballard, Cannon Co: Move forward this afternoon. The whole regiment will move. Going to try to move into BONN. Get into position to support the 3rd Bn.

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- 1430 - LO of 9th Div to Lt. Stephens: 1st Bn of 47th reports there is a company of enemy with tanks at 478388. Ans: I believe that is our "I" company, I'll check.
- 1500 - S-5 to Blue 6: The 4 assault guns are coming down to you. How are things going? Ans: Getting a couple of rough "stunks". They are working down the road now. Hitting SE of where we are now and at 59 and 61. S-5: Where is it coming from? Ans: Do not know, guess they can shoot at us from any side.
- 1508 - S-3 to Red Bn: Where is Capt. Smith? Ans: He and the Colonel are off on recon to 35. S-3: What time is your Bn prepared to move out this afternoon? Ans: I'll find out and call you.
- 1510 - S-3 to Blue 3: What are your plans? Ans: "K" patrol out to 77. Red 6 and Blue 6 are here formulating a plan now. S-3: What direction is "stunk" coming from? Ans: 2223, possibly HERSEL. (More artillery lands during this conversation). S-3: I want to check boundary lines with you. Your route (BORNHEIM route) one Bn in town and the 2nd Bn in area north of it cutting the Autobahn road to your rear. One flank at 535380, circle back down to 537371 to button up rear end. S-3 to Red 6: What are your plans? Ans: I plan to move after dark, better chance of getting over open ridge and high ground. I am going to send my recon patrol out to 91, 93, 94, 95, south of road that goes left to RR to main street to bridge and contact Blue there. S-3: You planned to go to DENHAM, didn't you? Red 6: Yes. S-3: Well, the Colonel wants you to by-pass that if possible, he is afraid you will become involved in lots of trouble there, so plans for you to go to the southern part of town of ALFTER. Red 6: What is the 18th going to do? Ans: Colonel indicates they may go thru lower half of town. S-3 to Blue 6: I would like to have someone pick up these assault guns as soon as they arrive. Blue 6: I would like very much to get an observer up to high ground. S-3: I believe someone is up there. They came in to see me at 0900 hours today. Blue 6: I will need more smoke, only 220 available. S-3: When you get into town be sure to block each road from HERSEL into town.
- 1521 - PWI to S-2: Civilian who was in BONN yesterday at noon says: Bridge is in good condition. Traffic going East, none going westward. No troops in town, except for few stragglers going east. Saw only vehicles. Saw no tanks or artillery.
- 1530 - G-3 to S-3: 26th Inf, has a reinforced platoon in SECHTEM. Will you send the LO back to 47th CP? Ans: Yes, S-3: Repeatd item of 1510 hours. G-3: Don't let ~~TFD~~ come up road until clearance is given by us. They are tying up 18th.
- 1545 - S-5 to White 5: Division is complaining that we are leaving too much equipment when we move forward such as web equipment and so forth. Will you take care of it? Ans: OK, Sir.
- 1537 - Lt. Stephens to Mr. Stoffer, Service Co: The Cml Wpns outfit needs 2000 rounds of smoke right away. See if you can get it. Ans: OK.
- 1540 - Capt. Groves, Regtl. Ammo Off to S-3: What is up? Ans: The Cml Wpns outfit needs smoke ammo. Check on this and do what ever you can for them. Ans: Yes, Sir. Maj. Smith To Capt. Booth: Have you received any word from "K" patrol? Ans: No, they haven't returned yet. Hold it. They just returned. We are going to jump off to vicinity of 62. Plan to move Co "I" up to 75. S-3: OK, use the I&R in any logical way you want to. Keep us informed with your progress. When the recon moves out, have the Bn (Go K) follow.

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- 1554 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Golden, Cannon Co: Where are the assault guns?  
Ans: The assault guns are about 400 yards SE of Pt 56.
- 1600 - Maj. Wozenski to Maj. Smith, S-3: I sent Lt. Dwyer out to put up the assault guns and he returned from TFD with mortars on tracks. What about the assault guns? Ans: You get the assault guns too. They are with Cannon Co. Blue 6: What about the mortars? Ans: I will ask the Colonel. Blue 6: Fine, here is a report that just came in. "K" company OP picked up sound at Pt 91 that is believed to be tracked vehicles. S-3: The Assault guns are 400 yards SE of 56 and are to be picked up. The tracked mortars, you keep.
- 1615 - PWI reports: Identifications of prisoners from 2nd Bn. There are 24 prisoners, all from the 2nd Bn except 3 from the 1st Bn. 3rd Btry, 79th AA Bn, 6 prisoners; 2nd Btry 79th AA Bn 5 prisoners; 1st Btry, 79th AA Bn 3 prisoners; Hq 613th heavy AA Bn 1 prisoner; 3rd Btry 513th AA Bn 1 PW; 1st Bn 438th Searchlight Bn 2 PWs; 5th Co, 33rd Pz Regt, 9th Pz Div 1 PW; Medical unit 1 prisoner; 4th Btry, 162nd Arty Regt 1 PW; Combat School Army Group B, 3 PW's.
- 1615 - MESSAGE: From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Div CP moving to vicinity of METTERNICH 405380 at 071600 hours exact coordinates follow.
- 1640 - G-3 to S-3: First Div CP location 403391 ( ? ); GCB, 4th Arm'd Div (?) is at 5687 (?); 30 mile gain; they are only 18 miles from 1st Div objective. They captured a Corps CO and his entire staff. What is the latest? Ans: (Gives plans as previously listed).
- 1700 - Msg to CO 16th Inf from TFD: (Time Signed at 1535A) TFD CP is at 462399; assault guns plat at 466399; mortar plat moving to 3rd of 16; light tanks moving to 2 of 16th; recon Co at 462399; recon troop assembled in BRENIC - awaiting orders to move to 18th Inf.
- 1700 - MESSAGE to CO 16th Inf from CG, 1st Div: (Time signed 1640). Div CP opened 403381 at 071600A hrs., March 1945.
- 1700 - INTERCEPT - CP CT 18 at 461318 open at 1500 hours.
- 1714 - S-3 to G-2: We have some prisoners down here loading out at 1730 hours. What do you have? Ans: Nothing further on the armored. The 26th Inf reported about 40 PWs. Indications are in front of V Corps line, that the line has completely collapsed. As of 1800 hours yesterday, V Corps advanced to 182160, 164114, 143146, 112154, 223173, 223190, 230200, 290198, meeting hardly any resistance at all. 9th Armored should be on Rhine by this evening. S-2: We plan to go all the way if we can make it. Maj. Bauten: We have a task force with TFD which will go in to the town to guard public buildings, and we are starting a plan where no one outside of the division will be able to go into the town without a pass.
- 1735 - PWI reports: Total number of PW's 146.
- 1735 - Sgt Snyder, PWI reports: Civilian says lots of artillery at FRANSBORG. At the cross oads and fresh dug emplacements, for AA machine guns with multiple barrels. Coordinate 515379. Another triangle with 20mm multiple barrels. Across the river to BEUEL there are many road blocks under construction, but no tanks seen. A former report that our planes bombed BONN bridge and seriously damaged it is not true but bridge can carry heavy trucks and equipment.

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- 1740 - White Shell report: Got a lot in today, couldn't even guess how much. Some 75mm and some heavy stuff from across the Rhine.
- 1800 - Colonel Fowley, G-3 to S-2: Just got a call from 9th Div and have a mission for them. They are at 482363. They will leave one company there until they are relieved. S-2: We will accept the responsibility, for that as our 1st Bn is moving down in there at ALFTER. Col. Fowley: The 47th sent a patrol to ODEKOVEN and returned, reports it clear.
- 1800 - S-3 to Maj. Edmond: Did you move? Ans: The Fwd CP has moved to 200 yards W of Pt 74. "A" co, goes on trucks at 1830 hours. "C" next and then "B" then medium tanks, then light tanks and then the AT guns. They will detruck at Pt 60. The Rear CP will be at BORNHEIM. S-3: 2nd of 60th at 525315.
- 1810 - S-3 to Blue 2: Where are you? Ans: At Pt 61. S-3: Has the I&R moved yet? Ans: No, not yet. "K" co patrol hasn't moved yet. They picked up lot of vehicular movement at Pt 94. S-3: We will get a shoot on it. Your north boundary will be the 398 EW line. Your south boundary is 553387, 545386, 542383, 536385. That is a traffic circle.
- 1825 - Capt. Wells to Lt. Stephens: Sending in a civilian who has some dope on the enemy across the stream. Will you let 7th FA know because he knows something about the artillery over there.
- 1830 - Blue Shell report: 65 rounds of 105mm; 375 rounds of 88mm; 30 rounds of 81mm; 10 rounds of 150mm.
- 1840 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is the news? Ans: Gives locations of "K", "I" and "L" companies. S-3: You follow 1st Bn into ALFTER and DRANSORF on into town. Your south boundary is road through 557379, 533379. 1st Bn and 3rd Bn North boundary 545386, and 536385. 1st Bn on the south and 3rd on the north. Your boundary is the 398 EW line. Your mission is to tie in with the rear of 1st and 3rd Bns and block N and S.
- 1900 - G-2 reports: A rumor that the 9th Armored Div has crossed the Rhine river also another that the Germans may attempt to come over the river thru BONN to counterattack with tanks and infantry.
- 1909 - S-3 to Blue 2: Has the I&R left yet? Ans: They have reached Pt 77. S-3: Tell them to look at Pt 94 when they reach 78.
- 1915 - Red 3 to S-3: "A" moved at 1835 hours; "C" is to go next, forward CP is up there now, and rear is moving now.
- 1925 - MESSAGE: TASK FORCE DAVISON IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO 26th INFANTRY AND IS ATTACHED TO 16TH AS OF 071400 March 1945.
- 1930 - PWI reports: Civilian interrogated says from an OP on can see across the Rhine River. In the vicinity NE of VILICH RHEINDORF and PUTZCHEN there are many ammo dumps, storage space in clearing. Civilian says enemy plans to cut off all roads on the other side of RHINE and block the escape of any troops. Civilian said the rumor that BONN is ready to surrender is NAZI propagand. In area 60-50 which is called a maneuver area, there is lots of artillery ready tfor immediate use. S-2: How about HERSEL: Ans: I will find out.



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- 2000 - Blue 2 to S-2: "I" company at Pt 74: "L" at 75. 40 PW's are coming back. I&R reported movement at 75.
- 2005 - Red Bn to S-3: "C" company has left, tanks still to leave.
- 2020 - Capt. Robinson, 90th Chml Bns to S-3: I would like to put platoons with 3rd and 1st Bns and have them report to the Bn tonight. Ans: A good idea.
- 2030 - S-2 to G-2: G-2: 26th didn't get into SECHTEM as yet. There is a reinforced platoon across the Rhine, a foot crossing. The people up North got with in two Kilos of BONN in BETZDORF. S-2: Tells of patrol sent out and gives item 1730 hours and 1735 hours.
- 2040 - Blue 2 to S-2: What is new? Ans: Item 1730 hours and 1735 hours repeated and item of 2030 hours.
- 2045 - Blue 2 to S-3: I want the boundary lines of the Bns. S-3: Take the bridge at 57379 over to 533379, right boundary of 1st Bn is 542383, 536385. Your north boundary is the 398. The 2nd Bn follows the 1st Bn. Goes into defensive position between you and 1st Bn and between the 1st and 18th. Blue 2: What of the 18th? Ans: They jump at 2400 hours for their initial objective DEISDORF and LESSENICH, then start on town about 0500 hours. S-3: I am still waiting out a report from 1st Bn and the I&R patrol at 94. Blue 2: I am a little worried about them; they went out and left their radio with the OP taking only the transmitter. The OP says the receiver of that radio is not too good. S-3: Tentative plans to jump at four o'clock. 1st to clean out DRANSORF. You are to jump from Pt 77 after 1st has cleared 94. Tell Capt Booth about this. S-3: You are to watch roads to keep traffic down after you are in the town and all set.
- 2045 - White 3 to S-3: S-3: Your mission will be to block and clean up. You move behind an assault Bn that goes thru in the dark; nod out there will be enemy left for you to clean up. You will block the traffic on the Pt 2- - 38 road.
- 2120 - Blue 2 to S-3: The I&R heard vehicles, estimated 12, East of Pt 94. They saw 2 enemy at Pt 18. Civilians said there were no enemy between Pt 74 and the autobahn.
- 2130 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Did the patrol go to contact "F" company of the 47th Inf? Ans: Patrol from 1st Bn went. It is all right for the company of 47th to move out.
- 2135 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Stephens: "B" company will move at 2145 hours, "D" mortars will move by 2150 hours, all but tanks and AT have gone. All rest have gone. Lt. Stephens: We haven't been able to contact your forward. I don't think they have put a phone on the line that goes in to the switch. Ans: OK, will check on it.
- 2145 - PWI reports: Army Brigade, 3rd Btry 2 men. 26th Inf Div, 78th Regt 6th Co 5 men. 9th Btry 34th Arty 3rd Prch Div, 5th Co, 3 men. Combat School named WINDDIEL" - 4 PWS. 102nd Field Repl Bn, 1 PW. Combat team (identification unknown) 3 PWS. Arty "Park" 388 Arty Co, 4th Bn, 1 PW. Wireless Signal Co, #44, 1 PW. 62nd VGD, 162 Arty Regt, 4th Btry 4 PWS. Pilot School STRAUBING", 1 PW. Police Force - 2 policemen. 353rd Arty Regt, 353 Div, 1 PW.