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OSTOIT is drawing old civilians in Germany to construct a defense from HAMBURG to CONSTANCE on Swiss border. This line roughly follows main highway. In SIEGEN, they are building bunkers, also in cities of OSNABRUCK and MUSTER. This is supervised by organization TODT. Volksturm organized along usual lines. Not to fight in front of the lines but to fight behind our lines after we attack. Lots of vehicles along BONN SEIGBURG road. Also to drive the vehicles. Plenty of petrol available. SEIGBURG heavily occupied by troops. Troops may be thrown against us within three hours after the beachhead is established. Last Sunday a convoy of tracked vehicles passed thru WESSLING taking 3 hours to pass a certain point going across to east bank. The retreat of troops started Jan 24th. The nearest SS unit to the Rhine is at WIPPERFURTH. Most SS units in Berlin Defense, line started 20th January. The pilot school formed at SALZWEDEL trained for 8 days and then moved to BONN and arrived Sunday. They were not equipped. Were supposed to be equipped as a Foch Div. They moved to the vicinity of ROISDORF and then Sunday or Monday night re-crossed the Rhine. The name of the CP of the combat school is SNEGELSDORF. The Bn CP is in BORNHEIM. The CT presumed to have left. TANNENBUSCH vic 525385 may develop into a strong point. The balance of PW's were stragglers from all units, no information. The above PW's came from 3rd Bn. (From 1st Bn there was a PW from Assault Troop combat school, but no information could be gathered from this PW).

- 2150 - Capt. Brooks to Lt. Stephens: Have been in contact with Red 6, who is at Pt 74. He has been trying to contact Regt, by radio, but can't get you. I am at point 15.
- 2155 - S-2 to G-2: PW count for today is 190. Patrol got out to 518284, heard some people talking. They thought this to be an outpost. They also hear vehicular traffic on the military highway. Made no contact with the enemy.
- 2230 - S-3 to Red 6: The Colonel has set a different boundary now. On the right will be the bridge road; left coordinate is 533379. Right coordinate 557379. The 18th will be right along side you in there. 18th going thru DUISDORF AND THEN IN. Northern boundary will be road from traffic circle and east end up at 536385. 2nd Bn will follow you up, will be half hour behind you. When you clear DRANSDORF, they will be alerted to move. They will protect your rear and make a search of all buildings. They will not go any further in than the 54 line. You are to start attack at 0400 hours. Colonel Gibb to Colonel Driscoll: You getting any fire down there? Ans: Not now. S-6: Want you to pick us out a good CP.
- 2235 - Mr. Lipinski to Colonel Grant: 1st and 3rd Bns will jump at 0400 hours. Major Smith to Colonel Grant: H-hour is 0400 hours, so you will be able to feed breakfast at 0500 hours.
- 2240 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to S-2: What did you hear from recon? S-2: Heard some people talking and some vehicular movement. G-3: Can you give me the 3rd Bn outpost? S-2: At 506384. G-3: What about your move? Ans: 1st and 3rd Bns will move together. 1st on the right and 3rd on the north. 26th took over our responsibility. 2nd Bn will follow up.

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- 2245 - S-2 to Capt. Booth: 0400 hours is H-hour. 1st Bn will go at the same time. White will protect the rear of 1st Bn. Capt. Booth: What have you got on the enemy? S02: Mostly stragglers as reported by the civilians. Capt. Booth: The I&R didn't get to Pt 78. S-2: What time do you want them tomorrow? Just give me an hours notice before you need them.
- 2246 - Radio Intercept: TFD to Danger: CP at 462399. Assault guns and mortar platoon in support of 3rd Bn, Lt tanks in support of 2nd Bn. Recon Co, guards road blocks 439417 and 447413. Time signed 2125.
- 2255 - Radio Message to CO 16th Inf: Road block which has 19 Y mine fields at 439417 and 447413 as of 071845. Contact with 26th on left. Time signed from TFD.
- 2300 - Colonel Beck to Mr. Lipinski: When is H-hour? Ans: H-hour is 0400 hours. 1st and 3rd together. (Reviews plans as previously listed). Colonel Beck: 1000 light mortars, 4 days starting tomorrow.
- 2315 - S-3 to G-3: H-hour is 0400 hours and we are tied in with the 18th. Our 3rd Bn on North, Red on South. 3rd Bn will follow 1st Bn. 2nd Bn will move on order.
- 2330 - Sgt. Carlrossa, Blue Bn reports: "K" has been getting some arty, about 8 to 10 rounds every half hour.
- 2340 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: 18th is not pushing until the same time as you do (0400 hours) because of poor visibility.
- 2342 - Mr. Lipinski gives the above announcement about the time for the 18th Inf attach to 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 2347 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: In reference to your call; there will be no change in our plans.
- 2358 - Major Edmonds to Major Sandell, 7th FA LO: Everything is quiet. What is new? Ans: (Major Sandell gives information concerning tomorrow's activities as previously listed). Major Edmonds: The rear has moved up to new position. Everything has closed out here.

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- 0005 - Blue Bn reports: 10 to 12 rounds of artillery; everything else is quiet.
- 0010 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Here is some PW information received today that may be useful: The town of BONN is manned by 600 troops. In the town there is a Bn CP at 53753845. Defense line from 510396, 505377, 517366. Road blocks at 573418, 517414, 516405, 518402. An occupied bunker is at 507383. Barracks with troops at 539392. 20,000 civilians are still in BONN. The infantry emplacements may be manned.
- 0012 - 1st and 2nd Bns report negative.
- 0020 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: 3rd Bn had 10 to 12 rounds of artillery in the last hour; otherwise everything is quiet.
- 0024 - TFD reports negative by 193 radio. Mr. Lipinski to TFD: Do you have any contact with 32nd Cav. Sqdrn? Ans: None reported. If we get any word, we will let you know.
- 0035 - Mr. Lipinski to 26th Inf. S-3: Do you have contact with Ceylon? Ans: We have a liaison officer with us but he isn't here at present.
- 0100 - 1st Bn reports negative. Lt Stephens gives information as of item 0010 hours from G-2.
- 0105 - 3rd Bn reports negative; is given G-2 information as of item 0010 hours.
- 0200 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0205 - 3rd Bn reports negative. Lt. Stephens: The 14th Cav Grp is in place of the 26th Inf. on the left. They are going to clean out the woods.
- 0208 - 1st Bn reports negative, and a negative report is given to G-3.
- 0255 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0300 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: situation of the jump off is given.
- 0310 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; negative report. G-3: 18th Infantry reports that a mine sweeping outfit ran into about 30 enemy at 504354. Fire was put on them. Ceylone, 14th Cav. Grp, has a squadron around BRUHL. 14th Cav. is to go thru the 26th, it is not a direct relief.
- 0355 - 2nd Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - 1st Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: We just jumped off.
- 0410 - S-3 to Blue 3: How is it going? Ans: We are on line of departure.
- 0416 - Blue 2 to Maj. Smith, S-3: "K" moved out on time. There are a few flares on the right.
- 0435 - Lt. Kestlinger to Cannon Co: What is new? Ans: Nothing heard from observers as yet. Lt. Kestlinger; informs of the jump off of 1st and 2nd Bns.
- 0505 - 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: #3-Love reports all companies at point 62. Flares coming up from point 94. #1 Love, also reports that the 1st Bn is moving.

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- 0515 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: How are things? Ans: No contact as yet. The radio is giving us a little trouble; will have it repaired soon. We have set up a relay station. It is our estimate that they are out beyond the traffic circle. The North company should be past point 78. (Lt. Kestlinger gives 1st Bn progress).
- 0522 - Radio Operator to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0510 hours, the last company of 3rd Bn cleared Pt 78. At 0520 hours, 1st Bn's "A" and "B" were at 94. Meeting very light resistance.
- 0530 - Red 3 to S-3: Over 100 PW's at DRANSDORF; Lt. Brown will bring them back here. S-3: I'll call Lt. Lewellyn to give you a hand. The PW's are in ALFTER now.
- 0540 - Maj. Smith to G-3: Reports items of 0522 and 0530 hours. Blue at 53 line, north of the tracks. G-3: 18th Inf's "B" company is up where the RR crosses the road, east of the 50 line. Met a fire fight there. "A" company is south on a hill. No report from "A" company as yet. They hit a little stuff at DUISDORF.
- 0540 - S-3 to Capt. Brooks: Red 6 reports taking about 100 PW's.
- 0545 - S-3 to White 5: Tell Capt. Elder to be prepared to move foot troops at 0630 hours, if given word. 1st Bn cleared Pt 94, have about 100 PW's. 3rd Bn is at Pt 65.
- 0547 - Lt. Kestlinger to AT Co. CP: Major Smith wants two 2 1/2 ton trucks to report to this CP as soon as possible to haul some PW's. Will use them until noon.
- 0550 - S-3 to Red 6: Lt. Lewellyn will be up for the PW's at about 0615 hours. Is it OK to move the 2nd Bn up to ALFTER? Ans: OK.
- 0557 - S-3 reports present situation to G-2; 100 PW's taken; 1st Bn is still moving.
- 0600 - S-3 to White 3: Move at 0630 hours. Destination ALFTER, close in there by 0730 hours. Go into assembly area; use 1st Bn phone and let me know when you are ready.
- 0604 - Lt. Kestlinger to 3rd Bn S-2: Notifys of 1st Bn moving and 2nd Bn going to ALFTER.
- 0615 - Blue 6 to S-3: A man just came back from our wire jeep. He says the Jeep hit machine gun fire at 78. There are 7 or 8 men and a burp gun apparently attacking our Radio Relay station at Pt 77. Can you send the I&R down to help clear it up? The companies have gone on by. S-3: Will send them right away. Blue 6: Should have one company to protect my flank. S-3: 2nd Bn is moving up, they will take care of it.
- 0618 - S-3 to Sgt Wheeler, I&R platoon: (S-3 gives I&R the mission of checking Pt 77. Sgt Wheeler leaves CP to get his platoon and move out).
- 0620 - S-3 to White 3: Have a rush job for you. Send one platoon and section of light tanks to the vicinity of 507399, protecting MSR and facing north. Send another platoon and section of light tanks to vicinity of 520397. Put reserve platoon at 77. (Explains enemy infiltration as of call from Blue 6 at 0615 hours). Ans: OK.

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- 0624 - S-3 notifies Blue 6 of above action of 2nd Bn and the I&R platoon.
S-3: Block autobahn to the North. Blue 6: Will get something on it.
- 0635 - White 3 to S-3: We are now starting to move out.
- 0640 - G-6 to S-3: How are things going? S-3 gives situation in detail.
- 0645 - S-3 to TFD, Major Olson: Move some of your elements to BORNHEIM and block to 16 North.
- 0650 - Red 6 to S-3: "A" is at the traffic circle. Some big stuff is either coming in or going out - check on this with Division artillery. Flak is shooting from 110. Some mortars coming into this area; some between "C" and "B"; some behind "A". "C" is sending back some more PW's, one or two officers in the group. The 100 PW's previously reported is 73, instead of the 100. Don't move your CP yet - this is too weird up here.
- 0653 - S-3 to 7th FA: "A" and "C" are up to the 537380 line, as center of sector, notify Division artillery of this. Find out if SP 155's are firing on the south flank. 1st Bn reports some fire either coming in or going out, over in their area. At about 530365, flak is coming from that area.
- 0655 - White 6 to S-3: (S-3 gives situation as pf previous items). White 6: Who is blocking 15, 19, 36, 59, 61, 62, 71, 78? Ans: TFD. White 6: The company is at 62-77, watching across the RR tracks. Those coordinates (item of 0620 hours) should read 507387. Ans: Right. White 6: I'll probably be in ALFTER. S-3: Will keep you in ALFTER for awhile. White 6: A good idea. S-3: Radio report says 3rd Bn's "K" is on the river. White 6: They should block North, there's a lot of stuff up there.
- 0656 - Major Wozenski Blue 6, to S-5: "K" is on the RHINE, at the following coordinate 553383. This is an unconfirmed radio report. It is very hot there, Ack-Ack, small arms and mortar fire.
- 0700 - S-3 to G-3, Capt. Parsons: Gives above information about "K". Will you relay this information to General ANDRUS? G-3: Congratulations. The 18th Inf. is fighting in DUISDORF.
- 0725 - Red 6 to S-3: "G" company at 95 and in a little scrap. "B" is at 94. "A" at traffic circle, moving up. Tanks and TD'S are going down to "C" company.
- 0730 - Blue 6 to S-5: They are shooting down the road at 74, and we can't get down the road around the bend. We will have to outpost the road there. TFD will relieve "F" company.
- 0740 - S-3 to White 3: 60th Inf has IMPEKOVEN; south and BOTTGEN are taken care of. Recon is going to LESSENICH and ROISDORF. "A" and "B" of 18th are thru DUISDORF. 2nd Bn is moving up to 110.
- 0747 - Capt. Stabber, 1st Bn, to S-3: PW's of 7th Div came from BONN. The airfield at 5961, along east edge, there are a lot of flak guns, 105's and 88's. The tanks and TD's circle the perimeter and fire at intervals. I believe that is where we are getting a lot of fire. The civilians say a lot of artillery moved back behind the town of "D" at 62-44 grid. I have called for TOT, harassing fire on that. The bridge is in good condition, not checked for demolition yet. S-3: I'll see you get fire on that target (airfield).

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- 0750 - S-3 to 7th FA: I would like to have continuous harassing fire on flak positions that Capt. Stabler has. Delight: I can request some and will have the cub check on the airfields, there are probably flak guns at both fields.
- 0750 - Blue 6 to S-3: Radio from Lt. Smith of "K" saying he believed he had contacted "I" just due west of him. His objective was 553335. Radio from "K" says consolidating and clearing up the area. Blue 6: I haven't heard from the I&R yet. S-3: "C" of 2nd Bn reported down there. Blue 6: I believe platoon should be at 77 and one at 78. What is new of the 18th? S-3: The 18th has DUISDORF. Their 1st recon out for 107-108. The 2nd is going for 110. Blue 6: What about the 1st Bn? Ans: "A" is moving alright. "C" is in fire fight at 95. "B" at 94 about 15 minutes ago. S-3: Let me know if your men run into trouble at 77.
- 0752 - S-5 to Capt. Stabler, 1st Bn: Isn't it the airfield at 5941 the one you want worked on? Ans: Yes. (Our situation is reviewed by S-5).
- 0805 - Blue 6 to S-3: "I" company on objective 551385, I&R is at Pt 77, moving up. Friendly tanks seen at 513377.
- 0805 - Lt. Brown, Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: (The situation as recorded in previous items is given to Red 2: Red 2: We have 75 PW's by actual count, but more are coming in.
- 0808 - S-3 to G-3, Colonel Beck: 3rd Bn situation given. HERSEL is giving trouble; 1st Bn position given. Colonel Beck states that HERSEL is the 16th's sector; S-3 disagrees. G-3 will check it. G-3: Try to find out if the bridge across the RHINE is up. S-3 states a lot of fire is coming from the right flank. G-3 states that the 18th will get cracking and clear it up.
- 0816 - Colonel Horner to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Where are you located? Ans: We are at 74. "G" company is at 62, going to Pt 77. "F" Co still waiting for relief. S-5: Get "G" company going so as some of that stuff will clear up.
- 0830 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Colonel Horner: There are a lot of enemy up here, the boys are in pretty close quarters. S-5: Call the I&R and have them inform you of everything that they see, by 284 radio. You, then, call it back here.
- 0840 - Colonel Horner to 1st Bn: What is your situation? Ans: "G" company is at Pt 2, receiving fire but advancing. "A" company has contacted 3rd Bn at Pt 2 at 0815 hours. "B" company is following "C" company.
- 0840 - PWI reports: (72 PW's from 1st Bn). 4th Co, 412th, 7 PW's; 3rd company of 412th, 3 PW's; 26 Engrs Bn, 2 PW's; 1st Btry of 438 Searchlight Bn, 5 PW's; 6th Btry of 245th AA Bn, 42 PW's; Flak surveying platoon #182, 12 PW's; 1 PW from an unidentified Combat Team.
- 0845 - Col. Beck to Col. Horner: 18th Recon on left, White Bn coming in thru left flank of LERNERTOWN; he by-passed enemy at METTINGHOFEN. Also enemy on forward slope, between "A" and "B"; "B" on the north and "A" on the south. Had a small counterattack this morning. S-5: At 0815 hours "A" was on 54, EW line and NS. "C" is at 534 grid following "A". "A" is moving on. "B" following "C". How is 18th doing? Ans: 18th is still in DUISDORF. May bring their 2nd Bn in. S-5: How about the 11th Cav Grp? Ans: Pushing off to ENDORF, the area north of that to be cleared. Col. Beck: That area should be smoked. S-5: That plain is giving us plenty of trouble.

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- 0845 - White 3 to Col. Gibb: TFD is moving in now. "E" at 91, going into assembly area.
- 0846 - Blue 6 to Colonel Horner: "K" company is cleaning up buildings and holding what they have until 1st Bn comes into town. Colonel Horner: Gives 1st Bn situation, and also the information on the 18th Infantry.
- 0850 - Red 3 to S-5: "C" company has run into 3 bunkers, 2 are cleared at 95. The third is in process. (Item of 0845 hours is given).
- 0900 - Capt. Elder, to S-3: "G" company in position. "E" company at 91. S-3 gives item of 0845 hours.
- 0905 - Major Smith to Major Wozenski: Where are assault guns? Ans: One is with each company. S-3: You think they can be attached to "Red"? Ans: No, I do not think so.
- 0910 - Lt. Walker to S-2: The I&R reports: Receiving rifle and machine gun fire from Pt 600 yards east of 78, also gun and one man seen at that point.
- 0910 - G-2 to S-2: S-2 gives PW report as of previous items and the situation at this hour. Gave "A" position at 539338, and "B" company as 533378.
- 0912 - Blue 6 to S-3: "L" company moving into position now. I will still defend to the North.
- 0915 - Col. Driscoll, Red 6 to S-3: Where is Cannon Co going? Ans: I do not know. Guess they are out on recon. Red 6: ALFTER is a hot spot; there is direct fire and flak on that road. "C" company is getting quite a bit of small arms. We are putting our mortars at 94, but have to run a gauntlet down the road.
- 0915 - S-2 to PW1: S-2 asks PW count? Ans: 72. S-2: Any information about Ack Ack? Ans: I'm quizzing the Lieut. of the AA now. He is stubborn about giving information.
- 0917 - S-5 to Colonel Barnes? Speaks of trouble with civilians and expected trouble in the big town; S-5 asks about the "BELGIAN FUSILIERS" to aid the Military Government in policing the civilians. S-5: We will be ready for them to take over sometime tomorrow mornin g. Col. Beck: The Staff has considered that and will call you on it. Our half track and the team are about 3 towns behind. We need help in collecting arms. S-5: Colonel Driscoll says he can see bridge and believes it is still intact. We have plenty of Tanks and TD's up there. They are having a little small arms and bunkers to combat, but I believe they will clear things up soon. Their objective is North portion of town. Until the 18th gets up, we will have trouble with the South portion. "K" company is about 8 blocks from the bridge. (S-5 gives other positions of our units as of this hour).
- 0930 - Blue Bn reports: "I" company states that they have 44 PW's, some wounded. Will send them in as soon as we get transportation .
- 0942 - Maj. Olson TFD to Maj. Smith, S-3: All three platoons in position now. How are you doing? Ans: "A" company moving down towardst he bridge. "B" and "G" having scrap in edge of town. Decoy is in DUESSDORF. White Bn is at 505387, is center of sector. 9th Div, has a regiment across the stream from what I hear.

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- 0945 - G-3 to S-3: 18th Infantry has town of DUISDORF, pushing its second Bn thru to go to ENDENICH; main purpose is to gain and maintain contact with your. The 1st Recon going North thru LESSENICH and MESSDORF. Will clear it out and gain contact with your. This is in the process now.
- 0950 - Capt. Clark Recon for CP, to Majl Smith: Not doing very well. All small homes here. Ans: Come back and we will look later. Blue 6: I am by Pt 61. "K" company has made contact with "A" company. Red 6: "B" company is following along. The enemy has a 76-new type Ack ack gun. S-3: The Recon followed by 18th is working towards DRANSDORF. White 6: "F" company moving up to Pt 91 - will be there soon.
- 1000 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant: Are you getting shot at much? Ans: When I came up here, I didn't, but thought we got shot at. There are 3 flak guns down south at Pt 93. Capt. Stabler: Fire is coming from the right where "F" company was last night. There are 2 sets of guns, one set to southeast and one northeast of us, around 125 or 110. Some are 20mm and some 76 medium flak. They haven't caused much trouble but they interdict the road about Pt 9h. S-6 to Red 6: Shove something across bridge if you find it intact. Col. Grant: 5th Field observer located one gun position at 50638 to 5144386. S-6: How is the bridge? Ans: I can not see it at present.
- 1000 - S-6 to G-5: Situation on the South not good. My Bn's are cut off. Can not get anything up to them. All roads are cut off from the south. Can not move my 2nd Bn, so I can send them across. G-5: The General is down at the 18th now, pushing them. S-6: All 3 Bns are cut off, cannot get anything east of 49 line. My second Bn is in ALFTER, less "G" company, which is posting the North. Bridge is intact and I want to go across. "A" company is about 300 yards short of the bridge and it seems to be intact. All prepared to move my 2nd Bn, but can not until it is cleared up.
- 1007 - Col. Barnes to Col. Horner: I talked to 18th S-6 and they have stuff on move. Have already taken DUISDORF, and are to 515 grid towards ENDENICH. Passing another Bn through in about 30 minutes.
- 1010 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PWI report of 0840 hours.
- 1015 - Red 2 to S-2: My total count for today is 135 PW's, that have gone into the 2½ ton truck. S-2: The 4th Armored went 35 miles in the last 48 hours. They are one mile from the RHINE, at 9960. The 9th Armored got some people across the RHINE. They captured a bridge intact and rushed some stuff across.
- 1015 - Col. Gibb to Col. Barnes: We captured 3 new type flak guns, at 504375. We are getting ack ack fire from 488368, 495366, 512370, 522369, 530365 and 532354. There are 2 SP guns or tanks in town that we are working on. Can not see the bridge yet, but believe it is intact. PW states that the police and some civilians are fighting. They were told to defend the bridge the last man. We are also getting fire from HERSEL area. "G" company at 508390 to 520390, and then over to 523393 to 530390.
- 1024 - S-2 to G-2: Just got a report that the 825th TD's are floating around BORNHEIM. G-2: Have the CO of that outfit up here. I will send him down. Have you anything on the bridge? Ans: No, it still appears to be intact.

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- 1027 - Major Smith to Colonel Grant: Here is what the Colonel wants. Clean from 77-78 to 63 to traffic circle. The Colonel wants the Ack Ack cleaned out of there. Ans: Everytyme someone goes there they get fired on. S-3: There is a gun at 519389. Ans: OK, we will take care of it.
- 1045 - Capt. Ralph to Col. Gibb: I wanted to find out about the move, sir. Ans: We will not move for a while until things clear up some. We will not move before dark and probably not until tomorrow. Capt. Ralph: They are laying the stuff in here. Ans: It is coming from the 18th sector. They haven't cleaned it up yet.
- 1045 - PWI reports: The town at 516379, DRANSDORF, has four 8.5 russian AA guns of the 6th Btry of 222nd AA Bn. Bn has 8 btrys, one of which is in HESSENICH and other one was in HERSEL, but has moved to GRAU-RHEINDORF vicinity. Btry Hqs. is in RAMERSDORF (5936), the exact building is not known. Bn CO is Capt. LEUTHOLD. PW was 1st Lt. PAUSCHER, Btry CO of the 6th Btry. Some men were taken from the 245th AA Bn to form the 6th Btry of 222nd AA. The 245th AA Bn is now somewhere in Central Germany. In LENGSDORF is a Btry of 105's, GHQ troops. In the WEINDORF area (5742), is the 6th Btry of the 785th Construction Bn, which is building emplacements for guns and searchlights for AA units. The pitch-fork army is holding line from DRANSDORF to LESSENICH under the command of a 1st Lt of the 1st World War. Hq. in town is responsible directly to the City Commander of BONN. This army is to fight in conjunction with the regular army presumably the cirche (defensive circle) around the town of BONN. Btry of 88's firing from swampy territory, grid square 5641, into BORNHEIM.
- 1050 - Capt. Clark forwards above PW report to G-2:
- 1100 - White Bn reports: "G" company is at Pt 78, 400 yards North of Pt 77. Report flak at BUSCHDORF.
- 1115 - PWI reports: New identification. PW's from 412th Inf. Bn (42 PW's). 6th Btry of 222 AA Bn (7 PW's). Combat Team BREMER, 6 PW's. 5 deserters. The 412th Inf Bn 235th Replacement Bn was dissolved last week; personnel came originally from the 412th Inf Bn and reverted to it after it was dissolved. The 412th Inf Bn reverted to 235th Repl. Bn. The 412th Inf Bn was in DRANSDORF. The 3rd and 4th companies in the town and the 1st company in TANNENBUSH, northeast of the town. Bn CO is Captain MANNERZ. The 4th has 2 heavy machine guns and over 100 men. The Bn has 600 or more men.
- 1120 - S-2 to G-2: Gives above PW report. Total PW's 139 in the cage and a lot more coming in. G-2: We are now back in the 7th CORPS.
- 1120 - Maj. Edmond to Capt. Hall: Can you tell me what 2nd Bn is doing? Ans: Gave information on 2nd Bn as of this hour.
- 1130 - Capt. Brooks to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is the Regimental CP of the 18th? Ans: They are at 460320.
- 1132 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Other platoon of "G" company is at 512387. Other 2 companies around Pt 91. CP is at 74. Artillery landing around here.

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- 1115 - Major Smith, S-3 to Colonel Driscoll, Red 6: What is new? Ans: "C" is working down at Pt "C".
- 1116 - GENERAL ANDRUS to Colonel Gibb: Have you been able to take a look at the bridge? Ans: Only from a distance, as we can't get to the bridge, as yet. G-6: I want to get someone on my flank and get a Bn in the town, as it is a hell of a big town. G-6: We will have to clear out the AA that is bothering you. G-6: If you can make a rush for it, go ahead and do it. Ans: I will if I can, Sir. G-6: I know you will, Fred.
- 1151 - Capt. Elder to Major Smith: We picked up enemy 88 batry at 49435. We would like it cleared if possible. Ans: OK, it is in the 18th Inf sector. I will turn it over to them.
- 1155 - Capt. Diggs, 1st Engrs, to S-2: Have you got any dope on the bridge? S-2: No, other than that it is in, from what they can see from a distance. Capt. D.: The bridge has 13 spans; 3 spans are 110 feet, one span 60 feet; 2 spans 45 feet; 6 spans 43 feet; 1 span (?). It is 2070 feet long and 45 feet wide; 24 feet wide for traffic. Steel bridge with masonry arches.
- 1210 - Red 6 to S-2: What have you got on the 18th? Ans: I don't know but will find out.
- 1212 - Blue 2 to S-2: We are still getting some stuff in here; coming from 40 degrees and 250 degrees, but none seems to be coming across the river. S-2: Gives him information on crossing by the 9th Armored.
- 1215 - S-2 to Red 6: Can't get in to those people. Lines are all busy, but Lt. Stephens came back and said theyweren't any plane beyond DUISBERG.
- 1225 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10 to S-2: Cavalry has elements at 475452, and 475425 - it is "C" of the 32nd. We are now under VII Corps. They now have an outfit in SECHTEM.
- 1230 - G-2 to S-2: As of 1000 hours, no enemy artillery or mortar fire on bridge that 9th Armored has yet. Elements of 39th reports running into civilians fighting. Unconfirmed report that the 4th Armored has a bridge head across the RHINE. S-2: We are still getting flak fire, and "C" ran into a couple of SP's which they are chasing around.
- 1235 - Col. Beck to Lt. Kestlinger: We have alerted the 1st Bn of the 26th and getting them trucks, also alerting the rest of the regiment. The 26th will have close liaison, and Colonel Gibb will be in charge. 18th Inf "G" is at 525358, in a good scrap and is pushing. 1st Bn is pushing towards LANGSDORF. 3rd is going to push up to take care of those flak guns. Also organizing a task force to contact "I". Lt. Kestlinger: Will get that to the Colonel right away.
- 1240 - Maj. Wozenski to Capt. Hall: What is the dope? Ans: (S-2 reviews the situation as of this hour). Blue 6: "K" company knocked out 1 SP and 1 tank. They can see "A" company coming up. Will you tell Maj. Smith if he can send a platoon of "G" company with a couple of tanks to vicinity East of Pt 78; there are enemy in there with a 20mm AA gun. Ans: OK, I will do this.

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- 1247 - Blue Bn reports: "L" company - 69 PW's taken, 4 wounded, (2 out of 4 litter cases). Company "I" has reached its objective and sitting tight. Company "K" has reached their objective and are buttoning up. Saw "A" company moving up on their flank. "K" company knocked out 1 SP and 1 tank.
- 1255 - Major Smith to Capt. Elder, White 3: I want that position at Pt 78 taken right away. If he has to run the tanks out, have him take it. Maj. Wozenski said he is getting too much from out there. Even if he losses the tanks - have him take that position.
- 1300 - Major Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Is "A" company to the bridge? Ans: No. There is a couple of SP guns to the N holding them up. They are trying to maneuver our TD's to get them out. S-3: Where are they? Ans: Pts 12 and 16. S-3: What about "B" company? Ans: Company B is right to the rear of "C" company. S-3: Are you getting many prisoners? Ans: Not too many reported. S-3: Any report on the bridge? Ans: No, S-3: The entire 26th Inf. is alerted to whip thru and cross that bridge under Colonel Gibb's control. The minute you get some information on the bridge, let me know. Get a small recon party over and see if it is cleared, so we can get those people alerted and thru as soon as possible. I believe that the enemy will blow the bridge. Sweep across some light tanks with some doughboys, we will gain about a month in the war - after all - this is done for us. Get to the bridge and hold it. Give them all the support such as smoke and artillery and anything they may need and everything you can. Be ready to get across and secure that end of it. Let me know when they start out. RADIO INTERCEPT: CO 18th Inf: Continue main mission, but move force immediately to clear all resistance south of ALFTER and gain contact with the 16th Inf. Signed: CG, 1st Div.
- 1307 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: I would like to know what "K" company can see and what they know about the bridge? Ans: They can't see very much. S-3: Where I have them plotted, they should be able to observe the bridge. Blue 5: There is poor visibility. S-3: The 26th is alerted to go across the bridge as soon as we see if it is OK. Blue 5: I plan on going down town, I will let you know as soon as possible.
- 1310 - Capt. Smith to Lt. Stephens: What have you got on the 18th Inf? Ans: They have the town of DUISDORF, and 2nd Bn is 200 yards SW of Pt 124. Road is getting some shelling. Have barracks full of Jerries, also getting some arty from N of Pt 139.
- 1333 - Major Lauten, G-2 to S-2: Anything new? Ans: We knocked out a couple of SPs and some tanks. There were two tanks bothering "A" company.
- 1333 - CO 18th to CG 1st Div (radio intercept); 1st and 2nd Bns receiving heavy fire in town. 2nd Bn proceeding for jump off as soon as possible. 1st Recon having difficulty moving up, through friendly armor. 3rd Bn behind the 2nd.
- 1340 - Major Olson TFD to Major Smith: S-3 reviews the tactical situation as of this hour.
- 1345 - Col. Gibb to Col. Beck, G-3: I am going to use the 2nd Bn to clean area N of the MSR. One co. to the S and SW and gain contact with the 18th Inf. 3rd Bn to work NW of BONN. I have got to refuse my right flank with the 1st Bn. TFD, when available, will go to the NW and clean BUSCHDORF and GRAURHEINDORF. Ans: In the event that the 26th is given to you, what use will you make of them? S-6: They will go across, if the bridge is secure. It looks like the bridge is intact. Ans: I'll call you back.

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- 1410 - S-3 to White 3: One company is to block south and southwest approaches to town of ALFTER. You are also to clear the area inside 63, 40, 63, 64, traffic circle, 78, 77. Use all the armor you need.
- 1410 - Colonel Horner to Colonel Gibb: "C" company is between 44 and 45 working toward the bridge, getting SP and small arms fire. "A" is between 12 and 16. "B" is at 3 and going toward 4. All are fighting. Lt. Lyons, G-3 to S-3: 1st Bn of 26th attached to you as of 1405 hours. The CO, S-3 and Cannon Co. observer will be down to see you.
- 1415 - Lt. Lynch, LO to Div reports: 1st of 47th at 6523. 1st of 52nd armored Inf at 6622. 1st of 27th Inf and 1st of 310th at 6820.
- 1418 - Capt. Hall to Sgt Schneider, PWI: How many PW's have you got today?
Ans: 197 PW's.
- 1420 - S-2 to Red 3: Any late poop? Ans: "C" company at 45. "A" is between 12 and 16. 2 SP's holding them up. "C" company is trying to get behind SP's with their TD's. "B" is 2 blocks from "C". The tanks are with "A" and TD's with "C". The mortars are in town, just forward of Pt 13.
- 1420 - Colonel Curtis to Major Smith: Get 26th 1st Bn out of the way as soon as possible. We have a lot of bridge transportation coming down the road.
- 1425 - G-2 to S-2: Do you have any Engr PW's that would know if the bridge is mined? Ans: I do not know, but I will check. S-2 gives above information of 1420 hours.
- 1430 - S-2 to PWI: Did your PW's know about bridge being mined? Ans: No, but some think that it is mined with crews on the other side.
- 1431 - S-2 to G-2: PW's have stated several days ago that the bridge was prepared for demolition.
- 1447 - Capt. Smith to Maj. Smith: Our situation and locations are still the same. S-3: The 3rd Bn is working North.
- 1447 - Lt. Stephens to 2nd Bn: A platoon of light tanks will report to TFD in BRENNIG, Pt 56, will be detached from you. Report to CO there.
- 1450 - Lt. Stephens to TFD: Tells of above item. S-3 to Lt. Ballard Cannon Company: White 5 wants captain Golden to send an observer up to the 631th TD with a radio to the town of GREENICH within the next half hour. Ans: OK.
- 1500 - Major Edmond to Lt. Stephens: The 14th Cav has cleaned out the woods up at SECHFEM. Major Edmonds: The 631th day they are no longer under TFD, I am giving them all of the information that I can.
- 1531 - S-3 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Did "G" company meet with success on that attack? Ans: The line is out but they jumped off and sent back 4 PW's. "F" company out on recon. "E" working on road blocks.

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- 1531 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO: Tell Major Smith that the Cav. has cut the main autobahn east of the woods and up to the 50 grid square (G-32). "C" troops of the 32nd).
- 1540 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: What is the location of the 18th's CP? Ans: In town of BESCHOVEN in 4632 grid square.
- 1545 - Major Smith, White 5 to S-3: Doughboys in area of point 65. Five more PW's from "G" company. "F" company will take over where "G" is. They will clean to 62, 40, 63, 64, then to 79. "E" company working on road blocks at point 91, also at crossroads; right and left of cross roads are blocked. S-3: At 492430, Co. "C" of 32nd Cav., cut the autobahn, they have forces to 5053. At present ODEKOVEN and GIELDORF are being worked on by "K" company of the 18th. They are trying to contact your people at ALFTER, Pt 91. 1st Recon is in LESSENICH. At 529364, the 2nd Bn of the 18th is located. The 1st Bn of the 18th is moving East of 530350. The barracks east of DUISDORF gave up 400 PW's.
- 1550 - Red 6 to S-3: "A" company is east of Pt 12 and have people S of it at Pt 16. 2 SP guns are fighting it out with them. They were at 16 and we drove them out of there but lost a tank doing it. "C" company is held up by small arms fire from the right on other side of the Railroad track. They are making slow progress. "B" company is coming down the middle between "C" and "A" company. "K" is not at the river yet. They are about at Pt 15, and north of that is a IV tank. This tank is working over "K" company every time they move. "B" company is starting down from Pt 19 now. There is nobody at the bridge area. Enemy blocking approaches to it. S-3: 26th should arrive at de-trucking area around 1800 hours. Red 6: Those tanks are in places where you can not get at them. We fired 3 bazookas at one of them and rifle grenades, but we only knocked a machine gun off of it. The other has not been touched, but seems to have trouble with its tracks. S-3: C of the 18th has half of the town of LENGSDORF (5335). G of the 18th is at 529364, have all the barracks now, took 400 PW's from it. K of the 18th has owns of ODEKOVEN, and GIELSDORF. The 1st Recon is at LESSENICH.
- 1605 - Capt. Smith to Capt. Hall: I have 38 PW's and more to pick up at DRANSDORF. Will you send me two 2 1/2 ton trucks? Ans: I'll take care of it.
- 1608 - G-3 to S-3: DELIVER holding solid, ERFELD thru ENDORF. I am extending their boundary south to HERSEL. They are moving to the 41 grid.
- 1610 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer, to S-2: Cleared 261 PW's, so far today.
- 1610 - S-3 to White 3: F going after E, will hold positions in bottom of town until contact is made with 18th Inf on the south. White 3: G company completed mission. S-3: Your north boundary is points 123456 and 7 - the coordinates are 542377 due east to the bridge, main road exclusive. Now start at the river and come back at 558376, coming due west. This is your southern boundary, right back to point one. Start E and F at dusk, secure edge of river bank in your sector. White 3: G Company found 4-86mm, and one 57; 3 multiple barrel 20's and destroyed them with incendiary. They reported 3 truck loads of enemy passed them with a German driver and a doughboy in the truck. S-3: Have Maj. Smith see Colonel Driscoll about the plan. White 3: Who is on my right? S-3: You are protecting your right, the 18th is in ENDENICH. They are going into town. We have a Bn of the 26th attached to us. They will move into ALFTER tonight, as you move out. White 3: I will pull about 7 P.M. S-3: Call me on your plan.

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- 1613 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PWI report and latest disposition of Companies.
- 1615 - Blue 3 to S-2: Have 200 PW's from out of the town and 50 here at the CP. How about trucks to get them out? Ans: Something on the way down now.
- 1617 - S-2 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: Would like to borrow a truck from you to haul PW's. Will return it as soon as you ask for it. Ans: OK, where do you want it? S-2: Have it report to the MP's at Regt.
- 1627 - G-5 to S-6: Would be good idea to use an ambulance or some other captured vehicles to lead your column across the bridge. G-5: 9th Div got knocked back a bit. It is contained now though. It was up by the barracks.
- 1630 - PWI reports: Captured police men says that there is a load of explosives planted in cement on our side of bridge and covered with sand bags. He doesn't know where the detonators are, or how it is planned to blow up. He doesn't know if there are any more explosives planted. He only knows of above one. Water supply in BONN is good in spots. Direct electricity is out. Indirect current still good in parts of the city. Civilians have not been evacuated at all. He says that the people will not resist us.
- 1645 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PWI report as above.
- 1650 - Colonel Gara, 1st Engrs to S-6: VII Corps engrs have been sitting here all day waiting for some hot-poop on the bridge. S-6: Enemy used it this morning. It is prepared for demolition on this side. Control station is unknown. The bridge looks in good shape and will hold a 105mm gun towed by truck, which is what the enemy pulled across last night.
- 1655 - PWI to Clerk: Identifications of enemy units are 10 PW's from the 6th Btry of 222nd Bn; 8 from Combat Team BREMMER; 1 from 1st Btry 138 Searchlight Bn; 8 from the 6th Btry, 222nd Bn; 21 from 4th Rifle Regt, 6th Pz Div; 1 from 172nd Inf Regt, 252 Inf Div; 1 from Engr Replacement Bn, 1st Co; 1 from 581st Engr Bn; 1 from the 6th Btry of 479th Light AA bn; 1 from 10th Co, 76th Pz Arty, 20th Pz Div; one from 537th Inf Regt, 585th Div; 1 from Engr Bn #6 belonging to 176th Inf Regt; Weapons School BERGEN, one PW; one PW from 77th Gren Bn attached to Inf Regt 536th; 12 from 512th Inf Bn; 5 from 6th Btry 222nd AA Bn; 3 from 15th Co 252nd Inf Regt; 3 from 14th Co., 252nd; 3 from 1st Co 112th Regt. There are 50,000 civilians in BONN.
- 1712 - Capt. Hall to G-2: Gave the above information on PW's.
- 1719 - Blue Bn reports: Will you ask S-2 to send up for our PW's? We will need two trucks, as we have 65 here.
- 1720 - Radio Intercept: From CO 18th Inf to CG, 1st Div - 1st Recon cleared their objective; sending patrol to contact 16th.
- 1725 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: How far have you progressed N? Ans: We are still in our box. S-3: Where did you place it in regard to the hospital? Ans: It is a barracks. "I" company is in there. S-3: What about PW's? Ans: Got one full colonel, 7 officers, and a hundred men. We are short of transportation. S-3: Use your kitchen trucks. Ans: Yes, Sir. S-3: Where is your CP? Ans: CP is near Pt 12. S-3: Your mission is still to push to the N and get up to the 40 grid line; just to clean it up, not to occupy it. Cavalry is to clean up GRAURHEINDORF and BUSCHDORF. BUSCHDORF, that goes tonight at 1845A; GRAURHEINDORF, tomorrow morning at 0600 hours. When you have cleaned up that far, except for "K" co. which will remain at the present location, you will move into

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an assembly area as Regtl Reserve. Regtl CP is going to move in to the following 538385. You will clean up that area in addition to the other things. Is the I&R still there? Ans: Yes. S-3: Give the I&R the mission of clean up the Regtl CP area, apartments, and set up a perimeter defense around it. 2nd Bn boundary is to go on the right. SW boundary is 376 (EW grid).

- 1730 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Barnes: Do you have any idea if and when Combat Command of the 3rd Arm'd will be up here? Ans: The Commander is here now. I will let him talk to you. S-6: I have some good news for you. The artillery cub reports that an American tank and jeep operated by enemy went across bridge at 1500 hours, today. Comdr: Are you buttoning up for tonight? Ans: No. I am continuing to push till we have this side of the bridge. There are more Germans there than we thought. Where can I get in touch with you? Ans: I will be in same place as Ceylon (cav grp) and you can contact me there. G-5 takes phone: They will have a task force on an hour alert and another task force ready after the first. S-6: Is battalion of 26th that is coming down to me, equipped with tanks and TD's? Ans: I will have to check on it. S-6: I am moving my CP into BONN at 0600 hours tomorrow morning. What is this command? Ans: CCR, Ozark, 3rd Armored. S-6: As soon as things open up, I will alert the Bn of the 26th and they will be first to cross.
- 1810 - Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co. to Major Smith: What is this about observer for TFD? Ans: They need an observer. They only have a Recon Co. and platoon of light tanks, and need some support. Ans: OK.
- 1820 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: "I" company just lost a map with measels on it. It may be in enemy hands. I am checking to see if it is a one over 25,000 or town plan. I will call you back on it. (1/25,000 lost).
- 1822 - S-2 to White Bn: Could you give an estimate on your shell report for today? Ans: About 100 rounds of AA, 20mm; 47 rounds of 57mm and 88mm.
- 1825 - S-2 to Blue 2: Shell report, estimate - about 300 rounds of heavy AA.
- 1825 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: Is your CP moving tonight? Ans: Only the Fwd switchboard, wire teams, and clean up details. The I&R will clean up the area. Ans: There is a battery of 88's in the back yard.
- 1834 - 7th FA asks for Shell report, the following is given: About 300 rounds of heavy AA for 3rd Bn, and about 100 rounds of 20, 47, 57 and 88mm AA.
- 1835 - S-3 to Major Green, G-3: Our 2nd Bn is S of the 1st Bn; on line generally N of railroad track. It will go E to 542377. It is N of the RR and it is in the 18th Inf sector on the main three-lined road. It hits the river at 558376. Get this info to the 18th. Ans: OK.
- 1842 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder: What is your plan? Ans: At 0700 hours, we plan to have "E" Co move down the road to BRANSDORF, down railway to the factory; "F" to go to factory south of the RR, and "E" to move by bounds to river. G Co will move behind F. After area clears we will get to the river. F Co will revert to active reserve status. Mopping up the town thoroughly. Here are the contact points that we would like to maintain with the 18th: 542375, 548374, and 555375. (Maj. Smith gives our present situation).

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- 1859 - Maj. Green to Maj. Smith: In regard to main tree-lined road, I can't pick them up. Ans: OK, heres some coordinates: 558376; 554376, 553373, including dark buildings around the university up the railroad tracks. G-3: OK. S-3: Here are some contact points our second Bn would like to meet the 18th on (repeats above coordinates of Capt. Elder). Will you notify them? Ans: Yes.
- 1900 - PWI reports: The Col (PW) hasn't come in yet, but I believe he was in charge of BONN. We also have a Captain from the 412th Bn, 253rd Repl. Regt. Col. FEIND is the Colonel's name. The Col. had a CP at 5435. The organized defense should be finished. The 412th Bn was responsible for more than half of the town. We have over half of them prisoners now. The Bn in the 253rd Regt are the 412th which had about 500 men, the 78th and 365th Bns. The captain in charge of the 412th Bn was responsible for North NW of BONN. His CP was in vicinity of 532378. They had no tanks or SP guns according to Captain. No direct arty support. The captain had no communications after 0700 hours, this morning.
- 1917 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Afe you tied in with the 2nd? Ans: Yes, I believe Red 6 and White 6 have made arrangements. S-3: What are your plans? Ans: The companies must push forward and get their objectives. They must wash their feet - (get to the river).
- 1929 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith: E company has left here; they will have a gap and F company will follow. The area where the 4.2 mortars are going. Well, it isn't cleared. As they were setting their mortars up - a Major, Captain, and 15 enemy surrendered to them.
- 1945 - Ceylon (Cav Grp) S-3 to S-3: Will you make sure that TFD knows that we are in HERSEL? Ans: Yes.
- 1945 - Lt. Baylord to Capt. Hall: TFD called and wanted to know if Blue Bn at Pt 42. S-2: Hell no.
- 1947 - Maj. Smith to Col. Davison: The 14th Cav is in HERSEL. Ans: Good. We have a platoon at 35 and two more going to 39 and 40. We have a road block at a point 500 yards SW of 39.
- 1955 - PWI reports: 87 PW's from 1st Bn. 61 from 412th Inf Repl Bn. One from 3rd Btry of 245 AA Bn. 19 from 162nd Arty Regt. Two from 3rd Para Div. One 222 Inf Regt, 69th Inf Div. 3 from 1st Btry, 18th AA Regt GHQ troops. 66 PW's from Blue Bn; 33 from 6th Btry of 245th AA Bn. One from Transportation Bn 86-6. Three from Hq 513th AA Bn. 17 from AA regt, 2nd AA Div. 20 from 1st Btry 513th AA Bn. 21 from 1st Btry of 502nd AA Bn. 4 from 412th Repl Bn.
- 2015 - RADIO Msg: To CO 16th to CO 18th Infantry: E company approaching 538 377. Advise continuing C company accordingly (Signed 1930).
- 2015 - RADIO Msg: (Intercept) To CG 1st Div from CO 18th Inf: "B" company in GIELSDORF. "C" company consolidating in LENGSDORF. 1st Recon at 533365 (signed 1500).
- 2020 - Col. Davison to S-6: We have a platoon at 38, and one at 39 and one at 40.
- 2025 - Radio Intercept: CO 18th Inf to CG 1st Div: B company location at 538349 RJ. 2nd Bn cleaning out Block 4. 1st Recon troop has contacted 16th Inf many prisoners (1810 hours).

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- 2025 - Col. Horner S-5 to Maj. McKoan, S-4: I want you to call ordnance and have a man sent down to our new CP, and we will have someone take him around to look at this captured equipment. Let me know if they can't send someone. Our new CP at 538385.
- 2035 - PWI reports: A recheck of the records shows 252 PW's on my record.
2033 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Edmond: How are things going? Ans: I don't have contact with Col. Driscoll but last I heard they were doing alright. Col. Gibb to Red 5: Have you been in contact with Driscoll? Ans: Yes, but I have no contact right now. S-6: Tell him to contact me. The 18th is almost up with us.
- 2040 - Maj. McKoan, S-4, reports: The ordnance will have a man down your CP in the morning. to
- 2055 - Col. Gibb to G-6: Want to give you my plan: 1st Bn of the 26th, over the bridge out to a line 1500 yards from the bridge. Get elements of my 1st to clear out area long the bank and wind up near the 26th and along the river. I am afraid the main thrust will come from HANGLER, so would send a task force up to that, then have it relieved by 1st Bn of 26th. Use TFD on left flank west of the railroad. On the right flank send over two task forces to OBERCASSEL and the high ground. G-6: Our plan is about the same, only we plan to have the task forces take off and have the 26th secure the bridgehead. Col. Gibb: We have Maj. Sandell working on the Artillery part of it.
- 2110 - Col. Gibb to White 6: What are your plans? Ans: E company is in an assembly area, and will jump at 2100. They will by-pass everything and secure the bridge, then to 553375. F to follow E and clean the area, then G company. If this fails, 1st Bn will move up by A co, and attack from there. S-6: Be prepared to form a task force, if the bridge is OK, use all the tanks and TD's and take area S of the bridge road on the other side of the road, the same as you. The 26th will take an area 1500 yards from the bridge. Get out and get out fast.
- 2115 - PWI reports: FINKE is not the top defense Commander. General BOTHNER, is the top man. 8 days ago, the rations for the defenders of BONN were 1200. The defense plan was for two defensive rings. The outer ring was the outlying towns and the inner ring is BONN itself.
- 2120 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red CP: Gives positions of the 18th Inf. The 18th will contact you at 542375 and 548374 and 555375.
- 2125 - RADIO INTERCEPT: To CG 1st Div to CO 18th Inf: Unit location of 2nd Bn from 530372 to 534376 to 548373 to 542369 to 546365. 3rd Bn from 546365 to 544361 to 545361 to 543357. K company in vicinity of 528362 (signed at 1950 hours).
- 2130 - Col. Gibb to CO 1st Bn 26th: Are you all in now? Ans: We are all in, was in by 1900 hours, sent you a message. S-6: Have you received your tanks? Ans: Yes, Sir, we were ordered to release them. S-6: Will you come down to my CP right away.
- 2132 - Capt. Hall to G-2: Have a 1st Lt who says that the city of BONN had a double ring of defenses (gives information concerning this defense as in item 2115 hours). G-2: They have two regiments across the river and 1 Bn of armor, are not getting much resistance, only some AA fire. PW says that road across river leading from bridge is mined and that 88mm guns are zeroed in on the road. There is also a report of 88mm's in MONDORF.

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- 2130 - Lt. Kestlinger gives positions of 18th Inf as previously recorded in the radio intercept.
- 2150 - MESSAGE from CO 1st Bn of 26th Inf. to CO 16th Inf: 1st Bn of 26th Inf. closed at 2000 hours CP at 437377. Request instructions.
- 2210 - Capt. Ralph, Regt'l Comm O to S-5: One line from Division into 16th Inf, switch redeived aerial bursts while laying line on road from DUISDORF down. Blue CP is beated at 547385.
- 2212 - TFD to Capt'l Hall: We jumped at 2200 hours.
- 2220 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer: Bns are all clear of PW's.
- 2230 - Major Edmonds to S-5: "A" company at Pt 15, tied in friendly troops. Lt. Strickland working at Pt 19, going down the street leading east. "C" company still at 45, but started to move. 1st Bn left B company to go to A company, Radio contact with B only. This is as of 2200 hours.
- 2235 - Lt. Llewllyn to Lt. Kestlinger: Blue S-4 said Blue has need fo r four trucks to pick up PW's. Ans: I'll take care of it.
- 2240 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves, Regt'l. Ammo Officer: Repeats message #3 to CO 16th Inf. "Ammo allocation for period 080600A to 120600 A March is as follows: 81mm mortar light 1000 rounds. Unexpended balances from previous period revert to Army. Signed ANDRUS, time signed 0900A".
- 2245 - Major Olson, TFD to S-5: Two platoons of right flank at Pt 40. S-5 repeats items of 2230 hours.
- 2250 - Major Edmonds to S-5: I haven't seen Red 6 since he left. Lt. Strickland has orders to tie in with right flank of A. C company has orders to tie in with B. Holding tight for Red 6 orders and awaiting arrival of tanks. The 26th trucks and vehicles tore out our lines and jammed the roads. I talked with the Colonel and I know his plans.
- 2300 - G-6 to Red 6: Red 6 gives situation of 1st Bn and tactical information from the PW's.
- 2310 - Capt. Oelze, G-2 to S-2: Asks about fire? S-2: I believe it is an oil plant. S-2 gives PW report and count of 573.
- 2335 - Major Smith, White 5 to S-2: We have moved forward, just north of 79 in a factory. Radio message from "F" says "E" is at first tram line.
- 2340 - S-2 to G-2: Anything new? Ans: No except that enemy planes are up. How is the bridge? S-2: Don't know. I am ~~working~~sweating it out.
- 2359 - White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: E co between 4 and 18, 45 minutes ago. Stan is at 4 but has no communication. F is between 3 and 17. G is NW of Pt 79. C company at 4 and 5. A is at 15 going to 16.

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- NOTE: During this period the Regt CP of CT-16 moved from HEMMERICH, Germany, to BONN, Germany. The CP in BONN was located at 538385, and consisted of a group of apartment buildings. A large number of German civilians were still in the area; there were no incidents of resistance or hostility on the part of these civilians.
- 0013 - Colonel Davison of TFD to Lt. Kestlinger: The area is consolidated and cleared. Lt. Kestlinger gives tactical situation as of this hour as previously listed in the late journal items of 8 March.
- 0015 - PWI reports: We have a PW who says that the bridge is ready to blow with 1600 pounds of explosives. We are having him make a sketch of the lay out, and will bring it over as soon as it is finished.
- 0025 - Major Edmond to S-2: Just received a message that "B" and "C" are jumping at 0015 hours. B is on the right of "A", C is on the right of "B".
- 0029 - Colonel Horner, S-5, to Blue Forward: Where are your companies? Ans: CP is half way between 11 and 12, on the N side of road. "L" company extends from Pt 11 NE to junction due E of the hospital, facing NW. "I" company on Augustas Ring street. They extend thru Pt 14, and then down the river. We plan to move out at 0700 hours. S-5: Do you have a line to 1st Bn? Ans: Yes. "A" company. S-5: Give it to me. S-6 to "A" company (Capt. Winters): Gives sketch plan of prepared demolitions of the bridge.
- 0045 - G-3 to S-3: The 18th is buttoning up. S-5: I take a dim view of that. We are trying to get over the bridge and I think they should keep going.
- 0058 - S-2 to G-2: Description of the bridge is given. Streets of BONN are also described.
- 0140 - Capt. Ralph to Lt. Kestlinger: Have two lines to 1st Bn and one line to 3rd Bn from our forward switch.
- 0145 - 2nd Bn, Lt. Loney, to Lt. Kestlinger: "E" company believed to be at Pt 20. "F" company from Pt 4 to Pt 18. "G" from Pt 3 to 17. PW says that bridge was made impassable. S-3: Check and find out at what time this was done.
- 0150 - White Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: PW says that the bridge will not take as much traffic as before, vehicles can only get across in single file now.
- 0155 - PWI to Lt. Kestlinger: The man-hole cover on the bridge is 25" square. It takes two men to lift it. The holes for lifting are diagonally across from each other. There are 4 sentrys on our side of the bridge. (The man-holes were mined).
- 0220 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue CP: Is there anything new? Ans: Some one is firing rocket at 90 degrees and 1500 yards out from our OP. The OP is 100 yards south of Pt 11. We can not hear where the rockets are landing. Everything else is negative.
- 0230 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2: What is new? Ans: "E" co has a platoon at Pt 7; they have asked for some tanks. "F" co has contact with "C" and "G" is in contact with F co which is at Pt 20 and 18. "G" co is at 17 to 19. Lt. Kestlinger: Gives information on how the bridge is planted with TNT. Col. Gibb: Get in touch with E co and tell them to send a patrol on foot across the bridge and to take an engr with them to take care of the primer cord and blow-off. Want them to cut the cord.

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- 0218 - Col. Gibb to Red 6: Gives above information, and also wants 1st Bn to send a foot patrol across with engineer to cut primer cord and fuses.
- 0245 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives the information in journal entries of 0230 hours.
- 0259 - Blue Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: At 0233 hours our OP reports rockets being fired from same vicinity as previously reported and landing in Red Bn area.
- 0302 - Phone Operator to Lt. Kestlinger: We now have 2 lines to our FWD CP and can get 1st Bn from there.
- 0305 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 6: Do you have a jeep and driver that you can alert in the event the 26th has to come up to the bridge. 1st Bn of the 26th is alerted and are in ALFTER, and the Colonel would like some one to guide them down so they don't get lost. Ans: I'll see what I can do. My communications and vehicles are falling apart already. The radios have had too much rough usage and the jeep need mechanical attention. Looks like I will have to hunt for the fuses myself.
- 0325 - White 2 to Col. Gibb: E company platoon is down at Pt 7; they have 10 PW's but can not contact rest of E company. They reported that they are under Pt 7. Capt. Karas knows about it, even though he has no contact with them. He has contact with rest of E though. We are sending the tanks and AT guns down there now. S-6: Want you to get a patrol across the bridge as quickly as you can. Want engineer to go along with the patrol and I want the fuse out, if possible. Also want a report from the engineer on the condition of the bridge, what it will hold and so on. Get in contact with Capt. Karas and tell him that I want him to get his whole company around Pt 7.
- 0330 - PWI to Clerk: Have new CO of 62nd VGD. He is a full Colonel, named HELLMANN. He still has elements of his division in BONN under the command of General BOTHNER and the exact strength is unknown. But he definitely has a good 300 men from the 164th Regt; elements of 162nd Arty Regt west of the Rhine, most likely still in BONN. Trains of the 164th Regt are in GILDEN (61-38). Another PW is Lt. Von DER BECKE.
- 0355 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Chandler, White 2: As soon as E company finds out the bridge is OK, you are to move all your tanks and TD's across with one company of infantry. Move across the bridge and go to 56381, 568374, 562374. 1st Bn will secure ground next, in the next grid square above yours. 26th spread out to a point 567386, 569375.
- 0400 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Smith, Red 3: As soon as recon elements come back from across the bridge, you are to move all your tanks and TD's across with one company of infantry. Go across to posns, 560384, 567385, 565381.
- 0405 - PWI reports: 1st Bn of the 162nd Arty Regt is destroyed. 7 officers of this outfit were taken. PW's stated the 2nd and 3rd Bns committed further south. The staff and Bn, CO of the 2nd, 162nd Arty Regt, are PW's. Guns were captured or destroyed by the enemy. 1st and 3rd Bn are believed in the south of BONN. All together there may have been some 15 guns. PW's don't know.
- 0410 - 26th Inf Red CP to Lt. Kestlinger: Only 9 trucks arrived here. We will double up. Other truck is lost somewhere along the line. Thought we would inform you. Ans: Right.

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- 0425 - Maj. Smith White 5 to Colonel Gibb: I do not have contact with 1st Bn. Are they still putting on pressure? Ans: No, they are at the bridge. White 5: E is planning to send recon out with armored car. As soon as patrol gets across, going to rush the company ("E") over. Armored is ready to go. S-6: the 1st Bn is up there. Col. Driscoll was told to get recon or contact out to you. "B" company has complete control of the water front.
- 0435 - Colonel Driscoll Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "E" company on the water front. Buildings (3) of them in the last row were knocked down. 2 platoons of enemy came down from Pt 6 to 7. Lt. Strickland out there and can't locate "E" company. Where are they? S-3: They are supposed to be under Pt 7 with 10 prisoners. I will call 2nd Bn and let them know your position. They are underneath the bridge. "B" company is at the temple.
- 0440 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Chandler: (Same general information as given above). White 2: They are underneath the bridge. Situation still ticklish.
- 0525 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Driscoll: How do things look up there now? Ans: B company is 20 yards from the bridge. There are still 4 platoons of enemy around the school house where "E" company is supposed to be. One of the officers said he believed the bridge was blown out from the shore. Working on several patrols to try to get across. We are in bad shape on vehicles.
- 0534 - G-3 to Major Smith: I just got in contact with the 18th Inf. They have their White Bn contacting your people along the railroad. Patrol of theirs was to river at 375 with no contact. Colonel Driscoll to Major Smith: I just had another officer out and he couldn't find "E" company and he said the bridge is out. He was under the bridge and could see sky light, it is out just a short distance out. I think the enemy is going down and getting across on barges.
- 0605 - Colonel Gibb to G-3, Lt. Lyons: 4 platoons of enemy infantry have pulled back and went under the bridge. The bridge has been reported blown by 2 officers.
- 0610 - Major Smith White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Area south of Pts 6 and 7 are not clear. "F" company is in a building; a lot of enemy around there. Contact with "B" company has been made.
- 0630 - All Bns notified that the new CP is now open 538385.
- 0631 - Colonel Horner to Capt. Booth: Gives dispositions of all units.
- 0645 - Colonel Driscoll to Colonel Horner: That bridge is out; first two spans over river are blown and both are down in the water. Could not have gone since we have been here, because we have heard no explosions. Have contact with "E", they are 300 yards south in a fire fight. Colonel, Driscoll to Colonel Gibb: Gives story on bridge; same as given above to Colonel Horner.
- 0655 - Colonel Gibb to Lt. Lyons, G-3: The bridge is out. Two spans are gone. Tell the General this. I am now at my CP in BONN.

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- 0730 - Capt. Elder to Lt. Kestlinger: What is the news? Ans: Latest information on the bridge is given.
- 0735 - Major Herd to Major Smith, S-3: At check point 42 and cleaning up. G-3 to Major Smith: 1st Bn of 26th Inf is still attached but cannot be used for anything.
- 0755 - PWI reports: 78th Repl., 2 PW's; one from 2nd RR construction Bn; 62 policemen; 33 from the 502 AA Bn; 9 from the 310th Baking Co; 1 from 167 Repl Bn; 4 from the 513th AA Bn; Combat School Army Group B, 1 PW; 1 from the 33rd Pz Regt; 1 from the 27th Regt; 6 from the Hq 62nd Div; One from the 62 Field Repl. Bn; 1 from the 183rd Regt; 1 from the H2 74th Corps; 3 from the 6th Home guard Engrs; 1 from the 992 Light AA Bn; 2 from the 9th Btry of the 3rd Arty Regt, 3 Pz Div. Total of 177 PWS.
- 0800 - Colonel Davison, TFD to Major Smith: Our people are on the river and am sending a contact patrol to the north.
- 0805- S-2 to G-2: Above PW report given, and location of TFD; and the info on the bridge being blown.
- 0815 - Capt. Elder to Major Smith: Two companies in position and as soon as "up" gets into position we will start mopping up. We are getting some sniper fire. S-3: F and G afe to send task forces of 1 squad into each house and go thru them from cellar to top. (Gives the 18th Inf position). Want a report on streets assigned, houses cleared, and number of houses when you clean them up. Want this report by noon.
- 0820 - Colonel Evans to Capt. Hall: The General wants a report when the bridge was blown and how it was blown. I believe you have a man who was supposed to have worked on it. Capt. Hall: I will get what I can.
- 0830 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Stabler: I want you to work from the bridge north until you contact boundry between 1st and 3rd Bns. Report by name of street, number of houses, and see that every room is cleared. Also work back to the RR.
- 0835 - Colonel Davison to Major Smith: We have 77 PW's which we got in cellars in the town near the river. Have your people started to move? Ans: Yes, they have started. Colonel Evans to Capt. Hall: We have some people from the task force who want to join up with them - can you tell me where they are? S-2: They are in WALDCRF but will be coming down this morning.
- 0855 - Major Smith to Major Wozenski, Blue 6: Gives them mission to clean every house and every room and report streets and houses clear by noon. Task force D knows that you are moving north and will be looking for you.
- 0900 - Major Smith to Colonel Fowley: TFD on river, got 77 PW's. 3rd Bn advancing to the North with the river on right and the autobahn on the left. They will clean to the 40 grid. We are searching every house and will have a report of the names of the streets and the number of the houses. Our CP is located at 538348.
- 0915 - G-2 reports: Where is TFD? Ans: They are at WALDORF and will move in to town by noon.

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- 0920 - Major Wozenski, Blue 6 to Major Smith: "I" is in the flag factory. "I" checked thru the railroad depot. Can I get anyone to clean up my rear area? Major Smith: The I&R is working this area now. Blue 6: A civilian reports that there are two bunkers down near the river, and that they have about 2500 people in it and when they start moving out will send them toward the rear area.
- 0935 - TF Davison to Major Smith: TFD contacted Cav at Pt 23.
- 0945 - Blue CP reports: Our OP reports FW-190 plane circling low and landing in airfield at 5491.
- 0955 - Lt. Ballard Cannon Co to Lt. Stephens: Reports an ammo dump and guns at West of 95, near his CP.
- 1010 - Capt. Hall to G-2: Disregard total given for PW's today. Latest count 221 processed for the day. TED understood to have 75 or 80 more.
- 1015 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives information in item 0955 hours.
- 1010 - 1st Bn PWs: Total 421; 2nd Bn 34; 3rd Bn 402. (This item does not state whether these totals are for 9th March or for 8th and 9th of March - assumed to be total for this operation).
- 1011 - TF Davison to Major Smith: TFD contacted cavalry at Pt 23.
- 1015 - RADIO MESSAGE: CG 1st Div to GO 16th Infantry: 1st Bn of 26th Inf relieved from attachment to the 16th Inf effective 090830 A and reverts to control of 26th Inf. 26th Inf will be prepared to relieve 14th Cav Grp in its present zone of action upon Div orders.
- 1020 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Elder White 3: E company on river. We sent civilians and some 9 enemy PW's to PWL. 3 enemy in "G" company to be evacuated. Report of PW's for regiment PW cage given.
- 1025 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Booth: Gives PW report. "I" company contacted TFD, I believe.
- 1045 - Capt. Brooks to Capt. Hall: I have 15 PW's (Wehrmacht). S-2: Will send a truck back.
- 1045 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Capt. Donnley, G-2: Our PW count for today is 221 PW's. Regiment has over 900 PW's. S-2: I sent Div Cage 100 policemen who participated in the BONN fight, and when sent to our Div cage, they refused them. G-2: I'll see that they take any PW you send in. S-2: I will try to get more information about the time that the bridge was blown and call you back. I have a sketch taken from a PW about the bridge. It is believed that the 1st and 2nd spans of the bridge may be prepared for demolition.
- 1050 - Major Smith to Capt. Stabler, 1st Bn Arty FC: What is this about 2 concrete shelters near the river? Ans: I do not know, but I will find out.
- 1100 - Major Smith to Blue 2: Are the companies getting enemy out of the buildings? Ans: Yes, and 84 were turned over by TFD. Try to find out about the civilians in the shelters. Lt. Walker: That is in 1st Bn territory. Capt. Smith is not letting them wander around.

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- 1115 - PWI reports: From Blue Bn: 412th Repl. Bn, 60 PW's; from the 502 AA Bn 52 PW's; from the 513th AA Bn 4 PW's; 1 from the Volksturm; 2 from the Combat School Battle Group B. PW report from 2nd Bn: 3 Russians. PW report from 1st Bn: 1 from War College VIII; 1 from 412th Inf Bn; 2 from 204th Pz Regt; 2 from the 4th Btry, 889 AA Bn; 4 from the 246th Engr Bn; 1 from the 553 Heavy AA Bn (total 11).
- 1115 - Lt. Walker to Capt. Hall: "I" company sent 88 PW's from TFD. "K" company 10; "L" company 38. We have sent 130 of total of 136. Yesterday I company sent 200. Total PW's sent to your cage yesterday 462. S-2: We have you down for 374.
- 1128 - S-3 to Capt. Elder, White 3: Is "E" company up to the river: Ans: Yes, they are cleaning things up some.
- 1150 - PWI to S-2: Those civilians say that the bridge was blown some time last night. They crossed the river in about 5 minutes - the current is strong but the paddling of the boat only took 5 minutes. They saw no troops at 537413.
- 1200 - Blue 2 to S-2: "I" company at 1010 hours reported that they had contacted TFD. OP reports at 1200 hours at 568406, enemy vehicles were seen. 5th Field is firing on them.
- 1213 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: "I" company has cleared out to the flag factory, and putting outpost at the barracks. "K" company is in the same place. "L" company is outposting RR depot.
- 1225 - S-3 to S-4: I want five trucks to report up at the Regt. CP right away. Want them to haul PW's with. Ans: OK.
- 1235 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: 2 more enemy planes flying up and down the river. Antitank gun at 559392. Arty fired on it and we haven't seen it since.
- 1245 - White 3 to Capt. Ralph, Regt Comm O: Cleaned up half our area. If Major Smith wants me, I'll be out to the companies. MESSAGE - RADIO INTERCEPT: To CG 1st Div: Block O3 almost clear. Block O7 one half clear from the W, moving ahead. Signed GO 18th Inf.
- 1255 - S-3 to Red 3: Some time today between the hours of 2 and 7, I will pull out all your tanks and TD's and AT guns for the usual maintenance.
- 1300 - S-3 to White 5: Same as above message.
- 1302 - S-3 to 745th Tanks: Pull your stuff back. Ans: OK. Will we have to cross the river now? S-3: Yes, on bicycles.
- 1304 - S-3 to Blue 3: Am going to pull back your Tanks and TD's, and AT guns. They will not be far from you. If you need them, give me a call and I'll send them back to you. Will that be OK? Blue: Yes, sir. What about the engineers? S-3: If you don't need them, send them back.
- 1310 - S-2 to PWI: How many PW's have you for today? Ans: 375.
- 1315 - Major Smith to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Tell Capt. Golden, CO, to move the assault guns back to the company area. They are attached to you.

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- 1334 - Dagwood Blue to Sgt. Minno: Hourly reports: 1320 hours, OP reported 60 enemy seen in vicinity of 574444. Came from the town of RHEINDORF. Marched down road. Trying to place artillery on them. 1330 hours, L company, the small village cleared and now going to the factory. Went out to the autobahn and are now between that and the autobahn. They are working around the autobahn.
- 1355 - Maj. Smith to White 5: I called your CP and there wasn't an officer there. White 5: I will check on that. I was planning on bringing the kitchen up to the companies, but I think that we should leave them where they are until we know how long we are going to stay.
- 1356 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co: The trucks you requested are on the way.
- 1400 - Major McKean, S-4: I am in BORNHEIM. Ans: You had better stay where you are.
- 1500 - Maj. Smith to White 5: In the vicinity of Pt 10 (Town Plan), there is a pontoon bridge site. Will you investigate it? There is also a steam boat out there. White 5: We made contact with 18th Inf this morning. Everything is OK.
- 1510 - White 5 reports: We are moving our CP to the following 543382. Will let you know when we open there.
- 1519 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: We will move tomorrow morning. Pick a spot out in DRANSDORF.
- 1545 - Blue Bn reports: At 1510 hours, "L" company patrol reported factory cleaned out. OP reports enemy 20mm AA guns at 559394 and AA machine gun at 573443 and 4 enemy 400 yards N of the machine gun.
- 1550 - Capt. Hall to PWI: How many PW's? Ans: 57.
- 1552 - S-2 to G-2: PW count now is 432. Some are policeman that were used as infantry. Ans: 18th Inf says that all their area is clear except for the area 5834. 47th Inf was counterattacked by element of 11PZ SF's and armored Infantry. No tanks. I think they will handle it OK. The Cav grp saw a bit of activity on the east bank of the river. Vehicles seen at RJ 511446. 150 Infantry digging in at 505465. Enemy digging at 524422. 18th Inf reports 200 infantry at 570370.
- 1607 - 26th Infantry to 16th Infantry: We are pulling out - sorry we missed the show.
- 1610 - PWI reports the following PW's taken by 3rd Bn: Hq 26th VGD 2 PW's. Volkstrum - 2. Combat School Army group - 6. 513th AA Bn - 1, 502nd AA Bn 9, 3 Yugoslavs in uniform, 4th Police Bn, 17 PW's, 5 Police Bn, 7 PW's, Hq 506th Bn GHQ, 1, 2 stragglers unidentified, 1st Co Repl Bn WIESBADEN, 2, 162 Med Co, 1, 183 VGR 62nd VGD, 1 PW., 78th Repl Bn, 3, KOMMANDANTOR ADENAU-1, 3 AT Bn, 2 PW's, 22 AT Bn, 2 PW's, 6 Para Regt, 2 PW's, 11 Pz Div, 1 PW, 688 Regt 337 Div, 1 PW, 106 Pz Brig, 3 PW's, 245th VGD, 1 PW, GO BONN, 1, 3 Para Regt, 1, 409th Volks Arty Corps, 2, 166th AT Bn, 2 PW's. 1ST BN: 14th Transportation Bn, 1, 78th VGR 26 VGD - 2 PW's. Total 451.
- 1650 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Smith: Why can't our kitchens come up? Ans: We are moving back tomorrow.

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- 1652 - Blue En reports: 1655 hours, OP reported at 589379, 15 enemy vehicles, civilian and military, going both ways. 5th and 7th fired on it.
- 1654 - Maj. Smith to White 3: Pontoon and Steamboat are being reconnoitered now. I'll be down to look at the bridge. S-3: I'd like to have a patrol on top tonight. A sketch would be the thing. White 3: Down in "E" company area there are a lot of dead enemy and civilians, last night, the boys couldn't see who they were shooting.
- 1715 - Major Smith to Colonel Curtis: I would like to have 15 trucks for 24 hours tomorrow. Colonel Curtis: We have nothing now, but I will see about tomorrow. I'll call you when I get the answer.
- 1725 - Major Smith to White 3: White 3: Bridge is 500 yards long, from center of the bridge 75 yards of it is blown and completely under water. Approaches on both sides of bridge very good as far as glasses can be used to inspect it. Will recon at 12 midnight. No boats. Steep embankment, didn't investigate. Two boats on the far side, shot up badly. Span of bridge has a RR track and vehicular span and walk to bridge. I would like to have an Engineer officer to go down with me about 0500 hours. S-3: Unable to get one now, besides, the 18th takes over tomorrow and we go back to ROISDORF and BORNHEIM.
- 1730 - Blue CP reports: Our OP reports at 1720 hours, OP reported 30 more vehicles on road 589379. Very large amount of artillery is being fired on them. This report was previously given at 1652 hours.
- 1735 - Capt. Booth to Capt. Hall: Does all the armor go back tonight? Ans: I believe so. Blue 3: I know the assault guns go over to cannon company. S-2: I will call you back after I check on it.
- 1755 - Lt. Walker to Capt. Hall: Reports considerable traffic of vehicles on short stretch of road at 589379 disappearing into the woods. Believes it to be an opportunity for strafing. S-2: I believe that road bends to the south. I will check on it.
- 1800 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Booth: Major Smith says armor goes back tonight.
- 1810 - Dogwood Shell report to G-2: 200 rounds of AA and 50 rounds of NEBELWERFER.
- 1820 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Enemy moving into BUEHL, and at coordinate O635, is unconfirmed report that enemy is crossing river in barges.
- 1825 - Above shell report given to 7th FA.
- 1836 - Capt. Robinson, 90th Cheml Wpns to S-2: We have a man dressed in civilian clothes who is a former lieutenant in the German army. He has papers which he claims are discharge papers. Ans: Turn him over to the MP's. (Later investigation of this case - this decision is reverse the man is sent to Military Government).
- 1842 - Lt. Stephens to Sgt Miles, Service Co: Give Capt. Merindeno this message - 15 trucks will be at QM tomorrow at 0900 hours. He is to have a guide there to pick them up and bring them up to the Regt CP.
- 1845 - Operator reports direct line in to Danger and one to the 7th FA switch.

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- 1905 - Operator reports 90th Chemical "A" can be had thru Cannon Co.
- 1906 - White 2 reports that the White CP moved to an apartment house near the 1st En. S-2: Gives information on big picture and reports of enemy activity across the river as previously listed here. PW count for the day is 432. Others, police, etc., were turned over to Military Government.
- 1915 - Blue En reports: 1817 hours: OP reported small arms fire going off at 270 degrees, believed to be ammo dump. 1914 hours, an air raid siren was heard at 30 degrees.
- 2048 - Blue En reports: At 2025 hours OP reported 70 degrees and 3500 yards a tank was believed to be in movement. Also a plane flying northeast of OP in friendly territory.
- 2100 - S-2 to G-2: repeats above item.
- 2120 - Major Smith to Capt. Merindeno: There is a change. I am moving kitchens at 1400 hours. I will need 15 of them to move 3rd En. Turn 15 kitchen trucks over to the motor officer at 0900 hours. Pick up 15 trucks at the QM tomorrow at 1200 hours.
- 2140 - Lt. Llewellyn to S-2: PW's taken today 222. Yesterday 407. The day before yesterday 392. That with the 4 Colonels brings the total to 1075.
- 2205 - Colonel Davison TFD to S-3: Our reports are negative, except for heavy vehicular movement heard at 2000 hours about 2 miles to our east. I called Danger on this. S-3: There has been definite indications of movement to the south. Colonel Davison: Artillery should be layed on it.
- 2258 - Blue En reports: At 2105 hours, OP reported 4 guns btry firing 45 to 50 degrees, 30 seconds from flash to bang. This was called to 7th FA. At 2120 hours, OP reported movement, possible tanks, at 70 degrees at 3500 yards. At 2220 hours, OP reported 1 enemy flare at 50 degrees and 1 enemy gun firing at 50 degrees. "K" company reported a searchlight at 240 degrees, 250 yards on the other side of the river. (This information was relayed to G-2).
- 2359 - Capt. Bour to Mr. Lipinski: Got a movement order. Can you tell me where the 32nd Cav CP is? Ans: We do not have it on the map. Ans: I'll call in the morning.
- 2359 - The Bns report negative.

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NOTE: During this period the CP moved from BONN, GERMANY, to BORNHEIM, Germany, 477410. "E" and "F" companies relieve Troop "A", 32nd Cav. Sqdrn, of the 14th Cav. Grp.

- 0001 to 0300 hours negative reports were received from the battalions. Duty Officer, Mr. Lipinski, submits negative reports to G-3.
- 0318 - 634th TD's CP to Mr. Lipinski: Here is a message for you. 634th Recon company reports 12 rounds of friendly artillery, estimated 155 cal., exploding short, within their positions at approximately 100300A. Signed S-3 Olsen. Time signed 0315 hours.
- 0320 - Lt. Stephens, duty officer, reports above message to Division artillery, and also to Capt. Parsons of G-3. Negative report from the battalions submitted for the hour.
- 0407 - MESSAGE - To artillery Liaison Officer, from TFD: Another 4 rounds of artillery, estimated 155 cal, has fallen on Recon company of TFD, positions. Approximately 100353A. Request immediate action thru Division artillery.
- 0409 - Lt. Stephens relays above message to Division Artillery.
- 0500 - 0600 and 0700 hours, negative reports are received from the battalions. Hourly reports made to G-3.
- 0703 - White 5 to Lt. Stephens: On this move I'm going to use my kitchen trucks to move "G" company, after the kitchens have moved. Want to send some of my kitchens up this afternoon and dump them so I can use the trucks to move "G" company. Ans: I'll check on this and call you back.
- 0823 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 5: The relief, according to orders, will take place by noon. If relief does not take place by noon, it will be OK to move. Ans: Hell, there will not be troops in that area if we move out. I do not intend to move until 1600 hours today.
- 0834 - G-4 to Lt. Kestlinger: We have 10 trucks, maybe 11 or 12, available at 0930A at WELLERSWIST. The remainder of trucks will be here later. Have 2 men pick up the trucks. One man to remain for the balance of the trucks.
- 0848 - The above message in regard to the trucks is relayed to Capt. Merindeno, Regtl Trans. Officer.
- 0855 - Major Wozenski, Blue 6 to Major Smith S-3: All set to move, except for "I" company. They are guarding the warehouses. Someone will have to relieve them and take over the guard. The people will loot and take everything out of there. It will take only a few minutes. Ans: When the 18th gets up, let them know about it. If they don't come up, let me know. I will send some MP's down there. They are to come in by 1000 hours.
- 0900 - Major Smith, S-3 to 18th Infantry S-3: "I" company is guarding a food warehouse. I would like you to have someone relieve them on the guard. If not there will be a food riot. Ans: OK, will do.
- 0910 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What about the platoon of engineers with us? Ans: Send them back to the company. I will tell Major Smith about it.

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- 0956 - White 5 to S-3: I plan to move 2 companies about 1830 hours. 18th is coming in area where I am now.
- 1005 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Merindeno: Truck situation is arranged.
- 1010 - S-2 to Red 6: Anything doing? Ans: Not much. A few rounds coming in here and there. Not much in here.
- 1018 - Maj. Smith to Maj. McKoan, S-4: 3rd Bn kitchens moving to HEMMERICH; 1st Bn to ALFTER, the rest to BREWIG.
- 1220 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Maj. Sandell, Arty IO: What Bn relieves the 32nd Cav? Ans: 2nd Bn, at 1830 to 2000 hours. G-3: What time does your relief become effective? Ans: By 1200 hours.
- 1305 - Red 6 to S-2: A fourteen year old boy swam across the river this morning. Was shot up quite badly by the enemy, and has been evacuated to the Company, 1st Medics. I understand that they evacuated him to a civilian hospital in FRANSDORF. I believe he had some information on the bridge being blown. S-2: I will send a PWI interrogator up to talk to him.
- 1320 - White 5 to Maj. Smith, S-3: We would like to pull our guns and start to get organized to pull out. S-3: OK, get them pulled out. They were to be in there by 1000 hours.
- 1700 - Sgt Collura, Operations Sgt., gives coordinates of the new CP to Division as 477410, and asks that this be relayed to message center.
- 1705 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to S-3: What is new? Ans: We are sitting tight. The Colonel says we may move in 48 hours or three weeks. (Co-ordinates of CP given). White 3: "G" company closed, each company is quartered in position.
- 1710 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Parsons: Want to find out decision from Maj. Green or Colonel Beck in regard to the Chemical outfit. The chemical outfit is in position but hard to get out. They can't move until 0700 hours. Want clearance for them, and then call me. Get someone to contact the 79th tonight.
- 1720 - S-2 to G-2: Gives CP location. We have 4 PW's, no identification, picked up by the 7th FA. Gives information item of 1305 hours. Tells of PW who was reported to have been on the bridge when the bridge was blown at approximately 9 o'clock. G-2: Some infiltration attempted by 150 enemy and tanks at 485226, also some enemy in vicinity of 67730. Four SP guns were reported to have broken thru in vicinity of HONNEF. 1st Nebelwerfer fired at KAMBACH. Artillery fire decreased as of 1100 hours this morning.
- 1930 - FWI to S-2: These policemen sent to us by Lt. Walker, Blue 2, were processed in HEMMERICH and given pass to return to DRANSDORF. S-2: Hold them tonight and give them a pass back to DRANSDORF.
- 1935 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Your present mission is to include the preventing of enemy traffic crossing the river or across the river, but you are not to cross the river (RHINE) yourself.
- 1950 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: How are you coming on the relief? Ans: Will call you back.

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- 1955 - Lt. Kestlinger to CO of "E" company: Are you closed yet? Ans: Not yet, but will be in half hour.
- 1958 - Capt. Dinsmore reports: "F" company reports that a patrol from the 18th contacted "H" company's mortar platoon at 1950 hours.
- 1959 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: "E" and "F" companies have not started to go into position. 18th patrol contacted our "H" company.
- 2030 - G-3 reports: The 10th Division reports enemy infantry in groups of 5 to 50 digging in vic of F1850, F4956, and F5052. Some light arty fire is being received. V-Corps reports the town of DAEDATEN at 6817 was entered this morning against light resistance. 9th Division received a short counterattack at HONNEF at 6427; 2 tiger tanks took part in the attack and one was knocked out. PW taken from the 15th Pz Regt of the 11th Pz Div stated that 15 tiger tanks are in route to the bridge head from the north. Another PW says that a Recon Bn of the 11th Pz Div and 10 Btrys of arty, 8 of which are SP's and two are towed. PW from the 15th Para Regt says they are reforming in vic of F693284 East of HILMBERG. Interdiction fire continued on the bridge. At 1300 hours, one bomb dropped by 2 planes, but they missed the bridge. At 1300 hours, ~~the~~ resistance was slackening in the area North of BRUCHHAUSEN at F6522, but stiff fighting still east of the town; 300 PW's were taken. 3rd ARMORED REPORTS: They took GROSSLITZGEN I3359, TANTENBERG I3566, SCHLIEE I3559 and WITELICK I3953. 4 PW's taken in vicinity of L6976 say they are from the 130th Arty Regt of 130th Pz Div. Say that no other elements of Div are in the area. XIX CORPS reports: PW's say dividing point between 183rd and 176th VGD is at F2996, north of DUSSELDORF. On the east side of the RHINE, light artillery fire and some enemy movement and defensive activity is observed. VII Corps reports: On left of our front, light artillery fire is the only activity.
- 2145 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Just wanted to get the latest on your companies for our periodic. Ans: "F" hasn't completed relief yet, but the 1st and 3rd Bn are closed in. Will call you as soon as I get word.
- 2210 - Capt. Dinsmore reports: Lt. Wilmott reported at Pt 38, a powerline is broken. It is very heavy cable - hangs low and might take the top off a truck if it went by there. Would you report it to proper authorities? Ans: Yes, Sir.
- 2220 - Cav. Grp CP to Lt. Kestlinger: Have your companies taken over responsibility for the sector yet? Ans: Not yet, as the relief isn't complete with "F" company.
- 2320 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Wilmott: Has the relief been completed yet? Ans: Yes. S-3: Could you give me the time? Ans: About 2200 hours.
- 2322 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: "F" co, relief completed at 2230 hours.

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LOCATION: BORNHEIM, Germany. (477410). Regt. CP on large estate of Gunther Frh. V. Diegardt, Bornheim KR. BONN.

- 0010 - to - 0800 hours: Negative hourly reports were received direct from "E" and "F" companies, and the 3rd Bn CP. Negative hourly reports relayed to Division, G-3 office.
- 0800 - to - 1200 hours: All phone call conversations concerned the routines to be followed in the cleaning of equipment and weapons by the various units of CT-16. Tentative plans for training schedules, for those companies not on the lines, were being arranged.
- 1200 - S-2 to G-2: What is the news? G-2: Not much. A counterattack of 4 tanks and infantry on bridgehead at HONNEF. Part of the 99th going across now. Report from CORPS says that the 159th Inf Div was committed in the MOSEL area.
- 1207 - 2nd Bn., Lt. Chandler, reports to S-2: Everything quiet.
- 1407 - Maj. McKoan, S-4 to S-2: Where is the 90th Chemical Bn? Ans: They were detached and went to the 99th Division.
- 1740 - 2nd Bn shell report: 11 - 20mm; 20 - 50mm, and 2 - 105mm. This report is forwarded to G-2.
- 1741 - G-2 reports: 3rd Armored reports - Two enemy planes flew North of HITDORF at 4374, at 1530 hours. No hostile acts were committed. 8th Division reports - All quiet. 104th Div reports - Small groups of 20 to 30 enemy were seen along the east bank of the RHINE, scattered along the entire front. Light concentrations at LANGLAN at 4849; artillery fired at them with undetermined results. XIX Corps reports - Light artillery and mortar fire received. Ten enemy air-craft were over the zone. A plane shot down one of our Cubs. No other damage caused. 3rd ARMY reports - The town of NICENICH at F-1701, was cleared. A PW from 246th VGD reports that the division had been ordered to fight in rear guard action for all other divisions were left in the pocket. This was to be done during the 10th to 11th, or 11th to 12th of March. Eight Belgian prisoners report that SEIGBURG at F-6344 was an assembly area for German troops crossing the RHINE. Counterattack at 1100 hours by an undetermined number of infantry and three tanks gained some high ground at L-2830. Tanks were dispersed by artillery fire but the infantry continued holding the high ground. Southern part of the zone was quiet. III CORPS reports - counterattack by 4 tanks and infantry was received at 635283 but was repulsed by our artillery. Another enemy counterattack by an unestimated number of infantry and tanks in vicinity of 695225 were broken up by artillery before any ground contact was made. A PW from the 3rd Co., 106th Panzer Brigade taken in the northern part of HONNEF - 6427, reports that the tank battalion of the Brigade has 13 Mark VI tanks in the RONDORF area 6329 and KONIGSWINTER area at 6321. An escaped French prisoner reports that the prison in SIEGBURG is holding 3600 allied political prisoners including women. An epidemic of Typhus is causing a death rate of 2 per day. 12% of prisoners are seriously ill. Still encountering stiff resistance in center of bridgehead area. Harassing artillery fire continued in vicinity of bridge.

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- 2100 - "E" company reports: At 2100 hours, OP on right flank reports a column of heavy vehicles, maybe armor, moving at good speed from right to left at a great distance to their front. There is also a large amount of artillery landing in that vicinity. Everything else is quiet.
- 2200 - "E" company reports - Noise that sounds like the raising of an anchor across the stream where a boat is burning. Negative report.
- 2304 - "F" company reports: Patrol that went out reported that the left flank of 18th Infantry is approximately 200 yards South of Pt 26. The platoon CP is right near the church in that village. They have received some artillery.
- 2305 - "E" company reports: Negative. Delight (7th FA) fired at the spots where the noise (like that of an anchor being raised), came from. The noise ceased.
- 2307 - Negative report given to G-3 office.

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LOCATION: BORNHEIM, Germany - 4 77410.

- 0001 to 0800 hours negative reports were received hourly from "E" and "F" companies (the only two companies of the regiment who were on line during this period), and negative hourly reports were forwarded to the G-3 office. At 0045 hours, "F" company reported observing searchlights across the RHINE river. The lights were shining straight up. Believed to be mobile searchlights as they never seemed to stay in one place. At 0142 hours, "E" company reported observing white flares in area across the RHINE from the "E" company positions. At 0222 hours, the "E" company left outpost reported hearing vehicular movement in area across the RHINE river. This movement only lasted for a period of 5 minutes; did not appear to be heavy traffic.
- 0830 - G-2 report from Lt. Bashford, G-2: 8th DIVISION, 104th DIVISION, and 3rd ARMORED DIVISION report receiving a small amount of artillery thru the night and hearing a few vehicles. XIX CORPS reports a relatively quiet night in the bridgehead sector. Small arms fire was received at 720205. A slight increase in artillery fire at 695225. Moderate artillery in the vicinity of the bridge with no damage reported as of 0600 hours of this day. Enemy air activity was unsuccessful in trying to knockout the bridge; an estimated 10 enemy aircraft were over during the night. 577 PW's were taken and 5 tanks were destroyed during the period. 3rd ARMY reports: Situation fluid over most of the front. KRETZ, at I7399 grid square, reported clear. HICH, at F7303 grid sq., also clear. A captured order, dated 8 March, contained directive for personnel of the 326th VGD to assemble in STROMBERG, at F9006. 2156 PW's were taken.
- 0945 - Lt. Chandler, 2nd Bn S-2, reports: OP locations are - Hq Co OP, 518418 and 500443; 5th FA OP, 510423; Bn OP, 514433; 7th FA OP, 500441. (S-2, Capt. Hall, gives Order of Battle situation on the bridgehead).
- 1035 - 2nd Bn reports: Freeport OP at 1020 hours, observed one enemy squad relieving another one at 509434. Believe it to be an enemy outpost.
- 1350 - Lt. Stephens gives the following message to the three battalions and Antitank Co: Would like to have you look for range data for all weapons; you may go out of the regimental sector to aid you in doing this work. Have an overlay in to regiment sometime this evening.
- 1600 - G-2 Summary: 78th DIVISION was attacked by 2 tanks and some infantry at 0600 hours this morning at 639281. The attack was repulsed; one Mark V destroyed. 110 PzR and the 1st Bn of 344th Rgt. have been identified in the vicinity 6725. 9th DIVISION reports a decrease in artillery; some progress has been made; moderate fire has been received. PW's have been taken from 1st Bn of Engr Rgt, Army Group "E". PW's state Bn arrived by truck, night of 11-12 March, and were committed in the 6826 area. 99th DIVISION reports steady advance being made. Small groups of enemy observed at 722182. Resistance being met at 793139. 744th AA Bn was identified. Artillery light, but accurate. V CORPS reports no contact with enemy on the main road from BRUHL, 7109, and town at 7604. The woods west of the road is being mopped up. 11 PW's were taken. CG of the 5th Para Div was captured at 492038. V II CORPS says a "V"-1 landed at 650198.

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- 1730 - 2nd Bn Shell report: 23 rounds of 105mm and 9 rounds of 81mm.
- 1740 - Lt. Bashford, G-2, to Lt. Kestlinger: A rocket bomb fell at 484395 and dug a 30 x 20 hole; 2 men were wounded. Elements at 660279, 675254, 689255. 3rd Bn of 60th at 720215.
- 2105 - White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Fox Company reports movement of vehicles, etc, in town of MONDORF. Would like fire and mortars on it. Ans: I will call 7th FA on it.
- 2110 - Lt. Keslinger to 7th FA: "F" company reports movement in MONDORF, 530420, want TOT on it.
- 2200 - Negative report submitted to G-3.
- 2330 - Colonel Beck to Lt. Kestlinger: Could the relief of your unit be made in day light? Ans: No. Colonel Beck: Was the relief of the 18th made in day light? Ans: Yes.
- 2345 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: One of your battalions will relieve a battalion of 26th Inf., before daylight in the morning. Let me know which battalion it will be.
- 2350 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Clisson 26th Inf: Where is your boundry? Ans: Boundry, roughly, is 50. Lt. Kestlinger: Where is your 3rd Bn? CP? Ans: 3rd Bn CP is at 419422.
- 2400 - Major Smith, S-3 to Major Clisson 26th Inf: We will move our 3rd Bn in where your 3rd Bn is. We will move in and take what positions we can without recon. Where is your 3rd Bn? Ans: 3rd Bn C P is at 419422. S-3: We will shoot two companies up there at 0600 hours. Is that OK? Ans: That is OK with me.

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- 0007 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Booth: We have been ordered to relieve a Bn of the 26th. One company at 490470; another at WESSLING, at 460480. Your sector will extend along the river to ENFELD. Have 2 companies up there by 0600 hours.
- 0016 - Report to G-3: White Bn reports negative. We will keep you posted on the progress of the 3rd Bn relieving 26th Inf.
- 0205 - "E" company CP reports that the 2nd platoon, which is on their left flank, hears enemy digging-in straight across from them and they also hear a motor boat directly to their front.
- 0245 - 2nd Bn reports all quiet, and the same report at 0400 hours.
- 0500 - Clerk to Blue CP (Sgt. Carlotta): Any information on the relief?
Ans: The companies left their company areas at 0310 hours, and the Bn CP area at 0345. They are on their way.
- 0504 - Clerk gives negative report to Capt. Parsons, G-3, and the above report as of 0500 hours.
- 0605 - 3rd Bn reports that the companies are in the process of relieving the 2 companies of 26th infantry. This information is relayed to G-3 at 0607 hours.
- 0640 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 6: Division wants to know if you are in yet?
Ans: Relief did not start until 0600 hours. The guides that they gave us did not know the way. I would say that the relief is half completed.
- 0645 - The information in the above item relayed to G-3 office.
- 0826 - Capt. Booth, 3rd Bn to Lt. Stephens: Relief has been completed. (This information passed on to G-3, giving time of the completed relief as of 0830 hours).
- 0853 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Here is an item from the G-2 journal. A comment from a PW, who stated it is a known fact that the ground in the vicinity of HERSEL, opposite HONDORF, is not patrolled actively. An enemy came over a few nights ago in a rubber boat; he wasn't challenged or met by any of our people (patrols). He returned to HONDORF, and it is common knowledge about our ground being loosely patrolled. I would like you to tell your Bns about it. I know the PW is wrong, but we don't want to take any chances.
- 0855 - Lt. Kestlinger relays above message to Capt. Dinsmore.
- 0901 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: "F" company picked up 3 civilians who came across the river last night, and this morning attempted to cross over. They were captured, and our S-2 is down there interrogating them. Will send them back, and get their basic mission. We had a TOT on MONDORF, after we heard a wagon moving. Results were very effective. (This report was relayed to G-2 and G-3 offices by Lt. Kestlinger).

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- 0910 - Maj. Smith, White 5, to Lt. Kestlinger: From the actions of the 3 PW's, it is believed they are soldiers. They were stopped by one of our listening posts. They were carrying a white flag. When halted, one of them called out "Comrade". When told to come forward, one came forward. The 3 were sent in to Bn. All are being questioned. (This same report was also given to S-2 by White 2).
- 0933 - Colonel Gibb to Maj. Green, G-3: Anything further on the 26th? Ans: No. The Corps Commander and G-3, are going down for a discussion. S-6: How many divisions do they have across? Ans: 3. S-6: What about Armored? Ans: Only scattered armor. S-6: Artillery? Ans: One report said they had all Div arty from the 9th; later report said only one light Bn. S-6: I understand that the 9th had heavy casualties. Ans: Yes.
- 0953 - G-2 to S-2: What is the latest on the bulge? Ans: In some cases a gain, and in others a loss. S-2: What are the front lines? G-2: 630285 to 640284, 655267, 665270, 690293, 696233, 708223, 705215, 724197, 728170, 705146. They had five enemy counterattacks yesterday. The attacking force was company size accompanied by tanks or SPs; all were repulsed. S-2: What about the air? G-2: No Air. S-2: Artillery? G-2: They are now getting heavy calibre artillery. S-2: Do they have three bridges? G-2: From all indications, they do. They took 358 PW's. S-2: What units have they identified? G-2: In the northern part - An engineer Bn of Army Group B; 111 Pz Engr Bn; 11 Pz; Recon unit of 11 Pz. In the Southern part - a lot of miscellaneous units. The whole of resistance is in the Northern 10 klm of the perimeter.
- 1020 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 3rd Armored - Armored FA outfit is to go in to position vicinity of BERZDORF, to fire across the river. Will it conflict with you in any way? Ans: No, go right ahead. G-3: The time for the completion of the relief that the 26th have was 0930 hours and you 0830 hours. What time shall we agree on? Ans: 0826 hours.
- 1100 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to Lt. Kestlinger: There are 50 calibre AA guns in the vicinity of BONDORF and BERGHEIM, firing over here. The civilians on this side are lighting grass fires with distinctive colors. The AA has fired in those localities. (This is a report from the 7th FA Air OP). Also, the enemy is using one of our Div Arty radio channels. The frequency indicates that the radio is on this side. Will you have your people alerted on this? Ans: OK.
- 1103 - Lt. Kestlinger relays above information to the Bns, and also gives the report to G-2 office.
- 1200 - Colonel Horner, S-5 to S-2: 5th FA has a SP 8 inch How. that they want to take up behind MERSEL, and fire 50 or 60 rounds and then take off. Notify the 2nd Bn about this.
- 1210 - Maj. Smith, White 5, to S-2: Any dope on those men we sent in? S-2: One man was from the Wehrmacht; he was discharged because of disability. He walked down the other side of the river; said it was outposted every 1000 yards, and that there are not many troops over there. A lot of our artillery is hitting the barracks at WESTHOVEN, and no troops are there.

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- 1248 - PWI reports: Civilians say that in the URBACH-TROISDORF area there are 6 or 8 guns, calibre unknown. In MONDORF there are an unknown number of guns reported. At 574.7 grid square, one btry of 105's is reported. In BERGHEIM there are 200 rounds of ammo. In MONDORF there are machine guns and AA guns. The waterway to BERGHEIM is OK for the crossing of infantry, but steep banks make it difficult for vehicles to cross. There are no fortifications of a major nature up to ESCHMAR. The Volkstrum are building barricades there. Troop concentrations are located at GLADBACH, BENSBERG, and ROSRATH. These troops are supposed to be waiting for gas and ammo. Troops are also located in TROISDORF and SEIGBURG. SS stragglers troops have been seen. Two of the people who gave this information are fugitives from the Volkstrum; the other one was worried about his family. They came over the river in the dark.
- 1300 - Major Crocker, ASP to Lt. Kestlinger: 2 medium bomber pilots are coming down to see you.
- 1330 - Colonel Fowley, G-3 to Clerk: The 104th Inf Div is putting a shoot on across the river at 1900 hours tonight, it will last about 10 minutes.
- 1400 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co to S-2: Lt. Leonard says that there is direct fire coming in where he is. Do you have any information of enemy gun positions? Ans: No, nothing definite, but civilians say that there are enemy gun positions on the approaches to MONDORF.
- 1425 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: How are things? Ans: The companies are all set. Some enemy activity across the river has been observed.
- 1455 - Major Green, G-3 to Maj. Smith, S-3: Recon for 8th Division will be up some time this afternoon. You will be relieved by 121st Inf. You will be relieved tomorrow night. Do not know when we will move. I believe that you will be the last to move.
- 1515 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith: There are a number of 3rd Armored people down here looking around for buildings. S-3: You had better keep your buildings for your companies. (Teas of relief by 121st Inf).
- 1630 - Blue Bn reports: Our OP reported at 1525 hours that they had observed one horse and wagon at 503504. 20 enemy in trenches at 507502.
- 1645 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to S-2: Do we bring these foreign workers to the Regiment? S-2: No, leave them where they are. White 5: My orders were to take them to the displacement camp, but I thought that they had to pass thru regiment. S-2: No, I do not want them.
- 1730 - 2nd Bn shell report: 11 rounds of 105mm; 6 rounds of 81mm mortar; 5 rounds of 75mm SP. Blue Bn Shell report: 20 rounds of 105mm. (These reports given to G-2 office and 7th RA).

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- 1817 - Blue Bn reports: At 1755 hours, 4 rounds of 105 landed 400 yards south of the CP, sound was at 125 degrees and the estimated range was 4,600 yards.
- 1930 - Blue Bn reports: At 1900 hours, 104th Div put on a shoot-target LANCEL.
- 1945 - Major Smith, S-3 to C-pt. Booth: I just wanted to go over this relief with you. The other people will start at 0630 hours. Put them in the same positions. If you truck back, you should be finished by 0800 hours.
- 1950 - S-3 to White 5: Recon from 1st Bn of 120th will be down to you tomorrow. Tell them there is room for 3 companies on the line. Have them pick an entirely new CP. They will not use your CP. Ans: The 3rd Armored came in here today and I did not let them in. S-3: That is right. Division did not notify us until late.
- 1955 - Sgt Collura, CPNS Sgt to Capt. Merindino, Transp O: You are to have 5 trucks from 1st Bn at 3rd Bn at 1800 hours.
- 2100 - G-2 reports: 104th Div has two deserters. No enemy action has been observed. There has been scattered light artillery. 3rd Armored reports one ME-109, flying East in the vicinity of R-4452 at 1405 hours, and one at 1457 hours. III Corps reports the 9th Div received enemy attack in vic of R-722208 SW of LORSCHLEID at 0900 hours. Consisted of 6 tanks and infantry. Repulsed by 1105 hours. 4 tanks were knocked out - 2 were probables. 99th Div observed 5 to 6 enemy tanks going S on road to GINSTERBAHN (F722197) at 0800 hours. Received enemy attack at 1115 hours in vicinity of HONNINGEN (F7013). Consisted of 200 Inf; was repulsed by 1340 hours. An officer PW said that 3 to 5 tanks were expected but did not show up. 78th Div reports progress being made. Enemy on the high ground at R642288, holding up advance at HONNEF (R6427). PW says 2 companies of infantry are on the high ground. Enemy artillery in division area is light, mostly on HONNEF. Received enemy attack at 1050 hours near R643286; repulsed by 1115 hours. 3rd ARMY reports that an attack was received by 50 infantry and 3 tanks at 0850 hours. Repulsed, and tanks withdrew. Enemy is North of MOSEL river; is steadily being reduced. Enemy still fighting a rear guard action.
- 2130 - Blue Bn reports: At 2044 hours "I" company reports two amber flares 300 yards to the left front of the 3rd platoon positions.
- 2205 - "E" company reports everything quiet.
- 2230 - Blue Bn reports: At 2130 hours, "I" company reports sporadic medium and light mortar fire to left of 2nd platoon. At 2150 hours, OP reports enemy 47mm, Antitank gun, a mobile gun, firing from across river at 100 degrees, 800 yards, about 6 rounds. Also an 88mm battery of guns firing from 120 degrees, at 2000 to 3000 yards, by sound, and landing Northeast of OP. About 30 rounds have been fired.

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- 2255 - Blue Bn reports: "L" company reported at 2240 hours that a con- barrage of 40 rounds of mortar fire and 100 rounds of artillery fire hit in the vicinity of 2nd platoon area, also one white flare seen front of the 2nd platoon. All artillery and mortar fire came in, in the period of an hour. At 47504915, there is believed to be an enemy SP firing. Artillery is emplaced on that point. One "V" bomb passed over at 130 degrees at 1055 hours.
- 2300 - White Bn reports: "E" compa ny reports that at 2225 hours, 8 shells landed in water at a point 45 degrees; approximately 2000 yards, 6 seconds from flash to bang when the shell hit the water. At 2255 hours, sound of vehicles, motor or tank was heard at a 95 degrees azimuth at 800 yards out. The following message was received during the period: TO: CG Div Arty; CO's 16th Inf, TF Davison, 745th Tanks: from Lt. Colonel Beck, G-filed at 1133 hours. Effective 111200A Mar 45, Task Force Davisson minus Assault Gun Platoon, 745th Tk Bn, is detached from the 16th Infantry. Assault Gun Platoon, 745th Tk Bn., remains attached to 16th Inf. On detachment from 16th Inf Task Force Davisson is dissolved. Component parts revert to control of parent organizations. Hq 634th TD Bn is detached from Div Arty and reverts to control of 1st US Inf Div as of 111200A. MESSAGE: - Filed 0020 hrs 12 March 1945 - to CO 16th Inf, from Lt. Colonel Beck (For CG 1st US Inf Div) time signed 2400A: Confirming telephone instructions, 16th Inf will relieve elements of 26th Inf in their sector prior to daylight 13 March 1945. 26th CT will assemble, prepared to receive instructions 13 March for movement. MESSAGE: Filed at 1750 hours, 13 March 1945. Time signed 1700 hours. TO: CO 16th Inf from CG 1st US Inf Div, (By Lt. Col. Beck): Elements of the 8th Div (Inf) will relieve elements of the 1st US Inf Div, in position, night of 14-15 March 1945. Relief to be completed prior to daylight 15 March 1945. 121st Inf will relieve 16th Inf and 28th Inf will relieve 18th Inf. On relief 16th Inf and 18th Inf will assemble in areas of their selection, to be accomplished with minimum movement of troops consistent with clearing adequate area for incoming units. MESSAGE: Filed at 1605 hours; Signed at 1545 hours. 10 March 1945. TO: CO's 16th, 18th Inf Regt's: 90th Cml Bn, Co A, 90th Cml Bn, Co B, 90th Cml Bn and 1st Div G-4: Cos A and B of the 90th Cml Bn is detached from 1st US Inf Div Effective 101200A March 45. Revert to control of II Corps. Co A is atcd to 99th US Inf Div effective 101200A. Destination STALT MECKENHEIM (495255) CO Co A to report to CG 99th US Inf Div immediately. Unit to move as soon as possible. Co B is atcd to 78th US Inf Div effective 101200A. Destination SCHEUREN (638231). CO Co B, is to report to CG 78th US Inf Div immediately. Unit to move as soon as possible. III Corps will coordinate movement of both companies through 1st US Inf Div G-4.

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LOCATION: 477410.

- 0010 - Blue Bn reports: "I" company area shelled by some heavy and light calibre artillery, coming from across the river from vicinity of 472485.
- 0104 - Blue Bn reports some ground flares across river in front of "I" company sector.
- 0105 to 0510 - Negative reports received from 2nd and 3rd Bns, and negative reports submitted to the G-3 office.
- 0552 - White Bn reports 3 amber flares about 100 yards NE of positions. Everything else negative.
- 0707 - Blue Bn reports that "I" Company heard a wagon moving on the other side of the river.
- 0835 - Clerk notifies Blue Bn that a recon party from 8th Division is on way to the 3rd Bn CP. White Bn also notified of same.
- 0836 - Cannon Co, and Antitank company are notified that recon unit from 8th Div on way to C P.
- 0900 - Capt. Booth 3rd Bn to Clerk: We would like to start this relief before 1830 hours. Ans: Major Smith, S-3, says to go ahead. Capt. Booth: How about the trucks? Ans: Will see if we can get them to you sooner than planned.
- 0920 - Capt. Merindeno, Transportation Officer, is notified by Lt. Kestlinger to get the trucks to the Blue Bn by 1330 hours.
- 0924 - Major Smith, White 5 to S-3: It is the 28th that is down here and not the 121st Inf. Ans: That is right. See if you can get them to take over in the daylight as Blue is doing.
- 0925 - Capt. Booth is notified by S-3 that the trucks will be delivered at 1330 hours.
- 1026 - S-2 to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: Don't give those new people your maps, you might need some of them yourself.
- 1026 - S-3 to G-3: The 28th Inf, instead of the 121st is down here. Everything is all laid on.
- 1145 - Capt. Booth to Lt. Stephens: 8th Div wants to move "K" company CP out of MERTEN and put their Div Arty CP in there. Ans: I'll tell Major Smith about it.
- 1305 - White Bn reports: OP reported at 1245 hours, enemy ~~is~~ seen observing with field glasses at 509434; 3 enemy going No at 514434.
- 1305 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to G-3: Everything is going OK. 8th Division will have their CP at MERTEN. One of their Regt., CP's will be at SECHTEM. Bn CP will be closer to the front. What about future plans? Ans: Colonel Bekk will be in this afternoon. There will be a meeting with the 26th to discuss plans. I will let you know what to expect.

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- 1352 - Blue Bn reports: 3 or 4 rounds of artillery hit in the vicinity of "I" company. Outside of that everything is quiet.
- 1357 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp. Co, to S-2: Tell Major Smith that the mission is completed. Trucks are down there OK.
- 1510 - Major Smith to Capt. Booth, 3rd Bn: How is the relief coming? Ans: OK, we should be completely in, in about an hour.
- 1512 - Major Smith to White S-3: How is the relief coming? Ans: It has not started yet.
- 1545 - Major Green, S-3 to Lt. Stephens: 8th Div, G-3, called and said some machine gunners from "K" company were in a building in ROISDORF, and that the 8th Div wanted this place for AA CP; will you check on it?
- 1550 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth: In checking on the item of 1545 hours, it is found that "K" company did not have people in ROUSDORF.
- 1600 - Capt. Booth to Lt. Stephens: None of my "K" company is in ROISDORF. "I" and "J" companies, are out of the line now.
- 1605 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: None of "K" company is in ROISDORF. 8th Div, does not want to use any of our buildings there.
- 1610 - Lt. Stephens to Blue CP: Find out if the 8th Div cleared out any buildings in ROSEBERG where "I" company moved into.
- 1615 - Blue Bn shell report: 70 rounds of mortar, 150 rounds of artillery.
- 1705 - Major Smith to PWI: What was the last enemy unit that ^{we} were in contact with? Ans: The 62nd Division.
- 1715 - Shell report given to S-2, same as above.
- 1730 - Blue Bn reports: Battalion closed at 1615 hours.
- 1800 - Capt. Booth to Lt. Kestlinger: We have it all fixed up about the houses in "K" company area.
- 1900 - 285th Inf to Capt. Clark: Our unit is on its way to relieve your unit.
- 1945 - Lt. Kestlinger gives above report to the G-3 office.
- 2000 - G-2 to S-2: 3rd Para identified at 665298, about 45 men per company. 3rd ARMY - 5th and 90th Divs across MOSEL river, at a point where it forms a junction with the RHINE. Front line there is 6975, 7175, 7275, 7475, 7575, 7779, 7880, 8180, 7983. AIR REPORTS: Enemy movement of three loaded trains at 7680; 4 tanks reported on one of the trains. At 5952, three trains observed and trucks and tanks in the same vicinity. Trucks were reported in movement on all roads, 30 miles east of COLOGNE, 0770 to 2052. Enemy tanks (3 to 5) were observed at F7422.

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- 2105 - S-3 to White 5: How is relief going? Ans: It is not complete yet, but should be in a little while.
- 2125 - Capt. Bour to Mr. Lipinski: The relief is complete at 2120 hours. "E" is out and waiting for transportation. Should be out in 10 minutes.
- 2130 - Mr. Lipinski to Colonel Fowley: The relief is complete at 2120 hours, except for "E" which is assembled waiting for trucks.
- 2216 - Capt. Bour White Bn reports: "E" "F" and "H" companies have closed in their assembly areas. "E" is on its way back.
- 2218 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Lyons, G-3: 28th 1st Bn relieved our 2nd Bn and completed relief at 2120 hours. (All elements except "E" had cleared the area at this time). "E" cleared area as of 2216 hours. "F" and "H" closed in assembly area as of 2216. G-3: I'll use 2215 hours as the time that all units closed in assembly area. Ans: That will be OK.
- 2300 - Sgt. Inkasack, Communications Section, to Clerk: Just got a call from 28th Infantry communications, saying that radio silence in this area goes into effect as of midnight. Our sets were closed down this afternoon. (Capt. Ralph, Comm O, is not here right now). Will you see that Major Smith gets this word?

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LOCATION: 477410 - Bornheim, Germany.

All units of CT-16 had been relieved from the line. (Detailed information available in journal items of 13 and 14 March 1945). Hourly reports were not required of the battalions.

- 1025 - Capt. Bour, 2nd Bn to Major Smith: What is new? Ans: We have an order which will mean moving about the 17th, and it will be early in the morning. I want you to test all weapons.
- 1045 - Major Smith, S-3, contacts all units and requests a report on the type and number of all vehicles in CT-16. Major Smith also issues orders to have each man fire tests shots with the weapon with which he is armed. This is to be done during the remainder of the time that CT-16 occupies its present area; cautions that this may be the last opportunity to do this firing as the CT moves on the 17th. (Major Smith states that the 16th Inf. will move in after the 18th and 26th Inf).
- 1850 - Major Smith, S-3 to G-3: What do you have for me? Ans: The 26th Inf. is in position. 18th Infantry will probably move tomorrow about 0300 hours. It might be 3 days before you move.
- 1920 - Major Green, G-3 to S-3: On your move, the 193rd FA will not move with you. The 7th FA, 634th TD's, 745th Tnks, and 1st Engineers (minus some elements), will move with you. You will have 62 to 70 trucks to move with. Take your kitchens with you; it will pay to move early to get away from regular administrative traffic. S-3: My IP will be DRANSDORF. G-3: You will be able to use the 18th and 26th Infantry assembly areas. It will be best to move in three groups.
- 1930 - Capt. Clark to Hq. Co.: "A" company, 1st Medics, have a representative here to look at CP locations, ** Remainder of day negative.

Within the regiment a general inspection of all equipment and vehicles was held during the day of 15 March. Men with minor dental work, and which had been postponed during the past few months of combat, were being taken care of by Company "A" medics. Arrangements were being made to award the various combat medals and honors due to individuals in the regiment. Courts martial cases were being taken care of, and administrative work brought up to date. Showers were being arranged for the men, along with replacement of clothing and worn equipment.

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LOCATION: 477410, Bornheim, Germany.

0000 to 0600 Duty Officer and Clerk received no phone calls. There were no units of GT-16 in the line.

- 0850 - Major Green, G-3 to Major Smith, S-3: The trucks will go back to 520351 some time this afternoon. It is on the LINGSDORF - DUISDORF road. There will be 60 trucks, pick them up and keep them until you use them. I will try and get clearance for the 7th FA and the 193FA to move early tomorrow morning. On your recon, single vehicles can use the non-organic route; it takes about 1/3 the time. I would like to close out here as soon as possible. You can lay a line to VII Corps from AIFTER, then I can contact you from our forward thru your 1st Bn.
- 1015 - S-3 to Capt. Merendeno, Transp. O: The breakdown for the trucks will be 19 for the Bns, 2 for Hq Co., and one for the Medics.
- 1130 - Major Smith, S-3 to Major Green, G-3: The 18th Infantry's organic transportation was over the river this morning by 0630 hours. After we move, you will have to get communications through 8th Div with us. Is there any possibility of getting the Hqs of 745th Tns and 634th TD's, and the engineers with the artillery? G-3: I'll see what I can do; also have firing at 495359 stopped.
- 1148 - S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: Have firing at 495359 stopped; GORPS troops are pinned down there. (Capt. Smith calls a few minutes later and informs S-3 that he has checked with the 16th AA, 17th Corps. No one is pinned down, just firing close to them. S-3 suggests moving out of that area. Red 3 says that this will be done).
- 1327 - Capt. Carroll, 634th TD's to S-3: My Bn wants me to take along two T-5 wreckers. They are full tracks.
- 1415 - Lt. Kestlinger to Bn, Attachments, and All Special Units: Meeting at the regimental CP at 1630 hours.
- 1615 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO reports: Div CP at 635225. Div Arty C P at 638231; VII GORPS reported to G-6 that in the future soldiers will not be billeted with civilians. The 18th Infantry on road at 0300 hours; will be crossing at 0600 hours. We will bring 5th FA with them; D-day night, Corps Engrs, will start work at our present ferry point; will leave here tomorrow afternoon of the following morning. Locations: 1st of the 311th at 629292; 2nd of 311th at 645302; 3rd of 311th at 676290. 60th Armored Infantry at 655304. 1st of 309th at 694290; 2 of the 39th at 698255; 3rd of 309th at 700276; 3rd of the 39th is at 699246. 1st of 310th at 670297; 2nd of 309th at 690294. 309th Inf moved out at 0700 hours; 0830 hours, generally in NE direction in the NW sector of our Objective B. 311th Inf pushed out along the streamline, slightly W of Objective B, trying to cut road up where stream crosses autobahn. A Bn plus, from the 1st is going towards Objective B. 1st and 2nd Bns from the 39th expecting considerable resistance. 9th Di reports enemy resistance stubborn. Small arms and tanks and SP fire, principally from 110th of the 11Pz Div, reinforced by several Marsch Bns and Replacement Bn, including the SS Replacement. Three PW's state the 11th Pz is responsible for the entire bridge head area. Very poor coordination between N and S. PW's of the 11th Pz state they are reinforced by 654 Jugend Panther Bn. 15th Pz Regt has 30 tanks, however, maintenance is very poor, resulting in only half of them being available for duty. The south part of the bridgehead is defended by elements of the 240th

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277th, 272nd Inf Divs. 78th Div (American) reports in the NW part of HONNEGF that resistance is heavy. Enemy pressure in the eastern sector. Artillery, light, 140 calibre. Counterattack by elements of the 3rd Para consisted of 100 Inf and no tanks. Another counterattack by 3 tanks and infantry. Both repulsed. Elements identified came from DENMARK, 10 days ago. 99th Div pushed out against light to moderate opposition. Only one counterattack but the 99th got to their objective. Resistance has been mainly small arms fire. 200 PW's representing about 200 different units. PW captain said that the 277th Div is non-existent, since the whole staff has been captured. HONNEGF still occupied by the enemy. PW states they were told to hold out until reinforcements came, which would push the Americans back into the Rhine. Identified the 272nd Div East of HONNEGF: 340th VG Div; R'pl Bn of 24 SS. Artillery has not been heavy. 18th Inf CP at 645267. At 0600 hours the 78th Inf reported all quiet. 9th Div had a counterattack at 744180 which was broken up by artillery. The 311th is going to jump. 1st Bn of the 60th jumped at 0300 hours and were met by machine gun and mortar fire, made no advance. 0730 hours the 311th started out OK; a/c on the left of "R" company at present time in the 30 grid line. 2nd Bn of the 309th attacked due North - no progress.

- 1720 - Major McKean, S-4 to S-5: O r S-4 and Service Company will be at 636275. Water point at 645256.
- 1823 - Major Green, S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The conversation concerns convey numbers. G-3: 16th Inf will be D-40; 694th TD will be D-41; 745th Tanks will be D-42. We are closing here the 1st thing in the morning.
- 1845 - Major Smith, S-3 to G-3: Everything is laid on. We are getting ready to move. I sent an order down to Colonel Beck. I changed the route a little for the non-organic transportation. The advance parties are leaving about 0600 hours. They are going in separate small groups. G-3: Things are a little better today than before.
- 2105 - G-3 to S-3: The big show is going pretty good; they may want to push one of your Bns reinforced after 1200 hours tomorrow. The Bn is to be on a 2 hour alert. Movement of the Bn will depend on getting road clearance, etc. I will contact Major Combney. Have your forward CP set up tomorrow before noon. S-3: We plan on moving Fwd CP at 0700 hours. They should be set up by 1000 hours. If the Bn is alerted the Colonel and I will go up.
- 2230 - Major Green, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Instructions now are to move the entire combat team tomorrow afternoon. I will try to get clearance to start moving at noon.

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- 0110 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: LANGSDORF is to be cleared by 0530 hours, today, March 17, 1945. III CORPS is moving up earlier. S-3 (Major Smith): I cannot move until 1400 hours today, or early on the 18th. I have no recon out. G-3: I'll call III CORPS back and tell them that we can not move sooner than 1600 hours today, or on the 18th.
- 0205 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I called III CORPS, and that is the only time they could give us. I called Colonel Beck, and he says they want the whole group, if possible. If not, then a reinforced Bn. Major Smith, S-3: What is the story? G-3: Colonel Beck wants the whole (Combat Team) if possible, or at least a reinforced Bn. S-3: What time? G-3: They will have to clear LANGERSDORF by 0500 hours. S-3: I'll call Colonel Beck.
- 0215 - Major Smith to Capt. Kelly, G-3: What is the story? Ans: Col. Beck says the final decision is up to General Taylor.
- 0220 - G-3 to S-3: General Taylor says to move one Bn today, and the rest of the regiment later. What time can you move? S-3: About 0930 hours. G-3: How many vehicles? S-3: 75 organic and 20 non-organic vehicles. G-3: OK, I'll get clearance for you.
- 0240 - Major Smith S-3 to Capt. Smith Red 3: You move out at 0900 hours, get your recons out. Guides will be out. Your number is D-40. Your attachments report to you at 0800 hours. Your organic moves at 0900 hours; non-organic at 0930 hours.
- 0300 - Lt. Kestlinger to AT company: One platoon of AT co, will report to the 1st Bn not later than 0800 hours.
- 0305 - Capt. Smith, Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What about the disposal of extra equipment? Ans: Leave it under guard and we will take care of it.
- 0400 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Please repeat the convoy number. Ans: D-40.
- 0410 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Carroll, 631th TD's: Have one platoon report to 1st Bn by 0800 hours for movement. The rest of the CT will stand fast until tomorrow.
- 0415 - The same information as in the above item is repeated to Capt. Armstrong of the 745th Trk Bn.
- 0705 - Lt. Kestlinger to 631th TD's: Mark each one of your vehicles (tracked) with SITE-6.
- 0710a - Lt. Kestlinger to 745th Trk Bn (A-Co.): Repeats above as to site number.
- 0718 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Will Lt. Stephens be at the detrucking area with instructions? Ans: Yes, Sir. There will be a guide where the tanks turn off. Ans: Good.
- 0825 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Maj. McKean, S-4: The 1st Bn has some excess ammo. They left it at the school house.
- 0900 - Maj. Green G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are pulling out now. There may be a new bridge in (a treadyway), if so, progress may be speeded up.

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Your new convey numbers will be 41 for Regiment; 42 for TD's, and 43 for tanks.

- 0910 - Capt. Booth to Major Smith: Anything new? Ans: You will probably have a new time tomorrow morning.
- 0930 - White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: Has the time been changed? Ans: 1st Bn moved out and there will be some changes on the time for movement across the IP.
- 1030 - Capt. Merindene, Regtl Transp. Co to S-3: The Weasels and 6 trucks left this morning. I'm going to split the 19 trucks which the 1st Bn used, between the 2nd and 3rd Bns for their use. Ans: OK.
- 1035 - Lt. Kestlinger notifies Message Center that the advance CP will move out at 1430 hours today.
- 1110 - Major Smith, S-3 to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Changes in order -- 2nd Serial, 3rd Bn, 19 vehicles, 0800 hours. Route and IP remain the same. Non-organic route is marked. In the organic column, 2nd Serial, cross IP at 0300 hours. Convey number D-41, to be put on front of each vehicle, for both organic and non-organic. Mark, SITE-6, on front of vehicles. You will get a platoon of light tanks when you get there. There are no other changes, goose-eggs remain the same. (Reports the situation across the RHINE as going good).
- 1115 - Major Smith, S-3 to Capt. Bour, White 3: 1st Bn has moved out. Plan is essentially the same. 3rd Serial, non-organic at 0900 hours. This pushes your time up a little. Platoon of light tanks will be attached to you after you get there. (Reports situation as of this hour - 18th and 26th Infs going well, have cut the autobahn on the other side of the RHINE).
- 1127 - Operator notifies that 634th TD's can be had by phone thru the 1st Bn.
- 1130 - S-3 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: No change in the order except that 1st Bn has already gone, and the 2nd Serial goes at 0300 hours. (S-3 states that it will not be necessary for Cannon Co. observers to go forward until Cannon Co gets into its new location).
- 1132 - S-3 notifies Communications Section that the Division R die car can go in the column with Lt. Stephens.
- 1145 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, 634th TD's: Move your Co. Hq tomorrow about 0900 hours, by infiltration.
- 1150 - Sgt Wheeler, I&R Platoon: We are taking off as of now.
- 1230 - Lt. Kestlinger to AT Co: Tell Capt. Sylce, AT CO, that all serials are pushed up one hour. First serial at 0800 hours instead of 0900 hours.
- 1232 - Lt. Kestlinger repeats the above message to 745th Tanks, CO "A", 1st Medics, Cannon Co, and 1st Engrs.

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- 1330 - Maj. Green, G-3 to S-3: I have no information on where you people are. S-3: We have a CP in HONNEF, and the Bns will be around there. We will be down today. G-3: Could you get the light tanks down here this afternoon, as they need them up front. S-3: OK, we will get them on the road. G-3: Receiving quite a bit of artillery and SP fire, hope to get to phase line two by tonight.
- 1400 - G-3 to S-3: A change has been made. I have checked it with III Corps. You have got to hit the ferry at 0800 hours. It is about two hours to the ferry. That means other bridge at 0600 hours and the ferry at 0800 hours. S-3: We can make arrangements to meet that OK. I have sent a liaison officer down to where the light tanks are. Colonel Horner, to S-3: They are all in, foot troops and organic matter, everything except light tanks. S-3: We will come down as soon as you get back. S-5: I have the latest dope on map. I will be there in about an hour.
- 1420 - S-2 to G-2: What is cooking? Ans: 26th Inf getting some SP and mortar fire; they are at 711250, cleaning woods south of there along the autobahn. Got 34 PW's, some from Battle Group Denmark. 18th Inf got to 679329 and to woods east of there to the creek, getting some stuff from their rear, from MUREN. Took 54 PW's; from 3rd FGD. 29th Regt and 78th Div are not doing much today. 9th Div had a counterattack, don't know much about it. In the town of ITTENBACH, 130 enemy surrendered to the 60th Armored Inf, including Colonel Henkel and staff.
- 1436 - Lt. Kestlinger to 3rd Bn: The organic transportation leaves at 0600 hours, tomorrow instead of the other time; White Bn to leave at 0300 hours.
- 1500 - Maj. McKean, S-4 to Lt. Kestlinger: What about these kitchen trucks, can they come back on a shuttle? Ans: Yes, let them come back and pick up stuff and take it back.
- 1505 - White 5 to S-2: I understand there is a change in time on our organic? S-2: Yes, it has been changed to 0630 hours.
- 1515 - NEW CP FOR S-4 WILL BE AT 636273.
- 1548 - Captain Merindeno, Transp O to S-2: Wanted to know about giving trucks to the 2nd and 3rd Bns, as previously mentioned in journal.
- 2230 - G-2 reports: 3rd Armored: Nothing to report. 78th Div: Arty and mortar fire light, no heavy concentrations. Number of reports of individual tanks sighted, no contact with tanks. Activity mostly mopping up. 8th Div: Between 1600 and 1710 hours, 100 rounds of light arty hit at 500355. Small groups of enemy seen on E bank of the RHINE. III Corps: SP and arty fire in the N part of the Corps Zone. Enemy small arms fire vic of 7226. At 7224 and 7320 towns were reported clear. Two to 4 tanks seen in each of the towns before they enemy withdrew. Moderate resistance was met in clearing 7013. Many booby traps and mines encountered. 200 PW's taken without a fight at 7616. Fighting was reported at 7614. 580 PWs for the period.
- 2258 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: We just got word from VII Corps that your foot elements will use the bridge at the 26th Northing.
- 2310 - Capt. Clark gives the above info to Lt. Kestlinger and also mentioned that Lt. Stephens will be at the assembly area with directions.

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2315 - The same information regarding the foot elements using the bridge at the 26th Northing was relayed to Lt. Chandler, White Bn, and Capt. Johnson of the Blue Bn.

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LOCATION: 644273, HONNEF, Germany.

(The following is a statement summary of the crossing of the RHINE river by GT-16: The 1st Battalion crossed the RHINE by LSPV ferry at approximately 1100 hours, on 16 March 1945. 2nd and 3rd Battalion foot elements crossed via the Treadway bridge on 18 March 1945; 2nd Battalion foot elements at 0600 hours and the 3rd Battalion foot elements at 0755 hours. The organic vehicular column crossed the Treadway at 0500 hours, 18 March 1945. The crossings were made over the CORKS Floating Treadway bridge just south of HONNEF, Germany. All crossings were made without incident).

- 0025 - Col. Beck, Division to Capt. Clark: Have you liaison with the 18th Infantry? Ans: Not right now. G-3: Keep close liaison with them. Have an order coming out showing the change in the boundary; you will get it in the morning. The 18th Inf. is going for "D"-objective. We had a report that the 78th Inf. took a PW who indicates that an attack by 3000 Infantry and tanks, straight down the Autobahn, will take place. In case of an emergency, yours will be the reserve battalion.
- 0030 - Capt. Clark to 18th Inf. S-2: Anything hot? Ans: No, it will not get hot until two hours before dawn. Our 1st and 2nd Bns jump then.
- 0155 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Is that stuff landing around you? G-3: It is landing about 50 yards from the 18th Infantry CP.
- 0700 - Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: We are all closed.
- 0705 - Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co., informs Capt. Clark that his company closed at 0620 hours.
- 0715 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: The 18th and 26th Infs. are receiving heavy mortar and artillery; unable to determine if it is a counterattack or not. 26th Inf. picked up a PW from the 1st company of Combat Group Denmark.
- 0755 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: All our organic is in. One man was killed and four men injured in the 745th mortar half track that turned over.
- 0800 - CP area shelled heavily during the night; fragments picked up in the area were large calibre; possibility of rockets or railway guns having been used on the area.
- 0905 - 3rd Bn closed at 0900 hours.
- 0915 - G-2 to S-2: 18th Infantry moving North of autobahn at 580325. Meeting intense artillery fire. The 3rd Pz Gr. are in front of them. Enemy infiltrated at 6832. 26th Inf. across autobahn at 720285; 11th Pz and remnants of the 3rd Para Div in front of them. 223 PW's were taken yesterday. The 78th Div is moving. 99th Div has bridge at 7716. 9th Div used some air. 4th Armored is at MLL37.
- 0925 - Lt. Lynch, Div Liaison Officer reports: 18th Inf. "A" at 694312; "C" 300 yards to rear, and "B" 1100 yards behind "C". 26th Inf. reports ORCHEID clear; "E" is crossing autobahn at the underpass; 2nd and 3rd Bns receiving artillery fire. 78th Div jumped at 0630 hours. 9th Div reports the following locations for one of their regiments (the identity of the Regiment not given) 1st Bn at 725259; "A" Co. at 726270, "C" Co. at 730260. 2nd Bn of the 47th at 723245 with "I" and "K" Cos at 739247.

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- 0930 - G-3 to S-2: Plan to move some of your people very soon to posn SW of the 18th Inf 3rd Bn. Have Major Smith, S-3, call me.
- 0940 - Major Smith, S-3, to Major Green, G-3: What have you got for me?
 Ans: The show seems to be going along OK; the 18th Inf 1st Bn is going OK. You will have to plan on taking objective 161. Would like you to assemble up near the big highway, there is a good road up there. How soon would it take to get up there? S-3: About four hours. G-3: Would like you to move as soon as you can. S-3: We are all in except a few vehicles; we closed at 0930 hours.
- 1010 - Capt. Elder to Major Smith, S-3: We are all in now. What is new?
 S-3: 1st Bn is going to move after dinner. (S-3 gives the latest locations on the 18th Inf.).
- 1030 - Colonel Gibb, S-6 to Col. Beck: Would like to get the town of ITTENBACH, and then drive north to Pt 665325. Can you do this for me? Also a little S and SW in the 78th Div sector, so that I can put two Bns in and give them a different boundary. Colonel Beck: I think that is OK, will try and fix it for you.
- 1110 - Lt. Kestlinger, IO, to Major Smith, S-3: These people (78th Div), are agreeable about the relief. They want to know at what time it could be made. S-3: It could be made at 1600 hours this afternoon.
- 1120 - Colonel Beck, Division, To Colonel Gibb, S-6: You can have the town of ITTENBACH. S-6: Will make my plans to jump in the morning. What is the 78th Inf. doing? Ans: They will continue on their mission.
- 1130 - Lt. Lynch, IO to Div. reports: 26th Infantry --- "A" at 717283; "B" at 712289; "C" at 717277; "E" at 715295; "F" at 711293; "G" at 711296; "I" at 721287. 3rd Bn at 724283. 9th DIVISION, 39th Inf., "C" at 733254; "A" at 726257; "B" at 721259; "E" at 728273; "C" at 726270; "F" at 724269; "K" at 717267; "I" at 716250; "I" at 716248. The 99th Div picked up 7 swimmers with charges; mission was to destroy bridge at 2300 hours last night. "D" of 18th at 694320; "C" and "A" at 705325.
- 1145 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ans: "A" of the 18th Inf. is sitting on the high ground; they received a small counterattack at 698313; after the attack was over they counted 40 dead enemy. Between the 18th and 26th Inf's., there are about 100 PW's.
- 1254 - Major Smith, S-3 to Colonel Grant, White 6: You are in Div. Reserve. The Colonel wants you to report to Colonel Beck for instructions. They will move you to an assembly area, HIMBERG, 695680.
- 1258 - MESSAGE, CO 16th Inf from G-4: Ammo allocation for period 150600 to 200600 March as follows: 500 rounds of 81mm mortar light.
- 1259 - The above message is relayed to Capt. Groves, Regtl. Ammo O, by Lt. Kestlinger.

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- 1304 - Major Smith, S-3 to Colonel Beck, G-3: We have coordinated with the 310th Inf. They have one company working on the RJ just N. They have one company in town and 2 companies up there further N. Our 1st bn will relieve "I" company and that part of the 18th Inf. in our own area. 3rd bn will relieve elements in the town of ITTENBACH. This will take place during the hours of darkness. The situation of the 78th Div doesn't seem to be doing so good. When will we go?
Ans: It all depends on the situation and outcome today; probably tomorrow. S-3: Will it be 161? Ans: Yes, more than likely.
- 1311 - Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co. to S-3: What is new? Ans: It looks like you will go into firing position. Come up and I will give you your locations. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1345 - MESSAGE: from CG 1st US Inf Div to CG 78th Inf Div, CO's 16th, 18th and 26th infs, DA and 2nd Bn, 16th inf: 2nd Bn 16th inf is designated division reserve effective 1300 hours, and will stage forward into the AGDIENBERG-MOVEL area afternoon 18th march to relieve 2nd Bn of 309th Inf in that location, prepared to reinforce 18th or 26th inf on division order to assist in repelling enemy attack.
- 1545 - Cannon Co. location is at Pt 170.
- 1600 - Colonel Ware, G-1 to Colonel Webb, S-6: You are getting one more colored platoon with rifles. You are getting them after the 21st. S-6: I do not want them. G-1: You are to send one officer and one platoon sergeant to pick them up at 3rd replacement depot on the 21st.
- 1620 - S-3 to S-3: When can your lead elements be up and take over in the gap? Ans: For "I" of 18th Inf, about 2000 hours. The other place a little ~~xxx~~ later. G-3: 18th Inf is having pretty good luck and the 26th is loosening up and pushing again tonight.
- 1635 - White 5 to S-3: We are to communicate with Division; is that right? Ans: Yes.
- 1725 - MESSAGE: to CO 16th Inf: In view of current supply shortage of masks, gas, service, light weight, unit commanders will exercise strictest discipline on this item. Signed: ANDRUS (0930 hours).
- 1727 - MESSAGE: to CO 16th Inf: Effective 182400 A March 1945, CO's A, B and C (Normal AT platoons), 1st Engr C Bn are detached from 16th, 18th and 26th infs respectively and revert to control of 1st Engr C Bn. Signed: CG 1st Inf Div (1425 hours).
- 1745 - Blue 3 to S-3: "I" just left here on vehicles. "L" company leaving now, also on vehicles. "A" company will move as soon as transportation comes back. S-3: CP will not move until in the morning. Blue 3: What do you know about the 309th moving out? S-3: I understand that it is being held up. What is your plan? Blue 3: "I" is to take left half of 66 grid; "L" company the right, using tanks and TD's. S-3: We still haven't orders. It should be sometime before 2300 hours tonight.

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- 1812 - 7th FA S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Where are your 1st and 3rd Bn CP's?
Ans: 1st at 673302. 3rd will be 50 yards East of Pt 151.
- 1819 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: we closed in and are feeding chow now.
- 1825 - Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens: Do you know if Capt. Hall, S-2 has checked up on the man who owns the house that i have my CP in. his name is SCHUTTS. Lot of pictures here showing bridge and waterfront shots, and so forth. There is some indication that he may have been an ang officer at Tokyo.
- 1900 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO reports: "C" of 311th is at 605330; "B" is at 607330; "A" is at 610333; "F" is at 615334; "E" is at 620334; "I" is at 626335; "H" is at 631332; "J" is at 636336. "I" of the 309th is at 626335, they are attached to the 311th. "G" of the 311th is at 618327; "I" of 311th and "I" of 309th took off at 1600 hours, to secure the high ground at 621340 and center of goose egg at 610350. The 310th will be relieved by the 309th and will be pushing at a time to be determined later. The 310th will remain buttoned up tomorrow. The 60th Inf has "K" and "I" companies in town of ROTT, 746238. "F" company of the 39th at 724273; 3rd of the 39th hit hard by artillery fire when they jumped. They are at 734265. "L" of the 39th is at 735265. "G" of the 26th was kicked out of the town of WULLSCHEID, there is still one platoon of "G" in the town. Rest of company in ORSCHEID, regrouping to push back at 2000 hours with the rest of the 2nd Bn. Very heavy artillery and SP. The one platoon in the town, that are unable to get out, are OK.
- 1905 - Colonel Beck to Major Smith: No go tonight. Make preparations to go to Pt 161 tomorrow.
- 2020 - Lt. Kestlinger to Operator: When you gain contact with Blue Forward tell Major Wozenski that there will be no attack tomorrow. Put out normal recon tonight.
- 2040 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO to Clerk: The 26th Infantry's "I" company had a counterattack by one company of infantry and 4 tanks. Division artillery knocked out one tank and dispersed the infantry and the tanks moved into the woods. An earlier report about platoon in WALLERSHEIM in trouble, was given aid by White going in at 2000 hours. Everything OK now. 1st of the 26th Inf went at the same time for STOCKHAUSEN. 78th Div: 311th Inf plan changed, probably will take off at 0700 hours. Have 3 of 309th attached to them. Will secure ground up to the line 595350, 610350, 620352, 630344, 631340. The 309th and 310th will stand pat. 7th CORPS: At 611304, they are putting up a class 40 platoon. 9th Div: "L" of the 39th is at 745265; "K" of 60th is at 752242; "I" of 60th is at 743242; "F" and "L" company of the 47th are at 740245. G-2 says 18th has 190 PW's and 26th Inf has 100. The PW's from the 18th were mostly 3rd Pz. Grenadiers. Those that the 26th took were mostly from the 11th Pz., 78th Inf Div is at about the 335 EW line 9th Div moving out OK. 26th Inf is trying to clear town and go forward to STOCKHAUSEN. The PW's for the period should exceed 1000.
- 2210 - S-3 to Red 3: How are things going? Ans: "B" company is up to town of GRAFENHORN; 2 platoons in process of going in, should be complete in half to 3/4 of an hour. Relieving I of the 26th. Rest of company coming back to NE edge of town. 4 tanks will go up; Have communication with the 7th FA and Cannon Co. S-3: Keep on the alert tonight; observe and patrol tomorrow Red 3: Will do.

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- 2215 - S-3 to G-3 (Maj. Fowley): S-3: Relief is in progress (Grafenhohn) "E" for "I" of the 18th. Should be complete by 2315 hours. G-3: "I" will be pulling back to the hill. S-3: The 3rd Bn is going OK; the line to them is out right now. They are relieving one company in town of ITTENBACH; taking over from "F" company. G-3: 1st of the 26th Inf went thru 3rd Bn of the 26th at their check point 72. Going to town of "S" and working on "W" with the 2nd Bn. They are trying for contact with friendly unit in the town to the North. The 18th got into town of "R" OK. (There is a platoon there now). Enemy was observed leaving these towns today; tried to get air corps to work on them but could not. Much artillery was put on the enemy, however. The 39th Inf is moving with the 26th. S-3: Is KOENIGSWINTER clear? G-3: Yes, and the 311th is 2 kilos North of the next town up above that on the 332 line. Tomorrow they plan to go as far as 610358.
- 2245 - Lt. Lynch, IO to Div reports: 18th will aid the 26th's advance by getting the hill to the front. They will both push.
- 2250 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: We were definitely closed at 2115 hours. One M-10 stuck; ran off the road, trying to get a t-2 to pull it out. At the moment things are quiet. "K" company will have a strong outpost at a point 500 yards NE of 138. Will also patrol to the underpass NE of that. 18th Inf has been contacted. We are tied in by direct phone with the 2nd Bn.
- 2255 - G-2 to S-2: CORPS report says that the enemy is setting up a CP of the 103rd Pa Recon in the vicinity of the houses at 680360 after 2100 hours. Artillery has been notified, but will wait until morning to fire on it. At that time two or three places will also be hit, so as not to make them suspicious of our knowledge. An undisclosed number of troops are moving to place in vicinity of KIPPENHOVEN, 666331. Notify the artillery of this. S-2: Maj. Robbins of 7th FA is here right now and I will tell him about it. (Major Robbins arranges for a 2 Bn TOC on the target for 0130 hours; our units are notified). G-2: The 26th Inf have "E" company in the north part of WOLLSHEIM "E" is working thru the town, resistance not too stiff. 1st Bn of the 26th jumped for STOCKHAUSEN, are half way there now, and meeting only sporadic fire from SP and tanks fire. The 18th Inf is waiting for daylight for attack. They are over around the 715 line now. "K" of the 18th Inf got about 100 PW today, about 180 so far. They overran a lot of people today, and some of these are turning in now. (A report says some para troopers, about 100, came out from 7538, from Battle Group BECKER, and these are probably the PW's the 18th is getting).
- 2325 - Lt. Kestlinger gives the above information to 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 23300 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Our 3rd Bn relieved L of the 18th at 2120 hours. The 310th is completely relieved. G-3: The 18th is sending patrols to the town. They will jump in the morning. If the patrol info is good, they may go earlier than they originally planned for. E and F of the 26th not hitting town of EUDENBACH; 1st Bn passed thru the 3rd Bn of the 26th at 2000 hours. There was a lot of artillery today, the 18th and 26th report a total of 2360 rounds.

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LOCATION: 477410 (During the period the CP moved forward to 662283). The CP at 662283 opened for operations at approximately 0930 hours.

- 0001 - Blue Bn reports: "K" company patrol to the autobahn left at 2322 hours. Everything else is quiet.
- 0008 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We are sending out a patrol at 0115 hours to Pt. 139, and to Pt. 115. Will you notify the 7th FA? Also notify Cannon Co. and the third battalion about it. Ans: Yes, Sir. Red 3: Everything seems to be going OK. "B" company is in the town and well into position. The tanks are not up yet, but will be in about one hour.
- 0022 - 7th FA is notified about the 1st Bn patrol.
- 0023 - Blue Bn is notified of the 1st Bn patrol. Blue: The "K" co., patrol that went to the underpass has returned. No enemy was seen but a tank or tracked vehicle was heard in the direction of Pt 139, believed to be going away.
- 0058 - Blue Bn reports: The only thing to report is "K" company is in contact with the dark boys attached to "B" company. Everything else is quiet.
- 0112 - 1st Bn Fwd CP reports negative.
- 0125 - Capt. Clark, duty officer, reports negative to G-3 for the hour. 0200 to 0300 hours all units report negative.
- 0340 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report. G-3: Have a report from your "B" company thru 18th Infantry an hour ago, saying that they were getting some direct fire from their rear. We checked up on it and either they are mistaken or something has slipped in behind them.
- 0430 - Blue Bn reports: "K" company reports that an outpost has been set up East of 665324, and gives a negative report.
- 0505 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: "K" company has outposted at 665324; has not observed anything yet. All else is quiet.
- 0530 - "E" company of the 309th Inf reports small arms fire to their right front.
- 0555 - G-2 to Clerk: Anything to report? Ans: Negative report.
- 0559 - 3rd Bn reports: At 0535 hours "M" company reports small arms fire in the vicinity of Pt 81.
- 0606 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0618 - Clerk reports to G-3: Negative report.
- 0620 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Stephens, duty officer: "K" is in DOTTSCHIED, got some machine gun and mortar fire at daybreak; no casualties. The fire came from the draw to the North of them.

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- 0714 - Red Bn reports negative.
- 0725 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 18th Infantry's "I" company heard some small arms fire and noise at 681331. They were going to lay a STOMP on it when they learned your 3rd Bn had a patrol there. Will you check on this? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 0727 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. McCarthy, Blue Bn: Did you have elements (patrol) at 681331? Ans: No, if we did, we don't know about it.
- 0732 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Our Blue Bn did not have patrol up that far. Perhaps our 1st Bn. I will check. Ans: OK.
- 0735 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3, Capt. Smith: Did you have a patrol at 681331? Ans: No, we had one at 138.
- 0738 - This information is given to G-3.
- 0755 - Blue Bn reports: One truck, coming south at Pt 139. 50 calibre and tank fired on it, and knocked it out.
- 0830 = Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: The patrol from "B" company went up the stream bed into RUTTSCHIED from the rear and worked thru the town. Saw no signs of enemy foot troops or vehicles. They came back south thru open field and reported in at 0255 hours. At 0700 hours this morning an enemy dump truck was knocked out at 150 yards east of Point 139. Details not available other than report of four enemy jumping out of truck and escaping towards the North.
- 0840 - Major Smith, S-3 to Capt. Smith, Red 3: What is cooking? Ans: You know where "B" company is; (tells above details on patrol of last night). Forward platoon at 677327, other one at Pt 140 southwest. S-3: What observations have you made? Red 3: Four civilians were going towards RUTTSCHIED on the autobahn. S-3: What about the story of the truck? Red 3: Truck knocked out by 57mm. Truck coming towards "I" company at about 0700 hours or 0710 hours, east of Pt 139. S-3: Are the tanks up? Red 3: Yes, went up a little after 1200 midnight.
- 0845 - Major Smith, S-3 to Blue 3, Capt. Booth: Where is the forward platoon? Ans: At DOTTSCHIED; have cleared to the underpass. S-3: How is the number 3 road? Ans: OK. Blue 3: Intend moving "K" company out after dark to 666331 and clear it out. S-3: How is the junction left of DOTTSCHIED? Ans: Clear. Blue 3: "I" company is setting up road blocks at 151. "I" company back 500 yards east of 151. "K" company on other side. S-3: Plans for today- 310th to hold; the 311th left flank to go up east bank of the RHINE to take in the next village. 26th Inf is going for 3rd and 4th objectives. They will also straighten out line between 18th and 39th. Tomorrow everyone will concentrate. The buildings at the crossing 668331 to the right of the autobahn are yours.

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- 0850 - 310th Inf, S-3 to Major Smith, S-3: What are your dispositions of the 3rd Bn? Ans: One platoon near DOTTSCHIED, facing north, near the road junction. The other 2 platoons in EITENBACH, facing due north. Balance of the Bn in assembly area. S-3 speaks of the Red and Blue patrols and states that no further details have been received from Blue as yet.
- 0900 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Blue 3: 18th tried to get a patrol into EUDENBACH but no success; trouble with bridges. S-2 speaks of the 26th Inf taking STOCKHAUSEN - WULLISCHIED - GRETZFELD. Two self propelled guns (105s) knocked out possibly three.
- 0905 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2: Gives information as of item 0900 hours this journal and the platoon dispositions as previously listed.
- 0945 - Blue Bn reports: At 0910 hours, OP 1, observed three tanks and an ambulance, one volkswagon, and between 30 and 50 infantry heading due east from Pt 78. Artillery firing at it. At 0930 hours, OP 2, observed 50 infantry, one ambulance, and 2 other vehicles at Pt 116. Vehicles came from the NE. Artillery firing at them.
- 1020 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Beck: What will the objectives be for tomorrow? Ans: 161 and 182. The boss wants to have the 18th Inf and the 26th Inf to get to the blocking area before you jump. We will know about 1400 hours. S-6: What about the 78th Inf Div? Ans: They will jump up to your 161. S-6: I would like to jump for my next 2 objectives also. Ans: OK, I will find out the plans of the 78th and see what we can do. S-6: Fine.
- 1025 - Blue Bn reports: At 1015 hours, OP 2, reported 2 trucks moving NW from BELGHAUSEN to HERRESBACH. At BERGHAUSEN observed 25 to 30 enemy. 30 enemy observed at DALHAUSEN, 68433 suspected strong point. Also 2 trucks moving from fork in woods, 686331, moving N along road. OP 1, 12 foot troops, 2 tanks, 4 bicycles, 1 horse drawn truck moving into buildings at 686374.
- 1030 - Colonel Gibb to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: In your plans take in 99 in conjunction with the 78th Div. (This is a tentative plan).
- 1040 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to G-2: Information as of above items.
- 1120 - Blue Bn reports: "M" company radio picked up an unidentified station on their channel requesting call letters, etc. OP 2, located at 157.
- 1140 - Major Sandell, 7th FA to S-2: Have a report from Division artillery. They have a PW up there who says that at 679330 there are 200 enemy infantry and 2 SP guns in the patch of woods. He says that they are not going to put much of a battle up.

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- 1200 - Lt. Chandler to S-2: Have 4 PWs. One from the 7th Co., 5th Para and 2 from the 9th Pz Recon, and one from the 102nd Repl. Bn of the 9th Pz Recon. PW says the Recon Bn has 3 companies left; the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. They have 5 half tracks in each company with an additional two with 75s in the 2nd and 3rd Companies. The 10th PGR is on the right of them. They came in at 002290 and were cut off there. Supply trains for the 3rd Para Regt are at EITORT.
- 1230 - S-2 to G-2: Gave the above information of prisoner identification.
- 1311 - Blue 2 to S-2: At 1122 hours Op 1 reports friendly planes strafing in the vicinity of Pt 128. During the last hour there has been from 75 to 100 rounds of artillery coming into the area. At 1234 hours "K" company received 5 rounds of 47mm and at 1309 hours four more rounds came in.
- 1330 - G-3 to S-3: What time would you like to step off? Night or day? Ans: Earlz, about 0400 hours. G-3: 18th Infantry is in a scrap over in the east. Have two companies in the town but still fighting. 26th Infantry has 2nd Bn attacking 266 and are having a hard time getting over the creek. There are some SPs there.
- 1335 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Lt. Walker: What is on your mind? Ans: How about the pictures in house I told you about? S-2: I do not think anything is being done at the present. Blue 2: How about some additional 5209 maps? S-2: We do not have anymore and I will see if I can get some more. Blue 2: Picking up quite a bit of stuff out here today. We have had about 250 rounds of artillery here today, (75mm and 105mm). We have not picked up any of the guns yet. S-2: I do not have anything for you.
- 1342 - S-2 to G-2: What do you have? G-2: 18th Inf has elements in EUDENBACH. Had a tank blown up by a mine. "G" of the 26th Inf had counterattack this morning at 722312, about 100 enemy and infantry and possibly a SP gun. They have been taken care of pretty well. 159 prisoners processed so far. 78th Div seems to be pushing up well on the left. The town of OBERCASTLE is cleared, by 78th Div. They are on the high ground East and Southeast of the town. "K" of the 311th is at 613351 and "I" at 618351. The 310th Inf has not done anything. There is not much scrapping in the 78th Area. 26th Inf and 18th Inf, also getting quite a bit of artillery. Where is the center of your 1st and 3rd Bns? Ans: Platoon of 1st Bn at 677326 and a platoon of 3rd Bn at 668322. I heard there are people in HISTER and people are in BENNETT. G-2: I have not heard that; there are people in 645333. S-2: A little activity reported at 6937.
- 1505 - 310th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens: At 1800 hours we will start working from NW of "K" company, working back towards East from there, down road towards "E" company. The 1st Bn will do it.

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- 1515 - Colonel Fowley, G-3 to Major Smith, S-3: I just got a call from the 78th Div. The 310th Inf will go at 1800 hours tonight. They are going up that road that you are interested in, in their sector, and take those places. They do not want you to go up road before 2300 hours tonight.
- 1530 - Danger, Communication Section to Lt. Stephens: Do you expect to move in the next 24 hours? Ans: I imagine so, nothing is definite however. Div. Communications: We are moving our CP up to the town where you expect to go, the day after tomorrow.
- 1550 - Blue Bn reports: 1432 hours "K" company received 20 rounds of 75mm. 1435 hours, "K" company reported one camouflaged vehicle seen at Pt 139. 1440 hours OP 2, reported convoy of 12-2 1/2 Ton trucks at 695358 coming from the NE, also saw enemy movement in town. Mediums were put on them. 1505 hours, friendlz planes bombed to the front. 1515 hours, OP 1, reported that at 1430 hours they saw 5 enemy going E. 1545 hours, "I" company reported 50 rounds of 120mm mortars came in to the area. 1555 hours, OP 2, 682386, a large truck was observed towing howitzer or AT gun into SOBEN.
- 1600 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to S-3: Our plan is for "K" company to go to Pt 138 and 139. "L" company will be on the left of them. "K" company will have to go cross country. "I" company follows "L" after they get to 127.
- 1605 - I&R OP reports: At 675377, 15 civilians were seen digging emplacements. The artillery spotted them and when the artillery fell close by they moved out. There is a lot of activity on the road between 64 and 65; groups of 10 to 15 were seen at a time. 1000 yards SE of Pt 67 a German vehicle and 15 men were seen. S-2: You had better get a line to the 7th FA and adjust one some of these targets that you are seeing.
- 1645 - Shell report: 35 rounds of light artillery.
- 1650 - S-2 to G-2: 270 rounds of 105mm; 225 rounds of lighter artillery; 125 rounds of mortar, is the shell report for the day. OP reports of enemy activity given. G-2: 26th Inf got 204 PWs today, they had four counterattacks from disorganized units. They organized at ROTT. 18th Inf got to 690332, they aren't meeting much. They expect to get to 182.
- 1717 - G-3 to S-3: A recon patrol from 3rd Armored may be in your vicinity soon. I will let you know soon as they are ready.
- 1740 - S-3 to Blue 3: 1st Bn of the 310th goes for BUSCH and BERNERT. They will go at 1800 hours. 309th Inf will pass thru after they take their objective. You will jump for your objective in conjunction with the 1st Bn, for STEINWINGE up to 111 to 112. Should get good departure at point 127. Also clear big building prior to attack, before midnight. For your own protection send only recon patrol past 111 and 112. The 310th will not use your road.

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- 1750 - S-3 to Red 3: (Same report as 1740 hours). You and Blue will establish your own time for taking the little German farm of KIBERT. The people on your right will jump at 0400 hours too. 310th will start in about 10 or 15 minutes.
- 1810 - 18th Inf. to S-2: Friendly minefield in your area on the road at 673314.
- 1812 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10 to S-3: Lt. Lyons gives verbal report that "B" company of the 18th reports 25 enemy tanks out front. Casualties about 50% reported of the platoon sent out to investigate.
- 1815 - S-3 to Blue 3: Give report as above 1812 hours. Coordinate of enemy tanks about 703330, near BERGHAUSEN. Blue 3: Asks about engineers to clear road. S-3: Get a squad from 1st Bn platoon. Their line is closed. Blue 3: I will send a runner.
- 1825 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: At 1730 hours, 25 tanks observed in the vicinity of 702332. At that time artillery was laid on them. At 1815 hours, "F" company in EUDENBACH received a tank counterattack, they came in at 716324. At about 1700 hours 5th FA observer observed four companies of infantry at 736346.
- 1850 - G-2 to S-2: Attach of tanks at vicinity of road junction at 702332 from there along road to BERGHAUSEN. Air mission put on them, plus heavy artillery. 18th Infantry's 2nd Bn had attack of Tanks and SPs, no infantry. 2nd of 26th has 238 PWs. Men from Battle Group "BECKER" being contacted on right flank of the 18th Infantry.
- 1930 - S-6 to G-5: I want the 78th moved. They have all the houses and I have to move forward. Ans: Where did you want to go? S-6: A house at 658308. Ans: I will see what I can do. We have a building that I think you can use.
- 2025 - S-6 of the 18th Inf. to S-6: What are your plans? S-6: I will have, this evening, a line 654334, 678329. That will be my line of departure at 0400 hours in the morning. Then I am going for a line 676350, 640354.
- 2030 - Blue Bn reports: 1628 hours, OP 1, reports one enemy truck going E at 702350. 1636 hours, OP 2, reported possible enemy aid station at 699355. 1715 hours, OP 2, reported an oil fire started by friendly artillery at 694338. 1825 hours, OP 1, reported one enemy going from foxhole to foxhole at 679331. At 1832 hours OP 1, reported friendly air working over 700330. 1950 hours, OP 2, reports at 30 degrees and 600 yards a fire, possibly an ammo dump, is burning. At 2015 hours, OP 2 reports fires at 40 degrees, 10,000 yards and 120 degrees, 7,000 yards S-3 to Blue 3: What time are you going to start the initial job? Ans: At 0200 hours with "K" company. S-3: I do not know about the 309th, but the 310th has the 3 towns we were concerned about. I am going to see if I can keep the 310th off the road until 0600 hours.

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- 2045 - Red 6 to S-3: Is that time still set for 0400 hours? S-3: Yes, it is. Red 6: I do not think we can get all that stuff at night. S-3: "I" company will have its present position at 0300 and hit 127 at about 0315 hours. When we get to final position it will be K-L-I, east to west.
- 2100 - OP reports for the day given to G-2 office.
- 2130 - 7th FA to S-2: What have you got on the 78th Div? Ans: Nothing right now, but I will let you know.
- 2135 - 1st Bn reports: Have a patrol leaving right now from Pt 151, going to Pt 139. Artillery and Cannon Co. will be notified.
- 2140 - S-2 to Blue 2: PW cage will be at Pt 150 early in the morning. Blue 2: Do we have friendly troops at Pt 127? S-2: I am not sure but I do ~~not~~ know that there are friendly people at Pt 126.
- 2150 - G-2 reports: 78th Division in town at 6433, entered with only small opposition. At 1417 hours a counterattack by 80 Infantry and 4 tanks at 625352, repulsed by artillery. Two tanks were knocked out. Took 150 PWs mainly from 62 VGD, and elements of 3rd Para Div., 8th Div reports scattered movement on east bank of RHINE. Almost continual traffic along roads from 5865, 3806. 4th Cav. Group reports intense SP fire from vicinity of 410755.
- 2200 - Capt. McGregor 18th Inf to S-3: 2nd Bn is getting a heavy counterattack with tanks and infantry. Started at about 2100 hours. Where is your "G" company? S-3: Our 2nd Bn is under division control.
- 2215 - Blue 6 to S-3: Going to send a patrol up the road to EUSCH to contact those people on our left. They have people at Pt 127.
- 2230 - S-3 to G-3: Understand that 18th is having quite a time. G-3: Yes, but they are getting it in hand. Had one PW who said they ere to attack and come down to cut the autobahn. S-3: We are going to start moving out at 0200 hours.
- 2235 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? G-2: 18th got a counterattack which was started by rockets first, and then a large amount of artillery, about 500 to 1000 rounds. It comes in from the SE and NE.
- 2310 - Red 6 to S-2? 6 PWs from 842nd Pioneer Regt, says there are 40 enemy in DALLHAUSEN. They used passes, and came in to us.
- 2320 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to S-3: "K" is in its area, drew a little small arms fire from the vicinity of 671326. Contact patrol is back and mission completed. S-3: When do you think you will clear the road? Blue 3: We should clear it by 0400 hours or 0430 hours. Our CP is moving forward.

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- 2325 - S-2 to G-2: Tells about the PWs above and that a more complete report will be made later.
- 2330 - S-2 to PWI: There will be 6 PWs coming in that were taken by the 1st Bn tonight. Get all the information that you can from them and call it back to the 1st Bn and 3rd Bn.
- 2333 - G-2 to S-2: As of 2325 hours the 26th Infantry was at 727318. Some resistance at 731312. No resistance at 737302.
- 2337 - S-2 to Blue Bn: 1st Bn picked up 6 PWs in the vicinity of 676306 from the 842 Panzer Regiment. Two of them do not have any information. Sgt Valten, of PWI, will call the information that he is able to get direct to you.
- 2343 - Major Smith S-3 to G-3: How is the 18th Infantry? Ans: It is pretty well in hand. It came from the NE and SE. There is a gap between 18th and 26th Inf. S-3: Are they all set to go with us? Ans: Yes, they are.
- 2346 - Major Smith to Capt. Smith, Red 3: The 18th had a counter-attack of tanks and Infantry, but they have it in hand now. There is no change in any of our plans. Ans: OK, our patrol returned. They went up the draw toward 139. They drew burp-gun fire from Pt 139. They did not return the fire, and withdrew.

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LOCATION: From 0001 hours to 0940 hours CP was located at 662283; moved to 657307, and opened for operations at 0940 hours.

- 0030 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: "K" company is moving into an assembly area. Getting quite a bit of fire from 67053270. Working on it now.
- 0105 - Blue 3 gives negative report.
- 0120 - Sgt Valten, FWI reports: The 842 Eng. Bn is one of 4 Bns in the 404th Engr Regt. 404th is a flying regiment, i.e., used where ever needed. 842nd had 3 companies but 2 companies were dissolved. The 2 companies left, have 120 men each. There are three tanks with the Bn now on the south edge of OBERPLEIS. There is a mined tank trap in DAHLHAUSEN on the road entering from the south. Just past the 1st house, on the left side of the road, is a secondary road going west. Just before this secondary road is the tank trap, loaded with TNT and Pz Faust tops. It is set off by a string, and controlled by an enemy sitting just off the road. 1st Co. CP is in the large restaurant on the east exit of BERGHAUSEN. 404th Regt CP in OPLADEN. Their orders are to hold as long as possible, then retreat toward SIEGGERG. The company is ready to surrender.
- 0130 - 1st Bn gives negative report.
- 0132 - Mr. Lipinski, duty officer, submits, negative report to G-3.
- 0204 - 1st Bn reports negative. "C" company is moving into assembly area. One enemy plane was seen knocked down a few minutes ago by friendly ack ack.
- 0210 - Blue 5, Capt. Richmond, to Lt. Stephens: Negative report. Have started to put a CP in operation at BUSCH. (Blue 5 reports observing the same enemy plane knocked down as was previously reported by 1st Bn).
- 0215 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative for the past hour, except for one enemy plane observed knocked down.
- 0307 - Blue 5 to Lt. Stephens: At 0232 hours, "K" company reported Pts. 138 and 139 all clear; took 3 FWS and shot-up some more; we had some men hurt, do not know how many. "K" and "L" are on the move now. Otherwise everything is all quiet.
- 0317 - Lt. Stephens to Red Fwd, Red 6: Red 6 reports that "C" company moved through 139. "B" has moved off. Nothing further.
- 0324 - Lt. Stephens to G-3, Capt. Kelly: Gives reports as of above for the past hour. Progress for the units is reported as being past the 33 easting.
- 0405 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: "B" company is at Pt 128; "C" company is at 667337. Not much opposition.

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- 0408 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: "I" company is at STEINRINGEN. "I" company is at Pt 127.
- 0410 - Capt. Kelly, S-3, to Lt. Stephens: Lt. Stephens gives 1st and 3rd Bn locations. Capt. Kelly: "B" of the 18th Inf. is in the 6933 grid square; they received a counterattack of unknown strength, 3 tanks were reported. The 18th Inf. will not move until this is cleared up.
- 0425 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "B" is in the vicinity of Pt 128; they took 13 PWs and a half track. A tank is believed to be in the vicinity of "C" company, located approximately at Pt 114.
- 0430 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: "I" company at 661338; they took 3 PWs but do not know where they are - could be that they tried to escape and were shot.
- 0520 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "C" company between Pt 114 and Pt 115, on the outside of the town; they will move east. "B" company is at Pt 128; they picked up some more PWs; they will go north to Pt 115. "A" company is going to Pt 113.
- 0530 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: "C" company is running into heavy resistance at 673344; "A" is moving towards Pt 113; "B" is held up by 4 vehicles (type unknown). "B" has captured fifteen PWs.
- 0535 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue Bn: Anything new? Blue 6: Positions are the same. I am moving forward GP at 657329.
- 0540 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Lt. Kestlinger gives above information. G-3 reports that the 18th Infantry crossed LD at 0415 hours and that the progress is very slow due to the terrain.
- 0542 - Lt. Kestlinger reports the 18th Inf information to Red 6.
- 0550 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: The situation is much better at Pt 128. "B" company has 60 PWs now and there are still plenty there. Tanks are up with B company. Will leave a reinforced platoon there to clean up and push on for objective. Center of "B" company is at 676347.
- 0554 - Lt. Kestlinger reports the above information from Red 6 to G-3. G-3: The 18th Inf. is having a little trouble. "B" of the 18th is at 702333. "I" company is in contact just north and east of that.
- 0555 - Lt. Bashford, G-2, to Lt. Kestlinger: The following towns are clear: COBLENZ, NIEDERSPEY at L 9384; MERXHEIM at L 8732; BUBENHEIM at M 2447; BERKESBACH at L 8321; WONSHEIM at M 1631; SIEFERSHEIM at M 1733; GUMBSHEIM at M 1834; BIRMINGEN at O-179. There are elements at L 7929. Lt. Kestlinger: We have taken between 30 and 40 PWs, all Bns are moving.

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- 0600 - General Andrus to Major Smith, S-3: How do you think it looks for shoving the Armored through? Ans: Things are coming along OK, it is not too clear yet. General Andrus: We want to shove the Armored in as soon as the situation permits. Have Colonel Gibb call me as soon as he figures it is right to use them.
- 0604 - Blue 6 to Major Smith, S-3: "I" company is at 654338, no resistance. "L" company is having some resistance on the right. Picked up 14 PWs. "K" is in the town. S-3 gives the 1st Bn situation as previously listed in above items.
- 0615 - Capt. Kelly, G-3, to Major Smith: How are things going? S-3: Nothing new to report as yet. G-3: The 78th did not jump at 0545 hours, there are no reports on them yet.
- 0622 - Red 6 to S-3: "A" company is at Pt 113 and well organized. "B" company is between Pt 128 and Pt 125. "C" company is in the outskirts of the town. Both are meeting resistance. "A" sent back 16 PWs. "B" has about 60 PWs. Mortars from vicinity of Pt 129 are shooting over on the road. Capt. Smith was hit; hit in the leg and above the eye.
- 0628 - Capt. Stabler (1st Bn) to clerk: "E" company is 200 yards short of Pt 115, and moving forward.
- 0635 - S-3 to Blue 5: Can you get contact with Pwd? Tell them that 1st Bn is on Pt 115. Keep pushing for final objective.
- 0640 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf, S-3: 18th Inf S-3: "L" company is at 697337; "K" company is at 33-34 68-69. "A" company is at 707333; "B" is at 702333.
- 0645 - 309th S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What are your latest positions? Lt. Kestlinger: "B" company is at 677344; "C" is at 677347; "A" is at 664349; "I" company is at 652339; "L" is at 657342. 309th S-3: Our latest positions - "A" on Pt 5; "B" on Pt 4; "F" on Pt 2; "C" on Pt 3. We have taken 1, 2, 3, and 5. We have 60 PWs. Lt. Kestlinger: Our 60 PWs came from 675339; we believe there are more there.
- 0645 - 310th Inf S-3 to S-3: Could you tell me how you are doing over there? S-3 gives the latest positions as previously listed above.
- 0650 - S-3 to G-3: Blue is almost to the road, left flank at 652339. "A" is at 663350. G-3: The 309th, 2nd Bn is on the 2nd objective at 636345. S-3: "L" company is up to overpass on the autobahn.
- 0654 - S-3 to Red 6: Blue will go on to 99 objective. 18th Inf "L" is at 685336. Pt 129 is clear. "K" is in the edge of BERGHAUSEN at 697337. 18th Inf 1st Bn is at 707333. Red 6: There is still a tank or SP in front of "B" company and "C" company. We can hear quite a bit going on at ALLENHAUSEN.