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- 0700 - Blue 3 to S-3: All companies are on line. "L" company has a platoon on the high ground. S-3: Points 84, 93, 109, and 110 are clear; working towards 86 now. Blue 3: Have initial objective, and are now working on other objective.
- 0705 - S-3 to Lt. Higgins, 1st Bn: Pt 84, 93, 109, and 110 have been cleared by the 309th Infantry. 3rd Bn reports the town of BELLINGHAUSEN clear.
- 0715 - S-6 to G-6: (The conversation concerns the use of Armored in this sector). S-6 states that there is no possibility of getting tanks thru here, as roads up forward are now under direct fire, and that progress is apt to be slow. S-6 recommends that the Armored be shoved thru the 78th Div sector at the proper time. G-6 agrees and says the Armored recon will be available today. G-6 does not know whether the Armored will be used to day or not. S-6 gives the details of the tactical situation, as of this hour, and previously list in reports above.
- 0725 - S-3 to G-3: Wanted to report to you that an enemy tank at 652348 is coming in on us; if he keeps coming we have an AT gun in posn that should take care of him. There is no report of infantry with the tank. Will keep you posted; these people are being very unfriendly. We are not concerned about the tank.
- 0800 - Red 6 to S-3: There is a SP gun and infantry north of 115, about 500 yards north, firing at "B" and "C" companies. Arty being laid on. One SP gun seen on the road. S-3: Anything seen on the left? Red 6: Nothing as yet; I will alert them on the left flank. S-3: Blue ran into a few tanks and dug-in guns on that hill which is forward of 112. Red 6: What is the plan? S-3: Take what we have and hold it. Let Blue work on that hill. Red 6: I have been trying to get my Anti-tank guns up from 128, so I can fire down that road. I have TDs at 114, and working into the town. S-3: The 3rd Bn says they can take care of that tank. Red 6: I am trying to move my CP up to ROSEROTH short of 112. I have quite a few PWs; unable to get them out as yet.
- 0810 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Major Smith: I have a platoon committed at 160, northeast of the town of BRUNGSBERG. They were sent out with 2 TDs. S-3: The 26th is up near the west edge, near 165. The other Bn, the 2nd, is up to 154. The 3rd Bn around 165. (positions of our own units are given). People on our left at 8493, 109 and 110, working on 86. White 3: What is at 115? S-3: 2 companies - "C" to the northeast and "B" to the north. White 3: How about the 18th? S-3: "L" company is 500 yards north of 129; "K" company is at 130; "A" and "B", 1000 yards north of 143.
- 0810 - Blue Bn reports: "I" patrol reported, half hour ago, that an enemy column was observed going north on the road that is south of Pt 100. "I" is sending a patrol to 647346.

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- 0815 - Red 6 to S-2: We have 90 PWS; probably a couple of SS men in the group. We knocked out two SP guns at 128 and captured a half track. Vigilante at 115 will clear more of town. 500 yards North of 115 is another SP gun; we are working on it. Probably more PWS coming up. We are expecting trouble at 116. S-2: The 26th is not up there yet.
- 0825 - 18th Inf S-3 to S-2: Our Blue at left of pt 18 and up to pt 13, the place is secure. I am using Div point of origin. "K" company with platoon of light tanks at 6834. "I" company east of that. A crater is holding up our heavy artillery from being brought up. "I" company is in the woods. S-2: Right flank of "B" is at 67944; they extend due west to tie in with "C" on their left. They have taken 90 PWS.
- 0830 - S-3 to G-3: Gives 1st Bns report of SP guns knocked out by rifle grenades and infantry. "A" company is adjusting fire to the rear of the enemy. G-3: How soon will you be ready to go for 62 and 64? S-3: Ready now for 62, was supposed to go for 64. Our Blue Bn is on the main road east and west, just above the 34 line. The houses are cleared. G-3: The people on the left, VII Corps, wants to keep pushing. S-3: Our next commanding ground is almost to the 40 line.
- 0846 - Lt. Hoffman, 1st Bn to S-3: Checking the people on the right; is their "K" at 116 and "I" at 130? S-3: Right. Red 6: Our line to the 7th FA is out - check for me and have firing at 113 stopped. (Red Bn reports over 130 PWS as of this hour).
- 0850 - Blue 6 to S-3: S-3: How is line 99? Blue 6: "I" company is just east of 99. Patrol was driven back around to the bend of the road. "I" company has a platoon on the left, just around the hill; they are drawing machine gun fire from the NW. Lt. Smith of "K" believes the fire is coming from the buildings. "K" has a platoon North of the road in BELLEHAUSEN; they are drawing heavy mortar fire. S-3: The 309th "B" company is in 86. Blue 6: We will clear this thing up. S-3: (Gives report from 1st Bn, as above). Blue 6: "I" company is at BERGHAUSEN, "K" at 116. S-3: (Gives item of 0805 hours, this journal).
- 0915 - S-2 to Cpl Wineberg, Blue Bn: Blue Bn reports that 21 PWS were sent back to Blue rear. 12 of these were taken by "I" company in the vicinity of 111; men were caught sleeping; the remaining 9 were not interrogated before being sent in. The 12 were mostly from the 164th Regt of the 62nd Div, and were mixed characters, some only having been here a few days. One PW sergeant was in BERLIN recently. Say about 40 men in their company. The tank that was coming up the road was fired on by our artillery - no further details on it.
- 0945 - Col. Gibb to G-3: I want my boundry changed to include LEST-ERHAUSEN and FLEISTERHOHN. I also want my 2nd Bn back. G-3: Can not release them yet. S-6: I must have 3 Bns on line. G-3: Probably it will be noon before I can give you an answer on that. We are trying to get things line-up down south. B-6: We cannot get anything done in daylight. G-3: I want to push

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you up North as much as possible. S-6: I will have to stand fast until my Bns are all on line. (S-6 tells of the report from Red 6 on the negro platoon). This report was to the effect that the negroes were quite overjoyed at getting some prisoners - one had said: "Look, here boss, I se got me a German!".

- 0920 - S-2 to Red 2: B and C are at 115; A is at 113. Casualties have been light. 147 PWS, all are on their way back; there are some papers with them. Most of the PWS were taken around 128, others from 115. The sector on the right has quieted down. Capt. Kolb is between 115 and 101, about 50 yards above the 34 easting on the road; believe he is patrolling houses up front. No Armor or SP is bothering now, although they are close.
- 0930 - S-2 to G-2: S-2 reports situation as of this hour and states that PW count as of now is 164. G-2: Reports that the 26th Inf is having a sticky time; tanks and infantry have been counterattacking from the south and Northeast for about 2 hours. 26th holds eastern edge of the airfield; "G" is on east side of the airfield. West of 740293 the attack seems to be coming from the South, up the draw. 26th says they have dispersed the reinforcing waves. 18th Infantry reports 180 PWS. The North part of the airfield has not received any attack, according to the 26th Inf. The attack previously reported at 708333 was beaten off by artillery.
- 0930 - I&R OP reports: At 0830 hours, friendly artillery started fire at Pt 115. At 0845 hours, Friendly troops at Pt 139. At 0846 hours, 2 enemy and 2 horse drawn wagons were moving E on road into BLANKENBACH: At 0850 hours, 1 large enemy tracked vehicle moving E between SOVEN and LANZENBACH. At 0851 hours, 1 enemy cycle observed on road from SOVEN to ROTT. At 0852 hours, 2 enemy cycles observed N going towards Pt 64. At 0855 hours, 16 enemy walking from Pt 77 to BLANKENBACH. OP is at 637316.
- 0940 - REAR CP at 662283 IS CLOSED AND MOVES FORWARD.
- 0955 - Major Wozenski to Lt. Kestlinger: One platoon of "I" is on top of hill at 651346, moving another platoon with two tanks into the town, and after that is cleared will start for the other town. "K" will stay where it is. They are getting some sniper fire and there is a tank in there also.
- 0956 - 18th Infantry, S-3, to Lt. Kestlinger: Elements of the 18th on top of hill north of HERRESBACH - town is cleared and also BERGHAUS.
- 1005 - S-3 to Lt. Hoffman, Red Bn: What is the latest? Ans: "B" company working up at 115; A is clearing houses at 113; B and C consolidating at 115. Clearing houses up to 101.

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- 1010 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Between Pts 90 (675360) and 77 (669371) there are 2 tanks, 14 trucks (2 1/2 ton size), several volkwagons and ambulances moving N. Also moving E of Pt 89 (663365) to YUNSFELT - 2 ambulances.
- 1014 - Lt. Kestlinger to Major Crocker (ASP): Gives information as above 1010 hours.
- 1016 - Major Green, G-3, to Lt. Kestlinger: The 310th Inf is out complete. Pulling out remainder to the west. There will be a gap. When "I" company moves up, they will have to watch the gap.
- 1030 - Colonel Gibb to 1st Bn, Major Edmonds: How are the casualties? Ans: A, none; C, none; B, 6; two colored broops - they are doing fine. S-6: How many PWs do you have? Ans: 147.
- 1030 - PWI reports: 1st Bn PWs - 842nd Engr Bn, 31; 103 Panzer Recon Bn 44; 33rd Panzer AT Bn, 23; 3rd Field Hospital, 3rd Para Div, 2; 164th VGR, 30; 6th Para Regt, 3; 4th AA Assault Regt, 1; 183 Signal Bn 62nd VGD, 1; 162 Engr Bn, 4. Blue Bn - 103 Panzer Recon Bn, 5; 164th VGR, 7; 4th AA Assault Regt is supposed to have 3 Bns. 1st has 3 Btrys each with 4 (88mm) and 3 (2cm) AA guns. 4th Co. of 103 Panzer Recon Bn has 3 platoons. 1st Platoon has Engr who were captured in BOISERRATH. 1 mortar platoon, with 4 - 12 cm mortars, were in WAHLFELD. 1 cannon platoon with 6- 75mm short barreled cannon on half tracks is reported to have only two of them in operation. 3rd Panzer AT Bn, is supposed to have had its 1st and 3rd companies thrown together. They had 2 SP guns with some 20 men as Infantry; all were captured in HUNSCHBEID. 2nd Co, 3 Pz AT Bn, have long barrel 75mms.
- 1035 - Major Wozenski, Blue 6 to Major Smith: "L" company is E of the hill. Co. I has a platoon on the same high ground to the left of them. Enemy infantry and tanks digging in at the town at Pt 99. We are going to take the town. We are adjusting artillery on it. (Lt. Walker to Major Smith): The OP reported 30 enemy walking around at 686354; enemy tanks and infantry digging in near the town. "L" company can see them, and artillery is being adjusted on them. In regard to the vehicular movement this morning, Pt 77 appears to be an assembly area and traffic is heading there.
- 1045 - G-3 reports: 78th Division reported 11 tanks are withdrawing to the N - 6438.
- 1100 - I&R reports: Some movement on road from 65 to 67, then to 79; also some movement on the little trail to HOMMERICK.
- 1105 - PWI reports: On the 3rd AT Bn - 2nd company has 2 Mark IVs and the 1st company has one. 3rd company was used as supporting infantry. Trains of the 103rd were in KALDUNER.

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- 1110 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives information on FWS. Red 2: Infantry in quite a goodly number, and also some towed guns, are along the road from Pt 64 to 65. 2 half tracks with some 40 infantry in and around WAHLFELD. "A" is just short of 101, getting some fire from a tank or SP.
- 1120 - Lt. Chandler, White 2, to Capt. Hall: What is new? S-2 gives latest positions of our units, as previously listed. Lt. Chandler: Some artillery came into our area last night. Capt. Elder, White 3, to Major Smith: Major Smith states that it looks like we go tomorrow with three Bns, 2nd Bn in the middle.
- 1120 - I&R OP reports: 20 enemy evacuating bunker at 674378, half running for the village HONNERICH. NE of Pt 67, the other half dispersed in the valley at 673382. 2 enemy vehicles evacuating BLANKENBACH heading E both flying Red Cross flags, 2nd vehicle believed to be a tank. 3 enemy following on foot.
- 1124 - Blue 2 reports: Sending 2 Hollanders down with the 47 FWS and also a map found which shows a Hq unit of a Para unit.
- 1130 - Blue Bn reports: At 1100 hours, OP reported enemy personnel and 5 trucks at 673365. Moving N along road to UTHWEILER, disappearing in the town.
- 1134 - Major Edmonds to Major Smith: Town is cleared. Sending contact patrol to 116. Notify people to be on the lookout for them.
- 1140 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 78th Div reports heavy movement of tanks moving south at 652366. (Lt. Kestlinger notifies Blue Bn of this report).
- 1145 - I&R OP reports: One enemy tank with infantry (6) moving SE to Pt 79, came down from 67, into town of WASTERHAUSEN.
- 1149 - S-2 to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2: S-2 gives report as of 1145 hours. Also states that OP reports a lot of activity around Pt 64, 65, 69, Red Bn reports that 21 more PWs are being sent in.
- 1150 - Major Wozenski, Blue 6 to Major Smith, S-3: Two enemy tanks, 200 yards N of 99. They have taken under fire by the 7th FA. We have two M-10s south of Pt 99, waiting for them.
- 1155 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Mac Gregor, 18th Infantry: Our B company is sending a patrol to contact your K company near the town at 684342.
- 1208 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Here is some points to fire when you ~~are~~ are not busy on fire missions: Point 64, 65, 77, 78, 79 and 91.
- 1211 - Blue Bn reports: At 1148 hours I company saw one enemy tank 200 yards north of Pt 99. Put artillery on it.

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- 1215 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co.: At Pt 88, tanks and infantry are forming up. Shoot all you can at them.
Ans: OK.
- 1224 - Major Smith to G-3: We would like an air mission on some tanks and infantry and they are forming at pt 88.
- 1225 - Colonel Driscoll to Colonel Gibb: Capt. Smith ran over a mine. Casualties were mostly in B and C companies. B company more than the others. We have our tanks at OBERPLEISE, have TD's at 113. The 7th FA cub reported tanks (enemy) at 656365. 2 enemy tanks dug in at 644364.
- 1230 - PWI reports to S-2: Prisoner identificationsafe; 8 men from the 4th company, 164th Regt; 1 man from the 1st Co., 183rd Regt; 1 man from the 2nd Co, 103rd Recon Bn; 28 men from the 4th Homeguard Engr Regt; 20 men from the 3rd Bn, 983rd AA Bn.
- 1250 - Colonel Grant, White 6 to Colonel Gibb: What is new? Ans: Seems to be about the same. Colonel Grant: I talked with Colonel Beck and he said there would be nothing until another 24 hours; there was also some talk about CCR.
- 1255 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW report of 1230 hours.
- 1300 - Capt. Stabler, 1st Bn to S-2: Between Pt 63 and pt 64 at the stone quarry, there are 180 to 100 enemy coming down this way; they are carrying a white flag.
- 1305 - I&R OP reports: 1134 hours, 2 enemy moving SE on road towards Pt 79. 1138 hours, 2 enemy walking on road NE at Pt 78. 1145 hours, 2 enemy going NE on road NE of pt 77. 1150 hours, many enemy moving in vicinity of 678376. 1202 hours, 1 enemy vehicle moving from pt 65 to pt 66. 1203 hours, 10 enemy moving E towards pt 79. 1220 hours, 5 enemy going E, 500 yards NW of pt 78. 1225 hours, 5 enemy moving E, 300 yards N of 77.
- 1310 - Capt. Stabler, 1st Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: P-47's are straffing and bombing at pt 88.
- 1315 - I&R OP to S-2: What is the story on this bombing and straffing? Ans: There is a lot of enemy tanks and infantry around 88 and they are after that. I&R: They are coming in from the east and seem to be dropping them at 88. Ans: Good, we want them to bomb 77 and 88.
- 1321 - Colonel Beck to Major Smith, S-3: How are you doing on Pt 162? Ans: We are working on it. G-3: Could you use any air work on it? Ans: That is not causing us any too much trouble. G-3: We are planning on something which will probably take away from you 165 and 167, and give you 166 and 168. Something bigger on the schedule which I will let you know about later.

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- 1350 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Major Smith: We are on the hill in front of STIELVERSFERHOHN. Major Smith: Try and get into the town as soon as you possibly can - fire is coming from it and falling on the people on our left.
- 1355 - I&R OP reports: Near Pt 79, the artillery hit a house which we believe to be an enemy CP. It was set on fire; black smoke is coming out of the house.
- 1405 - Red 2 to S-2: Our patrol went to lol; the SP disappeared from there. Patrol that went to 18th 3rd Bn is not back yet. We have had 189 PWs today. At Pt 140 Capt. Smith came under SP fire, he went off the shoulder of the road and hit a mine - it was thought to be an American mine, that was not picked up.
- 1410 - Capt. Hall to G-2: Identification of PWs are: 25 from the 4th Co, 6th Homeguard Regt. 1 from 162nd Engr Bn, 4 from 1st Bn of the 464th Regt., 5 from 3rd PZ AT Bn, 1 from the 103rd Recon Bn, 11 from QM of the 3rd para, 2 from Alarm Co, ADLER.
- 1415 - Major Crocker, ASP to S-3: In inquiring as to where the friendly planes strafed, he is told that one plane strafed at Pt 114 and that there was a panel out at 113.
- 1420 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Barnes: I had heard of a plan that is going to mix up my plans. Colonel Barnes: It is not positive that the third Bn will go with the Armor.
- 1430 - Lt. Walker to Capt. Hall: At Pt 99, a lot of enemy and also 4 tanks. It is a good air target. We have had 105 PWs today.
- 1440 - G-2 to S-2: A radio intercept states that the 363 VGD may counterattack OBERPLEIS and at 6735.
- 1445 - S-2 to Red 2: Gives above information of 1440 hours.
- 1450 - Colonel Beck, G-3 to Colonel Gibb: Prepare to relieve the 3rd Bn tonight; the armor will effect the relief. Put 3rd back in ITTENBACH. Your new boundary will include objective 166 and 168.
- 1452 - PWI to S-2: 3rd of the 938 AA Btry with 5.2 cm guns and 60 men were comitted as infantry with the homeguard. 2 Platoons were destroyed; 1 platoon may still be around. Battl Group HAHN was formed around 7238; at 6933 they were hit by artillery and dispersed. The Alarm Co, was 3 weeks old; it is now destroyed.
- 1500 - Major Smith to Capt. Elder, White 3: You are to take over from the 1st Bn and 3rd Bn; one company from each Bn. Have Bn alerted to move at 1700 hours. Have recon up here as soon as possible.
- 1515 - Major Smith to Major Wozenski; Blue 6: "I" and "L" companies will be relieved tonight. White will relieve "K" tomorrow.

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- 1525 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: We will change the boundary and you will get one of the roads in the 18th sector, also 2 towns.
- 1532 - S-3 to Red 5: Tonight CCB of the 3rd Armored takes over from the 3rd Bn. White takes over from your A company, rest of Bn goes in to BILLINGHAUSEN. Route for White is: 151 - 140 - 139 - 114 and into the town. Move will be at about 1830 hours. Have you any objections to that route? Red 5: No, I have not, only see that they don't do the same thing that Smith did. He hit an American mine. S-3: Left boundary will be 670350, ~~687360~~, ~~692370~~ North to 670360, NE to 680380, NE to 690377. Right boundary 680350, 687360, 692370 to 700377. Red 5: OK, I'll see that the Colonel gets this.
- 1550 - I&R OP reports: At 1453 hours, 2 enemy were seen going from 65 to 67. At 1500 hours, 2 enemy seen moving SE to pt 67. At 1510 hours, 3 enemy moving E on road, North of BLANKENBACH. At 1540 hours, 1 horse drawn vehicle going from 64 to 65.
- 1600 - Red 5 to S-3: Talked to the Colonel on what you told me, he says to tell you that it stinks and that he doesn't like it. It's too far and means starting out too early. What happens to Blue? S-3: They go into reserve.
- 1605 - Blue 5 to S-3: Town over here is a bit full. Lot of people from the 7th Corps here. S-3: I'll talk it over with the Colonel.
- 1615 - Blue 3 to S-3: Plan to Move "K" company up to pt 9 and clear points around there. More information later. S-3: OK.
- 1645 - Red 5 to S-2: Colonel wants to know where you got the dope on the counterattack. S-2: Got it from Corps intercept outfit with Division. Red 5: What have you got on Blue? S-2: "K" company is just N of 116 with one platoon up at 686346. I company, as of 2 hours ago, were at 689348, moving towards you. "L" company at 696343, Will get more dope for you in about 1 hour.
- 1650 - S-3 to G-3: On plan to move 3rd Bn into INTERBACH as Div reserve it is impossible to move them there, everyone and his brother has moved in there. G-3: Where do you want to move them? S-3: In the town of BARRENT, just north of INTERBACH.
- 1708 - I&R OP reports: 1604 hours, 2 enemy on foot, 300 yards S of Pt 64. 1609 hours, 3 enemy on road at E end of BLANKENBACH. 1625 hours, 3 enemy in draw 672383, adjusted artillery on them. Heavy concentration of artillery on ROTT and BLANKENBACH. It is getting hot up here and we are moving out for now.
- 1712 - Capt. Booth to S-3: Town is clear. I company on left. L co. on the right. One platoon of I on the hill. S-3: What protects that road? Ans: AT guns and K company. S-3: OK, I want a road block on that.

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- 1715 - S-3 to Red 6: The Colonel has set for you an initial objective of 67 and 79. 2nd Bn will go for 64. Ans: I will be up to see you.
- 1716 - Sgt Valten FWI reports: 10 PWs from 103rd Pz Recon Bn; 2 from the 842nd Engr Bn; 9 from the 164th VGR; 2 from the 3rd AT Bn; 1 from Battle group HONNET; 1 from 3rd Motorized Engr Bn; 1 from the 4th Co, 6th Home Guard Engr Regt; 3 from Btry of the 938 Arty Bn.
- 1735 - Capt. Clark to Msg Center: Sent this message to AT Co, by radio: Send representative of mines platoon to GP immediately.
- 1745 - I&R reports: Planes are strafing and bombing ROTT and vicinity. Getting AA from West.
- 1747 - Major Edmonds to S-2: Patrol is going out at 1800 hours and trying to work to RJ N of Pt 90.
- 1754 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Above information given. Blue 3: We have 47 PWs out of town. S-2: A of the 18th is getting a little counterattack.
- 1800 - I&R reports: At 1735 hours friendly planes made several bombing runs on the road at 659389.
- 1804 - S-2 to 18th Inf: Above information on the patrol given. How is your company? Ans: We laid a STONK on the town and it is easing up.
- 1820 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW report in journal item of 1716 hours. Planes doing quite a ~~XXX~~ good job around ROTT. Ans: Yes, that was quick, and enemy concentration of stuff. S-2: Patrol is going out at 1800 hours to RJ N of Pt 90.
- 1825 - 18th Infantry reports: We are sending a contact patrol from I company to your B company in 10 minutes.
- 1826 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red Bn - gives above information.
- 1835 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 18th Infantry is making a few plans. You can get it from them.
- 1840 - White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: That company started out at 1530 hours. Going by Pt 160 to autobahn. At 159 take a left, then to ITTENBACH where they pick up tanks and TDs.
- 1830 - Blue Bn reports: OP 2 reports at 1710 hours, one enemy ambulance going west at 695364. "L" got 40 enemy in STEILDORF.
- 1802 - OP 1, reports - Our planes bombing and strafing around STEILDORF. "K" company has cleared the woods NE of Pt 99, and digging in now. Overpass at Pt 99 is not good.

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- 1845 - G-2 to S-2: We have another message from 958. Where is assembly area? When does attack begin? The answer was: CP 0.5 Km NE BAMBEROICH near GRUBAGOTTESSEGEN (F655391). Order to attack not yet available. Will broadcast time. G-2: We are not going to fire on the location until the attack develops. Then we will lay the wood to them.
- 1905 - MESSAGE CG 1st Div to GO 16th Inf: Reports have been received that the enemy intends to drop paratroopers along the RHINE tonight or tomorrow night for the purpose of destroying the bridges. All units, especially service units will be alerted for this possibility, and will complete plans for security defense in their areas. (1600A).
- 1907 - Lt. Kestlinger gives above information to the 1st Bn.
- 1908 - G-4 to S-6: Clear Station - HANNEF (F643276) open (210600A). PW's cage - HONNEF (F639275) open 201600A. Div Shower Point, F633275. (1430 hours).
- 1910 - Blue Bn shell report - 85 rounds of 105mm; 130 rounds of mortar, 30 rounds of rockets.
- 1912 - Red Bn shell report - 28 rounds of artillery.
- 1915 - Above shell report given to G-2 and 7th FA.
- 1910 - MESSAGE - CG 1st Div to S-6: CCR, 3rd Armored, attached to 1st Div effective 0700 A this date. Will move on Div order from IP vic LIBLAR (F350465) Starting at 1300A approximately to assembly area in vic of HONNEF. CCR 3rd Armored Div initially in Div Res prepared to pass through 16th Inf and clear all resistance S of SIEG River in Di Zone on Div order (1045)A.
- 1930 - PWI reports: Blue Bn PWs - 13 from the 162nd Fus. Bn; 12 from CTOCH; 16 from 4th Co, 6th Homeguard Engrs.
- 1932 - S-2 to G-2: Conversation concerns the possibility of a counterattack by the 958 Regt. G-2: C of the 311th is at 568369; B of the 311 at 570372; A of the 311 at 573375; E of the 311 at 583375; F at 578385; G at 593379; K at 602369; L at 589389. Red of the 309th in STIELDORF. E of the 309th at 621390; G of 309th at 625390; F of 309th at 623383; I at 609383; K at 603385; L at 616381.
- 1935 - Blue Bn reports: At 1900 hours L company got 10 rounds of direct fire on them. Have 13 more PWs, most of them out of a hospital.
- 1950 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozenski: What is new? Ans: Lt. Jackson of I co claims he can see 500 yards to his front around Pt 98, and that there are friendly troops there. I and M and Hq around Pt 151, "K" back between Pt 138 and 139

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- 1955 - Red 6 to Major Smith: The 2nd Bn is moving down in this town and we are getting shot at, and can't feed. Can't you do something about it, tanks and everything are down here. Do something about it.
- 2000 - Major Edmonds to Major Smith: The 2nd Bn have a jam down in the town, and we are getting a lot of fire down there. S-3: I know all about it, and they will have to answer for it.
- 2010 - Major McKean, S-4 reports: S-4 will open at 0900, Service at 1100 hours. Water DP at 1300 hours at 665314.
- 2012 - MP officer reports: 361 PW's including yesterday.
- 2025 - Colonel Gibb to Major Green: What about the boundary? G-3: The boundary will be so as to give CCR several towns and make some room for them. They are to take high ground and woods N of 168. 104th Div is having a Regt come over to relieve the 26th.
- 2030 - Colonel Gibb to Major Green: I think that the 78th should take the two towns of BRELINGHOVEN and RAUSCHENS DORF because there are no roads up to there for the tanks. G-3: I will talk with the 78th and see what we can do. Will let you know.
- 2035 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Major Smith: Will you notify those people of the 309th that we are sending a contact patrol. I company says they can see people at 99 and 98. Getting relieved now.
- 2110 - Red 6 to S-2: Patrol went to Pt 90, bridge is blown at Pt 90. S-2: Gives story on the radio intercept about the attack, but time is not set yet. Red 6: 2 SF guns knocked out, 2 half tracks knocked out. 1 tank captured. A correction about the bridge, Pt 101 is blown; Pt 90 is OK.
- 2138 - S-3 to Colonel Grant, White 6: Who got your column lost today? Ans: I do not know, but they are all here now. S-3: Bridge at 101 is out. The colonel wants you to put a company on each side of the road. If the bridge at 77 is out, go up by way of 89 or by way of 90. Patrol went to 101 and they say that bridge at 90 is in. Ed has his engr working on 101 now. Ans: What time does CCR plan to move? S-3: At the same time we go. They will jump from the Blue Bn present position at 99.
- 2145 - G-3 to S-3: Those towns the Colonel asked about; we are responsible for them. You can use the road on the Div boundary. Anything we can do? S-3: Can we have CCR jump at the same time? They said they could. G-3: Yes, if they say they can. S-3: How about the 18th? G-3: They will go about an hour later.
- 2200 - Solver company in position at 2145 hours. (E company).
- 2215 - G-2 to S-2: The 18th is putting on a show at 2300 hours but the main event comes off in the morning. S-2: I gave you a count of 346 PWs. Have 14 more coming in; PW from the 404th Engr Regt says other Bns are 840th and 841st.
- 2240 - Major Edmonds to Capt. Clark: Our new CP at 674345.

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- 2241 - Major Edmonds to Capt. Hall: These tankers are running all over town. S-2: They aren't supposed to be in there at all. I'll see what I can do and call you back.
- 2248 - G-2 to S-2: I want to get papers taken from Lt. ANDERSON of the 103rd Pz Recon Bn. They were SOI's. S-2: I have a Lt. Anderson, but I'll check and see if he is the one.
- 2250 - S-2 to Sgt. Valten: Above information given. Check and see if you have him or his papers.
- 2255 - Sgt. Valten to S-2: No, his name is Anderson.
- 2300 - PWI reports: 1 from the 2nd Btry 340 Arty Regt., 1 from the 3rd Co, 164th Field Repl Bn, 1 from the 5th Co, 164th Field Repl Bn, 4 from the 6th Co, 164th Field Repl Bn, 3 from the 3rd Btry 938 AA Bn., 3 from the 183 Fus. Bn., 7 from the 2nd Co Bn., 15 from the 6th Co Bn, 2 from 842 Eng Train. Bn., 404th Engr Regt., 3 from 4 Btry 3rd Arty Regt, 3 Pz D., 1 from 5th Btry 3rd Arty Regt, 3 Pz D., 7 from 167 Recuperation Co. 1 officer from the 1st Btry of 53rd AA Assault Regt, 1 from the 842 Eng Bn, 1st Co, 1 man on furlough, 1 from the 162nd Engr Bn.
- 2305 - S-2 to G-2, gives the above report (PW).
- 2312 - S-2 to Major Edmonds: I talked to Major Smith and he says those people were not supposed to go into that town.
- 2330 - Major Green, G-3 to Capt. Clark: What time did the Armor CCR relieve your 3rd Bn? Ans: They were relieved by 2145 hours.
- 2345 - Colonel Grant, White 6 to Colonel Gibb: We are all ready to go with "E" and "L". Found a few plastic mines on the road. S-6: CCR will jump at 0430 hours with Infantry and at daylight with tanks.
- 2400 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: What is the hot poop? Ans: Red and White jump at 0300 hours. Infantry of CCR will jump at 0430 hours, and tanks will jump at 0600 hours. (Blue Bn gives negative report).

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LOCATION: At 0830 hours Dagwood CP moved forward to 643333.

- 0045 - Red 6 to Capt. Clark: "G" is down here in the area with tanks; moving around down here. There has been some enemy infiltration on the left of "B", and some armored movement around Pt 92. Getting some artillery fire and some direct fire.
- 0046 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Chandler, White 2: What about your "G"? The 1st Bn is getting some artillery fire because they are moving around down there. White 2: Had a tank stuck, but it is out now. The firing will probably stop now. Our report is negative other than for a few rounds of artillery.
- 0100 - Mr. Lipinski gives above reports to G-3.
- 0115 - PWI reports: Lt. HUBERT HILLE of the 1st Btry of 53rd AA Assault Regt, says that the Regt has 5 btrys in each Bn. Each Bn has 4 88mms. Can be used as artillery, AA, or AF. He was a forward observer. The 3rd, 5th and 6th companies of the 164th Field Repl. Bn, are now a part of the 183rd Regt. 2nd and 3rd companies of the 183rd Fus. Bn are now the 6th company of the 183rd Gren. Regt.
- 0120 - Major Edmonds, 1st Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: There has been a little infiltration around the left flank of "B". We are sending a patrol out to 101, then east 400 yards, then turning south on to the road and coming home. Getting some artillery fire in the town. There is also some artillery along the road from Pt 155 to Pt 151.
- 0130 - Lt. Lyons, G-3, to Mr. Lipinski: "B" and "C" of the 18th Inf. are on objectives as of 0055 hours. 2nd Bn of the 18th reports quiet. 3rd Bn of the 18th sent a patrol to its objective; it has not returned yet. 1st Bn of the 26th sent a patrol to its objective and when it returns the Bn will move out to the objective.
- 0132 - Mr. Lipinski to Sgt Kerber, 2nd Bn: Notifys of "B" patrol.
- 0135 - White 2 to Mr. Lipinski: We are sending a patrol out to Pt 100 now. Ans: OK, I will notify 1st Bn.
- 0137 - Mr. Lipinski to 1st Bn: 2nd Bn is sending a patrol out to Pt 100 now. Ans: Ours came back. Could not cross the creek; they drew no fire; heard tanks to the northeast.
- 0210 - Lt. Joseph, 3rd Bn Comm O, to Mr. Lipinski: At 0115 hours, "K" company patrol made contact with "G" company patrol and returned. Nothing happened. Negative report from "I" company. At 0130 hours, "K" company patrol contacted "F" company. "F" is sending recon patrol to Pt 100. Two rounds of artillery fell in the "K" company area.

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- 0221 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to Mr. Lipinski: The patrol got out to Pt 100, and is staying there. We are sending a platoon out there. Getting ready to jump off.
- 0245 - Mr. Lipinski gives negative report to Lt. Lyons, G-3.
- 0257 - Lt. Joseph, Blue Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: "I" and "L" companies negative. "K" still has a few rounds of artillery falling in their area.
- 0315 - White 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Notify CCR where we are at. We are receiving friendly tank fire. We had about 10 rounds at Pt 100. Ans: OK, I will notify them.
- 0316 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Cooper, CCR: Our 2nd Bn received tank fire from their right. They are located at 664358. Will you check your units and have this fire stopped? Ans: Yes.
- 0319 - Major Edmonds, 1st Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: "A" and "B" companies jumped at 0300 hours.
- 0320 - Mr. Lipinski to White 2: I notified the people on the right about the tank fire. Did you jump off at 0300 hours? Ans: Yes. Mr. Lipinski: How far have you advanced? Ans: Pt 100.
- 0328 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Lyons, G-3: (Gives information as above). Our 2nd Bn advanced to 664358; have been receiving friendly tank fire; people on the right notified.
- 0340 - Colonel Grant, White 6 to Mr. Lipinski: Have a platoon from "E" and "F" past Pt 100, going towards 89.
- 0343 - Mr. Lipinski to S-3 of 36th A Ist: The people on your right have jumped at 0300 hours, and the latest report places them at 665360.
- 0345 - Blue Bn to Mr. Lipinski: At 0340 hours "K" company contacted the 3rd Armored. The third platoon of "K" was contacted by patrol from our "F" company. "F" company patrol says they are moving out soon. 2nd platoon of "K" reports small arms fire about 2000 yards out and at 130 degrees.
- 0350 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Negative report. G-3: 18th Inf., 3rd Bn, jumped about 15 minutes ago. Notify your right unit.
- 0355 - Mr. Lipinski to Red 6: 18th Inf, 3rd Bn, jumped about 15 minutes ago.
- 0400 - Capt. Elder, White 3 reports: We now have a platoon in the house east of Pt 89.
- 0410 - Red 6 to Maj. Robbins, 7th FA Ist: Some one from regiment called 7th FA and told them to cease fire on all prepared targets at 0400 hours. Would like you to tell me who the hell it was. Had some fire laid on for H plus 50, H plus 60, and H, plus 70. I do not like it when someone calls fire off in my area, and then does not let me know about it.

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- 0430 - Major Robbins to Red 6: 2nd Bn called up and told 7th FA to cease fire on all targets S of 39 grid. Seems they did not know where they were. Red 6: Tell 2nd Bn that they can call off the fire in their own boundary but to stay the hell away from my boundary. My "C" company is on the outskirts of 91 at 0410 hours.
- 0435 - Capt. Elder, to Major Robbins: Do you know where CCR has their CP? Ans: At Pt 111.
- 0440 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: 18th Infantry jumped off and reported that they are receiving friendly artillery fire. The outfit on your left, CCR, jumps at 0600 hours. 310th Inf. goes at 0500 hours. 309th Inf. follows with 311th in one hour to one hour and a half.
- 0450 - Blue Bn reports: "L" company OP reports a lot of flares 40 to 65 degrees, seems to be around 77 and 79. Also white lights around 79 and 91.
- 0459 - Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: Four PWs taken at Pt 90. They say 300 men from the 363rd Fus. Bn were to attack OBERFLEIS at 0100 hours. PWs are from the 1st company. One PW saw 3 tanks; others saw none. They say that 6 companies are at NEIDERPLEIS.
- 0510 - 18th Inf to Lt. Stephens: Our "I" company is in a stiff fight around their 1st objective (EISBACH). Can you give me the locations of your units, as "I" company wants to use a lot of artillery. (Locations as previously listed are given by Lt. Stephens).
- 0513 - Lt. Stephens to Red 6: "I" of the 18th Inf. is in a stiff fire fight in EISBACH. Want to lay artillery in there. Have you any objections to it. Red 6: No, but tell them to be careful. We are astride the No. 3 road.
- 0515 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf. S-3: Gives above information from Red 6. Ans: OK, will be careful..
- 0520 - Red 2 to Lt. Stephens: We have 19 PWs from the 363rd Fus Div. The 173rd and 959th Regts have been identified. Some of the people have been in the army 2 to 5 days. They are not an organized unit. There are some Panzers with them but they are a rifle division. The 1st to the 6th companies are in the 173rd Regt. They organized at OPLADEN, near COLOGNE, and were to attack OBERPLEIS at 0100 hours this morning. A few people came in at that time. It was necessary to draw back 200 yards from Pt 91.
- 0540 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Stephens: One platoon is at Pt 77. 2 platoons going from 89 to 77. 2 tanks gave some trouble earlier but they have taken off.
- 0550 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives company positions as previously listed and the situation as reported by the 1st Bn.

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- 0600 - 3rd Bn gives negative report.
- 0602 - Lt. Stephens to G-2: Gives PW information as of item 0510 hours.
- 0620 - White 3 to S-3: Fire is coming in every 3 to 4 minutes; there is also a platoon pinned down at 89. At 77, there are enemy tanks and plenty of infantry. "F" company took 25 PWs (at this point in the conversation the phone line went out).
- 0625 - Lt. Allen, 18th Inf, to Major Smith: "E" company wants to attack E and W on the town of EISBACH; they would fire into your area with small arms. S-3: OK, try it, and we will see how it goes.
- 0635 - G-3 to S-3: Division arty reports a counterattack at 678360. Do you know anything about it? Ans: No, but I will find out.
- 0645 - White 3 to S-3: 2 platoons of "E" at 77, took 25 PWs. "F" company knocked out a tank; "B" company, platoon at Pt 99, took 20 PWs. Colonel Driscoll reported that "C" company claims they have only one platoon left. "A" company at Pt 90; "B" has heavy casualties; his tanks are going to Pt 91.
- 0648 - Red 6 to S-3: There are 10 SP guns at 78. "C" and "A" are pretty chewed up. "C" company is E of 101, off the road. Pt 91 is also a hot spot.
- 0705 - Blue 5 to S-3: One SP gun at 60 degrees, 1500 yards from "K" 1st platoon. One vehicle heard moving at 70 degrees and at 2500 yards from "K", 1st platoon. S-3 gives the latest positions as listed above, for the 1st and 2nd Bns.
- 0710 - S-3 to G-3: "A" at 674260; "B" at 680361; "C" at 680355; "F" at 671369; "E" (1) 668372; "G" moving to 662366. It is very sticky. G-3: OOR in BOCKEROTH, and some on the outskirts at 670376.
- 0715 - I&R reports: A lot of vehicular movement and convoys at 67, and also at 79. About 12 half tracks, and some volkswagons.
- 0720 - S-3 to 7th FA: Gives the above information and requests a mission to be put on HOFEN and Westerhausen.
- 0721 - S-3 to Cannon Co: The same information is given to Lt. Ballard with request to continue firing until the Bn asks to have the fire lifted.
- 0725 - I&R OP reports: Five vehicles parked on road in BLANKENBACH, and 6 vehicles parked on main road between 79 and 67.
- 0726 - S-3 to ASP: Asks for an air mission on WESTERHAUSEN, and the roads in that area.

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- 0730 - Colonel Horner, S-5 to Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co: Capt. Golden: Howitzer ammo allowance on assault guns, 100 rounds, all six guns, 4 day period, ended yesterday. We have used more than our allowance. Allotment for tanks for 4 day period accumulative rounds to be used. S-5: Tell Capt. Groves to get more ammo.
- 0735 - 7th FA to Lt. Stephens: Two volleys of artillery on Pt 67. 4 Bns firing on SOVEN, and 4 Bns on WESTERHAUSEN.
- 0737 - Lt. Stephens to G-2: Air Service Patrol up above now. Can they get observation on those tanks in SOVEN? Ans: We are trying now.
- 0738 - I&R OP reports: Three vehicles dispersed on road, NE of Pt 78. Ans: The 7th FA will be notified.
- 0740 - Lt. Kestlinger to 7th FA: Gives above information.
- 0745 - Capt. McGregor, 18th Inf to Lt. Stephens: Colonel Driscoll tried to get a coordinate 700364 to Colonel Peckham but the telephone message was not clear. S-3: Friendly armored troops believed to be at that point.
- 0747 - I&R OP reports: Two Mark VI tanks headed for point 79.
- 0747 - White 3 to S-3: A P 47 is straffing and holding down our troops. S-3: I will call them off. (G-3 is notified).
- 0748 - I&R OP reports: One Mark VI tank at trail 683375; one Mark VI and 2 light tanks and 4 trucks on the road.
- 0748 - S-3 to White 6: I called off the air. Do you have panels out? Ans: Yes. S-6: How does it look? White 6: Not too bad. I have two platoons of E company in the town. 1 platoon at YOUNGSHOVEN. "G" co., at area 100. S-6: Call for air mission whenever you need them. White 6: I will keep you posted.
- 0749 - S-6 to Red 6+ Red 6: C company has tanks and TDs reported moving into 91, Pleisterhohn. B Co, parallel to them. "A" Co, moving into 90, and then NW to 78. The air is giving some good help. 22 men evacuated by us and some few by the enemy. S-6: 2nd Bn on your left has things pretty well under control. Red 6: I have coordinated with 2nd Bn on several things. We have 50 PWs from the 363rd VGD. Air just hit two tanks.
- 0750 - S-6 to White 6: S-6 gives information of item 0749. S-6: Coordinate with his "A" co.,. White 6: I want to tie in with his rear before I move out too far. I will keep in touch with Red.

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- 0755 - S-3 to White 3: Armored left flank at Point 74, tanks are going by our CP now. S-3: 18th Inf jumps for Pt 92 in an hour and a half. They are at 102 now and cleared 103; working on the high hill.
- 0800 - White 6 to S-6: "L" called for smoke. S-6: It has been cancelled.
- 0800 - S-3 to 18th Inf? I have some ASP missions. SOVEN and WESTERHAUSEN and 679372, about ten tanks there; road between WESTERHAUSEN and SOVEN is a source of trouble to us.
- 0805 - S-3 to Colonel Fowley, G-3: Our C Co, at southern edge of FLEISHOHN, 686363. They are working north into town. Air hit target at 668371 and two tanks were hit at WESTERHAUSEN. 2nd Bn is still at same position. Anything new of CCR? G-3: TFR has town at 653366. They were held up at ROTT. S-3: If the air goes from SOVEN to WESTERHAUSEN to ROTT, they will find plenty of targets, also at 690370 and 680372.
- 0810 - S-6 to G-4: Increase ammo for Cannon Co s 4 assault guns to 600 rounds per day. G-4: We will do that. Your former allotment was included in the 745th allotment.
- 0812 - G-4 to S-6: You can draw 400 rounds per day for assault guns.
- 0815 - S-3 to 18th Inf S-3: Cleared town 687364. S-3 gives report of work as being good, and mentions that the planes will work on the SOVEN- WESTERHAUSEN road. Decey 3: We plan to go as soon as Colonel Peckham is set. Our "L" company will go and I will keep you posted on results. S-3: We still have fire on WESTERHAUSEN. B company cleared town of 91.
- 0815 - Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co, to S-3: White reports they are firing on tanks in vicinity of 680380; you will direct ASP so we can get some heavy artillery on it. Ans: I will call 7th FA.
- 0815 - S-3 to Cannon Co. Tell Capt. Golden 400 rounds can be picked up for assault guns today and 600 rounds tomorrow.
- 0817 - Lt. Stephens gives 7th FA the message of 0815 hours from Cannon Co.
- 0820 - CCR - S-3 to Lt. Stephens: (Lt. Stephens gives latest posns as previously listed).
- 0820 - White 6 to S-6: S-6 speaks of air movement and that the smoke which had been asked for would hinder the Air work, also mentions the tank parked at 680376 and that the air is working on it.
- 0825 - I&R OP reports: 2 Mark VI, 2 light tanks, 4 trucks on the road. One tank got awaz in BLANKENBACH. Dif arty is firing on them, and keeping personnel away until heavy arty can be laid on.

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- 0945 - Major Edmonds to Capt. Clark: "B" and "C" are at Pt 91, it is clear. A Co, at road junction heading towards Pt 78; will send out patrols.
- 0948 - Capt. Clark to Colonel Grant, White 6: What is new? White 6: Nothing new, trying to get tanks and TDs up. Capt. Clark gives information on the 3rd Armored and the 1st Bn.
- 0950 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Zack, 3rd Armored: What are the new locations on your column? Ans: Our left column is a couple hundred yards beyond the town. The right column has not moved.
- 1000 - Capt. Groves, Regt, Ammo O, to S-3: What about this ammo? Ans: Give Red 500 heavy and 300 light.
- 1010 - Major Edmonds to Major Smith: "A" is getting 20mm fire from 78.
- 1015 - FWI reports: 44 PWs from Red: 3 from the 1st Co, 958 Regt, 363 Div; 7 from the 2nd Co., 958; 4 from the 3rd Co, 958; 1 from the 5th Co., 958; 22 from the 7th Co., 958; 7 from the 162nd AT Bn, 62nd Div.
- 1020 - Major Smith to Colonel Grant: Colonel wants you to pull up as A is now 300 yards from 98. White 6: I can not until I get my tank up, will check on it and call you back.
- 1030 - G-2 to S-2: What have you got on the PWs? Ans: Gives report on the 44 PWs previously listed from the 1st Bn.
- 1030 - 3rd Armored to S-3: Here is a little change in our situation. The left elements are in town now, no resistance. On the right, the elements have jumped off. No report on their progress as yet. S-3: At 686363 we have the town cleared. A company is now at 678370, moving up. They are going to clear road, arent they? Ans: I do not know, there is a stream there they will have to cross.
- 1032 - S-2 to White 3: How many PWs do you have? Ans: 55 or 56, are on their way to regiment now.
- 1035 - Major Smith to ASP: About an air mission on the tank park - we do not want you to do it now, as we are getting in too close. We are in the town at 687365 complete. Ans: OK, we will work on ROTT-SOVEN road.
- 1040 - Major Edmonds to S-3: We are holding "A" where it is, they are getting some small arms fire from left rear. Red 6 saw some enemy moving in to town at 78.
- 1042 - Major Edmonds to S-3: What is the closest element of our C co on the right flank? Ans: It would be 693359.

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- 1045 - I&R reports: At 0945 hours, 2 enemy were seen walking W to SOVEN from Pt 66. At 0955 hours, 3 enemy 300 yards NE of BLANKBACH. 1020 hours, 2 enemy seen at Pt 78. 1035 hours, black smoke at 676368. 1045 hours, 676366 there is a friendly aircraft panel. Air is now working on SOVEN.
- 1045 - 18th Inf S-3 to S-3: We would like 1300 hours on this show. S-3: If we can tie in at that time. Ans: K will move up where I company is now. "I" company will move up thru I company and contact at Pt 79. S-3: I will call you back if it is OK.
- 1050 - S-3 to Major Edmonds: 18th Infs push is at 1300 hours.
- 1050 - S-2 to Blue 2: S-2 gives the latest positions of all friendly units.
- 1100 - Major Wozenski to Major Smith: When can I take "K" company back? Ans: OK, make it as of 1200 hours.
- 1100 - Lt. Lynch Div I0 to S-3: Here are the locations of 310th - C is at 623430. F is at 635415. Recon is at 611435 and along the river. One company of the 309th is at 6439. TEL is at 6438. TFR is at 632366 and "G" and "G" of the 26th is at 746295. CCR receiving AT fire in the town, otherwise going along OK.
- 1105 - Major Smith to Capt. Elder: How are you? Ans: We just got 107 more prisoners from Pt 77. S-3: A company is receiving fire from left rear. When can you move up? Ans: We will move as soon as we are finished mopping up. S-3: Move out as soon as you can and let me know before you move.
- 1110 - G-3 reports: Point of origin 21-1200 - 22-1200- 1037.
- 1112 - Major Smith to Major Edmonds: White just cleared 107 and has more prisoners. Ans: Here is our reason for delay - the Colonel does not want to push A to Pt 79 until B and C clear, 78. S-3: I want to get to there today to tie A, B, and C in with the 18th Inf and things will look better there.
- 1130 - S-2 to G-2: Gives PW identifications from the 1st Bn.
- 1140 - Capt. Elder, To Capt. Clark: F company has jumped off. We got 180 more PWs in addition to the 56 that we sent you. One of them is a full colonel, who used to command the 183 VGR.
- 1143 - Maj. McKean S-4 to Capt. Clark: We are all closed in here now.
- 1145 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to S-2: PWs of the 953rd were taken by Cos C and A, there were 2 forward observers and 3 from the VGR (164th).

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- 1148 - White 2 to S-2: PWs we have taken are 80 from the 363 Fus. Bn, 13 from the 1st Co of the 363 Pioneer, 29 from the 164th VGR, 31 from the 163rd VGR., 4 from the 244th Assault Gun Platoon., 3 from the 162nd Arty Regt, 4 from the Signal Co. of the 162nd., 5 from the 363rd Arty Regt, 4 from the 958th VGR. Also one Colonel (CO 183rd Regt), A Company CO of the 183, and 2 platoon leaders and a liaison officer.
- 1150 - Red 5 to Capt. Clark: Patrol starting out from B company. Leaving 500 yards W of 91 and going 300 yards NW of 79. Patrol started over the ridge before, but drew fire from SPs when they got between 91 and 79. Going out now a little further west. Notify 18th Inf and the artillery.
- 1150 - Colonel Grant, White 6 to Major Smith: F company has half of BLANKENBACH, there is moderate resistance. "G" company is to clear out area below 77. This should eliminate fire that A company has been getting.
- 1200 - PWI reports: New identifications on PWs taken by White Bn: 4 from the 8th Btry of the 162nd AR., 19 from the 2nd Co of 26th Engr Repl Bn, 363 Div., 2 from the 1st Co 363rd Fus. Bn., 7 from the 2nd Co 363 Fus. Bn., 6 from the 4th Co, 363 Fus. Bn., 18 from the 8th Co, 164th Inf Regt, 1 from the 6th Co 164th Inf Regt., 1 from the 4th Co, 164th Inf Regt.
- 1202 - S-2 to S-2: PW information given as above.
- 1208 - S-3 to S-3: New location on our F company. They are at 673375, getting moderate resistance. 2nd Bn has over 230 PWs, making a total of over 280 for the regiment. G company moving to south end of UTHWEILER. E company in NW edge. G-3: Good going, have no dope on CCR yet. But will have it soon. Dope just came in - they have BELLINGHOVEN, up to 653382. They will push on from there.
- 1220 - S-3 to Red 5: F Company is in 672374 with tanks. G company So. edge of UTHWEILER. TFR up to 653382, and will push on up to 34. Red 5: A company is receiving SP fire from vicinity of 79.
- 1225 - S-3 to 18th Inf: At 369368 there are about half dozen enemy tanks. We will get get at 1300 hours because of it. But will go as soon as we move the tanks out, we are firing on them now.
- 1235 - Colonel Beck to Lt. Kestlinger: Am attacking Co A 86th Chem ~~WIXXEXEXEXE~~ to you as of 1300 hours. It will be less one platoon, which is with the 18th. You can put them where you want them.
- 1245 - I&R OP reports: At 684374, 5 enemy seen walking west.

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- 1250 - PWI reports: PW from the 7th company, 958, saw seven or eight tanks at ROTT. 7th company arrived in OBERPLEIS at 0200 hours, 21 March and the 6th company was on their right. Entire Bn and probably division, 7th company has 60 men maximum. AA and transport columns in ROTT. 2nd company, 363rd Fus. had 50 men in co. PW saw 2 assault guns in OBERPLEIS. 3rd Co., 363rd, has 40 men. 4th company as 40 men and CO is TELGER. There are many tanks running around loose. 8th company of the 164th Regt, 80 men in company. Co was in DUPEROTH. The Bn was on the move and was coming from the SW.
- 1255 - Major Crowley, 1st Engrs to Capt. Clark: Am moving my Hqs and reserve company up to where your 1st Bn is.
- 1310 - G-2 to S-2: 7 tanks seen at 695368, headed toward KURSCHEID where 2 tanks were observed. TAG reports at 1100 hours, 25 tanks at F8227. At 1150 hours an armored division at 8027; 1100 hours 20 tanks F7829 to F8028; 1105 hours, 6 tanks at 80982827 - they were fired on. 1130 hours, 50 Tiger tanks seen going southwest of stream at 819284.
- 1321 - I&R OP reports: Three enemy going into Pt 78 from east carrying white flags at 1315 hours. At 1320 hours 5 enemy came out of 78 going east carrying white flag. They are going along the road that the tanks were reported on.
- 1323 - S-3 to G-3: Can you give us the present locations of the 18th Infantry CP and the 26th CP? Ans: 18th CP is at left, 1.9, down 6.1, 26th CP is left 0.3, down 9.6.
- 1330 - I&R OP reports: 10 enemy going SW from BLANKENBACH toward 77.
- 1344 - G-3 to S-3? How are you doing? S-3: Not so good, I do not think we will be there today. Ans: Well, we give you Blue back as of 1500 hours. Also your boundary is shifted, to the south to include KURSCHEID.
- 1358 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: You are reverting to our control. Be here at 1500 hours for a meeting. Forget about the other thing.
- 1405 - S-3 to Major Green, G-3: How about NIEDERSCHWREN - DUFEROOTH. Ans: The NIEDERSCHWREN area is clear but I do not know about DUFEROOTH.
- 1407 - S-3 to Lt. Chandler, White 2: Pt 76 is clear. I do not know about 77-76. I want you to send a patrol from Pt 77 to the next junction. Is 77 S. clear? Ans: It is clear to where A is.
- 1410 - S-3 to Red 2: What is the latest situation? Ans: It is unchanged. Patrol got to 300 yards of road between 67 and 79. Then they drew small arms fire from 79. S-3: How about "A"? Ans: They are 300 yards short of Pt 78.
- 1415 - Colonel Grant to S-3: What about 3rd Armored? Is the area to my west clear around DUFEROOTH? S-3: I am checking now. Ans: You know I cant move unless I am secure on my flanks.

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- 1425 - I&R OP reports: 14 enemy observed going due E from Pt 78 to Pt 79. They were running like hell. Seem to be evacuating BUCHOLZ.
- 1440 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Where is CP of TFR? Ans: At 676324.
- 1445 - G-3 to S-3: Those towns you asked about are not clear.
- 1452 - I&R OP reports: 4 more enemy left Pt 78, going to 79. One man returned. Also 4 men came from Pt 67 heading for Pt 79. At 1442 hours, 2 enemy went into SOVEN from the SE.
- 1455 - White 2 to S-2: What is cooking? Ans: Sending I&R out to DUFEROTH. Can they use the road? Ans: Yes. S-2: They should contact E company. E is maintaining road block 200 yards N of 77. E company is sending a patrol to the town. White 2: Let me know what they find out.
- 1503 - 18th Infantry to S-3: Did Colonel Beck tell you about the relief? S-3: Yes. 18th Inf: What time? S-3: After you take KURSHHEID. Ans: What time are you putting on your show? S-3: Not before dark. Ans: We would like to do it in daylight. S-3: We can not because of the enemy observation. Ans: Can you say about 1900? S-3: I think so, I will call you back.
- 1512 - PWI reports: 29 from the 1st Co, of 363rd Fus Bn, 17 from the 2nd Co., 363rd Fus Bn, 15 from the 3rd Co, 363rd Fus Bn, 5 from the 4th Co, 363rd Fus Bn, 2 from a Hq unit, 2 from Hq Co VGR.
- 1520 - White 2 to S-2: Patrol is back. Did not encounter enemy. S-2: I&R starting; right off. They will not contact you. Notify E company. White 2: The patrol saw the armor up there.
- 1525 - S-3 to White 3: Blue is ours again. They will take ROTT when you move. Boundry is now SOVEN to 66. Then to 54 inclusive. Southern boundry; line from 680382 then due east to the stream. Blue goes to 53 after taking ROTT.
- 1530 - Colonel Grant to Colonel Gibb: What is this plan that S-3 just gave to Capt. Elder? S-6: That plan is out, keep doing what you have. The time will be 1630 with Driscoll (Red Bn).
- 1535 - Major Smith to Capt. Booth: Keep that plan in mind but sit tight, do not move until I give the word. The Colonel just told White to try for those two towns.
- 1545 - Maj. Smith to Decoy 3: (18th Inf): I suppose you know the change in plan? Ans: Yes. S-3: We go at 1630 hours. We attack with White for SOVEN and ROTT. Decoy 3: We are pushing out K co followed by I. S-3: Our C company and B go. 1st Bn goes for WESTERHAUSEN.
- 1545 - S-2 to PWI: The one that I want to be sure and question is the Colonels striker.

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- 1550 - I&R patrikm Sgt. Wheeler to S-2: This is my code - 76 - the town White was supposed to have checked "Charlie" - the town you are to check "Dog".
- 1550 - FWI reports: The Colonel does not speak English. One PW from the 6th company of the 956 Regt.
- 1600 - G-3 to S-3: I was told by Major Crockett that Division said 1700 hours. I understand 1630 hours and told the 18th that time. S-3: That is right. Is the air going to hit those p places at 1630 hours? G-3: If they dont go before that time, they will make it soon as possible.
- 1605 - S-3 to White 6: Colonel Gibb just heard about the smoke; there is no definite time and that area will be hit by HE until call for smoke comes in. This will be done so air can observe as much as possible.
- 1610 - 745th Tank Bn reports that the road is clear of all fallen trees.
- 1612 - S-3 to A, 1st Engrs: There are two places out on that road to OBERPLEIS. Ans: We are working on that now. How far are those companies? S-3: They jump at 1630 hours. Call me when you get those two places fixed.
- 1615 - I&R reports: Friendly artillery is falling at Pt 92.
- 1630 - I&R reports: ROTT is getting shelled very heavily.
- 1635 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to S-3: We are just moving out, no locations of units as yet. How about Red, are they moving? S-3: Yes, no dispositions as yet. Armored moved out at 1615 hours.
- 1640 - Major Edmonds to Major Smith, S-3: Lt. Johnson was up at Pt 101 and is asking about putting a bridge in. Lt. Martinez, A of 1st Engrs, is pulling logs off the road near 90 at the other bridge. S-3: Lt Johnson work on the 101 and leave Martinez on the bridge at 90 until Johnson is thru with 101.
- 1645 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO reports: Elements of 36th AI at 650406. TFR left element at 640390, right element at 653382.
- 1646 - I&R reports: Two barrages of smoke thrown in ROTT. A few rounds of artillery falling in SOVEN.
- 1647 - S-2 to White 3: 8 enemy tanks coming down from the due North at 680374, moving down.

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- 1605 - Major Smith to Red 6: Cub reports 8 enemy tanks approaching A company at 680374. Red 6: They are the same ones that have been here all the time. S-3: Can you use more Tanks and TD's? Red 6: A company could use a platoon. There are 2 SP's moving North and East.
- 1655 - S/3 to Blue 3: Attach your platoon leader and tanks to the first Bn right away. They are in OBERPLEIS near Ft 115. S/3: Tells of the 8 tanks approaching A company.
- 1655 - FWI reports: The German Colonel said that he was to be relieved by 956 this morning, and he was to take command of 2 Bn s of the 62nd along the PIEIS river, in position.
- 1700 - S-3 to White 3: Tanks are heading past BUCHOLTZ, "A" is there. White 3: We have nothing there, it leaves us wide open. I have one platoon of E company at the quarry and one platoon up that road. S-3: Where are your tanks and TD's? Ans: Probably up front. Friendly tanks approaching Point 65. G is going to SOVEN.
- 1705 - FWI reports: 282 PWs since morning.
- 1707 - S/2 to G-2: Tells of the 10 enemy tanks reported by the Cub of the 7th FA, and gives report on the PWs.
- 1710 - I&R reports: Our planes have just bombed ROTT and SOVEN; two bombs fell in SOVEN, and two on the east edge of ROTT and 4 in the center of ROTT. The planes also strafed.
- 1712 - S-3 to G-3: We are next to SOVEN, ROTT, AND WESTERHAUSEN, please call off the planes immediately. Cub reports tanks. There is a definite target of tanks between WESTERHAUSEN and SOVEN. G-3: If the cub can work with the 7th FA, go ahead. S-3: My latest positions are B in WESTERHAUSEN, G in southern edge of SOVEN, E at 668380, C will work with B in that town. Blue sits tight for the present. G-3: The 3rd Armored at 652405. S-3: We have people in edge of ROTT and in all three towns. G-3: They are going to work Division artillery on that latest plan. S-3: We can still expect a counterattack from the enemy tanks and infantry between SOVEN and WESTERHAUSEN.
- 1715 - White 3 to S/3: There are 5 tanks out at 679375. No artillery from 7th FA unless they can definitely see them. G company at 65. Tanks are trailing G company. E at 64, their tanks are at 77, holding for the present. E is going into the town. F stands pat.
- 1715 - I&R reports: 2 large fires on the eastern edge of SOVEN. Houses burning at Pt 79. The smoke has cleared.
- 1715 - FWI reports: The German Colonel says that hews in between 164 and 956, ROTT is boundry of regiment.
- 1720 - I&R reports: 6 tanks 200 yards East of C with infantry - now hidden by smoke.

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- 1722 - S-2 to Red 2: S-2 gives the information sent in by the I&R. Red 2: B is on its objective at Pt 79.
- 1725 - Major Smith to Blue 3: Send one company with TDs. Get them up to OBERPLEIS right away; report in to Red CP. Rest of Bn to go into the area between OBERPLEIS and UTHWEILER.
- 1731 - S-3 to Red 3: 3rd Bn coming up to assembly area in vicinity of OBERPLEIS and up to Pt 77. Reinforced company with TDs coming up to vicinity of OBERPLEIS just in case those tanks break thru. Did the tanks show up from the 3rd Bn? Red 3: No, not yet. S-3: Do not commit the tanks when they show up. The 3rd Bn coming up between 117 and 77. The 2nd Bn at town NE of 77. F company is still there with 1 tank and 1 TD, also 6 AT guns. They are staying in there just in case something breaks. Has a company got anything with them? Red 3: They are attacking 78 now, and we will get AT guns up to them as soon as they get into position. B company is at 79. Have no late report on C company. S-3: G company is in the town with tanks. H company reports that they are in ROTT, but have not cleared it yet. The Armor cleared Pt 34.
- 1733 - S-2 to G-2: Anything on the 18th? Ans: Not a thing. I understand they are pretty close but don't know where. S-2: (Gave the location of our companies). What does it look like on a counterattack? G-2: Looks pretty good, as far as a counterattack goes. I don't think you will receive more than a couple hundred infantrymen and a couple SPs. S-2: I can't give you a definite shell report figure. I would estimate 700 to 800 rounds of artillery and 200 to 300 rounds of mortar fire.
- 1740 - S-2 to 7th FA S-2: An estimated shell report for today is about 700 to 800 rounds of artillery and about 200 to 300 rounds of mortar.
- 1740 - Capt. Elder to Major Robbins, 7th FA IO: E company on Pt 64; G company at Pt 65. We are getting AT guns and TDs to vicinity of 77 and town NE of 77. Major R: Was anyone hurt in the plane action today? White 3: Do not think so. Lift all artillery and plane activity in towns at 64 and 65.
- 1742 - I&R OP reports: One man seen on skyline at Point 64, going southwest. One man seen on east edge of Pt 64, going southwest. Platoon of unidentified men going into southeast edge of ROTT on a trail.
- 1744 - S-3 to G-3: Gives information of items 1731 hours and 1740 hours.
- 1745 - S-3 to Red 2: 18th Inf has Pt 92. Will have two companies up there and the I&R. I company will be next to you. Red: B and C companies are consolidated at Pt 79. A company at 78.
- 1748 - 18th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have units on your 167 objective? Ans: We have friendly troops in ROTT and SOVEN, 2nd Bn., 18th Inf. Do you have troops in town NE of where your 1st Bn was this morning? Ans: Yes. 18th Inf: K company has one platoon in town southeast of where your Red is at. Also have 5 tanks with them.
- 1750 - S-3 to Blue 3 Gives information as of 1745 hours above.

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- 1800 - Red 5 to S-3: Like to put in the treadway bridge at 90 instead of 101. Bridge at 90 is weak, don't think it will hold a jeep. At the present we have a bypass around 101. If the treadway is put in at 90, we're in. S-3: How about going by way of 100, 77 and down in? Send recon to go out there and I'll see what I can do for you.
- 1803 - Div Air Officer to S-3: What was the result of our bombing of SOVEN and ROTT? S-3: Waiting for a detailed report from my companies. They were close and should of had a birds-eye view of it. Air Officer: We had 2 squadrons on it, so it was hit pretty hard. Corps was only too glad to give us the planes, only we didn't give them much time on it. That's why they were late.
- 1810 - I&R reports: At 1815 hours, 48 troops were seen entering 78, came from the west, didn't receive any fire. Ans: That should be our A company.
- 1824 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: "G" company is in process of getting a counterattack. Tanks are approaching the town from the North at 679395. "G" company receiving plenty of direct SP, small arms and artillery fire in the town. Get Major Robbing to throw some stuff over the town, but make sure he doesn't fire in it.
- 1840 - Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens: Am at 115 with CO's and ready to find assembly areas for my companies vicinity of 115 and 77. But now I hear from Capt. Booth that we might relieve 18th Inf Blue. Ans: 15 minutes ago, Major Smith gave me your assembly area as being at 115 and 177. Blue 6: I company is on its way up now with M-10's. Tanks will be up shortly.
- 1845 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: Cannon Co is moving in the vicinity of 77. I'll call them again later and get the exact ~~time~~ place for you.
- 1850 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: How do you stack up in the town where your Blue is? Ans: I moving up in there at 1930 hours. K is in there still cleaning up a few riflemen. Hear that you might take over there. However, we are organizing the place as if we were staying here. On contact patrols, I told Colonel Peckham to send patrols to you. Lt. S: OK, I'll tell my people to be on the look out for your patrols.
- 1850 - Major Edmonds to Lt. Stephens: Do you have any information on the road from 77 leading down towards 90? Ans: I believe that is clear by now. Red 5: Did they move I of the 18th Inf up on the left of 92? Ans: They intended on moving K on right and I on the left. I will let you know for sure.
- 1858 - Lt. Stephens to 1st Engrs "A": Want a treadway in at Pt 90 right away. If any questions on it call us back.
- 1859 - Lt. Stephens to Red 5: 18th Inf says that their I company will tie in with their K company at 1930 hours. They do not want you to contact them. They will contact you. There is still some fighting in the town there. Red: Where is their Blue CP? Ans: I'll have to call you back.

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- 1900 - MESSAGE (Received at 1330 hours and not recorded) - From G-4 to GO 16th Inf: Ammo expenditure allocations for period 200600 A to 24 0600 A March increased as follows: 300 rounds of 81mm mortar light. ANDRUS.
- 1903 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: On the relief you were talking about. Will take place around 0400 hours. They are on the way up now to an assembly area. Where is your Blue CP now? Ans: FROMHARDT. Enemy situation N of town in the woods. Colonel Peckham is firing his tanks at it now.
- 1910 - Capt. Elder to Capt. Clark: We are moving our CP forward, just east of 89. G company is at 65 in a scrap; they knocked out 3 tanks. F in the same spot. E at 64 complete.
- 1915 - Colonel Gibb to Red 6: Conversation concerns the general plans for today and tomorrow, information previously listed in other items. Red 6: My CP will be at 91 tonight.
- 1920 - White 5 to S-3: The platoon from 745th Tnks had their Lt. killed and their platoon sergeant wounded and a sergeant Anderson is in charge of the platoon now. Will you notify them and see if they want to get someone else over. They had quite a scrap and knocked out 3 tanks but dont think we lost any. Ans: OK, I will notify them.
- 1922 - Colonel Gibb to Blue 6: You will relieve 3rd Bn of the 18th tonight. They are sending a patrol to contact C company along the lateral road. Want you to be in position by daylight. Their CP is at 687348 in the town. The town is being cleared by K company now. Their I company will tie in to their K company at 1930 hours and will over extend C company by 300 yards.
- 1924 - S-2 to Red Bn: Red Bn reports that the CP is moving to 91. A is at 78, and as far as I know it is cleared to there. Plenty of prisoners.
- 1929 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tnk Bn: Bad news. The platoon leader with the 2nd Bn was killed and the platoon Sgt was wounded. Sgt. Anderson now has the platoon. They knocked out 3 tanks with out losing any. Ans: I will send a new officer up there.
- 1945 - S-6 to White 6: How are things? White 6: We are still tied in. Knocked out 3 enemy tanks. We are spread out pretty much and I have no reserve. How are we going to get contact with the Armored on our left flank. S-6: I do not know. They are up in the woods there.
- 1945 - Capt. Clark to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs: The by-pass in our area at the autogahn is out. Ans: A company is putting in a road 400 yards this side of the autobahn, it will be marked, and should practically be in by now.
- 1950 - S-5 to Maj. Edmonds: Pt 67 to 701389, will be your boundry for you and the 2nd Bn. Your mission will be to get the high ground at Pt 80 and to recon bridge at 81 and 701388. Your right flank will be 691370 to Pt 81 along the stream. Maj. Edmonds: We have some hot stuff in front of us, it may be tough to clear up.

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- 1955 - S-2 to G-2: Whites situation seems to have quieted down some. There was lots of mortar, small arms fire, and artillery fire. Ans: How about PWs? S-2: I have not been able to get any further count yet. G-2: When the 18th went for KURSCHEID, they laid artillery and smoke on it. Then the enemy laid in on the town that the 18th was jumping from. The 18th has KURSCHEID now. S-2: Where is the armored? Ans: Last report at 660403.
- 2010 - S-2 to Sgt. Valten, PWI: Any identifications? Ans: I have the regt. CO of the 958, a major REINHERDT. S-2: OK, go ahead with him and call me back.
- 2013 - S-2 to White 2: What is new? Ans: I have 101 more PWs, total of 349. We knocked out 3 tanks or SPs. Town not entirely clear. S-2: ROTT? Ans: That is all clear. F company is all quiet. S-2: How
- 2015 - Maj. Crocker, ASP to Lt. Stephens: I would like to have the data on the strafing by our planes on our troops at 0830 hours this morning and the results of the bombing at 658362 of some tanks. I have to send Corps a report.
- 2025 - S-2 to White Bn: How many PWs today? Ans: 128 and 45 on the way back. S-2: You know that you got the CO of the 958? Ans: What did he say? Ans: Have not got the report yet.
- 2035 - Blue Bn reports: Our CP 200 yards from Red Bn and we are all closed in. Lt. Stephens: You can get the 4.2s thru 2nd Bn.
- 2040 - Capt. Clark gives Capt. Booth, Blue 3, the plan for tomorrow.
- 2045 - Capt. Clark to Red Bn: Recon to be made across the stream tomorrow and a crossing probably by the 23rd.
- 2100 - PWI reports: 6 from the 5th Co, 958; 3 from the 3rd Btry 34th Arty Regt; 2 from the 5th Btry 3rd Pz Regt; 3 from the 5th co 164th Regt; 4 from the 162nd Field Repl Bn; 2 from the 1st co, 958; 29 from the Hq of 958; 17 from the 1st Co, 957; 4 from the 4th Co 957; 2 from the Hq 1st Bn 957; 1 from Hq 957; 6 from 363 Fus Bn; 6 from 3rd Co 363 Engr Bn; 4 from the 13th Btry 409th Volks Arty Corps; 2 from the 554 QM; 1 from the 162 Med Co; 1 from the 3rd Btry 244 Assault Gun Brig.; Major Reinhardt says his CP was in the vicinity of 677370. Before our attack he had between 800 and 1000 men and a Bn of artillery in support. Had a Btry of assault guns (10 guns -105 mm). His orders were to hold to the last man but he thinks a few got away to NE. DIV CP was in vicinity of HOFEN. The 244 assault gun brigade has 3 btrys each with 10-105s. The 2nd Btry is not here. The 1st Btry had 3 guns in vicinity of 6783 and 5 guns vicinity of 682386. These got away to the NE. The 5th Bn of 409th has 2 btrys each with 12.2 Russian guns.
- 2110 - 2nd Bn reports; to Capt. Clark: "F" company to patrol to "A" company every 2 hours.
- 2115 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: TFR is going for objective at 675416, 2nd Bn of the 309th sending patrol to HENNEF tonight.
- 2115 - S-5 to White 6: Your south boundry is Pt 67 to 701389. Bound between 16th and 2nd of the 309th is 25 to 52. You are to clear stream line by dark on the 22nd. Then push recon for the crossing.

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- 2120 - Capt. Clark to Red 5: Clear Pt 67 tonight, have it a contact point tonight between you and White.
- 2125 - S-2 to G-2: Gives FW information as of 2100 hours.
- 2130 - Blue 6 to S-5: I would like to have ESIBACH to move into; Col. Peckham is going to move in there though. S-5: See if you can make arrangements with the 1st Bn on a town to move into.
- 2146 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder, White 3: Have a patrol down to 67. The Colonel wants a mutual patrol to meet each other. White 3: At the present time, it is impossible. G company is having a fight with dug in tanks. They are trying to work around them. When this is cleared up, we will be able to send out patrols to contact 1st Bn.
- 2152 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Blenner: Do not expect patrol from G company of 2nd Bn. They are occupied in SOVEN. When it is cleared up, they will patrol.
- 2155 - G-2 to S-2: 9th Div reports enemy air activity all along their front lines between 2040 hours and 2105 hours, and considerable flare activity. Fragmentation bombs were dropped. 26th Inf reported shelling and considerable flare activity.
- 2205 - S-2 to G-2: The 363rd Bn came from NOLLHEIM. Mission was to defend WESTERHAUSEN; 200 men in the Bn; 4th Company had 2 SP guns and 8 mortars. The mortars were in position way the hell back. We have taken 112 PWs of the 363 Div.
- 2210 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Here is our latest situation. G company is in the town of SOVEN. Town is not all cleared, still a bit sticky. As soon as we get something we will let you know. G-3: What about E company? Ans: E company has the town and it is quiet.
- 2230 - S-2 to Blue 5: Latest information given on the situation as previously listed. PWs for today 512.
- 2235 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves: Ammo expenditure allocation for period 200600A to 240600A March increased as follows: 300 rounds 81mm mortar light. Pick up all the M-2 ammo you can get for Cannon Co.. There is a shortage of M-3. Capt. Groves: Hell, there is plenty of M-3 ammo. Lt. K: We got word that the M-3 is rationed.
- 2240 - Capt. Golden, CO Cannon Co to S-2: We are up at 90, complete.
- 2250 - 309th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: We are sending a contact patrol from one of the Bns to contact E company at 2300 hours and 0230 hours.
- 2252 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Dinsmore: Gives information as above. What reports did you get from SOVEN? Ans: Lines are being laid, as soon as it is in, I will call you.

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- 2310 - PWI reports: 50 PWs from the 1st Bn; 100 from the 2nd Bn; 5 PWs from 4th Co. 957; 14 PWs from 1st Co, 957; 10 from Maint. Co., 106th Pz Brig., 6 from the 363rd Engr Bn; 4 from the 363 Fus Bn; 2 from the 162 AT Bn; 1 from 1st Btry 244 Assault Gn Bn; 2 from the 7th Co., 958 Regt; 1 from the 164th Regt; 5 from the 3rd Para Repl. Bn; 2nd Bn: 2 from Battle Grp URBAN; 14 from 3rd Btry 938 AA Bn; 18 from the 162 Repl Bn; 3 from 10th Btry, 162 Arty Regt; 6 from 11th Btry 162 Arty Regt; 6 from 164 Regt; 3 from 183 Regt; 46 from 958 Regt; 1 from 5th Btry, 465 Heavy AA Bn; 1 from 438 Search Light Bn.
- 2325 - Capt. Hall to G-2: PW count 536 (Identifications as listed above, also given).
- 2345 - 1st Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: Patrol from B company at 0115 hours to Pt. 80 and 81 if possible to check bridge.
- 2348 - Lt. Kestlinger gives information on B company patrol to Blue, White and 7th EA.
- 2348 - MESSAGE: To CG 16th Inf from CG 1st Div: (Received at 2310) - Telephone map corp code for 21 March covering period 211200 hours to 221200 hours, has been compromised effective on receipt this msg, and until 221200 hours use only Pt of origin code. After 221200 hours both codes may be used.

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LOCATION: 643333 - HEISTEREACHEROTT, Germany.

- 0012 - Red Bn reports: We have a patrol from "A" company out to Pt 67 now. Will you notify the 2nd and 3rd Bns and the 7th FA? Ans: Yes.
- 0015 - Lt. Kestlinger to 7th FA: Gives report of 0012 hours.
- 0030 - PWI reports: Here is the information on the 106th Panzer Brigade; The Brigade as a Panzer Brigade does not exist any more. They have some five or six tanks left. There are about 250 to 300 men still in the Tank Bn, and these were probably committed as infantry. Tank Bn is in EITORF, 7941. The prisoners we have today were part of a group of 15 which had already been sent forward to be committed as infantry with the 62nd Div. Nothing is known of the Panzer Grenadier Bn.
- 0035 - 2nd Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: "G" company is buttoned up at 65. Went into the town. 400 yards North of the town an SP gun is dug in at the crossroads. A combat patrol with bazookas is being sent out to take care of them, but we believe that they have pulled out. Three enemy tanks have been knocked out; one about 500 yards North of Pt 67; one 500 yards East of the town; one in the town.
- 0045 - Lt. Joseph, 3rd Bn reports: Our new forward CP location is at 686354.
- 0110 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Parsons, G-3: How are things? Ans: The 26th Inf relief is about 2/3 complete. 2nd Bn of the 26th Inf has nearly completed the relief of the 2nd Bn of the 18th Inf. Lt. Kestlinger: Our "G" company has buttoned up; have the town now. "B" is sending patrol to 702379 to check the bridge. "A" company has a patrol to 682380 / that is all I have for now.
- 0120 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn reports: "A" company patrol returned at 0015 hours. They ran into about 30 Germans 200 yards Southeast of Pt 67. We put 2 Bns of light artillery fire (about 60 rounds) on them. Mortars are being fired on them now. We will send a strong combat group out to see if we can get them. "A" company has sent in 6 PW's; 3 of them wounded.
- 0155 - 3rd Bn reports to Capt. Clark: "I" and "L" companies are in; positions unknown.
- 0200 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn to Capt. Clark: Hold all fire from the 7th FA to Point 67 (682381); "A" company is sending a combat patrol to that point.
- 0205 - Capt. Clark to 7th FA FDC: Gives message of above item 0200 hours.
- 0206 - Lt. Loney, 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark: Everything is pretty quiet here. "A" company recon patrol returned. Capt. Clark tells of the combat patrol from "A" company in item of 0200 hours.
- 0208 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives information on "A" company combat patrol. G-3: "B" company patrol returned from Pts 80 and 81. They drew no fire. Patrol reported talking and coughing by infantry. Tracked vehicles identified and reported to be moving southeast. All of the patrol returned.

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- 0210 - PWI reports (Sgt. Valten): One PW came into our lines voluntarily to give us information of sites for launching of V-rockets. He says; "20 March 1945 - a battery of heavy guns were observed in area from 68584111 to 6874108 and a bridge observed at 697426 is prepared for demolition.
- 0240 - G-3 to Capt. Clark; 3rd Armored sent word that the 3rd Bn of the 33rd Div is going for objective "B" at 0400 hours instead of 0600 hours. Will you alert your Bns? Ans; I will.
- 0255 - PWI - Sgt. Valten - reports; This information of the 162nd Arty Regt - the 1st Bn no longer exists. The 4th Bn has #10 and #11 batteries, each with three 105mms. The 10th Btry as of 1400 hours 21 March 1945, was at 70874037; this coordinate information was confirmed by two PW's, and is believed to be correct.
- 0257 - 2nd Bn reports to Capt. Clark; Negative report - all quiet.
- 0310 - Blue Bn reports to Capt. Clark; We are in position except for Armor. "I" company is 500 yards east of Point 92. "L" company is 500 yards left of Point 102 on the road. When the patrol is back from 81, we will put an outpost down there. All buildings down; those that are not down are burning at Pt 92. There are many civilians to be evacuated. One civilian is shell-shocked. The road at Pt 102 is in rough shape. 1st Bn has been asked about the use of their road. Capt. Clark gives the 2nd Bn positions and Bn objectives, and states that the 2nd Bn of the 309th Inf has a patrol in HENNEF, and that the infantry of the 3rd Armored expects to go at 0600 hours for HENNEF.
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- 0210 - PWI reports (Sgt. Valten): One PW came into our lines voluntarily to give us information of sites for launching of V-rockets. He says; "20 March 1945 - a battery of heavy guns were observed in area from 68581111 to 68784108 and a bridge observed at 697426 is prepared for demolition.
- 0240 - G-3 to Capt. Clark; 3rd Armored sent word that the 3rd Bn of the 33rd Div is going for objective "B" at 0400 hours instead of 0600 hours. Will you alert your Bns? Ans; I will.
- 0255 - PWI - Sgt. Valten - reports; This information of the 162nd Arty Regt - the 1st Bn no longer exists. The 4th Bn has #10 and #11 batteries, each with three 105mms. The 10th Btry as of 1400 hours 21 March 1945, was at 70874037; this coordinate information was confirmed by two PW's, and is believed to be correct.
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pt 65; they have been there all night, pulling in and out to fire. Otherwise negative.

- 0417 - Capt. Clark to G-3, Capt. Parsons: Gives reports as above for the past hour.
- 0430 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 reports: Captured two PWs from the counter-attack that was reported (0355 hours). The information from these PWs is that about 60 enemy were assembled around Pt 80. Their mission was to infiltrate our town. If found to be held lightly, they were to attack. If found to be held in strength, they were to pull back to Pt 80. (It has all been taken care of).
- 0503 - White 2 Lt. Chandler to Mr. Lipinski: Everything is pretty quiet out here. There is a tank about 200 yards to the front of "G" that is firing. Some very heavy stuff is going overhead; not landing around here.
- 0505 - Red 2 reports: "B" co, reports tank movement out around Pt 80. Otherwise, everything is quiet.
- 0520 - 3rd Bn reports to Mr. Lipinski: Between 0400 and 0445 hours (when our tanks and TDs were being brought up), heavy rocket fire came in between 102 and 117. The patrol to the 1st Bn has returned; we contacted them. Our lines have been out - are out to forward now.
- 0525 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives reports from the Bns for the past hours. (Gives location of the reference points #102 and #117, as being 695358 and 698342, in report of item of 0520 hours above).
- 0530 - Mr. Lipinski forwards information in item of 0520 hours to G-2.
- 0555 - 3rd Bn reports to Mr. Lipinski: All armor in position - negative report.
- 0600 - "A" Co, 1st Engrs, to Mr. Lipinski: Want to report that the bridge I was working on at Pt 90, is finished.
- 0630 - G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: Will have some AIR at 0700 and 0715 hours, and would like to know if you have any targets. Ans: I will call the Bns now and let you know. G-3: I believe that we will have AIR all day. CCR is cleaning up BUISDORF and also STOSSBORF.
- 0632 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Higgins, 1st Bn: Will have AIR from 0700 hours on. Have you any targets? Ans: There is a tank assembly area at 80, and at 67 there is one tank and some infantry moving in on "A" company.

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- 0635 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Dinsmore, 2nd Bn: Have you any AIR targets? We have air available from 0700 hours. Ans: I will check and let you know.
- 0637 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Booth, 3rd Bn, S-3: Have you any AIR targets for us? We will have air available at 0700 hours. Ans: I'll call you if I get any.
- 0640 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Parsons, G-3: We have no AIR targets for the time being. Will call you when we get some.
- 0642 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Higgins, 1st Bn Fwd: Isn't pt 80 too close to hit? Ans: Yes, hit just in back of it, Northeast of 692380. "A" company getting counterattack by one tank and infantry.
- 0650 - Capt. Parsons, G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: 18th Infantry reports shooting at a counterattack at 6838. Do you know anything about it? Ans: No, unless it is the same thing that our A company reports. They want you to hit tank assembly area around pt 80 - just in back of it Northeast of 692380.
- 0700 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: "I" company outpost at 698377, 701377, is having a bit of a duel. Don't know just how big it is yet. Will let you know later.
- 0705 - Mr. Lipinski reports the above conversation, 0700 hours, to Capt. Parsons, G-3.
- 0755 - Mr. Lipinski reports the above conversation, 0700 hours, to Capt. Parsons, G-3.
- 0755 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn: How is the counter-attack coming? Ans: All quiet. Mr. Lipinski: How many tanks and infantry were seen? Ans: One tank was seen about 400 yards East of pt 67; two came up to pt 80. The 2nd Bn saw one.
- 0800 - Mr. Lipinski to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: How is the situation? Ans: "I" company received rocket fire, no casualties, trying to get position of same now. Rockets came into the "I" company area; about 20 rounds at 0758 hours. (The following information is from outpost observation); Outpost #2 reports seeing quite a few enemy 500 yards Northwest in bunkers. Estimate that 40 have been seen. Mortars and Cannon Co are firing on them. Outpost #1 has two PWS. Outpost #2 has 5 PWS. The strength of outpost No 2 is 13 men and a light machine gun. Outpost No. 1 has nine men. "I" co has 2 patrols out to the creek. One patrol fired on at the road to the creek. 2nd patrol received lots of Burp-gun fire. One TD is stuck and one jeep is stuck. The road is no good at all. We may have to use the road up at pt 79 and across. Would like to check on road at pt 103 to 92. Mr. Lipinski: I will check.

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- 0825 - Lt. Stephens to Major Green, G-3; Any news? Ans: Another regiment of the 104th is on the way over here, probably be here about 1100 hours. They will be on the left where CORPS boundary will be affected. Lt. Stephens: What about HENNEF? Ans: People haven't reached it as far as I know.
- 0825 - 3rd Bn reports: At 0825 hours, "L" co reported 40 enemy at 697879. Cannon company is to fire at them at pt 80.
- 0825 - MESSAGE - from CG, 1st Div; To CO's 16th, 26th, Co A 86 Chem Bn - Confirming verbal orders CG, Co A, 86th Chem Bn less one platoon, is attached to the 16th Inf as of 211300 A March 45. (Time signed 2145A).
- 0830 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Colonel Driscoll, Red 6, and Colonel Grant, White 6: The general situation is discussed as of previous items in this journal. S-3 asks for a tentative time (1300 hours) for moving out. Details will be called in later.
- 0845 - Capt. Groves, Regtl Ammo O, to Lt. Stephens: We are 482 rounds of light over expended. Bns fired 1120 rounds of light last night. I can get plenty of heavy but they will not use it. Cannon Co must use M-2 now since there is not enough M-3.
- 0900 - S-5 Colonel Horner to All Bns: (S-5's) Request 81mm mortar allotment be adhered to and after allotment is used, to fire heavy.
- 0907 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Johnson, A 1st Engrs: Maj. Smith wants a meeting with you for preparation of stream crossing. Ans: Very well, I will be there as soon as I can.
- 0930 - Maj. Smith to Blue 3, Capt. Booth: How are things? Blue 3: (Item of 0800 hours this journal is repeated). Four casualties have been evacuated. Outposts listed at #1, (698377) and #2 (701377). We received direct fire from pt 92, 600 yards North of 56. S-3: I'll change boundary line to include 81. Blue 3: How about using road coming in from WESTERHAUSEN? S-3: I believe that will be OK. Blue 3: "I" co got 3 PWs and PW said there are about 500 enemy across from pt 92. PW said the bridge at 92 is in. Will you check with 18th Inf in case we have to use their road? S-3: I will. Blue 3: "I" co of the 18th is here with "M" co here in EISBACH. It makes things a little congested. S-3: I will get them out. Change your boundary to include 81. Draw a line from 116 south of 102. Blue 3: My "L" co is 75 yards from the building near the road. "I" co CP at 92, just right of "L". S-3: Can you use some M-56-Super Quick Fuse (heavy)? Ans: Yes, please send us some.
- 0933 - PWI to S-2: PW identifications: 2nd Bn: 6 from the 958; 1 from the 162; 2 from the 164 Regt; 1st Bn: 2 from the 363; Cannon Co, 1 from the 363 Fus Bn; 46 from the 363 Fus Bn; 115 from the 958 Regt; 43 from the 937; 46 from the 363 Engrs.

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- 0945 - Capt. Hall S-2 to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2: Gave the above PW identifications. Do you have any more prisoners? Ans: 2 PWs coming down from companies. Outside of that everything has been very quiet. We had a little infiltration last night as you know. They damaged one of our TDs with a bazooka. I am going to look for a Bn OP now.
- 0954 - Dagwood operator notifies that a line is in the 634th TD Recon.
- 1000 - S-3 to 18th Inf, S-3: We want you out of EISBACH so we can put our reserve Bn in. Ans: We will do that.
- 1000 - Col. Grant, White 6 to Capt. Hall, S-2: We are jumping at 1300 hours and I would like to get the photos now. Ans: I can only get one set from 3rd Bn. If you could send for them at the 3rd Bn CP, you would be able to get them quicker. Ans: OK, I will send for them.
- 1002 - S-2 to Blue 2: I told Capt. Booth to send the photos back here. Will you tell him to hold on to them as 2nd Bn is sending down for them. Yes, Sir. Our OP is just west of Pt 92. We are getting quite a few rockets in. The river is about 10 feet wide and has very steep banks. It will require a bridge to cross.
- 1005 - S-3 to G-3: When do we get the recon and the light tanks? Ans: Sometime tonight. S-3: We have 2 outposts at 698377 and 701377. I requested 18th Inf to move out of EISBACH.
- 1015 - Red 3 to S-3: "C" company working East to the stream, then to the group of houses, then to just short of Pt 81. Is 66 inclusive to us? S-3: Yes, it is your objective for tomorrow; right flank 723389, left flank 719399.
- 1020 - S-2 to G-2: Enemy reported last night around 683377; there is a little quarry there and reports of lot of enemy in there. We have been putting fire in there. Had a small infiltration down from road junction at 693380. A couple of tanks around all night. Were dug in tanks last night around 679394. Three reported knocked out. 3rd Bn reports some rocket fire. Had a patrol from "I" co down in the stream, they reported river about 10 feet wide and very steep banks. Would need bridge to get any vehicles across. G-2: How many PWs do you have? Ans: 12 for today so far. 6 from the 958 Regt 1 from the 363 Fus Bn. A character gave up who wanted to give plenty of information on the V-bomb launching sites. He was turned over to Div Cage. G-2 26th Inf has completed relief and are all in order. The 62nd PG is "Ka-put". S-2: Any reports on air results? Ans: No. S-2: I had a report from prisoners that 363rd Fus Bn had strength of about a few left. We got 917 prisoners for the last 2 days. S-2: to Maj. Lauten: (Talked over the photo situation).

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- 1030 - S-3 to Col. Grant, White 6; There is a change in boundry which I just gave to 1st Bn. Runs 67-66-54 inclusive to Red, then to 700395 and 719399. Your initial objective will be 38, then push to 39 and 41. Other boundry is 79 and 78 inclusive to 3rd Bn, then to 723388. Town of 68 is the 3rd Bn's. 3rd Bn's right boundry 92 to 70 inclusive to 3rd Bn. They have outposts at 698377 and 701377.
- 1040 - White Bn to Clerk; Tell Lt. Stephens that yesterday air on SOVEN knocked out one enemy SP gun, 1 civilian one ton truck, started several fires, knocked down several buildings. "G" had 2 casualties.
- 1043 - Maj. Croder, ASP to Lt. Kestlinger; What is your most advanced position, so that I can tell the air? Ans; Outposts at 698377 and 701377.
- 1045 - S-2 to Blue 2; What is on your mind? Blue 2; We only have one set on those photos. We are under the impression that we need these. S-2; If you have anything on northern side, you will not need them so give them to 2nd Bn. Blue 2; I will check again and give them what I can.
- 1054 - Maj. Margolis, Mil. Govt. to S-2; Another civilian was just turned over to me by the MP's. I can't handle them and I am turning him over to the PW cage. I wish you would inform the Bn S-2's not to send them to me.
- 1105 - S-2 to Blue 2; You sent in this civilian. You should hold on th them and call the CIC up there. Ans; He was picked up by "K" company. He said he was let out of the army because of medical reasons, and the doctor examined him and said nothing is wrong with him, so we turned him in. S-2; We have a CIC detachment with us, and when something comes up like that, call Mil Govt and ask them to be sent up.
- 1108 - S-2 to Maj. Margolis; I talked to Blue 2, and he said they investigated him and wanted the CIC to screen him. Ans; I will have the CIC check him.
- 1110 - S-3 to Capt. Booth Blue 3; Anything new? Ans; No. Those rockets are still firing. I think it is in the vicinity of 93. S-3; Your boundry runs from 690368 to 697378, then NE to 707383. That is your N boundry. The same as before. Your south boundry; 710368 N to 711373 to 723376, to just S of 70 along the creek. Your objective is 68 then 69, your left flank is 724388, then along the ridge to 737380. That is your final position. You will have an engr officer and a squad of engr with a treadway.
- 1116 - S-2 to White Bn; Will you tell Col. Grant that in the photos, that were distributed in the last two weeks, are several strips which he is interested in.
- 1120 - Maj. Edmonds to Capt. Hall; The 5th Platoon of "B" company is going from Pt 79 to 80, going to take road leading NE out of the town, and up stream to 80. They are leaving now. We notified 3rd Bn and the 7th FA. Ans; OK.
- 1120 - G-3 to S-3; All that I can give you right now is 634 recon and one platoon of light tanks at 1600 hours. EISBACH still belongs to the 18th.

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S-3; But when we relieved them we had to have someplace to put our reserve Bn. I'll talk to them myself. Ans: OK, because I can't force them to move. S-3; I have a strong combat patrol going to the river. G-3; OK, keep me informed about their routes so that I can inform the AIR.

- 1150 - Lt. Stephens to Maj. Crocker, A^{SP}; Gives the information in the journal as of item 1040 hours.
- 1135 - S-6 to White 6; What do you think of forming a task force with the Recon troop, recon company, and tanks with a company of yours? Ans: I think it is a very good idea and I will have a way to move the troops. S-6; The 78th is evidently going to follow us and take over the river. You will have to refuse your flank and I was wondering what you think of forming the task force.
- 1200 - PWI reports: Two more PWs from the 958th, just came in from the 1st Bn - they are from the 3rd company.
- 1200 - S-2 to G-2: Here is plenty of information; I have 3 PWs and 2 of them were from the 263rd Fus Bn. Also the CO of the 2nd Co., 164th Regt. He quit. He is a Czech and gave up and wants to join the Czechs. He said the 62nd Div is "Ka-put", except for the 1st Bn, 64th Regt. Bn was put in line last night as follows; 1st company 695417 to 698409 to 699409. 2nd Co 699406 to 702397. 3rd Co 704395 to 705387. Each company has about 50 men and 2 light MGs per company. BN CP in town of PETERSHOLM at 710400. 162nd Repl Bn has about 150 men left. Reorganizing in DORNSDORF at 712409. Battery of artillery in position at 722409. He says in general area of 683393 on his way in this morning he saw 2 assault guns. A sergeant told him they had 7 in the area. At 683392 to 685389 he saw some AA people in position close to our line. Was told by Bn CO that 363rd Div on his right. G-2; 958 Rgt has in it 3 Bns - the 2nd Bn, Fusilier Bn and Engr Bn; 1st Bn taken away at COLOGNE. Have no artillery; 7 SP guns attached to regiment.
- 1202 - S-2 to G-2; PW information as of item 1200 hours from the 1st Bn given. The Lt. Anderson that was picked up that was supposed to have the papers probably did have them. Some papers were found - a telephone code and other papers are being sent to you.
- 1215 - S-2 to White 2; Gives PW reports - same as given to G-2 at 1200 hours.
- 1228 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: Rockets hit I and L company. M Co., got a 80 degree azimuth on them, 90 degrees from Ft 92. 150 rounds have been reported. Direct fire weapon is thought to be at 722388.
- 1236 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2 and G-3; Mortars and rockets coming in on I and L companies.
- 1245 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: C sent a patrol out to contact Blue thru Ft 81, and saw a tank up on the road ahead of them. The tanks had some men around it; it turned around and went back. Two platoons of B jump for 80 at 1300 hours.
- 1250 - Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Green G-3; I have an air target at 705386. There

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is a concentration of armor in the woods there. G-3: We should be able to take care of it within a half hour.

- 1255 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 6: You should have action on those enemy armor in the woods at 705386. Can I look up Div with the ground observer?
Ans: Yes.
- 1310 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: At 700410 the air hit 5 vehicles. The Target reported formerly moved out so the air mission may as well be called off. Lt. Kestlinger to Maj. Crocker, ASP: Message of 1310 hours given.
- 1320 - Red Bn reports: B co patrol drew fire from Pt 80, they did not get into the town.
- 1320 - S-2 to G-2: I would like to know if I can reproduce an article out of the CORPS Periodic? Ans: Yes, go ahead.
- 1320 - MP Officer reports: Count of PWs 20 March 414; 21st of March 517; 22 March 11 -- Total of 942.
- 1330 - G-3 to S-3: The people are taking care of this place in good shape at 681417. S-3: Sent one of my officers over there to establish a contact point at 692414 with those people. We have started to move out $\frac{1}{2}$ hour ago. E is going for 679402. G for 689398; B for 693380.
- 1330 - Blue Bn reports: OP saw 6 enemy on road at 718366, 2 enemy were repairing telephone wires. Mortars were seen at 725368 - 7th FA fired on them.
- 1345 - Capt. Elder White 3 to S-2: E co at Pt 52; G at 65, recon is going to vicinity of 53, later we will go for 37.
- 1400 - S-3 to White 6: Recon Co (634th TD's) Lt. Schnell in charge, on way up to you. Capt. Blake will close in assembly area in the vicinity of SOVEN at 0900 hours, White 6: Are they working for me? S-3: Yes, they will be available at 0900 hours tomorrow morning. There is one light tank platoon also on the way up to you. The rest of the platoon will be up by midnight. White 6: I want all these people to check in at the CP in ROTT before they go into SOVEN. I want them routed thru 52 and tie in with Capt. Karas and E co. It will be an "E" combat team. S-3: They are in the line but will go thru DAMERUSCH then to ROTT and SOVEN. White 6: What is at Pt 36 besides high ground? S-3: Nothing, I will have to use a recon to clear that. White 6: I have reports that 100 enemy were seen at Pt 36. That is in the boundary line of those people. S-3: Sgnd out your platoon and keep me posted on it.
- 1405 - S-2 to G-2: When am I going to get some more maps of 1/25 and 1/50?
G-2: You should get them some time within the next few days.
- 1410 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves, Ammo O: Ammo expenditure allocation for period 200600 to 240600A increased as follows; 100 rds 81mm mortar light. Total allocation for period 1700 rounds.
- 1412 - Maj. Smith to 18th Inf S-5: Our service co is moving in the railroad

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station at the rear of your 3rd Bn, in OBSERPLEIS tomorrow. 18th Inf: We are moving in some tanks tonight but they will move out by 0900 hours tomorrow morning after they are rested. S-3: OK, that will suit me.

- 1420 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth Blue 3: The assembly area that S-3 gave you at SOVEN will be changed to ROTT. When you get there report to Capt. Karas, of "E" company.
- 1430 - Freeport OP reports: One enemy tank and about a dozen infantry at 688396. Horse drawn carts from Pt 25 to Pt 56.
- 1440 - S-3 to G-3: Do not run any missions west of the 70 line or south of the 41 line. We have people there. Ans: Fire mission now at 693380. S-3: Call it off, we have friendly tanks too close to that area.
- 1445 - White 3 to Maj. Smith: Platoon of "G" pinned down, getting artillery fire. There is also tanks and small arms fire. Started tanks from 65 to 53 to relieve it. Report just came in, tank and infantry are out there spread out now!
- 1447 - FWI reports: FWs from the 1st Bn - 1 from the 363rd Fus Bn; 2 from the 2nd Bn - 2 from the 363rd Fus Bn.; 1 from the 363rd Engr Bn; 25 total prisoners for today.
- 1450 - Maj. Edmonds to Major Smith: A company patrol out between 67 and 66. I will push out my platoons as soon as planes are finished. S-3: I called the air off. Maj. Edmonds: We got 10 enemy out of Pt 80.
- 1455 - Maj. Crocker, ASP to S-3: Planes are over HOVEN; can see your tanks coming up the road. Planes see some enemy tanks and vehicles at 693383. S-3: Call them off, they are too close to our people. Major Crocker; Will call them off.
- 1500 - White 3 to S-3: G just chased 4 tanks and a half track out of Pt 53; were seen going NE. One fellow got a hit at a tank, believe it is disabled. Getting quite a bit of small arms fire. Do not know about the other platoon as yet. Would like you to get some air working on the other side of the stream. S-3: Gives the latest positions of the 1st Bn as previously listed.
- 1500 - Major Crocker, ASP to Major Smith: An earlier target gave us at 705386 proved to give the planes two tanks knocked out. Rockets were attached to the tanks. Planes believed there were more tanks under camouflage. Do you want us to continue missions on that old target? Ans: Yes.
- 1505 - Capt. Clark to Blue CP: Any ~~more~~ decrease in the rockets? Ans: No, a barrage just came in at 696363.
- 1515 - MESSAGE - Time filed 1345 hours, dated 21 March 1945 to CO 16th Inf: Confirmation of verbal orders of CG 413 CT is atchd to the 1st US Inf Div on arrival in assembly area vicinity of HIMBERG, 693282, 21 March. 413th CT will relieve 26th Inf in position beginning at dark 21 March.

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Relief to be completed prior to daylight 22 March if possible. On being relieved 26th will assemble in area of its own selection vicinity of HILDEBRICH-NOVEL prepared to move north to new area upon shift of division south boundary to the North, signed Lt. Col. Beck.

- 1525 - S-3 to Major Edmonds: What is new? Ans: B company drew machine gun fire. S-3: Who goes to HILDEBRICH? Ans: A has a patrol out to HILDEBRICH now. S-3: Is 67 clear? Ans: Not certain; there are quite a few enemy out there. 7th FA fired on them. S-3: What about the tank reported this morning running loose at BUCHOLTZ? Ans: It was last seen heading northwest. Lot of infantry seen in that same area. S-3: The 2nd Bn cleared 52 and 53. Their latest position in OBER, one platoon is northeast of Pt 53.
- 1530 - Blue Bn reports: At 1430 hours, enemy rocket barrage landed at 696363. 1440 hours, 8 enemy observed headed S and SE along the road from Pt 80 towards 81. 1527 hours, L reports small arms fire and MG fire in the 1st Bn area, believed enemy.
- 1535 - S-3 to G-3: G company left platoon at 687397 facing NE, main body of tanks at 689396. B company jumped off at WESTERHAUSEN towards HOFEN. They are somewhere in the vicinity of 691375, and in moving NE they met strong small arms opposition. A company working and have units and elements at 683379. E company last reported platoon at 677398. Lt. Lyons, G-3: There has been 24 hours delay. Colonel Beck to S-3: The 24 hour delay is in order to get enemy set up. S-3: Tells of proficient SP guns and enemy tanks and estimated 1000 Infantry between us and the river. Tanks and SP guns reported at 694380 and 690399. We are moving GP elements out by noon tomorrow.
- 1600 - Capt. Armstrong, TDs to Lt. Kestlinger: Can I get permission to move after I have chow tonight? Ans: OK. Capt. Armstrong: I will tie in with the 2nd Bn switchboard.
- 1600 - Red 6 to Col. Gibb: Ran into a bit of a shit house on the right hand side. Enemy all around the 3rd Bn outpost. Have to wait and find out what happens. Got B working on it. One enemy tank knocked out at Pt 80. Started the houses in the town on fire. Vehicles moving on the side road. S-6: 24 hour postponement because 104th can't get in. Red 6: At 695372 is where the enemy are.
- 1605 - Maj. Edmonds to Capt. Clark: A patrol went to 685380 and got fire from Pt 80. Sending it out again. S-3: Maj. Wozenski, Blue 6, is going to call Red 6. Maj. Edmonds: B in town at Pt 80, 25 to 30 FWs coming back to the CP. 5th platoon of B seen charging down hill and yelling. (5th platoon is composed of negro troops).
- 1605 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozenski: 1st Bn is moving out for Pt 80. Seems to be getting a lot of fire from 696373. Ans: They shot hell out of my outpost at 698376. My outpost observed enemy at 696378. S-3: Work out from where L company is to your outpost, clear it out and use tanks and tie in with 1st Bn. When you get that clear we set for 24 hours in which we do nothing.

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- 1610 - Div ASP to S-3: Can you give me information on what damage the air did to HOFEN? Ans: Don't have much on that. Scattered a few cows and set a barn on fire. Chased a few SP's from where they were firing, in between the buildings. ASP: Another thing, the mission of 3 days ago for the 3rd Bn at 675372 - the pilot claims 3 or 4 tanks knocked out. Ans: Bn reported seeing two burning.
- 1615 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith: Sinclair moved out of 65, up the draw and into the houses from the rear. G at 53 and town to the SE of it, mopping up now. Saw enemy at 701407, ~~at~~ saw horses, enemy infantry and carts. E company has platoon at town of D. F company has moved up to 65. We have a platoon of tanks here now. S-3: Clean up to the river tonight, tomorrow we sit pat. We don't jump tomorrow. B company in town at Pt 80 now, has 25 PW's. C is still at 79. White 3: G is on objective and have several wounded.
- 1630 - White Bn shell report: Artillery 600 rounds, mortars 200 rds.
- 1635 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Edmonds: Maj. Edmonds: B company ran into a tank and asked for one of ours. S-3: Gave above information on the other 2 Ens. Red 6: Got a couple hurt. 25 PWs taken by one company. One SP in the town. Patrol got to road junction at 684378 and received AT fire and MG fire from 80. 100 infantry and 4 half tracks seen scattered north and northwest of 80.
- 1645 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder, White B: You got a guy from the Chem outfit with you? Ans: No, he is with F company. S-3: I am going to switch him to the 1st Bn. White 3: Would like to keep him. S-3: Attach him to Loney and then keep him in the center of the sector.
- 1645 - Blue Bn reports: 370 rockets; 42 120mm mortar, 75 rounds of direct fire - 75mm.
- 1650 - S-2 to Red 2: Can you give me a shell report? Ans: 100 light and 120 heavy. 25 PW's including the one officer.
- 1650 - Maj. Smith to Cheml Co: As of now you are attached to H company. You report to Capt. Elder at 2nd Bn CP. Ans: What about observer with F company S-3: Keep him there. Ans: Right sir.
- 1652 - Lt. Loney to Maj. Smith: About this 4.2 mortar, can I move them where I want to? Ans: Right. If I want a smoke mission, I will call on them thru Capt. Elder.
- 1655 - Shell report to G-2: 625 rounds of artillery and 210 mortar, 370 rockets.
- 1700 - S-2 to G-2: B is at HOFEN, 25 PWs, town cleared, knocked out 1 enemy tank. A at 687379, moving to HOMMERICH. G company cleared area at 698398, all buildings, to NEIDERKUMFEL and OBERKUMFEL. E working east to WIPFENHORN, G company received lots of mortar fire. 25 PWs processed today. 25 from 1st Bn are on the way, and I expect some from 2nd Bn. There was a stiff fire fight at each town.
- 1710 - G-3 to Clerk: 2nd Bn of the 309th and TEB mopping up, town to west of RE 5 up 3.7. 78th Div liaison O just came in and said the town is clear. RE

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- 1715 - Shell report, same as one to G-2, given to 7th FA.
- 1720 - 634th TDs pulled their board.
- 1747 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: Sending patrol from Pt 80 to 81, then turning going 1000 yards towards 54 leaving at 1750 hours tonight. A company jumped half hour ago, leaving one platoon at 67, two platoons at HOMMERICH, prepared to move on order through 66 and 54.
- 1815 - Blue Bn reports: At 1750 hours, OP reported enemy dug in position at 723368. Also saw 6 enemy medics pulling 2 litters in same vicinity, going west.
- 1815 - Red 2 to Capt. Hall: We have 25 PWs and one officer coming back there; they were picked up just short of HOFEN. Most of the men were killed in the officer's company.
- 1820 - The above information is passed on to FWI.
- 1830 - Lt. Stephens to White Bn: Tell Capt. Elder that the town of HENNEF is cleared by the 2nd of the 309th. Have him lay on the contact on the point already given him by Major Smith.
- 1850 - Capt. Elder to S-3: Is that town cleared all the way to 5? S-3: Yes, it is. White 3: OK, will contact them at 2000 hours. Might have to fight our way to them. How about making a contact with 1st Bn and us at Pt 66. S-3: That is all right. White 3: E will contact 2nd of the 309th. Tell them to keep looking for us if we are not there, as we will be around.
- 1855 - S-3 to Red 5: Tells him of above conversation with Capt. Elder on contact Pt between them at Pt 66.
- 1905 - Blue Bn reports: L company platoon to 698376 also 702380. They are on their way now, the artillery has been notified.
- 1910 - FWI reports: 22 PWs - 20 from the 3rd Company of the 958 WGR and one from the 1st Co of the 958, and one from the 5th company of the same regiment.
- 1925 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Talked to Maj. Smith early this morning on moving the 18th out of the town here. Ans: It can not be done. Blue 3: Just saw 6 gun flashes at 695374. A sergeant from the 745th tanks says he saw them. Lt. Kestlinger: I'll check with 1st Bn.
- 1930 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-4: Pontoon bridge over RHINE at F-6225, will be closed for 10 hours beginning 240500 A March and pontoon bridge at F 6130 will be closed for 10 hours beginning 250500 hours March.
- 1938 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn: A sergeant with the tanks spotted a six gun btry at 696374. He saw the gun flashes. Ans: Don't think that could be possible. It could not be there.
- 1940 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me locations of friendly units especially 18th Inf? Ans: Latest locations were given, and also latest news reports as above.

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- 2005 - Delight (7th FA) reports two squad of "L" company at Pt 81.
- 2020 - S-2 to FWI: FWI reports: Lt from the 3rd Co brought the remnants of his company, 19 men, to us after suffering heavy losses in the gully between WESTERHAUSEN and HOFEN. Strength of company yesterday was 66 men. FW says that the 959th is non-existent. Two weeks ago the 1st company, 5th and 6th, were also beat up.
- 2025 - White 2 to S-2: S-2 gives PW information as previously listed. White 2: I sent you 5 PWs and have 3 more. Easy company went for EDGOVEN at 2000 hours. SPs found at 26, 53 and 82. Bazooka fired on SP at 53, not sure whether it was knocked out or not. Lots of activity at Pts 25 and 56. We contacted 1st Bn at 66. S-2: Red CP is at 91. We are at 126. I have a total of 47 PWs for today. Should reach 60 for the 24 hours.
- 2030 - White 3 to S-3: Arty fire at Pt 54. S-3: L company has 2 platoons at 81. At dark all artillery fire east of the stream was lifted. White 3: My communications are knocked out by shells south of 77. E company platoon with Capt. Karas at Pt 54. He has made contact with 1st Bn. What about the Engrs? S-3: We can't start any work on the bridge until we are on the other side.
- 2040 - S-2 to Red 2: Latest positions discussed. Red 2: Situation is quiet. S-2: Meazle sheets, photos, identification sheet on way to identify certain civilians, are on the way to you. S-2 speaks of the PW count and proposed meeting of the S-2's.
- 2045 - Danger Recon to Lt. Stephens: We will not be relieved until late. Will it be OK, if we close a little later at your area? Ans: OK, make it 1200A.
- 2050 - FWI reports: From the 1st Bn - 1 man from the 1st company of the 958; 16 from the 2nd Company of the 958; 2 men from the 6th company 958; from 2nd Bn - 5 men from the 4th Btry AA bn. From 3rd Bn - 7 men from the 3rd Co of the 958; 8 men from the 4th co 958; 1 man from the Hq of the 2nd Bn 957; 1 man from the 1st co of the 957. The 5thco has never been in the 959. No information from the 6th co being with the 959.
- 2120 - S-2 to Blue 2: Speaks of the tactical information and photos on the way to Blue 2. I expect a meeting of all S-2's at Dagwood sometime tomorrow afternoon. K company is going to 92. Positions of the co's, as previously listed, given.
- 2138 - Red 6 to S-3: That 54 deal screwed us up. What happened? S-3: Karas and 15 men were lost. What is new? Red 6: There was a big explosion in the right front of the town. I believe it was the bridge. There are enemy at 80 and 81 area. 25 PWs were taken from HOMMERICH. going to find out about the stream, depth, banks, etc., I will give you more dope on the bridge. Company is consolidating at 54; B company will make contact with L company at 81.

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- 2140 - S-2 to G-2: Gives set up of PWs; 2 from the 3rd Co 958, picked up at 692378. 1 from the 1st Co from 958, same vicinity., 1 from the 5th Co from 958, same vicinity, 16 from the 2nd Co, 958 same vicinity, 2 from the 6th Co 958 same vicinity, 5 from the 15th Btry 938 AA in vic of 689398, 7 from the 3rd Co, 958, 8 from the 4th Co 958, 1 from Hq, 2nd Bn 957 vic of 699373 - 701373, 1 from 1st Co, 957. Group of the 3rd Co 958, 21 men with Lt commanding, had strength of 66 yesterday. PW said that he has been with the outfit approximately 18 March. Latest situation of Bns is given by S-2: Lt. Lynch reported from Div that the 11th Panzer Div moved to the north. G-2: That 11th Panzer PW was a deserter. PW stated 11th PGD was at 788336. Said they expected to move up to COLOGNE for a crossing.
- 2155 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Wozenski Blue 6: 19 PWs coming down from the 6th Co, of the 957 Regt. S-3: What are you sending down to Pt 81? Blue 6: I have laid that on with I Co and will send a platoon down to the woods to check the few houses. They will either occupy houses or dig in. S-3: What about the boundary? Blue 6: I have that laid on between I and L Co's. All of L Co, will move up and I will pull K up where L was. Capt. Booth Blue 3: I Co has taken off. One platoon at 92, going to WIEDERSCHALL, the other platoon going to 71053670. S-3: 18th is working down there, so be care ful. L Co has one platoon going to STOCKEN, other to buildings S of 81. Made a recon for tanks and found that the creek bed at 81 is dry. It makes a good road. Have 20 more PWs down there. The PW's want to get out as they say there is a lot of 20mms guns down there. I'm going to have the tanks go in there blasting everything and will also clean out JUCHENBACH. Have around 50 PWs for L company today.
- 2215 - White 6 to S-6: E company incident discussed (where one platoon was lost for awhile). White 6 plans to set up an advanced CP with Capt. Karas in charge. E company is working up to 37 and Lt. Wirt working up to 25.
- 2220 - G-2 to S-2: The artillery called up and said something about a counter-attack. S-2: News to me. We had an explosion up here. Bridge at 701387 was blown.
- 2225 - PWI reports: 19 PWs from Blue Bn - 2 from the 1st Co, 958 VGR, 4 from the 3rd Co 958, 3 from the 3rd Co 957, 1 from the 5th Co, 957, 4 from the 6th Co 957, 5 from the 8th Co 957 VGR.
- 2230 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: We are sending I company to work on either side of the road going NE out of KURSCHEID and occupy positions astride road and 100 yards on both sides of it. They will clean it out. "I" Co, complete will do this. This is to let you know where we are and we hear you have some people out laying mines.
- 2233 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives company locations. I and L companies will send contact patrols out to WIEDERSCHALL and STOCKEN. Also gives all available information from the Bns.
- 2240 - S-2 to G-2: G-2 gives PW report as of 2225 hours.

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- 2300 - Blue to S-2: Sending 18 more PW's from L co down to you. That makes 54 so far from L.
- 2330 - White Bn to Lt. Stephens: We have cleared 54. F co is going to relieve the platoon of L at DURRESBACH. F co will contact A co. "G" co will contact the 309th. E co is going after the town.
- 2345 - Col. Driscoll to Lt. Stephens: We had a patrol over the bridge and the bridge seems to be in. We are going to check but between 80 and 54 a tank blew up on a clay mine.
- 2350 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: C co is going to lay mines so we can clear the area. Ans: I talked with the 18th Inf and they are not supposed to lay mines. Blue 3: Can you fix up a contact at Pt 92 with C co of the 18th? We contacted A co at Pt 103. We captured a S/Sgt with a radio that says his Hq is on this side of the stream.
- 2355 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: Our 3rd Bn would like to contact your C co. I co CP at 700364. Ans: OK, I'll see what I can do.

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LOCATION: 643333 - HEISTERBACHERROTT, Germany.

- 0001 - White Bn to Lt. Stephens: Do you know if the woods west of 37 is clear? Ans: They intended to just clean the town. White: We had a report the enemy and SP's were dug in there. "E" co patrol has gone out to establish an outpost at the stream junction at the east end of the town of EDGOVEN.
- 0014 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Our "C" co patrol got into a fire fight at 70953665. Could it be your people? Ans: I'll check and see.
- 0016 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3, Capt. Booth: Above information given. Did your people get any fire from your right flank? Blue 3: I do not think so. There are enemy in there. Tell them to send a contact out there.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-3: "I" co received no fire from that way. Fire came from woods. They are on north side of the road at 707367.
- 0029 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Gives reports for the past hour, as previously reported in this journal and the items of the past hour for 22 March.
- 0050 - PWI (Sgt Schnider) to Lt. Stephens: S/Sgt from Hq 958, says that 2 weeks ago 2 Bns of 959 were changed to 958. He does not know if there is a 959 now.
- 0053 - 18th Inf, Capt. Moore, reports: "C" co of the 18th is receiving mortar fire. Think that it is coming from KURSHCEID. Ans: I'll check.
- 0055 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 2, Lt. Walker: Information of 0053 hours given. Blue 2: No, we are not firing.
- 0058 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf: No, our people are not firing in that direction.
- 0100 - White Bn reports to Lt. Stephens: Contact patrol is now leaving to make contact at the bridge 400 yards above 54. "E" co is also leaving to contact people on the north.
- 0105 - Col. Gibb to Capt. Kelly, G-3: What is the 18th doing in the way of establishing a bridgehead? Ans: They are patrolling to the river, that is all. S-6: Why are we ordered to establish a bridgehead while the 18th sits on their tail? Ans: I am sure that I can't answer that, sir.
- 0120 - Lt. Stephens gives negative report for the hour to G-3.
- 0145 - G-3 Capt. Kelly to Mr. Lipinski: Anything doing? Ans: No, all is quiet. G-3: Recon patrol from "C" of the 18th is going to river at 0300 hours.

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- 0210 - Blue 2 Lt. Walker to Mr. Lipinski: "J" co has point 81 cleared. Have laid on a contact point, starting at 0300 hours, at 701404. "K" co is moving into position at 0330 hours.
- 0215 - Lt. Moore White Bn to Mr. Lipinski: Nothing new. Patrol reports should come in within the hour. A little artillery in the area.
- 0230 - Maj. Edmonds to Mr. Lipinski: "A" co is trying to get tanks and TD's in to them. One tank hit a mine and blew the track. "A" co taking quite a bit of direct fire. Our main trouble is trying to get the tanks in.
- 0240 - PWI reports: 16 more prisoners from 3rd Bn and 10 from the 2nd Bn. Hq., 958 regt - 1 man; 2nd co of the 958 - 2 men; 3rd co of the 958 - 3 men; 4th co of the 958 - 2 men; 6th co of the 958 - 1 man; 5th co of the 957 regt - 1 man; Hq 957, Engr platoon, - 1 man; 3rd co of the 363 Fusilier Bn - 2 men. That is the ones taken by Blue Bn. Here are the ones from the 2nd Bn: 6th co of the 943 regt, 353 Div, - 1 straggler; 2nd Co, 956 - 1 man; an unknown combat team - 6 men; 2nd Btry 938 AA - 2 men. The combat team consists of 1st, 3rd and 4th Co's of the 62nd Div. Regiments unknown. Men from the 2nd Btry, 938 AA were picked up at 701382. 2nd Btry dissolved, now part of the 3rd Btry.
- 0245 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: "L" co has cleared down to the river; 1st Bn is receiving a lot of direct fire and are having trouble.
- 0248 - PWI reports: 24 more prisoners from Blue Bn: 8th Co of the 957 regt - 2 men; 5th co of the 957 - 3 men; 1st Co of the 957 regt - 1 man; Hq 2nd Bn, 957 regt - 2 men. Volkstrum - 16 men.
- 0315 - Lt. Moore 2nd Bn reports: Things are fairly quiet here. No artillery coming in. "G" co knocked out one SP and one truck one third of the way between Pts 53 and 25. No word on "E" co patrol as yet.
- 0326 - Blue Bn reports? "I" co has 2 platoons in houses around 709370. Sending contact patrol to 81 to contact "I" co. A few shells came in the area. "I" co drew small arms fire getting into the houses. That is all for this hour.
- 0336 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: We have a negative report for the hour. The "E" co patrol has not returned yet.
- 0356 - PWI reports: Man from the 5th co of the 957 regiment said part of the 4th co was attached to them. Combat group DISKE commands what is now left of the 958 regt; has pulled back 6 kilometers. Plenty of artillery in front of HENNER. Exact positions not known. AA positions on side of hill in the vicinity of 701398, and consists of 86mm AA. 6th co was in NEIDERKUMFEL, 689398, and to their left was the 7th co - to the right was the 3rd co. To the left of the 7th co was the 5th co. 8th co divided up amongst the 3rd, 5th and 6th co's. So far the PW's state that the 2nd Bn of the 957 regt is pretty well done away with. Total prisoners from 1800 hours to 2400 hours - 108.

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- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: At 0340 hours, "K" co started moving out to take "I" co's position. Same time "I" co platoon at Pt 81, heard vehicles at 110 degrees and just beyond the crest of the hill. At 0340 hours, OP reported a gun firing NW at 85 degrees azimuth. 20 to 25 seconds was the flash to bang count. This was reported to the artillery.
- 0410 - Red Bn reports: A little machine gun fire coming in to our front, otherwise all is pretty quiet.
- 0430 - White 2 to Mr. Lipinski: "E" co contacted the 78th Inf on our left. Their line runs from contact point at 68854115, north along the river.
- 0433 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3, Capt. Kelly: Contact made at 68854115 with the people on our left by "E" co. There was nothing unusual to report.
- 0500 - 1st and 3rd Bns give negative report.
- 0525 - White Bn reports: "F" co reports quite a bit of shelling.
- 0528 - Capt. Clark, duty officer to G-3: Negative report.
- 0545 - 1st Bn reports to Capt. Clark: "A" co went to their contact point with 3rd Bn and found no one there. Sgt. Carlozza, CPNS Sgt of 3rd Bn was informed and said they would check on it by getting in contact with L co.
- 0548 - Sgt Carlozza, Blue Bn to Capt. Clark: "I" co states that they sent patrol out but did not see "A" co patrol. "I" co reports 15 rockets coming in on them.
- 0550 - Capt. Clark gives 1st Bn and G-2 a report on the activity of the night, as previously listed in this journal.
- 0605 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Capt. Clark: Good deal of artillery, both heavy and medium, in F co area. About 200 rds have come into the town during the night.
- 0607 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Kelly, G-3: Very quiet except for artillery coming into the F company area.
- 0640 - 1st Bn reports to Capt. Clark: Very quiet, except that we are receiving some artillery fire.
- 0650 - PWI reports: 14 more prisoners from the 3rd Bn - Regtl Hq of the 958 - 1 man; 1st Co of the 958 Regt - 2 men; 2nd Co of the 958 regt - 1 man; 4th co of the 958 - 1 man; 13th co of the 958 - 1 man; 1st co of the 957 regt 1 man; 2nd co of the 957 - 4 men; 3rd co of the 958 - 1 man.
- 0702 - Blue Bn to clerk: At 0620 hours, 15 rockets landed in the "I" co area. Set building on fire that is next door. Lot of enemy 600 yards in front of Pt 81. Firing on them with Cannon co.

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- 0715 - PWI reports: The 13th Co has 8, 81mm mortars in position in the vicinity of LANZENBACH. Also the 14th co has 4 mortars up there. 13th co, 958 regt, arrived morning of the 20 March with approximately 60 men and during the night of 21 March pulled out from LANZENBACH to KURENBACH. Losses have been small. Co commander is JUNG. 8th co is being used as infantry - the mortars are destroyed.
- 0725 - Red Bn reports negative except for some incoming artillery; White Bn reports negative, and Capt. Clark gives negative report to G-3.
- 0815 - Blue Bn reports: 0715 hours, OP reports some rockets landed in area 706354 to 706357, and some artillery falling in the same area.
- 0735 - "K" reports rockets came from 85 degrees, 2000 yards, landing in their area. 0736 hours, "L" co reports 12 enemy about 600 yards from Pt 81; Cannon co is firing on the target. 0740 hours, "I" reports about 200 rounds of rockets fell in their area.
- 0825 - S-2 to G-2: There have been 04 PW identifications since midnight last night. would like to know if you could get me a 1/25000 map to the east.
- 0825 - 745th Tank Bn to clerk: Where is your S-4 moving to? Ans: OBERPIEIS, by the RR station.
- 0831 - Capt. Clark to White CP: Is "B" co at 685100? Ans: Yes, they are.
- 0840 - Capt. Kolb Red 3 to Capt. Clark: Can you give me any information on units on our right and left? Ans: "G" co at 53 and "E" at 685401; they had a patrol to the stream during the night, almost to 25. "F" co is at 65 in the town, less 1 platoon which is at 678398. L is at 81, I co at 709370 with 2 platoons; other is back at Pt 92. K runs from 694367 to 699365, facing north. The 18th has left flank at 705360 and right flank at 706355 (1st Bn); G of the 18th is at 103. 26th relieved last night by the 104th Inf.
- 0840 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Div Engrs to S-2: Have you heard about any of the bridges? How is the one at 701388? S-2: They heard a big explosion down in that area last night, don't know if it is blown or not. Haven't been able to check it. Will ask Col. Driscoll, as he is here now and I will let you know.
- 0940 - S-3 to Red 3: Is the bridge by "A" co in? Ans: Yes, it is. S-3: What did the engr say the bridge will take? Ans: They are on their way down to the bridge now. S-3: Is the area between A and B co's cleared? Ans: Patrols report it as being unoccupied.
- 0945 - S-3 to Blue 6: Did L and I co's make contact last night? Blue 6: Yes, they did. All of I co is pinned down now at 709370; lot of enemy on the high ground across the stream in both places.
- 1001 - S-3 to White 2: Can you give me any new locations on your Bn? No, I cannot. Still enemy in EDGIVEN and also in GEISBACH. G co patrol from Pt 53 to 692405; they knocked out one SP gun and one truck; there is still enemy there.

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- 1015 - Freeport OP reports: 6 enemy at 711406 walking NW. 0850 friendly planes straffing HENNEF. 0915 hours, 6 enemy observed at EDGOVEN. 0940 hours, 3 enemy at Pt 125. 0945 - 2 enemy at 715425 working on road. 0950 vehicle at BODIGEN.
- 1020 - Blue Bn reports: 0855 hours, K co reports rockets firing 75 to 80 degrees, 3500 yards; landed ~~600 yards~~ near third platoon, CP. 0915 hours, K co reports rockets landed 600 yards near the CP; 67 degrees and 3700 yards. Artillery landed in the same area, came from 115 degrees and 3600 yards. 0925 hours, I Co reports 300 rounds of rocket, mortars, and artillery during the last hour. 0932 hours, OP reports 6 enemy at 725373, seem to be coming from HUEHEL.
- 1030 - Red 2, Lt. Hoffman to Lt. Kestlinger: One PW is coming in from Pt 54.
- 1040 - S-2 to Red 2: How are things going on? Ans: There are a lot of artillery shells coming in.
- 1040 - PWI reports: The following PW's are from the 2nd Bn: 8 from 2nd Co, 958; 1 from 4th Co 958; 1 from 5th Co, 958; 1 from 2nd Co, 957; 1 from 6th Co, 957; 1 from Hqs., 602nd Mobile Bn. Consists of Mortars and light and heavy. These PW's were picked up at KURENBACH. 3rd Co is heavy weapons co, came from vic of SIEGEBURG and have been here two days. S-2: Find out about orders, strength, units, positions in line, their TO, whether they know anything about defensive positions East of the Rhine.
- 1043 - S-2 to Blue 3: Did you send 13 PW's to me this morning? Ans: As far as I know, they didn't. S-2: Do you know where the rockets are coming from? Blue 3: I think they are coming from around Pt 93.
- 1048 - S-2 to White 2: Lt. Chandler, White 2, states that he sent 13 PW's back. F co picked them up from 698378, they were from 1st Bn of the 958 - the rest of the Bn is to be made Combat Group KICKIE - Lt. Marks was the commander and he was killed. A SP was knocked out at Pt 76. S-2: If it is possible try to get some identification if there are any dead enemy around the SP gun. White 2: Our best OP is at 65, you can see BODIGEN and points S of 25.
- 1100 - S-2 gives latest PW identifications to G-2 and reports on the rockets that have been coming into the Bn area.
- 1124 - Sgt Schneider, PWI reports to S-2: 2 NCO's state the 958 has three Bns. The regiments ordinarily have 3 Bns - other men from the 958 have said that there are only two battalions.
- 1225 - S-3 to G-3: Tell Maj. Crocker, ASP, that I'd like the air to work over the town at 715380, town at 720383, town at 736385, and the ridge road to HENNEF. Ans: OK, I will.
- 1255 - Maj. Crocker to Capt Clark: Can you give me more details on the pts you want hit by air? Ans: We jump sometime tomorrow morning before light, no time has been set. Maj. Crocker: The towns are good targets but I don't know about the road.

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- 1305 - Red Bn reports: to Capt. Clark: Stan went to the bridge and it is definitely out. He has one AT gun and 1 platoon covering it. Can you give me some locations? Ans: Gives line - 2 of the 309th. 2 of the 16th, 3 of the 16, 1 of the 18th - and the general shape of the present bridgehead.
- 1310 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Clerk: We went in 14 prisoners this morning at 0730 hours. Those are the ones that Maj. Smith wanted to know about. I co can not see the bridge. The river is 10 feet wide, no estimate on depth. Bridge at 81 in good condition, do not know if it will support tanks. Cpl Wineberg, Blue Bn reports: K co reports 15 rockets came from azimuth of 75 degrees, estimated 4000 yards; landed to rear of 3rd platoon CP at 1035 hours; I Co reported enemy infantry with full tanks at 712372 and 712374. Artillery fired on them. At 1025 hours, K co reported 6 rounds of 150mm came from azimuth of 55 degrees and at 2000 yards, landed 800 yards to right rear. believed to be a 3 gun battery. At 1045 hours K Co reported 22 rounds of 75mm coming from 70 degrees and 2500 yards; believed to be a tank. At 1125 hours, a company reported 3 rounds of 77mm landed to right rear of 3rd platoon, came from 55 degrees and about 2000 yards. At 1150 hours, K co reported artillery and rockets came from 65 degrees and 3500 yards, and landed 500 yards to the right rear. At 1155 hours, L co reported enemy artillery ~~and rockets~~ 50 rounds, landed in L co vicinity. Enemy tank reported 300 to 400 yards west of 42. At 1215 hours, K co reported ~~300~~ 6 more rockets landing to the right rear. At 1230 hours, L co reported a few shells landed in area, and enemy in groups on one and two at a time on the ridge. At 1235 hours, L co reported artillery and rocket fire still falling in area. At 1257 hours K co reported rockets. At 1240 hours I co was receiving mortar fire, also getting machine gun fire 100 feet from their outpost. Movement has been observed on the other side of the stream. At 1300 hours, I co reported enemy machine gun chased away by mortar fire.
- 1320 - S-3 to Col. Grant, white 6: The engineer officer is attached to you and he can tell you more about the bridge than I can. He does need 33 feet of treadway which is available. S-3 to Capt. Elder: We still have the same plan. The time will be sometime tomorrow morning before light. In order to put in a treadway, you will have to clear GEISBACH and the high ground.
- 1345 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Groves: Our ammo allocation is an additional 900 rounds of light mortar which expires at 0600 hours tomorrow, so pick them up. Ans: Right sir.
- 1350 - S-3 to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs: Road between ROFT and SOVEN has a crater that needs 3 truck loads of dirt and a bulldozer to fix it.
- 1355 - Capt. Moore, 18th Inf: Could you give me your blue CP location? Ans: In EISBACH at 687354.
- 1400 - White Bn reports: 1125 hours, OP observed 20 to 30 enemy at ALTENBODINGEN. 1159 hours, 5 enemy at 20 yards interval at the same place. 1225 hours, 3 enemy going east at 712427; 2 enemy going W at 714425; 3 enemy going north at 712427.

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- 1400 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: Where is the right flank of I co? Ans: At 710368 at the road junction.
- 1402 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf S-3: Gives the above information in item of 1400 hours, and also mentions the enemy strong points spotted by I Co at 725369 and 715366.
- 1405 - Blue Bn reports: 1310 hours, L co reports bridge is good in the I co sector; it is made of wood, 10 feet wide, and will support a vehicle. (Did not know if it would support a tank). 1335 hours K co reports 15 rounds of 75mm landing 600 yards to left rear of the co CP.
- 1415 - S-2 to G-2: Gives OP reports as of 1400 hours and 1405 hours. G-2 says that the artillery reports that the enemy artillery is displaced back about another 1000 yards from where it was yesterday.
- 1422 - Colonel Beck to S-3: You go at 2400 hours. People on the immediate S of you go together with the 104th Inf., 4 hours before you, at 2000 hours.
- 1445 - S-6 to Col. Beck: I'll be ready to attack whenever the 18th Inf gets to a point where they are ready to cross the river and fight. Would like to have you get them to take 693411. I'm ready to go east from there and if I have to go north it will knock me off balance. Col. Beck: OK, with you prodding me, I can talk anyone into doing anything.
- 1505 - Blue Bn reports rockets and artillery are still falling in the Bn area.
- 1535 - I&R OP reports that the OP is 200 yards NE of Pt 79.
- 1540 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to Lt. Stephens: Wants story on recon to bridge south of HERMES? Ans: Lt. Stephens gives the information as previously listed.
- 1558 - Red Bn reports: 825 rounds of mixed artillery fire and 160 rounds of rockets. This includes the whole Bn.
- 1600 - 18th Inf 1st Bn reports: We are sending a 6 man patrol (right l., down 2.4) to town of HERMES just below you I co. Will you notify your 3rd Bn? Ans: Yes sir.
- 1607 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Gives above msg. The following hourly report is given by 3rd Bn - 1510 hours, 20 rounds of rockets landed in K co area. 1515 hours, 20 rounds of rocket landed in K area. 1530 hours 2 rounds of 105 landed in K co area. 1545 hours, L co reported 20 enemy at 705386. Fired on by Cannon Co., enemy tank observed 200 yards N of Pt 32. 1600 hours, 20 rounds of rocket, followed by 12 more in K co area.
- 1625 - Blue Bn shell report - 1350 rockets; 40 rounds of 150mm; 85 rounds of 105mm; 120 rounds of 77mm; 75 rounds of 81mm mortar.

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- 1625 - G-2 to S-2: 3-9th sent recon up to HENNEF road. They found Regal mines at 67404045 to 67424026 and covered with brush. V CORPS cleared R8003 and high ground there. R81 06 still has resistance. West bank of WEED river is clear. 3rd Army: Enemy clear of 12th Corps Zone. 3000 PW's taken; at MAINZ R2867 town captured. 9000 PW's yesterday. There is no confirmed report of anyone across SIEG river. 309th says that they will take care of the mines.
- 1630 - Major Crocker, ASP to Lt. Stephens: We are getting a squadron of planes. You will get 4 planes. What target do you want bombed or strafed? Ans: 715380 to be bombed, and strafed the one to the NE of that point.
- 1645 - Blue Bn hourly report - 1445 hours, Freeport OP observed scattered enemy movement of personnel out of BODINGEN and ALTEN BODINGEN. 1620 hours, Freeport OP observed one enemy vehicle going into BODINGEN. At 724425, 5th field fired on a house there.
- 1700 - white Bn shell report: 300 rounds of artillery (Light) and 20 rockets.
- 1710 - Lt. Stephens to 3rd Bn: Planes are going to bomb Pt 82 and strafed Pt 68.
- 1715 - Major Edmonds to S-3: What are the boundary between 1 and 3? S-3: You have all buildings at the road junction and 200 yards N. Ans: How about town at 41? S-3: No, you don't have any responsibility there. On the south your responsibility ends at the main road 724388. Are your engineers ready? Ans: Yes, they are going up right after dark.
- 1727 - S-3 to Blue 3: Give above information on the boundary. Ans: What are the 2nd Bn objectives? S-3: Pts 41 and 39. Are your engineers ready? Ans: Yes, they are.
- 1735 - S-3 to Capt. Elder: What do you hear from your recon? Ans: Nothing; he hasn't left yet. S-3: Are your engineers ready? Ans: Yes. S-3 gives above boundary information.
- 1735 - Dagwood I&R OP to S-2: I can see as far North as HAPBERSCHOB. HEISTERSHOB is not very discernable - HAPBERSCHOB is. We can see Northeast to the town of ALTEN right next to BODINGEN. S-2: Can you see MILDINEN to the left of HAPBERSHOB, 4000 yards west of HAPBERSHOB? Ans: No, we can't see any of the river or the road there. S-2: Can you see BLANKENBERG, it is the 7340 square? Ans: No. S-2: Can you see the main road between HENNEF and UCKERATH? Ans: Yes, we can see it from about RASBERG. That is just west of STRIEFEN. S-2: Can you see LICHTENBERG? Ans: I do not know. S-2: Can you see 39? Ans: Yes. S-2: Can you see 94; main road to 94 from 39? I am interested in the area east of that. I am also interested in 56 and BUCKHOLZ and southeast along the main road. That is the center of what I want observed and south east to 69 and 70. Also pick out a couple places that you can see well and have the artillery shoot them so you will be all set for tomorrow. I am interested in BODINGEN, troops, SPs, tanks and south and east to the river are most points of interest.

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- 1735 - S-2 to G-2: 1500 rounds of rockets - 1350 rounds fell in Blue Bn area. Artillery 1360 rounds of which 150 is medium; 75 rounds of 81mm mortar.
- 1740 - 18th Inf S-2 to Clerk: At 1735 hours, our 1st Bn is sending a patrol to 711366.
- 1745 - S-2 to White 2: Along the road between 67404045 and 67421026 recon patrol from the 78th Div found keigel mines, partially covered with sand and dirt. their engineers are going to take care of removing them. You might alert every one not to drive down that road and look out for mines in your area. White 2: Two polish people told us about the mines being laid by 20 enemy who took off their uniforms and placed mines, then went north.
- 1750 - G-2 to S-2: How many PW's? Ans: 77 PW's. G-2: 18th Inf has 3. Where is E co? S-2: At 685701. G-2: I am sending you 25 more rounds of phamplets in the morning.
- 1815 - Blue Bn reports: 1600 hours, L co reported tank firing from 7093805 - Cannon Co fired on this target. 1610 hours, K co reported 6 rounds of 150mm from 80 to 90 degrees, 3500 yards from the third platoon. 1645 hours - L co reported a few enemy to their front. 1715 hours, OP reported enemy artillery landing around the OP. 1755 hours, L co reported mortar fire hitting around the CP. 1757 - K co reported 8 to 10 rounds of 75mm (Tank) fire from 85 degrees and 2500 yards, landing in the 2nd platoon area. 1810 hours K co reported 15 rounds of 105mm from 70 to 80 degrees, 2 to 3000 yards and hitting in the 2nd and 3rd platoon areas. 5 rounds of 105mm, from 70 degrees and 3500 yards, landing in the 3rd platoon area.
- 1900 - Blue Bn reports: 1824 hours, L co reports 100 rounds of direct fire., heavy artillery and rockets in CP area. believe coming from ROTGEN - Cannon Co fired 81mm at this target. 1825 hours, K co reported 30 rounds of 105 tank fire at 90 degrees and 2500 yards and at 1815 hours 15 rockets at 70 degrees and 4000 yards hitting 6 to 700 yards to the front of the 3rd platoon. 1835 hours I co received 400 rounds of mixed fire. 1842 hours, K co received artillery from 85 degrees and 3000 yards, hitting the third platoon and 50 rockets from 70 degrees and at 5000 yards. 1847 hours L co reports tank fire from 90 degrees.
- 1916 - 2nd Bn CP is now located at 678392.
- 1925 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Elder: What are your plans? Ans: G is going to take 38. F to take 39 and then 43. G co will probably take over 39. F co to pass thru G company.
- 1926 - S-2 to 1&R OP: What have you been seeing? Ans: The enemy has been throwing stuff all through the general area. S-2: How about 54, 53, 81, 92 and NE of 92 and SE of 81? Anything in that area? Ans: Haven't seen much around there. They have tossed in about 100 rounds of light and medium arty. S-2: Keep your eyes on the area 58, 70, 94 for flashes and report them to 7th RA.

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- 1930 - S-2 to G-2; Lots of rockets and artillery coming in. Think it is coming from the vicinity behind the ridge at 58, 70 and 94. Between 600 and 800 rounds since 1600 hours. G-3; The artillery has been pooping lots of stuff back at them.
- 1940 - Capt. Elder to Maj. Smith: The Recon got back. They went to 4, 57 to 23 to place 113 (cut in road). The bridge is in the No 24. At Pt 25, it is out. Enemy mines at Pt 25 and in the town. We lost a M-9. S-3; How far did they go? Ans: They didn't get all the way to 25. The Bn OP line is out to the stream.
- 1950 - S-6 to Blue 6; Plan on going about 0200 hours.
- 1958 - S-6 to Red 6; Plan on going about 0200 hours.
- 1959 - Lt. Stephens to S-3; The 18th sent a patrol down to where our I co is. There is enemy down there, they are going to send a reinforced platoon down there to clean it out at 2000 hours.
- 2015 - Col. Gibb to General Andrus; Certain things that I must do before we actually jump off. I will start at 12 o'clock. Will jump off at about 0200 hours. Enemy is pounding river line continually with artillery. Everything seems to be lined up and when they come down with the artillery, I think that everything will be OK. Doesn't seem to be much coming from the north, which helps. From due north there is nothing. G-6; Corps artillery has been firing counter-battery all day. How about demolitions? S-6; I told Grant to blow whatever bridges he could. G-6; Good luck to Fred, and I will be watching you as usual.
- 2026 - I&R OP to S-2; A few minutes ago we saw a flare 50 degrees from our position, about 3000 yards; white flare coming into our lines. Also picked up a flash but couldn't get a report on it. S-2; Any artillery coming in? Ans; About 2 rounds of medium artillery came in about 10 minutes ago, southeast of WESTERHAUSEN. Has increased since dark.
- 2040 - I&R OP reports: A fire has broken out about 65 degrees at Pt 79,- it is about 2000 yards out.
- 2045 - S-2 to Red 3, Capt. Kolb; What about enemy artillery fire? Ans; Banging in here regularly. There was an increase this afternoon but since dark there hasn't been any increase. OP picked up rocket guns at 108 degrees and 110 degrees, time of flight 23 seconds. S-2; Any reports from companies? Ans; A co reported a little enemy activity and they shelled it. S-2; I have nothing, new.
- 2054 - S-2 to Blue 2; What is new? Ans; Plenty of artillery. OP picked up some rockets. S-2; I have nothing new at present.
- 2100 - G-2 to S-2; Here is a little information for you; 18th Inf 1st Bn went at 20 hours. White getting hit heavy with artillery from HISSEHEL at 725368. They have patrol down to your I co. Just the 1st Bn moving now. Ans; We had an increase in artillery this afternoon. Bns report troops moving across the way. G-2; PW reported that 20 SP's in front of you and 18th Inf.

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- 2100 - I&R OP reports: At 2045 hours at 105 degrees from OP there was 2 machine guns (enemy) and several rifles firing and one of our MG's firing back. It was about 1500 to 2000 yards from the OP. At 2055 hours, at 55 degrees, 6 amber flares - no estimate of range.
- 2110 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Kestlinger: 1st Bn of the 18th is half way thru town of WELLESEBERG. 2nd Bn will go to the right where the town is clear.
- 2117 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We got a lot of stuff attached to us and like it, but we need a litter jeep and half track ambulance in case we have to evacuate them. Ans: I'll speak to the Major about it. White 3; Also like to know how "A" co gets their vehicles up to them? Ans: I'll call back and let you know. 18th Inf has half the town of WELLESEBERG.
- 2125 - G-2 to S-2: B of 18th in WELLESEBERG. 515th to jump with 2 battalions.
- 2130 - OP reports: At 2110 hours at approximately 103 degrees, enemy machine gun firing two short bursts. At the same time there were two lights observed between 38 and 42 degrees at 2000 yards. Looks like flashlights moving from right to left. At 2112 hours, rockets and mortars firing from 110 degrees and landing about 1000 yards southeast of OP.
- 2130 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2; What road are you using? Ans: Like to use 79, 67, 65, 66 and 54, but it is not cleared yet. We used 79, 80, 54 last night for chow.
- 2140 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3; Gives above information from Red 2. Also tells him that he will have to use the transportation he has. White 3; I'm unhappy. Lt. Kestlinger: Would you want to use a couple weasels? Ans: I'll let you know later.
- 2155 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger; Recon for bridge site reports that it is 50 feet across and it is waist deep. We are trying to find another place as we cannot get a bridge across there by daylight.
- 2200 - Lt. Stephens LO to 18th Inf, to Lt. Kestlinger; 18th Inf C co in position by our I co. Lt. Kestlinger: I co reports counteratta ck by tanks and Infantry. Does our flank touch their flank? Ans: I'll find out.
- 2210 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donnley, G-2; Just got a report from Blue Bn that I Co is getting a counterattack with tanks and infantry in the vicinity of 710370. Enemy tanks reported at 708370.
- 2210 - S-2 to Red 2: I co reports they are getting a counterattack down there in their area. There are tanks and infantry. Do not know much about it as yet but will let you know when we get it. Ans: OK. A co got a couple of prisoners at Pt 54 and they are on the way in. They got them before dark.
- 2210 - S-5 to Blue 3; 18th Inf has platoon in HERRIG in buildings there. Blue 3; Our co reports fire coming 200 yards at 708370. S-5; Have tanks crossed the bridge? Ans: Yes, they must have, coordinate is on this side of the bridge. S-5; ~~XXX~~ Are you people on road? Ans: Yes, in buildings there. S-5; That is where tanks are. Where are your antitank guns? Ans: At KURSCHIED.

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- 2215 - S-3 to White 3; Speaks of the I co counter attack and the positions of tanks.
- 2220 - S-5 to G-3; Speaks of item 2210 hours. S-5; puts attack at 710368. Believes tanks came across bridge from south, at least two tanks and Infantry.
- 2225 - OP reports; Rocket, mortars, firing from 101 degrees and landing approximately 500 yards SE of BP. That was reported at 2143 hours. At 2152 hours round of mortar fire from 105 degrees, landing approximately 500 yards SE of OP. At 2218 hours, flashlight observed shining constantly 15 seconds at 85 degrees from the OP.
- 2242 - S-2 to G-2; I co discussed in general. S-2; I have 2 PWs caught at LANZENBACH; 1 from the 4th co of the 958 and 1 from the Hqs co of the 958. This man wore civilians clothes under army overcoat. I have a total of 79 PWs today. Any dope of the 18th going to WELLESBERG? Ans; 18th Inf has 2 PWs from the 7th co of the 957, strength of co 20 men left in WELLESBERG to defend the town.
- 2242 - Cannon Co to S-3; Our fire was effective and ran tanks away. After my fire stopped, friendly fire continued to fall in that sector.
- 2245 - S-2 to PW1; Speaks of conversation with G-2 and suggests all future PW interrogation include questions and answers as to who is North of the river or the flank near SIEGBERG.
- 2300 - Blue 3 to S-5; Things have quieted down now. I co reports that the enemy has either withdrawn or is now digging in. We are still getting fire from SP's out there. S-5; Which side of the river were they on? Ans; Both sides. Jackson and one squad are going down there on the two tanks to reinforce. S-5; It is strange tho, that 18th Infantry has an outpost down there that reports all quiet. Who is in command of them? Ans; Lt. Baumgartner. We are still getting a lot of rocket fire; no one seems to be getting hurt tho. S-5; Cannon Co is firing between you and Red. McCarthy wants more ammo. You must stay within the limits on the lights. You have beaucoup artillery too.
- 2308 - Lt. Stephens to Mr. Lipinski; 18th Infantry F is 300 yards SW of 104; still moving; no contact. 18th Inf B in the town of WELLESBERG, cleaning up. Did not meet much. 18th Inf C is up by I co. Reports all quiet in that sector.
- 2315 - PW1 reports; The two PWs captured at 0300 hours insist they were in HOFEN. Do we have LANZENBACH? Ans; Yes, PW1; These PWs were stragglers from a co Hqs of the 958, believe there are 100 men left and 3 mortars. The rest of the Bn retreated to LANZENBACH.
- 2325 - Red 2 to S-2; I co incident is discussed in general. S-2 speaks of area as quiet now. Red 2; I have 10 PWs from A co on the way up. PWs found in houses from 54 leading N from our side of the stream. Capt. Winter reports concentration of enemy on the high ground east of him at 704393.

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- 2250 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to S-3; They are across the river up N of 51. Highlanders across at 2130 hours. How are things with you? Ans; Had some trouble at I co. Still getting a lot of artillery and rockets. G-3; 18th Inf reports shifting S toward 104th.
- 2340 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-6; Decoy S-6; F secured first objective, on both sides of the river. E passes thru F for objective C. Blue is not moving so rapidly. Meeting a lot of arty and rockets. F is definitely secured on both sides.
- 2342 - I&R OP reports: 2245 hours, 20 degrees, amber flare. 2259 hours, 20 degrees amber flare. 2322 hours, large fire at 35 degrees at approx 4000 yards. 2326 hours small green light at 20 degrees and 3000 yards.
- 2349 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: I co incident discussed. Enemy believed to be on both sides of the stream. G-2; F of 18th at 720355 on the move, B co in town. G-2; There is an unconfirmed report that 2 Bns of 51st Highlanders crossing river tonight. G-2 to S-2; People down south pushed out. S-2 gives report of 1st Bn's 10 PW's. G-2; PW said 11th Para was going north. Took over 200 PWs of low quality. S-2 confirms jump at 0200 hours for Bns. G-2; 3rd Army still working near MANHEIM. Large reserve Div along RHINE. Estimate 50,000 PWs with the 3rd Army. 18th Inf moving along. WELLESBERG about cleared by 1st Bn - they move 3000 yards today.
- 2355 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to Maj. Robbins, 7th FA LC; Capt. Wells of Blue received a request from Regt to fire 1 round every 20 seconds on 711373 and 710325 until ordered to lift. It is a mortar target. I can't spare a platoon and the pieces. They are receiving small arms fire and machine gun fire. I have so many other missions to fire from 1st Bn and Division artillery. (Major Robbins said to pass on some of the mission to Cannon Co).

LOCATION: CP in HEISTERBACERROTT, 643333, Germany; approx 0900 hours
 CP moved forward to OBERPLEIS, Germany, 676351.
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- 0005 - Lt. Johnson, A Engrs, to Mr. Lipinski: One bridge in north of the 2nd Bn. I have 36 foot trestleway to lay down as soon as truck gets down there. Estimate one hour to 1½ hours. One bridge in center of 1st Bn is out and a 50 foot gap is there. Will have to fecon and try to cross 400 yards to the south. At 704378 vicinity of 3rd Bn, bridge is in. All houses cleared and secured on other side of the river. Bridge at HENNER, 685415, is in and can cross at rear by RR, using the RR underpass in order to reach the main highway.
- 0010 - Lt. Stephens, I O to 18th Inf, to Mr. Lipinski: 18th's I co are 75 yards West of pt 105. No resistance. No report on the 2nd Bn.
- 0010 - G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: 78th Div reported enemy infantry, size unknown, attempting river crossing at 688418. They are firing at it now. Mr. Lipinski: What is the latest information? G-2: From a radio source, PATTON is across the RHINE.
- 0012 - Red 2 to Mr. Lipinski: Contact patrol with 3rd and 2nd Bns has been made. The 3rd was contacted at 2400 hours and the 2nd Bn at 2315 hours. Mr. Lipinski relays the latest information.
- 0014 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: Things are quiet now. We have no line to co I. We are sweating them out. Mr. Lipinski: I understand that I co has some people on the other side of the bridge in those houses? Ans: Yes, I co has some people across on the other side. It is all quiet now. I understand that the 18th is getting a counterattack now. Mr. I: We have no report of such.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens, I O to 18th Inf, to Mr. Lipinski: The 18th Inf has a platoon down to 725348. Plan to move soon to 733358. Establishing road block at 725348.
- 0024 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: (Info as above given for the past hour). G-3: 3rd Bn of the 18th has no contact with the enemy. I co has taken objective "E" and on the way to objective "C".
- 0032 - Mr. Lipinski to Lt. Stephens: Do you have any reports of a counterattack on the 1st Bn of the 18th? Ans: No.
- 0033 - Lt. Johnson, A Co, 1st Engrs to S-3: You know the information on the bridge? Ans: Yes, the 1st Bn bridge is 50 feet. Lt. J: The 3rd Bn bridge is good. I would suggest that the 1st Bn use this bridge and use their own road net. Col. Driscoll is acquainted with the situation. S-3: OK, I will talk to Col. Driscoll; notify MARTINEZ.
- 0044 - I&R OP reports to Mr. Lipinski: 0003 hrs, 2 WP shells at 90 degrees, and 2000 yards. 0024 hrs, arty hitting at 62 degrees approx 2000 yards, 0035 hours, smoke screen East and NE of the OP.

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- 0045 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Mr. Lipinski: Have another report from the 78th Div. The size of the attacking force on the river crossing was a platoon in size. Some men apparently didn't get in the boat. They were hit by artillery with good results.
- 0050 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to Mr. Lipinski: We have one platoon NW of Pt 38 at EDGOVEN.
- 0054 - S-2 to White 2: I understand that you have some PWs? Ans: Yes, 5. They were taken at EDGOVEN. They are being interrogated now. At 2330 hours, L co occupied at bridge (Location unknown). Bridge is in good condition and they have OP on the other side of the bridge. 2 squads are on the other side.
- 0057 - Major Smith, S-3 to Red 2: Do you know the engineer estimate on the bridge? Ans: Yes, 50 feet. S-3: The engr's want to concentrate their main efforts on the 3rd Bn bridge. Martinez will get you a route on the other side, leading to your MSR. Bridge is at 702378. It will serve you and the 3rd Bn. Ans: OK, I will tell the Colonel. S-3: If this is agreeable, let me know..
- 0107 - S-3 to Capt. MacGregor, 18th Inf: What is the latest? Ans: K co is passing thru I co, going on to their objective F. We have not met the enemy in force yet. 2nd Bn consolidating at objective B and heading towards objective C with "B" co.
- 0110 - 1st Bn reports negative. B and C co's have pulled their lines. We are sending some papers back to regiment.
- 0117 - White Bn reports to Capt. Hall, S-2: PW from the 2nd Co, Pz Yaeger Section, 353rd Div, reports approx., 50 men in the co. He doesn't know the strength of the other co's. They were organized 5 days ago. Believe other two companies have the same strength. PW stated that he was in position with 4 other men to secure the rear of the other troops. Forded river at 695425, when the bridge was blown; the others withdrew. There are two SP guns in GEISBACH. One SP is knocked out in the vicinity of Pt 29. One co with 60 men are in GEISBACH, and OZENBACH (?). Several men taken from co to form a rear guard team to protect the rest of the co. The destination of the co was unknown. One NGO in the group of the 5 PWs. PW says river is three feet deep in the deepest part.
- 0120 - Col. Driscoll to Maj. Smith, S-3: (Information on the bridge is given as previously listed). Red 6: I would prefer to have the bridge. S-3: OK, you will.

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- 0125 - I&R OP reports: 0105 hours, fire started at 12 degrees, 3500 yards to 4000 yards from the OP. WP fired in the vicinity. 0115 hours, heavy concentration of WP fired in vicinity of Pt 94. Scattered enemy artillery all along the front.
- 0130 - S-2 to G-2: S-2 forwards S-2 information from previous items of this journal.
- 0135 - S-3 to "A" co 1st Engrs: I talked to Lt. Johnson a few minutes ago in regard to the 1st Bn bridge. Col. Driscoll wants the bridge in tonight. Ans: OK, you will have to contact Lt. Johnson.
- 0140 - Lt. Stephens, IO to 18th Inf, to Maj. Smith, S-3: L co is on their objective. Co K is to take northern part of the next objective; L co the southern part. Do you know the reason for the smoke in vicinity of I Co? S-3: No, I will check it.
- 0143 - S-3 to B ue: Are you using smoke near I co? Ans: Yes, to confuse the enemy when we pushed out a little. L co has one platoon across the river. The bridge is definitely in. S-3 Engrs stated that it is clear to 70.
- 0145 - FWI reports: 10 FWs from the 1st Bn - 1 from the 4th co of the 958 Regt.; 3 from the 5th co of the 957; 1 from the 13th co of the 957; 1 from the Hq co, 1st Bn of the 957; 1 from the 1st Co, 363 AT Bn; 2 from the 2nd Co of the 958 Regt.
- 0151 - Red 2 to S-3: Co's have moved out. Fire fight along the river. B co doesn't know where the fire is coming from. It isn't bothering them. They are moving ahead and the fire isn't holding them up.
- 0154 - G-3 to S-3: What time did you push off? Ans: We have been moving right along. (Information in above items given).
- 0210 - S-3 to White 3: Have you 39, 38 and 41 yet? Ans: Have decided not to do it. It's too early yet. Got a report from up N of one tank and 30 Inf at Pt 25. Have ordered them to clear it.
- 0217 - Red 3 to S-3: B co at 703388 and getting fire from a point 100 yards due east of them. Have no communications with C co but B co has communications with them.
- 0220 - Lt. Stephens to S-3: 3rd of the 18th getting counterattack at 727354 of 5 tanks and infantry. Artillery reports knocking out one tank already. No information on White Bn of the 18th, communications have been out for some time with them.
- 0230 - I&R OP reports: At 1410 hours scattered small arms and mortar fire 50 degrees at 2000 yards. 0150 hours, friendly WP laying smoke screen north of the OP. At 0200 hours fire fight in vicinity of the smoke screen. Both friendly and enemy machine gun fire. Enemy mortars shelling area of the fight. The fight has been going on for the last hour, (half hour).

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- 0233 - PWI reports: 3 days ago 2 co's of 60 men each, from the various elements of 353rd Div, came from the vic of WAHN and crossed the SIEG river at 0300 hours the 22 of March. These 2 co's are commanded by Capt. ZARGE and the unit is called rear guard unit ZARGE. Mission was to cover the Inf in this vic which is retreating across the SIEG. Already suffered 50 casualties and only one co of 60 to 70 with some 10 bazookas and panzerfaust, rifles, etc., remain. The co is now probably in GEISBACH. All bridges across SIEG in this vic were blown last night. This information comes from 5 PWs that the 2nd Bn sent in. They are from the 1st Co of the 353rd AT Bn.
- 0240 - Red 3 to S-3: C co on their 1st objective. B co is moving up on theirs.
- 0243 - Red 2 to clerk: B and C co's taking PWs on the 1st objective, 710390.
- 0245 - Red 2 to S-3: Is the bridge in? S-3: Yes. Red 2: Do not think the road from 54 to 81 has been swept. Dut, if we need tanks, we'll push them down. Do not think that there are mines there. S-3: Send a man with them to look it over.
- 0249 - S-3 to G-3: Have complaint - Co A 86th cal Wpns is no good. Having the same trouble with them that I had before. They don't send FO's out, they don't fire, they will not go out with the companies. The Bns do not want them. I want to put a complaint against them to their headquarters. Ans: OK, I'll call CORPS on it.
- 0315 - White 3 to S-3: Latest information: G co reports knocking out 1 SP gun and trying to get another. We are in the center of the town now. This was at 0307 hrs. How about straightening this situation out with the 4.2's? I asked him for a FO and they said that they haven't any, and that they are not going to get any. They will not go out. S-3: Called Div and they will call CORPS. Have you heard any thing on the task force yet? Ans: No. S-3: Have you alerted F co yet? Ans: No, but am going to do it now.
- 0317 - Capt. Niple, Medic Det, to S-3: 2 women are over here, say a woman is going to have a baby and they want to get the woman doctor on the other side of the town. They are afraid to walk across the town. S-3: Send a man with them.
- 0319 - Blue 3 to S-3: I co cleared ROTT of enemy. K co is moving to 81. I on their way. They have 5 PWs from the counterattack, 2 of them are wounded. S of the bridge at 81, there is a crater. The engr's are on their way down now to repair it. We have had no report from I co lately, but we thing they are across the stream now.
- 0327 - I&R OP reports: At 0305 hours at 52 degrees, small arms fire.
- 0340 - G-3 to S-3: How is it going? S-3: Pretty good. G-3: Not going so hot down south. Blue of the 18th doing OK, but have nothing late of the 2nd Bn of the 18th. 18th got 2 PWs from the 11th Pz Div Engrs, who were down here to recon for crossings for a counterattack which will take place at 0700 hours with 50 tanks from the UCKERATH area, with infantry.