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- 0347 - S-3 to Red 2: Gives above information and wants him to get AT guns, bazookas and mines out when they get up, as we can expect armor in our area when we move up. Red 2: Ok. sir. C co is at 55 with B, a little behind them. B is moving slowly. They ran into a stiff small arms fight. Believe they are being slowed up by PWs they are taking.
- 0355 - S-3 to White 3: What have you on Pt 25? Ans: Just getting information now. Running into trouble. "E" still only half way in and ran into another SP gun which they are trying to get, and daylight is coming fast. S-3: Red is past 55, White #3: As far as I know, there is still one tank and 30 infantry at Pt 25. S-6: Want that cleaned out right now, as we have a report that the 11th Pz Div is in the vicinity.
- 0400 - Blue Bn reports: At 0355 hours I co reports being 300 yards on the other side of the creek. At 0357 hours, L co reports an estimated co of infantry and tanks at 708383; they took 3 PWs.
- 0405 - S-3 to Blue 3: S-3 checks on the situation of the 3rd Bn as of this hour. Blue 3 reports K co is at 81 and patrol of L was at 708383. S-3: Notifies of PWs, picked up from the 11th Pz Div, indicating a counterattack, and tells Blue 3 to keep closed up and get to the objective. Blue 3 says he will push K directly up the road in case the thing slows down. S-6 speaks to Blue 3 and recommends a tie in with the 2nd Bn.
- 0407 - Red 6 to S-6: Red 6 reports C and B on the ridge. B ran into a lot of stuff in the draw; got quite a few PWs there and that slowed them down. Red 6 says things are going Ok, and states that there is no way to get tanks and TD's up. S-6: Reports situation of the 2nd and 3rd Bns and says that 2nd Bn has been instructed to clear the road immediately. Red 6 says a flash from C co puts them beyond 55 in the valley.
- 0422 - I&R reports: At 0340 hours, small arms fire approx., 50 degrees and 2000 yds. 0345 hours, flares fired at Pt 60. 0420 hours, mortars fire at 20 degrees and approx., 2000 yards.
- 0430 - S-3 to 18th Inf: S-3 gives the locations of our units as of this hour. 18th Inf K is up almost on its objective; has been catching tank fire on the right flank from the 104th sector from tanks that pulled back from the counterattack earlier. 3rd Bn moving Ok, 2nd Bn held up all night, just starting to move. E co just went around the right side of the draw, cutting towards 81.
- 0440 - Blue Bn reports: K moving towards 82. L moving to crest. I passed phase line "B" by 50 yards. No resistance reported.
- 0445 - White 6 to S-3: Engrs say road 66 to 54, and 54 to 38 and the draw north of 66 to 54 is getting mortared. Machine gun fire is also coming from the high ground. Unable to work on the roads. At daylight we should have the recon and "E" at 25, the rest of the light tanks are to go up soon. Don't know how I will get the TD's up to 38. There is stuff "go" in the town of 38. B, ck at 53, the heavy wpmn platoon went thru the town and started across open space; tanks and inf blazed away at them. The platoon saw beaucoup enemy all around there. Have a co committed on

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GEISBACH. S-3: Pass F around after 25 is clear. White 6: This is rugged up here, the toughest we have had. S-3: Reports situation of the 1st and 3rd Bns. White 6: Wirt will clear the town up if it can be done. No word on the casualties. One enemy SP was knocked out in the town.

- 0500 - G-3 to S-3: 18th Inf Blue is on the west edge of 183, coming up the hill. K is at right 2.5, and down 3.8. S-3 gives our positions as follows: C at 715395 and going E. B at 716387 and going E; I at 716379. K at 710377, advancing up the road in center of the 3rd Bn area. L at 709377 on the wooded knoll. E at 690112, trying to clear to edge of HENNEF. G at 698106; F is alerted to move, and may already be moving. G-3: 11th Pz Div CP at 797372, and bivouaced there. We are getting the Cubs up early and trying to get Air over early.
- 0507 - Blue 3 reports: I co has not cleared the town. Armor is going up to them now I and K are abreast. Getting a lot of fire up there.
- 0520 - CO of the 18th Inf to S-3: E is up to objective south of where your L and I were. G is going in now with tanks and bust up the road and on to the objective. Have a bridge in. K is on their objective. Things looking up a bit. S-3: Gives our locations as above.
- 0525 - I&R reports: 0449 hrs, 1 gun at 50 degrees, no count on flash bang. 0506 hrs, 3 guns at 45 degrees no count flash on flash bang. 0508 hrs, 1 gun at 85 degrees, 7 seconds flash-bang count. 0509 hrs, tank movement heard due E of the OP at 600 yards. OP is in WESTERHAUSEN.
- 0530 - Red 6 to S-3: We are on 56 and houses on right hand corner at BUCKHOLZ, getting our own artillery fire along the road on the ridge. Our positions are not good, couldn't stop a half track.
- 0532 - S-3 to Div Arty: 1st Bn is receiving friendly fire from artillery. 1st Bn right flank at 724387, left flank at 719398. Div arty is to check.
- 0535 - S-3 to G-3: Reports above friendly artillery fire and reviews positions of co's as previously listed above at 0500 hrs. G-3; reports that the 18th Infantry is doing better.
- 0545 - Red 2 reports: 49 PWs coming in. Mostly from the 363rd. 4 or 5 are from the 686 and 363 Pz Yaeger and attached to the 363rd.
- 0555 - White 6 to S-3: All of the town of GEISBACH is clear; getting fire from the north. (Pulled engrg truck and officer back; 5 engrg were hit - only two or three of them evacuated). Karas left with the entire co for 25. Blake is a little NW of 25, and fighting. Recon will also be between 24 and 25. Mine sweeping platoon is working the road; we might be able to move our tanks up that way. At 25 we have E, the Recon, and the light tanks. F is around 53, have five tanks; one tank and platoon looking for a forde of the stream. Will try to get the TDS up as soon as I can. Stuff is coming straight from the North. Will move F right away. S-3: Reports 1st Bn on 56.

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- 0600 - S-3 to Blue 3: How are things going? Ans: Co I platoons are pretty well depleted. K Co pinned down by tanks fire 200 yards N of 82. I co is out of communications - I plan on sweeping them north. S-3: E of the 18th Inf is at 726370.
- 0607 - S-3 to G-3: GEISBACH is finally clear. 1st Bn got 49 PWs. 2nd Bn has all 3 co's on move to close up on the left. 3rd Bn is having a sticky time of it. Ans: I have an order ready for you. We plan on putting the 26th Inf in between you and the 18th. 3rd of the 104th Inf is at 725335; B of the 104th at 728329; A of the 104th at 733325; 104th "C" objective is 742340; B objective is 745325.
- 0618 - Col. Grant, White 6 to S-3: I am moving F co through GEISBACH out to 39. G co is being reorganized to go to 40. I am tying in with Driscoll's left flank. We are getting lots of stuff from the N and NE.
- 0624 - Red 6 to S-3: B co is in a fire fight with dug in enemy to their front. There are lots of tanks and stuff moving around out there. I want air on 69 or we are S.O.L. S-3: We can get a lot of artillery on it for you also. Red 6: Enemy now appears to be moving from 68 to 69, right now.
- 0626 - S-3 to G-3: 1st Bn is hurting. Tanks to the right flank and right rear being flushed by 3rd Bn. Can we get air on it? Ans: Yes, and we will also get artillery on it.
- 0630 - S-3 to 7th FA: Get your heavy stuff on 68 and 69.
- 0635 - Red 6 to S-3: Give the air our exact positions and tell them our right co will have one orange panel.
- 0636 - Above message from Red 6 forwarded to G-3.
- 0637 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue Bn: Tell you companies to get their panels out when the air for the 1st Bn comes over.
- 0645 - I&R OP reports: At 0555 hours, pink flare cluster at 75 degrees and 2000 yards. 0557 hours, MG fire at 70 degrees and 2000 yards. 0612 hours, MG and small arms fire at 75 degrees and 2 to 3000 yards. 0619 hours, tracer fire at 70 degrees and 3000 yards.
- 0648 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Platoon of K co at 715380.
- 0700 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA reports: 8 inch guns fired at Pt 42, shifted to town at Pt 23, and also 94. 5th FA firing at 735385 at an enemy battery on the road.
- 0702 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: The panels we will use will be cerise. We captured a column of horse drawn vehicles.
- 0705 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Opposition is coming from 14 and 15 area, across the track. G co at Pt 38, I would like to put F co out at 39.

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- 0708 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger; We have 40 more PWs. Some new identifications are the 5th Para Div, 687 Pz Yaeger. We have 10 horses and carts that we captured, will have to turn them loose.
- 0710 - PWI reports; 12 PWs from the 1st Co 363 AT Bn; 16 from the 363 AT Bn, 3rd Co; 20 from the 1st Co 363 Fuseliers.
- 0715 - S-6 to Blue 6; Blue 6; L co pinned down by fire from tanks; I co has tanks with them now, they are east of 82. L co is west of 82, 300 yards, with K to the N of 82. Have 4 M-10's at 81.
- 0725 - Blue 3 to S-3; I co in town 722382. Pushing L co straight to 69. Last report on K, is that they were pinned down, if that is the case, will push L co into BUCKHOLZ to take over some buildings. Seems like we have some tanks in back of us between 1st Bn and us. S-3; 1st Bn will take care of them with their tanks.
- 0728 - S-3 to 7th FA 3; Gives report of 0725 hours from Blue Bn. 7th FA told to lift fires.
- 0730 - 18th Inf S-3 to S-3; Counterattack forming up at 724377. Will put artillery TOT on it.
- 0733 - S-3 to Red 2; I co reports they are moving east through LICHTENBERG and going for 69, and then to 70. Red 2; A co has just taken off to clean up the tanks and infantry SE of 54.
- 0745 - S-3 to White 2; White 2; Platoon of TD with F under Karas at 232425 to 38. Enemy dug in, can't cross from 53 to 38. Enemy is between the town and the stream. Tanks and infantry are 400 yards north of 38. A PW is at the RR now. E co is short of 25; F co will try to shoot thru to 54 on the high ground to 38 and then to 40. S-3; One platoon on move from 40? Ans: Yes, they are at 53 now. E co still trying to clear 25. Krucaas will clear thru them. F is supposed to go thru 39. Krauts have been fording stream at 14 and 15. 3 tanks and co sent from 53rd to stream yesterday. Direct fire N of 14 and 15. F co will work thru 54 to 40 and over to 39; Ostly is going to walk, can't get tanks over. S-3; Bridge in at 81. Ans; Also tanks and infantry at 705385. S-3; 1st Bn is working on them now. Ans; Recon made from ETKOVEN to GEISBACH. Squad of F co at ETKOVEN. S-3; Blue at 69. K in fire fight but using L on the left, looks OK, Ans; Karas arrived at 0545 hours, his whole co is there. S-3; Keep me informed as to Kara's progress and when F co pushed off.
- 0750 - PWI reports; 1st Co of the 363rd AT Bn was committed from the vicinity of 705385 to vicinity of 704379. They were committed as plain infantry with bazookas. Had 80 men. To their right was the 1st platoon of the 3rd co, same Bn, with four 2cm AA guns. This platoon has been completely destroyed. Make up of the 363rd AT Bn is 1st Co; has or had bazookas and panzerfaust, and 60 men; 2nd co had Mark III or Mark IV tanks; 3rd co AA co with 2cm and 3.7cm guns. 1st Co of the 363 Fus. Bn was 1st Co of the 959 regt yesterday. Were told last night that they were 1st co of the 363rd. Only indicates that the 959th might be dissolved. Had 54 men, vicinity of 702388. 3 prisoners from 2nd Bn; don't know what they are.

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- 0800 - Blue 3 to S-3: Got TDs and tanks going up now. Little pockets here and on the left. We will get it cleared up OK.
- 0805 - 18th Inf to Lt. Kestlinger: Bn of Infantry and 6 enemy tanks at 727376.
- 0810 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is this about a Bn of infantry and tanks at 727376? Ans: People at Pt 83, part of E co of 18th, report they can see infantry and tanks there. Red 6; Motorcycles running up the road and our boys are machinegunning them. If the planes get up they can really do a lot. There is plenty there.
- 0820 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Col. Driscoll reports that there is plenty for the air if they go up now. People running around all over the place.
- 0830 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: I co is in the town just east of 82 in southern part of it. K is in the northern part. Drawing plenty of fire from 68. L between 82 and the river along the road. B co is adjusting fire on the tanks and back side of the town. How about some air on 68? Ans: I just called Div about it, sir. Do you want air that close? Ans: If we can get it.
- 0842 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Toby; Blue just called and at 68, there is more than they can handle. Would you put big stuff and everything you can on it? Ans: We can put mediums and light on it.
- 0900 - S-2 to Blue 2; The PW has moved up to OBERPLEIS, so that any that you can get can be sent there. How are things going? Ans: I co is held up by tanks. SP firing from the north. Enemy between 1st and 2nd Bns, and between us and the 18th Infantry. S-3; I could not get any air up there, but I have the artillery to fire plenty of big stuff in the town. Close in a little on 1st Bns flank.
- 0908 - White 6 to S-2; Is the Colonel there? Ans: Not available. White 2; Krucas has left already. Ostby will pick up other two platoons and go to 54. Karas to jump for 26 and then to 39. A counterattack of one co of infantry and 4 tanks or SP's coming from the northeast on G co. In case of emergency E co will rush down with light tanks and help out. Getting some fire from across the river.
- 0915 - White 2 to S-3; Gave the above information on the counterattack.
- 0915 - Capt. Clark to Major Smith; ~~XXXX~~ You can move down now (speaking from Forward CP at OBERPLEIS). General Andrus is here, can you give me the latest positions on the units? S-3; G is getting a counterattack with Inf and 4 tanks or SP's coming from NE. F, less one platoon, going from 54 to 40, then to 39.
- 0920 - Capt. Clark to Blue 6; What is the latest dope? Blue 6; K and L in the town KUNZENHOHN at 717 northing - L behind them. Drawing heavy machine gun and tank fire from Pt 68. Laying some artillery on it, a good amount, and then will smoke it. We will then rush it. Observer with B is directing the fire.
- 0925 - S-2 to White; The PW has moved to OBERLEIS, so if you get any prisoners send them there as we are moving shortly.

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- 0930 - S-2 to G-2: G is at GEISBACH. Knocked out one SP with bazookas. Getting small counterattack coming from 689411. We have a platoon of TDs coming down which should catch them from the rear. A few PWs are back from there. Identifications are mostly from the 2nd co, 164th. 2 co's along the main road, B and C. Lot of enemy running around in the open. Behind them at approx. 713394, enemy is dug in there. A is coming in there to work on it. I on the south, K on the north, both in town at 716380. Tanks and Tds behind them. 6 or 8 tanks or SPs in town firing on them. Fair amount of stuff coming in. Ans: 18th Inf L knocked out 5 tanks at hill 274. British have two divisions across. Patton has 2 across, very little opposition.
- 0940 - Freeport (G co) to S-2: G co getting counterattack of one co of infantry and some tanks. Need medical attention badly. Need infantry support. Send bazookas, grenades, small arms ammo, immediately; need 2 medical jeeps and 2 medical men as soon as possible. Coming from 200 to 300 yards NE of 25. Lift all artillery fire temporarily; are badly disorganized. Enemy has fallen back some from the artillery, ~~XXX~~ Will try to counter-attack and retake lost positions.
- 0950 - Blue En to S-2: We have 47 FWs here from the 958 and 959 Regt and all are practically new men, mostly 16 years old and kids. They stated that one battery in UCKERATH. Assault guns on hill around here, no definite location. Their defensive positions was behind hill 82 with 2 assault guns. They came last night. Most of them are stragglers from other units.
- 0958 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 to S-2: One enemy tank broke through to just below 25, 0-2409, and across the river there is possibly a SP with 50 infantry. 745th had a tank there which they blew.
- 1009 - Maj. Edmond to Maj. Smith, S-3: 5 enemy tanks around buildings at road junction leading down from 41. Firing on B and C. Stan is moving tanks up to shoot them. 3 big ones and 2 little ones came down from 41. Last fire reported 25 yards short and now tanks advanced to where fire is landing.
- 1012 - I&R OP reports: Spotted 4 SPs 500 yards SE of Pt 40 in woods at 713396. S-2: Can you see any tanks at 718399? Ans: Yes, sir, 500 yards NW of 56. Our artillery firing on tanks now.
- 1015 - S-2 to Maj. Edmonds: My I&R OP just picked up 4 SPs at 713396. They are in addition to the tanks. Ans: 75 to 100 infantry dug in there.
- 1020 - S-2 to G-2: Gave information on the 5 tanks that came down from Pt 41. Also 4 SPs at 713396.
- 1024 - I&R OP reports: Two SPs heading NE toward Pt 56. They have just stopped short of the main road.
- 1030 - I&R OP reports: Lot of enemy, SPs and tanks at 718399. Friendly artillery fire hitting 50 yards over that point.

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- 1034 - S-3 to White 6: The Colonel wanted me to get your latest positions. Ans: E is up in the vicinity of 25, F has platoon and platoon of TDs from 25 to straighten out things. Enemy is dug in on RR tracks. G is in GEISBACH, do not hold all of the town. Plenty of enemy there yet. Recon working 25 and N of 25. Have one platoon of light tanks with the recon. I have artillery observer in the middle of 38. F co should be at 54 now. Beaucoup stuff on the other side of the river. Direct fire weapons firing down on 25. S-3: We got a call fro smoke from 39 to 40. I told them no soap. C is firing artillery at 3 Merk VIs at KASBERG. There are 4 SPs at 713396, so we do not want to smoke to hinder observation. White 6, I am in GEISBACH, and a lot of enemy are in here with me. I would like to get my AT platoon into 38 if possible. S-3: You can get across at 81 with your tanks. White 6, I have a gap between G and F. I am plugging it with AT platoon and Recon platoon around 53. Between 38 and 54 I have a gap with nothing to cover it. I went across RR bridge at 699398 to get to GEISEBACH. Couldn't get any heavy stuff across it. Everything I have is committed.
- 1040 - Ca pt. Clark to Lt. Higgins: 5 tanks or SPs came down from Pt 40, A co is getting small arms fire vicinity of 55.
- 1042 - Maj. Edmond to Lt. Kestlinger: There is enough stuff around 41 to get air on it. Ans: No air available but will check on it. Red 5; Picked up one more tank at 718399. If you do get air be careful of C company.
- 1050 - ASP to Lt. Kestlinger: Had planes over half hour ago. Had them look over UKERATH. Pilots thought plenty of stuff there because of heavy flak but couldn't see it. I will have some planes about 1400 hours. Ans: Most of the trouble is around 7240. ASP: They looked over town at 7340, and didn't see a nything.
- 1100 - Red 6 to S-3: Tanks came from Pt 41 and was with in 100 yards of C when we adjusted fire on them. 3 mediums came down ridge toward 55 and 2 heavy tanks stayed up on the hill. Drew one of Cannon Co., assault guns hp here but got up here a little too late. S-3: Think you can stop them from coming down from 41 again? Ans: Do not know for sure.
- 1110 - I&R reports: Friendly tanks, troops and TDs advancing SE of 40. Advanced 500 yards SE of 56. Enemy airbursts hit SE of 40. Troops are pinned down. Troops moving again.
- 1116 - Blue Bn reports: 40 PWs are on the way back. Enemy tanks(6) and infantry moving from 68 to 69. 7th FA getting 4 Bns on them. L co jumped off at 1020 hours. They had 5 minute preparation. They are moving forward. K and I co's are holding tight. L co got direct small arms fire to front, right and left flanks.
- 1117 - PWI reports: 47 PWs; 3 from the 1st co of the 959 regt; 11 men from the 2nd co of the 959 regt; 2 from Hq co 959 regt; 1 from the 7th co of the 958 regt; 3 from the 1st co of the 958; 11 from the 2nd co of the 958; 3 from the 1st Co of the 363 AT Bn; 2 from the 1st Btry of the 409th Volks arty corps. The 2nd Bn 959 regt does not exist; 1st Bn all there is. Committed in the vic of JURENBACH. 3rd Co was in reserve. 4th co may have 3 or 4 mortars. Co's had between 60 and 80 men. 363rd AT Bn elements with them.

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or on the right. Bazookas and ~~22~~ak guns, and 4 or 5 assault guns with the 363. Town at 715380 had Bn and Regt CP there.

- 1120 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to Clerk; Air OP reports 3 or 4 tanks at 720410, tank and infantry east and all around up to 710410. Request air mission and a TOT to be placed out there.
- 1121 - S-3 to Capt. Moore: I want to get your positions. Your E is at HOLLENBUSCH. Elements of 2nd Bn at HUEHEL. Ans; Correct. S-3; Our L is at 720. They chased 4 light tanks out of town. 2 machine guns heading down towards UCKERATH. The situation is very sticky.
- 1125 - Capt. Kolb Red 3 reports: Minefield at 693386 of 25 Regal mines.
- 1125 - S-2 to G-2; Gave information of PW itam of 117 hours.
- 1130 - G-3 to S-3; What is the latest situation? '(Maj. Smith reviews situation as of previous items of this journal). S-3; I would like to have an air mission. G-3; What priority on the missions? S-3; 1st - 722401, 10 tanks; 2nd 720410, 6 tanks; 3rd along the road 729383 heading SE to UCKERATH, 2 dozen tanks and armored vehicles.
- 1145 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger; L in the town at Pt 68 with medium tanks. They are cleaning out the town and approaching the eastern edge; will hold up a few minutes and make contact with B. Will move CP to 82, as soon as wire comes in.
- 1146 - White 6 to S-3; According to the Gut, there are mortars going into position from 709405 to 407. 7th FA is firing a TOT in that area. At Pt 67 there were 6 tanks and beaucoup infantry has been observed. All available artillery shooting TOT on the area. We should get all available air to cover main roads to UCKERATH and around UCKERATH and east of the stream, vicinity of 56 and 25. E-co crossed stream at 54, heading for 55. S-3; L is at Pt 68.
- 1155 - White 5 to Clerk; JU-88 just went over this area at about 1000 feet.
- 1200 - S-3 to G-3; Liaison from the 78th Div was over, I told him we would like to have them to take over WELDERGOVEN and eventually take GREUELSTEFEN. The bridge is still in at 497427, a lot of enemy stuff is coming over, that is, a tank and some infantry every once in awhile.
- 1220 - Blue Bn reports; Sending back 42 PWs most of them from the 959, been in the army 2 to 3 days.
- 1220 - G-2 to S-2; 25 trucks and 25 tanks or SP guns in the vicinity of woods at 6434 parked along that point. This substantiates PW report, his point was given at 8236. I believe the bridge at 696426 is in. S-2; That is what PW told us. G-2; Our G-3 told us they believe the stuff hitting G co was coming from that direction. Armored vehicles reported at EISBACH. I want a pronounced interest shown by your CIC units to inquire in all towns close to the river (SIEG). Especially around HIESCHIED, 7045, WINTERSCHIED, 7446, and RIEPLESDORF, 8249. Get PW cage to send out two or 3 enemy who seems willing to go to these towns and inquire for us whether there are enemy

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troops and armored vehicles there. Put this plan in operation as soon as possible. S-2; CIC will have to work from the rear up to those points. Area bounded by STREIFEN, DONDORF and GREUELSTEFEN is quite active. Inf and tanks reported by OP to be in GREUELSTEFEN.

- 1222 - S-3 to 18th Inf S-3; Gives our situation; gets verification that the 18th is not yet in UCKERATH.
- 1225 - S-3 to G-3; The 3rd Bn is heading toward BIERTH. G-3; The air will be put on UCKERATH this afternoon, it will lay off BIERTH.
- 1229 - S-3 to Red Bn, Maj. Edmond; Situation is given as previously listed. TDS coming up with F company.
- 1230 - S-3 to White 6; White 6; The cub has reported a big build up of 2 Bns of infantry, and one Bn of tanks, and it doesn't look like a defensive build-up.
- 1232 - Capt. Toby, 7th FA to S-2; Fox OP at Pt 38 is in critical position; reported to be overrun by tanks, and tanks are reported about 50 yds from the OP. They need support. The build up is forming from behind the ridge, from 15 to 39, to 27, to 41. Focal point believed to be 39, (DONDORF). 2 Bns of tanks and 1 Bn of infantry in that area. Assembly area at 715405. Got to have air support. Only communication is to Fox.
- 1235 - I&R OP reports; At 1145 hours, 8 unidentified soldiers seen 500 yards southwest of Pt 39, moving northeast towards HOSSENBERG.
- 1240 - White 6 to S-2; Our 2 Fox OP said he is calling artillery on own position.
- 1240 - S-3 to G-3; 2nd Bn situation given; the necessity for air immediately.
- 1242 - S-3 to Red Bn; About 10 tanks are in GEISBACH, the observer has brought down fire on the town, and his own position. Alert your tanks and TDs for a possible breakthrough.
- 1245 - S-2 to G-2; Maj. Lauten; G co situation discussed in detail. S-2 gives build up at DONDORF, 7101, etc., as previously listed. As of 20 March CP of the 363rd Div reported in town at 770382. As of two days ago, 2 or 3 bttrys of artillery in position - east and southeast of BLANKENBERG. Area 743405; 2nd Bn of the 958 was in position on the high ground, NE, at 704397. I have 3 more PWs; 2 taken by 2nd Bn from 162nd Repl Bn; 1 taken by 1st Bn of the 161st Regt. Total 113 so far. More coming in but none taken from area near 38. 18th Inf S-3 says L co cleared LICHTENBERG at 720382, they lost one tank. They claimed 1 enemy tank. G co claimed 1 tank knocked out in EISBACH. S-2; I have started the business of trying to get information from the towns along along the river.

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- 1255 - Maj. Smith to G-3: The colonel will take whatever help that can be made available in the 2nd Bn.
- 1300 - Blue Bn reports; 1200 hours K co receiving tank fire. 1240 hours, L reported enemy tank at 724380; also one of their tanks is lost. I co at 68. Col. Gibb to Col. Grant, White 6; Col. Grant; Contact with the 2 Fox radio is still in. There have been reports that the tanks have been pulled out of the town but the enemy infantry is still in the town.
- 1305 - Red 2 to S-2; I have 6 more PWs, 3 Russian laborers. PWs are from the 363rd Div around Pt 55. They were in counterattack with 2 Mark IV's and 2 Mark VI's, and infantry, where Capt. Winter was. One tank was knocked out. We are buttoned up. 2nd Bn working with us. Part of F co with Capt. Winter. Tanks and TDs behind the co. S-2 speaks of trouble at Pt 38. Red 2; B and C co's not too bad; only casualties of B was by our own artillery.
- 1310 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant; What is up? Ans; I am mining the roads; have a section of the recon and the mortars up in position. Chandler has gone up to contact Karas to tell him to go to 38 if possible. SP is coming in from all over. S-6; I am getting a Bn to go into F and E co positions, then your mission will be to go back into GEISBACH from the south.
- 1315 - I&R OP reports; At 1245 hours we watched our troops moving out of the woods about 800 yards west of Pt 55 and going forward over a hill towards the woods SE of Pt 80. At this time the enemy threw a heavy concentration of artillery at them. Do we have Pt 69? Ans; No. OP; I saw a half-track pulling several vehicles down that road, between Pts 69 and 42; it is a much used road.
- 1325 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens; Can you contact 18th Infantry to fire at a tank on our right flank? It is at 724380 as reported by L co. F co reports at 728379. Lt. Kestlinger has some of these coordinates. Lt. Stephens; I will call the 18th Infantry.
- 1330 - S-6 to White 6; 1st of the 26th is going into the area of SOVEN; it is attached to us. A Bn of the 78th is sending recon up to E co positions, they will take over there. If it is necessary dismount the 634th to tie things in. You can attach the recon troop to the 78th, if you wish.
- 1330 - Lt. Stephens to 18th Inf S-2 ; Tells of above item and asks for artillery on 728379. We are low on artillery ammo. Ans; I will do so.
- 1335 - PWI reports; 45 PWs - 3 from the 1st Bn are from the 1st Bn of the 959; 42 from the 3rd Bn as follows; 6 from 1st Co of the 363 AT Bn; 8 from the Hqs of 1st Bn 959; 11 from the 4th Co 959; 1 from the 4th Co 958; 2 from the 2nd Co 959; 2 from the 3rd Co 957; 2 from Hqs 1st Bn of 958. Quizzed 162nd Repl Bn; Bn was in GEISBACH, 3 co's together between 180 and 200 men.

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- 1340 - Maj. Edmond to Col. Gibb; AF platoon is at Pt 54, it will stay there. A Co is to tie in with F co facing north. We have not seen K co yet, they are supposed to be moving up.
- 1340 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Capt. Hall, S-2; Air Corps reports that they can see our tanks south of 25. Between them and Pt 38, they can see a Mark VI tank.
- 1342 - S-6 to Blue 3; Where are the companies now? Ans; The Bn is at Pt 68; I co is to go for Pt 69.
- 1345 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger; An enemy tank is at 730379, one bomb would put it out. Lt. K: Will try for some air.
- 1348 - Lt. K to ASP; Location of tank given, ASP; At 7412 three or four tanks and some enemy vehicles were hit. At 723402 and 730400 the air hit something. At 7740, 3 tanks and 5 vehicles were hit.
- 1348 - S-2 to G-2; Gives PW report in item of 1335 hours. Total so far 158 PWs. Information from PWs was earlier confirmed by a Lt. who was questioned a few days ago. Report of 1305 hours given and counterattack at 714394 discussed. G-2; Understand the air is working? S-2; Yes, they are working at 727412. Above item of 1340 hours given to G-2; positions of A and F given. S-2; F is going for 7140. Enemy tanks firing into the town at 724380. Road reported at 729383 and 7340 as being heavily traveled. 958th may be south of 959th. 2nd co supposed to have been in BLANKENBERG. G-2; I believe 162nd is causing a lot of trouble.
- 1355 - Red 6 to S-6; Pts 70 to 58, tanks and vehicles observed on the road and moving. The 69 - 57 - 42 road also has enemy movement on it. Enemy working up draw east of 56 coming up.
- 1400 - S-6 to Maj. Green, G-3; Enemy movement given; Major Green states that planes will work out in front.
- 1402 - S-2 to G-2; 1st Bn reports heavy traffic on road between 737380 and 737394, also ~~more~~ a lot on road at 729393 and 730400. Traffic going both ways, guns, tanks and vehicles. Got a report this morning of 25 Regal mines at 695374. What have you on the 18th Inf? G-2; They cleaned out the pocket that was behind them and got 102 PWs.
- 1410 - S-6 to White 6; Send that bird home. Another Bn is coming to relieve E Co. Have they contacted you yet? Ans; No. S-6; I am sending Major Ford up to see you now.
- 1415 - Blue 6 to S-6; Firing on tank at 730379 and while firing at it about a co of infantry started out from there coming towards Pt 68. Also lots of smoke there; believe the enemy is laying in.
- 1417 - S-2 to G-2; Gives above information from Blue of 1415 hours. C Co reports they are getting fire from the woods in front of them at 723393. How about getting the air on all this activity? Ans; I'll try.

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- 1420 - Red 2 to S-2: I am trying to get an identification for you. A captured map shows Bn CP of the 363 Pns in quarry near Pt 206. The companies are on the ridge along 201 and 203.
- 1425 - I&R OP reports: 1300 hours, tracked vehicles and trailer and 2 light cars moving from 58 to 70. 1330 hours, 1 heavy truck and trailer moving S to N at Pt 57.
- 1428 - Capt. Elder to S-6: E co reports Krucas 500 yards SE of Pt 25, progressing nicely, followed by E co. E and G co's made contact in the N edge of the town.
- 1431 - S-2 to G-2: Locations on those Regal mines was wrong - it is at 693387. Platoon of TD's and platoon from F co contacted G co in GEISBACH. Do not ask me what the score is though. G-2: Gave the air the information on those columns you reported. They will work on them.
- 1440 - 18th Inf S-3 to S-6: I would like to fire smoke for one of my Bas over in your area. Can I do it? S-6: Because of the air, I have not let my people use smoke so I would rather you did not.
- 1443 - Capt. Edler to S-2: Lt. Krucas reports contact with the CO of G company.
- 1445 - S-6 to G-4: The ammo situation stinks. It takes too long to get it. Ans: It is only a 6 hour turn around. S-6: That is not what I have been told. They say it is a 60 mile round trip. Ans: No, that is not correct. They must not be going to the right place. We have ammo right by the autobahn.
- 1445 - MESSAGE: From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf, 26th Inf: Confirming verbal orders CG - 1st Bn of 26th Inf is atchd to 16th Inf effective 241320A March 1945. Signed Lt. Col. Beck (1330A).
- 1454 - Red 5 to Clerk: B co contacted K co and they are tying in now.
- 1459 - MESSAGE: - to CO 16th Inf: All units are reminded that area as shown on Annex #1 to FO#57 (Assembly area 26th Inf) is to be kept free of any further installations by any unit except 26th Inf. Signed CG 1st Div. (1300 hours).
- 1449 - I&R OP reports: At 1420 hours, friendly planes bombed and strafed town of UCKERATH; there was a lot of black smoke coming up. At 1430 hours, 15 rounds of direct fire (88mm) landed in town of WESTERHAUSEN.
- 1510 - S-2 to Blue 3: Have you any more information? Ans: Not anything new - K has contacted B.
- 1515 - S-2 to PWI: Any more PW's? Ans: Yes, sir. 11 more from the 3rd Bn - 10 PWs are from the 2nd Co of the 959th including the CO. Other PW from the 5th co 957th. CO of the 2nd Co 959th says he had 47 men. We have 33 of the 1st Bn of the 958th was on his left flank.

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- 1515 - S-6 to White 6; What do you hear? Ans: Nothing much. S-6; Have you contacted 2nd of the 309th? Ans: No, I am thinking of sending someone over there. We are pretty well tied in at 40. Between creek and 40, then bends back SE. A is moving between K and F.
- 1520 - Red 6 to S-6; Can I use smoke to move right platoon of A co to tie in with C co.? S-6; If you need to, yes. Ans: OK, I'll smoke it as short as possible.
- 1525 - Colonel Gibb to Capt. Booth, Blue 3; Can you give me the locations of your companies? Ans: K co contacted B at BUCKHOLZ. They face east and southeast. I co is in LICHTENBERG. L co is in west edge of town. S-6; What are their orders? Ans: I co to move to 69. K co to hold position and L co to stay in the town.
- 1525 - 26th Inf 1st Bn S-3 to S-2; Notify your S-3 that we have one co up with your White, taking over the positions. Rest of Bn is in BOCKEROTH. We are on a one hour alert. We can get up there in half hour. Can use vehicles right up to the town of SOLLER.
- 1530 - S-2 to G-2; K co in contact with our B at 725386. F up in vic of 7140, facing N and E. G-2; Air reports knocking out 5 vehicles on that column. Also reported knocking out tanks at following places; 2 at 730411; 2 at 731-408; 1 at 728407; 1 at 723402 and 3 at 771400. S-2; Got 11 PW's, 10 from the 2nd co of 959th, including the CO. He had 47 men and we have 53 of them. 1st Bn 958 was on his left flank, S of vic of 713378. Other PW from 5th co of the 957th.
- 1537 - Blue Bn reports; At 1525 hours, L co reported 3 enemy SP guns at 734380.
- 1540 - S-2 to 18th Inf S-2; What units are your PWs from? Ans: 957th, 363rd Engr Bn.; GT POSTAL; 209th Engr. Bn attached to the 11th Pz/842nd Engrs and 522 Engrs. No new identification.
- 1544 - S-2 to Red 3; Blue Bn reported 3 SP guns at 734380, moving towards 69, 10 minutes ago.
- 1550 - MESSAGE - to CO 16th Inf - Div CP opened 1430 hours at F-677347, CG 1st Div, signed 1435 hours.
- 1600 - S-2 to White 3; Any news? Ans: Platoon of E at 38, will let you know if I get something.
- 1600 - I&R OP reports: 1525 hours, 6 enemy crossing road at 400 yards S of Pt 39. Artillery laying in on them.
- 1601 - S-2 to G-2; Gives above information. G-2; 104th isn't doing anything. 18th reported that their G is very close to you. We did use 2 Divisions of Paratroopers up north by A1543.

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- 1625 - Col. Fowley, G-3 to Capt. Clark: Capt. Clark; 18th Inf is getting a counter-attack at 742354. Their G co is at NW part of UCKERATH. What is your latest situation? (Capt. Clark reviews situation as of items previously listed in this journal).
- 1640 - S-6 to Blue 6: What is new? Blue 6: Not out to 69 yet. B is on the left; we have 68. From my OP I can see the 18th Inf working up on our right near 83. S-6: Include 70 in with 69; we will have to take it. (S-6 gives him plans for today and tomorrow). Blue 6: Will move out at 1900 hours.
- 1642 - White 3 to S-6: S-6: What is the story on G company? White 6: Not complete yet sir. E co CP 100 yards W of 25. One platoon of F co going into town to clean it. Krukas is taking PWs and cleaning town; he requests help. Am sending platoon down to 38. Pt 25 is under control. Complete situation unknown, as radio contact is poor. Col. Grant is on his way to Pt 25. No one from the 309th has shown up.
- 1645 - S-2 to Red 2: What is new? Ans: A co is trying to move up to the left flank; I have more PWs but they are slow in coming in. S-2: Did A co have any trouble? Ans: Yes. Rockets were packed up in the E and Artillery landed across the big river. S-2: How about the draw in front of B and C Co's? Ans: A counterattack started to develop. They are pretty well situated on the high ground. Communications routes are no good. S-2: Have you been able to evacuate your casualties? Ans: Not fast enough; as there are no roads straight thru. S-2: Is your CP still in WESTERHAUSEN? Ans: Yes. Pt 54 has been hit badly, but not WESTERHAUSEN. We are looking for a place to function across the river. S-2: People from 18th, G co are at 738373 according to reports. In the northern part of UCKERATH, E is at 83.
- 1700 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? G-2: We are trying to figure out which bridge to have the fighter bombers work on to stop some of that stuff from coming down and across the SISE river. Blue of the 18th is getting a counterattack at 740355 with tanks and infantry. S-2: Our people are getting artillery and rockets; rockets are coming from the E on 1st and Blue.
- 1700 - S-6 to Red 6: How are things? Ans: We are moving up without too much difficulty. Things are rough; artillery and rockets are coming in. They are knocking the hell out of B Co at BUCKHOLZ. They started to counterattack across the open field at 57. They got hurt (speaking of the enemy). S-6: Well, here is what I wanted to talk about - we change one direction of attack to attack N. I want you to take the area roughly 69, 58, 42, 41, 56, and 69. Ans: When you can, I will issue the orders to take 58, 42, 43 and 58. Red 6: Yes sir. S-6: Mission to clean out down to the stream. Red 6: Will we have 2 Bns in and one out? S-6: Three Bns in line. 3rd Bn to get to Pt 70, generally along ridge from Pt 70 to 71. Red 6: That is going to be tough going. The enemy in the N has observation on that area. S-6: The 26th Inf is moving to 91, 206, 204, 94, 95, 208, 207, 218; another 209, 210; another one 219 and 220. 96, 98, 231, 253, 261, 281, and on to BERLIN is the 3rd Armored objective. 3rd Armored will push off at 0400 hours. This is only on paper, and it may be changed.

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- 1730 - CO 26th Inf, to S-6; The Bn of mine which you have with one co committed, I plan to move that at 0300 hours. They will still be under your control. S-6; It is OK. What time do you plan to jump? CO 26th Inf; I plan to jump at 0400 hours. What time do you jump? S-6; I plan on jumping at 0500 hours. I still have to take some ground tonight before I jump. Ans; OK, I will call G-3 and tell them it is OK with you. S-6; Fine.
- 1730 - Shell report to the 7th FA and G-2; 2100 rounds of artillery, 400 rounds of mortar, 1250 rounds of rockets. G-2; to Lt. Kestlinger; What have you got on your G and I co's? Ans; GEISBACH is our but hot; getting everything thrown at them. We have some TD's down to them now. I is at 722381, facing SE.
- 1735 - Capt. Scott, Arty LO 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark; Two of our OPs observed 500 to 500 infantry with tanks, number unknown, travelling from S to E and in the town of HAPERSCHOB, 691445. We called for artillery, it is a 16 degree traverse, and I am afraid the big guns will not fire. It will profitable to have air mission on it and we can do some agitating.
- 1740 - Capt. Clark relays information from Capt. Scott in above item to Lt. Lyons, G-3;.
- 1745 - White 3 to Capt. Clark; At 1700 hours, G co has situation well in hand. Tanks and TD's, 1st Plat., Co F and 2nd Plat., CO E are in town. Co E has with them the light tanks and 1st Recon Tq. CO E CP is 100 yards W of Pt 25. Medics have gone to 38. G co has many PWs. Co E has 1st Plat., east of Pt 25; 3rd plat, N of Pt 25. Co E extends from 200 yds N of 25 to 200 yds N of Pt 38 and is buttoned up. Lt. Haley has gone to contact and of the 309th. Capt. Clark; Orders will go to E co as soon as they are relieved by 2nd of the 309th. You will move to 38 and button up. White 3; Sent Lt. Chandler to the 309th to explain the situation. G co said that at 1730 hours the town was completely cleared. Requested co E to bring rest of force into town. G is badly disorganized and request to be relieved for the purpose of reorganizing. They also have some PWs that they would like to get rid of. The wounded have been evacuated. They request hot show after dark; also request a wire team. The situation is pretty well in hand.
- 1745 - S-2 to G-2; G is in GEISBACH and reports it cleared. They have quite a few PWs; have a platoon of F and E down with them. The 2nd Bn reports at 695445 that there are 400 to 500 infantry (enemy) and tanks moving from S to E. Infantry in vic of 760427 in the little towns; tanks are with them. G-2; Blu of the 18th took care of counterattack. White getting one now in vic of 740371, coming from the SE. 5th Para Brig. and 17th Airborne was landed, do not know what they have done.
- 1801 - I&R OP reports; 1645 hours, rocket shells falling 300 yards SW of 26 in the G co area. 1645 hours, 8 PWs from houses in KASBERG, giving themselves up. 1645 hours, at 758431, one enemy tank was sighted and unidentified soldiers. 1720 hours enemy shells were falling near the OP.

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- 1829 - G-3 to Capt. Clark; How is G co doing? Ans: As of 1730 hours, they have it under control. Have platoon of E and a platoon of F down in the town with TDs and tanks. Medics are down there and have evacuated all the wounded. F Co is at 711400 and A is tied in with C, and K with B. G-3; HAPBERSCHOB has been taken care of by the air.
- 1830 - I&R OP reports; At 1810 hours, enemy small arms fire in the vic KASBERG near SE edge of woods along the main road.
- 1840 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder, White 3; Div tells me of an air mission on HAPBERSCHOB. Ans: I was told that. Capt. Clark; Did you hear from the 309th Ans; One co of the 309th is in process of relieving B co. This report came from G co; 12 WIA, 4 KIA, 50 MIA (probably PWs). Lt. Scott; We got a TOT on that town but was on the wrong town; AT 705455. Enemy was seen to enter SE corner of town. Four to 500 with tanks. Four PWs strafed at 705455.
- 1855 - Col. Fowley G-3 to S-3; What about 1st Bn of the 26th? Ans: A is in SOVEN, the rest are holding where they are.
- 1857 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3; Tell Maj. Wozenski to meet Col Gibb and Maj Smith at 1st Bn CP in about 10 minutes.
- 1900 - Capt. Clark to Red 3; The Colonel, Maj. Smith and Maj. Wozenski are on their way up to your CP for a meeting in about 10 minutes. Will you tell Col. Driscoll? Ans: Yes.
- 1930 - S-2 to Blue 3; What is new? Ans: L co goes at 2000 hours for 69 and 70. S-2; Any STONK? Ans; Quite a variety of artillery and a little other stuff. S-2; Many casualties? Ans; About 35 to 40.
- 1930 - G-2 to S-2; How is business? Ans; OK. Had report from G co. They had 4 KIA, 12 WIA and 50 MIA. Blue reports nothing new. A lot of small stuff was thrown at them this afternoon. They are pushing out tonight at 2000 hours to 736380. G-2; Gives information on the 18th Inf Blue situation. They were ~~xxxxxx~~ fortunate enough to get some positions before the stuff came in, on them. They took 235 PWs so far. Everything is fairly quiet there now. Almost all the air we had was put out on your targets. The infantry reported in HEPBERSCHOB was reported to be moving to 705455. The air hit HEPBERSCHOB. Would like report on enemy casualties in armor.
- 1940 - Decoy (Lt. Col. Williamson to S-5; S-5; Says that the N is cleared up a bit. Blue jumps at 8 o'clock for final objective. 18th Inf; If the 2nd Bn can't make it from the W, then the 1st Bn will come up from behind 3rd to try for the SW. S-5 tells of trouble at GEISBACH. Heavy armor on the river road. The 78th Div had not cleared western edge of the boundary. B and C co had casualties in road to UCKERATH. Estimate of 30 tanks seen. Lt. Col. Williamson; L co knocked off a counterattack. I co of the other people are on the final objective of "K".
- 1942 - S-2 to White 2; Has any one reported any more SP guns knocked out, outside of the one that was reported? Ans; Not that I know of. Will check on it and call you. S-2; Want an estimate of armor knocked out and identifications of who the armor belonged to. Also how many PWs you have.

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- 2010 - Blue Bn reports; Forward CP closed in at 1915 hours at 744379.
- 2020 - S-2 to Red 2: Red 2: I have 62 PWs and one officer. B and C co's took most of them. One officer is from the 9th Pz; I think that he is a forward observer of some kind. A co is in position. It is difficult getting casualties back as we have no road.
- 2025 - S-2 to PW1: PWs coming back from Red Bn; one of them is an officer.
- 2035 - S-2 to G-2; 63 more PWs coming in. G-2: At 2010 hours tanks were reported in L co of the 18th's position.
- 2050 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: We will have to hold up L co's show until the ammo for the tanks gets in. K co heard tank movement at 90 degrees and 1200 yards. We are sending 20 PWs from the 957th regt in to you.
- 2055 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: The tanks can't get their ammo. (Lt. Stephens calls Capt. Carroll of the 745th Tks Bn, and the Capt. says that he will check on it and find out why the ammo is lacking).
- 2110 - Red 6 to S-3; The 3rd goes for 70 at 2100 hours. What happens tomorrow? S-3: Go for the initial objective, and the final objective on the Colonel's order.
- 2115 - S-3 to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs: I would like to have a team with each Bn to blow the bridges over the river. Ans: I do not know yet if we will blow them or block them but I'll check up on that.
- 2119 - S-3 to Col. Beck: G co extends E and NE side of GEISBACH. They knocked out 2 SPs and 2 probables. E co's right flank ties with F at 708402. F ties with A at 713400. A ties with C at 719398. C ties with B at 722393. B co extends to BUCKHOLZ and ties with K. K extends to 724383. L co is in town ready to go when the tank ammo gets in. I will tie in with L co when L moves.
- 2130 - G-2 to S-2; 18th Inf 2nd Bn is almost on its objective. 18th Inf Blue has a couple tanks in its area. S-2; 252 is the PW total; a SP was knocked out by the 3rd Bn; A co knocked out a M-6 at 713396. At GEISBACH, 4 tanks or SPs knocked out plus two probables.
- 2224 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: What is the latest on 3rd Bn? Ans: They are waiting for the tank ammo, and then they are going to start. G-3; Find out if they have started and let me know.
- 2226 - S-2 to PW1: How many prisoners do you have? Ans: 64 of them. I do not have all the identification as yet. Some from the 9th Pz Div, picked up at 709392.
- 2232 - S-2 to Blue 3: Have you started to move yet? Ans: L is jumping off. S-3; 18th Inf wants to contact you at 738378. Left flank of G at 738378. Right flank of G at 739371. E is from there to 740368. F from there to 740364. Blue 3; L co going to Pt 70. B and K cos are tied in now. I is on the south side of the town.

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2235 - Capt. Clark to G-3: L co is on the move now.

2237 - I&R reports: At 1953 hours, enemy plane taking photos east of the OP. Also 4 fired in the vicinity of 94. At 2018 hours, picked up a flash at 95 degrees, no flash-bang count reported. Also gum firing white tracers. At 2215 hours, enemy machine gun fire coming from 110 degrees, direction of UCKERATH. At 2210 hours, red tracers seen coming from 57 degrees. At 2212 hours, friendly artillery was falling between 70 and 90 degrees at about 4000 yards out.

2245 - Blue Bn reports: At 2110 hours, A co, 1st platoon, reported tank movement at 70 degrees and 105 degrees. Both at 1200 yards, traveling E and W. At 2115 hours, they reported tank firing across their front to the east, at azimuth of 60 degrees, 1200 yards. At 2205 hours K co reported a lot of small arms fire at 105 degrees and 350 yards, also more tank movement at 75 degrees. PW identification of 3rd co, 157th Regt, 363rd Div. L co moved out 300 yards and received small arms and machine gun fire from both flanks. Enemy came to HANSMUHL; put in line there. About 30 men each in 2 platoons. No attachments; only rifles.

2250 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Any more on L co? Ans: 300 yards from the edge of the town. Getting tanks up to blast MG's that are firing at them.

2300 - PWI reports: Concerning the officer from the 9th co; his regt was at 7441. He dispatched a messenger (NCO) to prepare a place to move back. Were in GEISBACH (6940), a few days ago. He came forward to visit his uncle in 709392, and while he was there the Americans came along and captured him. He does not know where the rest of the Bn is. Has 5 heavy howitzers in the co. About 120 men with him; full strength. S-2: Find out who gave him his orders to pull out and who gave him his fire orders. Identifications: From the 1st Bn - 2 men from the Hq, 1st Bn, 959th Regt; 8 men from the 4th co, 959th; 12 men from the 1st Bn 959th (co's undetermined). 1 man from the 2nd co of the 958th regt; 1 man from an unknown Hqs; 1 man from the 9th co 11th Pz Gren regt, 9th Pz Div; 8 men from the 3rd co, 164th regt, 62nd Div; 1 man from the 89th div; 6 men from an unknown co of the 162nd Fus Bn; 4 from the 162nd Fus Bn; 6 from the 162nd Fus (Unknown co; 1 man from the 363 Fus Bn; 2 men from the 19th Homeguard Engr Bn; 3 men from the 1st co, 363rd AT Bn; 1 man from the 162nd Fus Bn (Unknown co); 5 men from the 10th btry 162nd regt; PWs from the 3rd Bn; - 4 men from the 1st co of the 363rd AT Bn; 1 man from the 3rd co of 363 AT Bn; 1 man from the 2nd Co of the 958 regt; 6 men from the 4th co 959 regt; 2 men from the 3rd co of the 959th regt; 4 men from the 3rd co of the 957th; 2 men from the 4th co of the 957th regt.

2315 - S-2 to Blue 2: Anything new on L co? Ans: L co receiving small arms fire and a tank in front of them at Pt 69. (PW report discussed).

2340 - I&R reports: At 2245 hours, tracked vehicles at 95 degrees and moving SE. At 2310 hours, fire at 90 degrees; explosions in front of the fire. At 2335 hrs, med., enemy arty landing in front of the OP. Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: 3 tanks or assault guns and plenty of inf at 69. Pulling back to take care of casualties. Will lay "STONK" on 69 and push out again.

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- 2345 - S-2 to G-2: Gave the PW identifications, also gave situation on Blue Bn.
- 2350 - Capt. Elder to Capt. Hall: We have 37 more PWs here. We are getting a little shelling. We are straightening things out.
- 2355 - Blue Bn reports: At 2347 hours, K co reported not receiving any shelling. there is much outgoing artillery. Lot of enemy infantry, estimated to be 250 yards to the front of the 1st platoon.

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LOCATION: OBERPLEIS, Germany - 675351.

- 0002 - Capt. Clark to Major Edmonds; Anything new up there? Ans: We are getting a counterattack every fifteen minutes. We beat off 8 of them today. Lt. Rohrig (sp?) was hit today in the leg. I will let you know the situation later.
- 0008 - Capt. Clark to G-3, Capt. Parsons; 1st and 2nd Bns, not much change, but the 3rd Bn has a lot of stuff in front of them. L co got to 729381 when they got the works. They had some hurt, and will pull back to take care of casualties and then will try to push again.
- 0030 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Elder, White 3; The bridge at Pt 54 is not passable at night and can't be used in the daylight. The enemy is throwing artillery down there. 1st Bn had 8 casualties tonight.
- 0055 - Blue Bn reports; 2400 hours, at 726380, automatic weapons. L co requested fire, and Pt 81 was fired on. 0045 hours, L co reported shells landing where they wanted them; L will jump in a few minutes. 0030 hours, K co reported that a smoke shell landed 25 yards from the 1st platoon; at 0050 hours, some tank fire landed at 30 degrees from the 2nd platoon and at a distance of 1400 yards.
- 0115 - Capt. Clark to G-3; 1st and 2nd Bns getting some artillery. L co is still having to take it easy. Bridge at 702392 is not too good; getting some fire on it; had 8 casualties. G-3; 18th Inf still has SE edge of the town to clear up.
- 0135 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger; Div artillery heard from 7th FA that your 1st Bn was getting a counterattack at 722401. Lt. Kestlinger; I will check in to it and call you back.
- 0136 - Blue Bn reports; L co held up, getting MG and burp gun fire, from some infantry and 2 tanks which are on the south side of road near Pt 69.
- 0145 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Brooks, 1st Bn; What is cooking? Ans; Having a bit of a counterattack, coming from Pt 41. Stabler is having some trouble getting to 7th FA, so I am acting as a relay station. Lt. Kestlinger; Let me know how it is coming.
- 0200 - PWI reports; PWs from the 1st Bn - 7 from the 2nd co Homeguard Engr Bn #19. 2nd Bn PWs - 5 from the 2nd co of the 162 Fus Bn; 1 from the 1st co of the 164th regt; 1 from the 2nd co of the 164th regt; 2 from the 1st co of the 957th regt; 1 from the 4th btry of the 162nd AR; 1 from the 7th btry of the 162 AR; 1 from the 8th Engr Co; 2 from the 2nd co of the Engr Regt Army group; B; 23 from the 2nd and 4th companies of the Assault Bn.
- 0205 - Capt. Brooks, 1st Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger; That has cleared up; A co says all is quiet. (Lt. K. relays this information to G-3).

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- 0210 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger; Light tanks are over here. Blue can send a guide over for them. Ans: Will take care of it now.
- 0212 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5; Lt. K. relays the information in the above item of 0210 hours from Capt. Elder.
- 0300 - Red 2 to Clerk; Sending 17 PWs back, one of them is from the 959th Regt of the 363 Div.
- 0310 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3, Capt. Parsons; (The 3rd Bn situation is given, as previously listed). G-3; 26th Inf wants to move earlier than 0800 hours. Lt. Kestlinger suggests that 26th Inf get in touch with the Bn whose positions they are to move over and coordinate with them).
- 0312 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Bashford, G-2; Message of 0300 hours given. G-2; The 959th is not new, they have been committed before.
- 0340 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger; Lead elements at 69. L co is trying to get armor up to them. I am butting up there to see what is going on. A lot of enemy around - infantry and assault guns.
- 0342 - 309th Inf S-3 reports; Our 1st Bn jumped at 0330 hours.
- 0345 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3; Information in the above item given.
- 0400 - 1st Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports; We have 37 PWs. They are from the 901 regt, Pz Lehr Div, 7th co. They arrived yesterday by way of BUCHHOLZ. OCaseP is in support; 10 to 12 tanks reported two towns back. L co is half way between Pts 69 and 70 and stopped by tank.
- 0408 - Negative reports received from 1st and 2nd Bns. Lt. Kestlinger gives hourly report to G-3 including the PW report from 3rd Bn.
- 0501 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3, to Lt. Stephens, duty officer; Any dope? Lt. Stephens gives 3rd Bn situation.
- 0520 - White Bn reports; We jumped on time. Enemy is shelling Pt 38 very heavy. They knocked out one of our TD's.
- 0521 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Parsons G-3; (Hourly report is given by Lt. S). Any dope on the 309th? Ans: They were to go at 0330 hours for that town. (WELDERGOVEN).
- 0528 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens; "B" of the 309th on way to WELDERGOVEN. Started at 0400 hours; cleaning up a few houses on the way. They intend to relieve your G company before 0800 hours.

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- 0530 - Lt. Stephens relays the above item to 2nd Bn.
- 0534 - RADIO MESSAGE; Counterattack against K-3 developing. Started at 0440 hours. Armor and infantry, strength unknown.
- 0539 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3, to Lt. Stephens; A co is entering the town at 41. C co moving. B co moving. No resistance.
- 0545 - Capt. Kolb to Lt. Stephens; C o in fire fight, 400 yards N of Pt 56.
- 0548 - Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens; Counterattack against L started at 0500 hours. We lost 2 tanks. L pushed back to just west of Hill SE of Pt 69 by tanks and infantry. I am sending part of I co up there to reinforce them at 69. K co reports 3 tanks between Pts 57 and 69 on the road.
- 0555 - Blue 6 to Lt. Stephens; We lost 2 M-10's by infantry coming in at 728388.
(the following is a 3-way conversation S-3, Blue and Red 6's).
- 0600 - S-3 to Blue 6; How is it going? Ans; Enemy is throwing in smoke in. At least 6 enemy tanks in front of us. Our platoon of lights is going up to 68. We lost 2 M-10's. L co has people at 69, and I co is going to reinforce them. I do not know if we can hold it or not. Red 6 to S-3; A co is in town; C co is in a fight in the woods. B co started, and I have no further report. S-3; Hold what you have. Red 6; B co just reported - on objective, 10 PWs, and 2 casualties. S-3; See how it goes, and try to tie in B and K. We will sweep draws between 69 and 70, and keep it under heavy fire. Are you going to clean 41? Red 6; Yes, I'll have to. Blue 6; Where is the left flank of the 18th? S-3; 738375.
- 0615 - White 3 to S-3; Do you have any information on the 309th? Ans; B co is out in front of the town of WELDERGOVEN at 702422. (Speaking of our own units), 1st Bn is fighting in STRIEFEN; B at 57; C is working up. K and L are getting a counterattack around 61. White 3; F is at 711405; G is at Pt 26; E is due east of Pt 38; a couple of platoons are working for 39.
- 0620 - S-3 to 309th Inf to S-3; Has your G co moved? Major Smith; Yes, they have. They are at 703415, cleaning out buildings.
- 0630 - S-3 to 7th PA; Will you give these to Maj. Robinson. Want them hit with heavy harassing fire every 20 seconds, on the following points, as our 3rd Bn is getting a counterattack: 735380, 735383, 735386, 732385, 737382, 737385, 737387, 737389, 738391, 738393, 729400, and 730402.
- 0627 - Red 6 to S-3; CP area, bridge east of 54, damaged. S-3; This is from the 2nd Bn -- G is at Pt 26. E at 39 with one platoon. F is up to the main road. KASBERG buildings being cleared. Red 6; Lost one M-10 on a mine. Going to try and tie in with B. A co received 2 counterattacks during the night. We have the 54 bridge in. Lt. Roehrig, Thomas, and Martinez were wounded yesterday. Tell Colonel Horner that Lt. Benz is alright.

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- 0630 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens; UCKERATH Cleared, all co's (3), are in the town. S-3; Our 3rd Bn is getting an undetermined counterattack on your flank, 73780. 18th Inf; Where is the location of L? S-3; L is at 731378, and extends to 729383. 18th Inf; I just heard that 3rd Armored passed thru and are now in a scrap at line of departure. How many PWs from the Panzer unit? Lt. Stephens; About 27 to 32 of the 901st. S-3; Do you people have the hill at 744377? 18th Inf; We are sending out some of our people there now.
- 0635 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens; How is it going? Ans: L co is receiving counter-attack of tanks and infantry. Our White and Red going forward. G-2; Understand 18th Inf has cleared UCKERATH? Ans; Yes. G-2; The Armored is down to the 780 line; the 104th Div is also doing well.
- 0640 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens; What positions do you have now? Ans; G is at 703415. E at 707408. F in KASBERG. A is working in STREIFEN. South of that draw, C co is working up to STREIFEN. B co on that Class 3 main road working NE. They will hold because of L and K receiving counterattack. L co left flank 731377. They are getting fire from tanks and infantry. Lot of enemy smoke laid down beginning at 0500 hours. L co had moved out but got shoved back. I co moved up to help them. G-3; The air will be up to give you help soon. Ans; We certainly can use them, and as soon as we can get some positions, I will call you.
- 0645 - 7th FA to S-3; We are firing 3 Bns on all those points you gave us, and Div Artillery has been called for more fire. We are firing 3 volleys per Bn and will continue every 3 or 4 minutes. Can you tell me what is in that area? S-3; Bn of infantry and 6 tanks.
- 0647 - Lt. Stephens to G-3; Would like air on 730400 (ADSCHEID), GREUELSTEFEN, 720410, from that road to BLANKENEERG. G-3; What is your latest time for air? S-3; Anytime. There are units in DONDORF and STREIFEN at 721403 and forward elements along road at 728394. G-3; Any further information on counterattack? Ans; No. Area at 737385 can be worked over. About 6 tanks in there. Let me know what results you have.
- 0649 - S-3 to Blue 6; I am sending out a lot of fire. Blue 6; Tanks reported at 728385. Does Red Bn have any tanks down there? Ans; No. Blue 6; I have people at 69 and they will hold. S-3; UCKERATH has been cleared by the 18th. Working on ridge at 743376. Blue 6; What about tanks at 728385? S-3; Just have to take care of it, but I believe it will take off. GCB at 780345 line now. You should have 26th working on your right very soon. Blue 6; Fine. S-3; I'll keep heavy fire going in until you ask for it to be lifted. I have 3 Bns firing a round a minute and more coming in that 70 area. Blue 6; Heavy stuff is coming in, shakes the earth; sounds like rockets. S-3; Ask Red Bn how the fire is coming in.
- 0700 - S-3 to G-3; Did the 26th jump yet? Ans; They are in the town of UCKERATH. Going thru it at about 0700 hrs. S-3; I am interested in the high ground at 743376, when the 18th gets there.

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- 0710 - Blue 6 to S-3; You can lift that fire now where 20mm's were firing. I'll take off at 0900 hours for Pt 70. Going to smoke the area, as we have to run the exposed flank.
- 0720 - S-3 gives 7th FA the above information item 0710 hours.
- 0721 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens; A and C companies are both in the town now, around Pt 41. Going to try and push out to NE edge of town. Enemy moving into NE edge of town on half tracks. Not worried about it though. A co has 2 TD's with them.
- 0725 - Red 6 to S-3; G co of the 26th has one platoon at Pt 26, NW of the RR. Another platoon to Pt 26 extends SE to bend of road. I have 4 officers and 80 men left in G co. A co is at 41. E co south of 39. They want artillery in there. Tank reported in there. F co 500 yards NE of Pt 40. Enemy in buildings where E co is located. S-3; Has F seen A co? Ans; No. Capt. Winter is getting our TD's up now.
- 0730 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens; 26th Inf 1st Bn reverts to 26th Inf at 0800 hours today. Ans; E co in DONDORF, tied in on our left with G. Our Blue said to have fire lifted. As soon as they are organized, they will jump again at 0900 hours. I co behind K at 724384.
- 0732 - G-3 to S-3; What are your plans? S-3; Blue is in rather bad shape. They reported heavy casualties but believe they will be ready at 0900 hrs. All TD's lost, and only two tanks left. G-3; B co of the 309th in WELDERGOVEN. The Armored is rolling and the 26th Inf will be shoving out. I believe that this thing can go OK, if your people could get a little rest and reorganize. S-3; Blue will clear the next road junction at 0900 hrs. White has 1 TD left; Red lost 1 TD on a mine (they have 4 tanks and 1 TD left). They had an all night infiltration, sometimes a wave of 25 to 100 men coming in. When Blue goes for the junction at 737, they will then go for high ground at 748383, in conjunction with Red. Red will go for ADSCHIED, E is in DONDORF. G tied in at the RR tracks. G-3; We will get to work on the tanks and TD's as soon as possible.
- 0735 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens; 3 tanks reported 300 yards NW of Pt 69. Red has been notified. Lt. Stephens; I'll see that Maj. Smith learns of this.
- 0800 - G-2 reports; Air OP reports 5 enemy tanks at 747384, and 10 enemy tanks at 767395.
- 0805 - Lt. Stephens to Blue; Air OP reports 5 enemy tanks at 747384, and at Pt 204 there are 10 enemy tanks. Blue; 2 more between 69 and 56. Lt. S; A co is at 41, and C is south of 41. B is at 57. Doesn't seem possible for enemy tanks to be there. Blue; I'll check again on it.
- 0815 - Blue 6 to S-3; There were 5 tanks north of 69; 3 are knocked out, the other 2 will not run. I'll put a road block at BIERTH. When I finish I should be at 201 with I co, 71 with K and 70 with L.

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- 0820 - S-3 to Red 6; (Plan of 3rd Bn given). Will B co be able to go for BIERTH after the 3rd Bn gets to 70? Red 6; I do not think so. I think that someone should be put in between us and the 3rd Bn. My front is too wide.
- 0825 - Maj. Crocker, ASP to Lt. Stephens; Sent my 1st flight of planes to look over 10 tanks at 765397. They found one and knocked it out. Can you give me any pin point targets? Ans; On town at 730400, believe stuff to be building up in there. ASP; How about town of BLANKENBERG? Ans; Would like to have that worked over. ASP; Call me at "22" if you get a target.
- 0830 - IAR OP reports; (S-2 gives OP the situation as of this hour).
- 0840 - Maj. Crocker, ASP to S-3; Going to hit town of ADSCHIED at 730401 with my next flight. Hit it with fire bombs. Would like to tie in with an OP, or FO. S-3: The 1st Bn OP is your best bet. ASP; OK, thanks a lot.
- 0845 - FWI reports; PWs from the 1st Bn - 1 man from the 5th co of an unidentified unit; 1 man from 3rd co of an unidentified unit; 2 men from the 4th Btry of the 162 Arty regt; 1 man from the 2nd Co of the 901 Pz Regt, 130 Pz Div; PWs from 3rd Bn - 29 from the 5th co of the 901 Pz Regt, 130 Pz Div; 11 from the 7th co of the 901 Pz Regt, 130 Pz Div.
- 0900 - White 3 to S-3; (Maj. Smith reviews the situation as of this hour). White 3; F co has been instructed to contact A co.
- 0902 - S-3 to Blue 3; What is new? Ans; Just laid a TOT on Pt 70. L co reports 3 tanks coming up from there with a Bn of infantry. It is a definite attack. S-3; OK, let me know when you tanks off.
- 0903 - Clerk to Capt. Groves; Additional allocations of 81mm mortar light for period 240500A March 500 rounds. Total allocations for Period 1626 rounds.
- 0915 - Blue Bn reports; Counterattack, 3 tanks and infantry at 69; lead elements 300 yards. Tank at 100 degree azimuth from K co.
- 0920 - S-2 to G-2; Counterattack reported 0915 hours. (Identification of PWs given). Report of the situation at the present hour given). We have reports of armor at 790345, 783333, 771296. Not meeting much opposition.
- 0927 - Blue 2 to S-3; L co getting counterattack from Pt 70 by 3 tanks and lot of infantry. We are firing at them now, but they keep moving in and it's getting sticky.
- 0935 - FWI reports; The entire 901 Pz Gren Regt has moved up here. The 7th co has 60 men in it. 9 MG's in the co. The PW claims to have seen no tanks or assault guns. The 2nd Co was supposed to have attacked last night.
- 0940 - G-3 to S-3; 18th Inf is attempting to take hill at 742377. They will have observation on the artillery in back of those people and will be able to break up anything that comes along at you.

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- 0943 - Blue Bn reports to S-3: At 0925 hours, L co reported enemy infantry broken up by our artillery. At 0930 hours, K co reports enemy smoke and rockets landing in front of them.
- 0945 - Blue 3 to S-3: Have air mission. 2 Mark VI's and Mark V leaving Pt 69, and heading towards Pt 70.
- 0945 - S-2 to G-2: 901 Pz GR information as of above item 0935 hours given.
- 0948 - Lt. Stephens to Major Crocker, ASP: 2 Mark VI and 1 Mark V tanks leaving 729384 and heading towards 736380. Ans: Planes are here now, will get them to work them over.
- 0948 - S-2 to Blue 2: Gives information on the 901st Pz Gren as above item of 0935 hours.
- 0950 - S-2 to Red 2: Red 2: 20 PWs from the Pz Lehr. They are on their way to you. The 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th co's of the 901 identified; no knowledge of armor. (S-2 gives White and Blue situation).
- 0950 - G-3 to S-3: Like to have the 634th TDs, so I can put it with the 26th. S-3: Where do you want them to assemble? G-3: MURSCHEID. S-3: OK, at 1500 hours.
- 0956 - S-2 to PW1: 1st Bn is sending 20 PWs from Pz Lehr, try to find out if they came up to relieve anybody.
- 1000 - S-2 to White 6: Have you got any prisoners today, sir? Ans: "G" got a couple and E got one. S-2: The reason I wanted to know was because the 103rd Pz Lehr has been identified. Have about 500 men in the Bn.
- 1000 - ASP to S-3: Had the planes bomb ADSCHEID, but cubs thought they hit BLANKENBERG instead. If you still want ADSCHEID hit, I can do it. S-3: I want it hit. What about the 3 tanks that I reported? Ans: Planes not available for another 30 minutes. I am working through 3rd Bn. Will have planes bomb half hour before they jump.
- 1005 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: 26th Inf reports gun flashes at 762393. It is not affecting them. 3rd Armored reports concentration of vehicles at 765390 - artillery is firing at this target. I co of the 26th is at 752375.
- 1008 - IAR OP reports: Misty up here, can't see anything at all.
- 1018 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: Called the air. No planes in the air. When planes are up, I will call you.
- 1025 - White Bn to S-2: G co is at 26. E co is still trying to take 39. F co at 713407 to 717401. F has contacted A co, but no contact with E co as yet. This contact will be made. Had a patrol thru the woods and put an OP at 718408. F co took 25 PWs from the 901st, 958th, 943rd, and 363rd. There were 300 enemy in the woods yesterday. Last night there were 120. Do not know how many there are now.

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- 1030 - ASP to S-2; Did the bombers hit ADSCHIED? If they didn't, I want them to go there. Ans: We will check with 1st Bn and let you know.
- 1032 - S-3 to Red 2; Find out where the planes bombed and call me back.
- 1042 - S-2 to PWI; Did you find out if the Pz Lehr relieved anybody? Ans: They did not know.
- 1055 - Blue OP reports; At 1045 hours, L co reported enemy tank firing from vicinity of Pt 70. At 1047 hours, K co received barrage of 20 rockets firing WP and landing all over the K co area.
- 1058 - I&R OP reports; At 1047 hours, concentration of smoke 200 yards SW of Pt 56.
- 1110 - S-2 to ASP; We would like to get some ~~at~~ at 737380. Spotted 4 tanks and a co of infantry.
- 1115 - S-3 to Red Bn; I asked Lt. Hoffman to find out about the air. Ans: The bombing was at BLANKENBERG. We are in town at 41, but haven't cleared it yet. B is standing still, but lot of movement around them. 40 Pz Lehr PWs coming in. They are from the 901st Regt. They have no armor or tanks; only SP guns.
- 1115 - Blue 6 to S-6; I am beginning to get reorganized and I think I can go again. S-6; Just get yourself reorganized for now. Tanks are being reported by the air and I want you to be able to take care of yourself. I am going to try and shake 2nd Bn loose and move them around.
- 1121 - S-3 to Capt. Dinmoore; 634th Recon is detached from 2nd Bn effective 1200 hours. They will assemble in the vicinity of MURSCHEID.
- 1124 - ASP to S-2; Just about ready to go after 737380 with the planes; is that OK? Ans: Yes, sir. ASP; We would appreciate a definite report from the ground troops on results.
- 1125 - S-3 to ASP; They hit BLANKENBERG and not ADSCHIED.
- 1127 - S-6 to G-6; The town of GREUELSTEBEN has people in it. When it is clear, we can do something about the relief. G-6; Clean up your sector and ~~take~~ parcel it off to the 78th as fast as you can. S-6; 5 tanks were reported with infantry moving SW from SUCHTERSCHIED; 7 tanks in vic of 737380.
- 1130 - S-2 to Blue 3; Planes will be in on Pt 70 shortly. They would appreciate an accurate report on the results. Ans: OK. What about the report of plenty of tanks and infantry coming up from the SW? Ans: I haven't heard.
- 1135 - S-2 to G-2; We have another straggler from the 959th Regt. G-2; PW report that 11th PGR of the 9th Pz Div is in rest area at 8839, and CP in line commanding stragglers. Others are doing OK with light resistance. Everything seems to be in front of us.

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- 1145 - S-2 to White 2: In front of Blue and Red, 901st Pz Lehr identified. What happened to the 363rd? Ans: I do not know. S-2: The 11th Pz is back in the rear. 11th Pz of the 9th Pz in rest area at 8839. PATTON took down of DOMESTAT, (SP?). He has another bridge across. We have another air mission on stuff milling around Pt 70. 10th Div moving OK, resistance light. Foo reports they have an OP at 718408. Do you know about it? Ans: They have. I'm only 200 yards from where they are. They have people at 715406. S-2: Is 39 clear yet? Ans: No, they had quite a bit of fire. Received lot of rockets. A mine field is at 702413. About 50 enemy at 713414, this side of the RR. 2 MG's at 714410. Plenty of stuff from across the river.
- 1150 - S-3 to Capt. Kolb: What is the dope? Ans: A and C co's have cleared town at 41. S-3: As soon as 2nd Bn gets straightened around, they will go for 27, and your job will be to tie in with their right flank.
- 1156 - I&R OP reports: At 1156 hours 5 or 4 salvos of rockets hit Pt 54.
- 1200 - S-3 to Capt. Dinsmoore: Your mission is to take 27. Let me know what time you can do it. 1st Bn will move to cover your flank.
- 1205 - Blue 2 to S-2: I am sending you 9 Germans from Pz Lehr; one from the Africa-crew (a tanker). They were picked up around L co today. Two tanks knocked out today; there are about six still around. Prisoner lost SOLDATBUCH someplace.
- 1207 - S-2 to FWI: (Information from Blue 2 given). Interrogate the "Tanker PW" thoroughly; find out where from; co; how many tanks; disposition and plans. Give him the usual treatment and then if no results, bear down on him.
- 1212 - S-2 to G-2: On the south side of the RR (713415), 50 enemy are dug in. GREULSTEFEN at 7241, is observed by our people. No tanks seen or SP's. Direct fire from rockets, indirect artillery fire from across river. Blue picked up a tanker last of his ~~XXX~~ crew. Two tanks knocked out and about six still around. LICHTENBERG knocked out. G-2: 26th Inf, I and K co's; I on the N and K on the S at 7637, on the road. They took 50 PWs from the 111 Regt of the 11th PG div. 3rd Armored entered GEISBACH at 787375. Going on road to 773350 now. All units of the 9th Pz Div identified. People south cleared town of RUMELDORF at 8211. HEINBACH at 8605. Engrs at 8602. Highway Bridge at 8702 and they still have advanced elements at 883365. 3rd Armored mex small arms fire and tank fire from the south.
- 1215 - S-3 to Blue 3: The Colonel wants you to jump at 1400 hours and go around thru Pts 69 to 70 ridge and take Pt 70 from that direction. G co, 18th Inf now working on hill mass at 742376 (hill 2 58). Blue 3: The Colonel said that a counterattacking force with tanks were observed coming from 71 toward Pt 70. He said to button up. S-3: The Colonel told you to reorganize. Plan on working on Pt 70.
- 1225 - S-3 to Capt. Moore (18th Inf): What about G co on the hill? Ans: They sent a recon force up there and it is occupied by the enemy in force. They are not planning to send an attacking force to clean it out. S-3: When do you plan to attack? Ans: The plans are being formulated now. We will let you know.

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S-3; OK. Fine. Our plans for this afternoon are - our 3rd Bn will go around the southern portion of the ridge and go up and take the RJ. We will tie in with your G co. With this in mind, we will secure the crossroads, and you the hill. We will push our 2nd Bn, who will assemble near there, on the southern road up to SUCHTERSHEID. White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger; Here's our latest situation - I have 2 platoons of E co with 5 light tanks and 1 medium in town at 39. Getting fairly cleaned up and are having trouble in the woods to the south. We picked up some mortars in courtyard at 27 and fair amount of enemy at 27. F co is east of Pt 40, strung along the road. Have outpost and observation post in the woods to their east, not far from 27 at about 717407. The enemy chased the outposts several times with mortars and rockets. I want E co to button up and reorganize before we go. I have no TDs, 3 mediums, and 5 light.

- 1254 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger; VII Corps #6 is here. I want to bring him pp with our situation. Will you give me the latest information? (Lt. Kestlinger reviews the situation of this hour as of previous information of this journal).
- 1255 - IAR OP reports; At 1300 hours, enemy rockets and smoke shells landing 800 yards NE of Pt 40, along the west side of the road, and extending to Pt 56.
- 1309 - ASF to Lt. Kestlinger; The sqdrn leader claimed they knocked out 3 tanks at 70, and put a lot of rubble on the road. It will slow anyone's progress if they attempt it again. Have you any dope from L co? It would be good if we could get confirmation on this. They were working kind of close to your troops. It would give the other boys confidence.
- 1315 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf; When is your jump off time? Ans; At 1315 hours. Lt. K; How are things? Ans; They are catching a little stuff in the town most of it coming from the North.
- 1327 - Major Smith to Red 6; (Maj. Smith gives latest situation). 26 Inf is at Pt 208. The direction of the attack for the 2nd and 3rd Bns is NE. I think the Colonel wants you to work on 42 (BLANKENBERG). I will let you know when 2nd Bn jumps.
- 1340 - 18th Inf Reports; One platoon of G co reinforced on their objective, the high hill #259. Just up from UCKERATH, the town we took last night. Lt. Kestlinger; Which way is the platoon facing? Ans; We have an all around Defense. Lt. K; Can fire be observed on 737380, the major road junction? The air said they just knocked out 3 tanks there. Ans; This report came from white, they are going to give you as much help as possible. Our L co is on the hill #230, they can't see road junction. I will check on White and call you back. Lt. Kestlinger; Our front lines hinge on road junction at 729.
- 1355 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Merideno, T-ansp. O; I would like to get ten trucks laid off for 1800 hours tonight for the 2nd Bn in SOVEN. Have 2nd Bn motor officer pick them up. They will not go to SOVEN.

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- 1400 - White 6 to S-3; I have 2 platoons of E co in the town, along with 4 light and 2 mediums. I lost one medium. 125 PWs on the way. Look just below 37 on your aerial photos, road between 39 and 37, the patch of woods is giving us trouble in cleaning it out. There is a 4 man CP at 41. Lt. Sinclair at Pt 39. Lt. Wilmott with F. There are enemy in 27 and mortars near by. No tanks or SPs seen at 27 but lots of infantry. I will organize E co first and bring G co down to 39. No Tds left; I will bring my 4 lights and 2 mediums down road to 27. Lt. Wilmott will work eastern edge of the woods. S-3; You have to get cover in those buildings. What is your estimated time of moving? White 6; Not before 1500 hours. I must get rid these PWs and I can't move the mediums unless I get smoke first. F is tied in, E around 27 and G around 39. S-3; The 309th Inf will relieve you and I have 10 trucks available to move you to the area in HENNEF to SOVEN. White 6; I believe I can get by without the trucks, they will just draw more fire. I can make better time over 53 than thru HENNEF. I will let you know if I need them. We have 169 PWs now.
- 1400 - G-2 to S-2; Lt. Stineway got a civilian who crossed the bridge from MERTEN. A lot of armored personnel carriers and tanks in vicinity of 750444 to 765407, all along in there as of 0800 hours, 18th Inf identified 111th PGR of Pz Div. 18th Inf I and K are at 767373 to 767365; center of I co is 767372; center of K is 767367.
- 1410 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP office reports; PW count from midnight 23 to 24 March is 254. Midnight last night to now 156. Since the 20th of March 1544 PWs.
- 1410 - Blue 2 to Sgt McGill, Blue; G co of the 18th is sending reinforced platoon SE of 70. The air is going to hit Pt 70 again.
- 1425 - S-2 to Red 2; 1st Bn CP of the 901 PGR reported to be at 7340. Gives report of Lt. Stineway relative to the bridge from MERTEN.
- 1430 - S-2 to Lt. Chandler, White 2; Relays information concerning the bridge from MERTEN.
- 1435 - PWI reports; 1st Bn PWs: 15 from the 6th co of the 901 Pz Regt; 3 from the 4th co of the 901 Pz Regt; 14 from the 3rd Co of the 901 Pz regt; 5 from the 2nd Co of the 901 Pz Regt; 1 from the 1st Co of the 901 Regt (Pz); 5 stragglers; total of 43. White Bn; - 8 from the 1th Co of the 958 Regt; 3 from the 3rd co of the 162 Field Repl Bn; 2 from the 5th co of the 183rd Regt 3 from the 6th co of the 183rd; 3 from the 7th co of the 183rd; 4 from the 3rd co of the 901 Pz regt; total of 123. Blue Bn; - 1 from the 2nd Co of the 959th PGR; 2 from the 5th co of the 902nd Pz regt; 3 from the 3rd co of the 902 regt; 2 from the 3rd co of the 363rd Fus bn; 1 from the 7th co of the 130 Pz regt; 2 stragglers; total of 11.
- 1440 - Sgt. McGill, Blue to clerk; L co reports 2 tanks and a lot of infantry at 745401.
- 1445 - G-3 reports; The planes are going to hit 737380 right now.

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- 1448 - Blue 3 to S-3: In the attack K co will follow L; at 1530 hours a TOT will be laid down, after the TOT, we rush into town. I co then moves up and takes the town of BIERTH.
- 1450 - Sgt. Wheeler, Acting Liaison to Div reports; 3rd Armored at 806345, (TFW); TFK at 805326; TFD at 785291. Things are cleaning up. 104th Div jumped off.
- 1455 - S-2 to G-2; Gives above FWI report as of 1435 hours. White has about 175 PWs; these are still to come in. Our boys are just starting to move.
- 1500 - I&R OP reports; It looks as if the air were dropping markers on Pt 69.
- 1515 - 3rd Bn shell report; 20 rounds of 105mm; 6 rounds of 150mm; 80 rounds of rockets; 15 rounds of tank or SP fire.
- 1517 - 1st Bn shell report; 750 rounds of mortar; 150 rounds of light artillery; 90 rounds of rockets.
- 1530 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3; Did the air do any good? Ans: They hit right on the target. K co will get the details.
- 1530 - I&R OP reports; 1440 hours, enemy artillery landing in K area. 1435 hours, 1 person at 726425 went in to a house. 1505 hours, at 717428 enemy vehicle moving into ALTENBODINGEN; personnel movement on the edge of the woods. 1515 hours, 8 enemy at 15 yards interval with packs on their backs; just counted 15 more walking on trail from ALTENBODINGEN and coming south. 1500 hrs, out planes bombing Pt 70. S-2; Tells them to fire artillery on those enemy around ALTENBODINGEN. OP: Someone just dropped a smoke shell in there.
- 1530 - G-3 to S-3; How are things? Ans: OK. G-3; Are you tied in with 309th? Ans: Yes., their Red 6 is up talking with Colonel Grant now. Colonel Beck; I am trying to get some TD's and also can you let loose of the light tanks by 1200 hrs tomorrow? Ans; Yes, Can we use UCKERATH as a forward assembly area for a couple of hours? G-3; I will make arrangements. The bridge at 735415 is out, also the one at MERTEN has been put out by 8 inch guns. Corps is working on the bridges at BOURAUEL and KBITETS.
- 1535 - Red 2 to S-2: Patrol from B going to draw N of Pt 69 to see if those tanks were knocked out in there. Artillery has been notified.
- 1545 - S-3 to White 5: Tentative plan given for 2nd Bn. SUCHTERSCHIED being the objective.
- 1600 - Sgt Wheeler, Acting Div Liaison: COB of the 9th armored Div is at 890029, town clear. 1st Bn of the 60th regt at 809210 - 804223. 2nd Bn of the 49th regt at 777260 and town is clear. Town at 8802 also clear. 6th corps sector 63rd Inf along NS grid of 89 vic of 8907. 1425 hrs TFW of the 3rd Armored was at 805346; TFK was at 806323; TFD at 785293 as of 1320 hrs. COB of the 14th Armored reached 67839 and 7336; GCA at 7842 with no opposition. 90th Div at 5942, 5742. 5th Div at 5149, 5151. 3rd Army at 0255 but unconfirmed.

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They are past the town of A. Div artillery knocked out a bridge at 762408 with 2 rounds of 8 inch artillery. The bridge at 726415 is already out. Div Artillery says that armor is at 818300, 821272.

- 1605 - White Bn to Lt. Kestlinger: Shell report for today is 115 rounds of rockets, 375 rounds of SP, 525 rounds of 105mm artillery and 110 mortars.
- 1607 - G-2 to S-2: What is doing? Ans: Blue is moving. White still working on woods east of DOMESDORF. G-2: It looks like 130th and 11th Pz covered by 363rd, 26th Inf getting close to boundary of 9th Pz and 11th Pz. If the 130th will be able to do anything or not is hard to say. K co reported up in the buildings, up to road at 737381.
- 1607 - S-2 to G-2: Shell report for the day 1025 rounds of artillery including SPs. 125 rounds of 105mm and 110 rounds of mortar. 310 rockets.
- 1615 - Blue 3 to S-3: K co at 70, no fire. Also a platoon of I on top of the hill. S-3: Got report from 1st Bn that a patrol from B went down the draw east of 69. Saw no enemy tanks or fire. Red: Need platoon of Engrs to do some work on the roads and mines. S-3: You'll have them within a half hour.
- 1617 - S-3 to G-3: Attack going OK. K co up in the buildings at 737381 going OK. We control all of the high ground now up to the east. Moving into BIERETH.
- 1625 - I&R OP reports: 1650 hours, 4 enemy on trail between BUDINGEN and ALTENBODINGEN. 1610 hrs, 4 enemy on main road between same places and DRIESCH. They went into the woods to the NW. 7th FA is going to fire for us.
- 1625 - S-3 to White Bn: How is the attack going? Ans: E co was just preparing to jump when they got lots of direct fire from across the river. They should have jumped by now because we laid a smoke screen. ~~1625~~
- 1637 - Lt. Stephens to Major Smith: 18th Inf got 3 cos at UCKERATH. They will pass thru.
- 1640 - G-3 to S-3: Where is fire coming from now? Ans: Not too well, have no information. The fire is in front of UCKERATH, but coming from direct fire weapons on the high ground across the river. They are now laying a smoke screen and moving out slowly. E and F co's are moving ahead. G-3: Where is G co? S-3: G co is at 705415. G-3: How is Red doing? S-3: Red is doing fairly well. Our 3rd Bn is cleaning out area and working up to BIERETH.
- 1641 - Blue Bn reports: 1610 hrs, K co OP reported a tank at 55 degrees and 2000 yds. 1625 hrs, K co received small arms fire but continued on to town. 1637 hrs, K co OP reported B co patrol came within 300 yds of K co. OP observed B patrol firing but could not observe any return fire. OP could not see what they fired at.
- 1647 - I&R OP reports: 1640 hrs, 1 platoon of friendly troops moving across road 200 yds NW of 56, also smoke concentration between 56 and 26, W of main road. 1645 hrs, 15 enemy airbursts, 500 yds SW of Pt 39.

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- 1700 - White 2 to S-2: I have the 2nd Bn commander (Lt) of the 942nd Regt, 353rd Div. I have over 100 prisoners here now and I will walk them back to SOVEN, and you can pick them up there. Ans: OK, I will try and pick them up from you at SOVEN. White 2: Lot of them taken at Pt 39. S-2: How are things going? Ans: Getting direct fire. 2 platoons of E jumping for 27. F is going to move a platoon down.
- 1703 - S-4 to S-5: Just spoke to DAO, he says they have located an enemy dump of 81mm light and that we can get them. Should I get a couple of truckloads for each Bn? Ans: Yes, get them.
- 1712 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to S-2: I have 4 men and one officer here from the Pz Lehr. One stated that tanks pulled up to an assembly area 3 kilometers north of EIDORF last night. They were taken by A and B cos. S-2: How are things going? Ans: Everything quiet now. Armor is up, roads swept for mines. We took 56 PWs today. S-2: Send prisoners back in a jeep. Ans: OK.
- 1722 - S-3 to White Lt. Loney: What do you hear? Ans: 2 platoons from E have cleared edge of woods 500 yds E of 59, smoking 71 and 72 northing. S-3: Tell Colonel Grant that the Colonel wants G co out as soon as possible. The other 2 cos to be relieved, as soon as possible.
- 1724 - Blue 3 to S-3: K co at 70, have contacted G of the 18th. "I" co is moving at 1800 hrs to town N of 70. Town is clear now. 29 PWs on the way up to you.
- 1725 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives PW report from the 1st Bn). G-2: Elements of 3rd Armored have reached 835332. Other elements at 810349. Another column reached 795336. All people south have pushed 5 to 10 kilometers with no opposition. Blue of the 26th cleared roads at 771368, pushed up to 770375. They are running into nothing. 104th way out without meeting anything. PATTON reached river in DOMESTAT, no opposition. BRITISH took 8000 prisoners since they crossed the river.
- 1730 - IRR reports: 2 horse drawn vehicles going toward BODINGEN on the road SE of the town at 724425 at 1705 hours. At 1725 hours, friendly artillery falling in the same town.
- 1740 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Paper Cubs from the 188 PA will fly over the Div sector from 1900 hours to 2300 hours.
- 1745 - Lt. Kestlinger gives the locations of 3rd Armored and 26th Infantry to all units from information as previously listed in this journal.
- 1745 - Blue Bn reports: 28 More prisoners on the way down. From the 902 Regt of Pz Lehr, taken by K co at Pt 70. Couple from the 111th Regt; couple of them from the 959th. K co patrol contacted G of the 18th Inf. Cleared town of Pt 70.
- 1747 - White Bn reports: E co has foothold in the town of 27.

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- 1748 - S-2 to FWI: 28 more FWs on the way from the 3rd Bn. 4 or 5 more on the way from 1st Bn. There is a Lt., with them who knows about the tanks. Get all you can from him.
- 1800 - Red 6 to S-3: Discussion of general situation. 1st Bn lost 2 M-10's, 1 tank with track off; other tank is still on the other side of the stream - complete loss. We observed enemy digging in on the side of the hill at BLANKENBERG.
- 1810 - G-3 to S-3: I am sending the co commander of Co C of the 64th TD Bn & w/m to you on the load basis. His outfit is about 5 miles away from here. (Situation is reviewed as previous items of this journal).
- 1816 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue Bn: I co is on the move.
- 1830 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: We are getting a new TD outfit to replace 64th, temporary, who will go into an assembly area for maintenance. Have an officer here from your Bn at Regt. CP at 2000 hours to guide the platoons in. Ans: OK.
- 1835 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: You re to shake the 1st recon troops. Ans: I think we can do that about 0800 hours in the morning.
- 1840 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: (Tells of 64th replacing the 643 TDs as above). Blue 3: We got a patrol up to 58. K co has elements in BEIRTH. Co I moved out to Pt 70 and took it. Plan to move the CP tonight to 733377.
- 1850 - Sgt. Valtin FWI reports: From the 1st Bn - 1 from the 1st Co 901; 2 from the 3rd co 901; 1 from the 6th co 901; 2 from the 6th co 183. From the 3rd Bn - 2 from the 2nd co of 363 Fus Bn; 3 from the 5th co 111 Pz GR; 1 from Hq 1st Bn 902; 2 from 2nd Co 902; 4 from 3rd Co 902; 16 from 5th co 902. A Lt., platoon commander from the 1st Co of the 901, says his Bn arrived yesterday morning in vicinity 772454. Within a circle 1 kilometer in diameter from 772454, center, the Bn left the half tracks and trains. Then Bns went S to 781100 and crossed bridge and took river road to BLANKENBERG to ADSCHIED. 1st and 2nd Co's were ordered to attack the ridge on road at 721394. The attack failed and the Lt. stayed behind. Bn strength was 300 to 350.
- 1855 - S-3 to Blue 3: Send a patrol as soon as possible to 201 up to 71. If it is unoccupied or lightly held, one of your co's will follow up.
- 1904 - S-2 relays above FW report from FWI to G-2.
- 1905 - Lt. Kestlinger to Col. Grant: (Gives message of 1830 hours). White 6: E is at 27, and I am sending out everything to clear town and hold it.
- 1915 - MESSAGE - CO 16th Inf 26th Inf, TFD: Ron Co 64th TD Bn detached 16th Inf atahd to 26th effective 251500A company commander to report to 26th Inf for instructions.

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- 1916 - MESSAGE: CO 16th Inf from G-4: (time signed 1200 hours). 1. c DAO F 675347 open 260000 hours. 2. c FW cage F 683342 open 251600 hours.
- 1917 - White 6 to S-3: Discuss relief for tonight. It is not to be a man for man affair. White moves out and the 78th moves in.
- 1920 - MESSAGE: CO 16th Inf from CG, 1st Div, time signed 1800 hours. Confirming VOGG CO C, 64th TD Bn is atchd to 16th Inf effective 251800 hours.
- 1921 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf: Gave information of the Blue patrol.
- 1925 - Major Smith to Red Bn: F co which got thru woods to a point approximately 722408 and cleared it out, will be pulled out. There will be nothing between you and Pt 27, but there will be friendly people at 27. A co will have to watch its left flank.
- 1926 - Capt. Loney to Lt. Stephens: Tell Maj. Smith that E co has a foothold in the town with at least a platoon of infantry with the armor.
- 1929 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: E co is in the western edge of GREUELISTEFEN with a platoon of infantry with armor.
- 1932 - S-2 to G-2: Town of GREUELISTEFEN cleared. 309th is now pulling a relief.
- 1940 - MESSAGE to CO, 1st Recon troop from S-3, 16th Inf: You are released from attachment 16th Inf effective 2230 hours this date. Assemble troop vic BELLINGHAUSEN, 567343, immediately. Report to G-3 1st Inf Div.
- 1946 - S-3 to G-3, Capt. Kelly: GREUELISTEFEN is cleared. We have a patrol going to SUCHTERSHEID from the 3rd Bn. I am releasing the 1st Recon troop as soon as I can get them out. (msg as above given).
- 2000 - FWI reports: 160 FWs from 2nd Bn - 116 from Battle group A, including the commander MAJOR ABLE. 10 from the 162nd Repl Bn; 25 from the 373 MARSCH BN; 5 from the Weapons School, Army High Command V; 4 from the 957th Regt. Men from the 111 Regt were stragglers and had made an attack on UCKERATH yesterday - became lost.
- 2009 - S-3 to White 3: You are to assemble in vic of SOVEN, not to move except on orders from this headquarters. 3rd Bn given mission to secure SUCHTER* SCHEID to move tonight. If it is too difficult, these are the plans which will go into effect. You will have one company on a 2 hour alert in vic of SOVEN. To move on orders with 1 platoon of tanks, 1 platoon of TDs, platoon of AT guns, MG and mortar attachments and move what else you need. To move out to UCKERATH to take 201 and 71. If the 3rd Bn can take care of it without too much trouble, you will stay in the vicinity of SOVEN.
- 2015 - Maj. Smith S-3 to Capt. Armstrong, 634th TD: Soon as the 64th TD gets in, I want you to pull your co back to take 3 days to get 12 TDs in shape and ready to go in case I have to call on you, perhaps it may be sooner than 3 days. Ans: I have to stay where I am in UTHWEILER. S-3: Yes, that is OK.

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- 2020 - 309th S-3 to Maj. Smith: On this relief do we take over from White complete, because if we take over from F, that will put in your attack tomorrow. Our 1st Bn has been in contact with Colonel Grant all day. S-3: All you have to do is take over from E and G and we will pull our F out. Have notified our 1st Bn and they will protect their own left flank. Ans: We will put something in behind them to help out. Did you clear out that part in front of G? S-3: No, and we will not, as we are going for BLANKENBERG. Ans: We are waiting for an order from Div to start.
- 2021 - S-2 to G-2: Gives the PW report as of 2000 hours. We have a patrol going out to SUCHTERSCHIED tonight. G-2: At 778366, some towed artillery was seen being taken out to the east. At 1920 hours a tank was seen in the same area and some of them towing artillery. PATTON has 2 bridges intact over the river. Div got 621 PW's, for the day.
- 2030 - S-4 to S-3: What TD outfit do we get with us and will they ration with us? Ans: C of the 64th, and they will ration the same as the others.
- 2030 - G-3, Colonel Fowley to S-3: 78th Div G-3 called and says they do not have any knowledge of relief by those people. I told them the Bns and regiments concerned should worry about that. S-3: 309th has got to have word from the Div to go for relief, from 78th Div. G-3: I will call 78th Div and give them the GO sign. S-3: I have talked to the Bns and they are all ready.
- 2040 - Col. Anson, 1st Engrs, to Major Smith: We have an officer and 160 men of the 64th here looking for billets. S-3: They move out tonight to the Bns. Ans: They need a building for a CP; CP consists of 70 men. S-3: Speaks of the officer to the officer of the 64th and directs him to 16th Inf CP.
- 2042e Lt. Moore to Lt. Stephens: Route from SOVEN to WESTERHAUSEN, KIRSCHIED, to SAND, to WELLSBERG, to UCKERATH, is given by Lt. S. to Lt. Moore, White Bn.
- 2050 - Capt. Moore, 18th Inf, to Lt. Stephens: Can we get a contact point from your 3rd Bn with our 2nd Bn at 739379? Would like that to start on the even hours beginning at 2200 hours - 2400 - 0200 hours - 0400 hours. Lt. S: OK. Ans: We are at 720356.
- 2055 - Blue 2 to Capt. Hall S-2: We have a man in uniform who is a Red Cross man; Should we let him go? S-2: Yes, let him to to the Military Government. They will check him. Blue 2: One half track and tank knocked out by aircraft. 2 tanks knocked out by fire. There is a Mark III, IV, V and VI.
- 2100 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 2: Just got a call from the 18th to look for a contact patrol beginning at 2200 hours at 739379. Blue 2: That is OK.
- 2100 - S-2 to Capt. Kallb, Red 3: Have any of your people reported any tanks or half tracks knocked? Ans: C knocked out 1 half track with a 75 SP.

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- 2110 - Capt. Niple, Med Det to Lt. Stephens: We have found a soldier from Div behind the Hqs kitchen. From all appearances he has had a severe blast by some gun. He has been with the Div for 4 years. His story is quite confusing. There are no tattoo marks on him; his clothes are ripped to pieces. Lt. S: Get a pencil copy of the incident and send him to the hospital. Capt. Niple: He is not hurt badly but very confused in his story.
- 2112 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: I want to lay mines on the road between 57 and 69 at 72938h. Lt. S: Do you think 1st Bn will use the road? Ans: No.
- 2114 - Lt. Stephens to Red 6: Above item of 2112 hours repeated. Red 6: Will call Blue 3 on that; I have tanks over that road. Have Major Smith call me.
- 2115 - Sgt. Wheeler, Acting Liaison to Div: 4th Armored has crossed the MAIN on two places. Have one command going North on the autobahn and are now 12 miles from FRANKFURT.
- 2116 - 1st Recn reported they were pulling out now to go back to their unit.
- 2130 - Lt. Stephens to Div Hqs WO: Item of 2110 given and Lt. S speaks of written report given to us by the medics in regard to the soldier picked up by Capt. Niple. Ans: We have had trouble with the person concerned earlier tonight. Lt. S: He was evacuated thru regular channels.
- 2135 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: E cleared town of 27. Patrol sent south of 28. Looked at bridge at 28 and both are out. Lt. S: Are those people down there doing any good? Ans: Yes, had one tank knocked out, 1 wounded, 1 killed, 1 officer wounded. Capt. Karas had one killed, and took 20 to 25 PWs.
- 2140 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Carroll, 745 Tnks: Item of 2135 hours given.
- 2145 - S-2 to White 2: Did any of your people report any tank or half tracks today? Ans: No, don't know of any. Stan had a patrol down to Pt 29 and 28; all caesar; bridge is blown. S-2: Gives the big picture. The Major you sent in is from the 1st Bn of the 941st Regt, who was sent across river to maintain a bridge across the river.
- 2146 - S-2 to G-2: 3 tanks and two half tracks knocked out today. Also took 409 PWs. The story on Major ABLE of the 1st Bn of the 943rd: He was ~~xxxx~~ last seen down at town at 672433, in Div reserve, 2nd Bn of the 943 in position between 713417, and 723420 to left of 941st Regt and extending to 738420. He had 180 men, mostly made up of stragglers. Was given a mission at DONDORF, and had to walk 40 kilometers; came across river at BOURVEL. Took river road to DONDORF. Regt CP at noon was vicinity of 717416 today. G-2: 3rd armored - TFL 850330; TFK 835320; TFW 822345; TFD 856279. Another TF is at 835300.

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- 2150 - Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: 9 PWs, 2 from the MK V or Panther Co reported to have 5 Panther and 2 Mark IV's. We knocked out 2 Mark IV's and 2 assault guns. Two left in town of 70. L is reorganizing and moving forward to 71. They are at fork of road in the woods. At 2100 hours, 40 degrees azimuth, range from 12 to 1500 yards, tank movement heard. Coordinate of azimuth 738381.
- 2155 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: K co has one platoon north of 58, facing north, 1 platoon east of 58, facing east and one squad on the west. CP is at Pt 58. Lt. Kestlinger: Any report on patrol? Ans: Patrol under fire at 201.
- 2200 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf S-3: K at 737393 with two tanks and patrolling 1000 yards south to next road junction. I patrol to 745383 and going to work to town at 745384. 18th Inf S-3: We will jump at 2200 hours for 18 and 19.
- 2200 - S-2 to FWI: Ask FW from the 1st of the 943rd if he knows a Capt. WILDE of 941st? Do they have a 3rd Bn in either of the regiments? Ans: No, another FW confirms story that I have you about PW of 1st of the 943rd. S-2: Check with FW about things down by the river.
- 2205 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn: K co has an all around defense at Pt 58. Patrol on road toward 201.
- 2207 - Delight (7th FA) notifies that harassing fires will be places on the requested points.
- 2221 - Lt. Kestlinger to Colonel Fowley, G-3: Lt. Kestlinger reviews the latest situation from the Bns.
- 2226 - Capt. Elder to Lt. K: What is the latest? Ans: K co at 58. I co has a patrol at 201, and drawing small arms fire; going to send co I to 71.
- 2229 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Contact patrol with 309th, 1st Bn will send patrols at 2400 hours and 0200 hours from 27 to 41; we will send patrols at 0100 hours and 0300 hours to Pts 41 to 27. At 2300 hours A co going to contact K at 58. At 2400 hours, B co to go down to 42.
- 2240 - Col. Grant White 6 to Col Gibb S-6: Who is in charge of the TF? Ans: The TF is under your control.
- 2254 - FWI reports: The movement was made by truck. Started out last night at 2100 hrs; crossed bridge about 0300 hrs; arrived at DONDORF early in the morning. They know they had been committed there. On tanks - he did see 6 or 7 tanks along the road. New identifications from the 2nd Bn: 1 from the Regt Hq 901st Regt; 1 from the Wpns co, army command #5; 1 from the 1st co of the 164th; 5 from the 1st Bn of the 943rd Regt.
- 2256 - S-2 to G-2: Same as above item. G-2: the 26th picked up a FW from the 902 who stated that one co of the 902nd is at Pt 74.

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- 2257 - Red Bn reports negative. CP is moving to Pt 55.
- 2307 - S-2 gives Blue 2 the above PW report.
- 2310 - Blue 6 to Col Gibb: According to Capt. Hall, there is a co of inf at Pt 71, shall I continue my present mission? Ans: Yes. What about your tanks? Blue 6: I do not have them up there. S-6: Send them up. Ans: OK, Sir.
- 2320 - Col. Beck to Lt. Kestlinger: Here is the latest information: Recn Co 634th TD (less 1 platoon) is at Pt 203. 1 platoon at 206; G co of the 26th is at 221; F co of the 26th is at 219 and 220; E co of the 26th is at 29; I co is moving to 772388. At 2300 hrs, 1st Bn moving and passing thru Northern most portion of the 2nd Bn, 218. You clear as far N as 409 (Pt 200).
- 2331 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 6: Gives above report as of 2320 hours.
- 2340 - Sgt. Valten FWI to S-2: Have a PW radio man from the Sig Bn who had a code sheet for 15 March to 1 April. A capt from the 2nd Bn took it away from him. Ans: OK, I will take care of the matter. Regt Cp 901st is in a castle at 738403. 9th co and 10th co identified. 9th co has 2-50cm cannon on half tracks. 10th co has between 89 and 90 men; elements of the 130th Engr Bn in school house at 713406. Elements of the 1st Bn on the high ground. Stated 5 tanks with them and more tanks coming; number unknown. 130 Pz Lehr is with the 48 SS Pz Corps. Regtl Strength is 1100; 50 to 60 half tracks; present strength 800 men. 1 from Hq 954; 1 from the 3rd Co of 954; 4 from the 902nd; 3 from the 3rd co 902; 1 from the 2nd co 958; 1 from the 4th co 957th; 1 from the 5th co of the 111; 2 from the 7th co of the 130th Tnk Regt; 3 from the 1st co of the 111; 17 from the 1st co of the 520th Engr Const. Bn; 2 from the 901st (1st co).
- 2345 - G-2 to S-2: Gives above report to G-2.
- 2358 - FWI reports: The FW from the 901st is a radio operator and speaks English. He is interested in helping us on that plan. He needs his code papers to decode what messages he can get. Some Capt of the White Bn took them off him today when he was captured. FW is fully willing to cooperate with us.
- 2400 - S-2 to White 2: Above information is given and request is made to find Capt. who took the papers off the prisoner. Capt. Elder: I will ask someone and let you know about it in the morning. S-2: Code in those papers covers words and messages for the next week and would be very important.

LOCATION: CP in OBERPLEIS, Germany, 675351
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- 0010 - S-2 to Red 2, Lt Hoffman: The castle at 739403 is supposed to be the Regimental CP of the 901st. If it is still there tomorrow, it will bear searching! General PATTON got two bridges across the river south of Frankfurt, and SE. Captured two bridges across the river. The 9th Army linked up. They captured the town of WESSEL. The British are doing o.k. 10,000 PW's taken. 7th Army down south made a crossing. 3rd Army is doing well. The 7th Armored rolls tomorrow. The 16th Inf took 455 PW's for today; 1792 in the last five days. Do you know about the patrol to 42? (It seems that the B patrol was to contact Blue between 57 and 58 but ran into enemy behind that point. No physical contact made with Blue. A telephone call was made later to Blue.) S-2 would like a list by tomorrow of all vehicles (enemy) contacted and knocked out. Give coordinate of the place that the vehicle was knocked out, date knocked out, type of vehicles, Mark IV, V, and VI, size of howitzer and what weapon used to knock them out. It seems that we have some people outside of Division who think it is horse-play to knock out these vehicles. After I get the compiled list that I ask for, then it should be easy to send in a daily report of these vehicles, regardless of whether tanks, TD's, SP's or Howitzers. I intend putting it in the Division record so reference can be made to it whenever necessary. Red 2: I will try to get that list in by tomorrow, and I will caution my people to be on the lookout for that castle.
- 0025 - S-2 to White 2: Item 0010 given and speaks of PW also who was on his way to the 2nd Bn to give information about certain enemy positions. PW says that a Captain at the White CP took off his person a certain radio code; it covers period March 15 to April 1.
- 0030 - S-2 to Blue 2: Any report on I Company? Ans: No. Item of 0010 given and request made for enemy vehicles knocked out.
- 0035 - Lt Kestlinger to Blue 6: Any progress on I? Ans: No progress reported. They have not started but are ready to start. TD's are not here. I am sending them up to K. I will use lights and Mediums with I Company.
- 0040 - S-2 to FWI: If you get any further information on PW's, call it into Division, and then to us. FWI: Have you had any luck in finding those code papers? Not yet but there may be by morning. FWI: PW states a copy of some radio code papers were supposedly left in a tank knocked out by us.
- 0045 - S-2 to G-2: Gives story of PW who volunteered services to work with us and loss of papers. G-2: I believe Corps outfit should be used in this. 26th Infantry Blue got their town and hill to the north of it. Not too much resistance met. White has town of "L" at the triangulation point. They are going for apex of triangle now. No resistance. Total PW's processed by the Division 802. S-2: Tomorrow I will send to you a list of all enemy vehicles knocked out by us on this side of the Rhine, how they were knocked out, weapons, used and place and date vehicles were knocked out. It should go in

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Division record for future reference. I haven't been picking those PW evacuees up on my report, but I intend including them in my following reports. G-2: We get a count from G-1. S-2: I told Sgt. Valten, FWI, to contact you if he has any PW information, and about things down by the river. G-2: 3rd Armored got about 800 PW's today.

- 0047 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: B did contact Blue at 58. The first time they went to the left rear of 58. The patrol that went to ADSCHIED ran into a road block- they will try again soon. S-3: Recon Co. of 634th on 203, minus 1 platoon, which is at 206. At 207 L of the 26th. The whole town is cleared. I on the high ground 500 yds north, sitting on the hill. Elements of the 18th Inf at 230. Elements at 799352.
- 0100 - White 3 to Lt Kestlinger: Has I left? Ans: No. (Item of 0035 and 0047 hours given).
- 0128 - Blue CP to Capt Clark: New Blue CP, 200 yards SE of Pt 69.
- 0158 - Blue to Capt. Clark: I Company now 300 yards southwest of Pt 201. No resistance met.
- 0200 - Blue OP reports: I Company on 201; no resistance. Our new OP is 300 yards NE of K Company CP. 2 Chandalier flares at 70 degrees. Small arms fire at 1500 yards out from K Company.
- 0205 - Lt Higgins to Capt Clark: B Company now moving out to Pt 42.
- 0215 - White Bn, Lt Haley to Capt. Clark: All on the way back; not here yet. Other people are all in.
- 0217 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Kelly, G-3: Gives hourly report as above 3 items. (I Company at 748384). G-3: I of the 26th at 189.8 on the high ground; L in town of FERNE.
- 0255 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5 to Capt. Clark: I on the outskirts of town at 71 (KUCHTERSCHIED). Do not appear to be receiving any fire.
- 0312 - Lt. Alexander, Red, to Capt. Clark: Just got a message by radio from B. 25 PW's; 3 platoons in position; consolidating; have not been discovered yet. (Lt Alexander supposes that they must be at Pt 42).
- 0314 - Capt. Richmond to Capt. Clark: I in the town, on objective. No shooting. No PW's. (The enemy must have gone into the woods someplace, Capt Richmond states).
- 0320 - FWI reports: 22 PW's from the 2nd Bn, 9 from the 1st Bn of the 943rd Regt, 7 from the Assault Bn CT ROSE, GHQ troops, 3 from the Battle Group LARGE, (353 Div), 3 from the 958th Regt. Town of BLANKENBERG is full of half-tracks and other vehicles, those of the 951 WZ Gr. Regt.
- 0322 - Capt. Clark to White Bn: Is relief complete? Ans: They have not completely closed here, but I think the relief is complete. (Exact

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time of relief not known as of this hour).

- 0325 - Capt Clark to G-3: Gives reports for the past hour in detail, as above.
- 0327 - Capt Clark gives PWI report of 0320 hours to G-2, and reports of positions of our units as of this hour.
- 0333 - Lt Alexander, to Capt Clark: B Company has a total of 31 PW's now. No opposition as yet. (Capt Clark gives information of vehicles in BLANKENBERG as of item 0320 hours).
- 0340 - Lt Alexander, Red Bn to Capt Clark: B reports artillery landing in their area. Do not know whether it is friendly or enemy. I have called the 7th FA; they are not firing but will check further. Capt Clark: If it continues call me.
- 0404 - Blue 5 to Capt Clark: Everything quiet. 50 to 60 rounds of 105 mm landed in front of K Company. Stuff is coming in- landing in no-man's land.
- 0405 - Lt McLellan, 309th Inf 3 to Capt Clark: Inquires about the 1st Bn movement. (Capt Clark gives information on movement of our units as of this hour). 309th S reports relief complete at 2330 hours.
- 0415 - Capt Clark to G-3: Increase in artillery front of K and B Companies. Most of it landing in no man's land, so far.
- 0423 - PWI to clerk: Identification on PW's from 3rd Bn: - 1 from 5th Company of the 901 PGR, 4 from the 7th Company of the 901 PGR, 1 from the 8th Company of the 901 PGR, 1 from the Hqs Company of the 901 PGR. Assault Bn NOSE is directly under 5th Pz Army. Came from LEVERKUSEN on 23 March by trucks, crossing the EITORS bridge 24 March 1945. Went to DONDORF with 150 men and some mortars. This is only the 2nd and 4th Companies. 1st Company did not come because of gasoline shortage, and 3rd Company is with weapons school AOK V in LUDEMSCHEID. This Bn was attached to 943rd VGR.
- 0500 - 1st Bn to Mr Lipinski: B Company in position now, sending tanks to them. C Company not getting much opposition; took 31 PW's.
- 0505 - Blue 5 to clerk: At 0450 hours, patrol of K of the 18th Inf contacted L Company. I Company has about 30 PW's, will evacuate them when transportation is available.
- 0507 - Lt Alexander, 1st Bn to Mr Lipinski: C Company called and wants to know if our artillery is firing on their objective. I'll call 7th FA. Ans: O.K.
- 0515 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: All is quiet down here.
- 0600 - G-2 to Mr Lipinski: What is new? Ans: I Company has 30 PW's; B Company has 31 PW's, and is on the move now. G-2: 26th Inf reports counterattack around 781395 (192). 18th Inf reports all quiet, not even artillery coming in. How about artillery in your area? Ans:

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It has been light all night.

- 0605 - Blue 5 reports: Negative report for Blue. No shelling, and everything is quiet.
- 0604 - 1st Bn reports: C Company has taken objective. No resistance. Are now searching houses. Moving our tanks to 42 where B Company is.
- 0607 - Mr Lipinski to G-3: All quiet. C Company has reached objective, and are searching houses.
- 0610 - White Bn reports: All quiet. (Mr Lipinski gives latest information as of previous items of this journal).
- 0725 - Blue 5 reports: I Company at Pt 71. Observed tanks at Pt 205. Would like to know whose they are. Also sent back 30 PW's. Ans: I will call you back sir.
- 0728 - Clerk to 26th Inf 3: Or Blue Bn reports seeing tanks at 761391. Can you tell me if they are yours? Ans: We have tanks a couple of hundred yards S of that.
- 0730 - Clerk to Blue 5: 26th Inf says that they have ^{tanks} a couple of hundred yards South of 205.
- 0748 - S-3 to Red 3: What is the story in BLANKENBERG? Ans: C Company is in there, met no resistance. Looks like the enemy pulled out. A Company is sending one platoon into the town of STEIN, rest of the Company will follow.
- 0755 - S-3 to Blue 2: When are you going to move out? Red is on 45 and met no resistance. Ans: I will call you back when I find out.
- 0800 - Red 6 to S-3: Where is the 3rd Bn going into? Ans: An assembly area around 69 and 70. Give you 55-82-68, if you want it. Red 6: Was thinking of leaving them where they are. Will pull C back out of BLANKENBERG. S-3: Did you get your TD's ok? Red 6: Yes, but one is kaput already; went over a mine.
- 0805 - 309th Inf to Lt Stephens: All positions of 1st Bn of 16th given. Patrol from E Company sent from 727413; found nothing. Blue at town of LESCHIED; I of Blue in the rear.
- 0850 - Lt Ballard, Cannon Co., to Lt Stephens: One of our observers wants to know if there are any troops in at Pt 43? Ans: Yes, C Company is in there. All positions of the Bns given.
- 0910 - S-3 to White, Lt Moore: Send light tanks back to company and release the ten trucks back to them. Ans: right sir.
- 0910 - I and R OP: 0820 hours, 3 light vehicles in vicinity of 723427. 5 enemy at 717428. Have seen one and two walking. 7th FA fired on that position last night. They are going to have 5th FA fire out there today. 0845 hours- 3 men leaving and three men entering town at 737426.
- 0911 - G-3 to S-3: The light tanks, can you turn them back? S-3: Have just

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issued an order to release them. G-3: When will you get relieved and will they take over that sector complete? S-3: We will not get relieved until dark, and it should not be complete until 2300 hours. They can start during daylight to get their mortars and CP in.

- 0912 - S-3 to Blue 3: See that Lt Walker gets this message - Release platoon of light tanks and send them back to their companies immediately. Have him call me back on the situation. Ans: Will do that.
- 0915 - PWI report: From 3rd Bn: 11 from the 2nd Company, 111 PGR, 4 from the 4th Company 111 PGR, 1 from the Hq 1st Bn, 111 PGR, 5 from 2nd Company 902 PGR, 5 from the 3rd Company 902 PGR, 4 from the 957th Regt. From the 2nd Bn: 3 from the 7th Company of the 101st Regt, 1 from the 5th Company of 901 Regt, 2 from the 3rd Company of the 902 nd Regt.
- 0935 - S-2 to Lt Moore: Got two PW's last night, one from Hq 901st Regt, and one from the 353rd Division. The one from the 901st said a certain Captain took his brief case, and it had a radio code in it. The PW talked English and said the Captain's name was WERT, so will you check that for me?
- 0915 - S-3 to 311th Inf 3: We will be ready for you to relieve us by noon today. BLANKENBERG and SUCHTERSCHIED cleared. Ans: I will call you back on relief as soon as possible.
- 0935 - G-3 to S-3: We will send trucks to you for relief with 78th Div, as soon as available. Keep us posted on your plans. I want to go into an assembly area that the 18th is leaving at UCKERATH about 1400 hours today. S-3: That is good, I can get the 2nd Bn there; center my third in vicinity of 729383 and my first Bn in 720395. BLANKENBERG IS CLEAR. G-3: 26th Inf goes for MITTELSCHIED today. S-3: Don't believe they will find anything there.
- 0940 - 26th Inf S-3 to S-3: Our Blue Bn has sent a patrol out to SUCHTERSCHIED to contact your people from due east. S-3: I will notify our people.
- 0945 - Blue 2 to S-3: S-3: Anyone in BERG? Ans: Don't know. Patrols on way; One from I to 202; one from K with radio to 44 and there to 200. S-3: How big is K patrol? Ans: Just a recon. We are picking up enemy on both sides of 58 about 6 or so. S-3: How about building east of 58? Ans: They are being checked. Will let you know when clear. S-3: Your assembly area will be goose-egg beginning at 58-70-68-57. Blue 3: When do we come back? S-3: As soon as things are cleared up. I may be able to get some relief for I this noon. I am sending the 2nd Bn to UCKERATH.

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- 0945 - S-2 to G-2: Gives the PW report as of 0915 hours. How are things going? Ans: The 3rd Armored is at 915315-865348-846365-850330-850330-850300-885275. Believe 130th Panzer has moved out. Air caught 100 vehicles on road crossing bridge at HALFT. PATTON crossed MAIN, resistance light. BRITISH resistance is light. 9th Army, stiff resistance, but it is starting to crack.
- 1010 - Lt Walker to S-2: Notify the people on our left of our patrol going to Pt 44-200 and 202. The houses east of Pt 58 are clear. Since midnight last night, 36 PW's have been sent in. Capt Hall: PW's with papers on them are to be watched for last night we slipped up on some prearranged codes.
- 1010 - Sgt. Wheeler, liaison to Division reports: A report from DA states the 3rd US Armored Division at 915315, 846365, 863348, 850330, and 831320. The enemy lost a lot of stuff yesterday including 12 tanks, 7 assault guns, 4 SP's, 27 tanks, 4 mediums, 7 flak guns, 6 half tracks, 1 AT gun, 2 misc; and 342 PW's. 1st Bn of 415 at 805310; Cof the 415 at 818318; 2nd of the 415th at 830318; 3rd of the 415th at 785335; 2nd of the 413th at 780297; 1st of the 413th at 815294; I Company of the 413th at 802295; K of the 413th at 804285; L of the 413th at 820272.
- 1028 - Blue 6 to S-3: Patrol is at 44 and around the bend in the road. Sending 8 PW-s back. No word on I Company's patrol. Can I leave I Company at Pt 71 to give the men a rest. Ans: O.K., leave them there. As soon as you get cleared, we will move someone in there.
- 1030 - G-3 to S-3: How soon will you be released? Ans: At noon. Just waiting for a call from the other people. G-3: You will assemble in the vicinity of UCKERATH. The 1st Bn will probably move this evening to A objective (WERREKHAUSEN). I would get your I and R out to contact TFW at KIRSCHHEID. (Just SE of there to a town WEYERBUSCH). 7th AD is reported at 940160, 3 kilometers from there.
- 1035 - G-2 reports: Town of DARNSTADT clear, also the towns at M 4855-5154-6646-6548-6540-6530-5953-4352-4446-. At M 8752 some resistance was met. LUCKY took 2500 PW's yesterday (3rd Army). 9th Army identified the 60th and the 15th PGR - A3535. British took 1700 PW's, resistance light.
- 1053 - Lt Kestlinger to 18th Inf 3: May I have your present CP location? Ans: 733377.
- 1058 - PWI to S-2: 2nd Bn, 901st Regt is at LESCHHEID. Strength 200 men. One A¹ gun, 75mm; 4- 8cm mortars; 2-105mm on half tracks; 5-20mm AA guns in the headquarters.
- 1100 - 309th S-3 to Lt Stephens: When can we relieve you? Ans: We are ready anytime you are. 309th: Can we do it in daylight? Ans: I will have Major Smith call you.

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- 1115 - Red 2 to S-2: 50 PW's are on the way back. A fine collection of stragglers. I believe one officer is a medical surgeon. (Capt Hall reviews the situation).
- 1115 - G-3 to S-2: 78th Infantry would like to have you send a liaison officer to 309th to 26th Infantry when you think they can be used there to a better advantage.
- 1120 - Lt Llewellyn to S-2: Since the 20th of March the total is 1872 PW's.
- 1125 - G-3 to S-3: Has the 311th Infantry contacted you? Ans: No, I am waiting for a call from them. I will call them. G-3: Are you ready to be relieved? Ans: Yes sir. G-3: Call up the 311th and tell them that you are waiting for them. S-3: O.K., I want to get recon elements down here.
- 1140 - S-3 to 311th S-3: We have cleaned those places and are waiting for you. That is BLANKENBERG and SUCHTERSCHIED. We have elements of the 1st Bn at BLANKENBERG. 311th S-3: My Bn commander and his company are on their way down to see you now. Let me know when they arrive. Ans: Yes sir.
- 1140 - Lt Stephens to Blue 2: If the PW that had codes on him could state where papers were taken from, I could check back and get some information.
- 1145 - S-3 to G-3: How about the light tanks? G-3: Not at the present time, they are changing crews. They are untouchable at present. I will put pressure on them, and get them for you as soon as possible.
- 1148 - S-2 to PWI: Call Division cage and see if Captain from Hq 901st PGR is still there- if he is send him to the 2nd Bn.
- 1148 - S-3 to Red 2: Is STEIN cleared? Ans: Yes. They are clearing PW's from Blankenberg. I have relieving recon here to move to BLANKENBERG. They will be up shortly. Notify Colonel Driscoll. Our 2nd Bn is to move to KIRSCHIED, with mission to take high ground to the NE.
- 1150 - Blue Bn reports: Patrol in buildings on edge of town. Can see river. Can't see any movement on the other side. Moving forward to forward objective.
- 1155 - S-3 to Blue 6: Will you get somebody out to Berg to be sure it is clear? Ans: Can't be sure that it is clear. I will take care of it. S-3: Did you get any fire today? Ans: Just a couple rounds of artillery in K Company. I have K Company at 58 and L Company at 70. S-3: 2nd Bn moving to 805345, from the northeast. Will move 1st Bn after that.
- 1157 - S-2 to White 2: The PW you wanted will be up in about

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half an hour.

- 1159 - S-2 to G-2: The 2nd Bn of 901 had CP in town 737390. When they pulled out they had 200 men and 20 halftracks. 4th Company had 1 75mm AT gun, 2 howitzers on half tracks, 4 80mm mortars, Ans: Fighter Bomber reports say 15 to 20 heavy tanks in the vicinity of 325825 moving E. Estimate 50 tanks in woods 8139. Spotted column of 100 vehicles on road north of HOLFT. They hit all these targets.
- 1200 - White 6 to S-3: About getting to UCKERATH? Ans: I and R will establish radio CP in KIRSCHHEID. We will lay wire to KIRSCHHEID. White 6: Why can't you start laying a line from UCKERATH and on from there? Ans: We will lay two lines to UCKERATH.
- 1207 - Red 6 to S-3, S-3: Your area is all clear isn't it? Ans: Yes we are not getting much firez S-3: We will move 2nd Bn tonight, you will move tomorrow morning and the 3rd Bn will follow. Red 6: What time will we be moving in the morning? Ans: About 9 or 10 in the morning.
- 1220 - Sgt Wheeler, liaison to Div, to Lt Stephens: I have a confirmation of the verbal order on the move to KIRSCHHEID. Do you want me to bring it down? Ans: Yes.
- 1229 - S-2 to Capt Dinsmoore: Gives the 18th and 26th positions and those of the 415th Infantry. Gives above report concerning the TAC report. I and R going out to 253-252, and check town south of 261.
- 1239 - I and R at Pt 237 at 1235 hours.
- 1240 - G-3 to S-3: Did the people from 311th come up to see you? Ans: They just left. Here is our plan- On the 3rd and 1st Bns Leave them where they are- and let other people take over. Only one company up around BLANKENBERG, C Company. G-3: You have someone on the alert? Ans: 2nd Bn. They will start recon about 1300 hours. G-3: When will relief be in? Ans: Relief will be in by dark. G-3: O-K. We stripped you of everything but C of the 644th, didn't we? Ans: Yes. G-3: When will you be through with them? Ans: We need them.
- 1250 - Major Wozenski to clerk: K Company patrol to 44 went to 200 and saw nothing, contacted elements of C Company at 43 and returned. Picked up 8 PW's on the way.
- 1312 - Lt Kestlinger to Lt O'Conner: When you get in touch with Capt Golden, Cannon Company, will you tell him to come down to the CP? Ans: O.K.
- 1315 - Sgt Wheeler, Liaison to Division: TFD 940291, TFK 921295, CCA 7th Armored 973123, 9th Inf 9906. Elements of 9th Armored at 9504.
- 1320 - I and R reports: Mission complete, have reached objective, waiting further orders (signed 1315 hours).

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- 1325 - Major Edmonds to Lt Kestlinger: What do you have? Ans: 26th and 18th Infantry locations.
- 1325 - Radio message to I and R: Recon to Pts 252, 259, RJ 843351, 278, 269.
- 13337 - Red 2 to S-2: On armored vehicles knocked out- 20 March, 2 halftracks in vic 702336, by artillery; 20 March, 3 SP guns vicinity 685362 by artillery and bazookas; 21 March, 1 half track, vicinity 686384 by bazookas; 22 March, 1 M-4 in vic 690370 by artillery; 25 March, 1 SP 75mm, by small arms vic 723403; 25 March, 1 SP 88mm, vic 728405 by artillery.
- 1340 - Capt Dinsmoore to Lt Kestlinger: Do we have a platoon of tracked mortars with us? Ans: They are yours.
- 1348 - Sgt Michaud, I and R to Lt Kestlinger: I am at the 18th Infantry now. I need the coordinates of measles points 252, 259, 278, and 269. Ans: 252 is 829357, 259 is 837363, 278 is 858347, 269 is 847346. I and RR 253 is clear. Hill top 388 is at 858352. Road junction at 843351, there is a SP fire coming across the road. TFW at 261, want out past 261 to 852347. SP fire from HASSELBACH, and also fire to the rear, had to pull column back to west of woods, 844352. Spotted stuff also at 855338. Sending 2 companies of dismounted Infantry from 261 NE and around end of HASSELBACH. Going to send company of heavies down. Company of lights to HAHN. Going to lay a smoke screen to get heavy company in there. Left and right hand side of the road at 253 is excellent detouring area. 252 is clear. Haven't been to 259 as yet. 36th CP is in WETTERSEN. S-2: Try to check 259 and 260. 260 is at 838357.
- 1358 - Colonel Fowley, G-3 to Lt Kestlinger: Blue moving to 8,9, and 10. B is moving E of 26th is meeting light resistance. C is in STEIN at 810375.
- 1425 - Blue 2 to S-2: K Company has prime mortar and 150 How gun with plenty of ammo at 746396. Something ought to be done about it. S-2: Have someone from Ordnance look at it.
- 1425 - S-3 to G-3: TFW and TFL has been contacted; they were stopped. They are going to attack FROSMERIEN and GASSELBACH in about an hour. G-3: Has the 18th Infantry moved yet? Ans: No, they will go to the 2nd Bn soon. 2nd Bn will be put on alert status so these people can get a little sleep. I have a LO to OCB and 3rd Armored Headquarters. As soon as you can give us the go, we can move in two hours.
- 1428 - Blue 2 reports: OP reports at 340 degrees, 6 to 7000 yards out, traffic going both ways- mostly east. K Company patrol has returned. CP at 1417 hours reports enemy shells falling in STIEN, gun firing from 40 degrees; 15 rounds were fired.
- 1430 - Capt Merindeno to Lt Kestlinger: 14 trucks on way to ~~the~~

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- 1435 - Colonel Curtis, G-4 to Lt Kestlinger: G-2 said the 16th Infantry reported a 150mm gun to be evacuated. If the 16th can't evacuate the gun then call Ordnance. Ans: O.K., I will do so.
- 1440 - Lt Kestlinger to White 3: Colonel Grant is in KIRSCHHEID now but will be back soon. He asked me to pass this message on to you: Feed hot chow 1700 hours, do not move until after 1700 hours. White 3: O.K.
- 1450 - G-3 to S-3: Following are positions of the 415th- 1st at 855316; 2nd at 830327; 3rd at GRIESSENBACH. Recon of the 104th at 922255. Elements disposed thru 888267. 1st of the 413th at 880285. We would like to know if the area from I Company to the river, and from K Company to the river is clear. S-3: We are patrolling now from I to the river and from K Company to 748408 is definitely clear. G-3: The 26th feels they are not getting sufficient information from you. Ans: We give them what we have.
- 1527 - S-4 to S-3: Nothing in UCKERATH. S-3: You can use the place we had for a Regt CP.
- 1530 - G-3 to S-3: Detrucking area reported by I and R. Move 2nd Bn up at 1800 hours as your leading elements. S-3: These people have a lot of stuff along the road. They also are having an attack now. I'll tell the Colonel you want us by 1800 hours.
- 1535 - Col from 311th to S-3: Are you ready to turn over those two places? Ans: Yes, we are just waiting for you. We can't find your IO; he left here about 1245 hours. We can move our White Bn at 1800 hours.
- 1537 - G-3 to S-3: Your White can move at 1800 hours; and move the balance up in the morning. Keep the trucks with you as long as you need them.
- 1540 - S-3 to White 3: You move at 1800 hours to your assembly area. Detrucking area, vicinity of 253, just north of 253. I and R will give you ok on that soon. Go to assembly area NW of 253, a former dump area. Colonel Grant knows about your objectives. You will take 259 as soon as HASSELBACH is cleared, send a company up to block road to the north until the 1st Bn gets there. The Armored is taking HASSELBACH now. I have an overlay with all measles points and objectives. I and R will report HASSELBACH as soon as it is cleared- the report will be made to you. You will move on Regtl order from 259. White 3: I have the TD's, Engineers, and mortars that were sent up.
- 1540 - PWI reports: 8 identifications from the 3rd Bn: 1 from Hq Company 111 Regt GPR; 1 from 959th Regt PGR.

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1 from Hq Company 959 Regt PGR; 1 from the 2nd Company of the 901st Regt; 2 from the 7th Company of the 901st Regt. 2 from the 10th Battery of the 409th VAC.

- 1542 - Red forward reports: Shell report for today is 513 rounds of medium artillery and 500 rounds of rockets. All but 13 of the rounds of the artillery fell in the B Company area.
- 1545 - S-2 to G-2: Give PWI report of 1540 hours.
- 1545 - 311th Infantry to S-3: What news? S-3: All clear and all quiet. 311th Inf: Are you along the 73-74 grid? S-3: Yes, elements have cleared BLANKENBERG And ATTENBERG and STIEN area, rest are in SUCHTERSCHIED. The patrol to the river reports all clear.
- 1600 - White Bn reports no shells fell in their area for the 24 hour period. (They mention being very happy about this).
- 1601 - I and R reports: Company of medium tanks of TFW at 857348. Company of lights at 856338. 2 companies of Armored Infantry at 852350 working thru HASSELBACH. Good detrucking N of Pt 253. We have been to Pts 253, 252, 259, and 260.
- 1605 - G-3 to S-6: Colonel Kritz was wondering about artillery support. S-6: Our artillery support will have to move when support is needed. Our relief should be effected by midnight.
- 1610 - S-3 to White 3: I and R information as given above. Instructions for Colonel Grant to move to 1st objective given; and instructions to put a company in town when HASSELBACH is clear, as ordered.
- 1645 - Major Oxford, 1st Engineers, to S-3: When are you moving your 2nd Bn? Ans: At 1800 hours. Major O: Do you have engineers with you? Ans: Yes, one Platoon. Major O: I heard a rumor that there are mines along the road in the area where you are going to detruck.
- 1645 - Blue Bn shell report: 82 rounds of 105mm, 15 rounds of 150mm.
- 1650 - S-3 to Cannon Company: What time are you moving? Ans: In 15 minutes. S-3: Be prepared to displace forward as situation warrants.
- 1705 - S-2 to 745th Tank, Lt Russell: I am sending a medium tank with loud speaker on it ; will you attach it to the platoon with 1st Bn? Ans: yes.
- 1710 - S-3 to Major Edmonds: Plan for tomorrow given.

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- 1715 - S-2 to G-2: Shell report- 87 rounds of 105mm; 500 rounds of 150mm rockets. (Same report given to 7th FA).
- 1735 - S-2 to Red 2: Tell Lt Hoffman that a tank with a PA system is coming up to him in the morning.
- 1740 - White 3 to Lt Kestlinger: We are supposed to get tanks from the 3rd Bn. Ans: You do not get any tanks from Blue.
- 1745 - G-2 to S-2: What is new? S-2 gives I and R report of patrol, positions of Blue and their patrols. 127 PW's so far today. G-2: The 9th Armored is in LIMBERG. Tank PA speaker will not be down until tomorrow.
- 1750 - S-3 to Colonel Beck, G-3: (General situation from items previously listed in this journal are discussed). K of the 3rd Armored is at 950309 and D is at 950291. S-3: What about the plans for tomorrow? ans: It will depend on how the situation goes. Objective B- we have to secure those Cross Roads and then we can give that area to the Cav. Get your 2nd Bn on the hill and the others can follow initially when relieved. HASSELBACH is supposed to be cleared. S-3: It isn't. I plan to Put one company of the 2nd Bn in HASSELBACH. Then move the 1st in the morning. The 1st and 2nd Bn then to start pushing N. 3rd to work on the E edge of A. Move up the secondary road which passes HASSELBACH. We will block the road from the N and NW. We go to work on the town WERKHAUSEN with our 1st Bn. Objective of the 2nd Bn-865405 (center); 1st Bn to go to take 885400 and work generally on the axis of the class 2 road and the 2nd Bn on the other road.
- 1900 - G-3 to S-3: Here is what we have in mind on this. You come up into the area you wanted to detruck in, and in a tactical assembly area. Prepare to go and take A objective from the N, and get on the high ground. 1st Bn of the 18th, on your old 3rd Bn objective, in assembly area. You would take A and C, and the 1st Bn of the 18th and the 26th to take D objective. S-3: I will have to talk it over with Colonel Gibb as we have already issued out orders.
- 1905 - Blue Bn reports: K reports at 1805 hours, tanks firing from 45 degrees and 3000 yards. 75 degrees and 1500 yards, landing in the vicinity of the Bn CP. 1815 Hours, K Company reports gun flashes 20 degrees and 4000 yards.
- 1928 - PWI reports: PW's from the 1st Bn- 3 from the 7th company of the 901st; 1 from the 1st company of the 353rd AT Bn.
- 1931 - S-3 to Blue: Did the Colonel from the 311th see you? Ans: Yes he was here. S-3: Let me know when they move in.
- 1933 - Lt Kestlinger to G-2: How is TFW doing? Ans: At the 85 grid.
- 1940 - S-3 to G-3: Anything new on TFW at HASSELBACH? Ans: Nothing

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- at all. S-3: Important to know if they took and cleared that town, and whether they went on to WEYERBUSCH. Also would like to know their plans; time they jump. G-3: I will find out and call you back.
- 1950 - S-3 to Capt Ralph, Comm O: Colonel wants a line layed from forward GP to TFW in RETTISEN. Ans: Will get one in as soon as possible.
- 2000 - S-3 to Blue 3: Move your people about 0900 hours tomorrow. Make sure you get back to cover at the assembly area by daylight. 1st Bn received 500 rounds of rockets in B Company area today, they will certainly fire on you from across the river, if you are seen. Ans: Probably at Pt 70. S-3: That means I and K companies will have to come back. They can't entruck up there. I want the whole Bn column to start from UCKERATH to KIRSCHHEID and to WEYERBUSCH. Your mission will be initially to go into reserve area, which will be designated tomorrow. I do not know it for certain myself. Plan to send your recon and lay on at 0700 hours.
- 2000 - G-3 to S-2: TFW will hold where they are. Town is not clear. They are getting flanking fire. There are no plans for them to jump. TFL at 867325, also getting flanking fire.
- 2008 - S-2 to Blue 3: I asked Lt Walker for a complete list of vehicles knocked out by us on this side of the RHINE. S-3: He is still working on it, and more information is coming over the phone now. S-2: I would like to get it before 2100 hours. S-3: I will get Lt Walker working on it.
- 2010 - Sgt Wheeler, Liaison to Division to Lt Kestlinger: TFW is now at 857347 at the cross roads.
- 2015 - S-2 to G-2: 4 more PW's (total 131). 3 from the 7th Company of the 901st Regt PGR and 1 from the 1st Company of the 353rd AT Bn. G-2: 18th Infantry thinks their objective, 181 area is cleared. No reports on the 26th Infantry moving. We have town of ESCHKIRCHEN. TFW and TFL running into all kinds of trouble. White Bn of the 405th is at 895325.
- 2020 - S-5 to Major Edmonds, 1st Bn: Have your S-4 go out to get a place for your kitchens south of KIRSCHHEID. About the wiremen- you should be able to get some wiremen from your recent replacements.
- 2030 - G-2 to S-2: I just had a call from VII Corps and they have the opinion that they did not get all the documents with that radio man. Ans: PW was personally taken out to where he was picked up, and the only thing he didn't have was a net radio diagram. I will see what I can do on this end.
- 2035 - G-3 to Lt Stephens: Friendly cubs will operate over division sector beginning at 2000 hours.

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- 2035 - S-2 to PWI: About this radio man that came in today; Corps has him, and he states that he has a briefcase of important papers missing. Did you take him up to the White CP today to look for them? Ans: Yes sir. He took us directly to where the papers were thrown away, but we couldn't find the radio code papers. He stated that the code would be changed before it could be used anyway.
- 2040 - S-2 to White 2: Asked about the papers from the radio man PW.
- 2040 - S-6 to White 6: CCB has completely cleared HASSELBACH. On the outskirts of WEYERBUSCH, will continue to BIRNBACH tonight. Road blocks at 278, tanks sent to the south and Infantry worked up through 287.
- 2050 - Blue 3 to Colonel Horner: Where is the new Regtl CP? Ans: Due north of BIRNBACH about 2000 yards out. Recon for your kitchen area in the woods south of ALTENKIRSCHIED road. That is the main road along the 82 grid line. Blue 3: Can we put our kitchen in WEYERBUSCH? S-5: Suggest you put it in the detrucking area.
- 2100 - Blue 2 to S-2: I have 2 lists and I've sent a runner to I Company; K and L are OK except for coordinates. S-2: I want coordinates. Blue 2: I will work on it again. S-2 try and get it in an hour and a half.
- 2100 - Red 3 to Lt Stephens: Do you have communications with the 309th? Ans: Yes, sir. Red 3: Will you find out why their A Company Platoon didn't relieve our A Company platoon? Ans: Right. (Lt Stephens checks with 309th and receives answer that they should be there soon- they left at 1900 hours).
- 2105 - S-6 to Colonel Heath, CO 7th FA. Colonel Heath: I just got back from Division and learned of the split up. We are moving at 0600 hours. Couldn't move tonight because of the red and blue relief. S-6: They will be relieved by midnight for certain. Colonel Heath: Stuff firing from the other side (artillery). Will Red and Blue move before I do? S-6: Yes, Red at 0600 hours, and blue at 0800 hours or 0900 hours. Ans: We will be just north of your CP. There is a Bn of Long Toms up there now, and a Bn of Sinch guns will be behind the hill north of you at 0700 hours. You will have all the artillery support that you can use.
- 2115 - Capt Clark to Lt Stephens: TFW is moving out. I do not think it advisable to lay them a line. Ans: OK forget it.
- 2118 - Lt Stephens to Red 6: Capt Kolb called about the relief of A company. I called them up about it and they said they left at 1900 hours, so they should be there by now.
- 2122 - G-3 to S-3: TFW at 895342. TFL at 912330. TFH at 888300. TFR is 2/3rds of the way through ALTENKIRCHEN. TPH will

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go to ALTENKIRCHEN tonight to reinforce TFR. Another TF several kilometers E of ALTENKIRCHEN by- passed the town.

- 2132 - Lt Stephens to 309th S-3: Several of your jeeps on the road where you are relieving us still have plastic mines around and so far 2 of our jeeps have been blown up. Just wanted to let you know it isn't good to run many vehicles around there. Ans: Thank you, sir.
- 2142 - S-2 to G-2: A detailed report of the lost papers of the German radio man. is given.
- 2145 - Capt Ralph to Lt Stephens: I am supposed to lay a wire to TFW. Ans: We are not going to bother with that.
- 2147 - Sgt Wheeler, division liaison to Lt Stephens: Here is the latest on the task forces- TF Cain is at 982327; TF Doan is at 970283.
- 2150 - Capt Merindeno, Transp O to Lt Stephens: Here is the breakdown on trucks- 16 to the 1st Bn; 5 left in the White Bn, 17 in the Blue Bn and 6 in Headquarters.
- 2152 - Colonel Beck to Colonel Gibb: S-6: One Company in HASSELBACH, One Company in WEYERBUSCH tonight, recon to hill 362, jumped for KUEHHAUSEN at dawn. G-3: As soon as you control that road center, we want to pass the 18th Infantry White through to take objective B.
- 2230 - Lt Stephens gives Capt McGregor of the 18th Infantry, the plans for tomorrow as previously listed.
- 2245 - Blue 2 to S-2: Enemy knocked out equipment report:
At 730382, Mark V 25 March
At 728383, Mark V, by 57mm 25 March
At 720380, One SP, by medium tank, 25 March
At 735380, 1 88mm SP, by artillery, 24 March
At 736380, 1 halftrack, by bombing, 25 March
At 726384, 1 Half track, by artillery 24 March
At 723384, truck, by artillery, 24 March
At 716380, 4 50mmAT guns, by artillery, 24 March
At 739380, half track by artillery 24 March
At 700364, 2 trucks, by bombing, 25 March.
At 700364, 1 75mm, by bombing, 25 March.
At 727385, 1 75mm, by artillery 25 March
At 745382, Armored scout car in good condition.
- 2305 - PWI reports- 1 man from the Hq 901; 1 man from the 5th Company of the 901st, and 1 man from the 2nd Company of the 943rd.
- 2310 - Capt Sullivan of the 311th Infantry to Lt Stephens: Relief completed at 2200 hours.

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- 2315 - Lt Stephens to Blue 3: Has the 311th taken over from you.
Ans: I will have to radio to find out.
- 2322 - S-3 to White 3: White 3: We went up to the 259 point and found the 18th there on the east side of the road. G and F Companies are dug in they have three tanks with them. We will by pass the 18th and go to Pt 275 with F and G to 267. Patrols will go to 277 and 287. E Company is in HASSELBACH.
- 2336 - Blue 3 to Lt Stephens: The only people that have come up to I Company are the representatives of the Bn CP.
- 2335 - Lt Stephens to 311th Infantry: Have you effected a relief of our I company? Ans: We have no communications.
- 2345 - S-3 to Red 2: What time will you pass the IP? Ans: We will cross IP at 0700 hours, In the order of ABCD-AT.
- 2348 - G-3 to S-3: How is the relief? Ans: The relief has been effected. 2nd Bn situation is given.



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LOCATION: CP at OBERPLEIS - 674351. During the period, approximately 0900 hours, CP moved to HASSELBACH - 858351.

- 0012 - Major Green, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: The Armor by-passed WEYERBUSCH, Pt 296; think it is clear but not sure.
- 0015 - Lt. Stephens to White 3: Division just called and said the armor people by-passed Pt 296, but they think it is clear.
- 0020 - Lt. Stephens to Red 2: Repeats above message of 0015.
- 0100 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 0101 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn: Has Major Randell of the 18th Inf., been there yet? Ans: Yes, he left about 15 minutes ago. All is quiet.
- 0106 - Lt. Stephens gives negative report to G-3.
- 0110 - FWI reports: 18 more FW's - 1 from the Hq of the 943rd Regt; 7 from the 1st co of the 943rd Regt; 3 from the 1st Co of the 901 Regt; 1 from the 4th co, Army Weapons School #5; 1 from the 1st co of Combat Team Able; 2 men from 3rd Btry, 894 AA btry; 1 man from Hqs, 1st Bn, 130th Panzer Regt; 2 men from the 850 Signal company. The 2nd Bn of the 130th Pz Regt, used as infantry. Regimental commander is Major HOEDEL. CP of the regiment is in SCHIEFEN, 7841.
- 0206 - Red Bn gives negative report.
- 0210 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: What do you have? Ans: TTH went thru TFW to 96 grid. TFC at 95 grid. TFD at 99 grid. TFR at 99 grid.
- 0223 - Lt. Kestlinger to Colonel Grant, gives positions of armor as of previous items of journal.
- 0320 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 0400 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Patrol reports that at clearing at 862384 there are some enemy. E co is sending two platoons to 862353, and attempting to go to 859359. F co is moving from present position to 856381, followed by G co. Going to continue to get to this by night - 881389.
- 0500 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Mr. Lipinski: 18th Infantry jumps at 0730 hours; have your people jumped? Ans: Yes, they are on the move, our White Bn.
- 0510 - White 3 to Mr. Lipinski: F co pushed off to 301, don't know where they are now. Drew fire from around 274, and heard vehicles, movement to the east. G co has started to move and when F has reached 301, it will go to 267 and then will push patrols out. F got 5 FWs and also E got 5. E co is in 277, working patrols to 276, and east and then to Pt 285. Have sent a patrol to 287 and it is clear. Will send I&R out 293, 292, 293, 285 and 286 and make contact with E co. 100 to 200 vehicles abandoned in vic of 252, 259, 267 and 260.

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- 0515 - Maj. Smith to CCB S-3: What have you got of TFW? Ans: TFW is on the other side of BIRNBACH, going to move at 0900 hours and follow TF #2 on other side of the objective. Had a little trouble in town of WEYERBUSCH but took care of it. S-3: How is the town of ALFENKIRCHEN? Ans: All cleared up. S-3: We have a co at 857359 and working east; another at 850373 working NE. Will have somebody at 850373 soon and 886360. Our 1st Bn will be working in that area at 0900 hours, will start to move at 0700 hours, to get there. We will be working on your left flank by time TFW jumps off.
- 0525 - Mr. Lipinski to Colonel Grant; White 6: Do you have anything for the hourly report? Ans: E and F cos are moving. F co started moving at 0345 hours, E at 0400 hours. E co is in the town at Pt 277, sending recon to Pt 276, 286, and 285. We are getting some AT guns up now and other things. Not much resistance.
- 0526 - 1st Bn gives negative report. Mr. Lipinski: What time was your relief completed? Ans: At 2330 hours, it was completed.
- 0530 - Mr. Lipinski to Blue 2: What time were you relieved? Ans: Will have to call you back.
- 0530 - S-3 to Blue 2: Gives information as above on TFW, and our 2nd Bn. Your assembly area will be BIRNHAUSEN. You will move at 1000 hours from vicinity of UCKERATH. You can send a recon at any time.
- 0531 - S-3 to Red 2: Gives the latest information on the 2nd Bn and of TFW, as above.
- 0532 - Mr. Lipinski to 7th FA: Reports that 1st Bn has been relieved and the positions of 2nd Bn as of this hour.
- 0535 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives information on the 2nd Bn and time of E and F co jump off.
- 0625 - Maj. Edmond to Maj. Smith: What is the picture? Ans: I gave it to Lt. Hoffman, Red 2, but E co cleared WERKHAUSEN; 3rd Armored cleared BIRNBACH 892342; TFW cleared WEYERBUSCH. F co at Pt 275, 851375. Both E and F companies moving NE. G is following F co. Maj. E: 2nd Bn reported they had shell fire in the detrucking area just west of KIRSCHHEID. S-3: We have an advance CP group at KIRSCHHEID. WEYERBUSCH would be a nice place for you people.
- 0640 - G-3 to S-3: I called about relief of Red. S-3: I told Lt. Stephens to call it in complete as of midnight, no physical relief was made, they just moved in and took positions. 3rd Bn moved to just North of UCKERATH. I want to move 3rd Bn at 1000 hours. Will you tell Colonel Curtis we have layed on and want to use road at 1000 hours.

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- 0705 - S-3 to White 3: What is the latest? White 3: F co now 800 yards short of 293. S-3: Is G co following? Ans: They are eating, will follow shortly after. E. co patrol 277 to town, met nothing there. Company being moved up. S-3: Colonel Driscoll on his way up to your CP; 1st Bn is on the move. White 3: 7th FA CP is in the vicinity of 801357. S-3: We will work up thru WERKHAUSEN and HASSELBACH. White 3: 2nd Bn of the 18th on move at 0800 hours, thru us.
- 0715 - Maj. Smith To G-3: Latest positions of the 2nd Bn given. 18th Infantry 2nd Bn tied in with 2nd Bn.
- 0720 - 18th Inf to S-3: Asks for information on the positions of the 2nd Bn. S-3: F co at 865383. E co at 865365. G co at 847365.
- 0737 - CP prepares to move to KIRSCHHEIB, Germany.
- 0750 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: Blue 3 states that he would like to use WEYERBUSCH for detrucking instead of WERKHAUSEN. Lt. Stephens says he will call back with the answer.
- 0751 - S-5 (Fwd CP) to Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. K tells S-5 that S-3 is sending 1st Bn to WEYERBUSCH and the 3rd Bn to WERKHAUSEN.
- 0755 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: E co ordered to patrol 286 to 285. F co at 293 now; have 2 platoons going for 301; receiving small arms fire from the North. G co is at 267, and have been told to move to 293 and tie in with F co; are now on the move. Word from the 18th Infantry says they are not moving. Are to move on regimental orders. There is no one on our right or left; we are sticking out again. We are tired: Lt. Kestlinger: TFW is at 893.
- 0800 - Red 3 is given above information by Lt. Kestlinger as well as the disposition of other friendly units as previously listed.
- 0801 - S-3 to 18th Inf: We have cleared RJ at 871387, if your 2nd Bn wants to go. Ans: OK, we will get going.
- 0805 - S-3 to 16th Inf Fwd CP: Colonel wants the CP moved to WERKHAUSEN. Ans: OK.
- 0806 - S-3 to Blue 3: Center of your objective will be 910397. (Blue is given locations of units by Lt. Kestlinger).
- 0810 - S-3 to G-3: Called the 18th and told them that the CP was clear; they said they would get going. F co at 872367; E co at 865367; G following F. F had small arms fire all the way. (Discuss general plan as previously listed). Our Fwd CP is at KIRSCHHEIB; going to WERKHAUSEN. 3rd Bn is all set (UCKERATH). 1st in WEYERBUSCH, and the leading elements are there right now. It looks good. Hope we can do it cheap.
- 0821 - Sgt Wheeler, liaison to Division to Lt. Kestlinger: TFK on their 2nd objective in town of HACHENBERG. Can you give me your locations? Ans: Bns are on the road. (Gives G, E and F positions as previously listed).

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- 0922 - White 6 to S-3: There is some resistance at Pt 285. E co has a platoon there. About 10 FWS have been picked up. We also have some people at Pt 286. The road along Pts 278, 277 is going to be my MSR. I will get contact at Pt 293 with friendly units there.
- 0925 - S-3 to 1st Engrs CP: Get Co A of the engrs to get a dozer to 858347, there is a road block there.
- 1000 - MSG - Leading elements clearing Pt 94, CO 3rd Bn.
- 1010 - MSG - Leading elements cleared Pt 107, CO 3rd Bn.
- 1011 - MSG - Forward elements at 296, moving for 309, CO 1st Bn.
- 1033 - CO 1st Bn to CO 16th Inf: Have reached 295, and 304, am moving to 303.
- 1035 - CO 3rd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Lead elements clearing 124.
- 1036 - CO 3rd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Lead elements at 261.
- 1050 - White 3 to S-3: G co in position NE of Pt 293. E co at Pt 301. The road 277, 268, 293 is clear. S-3: Your continuing mission will be to clear Pt 310 and 318.
- 1100 - S-3 to 18th Inf, Capt. McGregor: You can use the good road now; 2nd Bn reports this road clear.
- 1100 - INTERCEPT: to CO 2nd Bn - Our location 1000 yards NE of Pt 285, have followed trail to end of stream; trail impassable; returned to 277, proceeding past 285, will contact F and G (Signed I&R).
- 1102 - White 3 to S-3: Where is your CP? S-3: Were in KURSCHTIB and moving to HASSELBACH. White 3: Has this fallen thru about the 3rd Bn passing thru? S-3: Yes, it has. White 3: When is the 18th to move? S-3: Just called and told them they would use the road. White 3: Some units of the 18th are up behind us, we are in a little fire fight. S-3: When you take KREUELHAUSEN, send a recon out to get to Pt 318, and that will be all for today.
- 1105 - S-3 to White 3: Information of previous message given.
- 1108 - S-3 to G-3: Situation of the 1st Bn and 2nd Bn given. RJ at 870388 given as clear. Request is made to have the 18th crack thru.
- 1110 - S-2 to White 3: A at 312, C at 302.
- 1112 - CO 3rd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Lead elements cleared 107.
- 1120 - CO 1st Bn to CO 16th Inf: Forward elements at 296, moving for 309.
- 1140 - S-3 to Blue: Tell Maj. Wozenski and Capt. Booth to get down here to our CP as soon as possible. Our CP is at 857350. (Blue gives CP location as 858359).

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- 1150 - Blue to Capt. Clark: Where is 2nd Bn? Ans: Still at 811343.
- 1200 - S-3 to 1st Bn, Capt. Stabler: How are things? Ans: 3 rockets fell in the town. S-3: Is B co going thru A co? Red Bn? Yes. S-3: No reports of White Bn. In the big picture the 7th Armored at 3010; 3rd Armored has cleared HACKENBACH at 0620 hours. ALTENKIRCHEN is out of the way. When he gets his objective, come down and clear OLSEN at 908378, clear BIRKENBUEL at 920379.
- 1210 - S-3 to White Bn: Where is the CP? Ans: On the move. I just got back from Pt 301, it is quiet now but received mortar fire earlier from the North. We had a few casualties from Pt 301, no one is pushing from there.
- 1212 - S-6 to G-3: (Div CG is moving forward).
- 1220 - Blue 2 to S-3: 7th FA intercepted a message on the radio stating that B co is at Pt 303.
- 1222 - Lt. Chandler to Maj. Smith: F co must have pushed off from 301. They will go for 310 and 308.
- 1300 - Col. Beck G-3 to Maj. Smith: What is new? Ans: White met a little scrap in woods. E and F goes for 890398 then to 900401. Red goes for 910397 and 920390. Col. Beck: A new order is coming out where you will continue east. 18th Inf will be on the south. Cav will go thru 18th, north of C Co tonight. S-3: Where is Cav objective? G-3: I will check on it and call you. S-3: White is to clear 907378, 928353, 923345, and go into assembly area there. Resistance today has been small arms, mortar and rockets. WEYERBUSCH received a barrage of rockets. Mortars came definitely from the north. Small arms found in woods where White marched. G-3: 26th Inf will move thru "D" objective and to 98 line. S-3: The Colonel's plan will take care of "D" objective. G-3: I'll call you back.
- 1305 - Blue 2 to S-3: 7th FA radio intercept message that B co is now at 303. S-3: I have that.
- 1310 - White 6 to S-3: S-3: Cav to relieve elements as soon as we take those points. Your assembly area will be WALTERSCHEIM at 903352. 26th Inf moves at 12 PM today. 18th Inf moves after them. Blue is in assembly area and will lead off for next objective.
- 1310 - FWL reports: FW from Hq of the 901 Regt, taken by 5th FA; one from the 5th Co of the 901 and one from the 2nd co of the 943rd Regt. 1st Bn PWs: 3 from the 7th co of the 901st regt; 1 from the 1st co of the 353rd AT Bn; 1 from Hqs of the 943rd; 7 from the 7th co of the 943; 3 from the 1st co of the 901st; 1 from the 4th Army Weapons School #5; 2 from the 1st Co of CT ABREL; 2 from the 3rd Btry of 894 AA; 1 from the hq of the 1st Bn LeOPR; 2 from the signal co of the 350th; 2nd Bn PWs: 4 from the 10th co of the 901; 1 from the 2nd co of the 363rd AT; 1 from the 2nd co of the 363rd AT; 1 from the 4th co of the 363rd AT; 3 from the 3rd Co of the 363 Fus; 1 from the 2nd co of the Assault Gun Bn; 1 from the 4th Co of the 959th. Also from the 1st Bn - 1 from the 12th co of the 29th Rgt, 3 PD; 2 from the 4th co of the 959th; 1 from the 1st co of the 363rd Fus; 1 from flak co COBBENZ; 1 from the 2nd co of the 901st.

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The 29th Regt is now the 6th Regt. All bridges are supposed to be blown. The Regt is moving east.

- 1315 - Col. Gibb to Red 2: What is the situation? Ans: A is at 311; C is at 312; B at 303. S-6: 2nd Cleared 310 and moving to 318. Anyone in 319? Ans: Yes, they are meeting small arms resistance.
- 1317 - S-6 to White 6: What is the situation? Ans: I&R to go to 310 and 318. E co is at 301 and I will try to move them soon. F co is at 318. S-6: I suggest you use tanks to move your infantry. It isn't necessary to occupy the cleared positions. When the I&R say they are at 318 and drew no fire, then just let us know and go on the next point. White 6: I sent a platoon to 301. 30 odd FWs taken. S-6: Our mission is to notify Division when any position is cleared. White 6: Road from 267, 274, 293 is very bad. S-6: I do not want to use the 3rd Bn, I left them in reserve so they can relieve you people and give you a rest. White 6: I want to move G co into a town either 301 or 310. I&R at 310 now. Red is between 312 and 319. He has gone to town of "U" to SE of town. Who is at the North? S-6: Cavalry. White 6: I'll be near 286.
- 1320 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Beck: Who will take over for relief? Ans: The 4th Cavalry, when you move out. 18th Inf White can take care of their situation. 4th Cav can take care of positions NE and SW above C co. The new order will take you 5 kilometers east of C co. S-6: I recommend my plan be discarded, I'll move my 4rd up north. The 2nd Bn needs relief. The 1st will have done a good days work after C. So I understand I am to go 5000 yards from C? Ans: Yes. 24th leads off this afternoon. Goes 5000 meters east of "D" then go north-east about 8000 meters and ties in on your left.
- 1332 - Maj. Edmond to Maj. Smith: What is the latest? Ans: To push to 910397, 920390, to town of 907378, 920378. How are you doing? Maj. E: Running into light resistance. Will move forward CP to vicinity of 303. A is at 319, C is at 311, and B at 303. I have F located at 310. Can you give me E and G? Ans: Yes, E in vicinity of 310, G is at 301.
- 1335 - Maj. Smith to Blue 3: Unload you kitchen trucks so you can shuttle up behind 1st Bn ready to jump off. Up to east of 3940 grid.
- 1345 - G-2 to S-2: Are you set up yet? Ans: Yes, I have 44 more PWs. The I&R reports a tank or artillery firing from 894406. Received small arms fire from 900397. How is the armored doing? S-3: Up to MARIANSBURG; Whitefield is furthest place out.
- 1400 - S-6 to Red 2: What do you hear from the front? Ans: A co is at 319, still meeting only light resistance.
- 1409 - Maj. Smith to Blue 3: Plan on moving at 1800 hours. Plan to cross line of departure at 2200 hours in vicinity of the 10, NS grid, with the 40 grid as the center. Have your men sleep this afternoon.

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- 1416 - White 3 to S-3: We are receiving quite a bit of fire, rockets, mortars and artillery. Small arms coming from 901394 vicinity. Some SP guns over there. G co was catching a lot of stuff. S-3: The 3rd Bn jumps at 2200 hours out to the 10 line thru HAHN, and ROTH. White 3: Where is your B co? Ans: B is at 303. White 5: The Colonel is at 301 and will probably move to there. F₁ is pushing.
- 1425 - PWI to clerk: More identifications? 3 men from the Hq of the 1st Bn of the 901st Regt; 1 man from the Hqs of the 1st Bn of the 959th; 1 man from the 3rd Co of the 959th; 1 man from the 4th co of the 957th. A total of 6 PWs from the White Bn.
- 1430 - MSG - From G-4 to GO 16th Inf: Ammo expenditure allocation for period 240600 A to 280600A March increased as follows: 400 rounds of 81mm mortar light. ANDRUS.
- 1436 - S-3 to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Tell Capt. Golden that I want to see him down here. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1440 - S-3 to G-3: What time does 26th Inf jump? Ans: Haven't heard the time yet. Got recon out now. Drop off a Bn in "D", and continue recon out for 262. S-3: We jump for the 93 grid line with the 3rd Bn at 2200 hours tonight. Will shuttle Blue up.
- 1446 - White 3 to S-3: F co has cleared area at 310. Working patrols out to front. S-3: 18th Inf F cleared 300. Remainder of F is at 893408. White 3: E and G both at 301. The Colonel is leaving F where it is. Patrol to 318, if clear will outpost it. Will call you later.
- 1504 - S-2 to G-2: Got 6 more PWs. Red seems to be getting in a little scrap. Picked up some SP guns. Things are going pretty well though.
- 1510 - Lt. Alexander to Lt. Stephens: I just extended a line up to the Pt 303. The Colonel and myself are here now.
- 1515 - Sgt Wheeler, Liaison to Div to Clerk: 3rd Armored - H 135363; R 097338; K 115305; D 135276.
- 1520 - Blue 6 to S-3: How is it going up at 319? Ans: Here are locations: C at 913397; A at 913390; B is moving to take 906378. 26th Inf will be working south of you. Blue 6: Who is taking 935412? Ans: If anyone takes it, it will be you. Blue 6: Do I have to take it? Ans: No. Blue 6: If I bypass anything I do not want to hear anyone squaking. I will just barrel right thru them. The bridge at 986418 is the only way to get across the stream. A couple of MG's on there could hold me up. Ans: You will have to use on-the-spot decision on that. Cannon Co will come up behind you. Blue 6: I have 4 tanks and 4 MG's. I may use the M-10's as tanks.

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- 1526 - G-2 reports: A PW deserter gave the following report: Heard order to remove all equipment from direction of SIGEN. 409th Volks Arty Corps reported to be in vicinity of this town. PW stated he saw a great number of light AA guns in and near SIGEN which will be used for ground fighting. These guns are well camouflaged and generally on top of small hills.
- 1530 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: On the recon troop, can't get them before 8 in the morning. They are working with 26th Inf. Another thing, Provisional boundary of the 4th Cav and you - start 9140 running NE to HERST, 9344, across river.
- 1152 - S-3 to Blue 3: Go just as far as taking HAHN tonight and not any further. I got the engineers platoon coming down to you tonight. Ans: That is better.
- 1550 - S-3 to G-3: Btry B of the 951st FA moved in here in our yard. Will you see what you can do about it? Ans: OK.
- 1628 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: At 876354 in the road that comes out of the woods, there are quite a few bomb craters, which need to be filled by the Engrs. Will you see what can be done? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1034 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Grogg: Will you notify Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs, or Capt. Murphy about the bomb craters in road at 876354? This is in our MSR, and should be taken care of immediately. Ans: OK, I will radio Capt. Murphy.
- 1640 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Gives positions of the 1st Bn companies, 3rd Armored and the approx., locations of the 7th Armored. Blue 2: What is at 9136? Ans: Nothing, that I know of.
- 1643 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: The 26th is on the road now. Going in the following assembly area tonight, 1st Bn 9236; 3rd Bn 945360; 2nd Bn 975356. They attack in the morning.
- 1705 - PW reports: PWs from Cannon Co., 1 man from the 2nd co of the 162nd Fus Bn. From 1st Bn - 2 men from the 1st Co of the 162nd Engr Bn; 1 man from the 2nd Btry of the 388 Folks Arty Corps. 2nd Bn PWs - 7 men from the 409th Folks Arty Corps, 11th Btry; 10 from the 164th Field Repl Bn; 25 from the 363rd Field Repl Bn; 1 from the 1st co of the 363 AT Bn; 1 from the 13th co of the 958th regt; 1 from Hqs of the 958th Regt; 9 from the 5th co of the 164th regt; 7 men from the 2nd co of the 162nd Fus Bn; 1 from the Obs Bn of the 34th. PW turned in by the 33rd FA - 1 man from the 10th co of 8th Pz Gren Regt, 3 Pz Div.
- 1716 - White Bn reports: 125 rounds of artillery of mixed stuff, and 30 rockets. That's our shell report for today.
- 1726 - S-2 to White 1: Where is your GP? Ans: In town NE of 277.

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- 1730 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Margolis; Mil. Gvnt: Here in WEXERBUSH there is a German Signal building which is a hot spot. The 3rd Armored MP's turned the building over to us. I want to notify you that when we leave, a guard will need to be furnished. It comes under your control. Ans: OK, when you move, let me know and I will send some MP's down and put off limit signs on the buildings. Maj. Ed: What about the Engrs; have they been notified about the bombing craters? Ans: Yes.
- 1744 - Blue 6 to S-6: My assembly area will be 339 and 341. Concentrated at 339. I will recon and move from 339 with the following order, K, I and L. The Infantry will lead, followed by the Engrs with mine sweepers, M-4's and TD's. I will move to 348 N to bend across RR to 354 to hair pin turn, then go to 362 up to HAM from the SE. K co to clean out western part of the town. I co will follow K and take E part of town; L co in between those 2 co's. Capt. Richmond just returned. He reported mines. Capt. Richmond: Found the mines just short of the 1st Bn CP, 8 plastic mines; hasty. Can I have a mine platoon to sweep the road. Ans: Yes, I will get you the mine platoon of AT company.
- 1746 - Maj. Smith to 1st Sgt AT co: Send the mine platoon leader to 3rd Bn at WERKHAUSEN. Ans: OK.
- 1747 - Blue 6 to S-3: Can I have an extension of time before I jump? The roads will have to be swept, and there is an open spot up there. Ans: OK, let me know when you jump. You have the mine platoon of the AT co. Blue 6: What about the 1st Bn; do you have any further information on them? Ans: No. I will call them and give them your plan.
- 1750 - S-3 to Red 2: What about the towns, are they cleared? Ans: OLSEN is taken and have the town to the extreme left has been taken. S-3: Whatabout town at 920390? Red 2: I will get the information and call you.
- 1750 - S-2 to Red 2: Can you give me a rough idea on a shell report? Ans: 300 rounds of rockets and artillery. All together, I'd say 450 rounds of rockets, 370 rounds of artillery and 300 rounds of mortar. Have 26 PWs sending this back piece meal by any available transportation.
- 1759 - S-2 to Capt. Zara, G-2: The latest information is given also the shell report. G-2: The 7th Armored is at the town of GEISSEN. 9th Armored at BOTSBACH.
- 1800 - White 3 to S-3: G co is in position north of KUCHHAUSEN and east along the high ground to the east of the town. F co at ROCKERSHEIED with tanks. Outpost of about 10 men on the high ground at 897401. Patrols to objective reference point 318; town is clear.
- 1820 - Capt. Clark gives latest positions of companies to G-3.
- 1845 - Capt. Clark gives latest information on the 1st Bn, as previously listed to Blue 3.

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- 1850 - Red 3 to Maj. Smith: C co at 331; A co on the hill west of 332; B co is at 324. S-3: How about 339 and 341? Ans: We have pushed out there; didn't get any instructions on those; we were told to go to OLSEN and patrol to B. S-3: Well I want you to push out to 339 and 341. 339 is more important as Blue is going thru there but want you to work on 339. Red 6: OK, we will send some one down. A got a little direct fire. - B encountered a tank and infantry in OLSEN.
- 1900 - S-3 to Blue 3: Latest information from the 1st Bn given- 339 and 341 are not taken yet. 1st Bn people working on them and up to them. I told them you would be going thru them. They encountered one tank and infantry in OLSEN. Co A got some direct fire. A is on north just west of 339 sending recon 339. C on wooded hill in center - B in OLSEN and sending recon to 341. Blue 3: Line of March - K, I and L. K is getting ready to move out. Our new CP will be put at 319.
- 1915 - S-6 to Red 6: I want you to take 339 so Blue can attack at 1000 hrs. 341 is not important but for your own protection until you get contact with the 20th. Red 6: I did not get the order on 339, but will try and take it. Colonel Gibb: Let me know what you get on 339.
- 1935 - White 3 to Major Smith: What are the positions on the 1st Bn? (Maj. Smith gives latest positions as above). White 3: F co ran into trouble. Some one is firing 81mm from the west and 60mm from the south and that hill. Outpost pulled back. May be coming from the 18th or 1st Bn. Lot of mortars falling on them. A combat patrol from the 18th got all shot up and a man came in to F co and asked for litters, so we sent some. We will get patrol started out again in 15 minutes back to the knob, so have them stop shooting up there. Engrs get over here all right. S-3: Do not know what is going to happen.
- 1935 - Capt. Johnson, Blue to S-2: Gave the wrong dope to Maj. Smith, I co has not moved out yet.
- 1942 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Johnson, Blue: What has left? Ans: All but I co and Hq Co. Co I pushed off first. S-3: Let me know when I leaves. Ans: OK. The advance CP left at 1940 hours.
- 1944 - S-3 to Lt. Joseph: Are any of the companies there? Ans: No. S-3: Are you at 319? Ans: Yes.
- 1952 - S-3 to Red 3: F co OP at 896401 has just been getting friendly mortar fire. Will you notify your people on it? Ans: OK, sir.
- 20009- Maj. Smith to 18th Inf S-3: (Same as above). A combat patrol from your F co came into our F co at 891398 and requested litter bearers to get some of their people out of there (where the combat patrol had gone). We are evacuating some of our F co now. Definitely check all your mortars down to include the 60mms, and make it known that our people are there and they are not to fire in within 500 yards.