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- 2000 - S-2 to White 2: How are things? Ans: When F co went thru town at 301, they were shot at by shotguns. When E co went thru town later, one Russian told that a civilian had guns and ammo buried. Civilian was made to dig up the stuff. S-2: Get the CIC down there and check the whole place. Request paper that a civilian be arrested for burying arms and ammo and have him sent to PW cage. The 7th Armored has a spearhead in 6720; 9th Armored is in EUTSBACH, just south of 6720. White 2: General Patton is reported close to WURZBURG.
- 2000 - Blue 3 to S-3: I co is moving out. Where is the mine platoon? S-3: I'll check.
- 2020 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Johnson, Blue: What was the time that the group left the CP? Ans: Just as you called K co left little before you called and I and L co's are awaiting call from Capt. Booth. S-3: Tell me when each co clears. Ans: Right sit.
- 2025 - S-2 to G-2: Discuss PW who was a radio operator was picked up with some papers. The contents included a prearranged code. PW was of the 388th Volk's Arty Corps. G-2: I believe it is a good idea to make a special trip of that PW with guard and papers; bring it to the attention of Capt. Sabenhouse. S-2: He will be back in the cage by 2200 hours. S-2 repeats item of 2000 hours concerning the civilian and the shotguns. G-2: There are lots of civilians on the roads. We are six kilometers behind you. Shall fire which fell in CP vic discussed in general. G-2: Was a town of "B" taken at 9237? Ans: Not yet. G-2: What about 161? Ans: That is Blues job, at 2200 hours. G-2: Is C in same position? Ans: Yes, I have a report that 36 PWs but they are not in the cage yet. G-2: Any particular organized action noticed from PWs. Ans: Definitely someone who issues orders initially but they fail to follow up orders thru lack of communication. G-2: In town I referred to just recently, are enemy believed to be in there? Ans: Probably a few. I saw an engineer mine field off the road west of UCKERATH. There is a minefield reported to be located near there. G-2: It is reported that 7th Armored and 10,000 PWs. S-2: Was it 3rd Corps that reported opposition? Ans: No, British 33rd Corps. G-2: Elements of the 9th Armored have penetrated M 3780. It plots just due north of EISBACH about 50 kilometer
- 2035 - Capt. Clark to Major Oxford, 1st Engrs: Will you pass on to A co, Engrs, that we would like to have them check at 872359, there is a road fork there - at this point there is a barrel and a sign which says mines. At 886367, 200 yards on each side of the road, should also be checked, and also the road into RIMBACH.
- 2040 - S-3 to Decoy S-3: Our 2nd Bn reports a fire fight up north of them, Mortar and small arms fire. 18th Inf S-3: Haven't heard of this before, but I will check. Our present positions are G at 880414, F at 890415, and E at 870412. S-3: Gives the positions of our companies as previously listed, above, and the plan for movement.
- 2055 - Blue 6 to S-3: I am at 319, had a little trouble of vehicles getting lost. Might take a little longer to get started. I talked with Red 6, and he told me that he did not know that he had to take 339, but he is working on it. K is up here now and I is on the way up. S-3: 26th Inf is working in the south of where you are going.

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- 2055 - Maj. Edmond to Capt. Clark: I would like to know the location of 7th FA CP? Ans: They are with Blue in the buildings at WERKHAUSEN.
- 2100 - Maj. Smith to G-3: Gives the latest information as of previous items. Reports that our 1st Bn is getting some tank fire, and that F co is getting some mortar fire.
- 2100 - Capt. Hall to FWI: What is the dope on the 164th? FWI: The Lt, from the 164th Bn says no connection on right or left. Replacements were from 8636. Right and left in RIMEBACH. 5th Co and 6th Co in line. The 7th co does not exist. 8th co was reserved at vicinity of cross roads at 871386. S-2: Who gave the orders? Ans: The unwritten law of "Defend yourself until the last man". He fired his weapon until the GI's were within 2 yards. PW moved from west of BACHENBERG. He was ordered by Div., location unknown. The orders came thru liaison officer: Replacement strength was average co of 250 to 260 men. S-2: Where was the artillery? Ans: No locations and no report of support. Radio operator was forward observer. His Btry CP at 920378. S-2: What was position of Btry? Ans: Unknown. He was a battery observer for Corps, was firing a Btry of 105's, 16 guns to btry. S-2: Keep after these people, the above information is valuable and information you might get from the PWs taken by the 1st Bn will also prove to be valuable. This information shows there is some sort of organization. FWI: The 1st Lt. commanded 2nd Bn of the 164th. S-2: Any information of tanks? FWI: PW from the 958th who came from ZEIGBERG yesterday to WERKHAUSEN said he saw lots of tanks parts. He crossed river at BITORF. S-2: I have that information. Find out from the Arty man if pockets have been fired by his Corps, type and number of guns. Find out from the PW taken by Red where that tank came from. The following is PW identification of PWs taken from 1st Bn - 3 from the 2nd Bn of the Army High command #15; 1 from the training repl Bn #57; 2 from the 10th Btry of the 409th Volks Arty Corps; 1 from the 2nd Btry of the GMJ Btry, 1183; 1 from the Hqs of the 164th; 9 from the 6th co of 164th; 1 from the 3rd co of the 164th; 3 from the 1st co of the 162nd Fus Bn; 7 from the 2nd Co of the Fus. Bn; 5 from the 3rd Co of the Fus Bn. The following PWs were taken by the 2nd Bn; 1 from the 388th VA Corps, observer for Btry; 1 from the 2nd Bn of the 164th; 1 from Recupertion co; 1 from the 409th VAC. The first Engrs Bn of div took the following PW: 1 from the 3rd Btry of artillery Corps #388.
- 2120 - Sgt Wheeler, liaison to div, to S-2: The 3rd and 1st Army has linked up. 3rd Army has taken IOHRN. The Germans confirmed this. British are taking off up north. 3rd and 515th divisions on objectives. 3rd Armored TFD has secured down at 04031; TFK at 277280; 3rd Corps - 070147, 0915, 1115, 2023, 2723, 2021, 6519, 6518, 0925, 0922, 1424. 7th Armored TFR 5280, TFW 5019. Other armored at 3780.
- 2130 - Capt. Hall to Sgt Himple, FWI: How many PWs today? Ans: 157. S-2: What is the over all total? Ans: 2097.
- 2130 - S-6 to G-3: I do not understand this new plan. Is the 26th going to pull out and go east without cleaning the area? Ans: No, they will mop up their zone as they go. S-6: When do they start? Ans: I am trying to get in touch with them now and get the story. I will have more complete information after I talk to the 26th.

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- 2150 - S-2 to G-2: Identifications of PWs given in item of 2100 hours. PW Lt., of the 16th arrived in vicinity of 863362. He was in collection of stragglers brought in. He had a force of 150 to 200 when organized in 3 companies of 50 to 60 men each. He put his 8th co in reserve at vicinity of 871387. PW was ordered to defend to the last man. He was awaiting orders from his division thru his LO as to Position of division when captured. He is on way to cage now. In the area of MICHHAUSEN a Bn of 388th VAC reported by forward observer and that Bn had 16 105's. Wasn't supporting any one in particular. The btry CP was opposed by tank and infantry. Tank got away. F co at 890399 and receiving mortar fire. 18th Inf is one and a half kilometers away and engaged in small arms and mortar fire. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ G-2: Understand all quiet with 16th now. S-2: Yes. At 9040 a tank was reported moving around. Possibly it was one of ours. G-2: Apparently the 16th went east. S-2: I was under the impression they had been in BITORF. Suggest the PW I sent you be thoroughly interrogated by your people. The 7th Armored took 10,000 PWs, is that correct? G-2: Yes, 3000 by noon. S-2: We have had 8 of our PWs sent in by 1st, 33rd FA, 5th FA. They were taken from houses and fields.
- 2200 - S-2 to White 2: 157 PWs today, your Bn took 84. Information in item 2100 hours given. Red has 62 PWs. White 2: One half track knocked out, some vehicles were abandoned. One PW captured today had a map on person similar to one I had. S-2: Have your received measles sheet that I sent you? Ans: Yes. A tank was heard east of F co. S-2: We are moving around 303. White 2: We are at 286 at the farm. S-2: Asks Lt. Chandler to come over to the CP tomorrow.
- 2230 - S-2 to Lt. Alexander, Red 2: Item of 2025 hours given. Speaks of the 7th Armored PWs captured and of the 5 to 600 American PWs freed. Red 6: I had some German leaflets propaganda dope on suggestion to American soldiers how to fake illness. Also one leaflet refers to big American firms who profit by the soldiers who fight for the US. One leaflet showed a dollar bill which was picked up in BLANKENBERG. I will send some to you when I get them.
- 2305 - S-2 to G-2: The place at 921391 reported clear by A co. The other place south where B co is - no report. G-2: 388 VAC gave TFW some trouble, they had 2 88mms, 2 Mark VI and 2 big guns. S-2: Our Blue is moving. G-2: Are they going to "VV"? Ans: Yes, 26th Inf at south. G-2: They are on #1 pushing for #2. 18th took 21 PWs from the 3rd Co of the 89th Regt of 12 Volks Gren Div. 7 reported to be casualties, picked up at 878413. They came from COLOGNE, 2 days ago in SIEGBERG, over to 7944. Last night they came in trucks. Will you ask four PWs to find out from PWs about the 48th Panzer Corps and the 11th Pz Corps? S-2: B co sending out strong patrols. G-2: 18th Inf cleared out goose-egg. What is the situation in NDR, OLSEN. Ans: 4th Cav's sector.
- 2345 - Red to S-3: S-3: What about patrols? Ans: They returned 15 minutes ago. Went 1000 yards east, saw enemy in town and returned. G co caught 3 PWs coming from A co area with hot food in a volks wagon going to some arty or rocket outfit.

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- 2247 - Colonel Beck to S-3: Colonel Barns says no recon as yet. They will be used with the 18th when they push east of the 26th. He wants it on east flank so it can contact armor.
- 2349 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Where is Blue: Ans: Blue is at 920390 on the move. G-3: Did they pass thru 1st Bn at 2200 hours? Ans: Yes.
- 2350 - 1st Bn reports that A co has not passed thru yet.
- 2355 - Blue 3 to Lt. Stephens: K at 399, I follows, and L also.
- 2400 - Red Bn to Lt. Stephens: K passed thru A company.

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LOCATION: During the period (approximately 0900 hours) the CP moved to 890373.

- 0035 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: I just received a report from the 104th Div. They took a PW, member of the 130th Tnk Regt., 130th Pz Div, at ALTEN* KIRCHEN, who stated as of 0500 hours this morning, a part of the 130th Tnk regt was dug in in the vicinity of the town of ROCKSEN and in the vicinity of SEELBACH, which is right up to your front. He didn't state if they had any tanks left, or if they had any tanks with them.
- 0040 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Gives information in above item.
- 0051 - Lt. Pelsler, G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Just received a report from the PW cage. PW stated Teller mine on the road, (9 mines) at 893362, 891369, 884361, and 888370.
- 0055 - Lt. Stephens gives item 0051 to Red Fwd. Red Bn gives negative report.
- 0100 - Blue Bn reports: Moving our CP to 921390 now. L co moving out now; no locations on K and I companies.
- 0125 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: Elements of the 3rd Bn have passed point 928392.
- 0126 - Radio Msg to 3rd Bn: Report front line positions.
- 0157 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: What do you have for me? Ans: K co is at 354; I co behind them. L co is at 943401. No resistance. S-3: Is your contact good by radio? Ans: We can get them, but cannot get the right party. Last contact was at 0130 hours.
- 0202 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: (Blue's situation is given). What about the 18th Inf? Ans: No contact with them. DA reports them at town at 9735 (2nd Bn).
- 0250 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Dug in enemy and a tank at 354. K co is working on it now.
- 0300 - Blue CP to Lt. Kestlinger: I&R platoon leaving 339 going South to 341, and through town of BIRKENBEIL and up to 348.
- 0302 - White CP reports negative.
- 0305 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: K co is at 94403. Have run into an enemy strong-point.
- 0320 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Blue 6 has gone forward and will make a more detailed report when he gets back.
- 0320 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0325 - 1st Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: Have finished sweeping the road between RIEBACH and NDR. OLSEN.

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- 0400 - Red 2 submits negative report.
- 0402 - Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Still nothing to report. Will call you as soon as Blue 6 returns.
- 0405 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Nothing new. Blue 6 has gone forward and will have some dope for you when he returns.
- 0455 - Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: We got to 354 without any trouble. Do you see the hair-pin turn in the road NE of 354? The enemy has built up a defensive line along that river, that draw is at least 100 feet deep. They caught us there with dug in tanks (4), and infantry, from the other side, and forced us back to 354. K is at 354, facing E and N. L went down road to 354 to 355, and I told them to come in on this business from the south. The M-10's are at 354 in position behind the houses. The tanks are SW of 354. I co was stopped also, following K; if it breaks at 355 - 356, I will send I co down there. Casualties are light - no estimate is given. 1000 yards W of 354, there is a small bridge; here the draw is 55 or 60 feet deep - it is rugged. We are working on the situation now.
- 0505 - White Bn gives negative report.
- 0517 - Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: L is at 356. I co and the mediums alerted to follow the same route. L co is to sweep north of 356. I co is going north of 356, up into the big town.
- 0519 - Capt. Clark to G-3, Capt. Parsons: Reports Blue Bn situation in detail from the above information of Blue 6. G-3: 26th Inf reports no change as of 1 1/2 hours ago; clearing area they are in. Going to jump sometime after daylight. 18th Inf is moving about noon.
- 0525 - Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: The I&R platoon was sent out to check the road - the good road south out of 339 to 341. 341 was checked and found clear. Civilians said that no other American troops had been there. They went (I&R) NE out of the town to road that turns left to 348; found fresh tracks (tanks) along the road and a knocked out panel. There were fresh tank tracks going East into the woods. From 348 they returned to 339. They saw no enemy. The road is apparently clear of mines, as the I&R used vehicles.
- 0527 - Capt. Clark gives positions of our companies to 7th FA, and the positions of the 18th Infantry.
- 0605 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: G-2 asks for situation as of this hour. Capt. Clark reviews the information from previous information listed in this journal.
- 0610 - Red Bn reports negative; White Bn reports negative. (The situation is reviewed for Capt. Elder, White 3, in regard to the 3rd Bn).
- 0615 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Parsons, G-3: Posns of the 26th Inf checked as follows: 1st Bn at 930355; 2nd Bn at 980355; 3rd Bn at 945360; F co is N at RJ at 985375. CP is in town of White Bn.

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- 0618 - Col. Heath, CO of the 7th FA, and Col. Rawie, CO of the 5th FA, visit CP and get the information in the above item concerning the positions of the 26th Inf.
- 0620 - Capt. Clark to Blue Fwd, Blue 6: Blue 6: L co is pushing N to 354. They have run into nothing but this is open country at this point. I co is in the vicinity of 355, and will be shooting around to 362 and 361. I co heard a big explosibn N of them; it sounded like an ammo dump but could have been the bridges. Lt. Klink of L co, heard the sound of enemy armor, but it sounded more like it was moving away. I am going to push someone across where they were held up earlier this morning.
- 0645 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Gives information of above item.
- 0705 - Capt. Thomas, 7th FA, to Capt. Clark: Where is Blue? (Blue positions as previously listed above are given).
- 0737 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: L co checked buildings N of 365, got 10 FMs. L co contacted K east of 354. K is still W of the river; K will go down around 355 to 356 - the same as the others. I co at 356 waiting to go for 362, and will then work to 361. Enemy was observed digging in at 955413.
- 0830 - Capt. Clark to Blue Bn: How are things? Ans: I is still at 356. I co sent a patrol to 354. Receiving a little small arms fire and occasional SP fire.
- 0642 - Operator to Lt. Stephens: The 745th Tanks have pulled their phone.
- 0850 - PWI reports: 2 prisoners from the 5th Btry, 130th Pz Regt. Battery at 911395. Bridge at 926423 at 1900 hours last night was in good condition but barricaded. 6 batteries of artillery left - 15 or 18 105mms and three 150mms. He did not see any tanks. Did not see anything. Saw no concentration of troops, tanks or assault guns.
- 0900 - Maj. Smith, S-3 to Capt. Welk, 3rd Bn: Capt. Wells: I co on recon for route to HAHM. The last report puts them at 356.
- 0900 - 7th FA pulled phone board out.
- 0905 - Capt. Ralph, Comm O, to Lt. Kestlinger: Ration on wire has been cut to 5 miles per day. S-3 to Blue 3: I co reported moving out at 0830 hours. The 5th FA reported 3 bridges blown N of K company.
- 0912 - Blue Bn to S-2: K co just reported 3 explosions; one N of them is thought to be the bridge.
- 0915 - Red 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: How is Blue doing? Ans: Gave their locations as above. S-2: I am sending up the tank to you with the speaker on it. You can try it out and see if it works.

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- 0930 - White 2 to S-2: Do you have any late positions? Ans: K is at 354, I at 356, and I at 355. A is at 339, B at 324, and C at 311.
- 0945 - S-3 to G-3: 3rd Bn reports progress toward HAIM, but no definite location.
- 0950 - G-3 to S-3: The Cav will take over the 95 grid line. Corps has not OK'd this but it is almost certain that the relief will be effected today. If you get your job completed today, it will probably be 48 hours before you move again. 7th Armored over-ran an enemy column of 700 vehicles last night.
- 0950 - S-2 to G-2: What do you have? Ans: Did you hear of the PW report this morning? Ans: Yes, I just heard about it. G-2: 1000 enemy vehicles seen which ran into the 7th Armored - the 7th Armored is reported to have knocked out 800 vehicles. The PW said that they were the 11th Pz who were going down to stop PATTON. The 1st and 3rd Armies have linked. PATTON reported 60 miles from CZECHOSLOVIA.
- 1020 - Blue Bn reports: I co is on objective. We now have 46 PWs. Identifications are the 8th PGR; 164th Regt; 162nd Regt; 959th Regt; 846th Heavy Bridge Engrs, and the 54th MARSH Bn.
- 1030 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Wozenski: Blue 6: What is your situation? Blue 6: I co is in the town. "K" co is moving to take another part of town. I co in 356 and a little north, got a couple more PWs. Terrain is bad at 354 was a road block that could have held up a regt. They started peeling off from their - I co thru 355 to 376 and up; I thru 355 to 356 and up. S-6: What is the I&R doing? Ans: They worked all night last night and are getting a little sleep. They swept road 339 to 341 and northeast to 356. S-6: I want you to get some recon out to 374, so I can get a Bn thru you as fast as I can.
- 1035 - S-6 to Col. Driscoll, R_d 6: Will you come down, I want to see you.
- 1100 - S-2 to Maj. Laiten, G-2: Got a PW from the 5th Btry, 162nd arty regt who reports: 3 days ago he was in position at 857410, from there they moved to 883401 where they were two days ago. Yesterday at 0930 hours, they got an order to move to 900400 from there to 924423 just short of the bridge. Along the road to the bridge, he saw a great many infantry and mortar transports. Between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday they crossed bridge and went north to 922432, and all vehicles and infantry he had seen before were moving across the bridge. The bridge was prepared for demolition. He came back to observe for his artillery when captured.
- 1112 - S-3 to White 2: Tell Capt. Elder that I want him to come up here to the CP for some instructions.
- 1115 - MESSAGE - From the CO AT co to CO 16th Inf: CP at 884359. Send me location of ration DP (1107 hours).
- 1145 - S-3 to Blue 3: Sending 2nd Bn out on a clean up detail to the south of you. Blue: Have a report that I am trying to confirm on K co. They say that they are at 374. I co is in HAIM and I is at 356 and North. The I&R has checked Pt 341. A woman on a bicycle came up from 365 to 356 this morning to buy bread. She says there are no enemy at 365. CO of the 24th Cav was here. He believes that his unit will extend to the stream line; from the 92 to 93 and 99.

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- 1147 - S-3 to Red 6: K co reports that they are at 374.
- 1200 - S-2 to Blue 2: What is new on HAIM? Ans: The co's are in there and not getting any fire.
- 1201 - S-3 to G-3: K co is at ROTH. I co cleared HAIM. 1st Bn, at 1100 hours, his mission of clearing up to our eastern boundary. 2nd Bn will send patrols in force to the wooded ground to the 26th. They'll do extensive patrolling. When patrols reach 985369, they will go north and contact K co at ROTH, and south to contact the 26th Inf. G-3: 3th Cav Grp takes over from you when you have completed your job in that area.
- 1220 - FWI reports: I could not get much information. The 363rd Div was to act as a rear guard. Orders were of late yesterday. The 959th and 164th regt's had mission to hold. 52 more prisoners from Blue Bn; 28 men from the 959th regt; 5 men from the 846 Bridge Engrs; 6 men from the 8th Pz Gren Regt; 2 men from the 3rd Btry of the 102nd Arty Pz Regt; 1 man from the 902nd Pz Gren Regt; 1 man from the 363rd AT Bn, 8 men from the 164th Regt; 1 man from the 6th btry of the 388 Volks Arty Corps.
- 1235 - Maj. McKean, S-4 to Lt. Kestlinger: Will move at 0600 hours, tomorrow morning and open at 0700 hours. Waterpoint will be moved this afternoon by 1500 hours to 912328.
- 1245 - White 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is the I&R? Lt. K: They are with Blue now. White 6: What did they check last night? Ans: Road from 348 to 340 to 339. White 6: I have a job for them. Will you ask the Major if they can be attached to me for this job? Ans: The Major and the Colonel say they have a few jobs for the I&R with Blue Bn.
- 1320 - S-6 to G-3: What is the big picture situation? Ans: The 18th is going to their goose-egg and push to 183. They are not going to 182. Will bring elements of 8th Div; we will go in a more northerly direction. Going north of 183, you will go thru 18th people. The plan is to give you a rest before you start. Units of 8th Div on your left. Armor on your right. 26th has part of GERHARDSHAI. S-6: Where is Division moving to? Ans: Where 26th Inf is. The Chief of Staff and the General have already left.
- 1340 - MESSAGE - From CG 1st Div to CG 16th Inf: Div CP opened at 1320 A in new location F 977356.
- 1350 - G-2 to S-2: PW identification by S-2 of PWs taken by Blue Bn; item of 1220 hours is repeated. G-2: Radio flash says "Unknown number of enemy tanks in LITTE - F22864. Lack of communications prevents confirmation. Advanced elements of 3rd Armored (CCB) are at 550380.
- 1400 - Blue 2 to S-2: I spoke to Maj. Smith about civilian guides who will lead ordinance men to the 70,000 pounds of Black powder located 800 yards from point 162. S-2: If I get anyone, I'll send them to your CP at 339. Any reports on bridge 353, from HAIM across the river? Ans: I do not know - there were 3 explosions this morning.

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- 1408 - Blue 2 to S-2: CP just reported 300 yards NE of Pt 372, they observed an enemy tank, 1 personnel carrier and some infantry.
- 1410 - S-2 to Red 2: Blue just reported one enemy tank and an enemy personnel carrier and infantry 300 yards NE of 372.
- 1415 - Blue 2 to Clerk: Correct the information I gave on the enemy tank to read; 5000 to 7000 yards out across river on a line from E thru Pt 372.
- 1450 - Capt. Clark to Blue 2: Are the Engrs with you? Ans: Yes. S-3: Will you tell the officer to clear road from 374 to 376, and into area Red is occupying (013240 - 000415).
- 1452 - S-3 to Capt. Dinsmore: Got any report on the progress? Ans: No, sir. The colonel is up with G which pushed off at 1330 hours.
- 1455 - S-3 to Red 2: Got any report on the progress? Ans: No, sir, not a word. Companies hasn't moved out yet.
- 1500 - PWI reports: 25 more PWs from the 3rd Bn. 3rd Btry of the 409th Volk's Arty Corps, 1 man; 2nd Company of the 29th Pz Gren Regt, 2 men; 959th regt; 22 men.
- 1500 - Msg - White on way to assembly area.
- 1505 - S-2 to Ordnance: Our Blue Bn has 700 lbs of black powder in the vicinity of 950400, would like to have an officer report to our 3rd Bn. There are civilians who will guide the officer to the place where the powder is located. Ans: OK, will send someone down to see you.
- 1537 - Col. Beck to Capt. Clark: How are you coming up at 161? Ans: 1st Bn is moving out for 161. No reports on them yet. 2nd Bn is clearing all the area from Blue to the 26th area. G-3: You are planning on sending patrols to river aren't you? Ans: Right. G-3: Presently, that is the mission. G-3: Is it cleared to the 945? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1542 - Capt. Clark to Red, Lt. Alexander: Where is your forward CP at? Ans: Forward CP is at 312. S-3: Any reports on the progress? Ans: No, I haven't.
- 1545 - INTERCEPT RADIO: GO 2nd Bn: We are in 341, starting out for 349, Pt B. (Signed patrol, 1540 hours).
- 1551 - Sgt Wheeler, Liaison to Div, to Capt. Clark: 3rd Armored is in BARBURG. TFW is approaching BARBURG, no resistance. Infantry units at 0434, 0433, and 0432.
- 1555 - Red 3 to S-3: B is moving now by truck and tanks, will get off the vehicles at Pt 369 and proceed by foot and go in at 006405. A company will start 30 minutes later from 369, thru ROTH and move down and take 367, then go due east and go into position at 002413. C company in ROTH, and will move on order. CP will be in ROTH.

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- 1600 - Col. Gibb to Col. Nicholls, 745th Tnk Bn: What is the status of your light tank company? Ans: Nil, no men. I will not have any until 2100 hours tonight. I had to use them for the mediums. It will be at least a week before they will be able to operate. Ans: OK.
- 1600 - MESSAGE - From G-4 to CO 16th Inf (signed at 2030 hours). Text - Ammo expenditure allocation for period 260600A March to 010600A April as follows: 666 rounds of 81mm mortar light. Unexpended balance for period ending 260600 March are cumulative..
- 1603 - MESSAGE - CO 16th Inf from G-4: (Time signed 1430 hours) 28 March. Text - la C1 1 and III F962343 open 290800A. c. DAO (F969346) Open 290800A. d. Div MP vic F955343. 2. a. Cir Sta F957343 open 281600A. b. Div Tns Rt F962343. 3. a. Cn F962343 Ord F969340. Engr F965344 SIG F954335.
- 1613 - Maj. Green to Maj. Smith: I am sending the Ln officer from the Cav down to you. Is the area cleared down to the river? Ans: Yes, by observation. They cantake over the rest, of area. There isn't a thing of platoon size or tanks in the area. What about the town of WESSEN? Ans: It has to be cleared first. Ans: OK. Maj. Smith to Blue 2: Send patrols to the river at these points, 353, 352, 360, 366, 367. Investigate the towns in the vicinity of these points for clear picture.
- 1645 - S-2 to G-2: Few enemy around ETEBACH 965425 milling around. 3 tanks up there reported by civilians. We are sending patrols to the river and around in the area.
- 1655 - White 3 to S-2: 2nd patrol reports "D" cleared. 1 enemy medic here. They are proceeding to point "D".
- 1713 - S-3 to Red 2: Any report on the companies? Ans: No; A and B companies have been moved up to just short of the RR. B and A should be in the attack. S-3: Tell Colonel Driscoll that he will attack and seize WESSEN tonight. His right boundary will be 041121; left, 990427. He is responsible for clearing in between those 2 points down to the river.
- 1730 - MESSAGE: 2nd Bn patrol reports - G and H cleared. Believe F is cleared. Am going to check. Will proceed to I and J objectives.
- 1740 - Capt. Clark to Blue 2: C-Troop of the 4th Cav will run a patrol to contact you during the night.
- 1743 - Lt. Restlinger to White 1: Troop Co of the 4th Cav will be down to contact F co sometime today. Do not shoot them up.
- 1745 - 2nd Bn patrol reports: Ft E and F cleared.
- 1745 - MESSAGE: To the 2nd Bn patrol - When Ft J is clear return.
- 1755 - Blue 2 to clerk: At 1636 hrs, K co received enemy mortar fire on the 2nd platoon from due North. At 1705 hours, I co reported 30 enemy digging in at 945416. Artillery fire is being put on them. At 1740 hours, T co reported personnel and vehicles at 95439, artillery firing on them.

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- 1800 - Col. Grant to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: (Lt. K. gives the positions and information as in above items of this journal, and adds that the 2nd Bn will probably move tomorrow. Looks like the same type of move as across France).
- 1820 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Edmonds: Maj. Edmonds: Sent Lt. Hoffman on jeep with message up to ROTH. Some mortars came in at ROTH. S-3: Going to form a TFW, it is going to be a march thru Germany as in France. 5th FA will be with you. TFW will have the I&R with it. TFW will have the 7th FA. We go a long ways tomorrow. Bridge is in, road clear to 992393, going up to contact K.
- 1830 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Edmonds: What is the situation? All co's cleared this area. Just talking to Col. Driscoll on radio, to get situation. Sent Lt. Hoffman with message by jeep. Col. Gibb: Will call him and find out if he got it - and get the situation.
- 1835 - Col. Gibb to Col. Grant: Got a job for you - so would like you to come up and talk it over. Bring maps 8088. Points I, J, K and L are all clear.
- 1836 - MESSAGE from Red: Friendly artillery falling on our positions.
- 1837 - MESSAGE sent to Div: Friendly artillery falling on our troops, cease firing west of the 01 grid.
- 1838 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Wells: Sent a message to div to cease all firing west of the 01 grid, as friendly fire is falling on our troops, would you get that back to 7th FA, as we have no line to them.
- 1845 - Message from Red: Victor #2 is on objective.
- 1855 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Smith: Lt. Hoffman got message to Col. Driscoll and will clear the town but might have to adjust his companies. "B" is on objective at 905408. A is almost to Pt 376, they detrucked at 369.
- 1905 - S-2 to White 2: Where is the CP? Ans: It is in the same place. S-2: Sending you a tank - M-4, equipped with loud speaker. White 2: Good, I will ride it.
- 1915 - Message from Div: 3 enemy tanks reported at 007410. (Signed at 1907 hrs).
- 1945 - Col. Horner to Maj. Green, G-3: What plans do you have for us? The cav is in the area. G-3: Where? S-5: Exact location, I cannot say. 1st Bn (B co) on objective. The high ground has been cleared. G-3: Cav relieved towards the East. S-5: 2nd Bn cleared where 1st went, and where the 26th was. Can you tell me when, where, and route we go? Ans: VII Corps #6, just left us with an armful of orders and the general picture seems to be 183 for the 18th. All trucks to be outnued to you possible 144, to move entire outfit if necessary. Engrs are now working on bridge at WEINGERTE and your route depends on the outcome of that bridge. But, it ran something like this - due south, of town you just worked in, town where we are, south east to GIESSENHAUSEN, south to main road from ALPENKIRCHEN to KROPBACH,

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to HEIMBORN to LIMBACH, STREITHAUSEN, WALKERBACH, KOSTEROTH, WHITEFEID. That is the way the 18th took. You can get running rights on roads south. S-5: How about time? G-3: 18th has to finish their job, trucks have to be turned over to you and depending on pressure. S-5: Can we get whole Company A of the engr's? Ans: Col. Gara will release the co, less one platoon. S-5: Can we get the 634th TD or 1st Recon companies? G-3: The 26th has 1st Recon co. Recon elements are to be brought back to division control first. S-5: Where is objective? G-3: It has not been marked as yet, probably the juiciest road center, from 183 about 10 kms. S-5: Any new missions? G-3: No. This will have to be on a 1/1000 map. S-5: The S-3 periodic is on the way up.

- 1945 - MP officer reports: We have taken 2177 since operations started (Pws).
- 2000 - Capt. Parsons, G-3 reports: 26th Inf has a patrol to 0938 grid and reports all clear.
- 2004 - S-2 to G-2: PWI reports given from journal. HARM is clear. There is a powder plant in working order there. Blue has patrols to the N and NE to the river line. Red is at 987395.
- 2005 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: What information on Blue's patrols? Ans: No report.
- 2010 - Blue Bn reports: Enemy minefield at 949391, reported by civilians thru L co. At 1920 hours, C troop of the 4th Cav contacted us at the CP here and will report at 2200 and 0400 hours. Unit to the left is located in vicinity of DAHLHAUSEN. Bn area receiving interdictory fire. Blue 5 to S-3: What about the black powder? S-3: Div has been notified, they are 20 miles to the E. What about your patrols? Blue 5: Only what has been reported to you. I am non-tactical. Where is the 8th Div? S-3: Relieving the 26th; another coming in tomorrow. Maj. Smith to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Have you seen anything of the 24th Cav? Ans: Not since this morning. The 24th is taking over in our sector. K already relieved. S-3: What about patrol? Blue 3: Patrol found bridge out at 353. No one was contacted. S-3: Find out why L co hasn't been relieved.
- 2015 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: No enemy in town, all rest of sector clear. 24th Cav relieved our L co in ROTH. No report on A co. S-3: No coordinate where Cav is; no communications. G-3: I'll have a IO to work from here. S-3: When you get something definite on our plans send us an overlay. G-3: We go east beyond 183 and WHITEFEID to BURBACH, where 18th CP is not good. 18th recon to 161 and 183. Your recon can help out tomorrow. I'll get you the 634th recon tomorrow. I'll have co commander come see you at the CP. What about the creek east of K co? S-3: K co has one useable bridge at 992392. 2nd Bn reported bridge in and clear. G-3: Route is 8 km's E of 183, place of "H", go N 4 kms to place called RODENBACH to W to HAGESFELDACH area, initially to move in and secure. Co of the 104th moving in HAGESFELDACH tonight. After you go NE, I'll get the orders to you in the morning. Col. Beck to S-3: Elements

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to the south of the 329 Armored CP, 5 Kms south of "H". When you get there set up road block to all roads northwest and NE and continue to N and NE, but mostly N. The next place N is road center in vic of 3350, the crossroads in the area surrounded by those villages. 18th from 183 goes N 6 Kms to road center. Initially your orders will be to recon into that area tomorrow, MAIGER and area immediately to N and then to NE. S-3: We still have town of W to clear. No heavy fighting as yet. Order is to execute recon and to move on order from us. A two hour notice is needed. G-3: You will definitely move tomorrow. S-3: I figure we cannot get started before noon.

- 2030 - Maj. Edmonds to Col. Horner: Message given to me by Capt. Brooks, said cut down basic ammunition load? S-5: That is right. Maj. Edmonds: I've always carried extra 81mm. Three truckloads. S-5: Cut it down as much as possible.
- 2050 - Blue 3 to S-2: Relieved by the 24th Cav.
- 2100 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is the location of Red Bn CP? Ans: It is at ROTH. G-3: Officer will be up to Red Bn from G-3 to coordinate with Red. S-3: Will order be out tonight? Ans: Yes.
- 2120 - S-3 to Maj. Edmonds: Any report on situation? Ans: Colonel Driscoll sent back wire men from the forward CP. It was too far to lay lines. Runner is only communication. Radio is not good. Forward CP at HORNSCHEID, 800 yards SE of 374. S-3: We will send a wire team to lay line from Blue to Red Fwd CP. The Colonel wants a line layed to Red. Maj. Edmonds: Is Cav relieving us? Ans: Relief will be made soon as objective is secured. There will be a movement tomorrow. I anticipate 12 to 1300 hours for you.
- 2130 - Blue Bn reports: At 2010 hours "I" co patrols to Pt 353 has returned. Reported bridge out; shoe mines on this side of road but no enemy contacted. At 1940 hours, M co was receiving tank fire. At 2105 hours, K co patrolled to Pt 366 and 367.
- 2210 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Will you check with your Red Bn observer and see if you can get any information of the 1st Bn? Ans: OK.
- 2215 - Lt. Ballard to Lt. Kestlinger: I could not raise 1st Bn on the radio. They must have shut their set down. Capt. Godden is going up to see them and will check on the situation.
- 2220 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: How is the situation up at 9742? Ans: We have no information on it as yet. I will have Capt. Hall call you back.
- 2230 - S-2 to G-2: I know you want some information. G-2: I was wondering if the ERCHBACH area has been cleared. S-2: Area has been patrolled and cleared. G-2: Did you get your loud speaker outfit? Ans: I did; We used him today but it will take 3 or 4 days to find out the use of it. G-2: It looks like elements of the 4th Armored joined up with elements of the 9th Armored. UCA is at M3688; COE at M3812; and G7308 with no opposition. S-2: I imagine they have been up north lately.

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- 2242 - S-3 to White 3: It seems like plans are as outlined when you were here. Ans: Could you get the following people to be here at a meeting in the morning at 0800 hours? Platoon Ldr of the 634th TD, CO of Recon Co with their equipment; Cannon Co, CO; platoon leader of the Engrs and Co A of the medics that we have.
- 2248 - S-3 to Blue 3: Plan looks like the same as I told you. Go to large town of H and then N to road center. How is L co situation? Ans: I haven't got it yet. Will get it for you.
- 2300 - S-3 to Col. Deck: Just got a report the WEISEN is clear, to the operational point. Got 2 companies of Red in there - A and B. G-3: Did you notify the Cav? Ans: Haven't been in touch with the Cav as yet. G-3: Do you have enough information now to operate on? Ans: As soon as I get the overlay, I will have. G-3: Recon going out to town of H.
- 2302 - Maj. Edmond to Maj. Smith: We got a radio message that Victor #2 and Victor #3 are 400 yards NW of Ft 16. That is all I have now.
- 2315 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have the 86th Chem with you? Ans: Out in the Bn. G-2: We are holding 2 days papers for him and we would like to get rid of them. Ans: OK, I will have them pick them up tomorrow.
- 2324 - G-2 to S-3: Is area down to WEISEN been cleared up? Ans: As far as we know it has. Did you get message about the black powder? Ans: Yes.
- 2326 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: Will you tell Capt. Goldman to report to White CP at 0800 hours? Ans: Yes. Just got a message that 1st Bn is on objective. I sent message back that 4th Cav would be relieving them when they are on objective.
- 2335 - PWI reports: More identifications: 363 Aus Bn 6 men; Hqs 901 Panzer Gren Regt, 1 man; 509th Bakery co, 1 man; 2 men on furlough. PW from the Hqs of 901 was captured in FAFFENSINSEN at 9338. Redt had moved from HEUTELEZEN in evening of the 26th of March and moved to FAFFENSINSEN. Left again on the 27th of March at 1500 hours. PWs were with regimental Service unit scheduled to transfer to line company. Regiment had heavy losses in half tracks. Were scheduled for 250 replacements which never arrived. 15 Tiger tanks seen in vicinity of FAFFENSINSEN yesterday. At 1530 hours yesterday a Bn CP moved into the same town but left in a southerly direction at 2300 hours. Some talk of walking 6 kms. PW of the Bakery company mentioned they were supposed to retreat 45 kms to town of WETZDORF or BERTZDORF (correct spelling not known), where a new line of resistance was to be formed. Railroad bridge over SIEGE river destroyed. Between 9 and 11 tanks, type unknown, left HAMI yesterday in direction of BERTZDORF.
- 2345 - Blue Bn reports: I company has been relieved.
- 2348 - Blue Bn reports: K co patrol returned at 2250 hrs, reported enemy at 367, vehicles and infantry.

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- 2353 - Major Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: B company is at 007427, C is at 998422, A company is at 906421.
- 2359 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Where is this Cav that is supposed to relieve me tonight? Ans: They should be there by now. I will call Division and have them check on it.
- 2400 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Our Red 6 wants to know where the relief is; they have not shown up yet. They are relieving our Blue but not our Red. Ans: I will check on it. S-3: What do you have on 18th Inf? Ans: 18th not up to 183, still on 181.

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LOCATION: During the period the CP moved to 284379, HOLZHAUSEN, Germany.

- 0015 - Col. Grant to Lt. Kestlinger: Any goose-eggs yet? Ans: No, sir. Plan #1 goes into effect. 2439 is center of the area. As soon as we get the order, we will let you know the full plan.
- 0045 - Blue Bn reports: At 0012 hours, I co patrol returning from Pt 352 and 360, reports bridge intact at Pt 360; saw 4 enemy digging in, one to two hundred yards SE of 352. At 0030 hours, L company reported negative. 0040 hours, I company reported bridge at 353 blown.
- 0050 - Lt. Kestlinger to 364th TD's: Will you try to contact your C company and have their platoon leaders report to their respective Bns before 0800 hours tomorrow.
- 0100 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0202 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Route for movement may have to be thru 104th sector. Route from the 18th Inf CP to BURBACH might be found by ground recon.
- 0207 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0245 - 634th "C" to Lt. Stephens: Message regarding platoon leaders reporting to Bns has been given to the people.
- 0255 - White Bn reports negative.
- 0300 - Blue Bn reports: Quite a bit of artillery fell in Bn area.
- 0320 - Capt. Kelly, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: Got a copy of the order, do you want it right away? Ans: Yes, send it down right away.
- 0350 - White Bn gives negative report.
- 0400 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0405 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Brooks, Red Bn: Capt. Brooks: Has anyone showed up yet about the relief? Lt. Stephens: I will ask Division.
- 0408 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Kelly, G-3: Those people have not shown up about the relief. G-3: OK, will see what I can do and when they relieve you let me know.
- 0450 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Kelly, G-3: Haven't heard anything on the Cavalry as yet. G-3: Just talked to the Major over there; he will let you know. 18th Inf CP is at 1336 grid.
- 0506 - Capt. Brooks, 1st Bn: People from the 4th Cav showed up, 2 platoons, sending a guide up with them now.

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- 0510 - Capt. Brooks, XXXXXX to Mr. Lipinski: 2 platoons from the Cav showed up at Red rear. Their billeting area was only 1000 yards from the Red Fwd but they came all the way back to Red rear. Now they are going back past their own billeting area, and down the main road to Red Fwd.
- 0512 - Mr. Lipinski to G-3: Gives the above information from 1st Bn.
- 0735 - G-3 to S-3: E of the 18th at 235377. White Bn heading for town of HURBACH. 1 co at 208375. Blue Bn leading elements in town of WALBACH, no contact as yet.
- 0740 - S-3 to Red 1: Did the relief go OK? Ans: They left here for the forward at 0530 hours.
- 0750 - Capt. Brooks to Maj. Smith: Those recon people have not arrived up forward yet. They did not take my guide, they went another way, The platoon leader saw a short way. Maj. Smith: They must be lost again.
- 0800 - MESSAGE - From the CG 2nd Bn: Has WHITE MESSENGER left MESSAGE CENTER WITH ORDERS YET?
- 0830 - Colonel Grant to S-5: Is the move still at 1200 hours? Ans: Count on moving at 1300 hours. White 6: That is the route? Ans: Maj. Smith is putting it out now, he will let you know in a little while.
- 0850 - Blue 3 to S-3: Is the order out yet? Ans: Yes, it is. The route will be out later.
- 0854 - S-3 to White 3: Gives route information. I&R has been out since 0700 hours. White: Our IP is at 873352. S-3: Mark route from your place to ALTEMKIRCHEN. We'll mark it from there. Gives locations of the 18th Inf. I&R setting up a CP at 285375.
- 0900 - MESSAGE from the CG 1st Div: -Confirming verbal order as of 290001 hours March. Recon Co 634th TD Bn detached from the 26th Inf and attached to the 16th Inf. (0815).
- 0925 - From the 1st Bn advance: Horses have arrived. (message).
- 0927 - To CG 1st Div: Cav in process of relieving Red now. (msg).
- 0950 - Maj. Smith to Capt. Parsons: What time do you figure on road clearance? Ans: Hope to make it 120 o'clock. I figured on you going by way of EISENHAUSEN, 9934, to GEISENHAUSEN, to road junction, to HACHENBURG. Ans: I was figuring on ALTEMKIRCHEN. I can't go through HAHM because road is under fire. IP for 1st Bn will be GEISENHAUSEN; WEYERBUSCH for the others. G-3: Your convey number will be D-64. Will try to have clearance for you by 12. 18th Inf is at 183; no contact with the enemy; have the east part of the town. 415th, 2nd Bn, is in HAGGER. S-3: Our tentative CP is in HOLZHAUSEN, 285375. G-3: 3rd Bn, 415th is at HOLZHAUSEN at the present. How is the relief? S-3: The Cav is relieving our 1st now. I sent the msg to you previously. G-3: What about the time that the relief will be completed?

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Ans: About 2 hours. G-3: OK, I will get you the new road net and clearance. I will call you later.

- 1000 - Maj. Edmonds to Maj. Smith: 9836- our A co is there and in the town of B. The Colonel is using the area as an assembly area. Horses have arrived for G co. (General discussion of the situation follows).
- 1020 - S-2 to G-2: You are the only one I can get by phone. Have you got any late information on the 18th? Ans: 1 co at 205378. Forward elements in WEYERBUSH. Yesterday you reported a column of 200 vehicles with armor and 2000 troops moving into some town. Where is that town? G-2: Ans: At 445496. That was a PW statement taken by the 3rd Armored. S-2: Anything on enemy report on SMIGEN area? Ans: No more. Are you going to work on the 161 today? S-2: As far as I know, we are. G-2: On the big picture there is a good advance by the 9th Army. Good advances down south. 9th Armored joined with the 3rd Army.
- 1030 - Blue 2 to S-2: What is the latest situation? (Capt. Hall reviews the situation from above reports).
- 1035 - Sgt. Minno to Lt. Balyeat: S-4 fwd LC will be here at 1230 hours.
- 1042 - White 2 to S-2: Any future dope? Ans: No, the report you asked about was a PW report. PW was taken by 3rd Armored at 455498 at ROTH. What route do we take? Ans: I don't know. It will be posted.
- 1040 - S-2 to G-2: Gave identifications of 10 prisoners taken last night.
- 1050 - Major Smith to Maj. Green: What about the route? Ans: I don't have it as yet, I will get on it immediately. There is one favor I want to ask - Do you see HERBANK and WARENDORF? I would like to have wooded section there for Division Service. Ans: OK.
- 1100 - Sgt Wheeler, Liaison to Div., to Maj. Smith: What I wanted to know is, if I should go up to the next place with Regt or not? Ans: We will be in ROIZHAUSEN. That is clear, so you can go up there and contact us. Has the 3rd Bn of the 18th taken town of "W" yet? Ans: I haven't heard of it. Here is a couple of 3rd Armored locations: 765370 and 742440. Other Armor is GUISSEN, 6621. 9th Army no change from yesterday, stiff resistance.
- 1115 - S-2 to G-2: We have Co A, 86th Chem Co with us. I called in regard to getting some maps for them. Ans: Get hold of Diggs.
- 1125 - Capt. Murphy CO Co A, 1st Engrs to S-2: I understand that Maj. Smith has some instructions for me. I am in the midst of moving to 282360 and I will check with him when I get there.

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- 1125 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green: What about clearance? G-3: 8th Div will hold road we need until 1500 hours. S-3: I have an alternate route. S-3: I can take care of Red, but can't get clearance of WEYERBUSCH, until 1500 hours because 26th Inf is heading for that area too. S-3: We will plan on 1500 hours.
- 1130 - S-2 to Capt. Diggs, 1st Engrs: We need maps for Co A of the 86 Cml. I put in a request before. Ans: I sent them to you the same day. They were sent 27 March at 1600 hours. More 1/50's are being printed and will be out soon.
- 1130 - S-3 to Blue 6: We will use southern route, from ALTENKIRCHEN HACHENBURG, KIRBURG, HOFF, NEWKIRCH, WEIBENSCHIED and HOLZHEIM; White will pass the IP at 1500 hours, your time to hit main road will be 1615 hours just behind advance party. Blue 6: Is the IP just behind the main road? Ans: Yes, the coordinates of IP is 890344. Blue 6: How about the Engrs? S-3: They have gone ahead. Blue 6: How about the 64th TD? Ans: They will be with us today but not after tomorrow. You will have the 7th Armored behind you, they will tie in at 953325. Tell Wells to put a IG right behind your column so he can wave the 7th FA on.
- 1140 - Maj. McKean to Maj. Smith: (Route given to S-1). S-3: Do not know about the 1st moving today, you may tie in with the 3rd Bn. S-1: I am just back at OBERROFF. S-3: Your time will be approximately 1700 hours. Lead elements hit ALTENKIRCHEN at 1500 hours. Do we have a line to you? Ans: Yes, thru division.
- 1140 - S-6 to G-3: I want to move my first Bn (which is last) the first thing in the morning. G-3: Because of the 26th, you will have to clear 169298 by 0600 hours. S-6: I'll check and let you know about what I'll do.
- 1145 - S-6 to Red 6: This thing is starting at 1500 hours, and that would mean you move after dark. You can move in the morning, if you clear 168297 by 0600 hours; you can use the main route. When you get there you go into an assembly area. Ans: OK, I'll move in the morning.
- 1155 - Blue 3 to Major Smith: What about the "track mortars"? Ans: You get chemical mortars not track mortars. You tie in with the 2nd Bn TF. Advance party will be infiltrated. Route given as WEYERBUSCH to ALTENKIRCHEN road; it will be marked all of the way. After you get to the 1st objective, send out a recon and then go on to the 2nd Objective. CP will be HOLZHAUSEN. When you communicate your locations and positions, use radio.
- 1215 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Maj Smith S-3: What trucks are you using? S-3: The trucks you plan to use with the 26th Inf. G-3: What time can you get them back? Ans: By 0800 hours. They will be at HOLZHAUSEN at 2936. G-3: They will be back at EICHELDART. S-3: Is clearance OK for 4 o'clock? G-3: I am working on it. 104th Blue must move out. They feel it should be blocked. S-3: I believe we can hold it with our advance if 104th will let their tanks and TD be the last to leave the town. The roads leading into HOLZHAUSEN are protected.

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- 1230 - PWI reports: 1 PW from the 5th Btry of the 388th VAC. 2 PWs from the 6th Btry of the 388th VAC. No information from them as they have been away from units for 14 days.
- 1250 - S-3 to Blue 3: All artillery will follow (7th and 5th PAs) you. 1st moves in the morning. Release trucks and send back as soon as de-trucking is thru. The 26th Inf will use them. Blue 3: How about I&R? S-3: They have been on recon all morning but they are under Regt control. They should have some information for you at HOLZHAUSEN. They should have your final objective all reconnoitered.
- 1250 - S-3 to White: Get this message to Capt. Elder - "When you arrive at initial objective, release trucks".
- 1252 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Edmonds: Did Red 6 give you a call? Ans: Yes. S-3: It is lined up at 0400 hours for you. Red 5: I only got 12 trucks, 3 broken down. S-3: Use tanks and TD's to transport the troops you have left over. Return trucks as soon as possible after you get there. The 18th (3rd) is in WALBACH, 225400. The 2nd of the 18th is in BINBACH, 243387. Red 5: The Colonel wants me to recon 2838 for Bn. S-3: You will get Bn assignment after we get HOLZHAUSEN. The 3rd of the 115th is in town. I&R north of town; Regt will have CP in there. Capt. Clark and Capt. Wilder are up there. Colonel Horner will leave here at 1330 hours. The sooner you get there the more rest you can get.
- 1253 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to Maj. Smith: The Colonel left at 1130 hours. S-3: Your recon and I&R should get a good picture. The 8th Div is on the road now.
- 1255 - Lt. Stephens to White 3: Your convoy number will be D-01. (This same message is given to Blue 6; Capt. Ralph, Comm O; S-4, Major McKean).
- 1325 - G-2 to S-2: At 0630 hours elements of 3rd Armored at G-5157 - 6065 - 6462. 3rd Armored and V Corps linked up at G-5150. 3rd Corps line G-7617, 7840, 7733, 7430, 7626, 7220. 8th Div captured PW's from 1035th Regt 59th Div in the vic 11841B. They arrived night of 28th March from Cologne area. No artillery with them. V Corps repulsed 2 counterattacks S of KAMBERG, vic G 365812 and G 355897.
- 1335 - G-3 to S-3: Clearance OK on time and route for moving today and tomorrow. Use same convoy number tomorrow as today.
- 1345 - DSO to S-3: When are you moving your CP? S-3: Have people up at the new CP since this morning. DSO: Want to put a line in to you. S-3: Colonel is on his way up there.
- 1402 - G-2 to Clerk: Latest on the 3rd Armored is that they have taken town of HALLENBERG at G-6281. Meeting no resistance. They also have a column at G 6373 and are not meeting resistance there either. They are in a fire fight at 693712, also a bit of a fight at 443412. They are reported to be held up by direct fire at 700567.

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- 1413 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: Figure on an hour gap between you and the 3rd Bn on this move.
- 1421 - CP closes.
- 1745 - MESSAGE - CO 16th Inf - CP moves to vic of ALENDORF at approximately 1600 hours. Signed 1330 A.
- 1800 - G-3 to S-3: Where is your 2nd Bn? Ans: 2nd Bn is moving towards 162 objective, for town at 2946. Their leading elements on the edge of WILMERSDORF. Got some small arms and little fighting. 3rd Bn on road behind, going to take town 328400. Will go thru your town. 1st Bn will not move until 0400 hours tomorrow. G-3: Artillery reported; one co of the 18th up at 248340. 1st Bn on way thru 183 going for 184. 26th Inf will not move until 0600 hours tomorrow. TFH is at 2446. S-3: Anytime set for us tomorrow? Ans: I do not know as the big people are not here.
- 1810 - MESSAGE - Div CP opened G 015393 at 1715 hours.
- 1813 - MESSAGE - 18th Inf for info 16th Inf, 26th Inf, Div Arty, Div Adf, pass to 1st Engr; "Confirming verbal order maintain blocking force on objective 183 push N to secure.
- 1815 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: The Corps Liaison is going back so we would like your latest. Ans: 2nd Bn on objective, going to continue north. 3rd Bn on way to HAIGERSELLBACH, then to main road and up to objective. (Lt. Stephens gives this information to Colonel Beck and mentions that the I&R has been over to the main road already this afternoon).
- 1930 - G-2 to S-2: I have an unconfirmed report that elements of the 3rd Armored were in BRITON as of 1200. S-2: White is in vicinity of 285403; going for 1 tonight. The road is mined hastily and a few trees felled. Blue is heading to the E part of 162. Civilians report that tanks are massing in the vicinity between STEINBACH and WILBERSDORF. Gives PW report.
- 2000 - PWI reports: 4 PWs, 2nd co of the 509th Signal Regt; 1 PW from the 1st co of the 29 PGR; 1 PW from the 2nd Btry of the 4 AA Regt; 15 PWs from the HERBORN hospital.
- 2046 - RADIO - 3rd Bn has leading elements clearing Pt 178.
- 2049 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Maps are ready at 1st Engr Bn. Sheets 1/50's and 1/25's.
- 2100 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Have the 1st Bn trucks remain in assembly area and a man will come down to get them.
- 2115 - MESSAGE - From 2nd Bn: On road 400 yards N of Pt 170, awaiting removal of road block.
- 2120 - Message from Blue: Will give complete report on situation later.

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- 2155 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green, G-3: We are not all closed (2130 hours), except for the 1st Bn. They only met minor resistance, about 25 enemy. G-3: The extra TD outfit reverts to 8th Div control and the CO will report to 8th Div at 0800 hours tomorrow.
- 2200 - Capt. Hall to Capt. Donaley, G-2: (Review 16th Inf situation). British spearheads at HALT BRN A 6250; LEMBECK A-4952; ANHOLT, A-1061; BUCKHOIT A 2360, against considerable resistance. CCR of the 4th Armored at U-0329; CCA, M8788; Century front line G-7647; G7840; G7733; G7626; G-7220; DUKEN A-6960.
- 2240 - G-3 to S-3: B of the 18th Inf has run into dug in infantry with 2 MG's and 1 SP gun in WINDORF. They knocked out the SP gun and are taking care of the infantry.
- 2247 - Colonel Gara 1st Engrs to S-3: Can you tell me anything about the road tht runs NE out of ELLENDORF? Ans: We never took that road. Colonel Gara: Did you get a report from the 10th Inf that there are enemy infantry and SPs North of the town of HAIGEN ?
- 2258 - Radio from Blue Bn: K co at 182, preparing to move to 181. I co moving to 197.
- 2300 - S-2 to PW: "What unit are the 2 FWS from? Ans: 2nd Bn Hqs of the 901st. S-2: Find out all you can from them. What they were doing in the town, etc.
- 2302 - Div PW cage to clerk: If you get any FWS, hold them as the cage might move up. Notify your S-4 on this.
- 2310 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the information on the I&R patrol which was with Blue Bn in RODENBACH. 2 FWS were taken from Hqs, 2nd Bn of the 901st FGR.
- 2311 - Major. McKoan, S-4, is notified about the Div PW cage moving up.
- 2340 - G-3 to S-3: Am a little concerned about the town of RODENBACH. S-3: Our Blue is attacking it now. The I&R reported half-tracks there.
- 2345 - Phone operator notifiys of a line to 7th FA, and that Division can be had through 7th FA.
- 2347 - MESSAGE from the CO AT co: CP at 288320 (2335 hrs).
- 2400 - PW to S-2: The PW from the Hqs 2nd Bn of the 901st FGR says that co has 20 men (which is the average for the Bn). Entire Bn is on enemy side of WILMSDORF. Was ordered into RODENBACH tonight to go to south edge of town. Heard half tracks to the N and if any enemy came up the road to fire on them - they were to withdraw and report to Co CP; also in town of RODENBACH is an assault platoon, Bn Hqs with about 35 men and a machine gun from the 5th Co and another half track at NE edge of town. PW saw 3 Pz tanks in RODENBACH late this afternoon heading back for repairs.

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LOCATION: CP at 284379, HOIZHAUSEN, Germany.

- 0008 - S-3 to G-3: Here are our present positions: G co is at 290445; E co is at 290430; K co is at 320420; I co on the south edge of town at 333413, small arms fight, mortar and artillery. L co is behind I co. (This is the only resistance reported).
- 0011 - Blue 6 to S-3: Out of communication with I co right now but they were on the south edge of the town of 197, receiving quite a bit of artillery and mortar fire. K co pushed off from 182, where I am. A message which just came in says I co is in the town and receiving machine gun fire. Artillery is coming on them from the south, this is the third report on artillery from the south, must be the 104th. The PW said there were 6 half tracks in the town. 2 of these mounted 20mm guns. There are supposed to be 2 Mark V's in the area. There are a bunch of Pz Fahr people around. S-3: If it gets too sticky, bring L co back of K co. Ans: OK, I will do that.
- 0015 - S-2 gives PW report of 2400 hours, 29 March, to G-2, and co positions of G-E-K and L.
- 0016 - S-3 notifies Division artillery of the friendly artillery fire coming in on point 333415 from the south. Div arty will check the 104th for this fire. S-3 states that neither the 5th or 7th FAs are firing.
- 0025 - Operator reports a lateral line in to the 18th Infantry.
- 0050 - PW reports: Route of the 2nd Bn of the 90: EITORF; MERCHEDN; WARFEN - 8541; TEUSCHIED - 8741; OBENSAL; ROTH - 4740; WISSEN; GRUBE FRIEDERICH - 0443; NOCHEN - 0248. This was the regimental assembly area of this morning. KATZWINKEL - 0546; WINGENDORF - 0747; WEHBACH - 0846; BRUHLHOFF - 1046; BACKHAUS - 1047; MUDERSBACH - 1147; SCHELDEN, 1649; EISERN - 2147; RINDSORF WILMSDORF. Route of the 2nd Bn Hq in Wilmsdorf to where the PW was captured in RODENBACH was: WILMSDORF; Pt 289443, 302451, to DILLBRECHT - 3246; FELLERDILIN - 3343, and then RODENBACH - 3341. 1st Bn is on the left in WILMSDORF. Does not know where the 902nd regt is. As to the mortars of the 8th co, he does not know positions but did see them moving around there. 4 to 5 81mm mortars. 4 to 5 120mm mortars. There is an average of 20 men per co. 8th co is more intact. 1st Bn about the same strength.
- 0100 - S-2 to G-2: Gives detailed report on the above PW report. S-2 and G-2 discuss the probable disposition of enemy troops. G-2; states that the 18th Inf took 6 PWs from the 902nd regt, probably from WALLBACH.
- 0120 - Blue 2 to Capt. Clark: I co is still held up at 197 by 20mm fire, rifle and machine gun fire from the half tracks that the PW reported previously. L co is following and is probably just short of the town. K co at 181, reports all clear. (Capt. Clark gives details of PW report of 2400 hrs, and 0050 hours).

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- 0127 - Capt. Clark to White Bn, Capt. Dinsmore: Capt. D reports that nothing new has been heard from G co except that they were halfway between 169 and 164. A message has just been sent to G co asking for present locations and the situation. They have been in a small arms fight, but nothing alarming. The Colonel had returned from there.
- 0134 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Reports situation as of items 0120 hours and 0127 hrs.
- 0135 - Capt. Dinsmore, White Bn to Capt. Clark: Just got an answer from G co: Held up near Pt 165 by road block and strong point. Road block neutralized. (Capt. Dinsmore says that they will probably take care of it and continue on to WILGERSDORF).
- 0224 - Maj. Edmonds from R'd Fwd to Capt. Clark: Capt. Clark reports situation as of this hour. (Maj. Edmonds wants to be notified when F co moves. Advance elements of the 1st Bn expected at approximately 0500 hours).
- 0217 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Dinsmore: Nothing new to report for the White Bn. (Last report from co's was asking for litter jeep to be sent 200 yards south of 165).
- 0222 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Blue Bn reports I co has cleared out the NW edge of the town at 197. Have some casualties, no report on the number. K co patrol started for 180. I co will take some time to clean out the NE edge of 197 - then will go for 196 and 190.
- 0225 - Capt. Clark gives information in above items of 0214, 0217 and 0222 hours to G-3.
- 0422 - White Bn to Mr. Lipinski: G co is 600 yards from their objective, and are meeting some resistance but moving on.
- 0440 - Capt. Booth to Lt. Stephens: K co patrol to Pt 180; I co at Pt 196, and sending patrols to 190. L co at 197 made contact with 104th recon. (Item of 0422 given to Capt. Booth).
- 0450 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Elder: (Item of 0440 hours given). Capt. Elder: G co at 165 had a scrap, ran into road block and moved on harrassed by small arms fire. E co at 165 closely following G. F co at 166, will stay until E and G co's are on objective. G co is approximately 600 yards south of objective.
- 0455 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Booth: Above item given.
- 0502 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Item of 0440 hours given with I co at 333439. K at STEINBACH 316442. L at RODENBACH. G at 290459. E co at 290445 and F co at 285403.

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- 0535 - 18th Inf to Lt. Stephens: What is the latest position of the little town of WILBERSDORF.
- 0538 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: G co on their objective - 1G1. E co now passing thru G co to take over left half of 1G1 and defend it.
- 0539 - Lt. Stephens passes the above information on to the 1st and 3rd Bns.
- 0543 - Lt. Lyons, G-3 to Lt. Stephens: S-3 of the 26th called and wants permission to use RODENBACH as an initial assembly area and jump off place. Ans: OK.
- 0545 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Walker: (Same as above). Will you find out how much they intend to put in there and their mission? Ans: OK. Lt. S: L co is in the town and is moving out. Recon of the 10th is also in the town and planning to move to 199. Bn 2: What about the town east of there? MANDERBACH? Ans: I do not know.
- 0551 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Lyons: (Same as above). 26th plan to jump off for 261. They will move Bn at a time thru there, but chances are there will be more in there. What about the woods east of WDR ROSSBACH? Ans: I believe the 10th Recon came up thru there. I do not know if it is cleared. I will get the Lt O from the 10th cracking on it as soon as possible.
- 0601 - Maj. Edmonds to Lt. Stephens: What is the latest on the 2nd Bn and the 3rd Bn? (Lt. Stephens gives information as above).
- 0615 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Stephens: Lt. S: What time do you go? Ans: 0700 hrs.
- 0645 - G-2 to Lt. Stephens: 7th Corps reported at 28 March in vicinity of H-7427, 2 trains of 50 flat cars each; loaded with armored heading west. The 78th Div has a deserter from the 3rd Para Div who stated they have 2 Bns of 400 men strong. Positions along and behind dike extending SW from F-585445. PW further states that an attack was to be made by the German, since they believed the line was thinly held by the Americans. PW also said the 6th Para Div was relieving an unidentified regiment vic - F 585445 on 25 March. The 8th Div has a PW from the 9th Pz Div, who stated that the Div was assembling and refitting at F 9153, F 9548, G 1055, G 2053, G 0493; G 0042; G 2254. Captured documents confirm the PWs statement. Tanks and assault guns out of ammunition and condition due to lack of gasoline. 11th Pz Div is on the 3rd Army front. 3rd US armored Div front - G5811, G 7512; 3rd Corps captured town at G 8347 and reached G 7956. They are in a fire fight at G 7651. V Corps reached G-9342 and G 9413. No resistance. Fire fight at G 6507.
- 0655 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: What is the latest information? Ans: K co now moving to 196. I and L co's at 190. I co on the left; L co on the right. No resistance reported. (This information is relayed to G-3).
- 0700 @ Red 6 to Lt. Stephens: Closed in new area at 0700 hours.

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- 0715 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Lyons, G-3: "What is the latest on 16th Infantry? Ans: A and B is at 260405; running into quite a bit of trouble; ran into 7 tanks; 130 Pz Div. B co pulled back to rear for reorganization. A co remained in the town. Both companies now in the town; enemy on the hill to the NE, hill 451. 3 PWs captured by patrol on hill, state co holding at all cost. Volkstrum holding bridges with bazookas. K co at WALDON; C co at 250407. I and E companies going to join them.
- 0718 - Blue 2 to Lt. Stephens: 3rd Bn on objective. L co is moving the their's now. No resistance. K co is not on 196, but on the way.
- 0750 - Blue Bn reports: L co 1000 yards N of 190. L co got 5 PWs. They were from the 1050 Replg Bn and 15th regt, 3rd Pz Div. They were in SIEGEN, sent to HAIGER. 7 tanks went thru there day before yesterday and retreated NW thru the woods.
- 0755 - 7th FA (Lt. Adams) to Lt. Stephens: (16th Inf situation given).
- 0824 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Is your rear Bn in yet? Ans: Not that I know of. They will assemble in WERGENDORF. I will check to see if they are in yet.
- 0827 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Where does the relief take place and when? Ans: We have to go to left boundary, and then relieve from there.
- 0830 - Blue 6 gets the information on the latest situation from Lt. Kestlinger.
- 0835 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs to Lt. Kestlinger: Has there been any contact with the CORPS across the road WERGENDORF to HURBANK? Ans: No, I understand there are some enemy in that area.
- 0835 - Maj. Smith to Maj. Green: 1st Bn closed as of 0700 hours. You said something about 104. The General said we wouldn't go beyond RUDERSDORF. Ans: OK, that must have been changed last night. We have been attacking with White and Blue since 0800 hours.
- 0930 - Maj. Lauten, G-2 to Capt. Hall: Very little on 751. Outfit in front of the 8th Corps. Came into line to hold river east of HONNEGAN, 99th Div; picked up a group over at 7718. Maj. Gilbert commanding 1st Bn 14th Co 751 has about 70 men. Lt Sand is CO of the 326 Inf Div, this is practically destroyed (8003). 18th Inf PW came from the 2nd Bn, 901, defending town of WILLENSDORF about 120. 6 assault guns from 135th Assault Gun Brigade and 2 tanks. Yesterday they sent out patrols. Saw 902 Regt, a A PW from the 9th Co of the 902 Heavy co, said co was stationed in SAULENSI. Retreated 29 March to WILLENSDORF to assemble and take new positions. PW had no knowledge of other Bns. 9th Co attached to 1st Bn 902nd. 3rd Pz Gren identified in area. 9th Pz Div refitting and regrouping N of HALM.
- 0940 - S-3 to G-3: What can you tell me about the bridge? Ans: The Engrs say that the drop bridge is clear. S-3: How about the bridge and road to the Vic of 330390, its bridge and underpass? G-3: That is OK. Bridge on road going NNE is still out: not going to put it in. It is out of our sector, and is in the 10th sector. Have to use the secondary road going NE. S-3: What can you tell me on the move and destination? G-3: Just got Corp order and order from 14th Cav Grp. We are putting it on the

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- 1050 - S-2 gives PW report to G-2.
- 1100 - S-2 to G-2: Send one complete set to Cannon Co of the 1/25's that are coming down to you this morning.
- 1105 - S-2 to Blue 2: Where is your CP? Ans: It is moving to Pt 196.
- 1110 - S-2 to 1st Bn Clerk: 1st Bn: Tell Lt. Hoffman he is getting some maps this morning, and would like him to get one complete set of 1/25's and sent it to Cannon Company.
- 1128 - RADIO MSG - Love 1, 1000 yards N-272.
- 1229 - Maj. Smith to G-3: Gives latest situation of the Bns as previously listed.
- 1240 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Where is the 121st CP? Ans: HOLZHAUSEN.
- 1249 - PWI to Sgt. Minno: Here is the information Capt. Hall wanted from the Colonel: 745th Regt, 326th Div came from NEUWIED 8008, then to ROSSEBACH, 7719; after leaving ROSSBACH, they made a rearward move every other day in a NE direction toward HACHENBURG..
- 1258 - INTERCEPT - MSG to Div from CO, 18th Inf: 1 co consolidating EISEN receiving small arms and mortar fire making contact with 13th Inf at 212478.
- 1300 - PWI to Clerk: The following PWs were captured by the 103 AA: 13th co 77th regt, 26th VCD, 1 man; Hqs 2nd Bn 78th Regt, 1 man; Combat Team SELIE, 2 men; From the 2nd Bn -- 8th co 901st, 5 men; 5th co 902nd, 1 man.
- 1310 - Capt. Clark to G-3: The 186th CP is moving to WILDEN by 1300 hours.
- 1313 - VIA RADIO - E co 400 yards south of point 251; Fox co is 500 yards southeast of point 354. G co is at 161. White CP is 500 yards south of Pt 161. Co's meeting small arms fire and 20mm and some artillery fire. Signed 1305 hours, 2nd Bn CO.
- 1315 - S-2 to Capt. Zerra (Division): Here's a report that will be submitted with Mil Govt report and CIC report - The town of HOLZHAUSEN and surrounding vicinity can stand a thorough investigation, as there was a great deal of Nazi activity in the area. Will you notify relieving units of this to G-2 channels? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1323 - Radio message from CO, 2nd Bn: Give us location of 3rd Bn co's by measles points. Are you laying line to us?
- 1325 - To 2nd Bn: Three and Six on way to CP. Line being layed. Signed at 1325 hours.
- 1342 - Msg: CO 16th Inf from CO 2nd Bn: Easy 500 yds N of 251. lift artillery fire on 253 and 261.

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the map now. And will check the next objective and route. S-3: What have you on the 18th? G-3: Their I co is at 2347. Their Red Bn jumps off for tom 2516, moving along road to NW. S-3: What have you that is close on the 415th? G-3: 1st of the 415th at 3846 and 3rd of the 415th at 4353.

- 1002 - S-3 to Red 6: The Colonel wants you to go to bed. There is nothing for you to do. Red 6: I'll be up sometime today.
- 1024 - G-3 to S-3: Notice that around 2330 hours last night in the town of RODENBACH that your 3rd Bn had a scrap. Reports indicate that the 26th Inf had reinforced I and R patrol there. S-3: B----S----. They weren't in that town. The Panzer Lehr was there; we have PWs to prove it. G-3: Wonder where the I&R went then? S-3: All I know is that they were not in RODENBACH. My 3rd Bn had a scrap there when they went in.
- 1025 - S-3 to White 3: How is E co situation? White 3: Do not know; have no contact with them. Colonel is at G co now, and is running things from there. Going to push G co out. You know about the recon patrol. They'll leave in 15 minutes. S-3: I&R is going out to 152, 147 and across to E co. White 3: That is the same route my recon patrol is taking. S-3: OK. I will not send the I&R out then.
- 1030 - PW I reports: Regtl Staff of the 751st Regt - Lt. Colonel Herlan, CO; Capt. Hummel, Adj; 1st Krumme - Ordnance Officer. They were separated from their unit 4 or 5 days ago, around ROGSBACH, when they took off across country to get out of the pocket.
- 1040 - Blue 5 to S-3: How do you get in touch with C of 644th? S-3: Send them down to Regt, we will assemble all the TDS here and send them back to their company from there.
- 1043 - S-3 to Red 5: Where is the 644th TDS that were with you? Ans: He said that he had orders to report back to his company by 0800 hours this morning. He said his company was in EURBACH, so I told him to take off.
- 1045 - S-3 to Blue 5: What do you hear from the Co's? Ans: Nothing now. They have jumped off at 1030 hours.
- 1045 - PWI reports: From the White Bn --- Combat BERMAN, 2 men; Hqs, 901st regt, 1 man; Hqs 2nd Bn 901st, 1 man; 2nd co of the 901st, 1 man; 6th co of the 901st, 2 men; 8th co of the 901st, 1 man; 8th co of the 901st, 1 man; 6th co of the 901st 2 men; 8th co 901st 1 man; 1st Pz Div on pass, 1 man; one man who does not know his unit; From the 3rd Bn --- Combat REUBER, 5 men; Hqs 852nd Signal co, 1 man; 6th co 901st, 1 man; 980 Arty Bn 1 man; 227th PG Bn, 1 man; Hqs 751st 8 men; 5th co, 901st 2 men; 6th co 901st, 1 man; Assault Bn 89 ID, 2 men; on pass, 2 men.
- 1049 - S-3 to White 3: Has the 644th TDS left yet? Ans: no, they are with G co on their way to final objective. S-3: When you are all set, have them report to their company in EURBACH. They are attached to the 8th Div now.

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- 1416 - Capt. Clark repeats above msg to Colonel Heath, 7th FA.
- 1405 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: L has contacted enemy at 291 and is moving towards 279. (Radio message).
- 1439 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Merindeno, Transp Co: Trucks will be broken down as follows: 3rd Bn - 10, 2nd Bn - 10; 1st Bn - 6; A co and medics 1, and Hqs 4.
- 1445 - G-3, Maj. Green to Colonel Horner, S-5: General Adnrus was just up at 18th Inf and their situation is going in good shape. A co moved out of 2646 to road block at 238409. B co is following. 2nd Bn just N of WILSDORF on the road. A co is motorized. Recon has been through the road net at RODGEN towards SIEGEN. I co and the 3rd Bn generally has cleared out of EISERN. 26th Inf, 2nd Bn in STRASERSBURACH. 3rd Bn will assemble in WIDELBACH. S-5: Gave the latest locations of our companies. G-3: A msg just came in from the 18th - A co in contact with enemy at 239497. I co has eliminated enemy opposition at 215486. 26th temporary CP at 37462.
- 1450 - MSG - 3rd Bn: L-3 800 yards SE of Pt 279. Contacted enemy patrol and knocked out enemy cycle and command car 500 yards E of 291. Saw enemy half track moving E from 291.
- 1509 - Msg: 2nd Bn: E is 400 yards S of 253. 3-Pox 500 yards SE of 253.
- 1520 - Capt. Elder to Lt. Kestlinger: How about some locations? Ans: L co is 600 yds SE of 279. I co is 400 yards N of 272. I of the 18th at 215490; K of the 18th is at 215480; L of the 18th is at 230472; A of the 18th is at 238493; C of the 18th is at 248480. F of the 18th is at 265473. G Co is 100 yards behind F co, B and E in town of WINGSORF. Where are you? Ans: E co is now moving towards 253, outskirts of the town 290488. F is SE of the town's edge. G is at 161. Bn CP is at 161. We took prisoners from the 6th and 8th companies of the 901st Regt. They retreated along the main road towards HUNDERSDORF. 175 men at Pt 161. 14 of them captured. They came into position NE of 161. 2 half tracks moved towards 150. Some men in woods from 253 to 161. PW stated 4 light tanks retreated from the area. 8th Co in position today. 8th co came from KIRCHEN. PW does not know what is W of the main road.
- 1530 - Capt. Ralph to Lt. Kestlinger: Is 329455 in our area? Ans: Yes.
- 1615 - Col. Grant to Capt. Clark: F co is on the E and S edge of the town at 253. That half of town is clear, but they are still getting scattered resistance. E co going along the road at 254. Last report has them up to the RR tracks. Meeting fair resistance and getting casualties. Believe CO of E co was KIA. Lost a tank on a mine, 2 tanks and 4 TDs are moving with them. Firing on enemy inf at 298500, running into SP and mortars, also small arms. F co reports sniper fire in the town they are in. They have a section of TDs, but we do not know if the TDs are up with them. PWs say that 100 enemy Inf pulled back to vic of 253. PWs are from the 6th and 8th co's of the 901st Pz Lehr. 5th and 7th Co's are in vic of 253. 2nd Bn of that outfit also in that vic. PW also reports seeing 4 light tanks moving back to that vic.

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- 1620 - MESSAGE - 3rd Bn: Patrol to 176 and 168 contact with White at 161, returned by approximately the same route; went thru tunnel at 320h00; found nothing. Smoke stacks still smoking at 319 and 61.
- 1645 - Capt. Carrol to Lt. Stephens: Would like to have the tanks relieved as soon as possible, and have them assemble in their respective assembly areas. Have some work that I want to do on them, and have some new tanks to exchange. Ans: Will try to do it as soon as possible.
- 1650 - S-2 to Maj. Oxford; 1st Engrs: We need Sheet 158, 1/50's and at least 4 sheets for planning now. Maj. Oxford: I do not think we have any now.
- 1704 - MSG From Blue Bn: Blue on objective.
- 1705 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Blue is on objective. I co from 326509 up to 326515. L co at 338508 and has the town. No change on the White Bn yet. G-3: Any PW's today.
- 1710 - S-3 to White 3: L at 279. I from 270 to 271. E and F co's still fighting for 253. Tanks are held up because of mines, 1 was knocked out by mines. We are sending G co up east of 257, thru the woods and down into the town at 261. Both E and F co's are N of the RR, S of 253.
- 1715 - S-2 to G-2: 3rd Armored jumped at 0900 hours for PADERBORN. Had jumped from 7520 and 5515. In last 2 days they took 10,000 PWs, destroyed 420 trucks, 20 SFPs; 5 trains, 8 planes, and so on. No report on any tanks. They took over an airplane plant going full blast. In O says that they should be in PADERBORN by now.
- 1730 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 1: Platoon of 4.2s is attached to H co for rations.
- 1735 - S-2 to G-2: Gives positions of Bn and that we have 78 PWs. They talk about 3rd Armored and the information as above).
- 1740 - G-3 to S-3: You'll not move before 12 noon tomorrow because the 26th goes first. 1st Recon will be under Div control operating between us and the Cav. You can have what is left of the battered 634th Recon Co. You can pick your own route.
- 1745 - Capt. Murphy, 1st Engrs, Co A, to S-3: We are attached to you as of 1800 hours today.
- 1750 - G-2 to S-2: The 3rd Armored planned to move their Div CP to PADERBORN this morning. Their air OP has seen no sizeable amount of enemy. On the 29th of March they destroyed 420 trucks, 20 Staff cars, 75 wagons, 5 trains, 8 airplanes, 5 prime movers; two 88mm guns, 2 75mm guns, 21 AA guns, 1 railroad gun, 15 assault boats, 1 btry 105's, 1 armored car. They jumped at 0630 hours, this morning.
- 1800 - Msg - Blue Bn - Blue 3 on objective; civilians report 20 tanks and infantry at 2954 massing for attack and encirclement of Pt 279. Request position of White.
- 1815 - MSG - Blue Bn: Civilians report tanks at DEUS 2954.

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- 1816 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Elder: Where is G co now? Ans: G is 600 yards NE of Pt 257. Lt. Stephens: Gives report by civilian of the 20 tanks in DEUZ.
- 1837 - S-3 to White 3: What is G co doing? Ans: I do not know. S-3: I am going to call those people and tell them to get ready to relieve you. E co of the 18th is reported on the immediate right flank of the town at 248.
- 1930 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Joseph, Blue Bn: Will you get this message out to Capt. Booth. The CO of one of the companies of the 121st is on his way down to see you. Colonel wants you to get these people out of there as soon as possible and fast.
- 1935 - 18th Inf S-2 to Lt. Stephens: A contact patrol is going to contact your left flank at RUIERSDORF. They are on their way now. Ans: They had better hurry. We are ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ being relieved by 8th Div now.
- 1950 - White 3 to S-3: Road clear to 253. Tanks and TDs going into town; platoon of F co on trucks are rolling into the other town. Out of contact with G Co. E co contacted the 18th Inf. E and F co's unchanged, both in town with their armor.
- 1952 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer, to S-2: Our total for PWs since March 20, 1945 is 2, 295. This included 22 from the 10th Div of yesterday, and 21 that the 3rd Bn brought in today.
- 2000 - S-3 to G-3: Would like a copy of the route we are to use. G-3: I believe you have it on #59. I have some anyway, just off the press. The number is 59. S-3: I have #59 too. I also have the relief started; they know troops are in assembly area at the 2nd Bn CP. It is tied in with the 3rd Bn. G-3: Are they going to move out? S-3: They will relieve us first. G-3: The west route has been specified for the 26th Inf, but I believe route used is optional for you.
- 2001 - White 3 to Lt. Stephens: Do we keep recon co? Ans: They are under Regtl control; send officer down to the CP at 0830 hours in the morning. White 3: What about the 4.2 mortars? Ans: You will keep them. How is G co? White 3: Still out of contact.
- 2015 - G-2 to S-2: How is the situation? S-2: Artillery fire but no scrap in RUIERSDORF. No report from G co. G-2: 18th Inf on objective. S-3: We do not have sufficient maps. G-3: I can spare you a 1/100. S-3: Send it down by the liaison tomorrow morning.
- 2030 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: Get the following message to your forward CP. "121 Inf White Bn, will move during the night from 261 to 271 to 270 to 264". This is just a precautionary measure so they will not think they are being attacked.

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- 2030 - 121st Inf to Lt. Stephens: Our White Bn is moving some time tonight. From 3150 to 326509 to Road junction to HUGENSDORF.
- 2035 - 121st Inf White, to S-2: Will you have the following message sent to Blue forward? "A" 4 jeep patrol will be moving thru the town of 4048 grid square at Pt 291; they have been thru ROTTENHAUSEN. We plan to move Red into town 133507 after the road block is moved".
- 2046 - Lt. Stephens to Blue: Sent the above message.
- 2050 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: East route will be used by your people. Road from you to 26th Inf is blocked.
- 2105 - Lt. Stephens to Capt. Elder: Have the assault mortar platoon leader report to Red at 0830 hours in the morning. 121st Inf is sending their White Bn thru 261. Blue Bn of 121st Inf relieves you. Capt. Hall wants you to tell your #2 that the maps that he is interested in are 1/25's sheets number 4716, 4816, 4916. White 3: G co 400 yards short of the town; called for a TOT.
- 2110 - Clerk to Blue Bn: Tell Lt. Walker that maps he is interested in is 1/25 sheets number 4716, 4816, and 4916.
- 2114 - G-3 to S-3: Talked to the 26th Inf., They haven't seen hide nor hair of anyone from the 121st Inf. Can you tell me anything on what their Blue Bn plans? S-3: Their 2nd Bn going up thru our 3rd Bn is going due N to take DUEZ. Their 3rd Bn is going NW to ANZHAUSEN.
- 2117 - White 3 to S-3: What plans for tomorrow? S-3: Going into a long defensive position facing NW to protect the PADERBORN thing. Center of Regtl sector will be 5086, and 7000 yards NW of that and 7000 yards SE of that. Platoon of Engrs and platoon of Chml mortars will report to you in the morning. 7th FA will follow behind you under your control. One co can ride with the 7th FA. One co on tanks and TDs. Order of March for tomorrow will be 1st, 3rd, and 2nd. You will follow the 3rd Bn. Leading elements will not move before 1200 hours.
- 2130 - Red 3 to Lt. Stephens: Can you tell me if I get any recon? Ans: Recon group from 634th Recon co and the I&R are going out under regtl control. We have one route for tomorrow and they will recon the whole thing and post it.
- 2200 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Did G co ever get up to town of "G"? Ans: Our latest plot has them at 308488.
- 2207 - White 3 to S-3: We are in "G" now up to 261, am all buttoned up. Am sweeping road from 253 to 261 with mine detectors and are sending out contact patrols. We are ready to be relieved now. Maj. Smith and Capt. Dinsmore will be left here to handle the relief.
- 2210 - Blue Rear to Clerk: Radio message from Red says that they are tuzing in a negative report for the hour.

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- 2215 - PW reports: From the "White Bn - 5 PWs 6th co 901st Pz G Regt; 11 PWs from the 8th Co of the 901st; 5 from the 10th co of the 901st; 17 men from the Repl Unit of the 901st. 2 Russian PWs in German uniform. PWs taken by the Blue Bn: 3 from 6th co of the 901st; 3 from 3rd co of an unknown regt of the 9th Pz Div; 1 Russian in German uniform. Bn CP of the 2nd Bn of the 901st is at 28784870. Regt CP was in ANZHAUSEN. On corner at 28844850; there was a half track mounting a 75mm AT gun. There is also a 75mm AT gun and one 20mm triple AA gun at this same location. At the underpass at 28844894 there is a half track. All this was seen this morning. Also seen was a March co. of 40 men as reinforcements for the 2nd Bn of the 901st Regt. Part of the March Bn (1 platoon) to defend refuse pile next to RR at 292485. Bn trains of the 2nd Bn in town at 3251. 2 men from the 6th co of the 901st were withdrawing to the N thru WILNSDORF, and RUDERSDORF.
- 2220 - PW report as above given to G-2.
- 2222 - S-3 to G-3: Our G co is in the town at 308499; took it from the enemy.
- 2252 - Blue Bn reports to Capt Clark: 121st Inf started to relieve L co at 2225 hrs.
- 2303 - S-2 to G-2: Have 125 PWs so far, expect more from GERNSDORF. G-2: Have 533 so far today, 350 of which are from the 18th Inf. Here are some locations as of 1600 hrs. 3rd Armored at B655412, F715368. 1 column engaged in a scrap at B895261 consisting of a well defended road block. They also have elements at B550182, B682409, E775256. As of 1300 hours, 7th Armored elements of 9th Armored Div at H0082, H0082. On the English we have: 6th Br Armored at A7469. 11th Br Armored at A5977 and 6588. 6th Br Airborne Div at A6722, A6474. Guards Armored Div A2670, A2072, A1977, A1762. 3rd Canadian Div at A9561. 7th Br Armored Div at A4377. 53rd Br Div at A2969, A2668. Our own 2nd Armored is at A6349. Elements of Cav at 4570. Scrap at 4463, lost 1 tank and had one damaged by AT fire.
- 2305 - 3rd Bn reports: Plan in effect. Friendly arrived.
- 2310 - Capt. Dinsmore to Capt. Clark: Relief has started.
- 2315 - Blue Bn radio message: Negative report.
- 2400 - Colonel Beck to S-6: Everything is off; orders have been cancelled. You swing over thru the 101th to take BUREN, SE of PADERBORN. You'll have a covered route - it is clear all of the way. The Armor may have been in there. Will give you time, route, destination and a mission later. How soon can you move in the morning? (Colonel Gibb tells him that the men need sleep - stating that they cannot fight if they do not get sleep). G-3: I'll call you back.

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LOCATION: During the period the CP moved from HOIZHAUSEN, 284379, to BUREN, Germany - 575285.

- 0015 - S-6 to Col. Curtis: I will need 38 trucks to move. I will want a reserve of gas for the tanks. The artillery can take care of itself. You can have extra ammo for them and one truck for my ammo. Ans: I'll give you the extra trucks for gas, but they will have to return for the 18th Inf. S-6: I want one 2½ ton truck for 81mm ammo. Ans: I'll get you 7 extra trucks for personnel but they will have to come back for the 18th Inf. S-6: How about the route? Ans: I'll let you know as soon as we get it.
- 0030 - Col. Curtis to Col. Gibb: I will have 37 trucks for you at 0700 hrs, and the other 3 by 0930 hours. Pick up ammo and gas. The gas you get at the QM, and the ammo from HERBORN.
- 0050 - Col. Curtis to Col. Gibb: 31 trucks will be returned as soon as you arrive. They will be returned to the 18th.
- 0100 - Capt. Clark notified all units that there would be a meeting here at the CP at 0530 hours. Bring maps along. Meeting is for the Bn CO's and Bn S-3's, and special Unit Commanders.
- 0102 - Capt. Dinsmore White to Capt. Clark: All companies were relieved at 0050 hours. E co is on tanks and trucks now and they are just passing me now.
- 0107 - Col. Gibb to Maj. Green G-3: It will be 0200 hours before the co's are all relieved and then it will take another 2 hours to get back in assembly area.
- 0110 - Col. Gibb to 745th Tanks: I talked to Col. Nicholls a couple of days ago about his light tanks and he told me it would be a week before they would be fit to use. What I wondered is if it would be possible to get one platoon for this long move tomorrow. Ans: It is practically impossible, sir, as only 2 out of 4 of the crew know anything about the tank and it will be a few days yet before they are ready to operate. Ans: OK, thanks anyway.
- 0135 - Blue Bn to S-3: I and L cos are on the way to assembly area.
- 0140 - Col. Beck to Col. Gibb: Here is the route of March: From ELLENDORF to DILLENBURG, 4852 to 5194, E to SE to 5558, then NE to ELLENDORF 6570, advance N to HALLENBURG at 6280, then N to RJ at 611812, then to 6282, then NE to 6384, to 6586 to NE to 6889, NE to 765972, N and W to 7699, N to 7674, N to 7606, NW to 745075, NE to RJ at 7500, then NE to RJ 399, N to 7818, NW to 7621, FURSTENBURG then W to WURNUNBURG and W to BUREN. Your mission is to block to the W. Recon to RUTHEN. ME of BUREN is TF Hogan at 6540. TF Richardson is at 6940. TFW is at 7137. You move as you see fit after forward assembly area.

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- 0205 - Div Arty to Clerk: 20 enemy tanks in town of DEUS at G2854. It is a civilian report through the 8th Div.
- 0215 - Blue 5 to Col. Gibb: We are having a lot of interference with radios. L co is on the way out. Other co's not out. They should be out in an hour and a half. S-5: You go up and take over relief and tell Maj. Wozenski to get a couple hours of sleep.
- 0245 - Capt. Clark to 634th TD's: Tell your CO to be at the 16th Inf CP at 0530 hours. He is to bring maps Q-3, R-2, and R-3.
- 0300 - Blue Bn reports that L company is back.
- 0405 - Blue Bn reports: Fwd CP moved back to where it was this morning. K company is on the way back.
- 0407 - Capt. Merindeno, Transp O to Capt. Clark: The trucks have been distributed. Will you tell Col. Horner? Ans: Yes.
- 0450 - Blue Bn reports: K company in assembly area.
- 0500 - Lt. Illewlyn MP Officer ordered to report to CP at 0700 hours by S-3 for instructions on route.
- 0555 - Maj. Smith to Sgt. Wheeler, Div Liaison: I want you to go to the G-3 office and find out definite location on all 3rd Armored and the 4th Cav.
- 0600 - Blue Bn reports: All quiet down here. I company is on its way in now, will let you know when it closes. S-3 to Red 3: Tell Col. Driscoll to stop and gas up at 1400 hours and then move right out.
- 0725 - S-5 to Blue: Give this message to Maj. Wozenski and those going on advance to report to me here at Regtl CP at 0830 hours.
- 0727 - S-5 to White: Above message repeated.
- 0755 - Sgt. Wheeler to Clerk: 4th Cav has elements at 465619 and 545698. Enemy has road block at 4561 covered by antitank guns. PW captured this morning says there are 4 co's of infantry in position in woods from 4461 to 4863.
- 0750 - White 2 to S-3: The Chml Co has not reported as yet. I sent the 745th mortars to Red last night.
- 0800 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 5: Has the chemical mortars left your place to go to White? Ans: No, we know nothing about the change. Lt. K: White is at WURGENSDORF.
- 0837 - Capt. Clark to Blue CP: (Gives locations of the 3rd Armored, 413th Inf, 4th Cav, and enemy information as previously listed in this journal).

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0850 - Maj. Crocker to Maj. Smith: I am sending A/C officer. When planes come over, targets have to be marked. He will have radio jeep with him.

0905 - Lt. Alexander to S-3: We hit IF at 0900 hours. I am pulling our phones.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED WHILE THE CT-16 CONVOY WAS IN ROUTE TO BUREN

0940 - Via 399 -- From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf. Small arms fire received from vic 529697. Estimated 100 to 200 scattered enemy vic of 543699. Small arms and AT fire from vic of 456649. By AT gun or tank vic of 455655.

1105 - Via 399 -- From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Civ reports 2 artillery pieces RD at 460697 also saw unknown number of tanks moving E vic 455715 this AM.

1255 - Via 399 -- From CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: CP opening BIEDENKOK 560575 at 1600 hours.

1301 - Via 608 -- I&R to CO 1st Bn: We are at 656791.

1550 - Via 284 -- From CO 3rd Bn to CO 16th Inf: Loading elements clearing Pt 19.

1852 - Via 399 -- CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Report situation and dispositions.

2030 - CP opens at BUREN - 575285.

2400 -- 1st Bn gives negative report.