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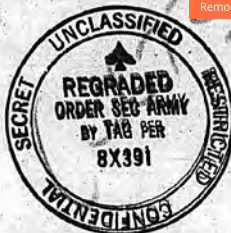
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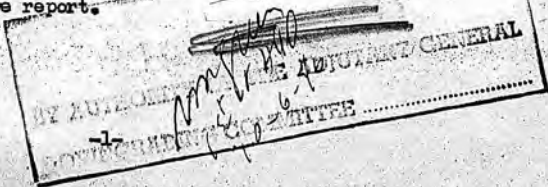
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LOCATION: SELB, Germany.

- 0001 to 0900 hours negative hourly reports were received from all units and forwarded to the G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0935 - S-3 to Red 3: Have you moved your CP yet? Ans: It is in the west edge of RADIUM BRACH. S-3: The Colonel and I will be up to see you today. Is I company of the 26th Inf abreast of you up there? Ans: Not quite, but it is good enough.
- 1000 - 3rd Bn reports negative for the past hour.
- 1001 - Red 2 reports: Have 42 FWS here and would like you to send a 2 1/2 ton truck to pick them up. All our trucks are being used to haul our men to the showers.
- 1003 - Lt. Kestlinger to Sgt Hemple (MPs): 1st Bn has 42 FWS. Can you get a truck down to them to pick the FWS up? Ans: Haven't any at present.
- 1005 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Stowell, Regtl Ammo Co: Need a truck to haul FWS from the 1st Bn. Have it report to Hqs Co. Ans: OK.
- 1007 - Clerk to Sgt. Hemple (MPs): S-4 is sending down a truck for you to haul FWS with.
- 1100 - 3rd Bn reports negative for the past hour.
- 1230 - S-2 to Blue 2: Made a check on the hospital. There are 415 in the hospital. 51 nurses, 11 medical corps men, 3 doctors, 3 student doctors and 55 patients who came to the hospital for treatment. Will send a list of those names to you.
- 1300 - 3rd Bn negative report for the past hour.
- 1315 - White 3 to S-3: Saw enemy vehicle at VIIDSTEJN. They came in from the woods. S-3: 1st Bn has some FWS.
- 1342 - Lt. Valtin, PWI, to S-2: Have 16 soldiers in civilian clothes who were taken by the 103AA Bn and 19 soldiers taken out of hospital (taken by 1st Bn yesterday) in the cage.
- 1424 - 3rd Bn gives negative report.



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- 1520 - S-3 to Blue 1: The blackout was very poor in town. 3rd Bn will have patrols, as many as needed, to take care of this job. The town is to be patrolled thoroughly for black-out discipline and for civilians. If civilian lights are showing, have them put them out. Organizations found with lights on will remedy this immediately with corrective measures. Submit names of organizations who have not taken proper precautions.
- 1525 - The above message in regard to black-out regulations was repeated to 2nd Bn, 745th Tanks, Co A 1st Medics, Antitank Co, 103AA Bn.
- 1615 - 3rd Bn gives negative report.
- 1655 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Our outpost at F company saw several civilians about 400 yards to their front in the vicinity of 282637. Two of our men went out to investigate these people who were observed. On their way out, one of our two men was shot at and wounded; the fire apparently coming from the observed civilians. When this incident occurred the other GI fired on the civilian group and the civilians took off. We have been unable to get any further information, but the outpost reports that the persons observed were dressed as civilians. B company observer reported an enemy patrol at 285814. This seems weird as I can't see how the observer could see this point. We checked with E company, and they said that they could not observe this point but that if the B company observer could see the enemy - to go ahead and fire. Observers have been seeing enemy out there, that is certain.
- 1800 - S-3 to Red 3: What is new? Ans: A patrol went to SNEKY and PIESNA, they got 5 FWs. There were no 200 enemy in SNEKY.
- 1805 - S-3 to White 3: Message of 1800 hours given. Warning given to watch out for the civilians that were out around F company. (Refers to the ones that shot at the American soldier).
- 1815 - Clerk to G-2: Total FW count for today is 35. 16 FWs were in civilian clothes; 19 were from the hospital in BRAMBACH.
- 1900 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 2000 - S-2 to CIC: What have you been doing today? Ans: We have been screening town where the 1st Bn is. A German War photographer turned in here and he will be sent back as a protected prisoner, same as those from the Red Cross, etc. S-2: What about the diplomat? Ans: Sent former diplomat back for further questioning. S-2: When you get the rest of the things settled, I would like to have you check this town again.

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- 2017 - Lt. Valtin, PWI, to S-2: Five prisoners from hospital; three stragglers from Battle Group ASSMANN and one from OCS Brigade. Also one policeman from the 1st Bn with no arrest papers, so we went him back. PW from OCS Brigade stated one platoon of LAUTENSCHUTZ, with 30 to 35 men in it, is in the town of SNEKY.
- 2025 - Red 3 to S-2: There is a lot of firing south of the 2nd Bn area, do you know anything about it? Ans: No I do not, but I will check with them.
- 2030 - S-2 to White 2: 1st Bn reports a lot of firing south of you, what is going on? Ans: A big fire near here is all. I got a little information for you. A kid 12 years old and one Frenchman; they stated ST. RIBNICK (295838) has about 30 enemy in it. Town at 300850 has about 50 enemy in it. Town at 365835 has a Bn CP in it and 7 or 8 artillery pieces. Town at 390850 has about 100 enemy in it. A Division CP is in the town at 408830.
- 2046 - S-2 to G-2: Is there a big fire in the 18th Inf area? Ans: Yes, there is a house burning in the town. (S-2 gives above civilian info).
- 2050 - S-2 to G-3; Maj. Kelly: Nothing going on here. Ans: People on our flank ran into trouble at town of ADORF. Were trying to get to the high ground east of the town but ran into about 700 enemy and some artillery fire. They will lay low tomorrow. S-2: Anything cooking for us? Ans: Not for you, but one unit of the 18th Inf, is moving a little east to make a better tie in.
- 2115 - Red 3 to S-3: The platoon that went to SNEKY sent one half of the group to one part of the town while the other half went in by the north. 11 men have not returned; believed to be lost in the woods, so will you notify the people on our left, and I will notify 2nd Bn to keep an eye out for them. S-3: I will notify the 26th Inf.
- 2120 - S-3 to Maj. Kilsen, S-3, 26th Inf: (Gives the information in the above item). We would like to know if they came through your positions or not.
- 2155 - S-3 to Red 3: I have notified the 26th Inf, and they will be on the look out for them.
- 2215 - 3rd Bn, negative report.

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LOCATION: SERE, Germany.

- 0001 - The Bns report negative for the past hour.
- 0029 - 1st Bn reports that the F company patrol contacted B Co, at 2315 hours.
- 0033 - S-3 to G-3: Negative report. Anything new? G-3: 2nd Bn of the 18th Inf reported enemy movement at 345710 at 2330 hours; also I company reported movement in their front area, 315797, in the town. PW report states 2 armored columns moving towards ST. KYNSPERK, 3268, and PW stated they are supposed to attack from there. Details, such as strength, etc., unknown.
- 0035 - The above message was relayed to 1st and 2nd Bns.
- 0112 - The Bns report negative, and the duty officer relays a negative report to the G-3 office. G-3: 18th Inf reports all quiet.
- 0200 to 0600 - The Bns report negative in hourly reports. Duty officer reports hourly to G-3 office.
- 0645 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2: Reports incident of the 11 missing men from the 1st Bn patrol, as previously listed in journal of 1 May 1945. (Lt. Kestlinger states the men are believed to have lost their way).
- 0710 - 1st Bn reports negative, and no further news from the 11 men who are missing from the patrol.
- 0805 - Red 2 to Capt. Hall, S-2: Did you hear any more about the enemy troop movement towards the 26th Inf? Ans: Haven't heard any more. No signs of the patrol yet? Ans: No.
- 0810 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0940 - Lt. Lynch, Div HQ, to clerk: G company of the 18th moves out at 0830 hours this morning to edge of woods. 97th moves out at 0730 hours coordinated with the 18th Inf. 6th Cav to move positions forward. A fairly strong build up is reported in the town of "B". Since 1730 hours friendly troops have received 40 rounds of mortar fire, and 19 rounds of artillery. This is the first artillery reported in 4 days. Estimate 700 troops on the hill and behind the town. Friendly troops will hold until tomorrow.



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- 0955 - G-2 to S-3: Have you had any word from your patrol that is missing?
Ans: No, not yet. They still have not reported.
- 1004 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1112 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestling: Civilians report 300 enemy in PLESNA with three 88mm's. Our patrol bumped into some of them and is now withdrawing. We are going to fire artillery on the town now.
- 1140 - Lt. Kestling to White 3: (Gives the above information as of item 1112 hours. S-3 says to keep your patrols on the lookout.
- 1210 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives report of our patrols for last night. G-2: Elements of G company of the 18th Inf in the town at 325670. No opposition. Took 75 PWs. Are working a deal with the burgomeister at GHEB to pick up some prisoners at 344707. 26th Inf picked up 3 Generals at the hospital. Scattered traffic ended at 370721. 13th Armored advanced 40 miles to BRANAU, Austria.
- 1225 - S-2 to Red 2: Discuss patrol activity, as previously listed in journal item 1112 hours.
- 1314 - G-3, Maj. Green, to S-3: There is a change in the South boundary. New boundary runs along the 76 grid out towards 3076 and slopes NE a little to around 3677. Get in touch with 18th Inf, and work it out. Do this at your earliest convenience, and let me know what you'll need.
- 1320 - S-3 to Col. Grant, White 6: Our southern boundary extended to 3076, west up to 3378. It includes sector now held by I company of the 18th Inf. Just your southern boundary changes. White 6: I'll move my G company down there. S-3: I'll give you the light tank company to run down on patrols to the 18th Inf. White 6: I'll put my stuff in the southeastern edge of the town, and run my patrols up the 18th Inf. When do you want us to do this? S-3: Not later than tomorrow morning. White 6: What about 0800 hours? S-3: I'll check on it.
- 1390 - S-3 to G-3: Would like to have the light tanks attached to us as the 2nd Bn can use them. G-3: The light tanks are attached as of 1390 hours. S-3: We will plan patrols with the 18th Inf for every 4 hours.
- 1345 - S-3 to Decoy 3: Was told about change in boundary and our G company will be down in the morning. Would like to have a motorized patrol every four hours to you people starting at 1200 hours, and you starting at 0200 hours to us. We will go all the way to your line, and you do the same. Ans: That is OK, will plan that starting tomorrow.
- 1410 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 1430 - S-3 to White 3: The light tank company will move up this afternoon. G company will have to move not later than 0600 hours in the morning. White 3: Had a water truck, (2½ ton) going from E company up toward F company; it took a wrong turn and hasn't been heard from since. Sending 2 TDs with a platoon of Inf to see if they can find it.
- 1445 - G-2 to S-2: What is new? Ans: (Tells of the 2½ ton truck as above item).
- 1500 - MESSAGE - to CO 16th Inf: Company D 745th Tnk Bn is attached to 16th Inf effective 021330 B May. Signed 1500 hours, CG 1st Div.
- 1530 - Red 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: Enemy digging in 400 yards west and N and S of PLESNA; 281900 - 281906; being fired on. Got one man back from the 11 that were lost; he does not know where the rest are.
- 1555 - S-3 to Red 6: (Gives the story on the 2½ ton truck of 2nd Bn). Red 6: Civilians report 300 enemy in SNEKY. Putting some artillery out there. Have patrols running between A and B company. (S-3 gives the latest boundary on the south, as of item above). Red 6: One PW from Battle Group SCHAFFER.
- 1603 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 1604 - S-3 to 7th FA S-3: How many rounds do you have to expend? Ans: 300 rounds per day. We are giving supporting fires to the 186th FA.
- 1614 - S-3 to Red 2: Give this information to Colonel Driscoll: 105mm - 25 rounds per gun per day; Bn of Mediums, 15 rounds per gun per day. Have one PW who came in the town of PLESNA one hour ago. Stated artillery was wicked. Saw enemy getting killed by our artillery. Came in town last night with group of 20 men and one Lieutenant. They were in Bn reserve. They were under SCHAFFER, who is Bn Commander. 50 other men he stated, were in the group. The brigade is under Major BRUNNUND. Hqs. unknown. The PW had 7½ years in Army. Service in Russia; recently pulled out of NGO school. He stated he thinks other men may have taken off from town due to our artillery. 8 MGs in the town; no 88ms or heavy pieces. One man returned from the lost patrol.
- 1625 - G-2 to S-2: Incident - In the vicinity of HOF, 4 young kids (ages 14 to 18), plus one older youth. They were pulling a head cart. CIC men stopped them, and questioned them. The older youth was arrested. While handcuffing the PW, the PW reached into his pocket to draw a gun. He was shot. He had 2 pistols on his person; SS tattooed on his arm. The rest of the party was apprehended. Lt. Parford also had questioned men wearing the French colors; one member of WEREWOLF.
- 1635 - Lt. Kestlinger notifies all Bns S-2's of a meeting at Regt1 CP at 1900 hours.

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- 1713 - Capt. Carroll, Co A, 745th Tank Bn, to S-3: Red 6 requests the Platoon Leader. I would like to have them here for more training.
- 1714 - Lt. Lynch, Div IO, reports: V Corps reports enemy dump (gas) at 379701, LINGENHOU. Want it taken under fire. Colonel Williamson would like to have town on his N taken out of his sector. 18th Inf covering 19 kilometers. 2nd Div coming down; will relieve one Combat Team of the 97th Inf, and one combat team of the 90th Inf. CIC shot one SS man. Apprehended with wagon containing elementary sabotage material; had 5 kids with him. Thought to be training WEREWOLVES. V Corps reports 1 CC of the 9th Armored attached to 1st Div; employed only on Corps order. Move to area S of MARKINTHEW, N of MARTTRESUDWITZ. Will constitute reserve for the 1st Div area. Little worried about area in front of the 18th. Coming in late on the 3rd or early on the 4th.
- 1715 - S-3 to White 3: Anything new on the patrol? Ans: They could not find the truck. The truck went E and N, turned R on the 1st road, and was captured, (This is from a civilian report). They were taken to ST. RYENIK, then to 300847. They did not know where they went from there. We got as far as 290830. We will relieve E company of the 18th Inf about 030830B; everything has been layed-on with Bn Commander.
- 1718 - S-3 to Red 3: Captain Carroll called. He said Red 6 wanted the platoon leader. Ans: Yes, the platoon leader and the platoon of tanks. The platoon leader to recon route here. S-3: OK. We are sending a recon patrol out to FLESNA at 1800 B.
- 1735 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll, 745th Tanks: They would like the platoon up there. Have the platoon leader take the platoon up just short of CP for orders. Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1800 - S-2 to G-2: (S-2 gives PW information as previously listed). G-2: How many PWs today? Ans: One. G-2: The 26th Inf also reports one. The 18th Inf had 115 PWs as of this morning.
- 1802 - Capt. Stowell, Regt I Ammo Co, to S-3: As far as I know there are no restrictions on 81mm light. S-3: Tell the 2nd Bn that. Ans: I have, sir.
- 1815 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1900 - S-2 to White 2: Patrols will be sent to the following locations to determine - 1. If the towns are held by the enemy. 2. In what strength. 3. Are mines and roadblocks in evidence? Coordinates of patrol objectives: 295838, 300815, 315809, 315785. Reports will be submitted to this headquarters by 1400 hours.
- 1912 - Blue Bn gives negative report.

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- 2000 - Red 3 to S-3: The patrol found a road block on the BRAMBACH-PIESNA road. The road block was near PIESNA. They found out that there were some slave laborers in PIESNA that were guarded. Artillery fire fell in the town and drove some of the guards out, also 5 enemy came in due to the artillery. It was causing casualties in the town.
- 2030 - Maj. McGregor, 18th Inf, to S-3: Patrols by the 16th and 18th to be worked out as previously planned.
- 2110 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2115 - FWI reports: 4 prisoners captured in PIESNA from Brigade CCS. They did not know anything other than town was probably held by about one platoon (30) men.
- 2125 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10, to S-2: 18th Inf reports a civilian report of 8 tanks in woods at 3269. Also 500 enemy soldiers between the two towns at 3668 - 3469.
- 2140 - Maj. Edmonds, Red 5, reports: L company of the 26th Inf attacked by some infantry and men with burp guns.
- 2210 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2270 - Cpl. Belonga to Capt. Clark: Radio report says that BERLIN has been completely cleared, and that the garrison capitulated to the Russians.
- 2310 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2322 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report.
- 2325 - 1st Bn reports negative.



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LOCATION: SELB, Germany.

- 0005 - The Bns report negative for the past hour; and Capt. Clark, duty officer, gives negative report to G-3 office.
- 0045 - Red 1 to Capt. Clark: C company picked up a PW; he seems to know where enemy positions and CPs are located; we are sending him back to you.
- 0050 - Capt. Clark to PWI: (Gives notice of item 0045 hours).
- 0100 - 0200 - The Bns report negative for the past hours (2), and negative report is relayed to the G-3 office.
- 0235 - Red 2 to Lt. Valtin, duty officer: There is some shooting going on to our left. Do not know whether artillery is incoming or outgoing. Negative report from us, but am curious to know what the trouble is on our left.
- 0240 - Lt. Valtin to G-3: Was unable to reach the 26th Inf. (Gives above message 0235 hours to G-3). G-3: 26th Inf has been giving negative reports all evening. Assume that one of their patrols ran into a little trouble. Lt. Valtin: But, how about the artillery fire? Ans: They are probably shooting at a target that the patrol located. I'll let you know as soon as I receive any further information from them.
- 0245 - Lt. Valtin to Red 2: (Gives above information item 0240).
- 0255 - 2nd and 3rd Bns report negative.
- 0315 - Lt. Valtin to Sgt. Schnsider, PWI: PWIP A deserter captured from the OGS Brigade Brumund (Regiment and School Commander of the Combat School). Battalion sector ran from PLESNA towards HINEXY and along the 30 grid line. There are 3 companies holding it. MG emplacements and fox holes around the towns. It is thinly held between the towns. En CP at MUIHOIST 365835. 700 to 800 men in each of the 3 Bns. Supported by mortars in vicinity of 345823, a little SW of CP there are four 120mm mortars but do not have much ammunition. There is some artillery SE of PLESNA. Down towards AGER is another Bn. On their right is another Combat Team. A regimental Hq is at 383790. MG position at 305840. The PW continually minced up Maj. BRUMUNDS name, didn't know whether he was a regimental or brigade commander. This brigade probably has only one regiment. Some artillery reported SE of PLESNA. Trains in the town of 405830.

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- 0340 - Lt. Valtin to G-3: Negative report.
- 0342 - Lt. Valtin to G-2: Gives above PW report. (Also given to Red 2).
- 0405 - ~~EM~~ 1st Bn reports negative.
- 0407 - PW information was not given to 2nd Bn, as no one answered the phone at the CP.
- 0420 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0423 - Lt. Valtin gives negative report to G-3.
- 0500 - to 0800 hours, all Bns gives hourly negative reports which are relayed to G-3.
- 0825 - ~~EM~~ G-2 to S-3: Do you have anything new? Ans: No. There are a few enemy in PLESNA and SNEKY.
- 0915 - 3rd Bn gives negative report.
- 0916 - Red 3 to S-3: What is going on? Ans: Not much. I would like to have you cover all the village in front of you with patrols.
- 0925 - S-3 to White Bn: How is G company coming along with the relief? (with I of the 18th) Ans: The relief is still going on.
- 0930 - Lt. Lynch, Div 10, to S-3: 3 enemy Generals were picked up at the hospital in BAD EISTER. WALTER KEMER (Arty general) Lt. Gen HERBERT LEMKE, and Lt. Gen HENRY KRAMF. A 9 year old boy was picked up while cutting wires with a pen knife. He said Hitler JUGEND would beat him up if he did not do it. Gas dump at 379701, received direct hit, according to a DA report. A low flying single motor cabin type plane with two occupants flying at 200 feet, going south and went over CHEB. German KEINKEL III at 5000 feet going E. 18th Inf reports that an ME flew over. 9th Armored - The 1st Div would like to have the 9th Armored go as far east as ARSBURG and MITTERTIEGH (2260) to help Russians. 2nd Div CP at 390064; they are completing relief of the 97th Div. Relief of the 90th is not expected to be complete until 4 May.
- 0940 - Red 2 to S-3: One of our informers said there is a General hiding in civilian clothes. We have no description of him. B company patrol that went to the front, to the east of VEIRABNICH, just brought back 2 PWs; a civilian said there were 10 more there yesterday, but that they took off last night. They came from PLESNA. PW states there is one company of enemy in town waiting to surrender. We are going to arrange some way to get them back.
- 1005 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 1009 - G-3 to S-3: Is the relief of I company of the 18th, by your G company complete yet? Ans: Not as yet. We had a patrol from B company up to VELERANICH and got 2 PWs. They were in PIENNA yesterday but we shelled it and they moved out. They stated that a company of men were in PIENNA, and that these men were ready to give up. G-3: Give us a report on the security measures that you are taking.
- 1020 - S-3 to White 5: How is the relief in G and I companies going? Ans: Wire team is out now to G company, and when it is in, I will call you. S-3: Write up an SOP on Security and let me have it. We have to improve our security measures.
- 1045 - S-3 to Blue 5: We have to do something about this security precautions. There is an increase of incidents happening lately. Last night the CO of the 64th TD was taken out of his CP and is missing. Write up an SOP on how you plan to handle it. Ans: Can do.
- 1117 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1122 - White 2 to S-3: G company is in now. F company patrol ran into about 25 enemy at ST LIENICH, 295838. Drew fire and they drove 5 enemy out and wounded one. They went down road through woods.
- 1145 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any PWs? Ans: B company took 2 PWs at VEIRYNIK, 280855. F company patrol went to town at 295838 where they were fired on by 25 enemy.
- 1205 - S-3 to Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs S-3: Have you been having any trouble with the civilians in the town you are in? Ans: Yes, a lot of trouble. We have about 200 people here, a mixture of Russians and so on. They are starving to death, and we haven't the food to give them. Two died yesterday from starvation. S-3: I'll talk to Division on it. How is your local security? Ans: We are taking care of that alright.
- 1207 - S-3 to Mil. Gvrt.: Have Maj. Margolis come up to the #3 office when he returns. The 1st Engrs are in the town of LIEBSTEIN and there are about 200 Russians starving to death there.
- 1213 - G-2 to S-2: Gen. BUDMENTRITT has accepted an unconditional surrender from the 18th US Airborne Corps. The area North of the ELBE river, west of LIEBECK and including SCHEISBERG. The 84th US Inf Div has contacted the Russians.
- 1329 - S-2 to G-2: Gives FW info - one from the OCS, and one from the 31st Gren Regt. (Discuss local security).
- 1340 - S-2 to White 6: There will be a meeting with the CIC, and Mil Gvrt officers will be present to answer questions that your Bn has. It will be in your Bn area at 1000 hours on the 5th of May.

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- 1345 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1510 - Lt. Llewellyn, MP officer, to Colonel Horner: Tell Capt. Hall, sir, that I have taken care of the road blocks and local security.
- 1515 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1520 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2: Have to turn a report in on patrols to division. Can you give me some details on your patrols? Ans: G company patrol is not back yet. E company patrol reports both villages to the front as clear. They brought back 2 wounded Germans.
- 1530 - S-3 to Red 2: Has your patrol to PIESNA returned yet? Ans: No, it hasn't returned as yet. S-3: You will have to check on security and submit a plan of security by 1200 hours tomorrow.
- 1600 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1615 - 18th Inf S-3 to Capt. Clark: Would like you to send a contact patrol to us at 330760, our L company. We will not be able to send a patrol to you because we are spread so thin. Capt. Clark: OK, it will be someone from our 2nd Bn. Patrol will be 2000 hours, 2300 hours, 0200 hours, and 0500 hours.
- 1620 - Capt. Clark to 2nd Bn Lt. Evans: You will have a contact patrol to I of 18th Inf, who are at 330760, starting at 2000 hours, and every 3 hours after that time. Will you let us know when they start and return, and also if it is going to be motorized or not.
- 1710 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1715 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2, to S-2: Will you find out if the CIC has picked up a man by the name of GETTER; he is an SS.
- 1730 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs today? Ans: Three. (Gives report on the patrols).
- 1907 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1912 - Red 2 to S-3: Our C company patrol returned; they observed a few enemy around the factory near PIESNA. They also saw some rifles sticking out of windows in a factory and the patrol moved back. We had two Russians who escaped from PIESNA today. They reported the Germans pulled back to VILDSTEJN. This confirms report of yesterday. They saw a lot of road blocks and mines on the road from VILDSTEJN to PIESNA, entering the town. No heavy artillery or mortars seen, but a lot of MGs. We have a total of 80 Russians and Poles on our hands now.

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- 1915 -
S-3 to White 2; Any more activity in the town of VILDSTEIN? Ans; No. (Maj. White reviews report from 1st Bn, item 1912 hours). White 2; Capt. Clark called about a patrol to the 18th Inf at 330760. Why can't we go down the main road? We use 2 light tanks, and a squad of doughboys riding the tanks. S-3; OK, I will contact the 18th. Go down the main road. Patrol every 3 hours and start at 2000 B. Go down the main road to the bridge. What is the latest? White 2; We have G company around FRANT LAZNE. F company in the same spot extending further south. I am making overlay of new positions and our patrol overlay, which I am sending down. This town of FRANT LAZNE, is a big town and there are beaucoup people; all nationals. E company positions run along the RR tracks. G company patrol went to both of those towns and saw nothing. S-3; I will send the platoon of mediums down in the morning.
- 1925 - Red 2 to S-3; The Russians also reported that 15 enemy were in the houses near the factory outside of PLESNA.
- 1928 - S-3 to 745th Tanks, Lt. Moody; Send the platoon of mediums down to 2nd Bn at first light in the morning.
- 1945 - Lt. Waltin FWI reports; 2 PWs from the 1st Bn. These PWs are from the hospital in ERAMBACH, and reported to the American authorities upon release from the hospital.
- 1955 - White 2 to S-3; There are a number of German soldiers in the hospital here who are about ready to be released. If they aren't picked up they will probably wander off.
- 2000 - Col. Robinson, Div Arty, to S-3; Do you have operations Instructions #80, par 10, on security? Do you have any road blocks in the town? S-3; We have no blocks for AT; only I&R patrols and blocks to check civilians at each road, leading into the town. Col. Robinson; We would like to coordinate our blocks with you (in accordance with Opns Inst #80). We can take care of blocks at 134830 and 142830; the 2 roads leading south out of town. We have units there - the 203rd Arty and the 406th Grp Hqs. (S-3 will coordinate this with these units).
- 2015 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2035 - Sgt Kerber, 2nd Bn, to clerk; Patrol from G company went to contact the 18th Inf at the bridge. Found no one there, and encountered nothing.
- 2036 - S-3 to G-3; (S-3 gives patrol summary for the day, as previously listed as in previous items).
- 2052 - Capt. Carroll, CO Co A, 745th Tanks to S-3; (Checks orders on movement of tank platoon as of item 1920 hours).

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- 2052 - Col. Roth, 200th FA (Vibrate), to clerk; Have Maj. White call me in regard to road blocks as mentioned in OPAs Instructions #80. Call thru - DETERMINE - VAUDVILLE - VIBRATE.
- 2117 - Clerk to Colonel Roth, Vibrate; Maj. White will call you in the morning in regard to Opns Inst #80. Ans; OK.
- 2125 - Lt. Lynch reports; (Exoerpts from Opns Inst. #80) - Boundry - 205760, runs east to 30 North and South line, and then runs to NE to 348767. Par 10, Opns Inst #80; "A number of incidents have come to the attention of this headquarters that indicate there is room for considerable improvement in the handling of area security by all units of the Division. "All civilian makes of military age will be checked; all buildings will be systematically searched; roving patrols will be operated by each unit within their area with the mission of checking the identification and searching the baggage of all persons found moving along roads; and permanent road blocks will be established at the exits of all towns occupied by elements of this division with the mission of blocking all civilian traffic between towns that specifically authorized by military authorities."
- 2140 - Capt. Carrodl, CO A Co, 745th Tnks to Lt. Kestlinger; We have a general coming down here tomorrow to hand out some awards. There are a number of men in the platoon who are moving out at 0800 hours who are to receive awards. The General is to be here at 1000 hours. I was wondering if it would be OK to send the platoon out at 1100 hours. Lt. Kestlinger; Lay it on for 1100 hours, and it will be OK unless I call you back.
- 2144 - S-5 to Blue 5; (S-5 reports a situation which he found upon visiting a hospital which was under guard by 4 men from the 3rd Bn - the men were found to be lax in their duties, and Colonel Horner asks that this situation be checked up on). Blue 5; I will check on this.
- 2200 - Maj. McGregor, 18th Inf S-3, to Lt. Kestlinger; (Maj McGregor inquires about the contact patrol with G company of the 16th Inf). Lt. Kestlinger reports item of 2035 hours. Maj. McGregor will check his people on the contact.
- 2200 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 2205 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 2; 18th Inf will be at the bridge in the town for the next contact. The platoon of tanks will be down after 1100 hours, (mentions item of 2140 hours).

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- 2215 - White 5 to S-5; Going to all the towns in the area first thing in the morning; checking the burgomeisters. The big town where G company is will be checked; CIC has not checked this town yet. The CIC has checked town where 2nd Bn CP is. Patrols will be going to the towns, and everything is pretty well organized. S-5; Call the CIC to go to that town tomorrow. (Discussion continues with details of what situations are being found in the towns). S-5 states that the responsibility of governing these towns belongs to the tactical commander of the area; this being a command function until Mil Govt takes over. The Bn Ex Offs, must run the Mil Govt of the town. S-5: Let me know how you make out. See Major Margolis, Mil Govt, about this. Get him for tomorrow.
- 2217 - Lt. Kestlinger arranges contact hours with 18th Inf and G company at 2300, 0200, and 0500 hours, - At the bridge.
- 2245 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2: Total PWs for today 7.
- 2300 - Red and Blue Bns report negative.
- 2330 - Lt. Kestlinger calls 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns and gives orders of Opns Instructions #80, par 10, as listed in item of 2135 hours. The message was given to the duty officer in each case.
- 2335 - White CP reports; The G company patrol has returned; contact was made; they have nothing to report.
- 2337 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Negative report. (Gives item of 2335 hours).

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- 0001 to 0500 - The Bns submit negative hourly reports, and these are forwarded to the G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0525 - White Bn reports; G company patrol to the 18th Inf has returned. Negative report.
- 0600 to 0800 - The Bns submit negative hourly reports, and these are forwarded to the G-3 office by the duty officer.
- 0855 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger; (Lt. K. reports everything quiet for the night; no new G-2 information).
- 0857 - Cpl. Belonga, reporting from the PW cage; The 200th FA picked up a truck load of Frenchmen at the road block. The Frenchmen had no permit for driving a vehicle; they are being held at the PW cage until further orders from Capt. Hall, S-2.
- 0907 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 0910 - S-2 to Pvt Browning, Mil Gvnt; Give this message to Major Margolis. "Colonel Horner wants him to go ahead with the business at the 1st Bn as originally planned. This is for 1000 hours".
- 0935 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO, reports; XIII Corps took 15000 PWs including 5 Generals. XVIII Corps reports 50,000 PWs taken. 82nd Airborne took, 15,000 PWs.
- 0955 - Lt. Chandler, White 2, to Maj. White, S-3; Small arms and mortar fire is going on over in the 18th sector, it is behind "E" company's right rear at 2875. S-3; I'll check on it.
- 1000 - MESSAGE -; Maj. White to 18th Inf S-3; Some of our people hear small arms and mortar fire which appears to be in the vicinity of 2875. Are you doing any firing or do you know what this might be?
- 1015 - MESSAGE CENTER; In regard to message of 1000, 18th Inf reports small arms target practice and bazooka fire.
- 1020 - Blue Bn reports negative.
- 1025 - Sgt Kerber, 2nd Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger; F company received four rounds of 81mm fire from around 300850; we are trying to pin it down more definitely.

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- 1050 - Capt. Carroll, C0 Co A, 745th Tanks, to Lt. Kestlinger: If the 2nd Bn is relieved by the 3rd Bn, how about holding up on the platoon with the 2nd? Ans; Major White will check with the Colonel on this.
- 1055 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Carroll; Forget about the platoon to the 2nd Bn, but make sure the platoon with the 3rd Bn goes with them tomorrow.
- 1158 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to Lt. Kestlinger: 18th Inf test fired today, and after this we would like to know about it. Everything is quiet here.
- 1203 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3; Everything is quiet.
- 1214 - Blue Bn reports negative for the past hour.
- 1225 - Colonel Driscoll, Red 6, to Colonel Gibb, S-6; What is the story on SHELBY? Ans; I am sending him down to you. I think he should take over B company; is that OK with you? Red 6; Yes, sir.
- 1240 - White Bn to Capt. Clark: Our medium tanks haven't arrived yet; do you know what the story is? Ans; No, I do not but I will check on it.
- 1242 - Capt. Clark to 745th Tanks; Are you sending ~~down~~ some tanks up to 2nd Bn? Ans; No. I understand that 2nd Bn is being relieved tomorrow by the 3rd Bn, so there is not any use in sending them up.
- 1245 - Capt. Clark to 2nd Bn; You are coming back here tomorrow, so you will not get any tanks just for tonight. Ans; OK, sir.
- 1312 - Lt. Chandler, White 2, to Capt. Clark; We have 3 patrols going out the same places as yesterday.
- 1320 - Lt. Valtin, FWI, to Capt. Clark; We have 40 prisoners. 15 are from the 4th company, Air Corps Bn SCHULTZE. Four from the 1st Bn OCS Brigade. Five Hungarians. 16 soldiers in civilian clothes. 3rd Company OCS Brigade is in on about SHEKY, mainly along the railroad tracks west of the town with about 120 men and approximately 10 MGs. The 15 Air Corps men deserted this morning from the town of TREBEN, 3380, the 4th company is also there and have about 40 men left. Air Corps Bn is not part of OCS Brigade. A document reveals that it is the same as Division KORUCK. Major SHULTZE has his CP in the city of KYNSPERK, 4280. Also remnants of other 3 companies are there.
- 1340 - Above information relayed to G-2 office.

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- 1458 - 1st Bn reports: A company patrol reached PIESNA. Civilians report 150 enemy in the town.
- 1510 - G-2 to S-2: Anything new? S-2: (Above information concerning the patrol of A company is given). F company got a little mortar fire this morning. G-2: It is rumored that G-4 of the 11th Pz went to 90 Div to surrender the 11th Pz.
- 1515 - White 2 to S-2: There are 3070 patients in hospital. V Corps is going to take it over. They already took 250 patients out.
- 1530 - Clerk to Hq Co; Cannon Co; AT company; and Service Company: "There will be a meeting at 1900 hours today at the 3rd Bn CP on CIC and Mil Govt functions". Attendance will be, all officers available and any EMTs that the CO's desire to bring with them".
- 1540 - Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: Anything on your patrols? Ans: G company patrol just came back at 1530 hours. They report no enemy. They went to the same place that they went to yesterday.
- 1545 - Blue CP reports negative for the past hour.
- 1637 - S-2 to G-2: Discuss people passing thru our road blocks with passes written by Lt. FRANCES. G-2: Send those passes down to us and we will try and trace it down. Have report from TAC R'con of 1252 hours. They report 1000 vehicles, 2000 personnel and some tanks going west on both sides of the river SW of PRAGUE. They were waving White flags, so they were not attacked. One of our CZECH agents reports that partisans control area P-1606 and L-0303.
- 1600 - Cpl Belonga to S-2: 67 PWs for today.
- 1650 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: Patrol to PIESNA, captured 17 PWs; killed 10; had a lot of men get close calls from small arms fire, but all got back OK. There is quite a few enemy in the town.
- 1915 - White 2 to S-2: F company got about $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen mortar rounds in on them.
- 1920 - Red Bn reports: Civilians came in from PIESNA; they say that civilians are hiding two Americans and that there are two more dead in the center of the town.
- 1930 - S-3 to G-2: (Latest intelligence information is given, as previously reported in this journal).
- 2000 - Blue Bn reports negative for the past hour.

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- 2005 - Division to S-3: There will be no orders tonight. I believe it will ~~be~~ constitute a move to the East. The orders will be down tomorrow.
- 2010 - White 3 to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO: Contact made with 18th Inf. Negative report.
- 2015 - S-3 to 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn: Capt. Meridano, Transportation O: 634th TDs; 745th Tanks: "The relief of the 2nd Bn is off for tomorrow".
- 2030 - Blue Bn reports negative for the past hour.
- 2035 - Sgt Schneider, PWI, to clerk: The PWs brought in today were picked up at PIESNA. They stated there are VOLKSTRUM and Air Corps personnel in the town. In April some men from the Gren Repl Bn were transferred to OCS school, 1 platoon of the 3rd MK Co, OCS, are in PIESNA.
- 2100 - Sgt Schneider, PWI, to S-2: Identification of PWs: 1 from the 112 Gren Repl Bn, 2nd Co; 8 from the Volkstrum; 6 from OCS; 1 from the Navy; 1 from the 31 Gren Repl Bn;
- 2100 - S-2 to G-2: (Gives above item). G-2: The German Armies in HOLLAND, DENMARK, northern Germany, have capitulated. All pockets are cleared. Only resisting German Armies are in CZECHOSLOVAKIA and AUSTRIA.
- 2123 - S-6 to G-5: What is up? Ans: Do not know; waiting orders. I believe it involves movement; orders should be here in 45 minutes. No details. Something seems imminent. I do not believe it is an attack but movement out of this area.
- 2200 - Capt. Meridano, Transp O, to S-3: What about the move tomorrow? S-3: Alert the trucks and keep them in their respective area, there is a possibility the move will not come off.
- 2300 - The Bns report negative for the past hour, and a negative report is given to G-3.
- 2320 - White Bn reports: G company patrol to the 18th Inf returned; met no trouble.
- 2400 - The Bns report negative for the past hour, and this is relayed to G-3.

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LOCATION: During the period the Regtl CP moves from SELB, Germany, to FRANT LAZNE, 315745, Czechoslovakia.

- 0001 to 0300 - The Bns submit negative hourly reports and these are forwarded to the G-3 office hourly by the duty clerk (officer).
- 0300 - Blue Bn reports: Motorized patrols are in and report negative.
- 0300 to 0800 - The Bns submit negative hourly reports and these are forwarded to the G-3 office hourly by the duty officer.
- 0806 - S-3 to Red 3: Relief of the 2nd and 3rd Bns is off. Tentative plans call for limited advances to the East. You can make plans accordingly. Some elements may move ahead this afternoon.
- 0808 - S-3 to White Bn, Lt. Louis: (Same information as above item).
- 0905 - Blue Bn gives negative report for the past hour.
- 0907 - Memo to MGO, 16th Inf, from Lt. Colonel THOMAS F. LANCER, CMP, SMGO, 1st US Inf Div: "TWX, Hq. 1st US Army, is quoted for info and compliance: "All SR MGO, of all dtchmts will cause a search to be made throughout their areas of responsibility for stores of liquor CMA Alcohol CMA medicinal alcoholic products, etc. PD When found such stores will be stored securely and guarded against possible theft and misuse by displaced persons or other CMA reporting same to this Hq in regular periodic reports PD. From Hq 1st US Army signed HODGES Xray three seven zero five".
- 0915 - S-3 to G-3: Anything further on tentative plans? Ans: Order will be out in an hour. You will move about 13 kilometers; 18th Inf will move 20 kilometers; 26 - 22 kilometers; Hold a Bn in reserve; movement generally E; first objective FAIKNOV; then KARLSBAD. Move this afternoon.
- 0925 - Blue 3 to S-3: What is up? S-3: (Gives tentative plans for movement). S-6 to G-5: How far do we go? Ans: Pretty far. S-6: Do we get a unit? G-5: Yes. S-6: Spearheading? G-5: No.
- 0940 - Capt. Dion, Service Co.; to Maj. Sandell, 7th FA IO: Tell Colonel Horner that I do not have the Summary court quite prepared yet.

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- 0943 - S-3 to Capt. Ralph, Commo O: The Colonel says the CP will be in FRANT LAZNE; to open about 1300 hours. Blue Bn will be in the vicinity of HAZLOV. Wire communication will be used initially from the initial CPs; after that the radio will have to be used. The way it looks now, there will be 3 Bns, or at least 2, on line.
- 0947 - S-3 to Blue 3: Feed chow at 1115 hours. You will move up further; up to HAZLOV; HAZLOV will be a tactical assembly area, do not move into buildings. Will have 10 trucks for you by 1200 hours. Let me know the number that you need. Blue 3: Will move by 1230 hours; sooner if possible.
- 0950 - S-3 to Capt. Merindeno, Transp. O: Get trucks from the 1st and 2nd Bns, and get 10 of them to 3rd Bn by 1200 hours. Ans: I will do that.
- 0955 - S-6 to Colonel Beck: What is the boundary? Colonel Beck: The approximate boundary runs from the junction with the 26th Inf to BRAMBACH; follow the stream, including the road; exclude STEINREUTH; take FLEURSREUTH; exclude GOTHRINGEN (sp ?), exclusive to RJ at 4390; northeast along the tiny stream to the town of "J" is yours. Objective line runs generally 4591 to 5288 to 5780; puts you astride the river. The "F" town is your center. The 18th Inf runs generally from 5780 SE to 6766. The 26th Inf will not move; will be to the north, refusing the flank. The Division is to be prepared to take KARLSBAD. The road from the east of town is your road. Boundary is south along the 45 line and swinging up to "602", which is yours. (Continue discussion on possible movement - the 18th Inf movement is to conform to the movement of WILLIAMSON).
- 1015 - S-6 to 1st Engrs S-3: How about the bridge from FRANT LAZNE to CHEB? Ans: At the present time, all there is is a forde 5 kilometers west of the town; the route is marked. Something will be done on the bridge, but I will have to let you know on that later. To go to the forde you turn west, cross the forde and back into CHEB. From FRANT LAZNE, you come to STEIN on the 29 northing - the forde is there.
- 1016 - S-3 to Blue 3: (Gives route, boundary, etc., as previously listed, for move).
- 1020 - G-2 to S-2: (S-2 has nothing new to report: no FWs and no fire of any kind to report). G-2: Tac Recon reports the only thing seen close to the front, was three single tanks, one each at 4370, 4866, and 5664. (May indicate boundary for the 2nd Pz is probably correct). The town at 5664 may cause trouble. In the big picture - the BRENNER PASS was captured. S-2: Want the guards on the two hospitals in SELB relieved as soon as possible. G-2: Will call you back on that.
- 1021 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Dean, 634th TDs ~~XXX~~ "C" Co: Have the platoon for the 3rd Bn by 1200 hours.

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- 1025 - Capt. Clark notifies Sgt Miles, S-4: "On the move to FRANT LAZNE, you will move right after Hq. Co. We are moving right after dinner. Recon for a place in FRANT LAZNE.
- 1030 - Blue 2 to S-2: How about the guards? S-2: Have tried to arrange with G-2 about the relief of the guards on the hospitals. You can take the guards off the camps and the road blocks.
- 1030 - Maj. McKeon, S-4, to Capt. Clark: The Bns need trucks so what about Hqs Co.? Ans: Hqs. Co., has the lowest priority on trucks and we are going to try and get some from the 7th FA.
- 1037 - Blue 3 and Capt. Kolb, Red 3, are notified to come to the CP to see the S-3.
- 1045 - Colonel Beck to S-6: On the town of GOSSENGRUEN, it is yours. Cut the 18th Inf boundary slightly north at the objective line.
- 1050 - S-3 to S-3 18th Inf: Notifies of moving one Bn into the NE corner of CHEB.
- 1100 - S-3 to 745th Tanks "D" co: How many tanks do you have in operating condition? Ans: 12. The 1st platoon has 3 tanks; the 2nd platoon has 4 tanks and the 3rd Platoon has 5 tanks. S-3: Attach the 3rd platoon to the 3rd Bn, they ~~will~~ will pick you up where you are. Arrange for the 2nd platoon to go to the 2nd Bn. Hold your 3rd platoon with your Co Hq.
- 1113 - G-2 to S-2: In regard to the guard business - Major Green is down at V Corps Hq at a Security Conference. The only suggestion the #2 section can give you is to try the #3 call and then the #6 call.
- 1115 - Maj. Crowley, 1st Engrs, to S-3: The 20th Engrs are constructing a floating trestle bridge at CHEB; it is 400 to 500 yards from the old bridge. Bridge should be in late this afternoon. S-3: Are the fordes OK for tanks? Ans: Yes. S-3: Are the roads good? Ans: Good.
- 1120 - S-3 to Lt. Allen, AT Co: S-3: How many mine sweeping teams do you have? Ans: Three. S-3: Send two teams with 8 men to the 3rd Bn and the other team of 4 men to the 2nd Bn as soon as possible.
- 1130 - Blue Bn reports negative.

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- 1135 - S-2 to G-3: At the present time we are guarding two hospitals in the town of SELB, total of 10 men. I would like to know if there is any way we can get that guard relieved? Ans: I will have to call you back. The current instructions are that they will remain until relieved. We will give you all the help we can.
- 1135 - White 3 to S-3: How about tanks? Ans: I will check with Capt. Carroll. White 3: Would like to get the loud speaker gadget. Ans: Will get it to you at 1300 hours. Your attachments are: Platoon of AT; platoon of 634th; platoon of A, 745th; 2nd platoon of D, 745th, and one mine detector team from the AT co, mine platoon.
- 1144 - S-2 to Blue 5: The guards on the hospital will probably not be relieved today. (Gives information from Division as above).
- 1145 - S-2 to G-2: I have about 10 sets of town plan (SELB). Do you want them? Ans: No. Has the permanent MGO set up in the town? S-2: I do not know. The guard on the hospitals will remain. G-2: INNSBRUCH and BERCHTESGADEN taken. British Second Army took 56 Generals.
- 1145 - Capt. Spinney, G-2 to S-2: The 18th Inf jumps at 1500 hours; from the 3rd Bn on the left, they go for the RJ to their front. The other Bn jumps at the same time to the NE; the main road being their general line.
- 1147 - S-4 to S-3: You were going to give me the attachments. (S-3 gives the attachments for the operation as listed on the orders).
- 1150 - Maj. White, S-3 to G-3: What about our movement? Ans: Colonel Beck will give you movement orders overlay. 18th Inf will move with all 3 Bns to secure the main road to their front.
- 1159 - S-3 to Blue 3: There will be 2 mine detecting teams consisting of 8 men from AT platoon attached to you. 18th Inf will move at 1500 hours, you will not move before then.
- 1200 - S-3 to S-4: Do you have anything on WP, and such? Ans: The water point will close at 1600 hours and open at location to be announced at 1830. S-4 and Service Co, will open at 0800 hours 6 May.
- 1210 - Blue 6 to S-3: S-3: There will be no 745th Tank mortars with you. Artillery support will consist of 7th FA, 1 medium howitzer Bn and 1 long-ton Bn plus anything in the 18th Inf sector that can support you. The 7th FA will move up as the situation warrants. The light tanks, D company, 745th Tank Bn will be in Division reserve.

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- 1215 - S-3 to White 3: Will not have light tanks from D Company, 745th Tank Co, with us.
- 1220 - S-3 to 745th Tanks "D" company: You will be in Division reserve under division control for this coming operation.
- 1230 - Capt. Merindeno to S-3: Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co, says he isn't sure he can move by 1500 hours, as he only has two trucks; 3rd Bn has one. S-3: 3rd Bn will have to send back the truck as soon as possible.
- 1235 - 3rd Bn notifies S-2, that the Bn is pulling its board. (Wondered if he wanted to speak to them). Ans: No.
- 1300 - 1st Bn duty officer to Sgt Collura, Opns Sgt: Where is the regimental CP? Ans: 200945.
- 1330 - Mr. Wiles, Asst. Comm O, to S-3: When do you want us to pull the switch board? Ans: We will move about 1415; call before pulling the board.
- 1335 - S-3 to Red 3: The time of the attack is not known yet/ will let you know when the time is set. Point of contact established by division is 290245 898; the town of SNEAKY, is yours; Farthest point of contact for today is 260854 - take the town today; push south and block to the North.
- 1340 - S-3 to G-3: When do we move? Ans: Tomorrow at 0700 hours. Maintain contact with division.
- 1345 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-Company: Will you notify 3rd Bn that the attack is called off until 0700 hours in the morning and instructions will follow. Let me know if you get it to them. Ans: OK.
- 1348 - G-2 to S-2: What is doing? Ans: Not a thing. Everything is negative. As you know the attack is called off until 0700 hours in the morning. G-2: It should go pretty easy. In front of the 18th Infantry there should be a few tanks. S-2: I told the Bns they may receive a little mortar fire and small arms but not much else. I will call you when we get to the new CP.
- 1405 - 745th Tnk Bn D company, to S-3: I have been getting all kinds of rumors on what my company is going to do, so I thought I would call you to find out. Ans: You are reverting to Division control as Division reserve on their order in the vicinity of CHEB. I will call Division to get the time.
- 1538 - Maj. Clisson to Maj. White: We are sending a reinforced platoon down to work area between 91 and 95 grid and 25 and 30 north-south grid. Going to find out what's out there; condition of the roads, etc. S-3: PRESNA is in your area. Ans: No, according to G-3, it is in your area.

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- 1539 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: The town of PIESNA is in your boundry.
- 1600 - 18th Inf S-2 to Clerk: A report from Czech civilian who came down the highway #15; says a road block about every kilometer; one of the bridges is prepared for demolition; 4 to 6, 88ms, at 488828; supply dumps at KOLOSTIE.
- 1620 - MESSAGE - Co D, 745th Tanks reverts to Div control vicinity of CHEB at 051800B - Signed CG 1st Div.
- 1630 - Colonel Beck to Colonel Gibb: How long will it take you to get to KAIKNOV? Ans: I think we can get there in one day. Col. Beck: Corps wants us to in KOLBACH tomorrow; we are going to give you some armor. Will have the CO down to see you.
- 1700 - From Lt. Lynch Div 10: 303rd Regt positions - A and B companies at 437565; 3rd Bn at 5357; E company at 5352 and 515501; G company at 505479; F company at 484480.
- 1705 - S-2 to G-2: What is new? Ans: 18th Inf forward elements at 3675, not to road junction as yet. L company is two kilometers south and G company is at 3765. They are getting light small arms. 2nd Bn getting small amount of artillery. 4 PWs taken - one from the 33rd Tank Regt. S-2: Gives the civilian report from the 18th Inf and added that the bridge is blown at 4280 and the report of 15, 88ms at 488828.
- 1715 - S-2 to White 2: At 1900 hours I will take over all installations and road blocks. Ans: A civilian came in to F company an hour ago, and they are questioning him.
- 1905 - G-2 to Capt. Clark: Reports on 18th Inf - K co at 367756, still in contact, mostly small arms and machine gun fire; L Co at 367735, in contact; ~~nothing light except at 366000~~ I Co at 371721; A Co at 380701; E Co at 397675, meeting light resistance. F Co at 372665; G Co in fire fight at 425445. B and C Co's in column following A company.
- 1940 - Clerk to Message Center: Relay the following message by phone to 1st Engrs S-3 and get an answer. The message is - "When will the bridge at CHEB be ready for traffic".
- 2000 - Blue 6 to Capt. Clark: What is new? Ans: Nothing outside of what is in the order you have. Blue 6: CP is at 314748. S-3: Colonel wants you to get on final objective by tomorrow.
- 2010 - ~~REPLY TO CAPT. CLARK~~: Capt. Clark to I&R platoon: Send 2 jeeps and enough men down the main road to CHEB and check the bridge. The bridge is on the northern edge of the town. Engineers are putting it in and we want to know how the work is progressing.

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- 2015 - S-3 to G-3: What is new on the rumor on the surrender of all the Germans? G-3: It does not change your plans for tomorrow.
- 2045 - S-6 to Red 6: Are you all set? Red 6: Yes, I am. S-6: The time has been kicked up to 0600 hours, and you go all the way out. Think you can make it? Ans: I'll give it a good try. S-6: What about your tanks and TDs? Red 6: Have 3 TDs and 5 tanks. S-6: Do not hesitate to use all the artillery you can get. Put Cannon Company on anything you think needs it.
- 2050 - S-6 to White 6: All set for tomorrow? Ans: Yes, Sir. S-6: It has been kicked up to 0600 hours, and you go all the way out. I am going with 3 companies abreast. We'll break away as fast as we can and keep going. S-6: If you want to use artillery, use it, but call for observed fire. This is still a war?
- 2055 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Engineers report that the bridge opened at 1915 hours. It is a class #40 and it is 600 yards E of the blown one.
- 2056 - S-6 to Blue 6: Time of attack tomorrow is 0600 hours and not 0700 hours. Want you to move as fast as you can, but keep your support with you. If you need artillery fire, use it, report observed fire.
- 2100 - Capt. Clark to Capt. Ralph: Time of attack is 0600 hours, instead of 0700 hours.
- 2102 - Clerk to 7th FA: Time of attack is 0600 hours.
- 2105 - MESSAGE - CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: 1. CGA 9th Armored Div will move on Div order AK 6 May on the axis CHEB-FAIKNOV, passing through the 16th Inf to seize and hold KARLSBAD. 2. CO 16th Inf will facilitate the passage of CGA, 9th Armored Div and be prepared to assist CGA on Div order with a minimum of one (1) Bn. 3. 1st Div attacks 0600 hours 6 May, pushing the attack aggressively to seize the objective line indicated on operations instructions #81, prepared for further advance east on Div order. Signed Lt. Col. Beck, 2000B.
- 2130 - S-2 to Blue 2: (Discuss 18th Inf situation - 3rd Bn of the 18th Inf is running into stuff at 368768. The 1st and 2nd Bns are doing OK). Glue 3 to S-3: How about the towns of LIPPENSREUTH, LIPALFOV and MUTH? S-2: They are in the 18th Inf area.
- 2140 - S-2 to Red 2: Red 2 reports two prisoners. Prisoners state one company of infantry in PIESNA with one mortar.
- 2145 - S-2 to G-2: S-2 relays report of 2140 hours. (Discuss situation, no new information).

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- 2200 - Pvt Young, 1st Bn reports: In regard to the report made to Capt. Hall, this afternoon, basically there is no change - the following is added: There is a factory on the east edge of PIESNA; 75 to 100 men are reported to be in and behind the factory. Several mortars are reported to be behind the buildings at this location. The town is supposed to be under ~~XXXX~~ command of the marines. A rumor was heard to the effect that the 2nd Pz Div was supposed to be in the town of SCHONFICHT. (Pvt Young unable to locate this town on maps at the 1st Bn CP). The PWs did not see the 2nd Pz; this is strictly a rumor.
- 2300 - Maj. Oxford, 1st Engrs, to Lt. Valtin, duty officer: You can tell Maj. White "We are carrying 96 feet of treadway bridging with us. Capt. Murphy will contact Major White early in the morning, and keep in touch with him for any engineering problems that arise."
- 2305 - Maj. Green, G-3 to Lt. Valtin: You have certain installations that you are guarding - hospitals, ammunition, etc. Make out a complete list tonight which will show all of these installations that you are guarding. Show the location and description. In the case of a hospital, give the number of persons in the hospital and the number guarding it. (This will help us when we take them over). There will be a new order coming down to you the first thing in the morning. It will include more stuff, but will not change your present plan. Lt. Valtin; Will send the report in thru message center. G-3; That will be OK.
- 2310 - 1st and 2nd Bns give negative reports.
- 2337 - Lt. Goldberg, CO, A, 1st Medics, reports the Russians have all been cleared from the concentration camp at CHEB.
- 2330 - Lt. Valtin to 1st Bn duty officer: How many hospitals are you guarding in ERAMBACH? Ans: There are three hospitals, but we are only guarding one.
- 2335 - Maj. Kelly, G-3 to Lt. Valtin: Is your 3rd Bn in an assembly area in CHEB, and your regimental CP in ERANT LAZNE? Ans: That is correct.
- 2337 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 2345 - Lt. Valtin gives negative report to G-3.
- 2350 - 1st Bn gives negative report; 2nd Bn reports negative at 2355 hours.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, Czechoslovakia, 315745.

- 0001 to 0500 hours all units report negative. Negative hourly reports are forwarded to G-3 by the duty officer. At 0110 hours 3rd Bn reported that the K company patrol found bridge blown at 330756, the patrol returned. At 0430 hours 1st Bn was out of contact due to communication trouble.
- 0550 - 2nd Bn to S-3, Maj. White: Any change in the plans? Ans: No, the plan is the same. Let me know when the companies jump off.
- 0605 - Blue 3 to S-3: We got K company off at 0600 hours. Order is - K, L, and I. K company is going to RICHENSDORF, then HUISAM, will stay on main road to ANDRESKROUF, STEINHOF, AND KYNSPERK. (18th Inf not moving until 0830 hours). I company, 16th, on main road to KUISAM and cuts south. Cuts main road at Pt 45, cuts off road at 58 and takes Pts 63 and 67. L company follows and takes all small towns in our sector. Forward CP moving up following I company.
- 0610 - S-3 to 2nd Bn S-3: Can you give me your battalion plan? Ans: F Company on the left, E company in the center, and G company on the right. F company will hit points, 4, 8, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40 and up to 43. E company will hit Pts 6, 17, 23, 30, 41, 46 to final objective. G company will hit pts 9, 18, 31, 36, 44, 47, 52 and on to their objective. G company has jumped off at 0600 hours and E and F companies are all set to jump.
- 0620 - S-3 to G-3: 2nd and 3rd Bns jumped off at 0600 hours this morning. 3rd Bn on the south, 2nd Bn in the center, and the 1st Bn will be on the north. G-3: Do you have 18th Inf positions? Ans: No. G-3: K company at road intersection at 370756. L company down road SE at 389740. I company further SE at 400731. 1st Bn runs from 420718 to 437695. 2nd Bn from the town of "D" to 485658. 26th Inf jumping at 0600 hours also.
- 0645 - 2nd Bn S-3 to S-3: E company has elements 1500 yards east of Pt 6. G company 1500 yards east of Pt 10. They have two tanks that are stuck and will need a retriever to get them out.
- 0650 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: We jumped off at 0600 hours. A company is halfway to SNEAKY. G company is 800 yards from FLESNA.
- 0700 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 0706 - Maj. Robinson, 7th FA, to S-3: You have any reports on 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn? Ans: (Gives the above information).

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- 0715 - White 3 to S-3: G company is 600 yards W of Pt 10. E company is 1000 yards NE of Pt 9. F company has been to Pt 4.
- 0720 - Red 3 to S-3: What are the locations of 2nd and 3rd Bns? (S-2 gives locations as listed above). Red 3: A company is still in the woods. C company nearly in PIESNA.
- 0730 - 3rd Bn S-2 to S-2: Town Pt 10 cleared. Town 1500 yards NE cleared. Town 500 yards South of 18. (Via 284 radio).
- 0738 - G-2 to S-2: (S-2 gives latest positions as listed above).
- 0755 - Radio msg to Lt. Lynch, Div 10: Blue at town 800 yards south of Pt 18, I company (352775).
- 0800 - Blue 6 to S-3: Not much to report right now. Pt 10 is clear. K company at 360778. Towns to west in the sector are clear. I at 374760; L following K. There have been a few rifle shots; have 1 PW.
- 0800 - 1st Bn reports: C company in PIESNA; A company in SNEAKY; B company on objective in VILDSTEJN.
- 0815 - S-3 to G-3: (Gives latest positions as above).
- 0820 - Blue 2 to S-2: 2nd Bn is getting some smoke at about 3581. K has taken 20 PWs. They are in DURNBACH, moving towards ANA. I company is 200 yards NE of Pt 21. L following K. (S-2 gives positions of the rest of the regiment).
- 0825 - 1st Bn reports to Lt. Lynch: B company on second objective. C company picked up 4 men lost on that patrol a few days ago where the 11 men were missing.
- 0830 - Blue 2 reports: K Company 2 kilometers due north of Pt 21. Our CP at 349755.
- 0845 - Lt. Walker to Capt. Hall: Bridge at Pt 26 has just been blown. K company meeting some small arms fire, and is now heading towards Pt 28.
- 0848 - White 3 to S-3: G company at Pt 9, can't raise E or F company. F company reports a wounded man in house at Pt 4. G company getting a little small arms fire.
- 0900 - Colonel Gibb to Blue 6: We are interested in Bridge at 392766. The CO of the armored is here, and if it is in they will go. Blue 6: We are sending two companies for it and if it is blown, will get permission from the 18th Inf to send people and armor thru them, across the bridge.

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- 0902 - Col. Gibb to Red 5: What is new? Ans: A company is in SNEAKY; G company in PLESNA. B company's position is not confirmed. No Fws. S-6: Have Colonel Driscoll call me.
- 0903 - Radio Intercept: 2nd Bn forward to rear - We are 1100 yards E of Pt 9.
- 0910 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Give me position on 1st and 3rd Bns. (Lt. Kestlinger gives latest positions). White 3: Think E company at 350820 - F is in the second town.
- 0915 - FWI reports: 8 stragglers and 2 OCS one a deserter, came thru PLESNA, said there was a company in the town.
- 0930 - Lt. Kestlinger to 18th Inf S-3: Gives our latest positions. 18th Inf: 2nd Bn jumped; 3rd Bn jumping now. Leading elements at 458690, and 458712.
- 0936 - Blue 5 to S-3: Where is the 9th Armored? Ans: Waiting back here. Blue 5: The hell they are; they just passed our CP and are going down to the big "Y" fork. The Colonel is going down to investigate, it. S-3: Stop the tanks at the Y fork. Ans: OK.
- 0937 - Blue 5 to S-3: The Colonel is down with K company at Pt 28. The bridge is in. What about the tanks? S-3: Stop them at the fork. The tank commander is here. He will go up. Ans: OK.
- 0945 - White 3 to S-3: E company is NE of Pt 18. They are meeting small arms; still at the same stop 500 yards N of Pt 17. F company is at Pt 8, having small arms fight. They went to Pt 4, then S, then to town of GRUN. S-3: What about the artillery fire? Ans: No artillery or mortar fire reported. S-3: The combat command is going thru 3rd Bn's zone. Bridge is in at Pt 28.
- 0946 - Red 5 to S-3: Companies C and A still clearing SNEAKY and PLESNA. No further details. B company still at the same position as reported previously on the way to Pt 4.
- 0947 - S-3 to G-3: (Summary of the situation given). G-3: The General has ordered the Combat Command to proceed E to the objective. They will use the main road.
- 0952 - S-3 to G-3: I want to confirm Lt. Kestlingers conversation. The Combat commander and G-6 are here. About a half hour ago, our 3rd Bn saw the armored at 370755. The combat commander gave them orders to hold there. In the meantime, our 3rd Bn reported the bridge at 392778 in. At 0940B, the General ordered the Combat Commander to proceed on the mission. Generally speaking, they will go up the main road; crossing on the bridge at 392778; to the town of F and up the main road to the objective. Ans: Fine. S-3: It is going to be a hell-of-a-hike, to the objective line. We have 5 trucks dead-lined.

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- G-3: I will see if I can get you some trucks. Ans: Fine.
- 1008 - G-2 to S-2: We are up here now. (S-2 reviews the situation). G-2: The 18th Inf doesn't have a great deal of resistance. The 26th Inf the same. I can't get a definite statement out of them. The 26th got 26 PWs from the 27th Pz Div. They have no tanks, lost them at the Russian front; just returned from the Russian front; claimed it was better to give up to the Americans.
- 1012 - S-3 to Blue 5: What is the latest? Blue 5: K company is running into tank fire in the town at 28. This message came over commercial phone line. Phoned in by the wire man who is under fire. This, however, isn't confirmed. S-3: The CC will move out. Blue 5: Yes, they are on the way. A full colonel is up here now. S-3: He is the CO of the CC.
- 1016 - Arty IN O reports: Conversation with White 3 - G company is 1000 yards NE of Pt 18; E company is at Pt 17 and town to the N. They are running into light small arms fire. F company 500 yards SW of Pt 8; meeting heavy small arms fire.
- 1027 - Blue 3 to S-3: I&K companies at the town at Pt 28. Armored is here. There are 2 aerial bombs on the bridge. The bridge was prepared for demolition. The wires were cut by our men. At the present time they are getting mortar fire. I believe they are trying to hit the bombs and setting them off with mortar fire. The colonel and the Tank Commander is at Pt 21. Waiting for Engineers to clear the bridge. S-3: Capt. Murphy is up there for that purpose. Blue 3: What should we do? Ans: You will continue to mop up after the armored. Where are you at present? Blue 3: 2200 yards W of Pt 21.
- 1030 - S-3, 18th Inf to S-3: Our 3rd Bn jumped at 0925B; K company jumped at 0945 B; I company at 0952 B was at 425725.
- 1035 - Red 1 to S-3: Here is the latests - A company is half way to KLINGHARDT: Still moving; no resistance; C company is in SNEKY; no further reports on B company. We are still at our original CP; no line to forward. Just sent them a radio message by 284 for the latest situation. They are moving to Pt 3.
- 1041 - Capt. Murphy, Co A, 1st Engrs to S-2: In regard to the bombs, it is an ordnance job. I can't get ordnance. Will you call them? Ans: Yes.
- 1045 - S-3 to G-4: Will you notify the Ordnance that there are two aerial bombs on the bridge at 392778 left for demolition? Ans: Will do.
- 1047 - G-4 to S-3: Can't contact the Ordnance. The engineers are here. They stated since the traffic is moving over the bridge, no need to worry about the bombs. S-3: The enemy is throwing mortars in on the bridge to set off the bombs. Ans: OK, I will try to contact Ordnance again.

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- 1050 - G-4 to S-3: Maj. Oxford, Engrs, said he would take care of the aerial bombs right away. Ans: OK, fine.
- 1055 - Radio message 2nd Bn Advance: We are 800 yards NE of Pt 18. Cannot contact E and F.
- 1100 - Blue 2 to S-3: The Armored people are passing thru us now. They are getting some artillery fire in the town. It isn't bothering anyone. The recon came back stopped by fire. However, the armored is riding thru it. (S-3 reviews the situation).
- 1110 - Red 2 to S-2: We have two PWs from the 9th VOIKSTRUM. Couldn't get a thing from them.
- 1115 - S-2 to White 3: Anything further on the companies? Ans: No reports.
- 1116 - MESSAGE to CO 16th Inf from CG 1st US Inf Div: Div CP opened P-310738 at 060930 B.
- 1117 - Radio Message to CO 16th Inf from CO 1st Bn: C-2 1500 yards E of Pt 03. Send locations of 2nd Bn and the 26th Inf.
- 1118 - Red 1 to S-3: A company is 600 yards W of KLINGHARDT; meeting small arms fire. No further reports on B; A is still moving. PIENNA is cleared. C company went down to SNEYRY.
- 1120 - S-3 18th Inf to S-3: Our I company is at 430728; L at 430745; K in town at 425725 and Blue CP is there. S-3 gives review of the situation.
- 1125 - White 3 to S-3: E company has one platoon in the town at 367822. They have 21 prisoners and E company has 5 casualties (one killed in action).
- 1130 - Red 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: B is 1500 yards East of Pt 3. (Previous report an error). They are temporarily held up by small arms; have taken 8 PWs; have 4 casualties. They expect to be able to move. Lt. Kestlinger: E company has one platoon at 365825. The armor is passing thru the 3rd Bn.
- 1137 - Radio Intercept. From 1st Bn A company - C-1, 400 yards W of Pt 7, in fire fight. A found a defended road block. From 3rd Bn: New CP at 394778. Wire in shortly.
- 1145 - Lt. Kestlinger to Sgt McGill, Blue Bn: Tell Capt. Murphy that there is a bridge out at 311799; it is to be fixed.
- 1150 - Sgt Parker, 18th Inf to S-2: (Reports the following as of 1051 hours): E co of the 18th between 457685 and 500680, moving. F co of the 18th at 513613; G co of the 18th at 489675. 1st Bn of the 18th holding until the 2nd Bn takes its objective. 1st Bn has taken over 100 PWs already.

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- 1155 - Capt. Elder, White 3, to S-3: K co says they are at Pt 26, no report on enemy activity given. 1st Bn positions given by S-3, correct positions of B co given. White 3 states he will check with F co to see if they still want artillery fire.
- 1200 - Sgt Parker, 18th Inf reports: I co at 445730 going to town of "S". K co behind I on the western edge of the town. I co on the western edge of the town at 435745, getting some small arms.
- 1205 - Sgt Kerber, reports - F company at Pt 8.
- 1215 - Blue 6 to S-3: I am moving L co up. K co will be on the north when we go for Pt 38. My CP will be at Pt 28. We have 70 PWs.
- 1230 - White 6 to S-6: This is no walk away. F co is all along on the north flank, and are having quite a time. Are there any more tanks? S-6: If the armor breaks thru, will try and put the Recon and the light tanks in the center. Will do everything I can for you. White 6: E co got into quite a go; there have been a number of casualties including a sgt. In the town of E, they killed 12 ~~ENEMY~~ enemy and captured 21. The people in the town had orders to defend to the last man. Do you intend moving your CP? S-6: We will move up when Blue Bn gets on their objective. The bridge will be put in up there. Driscoll will defend to the north with the left two companies, and his right company may go to you. Will do all that I can for you. White 6: Fine, sir.
- 1230 - S-3 to G-3: Gives the latest positions of our units, as previously listed.
- 1250 - Msg - Password from 2200 hours 6 May to 1200 Hours 7 May - ELECTRIC - TOASTER. Third Army password for 6 May - SERVICE - POSTAL.
- 1300 - Blue 2 reports: Have Capt. Hall call me.
- 1301 - S-3 to G-3: Are the light tanks attached to us? Ans: Yes, up to 1400 or 1600 hours. S-3: Last night I got a message saying they were detached as of 1800 hours. Opns Instructions #82 had rescinded #81. G-3: What did you want them for? Ans: For the 2nd Bn. G-3: Will check with the people here before doing anything about it. They were in ~~XXXX~~ tended as Div Reserve. You are correct, they were to be detached as of 1800 hours.
- 1305 - White 3 to S-3: Latest positions: F company is 500 yards South of Pt 8, moving SE. E company is approaching town of HNEVIN, (2000 yards East of Pt 17, on the 37 northing). G is still at Pt 26, moving on but the bridge is blown and we can't get the engineers up there; one tank is stuck now. S-3: Will have Captain Murphy see you. Where is your CP? Ans: It is still in the town; have a forward relay at Pt 9. 40 enemy reported at Pt 23, all are OCS and are willing to fight. We are using artillery and mortar fire. S-3: The Armored has gone thru Blue.

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- 1318 - S-3 to Blue 3: What do you have on the forward elements? Ans: They are still sitting; jumping at 1330 hours. S-3: Are you getting any artillery fire or mortar fire? Ans: No. S-3: Has the armored cleared? Ans: No.
- 1320 - S-2 to G-2: Do you have any Czecks that we can use? Ans: Will send six; they have their own transportation and will be under an NCO or an officer.
- 1322 - S-2 to FWI: Any PWs? Ans: Only those previously reported EB the 8 OCS and 2 RAD.
- 1334 - S-6 to Colonel Beck: How about the light tanks? Ans: Take them, effective 1330 hours. S-6: What are the 18th and 26th running into? Ans: The same thing that you are - a little stuff here and there. The 26th was on line with you at last report; will try and get some information on them for you. S-6: What is holding up the Armored? Ans: A message from CGA of 1300 hours reports two AT guns at 450795; they lost their lead vehicle.
- 1336 - S-6 to White 6: D company of the 745th Tanks is attached to you and are on the way. White 6: Will move this outfit up to Pt 20. S-6: Use it as a complete company with F company. White 6: Will move up to vicinity of Pt 30 when they get up here. I have G company planned for between Pt 30 and 36; both E and G will be there. S-6: Keep pushing for there. Will have Blue push for KYNSPERK.
- 1335 - Maj. White to Capt. Elder, White 3: Is a platoon of E company at DOUBROVA? Ans: Yes.
- 1345 - Capt. Booth, Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: K and L companies going for Pt 38, and Pt 37 now. I company going for Pt 39. There is no report on the present positions.
- 1346 - Message - CO 8th Armored Div to CO 1st Div: Head of Democracy at RJ 370755 at 1000 hours. Have been ordered to pass thru 16th Inf immediately.
- 1350 - Capt. Clark to Red 3: Are there any changes in company positions? Ans: No change in companies. The CP is at Pt 3.
- 1400 - Sgt Collura, Regtl Opns Sgt, to S-4: Company D of the 745th is re-attached as of 1330 hours. They will be with the 2nd Bn.
- 1405 - S-2 to G-2: 10 soldiers in civilian clothes can be added to the list of PWs. The OCS brigade of 3 Bns has 400 to 500 men with perhaps 3 mortars in each Bn. Capt. Kastrap states that the 2nd company pulled out of PIENNA last night because our attack was expected. Civilians kept coming from BRAMBACH and telling of our tank movement. General BERNECK is the CG of the 2nd Pz Division.

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- 1420 - White 3 to S-3: E company is at Pt 23, there are 3 TDs with them. We are going to send the light tanks; they will go to Pt 17; F Co is 1000 yards West of Pt 15. S-3: The Engrs are going out to F Co.
- 1422 - Radio Message: CO 1st Bn to S-3: Give me the 2nd Bn positions.
- 1423 - Radio Message: S-3 to CO 1st Bn: At Pt 1000 yards West of Pt 15, and at Pts 23 and 26.
- 1425 - 18th Inf S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: A of the 18th at 445700; B company of the 18th at 425712. C company in the town on the 46 grid. E and G at 500680; they had some fighting and took FWs. F co is going to the south; I company at 461733; riding tanks and TDs. K Co is at 442730. L company had some trouble in the town at 435745. Our CP is at 446686.
- 1435 - S-3 to G-3: (Gives our co positions). G-3: E/26th at 265990; F co at 2396; A at 2998; K at 317937; L at 317917; L company in PIESNA.
- 1438 - Blue 3 to S-2: K Co at point 1000 yards north of Pt 39. L Co 300 yards back of K. No location of I company. We have quite a few FWs, possibly 75. Armored in fire fight at Pt 45, they are now moving.
- 1445 - MESSAGE - CG 1st US Inf Div to CO 16th Inf: Co D, 745th Tank Bn is attached to 16 CT effective 061330B May.
- 1500 - Red 6 to S-6: A civilian knocked out a tank on us. One forward observer called for fire this morning and couldn't get it. Capt. Stabler finally got the fire. Pt 14 is clear; A company should be in KLINGHARD soon. C company at Pt 13; B Co at Pt 9; will move to Pt 29 if possible.
- 1510 - 2nd Bn at Pt 31 with G Co. (Radio message).
- 1512 - Radio Message - K Co in town at Pt 38; no resistance; have not reached Pt 37 yet.
- 1515 - White 3 to S-2: E Co at Pt 23; they are going to Pt 30; F Co at SORGEN, they came from Pt 8. Light tanks are on the way up now.
- 1525 - S-6 to G-6: I want to shoot up the towns in front of me. The civilians are taking up arms against us. A civilian knocked out a tank; we have a truck load of civilian FWs coming back now. G-6: I will get permission to turn on the artillery.

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- 1535 - S-6 to White 3: Notify E and G co's to contact 3rd Bn in the town. Ans: E Co is at Pt 23, going for Pt 30. G Co is at Pt 31, moving towards Pt 36. F between Pts 15 and 17. E Co has about 80 FWS so far. S-6: B Co is at Pt 14. C Co is just east of Pt 17, moving on Pt 13; will continue to Pt 23.
- 1545 - S-3 to White 3: You haven't had any tank fire today have you? Ans: None had been reported. S-3: Be prepared to lose the AT platoon tonight. K Co is 1000 yards SW of the Pt 38. L Co is behind them. I Co is 1000 yards SW of that town.
- 1600 - G-2 to S-2: There is a 1st class story circulating around here that in your 1st Bn a civilian knocked out a tank. Is that right? Ans: Yes. G-2: Will you see what you can find out about the civilian? Ans: OK. (Gave PW identifications). G-2: Ivanhoe moved 18 kilometers, took PILSEN without resistance. Took 1000 FWS.
- 1606 - Blue 6 to S-6: I have two companies in KYNSPERK. K co is defending to the north, L company from the road to the east. I co in the town 1100 meters SW of Pt 59. S-6: Push out to point 44; keep I Co coming up on the right flank. I am getting AT company up to KYNSPERK for security. I will get somebody up as soon as I can take over for you. Blue 6: Pft 39 is not clear.
- 1615 - Colonel Gibb to Ma j. Green, G-3: What do you hear about the armor? Ans: Not much sir. S-6: Head of their column is on the road at 430780. Town of STEINHOF is still not clear. K and L Co's are in KYNSPERK. I am keeping one company in KYNSPERK. About 2 kilometers west of KIRCHENBERG will be end of our endeavors for today. 2nd Bn on line N and S of 425 line from here.
- 1620 - S-3 to Red 3: (Talked about pulling AT Platoon back for security guard).
- 1630 - G-6 to S-6: What seems to be the trouble with CGA? Ans: I just talked with Blue 6, and he said there were 4 AT guns out there, two of which the armor had knocked out. The tanks are just sitting on the road. G-6: Do you know where their CP is? Ans: No, I do not, but I will find out and call you back.
- 1635 - S-6 to Blue 6: Anything new on the armored? Ans: No, sir. S-6: Where is their CP? Ans: About 800 yards West of Pt 39. They are not moving that I know of. They have a mobile CP.
- 1640 - S-3 to Maj. Margolis, Mil Govt: Col. Horner wants you to send a military government detachment up to the new CP.
- 1646 - Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co to S-3: I am up at the 2nd Bn and Capt. Elder did not know he was losing the A T Platoon. Ans: I just told Lt. Chandler a few minutes ago, so they know about it.

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- 1650 - 1st Bn reports: C Co just reported 200 yards East of Pt 13.
- 1653 - Anti tank Co reports to Regimental control as of 1630 hours.
- 1655 - S-2 to Red 3: Can you give me the story on the civilian that knocked out a tank? Ans: Civilian raised up and fired a Panzerfaust at the 2nd tank and knocked it out. They immediately killed him. The civilians had arms on them. One had Volkstrum thing on him. We have 24 PWs here that we will send back. B Co is down around Pt 14. C Co is 200 yards East of Pt 13.
- 1700 - S-2 to G-2: (Gave story on the civilian who knocked out the tank. Also gave the latest positions as previously listed above).
- 1710 - Capt. Elder, White 3 to S-3: Anything more on this AT platoon? Ans: a/ Yes. They reverted to company control as of 1630 hours today, so get them back as soon as you can as we are using them for security. White 3: E Co is close to Pt 30. White 6: G Co is in the vicinity of Pt 36, still a little to do yet, but they are going OK. F Co is still in the vicinity of Pt 20. I told him to keep going to Pt 25, and then to Pt 35. I am positive we will not make our objective tonight. I would like to tie in somewhere on the right and left flank. We got to start buttoning up somewhere. Ans: I will check on B Co, and then let you know.
- 1720 - S-3 to Blue 3: Can you give me your latest locations? Ans: The Colonel has gone up to Pt 38 now to move L Co to Pt 14. I Co was just told to move from Pt 19 to KRANHOF. Armor just started to move again. The Colonel will put K around Pt 45.
- 1730 - S-3 to Red 2: Can you tell me where companies are now? Ans: B is at Pt 14. A Co also will move in here through Point 13. C is now moving out in the attack. C is going 1000 yards north of Pt 19. B Co is moving now. These PWs are really tough. They will not talk at all. They are from the OCS brigade. B is going for Pt 19.
- 1740 - S-3 to White 6: Here is the summary for tonight. Move G Co to the vicinity of Pt 41. Another company in the vicinity of 35, extending NE about 500 yards, 416865. 1st Bn is to get up to Pt 29 if possible. Other Co of 1st Bn, 2000 yards N of Pt 25; other Co 1000 yards N of Pt 19. White 6: I will try to get two companies between Pts 29 and 35. S-3: 3rd Bn is going to Pts 14; one company 500 yards West of Pt 48, and other company at Pt 45. White 6: I would like to tie them in east of Pt 36. I will put one Co between Pts 29 and 35, one between 36 and 41, and the 3rd Co around Pt 36. Ans: OK.
- 1740 - 18th Inf reports: A and B Co's - no change. C Co at 496720; E Co at 540711; F Co - no change; G Co at 530700; I Co at 480713; L Co at 443745; K Co at 462734. These are our latest locations of our Co's.

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- 1745 - S-3 to Blue 3: Here is the plan for the tie-in tonight. Want one company in the vicinity of Pt 45. Then right company of 2nd Bn will be somewhere between Pts 36 and 41. It is already laid-on w with them. They will work over to about 1200 yards NW of Pt 44, and contact you at Pt 44. Do you think you can get up th those points?
Ans: I think so.
- 1758 - S-3 to Red 3: Here is the way we tie-in for tonight - I have already spoken to 2nd and 3rd Bns about it. (Gives him the plan as listed for 2nd and 3rd Bns). Want you to put one company in the vicinity of Pt 29 and 19, to protect to the North. Another at 363873.
- 1805 - S-3 to G-3E Here is our new location list: C at 368864; B at 340-854. ~~SENTRY~~ A Co is in the process of moving where B Co is. F Co is at 365835; L at 433800; I at 440770; K at 425795. What is the latest from the combat command (CCA)? G-3: The latest we have puts them at 465805, they are just getting out of the woods now. S-3: Can you give me the locations of the 2 right companies of the 26th Inf? G-3: Think it is their L and I Co's. Ans: L is at 313905 and I is at 310920.
- 1812 - S-3 to 26th Inf S-3: (Discuss plans for a tie-in for tonight). 26th Inf is to call back and let S-3 know their plan.
- 1830 - Red 2 to S-3: The Colonel would like to know what happened to the platoon of Regimental AT guns. S-3: They were taken away to guard a town. I explained it to Capt. Kahlb. How does the Colonel like the plan for tonight? Red 6: It is OK - we are already there.
- 1850 - Lt. Valtin, FWI, to clerk: 92 FWs from the 2nd Bn - 33 from the 1st Bn of the OGS brigade; 7 from the Vulkstrum; 45 from the Air port command EGCR. 6 stragglers and one from RAD.
- 1902 - White Bn reports: 7th FA artillery observer with F Co reports that they have passed Pt 25, but we have not been notified by the regular channels yet.
- 1935 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me 2nd Bn positions? Ans: F is passing thru Pt 25. E Co is at Pt 30. G Co at Pt 36. Red 3: C Co is at Pt 22; B Co between Pt 19 and the town. A Co is at Pt 14 and will move to Pt 29.
- 1940 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is new? Ans: (Gives 1st Bn positions). White 3: G Co is pushing a strong patrol to Pt 41; and one along the river to Pt 44. Where is the 3rd Bn? Ans: Gives the positions of the 3rd Bn and those of the 18th Inf.
- 2004 - S-3 to Radio? Send the 3rd Bn this message - "Report Locations and let me know when there".

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- 2005 - S-3 to G-3: What goes with the 26th Inf? Ans: I Co is at town 3690. I at town 3492; K in 3294 square. A Co is in town 2998. B in town 2799; C in town 3898. S-3: I don't think we can make final phase line tonight. Ans: Try to get to 4591 SE to 4987. S-3: Don't think we can make it before dark. (Gives positions). G-3: I of the 26th Inf in town at 4776; K 26th in town 4979; G of 26th in town 5173. E of 26th in town 5773; F of 26th is passing thru E Co to town at 6172. G is following behind E Co. 26th Inf took 900 PWs today.
- 2025 - S-3 to Blue 3: What are your positions? Ans: I is now going into position at Pt 44. S-3: You will take off again in the morning. You will move at 0600 hours. (Gives 18th positions and 1st and 2nd Bn positions. Ans: I Co just reported at Pt 45 now.
- 2120 - Lt. Valtin, FWI reports to S-2: FW from the 523rd AT Co says that the 2nd platoon with three 88ms was south of the town. They were sent to town at 4378 this morning and were captured. PW saw one other 88mm east on the main road this morning.
- 2125 - White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co patrol going to Pt 44; E Co patrol to G every hour. E patrol to F at 2300, 0200, and 0500 hours. One KIA, 5 WIA in E Co. 2 WIA in F Co. G Co took 31 PWs; E took 62 PWs; F Co has one squad missing but we think that they will turn up.
- 2140 - 3rd Bn reports: I Co patrol reports friendly troops stopping at Pt 48 and 53 for the night.
- 2140 - Capt. Sylce AT Co to S-3: My whole company is up here now. S-3: Tell Capt. Booth, Blue 3, that you will take over now.
- 2140 - G-2 to S-2: How many PWs do you have? Ans: 270 for the day so far.
- 2142 - Blue Bn reports: I Co and L Co are now on objective position. K has not moved but will soon.
- 2142 - S-3 to Red 3: Any new dope? Ans: B Co is at Pt 44. A Co is moving out. S-3: F is at Pt 35. I of the 26th Inf, at Pt 16; L of the 26th Inf is 2000 yards NW of Pt 16. You move out at 0600 hours in the morning. G Co is 800 yards East of Pt 36. E, less one platoon at Pt 36. One platoon of E Co at Pt 20. L Co at Pt 44; I Co at Pt 45; K is moving from 38 to 48.
- 2143 - Lt. Valtin, FWI, to S-2: 25 PWs., - 7 from the Airport Command; 3 from the 3rd Bn of the OCS; 3 from Hqs OCS; 6 from 523rd AT Co; 2 from Vulkstrum; 2 from the Home Guard Bn 2-8-27. 2 from RAD.



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- 2144 - Lt. Lynch Div IO reports: 18th Inf Positions - I at 480745; K at 466768; L in KRATENSLOV; E in SANGERBERTH; 1st Bn will be in SANGERBERTH. 2nd Bn will go to town of "M". F at 500680. 303rd positions - 3rd at 615626; E at 635580; G at 683577; F at 683552. No fighting in this area. 26th Inf positions - I at 366905; L at 345922; A at 295981; objective at 385005. C at 379930 on objective. B at 2799; K in SCHONBACK.
- 2145 - S-2 to G-2: Gives FW report of 2100 hours. What is the dope on the armored? Ans: They are at 4882. F of the 18th Inf is in MINCHOW. 1st Bn is in SANGERBERG. I Co is at 4777; L at 4475 and K at 4975.
- 2200 - 2nd Bn to clerk: G Co patrol just returned. They went out to town at 4583 and then down to contact L Co. They saw a bridge in the vicinity of 4583 and it was in good condition.
- 2210 - S-3 to Capt. Sylce, AT Co: How are things? Ans: OK, sir. S-3: It would be a good idea to call into 3rd Bn every hour. Call in every ~~15~~ 15 minutes before the hour. How many half tracks have you to haul troops? Ans: Eight, sir. S-3: Turn them over to the 3rd Bn at 0600 hours in the morning.
- 2212 - S-3 to Blue 3: How would you like to get eight half tracks tomorrow? Ans: I wouldn't care for them. S-3: AT Co will have them available for you if you want them. (S-3 gives dope on our sector being extended eastward, and also reports that an order is to be picked up).
- 2215 - FWI reports: 110 FWs - 18 from the 1st Bn of OCS; 6 from 3rd Bn OCS; 9 from Hqs OCS; 20 from the airport command EGER; 4 from RAD; 10 from 21st Fortress AT Bn; 7 from the Homeguard Bn 461st VI; 20 from the Vulkstrum, 9 stragglers; 2 from the 5 XXIII AT Co; 5 from the 15th Engr Bn 15th Lettland Inf Div.
- 2220 - White 3 to Capt. Clark: G Co can get to Pt 44 to contact L Co, but they can not get across the river at that point. Will you tell L Co to have someone down by the river at 2400 hours and 0800 hours? The G Co patrol can call to them from across the river. That is how they contacted them before.
- 2222 - S-3 to Blue 6: Gives the above information.
- 2230 - S-3 to Red 5: (Tells of the sector being extended Eastward). You can get a platoon of light tanks from 2nd Bn. Ans: Have tanks report to us. We have our CP at Pt 44. We had 4 KIAs; 29 WIAs and 2 combat exhaustion cases today; that is up to 1800 hours.

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- 2232 - Lt. Lynch Div LO reports: CCA of the Armored is at 4881 and 4779.
- 2235 - MP Officer to S-2: Have 300 FWs here and Div is moving their cage to CHEB. So, I will hold them and get rid of them 1st thing in the morning.
- 2237 - S-3 to G-3: When does the Armor move? Ans: 1st thing in the morning. I'd say at 0600 hours. They have two routes - 1 for tanks through FAIKNOV and Infantry to the S of that. 18th Inf goes at 0800 hours and the 26th Inf at 0600 hours. 0 of the 26th is at 3690.
- 2246 - S-3 to Lt. Evans, 2nd Bn: You are going to lose one Platoon of lights. Have the officer report to 1st Bn Fwd CP at Pt 14 at 0615 hrs. Tell him that he has to have 5 tanks in the platoon. I also have an order here for you to pick up.
- 2250 - Red 5 to S-3: Fwd CP is at Pt 19 and not Pt 14.
- 2252 - S-2 to G-2: Gives summary of the FW report for today. Totals - FWs for today is 405.
- 2300 - 2nd Bn reports to Capt. Clark: All quiet as far as we know. It is hard to get communication with the companies.
- 2302 - Capt. Clark to Message Center: If the 1st or 3rd Bns report in to you send them over to the S-3 office to pick up an order. They have already been notified.
- 2312 - G-3 to S-3: Blue of the 18th Inf going for town at 57078 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 0600 hrs. 2nd Bn is going NE at 0800 hrs. 1st Bn goes for town at 610800 at 0800 hrs, it will pinch out the 3rd Bn. They'll have 1 platoon from the 631th maintain contact with the people on the right. What's your positions for tonight? S-3: Gives the latest positions as previously listed. Whole AT Co in town at 425800, they are securing the town. We will move our CP up to that town tomorrow.
- 2320 - White 3 to S-3: Discuss plans for tomorrow. (Such as distance, streams, bridges, and speed). One platoon of Engrs are attached and two are available.
- 2325 - Clerk to G-2: 28 more FWs - 1 from the 54th WAFFER Regt; 19 from 1st Bn OCS; 1 from the Airport command EGER; 3 Volkstrum; 4 stragglers. Total for today 433.
- 2340 - FWI reports: 1 FW from the 54th Waffer Regt, a part of the 9th Waffer brigade. They have 3 Bns of 15 150mm mortars each. The 3rd Bn as of 1200 hrs was in a rest area in the town of GOSSENBRUN at 4290.
- 2342 - The above information is reported to G-2.

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- 0015 - PWI reports: 13 PWs from CT BADEN; 5 men from the 3rd Bn of OCS; 6 men from R A D; 2 from the Airport Engineers; 8 stragglers; 1st Bn of the OCS, 12 men.
- 0017 - Red 3 to Capt. Clark: A Co is on its objective. Rest of the companies buttons-up for the night.
- 0019 - 3rd Bn reports negative.
- 0020 - Negative report to G-3 - new location of A Co given. F Company contacted A at 0300 hours at 420865.
- 0049 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Evans: (Gave information concerning the contact patrol from F Company to A company at 420865).
- 0055 - PWI reports: 17 PWs from CT BATER; 7 from RAD; 3 from the 3rd Bn of OCS; 4 from CT BENNECKE.
- 0100 - White Bn and Blue Bn give negative reports; negative reports relayed to the G-3 office.
- 0200 to 0600 - All of the units submit negative hourly reports; these are relayed to the G-3 office. (At 0330 hours Blue Bn reports that the L Co patrol to contact G was late and that the contact was not made). 3rd Bn was reminded to pick up the operations instructions at this CP.
- 0615 - G-2, Lt. Hopkins, to S-3: Do you have any information on the town of FAIKENOV? It was to be surrendered to CCA this morning thru contact with the burgemeister. Ans: No, we have no information on that.
- 0615 - Blue Bn gives negative report.
- 0621 - Mr. Lipinski to Red 3: Have the tanks from the 2nd Bn arrived yet? Ans: No. They were supposed to arrive at 0615 hours.
- 0622 - Mr. Lipinski to White 3: Have the tanks left yet? Ans: Yes, if they haven't arrived yet, they might be lost. I will check up on them.
- 0630 - S-3 to Blue 3: (Discussion concerns the possible surrender of FAIKENOV this morning to the CCA). S-3: Contact with the Russians is possible today - there is to be no recon patrols miles beyond KARISBAD. The 18th Infantry jumped at 0600 today to get the town at Pt 77.

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- 0735 - Red 3 to S-3: The light tanks haven't showed up yet. S-3: White called and said that they were on the way. I'll check again.
Ans: Both companies are on the move.
- 0750 - G-2 to Clerk: The German garrison at FAIKVON, 5087, has surrendered to CGA. Enemy in town had been rounded up and were ready to surrender on the arrival of CGA. PW stated that German radio announced all hostilities had ceased and that all German troops should report home. (This report as of 0725 hours).
- 0753 - S-3 to White Bn: Gives the above information.
- 0800 - S-3 to Jaunt C (634th TDs): You had best stay where you are and keep a runner with our message center in case we need you.
- 0815 - Lt. Lynch Div IO, reports: I of the 18th Inf is at 505780; L of the 18th at 385937.
- 0820 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Stop all movement. Take local security.
- 0825 - Lt. Kestlinger to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns: Gives the above word from G-3.
- 0835 - S-3 to G-3: Anything more? Ans: No. The armored is at 580880.
- 0837 - Lt. Moore to clerk: All companies have stopped.
- 0843 - S-2 to G-2: What goes on? Ans: We do not know anything more yet.
- 0845 - S-6 to Colonel Barnes: What is the score? Ans: We got a message which we passed on to you and we have not heard anything more.
- 0855 - Radio Intercept to the 9th Armored: Cease all forward movement. Take local security measures as necessary, further instructions to follow. CG 1st Div (0825).
- 0910 - Maj. Smith, White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger: G Co is at Pt 46. F Co at Pt 40, and E at Pt 36.
- 0920 - Lt. Lynch Div IO to Lt. Kestlinger: General HUBNER told Gen ANDRUS that the war is officially over.
- 0931 - S-2 to G-2: (Discuss the situation). G-2: A platoon of L Co of the 26th Infantry is in a fire fight at 3891.
- 0935 - Radio message from 2nd Bn: Have 35 Volkstrumers. They did not fire on us. Were given orders to assist us with the policing of the town. Shall we set them free or take them as PWs? Ans: Set them free.

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- 0940 - S-2 to G-2: We had some Volkstrumers and did not take them PWs. Is that correct? Ans: That is right.
- 0955 - Blue 2 to S-2: What is new? Ans: I do not know any more that I told you before. Blue 2: The 9th Armored is going East yet - down the road.
- 0955 - S-3 gives Bns orders to feed a hot meal to the troops at the noon meal.
- 1010 - G-3 to S-3: Will you give me your latest positions? Ans: (Gives out latest positions as previously listed. G-3: General HUBNER says that the war is over. I would say that you should find out who fired the last shot.
- 1030 - S-2 to Blue 2: We expect a large amount of surrendering enemy. You had better have a concentration area to put them in, if it is a Bn or over, the surrender terms will have to be held by Regt or Div. If they are in small groups, send them thru normal channels.
- 1032 - S-2 to White 5: (The above given - same as to Blue 2). A roster will have to be made, in the case of large groups of surrendering enemy, and they will have to bring their kitchens and food stuffs with them.
- 1055 - Pvt Kellog, 1st Bn, to S-2: We have 20 civilians who came into town and haven't eaten in a few days. Can we order the burgomeister to feed these people? Ans: Yes, tell him to house and feed them.
- 1105 - Red 3 to S-3: C Co is 1300 yards NW of Pt 34. S-3: You will not move forward and you can assemble your CP in one area.
- 1115 - Colonel Beck to Colonel Gibb? Here is a message from V-Corps dated 7 May - An agreement was signed by a high military person of unconditional surrender of Sea, Air, and land forces in Germany. This was signed at 0140 hours the 7th of May, and to become effective 0001 hours the 9th of May. Due to Difficulties of communication it is possible that elements of the German army will not hear of surrender on 0001 9 May. It will be necessary to take defensive measures until such news can be gotten to all German troops.
- 1130 - G-2 to S-3: Any persons you get today will be held in your area, if it is organized. If they are small groups, and stragglers, you will send them back.
- 1132 - S-3 to Blue 6: The information as of item 1115 hours is given. Want you to run contact patrols to the 18th Infantry.

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- 1133 - S-3 to 1st Bn: I have a message for your S-1, which must be relayed to Colonel Driscoll - "continue to maintain contact with the 26th Infantry",
- 1136 - S-3 to White 6: The agreement has been made by the High German Hq for the surrender of all land, sea, and air forces. This was signed at 1408B 7 May. It becomes effective at 0900B May. The delay is due to bad communications amongst the German units. We will remain in our present positions and maintain security.
- 1155 - Sgt. Schneider, FWI reports: 18 men from the Home Guard Bn; 4 stragglers; 10 from CCS.
- 1157 - Lt. Chandler, White 2 calls from E Co and would like to have Captain Hall call back.
- 1158 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 26th Inf runs from 345950 to 383910. 18th Inf A company at 3399; B Co at 2998; I Co at 5278; K Co at 4876; L Co in SCHONFICHT; 1st Bn complete in 5773; 2nd Bn in MINICHOV.
- 1207 - White 2 to S-2: How about the FWs coming in in large numbers? Ans: Any small numbers can come thru regular channels. Any in Co size or over - call me. White 2: Can we set up a camp here? Ans: To the best of my knowledge, yes. White 2: If we have a Russian camp - should we release the Russians and put FWs in the Camp? Ans: No.
- 1207 - S-3 notifies Red 3 of the signing of the surrender terms. Gives locations of the 18th Infantry.
- 1208 - S-2 to Blue 2: (gives information same as above on the surrender terms). Red 6: We picked up the rest of the company with out firing. They claim they heard a broadcast announcing surrender. S-2: We are to maintain security.
- 1240 - Blue 3 to S-3: Where are the leading elements, i.e., the closest elements of the 18th Inf? Ans: K is at Pt 55; I at Pt 65; L is below K Co outside of the town.
- 1250 - G-3 to S-3: A plane, type unknown, carrying a representative of the German Hi-Command will land at airport $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S of PILSEN at about 1530 hours today. Notify all units not to fire at this plane. (All units were notified).
- 1345 - Maj. Margolis, Mil Govt, to S-2: In the town of VILDSTEJN there is a FW camp that has about 200 Russians in it. Last night there was a guard on it; today there is no guard. Whose areas that in? Ans: 1st Bn, I will take care of it.

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- 1347 - S-2 to Red 2: Cannon Co is going to be detached from you, less the assault guns. This takes place this afternoon. Cannon Co is going into an assembly area in the vicinity of VILDSTEJN. Cannon Co will take over the responsibility for the camp at VILDSTEJN. Red 2: B Co has 25 PWs; we are sending them in.
- 1505 - Division to S-6: All enemy units that surrender will remain in place. Any stragglers will be turned over to these surrendering units for administration. Stragglers will be held by the Bns until complete units are located for administration.
- 1510 - The above message was relayed to the Bns as follows - 2nd Bn, Capt. Scott; 1st Bn, Capt. Kolb; 3rd Bn, Capt. Booth.
- 1522 - S-3 to Capt. Kolb, Red 3: Tie in with the people on your right and left by patrols. Cannon Co and the assault guns are to be taken away from you. Red 3: C Co is at Pt 33. B Co at Pt 34 and F Co at Pt 35.
- 1525 - Capt. Murphy, 1st Engrs A Co, to S-3: There are 30 PWs locked up in VILDSTEJN. There has been no military government in there; the Burgemeister is carrying on, no arms or such, have been collected as yet.
- 1527 - S-3 to 18th Inf: Would like to arrange a contact between our 3rd Bn and you. Ans: Our L Co is at 520786; I Co at 540785; K Co at 490770. S-3: We will contact your L Co. Patrols will be every three hours. We will start at 1600 hours; you contact us at 1900 hours - and then alternate every three hours. Our K Co is at 472795.
- 1530 - PWI reports: We have 9 Volkstrum PWs.
- 1535 - S-2 to Lt. McCain, Cannon Co: Cannon Co, less the assault guns, are detached from the 1st Bn effective right now. You will move to the town of VILDSTEJN at 3085, and will have general control of the town. You will have the responsibility of taking over the PW camp there. (Check with the 1st Bn before moving).
- 1540 - Sgt Parker, 18th Inf reports: The contact is OK and is being laid-on.
- 1541 - Blue 2 to S-2: There is a military hospital in town at 396790. Staff of 7 and 31 patients. S-2: Put a guard on it. Will try and have them evacuated tomorrow.
- 1600 - S-2 to G-3: Have our people at SELB been relieved? Ans: Yes. There is a new set-up on walking patients in hospitals. When they leave the hospital they go out as civilians, not as PWs.

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- 1605 - Clerk to Lt. Walker, Blue 2: The men guarding the hospital at SELB have been released. Capt. Hall would like you to arrange to pick them up. Blue 2: Have Capt. Hall call me, please.
- 1630 - S-2 to Maj. Robbins, 7th FA: Do you have guards on the camp in the town you are in? Ans: We have informed the people to stay in side from 1800 to 0600 hours. We also have 4 road blocks set up.
- 1635 - FWI reports: 27 PWs from OCS. 4 men from RAD; 1 Volkstrum; 4 Home Guards; 10 Fortress AT 5-23; 6 CT EGER; 5 33rd Regt 15th Lettland Div. One each from 15 arty; 15 AA; 15 fusilier Bn; 15 Repl Bn; 42nd Regt 19 Lettland Div.
- 1700 - S-2 to Blue 2: You will have to put a guard on the hospital tomorrow, if arrangements for evacuation cannot be made.
- 1702 - FWI reports: 16 from OCS; 4 from RAD; (This information plus the above listing of PWs given to Division).
- 1730 - S-2 to Blue 2: Two Nazi leaders by the name of LEY AND HENLINE are supposed to be around I Co at GOLDRF. Blue 2: We know of no large estate around there where these people might be, but we will look for them.
- 1732 - S-2 to FWI: One American and 2 English PWs are coming back from 3rd Bn. As soon as they come in send them to the Provost Marshal.
- 1740 - S-3 to Blue 6: Danger has instructed us to put one company in FAIKNOV. There is a medical detachment from the 9th Armored there now. You can use Antitank half tracks to get them there.
- 1756 - Blue 6 to S-3: Capt. Richmond was up there and he said one Co would be completely lost in there. It will need plenty of men there. It is ~~WASTELY~~ really a Bn job. S-3: Do you want to put two companies in there? Ans: I would like an OK to move two Co's up there if I need them. There are at least 35 American PWs down there and several French. Ans: Move up there what you want to. You are responsible for the job, so move what you want.
- 1802 - CIC, Lt. Bezley, to S-2: All but 350 worked in town today.
- 1827 - Blue Bn to Clerk: K Co started to move to the town of FAIKNOV. It hasn't been decided as yet whether L Co will go or not.
- 1830 - Lt. Lewellyn, MP officer, to S-2: The road blocks are organized. Do you expect any PWs tonight? Ans: There may be a few.

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- 1840 - Message signed 1500 B). From G-4 to GO 16th Inf: Surrendering enemy units will remain in place. Enemy stragglers will be turned over to surrendering units for administration. Signed: Andrus.
- 1842 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: Maj. White said he would let me know where we would contact the 18th Inf? Ans: You contact 18th Inf I Co at Pt 66 at 2200 hrs and every 6 hrs after that. They will contact your L co at 1900 hrs, and every 6 hrs after that. Blue 3 to S-2: Civilians reported at THRR, 421858, there is an ammunition dump. They reported some Germans there, so we went out and got them. Also at Pt 52 is a bridge with mines on it. Capt. Clark to Capt. Booth: I will tell the 18th Inf to contact your I co, and if they can't do that, I will call you back.
- 1856 - Capt. Clark to 18th Inf S-3: Our I Co at 453792 in place of our K Co. We will contact your L Co at 2200 hrs. Ans: OK.
- 1915 - Capt. Clark to G-4: Did you want me? Ans: Yes. How many FWS did you take today? Capt. Clark: 134 total. S-4: Clear them over to our cage tonight.
- 1920 - Capt. Clark to Lt. Lewilyn: Clear all FWS over to Division cage tonight.
- 1921 - Capt. Clark to G-2: Total FWS for today 134.
- 1923 - Capt. Clark to Red 2: Do you have any prisoners on hand now? Ans: No. Capt. Clark: If you get any soon, send them right back as we want to get them to division cage before midnight because after that they are handled under a new policy.
- 1925 - Capt. Clark gives above information on FWS to White 2.
- 1927 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Do you have any prisoners out there now? Ans: Yes, about 60 from I Co and 14 others. Capt. Clark: Div wants them all in before midnight and tomorrow they start a new policy.
- 2003 - Maj. Margolis, Mil. Govt to Blue 3: Try to get word to the Col. and Lt. Walker in FAIKNOV that I will be up in that town tomorrow, and to have all males between 15 and 60 report to the Mayor's office at 1000 hours. Also, we want all arms, swords, etc., turned in tomorrow.
- 2030 - Blue 3 to S-3: Have a message from Blue - he says town of FAIKNOV is in bad shape. Have two companies there now. K Co is on the north side of the river, and L Co on the East end of the town. One recon troop of the 9th Armored is there plus one medical unit. Moving A1 Co to Pt 58 and the CP to FAIKNOV as soon as we can. There is a camp on the NW side of town with 1000 women in it, all in bad shape physically.

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- 2045 - 18th Inf S-3 to Maj. White: I checked on that route of contact with the 3rd Bn, and it is no good. We would as soon not make any contact. Maj. White: OK, you'll secure your left flank then.
- 2047 - S-3 to Blue 3: Talked to the Colonel about the situation in FAIKNOV. Nothing will be done tonight, but he will be up with the Medical Detachment first thing in the morning to look it over.
- 2130 - PWI reports: Identifications - 21 PWs from OCS; 22 from RAD; two stragglers; 66 Jugoslava; 1 from the Fortress AT Bn 5-23; 7 men from the Lettland Div.
- 2136 - Red 3 to S-3: We are at Pt 25.
- 2150 - All units submit negative reports.
- 2320 - Blue 6 to S-3: I Co is at Pt 58; buttoning up; blocking roads; heard some armored on the high ground SE of Pt 58; K Co N of the river at Pt 57. L Co is south of the river in the town. A camp of 1000wmen located in the town; also a camp with about 1500 Russians who are a troublesome group.
- 2400 - White Bn reports negative. A negative report for the CT-16 is given to G-3 office.

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- 0001 to 0700 all units give hourly negative reports, and these are relayed to the G-3 office hourly.
- 0725 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Did you put a company in FAIKNOV? Ans: Yes; K and L companies.
- 0830 - G-3, Major Green, reports: Have Maj. White call me when he comes in. Tell him that there is a meeting in CHEB at the officers' mess. The CO and the S-3 will attend it at 1330 hours.
- 0840 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3, to Lt. Kestlinger: Do we hold on to the Engrs? Ans: Hold on to them until noon, and I will call you back.
- 0930 - Maj. Green to Lt. Kestlinger: The meeting for 1330 hours concerns the handling of enemy troops who are giving up in large numbers. Aside from that there will be at least one ceremony in the Regt, and the telegram from SHAEF will be read.
- 1005 - S-3 to Maj. Green: About this area for PWs. We had to move the whole 3rd Bn to FAIKNOV to handle the situation. K Co is on the north edge of the town, L Co on the East and south, I Co at 505850. G-3: That will be discussed at the meeting today. What you need is a big area. The incoming enemy units will take care of themselves. The Division concentration will be at HOF at the airfield.
- 1015 - S-3 to White 5: (Discuss road net, and the reading of the telegram from SHAEF to the companies).
- 1055 - S-3 to Red 2: I want you to have a formation and have the SHAEF telegram read to all companies. Have you any PW's? Ans: No. S-3: What is your MSR? Ans: We have one to you and one to our regr. The one to you is Pts 25, 20, 15, 17. The other is BRAMBACH to Pts 17, 13, 14, 20 and 25.
- 1215 - Sgt Collura, Opns Sgt, to White 3: The troops in front of us refuse to give up and are going on fighting, so you had better put out your security. White 3: Our formations will be held as follows - E Co at 1500 hrs; G Co at 1315 hrs; F Co at 1530 hrs; Hq Co at 1630 hrs.
- 1335 - S-5 to Blue 6: There are 2 possibilities - 1st, I send a message back to army to take care of the matter; 2nd, set-up a hospital in the town. Is there 400 beds or billets for same? Find building suitable for hospital; evacuate soldier patients to FRANZBAD. (Notice is given of meeting of Bn 3s at 1500 hours B).

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- 1446 - S-3 to G-3: Plan to move our 2nd Bn to a reception area. Ans: OK. S-3: This will take place this afternoon. G-3: Can we notify the cavalry? We have not been in liaison with them. Will have them make reports.
- 1520 - S-2 to Capt. Merindeno, Regt. Trapp. O: Send one 2½ ton truck to Co A, 1st Medics, at 0800B in the morning.
- 1523 - S-3 to G-3: What can we get on barbed wire? Ans: I will check on it and call you back. The FA is attached to you as of 1500 B.
- 1525 - 7th FA to S-3: Trucks are ready; where shall I send them? Ans: Send them to the town I told you about. Report to E Co.
- 1532 - White 2 to S-2: G Co brought in a hospital unit - 7 officers and 60 men, and a couple of nurses. They have no kitchens. We are sending them in. S-2: Keep them out there. (Suggests sending an officer to the hospital here and arranging for feeding the personnel until they are taken care of elsewhere).
- 1534 - Red 6 to S-3: Discuss moving companies between Pt 33 and 51. (S-3 mentions surrender of group to General TAYLOR. Plans being made to take them in).
- 1540 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: Here is the dope on the hospital up here - 202 beds; 180 patients 50 of them allied; 5 doctors and 7 nurses. Seems sufficient to take care of requirements up here. Colonel Horner: Just leave things as they are for now until we find out what Army is going to do.
- 1550 - Lt. Lynch Div IO reports: CCA Hqs is at LOKET, 5888.
- 1800 - S-2 to White 2: Leave guard on the Russian PW camp. Leave a squad there. Have a list of the installations that you are guarding ready to turn in when I call for it.
- 1607 - S-3 to Red 1: The Engrs will be detached from you, as of after supper. You will feed them. They are to be attached to the 2nd Bn, and be there by 0800 hours tomorrow. Have the engineer Lt. (Lt. Woolridge) report to White 6 this evening for instructions.
- 1618 - S-3 to S-4: (S-3 gives plan for taking in the enemy which are to be brought in). S-4's responsibility will be to check the food which the enemy group has, and estimate the amount of food required to feed them.

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- 1621 - G-2 to S-2: Here is the story - The German Commanding General of the 12th Corps, agreed to surrender all of his units and all others that he could find. They are to assemble in an area not closer than 8 kilometers from our lines. Each man is to wear a white arm band, and each vehicle is to carry a white flag. The arms are to be stacked in an orderly manner in the assembly area. Only 10 rifles per man will be carried with them when they come in. The Germans are to maintain order themselves. At 0900 hours, the German General is to report to CCA for orders. The enemy is to do as much work as possible. We are to avoid interfering with the unit as much as possible. There will be no close search of the Germans - the German CO is to be responsible for having disarmed the men before they are brought in. Police units will be kept separately. CCI will do only a minimum of screening. (The 26th Inf picked up a Lt. PW who said his division had been ordered to withdraw and keep fighting. The story on this is incomplete).
- 1642 - S-2 to White 2: Gives information pertaining to the enemy who will be coming in tomorrow, as of item 1621 hours. The PWI team, Lt. Valtin and 2 men, will be available at 0800 hours tomorrow for the use of the 2nd Bn.
- 1644 - S-3 to Lt. Ballard, Cannon Co: (Notifies of plans being set-up to take care of the surrendering group tomorrow, thru the Bns). S-3: Have your transportation available for tomorrow for hauling of PWs. Ans: Can probably have 4 vehicles available.
- 1652 - Blue 2 to S-2: We got 110 wounded enemy in from up near KARISBAD this morning. Two more trucks are coming in now. S-2: Will call Division on this.
- 1653 - S-2 to G-2: Call the 9th Armored and tell them to stop sending the wounded enemy back here. G-2: A message was sent to them regarding the civilians; and we will send a message about these wounded that they are returning to you. (S-2 mentions the Italian PWs from the 3rd Bn. G-2 suggests turning these Italians over to an Allied collecting point).
- 1655 - White 5 to S-3: How about the engineers? S-3 gives the information in item of 1607 hours).
- 1700 - Sgt to Red 3: Gives information that the enemy group that are to be brought in tomorrow are to come in unarmed. Discuss plans for retrieving the arms after they have been left in the assembly area.
- 1705 - S-2 to Capt. Merindeno, Transp O: Discuss transportation for the hauling of the enemy groups tomorrow. Tells of surrender negotiations as arranged by General TAYLOR. (Capt. Merindeno has 5 trucks now; 3 of these are to be sent to the 2nd Bn as of now).

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- 1710 - S-3 to Lt. Allen, AT co: Keep half tracks available for tomorrow; will use halftracks if necessary for hauling PWs.
- 1722 - Message - to CO 16th Inf from G-3: Effective 1500 hours today, normal artillery CT attachments will be in effect. (Signed 1520 hours).
- 1725 - General ANDRUS to S-6: We have received word that there are about 1000 OO enemy who seem to be coming into an assembly area for the surrender tomorrow. The Armored has shunted them off into an open field near KARLSBAD. They have no fight in them, and appear willing to get away from UNCLE JOE. S-6 gives plans for tomorrow. General ANDRUS: Most of them will probably come through you and the Armored. S-6: Some should be sent to the 18th and 26th Infs. General ANDRUS: We might have to attach the rest of the Div to you to take care of these people. The whole Herman Goehring Div is reported to be in this group. S-6: We will do the best that we can.
- 1728 - S-6 notifies White 3 of the information given in item of 1725 hours.
- 1800 - Colonel Beck to Maj. White: Where is your PW reception area? Ans: 258810, will be the location. Col. Beck; 26th Inf has 30 truck loads of PWs already. The 9th Armored has 3000 PWs and expect 12,000 more by tomorrow morning. Maj. White: We have road signs on the roads that we will use for PW evacuation. They will be marked in German, giving the routes. Col. Beck: There is possibility that the enemy out in front will start coming thru tonight.
- 1815 - Blue 2 to S-2: I have 31 British and Australians who are PWs. Can I send them back to the Provost Marshal? Ans: Yes. Blue 2: I also have 5 members of the police force that they are looking for. They are Gestapo men.
- 1825 - Lt. Beasley, CIC, to S-2: Are soldiers in civilian clothes to go back to Div? Ans: Yes, until tomorrow anyway, then they will go into an assembly area.
- 1845 - The Bns are notified of the possibility of the Germans starting to surrender tonight. (Message as of 1800 hours).
- 1853 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: One of our officers was down to CAARBOU (Sp?) today and he said there are about 100,000 enemy troops on the way that will probably come through us tomorrow, so be expecting them.
- 1910 - Red 2 to S-2: I have an ammunition train, horse drawn, with 30 soldiers here. What do you want done with the horses? Ans: Hold everything until morning ~~EEE~~ and then we will get rid of them. Red 2: I also have a woman here who refuses to go back. She was in the service but not a soldier. Ans: Send her back to me; I will send her back to a displaced persons unit.

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- 1915 - Blue 2 to S-2: These men we picked up are "Criminal Secretor". Is it OK to send them back as PWs? Ans: Yes.
- 1924 - FWI to Sgt Collura, Opns Sgt: The total PWs for today is 223; 70 of which are medics to be distributed to local hospitals in the vicinity.
- 1945 - Blue Bn reports to Lt. Kestlinger: We have some Allied PWs of War up here, at the Div PW cage and they will take the French and British, but will not accept the others. What should we do with them? Ans: Take them back to the Bn and Capt. Hall will call Lt. Walker about them.
- 2000 - Lt. Dean, 634th TDs, to Lt. Kestlinger: I have a platoon with E company. What do I do with them? Ans; As far as I know the attachments stay where they are.
- 2025 - S-2 to G-2: We got 223 PWs today, 70 of which I put in the hospitals around here as they are medics. The others I sent back to the Div cage. G-2: Discussed the new handling of PWs. Estimated 200000 coming in.
- 2110 - Maj. Sandell, LO 7th FA to Capt. Clark: We have a German observation plane here, do you want to question the pilot? He says they have a location to collect all of their aircraft.
- 2135 - G-3 Mj. Green to S-5, Col. Horner: Orders for tomorrow are suspended. No negotiations for surrender are to be accepted. The Germans are to be kept east of the front lines. If any get thru the lines, they are to be disarmed and sent back to their units. Make all security possible.
- 2140 - S-2 to Maj. Lauten, G-2: What is the story? Ans: The 7th German Army wants to surrender to the 1st Div. They say that they are the people that conquered them, and they do want to surrender to us. It seems that the story behind the no-peace negotiations is that they want to organize the enemy in place.
- 2200 - Capt. Clark to Red 5: Message of 2135 hrs given. Red 5: B Co is at Pt 43. A Co is NW of Pt 51, as of 2100 hrs.
- 2205 - Capt. Clark to Blue 3: Message of 2135 hours given, and the same is relayed to White, Lt. Moore.
- 2210 - Blue Bn negative report.
- 2222 - S-2 to FWI: The 2 pilots you have are to be sent to Div right away.
- 2225 - Maj. White to Blue 3: You will have to put something between I Co and Pt 59. I'll send the light tanks up to you, use them.
- 2228 - Maj. White to White 2: Do not plan to move any people back tomorrow. Blue will send over to pick up the light tanks.