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2240 - G-2 reports: V Corps reports that 20,000 Czechs were killed yesterday. There are 40,000 SS troops with 300 tanks there.

2300 - Green reports negative. White reports negative.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, Czechoslovakia.

- 0045 - Capt. Spinney, G-3, to Capt. Clark: A German Red Cross convoy of about 30 vehicles came through. They are supposed to have a pass to get thru. They want to go to 2766. Do you know how they got thru, or where they got the pass? Ans: No.
- 0050 - Capt. Clark, to AT Co, Guard Post: Do you know of any convoy of about 30 Red Cross trucks that came thru KYNSEPERK? Ans: No.
- 0100 - Capt. Clark to G-3: I called Antitank and they said that no convoy of Red Cross trucks came thru there.
- 0725 - Col. Heath, CO 7th FA, to Capt. Clark: I am going to move everything forward this morning.
- 0800 - Blue 3 to Capt. Clark: (Asked about the light tanks).
- 0812 - S-3 to G-3: There are two or three companies in FALKNOV that are more trouble than they are worth. We would like to have them move. Ans: I will see what can be done.
- 0815 - S-3 to Blue 3: Gave the new order on Operation Eclipse. (This was also given to 1st and 2nd Bns).
- 0840 - 7th FA to Capt. Clark: The Germans are stopping near KARLSBAD. They are in the fields between KARLSBAD and the next town (big). Road this side of KARLSBAD is jammed with troops in trucks, on bicycles, and walking.
- 0922 - Lt. Hewllyn, MP officer, to S-2: About the PWs that are coming in. What do we do with them? Ans: Send them thru regular channels. Operation Eclipse plan is suspended.
- 0925 - Capt. Clark to 745th Tanks: You are going up to the 3rd Bn. They are in FALKNOV, 500870. Ans: OK.
- 0945 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: What do you do with German tanks when they surrender? Ans: Park the tanks under trees and send the troops back to their lines.
- 1000 - Maj. Sandell, 7th FA LO, to Lt. Kestlinger: The cub went up to KARLSBAD and reported that the Polish are picking up the German guns and are firing them; demanding food, etc. There are about 19,000 Germans up there now.

- 1015 - G-3 to S-3: A new reception axis - with changes in plans. Operation ECLIPSE - your axis will be in the vicinity of FALKNOV and CHEB; centering around KYNSPERK. 18th and 26th Infs will have similar areas. This plan may go into effect this afternoon.
- 1021 - S-3 to White 3: There has been a suspension of the order Operation Eclipse. G-3 called and we will have to be prepared to put ECLIPSE into effect. A little change of plan, though. We are given area from FALKNOV and CHEB and are to set up a reception area or concentration camp S of KYNSPERK. We will need an area. White 3: Suggest the area in vicinity of Pt 28-39-45. The 1st and 3rd Bns can send the troops down to our area. S-3: O.K. White 3: I plan to put at least 2 rifle companies in that area. Establish the camp between Pts 45-28 on the main road. What orders are you giving? S-3: You will move over there - at least some of your elements - enough to handle the situation. You must be ready to execute this Eclipse plan this afternoon. White 3: What about the vehicles and arms? S-3: They will remain at the assembly area or gathering area. 2nd Bn will organize area for both Bns. (According to the outlined plan). White 3: I will probably move G and F companies. Move one company to vicinity of Pt 45, and one company in the town of KYNSPERK. S-3: It may go into effect this afternoon. Trucks from the 7th FA are moving; I will contact Capt. Merindeno and see what he can round up.
- 1050 - G-3 to S-3: What time will you be ready to receive? Ans: Between the hours of 1500 and 1600. G-3: O.K., I will say 1600. The Division concentration area between the 33 and 38 northing has been cleared. This will not be ready to receive until 0800 B tomorrow morning. We will set up camp south of KYNSPERK. They will not move forward or south of the 40 line. Eclipse plan is in effective. I will notify you about the time.
- 1109 - S-6 to S-3: (S-3 reviews about the situation and above information to the Colonel). Send a company to LCKET, 5888, to CGA as soon as possible. They will escort PWs back; a company from the 2nd Bn.
- 1113 - S-3 to White 6: (Same as above information). The 7th FA has moved. Phone communication is out. Sending messenger up to see if they got the 10 trucks. Where do you want them? Ans: Right in the same town; F company is there. S-3: Capt. Merindeno is trying to get 6 trucks. Where do you want them? Ans: At the CP.
- 1120 - S-3 to F company: Has the 7th FA moved in town? Ans: Yes. S-3: Will you have the 7th FA Ex O or S-3 phone me immediately?

- 1122 - S-3 to Capt. Merindeno, Tramp O: 2nd Bn would like to have the trucks immediately. Speed is essential.
- 1140 - G-3 to S-3: The Opns Memo, dated 7 May, may come into effect. There is a possibility that the Russians will be in KARLSBAD sometime tonight. In regard to meetings, etc., it is still in effect. You can have patrols out to contact same or the Cubs over to pick up the approach.
- 1150 - 7th FA S-3 to S-3: The trucks will not be available until 1400B. S-3: Turn them over to F company in the same town that you are in.
- 1154 - S-3 to White 3: Tell the Colonel that 10 trucks will be at F company at 1400 B.
- 1155 - G-3 to S-3: The Germans will be definitely in at 1600B.
- 1200 - White 3 to S-3: Is the bridge in at 3728, in the vicinity of the 3rd Bn CP? Ans: I do not know, I will check.
- 1202 - S-3 to Antitank Co.: Is the bridge from the 2nd Bn in? Ans: Not that I know of.
- 1203 - S-3 to Blue: Is there a bridge across the river? Ans: Yes, that is on the NW side of town.
- 1204 - S-3 to White 3: (Gives information of above item).
- 1215 - S-3 to Blue 3: The Operation Eclipse goes into effect at 1600B. One company of the 2nd Bn will be at Pt 73; others will be at the concentration point. Send PWs back to Pt 45. You will send your patrols out to meet the Russians. The British PW will be sent back to Division. Concentration area Pt 28 - 39 - 45.
- 1220 - S-3 to White 3: (The above information given as of item 1215 hours). All Germans who come in around 474885 and toward B and C companies will go to the 26th Infantry. Anything in at A company will go to Pt 45, in our area. This memo will be observed. The capitulation agreed upon must be preserved by the rules of military honor. It will be thoroughly observed.
- 1240 - Colonel Horner to G-3: Will you try and get me a couple AA search lights to help us at night. Ans: We will see what we can do, but there is none this side of the Rhine that I know of.
- 1300 - Major White to White 3: Where are the Russians in your area that you are guarding? Ans: Will call you back and let you know.
- 1315 - White 2 to S-3: I am at CGA and the S-3 up here does not want out company up here, as they will process them, and send them back to us.

- 1316 - G-3 to S-2: Just got a call from CCA saying that G company of the 16th Infantry was moving into an area to help process these people, but they will not need them. Will you get the full story on that for me?
- 1330 - S-3 to G-3: When our people got to CCA they decided that they did not need them. I will call the company back. CCA will bring them (the PWs) back to FALKNOV and we will take them over from there. I want that explained to the CCA people. G-3: I will tell them and let you know.
- 1335 - S-3 to Blue 5: Have many people been coming in yet? Ans: No, the civilians will be evacuated but will be pulled out and sent into the town; the burgomeister will have to take care of them.
- 1335 - White 2 to S-3: What are we going to do with G company? Ans: Bring G company to the eastern edge of FALKNOV and the Armored will bring the PWs that far and turn them over to you; you get them down to Pt 45.
- 1336 - G-3 to S-3xx CCA: Would like you to take the responsibility of getting the Germans to FALKNOV. S-3 CCA: General Taylor is here now and says the route is posted and we are to take them back to your inclosure.
- 1340 - Major White to Lt. Moore: Where is the camp that G company is guarding? I want to put the 7th FA to guarding it and turn it over to them at 1530 hours. Also let me know how many guard posts there are.
- 1345 - Major White to Major Margolis, Mil. Govt: You will notify the burgomeister in the forward town to take care of these civilians that are coming in.
- 1400 - Major White to Red 2: You are to weed out all civilians that will be coming in and turn them over to the Burgomeister to be taken care of by him. Red-2: I just heard on the radio in broken English that the tanks are coming thru the town shooting civilians; and to please send dive bombers.
- 1402 - S-3 to G-2: (Gives the information from Red 2 as above).
- 1405 - Capt. Hall to Lt. Moore: Will you tell Colonel Grant that division cage will not open until 0800 hours, tomorrow. You will have to keep the PWs over night.
- 1406 - Lt. Moore to S-2: G company has six guard posts out at the Russian camp.
- 1410 - Major Patterson to Captian Hall: Are the mortar platoon and the assault guns being used? Ans: Yes, they are being used. Maybe tomorrow you will be able to get them, but I could not say for certain.

- 1420 - Blue 6 to S-2: The Germans were supposed to bring back transportation and kitchens. Is that correct? Ans: Yes, that is right.
- 1440 - Colonel Barnes to S-6: How are things going with you? Ans: O.K. No PWs are coming in yet, but we are all set-up for them. G-5: That is good.
- 1445 - Colonel Grant, White 6, to S-6: The armored wants us to take their PWs all the way back to our camp. That would be much better for us, I think. S-6: Yes, I'll get that changed.
- 1454 - Capt. Clark to S-2: What time does this plan start? Ans: At 1600 hours. You can bring them in any time but don't send them back until 1600 hours.
- 1520 - S-3 to S-2: Call division and tell them that a bridge at KYNSPERK is not worth while. Also that there are 10,000 British and Americans 50 miles East of KARLSBAD.
- 1535 - S-2 to 2nd Bn: Call Colonel Grant and tell him where you want your WP set up.
- 1540 - S-2 to G-3: Bridge at KYNSPERK not worth while. How far is 9th Armored going to take the PWs? Ans: To FALKNOV. S-2: There are about 10,000 British and American PWs 50 miles east of KARLSBAD.
- 1550 - Blue 3 to S-2: Is White ready to receive? Ans: I'll call you when they are ready.
- 1604 - S-2 to White: Get word up to those people that the PWs are coming in now.
- 1610 - Message: All ammo in excess of basic loads, in original containers, will be turned in to ASP 159. All light restriction for division area are lifted, including blackout. Unit S-4 Periodic Reports discontinued effective 9 May 1945. Special emphasis will be placed on accurate monthly material Status reports. (G-4 1130 B)
- 1720 - Red 2 to Clark: Coming thru A company lines as directed are the 257th Field Hospital. It has 19 vehicles, 11 officers, 70 enlisted men. There are 40 casualties, 3 of them are officers; one casualty has diphtheria.
- 1725 - S-2 to G-2: There is a civilian problem in the making with all the PWs coming in. With some of the PWs coming in their families are coming with them.
- 1740 - S-3 to S-2: The 9th Armored are not sending the PWs back. They are getting back all right; the tie up will be at the concentration camp.

- 3000 PWs have gone back; there are a lot of civilians with them. 10,000 men are reported to be coming back from KARLSBAD.
- 1800 - White 2 to S-2: Colonel Grant wants you to get hold of Captain Barrey. He is to be prepared to take care of 100 to 500 wounded.
- 1845 - Captain Spinney, G-3 to Captain Clark: Let the Germans continue to come thru our lines until one hour before darkness instead of stopping them at 1800 hours as planned. Also get a cub up in the air at dawn and keep one in the air all day. The mission of the cub is to locate the Russians and see what they are doing, specifically to see if they are firing artillery or not. CCA is to stay with us until the present situation is cleared.
- 1850 - Captain Clark to White, Lt. Gressang: Message of 1845 hours is given.
- 1900 - Captain Clark to S-3: Colonel Gibb wants CCA to stop sending any more back after 2000 hours, as we have a lot of wounded and are setting up hospitals. This will take most of the night.
- 1920 - Colonel Horner to Colonel Beck: We have a lot of hospitals coming in, so we are moving the wounded in to the hospitals in this town.
- 1925 - G-3 to Captain Clark: I Just talked to the S-3 at CCA and General Taylor told them to stop all movement at 2030 hours, and they said that they would do all that they can to stop it at 2030 hours.
- 1945 - Captain Knight, G-3 to Captain Clark: Colonel Sutherland just called and said that there were 3,000 Germans coming in to them from your 1st Bn. Do you know if that is what they were supposed to do? Ans: General Taylor is directing them down that way and also that is what we got from Colonel Beck.
- 2000 - Major White, S-3, to Captain Knight, G-3: What is the story about the 26th Inf and the 3000 Germans? Ans: I got this straightened out, so it is O.K. Colonel Barnes wants you to send down a billeting party, so as to get them in their proper area. His CP is at 345754.
- 2020 - Red 2 to S-3: We have a convoy on the road and those people up at 26th are all in their houses drunk, and there is no one to take care of them.
- 2025 - S-3 to G-3: (Gives the above information from Red 2 and requests action on the matter). G-3: I will call up the 26th Inf, and ask them why it is that the convoy is held up. S-3: There are a lot of wounded coming in and there is a hospital in BAD ELSTER with 500 beds. can we send some up there? Ans: I will check with the Chief of Staff.

- 2035 - S-3 to Sgt. Kerber: Will you give this message to Colonel Grant?
"Two officers and 6 NCOs to report to General Waters Hqs at 345755,
one hour before any PWs are delivered to division cage; they are to
act as guides, to guide the PWs down to the cage. Division cage
opens at 0800 hours."
- 2100 - Captain Knight, G-3 to S-3: M Govt is to take care of those people
or help you in the set-up of those hospitals. About the billeting
part - it is to be German, so that they can guide the Germans in to
these areas.
- 2102 - S-3 to Sgt. Kerber: The billeting party is to be German - officers
and NCOs. Find out the approximate number of PWs in the area as of
now.
- 2105 - Captain Stabler to S-2: There are civilians in each truck, and
stopping them to get them out is causing a traffic jam. How about
getting them out when they stop at the concentration area? Ans: The
flow is to stop at 2030 hours, and I will find out about the civilians
area.
- 2110 - S-2 to Pvt. Kellogg: Tell Captain Stabler to do it the way he wanted
to, as the civilians are slowing up the movement.
- 2115 - S-2 to G-2: You will just have to ask me questions. G-2: How many
have you got? Ans: 2000 to 3000 so far as I can find out. They are
bringing in a lot of wounded, and there are a lot of civilians coming
in. Will take the civilians off at the assembly area, separate them
and put them in the towns. CIC and Intelligence work is going to have
to be done in the division area.
- 2210 - Colonel Grant, White 6, to S-3: I have some questions for you. Can
I keep the Engineers? Ans: Yes, you can keep them. White 6: I
want you to get 50 water cans from each Bn as I have had to get 50
from my Bn and have them delivered to me up here where Captain Fish is.
What time will we get the PWs to Division? Ans: It is to open at 0800
hours. White 6: How are we to send them by 100s or 1000s at a time,
and are they to be loaded on their transportation or marched back?
Still have a few stragglers coming in. Would like to have them start at
CCA 1900 hours tomorrow. Then there is the civilian problem, and the
wounded. S-3: You will have a German billeting party over to General
Waters an hour before they come in and the CP is at 345755. White 6: I
have a wrecker pushing the broken down vehicles off the road, and the
3rd Bn patrolling to see that they stay in line.
- 2230 - S-3 to G-3: (The above questions asked.) G-3: I will find out and
let you know.

- 2230 - S-3 to Lt. Ramirez, Hq. Co. Ex O: There are some people in the hospitals who are going to be discharged in the morning. Captain Wilder is to get the list and give them gas for their trucks, and will be in charge of seeing that they get back to the division cage.
- 2300 - Blue 3 to S-3: The PWs that are going to the 26th Inf are all over in our town near that road block. Vehicles are going in two directions. They must not be taking those people in fast enough. Head of the column must not be moving. S-3: They will have to park for the night, and move in the morning. The burgomeister will take care of the civilians.
- 2310 - S-3 to 1st Sgt. AT Co.: What is your company doing? Ans: Two thirds of the company are on guard because of the civilian problem.
- 2345 - S-3 to White 3: You will start them back at 0800 hours and they will go in 25 vehicle columns; and march not more than 200 or a tactical unit. You will call General Waters Hq. before you start movement. There is a German Hq which is at BEILFHLSHAVER (sp?), and headed by General Oberst. You will notify them also when they come in. Also civilians will be sent back separately, but sent to division cage. The wounded we will take care of.
- 2400 - Red 5 to S-2: We have processed 5000 and sent them to the 26th Inf. We also sent a General back who was from the 7th Army. We will start again at 0500 hours - tomorrow is a big day.

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- 0005 - S-2 to G-2: Relays the information contained in item 2400 hours, 9 May, journal.
- 0015 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: I talked with the 26th Inf, and they said they would start taking them at 0500 hours unless division ordered otherwise. Major Green said that they would go on at 0800 hours as usual.
- 0030 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: They will not be able to start before 0600 hours because they have evacuated. There is a possibility that they might be able to start at 0730 hours.
- 0033 - Capt. Clark relays the above information to Capt. Kolb, Red 3.
- 0045 - Capt. Clark to Sgt. Minno at the concentration area: Do not send any more people thru tonight. Ans: We have not sent any in the last two hours.
- 0046 - Capt. Clark to G-3: (Gives the above information). Think that a number of these wounded are coming from the 18th Infantry.
- 0215 - Capt. Kolb, Red 3 to Capt. Clark: Some German officer has just come in, and the International Red Cross sends this message thru this officer: There is a train load of Dutch children starving about 21 kilometers from KCNATAU in a town of BUNNERFDORF.
- 0220 - Capt. Clark relays the above message to G-3.
- 0620 - Capt. Fish, S-1, speaking from the PW concentration area: We have 1400 ready to go back now.
- 0710 - Cpl Belonga, duty clerk, to Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn: Colonel Horner said that there would be no more wounded shipped back until further notice.
- 0810 - Colonel Horner, S-5, to 2nd Bn: Any more wounded? Ans: No. S-5: They will all be evacuated thru medical channels. Send them thru D company medics.
- 0815 - Major Barnett, division, to Capt. Clark: Have a German recon party preced every group of 1000 by one hour. Do not send any more civilians back.
- 0845 - Lt. Lynch, Div LO, to S-2: The armored suggests 12 May as the date for detachment of CCA.
- 0905 - S-6 to B1c: Tell Colonel Wozensky to have one company of 2nd Bn. The Co is to report to Major Smith, White for instructions before moving the company.



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- 0910 - Major Barnett, speaking from division cage: Hold all German troops until you get a call from us. Do not send any more back. The German staff is getting organized and should be ready to function about 1200 hours.
- 0930 - S-3 to G-3: We had about 10,000 Germans last night. Can we get 50 more S.G.'s? Ans: I will check and see about it. Did you send some to Bad Elster? S-3: Yes, we did.
- 0937 - Major Green, G-3 to S-3: We are going to have to set up a camp for women soldiers. So we are going to detach 7th FA from you as of 1000 hours.
- 0940 - Capt. Clark to White: Gives information of 0910 hours.
- 0950 - S-3 to Capt. Brooks, Red 1: 7th FA has people at Pt 46 now for maintaining order. 7th FA will be detached so you will have to take over as of 1300 hours - you will need a platoon.
- 0955 - G-3 to S-3: We are sending you 50 SG's now. S-3: We need about 6 to 10 more ambulances and six 2½ ton trucks, and another platoon of engineers to work in our concentration area.
- 1025 - S-3 to Div Provost Marshall: We cannot take anymore patients in this town of FRANZLAZNE. Get that word out.
- 1030 - G-3 to S-3: What is the story on not being able to take any more wounded? Ans: We are all filled up and must find more room.
- 1045 - S-3 to Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn: No engineers are available. No GI trucks - you will have to use German trucks. No ambulances. A company is sending theirs and some German Ambulances. Send no more hospital units back. Separate civilians from military personnel.
- 1110 - S-3 to Red 3: Make sure that road blocks are functioning. Too many people are getting thru.
- 1111 - Message: Co 16th Inf from G-3, signed 1000B. - Effective 101000 B hours May 1945 7th FA Bn reverts to Div Arty control.
- 1115 - Capt. Stowell, Service Co. to S-3: I have six trucks but some of them have to be fixed before they can be used.
- 1145 - Capt. Dion, Service Co., to Major White, S-3: Will I be able to get my man off the road guard. Ans: We are getting security guards in today; keep him on until they relieve them.
- 1200 - Blue 6 to S-3: KARLSBAD is hot spot. The Germans will fight if the Russians come in. A road block is holding them now. Also we will need the big building the 9th Armored is in for wounded that are coming in. Can the 9th Armored medics and the 89th Cav be moved out of the town?

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- 1205 - S-3 to G-3: Gives information in item above of 1200 hours.
- 1215 - Colonel Beck, Division, to S-3: No further movement of German troops are permitted to pass thru our lines. The 9th Armored are notified. S-3: 3rd Bn will continue evacuation. Col. Beck: V Corps has instructed us to put signs in front of our road blocks. The signs will be written in German: "In compliance with terms of surrender German military personnel are forbidden to pass beyond this line."
- 1225 - Message - To CO 16th Inf from G-3, signed 1145: Effective 110800B May 1945 all TD detachments revert to control of 634th TD.
- 1226 - S-3 to Red 3: Gives information of 1215 hours.
- 1235 - AT and A-745th notified of uniform and guard check.
- 1243 - G-634th and Medics notified of uniform and guard check.
- 1245 - G-3 to Clerk: The 14th Tnk Bn CCA was contacted in KARLSBAD by the Russians. (This came from G-3 of the 9th Armored).
- 1255 - S-3 to Blue 3: Message of 1215 hours given. Clear out what ever there is between you and 3rd Bn.
- 1302 - S-3 to G-3: We need some enemy typewriters so as we can get some help from these people typing up the rosters of PWs. G-3: I'll try to get you some. S-3: When will the Division cage open? Ans: I will call you back.
- 1325 - S-3 to Capt. Fish at the 2nd Bn CP: A company of Blue is to be attached to White. Tell 2nd Bn 3 to get transportation to Blue - captured vehicles will be all right.
- 1330 - G-3 to S-3: Determine cage will be ready in about half hour. May be one and a half hours before you can send any people there, tho.
- 1335 - Capt. Fish, S-1, speaking from 2nd Bn, to S-3: The 2nd Bn needs 20 lister bags.
- 1340 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 9th armored will sweep back to your forward out-post when they make contact, you can close down on evacuation.
- 1342 - S-3 to S-4: 2nd Bn needs 20 lister bags; get them any way that you can. It may be necessary to take them from some companies.
- 1345 - Chief of Staff to CO 16th Inf: Capitulation agreed upon must preserve the rules of military honor. It will be scrupulously observed.
- 1355 - S-3 to G-3: What about the 634th TDs? Ans: I think they will be detached and relieve CC A. There is no time on it.

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- 1415 - Major Margolis, Military Govt. to S-2: The security guard will be able to take over the HIGEA hospital and one road block. S-2: O.K., the other 3 road blocks will have to stay as is then.
- 1422 - Colonel Gibb to G-5: I am using 2 Bns to handle these people, 35000 PW, leaving only one Bn to be used as security. G-5: I will see what I can do to get rid of those people for you.
- 1425 - S-3 to Capt. Fish, S-1, located at 2nd Bn: Get all the people you can on the road that are processed; get them back to division cage. The 8000 that are waiting can go too.
- 1430 - Major Sandell, LO 7th FA, to 7th FA: Alert Bn to be ready to move at 1800 hours. We will move back near where the 16th Inf CP is located.
- 1450 - S-3 to White 5: We cannot locate a staff officer when we get information from Division. Keep a staff officer at your rear CP. Ans: I will do that, I have been using all of the officers. The division cage is not set up very well, they have only one entrance.
- 1500 - Lt. Goldberg, Co A medics, to S-3: There is a German sanitary company here with complete equipment; came in. They want to set up any place; they can do a lot of good work. S-3: I think it would be all right for them to set up across from the airfield.
- 1515 - Major Edmonds, Red 5 to Colonel Driscoll, Actg S-5: I would like to get two companies back and hold with one company; most of the Germans are coming down the roads anyway.
- 1518 - Colonel Gibb to Capt. Fish, S-1 located at 2nd Bn: How many PWs have been processed? Ans: 2800 so far.
- 1530 - Lt. Goldberg to S-3: The hospital deal is off, they have no equipment.
- 1535 - Colonel Waters, Division cage, to Colonel Gibb: How many PWs can you send me? Ans: About 1000 an hour.
- 1536 - Colonel Barnes to Colonel Gibb: How are the PW'S coming? Ans: Head of the column should be down to you now; the thing that is slowing us up is the rosters. We think we can clear about 1000 per hour. Colonel Barnes: You know about the change from V corps? Ans: Yes, we got that this morning. Colonel Barnes: Just got General DeGaulle's brother and 36 French Generals and 60 Colonels. The 9th Armored is not letting any more come thru their lines.
- 1545 - Colonel Gibb to Major Smith, Red 5: How are things going? Ans: We have 360 in the division cage now and 1000 on the road, but they say they can't take them as they have no room. We have about 20, 000 in our cage now. Have 5000 processed and ready. Colonel Gibb: You go down there and see what the story is because I just talked with General Waters and he said they were ready. If they will not take them call me from there and I will talk to them.

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- 1615 - Major Robinson to S-2: The enemy plane we have can not be flown so could you have 2 men guard it from the 1st Bn. Ans: Will see what I can do about it.
- 1620 - S-2 to Red 3: There is an enemy plane in good condition down at the 7th FA. You will have to put a 2 man guard on it. It is next to their CP.
- 1630 - Major Barnett, Div Cage, to S-2: Will you find out how many WACS you have up there and send them down to us now?
- 1635 - S-2 to Capt. Fish: You are not to send any more to Div cage after 1800 hours.
- 1755 - G-3 to S-2: No more PWs thru lines, is the order of Corps. Fight them if necessary. If a few get thru, send them back across your lines to the east.
- 1800 - Blue 5 to S-2: A British Sergeant just came in from KOMCKAU, 65 kilometers north. There are 500 there now, and more coming in. He contacted the Russian authorities and asked for help to get them moving and they were refused. S-2: Send him back to G-2 at EGER, and they will see what they can do. (Capt. Hall gives the order from Corps as of 1755 hours).
- 1830 - Div concentration area to S-2: Are you sending any more down? Ans: We will not release any more out of our area after 1800 hours, but might be more on the road, coming in, that may come to you yet.
- 1930 - Lt. Allen, AT Co.; Lt. Ramirez, H.Q. Co.; 2nd Bn; Service Co.; 3rd Bn; notified of officers store at Nurnberg. (All units notified).
- 1945 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn to S-3: Do you want us to feed I company as they should be fed thru S-4. S-3: Yes, let them feed thru their own S-4.
- 1950 - S-3 to Red 3: Gives the information that was sent down from Corps. You will have to make concentration area to our front, one in front of each company, and hold them out. Do not let any of them come thru.
- 2000 - Capt. Olsen to Sgt. Collura: Would you get this information for me? The number of vehicles; number of PWs processed; number on hand and the location of your area.
- 2030 - Red 3 to S-3: Are we going to loose the TDs? Ans: Have not received any word on that. Red 3: We would like to get rid of all these attachments. S-3: O.K., will ask Div about the assault guns and mortar platoon.
- 2035 - S-3 to G-3: Could we relieve the assault guns and mortar platoon back to its unit tomorrow? Ans: Yes, tomorrow, and make it effective as of noon.

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- 2036 - Sgt. Collura, Op Sgt., to 745th Bn CP: Will you be ready to receive the assault guns and mortar platoon tomorrow noon? Ans: Yes, we will be ready.
- 2045 - S-3 to S-4: The Colonel called and would like to get as many trucks as possible to get those women back. S-4: I will get 7 or 8 trucks; will have them by 2200 hours.
- 2046 - S-3 to Red 3: You will have the assault guns and mortar platoon relieved at noon tomorrow. They can start back early in the morning. The medium tanks will go back to "A"; keep the TDs until a little later, a few days.
- 2050 - S-3 to 745th Trk Co. "A": You will get your tanks back from the 1st Bn tomorrow morning.
- 2055 - S-5 to S-3: Will you see how many trucks you can borrow from the 7th FA for tonight.
- 2115 - Red 5 to S-3: (Discuss the evacuation of the women PWs).
- 2117 - G-3 to S-3: Conversation concerns the number of PWs that are coming in.
- 2119 - S-5 to S-3: Forget all about those trucks.
- 2130 - Major Sandell to Mr. Lipinski: What about the trucks. Ans: You can forget all about them.
- 2135 - Mr. Lipinski to S-4: Tell Major McKeon that the German WACS will not move tonight.
- 2140 - S-4 to S-3: Have 9 trucks here. S-3: Hold them. They will go out the 1st thing in the morning.
- 2150 - S-3 to Capt. Fish, S-1 located at 2nd Bn: Have they put more people on the road or are they closed out? Ans: They are closed for the night. The deal with the women has been called off. S-3: How many have you cleared already? Ans: Have on hand 27,000, and have processed 2,400 to Div. Vehicles to Div 75; vehicles on hand 4,100 of all types. 1,100 out of the 27,000 are wounded and will need medical attention and 300 are women.
- 2210 - White 6 to S-3: What is the latest dope you have on the women that I have here? Ans: 9 trucks are lined up at Service Co. to go down first thing in the morning. S-5 says they will not be evacuated tonight. White 6: I'd like to have a total of 20 trucks for tomorrow. Have them out here at 0700 hours.
- 2215 - S-3 to S-4: Have the trucks over to the 2nd Bn at 0700 hours in the morning to haul the women to div cage.

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2217 - S-3 to 7th FA S-5: Can we get some trucks to haul women in the morning? Ans: I can give you 10. S-3: They have to be out at 2nd Bn at 0700 hours in the morning. Ans: I'll assemble them at our Service Btry.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, Czechoslovakia

- 0805 - Red 2 to Lt. Col. Horner, S-5: When will the division PW cage close?
Ans: When all the PWs behind our lines have been taken in.
- 0810 - S-6 to G-5: When will CGA leave, and the 634th TDs take over? Ans:
When ever we are forced to detach CGA. Colonel Gibb: How many
vehicles and PWs did division artillery take in? Ans: They were coming
in so fast that they couldn't keep track of them; they quit working at
0230 hours this morning.
- 0825 - G-3 reports: Colonel Davison of the 634th TDs is going to take up
positions between elements of the 18th infantry and your I company. When
CGA moves out, that area will be left open.
- 0840 - Clerk to 2nd Bn: Be prepared to loose the 634th TDs today.
- 0855 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: 26th Inf is moving some companies up to establish
a better line. Their line will be from GOSSENGRUN to KRASLICE. A good
contact point would be JOSEFOX. They will make contact when they get
there. I would also like to have you make a permanent contact at HERTENBERG.
- 0900 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 2: Message of 0855 given.
- 0915 - S-3 to Red 5: C company will be squeezed out; your line will be extended
to the river in FAIKNOV. Keep the platoon of B company in HERTENBERG.
- 0943 - S-6 to G-5: What goes on? Ans: General Andrus is going to meet with the
Russian division commander. The important thing that will be brought up
will be for the Russians to take over the Germans in front of us.
- 1108 - S-3 to G-3: What is the story on the TD's? Ans: They will not be
detached until CGA leaves. They will have the main road as their left
boundry and the 18th Inf on their right.
- 1210 - Colonel Gibb to S-3: Talked about getting rid of the prisoners and the
displaced persomel.
- 1215 - S-3 to Colonel Barnes: Up in the town of FAIKNOV and vicinity there are
several thousand civilians that came in with the prisoners and there are
no provisions to feed all of them. There is an estimated 10,000 there.
Is there any way to send them back as displaced personnel? Ans: I will
check on it and call you back.
- 1415 - White 3 reports: Yesterday we sent 13,000 PWs to the Division cage. So
far today 15,000. We expect to send 6,000 more before tonight and expect
to have 10,000 on our hands tonight. I company has gone back to 3rd Bn.
- 1530 - Lt. Evans to Capt. Hall: In the A concentration area at Pt 51, there
are quite a few Germans wounded. What should we do with them?
Ans: Send them to the 2nd Bn, and they will take care of them.

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- 1730 - G-3 to S-2: Have you heard anything of 634th's tie in with you? Ans: No. G-3: Are you guarding any hospitals now? Ans: No, there are no military installations being guarded by us. There may be a hospital in KARKOV. We are guarding some camps, though.
- 1800 - Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: C company is in position, and tied in with 3rd Bn. Out CP is at Pt 51.
- 1845 - S-2 to 1st and 3rd Bns: Please have a list called in of all places you are guarding; in by 2000 hours.
- 1900 - S-3 to Red 5: What is the story for today? Ans: We have approximately 1,000 left; all civilians are gone; about 200 Germans coming in. Processed yesterday and today, 26,500. Today 17,000. Had about 1,000 stragglers; 435 WACS; 2,000 civilians today and yesterday.
- 1902 - The above information is given to G-3.
- 1910 - Red 3 to S-2: We dug up a lot of German party records in this town. There were two boxes full of them. We have the man that knew of them. S-2: Send the records and the man back to CIC.
- 1950 - S-2 to Lt. Moore: Are you sending any more back to division cage? Ans: We stopped sending them about one hour ago, and we have about 1,000 left.
- 2045 - 1st Bn reports: There are about 1,000 French and Russian slave girls surrounded by a fence and guarded by about 46 men - this guard will be relieved every day. It is located about 400 yards NE of Pt 51. There is a six man guard on the cub plane between Pts 40 and 46. We have a platoon guarding Russians at the other end of town, at Pt 46.
- 2046 - G-3 to S-2: Corps has requested CCA. They will be pulling out sometime tomorrow.
- 2105 - G-3 to S-3: CCA will move west of us tomorrow. Corps wants to preserve a corridor, so we want to send a light tank company to block the roads at KARISBAD. S-3: Where do the TDs go? Ans: Between you and the 18th Inf. Now do you want the tanks under your control or the TD Bn? S-3: It doesn't matter, but it would be best under our control. Ans: The problem is to block the roads west of KARISBAD to keep the Germans from rushing our way when the Russians move in.
- 2200 - S-3 to 3rd Bn: When the TDs take over between 58 and the 18th Inf, you can pull your people out.
- 2230 - Colonel Ware, G-1, to S-3: There is an Allied Collecting Point operated by CCA at 552875. CCA will be relieved by you in the morning. Send someone to see Major Bailey, S-2 of CCA. Beginning at 1000 hours 3,500 will be evacuated.
- 2240 - Colonel Beck to S-3: The light tanks will take over the CP installations of CCA and dicker with the Russians.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE (Also called FRANZENBAD), Czechoslovakia

0830 - G-3 to Lt. Stephens: What time did your light tanks company move?
Ans: They started at 0800 hours to go up there.

0845 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Have the light tanks and the Bn CP moved forward? Ans: Yes, and Colonel Wozenski is moving up there. Major Green: Make sure that he gets all the information from CCA and that he makes no decision until this office is notified. Lt. Kestlinger: There is a rifle company and Bn CP up there.

0900 - Major White, S-3, to Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn: Any extra German water cans are to be sent to division cage or if you do not have the transportation, call General Waters headquarters and they will send it. Send all lister bags to Major McKoan, S-4.

0905 - G-2 to S-3: I understand you have an officer going up forward, and the General has directed that we send an officer in addition to a Russian speaking person. We are sending Lt. Bottsford and an MP.
S-3: We will notify Colonel Wozenski to expect them.

0910 - G-3 to S-2: Just got a call from 634th TDs who said that the instructions that they had are different from your people. Your people are turning back all civilians, and taking all arms from Germans and letting them filter back thru our lines. Will you get this straightened out?

0930 - G-3 to S-3: The engineers want their platoon back. S-3: You can have them any time that you want them. G-3: O.K., make it 1200 tomorrow. S-3: What can be done with the civilians? G-3: That is a G-5 function, and they are going to take care of it.

0932 - S-3 to Blue 5: You are to stop all civilians and Germans coming thru our lines, but let all liberated Allied PWs thru - they can be taken back thru regular channels.

0945 - Message - CO 16th Infantry from CO AT Co.: Att Gen Evans - If you are available the commander would like you to accompany him on his call this afternoon to the Russian Div commander opposite us in GHEMITZ. If you can go be at Div CP at CRDMITSHAU at 1500 hours this date, request-reply.

1000 - S-2 to G-2: The above information given. G-2: If you should pick up Gen Weller or Field Marshall Schonrer, let us know. Also a Frenchman named SKETENE who is driving a big car with diplomat emblem on it - he was in charge of French prisons under the Vichy govt.

1040 - Capt. Carroll A. Co. 745th Trk Bn to S-3: I met my platoon of tanks at Blue, and they said that they were released and were on the way back to us. S-3: I will check on it.

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- 1042 - Major White to Capt. Johnson: Have you released the medium tanks platoon? Ans: Yes, we released them. S-3: You just don't release people like that unless it goes thru this headquarters. We have to keep straight on the rations and things. I will release them as of 1200 hours noon.
- 1045 - S-3 to Capt. Carroll: O.K., they will go under your control as of 1200 hours this noon.
- 1050 - Lt. Hoffman, Red 2 to S-3: There are 18 to 20 German wounded out in front of us with 3 medical officers and some nurses. What can we do about it? Ans: We are not to let them thru our lines, but I will see what can be done.
- 1055 - Div Concentration Area to S-3: How many more have you got to clear from your cage? Ans: About 100 plus a few stragglers that are still coming in. They will all be to you by 1300 hours.
- 1130 - S-3 to G-3: We have been stopping all Germans, but there are 18 to 20 wounded out there. What should we do? (No answer given).
- 1132 - Colonel Gibb, S-6 to Major White, S-3: Get the 2nd Bn to take over from the 3rd Bn at FALKNOV. Get Major Margolis up to LCKET. Get the 3rd Bn medium tanks up to them right away - to LCKET.
- 1133 - S-3 to Lt. Russell, 745th Tnk Bn Co A: We have to get one platoon of medium tanks up to LCKET right away. You can get the platoon from the second Bn if you wish. Also, let me know who sent your platoon back from the 3rd Bn. Ans: I will let you know in a few minutes.
- 1140 - S-3 to Capt. West: You will take over the 3rd Bn area. You are responsible for FALKNOV, and south to include Pt 58. You tie in physically with the 634th TDs on your left. You will block and let me know if there are Germans or civilians there. Keep the Poles and Russians, and Czechs, in place. The liberated French, Belgians, British or Americans are to be sent to EGER. How long will it take you to get your company started? Ans: In one hour. S-3: I will send trucks to help you out. Will you have any need for the tanks? Ans: You can have them.
- 1204 - S-3 to Capt. Cutter: You will be relieved this afternoon by the 2nd Bn which will take over the town of FALKNOV. You will then take over LCKET. I will arrange for the trucks.
- 1206 - S-3 to Service Co.: I need about 6 trucks for the 2nd Bn which is relieving the 3rd Bn today.
- 1215 - S-3 to Capt. Cutter: I asked last night for a list of the installations your battalion is guarding, number of guards, and approximate coordinate locations. I still haven't received it and I need it today. Ans: I will check up on it for you.

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- 1240 - Major Green to Lt. Kestlinger: You can bring those wounded back if you have a place for them. Also got a call from the 634th TDs and they say your people down near them are disarming the Germans and letting them thru their lines. Will you check on this?
- 1300 - 3rd Bn reports: 3rd Bn road blocks - I company has the following road blocks: 522862, 523857, 524855, 514855, 598852, 508850, 508849, 506848, 507847, 509845, 508843, and 507840. K company has the following German Camp at 505862; Hospital 508868; Hospital at 499868; Meat and warehouse at 505870.
- 1310 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: There have been reports of your road block disarming soldiers and then letting them thru. That must stop. Ans: I company has a platoon at 78, one at 74, and one at town 6493; I company in the vicinity of 6094.
- 1330 - S-3 to AT Co: What are your halftracks doing? Ans: Five went to 3rd Bn; one is deadlined, and 3 are picking up Russians.
- 1335 - S-3 to Capt. Wert, 2nd Bn: No half tracks from AT can be used.
- 1337 - S-3 to Blue 5: Can you release any transportation for 2nd Bn? Ans: Yes, we will have to let it all go. Major Smith had better get up here or this town is going to fall apart.
- 1343 - S-3 to White 6: FALKNOV has a lot of civilians to take care of. Can you send someone up to take it over? Ans: Yes, there should be some one on the way.
- 1345 - MESSAGE - CO 16th Inf from GG 1st Div: Effective 1200 hours 13 May 45 all Disguise (1st Engr) C Bn CT detachments revert to Disguise C Bn control (Signed 1315).
- 1400 - Above message given to 2nd Bn.
- 1405 - Above message given to CO A 1st Engrs platoon.
- 1525 - Colonel Ware, G-1, to S-2: St. SADLO Collecting point that was operated by Major Sadler of CGA, and that you are taking over, has some Allied PWs in it. We want the number of them by nationality. Corps will send transportation to get rid of them. All those that go East, that is the Slavs, Russians, Poles, etc., will stay in place. The Italians will be taken care of by the CIC.
- 1530 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Lt. Evans, 2nd Bn: Have Lt. Chandler get me a list of installations that he is guarding, also the location and number of guards on the posts.
- 1550 - Capt. Hall to Sgt. Quinn: G-1's message of 1525 given by TAG PER



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- 1600 - Lt. Col. Wozenski, Blue 6 to Capt. Hall: We have a man by the name of BOHLE who said he served under Secty of State of the German foreign office in BERLIN. He said he was picking up his family.
- 1620 - S-2 to Blue 3: G-3 says not to take BOHLE.
- 1625 - White 3 to Clerk: Companies in position - E company in at 1500; G company in at 1530 hours; F company should be in now. Hq is moving forward by infiltration.
- 1705 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: The trucks will not be to the QM until 1900 hours.
- 1710 - Major MacNamara, speaking from concentration camp to Lt. Kestlinger: How many PWs do you have to sendin? Ans: I'll check with Capt. Hall and call you back.
- 1722 - Lt. Kestlinger to Colonel Robinson, Div concentration camp: As far as I can find out, you have all our PWs in your cage.
- 1800 - Lt. Col. Grant, to Lt. Kestlinger: Everything but G company is in. It still might be morning before everything is in though.
- 1804 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Booth, Blue 3: Do you have anyone you can send to "Desert"? Ans: I'll call you if I can get a jeep.
- 1820 - Blue 3 to S-3: We got rid of the 1200 British, 76 Americans, 280 Belgians, 1200 French. There are 800 French ready to leave on their own transportation. Left in camp are 500 French; 2000 Italians; 300 assorted. We need a minimum of 5000 meals tomorrow morning. We also need engineer tools - 30 shovels and 30 picks.
- 1825 - White 2 to S-2: 278 Germans in 19 cars with 2 doctors came in from KARLSBAD. They were sent by the Russians. There are some French with them too. They have provisions for six days. What shall I do with them? Ans: I'll call Division and find out.
- 1830 - S-2 to G-2: (message of 1825 hours above given). G-2: I'll have to ask the General what to do with them.
- 1835 - Lt. Col. Grant, White 6 to Lt. Stephens: Do I keep the platoon of medium tanks? Ans: Keep the tanks.
- 1920 - Capt. Donnley, G-2 to Lt. Stephens: Capt. Hall wanted to know about the train with German wounded on it. Tell the German captain we have no more room and to go on back.
- 2005 - S-2 to White 2: Send the train back to KARLSBAD. Take the French off. At 4885 is a wrecked PW workers train. It is a camp and we have 6 men guarding it. At 5085 are 7 men guarding a Polish Camp. At 499869 is another hospital - 2 men on guard at a time. At 505870 is a meat warehouse, and a distributing point at 502870, both guarded by 2 men at a time. A clothing warehouse at 500870, 2 men guarding it.

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- 2025 - Colonel Ware, G-1 to S-2: What is the number of Allied PWs? Ans: There are 800 French ready to leave on own vehicles. 500 more French, 2000 Italians and 300 assorted PWs. We turned in 1200 British, 76 Americans, 280 Belgians and 1200 French.
- 2031 - S-2 to White 2: White 2 - I was just going to call you. The Germans are feeding the Frenchmen now, so I will not send them back until morning. S-2: Did you take over an Allied PW camp in ST SADLOW?
Ans: No.
- 2040 - Capt. Hall to Blue 5: Capt. Booth turned in a report of 300 assorted PWs. I have to have that breakdown because each nationality is to go to a different camp. Ans: O.K., I have the train ready to take 8000 Russians tomorrow, and I can bring back 8000 PWs.
- 2122 - S-2 to Capt. Sylce, CO AT Co.: Where is the Russian Camp that you are guarding and how many guards on it? Ans: Russian Camp at 432806, 15 men guarding it.
- 2155 - G-3 to S-2: Is your camp cage empty? Ans: As far as I know it is.
- 2310 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: A hospital train with 100 German patients was sent out by Capt. Richmond up towards the 87th Div and ended up at 1st Bn of the 26th Inf. Will you find out the story on it? Ans: Right, sir.
- 2315 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Richmond: (Gave the above info) Ans: We had no communications and no other place to send them.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, also called FRANZENBAD, Czechoslovakia.

- 0855 - Major Lauten, G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Lt. John L. Kotuby is to go on temporary duty with Lt. Colonel Wozenski as a Russian interpreter. Check this with Colonel Gibb.
- 0922 - Capt. Hall, S-2 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: If you did not get rid of the 800 Frenchmen with their own trucks, you can do so this morning. Capt. Richmond: A Czech by the name of Cesnak, is causing trouble here, he is organizing a government of some kind and giving the Czechs arms. S-2: We will get rid of him. Has the Allied PW camp been moved yet? Ans: No. We are trying to make arrangements with the Russians to get all the Allied PWs and Allied civilians to come across the river. We will pick them up there and send them to 2nd Bn.
- 0955 - Lt. Col. Dirscoll, S-5 to White 6: Get rid of the Czech officer, he is causing too much trouble. Yesterday he lined up German hospital patients and took personal belongings from them. He is also forming a government of some kind and issuing arms. White 6: Will it be O.K. to use Lt. Kotuby for a few days as an interpreter? Ans: Yes.
- 1025 - Major White, S-3 to White 3: What are your positions? Ans: E company is at Pt 57 to 503865; F company to 505857; G company to 200 yards south of Pt 58. The CP is where Blue was. The tanks are with C company. S-3: Have F company turn everything back to its rightful owner, that is, the lister bags and engineer tools.
- 1050 - S-3 to Capt. Wert: Discuss change in area of responsibility due to yesterday's move. Check town at Pt 62 and the town at 520 - 858 also.
- 1051 - S-3 to Red 3: The Russians are to take over all Germans east of our front lines starting today. Let no one pass thru our lines, Russians, Germans, or civilians.
- 1135 - Capt. Spinney, G-3 to S-3: You have your Bn positions yet? Ans: Gives 1st and 2nd Bn positions.
- 1200 - Major Green, G-3 to S-3: Have you heard anything about the hospital train? Ans: No. G-3: If you get any dope on it, let me know. S-3: We are going to have a hard time trying to get anyone to see that show; we are to spread out. G-3: Do the best that you can.
- 1205 - Blue 3 to S-3: We need truck to evacuate the Allied PWs, will need at least 50 trucks. There are British, French, and Americans. Have them report to the camp at St. SEDLO. S-3: What about this hospital train? You had better put a road block on it, so you do not get any more in our area. Blue 3: I company is over at CHODOR; K company in the town and some guarding Allied PW camp.

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- 1500 - Capt. Stineway, Division, reports: There is a field order coming down to you. It includes - soldiers found in uniform and in your area will be sent to the Russians any way that you see fit. Any suspicious civilians will be screened by the CIC, and sent back to division cage. Civilians other than that will be taken care of by military government.
- 1545 - Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: S-3 was down to the 634th TD and signed passage for Allied civilians to come thru the line. What is the story on that? Also, a convoy just passed thru here with a Colonel Wilson - no one seems to know just what outfit he belongs to or anything about it.
- 1610 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: We just got a message from Corps stating that if any one wants training ammo, to have it in by tomorrow morning by type and amount. This does not mean that Division wants to train; it is up to you.
- 1800 - Capt. Spinney to Capt. Clark: (Positions of our units given by Capt. Clark).
- 1912 - Sgt. McGill, 3rd Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger: We are sending back 5 PWs. They are all SS, but 2 of them claim to be English.
- 1927 - S-6 to G-6: The conversation concerns an invitation which S-6 had from the Division commander of the Russian unit to the front of OT-16. G-6 gives permission for Colonel Gibb to accept the invitation. The dinner is to be 14 May 1945.
- 1955 - Colonel Robinson, concentration area, to Lt. Kestlinger: No more personnel of any kind are to be sent to the concentration area at CHEB. Any stragglers, one or two at a time, known to be German soldiers, may be sent to Division cage.
- 2000 - White 2 to S-2: We had a couple train loads of Russians at the RR Station. Now they are gone. They were under guard, but they were let go. Think they went back thru the Russian lines. I can't explain it; I'm trying to get a report on it. S-2: How many? Ans: About 600. White 2: We were supposed to hold them until O.K'd by Major Margolis, Mil Govt. S-2: If they took off to the East - it is probably o.k. White 2: It could be that the engineers of the trains thought that the trains were ready to move out. S-2: When you get the story, let me know.
- 2010 - The message of 1955 hours was relayed to the Bns.
- 2040 - Blue 6 to S-3: Last night we had 280 seriously wounded Germans on a train here. They went to FALKNOV. They are now back and on our side of KARLSBAD. What shall I do with them? S-3: Division says they will be sent back to the Russians. Do they have provisions? Blue 6: Yes. S-3: Then send them on. (Continue discussion of disposition)

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of various military and civilian personnel).

- 2107 - Major Margolis, Military Government, to Colonel Driscoll, S-5: I have been told that G-6 has ordered the 800 civilians who were shipped to ELBINGER, to be sent back to the Russians thru the 3rd Bn, 16th Inf. The first 500 to be sent back here starting at 0900 hours tomorrow. S-5: I will call Division.
- 2109 - S-5 to Colonel Beck, division: (Gives information of item 2107). Colonel Beck: I will find out about this and call you back.
- 2115 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Would like to clarify one sentence of some instructions that were given you - The sentence reads-"All civilians picked up at road blocks will be interviewed by CIC teams." This applies only to our own internal road blocks, and not to those civilians coming from the Russians.
- 2127 - Colonel Beck to Colonel Driscoll, S-5: (Call concerns the conversation as recorded in item 2107 hours). Colonel Beck: Col. Lancer did not know about this. There seems to be a conflict in the disposition of the Italians who are now on hand. The transfer of these people does not have to be done at any certain time. S-5: I will call Major Margolis on this and get it straight.
- 2137 - Capt. Spinney, G-3 to Capt. Clark: We have a weird request from Corps wanting to know who fired the last shot of the war in this sector. What platoon, company, or individual fired the shot? Capt. Clark: I'll try and check.
- 2145 - Request for answer to the above question relayed to the 3 Bns.
- 2300 - Red 5 to Capt. Clark: In regard to the last shot of the war fired by the 1st Bn - on 6 May, Lt. Hanna, fired a Tommy gun clip at a lone Jerry running on the edge of the woods at HARKA, grid square, 3886, at 2000 hours.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, also called FRANZEBAD, Czechoslovakia.

- 0345 - Lt. Gallet, Allied PW, to Lt. Valten: I have 400 Allied troops, British and American, here at FALKNOV. They are on a train. I'm drawing rations from your 2nd Bn. Should I take them in to EGER? Lt. Valten: I will call you back.
- 0350 - Lt. Valten to Lt. Hopkins, G-2: (Asks if above PWs can be sent to EGER Allied PW camp). Lt. Hopkins: Yes.
- 0351 - Lt. Valten to Lt. Gallet: It is o.k. to take the PWs to EGER and get rid of them. Ans: Hell! I don't want to get rid of them- I'm one of them! (Lt. Gallet calls at 0400 hours, saying that the bridge is out and that the Allied PWs will have to wait until morning to report to EGER).
- 0700 - G-3 to Lt. Valten: Asks about the report that was to be made on the firing of the last shot of the war in this sector, as of info as listed in item 2137 hours, 13 May 1945.
- 0730 - G-4 to Lt. Valten: We are going to evacuate 1000 Allied PWs from your camp at ST. SEDLA. We are going to evacuate the Americans, British, Belgians, and the balance of the French, in that order. Where do you want the trucks sent? Ans: Will let you know.
- 0745 - Lt. Valten to Capt. Merindeno, Regtl Transp O: (Same as above item).
- 0800 - Message - From CG, 1st Div, to CO 16th Inf: No enemy soldiers or civilians will be accepted at the Division Concentration area. Regts will evacuate all enemy military personnel collected in their areas to the nearest Russian unit. Enemy military personnel collected in the Division areas will be turned over to the Div PWE, and they will in turn be turned over to 3rd Bn, 16th Inf at ELBOGEN for delivery to nearest Russian unit.
- All civilians picked up at Road blocks will be screened by Regtl CIC teams for regiments, and by the Division Team at the Div PWE. Those having no counter int. interest will be turned over to Mil Govt officers for disposition.
- 0826 - S-3 to Blue 1: PW message as of 0800E.
- 0851 - Capt. Spinney, G-3 to S-3: I called yesterday in regard to ammunition for practice firing. Do you want ammo? Ans: No, the Colonel decided we will not have practice firing.
- 0853 - White 3 to S-3: S/Sgt. Lewis, NMI, Johnn, 36867422, fired the last night at 080908 May 1945.

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- 0855 - S-3 to G-1: We are getting some trucks for PWs. What is the picture?
Ans: We want them to go back on the way to the Corps Pt. We have 2 classes - American and British will go to Nuernberg; French and Belgians to Banberg. Priority to American and British.
- 0909 - G-5 to S-5: (Same as above). S-5 I appointed Capt. Johnson as the officer in charge. It seems that everyone else is doing the work but him. I want an officer to get the number of PWs of different nationalities. The American, British, French, and Belgians will report to you to be loaded and returned to respective camps. (There is to be 42 trucks). We are also trying to get all the civilians out of the cage. Capt. Johnson will be responsible for getting the figures to me. Capt. Haylett, the British officer, will assist him. G-5: You will also provide officer and guides for these groups.
- 0930 - White 3 to S-3: The Russians, Poles, etc., are plundering and running the German civilians out of their homes. We will need to get Security help, etc., the Corps security group left our area. S-3: Send the Russians back to the Russian lines. Have an officer take them up to the bridge. White 3: I have them grouped at the RR station under guard. Some are leaving the enclosure, and are causing trouble.
- 0940 - Blue 1 to S-3: There are 30 Russian vehicles passing thru for German PWs. Colonel Wozenski called from the bridge. S-3: They are not going down to the town. Blue 1: No, I do not believe so. S-3: What are the totals on the PWs? Blue 1: Americans - 28, including five civilians. The civilians will be evacuated thru Mil Govt channels; British - 170; French - 1560; Belgians - 68. S-3: The 2nd Bn has a train with American and British PWs which will come under your control.
- 0948 - S-3 to G-1: Coordinates of NURNBERG - O-4406.
- 0952 - S-3 to Red 6: What is new? Ans: (Conversation based on turn over of German PWs to the Russian at LOKET.)
- 1033 - White 3 to S-3: PWs on the train are as follows - 57 Americans; 325 British and Canadians.
- 1100 - Major Lauten, G-2 to Lt. Stephens: CCA was to get some info from the Russians which they did not get. The information was the names of Regt, Corps, Div, and Army commanders of the Russians to the front of us. Hold up on the medals.
- 1110 - Capt. Merindero, Transp O, to S-3: The Blue motor officer says that it takes 10 hours to get to NURNBERG, 157 miles. I will try and find a shorter route than that.
- 1115 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: The KARLSBAD camp for turning over German PWs to the Russians will be able to operate by 1400 hours today.

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- 1120 - S-3 to G-1: Message of 1115 hours given.
- 1125 - Major Smith, White 5, to Lt. Stephens: We are getting 1000 Italians. We will not be able to feed them unless we can get chow someplace. We can get chow at PLESNA, if we can get an CK to do so.
- 1135 - Major White, S-3, to Sgt. Wilson, G-1: What is the news on medals for the Russians? Ans: The latest (0910 hours) from Corps is no medals.
- 1200 - Sgt. Collura, Opns Sgt, to G-3: These are the men who fired the last shots of the war from each Bn:
- 1st Bn - Lt. Hama, 060200 B May
 - 2nd Bn - S/Sgt. Lewis, Johnn G Co, ASN 36867422, at 080908B May.
 - 3rd Bn - Pvt Lynn L. English, ASN 37331203, K company, at 1700 hours, 7 May.
- 1328 - Major Tegtmeyer, Regt. Surg. to Capt. Booth: Do you have a train load of American wounded? Ans: Yes. Major T: It will be an Army problem after we notify them.
- 1358 - Capt. Brooks, Red 1, to S-2: At "C", in a railroad station there are 57 Americans and 329 British. What can we do for them?
- 1355 - S-2 to Capt. Wert: Do you have some PWs over in a RR Station? Are you feeding them? Ans: Yes, and we will take care of them.
- 1356 - S-2 to Red 1: The 2nd Bn is taking care of those people.
- 1600 - Lt. Moore, 2nd Bn, to Lt. Kestlinger: Would it be possible to get the same generator set-up as we had at the other camp for this Italian camp? Ans: Will talk to S-3 and let you know.
- 1705 - S-3 to Capt. Wert: The Colonel was on the road today, and saw quite a bit of civilian traffic on the road. He wants you to stop that travel - you are even to stop the French and Belgians, or any civilian travel. Capt. Wert: We have a patrol that runs between here and CHEB to keep all civilians off the main road. S-3: Want you to start practicing color guard. Did you get those Allied PWs off your hands? Capt Wert: Yes, we got the PWs off. Would like to get some generators up here, so that we can light up the place that we are going to keep those people in. Would like to get some engineers, about a platoon, to do some construction work on this Italian camp.
- 1715 - S-3 to S-3 of 1st Engrs: Would like to get a platoon of Engrs tomorrow. Ans: Tomorrow is our organization day. S-3: O.K., later.

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- 1740 - Major McCoan, S-4, to Blue 5: What is the PW that you are feeding?
Ans: 475 PWs.
- 1755 - S-3 to Blue 6: You can move the platoon at KARLSBAD back to LOKET and notify the Russians that you are doing so. No civilians are to be on the road. You can take care of French, Belgian, and American soldiers, but no civilians. Blue 6 to S-6: This is the result of our work today - The Russians are going to give us 3 cooperation passes. They O.K.'ed us to look for American wounded on the train, but I didn't find any. They will accept any Russians we want to turn over to them. They will turn all Americans over to us.
- 1805 - S-6 to G-5: Discuss above information from Blue 6.
- 1850 - Message - CO 16th Inf, from G-3, signed 1615 hours: No German military personnel will be released from hospitals in the division area until further notice. Unit commanders are responsible that hospitals in their area are notified.
- 1943 - White 2 to S-3: In regard to Allied PWs in camp. We are prepared to feed them a hot meal in the morning, and then evacuate them around 0800H. Will need trucks. Lt. Kestlinger mentioned something about German trucks. Can we use some of them.
- 2115 - S-3 to White 1: (Discussion of Italian PWs - they will not be evacuated. Remain in place. Need engineer supplies - 1000 ft. of white tape.
- 2133 - G-5 to S-3: (Info in regard to the water main).
- 2135 - S-3 to G-4: Request for 1000 feet of white tape. (Will call back).
- 2200 - Blue 6 to S-3: I have Lt. Kotuby (Russian speaking officer from our 2nd Bn) on the other end of the bridge. The Russians are doing their damndest to get him drunk. A convoy of 17 trucks with Czech Political PWs are at KARLSBAD and they need gas. They came from LIEPZIG. They need about 50 to 60 gallons of gasoline. Convoy came from the 8th corps (Col. Hatch). Lt. Kotuby took the Czechs from the trucks and put them on the Russian side. A report from the camp to the N, says that the Russians have done nothing. There are 10,000 PWs; 4,000 wounded; 7,000 civilians. They have nothing to eat. The Russians are supposed to be all drunk - so, Lt. Kotuby is calling the Russian HQ and see what they are going to do about it. The camp, (one to the US) is cleared, I believe. A convoy came thru to KMOTATAU. They were heading for there with that big column. They have to pick up the other people at LE CHENTOW. (Sp ?)

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- 2200 - Blue 6 to S-3: A British Capt. - Capt. WYKES, 33234. He said he came with the train. Train is 6 Kilometers out of KARLSBAD. On the train there are 4,000 people. 200 British and American combined; 700 French and Belgians, and others. We whipped up a little convoy. Capt. Richmond to take the convoy and to shuttle Americans, British, French, and Belgians out of there. We have a place to put them and feed them. We do not have enough trucks to handle them. Getting some vehicles from AT Co. We have 4 or 5 German trucks. Ans: O.K., I will get division on this and see what I can do. Blue 6: I will need about 25 trucks.
- 2205 - S-3 to G-4: Info as above.
- 2206 - S-2 to Blue 6: Passage of civilians is prohibited.
- 2230 - S-3 to White 1: You will have an officer at Div concentration gate at 0800 to pick up 15 two and a half ton trucks; to be taken to 3rd Bn by that officer, and they will load with Allied PWs and then he will take that convoy to - if American or British - to NURNBERG; Belgian and French to BANBERG. Preference to American and British. One additional truck for 3rd Bn will be picked up. Officer from 2nd Bn will be responsible for truck going to Blue, and to Corps, Concentration area. Priority - American, British, Belgian, French.
- 2230 - G-3 to S-6: (Discuss info as in above items).
- 2243 - S-3 to Blue 1: (Same as info in item 2230 hours) After you get the count of people on the train, call Colonel Ware, G-1, so we can get the trucks.
- 2250 - Blue 6 to S-3: Capt. Wolf called from the RR Station. The switch master received a call from the station master from KARLSBAD. Train with 80 wounded French and Americans on the train, and he will send them to Wolf's area. Can we send them to FALKNOV? Ans: Yes.
- 2251 - Blue Medics to Regt. Surgeon: Evacuation of wounded American PWs - urgent. Need ambulance.
- 2253 - Regt. Surg. to Div Surg.: Evacuation of American and Allied wounded to MARENBERG. Ambulance to be furnished by Grp. Our Co. A Med Ambulance will notify that Grp at MARENBERG.
- 2305 - Regt. Surgeon to Blue 1: Where do you want the ambulance? Ans: Blue CP.
- 2305 - S-3 to G-3: Colonel Wozenski reports column of Czech PWs from Leipzig going to Prague. They need gas. Ans: I will call V Corps. (Gives information as above concerning this column).

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2310 - S-6 to G-6: (Information concerning the wounded Allied PWs is given). S-6 asks for aid from Division.

2333 - S-6 to Div Surgeon: Here is the chronological record of the happenings: 1. The CG said the Div was able to handle and care for all of the wounded Allied PWs. 2. Then, that was turned over to us. Army put a group here to handle the situation. 3. I called Berry and Colonel Benjamin. 4. Colonel Benjamin said if we wanted him, we must come over to see him.

I want you to take care of all the wounded people that come in KARLSBAD. You get Colonel Benjamin up to your office, so when I call we can get immediate action. The 16th Inf is running the show; we got 13 ambulances down to take care of the wounded. I will get Colonel Benjamin by order of CG, up there to your office tonight.
Ans: Army has taken over all RAMP Hosp. I was told, I wouldn't take care of Allied PWs, but only German wounded.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, also called FRANZENBAD, Czechoslovakia.

- 0100 - Blue 1 to S-3: Need only 8 ambulances. Ans: They are on the way.
- 0103 - S-2 to Division Surgeon: Our 3rd Bn needs only 8 ambulances; they are on the way. You need one more.
- 0143 - Blue 6 to S-3: 200 Wounded British and Americans. Nine ambulances are taking care of them. The 9th Armored Division brought a convoy of Russians down, and they are passing over the bridge under Russian supervision. There are about 1000 Belgians and French being taken care of now. Everything is running smoothly.
- 0840 - S-3 to Blue Bn: How many people do you have now? Ans: 1462, including 79 Americans and 173 British. S-3: Do not send anybody but French, Belgians, British, and Americans back. The rest go to the Russians.
- 0850 - Colonel Curtis to S-6: Discuss evacuation of wounded on the train and the difference in reports that have been made concerning the details of the numbers, etc.
- 0855 - S-6 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: What is the story on the train?
Ans: I contacted the senior British captain. He reported 80 litter cases and 80 sitting wounded. I requested ambulances, but the report was wrong and I evacuated all of the wounded with two ambulances and a 1 1/2 ton truck.
S-6: Any other columns? Ans: Yes, one is rumored but no one has seen it. Last night a train went into the Russian lines which had 8 cars with British and American flags. I shouted to them, and they answered that they were all wounded. I am going to check on that today. (Colonel Gibb calls at 0900 hours and gives the information in this item to Colonel Curtis).
- 1115 - S-2 to White 2: Any change in installations? White 2: Yes, a new camp at 505863. It is an Italian displaced persons camp.
- 1118 - S-3 to Blue 3: In regard to the orders, the 2nd Bn will be given the same orders. The American and British will be given priority on evacuation. Blue 2: Also got additional orders from Division Transportation officer, Lt. Raeno, to pick up C-A rations at WERESBERG and deliver same to Trk Hq 137 at TILTON. Orders fr Corps.
- 1122 - S-3 to Lt. Raeno: You gave Lt. Gressang orders to pick up rations at WERESBERG. When you give orders to anyone in the 16th Inf, you go thru channels. Lt. Raeno: Sir, the orders came from Corps. When they drop the pers., they will proceed to WERESBERG to pick up rations for the Truck Headquarters 137 at TILTON. S-3: Where is WERESBERG? Ans: NW of NURNBERG. Sir, I notified Capt. Dion on this order, when I couldn't locate the Motor Officer. I also gave written instructions to Lt. Gressang.

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- 1125 - S-2 to Major Greene, G-3: Here is some further information on the installations - Camp at 3085, evacuated; 4885 was evacuated, now being used as Russian shipment point; 432806 is an Italian camp guarded by 15 EM from AF company; 505863 - Italian camp, guarded by one platoon. Guard on Hotel HWGIA in FRANZENBAD changed, taken over by 6 EM from Hq Company 16th Inf.
- 1200 - Major McKeon, S-4 to S-2: I will get 300 German rations, and 500 American rations each day.
- 1225 - S-2 to Red 2: The pass written by Captain LYCAS in regard to Hungarian Civilians is not good. He had no authority to write such a pass; the civilians will be told to go east. (S-2 calls G-2 on this matter - stating: Tell the 18th Inf to destroy the pass).
- 1310 - Colonel Curtis to S-3: In regard to Lt. Gressang, he was to take PWs to BRAMBERG. From there he was to pick up rations at WERZBERG. The rations are at truck head # 137.
- 1437 - S-1 to S-4: We do not have to report any other than Allied PWs. All others are strictly a Military Government function.
- 1446 - S-1 to Capt. Stowell, Service Co.: Want 10 trucks to report to me to take the men going home to the Repl. Depot. They will bring back replacements that we are to get. Ans: O.K.
- 1537 - S-1 to Colonel Ware, G-1: A Capt. MILBURN is here with Colonel Gibb. He was at ARMY and came back through V Corps. He saw a Colonel CORPALLAR, a British officer who is G-1, PW at V Corps. He said that they did not realize at Higher Headquarters how many allied PWs were east of us. He also said that the number of trucks that we desire may be obtained through Colonel CORPALLAR. Colonel Gibb wants 50 trucks right away to evacuate 2,300 French. He wants them by tonight so that we can be ready to take care of tomorrow's incoming group.
- 1550 - S-4 to S-1: Total rations are:
- 3rd Bn - 1462 Allied PWs.
 - 2nd Bn - 51 American and British; 37 Allied PWs.
 - Hospital in town (Grand Hotel) - 2804.
- TOTAL - 4303
- 1820 - White 2 reports: Total Allied prisoners for today were:
- 600 Russians
 - 400 French
 - 63 United Kingdom
 - 2 Americans, evacuated.
- Received 700 Italians.

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- 2015 - Capt. Wolf, 3rd Bn, to Mr. Lipinski: 20,000 Germans are at LIBCKENSID; at 0730 hours they will leave KARLSBAD to go to BOCHOV, 7986. The Germans are on their own vehicles going to KARLSBAD; here they come under the control of the Russians - from there to camp at BOCKHOF. That completes all of them.
- 2035 - Blue 3 to Mr. Lipinski: The 9th Armored Division has taken 20 to 25 truck loads of Russian civilians thru the 3rd Bn lines today.
- 2050 - Mr. Lipinski to 3rd Bn: Let the Russian civilians go thru the lines-anything going that way is o.k.
- 2130 - G-1 to Mr. Lipinski: Corps will send 46 trucks to you for 3rd Bn at 0930 hours tomorrow. This is in addition to the other 30. Can you use all 76? How many people will you have left after you do use them? Call me when you check.

Mr. Lipinski to Blue 1: You will get 30 trucks at 0830 hours tomorrow from Division. Also, at 0930 hours, you will get 46 trucks from Corps. Can you use all of them? How many will you have left then? Ans: Providing things are normal - that should clean us out.
Mr. L: 1st Bn will provide the guide.

Mr. Lipinski to Red 1: You will provide one officer to guide a convoy from 3rd Bn CP to NURNBERG in the morning. He is to report to 3rd Bn CP at 0830 hours.

Mr. Lipinski to G-1: We can use all of the trucks, and that will clean us out of all our people.

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LOCATION: FRANT LAZNE, also called FRANZENBAD, Czechoslovakia.

- 1005 - Captain Fish, S-1, to Major Tegtmeier: Our 3rd Bn has two trains with wounded on it. Ans: I can not do anything about it. I will be glad to take care of it if I can get permission to. See what you can do about it.
- 1012 - Captain Fish, S-1 to Colonel Ware, G-1: I have 280 wounded Germans on a train out in the 3rd Bn, and no one will touch them. I was wondering if something could be done so that we could take care of them. Major Tegtmeier tried to do something for them but they would not let him touch them. Ans: I will get some dope on it and call back to Major Tegtmeier. Capt. Fish: Good.
- 1400 - Lt. Col. Benjamin, Co D 1st Medics, to Clearing Co.: We have just received 30 more PW patients at the RAMP Hospital and have no beds for them or additional patients until we can evacuate some. Do you have any trucks available? Ans: Yes, we have a truck and will send it right over.
- 2040 - Bluelto Sgt. Major: Here are the people we evacuated today:

American	19
British	208
British Civ'lins	5
French	1150
French Civ'lins	200
Belg. Civ'lins	250
Greek Civ'lins	11
Hungarian Civ'lins	8
German Jews	9
Estonian Civ'lins	6
Polish Civ'lins	49
Latvian Civ'lins	39
Swiss Civ'lins	8
Italians	33

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Jugoslavian Civ'lins	66
Spanish Civ'lins	1
Indo-Chinese Civ'lins	4

We have on hand:

Americans	4
British	303
French	1750
French civ'lins	1200
Belgian civ'lins	50
Dutch civ'lins	320

A train pulled in awhile ago with an estimated 1500 American, French, and British PWs, and I have Lt. Smith down there now getting an accurate count. Also a British Sgt. came in and says he is an advance detail for 4000 American, British and French PWs who should be in sometime in the morning. I have notified Division and they told me they can not promise me more than 50 trucks for tomorrow, so when Major McKeon comes back have him call me.

2330 - Capt. Johnson, Regtl Transportation officer, to duty clerk: Will have 24 trucks at the Blue CP for Allied PWs at 0900 hours in the morning. Have the officers meet me there at that time.

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- 1045 - In regard to the film "Two Down and One to Go" - It will be delivered to 3rd Bn CP at 1400 B, instead of 1230-1245B. (Due to breakdown of the projector). It will be returned to G-3 office at 1745B.
- 1100 - S-5, Colonel Driscoll, to Blue 5: Will you send those people back and you had better have a guide with them. Capt. Berry will take care of them in this town.
- 1115 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn, to S-5: 1500 British and Americans who haven't eaten in 3 days are at the railroad station in Falknov. Do you know anything about it? Ans: Will check in to it.
- 1116 - S-5 to White 5: (Gives the above information and asks White 5 to check on this information).
- 1130 - S-5 to Colonel Barnes: I have a few troubles - 10,000 civilians moving on CHEDOR in Russian territory. Have five hospital trains that were looked at by Corps yesterday; I am doing nothing about it. Have a truck convoy with 130 wounded - bringing it into this town where we are. I would like to pull the 3rd Bn back to FALKNOV and leave one company at LOKET to direct them south. I want to get a definite line. I will not let those hospital trains come thru unless a person from Corps comes down and takes complete charge of it.
- 1135 - White 5 to S-5: There are 1400 to 1500 British and Americans coming in. The Sergeant Major says that the Russians just put them on the train and sent them thru. S-5: Will get them fed and see if we can get vehicles to evacuate them.
- 1145 - Colonel Driscoll to Blue 5: There is a train of 1400 to 1500 British and Americans at FALKNOV - do you know anything about it? Ans: No. S-5: Do not do anything about those civilians.
- 1150 - Lt. Stephens to Villian A -(A 745th Tnk Bn): 745th A is to revert to their Bn control at 1600 hours, today.
- 1155 - Lt. Stephens to Blue 3: Message of 1150 hours given.

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- 1200 - S-5 to G-1: 1400 to 1500 British and Americans came into Falknov today - this may be part of the 4000 expected in.
- 1205 - Lt. Stephens to Red 3: Do you have a platoon of medium tanks?
Ans: No.
- 1210 - Lt. Stephens to Lt. Russell, 745th A co. : Our Bns have been notified that they will lose your tanks.
- 1212 - Lt. Stephens to White 2: Gives message of 1150 hours.
- 1215 - Colonel Gibb, S-6, to S-5: Tell Capt. Richmond to blow all the railway bridges leading in where he is. We want to control the Allied PWs at KARLSBAD. The Russians send train loads in without notifying us.
- 1300 - Colonel Beck, Division, to Capt. Clark: You can move all but one company back from LOKET, as Colonel Gibb requested, but the En CP is to stay up at LOKET so as to coordinate anything with the Russians. Also, motorized patrols are to be continued and the General wants you to keep outposts out so those people will not get a chance to come in.
- 1305 - S-6 to Colonel Beck: What is new? Ans: (Reviews the above item of 1300 hours).
- 1310 - S-5 to G-1: We have 107 Americans, 1254 British, 3 French for a total of 1364. Would like to evacuate them from there.
- 1315 - S-6 to Blue 6: I still would like to know how that train got thru.
Ans: I am trying to find out. S-5: The Colonel wants those tracks fixed so that no trains will get thru to FALKNOV. All you are supposed to do with the hospital is to find out where it is and put a guard on it, and let Corps Med know and they will take care of it. That is the job of the 134th Med. All you do is make reports about them. Colonel Gibb wants you to keep those civilians moving North.
- 1445 - Major White, S-3 to Blue 2: Block all the tracks leading into KARLSBAD so as no trains can get thru without first notifying regiment. Ans: I think we are sending a train to MARIANBAD.

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- 1500 - Message - CG 1st Div to CO 16th Inf: Effective immediately all displaced persons camps will be guarded and all inhabitants will be confined within the limits of the camps, except when performing essential duties which require their presence outside the camps.
- 1505 - Message - CG 1st Division to CO 16th Inf: Effective 171600 May, All Dets 745 tank Bn are detached from respective inf regts. and revert to control of 745 Tnk Bn.
- 1630 - S-3 to Blue 6: One rifle company and Bn fwd CP will stay in IOKET. The rest of the Bn will move to FOLKNOV and relieve the 2nd Bn by 1100 hours 18 May. You will turn your trucks over to 2nd Bn by 1200 hours. (Gives line which Russians are to be kept East of) Your right flank will be with the 634th TDs at 515850. Your left flank will be on the river.
- 1655 - S-3 to Major Edmonds, Red 5: We are moving Blue to take over from White tomorrow. To control traffic, I want you to put a platoon at Pt 50. Ans: Do I continue my patroling? S-3: Yes, but you can ease up a little.
- 1705 - S-3 to Capt. Wert: You will send a Bn officer and one company officer, NCO, and you might send down a extra people to clean up your billets by 0900 hours. Blue will have the relief effected by 1100 hours, and you will take their trucks and move here by 1300 hours. At 0900 hours you will resume responsibility of cots that we will have stacked up over there. The billeting party will report to Capt. Clark.
- 1806 - Major Oney to Capt. Clark: Trucks with Russians were taken by Blue; they had a planned run and should not have been used by you.
- 2100 - Colonel Wozenski, Blue 6, to Lt. Kestlinger: Just had a train of 1400 French PWs come in and there is another train coming in with about 1100, including French, Belgians and Americans. Will need trucks to evacuate them in the morning. Lt. Kestlinger: Will call Division MG officer to see about the trucks.
- 2105 - Lt. Kestlinger to Col. Lancer, MG: We have two trains of Allied PWs coming in, would like to get trucks to evacuate them with. Ans: Will have 40 trucks at the road junction near CHEB airport to be picked up, that will help you.

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2106 - The above item is relayed to Colonel Wozenski.

2220 - Blue En reports: Trains at Dallwitz; one train, 700 wounded; one train 352 litter cases, and 108 walking cases. At Schlackenwirth - 300 walking wounded, and another group of 150 walking wounded. Lickenstead - 150 walking wounded, 281 litter cases. Four trains of 1036 wounded were taken over by the 134th Med Bn.

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Location: FRANZENBAD, Czechoslovakia.

- 1005 - Capt. Johnson, Regtl Transportation Off. to S-3: 3rd Bn is moved and I have 14 trucks waiting for the 2nd Bn.
- 1045 - 1st Bn to S-3: One platoon of D company is in LOMNICE, 4890; we have 200 enemy FWs which we want to move with our own transportation. Where can we move them? S-3: Get the senior German officer and have them march to KARLSBAD.
- 1133:- Colonel Gibb, S-6, to Colonel Ware, G-1: I have roughly 9000 people who must be moved. Ans: I sent 100 trucks to your unit this morning. An officer from your 3rd Bn came down to meet our Motor Pool officer with orders, and then later another came down with separate orders (different). 49 trucks went out for Allied Prisoners and 38 for Displaced Personnel. This should clean up all, except the ones you get today. Your 3rd Bn has 750; 2nd Bn 1364. S-6: Correct. In KARLSBAD there are 1200 mixed personnel. G-1: The extra trucks can take care of them. In regard to the Italians - we are trying to get the Russian camp in CHEB evacuated of all Russians. If you can, use your unit trucks to move the Allied FWs to CHEB. Then, when the ration trucks (25) go for rations they can evacuate them, saving time, etc.
- 1200 - Capt. Richmond, Blue 5, to S-2: French evacuated in 15 trucks. At 0915 hours there were 672 French and 78 Belgians who headed for PILSEN. At 1145 hours, 9 trucks took 450 French.
- 1620 - Blue 5 to S-2: This morning at:
0915 hours, 15 trucks evacuated - 78 Belgians, 672 French to Pilsen.
1145 hours, 9 trucks evacuated 450 Disp. French persons to WURZBURG.
1100, hours, 20 trucks evacuated (from French camp at FALKNOV), 1212 Disp. persons to WURZBURG.
1030 hours, the British camp at FALKNOV had 28 trucks which evacuated 1400 British, American, and French to PILSEN.
One allied FW train came in this morning; we are unloading another one now; a third one is 5 kilometers north of KARLSBAD. Col. Wozenski, Blue 6, has gone after it with 2 British sergeants.

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1620 (cont'd) - As of 1200 hours, Allied FWs are as follows:

Americans	12
British	18
French	730
Belgians	200

Displaced Persons as follows:

Americans	3
French	950
Belgians	200
Dutch	150
Swiss	2
Czechs	17

In DALLWITZ there are 3 German trains (Hospital)
 IN SCHLOKENWERTH there is 1 German Hospital train.
 In NEW SATTLE there are 3 German hospital trains.
 (The 134th Medics have all of this information).

One train was moved to MARIENBAD this morning; another was started this morning down the Russian side for MARIENBAD. Hope to get all clear by tomorrow night.

- 1745 - Major Kelly, Division, to Lt. Kestlinger: V Corps called and said anything East of the 59 is to be pulled back West of the 59 grid. Anything in LOKET, leave there. The Russian 102nd Corps will contact you just East of LOKET.
- 1800 - Major White, S-3 to Major Edmonds, 1st Bn: Message of 1745 given.
- 2400 - The following breakdown report was submitted by the Sgt. Major of the 3rd Bn for 18 May 1945:

PRISONERS OF WAR:

Americans	14
British	15
French	516
Belgians	43
Hollanders	6
Italians	0

DISPLACED PERSONS:

Americans	3
British	0
French	896
Belgians	175

18 May 1945


2400 (cont'd)

DISPLACED PERSONS

Hollanders	170
Italians	3
Germans	6
Turks	1
Greeks	2
Swiss	8
Finns	3

(The above report cover 3rd Bn Fwd at ELBOGEN; in addition to the above there are 1000 Displaced Persons at 3rd Bn rear).

Totals for 3rd Bn forward - PWs 580; Displaced Persons 1467. (The totals do not correspond to the figures in the above report from Blue forward - the Sgt. Major was to check the totals for the correct figures).



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LOCATION: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia

19 May 1945

- 1100 - Major White, S-3 to Colonel Beck, Division: The amount of ammo that we would like to get follows - M-1, 21,000; B.A.R. 6,000; M.G. 30,000; 60mm- 800; 80mm 700; HE 300; Bazooka; AT Grenades 300; one case of 45's; 2,000 of carbine.
- 1320 - Capt. Clark to Blue and Red 3's: Colonel Driscoll, S-5, reports quite a number of Italians coming to the rear; check your outposts and do not let any of them thru.
- 1330 - Major Greene, G-3 to Capt. Clark: Got a call from Corps stating that last week a truck of discharged PWs from the 9th Armored Div was stopped by the 3rd Bn of the 16th Inf, and that the truck was unloaded of its PWs. It is stated that the truck is now being used for something else. I would like to get the story on it. Also check to see if anyone checked the papers of these PWs, as they had permission to go home. Find out the date of the incident; whether the driver was questioned and if he had papers allowing him to go to KARLSBAD; if he made any protest, and where the Germans in the truck wanted to go; what was done with the PWs and the truck?
- 1400 - Capt. Wirt, 2nd Bn to Capt. Clark: Would like reveille changed to 0630 hours, and have the band from 1000 hours to 1100 hours for drill.
- 1620 - Colonel Gibb, S-6 to Capt. Richmond, Blue 5: Corps is making arrangements for food, trucks, and medical aid to go into the Russian lines for the British and American PWs there. The advance detail will contact you at LOKET. You arrange for the details. We will let you know how many trucks there will be as soon as we find out.
- 2145 - Blue Bn reports final figures for 19 May -

Prisoners of War

French.....	1392
Belgians.....	62
Hollanders.....	51
Serbs.....	8
Cyprians.....	39

Displaced Persons

French.....	875
Belgian civilians...	87
Holland civilians....	95
American Civilians...	11
Turkish Civilians....	1
Greek civilians.....	2
Swiss civilians.....	8
Italian civilians...	182
German civilians....	6
Russian civilians...	3

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20 May 1945

Location: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia.

0940 - Capt. Wolf, 3rd Bn, to S-2: List of installations I am guarding:

- 2 food storehouses, guarded by 12 men.
- 1 Polish Camp, guarded by 10 men.
- 1 Italian DP Camp, guarded by 30 men.
- 12 Road blocks.

1 Railroad Station, guarded by one platoon.

1000 - Major Greene, G-3, to Major White, S-3: V Corps complained about a XVI Armored Div Truck with discharged German personnel on it. The personnel of this truck were dismounted, Allied PWs were put on the truck, and the Germans sent back. S-3: That is the way we have been handling all the PWs; we could not permit them to come thru the lines, and the XVI Armored had no clearance from us.

1030 - S-2 to Lt. Cutler, Red 3: What installations are you guarding?

Ans: A camp at Pt 46, guarded by one platoon; a camp at Pt 50, guarded by one platoon; a hospital train with 700 sick Russians at Pt 57, One platoon is guarding the women's camp.

1400 - Capt. Clark, duty officer, to Capt. Wolf, 3rd Bn: You will pull everything, including all troops, back west of the 59 grid immediately - by order of Colonel Gibb.

1400 - Blue 2 to S-3: Would like to have a water DP at 3147.

1925 - The 16th Inf does not (repeat not) have to supply detail for PW camp. Capt. Ralph excused from General Court on 21 May 45. (This information Colonel Driscoll, S-5, to Capt. Finnigan, G-1).

2200 - Relayed message from Colonel Corballin to Major Meschederman, G-1 V CORPS; Brux area now clear of all British and U.S. except possible stragglers in isolated places. Task now remains to clear other western allies. These are scattered and are being collected.

Problem is not difficult now. Require here tomorrow - eight a.m., Karlsbad, eighty trucks. No ambulances required. Evacuated today - British and U.S. 2600; French 1100; Dutch 900; Belgians 100. Following also for your information - there is serious situation here concerning condition of 15 hospital trains containing German wounded in KARLSBAD area. (Russians) serious lack of food and medical supplies. 56 dead reported in one train. Can you assist?

2200 - 3rd Bn evacuated from BRUX area: British and Americans 2600; Dutch 900; Belgians 100; French 1000; these figures do not include patients evacuated on 75 ambulances. (This figure is not known yet). 2300 - 3rd Bn reports; ELGERAU CAMP - British FWS 35; French FWS 150; Belgian FWS 35; American FWS 5. Displaced Persons - French 10; Hollanders 32; Americans 12; Greeks 9; Italians 278; Lithuanians 2; Polish 6; Rumanians 17; BUCKENWALD CAMP - Italians DPs 3127.

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21 May 1945.

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Location: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia.

1255 - The 3rd Bn is using 10 trucks for evacuating civilian & PWs.

1300 - S-2 to 2nd Bn, Lt. Gressang; Inform Capt. Wirt that a two man guard is to be put on Bath #1. It is a food warehouse. Establish the guard this afternoon.

1330 - S-6 to Danger 5: Things are clearing up out in front and in 3 days or so I would like to pull another battalion back. Ans: O.K., the General says that will be O.K.

2130 - Blue Bn gives the following report of PWs and Displaced Persons, as of 1800 hours.

Camp at FALKNOV:

<u>PRISONERS OF WAR</u>	
French	206
Belgians	12
Hollanders	64
Serbs	66
Polish	9

<u>DISPLACED PERSONS</u>	
French	75
Belgians	15
Hollanders	5
Italians	3600
Spanish	2
Polish	8
Austrian	1

Camp at ELBOGEN:

<u>PRISONERS OF WAR</u>	
French	50

<u>DISPLACED PERSONS</u>	
British	1
French	140
Belgians	19
Hollanders	278
American	12
Greek	12
Italian	160
German	6
Lithuanian	2
Polish	11
Rumanian	17
Czech	6
Icelanders	10
Danes	7



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Location: FRANZENBAD, Czechoslovakia.

1100 - S-3 to Blue 2: What have you up there now? Ans: 3,600 Italians; 300 French. Will have to get the figures on the others and let you know.

1125 - Blue 6 to S-3: Meeting with the Russians - Friday for the 16th Infantry, and Monday for the General.

100 trucks and 40 ambulances will clean everything up. Arrangements are being made by Corps. (Vehicles are needed for evacuation of Allied Personnel).

1500 - Blue 6 to S-6: Between LOKET and FALKNOV there are about 1000 Germans. The Czechs and Russians have ordered the Germans back to Germany. S-6: When they get to FALKNOV, send them north of CHEMITZ. Blue 6: The ones on the road now were ordered out of SAZZ two days ago.

1510 - Colonel Gibb to Colonel Barnes: Message of 1500 given. Colonel Barnes states that he will call Corps on the matter.

1600 - S-6 to Blue 6: Hold all the Germans at FALKNOV. The information has gone into SHAEF. They will send us an answer as to what to do.

(Attached is 3rd Bn report of 22 May).

22 May 1945.

3RD BATTALION REPORT OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND DISPLACED PERSONS:

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FALKNOV - Allied PW Camp:

Prisoners of War

274 French
62 Hollanders
45 Polish
14 Hungarians

DISPLACED PERSONS

1 British
261 French
32 Belgians
41 Hollanders
4 Turks
10 Greeks
3800 Italians
25 Serbs
2 Spanish
29 Lithuanians
4 Esthonians
25 Polish
70 Hungarians

CONCENTRATION CAMP: 52 British Women

SMALL CAMP: 286 Polish

HOSPITAL IN MOSTAU: 721-1-110 patients.

ELBOGEN - Allied PW Camp:

Prisoners of War

2 British
2 American

DISPLACED PERSONS

2 British
185 Dutch
12 American
6 Germans
12 Serbs
7 Russians
2 Lithuanians
10 Danes

HOSPITAL IN ELBOGEN

722-1 - 160 patients
722-2 - 423 patients

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23 May 1945.

Location: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia.

1000 - Colonel Gibb, S-6, to Colonel Barnes, Div: I am sending Major Margolis, Military Government, up to KARLSBAD to arrange with the Burgomeister that no more German civilians get through. They will have to stay where they are because the border-patrol will stop them, and we will have all of them on our hands.

1048 - G-3 to clerk: CORFS has contacted SHAEF and soon you will be able to ship Germans right through the border without processing.

1235 - Blue 6 to S-3: Party with Russians tomorrow. Place to be determined. I will pick up the Russian General and Staff and deliver them to the place at 1700B. Check with Czechoslovakia committee: claim they are not sending Germans through lines. The crowded condition of the people in the area is becoming serious. KARLSBAD has twice its population now.

(3rd Bn report attached).

23 May 1945

3rd Battalion report of Prisoners of War, and Displaced Person.ELBOGEN: (Prisoners of War)

British..... 2
 French.....10

Displaced Persons-

British..... 2
 Dutch.....10

HOSPITAL AT ELBOGEN:

No. 722-2500 patients
 No. 722-1161 patients

MOSTAU:

No. 721-1110 patients

TOTAL 771 patients

Balknov:PRISONERS OF WAR

French.....56
 Belgians..... 3
 Dutch 3
 German66
 Polish 9

Displaced Persons-

French159
 Dutch 91
 American 1
 Turkish 4
 Greek 12
 Italian 4300
 German 239
 Russian 19
 Lithuanian..... 29
 Estonian 4
 Polish 330
 Austrian 14
 Czechs 9
 Danes 7
 Hungarians143

24 May 1945

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LOCATION: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia.

1930 hours - - 3rd Battalion Report of PW'S & Displaced Persons.

(The Following are listed as on hand)

PRISONERS OF WAR

Americans.....	2
British.....	2
French.....	12
Dutch.....	2
Hungarians.....	18
Yugoslavians.....	74
Polish.....	43

HOSPITAL - ELBOGEN

(722-1)..... 160 patients
(722-2)..... 430 Patients

HOSPITAL - MOSTAU

(721-1)..... 110 Patients

DISPLACED PERSONS

Americans.....	12
British.....	2
French.....	108
Belgians.....	1
Dutch.....	101
Italians.....	3089
Hungarians.....	156
Danes.....	7
Estonians.....	19
Austrians.....	7
Greeks.....	12
Yugoslavians.....	301
Lithuanians.....	8
Latvians.....	44
Turks.....	4
Polish.....	8
Russians.....	10
Children (All Nations).....	19
Czechs.....	51

EVACUATED TODAY:

201 French civilians
550 Italian civilians
326 Polish civilians

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25 May 1945

3rd Battalion Report of Prisoners of War, and Displaced PersonsPRISONERS OF WAR:

French.....	9
Belgian.....	2
Serbs.....	74
Dutch.....	3
Hungarian.....	18

DISPLACED PERSONS:

Italian.....	3089
Polish.....	100
Serbs.....	337
Turks.....	4
Greeks.....	12
Austrian.....	23
Danish.....	2
Hungarian.....	156
Russians.....	291

ELBOGEN HOSPITAL:

No. 722-1.....	160 Patients
No. 722-2.....	433 Patients

MOSEAU HOSPITAL:

No. 721-1.....	110 Patients
TOTAL PATIENTS.....	703 Patients

26 May 1945

LOCATION: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia3rd Battalion Report of Prisoners of War, and Displaced Persons.PRISONERS OF WAR

French.....	106
Dutch.....	3
Serbs.....	71

DISPLACED PERSONS

French.....	134
Dutch.....	8
Serbs.....	77
Belgians.....	2
Turks.....	4
Hungarians.....	156
Greeks.....	12
Austrians.....	4
Estonians.....	57
Latvians.....	22
Lithuanians.....	6
Danes.....	3
Czechs.....	51

HOSPITAL IN MOSTAU:

No. 721-1.....	110 patients
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HOSPITAL IN ELBOGEN

No. 722-2.....	170 patients
No. 722-1.....	420 patients

EVACUATED TODAY.....	290 Russians.
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27 May 1945

LOCATION: FRANZENSBAD, Czechoslovakia3rd Battalion Report of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons:PRISONERS OF WAR:

French.....	106
Polish.....	38
Serbs.....	77

DISPLACED PERSONS:

French.....	221
Polish.....	100
Serbs.....	339
Hungarian.....	158
Dutch.....	9
Belgians.....	3
Austrians.....	17
Danes.....	6
Turks.....	4
Greek.....	17
Latvians.....	2
Italians.....	3089

HOSPITALS:

No. 722-2.....	430
No. 722-1.....	180
No. 721-1 (MOSTAU)..	110

TOTAL	720
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EVACUATED TODAY:

58: Polish