- 0200 Blue: Contact patrols report everything quiet.
- 0205 White: Contact patrols report everything quiet.
- 0208 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: All quiet.
- 0403 White: G Co reports heavy artillery landing in their positions, no casualties reported.
- 0405 Lt Rameriz to G-3: Gives them the reports received from the units in the last hour.
- 0845 Lt Carroll to Lt Kestlinger: A column of infantry reported by 30th Div moving northeast at 898495. We fired artillery on them. A large movement of vehicles was reported at 925472. Some vehicular movement on road from 9352nto 9453. Activity reported all day at 903508. 1st Bn 18th reported a big display of searchlights in vicinity of Cologne, and lots of AA. 294th Engr Bn got two PWs from 20th GAF, due to a loudspeaker broadcast.
- 0900 Lt Kestlinger to Blue and White: Gives them the above report from Lt Carroll.
- 0934 Div Chml Off to Lt Rameriz: I called yesterday in reference to coming down to your 1st Bn today to check some gas masks. I will be down but not before 1400 hour today, because the Corps officer has been detained.
- 0940 Lt Rameriz to Red 2: Relays the above message about gas masks.
- 1000 G-2 to Lt Kestlinger: Just wanted to tell you that there will be a phone check today in reference to security, thought you would like to know about it.
- 1005 Lt Kestlinger to all units: Relays the above message.
- 1030 Blue 2 to S-2: At 0810 hours three enemy at 956499; at 0900 hours one horse and wagon going east at 958509. The 3 enemy at 956499 were going south to west. At 0905 hours to 0915 hours 8 men on bikes going east at 954499; at 0920 hours 8 men on bikes at 75 yard intervals at 956489; at 0945 hours 3 enemy at 948479, one enemy pushing bike going east at 951489, also one enemy moving east at 957499, also 12 ton truck and an ambulance going west on Highway 264. At 1012 hours 3 enemy moving west going into dugout at 951489.

- 1040 Lt Carroll to S-2: lst Bn 18th reports receiving machine gun and mortar fire on Ravelsberg. About 2400 hours there was a tank firing at 877473. 30th Div reports 112th patrol went as far as 868478, and returned without incident. 120th Inf and 117th Inf patrols to railway embankment met considerable fire including grenades, they penetrated enemy positions west of railway tracks.
- 1100 Blue 6 to Lt Kestlinger: Any visitors coming this morning (Lt Kestlinger) No. sir.
- 1102 Lt Kestlinger to all units: There will be a meeting here today at 1300 hours.
- 1117 Lt Kestlinger to Red, White, and Blue: You are to plan on moving everything but the battalion command group by 1800 hours of the 8th. We have an overlay here that has to be picked up by an officer.
- 1210 G-3 to S-3: We just got word from Air Support Party that one of our planes is able to crash land, and if it lands near your area send some one out to pick the pilot up.
- 1212 S-3 to Blue and White: Relays the above message from G-3.
- 1218 G-3 to Lt Rameriz: Will you tell Col Gibb that the relieving regiments commander is on his way down there now.
- 1224 G-2 to S-2: 26th just reported they had 3 PWs overhead.
- 1311 It Kestlinger to Blue and Dextrose Red; There are some people here who want to come up to see you, so will you send down after them.
- 1515 Determine 3 to S-2: We are going to fire 7th Field fires tonight.
- 1520 Lt Carroll to S-2: A patrol from 1st Bn 26th ambushed an enemy patrol but go no PWs. 3rd Bn patrol of 26th received machine gun fire from houses at 885461, also report enemy laying mines along military road. A patrol of 18th received mortar fire from 867469, one man was wounded. Last night they heard some vehicular movement to their front.
- 1530 Red 3 to S-2: Do we keep the engineers with us (S-2) Yes.

- 1630 Lt Kestlinger to White 5: Did you have a patrol out last night (White 5) Yes, between 63 and 64. They left at 1945 hours. They were detected, and because of that we got all that heavy barrage.
- 1710 Maj Ribberson to S-6: Do you want to see me before tomorrow morning, if at all (S-6) No, Smith will get in touch with you tomorrow for this move (Maj Ribberson) Everything is layed on here (S-6) I would like to have everything done in daylight that we can, will see you sometime tomorrow.
- 1730 Blue 5 to S-6: On those poison cases in M Co, they had 20 of them, 12 are not serious, evacuated 3. They got sick after breakfast between 0930 hours and 1000 hours. Believe it was caused from moldy potatoes left over from the day before.
- 1735 Blue 2 to Lt Kestlinger: Shell report 55 rounds 105, 15 rounds 75, 28 rounds of 81, and 8 rounds 150.
- 1738 Capt Dion to S-6: 2nd Bn had one truck knocked out, a 21 ton, and we replaced it with one of the alert trucks.
- 1740 White 2 to Lt Kestlinger: Shell report 25 rounds 75, and one round 105.
- 1745 Lt Kestlinger to G-2: Gives them the daily shell report.
- Blue 2 to S-2: At 1425 hours horse and wagon going southeast at 964526. K Co OP reports 8 enemy at 35 degrees, 1400nyards; Cannon Co and 120s fired at them. At 1422 hours horse and wagon going northeast at 957508, returned going west at 1455 hours; one enemy going west at highway 264. Artillery falling L Co sector; at 1350 hours track towing gun west at 954499; at 1445 hours large truck going north at 958509; at 1450 hours people out of quarry going west at 958509; at 1420 hours horse and wagon going east at 954509; at 1445 hours friendly plane bombed vicinity of Laurenceberg; at 1515 hours one truck going east at 954499; at 1525 hours horse and wagon going east at 964499.

- 1805 Lt Carrol to S-2: 12th Regt relieved the 109th Regt this morning. 1st Bn 109th will reinforce the 1st and 3rd Bns 112th Regt. The rest of the 4th Div is going in also, but don't know where yet. Army Headquarters report (unconfirmed) 6 enemy battalions of artillery have moved from our Corps front to V Corps front and there is a possibility of 6 more moving. Yesterday our bombing on this front report 5 big explosions at ammunition dump F-3249. Northwest of Bruhl railroad was cut at two places and the marshalling yards were hit.
- 1806 Lt Rameriz to Red, White, and Blue: Gave them the above report from Lt Carroll.
- 1850 Lt Kestlinger to Determine: 5 rounds of artillery have just landed in Brand, I will try to get more information for you.
- 1945 Operator reports we no longer have a line to Delight, but an outfit by the name of Cason has taken its place.
- 2000 Blue 2 to S-2: At 1950 hours K Co OP reports enemy digging this side of wall, so they put mortar fire on that spot.
- 2025 Blue 2 to S-2: A patrol from 32nd Armored Inf is leaving from 93754330 going northwest to 93654370 with mission to contact enemy, they left at 1900 hours.
- 2150 G-5 to S-6: How are things (S-6) Everything is fine, the artillery is probably a little heavier than usual, no air so far tonight which is surprising (G-5) There will probably be some more artillery to bother you especially if he gets wind of what is happening. (S-6) We will probably execute a lot of it tomorrow, there is no use in waiting until it gets pitch dark for everything (G-5) We have had reports that everything is going fine (S-6) Is General Allen in yet (G-5) Yes, he is. He has been busy with his own affairs, but he wants us to give everyone his greeting. He will probably be around tomorrow.
- 2258 Blue: Enemy digging in and Co M is putting 81 fire on them.
- 2308 White: E Co thought they heard men cutting wire and they fired some flares but could not see anyone.

- 0001 0600 All quiet in the regimental sector.
- 0602 Blue: One of L Co's booby traps was set off. G Co contacted I Co. A red light was seen about 1000 yards out.
- 0640 Blue: OP just picked up some gun flashes 2000 yards out at 350 degrees.
- O650 Dextrose Red to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co reports 2 tanks out on the other side of the highway between them and 18th. The CO of B Co and the CO of 18th Inf Company are taking care of them now.
- 0655 Blue: At 0610 hours M Co reports 18 rounds of artillery fell in their sector; at 0620 hours 20 more rounds; at 0640 hours gun flashes which we reported to you earlier.
- 0705 Dextrose Red to Lt. Kestlinger: 1st Bn OP reports 400 mills at 4000 yards the area hit by artillery, between 0700 and 0715 hours 25 rounds HE, hit in their area, no damage.
- 0715 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives them the reports received from the units during the last hour.
- O831 Lt. Carroll to S-2: lloth Inf had three counterattacks, the enemy seems to be lacking infantry, as they were hit yesterday about 1510 hours by 100 infantry and 30 tanks. The counterattacks were repulsed by artillery and bombings. Enemy attacked Kommerscheid at 1730 hours last night and forced the 100th out of the town. Enemy artillery is strong along the entire front. 84 PWs taken so far. The 116th Panzer Div has been identified. 18th Inf reports that they had a patrol to 874467, where they were pinned down by machine gun fire, but returned safely. Flying weather is not good for today.
- 0845 Lt. Kestlinger to S-4: The S-4 of another outfit is going to be here shortly and Maj. Smith wants you to talk to him.
- 1030 S-2 to G-2: Can we put out tactical signs? (G-2) Yes, we will back you up on that. We have no order regarding it.

- 1035 General Allen visits the OP.
- 1037 Lt. Rameriz to Brown CP: Your CO called concerning meeting here at 1100 hours. Only an officer from your unit is required to be here to pick up a field order.
- 1045 Lt. Carroll to S-3: Last night RCTs 8 and 22nd closed into area 9536. 4th Div Hq located at 955365. 12th Inf in the line at 035351. V Corps Hq is in Eupen. A of 5th Armored 8632, B of 5th Armored 9115. 28th Div CP is at 924330. 1st Bn 112th 055315, 3rd Bn 045308, 2nd Bn 042330 TFM 110th 035320. The balance of 110th is at 024318. 109th 040325.
- 1110 Blue 2 to S-2: OP saw one truck and a team of horses drawing low silhouetted trailers going west at 955505 at 1030 hours. Mortar fire falling in vicinity of OP.
- 1215 Capt. Merendino to S-2: I thought I would break down the trucks for the battalions and turn them over to the battalion motor officers rather than do it tomorrow.
- 1220 S-2 to Blue 2: What is new? (Blue 2) Some mortars coming in.
- 1225 S-2 to Blue 5: Signs are posted, also guides.
- 1230 S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) Everything is quiet.
- 1300 Lt. Rameriz to White and Blue: Gives them the dope received from Lt. Carroll at 1045 hours.
- 1305 Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger: The people have their own trucks.
- 1413 S-6 to White 1: What is the status with the relief?

  (White 1) F Co is in the process of relief, and E Co
  415th is on the way up here now. Hq is being relieved now, also G Co.
- 1416 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Liasion officer from 47th Inf
  wants to pick up Field Order. (Lt. Kestlinger) OK,
  have him come down here and we will give him the Field
  Order.

- 1420 Lt. Sylce to S-3: I have two guns that are in a bad position. Do you think we can swap the guns with the new outfit? (S-3) No, you were able to put them in that position, so you can take them out.
- 1423 White 1 to S-3: F Co completed relief at 1425 hours. People doing it to G Co now.
- 1428 S-3 to Blue 3: On the morning of the 10th at 0615 hours you are to move to 1st Bn area.
- 1454 White 6 to S-6) F Co completed at 1425 hours, Hq is nearly completed, G Co has mortars completed as of 1450 hours.
- 1531 Lt. Carroll to S-3: 3rd Bn 18th received 20 rounds of 150mm and small arms fire this morning. F Co received small arms fire from vicinity of pill boxes.
- 1550 Lt. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: llOth Inf is receiving increasing enemy pressure on their 1st and 3rd Bns. The highest numbered regiment had to withdraw 700 yards northwest of town at 054308 late in the afternoon.

  3rd Bn of middle numbered regiment and some tanks, TDs are still in the area at 0531 where pressure is heavy and continuous. They have already received four counterattacks yesterday. 30 enemy tanks operated against them. About 1800 hours entered the east and of Vossenach. Today, they will try to consolidate their positions.

  4th Div is back under VII Corps. 7th Armored Div is to be relieved. The Poles are still at the bridgehead having a tough time. At Middleburg 1000 PWs were picked up.
- 1600 Blue 3 to S-3: One of our 8 inch guns is firing too close to our K Co.
- 1604 Lt. Kestlinger to Determine: One of our 8 inch guns is firing too close to our K Co at 928429 will you have the fire lifted? (Determine) OK.
- 1615 General Allen to S-6: Discussed meeting for squad leaders tomorrow at 1330 hours.
- 1630 Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: When your I&R platoon left they took one of my scopes with them. (Lt. Kestlinger) OK, I will check with them. I called Determine and they are lifting the fire of the 8 inch gun.

- 1635 G-2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) Nothing, we are working up some patrol activity with out 2nd Bn. (G-2) Capt. Watson who gave a course to Bn S-2s on the use of photography is on his way down to see you.
- 1705 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: How is the relief coming? (Lt. Kestlinger) So far so good.
- 1715 G-2 to S-2: The password and reply comprised, 8 Nov till noon 12 Nov 1st alternate, will be used.
- 1740 White 6 to S-6: G Co relieved as of 1715 hours. E Co is still in process. Two of the three AT guns are in, third won't go until dark. The artillery is not tied in well yet, Scott will stay here in case anything happens and will fire..
- 1805 White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: F Co was relieved at 1425 hours. G Co at 1715 hours. Hq Co less one AT gun relieved as of 1600 hours. H Co relieved at 1615 hours. E Co working on theirs and AT guns working on theirs. (Lt. Kestlinger) Do you have your shell report for today? (White 3) No, today was extremely quiet. We have two patrols going out from E Co, 415th. One east of the stream and one west of the stream towards Point 70.
- 1810 White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Hq Co relieved as of 1800 hours less one AT gun.
- 1815 O Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Notifies them of the relief of the 2nd Bn.
- 1830 White 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: -E Co relieved complete as of 1820 hours.
- 1832 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: E Co relieved at 1820 hours. All relieved now except 4 AT guns.
- 1835 Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: What is your shell report?
  (Blue 2) 15 rounds 150, 45 rounds 105, 30 rounds 75,
  and 40 rounds of mortar.
- 1838 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives them daily shell report.

- 1854 S-3 to 415th, S-3: Will you notify your CO that we are not moving the CP until the morning of the 10th.
- 2010 White 6 to S-5) Everything is complete, and the relief was taken over as of 1945 hours. I am staying here tonight.
- 2015 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: 2nd Bn position has been relieved completely as of 1945 hours.
- 2020 Blue 2 to S-2: Where is location of 9th Panzer Div's?
  (S-2) Identification unknown. What about your swap?
  (Blue 2) I and L Cos are on their way, have been relieved.
- 2025 Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn 26th: How are things?

  (26th) Very quiet, have about two more hours before relief is complete. One company is complete, and one two thirds complete, and one one third complete.
- 2030 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Gives them the latest dope on the relief of the 3rd Bn and 1st Bn 26th Inf.
- 2130 Blue 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: K Co relieved as of 2125 hours.
- 2140 G-6 to S-6: How are things? (S-6) Everything is going along good, 2nd Bn is complete, and 3rd Bn everything but AT guns and Rippert will be a little late.
- 2150 Lt. Kestlinger to 1st Bn 26th: How far complete are you? (26th) C Co is complete, A Co, one platoon complete, and others moving now. Will be complete in two hours.
- 2158 Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 3: How far complete are you?

  (Blue 3) I, K, L, and M, and attached AT all through
  just small detachment remaining. We will be through
  in a half hour.

- 2320 Lt. Carroll to S-2: At 1115 hours 3rd Bn of lowest regiment moved 500 yards south of Wasneck on right flank of 2nd Bn instead of relieving battalion of highest regiment. 2nd Bn of highest reorganized this morning at 0233. Enemy pressure and heavy artitlery fire continues in area 0531 to 0533. 2nd Bn of middle regiment of 110th.
- 2356 Blue: Our battalion is all cleared. Our attached M-los cleared here but so far they haven't reported being at new area. We will let you know when they arrive.
- 2400 S-2 to G-2: What is new? (G-2) Here is some information from PWs. At 501249 and F-1048 lots of pill boxes being construced. At F-092489 and 094481 row of barbed wire.



- 0015 S-6 to 1st Bn, 26th: How is it going? I haven't heard from you for quite some time. (26) Two thirds done, we are waiting for the last outfit now. 3 or 4 shells landed but just normal thing. (S-6) No unusual activity then. (26) No, they don't know the page has been turned.
- 0031 S-6 to G-3: At 0030 hours we turned over to 415th, no trouble.
- O600 G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: How is it going? (Lt. Kestlinger)
  OK, we haven't had any calls since O031 hours. How
  is the 26th doing? (G-2) Rockets coming in on them
  12 at a time. G Co sent a patrol to pill box #42.
  Ran into fire from there. Nothing came from pill box
  #43. Barrage by mortar on pill boxes.
- O825 G-4 to Lt. Rameriz: Notify Col. Woolnough the following:
  "Will of your unexpended ammuntion is to pass to your
  relieving unit. Notify the CO of the relieving unit
  of the amount of ammunition by type to be released to
  him. Have him notify me by telephone of the amounts
  by type released. You understand this is not a physical
  transfer just credits.
- O835 Lt. Carroll to S-3: According to the Russian laborers picked up by 3rd Armored, pill boxes 10 meters square, concrete and steel, are being constructed along the general line F-1249 to F-1048, and straw covers them to protect them from the air. Two rows of barbed wire, one row from 092489 to 094461, the other row is across the river. The bridges at Birkendorf and Duren are mined. Last night around midnight, 18th was receiving direct artillery fire from S/P guns. A Jerry patrol came in on L Co of 18th last night. The outpost challenged them and opened up on the patrol with rifles. After our mortars and rifles shot at the patrol, nothing has been heard of the patrol. 18th believes there is an increase in S/P and artillery fire.
- 0908 1st Bn, 26th reports that they are starting to move, moving in 15 minute intervals, will report arrival at destination.
- 0910 Capt. Merendino to S-3: I am going to use 2nd Bn truck to pick up stuff for Capt. Clark at Herve.

- 0920 G-6 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) Quite alright, sir. Everyone is out, no trouble. General Allen is coming over this morning. I am moving tomorrow. (G-6) Alright, Fred, we are moving tomorrow also.
- 0940 G-3 to S-2: How is the move? (S-2) The 1st is complete, Cannon Co is complete, and 1st Bn of 26th is about half through.
- 1025 Capt. Merendino to S-3: 3rd Bn has 18 vehicles now, and I will let you know from time to time about the trucks.
- 1030 Red 3 to S-2: The battalion has closed in new area. The CP is at 989398.
- 1115 Lt. Carroll to S-2: 28th Div reports 112th were ordered to withdraw to the hill at 0432 due to water, ammunition and supplies running low. They were having difficulty in getting the wounded and vehicles out. Heavy pressure continues along this entire front. 2nd and 3rd Bns. 109th made small gains in Vossenack sector. 12th Inf, 4th Div made some progress on the left flank of 28th Div and also in area 0135.
- 1120 Lt. Rameriz to G-3: Half of 1st Bn 26th is closed in the area. Our 3rd Bn has started to move now, and hope to be closed by 1600 hours.
- 1210 White 5 to S-3: The battalion closed in the town this morning at 1000 hours.
- 1214 S-3 to G-3: Any change in the time schedule? (G-3)
  No change.
- 1300 G-3 to S-3: I had a call from 3rd Armored Div G-3, they are having a little conflict with one of your battalions over area at 953394. It is your area from clearance of Corps, but Corps ordered someone less in unknowingly. We tried to straighten matters up any way possible. (S-3) OK, I have a liaison officer down there now with 3rd Bn. I am coming up some time this afternoon to talk to you.
- 1305 Blue 3 to S-3: We are all cleared in this area at 1305. (S-3) If you have any trouble with 3rd Armored Div on the northern right hand area let me know.

- 1317 S-3 to Capt. Dion: 3rd Armored people are causing a little trouble up there in the area where the kitchen trucks are to be, if any question arises try to settle it. (Capt. Dion) OK, Maj. McKoan is up there now.
- 1320 S-3 to G-3: I looked further in the matter about the area, and found that 38th Recon was in there. We are only having five kitchens in there and I don't believe it will conflict with anything. Maj. McKoan is up there and he will straighten matters up. (G-3) OK.
- 1430 Col. Mason to S-6: Do you want Margolis in military government? (S-6) Yes, I also want his promotion to go in. (Col. Mason) Well the promotion will be 80 days, but the transfer order will be out today.
- 1432 White 3 to S-2: I sent the Motor Officer to Service
  Co to get trucks, and they say we won't get them until
  tomorrow afternoon and that Division gave them to 18th.
  (S-2) I will check on it and call you back.
- 1630 Lt. Kestlinger to White 3: What time did Merendino say you would get the trucks? (White 3) At 1300 hours, but the 18th is to get them first. Will you check and see if this is correct.
- 1635 Lt. Carroll to S-2: V Corps reports taking 3 PWs from 981st Regt, 272nd Div in Monschau area. 18th reports a factory in vicinity of Vorweiden believed to be in operation. The factory whistle blows at 0730 hours and 1730 hours every day.
- 1640 G-3 to Lt. Rameriz: There is a meeting tomorrow at 3rd Armored Div forward CP at 1000 hours. To be attended by your S-3, 5, or 6.
- 1655 White 2 to S-2: H Co is in houses with civilians living in the houses with them. At different times today they caught them listening to their conversation. Is there any way we can get CIC to check on them?

  (S-2) I think there are some CIC in Brand, I will try to locate them and send them up to your CP.

- 1700 S-2 to G-2: Are there any CIC in Brand? (S-2) I believe we still have some there with the Military Government people but I will check and call you back.
- 1705 G-2 to S-2: I just checked and we do not have any CIC in Brand, but we have some here. Do you want them?
  (S-2) If we move in the afternoon we would like them in the morning.
- 1750 S-3 to G-3: Are we still to move our 2nd Bn at 0600 hours to 0800 hours? (G-3) Yes, what is wrong? (S-3) Capt. Viesel said it had been changed and that we won't get the trucks until 1300 hours. (G-3) If that is the case you can't get on the road until 1700 hours. (S-3) All we need is to get the trucks at 0600 hours and we will be able to move 2nd Bn and have the trucks to the 18th in time to move their second group. (G-3) I will get in touch with Viesel and call you back.
- 1825 G-3 to S-3: You will have to move when you get the trucks, and that will be about 1300 hours, don't move bumper to bumper as happened today.
- 1830 Lt. Kestlinger to White 5: You will get your trucks and move sometime between 1300 to 1500 hours.
- 1920 S-2 to White 3: Is anything new? (White 3) No, everything is very quiet.
- 1945 Red 6 to S-6: I understand 47th Inf is not going to move untillafter we do. (S-6) No that is wrong. Everybody starts off at once. I am going to have a meeting at 1500 hours tomorrow at the new CP. Is everything OK with you? (Red 6) Yes, I am at the new place now and we are starting to move at 0200 hours and expect to finish about 0600 hours.
- 2035 Lt. Carroll to S-2: 3rd Armored had a patrol into Stolberg today, and found plenty of Jerries there. The patrol was pinned down for awhile. 89th Div is moving up to stop threat at Vossenack. It appears the 272nd Div has replaced the 89th, and the 89th replaces the 116th. Divarty reports that one of their batteries received quite a few rounds of artillery in a new area that hadn't been shelled before. There is a house at 941399 and these people are being checked by CIC. I heard from an MP that some bombs were dropped today in that area. Patton's forces were preceeded by a saturation bombing of 1300 bombers, and three fresh divisions were used and gained from one to four miles along their entire front. Three bridgeheads were established across the Moselle River. These reports are as of 1100 hours. 4\_

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2100 - G-2 to S-2: The radio says our forces have bypassed Metz, south of there in two places. On the
north the Canadians have cleaned the last pocket,
this side of the river, and are now mopping up the
estuary. The 110th has retaken most of Vossenack.
Jerry three rockets, artillery and smoke into
Rabelsberg. People think Jerry is moving around
down there. The 116th has pulled back.



- 0001 0745 Negative report.
- 0845 Lt. Blenner to S-3: What about that ammunition?
  (S-3) We will be over there in a few hours so just wait and when I get there I will work on that for you.
- 1100 New CP opened at 975391.
- 1115 G-2 to S-6: There is no restriction on 4.2 ammunition.
- 1120 Division CP (Forward) 967386.
- 1145 G-3 to S-6: The ammunition allocation is on its way down, but I have told them to honor your requisitions.

  (S-6) What is the dope on the day. (G-3) It is going to be rigged up the same as before with three words.
- 1200 Lt. Carroll to S-2: 18th is located at 953365, and 26th at 998401.
- 1230 S-3 to Red 3: The Colonel wants to use the engineers down here, and tell Blenner he can pick up the ammunition this afternoon.
- 1330 G-3 to Capt. Clark: Will you have Maj. Smith come to a meeting this afternoon at 1400 hours.
- 1415 Capt. Merendino to Lt. Kestlinger: The battalion has the trucks now and are going to start moving.
- 1417 S-5 to G-4: When can we pick up that ammunition? (G-4) Anytime.
- 1430 Capt. Clark to G-3: Our CP is located at 975391.
- 1445 Message from G-4: Ammunition allocation for period 0600 D-day to 0600 D plus 4: 60mm mortar 6000 rounds; 81mm mortar light 2500 rounds; 81mm mortar heavy 12000 rounds; 81mm Mortar WP 1300 rounds; 105 M-3 1000 rounds. Expenditure by units attached to regiments will be deducted from above allocations.
- 1515 G-4 to S-5: Have you all of the 6 assault guns? (S-5)
  We have only 4 with our Cannon Co. Can we get all of
  the M-2 ammunition we can get as long as the M-3 is limited?
  (G-4) The M-5 isn't too limited, see the last allocation.
  You are getting 187 rounds per gun, 800 rounds in ground.

- 1530 S-5 to S-4: How is the truck situation in the morning?
  (S-4) How many will you want? (S-5) Probably 10 to
  15. We will have to evacuate some civilians, and we
  are to furnish the transportation. Have them ready by
  0730 hours.
- 1645 Blue 5 to S-3: This road up here is getting pretty bad, we would like some engineers to fix it up. (S-3) OK, we will get some in the morning.
- 1648 G-3 to S-3: We were just notified that the 47th Infis wearing fatigues over their ODs.
- 1700 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Can you give me the location of your 2nd Bn? (Lt. Kestlinger) They are at 950375.
- 1705 G-4 to S-6: Your ammunition allowance will be 1000 rounds for D-day and 1000 rounds from D plus 1 to D plus 4 for 6 guns.
- 1735 Decoy 2 to S-2: There is a Capt. Karas up here who wants the location of your 2nd Bn. (S-2) 950375.
- 1810 G-3 to Capt. Clark: Are you all in yet? (Capt. Clark)
  The 2nd Bn has not called in yet. I will call you as
  soon as I hear from them.
- 1830 S-3 to G-3: Have you got Madcap in your board? (G-3)
  No, you can not get them through us, but I will check on
  it and get some more dope on it.
- 1832 Capt. Clark to G-3: Our 2nd Bn closed at 1545 hours.
- 1855 G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Corps called us and said that the 415th Inf put in for 4000 additional photos. Did you turn over the photos to them? They said you didn't. (S-2) Yes, I gave them up to 94 grid and they need beyond that. I gave them one complete set.
- 1838 S-5 to Capt. Groves: Col. Eymer called me and said that our people drew 3500 rounds of 81 light. If we did we will have to return most of it. (Capt. Groves) Mr. Felber went down there, but he is not back yet. (S-5) If he has it you will have to return it. Let me know as soon as he gets back.

- 1900 G-3 to S-3: I checked on the AA and we don't have any in this area.
- 1905 Capt. Groves to S-5: Mr. Felber is back and he did not draw 3500 rounds of 81 light, he drew 2296 rounds, and 525 rounds of heavy and 525 rounds of smoke. I am drawing for O'Brien tomorrow. He will get 400 rounds of M-3 and 748 rounds of M-2.
- 1910 S-5 to G-4: According to our figures we did not draw 3500 rounds of light. We drew 2296 rounds. If that is too much we can return some and get heavy for it. (G-4) I think that will be wise. (S-5) I will send 1200 rounds back and draw heavy for it.
- 1920 S-5 to S-4: Gives them the above information with reference to the return of 81 light ammunition.
- 1921 Lt. Carroll to S-3: 1st Bn 18th 948360, 2nd Bn 948356, 3rd Bn 935355; 1st Bn 26th 987387, 2nd Bn 994395, 3rd Bn 980 382. 47th Inf is going to try and get some PWs tonight.
- 1940 Msg Center to S-2: There is an officer here from the 26th using the alternate password.
- 1943 S-2 to G-2: Relays the above message. (G-2) We are using the alternate from the 8th to 12th of Nov.
- 1945 Lt. Kestlinger to Msg Center: Notify all units that we are suing the alternate password up to noon of the 12 Nov.
- 1947 S-3 to Blue 3: I called Division in regard to air cover, and they said we haven't any, but I would like a report on any air that comes over. Here is the ammunition breakdown 6000 heavy D-day; 2000 heavy D plus 1; 2000 Heavy D plus 2; 2000 heavy D plus 3. No light on D-day; 800 rounds light D plus one; 800 light D plus 2; 800 rounds light d plus 3. WP 300 rounds for each of the 4 days. Cannon Co 1000 rounds for the 4 days. 1500 rounds of 60mm for each day. M\*2 for assault guns 750 rounds for D-day.
- 1950 S-3 to Cannon Co: We have no AA in this area, your allotment for the four days is 1000 rounds.

- 1954 S-3 to White 3: Give us a report every two hours on the even hour of any artillery. We haven't got Madcap with us. Also gives him the ammunition breakdown. (White 3) The battalion closed at 1615 hours.
- 2020 5-5 to Red 3: Gives him the ammunition breakdown for the show, also asks for a report during the night every two hours.
- 2030 Message from G-3: Commencing immediately units will submit a report to this headquarters every hour on the hours.
- 2036 Msg Center to Lt. Kestlinger: All units have been notified of the compromise of the password.
- 2040 Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Lehn, 634th TD: Maj. Smith wants an officer or responsible NCO sent to the battalions to pick up TDs when the firing is completed.
- 2045 Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: For the 2000 hour report negative. There is a plane overhead, but no hostile act.
- 2115 Red 3 to S-3: We would like to have another line run out here tomorrow. We would also like to have 4 trucks for tomorrow morning.
- 2120 S-3 to Capt. Merendino: We naed four 2½ ton trucks for the 1st Bn at 0800 hours tomorrow marning. (Capt. Merendino) Capt. Groves is using the trucks tomorrow. (S-3) Coordinate with Capt. Groves and be sure that 1st Bn gets 4 trucks for ammunition.
- 2205 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Negative. One or two aircraft reported, no hostile act committed.
- 2208 Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: B Co had two men on guard outside of a house. One was urinating, and the other daw a
  phadow creeping up and told him to stop, then challenged.
  One man was shot above the ankle by 30 calibre. They
  fired several rounds at the shadow, and heard splash,
  probably a gun thrown in a puddle. I will check tomorrow.
- 2300 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Relays in the message from Red 3.
- 2315 G-3 to S-6: Zebra.
- 2315 Lt. Kestlinger to all Units: Zebra.
- 2400 White to Lt. Kestlinger: A few shells landed vicinity of F Co.

- 0001 0800 Negative reports from all units.
- OS15 S-3 to Capt Groves: Col Woolnough has changed that 3000 heavy to 3500 heavy. Has Blenner gotten those 4 trucks. (Capt Groves) No, we only have three, but will get the other from the 3rd Bn.
- 0820 G-3 to S-3: What happened to B Co (S-3) Tells the story and says it looks like infiltration on the right flank. It was all quiet last night. We are going to move those civilians from that town.
- O830 Lt Carroll to S-2: Corps reports PWs say the enemy will launch a counterattack in vicinity of Hertgen. Corps also reports tracked vehicular movement reported in vicinity of Hertgen. 47th Inf reports at about 2200 hours their 1st Bn heard tracked vehicular movement in Gressinick, but the companies of that battalion report they could not hear any. 47th reports yesterday AA firing 20mm and 88mm in vicinity of 994487, also some firing from top of factory building in vicinity. 47th also reports wagons moving from north to south on F Co front.
- 0840 Capt Merendino to Lt Kestlinger: I only have 10 trucks. Groves only has two, but will try to get two more from the 3rd Bn for Blenner. What do you want to do with these 10 trucks (Lt Kestlinger) Capt Margolis will let you know what to do with those trucks.
- O845 Maj Rawie to Delight 3: Did you get shelled (Delight 3) No, we did not. We are all set now and data sheets are all set up.
- 0900 Col Mason to S-6: General Andrus says there is lots of smoke coming up in the woods and makes an artillery-man's dream, so see what can be done about it.
- 0903 S-5 to all battalions: Tells them to put out all fires in and around area, too much smoke in the woods.
- 0920 Message from G-3: After crossing the River Rur men will carry gas masks at all times. Men will habitually stay close to vehicles must keep their masks in the vehicles and immediately available.

- 0935 G-2 to S-2: Here are the photos that we want to get for those people who took over 33/594/1012-1021-2012-2021. 33/493/1040-1055-2040-2055. Can you get them 10 copies. (S-2) I will try.
- 0920 Decoy 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: I am sending an officer up to stay with you, he will be there at noon.
- 0945 S-3 to Capt. Wilder: The Colonel wants that dug-out finished today. (S-3 to Capt. Ralph) Lay a line to 1st Bn of 47th Inf and also another line to our 1st Bn.
- 1000 Lt. Rameriz to All Units: Gives them the locations of all units of the Division.
- 1030 Lt. Rameriz tets all Battalion CP locations 1st Bn 007413; 2nd Bn 956366; 3rd Bn 988400.
- 1035 Lt. Rameriz to Lt. Carroll: Gives him the battalion and Regimental CP locations.
- 1059 S-2 to G-2: Anything new? (G-2) An enemy patrol penetrated 104th Div position and wounded two men and took one PW. They went in on the right flank of 415th Inf. It seems that the 116th is definitely out of the line.
- 1115 S-2 to White 2: Gives him the photo numbers wanted by G-2. (White 2) I have already given those away.
- 1120 Blue 2 to S-2: I have already given photos 33/594 Nos. 1012-1016 and 2012 to 2016. 33/493 Nos. 1047 to 1055 and 2047 to 2055 away, The rest I will send down.
- 1134 Delight 2 to S-2: Have you seen the new obliques? (S-2)
  No. (Delight 2) The Nos. are US 109-1300 66 TAR 28
  Sept. See if you can get them.
- 1210 G-4 to S-6: Corps and Army made mistake on the 81 heavy instead of getting 41,400 rounds we are only getting 10% of that. The General jumped on the Corps Commander on it. (S-6) How much am I getting? (G-4) 2140 rounds, four day allowance, no change in anything else. We are Asking for 15,000 rounds of which the bulk will go to you if we get it.

- 1215 White 3 to S-3: The TDs haven't showed up. (S-3)
  The CO said he would have them there this morning.
  I will check. (White 3) I would like to use short
  route for foot movement. (S-3) Use the trail for
  foot movement back of 47th CP.
- 1220 Lt. Kestlinger to 634th TD: Your liaison officer is not at 2nd Bn. (634th TD) He sleeps at 2nd Bn but comes here in the morning in case of some change, then goes back to 2nd Bn after dinner. (Lt. Kestlinger) Will you tell him to report to Capt. Hall at 2nd Bn CP.
- 1235 Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: What is all the noise. (Red 3)
  Jerry AA at our planes, haven't bombed yet. (S-3 to Red 6)
  Do you want smoke at the last minute at H-10 to H-Hour? (
  (Red 6) Yes, will call if there is any change in that.
  (S-6 to Red 6) Come down this afternoon, and bring
  Smith. They cut us down in mortar ammunition, which
  means we will have to cut out the preparation, or at
  least cut down on it, and you might as well be here.
- 1245 Lt. Kestlinger to Red 3: Who is bombing? (Red 3) Our planes to the north east, we can hear the planes and the AA, but can't see them. (Lt. Kestlinger) If they come close to you give us a buzz.
- 1300 S-6 to G-4: Can't I fire some of my basic load? (G-4)
  If you do, it won't be replaced, Army says there just
  isn't anymore. How about increasing your 4.2 as it is
  unlimited. (S-6) I am having a meeting now, and will
  call you about it after we straighten it out.
- 1448 S-3 to Cannon Co: Tell Capt. O'Brien to come down to the CP immediately.
- 1500 Message from G-6: Close-in air support operations by RAF repeat RAF Bomber Command will shortly take place. Notification of exact date of operations will be made. Troops will not, repeat not use red or green lights or pyrotechnics on the nights of operations.
- 1502 S-2 to White 2: Are you sure you turned all those photos in? (White 2) Not all of them. (S-2) I was ordered to turn all of them in by Division, so I will have to have all of them.

- 1520 Lt. Carroll to Capt. Clark: 47th Inf reported bombing in vicinity of Gressanich. They bombed from a high altitude and drew AA. Most of the bombing was in valley between the towns done by A-20s and P-26s. 1st Bn of 47th Inf reported A-20s working at high level from Hamich to Scherperesell. This morning 47th reported small arms fire from northeast of Gressenich. Enemy bicyclist seen coming from Gressenach going to woods 996429. Allen's outfit reports enemy platoon broke into their positions and wounded two men and captured a third.
- 1530 Message from G-4: Allocation of 81mm mortar heavy of 12000 rounds for period 0600 D plus 4 is changed to 2140 rounds.
- 1541 S-5 to S-4: 3rd Bn kitchens are bogged down in the mud and are having trouble so could you help them out some way? (S-5 to Capt. Groves) The ammunition allocation has been changed to 2150 rounds on 81 heavy. (Capt. Groves) I already have 3500 rounds on the way up. (S-5) I will check to see what we should do about it.
- 1556 S-5 to G-1: Is it possible for us to get replacements requested as soon as possible? (G-1) We will try to get your request plus 20 by tomorrow.
- 1620 Capt. Groves to Lt. Kestlinger: Things are arranged in regard to the mortar ammunition. The assault guns get 800 rounds.
- Lt. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: No change in the British 2nd Army yesterday, just regrouping. There are still 150 men resisting on Walchewn, other wise extensive regrouping in Canadian sector. 12th Army Group reports very good progress by 3rd Army, but bridging difficulties due to rising Moselle. Total number of PWs taken by Patton on 9th-10th was 2000. Pushing of XII Corps south to north are 26th, 35th, 80th, and 4th Armored Divs, and 6th Armored Div. In XX Corps 3rd Army push made by 5th Div. Fighting on VI Corps of 7th Army are the following 103rd Div, 36th Div, 3rd Div, and 100th Div. No change on X V Corps.

- 1645 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: One of our planes was reported going down 5 miles east of Aachen. (Lt. Kestlinger Notified all units of this).
- 1646 Message from Cannon Co: Our CP located at 98904036.
- 1647 General Tayler visits the CP.
- 1705 G-3 to S-3: We can't do anything on that neutralization until after 0200 hours tomorrow morning. (S-3) OK, I will tell the Colonel.
- 1752 G-6 to S-6: Fred what is the total of C Co? (S-6)
  136 men. (G-6) How come? (S-6) They had 8 men six
  yesterday, three today, and had a barrage of 150 fall
  on them and they had 1 KIA and 6 WIA. (G-6) Were
  they bunched up? (S-6) No sir, it was just one of
  those things. (G-6) What is the total strength of
  your regiment? (S-6) 2920.
- 1840 Lt. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: 47th Inf reports two enemy gun positions at 998494 and 993492. The weather report for 12th Nov is sky overcase with cloud bases at 8000 to 10000 feet breaking to 6 over 10 to 8 over 10 by 0900 hours tomorrow. Visibility 2 to 3 miles lowering to 1 mile during intermittent rain during the morning.
- 2315 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: All quiet here, could you tell me about what time the dope will be out? (G-3) About 0200 hours.

- 0010 G-3 to Lt Kestlinger: The code word for tonight is Zebra.
- 0012 Lt Kestlinger to All Units: The code for tonight is Zebra.
- 0200 0800: Negative reports submitted by all Units.
- 0823 Lt Moore, White to Lt Kestlinger: Here is the dope. The following is in the battalion train 140 rounds of light; 653 rounds of heavy; 140 rounds of smoke. Company H has one basic load on hand.
- 0930 Lt Kestlinger to All Units: Password for all units from 1200 hours 12 Nov to 1200 hours 13 Nov WANT \* SCATTER. Alternate for above period WENT \* HERE.
- 1003 Lt Carroll to Lt Kestlinger: 47th Inf spotted 3 Jerries last night at 013413, everything else very quiet.
- 1006 S-6 to Red 5: Get a complete story from the Colonel and from anyone who was up there on the drive through the lines, near the dragon teeth and the road junction. There seems to be a controversary who entered Germany first. Division put out a poop sheet stating we entered there first and 3rd Armored claims they did. We want to run the story down and learn what is what.
- 1030 S-1 to S-3: Co A, 1st Med Bn are located at 950360.
- 1150 G-3 to Lt Kestlinger: Medium bomber group bombing at 1300 hours. Targets will be Eschweiler, Euskirchen, Mayen, Sincy, Hagenan.
- 1206 G-3 to Lt Rameriz: The air mission is off because of bad weather.
- 1345 Lt Carroll to S-3: 84th Field reports numerous fires at 022402 also along road at 025407 to 038395. A deserter from 14th Co, 984th Regt, came in at 0930 hours to 47th Inf vicinity of 019402. He reports there are 70 men and an officer per company with 3 machine guns. About 150 infantry and 6 tanks attacked F and G Cos of 12th in vicinity of Hertgen. They made a slight penetration after heavy fighting and pulled out about 1130 hours this morning.
- 1425 G-6 to S-5: About these TDs, the ground is pretty bad. You want to be very careful in employing them. Tell your battalions and company commanders that I don't want them to take any chances.

- 1430 G-2 to S-2: 47th Inf says that your people are still using the wrong password. You had the wrong one last night (S-2) Yes, I know, we have notified everyone and it is being taken care of (G-2) Startingat noon today you use the regular password. Have some more dope on the PW from 47th Inf, he is from 14th Co, 984th Regt. He says one battalion is up north and the other south. The AT Co is split up among the battalions.
- 1445 Blue 3 to 3-3: Who do the 745th Mortars revert to on completion of their mission (S-3) They remain under 1st Bn control.
- 1447 S-3 to Red 1: Have you 3 men MIA (Red 1) Yes, had one man from C Co, also 2 others who we believe are absent sick. We are checking on it now.
- 1450 S-6 to Red 6: What the hell is this about 3 men MIA (Red 6) We are checking on it now. We had two Tech Sgts and one Sgt disappear last night. They started back to their companies after picking up rations and disappeared. The details say that the Sgts disappeared in the dark (S-6) This is bad, I suggest that you put an officer in charge of all moves (Red 6) Yes sir, I don't think that they wandered off. They are 3 good non-coms. We are checking up on it now.
- 1500 S-6 to Red 6: Have you checked that company of the 47th Inf that is there, maybe those men wandered over to them (Red 6) We checked and we have not found them.
- 1510 G-3 to Lt Rameriz: Can you tell me where Service Co is located at (Lt Rameriz) They are at 953396 (G-3) Is S-4 located there (Lt Rameriz) Yes sir, they are.
- 1515 Red 1 to S-3: We have been checking on the men (3) that are MIA. The man from C Co was evacuated by 9th Div Medics, and we believe that the other two men were evacuated by 3rd Armored people. What about the 3 non-coms that are also missing (Red 1) We are checking on them now.
- 1516 Red 3 to Lt Rameriz: A few artillery and mortar shells landed between our CP and the troops. One man was wounded in the hand, otherwise things are quiet.
- 1547 G-3 to S-3: What is new (S-3) We want priority on the road by 2nd Bn (G-3) I believe Col Beck is trying to get it for you now, I will call you back and let you know.
- 1549 G-2 to Lt Kestlinger: The 47th Inf called and said that you people have some fires in the woods (Lt Kestlinger) They have them to keep warm (G-2) But they say it is drawing artillery fire. See if you can cut down on the numbers of fire and smoke.

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- 1605 Red 3 to Lt Kestlinger: Lt Stockwell was up here and wanted to go to Manich to set up an OP. I sent him back as there must be a screw up some place. Maj Lauten must have given him the wrong measel number.
- 1650 Red 1 to S-3: Two of the missing men were evacuated, which leaves one man and 3 Sgts, still missing. There is still no information on how they came to be missing.
- 1710 Red 6 to S-6: Discuss the men who are missing. Col Driscoll intimates there is a possibility of the 3 Sgts planned something, for instance AWOL.
- 1737 Lt Carroll to S-2: The PW taken by the 47th is from 14th Co, 984th Regt, 275th Div. The AT Co has only bazookas, no AT guns, but are expecting them. They have one battalion at Schevenhuttel and another two kilometers to the right. The company strength is 70 men. They have been in the line for six weeks.
- 1758 Lt Rameriz to All Bns: Gives them the above report on PW.
- 1835 Red 6 to S-5: I can't handle these replacements now. I didn't know they were coming. They have full hump which we can't store for them and we can't send them out to the companies tonight. Also they have not had any chow since morning (S-5) What are you going to do about them. Someone should have made arrangements for them (Red 6) I guess I will have to keep them up here tonight and send them out in the morning.
- 1855 3-3 to G-3: Can you give me an answer on the priority on that road I called about (G-3) No, I can't yet. The 18th wants also to use it. I will try to answer you tonight.
- 1910 S-3 to Red 6: Anything new (Red 6) Tell Col Woolnough that of the 33 replacements we got we have only 30. The artillery is increasing today, two men were wounded.
- 1935 Capt Groves to S-3: Here is the ammunition report. 60mm HE, 3559; illuminating 216, reduced 544; 81mm light 1960 basic, 1000 special. Cannon Co has M-2 450 rounds, M-3 1169 HE.
- 1955 S-2 to G-2: Any new dope (G-2) No, not much. The 37th Inf caught a heavy mortar barrage. The two battalions in the 984th Regt are east of Riedhl.
- 2000 S-2 to Red, White, and Blue: Gives them the above information from G-2 and Lt Carroll.
- 2220 G-3 to Lt Rameriz: The code word is Tare.

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- 2221 Lt Rameriz to All Units: The code words for the night is Zebra (Tare).
- 2225 Blue 2 to Lt Rameriz: K and L Cos report rifle shots to their right front, we also heard it. About 12 rifle shots, no machine gun fire. We are checking up on it now. The shots were not too far away.
- 2226 Lt Rameriz to Dextrose 3: Our 3rd Bn reports they heard
  12 rifle shots somewhere in vicinity of your area. Do
  you know anything about it (Dextrose 3) No, we don't, but
  will let you know if we do.
- 2236 Lt Rameriz to G-3: Our 3rd Bn reports 12 rifle shots to their right front, which they are investigating now.



- 0001 0800: Negative reports from the units during this period.
- 0845 G-3 to S-3: Any chance in pulling back the 1st Bn, they ought to get hot chow. (S-3) Yes, Driscoll didn't want to yesterday. (G-3) Find out and let me know before you do anything.
- 0900 S-3 to Red 6: Can we pull back the two forward companies?

  (Red 6) Yes, but not in the daytime, we will have to move at night. (S-3) Alright, I will start working on it with the Colonel.
- O915 S-6 to Red 6: Look, this idea of the General had of moving back can't be done, are they getting hot chow? (Red 6) No sir. (S-6) Can they build little fires? (Red 6) Yes sir, but what I want is a complete change of socks, these men are getting Trench Feet. Company Commanders are getting overshoes up to them also.
- 0930 S-6 to G-6: Driscoll is of the same opinion as I am, that to move them is worse than letting them stay.

  I have brought 3 stoves up to town to cook food for them. If it goes on a few more days I am going to change them. (G-6) OK, Fred.
- 0935 S-6 to G-3: The visibility is bad, I am going to let the men start small fires, if there is no objection from up there. (G-3) It is left up to the regiment as long as they keep them under control.
- O945 Lt. Carroll to S-3: Form 47th Inf heavy mortar fire vicinity of 99264270. PW reports 105 battery at Gey; four 120mm mortars at 052382; 81mm mortars 031412; 2nd Bn CP of 984th at 031411; 5th Co from 019402 to 017408; 6th Co is on the left; Battle Group Riedl on the right; all three battalions in the line; 105 battery at 048382. 4th Div on the middle regiment, C Co pushed the enemy south of F Co, and established contact with F Co, but were unable to contact G Co. 84th Field says enemy patrol between A and C Cos of 47th Inf. One enemy was killed, and patrol withdrew to Bramchausen.
- 0950 S-3 to All Units: Men can use fires in area, but use your own discreation.

- 1005 Capt. Groves to S-3: I got 257 rounds of 20mm mortar and am going to send it to Lt. Blenner.
- 1024 G-4 to S-6: I have a little extra food for the 1st Bn. Cornbeef, pears, grapefruit juice, salmon, and fresh bread. Also have 600 illuminated buttons for your use so the men won't get lost in the dark.
- 1045 S-3 to White 3: No need to worry about that problem you had yesterday because jeeps can go up that road.
- 1100 G-4 to S-6: What did you want? (S-6) Some cans of chicken for Driscoll's men. (G-4) I will see what I can do.
- 1114 S-2 to G-2: Where is the body, that is the one Jerry killed by 47th? (G-2) The body must be still there.
- 1245 S-6 to G-6: A Lt. Bleu was up here, he said he was from Baker's office. He wanted to investigate the conditions of my 1st Bn. Smith talked to him and handled it. (G-6) Pick him up and send him back under guard. (S-6) He has left already. (G-6) If anyone else comes up there send him back under guard. We don't want those people wandering around, unless they have a pass from here. About the men getting Trench Feet. Have them rub each others feet. They won't like it, but if they do it, it will do the trick. In the last war we did the same thing in my battalion, and it really worked.
- 1410 G-6 to S-6: Conversation on the treatment of Trench foot cases. The General suggests massage as the cure, also suggests establishing a system of keeping each man supplied with dry stockings, suggesting that if 5 pairs of socks per man are not enough more will be arranged for. Tells of congratulatory telegram through SHAEF concerning Lt. Col. Woolnough's Distinguished Service Medal. The General said that Col. Woolnough must have done a wonderful job back there. The Colonel says that he is making arrangements to have certain numbers of the rifle company men back into cellars for sleeping.
- 1430 Lt. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: PW identification by 47th Inf. PW left his outfit at midnight of the 12th, became lost and came in at 0600 hours this morning. He is from 2nd Co, 18th Ersatz Bn. His unit is located at Lenderesdorf. They have been in the line since Sept 10th. The only other thing that has been reported was that the 3rd Bn of 26th heard straffing last night but there were no planes reported.

- 1522 S-6 to G-4: Conversation concerning clothing. (G-4)

  Each man will have 7 pairs of socks, arrangements have
  been made for laundry service for the socks. Some GI
  sweaters have been received in lieu of lack of Field
  jackets.
- 1534 G-6 to S-6: Conversation concerning communication requirements for the coming operation. The General indicated that the attack will not be pushed beyond artillery range at any time. Additional men should be used on communications if necessary. Stressing telephone communication with artillery units, we will have all the wire we need. Col. Gibb indicates a desire for 60 miles of 110 wire, with 40 miles now on hand, leaving a balance of 20 miles as needed. Col. Gibb tells General if defensive fires that have been arranged for both artillery and mortars, and also about infantry observers and extra radio contact as already arranged.
- 1540 Col. Pickett called Col. Gibb and confers on the 20 miles of 110 wire as of above conversation with the General.
- 1550 Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 2: Gives him the dope on PW taken by 47th Inf as reported by Lt. Carroll.
- 1605 S-4 to S-5: Conversation concerning the use ofMikroklene for the washing socks, it comes in 3 to 4 oz packages, used in 5 to 25 gallons of cold water, used once and then thrown away. (S-4 says 400 packages have been ordered to start with.
- 1710 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Do you have any artillery coming in down there? (Lt. Kestlinger) NO, we are not getting any.
- 1740 Capt. Merendino to Lt. Kestlinger: The gas reserve was 400 cans last night, 340 cans tonight, and will draw 300 cans tomorrow.
- 1830 Red 6 to S-2: What about this Jerry battalion moving in out in front of us? (S-2) That outfit is away out in front of you, there are a lot of miscellaneous units scattered in front of us. There has been some troop movement north of us, but they are probably sweating out the British.

- 1900 G-6 to S-6: What is going on? (S-6) The Rur River is rising, we are moving some of our people back, we have shelter for 3 platoons. The 1st Bn will rotate 3 platoons back each day. There has been quite a bit of artillery in Schevenhutte.
- 1905 S-3 to G-3: There has been less shelling in 1st Bn area than there was yesterday. The tank dozer attached to the 2nd Bn threw a track but it probably will be back in action tomorrow. The 2nd Bn picked out their forward CP location for the coming operation.
- 1930 CP Outpost reports a plane dropped some leaflets or something, and we are going to try to find what was dropped.
- 1955 Lt. Rameriz to G-2 and G-3: Notifies them of the leaflets dropped near the CP. (G-2 and G-3) Send some copies to us.
- 2140 G-3 to Lt. Rameriz: Tare.
- 2145 Lt. Rameriz to Red 6: Tare. (Red 6) C Co had received machine gun fire from their right front from vicinity of factory about 400 yards out, this happened 30 minutes ago. Two hours ago machine gun fire was heard to their left front.
- 2148 Lt. Rameriz to White, Blue, and Brown: Tare.
- 2200 S-6 to Red 6: Pull back what you can tonight.

  (Red 6) I will be able to get 3 platoons back, it
  will probably be early morning before they get back.
- 2200 2400: Negative reports from all units.

- 0001 0600: Negative reports from all units.
- 0648 Blue: One plane heading southeast, flying low.
- 0851 G-3 to S-3: Was there any adjustments in 1st Bn lately? (S-3) Yes, 3 platoons of C Co brought back where B Co was, more today.
- 0920 Decoy 3 to S-3: Your regimental water point is set up in our CP area. It will cause a lot of gathering and it is on a curve which will cause a traffic, tie up, could you have it moved? (S-3) OK, We will move it.
- 0926 5-3 to Red 3: How many men did you pull back? (Red 3)
  80 men moved back during the night. 70 from C Co and
  10 from D Co. C Co received machine gun fire last night.
  Snipers were shooting at B Co this morning.
- 0932 S-3 to G-3: I want to make an exact report on the men that were pulled back. A total of 80 men pulled back to the town. 70 from C Co and 10 from D Co. They received some machine gun fire in C Co last night. No one was hurt. We had 2 S/Sgts and 1 sgt disappear on us. They were carrying chow in the dark, believe they were captured.
- O945 Lt. Carroll to S-2: Here is a little from 3rd Armored Div Periodic Report: 17th SS has been identified in vicinity of Metz. 11th Panzer Div identified south of Metz. 2nd Panzer Div identified in part on 8th Corps front, this division has been reported reforming in vicinity of Cologne. 9th Panzer Div last reported east of Venlow. 15th Panzer Grenadier Div last reported northeast of Venlow. Last reports that the 10th SS in vicinity of Arnheim. 9th Panzer Div (SS) has been reported as part of 6th Panzer Army (1st, 2nd, 12th and 130th). 116th in vicinity of Herkens. Indications are Panzer Brigades are being absorbed in Panzer Divisions.
- 1030 Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Groves: On that ammunition report give it to me from now on, and I will enter it in the Colonel's book and he can check it from that. (Capt. Groves) OK, add 900 rounds of 60 to what you have.

- very active. (G-2) On which side? (S-2) From the enemy side. (G-2) Why don't you come down here, I have something here for you to read, it is from Army. (G-2) OK, I will be down this afternoon. Did you get the leaflets I sent down? (G-2) Yes. (S-2) The snipers were shooting at the buildings in Schevenhutte.
- 1200 ht. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: The 18th reports some artillery landing northwest of Venwegen. 47th Inf says some Nebelweffers landed near their C Co from north of Gressenuch. At 0915 hours 47th Inf observed 35 enemy infantry at Hamich. 47th fired on them with good results. G-3 in conversation with G-3 of 28th Div received word that the 28th was going very slow. No speed, were being buttoned up better than yesterday. There are no reports of mediums going out today. 4th Div is not moving. 104th reports harassing artillery falling in their division area.
- 1320 Lt. Kestlinger to Blue 5: Is there any artillery in your area? (Blue 5) All around us, it moved over towards the 26th and the town.
- 1330 Blue 5 to S-3: The artillery is landing between us and the lat Bn. 300 yards from us and then over to lat Bn. It is coming from the northeast, more east at an azimuth of about 45 degrees over to our right front. Estimate 75 rounds in the last 20 minutes. The shells are not hitting in one spot but ranging all over.
- 1332 S-3 to G-3: Relays the above message to them,
- 1342 General Huebner visits the Colonel at the CP.
- 1400 S-3 to Red 3: Have you gotten any shelling? (Red 3)
  Yes, and a little heavier than usual.
- 1500 S-4 to S-3: Here is the new water point 955364.
- 1515 Red 3 to Lt. Kestlinger: In the last hour 40 rounds of 80mm mortar fell around D Co, and some light artillery around our CP.
- 1520 Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Relays the above message to them.

- 1540 Lt. Carroll to S-2: 47th reports mortar falling at 985414, also heavy artillery this morning just north of A and B Cos. At 1345 hours the 47th reported an artillery barrage in their area, landing in E Co and near the battalion CP, also mortar fire on E Co. The direction seems to be 80 to 90 degrees from F Co.
- 1620 3-3 to G-3: All quiet except some mortar fire in 1st Bn area about 40 rounds.
- 1723 Capt. Merendino to Lt. Kestlinger: We have 200 cans of gas in reserve, and are getting 300 cans tomorrow.
- 1840 G-6 to S-6: How is everything Fred? (S-6) Alright, sir, no casualties, shells landing near and around but that is all. (G-6) How are the men? (S-6) Bitching like hell, which is a good sign, they want to get going. (G-6) A great bunch of GIs, well we will let you know as soon as possible if anything happens.
- 1845 3-2 to G-2: Gives him the reports received from the units during the day. (G-2) 200 to 300 foot troops and vehicles northwest out of Eschweiler going towards Kinzweiler. Corps was shelled, a few casualties. Weather is bad up to 16th.
- 1847 S-2 to All Battalions: Gives them the above information from G-2.
- 1900 G-6 to S-5: How is the quality of the replacements yesterday? (S-5) Col. Driscoll wasn't too pleased. According to their cards they had good training, but I know cards have been altered. Driscoll is keeping them with his Hq Co. (G-6) They should be cooled off, and talked to. Tell them just what they are up against.
- 2250 G-3 to Lt. Rameriz: The code for today is Tare.
- 2251 Lt. Rameriz to All Units: Code for today is Tare.

- 0001-0800: Negative reports from all units.
- 0845 S-2 to Red 3: What is new. (Red 3) Between 0720 and 0745 hours we received 150 rounds 81s, and 50 rounds of 105. We had one man wounded slightly.
- 0850 S-3 to Blue 3: What is new (Blue 3) Nothing.
- 0900 S-3 to G-3: We had a quiet night last night but at 0720 hours to 0745 hours Driscoll received 150 rounds of 81, and 50 rounds of 105, and had one man wounded slightly.
- Lt Carroll to S-2: 3rd Armored Div reports taking some PWs. One officer from 3rd Co, 1st Bn, 48th Regt. He was taken at 968416. Says his company has 80 men, and one light machine gun per squad. The 2nd Co has 50 men. 13th and 14th Cos are in Gressenich. 9th, 10th, and 11th Cos of Landshausen Regt, Old Homeguard Regt, are in Hamick. The Enden-Duren area is crowded with troops. The 48th Regt is in poor spirits, and has been pretty well knocked around. Regt CP at 01884610, 1st Bn CP 98954265 in the third house from the cross roads in Gressenich on road to Schevenhute. CP of 3rd Co 977428, artillery OP in house at 98554255. They have three 120mm mortars 15 meters apart at 977424; two heavy machine guns at 97954222; another heavy machine gun at 986422; 3 AT guns alongside church in Gressenich. There is a minefield (6 by 25 meters) at 973422 to 976421. Another PW from 205th Labor Bn says the 60th Artillery Regt CP at 0352, also all ammunition trains are there. There are 5 batteries of 210mm guns, four of which are east of Eschweiler; one in town at 995472. There is a heavy railway gun shooting towards Vauxhall, coming from 0048 grid. 3rd Armored Div also reports that attack recon has revealed that considerable train movement (PW says reserves are being brought up confirmed by identification 272nd Div in Momschau area on the 9th of November) 47th Inf reports observing large crater at 013420, and heard digging and saw a green light. 1st Army reports another division in local reserve in Geilenkirchen. 3rd Armored reports tank movement in vicinity of Gressenich.
- 0950 S-2 to G-2: What did you get from the officer from the 48th Regt (G-2) Not much, it will be on Omaha's G-2 Periodic Report. I will see that you get it. Have another PW today, he is on his way in now. Did you get

any more information on the three Sgts that disappeared. (S-2) No, we have not, we believe that
they are PWs. What we don't like is that they had
the patch on. (G-2) Yes, that is bad. What do you
make of the stuff that came in on your 1st Bn (S-2)
I don't know, I am going to check on it a little
more later.

- 1000 Red 6 to Lt Kestlinger: A captain from 47th Inf just came over wanting to use our tanks to repel a counter-attack, check on this.
- 1001 S-3 to S-3, 47th Inf: A captain from your outfit was at our 1st, Bn CP trying to borrow our tanks to re-was pulse a counterattack, what is the score (47th) I know nothing of such an attack. We had some patrol activity but that was taken care of. We picked up one dead PW and one live one from this activity.
- 1003 S-3 to Red 6: The S-3 of 47th Inf knows nothing of this reported counterattack. They will let us know immediately if they hear anything.
- 1020 S-3, 47th Inf to S-3: Find out the details on that reported counterattack. Get the name of the officer who made the request for the tanks. As far as we can determine it is a wild goose chase, and someone got excited. A patrol tried our F Co this morning, but that has been cleared up now. (S-3) I am going out to our 1st now, and I will get a first hand information for you.
- 1100 Lt Carroll to Lt Kestlinger: 2nd Bn, 47th Inf got one PW from the 2nd Co, 984th Regt. He was part of a 10 man combat patrol; one killed and two wounded. The patrol used rifles and hand grenades, no mortars. 47th Inf reports several Germans killed at 012415. The enemy then moved to the right and were next seen at 01154125 in a rock quarry, where the 47th Inf fired on them with mortars. Some activity was reported going on around the hotel at 013419. Between 0700 hours and 0830 hours, the enemy tried to come in at 01154050, but were stopped by mortar fire.
- 1112 White 3 to Capt Stowell: We have just had about 40 rounds of artillery probably 75s and 105s, landing in the town. There will probably be more.

- 1205 G-2 to S-2: That PW taken by 3rd Armored was from 2nd Co, 1st Bn, 984th Regt. The CO of 1st Bn is Capt Becker. They had mortar support this morning. They have no winter clothing. He says there are 4 tanks and many troops in Gressenick, also lots of troops in Duren.
- 1210 S-2 to Red and Blue 2: Gives them the above information on PW.
- 1430 Lt Carroll to S-2: PW taken this morning by 47th Inf
  from 984th Regt, 1st Co. PW stated the battalion CO was
  changed, at present it is Capt Becker. PW was on a 10
  man patrol with a mission to find out as much as possible
  about our front lines. They were armed with one light
  machine gun, rifles and hand grenades. They did have some
  mortar support this morning. PW stated that they were in
  the lines six weeks, but have been issued no winter clothing. PW has been on pass to Duren and said there are
  many troops in Gressnick and Duren.
- 1508 G-2 to S-2: Here is an unconfirmed rumor. PW from 7th Co, 89th Regt from Stolberg taken by 3rd Armored Div, on division order 48th Regt is to be relieved by 89th Regt. 89th Regt is to pull out. They received wordto get blankets rolled up and get ready to move. No mention of 48th Regtleaving its present position. It seems 2nd Bn, 48th Regt will do the relieving. He also mentioned receiving some land replacements.
- 1525 Col Nichols to S-2: Here is a shell report. Coming from vicinity of Gressnick, one round every two minutes, 75 or 105 mm.
- 1529 S-2 to Determine 2: There are guns firing from 970400 coming from vicinity of Gressnich, 75 or 105 mm, one shell every two minutes.
- 1645 Lt Carroll to Lt Kestlinger: English across Vessen Canal, 3 bridgeheads southeast from Meitjel.
- 1925 Lt Carroll to S-3: A Marsh Bn of 250 men came in 4 weeks ago to reinforce the 12th. The officer captured last night by 47th Inf says there are no mines or wire south of Gressenich. In Gressenich there are 300 to 400 men, parts of 3rd, 4th, and 14th Cos, also reports three 12 centimeter mortars in Gressenich.
- 2000 Red 3 to Lt Rameriz: We hear a lot of noise, and don't know if it is friendly or enemy. We checked with 7th Field and it isn't them. Did you get any reports of incoming stuff (Lt Rameriz) No.
- 2315 Blue: A plane over the area going to southeast direction.

- 0058 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: The word is Dog (Tentative).

  Baker time is 1000 hours. I will let you know in an hour
  or so about Dog.
- Olol Lt. Kestlinger to All Units: The message is Dog.

  Baker time is tentative. The Dog is Tentative. Will
  be sure a little later.
- 0112 S-6 to Red 6) Is everything all set? (REd 6) Yes Sir.
- 0114 S-6 to Blue 6: Dog is the message. Baker time is 1000 hours. Be sure not to get people near Driscoll.
- 0125 S-6 to Mr. Wiles: Have a line laid and CP established by 1000 hours in the morning.
- 0125 S-6 to Lt. Stockwell: Have your OP established and ready to operate by noon tomorrow.
- 0320 G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Dog minus 15 minutes. Baker 1115 hours.
- 0321 Lt. Kestlinger to All Units: Dog minus 15 minutes.
  Baker 1115 hours.
- 0817 S-3 to G-3: I would like to confirm the message of last night. (G-3) Baker time 1115 hours; Dog minus 15.
- O818 S-3 to All Units: Confirm time as Baker 1115 hours; Dog minus 15"
- 0825 Mr. Wiles to Lt. Kestlinger: When will radio silence be lifted? (Lt. Kestlinger) I will call you back.
- O830 BBC RADIO NEWS: General Dempsey's troops have gained more ground in their new drive against the German pocket west of the Maas. General Patton's troops met more opposition around Metz yesterday, but have tightened their grip on the Fortress. The American 7th Army were yesterday pressing the enemy all along the Voge front. The French lst Army have advanced up to 5 miles in a drive towards the Belfort Gap. The Chief Medical Officer at SHAEF said last night that 97 % of wounded Allied soldiers survived, owing to prompt and modern surgical treatment. General DeGaulle is to visit Moscow shortly at the invitation of the Soviet Government. The Russians have taken another rail and road junction on the eastern approach to Budapest.

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The weather in Italy is bad again, but both Allied Armies have gained a little ground. In northwest Burma, the 5th Indian Division, advancing from the west on Kalemyo, have linked up with East African forces attacking from the north. On Leyte Island a double drive has taken the enemy defenses in the rear and threatens the road to Ormak. British submarines in the Far Eastern waters have sunk 23 more Japanese supply ships and anti-submarine vessels. The RAF Mosquitoes last night attacked Berlin with 4,000 pound bombs. The House of Commons yesterday debated the government scheme for releasing men and woman from the forces after the defeat of Germany. Mr. Bevin, the Labor Minister, promised that if humanly possible men would have a leave at home before being sent to the Far East.

- 0900 Lt. Carroll to Lt. Kestlinger: 47th Inf reported 6
  rounds of Nebelwerfers from vicinity of Hastenrath, 9744,
  had landed in 3rd Armored area. 47th reports enemy fired
  30 rounds of medium artillery on A Co, and F Co was
  receiving 75mm harassing fire. Increased enemy activity
  around factory at 005428. 47th artillery also noticed
  increased number of horse carts in vicinity of this
  factory. A TOT was put on them.
- 0908 G-3 to Lt. Rameriz: We do not have a measel sheet from your area. (Lt. Rameriz) Our operations Sergeant says one was sent you with the Field Order. (G-3) I will check. (Lt. Rameriz) If you don't find it, we will send you one. (Another sheet was sent to Division as of this hour).
- 0917 White 3 calls White CP and notifies the CO that he will stay at the Regimental CP today.
- 0927 Red 5 to S-3: I just called to check on the Treadway bridge that is to go in on the right of us. (S-3) Capt. Murphy has made arrangements for the bridge.
- 0940 G-6 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) Everything is ready, sir. We are all tied in. (G-6) Give them hell, Fred. I can't. (S-6) Don't worry sir. It is in the bag. I hope my hole is deep enough.
- 0941 S-3 is unable to contact Disguise Rear by phone and sends
  Lt. Kestlinger to personally contact Capt. Murphy,
  regarding the trucks for the Treadway bridge.

- 1000 Lt. Carroll to Lt. Rameriz: 3rd Armored Div reports one battery of 3 guns in sand pit at 993470, they are 210mm. 3 other batteries in vicinity of Eschweiler. 5th Battery of the 60th Motorized Artillery Regt at 983467, dummy positions at 997467. Believe CP of 12th Artillery Regt at 983467. Nebelwerfer battery at 940433, and another battery at 992464. A deserter reports Munchen-Gladbach empty of troops. The Hambach sector SS troops. Neheim occupied by a company of tanks and SS Troops. Ammunition depot at Birten. 3rd Armored Div Recon picked up PW from 7th Co, 89th Regt, 12th Div. He was picked up vicinity of 958424. He came from 12th Div from March Bn, 4 weeks ago. The 7th Co of which he is a member is located in Donnerburg. The 6th Co, to the right of the 7th, the 14th Co to the left.
- 1005 S-2 to G-2: "hat is cooking? (G-2) A German Lt. was picked up as a deserter. He had trouble with his CO and had been placed under arrest. He gave this information ammunition dump in church yard at Grensach. AT guns cover the road to Mossbach. One Tiger tanks and 7 assault guns at Schaenthal. The Army poop sheet says two new divisions are on this side of the Rhine at 2263, northeast of Julich.
- 1007 S-2 to All Units: Gives them the dope received from Lt. Carroll and G-2. Also informs them that between the hours of 161115A and 161245A all troops of the Division will be under cover for protection from bombing.
- 1025 Lt. Stockwell to S-6: I have established my OP and can see 7 to 8 miles.

  There is shooting over to the right of us, sounds like tanks. I have

  the place all outposted, and am all set.
- 1032 S-2 to Delight 2: Gives him the information from Lt. Carroll and .
  G-2. (Delight 2) At 994449 is an OP; at000447 a strongpoint and OP;
  A Battery 995419; B Battery 98224098; C Battery 99461000.
- 1100 I&R OF is at Foint 10.
- 1115 G-6 to S-6: Will you keep the telephone line open up to Driscoll and let me know from time to tome whats going on? (S-6) Yes sir, we have two lines to him.
- 1117 S-6 to Red 6) How are things? (Red 6) They laid some not so far away from here. Everything is OK. Have several lines here and radios ready for action.
- 1130 OF reports; Bombing to north northeast, have not noticed any flak.
- 1130 S-2 to \$-6: Heavies dropped bombs in vicinity of south of Gressnich.
  Stockwell is on his way back, he is going to organize another OP.
- 1132 S-2 to G-2: Heavies bombing south of Gressnich, no flak. (G-2) Our artillery is firing on the flak guns. Our fighter bombers bombed at 985432.

- 1145 Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: There are troops at 00820470, will fire on them.
- 1146 OP reports; Planes dropped load at an azimuth of 340 degrees from OP, in the direction of Eschweiler, This was the first ones dropped to the northwest at least two miles away.
- 1155 Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: B is CK, we finished registration.
- 1235 S-3 to G-3; Bombing close enough to throw shrapnel around 2nd Bn area.

  (G-3) Good. (S-3) H hour has not changed. (G-3) No, that is our artillery going in now.
- 1235 S-3 to Blue 2: Is something woming in up there? (Blue 2) Yes, something is coming in. We are checking to see what it is. Not sure if bombs or enemy artillery. It landed near Beach's outfit.
- 1238 S-3 to Capt. Rapph; Has that other team started out yet? (Capt. Ralph)
  No. (S-3) Go ahead andstart them.
- 1240 S-3 to Capt. Ralph: The Colonel says to keep those lines in. (Capt. Ralph) I have one crew working on the 1st Bn line, and another crew just left. (S-3) "ave they checked in by radio? (Capt. Ralph) No. (S-3) Send them this message "Have you jumped off"?
- 1252 G-3 to S-3: Did your outfit jump off on time? (S-3) The lines are out but believe they did. (G-3) The 47th jumped off on time.
- 1257 S-3 to Blue 5: The lines are out to 1st Bn. Will you set up a 300 on their channel? (Blue 5) Yes, we will take care of it.
- 1300 Capt. Murphy to S-3: How soon are you going to be ready? (S-3) It will be an hour anyway, the lines are out to the 1st Bn.
- 1303 Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: 3rd Armored Div had two tanks knocked out.
- 1305 Lt. Carroll to S-2: A big bomb just came in. 47th Inf OP reported bombers dropping so far out they can't see them, in vicinity of 985432. Col. Hicks received a report bombers hitting around 789. An officer PW from 60th Motorized Bn picked up at 997667.
- 1310 S-3 to Blue 6: Do you have contact with 1st Bn? (Blue 6) I have contact by radio. (S-3) Will you contact them for us our line is out and we can't reach them by radio.
- 1314 Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: I just received a call from Col. Waters that 3rd Armored Div is very close to Wirth.

- 1317 Delight 2 to S-2: Will you tell Maj. Rawie we got through to the liaison and are waiting for an answer. We had a couple of Nebelwerfers drop in here.
- 1318 S-3 to S-2: 47th Inf: Have you had any word from your 3rd Bn that our 1st Bn has gone through? (47th Inf) No, we have not had any word from our 3rd Bn.
- 1320 G-6 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) I haven't had any contact with 1st Bn yet. Machine gun fire is interdicting the road at 008414 going southwest down the road.
- 1328 Lt. Rameriz reports: 2nd Bn, 26th leading elements past the road junction between Points 14 and 26, just about north of our Red CP.

  They passed the road junction at 1250 hours. G Co is leading company.

  2nd Bn leading, 1st Bn next, and then the 3rd Bn. Smallest number regiment of 4th Div jumped off on time.
- 1330 S-3 to Blue 5: What is the situation up there? (Blue 5) I haven't heard from forward yet. Plenty of stuff landed around here from H minus 30, but is quiet now.
- 1332 Delight to S-2: Here is a message we received from Capt. Stabler, "Situation unknown, all communications out."
- 1335 Message from LaR: Friendly rockets opening up, and landing in vicinity of Points 25, 26, and 27.
- 1337 Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: The Colonel said he won't have cubs go beyond lines of Departure until front lines are known. (Maj. Rawie) I don't expect them to go beyond that.
- 1340 S-2 to G-2: The only thing I can tell you is that plenty of stuff came in at H minus 30 and stopped about a half hour ago.
- 1340 White 5 to S-3: Friendly P-39 attacked our assembly area at 1315 hours. He dropped a couple of small bombs but missed. Came back at 1325 hours with 5 more of his friends. They dropped about 10 bombs in F Co kitchen area. No one was hurt except one man who hurt himself when diving into a hole.
- 1341 S-3 to G-3: Relays the above message about \*36s. (G-3) Those same planes blew the roof off the Divarty CP. 47th is still south of Gressnich. G Co, 26th is at OL423. (S-3) We still have no communication with the front.
- 1345 Lt. Rameriz to S-2: 2nd Bn, 26th is approaching Phase Line #1, receiving small arms and mortar fire.

- 1345 Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: 1st Bn says that they are OK. (Maj. Rawie)
  Have they started down the road yet? (Delight 3) Yes at Point 15.
  There is one squad of enemy 900 yards north northeast of Point 10.
- 1346 S-2 to G2: Our OP reports squad of enemy running notth northeast at 983417. (G-2) 3rd Armored leading elements at 986 426.
- 1350 S-3 to White 5: Hear anything? (White 5) Moved 500 yards, receiving some mortar and artillery fire, also some casualties. B Co has not moved yet. (S-3) Report exact location by radio.
- 1351 Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: Where is 1st Bn? (S-3) They moved from line of departure 300 to 500 yards. They are receiving mortar and artillery fire, have some casualties.
- 1351 Blue 2 to S-2: How is the 26th? (S-2) Approaching 1st Phase line between Points 26 and 30. (Blue 2) How about the people on the left? (S-2) Reported at Point 15. Our 1st Bn moved 300 to 500 yards, receiving mortar and artillery fire beyond the 1st Phase Line.
- 1351 S-6 to Col. Mason: The 1st Bn is 500 yards from Line of departure, that is 996428 to 005432.
- 1354 S-6 to Blue 6: 47th Inf half way through Gressnich. Armor in Wirth. 1st Bn 500 yards from line of departure. I&R to look at road from Point 11 to 12 to 13 to 18 to 17 to 19.
- 1357 Delight 3 to S-3: Our FO with B Co says they are 400 yards into the woods.
- B 58 Capt. Ralph to S-6: One line is in to 1st Bn and another team is cut now, it should be in shortly.
- 1400 Message to I&R: Recon route 10-11-12-13. Stop at 13 and report condition of route. Be prepared on orders to recon 13-18-17-19-20-18 and report condition of route.
- 1400 S-3 to Red 3: Has B Co moved? (Red 3) No, (S-3) We received a report that they are 400 yards in the woods. (Red 3) B Co is still here. C Co wounded say there is lots of mortar and artillery fire in the woods. No resistance until then.
- 1403 G-3 to S-3: Do you have a request for air? (S-3) Yes, 014453. (G-3) We have some P-38s coming in 15 minutes.
- 1403 S-2 to Red 5: Has Ed moved his tanks? (Red 5) No, still where they were.

- 1405 Lt. Carroll to S-3: 4th Div reports 12th Inf jumped off with little resistance. 8th Inf had some resistance but jumped off.
- 1407 Maj. Rawie to Delight 6: Reports indicate that the 1st Bn is getting heavy artillery fire. All casualties are from artillery. Can we get some counter battery? (Delight 6) I will get on that right away.

  I will call Determine.
- 1407 Lt. Stockwell to S-2; The OP is being shelled, had one man wounded.
- 1409 G-3 to S-3: When you move the 2nd Bn notify us. When are gou going to move them? (S-3) About 1600 hours or early in the morning.
- 1411 Div ASP to S-3: What kind of a target do you have ? (S-3) Troop concentration southwest edge of town.
- 1412 Lt. Carroll to S2: 1st Bn 26th at 015423. 47th Inf reports last stick of bombs dropped close, but not short. Artillery falling Gressnich. 26th had little resistance from right flank. 3rd Armor ed close to Werth. The 104th bombing was good. 1st Bn 47th making good progress, just short of town now. 1st Bn, 414th had little resistance. G Co, 26th at Point 2, meeting small arms and light morter fire. 4th Div says the bombing was good. 47th AA reports Jerry bombing in vicinity 958372. At 1300 hours 47th lost 2 tanks.
- 1415 Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: A Co at 991422; C Co 989419. Friendly tanks at 985425 and 987438.
- 1421 Capt. Hall reports situation to 2nd Bn CP. Also informs them that an officer from the Provost Marshal's office will help with traffic when the 2nd Bn moves.
- 1425 Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: Were you able to do anything about the artitlery falling on 1st Bn? (Delight 3) We gave the dope to Divarty. Divarty had two cubs damaged by friendly bombs. The only OP that is workin now reports small arms fire at 980417. (30 minutes ago). There has been no contact with the FOs.
- 1432 Lt. Rameriz to S-2: No change along 26th front. Co A 87th Cml, fired 42 round concentration on our measel #30. The target was an enemy column moving southeast.
- 1435 S-3 to S-3 47th Inf: Do you know where your 3rd Bn is? (47th) No we don't. We will try to contact them by radio.
- 1437 S-3 to G-3: We haven't get contact with 1st Bn yet, but will let you know how they are doing when we can.