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- 1445 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-2; 1st Bn, 47th at 001433. 3rd Armored on objective. Left column of 3rd Armored ran into mines but are moving forward. 104th hasn't moved much. 4th and 8th Inf at 020418. Corps on the left took Mariendorf and Euchen. C Co 47th took 15 PWs.
- 1447 - S-6 to Blue 6; C Co 300 yards east of Point 37. Tanks on road between Points 20 and 21. Get set to move at 1545 hours by Points 12-13-18, and be prepared to continue.
- 1450 - S-6 to G-5; Gives him the above information given to Blue 6.
- 1458 - S-3 to Dextrose 3; Tanks are at 002434. Do you have any locations? (Dextrose 3) Forward elements of 2nd Bn are at Point 2.
- 1459 - Red 5 to S-2; Intercept from C Co reports company to be on south edge of clearing northeast of Point 36.
- 1459 - S-3 to Lt. Kestlinger; C Co is on south edge of clearing northeast of Point 36. (Lt. Kestlinger) 47th is on the south edge of town.
- 1500 - ASP to S-3; We hit that town for you. Howdid it go? (S-3) We don't know as yet, but I will let you know.
- 1502 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3; Discussed location of C Co. Maj. Rawie informs them that 3rd Bn is alerted to move, and that the TDs are to go into the march order. (Delight 3) The fires to the edge of the woods near C Co will be lifted.
- 1503 - S-3 to Blue 3; Send an officer to pick up the tanks. (Blue 3) He has already left.
- 1505 - S-3 to Red 5; Did you talk to Ed yet? (Red 5) No, all I can get is the location of C Co. (S-6) I want you to tell him that Horner is going to move at 1545 hours, and keep going for Point 48.
- 1508 - S-3 to Blue 3; I want you to get recon on route from 12 to 20, pick the best one to move on.
- 1510 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2; C Co is reported 200 yards northeast of Point 40 and moving steadily.
- 1510 - S-3 to Brown 5; Do you have any dope? (Brown 5) No, we are not firing. C Co just reported 200 yards northeast of 40 still going.
- 1513 - S-3 to G-3; C Co is 200 yards northeast of 40 and moving steadily.

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- 1514 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: C Co is at Point 40. Have you got anything northeast of Point 2? (Dextrose 3) No, not yet. We are firing on Points 13, 28, and 12 now. (26th code).
- 1515 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: A and C Cos of 47th at 990422 as of 1500 hours.
- 1517 - Engr. Liaison reports to Capt. Murphy at Disguise Forward to alert the trucks for movement. Suggest Capt. Murphy drop in at CP and look over situation.
- 1522-- Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn to S-6: C Co reports being on objective and receiving a counter attack. We are out of communication with C Co by phone, only have radio.
- 1524 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: The 47th took 9 PWs, one is a radio man.
- 1525 - Capt. Ralph to S-3: The 284 and 610 radios with 1st Bn are busted. We are exchanging them.
- 1525 - Message from I&R: Cleared Point 11.
- 1526 - Delight 6 to Maj. Rawie: The cub is up now trying to get location of our people. (Maj. Rawie) C Co is getting a counter attack. (Delight 6) Divarty reports 3rd Armored on Points 44 and 45 and some on 34, and are cleaning up.
- 1528 - S-6 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is the situation there? (Lt. Kestlinger) They are just south of the town. The PWs they took are from 1st and 2nd Cos of 48th Regt.
- 1530 - S-6 to G-3: What is the situation at Gressnich? (G-3) They are receiving mortar and small arms fire. They are moving up the TDs.
- 1530 - Lt. Alexander, 1st Bn to S-3: A Co is on objective, which includes the town. Our communication is bad but we do know that the tanks are moved up.
- 1532 - S-6 to Blue 6: Move as soon as you can. The 1st Bn is in Hemich. The 47th is having trouble at Gressnich so skirt that. (Blue 6) My recon is at Point 12 now. (S-6) OK get to it.
- 1535 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: Gives him A Co's position. (Delight 2) 2nd Bn, 8th Inf 017417; elements of 22nd Inf at 013379; 2nd Bn, 12th Inf at 017351; 2nd Armored at 902625 to 914604; 2nd Bn 26th at 015423; 1st Bn 47th at 990423.
- 1537 - S-6 to G-6: Reports the situation. (G-6) Col. Sitz stopped for the night which leaves the right flank exposed.

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- 1539 - S-3 to Blue 3: The Colonel wants you to put I Co on tanks and take Point 48 as soon as possible.
- 1540 - Message to I&R: Send NCO from OP to CP.
- 1541 - White 3 to White 6: Reports the situation. Be prepared to move up to 3rd Bn assembly area. We will probably follow route of 3rd Bn to objective area. (White 6) We will move at 1700 hours.
- 1544 - S-3 to Red 5: 26th is held up. You will have to button up, your right flank from 40 to 38 as far as you think necessary. 3rd Bn will be on the left of A Co.
- 1545 - Message from I&R: 1000 yards short of 12, clearing timber so vehicles can pass.
- 1546 - S-3 to Blue 3: The 26th is held up. Take two companies to button up 48 and use rest to hold left edge of 1st Objective. If you need two companies to help I Co we will move up one company of 2nd Bn, if not, all of 2nd Bn stays behind.
- 1550 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: Small arms and mortars are coming in south part of town.
- 1555 - White 3 to White 5: The Colonel wants all vehicles closed in by dark. We will take old holes of 3rd Bn and send a recon to A Co position. One company may be used as CTreserve.
- 1552 - Delight 6 to Maj. Rawie: Cub reports enemy guns firing from 012443 and we are adjusting the mediums on them.
- 1558 - S-3 to Blue 3 47th Inf: What did the platoon do that went to the road junction by the factory? (47th) We had no recon to that Point. That was to be only in case any movement was reported.
- 1600 - Lt. Rameriz to S-3: G and F Cos of 26th approximately 200 yards from Phase Line #1 with F Co on the right of the road. An unofficial report says casualties from 2nd Bn, 26th are fairly heavy and also smallest numbered regiment of 4th Div.
- 1601 - Blue 6 to S-5: Discusses the various routes of approach for the battalion. (S-5) Col. Gibb authorizes change in route to go through Schevenhutte to escape fire on route previously directed.

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- 1610 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-2: Here is the 47th Inf report on PWs. 1st Co of 48th Regt has 85 men. There are two rows of S mines in gully at 98954200. There are Teller Mines on road going west. 1st Co was in town. 2nd Co to west of town at 983423 to 984422. 1st Co CP in house at 98954230. 10 men in cellar with one machine gun at 98954240. Artillery CP in house at 995425. Men reinforced house with one machine gun at 993425. There are four 81 mortars in sand pits at 98504315. There are two 120 mortars at 993438 behind tower and trees. A Co got 7 more PWs.
- 1610 - G-2 to S-2: We have 19 PWs; 16 from 1st Co, and 3 from 2nd Co, 48th Regt.
- 1620 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: A Co 47th 99104223; C Co 47th 989419; 2nd Bn 8th Inf 018415; 2nd Bn 12th Inf 019350; L and K Cos 414th Inf 989433; F Co 415th Inf 903442; L Co of 413th Inf 890458; F Co 43th Inf 884459; 2nd Armored and 29th Div jumped off on time, captured Euchen and Marriendorf; 2nd Bn 33rd Inf 9743; 1st Bn 33rd Inf 969434 to 972431.
- 1620 - Blue 2 to S-2: Any clarification on Gressnich? (S-2) No not yet, they are held up.
- 1623 - S-3 to Red 5: Any report from Ed? (Red 5) No, not yet.
- 1625 - S-3 to G-3: Gives them the latest situation and plans for the night. Also tentative plans to move 2nd Bn to assembly area southwest of Point 9.
- 1630 - Delight 2 to S-2: I Co, 414th Inf at 935437; C Co, 415th at 900445.
- 1635 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-2: TF Lovelady at 992448. Two columns moving north northeast 975443 and 979435.
- 1635 - S-4 to S-3: Our area was bombed by a P-38, in the area by the Recon cars. No casualties.
- 1635 - S-3 to Blue 5: What is the situation? (Blue 5) Co I moved out 20 minutes ago and L Co is on the road.
- 1640 - Brown 5 to S-2: I just got this message from Cap. O'Brien for delivery to you and 7th Field. C Co is just northeast of Point 36.
- 1641 - S-2 to Delight: C Co is just northeast of Point 36.
- 1641 - S-3 to G-3: I have a location of TF Lovelady at 992448, I would like to have a varification on this. Will you look into this for me? (G-3) OK.

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- 1642 - Delight 3 to S-3: CCA, 3rd Armored is on all three objectives.
- 1643 - S-6 to Red 5: Get in touch with Driscoll and tell him to get me information on locations, plans, ect, so that I can commit my other battalions. (Red 5) Yes sir. Our tank platoon reported between Points 20 and 22.
- 1645 - Lt. Stockwell to S-2: We are getting some artillery. People on the left flank fired at us and keep us pinned down. We are about 200 yards from Point 13. Enemy at 99 line north of Point 12. There is a little noise up from that where there are a few riflemen. It is clear up to Point 2 or just short of that. We will start towards Point 13 if those people stop firing at us over on the left. The road is good for jeeps but not much traffic. OP can't see because it is hazey.
- 1645 - S-6 to G-6: General, I am a little worried about my left flank. 3rd Armored by-passed and pushed the enemy into Gressenich. They may counter attack on my flank. (G-6) Work it out with the 47th Inf.
- 1654 - G-3 to S-3: I checked on the coordinates and the last three figures are wrong. It should be 992438, 1000 yards short.
- 1700 - Delight 2 to S-2: 3rd Armored bringing in 29 PWs from 980417.
- 1700 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: Gives him our latest situation. How is everything going for you? (Dextrose 3) Not so good. Pill boxes are giving us considerable trouble. (S-3) Gives him our plans for tomorrow. (Dextrose 3) We are to continue to our initial objectives, that is the highground on our immediate right.
- 1700 - S-2 to Lt. Stockwell: I want you to keep an all night OP and bring the rest of the men back.
- 1710 - S-3 to White 3: Gives him the immediate action plan. The reserve company is to be placed on the right flank of 1st Bn in vicinity of 003425 the line to run north and south to protect the flank.
- 1715 - S-3 to Red 5: Clark just talked with Edmonds. He said no one is in the town. (Red 5) I don't know. (S-3) Will you find out? (Red 5) OK, I just sent Hanna out, and will call you back when he returns. (S-3) Did the Colonel send B Co out to its proposed position? (Red 5) I don't know.
- 1715 - White 3 to White 5: One company is to go up forward in position between Points 39 and 24 with 25 as its center and to tie in with B Co. 3rd Bn is going in on the left. (White 5) Everybody is on the road. I will call you just before I leave and the Colonel is coming down to where you are.

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- 1720 - Lt. Rameriz to S-2: Leading elements of 2nd Bn, 26th is 250 yards beyond Phase Line #1, and are being held up by fire from pill boxes. They are digging in and putting up for the night. 8th and 4th Div received heavy casualties confirmed. 26th had 4 to 6 casualties due to bombing. 26th took 4 PWs from 1st Bn 984th Regt, old men.
- 1720 - S-3 to Blue 5: The Colonel wants I Co to button up near Co A. From 37 west and a round 19, also around the woods. Definitely holding the line. Another company between 20 and 19.
- 1728 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: As of 1600 hours 2nd Bn 26th receiving machine gun fire along the cross road at Points 2 and 3. CP of 2nd Bn 26th is at Point 1. E Co, 26th moving to Point 26. Corps reports 104th Div has advanced 700 to 1000 meters all along the line. ASP reports the intense light flak came from northwest of Helstern. 47th Inf picked up 18 PWs, 10 from 1st Co, and 3 from 2nd Co, 48th., they were picked up at 989421.
- 1730 - Capt. Ralph to S-3: 1st Bn had two wire jeeps knocked out. I turned one of my jeeps over to them. (S-3) OK.
- 1735 - Blue 6 to S-3: The CP is 400 yards northwest of Point 14. Co I is up near Point 21 now. L Co is near 23 and 24. (S-3) Gives him the latest situation.
- 1735 - S-6 to Col. Mason: The 3rd Bn, 47th is going to work into town from the east. We are not going to have the 1st Bn take that hill, it is getting too dark. We are stopping for the night. We do not want to attack before it is light so we can have observed artillery fire, I would say about 0800 hours. (Col. Mason) I will let you know at what time.
- 1740 - G-4 to S-5: Has Col. Grant started to move? (S-5) Yes, he has started to move and has the route posted.
- 1745 - Capt. Groves to Lt. Kestlinger: 1st Bn expended 420 heavy, 20 light. I could not contact companies to find out about 60mm. I will call you as soon as I get it.
- 1745 - Red 3 to S-3: I just talked to Col. Driscoll and both of our companies are on their objective, but have not entered the town. The situation is not too good on the right flank. The Colonel asked me to call and see if we can put B Co there. (S-3) OK that is what the Colonel wants G Co is on their way up to fill in at Points 39, 25, and 24. The mission for tonight is to button up and take the town tomorrow.

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- 1754 - Red 2 to S-2: We have one PW, and the Colonel says 13 more are on the way back. The PW was from the 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 48th Regt, 12th Div. He says there are 4 companies in the 2nd Bn. Company strength is 50 men. 6 machine guns per company. The Air Force inflicted heavy damage. 27th and 89th Inf Regts in the vicinity. He stated there is no one in Hamich. Co A picked him up.
- 1800 - White 3 to Lt. Conover: That stuff is all clear.
- 1800 - S-2 to G-2: We have 1 PW being brought back. He is from 5th Co, 48th Regt. 13 more are reported on the way back.
- 1805 - Lt. Rameriz to S-3: Here are the 2nd Bn 26th dispositions as of 1800 hours. E Co at 013426; G Co 012424; F Co 017422; 2nd Bn CP 012422. The gap between E and the 3rd Bn of the 37th to be filled by A Co of 26th tonight. Forward elements receiving machine gun fire from the road ahead of them, no casualties reported from the operation, only 5 casualties due to air bombardment. The troops will dig in for the night at the above locations.
- 1815 - Delight 2 to S-3: I hear A Co is not where they were reported to be. (S-3) They are not at Point 38.. They are at Point 37. B Co is between 39 and 40. C Co is between 40 and 41. 3rd Bn is rear and left of A Co. 2nd Bn moved up to where the 3rd Bn was this afternoon except for G Co, between 39 and 24.
- 1830 - G-3 to S-3: Any locations on 3rd Bn? (S-3) I just designated locations which they were to move into tonight. I Co from Point 19 to 37, L Co from 19 to 20, K Co south of 22 in reserve there. B Co between 39 and 40 protecting the right flank of 1st Bn. (G-3) Where is 3rd Bn 47th Inf? (S-3) West between 20 and 21 prepared to attack town tomorrow morning. G Co is between 24 and 39 tying in with flank of B Co.
- 1840 - S-3 to Blue 2: What is the situation? (Blue 2) All of I and L are in temporary assembly area. I just phoned they are not in yet. (S-3) Let me know when they are all in. (Blue 6) A Co extends from 37 to 19, 47th swinging between 20 and 21. K is south of 22; L Co between 20 and 24; I Co from 19 to 20. (S-6) Take K Co from where B Co ends to where it is necessary. (Blue 6) I have to put L Co in there and put K behind in reserve.

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- 1858 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: As of 1835 hours 2nd Bn 26th line was from 017426 to 018425 to 016421. As of 1650 hours 3rd Armored right column at 982439. The town they are in is outposted. 26th hasn't made much headway. A Co is on the way out, knocked out a pill box and took a couple of PWs.
- 1900 - S-3 to G-3: There are some changes in the positions. Substituted L where G was going. A runs from southeast of Point 37 around edge of woods to 200 yards north of Point 19 from there to Point 20 put in I Co. From Point 20 to 21 and 23 is 3rd Bn 47th. Our K Co is north of area around 23 and 24 in the woods. (G-3: Has 1st Bn got tanks and TDs up with them? (S-3) Yes. (G-3) Is there anyone in the town of Hamich? (S-3) No.
- 1910 - G-6 to S-6: How did things go in general today? (S-6) Pretty good. I am having a little trouble getting buttoned up. I am open on three sides. (G-6) You can move Horner enough to protect your right flank. (S-6) Yes sir. (G-6) Did you get any PWs today? (S-6) Yes sir we got 13 that I know of.
- 1915 - Capt. Finke to White 6: I wanted to check with you before I moved. (White 6) Continue straight up to the original place and stay there for tonight.
- 1921 - Brown 5 to S-6: I just received a radio message a few minutes ago from the Recon Officer that Capt. O'Brien was killed. He didn't say how he was killed. (S-6) You take over the company and let me know what happened when you find out.
- 1930 - G-2 to S-2: One of our PWs came from a hospital and he said the 9th SS Panzer Div is at Ellsdorf, F-180605 to 120598. 3rd Armored took 28 PWs from 103rd Regt, 47th Inf Div, vicinity of Wirth. Some PWs are from 48th and 98th.
- 1935 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: Here is some good and bad news. We just got word that Capt. O'Brien was killed. There are two rows of mines at 98954200. There are Teller mines in the road going west of Gressenich; two 120mm mortars at 993338; four 81mm mortars in sand pits at 98504315. TF Lovelace at Point 34.
- 1945 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: 4th Div - Highest numbered regiment; 1st Bn 01882, 2nd Bn 019370, stopped short of objective, 3rd Bn 005375. M Middle numbered regiment; 1st Bn 025350, 2nd Bn 015850, delayed by mine field, 3rd Bn 028346. 1st Bn of lowest numbered regiment 007417, 2nd Bn 015418, 3rd Bn 005405, advanced in column of battalions. Delayed by barbed wire, brought up tanks and knocked out wire, mortar fire heavy. Front line of 29th Div 370430; 104th Div 935437, 940440, 900445, 885459. 3rd Armored reports small arms in southernmost part of objective. K Co 47th at 1900 hours was at 993825 to 993420.

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- 1948 - White 2 to S-3: We closed all except G Co at 1945 hours. (S-3)
Have White 5 call when G Co closes.
- 1957 - S-2 to Blue 5: The 47th Div was in process of relieving 12th Inf
Div when we interrupted them. They were detraining the division
in Duren today so maybe they got caught in the bombing.
- 2015 - G-6 to S-6: How did you get along with the navy man today? (S-6)
Just fine, sir. (S-6) O'Brien was killed today. (G-6) Oh no.
I am awfully sorry. (S-6) I am going to have to change my plan
at least for tomorrow. (G-6) Get that ridge northwest of Heistern.
I will bring up the 1st Bn 18th on your right tomorrow. They will go
in across the road where Driscoll is now. Tomorrow night I want you
buttoned up real well. George will take the old 26th plan and will
eventually take the old 18th plan. I am awfully sorry about O'Brien.
- 2020 - S-6 to Red 5: How are things up forward? (Red 5) Blenner just
returned from there, I will let you talk to him. Col. Driscoll is
at the A Co CP. (Lt. Blenner) They are afraid of a counter attack
in the morning. They are trying to get the light tanks and the TDs
up tonight. The mediums bogged down in the road to the left, the
engineers are trying to get the mediums out in the morning. (Red 5)
We have 35 wounded here, I think we have most of the casualties out
now. Lt. Beech, C Co was killed. (S-6) I want to talk to forward
as soon as the line comes in.
- 2025 - Red 1 to Lt. Kestlinger: Did those PWs come in yet? (Lt. Kestlinger)
They are on the way now. What dope did you get from them? (Red 1)
Mostly from the 5th Co, 48th Regt, 12th Div. One was from the
Grenadier Company. PW says 7th Co was north of Hamich in reserve.
There were 2 NCOs in the group. We still have one PW here. Things
have quieted down a lot during the last 3 hours, the building that
we are in got hit 3 times.
- 2030 - Capt. Groves to Lt. Kestlinger: Cannon Co reports 105 HE M-3 M-48 on
hand 978, expended 191. M-3 54 350 on hand, none expended.
- 2037 - OP to Lt. Kestlinger: There is an enemy gun battery at about eight
degrees, 1500 yards out, believe artillery has it spotted already.
There is another battery at 37 degrees 2000 yards out, our artillery
is shelling theretoo.
- 2050 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: 3rd Armored Div line - 975440, 978440, 985439,
987435, 980428, 981420. 28th Div is being relieved by the 8th.
The Rangers are relieving 2nd Bn of the 109th.

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- 2115 - White 3 to White 5: Gives him the tactical plan for morning. The Colonel wants you to have G recon party to leave at first light; he wants G Co to be up to relieve L Co by 0800 hours; the 81 observer will go with G Co but the machine guns will remain where they are. (White 5) G Co closed in as of 2100 hours.
- 2120 - G-6 to S-6: I told Clair to move a battalion of 18th up in the morning. How would you suggest getting in there? (S-6) I have not considered it, actually. (G-6) Maybe things will open up by noon, I will send them up and you figure out a way to use them.
- 2125 - Brown 6 to S-6: Our observers report everything under control. They are being harassed by a direct fire weapon from Point 53. Fire is on the 1st Bn. (S-6) Have you laid down defensive fires for tonight? (Brown 6) Yes, sir.
- 2125 @ G-3 to S-3: Flying Dutchman Love. Baker tomorrow will be medium. (S-3) We would like to have a company from the 18th to fall in for G Co. (G-3) Col. Beck says for you to move out and we will take care of that.
- 2130 - G-6 to S-6: How are things settling down for the evening? (S-6) Gives him the general situation and the tactical plan for the morning and tomorrow. (G-6) Everything generally seems to be alright, for the short time we had to do it in. Losses have been light.
- 2130 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: Just want to make sure you are buttoned up for the night. (Delight 3) I think we are. (Maj. Rawie) H hour is 0800 hours. 1st Bn will hit Point 38 and 48, after they fall 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn will make a coordinated attack to attain objectives. 1st Bn to 38 and Co I to 48, the balance as preplanned. Points 48, 47, 62, and 49 should be hit hard for 3rd Bn. In Grant's outfit northeast of 51 and road northwest of 50 and 53 and 71, and over to 55, those critical points should be hit hard.
- 2137 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: Here is a report from the PW cage: Ration dump of 12th Div located at Uden 034521. CP of division at 031521; one battery of 150mm, 12th Arty Regt 015488; one battery of 105 at 012474; all bridges on military highway east of Westweilder prepared for demolition; six 20mm AA gun 040470. CO of 1st Co 48th Regt, Capt Zeret; 1st Bn CO Major Mollenheiler; Regimental CO is Lt. Col. Osterhalt. Ammunition dump, mines, and small arms in Lucherberg at 038507. Supply route from Echt to supply dump for 48th Regt at 0748 from Geich to Langerwighe to Schonthal to Hamich. At 985425 is the CP of 1st Bn 48th Regt. 105 howitzer reported at 007438. 3rd Armored Div identified today the Recon Co, Signal Co, and 13th Co of 89th Regt. Captured 28 PWs from 103rd Regt., 2nd Bn came into town last night. 1st and 2nd Cos and regimental CP in castle at 012448. 3 batteries of 88 northeast of 071485. 47th Inf reported minefield at 989423; took 22 PWs from 3rd Co, 48th Regt caught them taking showers. V Corps took one PW from 7th Co, 990 Regt, 277th Div at 000875.

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- 2145 - Red 5 to S-6: About two hours ago there was a report that C Co had 15 men in one platoon, 12 in another, and a mortar platoon, didn't know where remainder were. (S-6) Get some one to go up there, and an officer, and find someone that knows the situation. If C Co is down to 35 men, that is something else again.
- 2148 - S-6 to Red 1: What is wrong with that line to the forward? (Red 1) It gets knocked out. We are putting a line of 110 now. I will give you Maj. Washington. (S-6) Contact Col. Driscoll and tell him that I can't make a single plan for tomorrow until I hear from him. Find out where they are; in what condition; what they are doing and what is happening.
- 2146 - PW report from our Cage: One man from 1st Co 48th Regt; 8 men from 5th Co; two men from 6th Co; 2 men from Hq Co; 2 men from 3rd Co, 984th Regt., 3 men from Punishment Platoon, 48th Regt; 1 man from 13th Co, 104th Regt.
- 2200 - Blue 6 to S-3: I Co is on the way up to its position. K Co is moving into the gap on the right flank, but is going to be a slow process. On Driscoll's left flank to Point 21 extends one company of 47th. Somebody must do something about that right flank.
- 2204 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the PW report as of 2146 hours. (G-2) 26th took 16 PWs, and 47th took 22 for the day.
- 2209 - I&R OP to S-2: One big boy firing 350 degrees, 11 seconds from flash to bang. Impact area is to the northwest. One at 20 degrees, 2400 yards, no flash to bang report.
- 2212 - Message from G-6: Attack will continue at 170800A.
- 2232 - I&R OP to S-2: One battery of enemy guns at 35 degrees, 14 seconds from flash to bang; one gun at 30 degrees 12 to 13 seconds flash to bang.
- 2232 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: Relays the above OP reports on gun positions. Col. Gibb wants shelling to be increased to 20 rounds every hour. Tell Divarty so they can get some Corps artillery.
- 2233 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: It will be a good idea to shell at 015488, 002474, 040470, 031521, 034521, 038507, 047480.
- 2300 - S-2 to Delight 2: PW says the CP of 48th Regt is in castle in Wenauerhofchen at 012447, and the 12th Div CP is at 031521.

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- 2310 - PW Cage to S-2: One from 13th Co, 104th Regt, left Denmark 9 Nov from Flensburg, went to Hanover, to Dusseldorf, to Elsdorf, arrived here early on 14 Nov. The whole 13th Co detrained at Elsdorf. Only an advance detail went by truck to Duren. Walked to vicinity of Gressich-Hamich. The rest of the company was supposed to follow during the night of 15-16 Nov. Company strength two mortar platoons, one of four 81mm mortars and four 75mm Howitzers. The PW thinks the 104th Regt has only two battalions. He and the Sgt were from the 13th Co on advance detail. According to him, he was captured at 997434. One PW from 5th Co says his company sector is from 997427 to 000428 by the gully. To their right is the 1st Bn, and on the left the 7th Co. 6th Co supposed to be in reserve in Hamich. Punishment Platoon digging trenches east of Hamich. He was captured in a stone quarry. One PW said his outfit was to be relieved by an outfit from Denmark. The PW from Hq Co, the Engineer, said that he saw 8 dead in one pile, didn't see any others. Other PWs saw one or two here and there. One PW says one mortar position at 012442 and two mortar positions at 001439. The other PW from Hq Co says CP at Hestern. Another PW says CP is in 1st house on right side of road from Wenan to Hestern.
- 2331 - S-3 to White 5: How are things in your area, are you getting any artillery? (White 5) No, it is going over head. (S-3) If you get any let me know.
- 2332 - S-3 to Capt. Ralph: Radio 1st and 3rd Bns "Send liaison officer back for orders".
- 2332 - I&R OP to S-2: Enemy gun firing at 320 degree azimuth, flash to bang six seconds; also another firing at 355 degrees, flash to bang 9 seconds.
- 2335 - S-2 to Delight 2: Relays the above information regarding guns.
- 2335 - Delight 3 to S-2: How is the 1st Bn sector? (S-2) No contact with them yet. (Delight 3) We have with Stabler, and they have asked for fires in all patches of woods out there. We are combing the area out in front of them pretty well.
- 2345 - S-2 to Brown 6: Did you get any calls from 1st Bn? (Brown 6) Yes, they called for fire 300 yards short and 100 yards left of 53. 300 yards short of that and fired for effect. They said they needed fire bad there, 006443. (S-2) The Colonel would like to have you observer try and get location of those forward elements, we have tried every means. (Brown 6) They closed down between missions but when they come in again I will see what I can do.
- 2355 - I&R OP to S-2: One or two batteries between 10 and 30 degrees, 10 seconds from flash to bang.
- 2356 - S-2 to Delight 2: Relays the above message regarding guns.

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- 0001- Capt Woodward to S-2: We have just fired on 010444 and 010449 for 1st Bn. Presume tank movement, targets were reported to be tanks. We fired lights and mediums out there. Also fired on reported counter-attack at Hamich. We would like to know what communications you have with 1st Bn. (S-2) We don't have any.
- 0006- PW Cage to S-2: The man from the 13th Co didn't know where the OP was. There are supposed to be gun positions at 002434. The 6th Co is now in reserve at Heran. Members of the 6th Co were told to go towards Hamich after the bombing and shelling. The PW says there were no losses in his squad from artillery or bombs.
- 0007- Capt Ralph to S-2: The road has been under continuous shelling for the last hour. A half hour ago the radios faded out.
- 0008- Brown 6 to S-2: G Co is south of Point 52. (S-2) Can you mean 38? (Brown 6) South of Point 52 is what he said, also said it was quieting down. A Co says no trouble. (S-2) Check that on C Co for me.
- 0009- Red 1 to S-2: A and C Cos counter-attacked, but don't know the score on it yet. (S-2) 7th Field and 5th Field putting stuff out there to help. (Red 1) Capt Smith can't get in touch with his observers. (S-2) Send an officer for the order.
- 0010- Brown 6 to S-2: C Co 100 yards northwest of 40, situation quieting down.
- 0011- Blue 5 to S-2: I contacted A of Armored 36th, A contacted K of 47th north of Point 19, K Co, 47th is between 19 and 21, L Co is around Point 23, B Co has two platoons around 40 to 49 and one platoon at 37 to 40.
- 0055- Red 3 to S-2: A Co in position on left flank, 300 yards north of 19 around wood to 37. Co C is between 38 and 41, just short of 41. In the gap between A and C, we put two platoons of B in there. B and C Cos were counter-attacked, and the enemy is still there but we held our own. C Co says they need reinforcement by daylight.
- 0056- S-2 to G-3: C and B Cos were counter attacked, but we held it off; however the enemy is still there. We don't know the extent of it though. Tanks were reported moving in vicinity of Hamich, and 600 yards northeast of there. (This information also given to G-2)
- 0057- S-3 to Red 3: How large a force is in Hamich? (Red 3) It is hard to tell as it was dark. B Co sent a platoon to protect the flank and rear of C Co. The attack against C Co came from the north and northeast. They will need reinforcement by daylight. If we get a line to Driscoll will call direct to Col Gibb.
- 0250- S-3 to G-3: Here is the situation--The enemy is in Hamich and to the northeast. We had a counter-attack until 1130 hours tonight, but it has eased off now. There has been no AT or TD up there. An officer made a recon and they believe they can get there by daylight. Our right flank is very sticky. C Co was attacked in the rear coming from east.
- 0300- Red 6 to S-6: Talked about the situation and S-6 tells him to kick off on the town at 0800 hours.

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- 0400- Lt Kestlinger to 47th Inf: What is your situation? (47th) Everything is quiet. E Co had an enemy patrol try to come in on them about 0030 hours; only two enemy were actually seen, and we don't know the size of the patrol. One man was wounded by small arms fire as patrol was beaten off. A and B Cos have reported no activity.
- 0410- Blue 3 to S-3: What is the score? (S-3) You will not be expected to jump off until Gressnick falls. (Blue 3) How about the jump off point for the 2nd Bn? (S-3) Up as far as possible by C and B Cos.
- 0420- Red 6 to S-3: After checking C and B Cos the situation doesn't look too good. Very doubtful if we can push in there in the morning. They have overrun a machine gun position where C Co is now, the enemy are within 20 feet of him. The enemy has just stopped, and were not driven off. I was up there myself so I know what the situation is. I am afraid that we will get pushed out of there in the morning unless I can get some help. B Co had practically a platoon wiped out there. I would like to push I Co up there now to help on the morning, for the thrust which is almost certain to come. It doesn't look like I can go into the town right away, the matter of the town can be done anytime. We practically control it by fire and it is pretty well destroyed as it is. (S-3) It is OK, get in touch with Horner. If he has any questions, he can call here. (Red 6) As near as I can tell C Co has 20 litter cases and plenty of walking wounded.
- 0427- Lt Kestlinger to G-3: Notifies them of the 1st Bn situation. (G-3) Divarty has been notified of the situation for possible help in the morning. 26th reported a little artillery and small arms fire at 0314 hours, believed to be patrol activity. They reported all quiet at 0400 hours.
- 0600- Blue 2 to S-3: All quiet, but apparently some shelling in K Co area, as their line is out.
- 0700- Delight to S-3: Are you receiving any fire, we heard some landing. (S-3) We have no reports of any. (Delight) Call us if you hear any reports of a counter-attack.
- 0715- White 3 to S-3: Our recon party is starting out, and G Co is starting to move now.
- 0800- Maj Rawie to Delight 3: Anything come in last night? (Delight 3) No. (Maj Rawie) Is Thomas all set for today? (Delight 3) Yes, everything is laid on.
- 0805- Delight 6 to Maj Rawie: He had a TOT put on Points 49 and 50 in case they were forming up. We fired concentrations all night long besides our regular night fires.
- 0805- G-6 to S-3: What is the situation? (S-3) About 0400 hours Driscoll had considerable trouble near C Co. The enemy came up to within 20 feet of them. We had to use hand grenades, and at present we are very short on hand grenades, but are getting more. This morning Driscoll requested to have Co I attached to them. Co I was behind A Co. (G-6) What are your plans? (S-3) To continue on our mission, 3rd Bn on the left and the 2nd on the right. (G-6) When do you expect to start? (S-3) About 1000 hours.

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- 0815- G-3 to S-2: Do you have any air targets, we have air on the way. (S-2) Herterns there is an enemy regimental CP and a probable route of approach.
- 0841- Brown 6 to S-5: I would like to draw some ammunition. (S-5) How much have you expended? (Brown 6) 800 rounds M-3, and have 670 rounds on hand. (S-5) OK, go to the PAO and draw what you need. I will call G-4 and let them know.
- 0843- S-5 to G-4: Relays the above message regarding ammunition for Cannon Co.
- 0844- General Taylor arrives at the CP/
- 0845- G-4 to S-5: You will get 500 rounds of M-3 and that is all because there is no more, and it will be for an anticipation of expenditure.
- 0855- Lt Kestlinger to S-3: C Co on the left advancing into town now at 986425. A Co starting to move now on the other side, so far receiving no opposition. The Col is at the OP now.
- 0859- S-3, 745th Tk to S-3: We just picked up communication from our platoon with 1st Bn; they are moving now. (S-3) Where are they at? (745th) Last reported at A Co.
- 0900- S-5 to Brown: You will get 500 rounds and that is all there is. You will only be able to fire on targets that can be seen. Be sure to tell Col Driscoll about this.
- 0910- S-2 to G-2: I can't tell you much because of communication. It is quite sticky out there. The enemy came in from our right rear. A PW stated there is a regimental CP at 013449, a battalion CP at 010438 or 013440, 5th Co in Hamich, 6th Co in Wenau, 7th Co at 010433. (G-2) 115th Regt identified in the northern part of Stolberg. The 104th is in front of you.
- 0926- S-3 to Dextrose 3: Gives him the latest situation on our front. What is your situation? (Dextrose 3) We are moving forward very slowly. Still the one unit is in there. We are running into quite a bit of mines and wire. We are getting a lot of mortar fire and small arms fire. The roads are being interdicted by mortars and artillery. We had one tank knocked out by a mine this morning. We are to swing our 1st Bn towards you. Right now we are waiting for 2nd Bn.
- 0930- Message from G-4: Allocation of 105mm M-3 for period 0600 D day to 0600 D plus 4 is increased 500 rounds total allocation for period 1500 rounds.
- 0930- Lt Carroll to S-2: The cage down here has PWs from 1st Bn, 48th Regt; Hq Co 48th Regt; 8th Btry, 12th Arty Regt; 12th AT Bn; 8th Co, 103rd Regt; Signal Co, 89th Regt; Recon, 89th Regt; 13th Co, 89th Regt. 19th Corps, 115th Inf from 924584 to 925577; 175th Inf from 919572 to 920563; 2nd Armored in Puffendorf, Loverich, and Flouerich.
- 0940- Lt Kestlinger to S-3: Three platoons are in town, no opposition as far as OP can see, clearing road now. 104th Div to jump off at 1100 hours.
- 0945- Lt Carroll to S-2: 104th Div pushed all night and made small gains. Received fire from S/Ps and mortars north of Stoleberg. They took two PWs from

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- 1515- S-2 to Delight 2: Did you have anyone to adjust on that point? (Delight 2) Yes, our OP is near yours. I am sending MacManus out there. We have 5 mediums to put on it. We will adjust with one battery and then use all five.
- 1520- G-2 to S-2: 9th Panzer is at K-9062. Fighter bombers report large fires in Julich and Duren. Ambulances and trucks, lots of them running along that road from Julich to Duren. Houses are burning along the road.
- 1522- G-6 to S-6: Talk about the tentative plan. Coordinated attack with armored with 2nd Bn, using a battalion of 47th to attack from the west. (S-6) Gives him the situation and the plan of relief of 1st Bn by 3rd Bn under the cover of darkness.
- 1525- Message from I&R: Shall patrol continue mission or still wait for further orders.
- 1526- Message to I&R: Continue assigned mission from Point 17 to 19.
- 1530- Capt Clark reports that Capt Briggs was killed and Lt Lycas in command of C Co. A Co and a platoon of mediums are tied in to take town on the left of woods. They have been hit by artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. They lost a bulldozer and can't get all of the group back. At noon before attack the company strength were C-60, B-70 and A-115. They have been under continuous artillery and mortar fire since going into positions yesterday, no let up. They need medical supplies, even with extra litter bearers they can't keep up with casualties. Co C has to have replacements tonight or they can't hold the ground. There are enemy fortifications in and around buildings in Hamich, town is on high ground, overlooking exit from woods. They can't take the town, someone else will have to go there as they are very badly shot up. 3rd Bn is getting in bad shape, recommend using all of 3rd if at all.
- 1535- G-6 to S-6: We will put that show on out there, the one you asked for. (S-6) Tells him about the 1st Bn and wants to pull them back. I want to get that 155 S/P and the 3rd Bn pushed through them so they can be in the town by daylight. Will bring the 1st Bn back and put them in cellars. Those 110 replacements will go to them.
- 1550- Lt Carroll to S-2: 104th Div took 9 pill boxes and found only 3 to 4 men in each pill box, which means they are spread out widely. PW picked up by 26th were from 1st Bn 984th Regt. Army reported 120 to 150mm delayed action shells found with as much as 2½ hours delay. 47th receiving heavy fire from northwest of Hamich. ASP reports Duren and Julich burning.
- 1555- I&R OP to S-2: Medium artillery firing on ridge north and east of Gresse-nich near Point 48, everything else is very quiet.
- 1555- Red 3 to S-6: Talked about casualties as of noon. Would not want the replacements tonight, but Lt Lycas does not know if he can hold his position tonight; but with the 3rd Bn closing up it will help. We are going to fire 155 with cement fuse into town.
- 1558- Delight 6 Maj Rawie: Tonight there is going to be 4 silent periods so sound and flash can pick up enemy batteries. (Maj Rawie) Gives him the tentative plans for 3rd Bn.

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115th Regt. 3rd Armored took PWs from 29th PGR. There is an enemy battery reported at 045445; also two batteries of 60th Arty Regt at 963468 and 974468; the road is blown at 020420.

- 0945- S-6 to G-6: Gave him the situation at the present time. (G-6) I am attaching a battalion of the 18th Inf to you to protect your rear. I am also switching 18th and 26th. The road to Gressnich is open, and Gressnich is taken, only to be cleaned up.
- 0950- Blue 6 to S-5: What is the plan? (S-5) L Co to relieve A Co, etc. (Blue 6) Ed is getting mortar and artillery from the right flank. (S-6) How about your heavy stuff? (Blue 6) They are sitting up here. Driscoll is trying to get his tanks up there. He is getting small arms fire from the center of Hamich. Co C is in a bad way.
- 1000- S-6 to Blue 6: If Driscoll uses A Co to go into Hamich you put L Co in A's place. When I Co goes into Hamich and is in position to continue on, if they are cut up too badly send in L Co. Gressnich is not all clear yet.
- 1000- Red 6 to S-6: Talked about disposition of 1st Bn. I do not have Point 41, but command it. I was going to use A and B Cos to clean up Hamich, but if B is to continue on I will use I Co. No small arms from Hamich except if we move around. There is lots of fire coming from 232.
- 1005- Delight 3 to Maj Rawie: Plane reports at 008454 in woods a S/P gun and an enemy battery. North of Point 70, on the road to the north to the valley observed enemy and armored. ~~Also observed enemy and armored.~~ Also observed enemy activity around Point 86, and on road at 8620.
- 1015- S-3 to G-3: 1st Bn has 4 AT guns in forward positions, 3 M-10s, 2 light tanks, and a few mediums. In the next half hour Driscoll will move into Hamich on the left with A Co and south with B Co. If B Co is held up we will use I Co.
- 1020- S-3 to G-3: 7th Field reports enemy troops and armored at 8670 on the road there. Request air mission on it. (G-3) Good, I will see what we can do about it immediately.
- 1020- PWI to S-2: We have 41 PWs today. They are from 1st Co, 48th Regt; 4th Co; 5th Co; 8th Co; Hq Co 2nd Bn; Regt'l Hq; Punishment Platoon; and the 3rd Co of 89th Regt.
- 1025- G-2 to S-2: Do you want any CIC men up in the town when you get there? (S-2) There is only about 30 buildings in town and I don't believe there will be many people there. We are evacuating all civilians. (G-2) There are batteries of 88s emplaced in defense at 079485, 078488, 076492.
- 1030- Lt Carroll to S-3: TFL of 3rd Armored last reported at 975445, and were to jump off for town an hour ago.
- 1030- Message from I&R: Friendly tracer fire entering woods 300yards south of Point 60. Friendly tracer and artillery barrage landing in vicinity of Point 35.

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- 1034- Lt Kestlinger to S-2: 1st Bn 47th reported on objective, have the town itself. They will clear road from 17 to 26. (S-2) Enemy armor and infantry coming down road from 86 to 70.
- 1035- Message from I&R: 13 PWs being marched to rear toward Point 4.
- 1040- Message from I&R: Enemy artillery flash seen approximately 500 yards west of Point 81.
- 1040- S-2 to Red 2: Artillery cub reported enemy armor and infantry coming down the road from Point 86 to 70. (Red 2) I have two more PWs on the way down to you. C Co can observe Point 41. Artillery coming in. Nothing coming from Point 42.
- 1045- S-2 to G-2: Enemy armor and infantry coming down road from 000467 to Hesteren. Artillery fired on target at 008453 and 010457. Our artillery is falling on a target at 997439.
- 1050- Lt Carroll to S-3: 47th Inf is on objective. Planes bombing around Weiswiler and road to Duren. 3rd Bn 119th 864499; 3rd Bn 120th 845519; elements of 29th Div at 923553; 1st Bn 865544; 2nd Bn 117th 913534 and elements at 927537; 3rd Bn 115th 909573; 1st Bn 925577. 2nd Armored TF #1 is at 934615; TF #2 at 920630. 104th Div jumps off at 1100 hours. A PW picked up by 47th Inf says they did not think area they were to move into would be bombed. 4th Div reports scattered artillery, hardly any enemy patrols. 1st BN 864490.
- 1051- Lt Kestlinger to S-2: Do you know how many vehicles were in the armored column. (S-2) No, it was not a bumper to bumper affair. (Lt Kestlinger) The town is still not completely cleared.
- 1057- PWI to S-2: I have interrogated 3 men from the 8th Co. They have 3 platoons in the company. The 2nd platoon has three 81 mm mortars. H and E platoons have two heavy machine guns. Company at 998428 to 997429, and was all shot up. They think the battalion was at 010438. 120s were in Weinore. One man had seen 3 or 4 infantry howitzers at 012442. One man believes the division CP is at Luchenburg. (S-2) The Division CP is at Inden.
- 1100- Red 6 to S-6: Send me some more litter bearers, about 12. (S-6) Are the troops moving yet? (Red 6) They are starting to move now.
- 1110- G-3 to S-3: Have you any locations of any of your companies. I have the location of your I Co. (S-3) A Co will attack Hamich. There is plenty of artillery coming in from the east and northeast. (G-3) 1st Bn 26th is moving up on the left of their 2nd Bn and will be putting pressure there. 18th is moving one battalion up to where the 26th is moving out. (S-3) The town of Hamich is occupied by at least 100 infantry and it makes the going rough.
- 1120- G-2 to S-6: How are things going? (S-6) Gave him a brief outline of the situation.
- 1124- Lt Carroll to S-2: 47th Inf not sure of part of Gressenich, the northeast part. 7th Armored Div back where we were.

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- 1130- Lt Ramirez to S-3: TF Mills has taken town at Point 44, and are also at edge of town at Point 43. CCB has taken all objectives except Point 43. CCB took 100 PWs yesterday. They are moving forward with hardly any opposition. I will get positions of 104th Div, they go CCB, and then back to CP.
- 1130- Lt Kestlinger to S-3: The town is cleared, the left is being shelled from Hamich.
- 1134- Red 1 to S-6: They are shelling the cross road down here so we have trouble getting casualties from up forward. They have about 20 up there now. (S-6) How many have you evacuated? (Red 1) The figure was up to 67 last night.
- 1140- Dextrose 6 to S-6: I am sending my 1st Bn to attack north. If you could fire your tanks at 0042 it would help my attack. (S-6) I will check and let you know.
- 1151- Lt Kestlinger to S-2: Gressenich is all clear now. Cleared town and are just sitting now. They took 4 PWs and there are 10 or 15 dead laying around. I will check to see how far north they are and call you back.
- 1155- Message from I&R: Enemy tank column supported by infantry by friendly units headed southeast in vicinity Bestwern Points 86 to 88.
- 1158- Lt Sylce to S-3: That 1st Bn track is pretty badly shot up and won't be any good.
- 1200- Capt Murphy to S-3: I tried Gressenich road and an AT gun popped at me. Tried the other road and he has that covered too. I will try the other road after dinner.
- 1203- S-3 to G-3: Col Gibb wants 3rd Bn, 47th moved out of our area now that Gressenich is cleared. They keep our people from occupying forward areas, and there are more casualties and harder to evacuate. (G-3) That doesn't make sense to me. It will crowd the supply route. (S-3) We want to move our troops up to jump off to take Hill 232. We want the area from Point 19 to 21 to 36 cleared.
- 1204- Lt Ramirez reports TF Mills has taken town in our measel #44. Also elements of TF Mills approaching edge of town at Point 43. TF Mills is also receiving Artillery fire and mortar fire from the objective that our 3rd Bn had for today.
- 1209- S-6 to Red 1: How is the attack coming in Hamich? (Red 1) We don't know if they have actually jumped off yet because of the heavy shelling they were getting. Air was called for on Points 70 to 86. (S-6) Get a message through to forward and find out the situation on Hamich.
- 1210- G-6 to S-6: Talked about the employment of the 18th and possible rolling barrage on the ridge when Hamich is cleared.
- 1212- Message from I&R: Huge column of dark smoke approximately 5000 yards 312 degrees from Point 10 at 1100 hours.
- 1214- Message from I&R: Red smoke mixed with white in vicinity of Point 61.

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- 1216- S-3 to S-4: A 1st Bn half track is out and needs to be salvaged.
- 1219- G-6 to S-6: Fred, you apparently misunderstood on the employment of the 18th Inf. It is merely to protect your right rear in case you get to Hurten. Other than that you needn't worry about them. I will put them in where they are so that they can move up behind you and you can drop them off for protection instead of dropping one of your own companies.
- 1220- Lt Carroll to S-2: TFM, 3rd Armored cleaning up high ground on left part of objective in vicinity of 970449.
- 1222- Message from I&R: Enemy mortar fire 200 yards west of Point 11.
- 1231- Message from I&R: Heavy concentration of friendly artillery landing in area of Point 64 at 1205 hours.
- 1232- PWI to S-2: PW from 1st Co, 48th Inf was captured in vicinity of Hamich on way to hospital. At 1800 hours his company was still holding position at Gressenich. They had 80 men, 10 men were wounded by artillery and small arms fire. PW from 4th Co, 48th Inf says two platoons have six 81 mortars in sand pit near Gressenich. 3rd platoon has three 120 mortars. 1st platoon has heavy machine gun possibly in vicinity of 992432. 4th Co and 3rd Bn CP is in Gressenich. One PW was a driver for CO of 48th Inf. They got caught in shelling and the driver was wounded, but the Colonel got away. He says the Division CP is in Lanerdorf and G-4 is Linden.
- 1242- Message from I&R: A foot patrol of friendly troops have been to 19.
- 1250- S-3 to Decoy 3: What is the story? (Decoy 3) Our 3rd Bn is going to move into your 1st Bn position. We want to tie up with you with wire.
- 1254- Message from Red 6: D-3 reports enemy tank just north of Point 38, firing directly at them.
- 1258- Dextrose 6 to S-6: How about that direct fire? (S-6) As soon as I get in contact with those people, I will let you know.
- 1300- I&R OP to S-2: What are you interested in? (S-2) Hamich and the ridge along Points 47, 48 and 38 and northwest from there. (OP) I will put the scope on that area. There has been a lot of light flak going up in vicinity of Eschweiler.
- 1306- G-3 to S-3: 3rd Bn 18th is now attached to you for employment as you see fit.
- 1310- Message from I&R: Heavy flak coming from Eschweiler.
- 1311- S-2 to G-2: Heavy flak is reported coming from Eschweiler. (G-2) 19th Corps has two towns of Siersdorf and Setterich. There is an enemy attack forming up out in front of these people, and the air is working them over which explains the flak over Eschweiler. 104th Div reports taking 8 pill boxes at 8746 and 8846, 4 men in each pill box.
- 1315- Message from I&R: Huge column of dark smoke approximately 5000 yards at 312 degrees from Point 10 at 1100 hours.

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- 1316- Message from I&R: Enemy flak firing at our planes.
- 1320- Lt Carroll to S-2: 3rd Bn 18th going to 990390. Medium bombers going over now.
- 1330- I&R OP to S-2: Heavy artillery concentration and smoke being laid on in vicinity of Hamich and in the draw behind Gressenich.
- 1330- S-3 to Brown: What are you firing at? (Brown) We are laying a concentration above the town. (S-3) Contact your forward observer and find out if we are in the town. (Brown) OK, I will call you back.
- 1337- Delight 6 to Maj Rawie: Do they want rockets for I Co or 2nd Bn attack? (Maj Rawie) I would say the 2nd Bn attack, all depending on the progress at Hamich.
- 1345- Cannon Co CP at 989403.
- 1346- Message from I&R: Road good to point 11, good to Point 17, patrol at Point 15.
- 1347- FWI to S-2: The 12th Inf Div CP at 02655097 in house on north side of the road. The division trains are in Marrie Willer, that is horses and vehicles.
- 1349- S-2 to G-2: Relays the above message to them.
- 1350- G-6 to S-6: Looks a little better right now, Daniels just broke the crust and went forward about 1000 yards, this just happened. (S-6) Troops just took off for Hamich but they are taking a terrific pounding. Our artillery support has been good, I couldn't ask for any better. We got 5 mediums, 2 lights and two TDs up to Driscoll. Half tracks are doing the ammunitions work. (G-6) Keep shoving and wiggling. Either we are going to break or the Bosche is going to break. I am not going to bother you, go whenever you can. You may get a counter-attack down the road from Heistern. (S-6) Yes sir, I expect that. (G-6) Artillery should be able to take care of that.
- 1355- S-2 to Delight 2: A PW driver for the CO of the 48th Regt says there are three 81mm mortars at 011438 and some 120mm mortars in Wenau. (Delight 2) We will go to work on that immediately.
- 1405- Red 6 to S-6: The companies are all receiving heavy mortar and artillery fire. Enemy has about 5 tanks in Hamich. Our tanks have been unable to work towards town due to mud in fields and direct fire from Point 48. A Co has a few men on the outskirts of Hamich near Point 37. We are having trouble evacuating wounded. We are using the Germans half track and AP half track to be used to evacuate wounded. We need medical supplies. The approximate strength of the companies A-115, B-70 and C-60.
- 1406- Message to Red 6: Take assigned objective at once.
- 1407- Brown to S-3: I talked to our FO with 1st Bn. He said they are not in town and they are not moving.

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- 1410- G-3 to S-2: 2nd Bn, 26th has broken through and leading elements at 024428 driving north. 1st Bn is pulling up and going to cover 2nd Bn right rear. Going to move about 400 meters more. 1st Bn will not be able to move up to where it was supposed to tonight. They will get up to the objective tomorrow and that will help you out. 8th Inf has not been able to push but are going to see if the 4th can't push some one through where that 2nd Bn was and start pushing tomorrow also. The General is going to talk this up.
- 1425- Message from I&R: 1st Bn 47th contact 3rd Bn 47th at 997431. Patrol drew small arms fire from houses at 995434.
- 1426- I&R OP to S-2: Enemy gun flashed over behind town of Gressenich over towards Hamich on the ridge north and east of Gressenich. 300 yards southeast of Point 48, probably mortar or gun position. Fighter bombers hit Duren, there was a heavy flak concentration, then it quieted down. There was a heavy concentration of smoke in vicinity of Hamich moving eastward at 1340 hours, as the smoke cleared up a heavy concentration of HE and airbursts thrown into the area. Over in the Eschweiler area southeast of town, visibility obscured by white smoke. We just spotted a man walking around the ridge northeast of Hamich.
- 1430- Message from G-6: Effective upon arrival in assembly 3rd Bn 18th is attached to 16th for employment as directed by this headquarters.
- 1433- S-6 to G-3: What is the situation? (G-3) Gives him the 26th situation. We are trying to get some one from the 4th Div to come down the road and put some pressure to the east. The 22nd Inf is pushing and has lost its 3rd Bn commander. The 104th Div captured 9 pill boxes. 30th Div captured Wurselen, Linden, and moving towards St Joris. 2nd Armored ran into a large AT ditch at Puffendorf and had to turn north meeting some pressure.
- 1445- Delight 3 to Maj Rawie: The position has not changed up there, here it is 994432 to Point 37 to Point 40.
- 1450- Message from I&R: We are at Point 15.
- 1500- Message from I&R: Enemy gun battery at 988453.
- 1500- Delight 3 to S-3: Driscoll called and asked about 26th situation. (S-3) 26th hasn't moved any further north but east.
- 1501- G-3 to S-3: Did you receive any report on the last bombing mission? (S-3) No.
- 1501- S-2 to Delight 2: I&R reports enemy battery at 988453.
- 1503- Maj Rawie to Delight 3: Will you see if Corps can put some counter battery fire out in front of 26th, this artillery is getting pretty bad.
- 1504- S-3 to Dextrose 3: What is your latest situation? (Dextrose 3) 2nd Bn is at Point 13, 1st Bn is moving at 1 to 10. Will attack in the morning. Artillery is coming from our right from 28, 26, and 13.
- 1506- Lt Kestlinger to 47th Inf: What is new? (47th) All quiet. We sent a patrol to contact your people and they drew fire from 995433, some small arms in in town and a little artillery.

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- 1600- S-3 to Brown 6: We are getting one S/P 155 and you are to get it up into position where it can fire on targets in Hamich, then shift the fire on targets on Hill 232 with direct fire. The route of approach is Points 17, 19, and 36. The gun is under control of 3rd Bn.
- 1608- Red 3 to S-3: I just talked to Col Driscoll and he does not want replacements tonight, he will have to clear some out of the town.
- 1610- S-5 to G-4: We need two ambulances and two jeep ambulances as we lost some. We have a lot of wounded and could use some extras.
- 1612- Message from Red 6: Brown needs new radio.
- 1613- Lt Carroll to S-2: Corps reports elements of 2nd Armored Div east of Puffendorf. They are moving north out of there about 600 meters on the road and are meeting heavy resistance in that area. The whole front of that Corps doesn't look like the same picture. 1st Bn 115th Inf 928575; 1st Bn 175th Inf at Oidwerier; 120th Inf in along road just north of Broichweiden. 1st Bn 120th Inf at 910504; 2nd and 3rd Bns at 902497 and from there down to Wurselen. G-3 at Corps reports the situation looks pretty good. 30th Div having the best push. 22nd Inf is moving now, 2nd Bn is now on line running north and south of 018377.
- 1614- Message from I&R: Road good to Point 19 to all traffic.
- 1620- Maj Rawie to Delight 6: Talk over tomorrow's show. (Delight 6) Silent periods will be at 2000 to 2030; 2100 to 2130; 2200 to 2230; 2300 to 2330. Have Cannon Co and mortars do the same so sound and flash can observe for those enemy artillery battery.
- 1635- G-4 to S-5: I got two ambulances coming up to Collecting Company for you and two jeep ambulances that you can use to evacuate to the Collecting Co.
- 1636- Delight 2 to Maj Rawie: I have some changes on the quiet times: 2000 to 2030; 2330 to 2400; 0200 to 0230; 0400 to 0430.
- 1645- Capt Merendino to Lt Kestlinger: 23 cans of gasoline on hand, will draw 300 tomorrow. Replacements have not arrived yet.
- 1646- Message from I&R: Point 12 cleared for any traffic.
- 1646- G-3 to S-3: 3rd Armored in Schertenseel and have armored infantry to help hold it.
- 1650- S-3 to Red 3: The I&R Platoon went over those routes and the road is clear and usable. Main route of supply and evacuation is 36, 19, 17, 11, 10. Point 26 to 16 is clear and usable. Road from 09 to 12 is clear and usable. (S-6) I recommend you move your rear CP over to Gressenich. (Red 3) I just got word from Col Driscoll that is is OK to fire big stuff now. There is still plenty of stuff coming our way.
- 1700- Lt Kestlinger to Brown: Gives them the new silent periods.
- 1708- Maj Rawie to Delight 2: Gives him the supply routes.

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- 1720- White 3 to White 2: Gave him the information on road routes and also the dope on the firing for tonight. 3rd Armored is up around Point 45. 26th is up just north of 30.
- 1725- Red 6 to S-5: There is another counter-attack on C Co again, and there is enemy tanks in evidence. Beach is moving the rest of the company up.
- 1731- G-6 to S-6: How are things now? (S-6) We are in the process of repelling a counter-attack with our 1st Bn now. They are coming down from north from the tip of the woods. I committed I Co to help out. We are firing one round every two minutes of 155mm concrete busting shells. We have to move out of the edge of town because of shelling. Starting to lay new wire by different route this afternoon. They are laying plenty of artillery in. I don't see where they get it all. (G-6) We will put the whole division artillery in front of you in the morning and lay a concentration for you. I will use Corps artillery to if necessary. We are losing good men, and we don't want to lose them in vain.
- 1735- Maj Rawie to Delight 3: C Co is being counter-attacked now, have 5th Field fire. (Delight 3) 5th Field is firing now with one gun. Do you want us to fire now? (Maj Rawie) Might as well wait till I find out the strength of attack and the direction.
- 1740- Blue 5 to Lt Kestlinger: How did the I&R get to Gressenich? (Lt Kestlinger) 10, 11, 17, 19 and 36. C Co has been attacked again, if you ^{hear} anything let us know.
- 1740- S-2 to G-2: We got a call from 1st Bn that a counter-attack is being pulled on C Co, or is in process of pulling on C Co when the line went out so that is all we know. Guns have been spotted from 988453 to 00443. There are guns in woods at 992442 and 988453; also spotted some flashes at 000442. There are five S/Ps just north of Hamich. Artillery is coming in from south and southeast. There is a communication trench around Hamich from 997440 to edge of woods and south of Hamich. We are putting a round of 155 in every two minutes for the night.
- 1745- Blue 2 to Lt Kestlinger: Changing CP around 17.
- 1750- Lt Kestlinger to Red 3: What about the attack on C Co? (Red 3) Their last call to me 25 minutes ago was that the situation was bad and needed reinforcements. (Lt Kestlinger) Find out what they mean by bad situation.
- 1758- Red 3 to Lt Kestlinger: C Co is receiving small arms fire from their direct front. There is no movement against them. The small arms fire could be preparation for an attack, but don't know about that. We are in with you direct by 284 now.
- 1802- Red 5 to S-6: About this road that you put off limits, I have mortars up in there, does that mean I can't use it? (S-6) No, that was only because of heavy casualties along there. If you have to use it OK, but don't use it more than you have to.
- 1815- Mr Lipinski to S-3: 1st Lt Lazzo Co M was killed, Lt Riker, Co B was wounded.

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- 1824- Maj Rawie to Delight 3: Gives him the situation on C Co. Also stresses the necessity of medium artillery on Point 38 tonight for preparation for tomorrow's attack.
- 1840- S-3 to G-3: Here is the plan for tomorrow. Medium artillery will fire on Hamich all night with delayed fuses and get to the cellars. Tomorrow the 3rd Bn will go through the 1st Bn and take the town. Then the 2nd Bn and 47th will take 48, then go after 47, 65, and 66. Then try to take the right half of ridge. Our main supply route is through Gressenich. The I&R has checked the road and they are OK.
- 1845- Delight 6 to Maj Rawie: 5th Field will fire 100 rounds on Hamich tonight. The 30 minutes preparation will be in addition to this. The 81s and 204s worked over Point 48. It isn't Hill 232 anymore, it is some lower number.
- 1903- Lt Carroll to S-2: B troop of Recon at 973429; D troop to 972423 have cleared road to Werth. A bit of artillery concentration was put on town north of Hamich.
- 1905- S-3 to G-3: One change from what I told you. The S/P people can't put direct fire on the town, but they will put fire on 232 and Gressenich.
- 1910- G-6 to S-6: I just talked to Cliff, I didn't know it but 155s are critical. I did get 150 rounds of the 155 for tonight and the rest will be filled in with 105. He is going to give you all the block busting fuse that he has. (S-6) Maj Rawie says that the regular delayed fuse will be just as well. (G-6) Jeff is having a hell of a time, his roads are bad but he did get through. He captured the company commander but I haven't any dope on him.
- 1920- Maj Rawie to Delight 6: Can we shoot on Hamich the same number of rounds as the 5th Field when they quit. (Delight 6) They are going to shoot all night, but we can throw a few in once in awhile anyway.
- 1940- Lt Allen, 32nd FA to S-3: I talked to Lt Golden and couldn't work out anything there, but made arrangements to fire on the two hills.
- 1945- Delight 3 to Maj Rawie: Delta is going to fire two fires tonight, one at 007430 and the other at 007432. (Maj Rawie) I think that will be OK. (Delight 3) It is across the road and the gully, we gave Divarty the clearance. Divarty is firing 100 rounds on Hamich tonight and I have about that many rounds for Hamich myself. We have requested more medium targets further out.
- 1950- Lt Carroll to S-2: Officer PW from 26th, Lt Bowman, says battalion position is from 011420 017410; the 3rd Co was in the upper half, and the 2nd Co in the lower half with the 1st Co in reserve. After yesterday they moved back to 021425 to 026413. The boundary between the 2nd and 3rd Cos is 02404195. Two 120mm mortars in support at 035425, he said the men were learning to fire them. Battalion CP is at 02804265. The 48th Regt was on his right. Company strength was one officer, 16 NCOs and 62 men. 26th had 65 PWs for the day. 1 PW from 689th Regt. A message from 47th Inf said they were receiving intermittent artillery fire north of town. Have had no fire in town. Not observed fire. AP shells landing northeastern edge of town. 47th Inf had a patrol out to try and contact us in vicinity of 995432 and

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were fired on from woods at that point. 4th Div - 2nd Bn 8th Inf lost about 90 men, pulled back to 005395; Co E left there to make demonstration at 015417 under cover of which 1st Bn will advance to same position. 47th Inf send another patrol to 3rd Armored and looked down on Koenich, but did not see anyone in there. Regal mines were reported south of Gressenich. 18th reported a buzz bomb as of 1700 hours. 1st Bn 8th Inf pushed up to 020412 and met wire and had an attack from the rear. 1st Bn will push off for objective, 030415, where it will hold and send one company over to contact E Co before dark. 3rd Bn not committed at 010376; 2nd Bn 13th Inf 017353 still to push on, 1st Bn held at 024350, 3rd Bn 12th Inf at 028347 also holding. 1st Bn 22nd Inf at 014386, 2nd Bn 015378 engaged in clearing out enemy.

- 1950- Lt Kestlinger to Mr Wiles: We want a line to 1st Bn run along 10, 11, 17 and 19, so we have two lines.
- 2010- S-3 to 87th Cml: Here is the area I want you to cover tomorrow. Your #1 target is rectangle, left boundary 0000, right boundary 0035, top boundary 4390, bottom 4355. This will be at H minus 10 to H hour. 4 rounds per gun, one round per minute. No 2 target is left boundary 0045, right 0100, top 4450, bottom 4415, from H hour to H plus 30, one round per gun per minute. Also be prepared to smoke line 4420 running to 00 over to 0015. Just have it on call.
- 2030- Blue 3 to S-3: H hour will be 1000 hours, we have to make a recon because you did not tell us about it until so late. (Blue 6) There is no jump off place and we have to make a recon. Only want a 5 minute preparation on the town. Smoke on Points 47, 48 and 51. Using TD to fire on Points 48 and 47. A Co is getting direct fire from Point 34 or the gully to their front. I am putting two companies in on the jump off and jumping off from the left. 1st Bn is going to put on a show on the right.
- 2035- G-3 to S-2: How are things? (S-2) We are still getting fire, but are all closed up for tonight. (G-3) Continue according to plan. Love is the code word.
- 2035- S-3 to 47th Inf: Did you send out a patrol to contact TF Lovelady? (47th) The patrol could not find them.
- 2039- S-3 to G-3; 3rd Armored: We are receiving direct fire from area to the right of your TF Lovelady, have you anything up there? (3rd Armored) No we haven't but I will check on it.
- 2046- G-3, 3rd Armored to S-2: Maj Smith asked about the firing on one of his companies, who ever it is is firing in on TF Lovelady.
- 2049- Red 3 to S-3: We are still getting artillery fire. Here is what is left in the companies: C-60, B-75 and A-104. The machine gun platoon has 20 and the other platoon is worse off. I Co has 85. We lost a bulldozer today. 3 of our light tanks got lost in the dark last night and we still have not found them. (S-3) 1st Bn 26th is jumping off at 0400 hours to take high ground in vicinity of Point 42. They are going to attack east and west. Sweep up with 1st on left and 2nd on right onto Wenau. (Red 3) The CO of I Co is hit pretty bad, and I don't think he will pull through.
- 2055- Dextrose 6 to S-6: Discuss plans for tomorrow. The 26th will start at 0800 hours.

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- 2100- S-6 to G-6: Horner with K and L Cos will jump off at 1000 hours for Hamich and at 1400 hours one reinforced company of 47th with tanks is to go with Grant for Hill 232. The next day's plan have 1st Bn 47th Inf to work on that knob north of that and my 2nd Bn on the high ground at edging woods, and the 3rd Bn in the sand pits, and the 1st Bn northwest of Wenaus.
- 2110- G-2 to S-2: What is new? (S-2) We got 42 PWs today, total for today is 114.
- 2120- S-3 to Delight 3: H hour is 1000 hours. We want you to smoke Points 47 and 48 for one hour in addition to the HE. (Delight 3) Have your 4.2s do as it as it will be better. (S-3) They can't reach Point 47. (Delight 3) OK (S-3) Horner wants you to pour it in at H minus 5 to H hour instead of for 30 minutes.
- 2125- G-6 to S-6: How are things? (S-6) Pretty well, H hour is at 1000 hours. (G-6) What is the reason for it? (S-6) The recon is not complete. (G-6) These people here are jumping on me. That two hour delay only means that you have to sit there and take it for two hours more. (S-6) OK, we will attack at 0800 hours.
- 2130- S-6 to Blue 6: I just talked to the General and he wants us to attack at 0800 hours unless I can show him why. (Blue 6) We can do it at 0800 hours if it is an order. But I would rather have enough time for daylight recon. The troops will start moving at 0900 hours and will not stop until we enter Hamich. (S-6) I think you better make it at 0800 hours.
- 2145- Delight 5 to S-3: Plitt just called and said the time has been changed. (S-3) Yes, to 0800 hours.
- 2149- G-6 to S-6: I talked to Col Sitz. He said he can smoke Hill 143 up to 145. He will call you soon to talk it over with you. He says he will have that ground about 1200 hours, but that will be too late to do you any good.
- 2135- S-6 to G-6: I talked it over with Horner, and he will do it at 0800 hours.
- 2150- S-3 to 87th Cml: H hour is changed and you will fire H minus 5 minutes. H hour is 0800 hours and smoke from 48 to 51 with a little HE from H hour to H plus 60.
- 2151- Dextrose 6 to S-6: I talked to the old man about that smoke business. Do you think it will help your attack. (S-6) Yes, they have observed fire from there. (Dextrose 6) I can't keep it up very long, as I can't smoke something I am going to attack. My 4.2s ought to be able to do it.
- 2310- S-3 to Red 1: When you get in with forward tell them it is laid on for tomorrow. 3rd Bn goes into town, 2nd Bn does what the 3rd Bn was going to do, take Hill 232.
- 2330- Blue 3 to S-3: What are the artillery preparations? (S-3) One round every minute going into town all night long, that is 155 delayed fuse. Tomorrow 170 rounds 155, 400 rounds 105, 200 rounds 4.2. H plus 30 minutes sand pits and on Point 84 for 30 minutes. Point 51 by 4.2s; Point 53 by two battalions of artillery; Point 48 by two battalions of artillery, Point 47 and on the ridge between from H to H plus 60. Smoke on Points 47, 48, 51 by 4.2s. Point 42 to be fired on by 26th.

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- 0030 - Capt. Smith, 1st Bn to S-6; Talked over the ammunition situation for tomorrow's show and he is only to fire half of what he planned, and is to fire on observed fire.
- 0130 - Red 3 to S-3; We are getting some artillery and mortar fire, and some casualties.
- 0230 - Lt. Rameriz to Red 3; What is the situation? (Red 3) We are still being shelled and about 4 or 5 more wounded.
- 0245 - Lt. Rameriz to G-3; Relays the above information from 1st Bn.
- 0255 - Blue; We are receiving some heavy stuff on I Co, they also have some casualties.
- 0601 - White 5 to Lt. Kestlinger; Gives this message to Capt. Hall, "Maj. Plitt has requested that we don't move our armor until his clears".
- 0740 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-2; 47th Inf; In a short while we are jumping off to take that town that has been causing us all that trouble.
- 0742 - Blue 6 to Lt. Kestlinger; L and K Cos are in position to go.
- 0815 - G-3 to S-3; How is everything, did they jump off? (S-3) The situation is unchanged, we are supposed to jump, but have not received any word as yet.
- 0845 - S-6 to S-5; Things are going very slowly, when they jumped off from out of woods they received an artillery barrage. They are not in town yet, small arms fight going on, but don't know the results yet.
- 0847 - S-3 to G-3; Relays the above message from the Colonel.
- 0848 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2; Have we any reports from OPs or the cub? (Delight 2) We can't contact them. (Maj. Rawie) We caught a hell of an artillery preparation just before we took off, the progress is very slow.
- 0849 - S-2 to G-2; We caught a hell of an artillery preparation just before we took off, so progress is very slow. No one reported in the town yet. We got a report of enemy tanks located at 998443, don't know the number.
- 0850 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 6; Our preparation went off OK, but we received plenty of artillery back, and if we don't stop that we won't be able to go anywhere. (Delight 6) We will do all we can but the doughboys will have to help.

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- 0855 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: I got a call from 3rd Bn and Evans can direct fire with the big stuff so lets get some heavy stuff on it.
- 0900 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: 3rd Bn is 1/3 of the way in town, but Hill 48 is raising hell with them, so let them have the big stuff.
- 0902 - S-2 to G-2: Our leading elements are in the edge of town but are receiving plenty of artillery from 997443. (G-2) I have a little information for you. 10th and 11th Panzer Grenadier Regts identified in front of 2nd Armored Div. Enemy pulled a counterattack and 2nd Armored knocked out 20 enemy tanks and took 750 PWs.
- 0904 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: Put 8 inch or 240s on Point 48, and pound it with mediums. (Delight 3) I will see if I can get an OP on it.
- 0907 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: Yesterday 104th Div took 10 pill boxes, some the day before. They were lightly held by 3 or 4 men. They ran into lots of wire and minefields. They took 20 PWs. 3rd Armored Div reported terrain wet ground, minefields, and AT mines held them up. 8th Inf was counterattacked by about 90 enemy, took 60 PWs. Armored report 30 tanks seen east of Puffendorf. 35th Div entered Germany for 3rd Army. Something is being laid on Weisweiler and Julich today. Armor doing OK this morning. 47th Inf took 14 PWs from 1st and 2nd Cos, 984th Regt. Divarty reported 7th Army CP at F-165146, 275th Div CP at 11463857.
- 0913 - S-6 to S-2: I want you to get someone on OP today to observe the amount of fire from the 3rd Armored area. 3rd Bn has reached Point 38 and are progressing slowly. Receiving lots of fire from Point 48 and woods northwest of town.
- 0915 - S-2 to G-2: Relays the above information from Col. Gibb.
- 0915 - S-3 to Capt. Wells: Where is the artillery coming from? (Capt. Wells) Yesterday it came from the northeast and east. (Maj. Rawie) How about Point 48? (Capt. Wells) Yes, direct fire from there. Our observer can observe there. (Maj. Rawie) How about 240s? (Capt. Wells) Yes, he can adjust anything. (Maj. Rawie) We are putting 240s on it, have him adjust it.
- 0916 - S-3 to G-3: We have one third of the town, and are receiving artillery from Hill 232, direct fire. We are putting artillery on it, big stuff.
- 0917 - S-3 to G-3: We are at road junction in the center of town.

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- 0918 - Lt. Kestlinger to 47th Inf: We are at road junction in the center of town. (47th) CCA has 6 tanks and a few infantry on Point 34.
- 0919 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: Has Maj. Lauten any location of enemy artillery, we have an air mission coming up. (S-3) No, we don't know where it is coming from.
- 0919 - S-2 to Lt. Stockwell: Have someone in the OP watch the 3rd Armored area and keep a record of the firing.
- 0920 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: Is anything being put on 48? (Delight 2) We are firing on it, and checking with Thomas.
- 0922 - Delight 2 to Maj. Rawie: 8 inchers firing on Point 48, it is smoked. Waters says we can have 155 long Toms for it, also firing at Point 50.
- 0923 - Lt. Kestlinger to Dextrose 3: We are up to road junction in Hamich, and receiving artillery fire, receiving direct fire from Hill to north and west. (Dextrose 3) Our 1st Bn jumps off at 0810 hours through 3rd Bn., and 2nd Bn to where 3rd Bn was. Moving very slowly.
- 0925 - S-2 to White 2: OP reports large barrage of artillery laying in 200 yards southwest of Point 38. 3rd Bn is in the town and are cleaning it up now. They are still receiving direct fire from Hill 48.
- 0930 - Lt. Rameriz to S-5: 1st Bn 26th jumped off at 0810 hours, and are moving slowly.
- 0934 - G-2 to S-2: I hear things are pretty sticky down there now. (S-2) Yes, 3rd Bn is in the town and are cleaning up but they are receiving lots of artillery from Hill 48.
- 0940 - Lt. Kramer, 18th Inf to 3rd Bn 18th Inf: They are in the town now and are working on cleaning up. 1st Bn 26th jumped off at 0810 hours this morning and are moving slowly. The enemy threw in plenty of artillery.
- 0948 - I&R OP to S-3: There are large tanks at least 6 came out of Hamich with troops riding them. Saw one of the tanks fire this way. They are coming towards our troops.
- 0952 - G-6 to S-5: Jim, What gives? (S-5) Col. Gibb said we are 2/3 of the way through town and are receiving enemy artillery. I just got a report from the OP that 6 tanks with troops riding them came out of Hamich firing towards the woods. (G-6) Get the artillery on them. (S-5) Yes sir, we will take care of it immediately.

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- 1005 - Lt. Rameriz to S-3: About 25 minutes ago C Co, 26th passed through our meagle #26 heading straight west for their objective. Running into very little artillery. 1st Bn moving forward in company strength - C Co, Co B, and then A Co. 3rd Bn moving into 1st Bn old positions. 8th Inf received quite a few casualties from an artillery barrage, they jumped off at 0915.
- 1010 - G-2 to S-2: 3rd Armored reported they saw a column of 5 tanks moving towards Hamich at 0958 hours, coming from the northeast.
- 1012 - S-2 to Delight 3: 3rd Armored reported 5 tanks coming from the northeast towards Hamich. (Delight 3) We have a cub checking on them. 188th Field picked them up and are firing on them.
- 1013 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: Do you know about the 5 tanks coming down the ridge into Hamich? (Delight 2) Yes, we do. (Maj. Rawie) We haven't any contact with 3rd Bn and can't notify them of the tanks, will you notify them through our radio. (Delight 2) OK we can do it.
- 1014 - Message to Blue 6: 5 enemy tanks with infantry on them approaching 37 from the northwest are being fired on by friendly artillery.
- 1020 - G-3 to S-3: We got a report from Col. Mason on the tanks and have put the air on it. What are you doing about it? (S-3) We have artillery on it. (G-3) We have word that the 5th Field got one tank at 48.
- 1022-- Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: Col. Gibb wants a heavy barrage on 35 along stream line. There is some tanks and about 100 infantry, and the infantry is moving to 37.
- 1022 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Carroll. See if you can get the air to go after those 5 tanks off the high ground and that the tanks are heading southwest, where they were getting strafed. (Lt. Kestlinger) Try and get the planes to go after the tanks again.
- 1030 - S-5 to Col. Mason: As of 1020 hours K Co is in Hamich, and have the town. L Co has a little less than their half. There is still infantry in town and a lot of small arms fire also three Mark VI's that are doing nothing. We are trying to work M910s up there. At Point 35 along stream line there is about 100 infantry and one tank. The Infantry is moving to Point 37. We have artillery on it and believe the air is working on it. We have 6 PWs.
- 1030 - S-2 to G-2: We have two companies in Hamich to the road Junction in town, and the troops are getting small arms. They report 2 or 3 enemy tanks in the town.

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- 1035 - G-3 to S-3: 1st Bn 26th is moving due west over to Points 39, 42, and 27, up to where their 2nd Bn was reported before.
- 1040 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-2: Did you want the C P location of 745th Tk Bn.? (G-2) No one here wanted it.
- 1040 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: Air had planes up and could not find the tanks. Earlier they say two Panthers leave town and go southwest. There will be another flight in one hour and they will look for the tanks. There are many dead Germans reported around Gottenich in 3rd Bn Armored area. Armored took 735 PWs. A message from 47th Inf report CCA north of town with 6 tanks and one platoon of infantry. 4th Div had a counterattack this morning on 22nd Inf at 0700 hours and slaughtered enemy with observed fire. 104th Div jumped off at 0800 hours. 2nd Armored Div is having trouble with enemy tanks.
- 1045 - Lt. Rameriz to S-2: 26th took 65 PWs; 22 from 1st Co; 29 from 3rd Co; 3 from 14th Co; 3 from 1st Bn Hq; 2 from 5th Co, 48th Regt; 2 from 7th Co, 48th Regt; 1 from 5th Co, 689th Volks Gren; 1 from 460th Heavy Arty Bn, 3rd Btry. No reports on the progress of 1st Bn. 3rd Bn had two companies in where 1st Bn was this morning.
- 1050 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: 1st Bn 8th Inf moved up to 043427; 3rd Bn moved up 030416.
- 1055 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: 1st Bn 8th Inf moved up to 043427; 3rd Bn moved up to 030416. (Delight 2) B-29 is adjusting one gun on tanks at 99774473 and then 6 battalions will fire on them.
- 1100 - Red 3 to S-3: K Co is north of Point 38, cleaning out the buildings, took 23 PWs.
- 1102 - S-3 to G-3: Relays the above message to them.
- 1105 - Lt. Rameriz to S-3: Leading elements of 1st Bn 26th is 200 yards due west of Point 26, they are running into small arms fire from break. They have called for two tanks.
- 1106 - G-6 to S-5: What is doing? (S-5) Gives them the latest dope as received from Red 3. Our 2nd Bn will not move before 1200 hours.
- 1107 - S-2 to G-2: Gives him the latest dope of progress. (G-2) PW says 1st SS Div is the other side of the Boer River, F-0077. The new outfit jumped off north of our Corps and are moving ahead hitting no resistance.

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- 1115 - S-2 to G-3: Our planes are getting us, call them off Hamich.
- 1115 - Blue 6 to S-3: Get our air liaison and tell them to get the planes out of our area. We will call when we need them. They bombed Point 22 our supply line and Point 36 our own tanks.
- 1120 - S-2 to White 2: Just got word that Hamich is taken.
- 1132 - Red 1 to S-2: There are 23 PWs coming in from forward.
- 1135 - Lt. Rameriz to S-3: 3rd Bn 26th had 3 PWs processed two were from 3rd Co, 18th GAF, the other from the 4th Co of the same outfit. Ages are from 30 to 35 years old, and are very dumb.
- 1139 - S-2 to G-2: Hamich is pretty well taken. There are two Mark Vs south of the town yet, that we are trying to knock out.
- 1140 - S-3 to G-3: Is Col Beck there? (G-3) Just a minute. (S-3) The town is pretty well in our hands, but there is a couple of tanks in back of the town. We are trying to work something in there to knock it out. They are in between Horner and our original line. Horner has K and L Cos in the town. Will it be OK to use A Co from 18th to replace G Co? (G-3) I believe it will be OK, but I will call you back and let you know.
- 1140 - Message from Blue: Friendly planes bombing friendly troops.
- 1145 - G-3 to S-3: That is Ok about that company, but let us know which one you use.
- 1150 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: I gave you the wrong coordinate of 1st Bn of 8th Inf. They are at 021417. CCA has a company and a half of tank and infantry in Scherpenseel and Hastenrath. The 8th Inf advanced with no resistance to 898452.
- 1210 - Blue 5 to S-5: I Co is in a bad way, they are ready to crack. The bombing shook them up. (S-5) The people will have to be held in hand there is a job to do. (Blue 5) Two officers are here now, and they are giving them morphine.
- 1214 - S-3 18th Inf to S-3: What attachments do you recommend? (S-3) None. When the 26th comes up, it will clear the situation.
- 1220 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 2: Can you hit Point 35, check on it, Col. Gibb wants two battalions of artillery on Point 49 and up to 62 even another battalion from some other Corps could be put on this point. Col. Gibb also wants heavies put on Point 48 and this fire is to be continual until the order to lift is given. Point 41 is another sore spot I think you can get Corps to fire on.

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- 1222 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: PW at Corps Cage states the 1st SS occupying east side of Boer River in the vicinity of Erke Lenz. 26th reported receiving light small arms, artillery, and mortar fire.
- 1226 - S-3 to G-3: We just received a report that enemy tanks are approaching the town from 005443, estimate 5. We would like to get an air mission on that road back of Heistern. (G-3) We have artillery shooting at it now. Planes in the air now and will put them on it.
- 1230 - S-3 18th to S-3: Can you arrange to have a guide for the relief of your G Co.? (S-3) The CP is right in Schevenhutte.
- 1231 - S-6 to White 6: How are things shaping up? (White 6) Co F is moving towards the forward assembly area, but their locations are not known at the present time. Tanks and troops moving by infiltration. (S-6) Let me know by 1300 hours if you can jump off at 1400 hours and coordinate with others. I want to give the artillery an hours notice.
- 1235 - S-3 to Red 5: L Co 18th is to relieve your G Co, and they will feed and supply themselves. (Red 5) We sent 29 PWs back to you.
- 1240 - S-2 to G-2: It looks as though a tank is coming down where the 5 came earlier. (G-2) C of 26th is at 02004305 receiving small arms fire.
- 1242 - S-3 to 87th Cml Bn: 2nd Bn is jumping off this afternoon and want an observer. Have him join F Co in vicinity of Hamich. I also want you to see Capt. Hall in regard to laying in smoke for the drive. His CP is between Point 17 and 16. Lt. Martin of Cannon Co will also be there.
- 1245 - Lt. Kestlinger to Red 5: Capt. Steifel, 87th Cml, Co A CO is coming down to see Capt. Hall. FOS are to contact F Co in Hamich.
- 1250 - G-6 to S-6: What is the story? (S-6) Having considerable trouble with the right flank. Horner will sit still while Grant attacks Hill 232.
- 1255 - Delight 6 to Maj. Rawie: I am going to have Minute cover a rectangle in woods at 62, 49, and 65. Up around Point 52 we took care of a couple of tanks. The cub spotted some Jerry infantry near Points 41 and 52. We are firing on them. (Maj. Rawie) Find out about the smoke shells supply.
- 1259 - Red 5 to S-3: Our planes just bombed Schevenhutte, dropped one bomb which killed two men and wounded 4. (S-3) OK, I will notify Division. (Red 5) The men are not ours.

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- 1300 - G-3 to S-3: The air OP just reported our planes bombed Schevenhutte , have you any report on this? (S-3) Yes, I was just calling to tell you about it. They killed 2 men and wounded 4. (G-3) The air OP contacted the planes. (S-3) The men were out of another outfit.
- 1311 - Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: A counter attack is forming up at 0095440. It was reported by the cub and liaison No. 1. We are going to hit it with artillery, is it OK to fire? (Maj. Rawie) OK.
- 1313 - PWI to S-2: We received 27 PWs; 13 from 3rd Co, 1st Bn, 48th Regt; 3 men from 1st Troop, 12th Fus, attached to 14th Co; 7 from 14th Co; 2 from the 13th Co; 1 from 6th Btry, 12th Arty Regt; 1 from 3rd Co, 89th Inf Regt.
- 1320 - Maj. Rawie to Delight 3: What about the counter attack? (Delight 3) The cub gave orders to cease fire. There will be two battalions of heavies on 48; one battalion on 99734394; two battalions on 49; Notary on 50; one battalion on 41; smoke from 62 to 49. These fires will be H minus 5 to H plus 5. (Maj. Rawie) H hour is 1415 hours.
- 1321 - S-3 to Blue 5: Here is a message I want you to send to 1st Bn Forward, by radio. "Enemy counterattack consisting of unknown number of infantry in vicinity of 41 just northeast of Hamich. (Blue 5) Col. Grant is ready to jump off at 1400 hours is that OK? (S-3) I will let you know.
- 1324 - S-6 to White 6: Will you be ready to jump off at 1400 hours. (White 6) Yes, providing nothing turns up in the meantime. (S-6) How about making it 1415 hours. (White 6) OK, it will give me a little leeway, I will notify all my companies.
- 1334 - S-3 to White 3: Prior to H hour there will be an artillery on 35, after that put your 81mm on it.
- 1335 - Message from Blue 6: 2nd Bn can jump off at 1400 hours.
- 1335 - Decoy to S-2: Recon left at 1205 hours, the company was to start at 1245 hours.
- 1336 - S-5 to Capt. Groves: On the 81 mortars reverting to the 3rd Bn the ammunition is to be split up 40% to 3rd Bn, 40% to the 2nd Bn, and 20% to the 1st Bn.
- 1338 - Delight to Lt. Kestlinger: Elements of 104th are located 100 yards northwest of 41 according to PW report.

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- 1342 - Lt. Kestlinger to S-3: 47th Inf; Situation up in town is in good order now. We will jump off at 1415 hours on a little job on 48.
- 1345 - Lt. Allen, 155 S/A to S-3: I still have a few rounds of HE and AP left. Shall I remain with Cannon Co? (S-3) No, go back to your assembly area, if we need you, I will call you. Where can I get in touch with you? (Lt. Allen) Call Delta.
- 1350 - I&R OP to S-3: Our planes were dive bombing in vicinity of 51 on enemy tank, one tank was put on fire, also did some close in dive bombing on slope northeast of Gressenich. Two bombs were very close and they set something on fire. Two of our planes were shot down. One pilot bailed out in enemy territory. Planes fell near Wurselen, the other pilot believed to have failed to bail out. A strange shell exploded in the air and red or black cluster fell to the ground northwest of Gressenich.
- 1400 - Capt. Groves to S-5: I just had Capt. Smith on the phone and he needs ammunition. He needs 1000 light and 500 heavy.
- 1400 - Delight 2 to Maj. Rawie: We received a report that all but 5 houses in Hamich have been taken. And that there are a couple of enemy tanks running around there. A B-26 was shot down at Point 43, but no one bailed out. A P-47 pilot bailed out at Point 65. In about three minutes there is going to be a bombing at 003457.
- 1406 - S-5 to G-4: I talked to Pop this morning about ammunition and he was going to give me some ammunition. I want 500. We can draw the following by our figures, Heavy 1831, after expenditures; 1019 light; 4300 of 60mm.
- 1410 - G-3 to S-3: There are lots of planes coming down to bomb in our area. Will you get your units notified to put out panels and have smoke ready?
- 1411 - S-5 to Capt. Groves: Draw 1019 light and 1831 heavy.
- 1412 - Lt. Kestlinger to All Units: Notified them of the bombing mission.
- 1425 - S-3 to Blue 3: Did 2nd Bn jump off OK? (Blue 3) I guess so, I hear some stuff so they must be started. (Blue 3 to Co A) Has 2nd Bn passed through? (Co A) Yes, they are jumping off now. There is some small arms and a little artillery. (Red 6) I got 2nd Bn covered with 4.2s and have Cannon Co and mortars here.

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- 1425 - G-3 to S-6: Did the 3rd Co of 1st Bn relieve G Co yet? (S-6) They are in the process now, but won't be complete until 1600 or 1700 hours. Hamich is ours. The threat is now at Point 41. There are 120 enemy with a S/P gun there, but artillery is taking care of it. 2nd Bn jumped off, artillery and small arms, progress is unknown. F Co is in attack followed by E and G Cos. (G-3) What company of 18th is that going in? (S-6) L Co.
- 1430 - G-6 to S-6: How is everything? (S-6) 2nd Bn is making progress, they are receiving artillery and small arms. (G-6) Your mission is to go northwest and get those hills, I am sending the 18th to the east.
- 1436 - White 3 to S-3: We haven't found out if they jumped off on time or not. (S-3) I talked with Driscoll and he said they got off and looks like it might go. They are receiving a little small arms and artillery.
- 1440 - Red 5 to S-2: We are sending down 20 more PWs, they will be down in about an hour.
- 1445 - S-3 to S-3, CCA: Just wanted to let you know we jumped off at 1415 hours for Hill 232, and so far the progress is satisfactory. (CCA) Did you get a report on some tanks and S.P guns at 985453? (S-3) No, we didn't. (CCA) They turned some planes over to our control that can see them.
- 1450 - G-3 to S-3: We have two more squadrons of P-47s this afternoon, and we are debating whether to put them northeast or northwest of town.
- 1455 - S-6 to G-3: I am getting tired of getting bombed. Our OP has observation of front lines and if you send up ASP man and have him work from here he will be able to stop the planes when they are wrong. (G-3) OK, I will tell him.
- 1505 - G-6 to S-6: Are the bombers on your left hurting you? (S-6) No, sir. (G-6) VHS is coming up to watch.
- 1506 - Delight 3 to Maj. Rawie: Our men reported on 232, and want to lift the fire. (Maj. Rawie) Yes, but keep it on 47. (Delight 3) Will lift everything east of 995 Grid, but will keep it on the woods.
- 1508 - S-6 to G-6: We have troops on 232, and have lifted artillery fire. Waiting now for confirmation. I am sending G Co up the valley to clear that area between Lovelady and Hill.
- 1511 - White 3 to S-3: Advancing on hill with light opposition, and up to edge of woods. (S-6) Send G Co up the valley to clean out that area.

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- 1513 - Red 2 to S-2: 20 PWS were taken in front of Hamich, most of them were taken by 3rd Bn, and some by us. Most of them were from 14th Co, 48th Regt. (Blue 6) We are still cleaning out the buildings on the end of town. L and K Cos are around Point 38, two more houses and one tank left yet. There are 3 tanks knocked out. We lost one M-10 and two tanks. One tank was hit by AT fire and the other lost a track. The casualties are more than they should be. (Red 2) PWS were from 14th Co, 48th Regt, this company had platoons in Gressenich, Heister, and Hamich. Two nights ago the whole 14th Co was put in Hamich. Each company had 6 bazookas, one in front of Hamich, and one still in action. There were six 88 in Hamich, and 3 have been destroyed so far. PW states 3 are still in action. There was one Master Sgt in charge of population in Hamich. Hq of 14th Co and some of Hq of 48th Regt supposed to be in Langerwehe at 0347. Some PWS from 2nd Co, 12th Div, came from Eilendorf 2 days ago.
- 1515 - I&R OP to S-3: Attack coming off northeast side of Greenwich, coming off good. They reached wooded area without being fired on, no casualties as far as we could see. Saw 5 PWS coming from the northeast side.
- 1515 - S-3 to Col Peckham: We will have to use G Co without properly relieving them (Col Peckham) We will move into position anyway.
- 1520 - G-2 to S-2: Our OP reports your people moving up hill OK. Have about 28 PWS including one woman. Two of your people were hit by machine gun fire.
- 1520 - S-3 to CCA: Infantry and tanks on 232, we will tie in with Lovelady tonight, will you notify them (CCA) OK, I will do that.
- 1526 - Lt Kestlinger to S-3, 18th Inf: We have a reinforced company up on Hill 232 now, and are going to move another company up.
- 1530 - Delight 2 to Lt Kestlinger: Our OP reported 2nd Bn has six tanks with them. One was knocked out, but are not receiving artillery fire. Also very little small arms fire.
- 1530 - S-3 to G-3: We have infantry and tanks on 232. We are tying in with Lovelady tonight.
- 1535 - White 6 to S-6: We are not on top of hill but on lower southeast corner. Tanks up to woods going smoothly. I am getting E Co going. G Co is going up the draw to tie in with Lovelady and clean that area out before dark.
- 1535 - Red 3 to S-3: Any dope on 26th (S-3) Not yet, Lt Rameriz is up there now. Hill 232 is in our hands now.
- 1540 - I&R OP to S-2: 20 PWS were taken just north of 49. The lead tank was knocked out and rest withdrew and are going back up.

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- 1540 - Delight 3 to Maj Rawie; Scott from OP says troops half way through the woods (Maj Rawie) Reduce the artillery except 48 and 49.
- 1545 - S-2 to G-2; Here is the information from PWs. 3rd Co came from Geich, 200 from somewhere in Berlin came from replacement battalion. 3rd Co came in with 60 men, but only 30 left this morning. Figures about 12 left by now. Artillery and bombing has not touched them, landed in back of them. 13th and 14th Cos in town in strength, also 4 AT guns running around the town. 1st Troop of Fusilier Bn in woods west of Harenhoff. They pulled back to Linden to be deloused, then to Langerwehe. 3 stragglers from 689th attached to 14th Co. Bn CP of 12th Inf Regt in Heistren, and had not been bombed. They did not fire yesterday. There are 4 assault guns in woods at 004437. 6th Co in woods from there to east. Yesterday the assault guns at 007442 were protecting for a break through. A group of 80 occupied line from 999438 to 001435. Hill 232 has been taken. (G-2) We got a blow by blow description of your attack. All artillery fell in behind your boys. They did a swell job.
- 1600 - PWI to S-2; A man from 3rd Co, 89th Regt said that their CP is now at 013455.
- 1620 - Lt Carroll to S-3; 2nd Bn 26th in line from 026427 to 027429, B Co is left of C Co moving forward. 47th Inf saw a large fire burning in Heistern. One of our planes went down at 0148. ASP at 1115 hours reported air strafed 018445, strafed six tanks at 020450, also hit town at 016445 with bombs. Red smoke at 022455, bombed vicinity. Cerise panels at 012438. Observed Duren to be in smouldering ruins. Observed small enemy build up at 0247, strafed tanks and vehicles there. A B-26 was shot down at 031437 landed OK with crew. Air strafed one tank and vehicle on edge of woods northeast of Heistern.
- 1636 - S-3 to White 1; What is status of E Co (White 1) E Co is moving to the left of F Co. There is no word from G Co, they are moving and will pass through A Co until in between 34 and E Co. E Co is around 35. (White 1) What about 1st Bn 47th Inf (S-3) 1st Bn 47th Inf will come up when you leave. The Colonel is trying to put 18th in on our right flank tomorrow. (White 1) It will be quite late when G Co gets up there. The whole thing is still being organized up here and is still defensive. It will take time to get going in the morning.
- 1650 - PWI to S-2; The PWs who just came in were 17 from 14th Co 48th Regt; 2 from 12th Fusilier Panzer AT platoon; one from 2nd Troop 12th Fusilier.
- 1655 - G-6 to S-6; Your plan is OK. Driscoll will be in reserve and you will have Col Peckham to protect Horner's flank. What time are you jumping off (S-6) I am going to try to jump off at 0800 hours.
- 1705 - White 3 to S-2; E Co is up with F Co now. Made physical contact with people at 34. We just received a radio message from E Co and they are getting some small arms fire from 999439. F Co reports getting 60 PWS out of this location.

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- 1710 - S-2 to G-2; Gives them the above report from 2nd Bn, also gives him the dope on the PWs. The big poop is that indications points that the 6th Panzer Army is coming west.
- 1710 - Lt Kestlinger to G-3; E Co has now made contact with F Co on the hill and is now going into position.
- 1711 - S-6 18th Inf to S-6; Are you using your light tanks (S-6) Yes, I am using all of them, why (18th Inf) I wanted to use them.
- 1715 - I&R OP to S-2; Tracer machine gun fire seen coming from northern section of Hamich going northwest into our 2nd Bn and 2nd Bn is returning the fire, looks like two of our outfits are fighting each other. There are fires burning around Wisweiler. We are closing OP because of darkness. At 1630 hours there was heavy shelling in vicinity of Point 4. Engineers have been blowing up a lot of mines just south of Gressenich.
- 1725 - Lt Kestling^{2nd} to White 1; What is the latest situation (White 1) L Co is all in and in good shape, the relief is completed.
- 1725 - Red 6 to S-6; A Co captured 27 PWs most from 48th Regt and 89th Regt. There was a 1st Sgt, a platoon leader from 14th Co. The company has two machine guns in the 1st platoon, and two 75mm guns used as AT guns, one of which was at the right of Hamich, and one is in rear of the town. The 104th Regt was supposed to replace the 48th Regt. After we attacked part of 104th Regt was put in action in front of Stolberg, and part of them is in woods behind Hamich. One PW was a wireman from artillery liaison officer. There are supposed to be 4 artillery guns in Heistern. Our artillery barrage this morning in front of Hamich did not have much effect as they were in deep trenches.
- 1726 - Lt Carroll to S-2; B Co 26th 019428, C Co 021409, A Co is with 2nd Bn, 2nd Bn has platoon on 029429. Fires in Eschweiler at 1147 hours, also 34 flek positions. 100 yards in center of Duren destroyed.
- 1740 - Lt Carroll to S-2; E Co of 415 Inf withdrew to 917427. Former position was today's objective. I Co 415th is at 932436; B Co 415th is at 944435 moving southeast to clean out houses at 944430; A Co 415th moving to 943440; I Co 414th 948428; L Co 414th 950429; K Co 414th 951428; F Co 414th 964434; B Co 414th 956436. 26th holds points 14 and 16. Air support reports they saw 8 heavy gun positions at P-4442; no rail or road movement in area L-2398; no movement seen in marshalling yards at L-0697. No movement seen on the Rhine River from Trier to Coblenz, and all bridges appeared serviceable. At F-0827 the dam is in good shape, no change in the level of the lake. 26th believes they identified PW from 115th Regt.

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- 1743 - Capt Ralph to S-3; Switch is in up forward with lines to Red, White, Blue, 7th Field, 47th Inf through Red, Cannon Co, two lines forward to the switch will be in soon (S-3) Run a line from the Red board to 18th Inf 3rd Bn, they are to be in an attack in the morning. Put one straight and one through the board to 3rd Bn 18th Inf.
- 1755 - S-3 to Blue 5; C Co is being counterattacked by two tanks and a company of infantry coming from Point 41, getting artillery fire on it. It looks like Co C is getting the blunt of it. The 3rd Bn objective is cut by one third for tomorrow, 3rd Bn 18th to attack to your right, the road is the boundary.
- 1805 - S-3 to White 6; Attack goes on as planned, 3rd Bn 18th takes 1st Bn objective, 3rd Bn objective cut down to one third to 5153 road, the left flank still remains the same, the time of the attack depends on when 3rd Bn 18th gets up there. Karas is out there. Hamich is not completely in our hands, getting fire from northern side.
- 1805 - PWI to S-2; 21 PWs from 1st Troop, 12th Fusiliers; 9 from 14th Co, 48th Regt; one from 2nd Troop, 12th Fusilier; one from 4th Troop, 12th Fusilier.
- 1810 - S-2 to Red 2; What is going on (Red 2) Something is happening on Point 39, but we don't have all the information on it yet.
- 1821 - S-3 18th Inf to Lt Kestlinger; Where is Col Grant's last assembly area. Is it 993398 (Lt Kestlinger) Yes, it is one of the area, the last one he used is 983400.
- 1825 - S-2 to G-2; We have 53 more PWs up at the 1st Bn now. I will let you know their units when I find out.
- 1840 - Red 3 to S-6; C Co has had to fall back due to counterattack at 006437, there are enemy tanks out there. One platoon of A Co is going up to help, TDs are also going up. Artillery, mortar, and Cannon Co are being fired. Enemy artillery is coming in from the north and northeast. Hamich is not completely cleared yet (S-6) The 3rd Bn of the 18th is going through you in the morning. If anything worse happens let me know so I can have a counterattack plan ready.
- 1845 - Capt Merendino to S-3; We have 109 cans of gasoline on hand and 300 cans tomorrow.
- 1852 - G-2 to S-3; The planes that are over are friendly, RAF. 100 enemy planes are bombing and strafing in 19th Corps sector, but in their own lines.
- 1855 - S-6 to G-3; Will you notify Smythe to have his units up at 1000 hours to relieve Grant (G-3) I had told him the relief was to be at 0800 hours. I will call him and change it.

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- 1858 - S-3, 47th Inf to S-3; Our 1st Bn is moving up to your old 2nd Bn area in the morning. They are going to occupy the ground you took. They will be up there at 0700 hours in the morning. Tell your people about this.
- 1900 - S-6 to Red 6; How far did C Co pull back (Red 6) It pulled back to 005436. Our line runs on along edge of woods up toward Point 37. K Co reported tanks at 003437. There is a gap between I and C Cos. (S-6) Col Peckham will be up in the morning. Have a guide for him at the forward CP.
- 1911 - S-2 to Red 2; PW reports AT gun at 00154385.
- 1925 - G-3 to S-3; What is the latest information on the counterattack on C Co (S-3) The situation is still very sticky.
- 1925 - G-2 to S-2; Why were the PWs late in getting to the cage (S-2) We were questioning them here (G-2) 14th PWs turned into L Co 47th Inf at 007423, and they were pretty much disgusted with things. There was a 1st Sgt in charge, and they were from 115th Regt.
- 1933 - G-6 to S-6; What is the latest situation on Co C (S-6) They had to withdraw a couple hundred yards. The situation is still very sticky.
- 1940 - S-6 to White 6; What is your situation (White 6) E and F Cos are OK but are getting shelled, G Co is moving up. (S-6) The time for tomorrow attack is 1000 hours, which is tentative. (White 6) One tank was knocked out. There is a large tank ditch and communication trenches on top of Hill 232. The bombing and artillery did swell work.
- 1945 - Blue 6, 18th Inf to S-3; Discuss prearranged fires of artillery. (S-3) 1st Bn forward has a CP set up that you can move into.
- 2007 - FWI to S-2; Here is the latest report; 33 PWs processed. Interrogated one from each unit; 9 taken at 999438; gave themselves up, had manned AT gun in garden behind house and abandoned it, 1 Sgt and 7 men, stated morale very good. 2nd Troop, 12th Fusilier in Hamich, all of the 2nd Troop in that vicinity between 999438 to Hamich, had rest area in Frenz, suffered casualties from bombing there, had 3 tanks attached to them, type unknown, they were in Ungary, supply, food, and morale very good. 3rd Troop to the left of them, 4th Troop attached to other 3 troops, company and battalion CP in Hamich. 2nd Troop consists of 4 squads, 8 men each, 21 men came from 1st Troop, 1st platoon, located in stone quarry at 995444 in concrete bunker.
- 2018 - Delight 2 to S-2; 4 battalions have been firing northeast of Hamich. They shoot as far north as 005443. If there are any gun positions you get from the PW let us know, we can probably get bombing mission on them.

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- 2030 - Lt Carroll to S-3; 1st Bn 117th 926511; elements of 2nd Bn 934522; 3rd Bn 926536; 2nd Bn 120th 912501.
- 2030 - S-3 to Blue 6; What is the story on the counterattack (Blue 6) The situation is not so good, enemy has more infantry from Point 38 swinging down between K and L Cos now. 5 tanks and TDs knocked out. We are firing time fire over Point 38. Some of our fire is falling on C Co, but I am going to get more information.
- 2032 - S-2 to Delight 3; Where are firing (Delight 3) From 006440 to northeast up to 51. (S-2) Infantry is trying to get across open fields east of Hamich to get into the town.
- 2038 - S-3 to Red 3; What is the situation (Red 3) It seems pressure is letting up on C Co and shifted to K and L Cos.
- 2040 - S-2 to White 2; How about the PWs (White 2) They were sent back through A Co.
- 2054 - FWI to S-2; The balance of the platoon is in Hamich and have 24 bazookas in the platoon, 48 men, 24 rifles. 1st Troop committed in Hamich. On 13th Nov went to Frenz, a rest area, on 16th Nov came back to Hamich, and PW stated as long as he was with the 1st Troop he was in Hamich. He also stated the 1st Troop CP was not in Hamich, but he didn't know where.
- 2100 - Blue 5 to S-3; Things are under control. Germans were taking aerial photos tonight over our area.
- 2107 - G-3 to S-3; What is the latest situation (S-3) Repeats the above information from the 3rd Bn.
- 2112 - Blue 6 to S-6; The tanks evidently came down on K Co from northeast. We only have two TDs and one tank left. All we have is 4 medium tanks in case of counterattack. We are going to need ammunition for Cannon Co. 81mm mortar, and 4.2s (S-6) Can you throw illuminating mortar over Hamich. I was going to have Col Grant have S/P pointed that way and it should do some good.
- 2112 - Maj Rawie to Delight 3; G Co just reported friendly artillery is falling on them. (Delight 3) We fired WP on our targets and all our ranges and deflections are proper. Targets are Point 38 to 51 by Notary, and northeast of 41.
- 2114 - Delight 3 to Maj Rawie; It is possible that Lovelady has fired on Point 35.
- 2115 - Delight 2 to Maj Rawie; Can Delta fire at 00854353 (Maj Rawie) It is pretty close, don't fire.

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- 2115 - G-6 to S-6: Situation discussed. The General agrees that the artillery will still have to be poured into the counterattack, although the ammunition should be conserved.
- 2120 - G-3 to S-3: What is the latest (S-3) The enemy is using assault gun company and probably two companies of infantry. They pulled a feint at Co C and the main force hit the 3rd Bn.
- 2122 - Blue 5 to S-6: Bombs dropped between us and you, there was also flares dropped.
- 2124 - Blue 5 to S-3: 10 tanks and infantry penetrated into town. Having artillery fire laid at Point 38.
- 2125 - Delight 3 to Maj Rawie: Here is the latest on 3rd Bn, two tanks got into Hamich. Got a PW who stated 10 tanks supported by infantry. One tank was knocked out. K Co being overrun by tanks.
- 2125 - S-2 to G-2: What goes on (G-2) Anti-personnel bombs have been dropped and there has been strafing. PWs have been taken from 156th PGR, tanks are probably from the 116th Panzer.
- 2130 - G-6 to S-5: What about this report of K Co being overrun by tanks. (S-5) Wespoke with Horner 30 minutes ago and at that time everything was alright. We are trying to find out about it now.
- 2140 - S-6 to G-6: A PW says 15 tanks got into the town, and there are 200 infantry troops with the tanks.
- 2143 - Delight 3 to Maj Rawie: K Co just reported 15 tanks and 200 infantry at Point 38. One battalion is being adjusted on it.
- 2153 - S-3 to G-3: Gives him a summary of the situation. It is not clear up there. The FO is having artillery put fire directly on the town, and we may possibly commit G Co.
- 2155 - Lt Kestlinger to White 3: Review counterattack on Hamich (White 3) G Co reported they were coming into Point 35 with one and a half platoons on the left.
- 2158 - Red 3 to S-3: I saw of the armored firing on us (S-3) PW states there are 15 tanks and 200 infantry, and several tanks got around the buildings.
- 2200 - Maj Rawie to Delight 6: A and B Cos report artillery falling on them. (Delight 6) Data has been checked and they are resuming fire.
- 2205 - S-3 to CCA, S-3: We have a company moving from Hamich to Hill 232 and they are getting fire from Lovelady, or at least they believe so, will you check on it.
- 2210 - S-5 to Capt Groves: We have 500 rounds for Cannon Co, pick it up in the morning if they have enough until then.

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- 2218 - Col Peckham to S-3; Is there any AT guns or TDs on the road leading from Schrevehutte to the 26th. Check on this and let me know (S-3) OK, Colonel, L of 18th was coordinating with L Co 47th.
- 2231 - Delight 6 to Maj Rawie; Does the 16th have any reserves to throw in (Maj Rawie) Yes, G Co (Delight 6) What about 3rd Bn 18th (Maj Rawie) Yes, if necessary (Delight 6) We fired 1600 rounds from 1800 to 2000 hours. B Btry is getting shelling; and Jerries strafing D Btry.
- 2237 - S-3 to CCA; A wire team will approach Lovelady from the south, will you notify them about this.
- 2243 - S-3 to Red 2; What contact does L Co, 18th have with L Co 47th near the town to your south (Red 2) I can't answer that question, I will find out and let you know. (Blue 6) I S/P tried to get up there from 36, probably trying to get to Point 52 or to town. We knocked out one tank. Identified 5 tanks and 200 infantry, but there is also our supply route, which isn't too safe now. The enemy is probably infiltrating into the woods.
- 2245 - S-3 47th Inf to Lt Kestlinger; L Co 18th and our L Co was to be out-posted. There is a gap between us that Col Beck wants taken care of so we will patrol to one another.
- 2248 - S-3 to G-3; There is a bridge out in town and plenty of people in there.
- 2248 - S-2 to G-2; One PW says there are 20 tanks in Heister and 30 tanks in Langerwene.
- 2253 - G-4 to S-5; Ammunition expenditure of 105mm gives you an increase of 500 rounds. We got a report that Jerry pulled out of town.
- 2300 - S-5 to S-3; I just got a call from Col Eymer who states enemy pulled out of town (S-3) That is wrong as I just talked to 1st and 3rd Bns, but I will investigate.
- 2300 - Maj Rawie to Capt Wells; What is the situation now (Capt Wells) The infantry up in Hamich is out, but the tanks are still in. The situation is not too bad now, the tanks shouldn't be able to do too much tonight.
- 2305 - S-5 to Red 3; I am going to suggest that you use some of your new men back at your kitchen for litter bearers. It will be a way to break them into shell fire.
- 2330 - S-2 to G-2; Gives him a complete summary of PW reports gotten during the day.