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- 0514- White: Armored and motor movement 2000 yards from our front line position. Movement seems to be from our L Co to the north. This movement has been going on since 0400 hours.
- 0545- Lt Ramirez to G-3: Gives them a summary of the reports for the last hour.
- 0556- Blue: At 0513 hours Co K reported hearing a good many tanks and trucks at a 20 degree azimuth, approximately 800 yards, and believe them to be moving north-east. Co L at 0545 hours reported patrol that investigated the trip wires cannot find any evidence of damage. The woods in which the booby traps were set, was so dark that you couldn't see a thing.
- 0600- Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0605- G-2 to Lt Ramirez: What is going on in your front? (Lt Ramirez) Gives them a summary of the night's reports.
- 0610- White: On this movement we have been reporting I have checked with the OPs but I can't get them to agree on the direction of the movement. Just as soon as we get observation I will give you a full report.
- 0615- Red: Negative report.
- 0630: Lt Ramirez to G-3: Gives them a summary of the reports received during the last hour.
- 0740- Red 5 to S-3: Can you give me the location of your next place? (S-3) Tentatively 902393.
- 0815- S-3 to Blue 3: Did you speak to anyone over at Decoy Blue in regard to the mine field that he laid there? (Blue 3) Yes.
- 0817- S-3 to Decoy Blue: Are you acquainted with the mine field that our Blue Bn left there? (Decoy Blue) No, I am not. (S-3) I will see that they get over and give you the dope on it.
- 0820- S-3 to Blue 3: Have Lt Roehrig get over to Decoy Blue right away and explain about the mine field to them. (Blue 3) I talked to Capt Scottsmith over there and gave him the coordinates of it. The minefield was laid by AT Co, not by us.
- 0840- S-3 to Engr Off: The 3rd Bn 18th is attached to us. We want you to lay a minefield for them tonight. (Engr Off) Ok.
- 0843- Lt Roehrig to S-2: In regard to the mines, none of the mine fields belong to us. I know about one and reported it to Regiment. Whoever lays the minefield is supposed to report it. I reported the one in front of K Co and they reported it to the people who relieved them. But I did not know that they had laid 3 road blocks until now.
- 0855- Freeport OP: At 0730 hours at 900486 two enemy trucks with trailers, one with AA gun on it going east to Merzbruck; at 0710 hours one horse drawn cart with 3 enemy infantry going east on military highway at 925471; at 0715 hours one enemy infantry at 900486 going west to Weiden; at 0720 hours two horse drawn carts going west to Weiden on Merzbruch road; at 0725 hours, 2 enemy on bikes at 925471 going east on military highway; at 0750 hours one enemy truck going east at 900486 on Merzbruck road; 0755 hours at Verlautenheide tanks and trucks were heard; at the same time 6 horse drawn carts loaded with enemy troops went



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into Haaren northeast; at 0827 hours 2 trucks heavily loaded with enemy troops going very fast traveling east at 931498; at 0843 hours, 4 horse drawn carts leaving Linden southeast at 905498; at the same time 2 horse drawn carts on Merzbruck road going east at 919485. G Co picked up two Greeks who say they are forced labor, have cards signed by Major Post. They report the enemy sending children through our lines for information.

- 0857- Lt Carroll to S-3: Decoy patrol brought back a man, wife, and child who left Aachen. He said all men under 50 were being picked up and put in uniform for the purpose of defending the town. He confirmed that General Schwerin is in command of Aachen area. This general said they should hold out until Oct 25th when a new secret weapon would be ready. He was taken to a battalion CP at 838408 and said that there is a tank dug in there wellcamouflaged. He reports a company CP at 837407; a machine gun nest at 837406; said the last outpost was at 837404. He was certain of a minefield at 833404, 837404. He believes there is a minefield area at 837404 to 840403.
- 0900- S-3 to Green: Make an overlay of those 3 minefields and send it in.
- 0905- S-2 to Red3: What is new? (Red 3) The enemy is still out front. One group moved 50 yards and bumped into enemy, another moved 150 yards and bumped into enemy. (S-2) Indications of last night's show is alot of vehicular movement. (Red 3) People on our right were warned an hour ago by their G-2 to be on guard for an attack. A Co patrol last night sent out 50 yards to the front and saw an enemy outpost, but by-passed it and went to fence house, and found enemy in it.
- 0919- S-2 to Blue 2: What is new? (Blue 2) Nothing much; at 0515 hours K Co reported hearing tanks going northeast at 20 degrees and about 800 yards away. That is all the dope we have.
- 0920- Delight 2 to S-3: We just fired a concentration at Haaren with two battalions of lights, two battalions of mediums, and one battalion of 8 inch. Each battalion fired 4 volleys each. That is where all that vehicular movement is. We had night concentrations on that road all night, 31 concentrations counting the TDs.
- 0925- White 2 to S-2: OP reports at 0811 hours three enemy entered building at 914486 and left in a hurry going north; at 0825 hours enemy motorcycle and command car going east at 931498; at 0907 hours one platoon enemy infantry and three vehicles at 914483.
- 0935- Dextrose White to S-3: We are getting direct tank fire at 864425. Are you firing? (S-3) Decoy may be firing, we are not.
- 0945- Lt Carroll to S-3: At 0312 hours Divarty reported enemy vehicular traffic heard at 8541. Dextrose said they heard some vehicular movement in front of their I Co 865416, they also received harassing fire during the night. Decoy reports vehicular movement about 0510 hours in front of their White Bn. Harassing fire on Dextrose throughout the night, the fire was heaviest around 2200 to 2400 hours, not concentrated. 4th Cav contacted enemy patrols at 952130, 004048, 000035, 979120, 007107, and 010109, all enemy driven back. Enemy still occupies cross roads at 009989. No other contacts reported. Identified PW from 3rd Co, 416th Repl Bn at 912955.



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- 0945- Delight 2 to S-2: We have 48 rounds of propaganda leaflets. (S-2) Ok, I will figure out where we can use them.
- 1005- Decoy Blue 2 to S-2: OP reports motorcycles, ambulances, foot troop, and staff cars moving south at 849454. Tank movement all night going northeast; trucks coming in.
- 1010- S-2 to G-2: Gives him summary of the reports up this hour. (G-2) 39th and 47th jumped off this morning at 0830 hours.
- 1030- S-2 to White 2: What is new? (White 2) There is traffic around Verlautenheide. What about saying somewhere in Germany? (S-2) No, you can't use it.
- 1045- Red 2 to S-2: OP reports enemy at 935434 trouble shooting wire; enemy at 937440. A P-38 bombed about on a 50 degree azimuth, and a large column of black smoke can be seen coming up. (S-2) Gives them the reports from the other units.
- 1050- Lt Carroll to S-3: 6 horse drawn artillery pieces and 6 vehicles entered Haaren from northeast at about 0800 hours. They are going to put air on it, if they can get it. Notorious jumped off this morning at 0800 hours. No report from them as yet. They reported they had a quiet night last night.
- 1115- Blue 5 to S-3: We would like you to change the route or pull the Decoy Blue kitchens, because they must have had some light as we received some artillery fired in here last night. Our kitchens are around 182 in basements.
- 1116- S-2 to Delight 3: We just had some come in, single guns; 16th rounds since 1050 hours, they came from the northwest. We are taking azimuth from shells an OPs and do like we did in Caumont. (Delight 3) Our cub could not pick them up.
- 1151- Lt Carroll to S-3: G Co, 39th Inf 883283, F Co 986274, 3rd Bn, 39th Inf, K Co moving north to E Co's sector for support, no other change for notorious. 297th Engrs established a road block vicinity of 007363 and recieved artillery fire.
- 1240- S-3 to Delight 3: Why didn't you knock those guns out. they are knocking the buildings apart. How about throwing some direct fire up there. (Delight 3) If you have a place to shoot we will shoot it. (S-3) Shoot along the tops of the hill, and in back of Cruxifix Hill. (S-1) The enemy has been seen at these places during the last few days: 872436, 875443, 877455, 881455, 885445, 883450, 883448, 887449, 887453, 896450, 903445, 907442, 915435, 919437, 925435, and 430437. About two rounds each, double load at 896450 and 903445. (Delight 3) The wind is coming from 6000 azimuth.
- 1245- S-3 to Blue 3: How are you doing? (Blue 3) A few shells once in awhile, but they don't bother us much. K and L Cos are Ok, haven't heard from I Co lately. There is plenty of enemy out there, and we shoot mortars at them and they shoot at us. (S-2) We are laying some pamphlets out to the pill boxes in front of you today.
- 1250- S-3 to Decoy Blue: How are things going, any shelling? (Decoy Blue) Shelling coming and going. (S-2) We are laying some pamphlets up north along the hill near Point 30.



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- 1300- S-3 to White 3: What does your OP report? (White 3) 30 enemy personnel milling around a haystack at 912495 adjusting artillery. (S-2) Notified them of laying pamphlets on enemy. Also gave him the latest G-2 report.
- 1315- Message from G-4: Expenditure of 105 Howitzer M-3 of 1/3rd unit of fire per day authorized 27 Sept 1944 is revoked. During period 280600A Sept to 050600A Oct ammunition expenditure is restricted as follows: 105 Howitzer M-3 500 rounds, 81mm mortar light 2, 166 rounds, 81mm mortar WP 250 rounds.
- 1320- Maj Post to S-3: We are in the process of moving the civilians. (S-3) Will you have finished by tonight? (Maj Post) Yes, we will.
- 1325- S-3 to Red 3: What is your situation? (Red 3) Same as usual. (S-3) How do you like the new ammunition? (Red 3) No advantage to it and it has very limited use.
- 1327- Message from G-6: New location PW cage 794372 opened 281200A.
- 1330- White 2 to S-2: Freeport OP reports at 1255 hours at 912495 there were 30 enemy with equipment milling around.
- 1335- White OP to S-2: A Flying Fort was just shot down. 3 of the crew bailed out and Jerry went after them at 913416. Plane hit in Wieden. There is another fort flying away in apparent trouble.
- 1337- S-2 to G-2: Gives him the above report on Flying Forts. Our OP can see a gun flash at 808414. (G-2) I don't know if that is ours or enemy.
- 1350- Decoy Blue to S-2: A plane was shot down 1000 yards north of K Co.
- 1353- Decoy Blue to S-3: We are sending out 3 patrols tonight. The 1st one is going to 8743, 2nd to 883449, the 3rd to 867436 and 873436. They will start after midnight.
- 1354- Blue 3 to S-3: Just a few minutes ago a bomber was shot down. At 0920 hours L Co heard motor movement 1000 yards to the front. 3 new foxholes north of house at 914433, we fired 81s and hit the dugout. Enemy is in brick house at 92054310, saw cigaretts in area. At 1010 hours enemy was seen building a fire in woods at 915431; at 1030 hours six enemy were walking around at 911437; at we fired 81s at them. M Co fired indirect machine gun fire from mortar position.
- 1355- Lt Carroll to S-3: Armored made contact by patrol with 113th Cav and 8th Belgian Brigade. CCA is in vicinity of K-5862; CCB vicinity of K-6068; CCR vicinity 6168. Latitude continued to close in assembly area. Powerhouse and Custom continued active patrolling to their front.
- 1400- Capt Ralph to S-3: We are with everyone. No activity up here to speak of. Do you think we should lay double lines to the battalions? (S-3) Yes, but by different routes.
- 1410- Delight 2 to S-3: Are you getting any fire now? (S-3) Not for the last hour and a half. (Delight 2) We poured some on that hill, if they shall again let us know and we will pour more to them on it. We are giving the enemy the same as you are getting. We have a battalion zeroed on a house 913484, believe it is a CP and are giving them hell everytime they move.



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- 1410- Lt Carroll to S-3: Notorious reports enemy dumps in vicinity of Wanninsburg and Verlautenhiede according to civilians. Dumps are said to be camouflaged as hay stacks. One dump is 100 meters west of main road going into Verlant. BSS reports that 9/10 of the city of Aachen has been destroyed or badly damaged by air bombardment. 1000 civilians remain in the city and about 20,000 refugees from the city are in the suburbs. Equivalent of only one battalion of SS troops are holding the city proper, they are sworn by oath to remain in the city, even if it capitulates and oppose occupying forces by any means possible. Unestimated number of SS troops and concrete fortifications in Aachen, and Haaren area. Proposition of SS personnel to Wehrmach in this area is 1 to 3. Convoys that are observed are bringing ammunitions and troops into the city and evacuate the civilians. A large enemy ammunition dump located in Hastenrath. It is reported that the enemy have been preparing a defensive line running south from Dusseldorf to east side of Erft Canal, to Weilerswist (367405), to Euskirohen (327297). Dextrose fired on enemy OP in Aachen at 141414, saw men on top of houses who had good observation. Divarty fired a concentration on the town of Haaren this morning. Decoy reports an enemy mortar battery in vicinity of 869459, active enemy OP at 875457, enemy battery of 105s at 874456.
- 1515- Blue 2 to S-2: Just in front of L Co outpost line they have set up a line of booby trapped hand grenades and trip flares. Also have across road at this point, 10 AT mines 918432. We are making up an overlay and sending it in.
- 1525- Decoy Blue to S-3: Plenty of enemy traffic going in and out of Aachen northeast at 855464, can we get an air mission.
- 1526- G-2 to S-2: From Decoy as of noon today: they saw a battery of mortars at 869458, could that be yours? (S-2) Could be. (G-2) Enemy OP at 875457. Defensive position greater than a company strength at 873456 to 884456. Enemy battery of 105s at 874456.
- 1535- S-2 to Delight 3: Gives them above information as reported by Decoy. (Delight 3) We knocked out an enemy OP that was well camouflaged, one round knocked off the camouflage, and then we poured in more to finish it off. Sporadic time fire being put on Cruxifix Hill. 8 inch Howitzers are being fired on hill north of Aachen. The cub picked an enemy gun firing in a gully be Verlautenheide and we fired on them.
- 1545- G-2 to S-2: The General is anxious that all males coming out of Aachen be sent to Division PW Cage. We called Divarty on the traffic reported on the road out of Aachen, and the Colonel also called Corps requesting air.
- 1556- Red 5 to S-3: Our new Rear CP location is 600 yards due south of Point 36.
- 1606- White 3 to S-3: Anything going on? (S-3) Not a thing. The artillery spotted what appears to be an observation post sticking out like a sore thumb and they threw an 8 inch shell on it and blew the camouflage out. Then hit it with a battalion concentration. They are also throwing air bursts towards Cruxifix Hill. (Red 5) Anything new coming up. (S-3) No everything is quiet.
- 1618- White 2 to S-3: Our OP reports a large convoy of personnel carriers filled with troops moving east to west at town of St. Joris at 925496. Can you get air on it? (S-3) Will try.



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- 1619- S-3 to G-3: Relays above message and asks for air mission. (G-3) We will try to get it, in the meantime get artillery on it.
- 1620- Delight 2 to Delight 3: Relays message regarding traffic. (Delight 3) Lt Stabler called it in and we relayed it to Divarty. They are getting cub up. We are getting data now.
- 1625- White 2 to S-3: What about the air? (S-3) Division is trying to get air. How many vehicles? (White 3) 30 at first, 12 more by now. (S-3) Divarty is going to have a shoot on it. They are sending up the cub to spot the target.
- 1638- Lt Carroll to S-3: ~~Custom~~ ran into enemy pill boxes which were manned. 117th Inf blew up enemy pill boxes, other pill boxes fired at them whenever they stick their heads out. Latitude closed into its assembly area, also 7th Armored Div. They plan to push at 0600 hours. They are to protect the Limey right flank. The Limeys have withdrawn 3000 to the little Rhine to the south 5,000 1st Airborne (British) missing. One battalion of enemy attacked across the river E-6075, but is being held up by 8th Armored and one battalion British 43rd Div. Down in the south of us, the 5th Inf Div is encountering heavy opposition, enemy infantry and tanks including the 11th Panzer Div, concentrating in front of the 182nd Corps of the 3rd Army. Many small counter-attacks on all front. Forward troops of the 83rd Div are at U-8590, 0524, P-0014. Tactical report as of 1305 hours from <sup>CPRAS</sup> at K-9443 marshalling area bombed; at K-9446 box cars on siding; at K-9847 5 box cars on siding; at K9847 5 box cars on siding; at F1046 200 cars in marshalling yard; at F-1752 train of 20 box cars going west; at F-1842, 40 box cars with engines on siding; considerable activity noticed in all this area. Picked up train coming west with 30 cars at F-3429 all the way through that area to Cologne.
- 1647- Blue 2 to Capt Whitney: K Co report 12 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar shells landed at point 59. Estimate enemy mortar position at 910440. Six man enemy patrol was intercepted by outpost at 911433, the outpost fired on the patrol, who then withdrew to the northeast. At 1552 hours L Co fired 60mm mortars at 92054310 believed to be an enemy position. At 1642 hours K Co enemy mortar which were firing believe to be in the vicinity of 914438. Also heard some small arms fire coming from Co E. Believe Co E is firing on enemy chow line.
- 1653- G-3 to S-3: We are to have air on it. Corps is handling it. They are out of our control. See if you can see them work on the road and let us know.
- 1705- White 2 to S-3: Vehicles in vicinity of St. Joris went west from there over to Linden, then went out of sight.
- 1715- S-3 to G-3: Gives them above report.
- 1718- S-2 to G-2: Gives them the report on traffic at St. Joris. (G-2) Our big guns are firing on St. Joris and they say that the town was knocked down.
- 1730- Message from G-6: Effective 290800A 1106 Engineer Group with two combat battalions is attached to 18th Inf and will reinforce position now held by 18th.
- 1732- Blue 2 to S-2: Any dope? (S-2) About an hour ago at 925498, 42 vehicles loaded with troops going to Linden. Lots of traffic in and out of Aacheen, we tried to get air but they couldn't see anything.



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- 1750- White 2 to S-2: What is doing? (S-2) Nothing. What is the story on shooting a chow line? (White 2) We didn't shoot but did see enemy standing up about 500 yards west of 61. We saw the usual traffic along the Norweiden road. In addition to the 42 vehicles there were 78 foot soldiers, some men were carrying long poles, two men to a pole.
- 1800- S-2 to G-2: Gives the above report from White.
- 1810- S-3 to Decoy Blue: Can you give me the coordinates of your night fires. (Decoy Blue) 852457, 856453, 866456. (S-3) Have your kitchens moved. (Decoy Blue) No.
- 1815- S-3 to White 3: Can you give me the coordinates of your night fires? (White 3) The same as always, no change. (S-3) What about patrols? (White 3) Normal security patrols. Our artillery observer saw and fired on 2 enemy vehicles, 2 carts and 11 men at 916468.
- 1820- S-3 to Red 3: What are you doing about night fires? (Red 3) No change and no patrols.
- 1822- S-3 to Blue 3: What are your night fires? (Blue 3) I will have the artillery officer call you back on that. No change in the patrols.
- 1825- Message from G-4: Effective immediately and until further notice you are authorized to expend 1500 rounds 3 inch gun HE ammunition for indirect fire during each period 0600 Sunday to 0600 Sunday. Previous restriction rescinded.
- 1850- S-3 to Delight 3: We want harassing fire on 928471, 879467, 91054645, 92264500, 92784426, 93034446, 912439, 86884535, 87454605. What night fires are you shooting for the battalions? (Delight 3) For Blue--Points 70, 75, 914439, 913441, 92134345; Decoy Blue 852457, 856543, 866456. I will call you when I get White and Red.
- 1852- White 2 to S-3: Our OP reported at 919469, 80 to 90 enemy seen going southeast on foot into woods at 1832 hours. The artillery fired on them, but we would like plenty more artillery put on them.
- 1900- G-3 to S-3: Did anything come of the air? (S-3) Air went over but did not get on target. Convey went to town of Linden. (G-3) Did tank company make relief? (S-3) Other company is Ok. Company was to go off the alert at noon and the new company is on alert now.
- 1905- S-2 to G-2: Notifies them of the 80 to 90 foot troops at 919469.
- 1908- S-3 to G-3: Our new CP location is at 903393. We have wires in but aren't moving until later in the evening. We will notify you when we move.
- 1910- S-4 to S-3: The new water point will be at 886343, and will be open at daylight.
- 1928- Blue 3 to S-3: Patrols for tonight are--contact every hour left to right. K Co patrol to pill box, will get as close as possible and booby trap it. At 920431 is factory believed to have enemy in it, and L Co patrol is going out to look. At 913432 enemy approaching K Co, but we are firing mortars at them. We don't know their number, but no vehicles.



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- 1930- Decoy Blue to S-3: Fired machine guns today to see if enemy withdrew and received machine gun fire back from them. At 873438 there are a couple of houses with machine guns in them, we knocked the houses down with mortars. At 864447 we drew fire (machine gun), also got plenty of 150. (S-3) At 925498 a convoy of 40 vehicles going east into town south of Linded, we tried to get planes on it but they flew over and didn't see them. We have M-10 firing in-direct fire on the cross roads.
- 1945- White 3 to S-3: Co E reports at 2330 hours last night an enemy tank was 600 to 800 yards in front of their right flank firing towards G Co. At 0210 hours a sniper firing from a pill box 100 yards in front of 2nd platoon. At 0325 hours enemy vehicles 2000 yard northeast of them. At 1745 hours spotted enemy mortar position 300 to 400 yards on 360 degree azimuth from center of company. At 1700 hours 15 to 25 enemy with mess kits 500 yards in the woods. At 1800 hours at 2000 yards 70 degree azimuth a house with chimney smoke, someone occupying the house. At 1815 hours one enemy 200 yards in the woods, BAR took care of it. Reports from 4.2s and 7th Field--On east-west road at 914485 horse drawn carts and movement at 0900 hours. At 0930 hours one enemy platoon same place going west. At 1700 hours a few enemy personnel went into house at 914485, also went into house 100 yards east of the first house. Same sniper 300 to 500 yards in front of OP.
- 1950- G-6 to S-6: Have you moved yet? (S-6) Not yet, but will just as soon as it is dark enough. K Co reported enemy approaching them, but fired mortars and they think they withdrew.
- 2040- Blue 3 to S-3: L Co contacted C Co., all quiet. Heard enemy digging in at 914435, and horse drawn vehicle at 918435 also enemy mortar there.
- 2044- Decoy Blue 6 to S-3: I was just talking to Col Horner about our plan to use his tanks in case I am threatened and he doesn't know about it. Could you let me know about it? (S-3) I will take care of it.
- 2048- S-3 to Blue 6: Discussed the use of his tanks if Decoy Blue is threatened, and Blue 6 suggests getting them from Decoy.
- 2100- G-2 to S-3: Civilian picked up today by Omaha said all civilians had been told to evacuate Aachen because heavy artillery is being moved in there in preparation for a counterattack Saturday morning, also saw fresh troops moving into Aachen wearing Russian campaign ribbons. Also saw a few enemy tanks at 929444.
- 2120- S-2 to G-2: Enemy six man patrol worked to 912432, and we chased them off. Another tried at 913432 and was mortared by us. Enemy heard digging in vicinity 914433 at 2030 hours. Horse drawn vehicle in vicinity of 919435. Enemy has been active today at 920431. Decoy Blue put on an indirect firing demonstration this afternoon and drew fire at 873438. Two or more guns at 873445. Enemy mortars fired from 895455. 15 enemy with mess kits in vicinity 901443. A couple of snipers in that vicinity. There have been some single green flares at 9044 tonight. I believe from indications more troops in vicinity. (G-2) Things indicate a counterattack tomorrow or the next day. I look for something tomorrow morning. Let me know if you get any more ideas.
- 2135- S-2 to Red 2: Gives him the above information. (Red 2) Horse drawn vehicles or artillery heard, enemy still active. We received mortar and artillery fire but on lesser scale. A concentration on C Co left flank.



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- 2150- S-2 to Blue 2: Gave him information from the message at 2120 hours. (Blue 2) On road at 890454 enemy registering gun there, very heavy shell. The shelling is about the same, 10 rounds in K Co area in the last hour, 5 rounds at a time, at half hour intervals. There is extra patrolling by the enemy. (S-2) There seems to be a strong point at 863447/ (Blue 2) I think tomorrow is the day for something to happen.
- 2200- S-2 to White: Gives him the summary of intelligence reports. (White 2) There was a fire fight on the left flank of E Co towards I Co about 10 minutes ago. Karas thinks the enemy is trying to take the pill box that was the closest in. 2 enemy were picked off at 75 yards at this point. Indications are that the enemy is filling up the woods to the northeast and can jump off at any time. I think we can look for something, everyone is alerted. Trip wires have been installed to hold them off until mortars can get in.
- 2215- S-6 to G-3: What is the ammunition set up? (G-3) There is no worry that I know of with the exception of M-3. (S-6) If there is any shortage I want to know because there is a definite build up out front, and I want to be able to fire plenty in case of an attack. (G-3) Yes, I know.
- 2217- S-2 to Blue 2: Is there any indication of an enemy build up in your sector? (Blue 2) No, but we are maintaining an alert, K Co especially.
- 2220- S-6 to G-3: I want my 4.2 mortars that the 18th has. (G-3) The engineers have them. The 18th is going through where Blue is. (S-6) Indications of a build up out front and we need mortars. I haven't been able to convince anyone up there that I am situated up here in a position where I can't afford to have an attack start on me. According to artillery we can't expend ammunition on a target unless it can be observed. The minute they hit my lines with a force greater than mine, I am finished. There are 2 or 3 places where that is possible. (A detailed discussion of artillery ammunition expenditure follows in which Lt Col Curtis, Asst G-4 is brought in on the line. Col Curtis indicates that the ammunition for artillery is not critical enough to be limited in a case of emergency, and that S-6 could expect heavy artillery support when asked for when the situation called for artillery) (S-6) We are in agreement then, I can call for artillery and get it. (G-3) That's right. I will call you back. (S-6) Call me at the new CP.
- 2300- Decoy Blue- Negative report.
- 2320- Red: Negative report.
- 2327- White: Negative report.
- 2330- Capt Ralph to G-3: We are opening our new CP and closing the old one as of 2330 hours. New CP location 902393.
- 2345- Capt Whitney to Delight 3: Col Gibb talked to G-3 and we can exceed our ammunition allowance on a fire request from Col Gibb.
- 2350- S-2 to White 2: What is going on? (White 2) All quiet. (S-2) We saw some illuminating flare. (White 2) I have no reports on that. About 2310 hours 2 or 3 green flares were reported northeast of here.



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- 0002 - L Co patrol went to 926434, saw <sup>tub</sup> Ey in that vic., on road, also 3 amber flares to East. K Co shot up illuminating flares, saw Ey at 913434. Heard tanks and motorcycles moving about vicinity of Atsch.
- 0005 - Red: Negative report.
- 0018 - Decoy Blue: Vehicle movement vicinity of 887442 on road running NE. (S-3) OK, go ahead and fire it.
- 0020 - S-3 to Decoy Blue: Isn't that spot a little close to fire? Ans: It is at 877442. I believe I gave you wrong coordinates before. Ans: OK, go ahead and fire it.
- 0032 - Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: Decoy Blue reported vehicle s moving vicinity of 877442 and they asked Delight to fire on it. Everything else is quiet.
- 0035 - Dagwood Red to Lt. Stephens: A and B Co negative. C Co reports few small arms fire to their left. Some mortar fire.
- 0058 - Dag. Blue to Lt. Stephens: All quiet over here. One amber flare seen since last report.
- 0100 - Delight line in and Dextrose line out.
- 0102 - Dag. White: All quiet.
- 0105 - Dag. Red to Lt. Stephens: C Co reports direct fire weapon around point 70. Is it okay to fire that. Ans: Okay, to fire.
- 0110,- Lt. Stephens to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0130 - Decoy Blue: Ey tank movement at 882448 moving very slowly. Trying to get arty on it now.
- 0200 - Dagwood Red: Everything quiet.
- 0205 - Dagwood Blue: Quiet except for contact patrol with first Bn.



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- 0206 - Dagwood White: Negative report.
- 0208 - Delight to S-3: OK to fire at 883449? Ans: Will let you know.
- 0215 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Quiet except Blue (Decoy) heard few tanks in front of them. Delight will put few rounds on them if White Bn gives clearance.
- 0225 - White to Capt. Clark: If they don't come further East than 885 it will be OK to fire.
- 0226 - Capt. Clark to Decoy Blue: Tells of above. Decoy Blue doesn't want shoot at 883449 now because they have patrol out.
- 0227 - Capt. Clark to Delight, Lt. McFadden: Gives above information. Delight: If they call us as soon as Patrol returns and still want us to shoot, we will shoot.
- 0250 - Lt. Cramer (Decoy S-3) to Capt. Clark: Patrol returned to report Ey horse drawn vehicles in that area, also Ey digging in. Capt. Clark: Have your arty liaison officer coordinate with Delight.
- 0300 - Lt. Cramer (Decoy) to Capt. Clark: Contacted Delight and they will fire.
- 0300 - Blue Bn reports all quiet except small arms fire on left.
- 0310 - White Bn reports bursts of Ey MG fire over their head, short while ago.
- 0310 - Capt. Clark to <sup>G</sup>S-3: Tells of Decoy Blue situation, also reports Red and Blue negative activity.
- 0330 - Decoy Blue to Capt. Friedman: That Arty shoot is over will shoot again in 10 minutes.
- 0355 - White Bn: Negative report.
- 0358 - Blue Bn: Negative report.



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- 0401 - Red Bn: Negative report.
- 0405 - Capt. Friedman to Danger 3: Negative report.
- 0456 - Dagwood Blue: Negative report.
- 0500 - White Bn: Negative report.
- 0501 - Decoy Blue: All quiet. L reports a short burst of Ey small arms which was directed away from our lines. The OP at L Co is investigating the incident now.
- 0525 - Red Bn: Negative report.
- 0526 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Knight Danger 3: Negative report except L Co of Decoy Blue above item concerning small arms fire.
- 0603 - Decoy Blue to S-3: Lots of activity around our left flank. Arty falling in Bn area and in Eilendorf.
- 0605 - S-3 to Dextrose 3: Lots of activity around you White and Decoy Blue. Ans: We are firing a lot of arty ourselves. We are pulling a raid.
- 0607 - S-3 to Decoy Blue: Dextrose White on your left is putting on a show. Arty is falling in front of K Co, not on it.
- 0608 - Lt. Kestlinger to White Bn: Negative report. Gives info on Dextrose.
- 0609 - Lt. Kestlinger to Blue Bn: Negative report. Dextrose report given. (Same report given to Red Bn at this time, and also called to Danger 3).
- 0614 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: All negative. Decoy Blue reported arty fire, Dextrose putting on raid. Ans: If you have anything to add to this report on the raid, let us know.



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- 0618 - G-2 to Lt. Kestlinger: What is going on down there?  
Ans: Comparitively quiet there, Dextrose is putting on a show which had us scared for awhile, I'm surprised that you people didn't know anything about it. Ans: I didn't hear anything about it either.
- 0645 - G-3 to Lt. Kestlinger: Anything new? Ans: No, sir, everything quiet. G-3: How about patrols? Ans: Just contact, sir, and short outpost patrols.
- 0740 - Lt. Kestlinger to Decoy Blue: How is everything?  
Ans: Got a little of Dextrose returns here, mortar where I am, mortar and arty in front line.
- 0701 - Blue CP to Lt. Kestlinger: Negative report.
- 0730 - Capt. Whitney to Delight: All quiet on our front except Dextrose put on a little show last night but ours were exceptionally quiet. Got report of Ey digging in at 922417.
- 0800 - Capt. Hall, White 3 to Lt. Zack: Two groups of enemy digging emplacements on 925471 and 930470, considerable action, enemy working like hell. Approx., 30 to 40 troops and 3 to 4 vehicles. (Give this msg to Major Lauten).
- 0820 - Maj. Lauten to Danger 2: Relayed about msg from Capt. Hall.
- 0845 - G-6 to S-6: How are things this morning? Ans: All quiet, 26th had 3 raids last night. G-6: How do you feel about Driscolls front? Ans: I am not so much concerned about that as I am the right flank. G-6: I am going to put a Bn in for Adams. Will send the Bn commander to you and you can go over the plans.



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- 0845 - Lt. Carroll's report: Dacey Red patrol which was going into AACHEN, got as far as 820439. They ran into enemy strong point, which was a large estate. They had a fire fight and then they withdrew back and shelled the place. Estimated approx., 1200 Ey rounds fell on the division. It became a build up of arty. Dextrose reports: Civilian from AACHEN, no unusual number of troops in AACHEN. He says the people in the city are having a continual party. They are helping themselves to what is left in the town. The troops are also doing the same. Food and clothing are being evacuated. Palace Hotel still has a few political personnel hanging around. Estimate 1000 to 1500 people in town. It is rumored in the town that Goering is in protective custody for suggesting peace. Two (2) days ago the men from 16 to 60 were evacuated for military training.
- 0847 - G-2 to S-2: How are things going? Ans: Tells about Ey digging in and talked about the show over at the 26th.
- 0905 - S-2 to Blue 2: What went on last night? Ans: Nothing alarming except some mortars came in. Factory was reported clear. Maj. Lauten tells what the rest of the units saw on their fronts.
- 0922 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Lycas: What's going on? Ans: Nothing unusual. No build up and no change. Maj. Lauten: (Lauten gives summary of night's reports.
- 0925 - Maj. Lauten to Maj. Carter: What was outcome of last night? Anything startling? Ans: No, same as before. Convoys still moving this morning. Maj. Lauten: What about route 30, is traffic still heavy? Ans: Don't know, we had a patrol down to RR track and just past RR track ran into Germans. That is the upper road, at Point 30.
- 0930 - S-2 to White 2: What's new? Ans: At 0830 10 Ey on military highway at 925471, carts and vehicular movement, also men, think it is a CP - 919483. Maj Lauten tells what other units are doing about demonstrations that no one knew about. Reports that our Bns hear some Ey movement last night.



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- 0932 - G-2 to S-2: What do you want bombed the most? I will give you two targets.
- 0943 - Capt. Whitney to Maj. Goff: (Discussion on arty concentrations for counterattack plan).
- 0950 - S-2 to G-2: Maj. Lauten tells about the Ey on our front. Atsch was designated as No. 1 target and Eischweiler No. 2, as air targets. G-2: If you say that there are a few Colonels at that place you call CP, we will put the big guns on it.
- 1015 - S-3 to Capt. Benson Delight 3: Brown has no M-3 ammo, can you let them have some? How are we fixed on ammo? Ans: Just basic load, can't Brown send truck to ASP or depot instead of sending truck here? (S-3) Brown will draw from you in case of emergency.
- 1020 - G-3 to S-3: At 1500 hours today two groups of fighter bombers of ours hitting points 920443, 925445, 920440, 926443, on back side of road SW to NE. Town of Atsch. Town of Haaren bombing tomorrow, will call later.
- 1025 - Lt. Cramer, Decoy Blue to Maj. Lauten S-2: 10 man roving patrol there all night, a little N of where all the factories are. At 872436, they were fired on from left of railroad crossing. Bridge there definitely out. 3rd patrol went to 883446, heavy enemy outpost there, was fired on. Heard vehicles at road junction at 883449. Put arty on it about ½ hour later. Results not known. We have road block at 887444. None of the patrols could get thru. 10 man patrol 15 or 20 yards from them so they laid still. We can probably get a mortar concentration on them. S-2: At 873433, Ey living in school, also road block there. Have trouble getting down to pistol factory now.
- 1030 - S-3 to G-3: Decoy Blue is concerned about having no armor. We have some with 3rd Bn Hq but that is hot spot. Can't we get some med. from Decoy to Decoy Blue? A platoon of meds, would straighten him out. Ans: All right, I'll see what I can do, let you know.



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- 1115 - Col. Hicks to Col. Gibb: Our lines have been cut 5 times lately and everytime it has been in Brand. Can you get someone to police the place? Ans: Sure will.
- 1120 - Lt. Carroll: Decoy C Co patrol went to 814410. No contact with Ey. E Co patrol went to 844403. Ey Ordnance and repair shop there. No Germans there. Another patrol went to 799424, found pill box occupied by enemy. About 0100 hours they heard Ey horse drawn vehicles 815425. 5th FA fired on them.
- 1130 - S-3 to Lt. Golden (Brown): What is the situation on your M-3 ammo, how many rounds have you got on hand? Ans: 517 rounds of M-3, 220 rounds of M-2. S-3: Fire your M-2 ammo and hold your M-3 for close in fire. Do you get more dispersion with M-2? Ans: Yes, more dispersion up to 1000 yards. S-3: Don't fire overcharge 4 with M-2 ammo. Corps has allotments of M-2 for you, how much I don't know. I know that you don't want to use it but you'll just have to use it. Utilize 7th FA as far as possible. You'll draw ammo from 7th FA, work with Major Heath. You draw from dump now but I don't know how many rounds.
- 1155 - Freeport OP to Major Lauten: At 0900, 5 Ey Inf on trail to Marsbrook at 922476. One Ey vehicle to W on Marsbrook road. At 0915 2 Ey leaving at 925471 turning NE on Marsbrook road. At 0930, 4 horse drawn vehicles going W on Marsbrook road. At 1015, 1 horse drawn cart seen coming over crest of hill at 925471, one of our arty shells landed there, and it (cart) went NE. At 1020, 1 Ey vehicle going E on main road 929484. At 1045, 1 command car on military highway going E 925471. At 1100, 2 horse drawn carts going E on Marsbrook road. 3 Ey Inf in each wagon 929486. At some time lot of civilians going into pill boxes in front of Freeport. At least 7 in one, 15 in another. In town of Weiden, a red cross flag flying on small church, 300 yards to right of main church. Somebody with some kind of equipment in steeple, possible OP.



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- 1200 - Captain Whitney to Capt. Hall: I've talked to everyone and it was just to get 60 rounds to fire. A kitchen truck will be there this afternoon. Capt. Hall: We are to balance their ammo. Whitney: Well, yes, just fire so much, and have so much on hand.
- 1215 - Major White to Major Smith: Air mission today, two groups of planes at 1500 hours. Smoke will be put down so they can see their target. (Gives points that air will work on, previously listed in this journal).
- 1221 - Lt. Kestlinger to Disguise duty officer: Have no mine report forms, but am making up an overlay compositive of the Bns. Let me know if that is OK. Ans: Yes, sir, I will.
- 1222 - Maj. White, S-3, to Lt. Chandler, White 3: At 1500 hours, 2 groups of fighter bombers will bomb at: (4 coordinates make a square--lists coordinates previously listed). This is over where reports of build up have been taking place. Order evidently came from Division. There is indications that we will get more. Decoy is drawing back, 2 other groups going up, this started at 8 AM.  
(Captain Hall comes to phone and Maj. White talks with him regarding "Big Picture" and developments of last few days. S-3 asks if Capt. Hall thinks it advisable to use M-10's for indirect fire. The answer being no. Capt. Hall said M-10's were placed well for antitank roll at this time).
- 1225 - From Freeport OP: <sup>OC</sup> Civilians in pill boxes at 893458 and 895459. The doors are open. They were not before. Civilian belongings piled up in front of pill boxes, also 1 woman and 1 girl seen on road going into Weiden, coming from direction of pill boxes.
- 1235 - Lt. Roehrig (Blue Bn) to Maj. Lauten: Can you give me location of Co A, 1st Engrs? Ans: 834353.



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- 1237 - Captain Scottsmith to Cpl. Egstrom: Give me coded coordinates of Dextrose CP. Ans: 863397. (WSTTUN)
- 1245 - Maj. White, S-3 to Captain Edmonds, Red Bn: Cannon Co has only a limited amount of M-3, has a lot of M-2 but that has a great dispersion of range and is inaccurate. Suggest you use Arty when possible, O'Brien only has 500 rounds of M-3 and we will want to save that for an emergency. Ans: I see, we can just as well use the arty. Things are better up here now, still see Jerries. Briggs said he fired some of that 60 stuff and sees no advantage in using it. The ranges which it is good for are covered by a Bazooka, and the projectile can be seen going through the air, Ey can see it too. S-3: How are your ammo stocks? Ans: Good on everything except 60's, we've been trying to build up. (S-3) Red smoke by arty will be used for bombing this afternoon. (The M-10 which we have, is available to the Bn on call).
- 1255 - Maj. White S-3 to Captain O'Brien (Brown): The M-3 situation is not good. We are getting some extra M-2 through Corps. (O'Brien): I understand, sir. The M-2 can be used by Assault guns O.J. (S-3) Arty can fire some of your missions. (O'Brien): Under the present situation we can get by OK, the M-3 can be saved for close in work. I will use up some M-2 this afternoon and write it up for you.
- 1315 - Lt. Kestlinger to Capt. Donnlevy G-2: Maj. Lauten had a map 1/10,000 East of Aachen to Eilendorf. Ans: I'll have Maj. Lauten call you, as I don't know about it.
- 1355 - Lt. Walker, Blue 2 to Lt. Kestlinger: Anything new? Ans: No. (Discuss air mission of 1500 hours and talk over patrol report to be handed in today).
- 1350 - Operator reports a 3rd line is in with Danger.



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- 1358 - Maj. White to Capt. Elder Blue 3: Both missions have same target, one bombing mission at 1500 hours and one at 1800. (Maj. White gives info on coordinates of the air raid). Decoy has 2 units being pulled back, not blue. M-10's in any position to do indirect firing? Ans: No. (S-3) How about ammo? Ans: We could use some 60. North on the right of British your home town friends jumped off this morning. People on south also jumped. No info on these.
- 1430 - Lt. Carroll to Cpl. Belonga: Decoy: Patrol went to 827404 - 8029405 and to 832443, then back to company, no contact with Ey. Div., Arty, reported at 925470 saw Ey, brought them under fire, Med Arty piece was brought in to the same place and it was knocked out. German troops in Calaise asked for an Armistice, it was to be discussed this morning. MP picked up a civilian, who has been living in AACHEN. She said at 86654325-87254335 the Germans have guns concealed in the tunnel on tracks. They roll them out and fire and then roll them back in. Corps: Notorious has PW,
- 1430 - Capt. Scottsmith of Decoy Blue visits CP and gets disposition of units from S-3. 72 Arty Regt of 526 Div. PW says howitzer firing on Stolberg from 015446, elements of 12th SS in Longerwehe; elements of 19 SS in Duren. Further stated that Gen Deitrick was last reported CG 7th Army, was recently in Duren.
- 1445 - Lt. Lycas to Maj. Lauten: Ey troops moving around 934434, 925436, 937439 - smoke coming out of houses and building between Point 75 and 76. Ey troops entered shack near Point 85 fired 2 rounds of mortar, second round was direct hit.
- 1450 - Lt. Cramer to Maj. Lauten: Patrol for tonight leaves at 0300 returns 0500. Going to 884448.
- 1525 - Col. Peckham to Maj. White: Will you relay this msg to Dextrose? Ans: Yes, sir. Peckham: Have them lift mortar fire from following coordinates 876426. It's firing on my Bn, I am getting a platoon of tanks. (Med) from my regiment tonight. I sure can put them to good use.



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- 1529 - Maj. White to Capt. Clisson (Dextrose): Col. Peckham of Decoy Blue who is attached to Dagwood called and asks that your R Bn lift mortar fire on 876426. It is landing on his elements. Ans: OK, Sir, I will get it right away. I doubt if they are firing.
- 1530 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Chandler: What has Freeport to say? Ans: We have not seen the bombing show yet. At 1305 hours, 1 man carrying ammo at 925471; 1308 - at 925471 2 Ey entered woods; 1320 hours horse drawn wagon lead by 2 Ey at 925470 going NE.; 1335, 10 Ey at 925470; 1330 - 2 Ey 915465 went to 925470, were digging in; 1345 hours, 1 horse drawn wagon going on 918483, going west. E Company getting mortared.
- 1540 - Capt. Clisson, Dextrose to Maj. White: We haven't fired our mortars since 1330. Ans: OK, thanks, it must be coming from N of Aachen.
- 1545 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Walker: I haven't the planes yet. At 920432 Ey. Everything is the same, no change along our front. Have seen no records of pamphlets. Mortar falling in K company area. (Maj. Lauten tells what is going on, on the other units front.)
- 1550 - Maj. Lauten to Capt. Donnlevy G-2: (Tells about civilians moving in on the pill boxes, and the people on the military highway. Says that we have not seen the air corps yet).
- 1550 - Maj. White to Decoy Blue: I called Dextrose about mortars firing in your positions and they stated their mortars haven't fired since 1330. Will you tell Colonel Peckham this? Ans: Yes, sir.
- 1600 - Maj. White to Captain Groves: Can you get as much 60 mm as you need? Ans: No, I can't. They are keeping it up to basic. If Colonel takes steps with Colonel Eymmer, we may be able to. They are trying to keep it up to basic allowance. As now, the allowance for 60mm ammo hasn't changed. Allowance is 2/3 of basic.



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- 1604 - Maj. Lord to Maj. White: Where are the airplanes?  
Ans: They are on the way. Get your OP and see if they hit it, keep line open.
- 1640 - Sgt. Carlasse Dagwood Blue to Lt. Kestlinger: The planes are dropping the bombs behind K and M companies now. We have our panels out. S-3: Notify all your companies to put out their panels.
- 1700 - Lt. Lycas to Major Lauten: A couple bombs fell short. Large columns of smoke, can't see any ground. One fell about 600 yards from OP. Some fell near factory at 925435. Only can see lots of smoke and dust around Atsch. They got 2 of our planes. Strafing very close to here. Drew a lot of flak the first flight, some of our own flak fired from the south. The planes came back in pairs and the first three pairs were fired on.
- 1705 - Air mission at ATSCH - Maj. White to Captain Dawson: How was the bombing? Ans: Red smoke in factory district. Freeport reports bombs hitting target into red smoke. Covering area well. Dawson: The last three bombs were a little to the left. Strafing reached the front of our positions.
- 1705 - Maj. White to Maj. Lord G-3: K Company reports bombs dropping 200 yards from the, one bomb around F Co. OP said that they dropped bomb near pill box, only 150 yards from it. Think they knocked out a mortar position, 934428. O'Brien's OP reports that one bomb hit the church in town.  
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- 1706 - Maj. Lauten to Captain Hall: How many hurt in your Bn? Ans: No one hurt as far as we know. One dropped in E Co area, and one in G Co area. S-2: What was effect? Ans: Can't tell yet. Will let you know if we find out anything.



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- 1715 - Capt. Donnlevy G-2 to Major Lauten: What happened this afternoon? Ans: Dropped bombs in Atsch, dropped then in 90 Grid. G-2: Did they land any in your area? S-2: They dropped them but no one was hurt. G-2: Determine reported Ey Inf column on road, planes strafed road and Ey scattered so they strafed woods. How many planes do you estimate as being over? Ans: About 50, also show over to the NE. G-2: If any counterattack was being formed over there it should be broken up now. We are putting out some Ey notes on Periodic tonight which are very interesting. S-2: No PW's today, or yesterday. G-2: If you get any information on this enemy column, let us know, will you? Ans: Okay.
- 1715 - Maj. White to Maj. Lord: More planes flying around. Lord: Going to hit that town again. S-3: Alright I'll get forward OP, OP: One plane is down in flames. Lord: Planes have identified Red Smoke. Are going in. OP: Smoke to N of OP, one bomb is too far, keep them farther to the N and East. One bomb hit at front and a little to N of D Co, at 934428. Last plane came in from the E made his run to the NW and the bomb landed in Atsch, also strafed woods front of OP. Capt. O'Brien says it is the most beautiful job that he has ever seen. Lt. Lyons says that a lot of debris flying around, doesn't know what they hit yet. Capt. O'Brien says that fires are burning in Atsch. Colonel says that there is flak to the N. 88 Arty has decreased since raid.
- 1745 - Lt. Kestlinger to White Bn: Capt. Hall: What is patrol activity for tonight? Ans: No patrols to front, the troops are in physical contact. F Co contacts K on the hour. (Maj. Lauten takes phone and asks if Capt. Hall has had any reports on a Bn of Bike riders going NE to SW. Capt. Hall is going to check with Decoy Blue as to patrols contact for night.



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- 1750 - Lt. Carroll reports: Custom and Powerhouse continue to patrol in front of their area. 7th Armored Div, pushed off at 0600 this morning for assembly area 7216. Plan to attack tomorrow morning to NE to road net and as far north as 36 grid line, then SE to assemble. The bridge at Nymegene was bombed and damaged and again in use today. 3rd Canadian Div, is negotiating for surrender of Germans. In Calais area heavy fighting on 7th Army front. Six buzz bombs dropped in vicinity of Mastrix, the crater was 7 meters deep and 30 yards in circumference. Ground frozen around craters from the LIQUID air.
- 1756 - Maj. White to Maj. Lord: Lt. Lycas says debris flying around and he doesn't know what it is. None on Red Bn. Blue Bn believed hit a mortar position. Dropped one behind F and K. Two mediums knocked down and one is crippled.
- 1825 - Lt. Kestlinger to Lt. Cramer (Decoy Blue): Lt. Cramer tells Lt. K. that his unit contacts G on right in addition to the other patrol previously reported.
- 1830 - Lt. Kestlinger to Dextrose White 3: Do you contact Decoy on your right? Ans: We have physical contact with them.
- 1842 - Operator reports line out to Dagwood Red and a line in to the I and R platoon.
- 1852 - Capt. Edmonds to Lt. Kestlinger: (Our patrols will go to front of Ey position, about 75 yards to feel them out). Contact patrols to L Co and armored between companies.
- 1900 - Lt. Walker to Lt. Kestlinger: Patrols, contact every hour K to L and L to C. Normal security patrols between Outposts. L and 11 and 3 is going to 920431 at 12 and 4:30 going out to pill box at 918435. (Maj. Lauten takes phone and gives info on bombing raid, quoting Captain O'Brien "The best I've ever seen". Also mentions PW taken who said Svagoda Regt replaced 60th PGR two days ago in the Ey lines).



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- 1901 - Lt. Celze G-2 to Pfc Moskowitz: PW picked up by Dextrose, belongs to SVOBDA Regt which came from Czechoslovakia two days ago. PW belongs to 1st Bn which relieved 1st Bn of 60th PGR in line two days ago. More information as soon as we get it.
- 1930 - White OP reports: At 922483 house there, hedge rows around house have either prepared positions or booby traps. This observed by Ey activity around the house, at 930470 and 925471. They are dug in positions, camouflaged. From traffic on military highway, Ey CP appears to be at 919483. On bombing mission we had, most of the bombs went into the factories. A <sup>Enemy</sup> couple of fires in back of Weiden. There are mortars firing on Freeport. The above is all Freeport reports.
- 1915 - Maj. White to Capt. Hall: Anything new in Ey Arty hitting you out there? Ans: No. The arty, heavy, seems to be ours and from here seems to be going north of AACHEN. It is a long way out from us. E Co got about 50 rounds of Ey arty prior to the bombing; one casualty from E Co and one from G Co. Maj. Lauten takes phone and gets the following info from Capt. Hall: Patterson at OP said he first observed the Bn of Ey people at 919514, traveling road to southwest, part mounted on bikes and part on foot; going a good clip. Believed traveling on both sides of the road, took at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to pass a single point. They Ey disappeared in gully at foot of hill. No arty fired on them but air worked over the area. There was considerable straffing, several fires were started VORWEIDEN. One good fire at Atsch; much black smoke from this area. Ey activity report: 922483 prepared positions, fields of fire cut out of hedges, etc.; 903448 Ey activity in this area all day, few troops in area.; 914485 A big house at railroad and road crossing, man on roof of house, our arty fired here.; 925470 - Ey digging in (emplacements) we fired 155's, good hits observed at 5:30 today working on emplacements. (Maj. Lauten discusses Ey situation with Capt. Hall. S-2 regards situation as still indicating a possible attack by the Ey). S-2 gives new PW identification of Svaboda, relieving 60th PGR.



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- 2000 - Capt. Whitney to Dagwood White Arty OP "Xray-Oboe#": Sgt. Beckman: This afternoon bombs landed over ridge from here but bombing looked good. Fighters strafed Verlautenheide. Have heard no Ey arty firing since dark. Some heavy friendly arty has been landing in Wurselen area.
- 2010 - Col. Peckham to Maj. White: Do you know anything for me? Ans: No nothing in particular. Had bombing mission this afternoon, as you know, bombs hit near out E Co. It killed a couple of Jerries. Will notify you if anything comes up.
- 2010 - Pvt Wineberg Blue Bn to Cpl Belonga: "K" Co outpost fired on a 6 man Ey patrol at 910433, think that they wounded two or maybe killed them. 30 rounds of mortar just fell behind OP in the last ½ hour.
- 2025 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Oldsey: (Tells what the units saw and the observation for day. PW picked up by Dextrose check from Africa Korps, he belonged to the Svadoga Regt, who is the commander of the outfit. 2nd Bn of outfit formed 4 weeks ago in Czechoslovakia, arrived two days ago. Went into the line immediately, another German unit that sector. He does not know anything about an attack. One company of 150 Russian mortars 12 in a company.
- 2040 - Lt. Carroll to Sgt. Minno: Dextrose captured a PW today. He was from the 1st Co., 1st Bn, Svadaga Regt. His regt arrived night of the 27th of Sept. from Czechoslovakia. Came by train to the town of Julich. They relieved another unit, probably the 60th PGR. This unit was garrison troops in Czech. Decoy sent patrol out from K Co., Dextrose at 1730 yesterday; got back 1230 today. Route N from Vic., of A Co., Decoy; to point 836412, saw Ey coming at them from 3 directions; previous to this they picked up a PW; they ducked in a house with PW. Civilians in the house told them to hide in the cellar. The Jerries searched the house but not the cellar. While there, they heard a field gun firing 842414. They took off at 0730 and got in at noon. 110th Regt, made limited advances towards Ey fortifications. 39th knocked out bug pill box which held them up for 3 days, (473254) How was bombing? Ans: It was a success.

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- 2120 - Capt. Hall to Maj. White: Did you have word from Decoy Blue during the last half hour? Ans: No. Capt. Hall: They got hit. CP is on fire, and no one was hurt. Col. Peckin was over here. They threw arty in and it was heavy concentration, probably med. stuff. White: Col. said to get patrols out early in the morning. Slip patrols out to feel out Ey, so we can eliminate the Ey element of surprise if he attacks. Blue is sending out patrols up N this evening. Did you hear new identification? Ans: No. S-3: 2nd Bn of Svaboda Regt. On your toes tonight. How's arty up there? Ans: Very quiet.
- 2130 - Maj. Lauten to Sgt of Decoy Blue: Are you in the same place? Ans: Yes, just a little gas fire but all out now and everything OK. All quiet except shell that came in on us. (Maj Lauten gives PW Inf.).
- 2135 - Pvt Wineberg to Maj. Lauten: Killed 1 Jerry, 1 wounded got away. He did not have a sol-book. What was found was a few envelopes, this was written on it: "Grenadier Company, W K Unters Lehr Gang, Marsh Bn. (Tells about PW taken by Dextrose) L Co patrol heard some mortars firing on 1st Bn from Point 75.
- 2145 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Lyons: (Tells about 3rd Bn spotted mortars firing on 1st Bn from Point 75, tells about PW and about patrol out at daylight to see whats out in front. also that factory is clear).
- 2150 - Maj. Lauten to Lt. Olsey G-2: Tells about paper taken off the dead German.
- 2255 - Decoy Blue, negative report.
- 2320 - Red reports neg, except mortar fire falling in C area.
- 2330 - Blue and Blue of Decoy: Negative report.
- 2355 - Lt. Rameriz to Col. Grant: G-3: Negative report.
- 2400 - Capt. Dinsmore to Lt. Rameriz: Some arty landing in front of C, its doing a lot of good. (Don't know whose arty it is).



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- 0040 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0045 - Red: Negative report.
- 0055 - Blue: OP reports hearing a vehicle moving 1000 yards at 360 degrees, also some small arms fire. K Co had a booby trap go off in their area at 2208.
- 0100 - Lt. Rameriz to G-3: Gives them the above reports.
- 0105 - White: Negative report.
- 0110 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0135 - Red: Negative report.
- 0200 - White: Negative report.
- 0201 - Blue: Negative report.
- 0203 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report.
- 0220 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0235 - Red: Negative report.
- 0300 - White: Negative report.
- 0305 - Red: Negative report.
- 0307 - Blue: Mortar fire falling on 70 and 71, and some small arms fire in the same vicinity.
- 0342 - Decoy Blue: Our patrol just brought in a Jerry. He was from the 1036th Div and was picked up southeast of Haaren on route of the patrol. We can't get a thing out of him. We will send him over in the morning. Everything else is quiet.
- 0400 - Blue: Negative report.
- 0402 - White: Negative report.
- 0405 - Red: Negative report.
- 0410 - Lt. Stephens to G-3: Negative report, except that Decoy Blue picked up a PW from the 1036th Div.
- 0430 - Blue: K Co contacted L Co at 0415. L Co contact C Co at 0345.
- 0432 - Red: Negative report.



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- 0500 - White: G Co reported small arms fire.
- 0501 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0505 - Capt. Clark to G-3: G Co had a little small arms fire, otherwise negative.
- 0555 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 0600 - Red: Negative report.
- 0602 - G-3 to Capt. Clark: Some flares are reported in front of Decoy E Co. A few rounds of artillery in Dextrose area about an hour ago, but there doesn't seem to be any signs of a counterattack.
- 0605 - Blue: K Co patrol contacted L Co. L Co patrol contacted C Co. Two K Co patrols to the front and returned, but did not hear or see a thing.
- 0615 - White: One flare in front of E Co just before 0600 hours, otherwise everything is quiet.
- 0630 - Capt. Clark to G-3: Negative report.
- 0705 - Decoy Blue: Negative report. L Co OP reports about 25 civilians coming from the north and going towards the west carrying personal belongings with them.
- 0715 - Blue: K Co had 10 enemy try to infiltrate through their line, and they killed or wounded 4 and are going to investigate. The two L Co patrols are back. One patrol on the left flank went to the factory at 920431, and established a listening post and didn't hear anything. The other patrol went 500 yards south of point 70, established a listening post and didn't hear a thing. There was no activity around the pill box. They heard a vehicle going from west to east around point 75.



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- 0720 - Capt. Clark to G-3: 10 enemy tried to break through K Co area and they killed or wounded 4 of them and they are going out to investigate it. Their patrols established listening posts and didn't hear anything. Decoy Blue reported about 25 civilians coming from north going towards the west carrying personal belongings.
- 0730 - Blue: Tell Maj. Lauten we are sending down 5 PWs. They were wounded and I am sending them through the Regimental Aid Station so Capt. Gercke can interrogate them.
- 0735 - Capt. Whitney to Delight: It was quiet in the Dagwood front last night. K Co had 10 Jerries try to break through them and they wounded 5 of them, they are sending them in for interrogation.
- 0820 - S-2 to White 3: What is going on? (White 3) Nothing Very little artillery. A flare was reported out front (S-2) K Co had 10 men try to break through and they wounded 5 of them. The rest got away. (White 3) Here is a couple of Freeport reports - At 0730 hours a civilian car was seen on military highway at 925471; at 0750 hours saw what they believed to be 3 buses going west into Linden at 908497.
- 0823 - S-2 to Blue 1: Have the prisoners been brought in yet? (Blue 1) No, one was wounded in the arm, the other 4 are hit in the stomach, only one is very bad.
- 0825 - S-2 to Decoy Blue: What is going out there? (Decoy Blue) At 2240 hours a little firing out 800 yards to the front. K Co patrol had nothing to report. K Co picked up one PW and that he is on the way down to you. Lots of civilians in front of us trying to get into our sector, but we are not allowing them in.
- 0825 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: Here is the continuation of the report on Svaboda Regt. PW says one company from his regiment have 150mm Russian mortars, but are with another regiment now. There are two companies on the line 851411. They were organized in Czechoslovakia. The average age is 28. They left Czech., by train Sept. 24. Regimental Commander's name is Lt. Col. Svaboda. Morale is not too good. This PW had fought in Czech., Russia, Finland, France, and with Rommel in Africa.



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- 0838 - Blue 2 to S-2: We have one of the prisoners here, the others are litter cases. He is from 11th Co, 27th Regt. They were on patrol. He said he is a soldier so doesn't want to talk. He said bombing didn't do much, only wounded two. They moved out of Atsch into fields around town. I will send him down. We had one man wounded from L Co from one of the pill boxes. He saw enemy standing in doorway of pill box, but was shot in the arm before he could do anything. We are laying mortars in on it now.
- 0840 - S-2 to Red 2: Anything doing? (Red 2) Negative report all night. Some mortar and artillery fire coming in. At Point 75 we put plenty of fire and aren't receiving fire from there now.
- 0845 - S-2 to G-2: During the night scattered mortar and artillery fire out to the front. This morning enemy patrol of 10 men tried to break through K Co. We wounded 5 and took them prisoners, the other 5 got away. One said he was from 11th Co, 27th Regt. He said bombing didn't do much damage, two of their men were wounded in it.
- 0849 - Decoy Blue to S-3: We found two new minefields; one at 878438, 20 mines the other at 882441, 30 mines. In addition the AT gun which we had previously located moved from 877423 to 882435.
- 0912 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: Divarty picked up <sup>6</sup> enemy gun locations at 933506, 921503. Decoy picked up family of Germans who were to move out of their home to make room for German troops. Their home is located at 827405. They report the following: Bridge is out at 828406. The bay of the bridge is mined with Teller mines. Enemy mortar fire comes from 859425. Big restaurant booby trapped at 832413. Houses on Maria Theresa Street from 827405 to 828406 are booby trapped. Booby traps appear on mail boxes, beds, chairs, closed doors, and are pull type ignited. Decoy Red B Co sent combat patrol to 818400, machine gun fired on them. It jammed and they knocked it out with hand grenades. Patrol then fired on by two enemy machine guns at 816403. A Co patrol went to 818418. Located pill box and tunnel occupied by enemy. A large fire was reported 8000 yards north of Dextrose Blue CP.



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- 0940 - Omaha 2 to S-2: I wanted to get some information on the patrols that went to 930434 and 920431. (S-2) The one that reached 920431 established a listening post. The other patrol approached 930434 but did not get within 100 yards of it, and were fired on by snipers beyond that. There was no evidence of an enemy build up in the vicinity. South of Atsch they heard vehicular and cart movement. Enemy patrol reached 910433 headed towards our lines, but was intercepted.
- 0958 - G-2 to S-3: Can you tell me if the church steeple is still standing on the church in Atsch? (S-3) I will have to check on it. (G-2) The reason I wanted to know is we had a report that the foot of the church is a strong point and enemy OP in steeple of the church. (S-3) I will let you know.
- 1005 - S-6 to Red 6: How is everything? (Red 6) OK. (S-6) Did you have any casualties in yesterday's bombing? (Red 6) No, they dropped two bombs on top of the slag pile, A Co was there but pulled back in time. (S-6) How was it after bombing? (Red 6) Received mainly mortar fire after bombing and artillery fire on cross roads. Still have the same outfits in front of us. (?S-6) What about probing that C Co did? (Red 6) C and A Cos both did some probing and both ran into stuff in front. The situation on the right is much better, armored seems to be stronger now, more Doggies. (S-6) Do you need any clothes? (Red 6) Smith is trying to dry out the enemy stuff, we need some but none available, we are doing OK though. We are well dug in and some are in buildings. (S-6) How about reserves? (Red 6) I have two platoons of B Co in position that I can move. We are getting all the support we need. We are cutting down on O'Brien. (S-6) If you have a target shoot at it. I will be down to see you.



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- 1010 - S-3 to Freeport OP: Is the steeple of the church at Atsch been knocked down by the bombing? (OP) The steeple is still standing, but the building has been shaken all to hell.
- 1012 - S-3 to Brown? Here is your ammunition allowance for period 0600 hours 30 Sept to 0600 hours 5 Oct.: Each Infantry regiment 360 rounds of 105 howitzer, M-2, maximum charge, charge 4. Unexpended balance of previous allocation accumulative. A direct line is being put in to you, we may use your OP to run air mission. How about the church steeple at Atsch, is it still standing? (Brown) I will call you back.
- 1025 - Lt. Carroll to S-3: 3rd Bn 60th Inf 000319; 2nd Bn 016315; 1st Bn 991323. 115th Inf 690498, 116th Inf 665507; 175th Inf 680480; 1st Belgian Brigade K-640800, 670675.
- 1025 - Brown to S-3: concerning the bombing at Atsch, there were some very close hits, but no direct hits, the steeple still stands.
- 1030 - S-2 to Blue 2: Have the wounded PWs left your aid station yet? (Blue 2) The Colonel said there was no need to take them back to you as three of them were practically dead, so they were sent to 1st Medics.
- 1040 - G-2 to S-2: Here is some dope. BFF reports large ammunition dump at 930455 also enemy CP at 955455. Two enemy batteries one at 904495, the other at 900475. Defensive works on south side of road from Cologne to Julick, also a large supply point at 070678. In the town of Vossenack there are strong points at 040327, 062298, 010261, 043245. Three bodies of water located at 930302, 015295, 080226 were prepared by enemy to flood routes of approach to above strong points. We have the one at 930302. The lake at 015295 is an artificial lake. There are two flying bomb sites near Julick, bombs for these sites are assembled in town of Porz, close to east bank of Rhine River in vicinity of 525544. The area east of Waherheide is reported to be a large manufacturing and munitions area. Most of the works are underground and are closely guarded 543514.



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- 1050 - S-2 to Decoy Blue: What happened to the PW? (Decoy Blue) He was taken to the 18th, but I have made arrangements to bring him back. He should be in soon.
- 1140 - S-3 to G-2: According to our White OP and Cannon Co OP the steeple is still there.
- 1150 - Decoy Blue to S-2: That PW we took last night was sent back to the 18th, but is now at Danger.
- 1210 - S-3 to White 3: What is doing this morning? (White 3)\* Things are quiet, artillery and mortar fire is light.
- 1220 - Message from White 2: PW report from 0100 hours 24 Sept to 2400 hours 29 Sept. - 5 EM, 2 civilians.
- 1241 - Capt. Gercke to S-3: What about the PW from Decoy Blue? (S-3) He was sent to Decoy, and from there to Danger instead of here. We will get the dope from Danger.
- 1257 - S-3 to Red 3: How are things out there? (Red 3) Very much the same. Not as much artillery, but more mortars. (S-3) What about the positions? L Co patrol picked up last night around 75. (Red 3) We fired that last night. (S-3) Did it let up on Briggs?, left flank? (Red 3) Yes, no small arms fire contact today. (S-3) Those PWs picked up by K Co were from the 11th Co, 27th Regt.
- 1300 - S-2 to G-2: I would like to get information on a PW that Decoy Blue sent up this morning, he went through Decoy instead of through here, also on the 5 PWs which were wounded and sent to Co A, 1st Medics. (G-2) A paper was taken from one of the wounded men and he was from the 3rd Co, 27th Regt. (S-2) He was found in the 3rd Bn sector. It looks like it made conjunction with 3rd Bn, 27th Regt. (G-2) OK, I will get on it immediately.
- 1347 - S-6 to Red 6: I just wanted to know if you were home or not. (Red 6) ~~XXXX~~ Why? (S-6) I am ~~going~~ coming up to see you.



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- 1410 - G-4 to S-3: Notify our Ammunition Officer that on M-2 ammunition to draw his allocation of 360 rounds from (ASP) through DAO and not his attached artillery.
- 1412 - S-3 to <sup>S</sup>Capt. Groves: Draw your allocation of M-2 through DAO, 360 rounds. (Capt. Groves) Yes, I know about that. Did they say anything about 60mm mortar? (S-3) No. (Capt. Groves) They are drawing 60mm for me and there is no restriction except 2/3 and I am got getting my 2/3. (S-3) OK, I will check on it.
- 1420 - G-6 to S-5: Where is Fred? (S-5) He is out visiting the battalions. (G-6) Did you find out what company the PWs were from? (S-5) Yes, the 11th Co, 27th Regt. Three of them are not expected to live. (G-6) Things are shaping up, up here alright.
- 1430 - Red 3 to S-2: We have a civilian here who gave up plenty of information. He reports artillery position dug in at 926471 to 928471, and at 928472 to 930473. At Glucksburg farm 929272 is an artillery CP. Underground telephone at town of Eich 876384 to Stolberg. Headquarters for the pill boxes for defense, the 7th Field are using the pill boxes now. Pill box at 932432 from there to south of Duren on road to Girellsrath two kilometers further than where the railroad crosses the main highway. Two huge pill boxes on both sides of the road. These pill boxes serve as a headquarters. Hitler and Goering used them for meetings. The name of the civilians is Heinrich Ganzer of Munsterbusch, address Branienster #72. He is living in a house close to Busbach. He asked to have someone interrogate him. He said when we get to Eschweiler to contact Franz Brochhausen at Heinrichsweg. He built most of the pill boxes, had 500 men under him, he is not a Nazi. In town of Stolberg a Wilhelm Senden helped train SS troops here. Now wears civilian clothes and has been seen behind our lines. He went from Munsterbusch to Stolberg and lives on Berg St., in Stolberg. He had a radio transmitter and believe he still has it. In 1921 and 1922 he was a seperater.



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- 1515 - S-2 to White 2: Gives him the above information as obtained from 1st Bn. (White 2) At 1015 hours one enemy jeep going east from 925470; at 1046 hours <sup>5</sup> three enemy on Merzbruck highway going east at 925482; at 1100 hours five enemy walking west on Merzbruck road at 918483; at 1135 hours two enemy on road going west at the same coordinates; at 1230 hours three enemy moving around house at 901468; at 1242 hours six enemy going west to Linden at 904497; at 1245 hours eight civilians with bags going east at 905463; at 1309 hours eight enemy going east from 925470; at 1335 hours one light tank going into Linden from the east at 904497; at 1400 hours three enemy with 3 cars going east at 906462; at 1428 hours two enemy wagons fully loaded on Merzbruck road at Vorweiden. Fairly quiet in front of us today. Some artillery between points 45 and 55. A couple of mortars landed around the CP. (S-2) How was bombing yesterday? (White 2) One bomb landed about 50 feet in front of E Co. There was no strafing in front of us, but in the woods near Atsch. (S-2) The big fire was in Atsch last night wasn't it? (White 2) Yes.
- 1540 - S-2 to G-2: Gives them the above report from the civilian. (G-2) PW you sent up from 1034 Replacement Bn. (S-2) Eight inch guns would probably be the proper thing to use on them. We need some photographs of that area.
- 1700 - S-3 to Brown: I want you to send an observer over to the 3rd Bn in case they are counter attacked and in case of close in fire.
- 1725 - G-3 to S-6: I am sending down an order tonight. No change in our mission, but we might want you to divert a little. The Old Man wants you to be pretty aggressive on patrolling.
- 17 31- Decoy Blue to S-2: All our patrols tonight will be confined to visiting patrols only. (S-2) Are you sending out patrols in the morning? (Decoy Blue) NO, we are not planning to because it is too hot out there. (S-2) The Colonel wants to know if anything is cooking, you don't have to get into any trouble doing it though. (Decoy Blue) OK, we will do that.



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- 1750 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: Workshop B closed in assembly area vicinity of 7338. Workshop A going into 7133. Workshop B going into 7040. No change at Custom Forward element of Antelope reached 665775, 653787. One Belgian Brigade was to attack this afternoon to reduce enemy bridgehead at K-681885. Dextrose K patrol went west to road next to little Lake then north to main east-west road, turned left and went west, ran into enemy motorpool at 844399 where they saw an American jeep with enemy camouflage. A machine gun in the cellar of house at 838401, they by-passed it and went up road to right and were hit by a mortar barrage. Returned intact. Dextrose I patrol left L Co sector went through group of houses at 854413 and found road block with 7 Teller mines at 852411. Saw AT guns and personnel at 853419, lots of movement. A reliable source reports that in the Cactus area a black Plymouth sedan is operating with 4 Gestapo agents in American uniforms. The Register No. is 533301. PW picked up in front of Decoy White is from 5th Co, 404th GR, 246th Div, said 6th Co is on his right. His company has no AT or support weapons.
- 1810 - S-3 to White 1: Here are the 5 L and K Cos, outposts - 907435, 911433, 916432, 918432, 919431. The Colonel wants you to have F Co establish an outpost line along that same line. In the morning a half hour before daylight send a patrol out to look the situation over.
- 1835 - Decoy Blue to S-2: We are sending out listening posts about 200 yards, 5 men in each.
- 1835 - S-3 to Blue 3: What is new? (Blue 3) Nothing much (S-3) Are you getting anything down there? (Blue 3) Yes, the usual thing, artillery, mortars, and machine guns. (S-3) Are you having any patrols sent out tonight? (Blue 3) The Colonel is coming down, see him when he gets there.
- 1840 - S-3 to Red 2: What about patrols for tonight? Red 2) The same as last night.



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- 1901 - White 3 to S-3: We are going to attempt to establish our outposts at the following places - 904438, 906436, at 0430 hours to proceed to 908438 to ascertain what enemy has in area. (S-3) You should keep OP connected fairly close so enemy patrols can't get around them. (White 3) We can have every man in the battalion on outposts. The 10 Jerries who attacked K Co OP came around from the least of the outpost, and they were pretty well shot up, one dead, two seriously wounded. In regard to the first OP Kestlinger gave me, is the one we originally had. The first he gave me according to the coordinates is on trail 200 yards near the outpost maintained there right along. (S-3) I didn't know there was an OP there. (White 3) Another OP, I think is a mistake, is the 4th one, the last letter "B", it should be something else. (S-3) Wait I will check. It is Victor. (White 3) That is better. (S-3) How is everything over there, any artillery? (White 3) Not as much as yesterday the station out front is getting shelled with some heavy stuff, it is shelled regularly. (S-3) Did you get the new identification? (White 3) No, what is it? (S-3) The 404 Grenadiers of the 246th Inf.
- 1910 - Blue 2 to S-2: I just called for my nightly briefing. (S-2) There is nothing much doing. One tank shot up Decoy Blue's OP. (Blue 2) Where was the tank? (S-2) They shot back at it, but they can't say where it was. What are you doing in the way of patrolling? (Blue 2\*) Normal patrolling between outposts. L Co patrols at 1200 and 0445 hours are going to 920431. At 2100 and 0445 hours going to 920435. (S-2) Can you go to 64? (Blue 2) Yes, we sent a patrol there this morning doing a lot of booby trapping up there.
- 1938 - Red 2 to S-2: Here is some dope - ~~RXX~~ Enemy was observed in area around Point 85, also at 79; 10 enemy were seen carrying bundles of stuff, but couldn't make out what it was. Artillery that is going over our heads is coming from 45 degrees, the fire approximately 10 rounds at a time. Observation seems to think they are AA guns used as field pieces. Young was busy with civilians. Got one who gave location of two pill boxes, which Hitler and Goering visited at 155477 and 158475, on each side of the road.



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The civilian also gave us information on airplane factory. His name is William Prym. He stated before our troops entered Stolberg most of the equipment and parts were sent to Bevel, in vicinity of Cologne. (S-2) How about plant and machinery. (Red 2) Practically intact. Also reported at town of Duren a place there was making V-1. The factory at Stolberg made 3 engine parts per day, and 90 million rounds of ammunition a month. The ammunition and some of the machines was sent to Vienna. The motors made used 30% less gasoline than ordinary motors. Here is what I think in regard to the civilian. We can get quite a bit of information from them, lots of them worked around the pill boxes and around this area. We should get plenty of information. (S-2) A lot of them we can't rely on as they are still Nazis, and there are plenty of civilians in town who are. I will send the Belgian Officer we have up here to talk with him and others. If they don't talk we will put Corps on them. I will see about the Civil Affairs people, they should be able to do something in this respect. (Red 2) What is the boundary between the 3rd Armored and us? (S-2) The boundary runs about the same, 150 yards beyond railroad tracks. (Red 2) How about around Busbach? (S-2) Busbach is in their area. Our lines go down to cross roads.

1945 - White 2 to S-2: Our OP reports at 0758 one civilian car at 925471; at 0750 hours three big buses going west into Linden at 908497; at 0825 K Co wounded 5 men and sent them back through medical channels; 0930 hours at 901469 believe to be enemy mortar position, and artillery fired with good results; 1015 hours one enemy jeep and 2 enemy at 925470; at 1045 hours 3 enemy at 925485 heading east on road; 1100 hours two enemy at 925485 going east, one enemy going north on road at 903463 and went into woods at right of road at 913465, one enemy going east at 913465; 1115 hours five enemy on road at 910483 to Wieden; 1135 hours two enemy on road going west at 918483; 1220 hours enemy personnel at 901468; 1307 two enemy carts going east at 910483, one enemy on foot, 17 on bikes from Kinden going east at 904497; 1309 eight enemy going east at 925470; 1335 one light truck going west to Linden, two enemy carts and 6 enemy going west at 904497; 1400 at 906463 three enemy carts on road going east;



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1500 two enemy going to Wieden; 1550-five enemy personnel at 925470; 1700 eight enemy personnel at 925470; 1230 two enemy at 913484 going west to road at 919483; 1235 one enemy bike at 901475; 1237 one enemy cart and personnel at 905494 going from Linden to Wieden; 1245 two enemy at 914464 on foot going west; 1247 six enemy going west into Linden at 904497, eight civilians going east at 905463; 1249 one enemy cart going east at 920482; 1300 one enemy gun firing 2000 yards back of Wesihen to right rear of G Co; 1730 two enemy personnel going east at 912485; 1733 one man leading one man following horse going northeast at 925471; 1740 five enemy personnel going southwest on military highway at 925470, turned east and went up trail in woods; 1745 two enemy personnel seen coming out of woods at 912465 went northeast on military highway; 1748 six enemy personnel coming out of woods at 930470 going west on trail to military highway and then northeast; 1800 two horses and carts going at 925470 going east, two horses and carts at 914464 going northeast. H Co no enemy activity observed, the same with F Co. G Co at point 62 noted rise of another trail at 9148 grid as a supply route, used mules and carts to haul ammunition.

- 1955 - S-3 to Delight 2: Here is a good target 909468, good spot to do some harassing. No. 8 of last night was not necessary.
- 2032 - Lt. Carroll to S-2: PW was from Svabodta, 5th Co, 404th GR, PGR is GR. 404th GR is from the 97th Div. They left Czechoslovakia on the 24th, arrived in Aachen on the 26th and were in the lines on the 27th, there are only two companies left. Both companies in the line. 404th at 823426 to 827427. Most of the men are from 16 to 17 years old. 1st Co commanded by 2nd Lt. Mueller. 15,000 civilians left in town of Aachen. 800 soldiers trying to get them out, two civilians were hung yesterday to teach the others to get out.
- 2050 - Decoy Blue to S-2: I am sending you a PW who came into our lines and is plenty hot. He wants to talk. The 246th Div came into Aachen on Tuesday 4 companies per battalion 130 men per company. He is from the 2nd Bn enlisted staff of the 352nd Regt. They have never been in combat. Have all new weapons. Organized near Prague. Bn CP of 2nd Bn 848438, Co CP of 6th Co at 856431.



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8th Co CP at 857432, 5th Co (Weapons company) in support. 6th Co runs from 867436 to 879444. 7th Co on the left of the 6th Co from 864425 to 866437. He is French. The unit is 89% German, 9% Russian, and 3% French. They are moving the battalion CP to Haaren tomorrow. 404th is on the right, 1st Bn on the left. Their mission was just to hold. He is on his way down.

- 2100 - Lt. Roehrig to S-2: Booby trap in front of K Co between 907435 and 911433 consisting of 13 booby trapped grenades and 4 trip flares. Between 912431 and 912430 two booby trapped grenades and one trip flare. The regular form has been made out and sent to the engineers.
- 2100 - S-2 to G-2: What regiments do you find are in the 246th Div? (G-2) 404th GR, 352nd and 698th. (S-2) One man from the 2nd Bn, 352nd Regt was picked up by Decoy Blue and is on his way down here. They are in front of Dextrose White and Blue, also the 18th. Battalion CP is moving to Haaren tomorrow. The PW will give us the rest of the information as soon as we interrogate him.
- 2125 - Delight 3 to S-3: We have a report of an enemy CP at 929471, a civilian reported it. His house is in Stolberg and it is being shelled and he is mad. He said he helped build installations and knows where they are.
- 2130 - G-6 to S-6: The General wanted information on the unit now in front of us. The Colonel told about the PW and said he would notify Division when he got the complete information.
- 2258 - Blue 2 to S-2: Two rounds of heavy artillery landed behind K Co, otherwise the report is negative.
- 2325 - White: E Co reports movement at Point 62. CP line reports foot movement. F and G Cos negative.



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2330 - S-2 to G-2: We have a PW taken in vicinity of 873434 from Hq. 2nd Bn, 352 GR, 246 Div. He is French and gave himself up. He said 404th and some 600 regt was in the Division. Two battalions to each regiment, 500-600 men per battalion, 130 men per company. Division was organized six weeks ago in Milvtoze Luschtietz. It was formerly the Volks GR 1153 and the Solbuch will show as such. 50% of the men are Navy men, the rest returned from the hospital or just out of basic. The Division CO is Oberst Weissenberger; 352nd Regt CO is Maj. Eckersclarfer; CO 2nd Bn, Capt, Hosln; CO 7th Co 2nd Lt Gelfert. He does not know where the 8th Co is. There are two officers per company. The squads have normal organization one machine gun, squad leader has machine pistol. 8th Co has normal organization, machine guns and 81mm mortars. AT Co is 14th Co. They have 120 men and no AT guns. Each man has a panzer faust. The How. Co, has 15cm mortars. The regiment left Czechoslovakia on the 24th Sept, brought horses and carts with them. (50 in his battalion). Detained 12 km west of Koln on the 26th Sept. Took truck to 5 kms from Aachen. The 2nd Bn CP is in the factory northeast of street at 848437. Tomorrow the CO will move to vicinity of H<sub>2</sub>aren. He does not know where the regimental CP is, but says it is under constant artillery fire. 7th Co is from 870435 to 880454, 6th Co from 870435 to 860425, 6th Co CP 856431, 8th Co, CP 855432. 1st Bn position is on the right of the 2nd Bn 860425 to 840424. Two observers in edge of woods, yesterday in school, this afternoon were in church 873433. Two machine guns on each side of the street at 870433, 5 men there. Two men on lower floor of building at 86754325. One machine gun with two men in small building at 86754320. Two men with a panzer faust are at 866433, right at bend of road before it goes under the underpass. The division orders are to defend to the last man, but this order has not yet been given to the men. The PWs believes they have an artillery regiment, but does not know where. They expected us to surround town of Aachen, and not try to take it by a frontal assault. Police are forceably evacuating the civilians from Aachen. Many French are hiding waiting for us and PW thinks many troops will put on covilian clothes and do the same. Has not seen any SS uniforms, only army uniforms. There are 4 howitzers 400 yards from CP at 845445. They have no ammunition for mortars, because of our artillery fire the supply is very difficult.



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The 8th Co had two wounded and two killed from artillery. The 6th Co has one squad on outpost, rest of the company in houses at 860433. The 404th GR is on the right and the 698th GR on the left. (This information was given to Red, White, Blue and Decoy Blue).

- 2330 - Decoy Blue: Negative report.
- 2335 - Lt. Kestlinger to G-3: Negative report.
- 2400 - Blue: Negative report.

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