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~~SECRET~~Unit JournalOrganization CT 409From: 0001, 1 Dec 44To : 2400, 1 Dec 44Place: Vic of Ville, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0010			1				Fame 3 rptd 410 was stopped at 759-714; holding for nite; stopped by Shu mines & SA fire; estab 40-150 enemy; in town of Heinschweiler	Passed on to Red 3
0015			2				Off fr 142d stopped in on way to White Bn to go down trail to casualties	Notified White 2
0100			3				Red 2 rpts all quiet; n/c	
0110			4				Called G-3 to check on 36th Div sit; & on evacuation of casualties	36th rpts fire S of 142d; didn't know about patrol
0130			5				Called Lt O'Hara & told him what G-3 said. He advised 19 vehicles of 142 passed on way down trail to valley; patrol was going back again	
0130			6				Recd Movement Control Plan for 1 Dec, Map & AF Code	
0200			7				Lt Clifford rpts n/c; little mortar fire	
0300			8				Lt Clifford rpts n/c	
0625			9				Fame 3 called for story on medic who went out to pick up 36 Div casualties	Will check
0627			10				Called Lt O'Hara: Part of train of 36th left Thanville an hour ago to pick up casualties while rest stayed in town; with our patrol waiting for word fr those out there	
0640			11				1st Bn: Had 410 taken Heinschweiler?	No; stopped outside by Shu Mines

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0710	12	Capt Wimberly called Fancy 3; spoke to Capt Urban	
0840	13	Red asked for info re 410; no move since last told them; 189 PWs & 7 Offs taken	
0845	14	G-3 said elements of one Co 410 filtering Eleinschwiller 0730	
0850	15	Recd Order of day fr Div	
0950	16	Rd to Eleinschwiller now open; blocks on rd S to Bambach	
1015	17	G-3 called: Atk order 103d to move on Selestat coming down in 30-40 mins; stop assembly of regt	
1130	18	Col Lloyd retd fr Div w/orders to move on Selestat to SE as soon as possible	Instrns given 1st Bn to take N $\frac{1}{2}$; 2d, S $\frac{1}{2}$
1305	19	Lt Jeffords came fr Div w/OI #18; obj Selestat	Issued to units w/overlay
1305	20	1st ordered to move to obj	
1420	21	2d rptd 1800 yds E of PLB	
1450	22	Fame 6 called: Col Lloyd gave him sit	
1540	23	Opened new CP at St Maurice	
1613	24	1st rpts position on PL2 - 1605	
1622	25	Rptd to G-3: 1st on PL2, 2d on C in Scherwiller	
1715	26	Msg recd fr CO, 142d, does not make sense M/C asked for radio rep	
1915	27	Col Lloyd gave CG what info we have on sit	
2045	28	Capt Urban retd w/location 1st & 2d Bns; fog hvy; enemy fire hvy	
2046	29	Maj Gilman instructed all vehicles going S of Trembach & Eleinschwiller have to be cleared thru movement control	

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2050	30	G-5 given info brought back by Capt Urban	
2145	31	Call fr Fame 3: Pending further orders continue on OI #18; effective 020730 Dec 44 following changes in attachments are made: Co B (minus 2 plats) 758 Tk Bn is released fr attachments to 409 & atchd to 410, 1 plat Co C 601 TD Bn is reld fr atchmt to 410 & atchd to 409, 1 Co Med Tks CCA 14th Armd Div is reld fr atchmt to 410	
2300	32	S-2 called Engr for maps	Promised

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Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0150			1				Recd 175 maps fr Engr on Selestat & Arlolsheim sector	
					0200		Made dist of maps to sub units	
0210			3				Enemy tks rptd in Selestat	
0225			4				Bridge blown on main rd into Selestat at 720665	
0300			5				At 1210 1st Bn was in Selestat & had been in town for undetermined time	
0510			6				1st Bn in Selestat, 2d 1 mi short of Selestat, Cn in position behind Dieffenthal, AT Co to pick up TD's at 410 CP at dawn, 3d Bn alerted to move on 1/2-hour's notice	
0530			7				Gave 1st info that 36th was in S sector of Selestat	
0535			8				Rptd to G-3 that 1st was in N of Selestat along rd running NW to Ebersheim in their zone	
0600			9				Lt O'Hara came to CP & rptd 2d in outskirts of Selestat	
0812			10				Capt Terranova called S-2	
0817			11				Robert 3 called Fancy 3	
0825			12				2d moved over RR tracks on W edge of town, 2 Cos abreast; 1st has recd tk casualties	

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1030	13	Lt Jeffords came from Div w/OI 19-22	
1040	14	Call fr Maj Hanes: Stated he considered 4000 sq meters too much gnd for 1 Bn but that they would atk it if so ordered. He was informed that he had Bn boundaries & an obj & to make atk as ordered	
1050	15	Red 3 rptd 1 Co sent into Selestat & had no rpt fr them; trying to get rpt	Rptd to Fancy 3
1300	16	CP displaced to Scherwiller	
1355	17	Col Lloyd asked CG to use Co of 48th Tk Bn in support of our tps in Selestat	Said OK, but it is uncertain who tks are atchd to; Ln O said Corps Res
1445	18	Recd permission to use the tanks; Capt Urban left to guide them to 1st Bn	
1610	19	Rptd a Bn of 36th has reached Race Track & captured enemy Bn & their CO	Checked w/36th: true they are mopping ths sector at this time
1700	20	Requested Fr G-1 by S-1: 150-200 replacements for 1st Bn as soon as possible	
1715	21	Fr 2d: Moved 50 yds today; had 8 casualties; Col Lloyd said push thru town tonite	
1730	22	1st Bn pinned down by MG fire fr camouflaged positions in town 796629	
1740	23	2d rpts line pushing fwd; exact pos uncertain	
1820	24	Red & White lines out	
1830	25	Pinpoint sheets fr G-2	Dist 2320
1845	26	Col Lloyd gave CG situation	
1920	27	Fr 1st Bn: Co A, Lt Flynn CO, now located on line E & W - right - 7963; in contact with adv CP; Co C, Lt Melko CO, astride CR 795628; no contact w/OP; armor heard to front; not located; Bn in bad shape	

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Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0130			1				Sit & Opn overlay, 030100 Dec issued	Thru M/C
0630			2				Maj Newell, 36 Div, wants Lt Chaperon to call	
0645			3				Lt Eddens called: Gave rpt that after capture of Selestat 36th will relieve 103d; coordinated plans will be made by CG 36th w/CG 103d	
0700			4				Capt Zeak called for Col Strange	
0705			5				Col Strange notified White arty Ln not to fire preparation	Notified Factory 5
0725			6				Fancy 6 talked to Red & White 6 on sit	
0730			7				142d rpts M-6 tk in town but haven't been able to locate exactly	
0810			8				382d FA & 328th Engr got overlays	
0820			9				Rtd position of enemy mortars 829-625 to Factory 3; also Baldenheim which is scene of enemy supply instln	
0830			10				Fancy 3 to White 6: Atk jumped off at 0800; Plat was moving; Co E in pos	
0900			11				Fame 6 called: Had tks available	Called White 6 & Fame 3 for us
0915			12				Delivered overlay to 601 TD Officer	
0930			13				Rpt fr White 6 on sit: Making fair progress; have contact w/Red	

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0950	14	Fame 5 called on 756 Tks: Co B 756 (-1 Plat Div Res) is coming to this Regt; if we need this Plat let Fame 6 know & we can have it	
1000	15	Gen Pierce came in; given SITREP	
1010	16	Got rpt fr Fame 38 that 4 MG's of B Co were w/ Div Arty	Called Factory 5; he's checking for us
1012	17	Called Red 6 on B Co men w/Div Arty; also his front line	
1015	18	Red 6 wants bulldozer on edge of Selestat	
1016	19	Gen Pierce called Fame 5 to get bulldozer; told it where to rpt	Fame 5 to rpt results
1017	20	Fancy 6 talked to White 6 on sit	
1025	21	Factory 5 rpts msg on B Co men true but he's checking	
1030	22	Lt Chapero, 36 Div Ln, left for 980920	
1035	23	Gen Pierce gave Fame 3 SITREP	
1036	24	Fame 5 to Fame 38: Bulldozer on way on way; take 1 hr to get to Red Bn	
1045	25	Fame 2 called Fancy 2 to return all pinpoint shots of this area	
1050	26	Tks rptd in Selestat along 36th lt flank	
1050	27	Fatal 3 to Fancy 3 Rptd location of enemy in positions in rear of Red Bn	
1100	28	Fame 6: 797643 to 798642 rptd position of enemy in houses; 410 wanted arty on location	Rptd to 1st; will check in pos of our tps in area & rpt
1110	29	2d rptd pos of 1 Plat G Co 787627, E Co at 794635 past junction in Y rd; enemy resistance sniper fire, no arty & no mortar	
1120	30	Fr CO 142d: Rpts tps #ic 800626 fr air observer Are they ours or enemy; saw 5 tanks	Call to 1st; they know of ey tks in that vic; some of our bazookas failing to

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1140	31	Fr 1st: None of bazookas went off; trying to get armor over the stream as soon as possible; no enemy in houses at 797643	
1207	32	Fr 1st: 2 tks are shooting up Co C; told him our tks are there & bulldozer is on the way	
1221	33	Fr 1st: Bulldozer arrived at stream's site & are going to work at once; Col Lloyd told him to get tks, TDs & AT guns across as soon as possible; 2 tks have arrived	
1230	34	Called 142 on possible use of armor they have been able to get into the town	Capt Urban talked to Lt Clifford
1315	35	White 6 rpts counterattack now; 150 enemy, 4 tks; White 6 TDs are moving in	
1315	36	1st rpts tankdozers cannot make it over stream	Can make it w/bulldozer
1317	37	Fr 2d: TDs entering town now thru underpass; told 3 to put Inf w/TDs to protect them fr ey AT fire; put team w/each TD; we are sending more tds & have Inf ready to accompany them; 2d sending AT guns thru too	
1350	38	Gave arty clearance on missions requested by 1st & 2d Bns	
1405	39	2d rpts rd block within town at 787626; no way around it; will take $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to 45 mins to remove block; needs power saw	
1423	40	2d: Told him to try to blast thru blocks w/75's on tks; tks there now; counteratk was stopped	
1435	41	Tk fire doesn't help move block; engrs going to blast it out	
1523	42	2d: Block has been blown; tks & TDs w/Inf teams are moving thru; told him to have leading armor go directly E & have following armor go N & clean up w/1st	
1525	43	SP gun at 801628 w/coverage of rd; some small arms fire recd fr within walled city	
1534	44	2d: Rd to E is blocked; has to go N	

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1537	45	1st hasn't rec'd armor fr W yet; wants his own armor where it is; don't take it around & enter fr W
1543	46	Gave 36th clearance on area E of 802 & S of 625 for arty fire (gun 809618)
1600	47	White 6 rpts tks will get to 795628; sending bazookas & Infantrymen w/ TDs
1603	48	Factory 5 planned defensive fires for tonite
1646	49	Red air alert on; 2 ME headed N fr Colmar
1652	50	Red Air alert off
1730	51	Fancy 5 ordered 1st & 2d Bn to use mines in defensive fires tonite under supervision of AT Co
1815	52	PW rpts 98 prisoners taken to Mutterholz yesterday
1817	53	Notified 1st that 2d Bn is sending 1 plat to RJ 798641 at about 1900
1816	54	Guns at 801628 identified as 2 M-6 tks dug into positions
1925	55	Lt Jeffords came in fr Div w/OI23 creating Task Force Selestat

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0650			1				Lt Clifford called Capt Urban	
0730			2				Called White 3 to get SITREP: Recd neg rpt & request that we check on engrs that were supposed to rpt to them at daylight	Called Engr Bn
0755			3				Gave Gen Pierce SITREP: Elements of 2d in walled city, mines in, etc	
0830			4				42 prisoners taken in at PW cage yesterday afternoon	
0830			5				PW rpts that American soldiers taken prisoner in Selestat were taken to Mutterholtz	
0840			6				Fatal 3 rpts contact with ReD Bn	
0842			7				Capt White, Cn Co, wanted to know sit; talked to Fancy 6	
0850			8				G Co 786626; E Co no rpt	
0900			9				Capt Wimberly rpts rd out in 2d Bn zone	
0910			10				Movement control gave okay to use rd in 36 Div area	
0925			11				Gen Pierce came in	
0930			12				Gave 3d Bn CO orders to send 1 Co to 1st to protect flank & rear when 410 is reld	Maj Reynolds sent K Co w/2 jeeps

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0955	13	Fame 5 to Fancy 5: For this march top covers may be up during rain at unit CO's discretion; Unit CO's are responsible that top covers are down during flying weather	
1030	14	486 maps recd fr M/C for distribution	
1045	15	Co K has arrived at 1st Bn	
1115	16	White 3 rptd being on E end of PLR & are working the wall city	
1215	17	Fame 3 to Fancy 3 to Red 6: Patrol fr 142 rpts thru Fr civilians German officers in church steeple w/radio directing fire on town	Taking it under TD fire
1245	18	1st: Contact w/Fatal 3d has been made; K Co in position to his satisfaction; C Co on obj; Gen Pierce talked to 410 3d S-3; Told him if Col Therrell was satisfied he could go ahead & take relief & carry out his orders	
1255	19	3d Bn 410 wire has been taken out; Gen Pierce told G-3 that our left was secured to our satisfaction & 410 could withdraw at their discretion; asked G-3 to get this info to CO 3d 410	
1325	20	2d: E Co on Rline & fanning out to S to contact 36th; F & G moving S to move into walled city	
1340	21	811625: Arty firing on 2 Plats by inf; also firing on gun located few hundred yds to E of pt	
1400	22	Fall 6 call Fall 3	
1405	23	Lt Johnson rpts 142 will relieve us w/1 Co in town of Selestat	
1410	24	Fatal Blue is pulling out of the line this afternoon & will assemble in vic of Dambach	
1415	25	White 6 rpts E Co is on R-line; F & G moving down	
1435	26	Fame 38 to Fame 3: Tell 36 it looks like we are going to be able to mop up our portion of the town before dark; in case we do does he want any further coordination & we will relieve them; do we deal directly w/Regt he now has in & w/whom we will contact; if we succeed in mopping up shall we effect relief tonight; our present sit is that our advance units are on R-line in our sector & we are mopping up to S thru wall to his rear	

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1450	27	White 6 rpts being around wall
1500	28	Fame 3 to Fame 38: Line to Robert was out; will advise when he gets thru
1545	29	142 rpts location of their unit on our rt
1545	30	White 6 rpts wall city is covered, but don't know exact location
1610	31	Col Strange left for 142 w/Lt Johnson for relief plan
1630	32	Fame 38 to Fame 3: Checked to see if Fatal Blue had closed in; closing now
1645	33	Selestat completely taken & occupied Rptd to G-3 by Fame
1650	34	Fame 38 to Factory 2: Prepare fires for tonite
1705	35	Fame 3 says Cml Co moves w/us; Tks & TDs go back to parent unit (3d Div), but we control movement
1745	36	Told Maj Hanes to visit CP of relieving Bn to arrange details of relief
1800	37	We can get 14 trucks fr S-4 for relief tonite if needed
1935	38	Red 6 called: No activity on his front except patrol fr K Co met resistance at Factory area
2000	39	CP of 728 Inf Regt located in houses at 807602; 150-mm ammo dump in barn along edge of woods; btry of 150-mm arty at 800611; fortifications being put up in streets of Ohnenheim; supply train of 728th has moved to Marckolsheim
2130	40	Flare was seen at center of town; Gestapo Hq is rptd to be at 773633 in Selestat
2215	41	Lt O'Hara called in that he had 45 PWs on hand & w/bridge out & movement pending he wanted to know what to do

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2500 42 Lt Eddens to Fame 58; At 2245 Maj Gilman is to contact me tonite re no. of trucks available for our movement; Fame 6 directs continuous orderly movement thruout day; Fatal Blue leads off followed by Arty as per schedule; then if Maj Gilman can schedule 1 or more Bns of Fancy in day's move he is to do so in order that some or all of Fancy will move up tomorrow, depending on Fame 6's order for an orderly scheduled move thruout day

2310 43 FO #3 Task Force orders given verbally by phone

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0100			1				Recd P-lines of various Div units & Corps tps (Tks & TDs)	Dist by phone
0500			2				Control of Selestat area officially passed to 36 Div	
0540			3				1st Co of 1st Bn has pulled coms & started for bridge	
0630			4				Head of column of 1st has reached bridge	
0635			5				Told 2d to start for bridge, being careful not to jam up there	
0640			6				Col Strange & Lt Edwards ret'd fr 142; 1st has almost completed bridge crossing	
0645			7				Gave Tk Off time he moves to assembly area-1538A; can get overlay of route fr this hq	
0700			8				2d Bn rpts his relief completed	Instructed to move Co's; G-3 informed
0715			9				Fame movement Control does not yet know about trucks for move; will know within an hour	
0720			10				CO 2d Bn rpts F Co on way to ft bridge by 5 mins	Informed to tell when ft bridge is cleared
0800			11				Fame 38 to Lt Eddens: Comd turned over to relieving unit's satisfaction; movement of reld units to	

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0800 (Cont'd) 11 (Cont'd) assembly area by infiltration still in progress; instrns re movement of FA & armored units has been recd & will be complied with; movement remainder of comd awaiting instrns of movement control officer; notify Fame 6 & Corps

0830 12 Col Strange to Capt Terrell, 142: Assumption of comd in our sector by 142d at 0500A w/understanding that certain elements of our comd, principally armor & AT still moving out today by infiltration, is satisfactory w/CO 142d

0845 13 Div PW cage called to know if we had any PWs Told him 45 taken last nite; whereabouts unknown now

0900 14 Checked PW cage & found they got 2 PWs this AM

1100 15 March Order #2 issued fr vic Selestat

1215 16 Maj Gilman notified us we will get trucks for this afternoon but some will be short wheelbase; we will get 50 trucks for move tomorrow to be released to us at EFIG at 0700; IP time for tomorrow's move will be 0900

1215 17 Lt Eddens to Fame 38: Called Fame New at 1215 & gave them his msg; they have no additional instrns; he will remain at phone if needed

1220 18 Recd 2 copies FO #3 & 2 copies MO #2

1316 19 Msg fr CO 2d Bn: All ft tps crossed ft bridge 0830

1330 20 AA Rpt: Setting up rd defense on route of march ineffective because a very thin defense would only cover 12 miles; 40-mm gun is not as effective as M-51 MG on low-flying planes because of low silhouette & relatively slow rate of traverse & fire; planes are more likely to be turned aside by fire fr the target than by fire fr a pt to the side of the target; there is already AA at most likely pts of atk along route; our orders fr Brigade Hq (Gen Townsend) are to provide continuous protection for 409th Inf, both in convoy & after they reach destination. (Signed) R F Wester, 1st Lt CAC

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1410	21	3d Bn rptd they had total of 27 trucks, enough for them	
1430	22	Capt Merrill rpts bridge will be in by 1630	
1500	23	Col Strange, Maj Hennighausen & Lt Edwards left for fwd CP at Gougenheim	
1505	24	Maj Gilman rpts we will get 50 trucks at Epfig at 0700, 6 Dec 44	
1530	25	AA rpts mine field vic Selestat	Engr notified
2005	26	Msg fr Fall Able: Bridge okay	
2105	27	Notified M/C to deliver marker signs to 2d Bn	

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0015			1				Lt Jeffords came fr Div w/OI #24 & msg to send 1 rifle Co w/kitchen to rpt to Div CP 070909 for CP guard	Details phoned to 2d Bn & Co E designated
0030			2				5 personnel carriers & 1 kitchen truck tp rpt to 2d Bn at 0730	Phoned to S-4
0120			3				2d Bn mtrs closed in	
0520			4				Checked AT Co - Not all vehicles were - Sgt Ware	
0545			5				Sgt Wade - 4 vehicles out 15 or 16 in	
0825			6				Closed CP ready to move	
1105			7				New CP located at Reitwiller 912087	
1140			8				CIC called giving list of 4 people in Regt they wanted to see	Maj Hennighausen called them back
1230			9				Called to find Engrs had our maps of this area	Tried to contact M/C for msgr to go for them
1440			10				Maj Gilman, Movement Control Group, called: 1 Bn of Fatal & 1 of Fatima are moving tomorrow at 0800 using 25 trucks ea; those 50 trucks will revert to us if we are ordered to move; estimated trucks should be ready for our use by 0930; 2 routes available for our use: 1 w/a detouring pt at 869281 (Ringendorf) & other at Schalkendorf 873260	
1455			11				Lt Jeffords brought following msg fr	

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1455 (Cont'd)	11	(Cont'd) Fame: Detail 1 rifle Co complete w/ kitchen for defense of new Div CP at La Walck Q9027; Co will be closed in LaWalck by 080900 CO of Co rpt at that hour to Hq Comdt at La Walck for instrns; Co E now defending Div CP at Gougenheim will be released to regt when old CP closes at approx 081200	
1500	12	Msgr brought maps fr Engrs	
1500	13	Units notified of meeting at CP at 1700	
1700	14	Sent out map dist on 1/50,000 sheets	
2010	15	About 100 repl 7 Dec; S-4 to furnish 4 trucks which will rpt to Lt Andrews at 3d Repl Bn at 1000	
2250	16	Traffic control called: All traffic going N Pffafanoffen must apply to TC for clearance; exceptions msgr, wire vehicles, ambulances & pre-arranged tp movements	
2255	17	Call fr Movement Control: Will use 10 of our trucks all day tomorrow; be ready to move by 0900; to move 411 into line	
2342	18	We do not furnish trucks to move Fatima to- morrow; also 9 trucks called for by G-4 reld	Auth: Maj Gilman; S-4 notified

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From: 0001, 7 Dec 44

To : 2400, 7 Dec 44

Place: Reitwiller, France

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0430			1				Lt Jeffords rptd fr Div w/FO #3	
0830			2				Lt Clifford rptd B Co trucks had reached his CP at 0820	
0900			3				Sent rifle #176987 to 2d Bn to Capt Nam by M/C	
0930			4				Recd maps fr Engrs	
1100			5				Met the new S-2, Capt Potter	
	1445		6				Sent copy of questions asked by C/S: 103d to Bns & Com O & AT Co; suspense: 101200 Dec 44	
1530			7				Dist made on maps	
1545			8				Fancy Blue 2 called on question of Cert for packages	Got form fr G-2; Cir 217 WD 1 Jun 44
2005			9				Fr Capt Terranova: Fame 3 has changed location of 3d Bn fr Ringeldorf to Ringendorf	Informed 2d & 3d Bns & told Capt Terranova to switch 2d & 3d Bns by mtr msgr & tp re
2015			10				Msg recd fr Capt Terranova: Capt Ricks has quartered 3d Bn in Ringendorf; 2d Bn quartering party has left this area	Informed Capts Urban & Zeek
	2030		11				Sent msg to Capt Terranova: Leave things as you have them now; send complete story back w/msgr	

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From: 0001, 8 Dec 44

To : 2400, 8 Dec 44

Place: Reitwiller, France

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0630			1				Pin pt sheet recd fr G-2	
0825			2				Pin pt shots dist	
0900			3				Capt Potter left for G-2 for orientation	
1345			4				Div C/S called & told us to have a Mission given 2d Bn Bn E of La Walck at daylight	
1350			5				Movement control said a convoy would be moving thru Ringendorf at 1630	Notified Capt Zeek
1500			6				Sent sit overlays to all units	
1625			7				1st Bn closed in new area	Notified movement control
1900			8				Issued overlays to all units	

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0004			1			Lt Johnson rptd back as in fr rear area where he was tng replacements	
0210			2			Fame 5 called & gave correct time	
0220			3			G-2 Sgt called concerning aerial photos; he could not get them yet but would keep trying	
0600			4			Ft tps have closed in; putting guides out for mtrs - Fr 2d Bn	
0725			5			2d Bn ft tps	
0800			6			Mtrs	
0825			7			3d Bn closed ft & mtr	
0845			8			AT Co closed in	
0900			9			Cn Co & Medics closed in	
0905			10			Notified all units that all captured vehicles other than mtr cycles will be turned in to maint section	
0950			11			Fr Fame 6: Move 1 Bn to Meitesheim 9331 at once; 1 Bn will be kept at Bitschhoffen & 1 Bn E of La Walck until further orders	3d Bn to move to Meitesheim 0951
0952			12			Recd overlay of 1st Bn CP	
1200			13			3d Bn closed into Ringendorf; CP estab & operating	

Unit Journal, CT 409, 9 Dec 44 (Cont'd)

1430	14	Left Reitwiller for new CP	
1630	15	Set up at Shalkendorf	
1720	16	Fancy Blue 2 called for more photo pin points and greeting forms	We would check
1730	17	Called Capt Potter at G-2 for more pin pts & more of 58/14, 1/25,000 & 1/50,000	Promised to do something
2200	18	Maps came in fr Engrs	No 1/50,000
2210	19	Overlay of enemy positions fr Div finished for Engrs	

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Organisation CT 409From: 0001, 10 Dec 44To : 2400, 10 Dec 44Place: Shalkendorf, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0730			1				Sent out Intl Summaries to Bns, AT & Cn Co's	
0830			2				Moved CP to Kindwiller	
1215			3				3d Bn closed Mietesheim	Rept to Fame 3
1330			4				Sent map dbst to units	
1515			5				White line out	
1600			6				410 Res Bn moving up to left boundary up to A-line, bypassing resistance on their left flank	This still only on paper
1610			7				White line in	
1610			8				411th has taken Griesbach & work has started on treadway bridge across Zintzler R at 949315; Bailey bridge at Mertzwiller now open	
1625			9				410 has 2 Bns across river & is moving other now	Rptd by Lt Jeffords
2100			10				Col Lloyd & Capt Urban went to Hq for new orders	
2245			11				Fancy 5 & 6 ret'd w/orders for tomorrow: OI 27	Called 2d & 3d, AT & Cn & told CO's to rpt at once
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~~Unit~~ JournalOrganization CT 409From: 0001, 11 Dec 44To : 2400, 12 Dec 44Place: Mertzwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
1100			1				CP arrived at Mertzwiller thru Bitschhoffen fr Kindwiller	
1205			2				3d Bn has passed thru Laubach & are about 100 yds W of Eberbach R	
1210			3				Recd VI Corps & Div G-2 Rpt	
1215			4				Fr PW: Rd fr Mertzwiller to Ershbach free of mines as of day before yesterday; no rd blocks; between 50-60 men in battle groups; Have three SP Russian 76.2 AT guns	Rptd to G-2
1225			5				Made Dist on G-2 rpt	
1225			6				411 rpts his Cn Co in Morsbronn, town in our Z & initial obj	Called 3d; line out; sent Lt Edwards fwd to contact them; notified Div
1245			7				2d Bn ft tps closed in Mertzwiller	
1345			8				2d Bn completely across Zintzler R into Mertzwiller	
1350			9				Heard fr 382d that 3d Bn had entered Morsbronn w/o resistance	
1350			10				Wire crew to 3d Bn rpts bridge over Eberbach R is okay, not blown	
1500			11				CP displaced fwd to Morsbronn at 1500	
1525			12				3d Bn overlooking PLL in Z, just short of line itself; bridge over 014349 not blown	Gave info to CG & Fame 3

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1600	13	Bridge at 014349 has rd block in front of it, is mined, & bridge may be blown; uncertain at this time	To G-3
1940	14	Msg fr 1st Bn giving CP location 959324	
1940	15	rd Bn closed 1715	
2340	16	Factory line in	

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 12 Dec 44To : 2400, 12 Dec 44

Place:

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0515			1				411th wants to coordinate w/us & pass ft tps over bridge in our zone	Will call 3d Bn
0535			2				3d Bn CO wants to talk to 411 himself & will make arrangements for use of bridge	Notified 411
0610			3				Rtd to G-3	
0625			4				Fatima to send 2 Co's over bridge after we have 2 Co's across plus Tks & TD & have cleared Gunstett	Rt fr Maj Reynolds
0640			5				2d Bn moving up, IP time 0640, close Morsbronn at 0800; 3d Bn keep going to M-line & patrol there to front, atk at daylight	
0805			6				2d Bn ft tps closed in Morsbronn	
0812			7				3d Bn: 2 Co's, AT & Tks across stream; bridge okay so far	
0835			8				2d Bn closed in completely	
0930			9				Order issued w/overlay for slipping 2d Bn into rt 1/2 of our zone when we get about 2000 yds short of K-line	
0950			10				3d rpts fwd tps at 025352 0940	
0952			11				2d Bn ordered to move fwd to Gunstett at once	
1020			12				3d Bn rpts rd blocks inside Gunstett; can be blown & vehicles can pass	

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1112	13	Contact pt w/411 038369 cemetery at RJ agreed upon	Held for notification of 5d Bn
1118	14	Gave location of above pt to 3d Bn 3 & told him to send patrol; now just outside town	
1240	15	Ft elements of 2d Bn crossed stream at 1210; mtrs not across yet	
1245	16	Fr Fatima 2: At 029396 one $\frac{1}{2}$ -track & 1 SP; at 032397 1 Tk rotd	
1500	17	Contact has been made w/410 at 1230 at designated pt	
1350	18	411th: 3d Bn in Woerth - reserve, 1st Bn in Diffenbach, 2d Bn at 032390; 409th: As of 1230 3d Bn about 1000 yds east Gunstett	
1355	19	Ordered Cn to displace 1 btry E of Gunstett w/o delay & other btry as soon as possible	
1420	20	1st Bn less A & B will be released to us at 1500 today; B Co will be released shortly	
1535	21	3d Bn rotd 1200 yds short of M-line	
1545	22	Engr rptd bridge would be in by dark	
1550	23	3d Bn rptd 3 Bns across river at M-line; Fancy 6 gave orders to 3d Bn to hold at river	
1600	24	3d Bn rptd its tps on M-line	
2000	25	Fr CO 2d Bn: Ft elements of Bn plus TD's & AT guns closed on obj at 1830; rest of mtrs on way up; have outposts w/bazooka across stream; TD's in position on W side of stream; main bridge is out; estimate 40-ft span needed, banks steep & soft; water estimated 4-ft deep, surface 7 ft below bank; have 1 ft bridge in; request loca- tion of your CP; some bridging material avail- able near site; location Kutzenhauen; request wire line	

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Unit Journal, CT 4Q9, 12 Dec (Cont'd)

2345	26	Col Jun rpts bridge out at Gunstett	Called Fall
2400	27	Capt Potter called Fall 6 to rpt bridge out at Gunstett; Fall will put a Co on it immediately; Capt Merrill will call back	

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From: 0001, 13 Dec 44

To : 2400, 13 Dec 44

Place:

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0020			1				B Co CP at Durrenbach	
0020			2				Fall rptd msg fr Capt Merrill concerning bridge out at Gunstett 2358	
0045			3				Fr CO Co A 328 Engrs: Bridge at 071-876 okay; no word on Bailey for this area; bridge at Gunstett being maintained	
0200			4				Completed FO #5 & made dist	
0402			5				Lt Edwards left to find CO's of TD & CWS Co's	
0745			6				Ops overlay & instrns issued to all orgns concerned	
1040			7				Fr G-3: 14th Armd has been granted permission to use this rd (W boundary) Surbourg-Soultz-Schoenenbourg, but no rds to W of that	
1045			8				To Lt Young G-3 by Fancy 5: We now have tps in Soultz	
1245			9				CP displaced fwd to Merkwiller	
1335			10				Our front lines are generally along A-line; 1st, 3d & 2d fr lt to rt	
1350			11				1st fwd elmts fighting in Lobsann; have 2 plats in town; enemy tks in town	
1410			12				1st now well in Lobsann & mopping up	

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1417	13	CG told Col Lloyd to get Regt on B-line & button up there for nite, hitting Maginot lines positions in morning	
1425	14	2d Bn used Soultz outskirts as LD & jumped off at 1345, moving fwd w/only small amt of enemy fire	
1435	15	1st Bn tks around block & moving up to Lobsann	
1455	16	2d tps in Retschwiller & fighting thru town now; Res Co in Soultz; have armor & TD's moving along w/tps	
1500	17	Rptd sit to G-3	
1535	18	Old rot of 14th Armd elmts 82, 86, 73, 58, about 1430	Put on map; CCA on our rt
1550	19	Maginot forts NOT defended; patrol tonite at least to C-line preparatory to atk tomorrow in strength to seize F-line	G-3 msg changes orders to button up on B-line
1550	20	Be on lookout at Soultz for Task Force Forrest	Relayed to 2d & 3d
1720	21	1st has taken Memelshoffen & wants to know if he should continue after dark to reach B-line - S-F will ask Col Lloyd & phone 1st CO	Rptd to G-3
1730	22	2d Bn 1000 yds ahead of Retschwiller at 1600	
1732	23	Col Lloyd told 1st to feel way up to rd at edge of woods 1000 yds short of B-line; told him to do best he could tonite; patrol to fr to C-line & feel out Maginot positions; 1st said he can't move much fwd tonite	
1745	24	Fr 2d Bn: Krauts dug in in front of Retschwiller; Retschwiller secured; continuing atk	
1820	25	2d Bn: Previously rptd positions are incorrect; tps are just in front of Retschwiller, not 1000 yds; entire CCA in Soultz & staying there tonite	
1830	26	Fr 2d Bn: Holding line 700 yds in front of A-line; have contact w/units on left; they are 1000 yds fwd of A-line	

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2100	27	382d fired 267 rds for 2 fwd bns today
2215	28	Majors Thomas & Gilman each called to tell us our present Tk Co was being reld tomorrow morning; new tks to rpt at RJ 064378 at 0630 to 0700
2330	29	Recd OI #30 by Lt Jeffords

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 14 Dec 44To : 2400, 14 Dec 44Place: Markwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0400			1				Driver who delivered PWs to Div cage rotd in	
0500			2				Red Bn rpts info concerning patrols to C-line	
0520			3				Blue Bn called asking what to do w/released tks	
0630			4				1st Bn 1st Sgt after tks	
0645			5				Lt O'Hara after tks	
0710			6				White Bn rpts info on patrols to C-line	
0733			7				2d Bn rpts pushed off at 0730	
0755			8				3d Bn notified Lt Blandford they closed in area at 0645	
0830			9				To 3d Bn: Your Co at Soultz will be released to Bn control at 0900 & will rejoin the Bn	
0840			10				Fwd tps entering Keffenach; well in town now w/F Co; no resistance	
0940			11				F Co reached B-line at 0920; A Co in Retschwiller; Col Lloyd & Capt Urban left immediately for town	
1000			12				F Co can see E Co coming up on their right but F Co is moving fwd. It was Co A of 410th in town; 6 men of A Co of 409 were in town, stragglers probably	

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1035	13	B & C Co's pushed off & are approaching Burenbach	
1045	14	1st is thru Burenbach w/B Co; C Co moving on Drachenbroun; L Co has been ordered to RJ 105412 to act as combat ln Co w/fwd bns	
1055	15	E & F Co's about halfway between B & C phase line & have contact w/each other	
1105	16	1st halfway to C-line & has contact w/2d	
1115	17	Rotd to Fame 3	
1120	18	2d on C-line w/E & F Co's; have rd to E which is S of C-line blocked; armor	
1130	19	CP displaced fwd to Soultz	
1145	20	Sent msg to 3d to move Bn to Kiffenbach, close by 1300 (Via I&R at 1045)	
1400	21	At 1330 1st was along rd running NW fr RJ 207 (106448) w/3 Co's abreast; atking Cleebourg	
1425	22	1st is halfway thru Cleebourg & 2d is 500 yds ahead on the rt sector	
1430	23	CP displaced fwd to Birenbach	
1430	24	Fr 2d Bn: Tps on PLD; bridge N critical pt 79 out; 25-ft span; need Engrs to get armor across; attempting to construct bypass for light vehicles	
1515	25	Rot to G-3 by radio of our situation	
1525	26	1st Bn is on D-line; has armor in Cleebourg	
1527	27	Col Lloyd rotd to CG over phone (On D-line). We are to move on fwd to E-line; told him our res is moving to Cleebourg tonite; gave us the Bn of 410 on Div rt flank to protect flank fr B to D-lines	Orders issued to 410 1st & our 3d Bns to atk in dir Steir seltz; 410 1st t move on Bremmelt 1st & 2d ordered to hold at E-lin w/defense in dep

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1650 28 Asked CG for extension of our Z to include
Steinseltz & Oberhaufen in AM. Ans: Okay,
but get back in original Z after we clear
it out; extension of Z approved

2000 29 Fame 3 called: No new change

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 15 Dec 44To : 2400, 15 Dec 44Place: Birenbach, France, & Gleebourg

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0915			1				G Co jumped off 0900 & has reached 136455	
0955			2				CP displaced fwd to Gleebourg	
1035			3				1st has taken Rott & is fighting to reach E-W rd N of there; 2d has taken Steinseltz & Oberhoffen; 1 Co, F, moving N fr there.	
1045			4				1st has not reached E-W rd; having tough fight on N edge of Rott	
1330			5				2d Bn rpts Co in 735475; receiving fire in that vic	1st Bn notified
1530			6				1st Bn: Cos A & B in town issuing ammo; Co C located at 120479 to 123478	
1531			7				3d Bn: Told Blue to be prepared to move in 10 mins	
1533			8				2d Bn: Co F located at 132478; Co E just in rear of F; Co G still in Steinseltz & Oberhoffen; armor hasn't taken over yet	
1545			9				3d Bn: Moved Co K out to 122457 for LD; atk to N to PLE	Notified Red 6; Red sending Co C thru same route
1550			10				Fancy 6 to Red 6: Get moving & clean out woods; get A Co moving	
1605			11				White 5 to Fancy 6: Co G in Oberhoffen (1 plst in Steinseltz);	

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1605 (Cont'd)	11	(Cont'd) Cos E & F moving slowly, receiving SA fire, 88 & SP fire; White 6 rpts plenty of AT protection	
1610	12	Call for Capt Thorpe, Foundry A-6; he has a tk in his own Div Ord. He is to contact his Asst G-3 if he wants tk tonite	Given to Capt Thorpe at 1630
1615	13	Fancy 6 to G-3: Gave him sitrep of present actions	
1618	14	Fancy 6 fr White 6: Co F located at 132478; Co E moving along beside Co F; Co G in Oberhoffen & Steinseltz; enemy rptd SP gun dug in in front of F Co	
1620	15	Fancy 6 to Red 6: Co C position is on rd; has 3 tks in position that can support atk	
1700	16	Col Lloyd gave G-3 SITREP; told about use of Co K to move around left flank of 1st Bn to gain contact w/411 on left	
1705	17	Capt Zeek rptd K Co jumped off at bridge 122457	
1705	18	Recd overlay fr AT on mines cleared today	1 cy to Co A, 328 B
1720	19	Fancy 3 to White 3: Ordered to button up immediately & send in overlay of present positions as soon as possible	
1725	20	Fancy 3 to Red 5: Ordered to button up immediately & send in overlay of present positions as soon as possible & contact 411 on left	
1725	21	Light Line: Lobsann to Keffenack	
1730	22	Col Lloyd talked to G-3 on position of 411; 411 is on PLE; our positions given to G-3	
1735	23	Capt Urban to Red 5: What is your frontage? Don't know but will find out & call back	
1745	24	Capt Urban to Maj Reynolds: Have you heard fr Co K?	

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1745	25	Blue 3 to Capt Urban: Co K on obj, E-line	Rptd to G-3
1745	26	G-3 gave Col Lloyd rpt on 411 being on E-line; also hint on OI being out tonite; said Lt Jeffords would be down in 15-20 mins w/OI	
1750	27	Capt Urban to Blue 3: Tell Co K not to move fwd of E-line; get in deployed formation & hold tight until further orders; 411 is to make contact w/us	
1800	28	Col Lloyd to Col Therrell: On 500-600 yd front at 125477 to 120477, Co B rt, C lt; make contact w/Co K & Co F should be abreast of you now; Co's A & B on line; Co C in Rott	
1830	29	Capt Urban to Lt Eddens: Gave positions of 1st Bn; will rpt White Bn positions later tonite; rptd Lt Jeffords hasn't arrived; notify in 15-20 mins if he doesn't arrive & will get another down	
1850	30	Lt Jeffords brought OI #32 fr Div	
2010	31	Co K made no contact w/411 on lt or 1st Bn on rt flank; Col Strange instructed to get contact w/1st Bn & wait for contact patrol fr 411 since they were after prescribed positions	
2030	32	Msg fr CO, 410, concerning rcn patrols	
2330	33	New OI rogered for	
2340	34	Capt Urban gave Maj Hennighausen phase lines & boundaries of their Z	

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Organization ----- CT 409 -----
 From: 0001, 16 Dec 44
 To : 2400, 16 Dec 44
 Place: Vic Cleebourg, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0045			1				Lt Jennings called to rpt on patrol; 2 squads of K went 200 yds N, 700 yds NW & 200 yds on N of Co position (outposting rd in sector); made no contact & saw no activity	Informed S-3; they were to send another patrol along rd to SW to make contact
0055			2				M/C checked 2d Bn & found msg could wait for AM to return to CP & another would be at M/C in AM also	
0200			3				Maj Hennighausen called S-3 to say 1st Bn 410 had trpn jammed up on rd thru woods fr Birenbach to Steinseltz	
0315			4				Atk Order rogered for	
0510			5				K Co patrol went about 500 yds down SW rd & contacted by outpost vic 475107; no contact w/411; Capt Urban said to give up patrolling for tonite; info phoned to G-3	
0835			6				Recd Movement Control Plan & overlay for 16 Dec; regt makes arty movement requests; convoys of 10 or more vehicles must make request for movement	
0920			7				S-3 to Blue 3: Plat fr 1st Bn contacted 411; Have K Co contact 411 & 1st Bn & keep contact all day	
0930			8				Fr CG 103: 1st Bn 410 Inf reld fr atchmt to 409 Inf; revert to parent orgn immediately; 410 Inf will employ 1st Bn to protect rt flank of Div fr PLD to E, OI #29, until reld by Div order	

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0930 9 White 6 to S-3: Cos E & F jumping off

0940 10 Red 6 to S-3: Atk jumped off 0930

0955 11 Col Strange told Lt Blandford to get new CP set up at Rott

1010 12 Col Lloyd gave Fame 6 our SITREP

1010 13 Gen Pierce came in CP to check on sit

1035 14 Col Lloyd to Red 6: Red 6 rpts being on edge of PLF; have contact on rt

1038 15 Sgt fr 411 gave position of Bn on our lt; sent to 3d Bn to make contact w/Co K

1045 16 White line still out

1055 17 S-3 to Blue 3: Rpt when Sgt of 411 leaves to go back

1100 18 14th Armd Ln 0 rptd 42d Bn being on edge of Monument; 25th Armd Bn on S edge of Altenstadt

1105 19 White 5 to Col Lloyd: On PLF; do not have contact on lt; White 6 to lean on lt boundary; if he moves that way halfway between PLF & G; keep Res deep; any covering in force will be done by Res Co

1115 20 White 6 to Fancy 5 (thru Factory): White Bn rptd at 1050 at 130482 to 136484

1120 21 Fancy 6 to Red 6: Red 6 rpts being on edge of Weiller; will be ready to atk in 45 mins; changing direction by using Res Co; keep us posted

1133 22 B Co to be moved to 121488 & used as base of fire; A Co to atk Weiller; Co to pass thru B after atk; atk jumps off in 10 mins; 2d Bn lt flank on edge of Weiller, SE edge of town

1137 23 CCA has men & vehicles in Wissembourg; fighting around 2 rd blocks in town but not heavy resistance; on S edge of town

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1140	24	Recd overlay showing positions of 1st Bn CP	
1150	25	Fr 2d: F & E Cos on PLF; have met no resistance	
1200	26	Gave G-3 sit: 1st atking Weiler, 2d on PLF, CCA in Wissembourg	Gave infor on CCA to 1st & 2d
1206	27	Fr 2d: Got tps across stream on SE edge of Weiler & receiving no fire fr town	
1208	28	Col Lloyd gave above info on Weiler to 1st	
1245	29	Red 6 & White 5 rpt they are moving; White has some ft tps across stream	
1315	30	Town of Weiler is in our hands; bridge over stream S of town is out; engrs working on it	
1423	31	Div Air O; Sending planes to bomb Bergzabern; on way now	
1430	32	1st at Weiler; all bridges to S okay; all to N out	
1435	33	1st Bn ft tps moved out of Weiler hour ago; meeting no resistance	
1439	34	K Co located 116490 short of F line; contact rt & lt	
1451	35	2d Bn: Fwd Co G abreast at 133498, leaning on lt boundary; Bn in a column of Cos in G-E-F order; Col Lloyd told him to keep mass on lt, echeloned to rt & to rear; meeting no resistance	
1454	36	3d Bn ordered to move to Weiler at once to close before dark if possible	
1517	37	2d Bn is 1400 yds N of PLF	
1523	38	Col Lloyd gave G-3 our sit; got latest position of 411	
1530	39	Capt Zeek said Co K was out of wire; Blue 6 to make contact by radio	
1530	40	Tk Capt in; Col Lloyd gave him situation	

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1535	41	Movement control rpts light line same as last nite	
1600	42	C Co patrol contacted 1st Bn CO who said his fwd elmts were about on 52 grid line or about 500 yds short of PLG; patrol to fwd bn of Fatima has not returned yet	
1605	43	Gave Gen Pierce sit on all 3 Bns	
1610	44	Arty Ln O w/1st Bn rpts crossing 51 grid line; meeting no resistance in their sector	
1618	45	K Co rpts 411 position at 120498	
1625	46	Fr 2d; Tps crossed D-line w/2 Co's abreast about 1600; Col Lloyd told him to button up on H-line for tonite keeping F Co well back in Res; has contact to lt; Bn needs wire for com	
1630	47	Fr 1st Bn: 1000 yds short G Line. Told to get to H-line tonite & button up there for the nite; Red 6 doubtful if he could make it	
1635	48	Col Lloyd rptd to G-3. Gave us positions of 411, saying res Bn in our sector	
1647	49	G-3 confirmed fact that CCA was in Schweiger & Rechtenbach, protecting our right	
1730	50	Capt Urban asked G-3 for scheme for tomorrow. Lt Eddens will find out & call	
1745	51	Fr G-3: No new OI expected at this time; probably just a Div H-hour & new phase line obj	
1745	52	Capt Porteous rptd he got 10 miles of wire	Notified Lt Elandf
2015	53	Red 5 rptd Red Bn 200 yds short of PLH	
2017	54	Col Lloyd asked G-3 about route thru 14th Armd Div Z; Ln O rptd that it was okay for axis of Sig Com	

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 17 Dec 44To : 2400, 17 Dec 44Place: Vic of Veller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Date	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0500			1			White 3 called to ask if rd was swept to Veller & if we could use rd net on rt flank	One rd swept to Veller in our 2; sig com axis along rds on flank; those vehicles could infiltrate
0505			2			Engr 0 rpts Veller bridge is in but crater on rd to ridge is in poor condition & needs more work; 1st & 2d Bns notified	
0505			3			Pame 3 called to say 14th Armd gives permission to pass vehicles (10-12 jeeps more necessary) over their rd net	
0915			4			Call fr CG: Wanted to know what our instrns were for today; told him that CG had ordered patrolling vigorously to determine what was in front of line & not to move fwd until order fr Pame 6; he wants to know who gave us instrns to go to K-line; it came fr Pame 3; he said as long as Bns had not been told to move to K-line it was okay to patrol in that direction but he did not think want them to atk w/o his order	
0950			5			Rtd line to OP is in; no rpt on patrols - 2d Bn	
1015			6			Bns ordered not to advance beyond N-line until ordered; patrol to K-line vigorously	
1045			7			1st Bn captured 2 prisoners who said they preparing to atk; supplies were hand-carried up to 1st at 1030	

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1050	8	Fr Fame 3: Hold PLH in Z; patrol to PLK; prepare to continue atk to PLK on Div order; maintain contact w/Fatima by patrolling along bdry between front line Bns to include estab of contact pts at intersection of PLH & bdry between Regts	
1055	9	Our mission is Ober Otterbach fr 1230-1315	Notice given 1st & 2d
1115	10	411th rt Bn is now up as far as 53 grid line at critical pt 139	
1122	11	Ordered K Co into a position vic 122522 & to feel out fwd lines to NE & NW (Hill 517)	
1125	12	Recd rpt that a PE Grenadier Bn is in Ober Otterbach	
1145	13	I & R Plat rots 6 EW & 1 O (ey) on top of hill 136552 behind 1st Bn; did not see our men	Notified 1st Bn; Lt Clifford sending patrol to meet I&R & get ey
1350	14	K Co reached 122522 at 1310	
1440	15	Fr Fall 3: 2 Plats of Engr Co now in direct support being brought under Engr Bn control, leaving only 1 plat in our direct support; mission of 1 plat is maintenance of defile SE of Weiler; told him we intended to employ other plat in E part of our sector between F & G lines as that is direct supply line for us; he said if we needed any of the others back to request	
1520	16	Cn Co given OK to move positions to vic rt bdry & G-line	
1550	17	Gave G-3 positions of all located instlms of Seigfried Line	
1600	18	Info recd that 1 Bn of 410 has been ordered to be prepared to move to vic Weiler	
1601	19	K Co ordered to move behind 1st to rear slope of Hill 558 vic 127583	

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1607 20 To Movement Control: Explained difficulties of 1-way defile 3/4 mi down into Weiler; 411 CO called CG & obtained his okay to use rd after we had refused them permission

1700 21 Activities of 1st & 2d Bn during day: Numerous patrols to front & flanks of Bn positions locating & feeling out Seigfried defenses in our Z; rpts coming in are being entered on our maps & checked against previously rptd' instlms by G-2 & aerial photos; 3d Bn in Res vic Weiler

1723 22 Urgent msg: Send patrols to junction of left bdry & H-line to contact patrol fr 411 - to 1st Bn

1744 23 Cn Co in position to fire

1750 24 K Co rpts 411 rt Bn is now fighting for a town nearby

1922 25 Phone msg to Capt Porteous: CG has said mules not to be used for 24 hours

1930 26 Capt Urban to Capt Cocke at G-3: Rpt on findings of patrols to our front; he said we didn't move today because our Regt was too far in front of rest of Army front

1945 27 Capt Terranova rpts traffic double-banked back to Rott & rd in terrible shape; no engr maintenance

1955 28 Capt Urban phoned Div Engr & told him of rd sit fr Rott & that we definitely needed entire Co of Engrs tomorrow, not a plat

2005 29 Maj Thomas: Probably will atk at 1000 in AM; Capt Urban said we don't know all there is to know about the line but do know enough to atk; told him we needed the engr & mules in AM

2015 30 Order: Atk tomorrow at 1100 to PLJ; do not go on fr J unless on Div Order; protect Div rt flank fr PLF to J; 410 protects rt flank fr PLD to F

2050 31 Fancy 6 told White 6 to have plenty of ammo in bn dump where he can get it up quickly - 10- to 15000 rds/MG; Checked CWS, mortar ammo & all details

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2305	32	Fragmentary order & Opns overlay issued to 2d & 3d Bns via M/C; 1st Bn held by Capt Urban
2330	35	OI #53 brought down by Lt Jeffords

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0145			1				OI #6 fr. 14th Armd recd	
0610			2				Fame 3 rts unit on our left recd mortar & arty fire along rd on criti- cal pt 159; also their L Co hit at 0230 by unknown force; recd casualties	
1005			3				Capt Wimberly rts CCA has 2 Cos in Ober Otterbach moving N astride rd in extreme rt of our sector	
1020			4				Ln fr CCA confirms above rpt; their pos just N of town on its outskirts	
1100			5				Col Lloyd & Capt Urban displaced fwd CP to Rechtenbach, Germany; town clear of civilians	
1110			6				Col Lloyd gave White 6 info on CCA; he says CCA is about 200 yds of Ober Otterbach, not thru town; he also says flame-throwers are a new type & they need engr help to use them	
1114			7				Capt Urban called swd; have lines to White, Factory, Rear Swd & 2 War Rms	
1145			8				Col Lloyd to Red 6: Has physical con- tact w/411; at 1156 Maj Moffatt said 1st Bn had not jumped off; 1st Co couldn't move because 411 was bring- ing down arty fire right in front of them; rt Co had patrol out & couldn't atk until they came back; patrol lo- cated rd block on trail vic 149541	

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- 1205 9 3d Bn ft tps closed in new assembly area at 1130; told him to be ready to atk due E on rt of 2d Bn & between 1st & 2d Bns
- 1210 10 White jumped off 1145; moving across valley; no opposition; rifle fire over phone; does not know whether positions are manned; explosives were w/o non-electric caps; none in Div; Engr there working out a firing device now; can see pill boxes plainly (Fr Col Strange)
- 1230 11 2d Bn has moved to rt in front of H-line; CCA has reached Steinfeld (250)
- 1235 12 Lt Co of 1st Bn still held up by 411 arty fire; Capt Urban called 411 & asked them to check as we'd like to get fwd & can't move until fire is lifted
- 1240 13 Capt Urban rtd our sit to Capt Cocke, at G-3
- 1243 14 411 fire was coordinated w/our 1st & is on a definite target of 6 MGs
- 1307 15 2d Bn moving up slope of hill 155528 & has already passed some empty pill boxes; receiving little SA fire fr hill 153534 but no AW; moving up slopes now
- 1310 16 CCA pulling back fr Ober Otterbach because they think they are getting counteratk fr woods & hills to W & NW (S-3 gave this info to 2d Bn) This rpt a little hazy; had 1 Co plus tk plat in town according to rpts; 2d rpts hearing lot of fire to lt, think it's ey
- 1324 17 S-3 gave CG sit in our Z
- 1337 18 Polish prisoner brought to CP said ey (1 Div - 5000 men) that came fr Wissembourg had w/d to line E-W thru Bergzabern-Edlenborn; line of entrenchments is strong but if we hit it w/arty they will run; our arty in right direction but too long
- 1340 19 CCA w/d S of Ober Otterbach & reforming; probably To Capt Cocke, won't push back in until tomorrow AM; we might have G-3 to use our Res to protect our rt flank left open by CCA's w/drawal

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- 1350 20 White S-3 called: Arty fire has uncovered camouflage on several pill boxes in their Z; has 1 Co 153536 & 1 Co 159529 moving fwd behind screen of strong patrols; G Co had small CA & repulsed it
- 1415 21 1st being held up by big bunker to their immediate front; moving against it now; 1 Co moving down thru valley & attempting to outflank it 32537
- 1420 22 Capt Urban gave sit to G-3; 2d Bn 1553' has 1 Co on Grassberg Hill, 1 Co working up saddle between Grassberg & Hohenberg Hill & 3d Co echeloned to rt & rear
- 1510 23 CCA S of Ober Otterbach is completely demoralized & disorganized; supplies & ammo low; officers have left in inf Cos; now 8-900 yds below town & slowly falling back; our Tk Co CO told CCA Hq to get more inf up there & get sit in hand before it gets worse; we are moving up a Co fr 3d Bn to Schweigen at 1600 to work w/our tk Co (Note: This rpt made by CO, Co A, 47th Tk Bn)
- 1545 24 Col Lloyd gave Fame 6 our sit; also gave him rpt on 14 Armd Div on our rt
- 1600 25 Red 6 rptd that Co C was on fwd slope of Klanzelberg Hill (146538)
- 1605 26 68th Armd Bn CP located in Rechtenbach now
- 1615 27 Red 6 asked for his TDs to come up in woods in his sector tonite; Col lloyd gave his okay to move; wants them S & W of Hill 503 at trail fork
- 1620 28 Capt Urban notified Lt Dupont to send 1st Plat of TDs up to 1st Bn
- 1628 29 Cn Co in position just to W of Schweigen; Capt White said Div is looking town over for possible CP
- 1631 30 2d Bn positions have not changed: G Co on N nose of Grassberg Hill; E Co on saddle W of Hohenberg Hill; F Co across stream about 153531. Col Lloyd told him to move F Co further down to SE; 2d rptd that 2 front Cos are receiving hvy arty fire
- 1650 31 Mr Lang, War Correspondent for Time Magazine, came in & spoke to Col Lloyd

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1830	32	Lt Dupont unable to get TDs up to 1st Bn tonite; will move up at dawn	
1836	33	Msg recd fr CCA: This unit to spend nite reorganizing; no atk ops contemplated tomorrow	To G-3, Lt Eddens
1845	34	Call to 1st Bn: Want to know exact positions they are holding for nite. A Co 137539, C Co moving fr 137539 E to 146537 thru valley; receiving no fire of any kind on any of Bn positions; Co's will be facing N as soon as regrouped & ready to atk in AM; has AT guns in position & targets located; no KIA's, about 8 wounded today	
1945	35	Overlay of positions of CCA brought in by Ln O	
1947	36	Lt Strickland called Capt Urban to say that Corps is putting in treadway; in by noon tomorrow	
2000	37	Major Moffatt called S-2 confirming previous info	
2015	38	Maj Hennighausen called; 5 told him to tentatively plan on the 2 knobs on either flank	
2045	39	Fr Maj Thomas: Regt moves at 1100 tomorrow, same obj J-line. Col Lloyd told him he plans to go slow in 2d Bn sector & try to have 1st come up abreast; 2d will reduce the 2 hills knobs to their front & stand fast for 1st to come abreast. Maj Thomas said that plan was okay	
2110	40	The 5 said the mules would be expected to start to them as soon as daylight in AM; 5 mi W130 coming w/ them; White 5 wanted no electric fuse caps, 2 doz flame charges & fuse lighters	
2142	41	410 1st Bn S-2 called Maj Urban: Wanting to coordinate his movement into area close to our Res Bn; 5 recommended that they put his base at 113 & a minimum at 112 because that arrangement would relieve our supply problem to our Res Bn	
2305	42	Told 1st Bn to move fwd at 0815 & reduce bunkers to their front, reporting progress to us	
2320	43	Lt Strickland informed S-3 bridge put in across canal in Wissembourg at 151488 to hold up to & including 2½ ↑ trucks, not tks. Notified 3d by phone, 1st, 2d & S-4 by M/C	

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0500			1				Sent overlay to Bns, G-2, showing bunker positions which were rptd by 2d Bn; papers were found on German KIA	
0630			2				Gave G-3 SITREP	
0800			3				Gave Col Jun our sit	
0850			4				Red 6 rptd that observation was poor & Col Lloyd told him to wait until he could see	
0845			5				White 3 rptd his sit to Col Lloyd; wanted dynamite & caps	Sending up by Engr Plat
0847			6				Tk Capt rptd that Co I was in position to protect tks	
0925			7				SITREP given G-3 by Maj Urban	
0945			8				Red 6 rptd Co A working on Hill 489 around fr 138544 to position on pill box	
1000			9				Mortar fire falling on Co A not coming fr 411 area; must be ey fire; 411 positions remain same	
1005			10				White 3 rpts Co E receiving grenades; maneuvering Co to rt flank; trying to get into pill box on rt side; sent 2 additional bazooka teams to Co E for total of 9 bazookas; Co F still holding on rt flank; Co G getting arty fire, had 16 casualties	

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1010 11 Lt Dupont said it was impossible to get AT or TDs to 2d Bn; if 1st Bn advances he might be able to get them up

1020 12 S-3 gave Capt Zeek sit as of this AM

1025 13 S-4 stated it is impossible to evacuate casualties on mules

1035 14 Instructed Lt Haynes to set up 2 OPs; Have I&R carry wire up & out in lines to both; OP #1 is w/Co I, OP #2 is located on Hill 503 in 1st Bn area

1045 15 S-4 rptd that 2d Bn recd mules okay

1055 16 Red 2 rptd for Red 6 that he has Hill 489 (145540) w/C Co; captured 3 bunkers, 15 prisoners

1105 17 Rptd to Fame 3 by S-3

1108 18 Notified White 6 about Red Bn taking Hill 503; White 5 has demolitions made & sent to G Co

1155 19 White 3 rpts taking pill box at 154538; captured 17 EM & 1 O; came in on it fr behind; this puts G Co in possession of Grassberg Hill; did not button it up but came in on its blind spot & blew it w/40 lbs TNT against embrasure; wants to know where C is now

1215 20 411 jumped off at 1114 & w/o meeting stiff resistance; are bringing up tks

1223 21 G-3 came in. Col Lloyd gave him scheme of maneuver & overlay of employment of 3d Bn

1227 22 A Co on lower slopes of Hill 543 & working up toward pill box in its nose

1340 23 S-5 of Armd Inf Bn on our rt came in & gave Col Lloyd his sit & intentions

1400 24 Co E on saddle between Grassberg & Hohenberg; 1 Plat working around to N & E along slope of Hohenberg to move on pill boxes on peak fr rear; Co CO & some men are in 1 rm of pill box & ey in another; another gp is in 1 bunker w/ey in 1 right next to it; remaining tps of Co are working around to relieve men holed up in pill boxes

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1406 25 1st rpts ey Bn moving S vic 15225542 out of Bollenborn; called for arty & hit right in middle; Col Lloyd gave him K Co as Res not to be committed w/o notifying Regt; 3d Bn notified of K Co's atchmt to 1st Bn

1415 26 Col Jun called his S-3 & told him to call Div Arty & arrange for a hvy shoot in gen area of ey bn

1434 27 Pinned down by fire fr pill boxes; told CO 1st Bn that 384th had type of ammo that would bust those bunkers; 1st is unable to get K Co; told him they were on S slope of Hill 552 & for him to contact them

1445 28 3 Plats of CCA tks moving up rd in Ober Otterbach - rpt fr White OP. It is probably relief being made this afternoon

1505 29 Ln 0 fr 411 came in & gave Lt Edwards sit of Bn on our left

1520 30 Col Lloyd gave Maj Reynolds his plans for possible use of 3d Bn; overlay of bdry given him

1531 31 Rpt made to Capt Cocke, G-3

1605 32 Col Lloyd rptd to CG

1715 33 B Co patrol just off trail due N of Hill 503; rest of Co in Res in front of 503; will interdict Hill 543 during nite & rd in front of Hill 489; Col Lloyd told him to take his time, go slowly & plan carefully

1730 34 Gave 3d sit of front line bns

1910 35 German paratroops dropping behind our lines at approx (0643)

1916 36 Lt Edwards called Capt Cocke re paratops. Capt Cocke stated it was only 1 paratp or pilot may have been ey or friendly

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1940	37	Lt Strickland rptd that a 75-mm gun dropped off bridge in Weiler; Lt Ganaway is to repair bridge tonite
1950	38	Notified S-4 to contact Lt Barton to replace bridge as soon as Ord pulls gun out
1950	39	Lt Clifford brought OI #11 fr CCA 14th Armd Div
2000	40	Fatima 3 rptd they are going to fire 240-mm on position on edge of our zone at 0900; S-5 gave him our sit; Fatima 3 rpts embrasure is 40 ft thick
2010	41,	Fancy 3 to Red 3 to see if they had patrols in vic of embrasure in all area; Red 3 to check & call back
2025	42	Lt Strickland called & said 75-mm gun would not be pulled out until AM; Lt Burton will repair bridge in 15 mins
2030	43	Red 3 doesn't want fire fr Fatima as it will hit Co. A
2030	44	Notified Fatima not to fire
2115	45	Fancy 6 gave Fame 6 situation & proposed opns for tomorrow
2120	46	Fame 6 called & said to use Corps Arty & air on critical pt 145 & only Corps Arty on 146
2200	47	Fancy 3 rptd to Red 3 that Fatima would fire 240's on position SW of A Co; this was approved by Col Lloyd & Fatima 6
2220	48	S-3 gave White 6 plan for opns tomorrow & got position of 2d Bn
2345	49	M/C picked up overlays on Plan A for dist

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0600			1				Rptd to G-3 (Lt Young)	
0725			2				Call fr Red 6: C on Farrenberg but has not entire mountain; is going to slip to left of hill w/a company to straighten out the lines w/B Co; Corps Arty is to shoot on Dorrenbach & Col Lloyd wants 1st to move at time arty fire comes down; do not move until visibility is good about 1000	
0750			3				Sgt Pike rotd in fr Regtl OP #1: No visibility; will rpt when he can see	
0830			4				Receiving hvy arty & mortar fire; Germans keep reoccupying trenches; Americans leave; counter arty against Germans, 4.2, etc - White 3	
0835			5				Fr Div Arty: Asking plans so as to know which towns to hit & when & to be able to call	
0840			6				Fame 14 calls & rpts: 2 flights, 1 ea village, both demolitions, critical pts 145-146; if obsv & HE drives people out they'll drop blaze bombs	
0845			7				240 shoot at 0900; a Bn Comdr fr 411 to come over to our 1st to see that it does not fall on our tps; Lt Clifford rpts he has not arrived at Red OP; Maj Urban called 411-3 about Bn CO; he left for Red OP 10-15 mins ago	
0855			8				Called Red OP: Bn CO still not at 1st Bn; can't get A Co on radio	

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0920	9	Capt McBee: Getting CA w/Inf & tks on Farrenberg; tks coming up fr SE; defensive fires down; Col Lloyd told him to have bazookas ready
0925	10	Gave CA info to Lt Clifford; C Co having small CA supported by an armored vehicle; repulsed
0940	11	OP #1: Tks just above Rechtenbach drawing 88 fire; moving about
0940	12	4 tks drew out of Otterbach; 3 other tks have w/d into Rechtenbach
0945	13	S-3 called AT; Lt Dupont has guns covering rd N of Rechtenbach
1015	14	Hvy arty fire falling on rd N of Rechtenbach; our Inf & tks holding their positions
1020	15	Gen Pierce came in; Col Lloyd gave him sit & tentative Plan A
1026	16	White 3 still waiting on rpt of arty fire; 1st putting B Co in gap between C Co & G Co; tk in G Co area; bazooka teams trying to work around; holding F on right until picture clear; using mules for supplies; replacements coming in not completely equipped; ey dropped rd of smoke on Hohenberg, in saddle & in Grassberg; may be preparation for atk or covering w/drawal; Rpt fr G Co (1036): CA beaten off & tks w/d
1040	17	Asked OP #2 about visibility; still no phone direct to OP #2
1041	18	1st sending B & C up on Farrenberg w/A Co; too much ground to cover w/small force of A Co
1040	19	Ey FP falling on Grassberg & Hohenberg; told him Germans often fire smoke rds to indicate end of arty fires; G Co can't see saddle between Grassberg & Farrenberg
1054	20	Told Red 6 that G Co can not see into saddle; may use K Co to outpost gaps fwd of Hill 503, not in front lines
1100	21	Maj Urban gave Capt Cocks (G-3) sit
1106	22	B is up w/Op hope to be able to swing them down to left between C & A; 1st had arty brought down on trs (142538) on ey column of 6-A tks 150 200

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1117 23 Red 6 rats air should be able to see Bollenborn

1121 24 Rptd visibility okay to Capt Dalchen; gave SITREP to Lt Eddens

1125 25 411 has not fired 240; is adjusting 155's on it now; tps have not moved; gave 411-3 our sit & that of CCA elmts on rt

1145 26 G Co has recd 8 rds of WP fire; cannot determine direction

1153 27 Rptd that CCA is sending a force to comb houses in Rechtenbach

1154 28 Asked Capt Dalchen about air mission; prospects do not look good, weather very unfavorable

1159 29 Our own arty blasting K Co & A Co

1200 30 Called Col Jun & gave him info; called 411 & said call off 155 fire; 411 said it was ey counter-preparation; 155 fire stopped & fire falling on 1st Bn stopped

1207 31 1st can see 2 tks & will fire on them; can hear more

1240 32 Patrol fr A contacted 411; 411 wants to fire on Hill 215 & suggests A Co w/d fr their position for their own safety. This came fr CO Co C 411; salvo to be at 1415

1242 33 No air mission today unless weather clears: Capt Dalchen

1245 34 About 75 ey atking C Co fr W & E; can probably break it up w/arty; 600 yds fr C Co now

1300 35 Maj Urban called Fame 3; Gave Capt Cocke sit on our front - B & C Hill 489, A Hill 532; we do not intend to move A Co so 411 can fire their arty; he will call 411 & talk to them about it

1312 36 Urgent fr Fame 38; Told him CCA had pulled back; our plat is still out there; CCA Inf (600) are still out in front of Rechtenbach; finding out now if CCA will pull off this demonstration toward Ober Oefferbach

1315 37 Fr Red 6: C Co drove off another CA of 55 ey supported by tks; told him 200 rds of arty had been dropped on Boldenborn this AM; no casualties in A Co fr 411 fire this AM

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1345 38 G Co in Grossberg recd 1 rd our arty fire; notified Factory 6 & he will check it

1355 39 OP #1: Smoke screen seems to have been laid on Ober Otterbach

1358 40 Col Jun says arty on G Co is probably not ours

1407 41 B Co took pill box on Parrenberg summit; 15 ey dead or captured; a satchel charge blew escape door in

1412 42 Gave Capt Cocke rpt on B Co; told him method used; satchel charge on rear door

1500 43 Told Sgt Townsend to tell Red 6 to start to button up at 1600; gave msg to Capt Teitelbaum

1502 44 2d Bn: G Co held up by trenches 70 yds to front; flanks open; something should go in between C & G to open it up; E Co stopped by boxes to front that are raking saddle & approaches fr S; can't fire arty only 50-40 yds fr our tos; will have to come in Hohenberg fr E not W; White 5 says gap between G & C must be plugged; trenches easy to take but it takes men to occupy them & as result Co is overtaxed; ey fighting fr trenches, not pill boxes; sending all replacements up to Co's & needs I&R squad again tonite

1522 45 Told Lt Haynes to send I&R squad up to 2d Bn

1522.5 46 Countermanded above order on I&R

1529 47 Told White 5 he will not get I&R squad; use replacements for CP guards

1610 48 Capt Cocke rtd new OI all prepared but Corps called meeting of Div CG's so anything new is being held up

1700 49 B & C are almost surrounded; sending small force around E side of Parrenberg to stk a known ey go; this is 1 bat of C Co; 1st Bn took 25 PWs today; no rpt on casualties yet

1745 50 Col Lloyd gave Col Jun sit

1900 51 Lot of armor active in front of 2d Bn positions; ey positions as shown Hohenberg in aerial photo are correct; hill is strongly held; ey vehicles

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1900 (Cont'd)	51	(Cont'd) can operate on rd S of mill; ey has out a lot of new trails thru woods that do not show on a map; can't maneuver bazooka up because of hvy trees that tks can fire thru; E Co is within hand grenade range
1940	52	Red 6 thinks ey may be taking some of his stuff fr Bollenborn to SE(?); if things get bad in AM he wants to commit K Co between Grassberg & Farrenberg; Col Lloyd says it sounds okay; told him to just hold on
1950	53	Told White 3 that lat is filling in gap between Bns w/part of K Co
2000	54	Ey is throwing flares over G Co; told White 6 about Thermite bombs to seal pill box doors
2030	55	Gave Div msg to Red 6: Continue aggressive rcn by fire tomorrow using all wons; conduct patrolling but do not get involved in any hvy atk; shoot at, but do not assault, pill boxes
2045	56	Above Div msg given to White 6
2100	57	Fancy 8 gave S-1 instrns to have 1 of his clerks call monitor Bd clerk each nite & give trench strength of all letter Co's & Bn Hq Co's

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0215			1				Red 3 rptd Co's B & C are getting CA fr Germans using flame throwers	
0245			2				Col Lloyd talked to Lt Barber: He said B & C Co had been consolidated for strength & perimeter defense; ey using flame throwers & grenades; sit tough at present & both Co's almost surrounded; will keep posted; Lt Barber's Co using all wons & arty but at present was too close to use arty	
0330			3				Col Therrell rptd that everything was under control & had quieted down & he would advise if anything turned up; said he thought possibly it was a Molotov cocktail instead of flame thrower but wasn't sure; Red 6 said Dorrenbach or Bergzabern was ablaze	
0600			4				Page 2 called asking info of heavy weapons during nite	
0820			5				OP's #1 & 2 rptd in; OP #1 to move fwd as soon as he gets more wire	
0830			6				Col Jun called Nancy 5 to get info of day's opn	
0850			7				2d is swapping G & F today; ren being made now; engrs have not rptd in w/thermite grenades	
0906			8				1st Bn: Thinks bridge vic 159542 has been hit by an arty rd & is now impassable; B & C are consolidating on Farrenberg; seems probable flame thrower was used in CA on B & C last nite; A has not moved fr last nite's positions; K Co moved to 145536	

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1015	9	2 tks w/Inf coming up on left of Grassberg against G Co
1110	10	Tks have disappeared maybe into dug-in positions on N slope of Grassberg; PW taken says 2 Cos are dug in on that reverse slope
1120	11	Maj Urban ret'd to G-5
1135	12	Capt Potter ret'd CA to Sgt Keffer at G-2
1204	13	Told Lt Haynes to send I&R jeep up to Hill 503 & rpt on what is going on in 1st Bn area & how wire to Red is coming
1305	14	Red 6 has K at ft of 489; 4 casualties fr ey arty; Co A has OP 543; rpts there are more bunkers than pill boxes; 20 wounded; plenty of ammo; knocked out ey arty in vic of Ballenborn; Co B is in bunker w/s beds, 3-ft walls built in rectangular shape; Co A is doing superior job; 2 tks in vic of Co's A & B but not doing anything, just playing around
1330	15	Co E okay where they are; also Co F, but both are receiving quite a bit of arty fire; no HE for 81's
1337	16	Fame 5 called Col Lloyd & told him to come up to Div as soon as possible
1340	17	382d displacing rear to Otterbach but we can get fire fr his fwd observers even tho he is on rd.
1355	18	4 ey spotted entering pill box at 190508
1425	19	Replacement of G Co by F Co has been completed by 2d Bn; activity has quieted down in that sector
1434	20	OP #1: No movement; tks are receiving arty fire fr ey
1455	21	Advance party fr 45th Div came in CP to discuss details of relief
1545	22	Col Lloyd & Maj Urban ret'd fr Div
1615	23	CG to Fancy 6; told him we would be out by 1000 orienting 45th on the gnd during the nite & early AM; we will pull out of positions at 0830
1620	24	Col Lloyd spoke to Red & White 6 & gave them few details of relief

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1715	25	Maj Gilman says it will be around noon or later
1720	26	Par 3 of OI #35 is mistake. This is fr Warren (Tks)
1830	27	Fr Mr Polk: Fancy 4 to draw retrions at 1815
1735	28	Fatal CP is at Oberhofen
1745	29	White 5 wanted to know what to do w/KIA's & VIA's in pill boxes & bunkers
1800	30	S-2 gave G-2 SITREP
1805	31	S-3 gave Lt Maxedon orders on movement w/Fatal; he is to call S-2 before leaving
1850	32	Gave Col Jun movement plans as we know them now
1930	33	Told Blue 5 to send guide to White ASP to take relieving unit to L Co (By Fancy 3)
1931	34	Gave msg to White 5 to meet the guides at his ASP
1934	35	Lt Maxedon arrived at Fatal; they are leaving about 2400
1940	36	Maj Gilman doubts we'll move before noon tomorrow; Engr Co, TDs & CT 409 will be in column; AAA protection will tie in on his own initiative
1945	37	OI on way down; daylight open column; night - visibility distance; SOP - qtr party
2025	38	All quiet in Red sector; some SA fire sounds like a small patrol fight
2045	39	White: quiet in En area; E still in close contact w/ey
2107	40	Lt Jeffords w/OI #35 & Movement Order
2346	41	March Order #6 issued

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 22 Dec 44To : 2400, 22 Dec 44Place: Rechtenbach, Germany, & Hellimer, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0015			1				Div changed route of movement	
0050			2				Lt Jeffords ret'd fr Div w/overlay of new route	
0112			3				Fatal plans to clear this area at 0500; call fr Lt Maxedon	
0555			4				Fame 3 called asking info of activity during night	
0620			5				Lt Edwards called 1st & 2d Bns to find out when Pagan would close in. They rptd it would be at approx 0830 complete relief	Rptd to Fame 3
0725			6				Maj Urban told Lt Haynes his plat would remain behind	
0735			7				Cn CO wants to know when he can pull his guns; S-3 said when Ln O's check in w/him	
1800			8				CP located at Hellimer, France	
1822			9				Fancy 5 talked to Fame: Light line crossed around grid line 47, small fire auth; told G-3 (Capt Cocke) that our 1st serial left 1 hr 40 mins late & that it would be at least that late arriving	
1830			10				Movement Control - notify qtr party that quite late in arriving - no trucks had arrived at 1800 so non-organic tron is not available	

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2005 11 Capt Terranova rptd location of following CT members: 1st Bn, Petiete Tenquin; 2d & 3d Bns, Deffenbach; Cn, AT, Hq, Sv, Hellimer;

2020 12 Capt White rptd 2d serial had closed

2045 13 Fall Able 6 call Fame 15

2050 14 Movement Control does not handle vehicles making return trip to Rechtenbach; G-4 handles routing

2055 15 G-4 rpts use same route back

2130 16 Fame 5 said no further word on movements; check on AT guns for serviceability; check bazooka for batteries & wiring & that all men are familiar w/ opn

2250 17 Msgs sent to B ns & Sep Cos for 1 hr tng on bazooka & functioning of all wpns

2400 18 Fame 3 said enemy air very active tonite, moving fr NE to NW; notify all concd

2400 19 Had Lt Pederson contact MP at Isming for serial to use driving beams & in case of atk use no lights

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From: 0001, 23 Dec 44

To : 2400, 23 Dec 44

Place: Hallimer, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0330			1				3d Serial (3d Bn) closed in assbly area; notified G-3 at once	
0342			2				Col Lloyd & Major Urban arrived at new CP	
0940			3				Lt Clifford rptd all of 5th serial had closed except 5 vehicles which are lost	
0950			4				Maj Urban brought in msg: CO 179 Inf assumed comd sector at 1050 22 Dec. 5 missing vehicles had breakdowns; were personnel carriers of K Co	
0945			5				Rptd above to Fame 5, G-3, Movement Control, 411	
0945			6				Msg fr Fame 5: Ey air has been very active in our present area; comdrs will check to see that dispersion of vehicles is maintained; small fires will be permitted but will be extinguished at air alert; vehicle lights will be permitted on main rds only; these rds are rds used b tps on front for MSR, ammo & supply & Corps has authd use of lights thereon; blackout driving lights will be permitted on secondary rds	
1120			7				Above msg sent to members of RCT & TDS	
1345			8				Fame 5 called for Fancy 3 & 6 to come to Div	

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1400 9 Fancy 3 & 6 left for Div

1430 10 Fancy 3 & 6 ret'd

1450 11 Notified units to have $\frac{1}{2}$ ing party rpt to Capt Terranova at 1515

1530 12 Fame 5 to Fancy 5: Send plat of TDs to Div CP; rpt to Hq Comdt. Lt Dupont notified to tell TD comdr

1540 13 Notified Red & Blue 6 to rpt to CP sometime this PM

1600 14 Light line: Grid line 47 E&W; no fender beams ahead of this line

1635 15 Fame 5 to Fancy 5: Wants 1 rifle Co & kitchen for Div CP guard; have CO rpt to Div Hq Co Comdt

1640 16 Col Lloyd suggested Co B; called Red 5 & relayed suggestion

1700 17 Fancy 5 to Fancy 4: Send 9 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T trucks to 1st Bn to move Co B to Div

1710 18 Notified Red 2 of above

1720 19 Notified S-4 to send B Co kitchen to them so that they will have it by breakfast tomorrow

1730 20 Fame 5 to Fancy 5: Hickory wants a rifle Co for CP protection; having 6 $2\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks rpt at S-4 at 0800 to pick up; send kitchen also; this Co will be gone 10 days to 2 wks; Co to rpt to Hickory at 1100

1735 21 Maj Urban to Red 5: Co C to go to Saralbe; Corps CP S of town; trks & kitchen avail; guide fr C Co to rpt to S-4 by 0745 tomorrow

1745 22 411th wants to use our trucks to shuttle tps. S-3 gave okay but wants vehicles released as soon as possible

1750 23 S-3 to Red 5: Notice given on shuttling of 411th

1755 24 Told Fame 12 to give 411 info that they could use our trucks to return

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1800	25	Told Movement Control we'd like to have trucks rpt in Deffenbach; Maj Gilman said he'd ask for 50 for us
1830	26	Fame 5 to Fancy 5: Caution Comdr of Co going to guard Hickory CP to have his men clean shaven, shirts in pants, pants in shoe pacs, hair cuts, snappy & alert & salute to keep up standard of 103d
2000	27	Col Strange told S-4 to send clean clothing to C Co tonite
2004	28	Col Strange to Red 5: Passed on instrns fr Fame 5
2025	29	Fr Maj Gilman: Trks for 410 & 411 came in late & he is turning them over to us; will be 50 trks at Fremestroff tonite; send our guides to that town (vic 3046)
2027	30	Gave S-4 notice about trks & to send guides
2030	31	S-5 to Fame 3: We get until 1600 tomorrow to close town of Guenviller; wants 1 Bn there (not minus more than 1 rifle Co)
2106	32	Fame 2: 6 paratroopers landed (7148) at 2000
2320	33	G-2 rpts 16 German paratps in grid (Q4035); may be in American uniforms; may have password; notified Bns & Sep Cos

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 24 Dec 44To : 0400, 24 Dec 44Place: St Jean Rohrbach, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0110			1				Adv CP open Farschwiler 1000; CP opens St Jean Rohrbach 1330	
0920			2				White 3: Move to Guenviller; ft tps cross IP at 341449; mtrs cross DP at 1200; rate of march of ft tps 2 1/2 mph; 1/2 ing party will get town to go to	
0940			3				Blue 3 re movement: IP is 314440, vic of Cappel; vehicles to cross IP at 1230 w/10 min headway for 2d	
1025			4				S-3 gave Movement Control route our; vehicles are going to take in moving up today; also IP times for MUs	
1115			5				Fame 3 called meeting of S-3 at 1500 at new Div Cp at G-3 tent & meeting of Unit Comdrs at 1700 at War Tent; G-3 wants overlay of all AT gun positions	
1210			6				Lt McPhillips rpts PWE located at critical pt 82	
1840			7				Fame 6 in agreement w/Bamboo 6; Fame 6 took comd of his area at 241642A; Bamboo not moving tonite; sticking around in case we need help	
2005			8				Maj Thomas said overlay would be down as soon as it is ready	
2010			9				Notified Unit Comdrs to meet at CP at 0830; Bns told to have Co Comdrs at En CPs at 0900	

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2015	10	Men will use day for cleaning wpns, clothes, shaves, haircuts; 10% of comd is all that will be incapacitated at any one time
2145	11	Told Fame 3 we had TD guns in position but understood they were not being atchd; what are we to do w/them? G-3 said not to move them until ordered; no such orders yet

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From: 0001, 25 Dec 44

To : 2400, 25 Dec 44

Place: St Jean Rohrbach

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0330			1				Maj Thomas called & said par 3h(2) of FO #6 was 251400 instead of 242000	
0800			2				Capt Draxel said for Capt Potter to get his rpt in	
0830			3				Col Lloyd had meeting of Bn COs & S-3s, Cn & AT COs, to make plan for defense of Div area; written plan & overlay to be in by 1300 today	
1000			4				Capt Potter called Fall 2 for maps, sheets 6808 & 6809; may be picked up at 1130; Capt Potter called Lt Haynes for jeep & gave instrns to reconnoitre rds; informed Fancy 11 to pick up maps at Rimering at 1130 today	
1010			5				Capt Teitelbaum called Fancy 3 to find out sit; Fancy 3 gave him instrns on defense of area	
1115			6				Capt Wimberly called Fancy 3 for location of Mustang; he was referred to Fame 3	
1140			7				Fame 5 called about mule skimmers; wanted 1 plat fr Col Therrell's Bn for guard; strength of B Co not enough to do job; Fancy 6 says okay to give plat	
1150			8				Lt Byrkett called to give positions of 2d Bn 321556 and 3d Bn; will have enough wire in 24 hours	

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1210 9 Red 3 notified to attach 1 plat to Baker Co; instructed Red 3 to call Fame 5 to get time for pbat to rpt

1230 10 Fame 6 called Fancy 6: We are not getting officer replacements; officers will be commissioned fr ranks; try to get recommendations in as soon as possible

1305 11 Notified AT to have Lt Dupont rpt to Maj Urban as soon as possible

1313 12 Fancy White 6 to Fancy 3 rpts defense overlay on way to War Room

1315 13 Fancy 3 called Blue CP to have overlay sent down immediately

1425 14 Fancy 3 called Fame 3 to say that plans for defense of AA-line to BB-line were on way to Fame 3; reserve line would be sent up as soon as there was time to make a reconnaissance

1450 15 Fancy 1 called Fancy 6 & gave accurate strength of B Co as 79; 63 men on line, 16 men cooks, clerks, etc; Fancy 6 said to get out a memo ~~ax~~ to all COs on importance of accurate M/Rs & accurate administration; Fancy 6 told Fancy 1 to check & try to get more replacements

1455 16 Critical pt 101 rds blocked 1 kil fr town; 3 rds fr W; sent to G-3 by sp msgr: AT gun positions; CA plans (LDs); CA plan "A" to estab MLR again; defense plan "AA"-line; defense plan BB-line

1530 17 Fancy 3 called White 6: White 6 asked info about rd blocks; told check would be made w/Fame 3 for time element. White 6 asked about how much ammo should be dumped on position; Fancy 3 said to dig in AA positions tomorrow & wire the best approaches; Fancy 3 will send CA plans to White 6; told White 6 to reconnoitre all LDs & keep sending up any improvements on plans; White 6 asked for engr tools & overlay showing rcn positions; told overlay would be sent down when positions were obtained but doubted availability of engr tools

1605 18 Lt Young called Fancy 3 to ask what was located at

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1605 (Cont'd)	18	(Cont'd) critical pt 82; told it was 1st plat of AT Co is located there; also that 1st plat of Red Bn is located just SE of there, around 401550; they cover NE, NW & SE; will send up overlay of that plat thru M/C
1613	19	Fancy 3 called Lt Dupont to come up & check on gun positions
1635	20	Notified Bns of light line & that fender beams will not be used above light line in this Corps
1745	21	Maj Urban notified Capt Zeek that 3d Bn would employ 1 Co to dig in 2d Co position right fr limiting pt
2115	22	Rcn was made for defensive positions on AA for 1 Bn & on BB-line for 2 Bns; plans were submitted for defensive positions and defensive fires on battle lines; these plans plus plans of CA to reestab MLR were submitted to G-3 at 1445; remainder of day spent placing AT guns in position, reconnoitering & digging gun positions in; plans being made to submit to Div on rd blocks & bridge demolitions; orders issued to dig in positions reconnoitered for today starting tomorrow; plans consolidated and work outlined for next day

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Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
1120			1				All detailed plans & overlays will in future be submitted on 1/25,000; tp locations may be shown on 1/50,000	
1310			2				Capt Zeek called Fancy 3: Asked about sand bags & wire; told to have his 4 get materials fr Fancy 4 but let Fancy 3 know what he gets; told there is wire along rd which can be picked up	
1320			3				Red 3 called to ask position of light line: Told it was around 47 grid line	
1335			4				Fancy 3 called Blue 3: Asked for plans showing fields to be mined & bridges to be blown. They are being prepared & would be sent over when completed	
1345			5				Fancy 3 called Blue 3 for dope on bridges; said it was necessary to get material fr Engrs	
1350			6				Fancy 3 left for 2d Bn. Fame 3 called & asked difference between blue & black pencils on MLR plans; told there was no difference	
1415			7				Fancy 3 Jr called White 3: Asked for 1/25,000 plan for defense of AA-line & whether list of needed material had been submitted. It had been submitted to S-4 thru White 4	
1510			8				Called Fame 15 & gave following msg: Following are bridges in rt sector of BR line to be blown according to tentative defense plans 423517, 420524, 405525, 384528, 405514	

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- 1520 9 Called AT to find out if Lt Dupont had recd overlay showing 2d Bn gun positions; had not; will be sent to Fancy 3 as soon as recd
- 1550 10 Blue 6 called Fancy 3: Wanted to sleep tps in town close to their work; Fancy 6 said would see what could be done tomorrow
- 1635 11 Fancy 3 called Blue 3 & told him to make plans for but not actually plant mines, demolitions or rd blocks; just mark fields & plan rd blocks so Engr can put plan in effect; Blue 3 does not have 1/25000 maps but will submit overlays as soon as possible; Blue 3 will get 6 trks tomorrow AM to shuttle tps
- 1640 12 Fancy 3 called White 3: Told him that all AT, & anti-personnel mines will be well marked, rd blocks too, so Engrs can put plan into effect; White 4 will be able to get wire etc, tomorrow; White 3 will put in own wire & will have to make own pickets
- 1730 13 Lt Clefisch called Bn 3s & told them Fancy 3 wants rpt by 2100 on no. & condition of all 60-mm, 81-mm, LMG & HMG
- 1743 14 Capt Teitelbaum called: All his mortars okay; 1 HMG in for repair; 2 MGs in good condition; M, G, K Cos need traversing & elevating mechanisms; Ord team coming up tomorrow to adjust mechanisms for G Co
- 1845 15 Red Bn called in wpns rpt: Co A, 3 60, 2 LMGs in working condition; Co B, same; Co C, 1 60, 2 LMGs working condition, 2 60s lost; Co D, 6 81, 8 HMGs in excellent working condition
- 1925 16 Capt Zeek called in wpns rpt: LMG, 60, 81s okay; 1 HMG lost at Gunstett not replaced; 7 HMG okay; needs 1 gnd mount for 50 cal MG
- 1930 17 Rpt to G-3: Opns for period: 2d Bn dug in positions on AA-line, no wire erected, work not as yet completed; 3d Bn dug in positions on BB-line fr Cappel W, no wire erected, work not as yet completed; 1st Bn: 2 plats dug in majority of 1 Co sector on BB-line just E of Cappel, no wire erected, work not as yet completed; Regtl Com Plat has laid over 50% of wire fr proposed CP to Bn CPs

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1930 (Cont'd)	17	(Cont'd) fr BB-line; Bn COs & Staffs rcn asgd areas & LDs of CA Plan A, 409 Inf, to reestab MLR; plans for rd blocks, demolitions & mine fields being submitted to Div Engr as they are completed; plan for AA-line already submitted; rcn of positions on AA- & BB-lines made by Regtl CO & Staff. Results of Opns: Work has progressed rapidly on estab of AA- & BB-lines & orientation of COs & staffs on CA plans & gnd position of AA- & BB-lines
2100	18	Fame rear 7 called Fancy 2: Pink-brown flare observed about 2 mi SW of your Sv Train; Fame 2 called & info given him about 2050
2130	19	Lt Strickland called Fancy 3: Co A of Engrs has 800 rolls of wire but no pickets
2140	20	Fancy 3 called Fancy 4: Gave Capt Gerken above info
2155	21	Fancy Switch operators at Altripe & Hellimer rptd planes strafing down rd fr N
2157	22	Fancy 3 called Fame 2 urgent & rptd planes strafing at Altripe & Hellimer fr N
2200	23	Fame 2 called Fancy 2 to find out if there were any lights in 2 towns being strafed; AA has no info concerning strafing
2205	24	Fancy operators at Altripe & Hellimer rptd planes still strafing & that they could get concussion fr bombs
2207	25	Above rptd to Fame 2
2225	26	Fancy 3 called Fancy 4 for any info on strafing: Town had been strafed but so far as he knows no vehicles hit; can still hear planes
2245	27	White 6 called: Rptd single plane swept over Guenwiller fr E to W at about 2-300 ft altitude at 2240; plane went over last nite at same time, direction & alt unknown
2248	28	Above called to Fame 2 by Fancy 2

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Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
1005			1				Msg to Red, White, Blue, Green, AT: By 2100 Maj Urban wants overlay showing your positions to be prepared on 1/25,000 map; any positions not completed will be shown w/note as to % completed	
1020			2				Fame 3 called Fancy 3 & asked for estimate of time to complete following: Complete preparation of gun positions for ea gun, AT, MG, etc; complete instln of wire; preparation of 1 alternate position; preparation of minimum no. of obstacles. Fancy 3 told Fame 3 we are not going to do all that work but estimated 3 nites to complete our preparations	
1050			3				Fancy 3 left for personal rcn of positions with Capt Zeek	
1150			4				Gave Lt Jeffords following msg to give Lt Blandford for Fancy 3: By 2100 tonite Maj Urban wants overlay showing wire that has been laid; any wire to be laid which is not completed will be shown w/a note as to % completed	
1230			5				Fame 2 rptd Fleet has had 18 flares rptd in their town since midnite; Freedom rpts large plane going N flew over few mins ago	
1345			6				Maj Gilman called in light line:	

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- 1345 (Cont'd) 6 (Cont'd) Altwiller 446360, Frenkeltroff 314408, RJ 345380, Marhange 205370; full lights may be used between above-named towns; N of line only cat eyes may be used; get this down to all individual drivers
- 1355 7 Fancy 3 Jr called Red, White, Blue, AT, Green, Fancy 4, to give msg: Tomorrow at 0800 Gas NCOs rpt to Lt Arrison in Hellimer for all day detail
- 1515 8 Fancy 3 called Fame 3: Rptd that some arty outfit has been firing SA & bazooka into hill on which our units are digging in; Fame 3 said he would check into it
- 1518 9 Fancy 3 to White 3: Any rd blocks or booby traps prepared yet? No
- 1618 10 Fancy 3 called Fatal 3: Asked if Fatal 3 has CA plan fr Div; Fatal has. Div wants plans for com & Ln to coordinate on plans; Fame 3 suggests that Fatal 3 string a wire to his CP for direct com
- 1645 11 Fancy 3 to Factory 5: (thru Fast) Have some Staff Os w/Fancy tonite
- 1650 12 Fancy 3 to Fancy 10: Lay lines to Fatal & Fatima. Already have com w/both. Fancy 3 requested circuit diagram showing com system between Fancy, Fatal & Fatima
- 1720 13 Fancy 3 to Fatima 3: Both Fancy & Fame CA plans are same except for Ln & Com plans; Fancy 3 is getting circuit diagram & will submit that as a com plan for CA plan
- 1735 14 Capt Zeek to Fancy 3: Wanted to get trks for shuttling tps tomorrow. Fancy 3 would check & call back; told Capt Zeek to finish his partly dug positions before completing other work
- 1840 15 Rpt to Fame 3 on Opns for period: 2d & 3d Bns continued digging in positions on AA & BB-lines; initial work neared completion today; 1st Bn approx 50% completed on positions in rt sector of BB-line; no tactical wire placed as yet; Regtl com lines for BB-line

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1840 (Cont'd)	15	(Cont'd) CPs completed; Cn & AT Cos continued digging additional positions for AA & BB-lines. Results of Opns: It can be estimated that approx 50% of work on AA & BB-line positions is completed at present time
1920	16	Fancy 3 to Lt Blandford: What pyrotechnics do we have available? Will check w/Capt Gerken & call back
2300	17	48 rds signal aircraft red, 36 rds signal aircraft green
2301	18	Maj Urban to Fast 11, Msg for Factory 3: Repeat of pyrotechnics available

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0930		1		Capt Zeek to Fancy 3; Asked about a ground mount for 50-cal; Fancy 3 called Fancy 10; latter not issued any mounts; Sgt Adams called Sgt Stankey, Sv Co, to try to get mount; Sgt Stankey has complete gun which Capt Spickard wants to keep; Sgt Adams called Blue CP & told them neither Hq nor Sv has 50-cal ground mount	
1000		2		Fancy 3 to Fancy 6; How long would it take you to assemble your Bn? 2½ hours	
1018		3		Capt Feathers called Fancy 3; Asked which is D1 & which D2 on overlay plan 15. D1 is on LD on rt & D2 coincides w/EL	
1128		4		Fancy 3 to Fame 3; Asked Capt Cocke what was meant on overlay "for planning purposes only"? Use it for your own planning. Capt Cocke asked about digging progress; Fancy 3 promised overlay of digging	
1405		5		Fancy 3 recd rpt that some arty units were still firing into hill in which our tps were digging in	
1407		6		Fancy 3 called Harmony 3 & asked him to check into SA fire, presumably fr Harmony unit; Harmony 3 said he would call back	

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1415 7 Harmony 3 called Fancy 3 & rptd small areas were being fired by Regtl Hq Co

1418 8 Fancy 3 called Fancy 10 & told him to be sure & have an officer check area before letting men fire

1418 9 Fancy 5 recd rpt that a 7th Army trk (not further identified) had been seen picking up our wire

1419 10 Fancy 5 called Fancy 10 & told him to try to identify any trks seen picking up wire; Fancy 10 said he was working on system to pick up wire & would submit that system for Fame 5's approval

1437 11 Capt White called Fancy 5 & gave rpt: A $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T vehicle, AT No. 9, 410, was seen picking up about 1/8 mi of Cn Co wire today just after 1300; wire was marked & tagged

1439 12 Fancy 5 called Fatal 3 & told him to give Fatal 5 above msg

1605 13 Fancy 3 Jr called ~~MM~~ Bns & told them he wants same Gas NCO detail tomorrow at 0830

1636 14 Green 6 to Fancy 3: 410 Cn wants to borrow 500 rds ammo & will replace it in 24 hrs; Fancy 3 will call back; Green Co has 900 rds

1638 15 Fancy 3 to Green 6: Let 410 Cn have ammo

1710 16 Capt Gerken to Fancy 3: Request for 100 lbs TNT, 50 electric blasting caps, 100 non-electric blasting caps & 100 ft fuse for blasting positions

1712 17 Fancy 3 to Fall 2 Jr: Tell Fall 2 that Fancy 3 has okayed drawing of above blasting material

1740 18 Capt White to Fancy 3: Trk arrangement for Bns tomorrow will be same as today

1745 19 Called Fancy Blue & Red 3 & informed them of trk arrangements for tomorrow

1850 20 Fame 3 called Fancy 3 & asked for rpt

1855 21 Capt Cocke called Fancy 3: Fancy 3 told him we have arty fires & will put Cn fires in also; these fires will cover withdrawal; on occupation of XX & DD-lines there is nothing more to do as far as fires are concerned

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1920 22 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Bns contd to prepare defensive positions on AA & BB-lines & reconnoitered routes for a possible future commitment; AT & Cn Co positions are 80% completed; AA-line is 100% dug in & approx 50% completed on wire; BB-line is approx 65% completed on digging in, no tactical wire. Results of Opns: Approx 75% of defensive positions on AA & BB-line have been completed

2000 23 Capt Teitelbaum called Fancy 3 to get 3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks for his Bn tomorrow; Fancy 3 will check & call back

2030 24 Fancy 3 called by Capt White: Asked if Capt Teitelbaum could use 3 of 3d Bn's trks after 3d got through. Okay. Fancy 4 says 2d does not have bath until tomorrow

2038 25 Fancy 3 to Blue 3: Turn over 3 of your trks to 2d Bn tomorrow

2040 26 Fancy 3 to White 3: You will get trks but do you have bath unit? White 3 has bath house in Murlebach; trks will be there between 0900 & 0930; 1 trk to be betd to 3d at 1530

2042 27 Fancy 3 to Fancy 4: Told about 2d Bn's bath house & trk arrangement

2043 28 Fancy 2 to Sgt Adams: Discontinue use of password immediately

2045 29 Sgt Adams notified M/C with instrns to relay above

2050 30 Sgt Adams called Bns & Sep Cos, S-1 & S-4 about above

2055 31 White 6 called: He was told about switch plan & rcn tomorrow; told to be sure to take his arty Ln O on rcn

2250 32 Fame 2 (Lt Eddens) to Fancy 3: Gas masks will be carried on individual fr now on

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0845	:	:	:	1:	:	:	Capt Gerken called Fancy 3 to find out about explosives for blowing positions; Fancy 3 will check & call back	:
0847	:	:	:	2:	:	:	Fancy 3 to Fall 3: Will we be able to get 100 lbs TNT, 50 electric B caps, 100 non-electric B caps & 100 ft fuse. Informed it could be picked up this morning	:
0858	:	:	:	3:	:	:	Fancy 3 to Capt Cocke: What is meant by rpts of additional Engr barriers? Capt Cocke says send in original overlay	:
0905	:	:	:	4:	:	:	Capt Gerken called Fancy 3: He was told to see Strickland & pick up explosives	:
0950	:	:	:	5:	:	:	Fancy 2 called Red 3 concerning bridge demolition; Lt Klatt says it's Engr job; called Blue 3 on above info	:
0952	:	:	:	6:	:	:	Fancy 3 called Fame 3 concerning barriers: Will send info down on who will blow what bridges	:
0955	:	:	:	7:	:	:	Capt Wimberly rpts unidentified patrol at 2945; will organize patrol to find out who it is; Fancy 3 asked how many rd blocks could En AP accomplish themselves	:
1000	:	:	:	8:	:	:	Lt Arrison called Fancy 3 concerning order on gas masks	:

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1016 9 Capt Wimberly called: everything under control

1025 10 Fancy 4 called Fancy 1 about French automobile

1125 11 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: What is dope on OI which is coming down? It concerns only patrol changes

1150 12 Capt Zeek to Fancy 3: There is large patch of woods just W of Henryville, about 1000 yds fr Cappel; we have about 2 days' work to do & will abatis all trails in there & start putting down trees. Fancy 3 okayed

1255 13 Fancy 3 to Ball 3: Checked on overlay of CC-line; we have fires for switch plan & will have Factory 3 No. them & send them to you

1300 14 Fancy 3 to Factory 3: Will send you fires for switch plan on CC-line; No. them & return to Fancy 3

1303 15 Called Fancy 10: Fancy 5 wants to see Capt Terranova as soon as possible

1320 16 On plan 36-1 change grid lines fr 3657 to 3557; on plan 36-2 change fr 1/50,000 to 1/25,000. This msg sent to Hq Co, AT, Cn & Red C #

1430 17 Lt Klatt called Fancy 3 & said he was setting up a firing range day after tomorrow to fire BARs & MGs. Okayed by Fancy 3 but send overlay showing range, guards etc

1445 18 Called Capt McClelland about bombing; planes believed to be enemy but not definite

1500 19 Fancy 3 to White 5: Gave White 5 above info on planes

1530 20 Fancy 3 to Blue 2: Fancy 3 says arty fire for CC-line does not agree w/arty fires turned in by arty Ln 0; get together & let Fancy 3 know which is correct

1540 21 Capt Zeek to Fancy 3: He was told that same considerations had been added since he turned in overlay showing arty fires & that overlay turned in by arty Ln 0 is correct

1545 22 Gen Pierce visited War Room

1615 23 Sent written msg to Bns, Sep Cos & Co A, 328 Medics: Gas-proof dugouts or shelters must be provided for all operating

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1615 (Cont'd)	23	(Cont'd) instlms such as CPs, these to be completed after initial digging of positions & laying of mines; to be provided for prepared CPs for BB-line as well
1650	24	Capt Teitelbaum called following progress rpt to Fancy 3: Lt Co is wired in; rt Co all but rt plat; Res Co all but lt plat
1655	25	Capt Teitelbaum called Fancy 3 & told him that bombing today was by Jerry planes & concurrently American planes dropped leaflets
1658	26	Capt White to Fancy 3: Fancy Green has completed all defensive preparations
1700	2700	Opns for Period #35: Rt Bn on BB-line completed except for rt flank plat & Res position; no tactical wire placed as yet; initial digging on AA-line complete; tactical wire is 75% complete on AA-line; lt Bn sector of BB-line 100% complete on digging & 50% on tactical wiring; Cn Co positions both on AA & BB-line complete; AT Co positions on AA & BB-line 100% dug in. Result of Opns: 2d & 3d Bn Comdrs made initial rcn of CC-line; coordinated arty fire plans for support of CC-line. Dist made to all Bns on all plans to date. Results: Consolidation of Res plan & orientation of subordinate Comdrs has progressed rapidly
1950	28	Div G-3 gave us 10 bridges to take over; 1st Bn furnishing bridge guards; G-3 sending down overlay of positions
2030	29	Col Therrel rptd 6 bridges in his area at Thelmar he would take care of; 3 were in 3d Bn area & Col Lloyd told 3d Bn to guard them
2100	30	G-3 wants rpt every hour on hr tonite on enemy situation; told Bns to rpt 10 mins before hr
2230	31	Flare (grey or yellow) to W of Cappel approx 2 miles
2300	32	Red, White & Blue neg rpt
2300	33	Guard rpts another flare 1800 yds to N & yellow
2300	34	Both flares rptd to Div & also neg rpt
2330	35	Fame 2 rptd flare which went up fr E
2330	36	Lt Jeffords brought msg fr Fame 3 & Opns memo: Copy of Opns

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2330 (Cont'd)	36	(Cont'd) memo atchd for your info; you will not continue work on AA & BB line tomorrow AM unless so ordered; hold your tps in present locations available for employment on 2 hours' notice after 300630A Dec. CG 103d Inf Div 2235, Thomas, Maj
2400	37	Rptd to G-3 Neg
2400	38	Notified Bns & Sep Cos of following: Bns & Sep Cos will be on 1-hr alert beginning at 0500 30 Dec 44; no AT guns will be pulled out of position for alert; work on AA & BB line will be discontinued until further notice

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0005			1				Sent msg on 1-hr alert to Co A, 328 Medics	
0010			2				Red Bn rpts bridge guards checked at 2400 & all intact	
0100			3				Neg rpt fr Bns	
0103			4				Neg rpt to G-3	
0200			5				Neg rpt to G-3	
0300			6				Blue rpts checked passes of men at bridge in Val Ebersing; were issued passes; Red neg	
0305			8				Neg rpt to G-3; Fame 3 said to call Blue Bn, check on how many men were in town & keep close watch on them; bring in if acting suspiciously	
0306			9				Got info fr Blue Bn	
0307			10				Rptd same to G-3	
0400			11				Bns neg rpt	
0415			12				Neg rpt to G-3	
0450			13				Bns rpt neg	
0500			14				Neg rpt to G-3	
0550			15				Bns neg rpt	
0609			16				Neg rpt to G-3	

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0650	17	Bns rpt neg
0701	18	Neg rpt to G-3
0755	19	Bns rpt neg
0757	20	Neg rpt to G-3. Fancy 3 asked if we could go back to digging positions; Fame 3 will call back
0800	21	Factory called about overlay of plan 15; Fancy 3 told him he wants to keep it because it shows all fires. Okayed
0818	22	Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Did Lt Young see you yet? Capt Cocke says we are not to go to work until further orders; Fame 5 says they want to keep us mobile for a little while longer
0850	23	Bns rpt neg
0853	24	Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Don't start any more work until we find out more about critical sit & issue further orders; would like to have Fancy 3 come up & go over plans with us
0900	25	Fancy 3 to Capt Cocke: Fancy 3 will rpt right away
0912	26	You can continue work on positions now; Capt Cocke to Fancy 3
0915	27	Called subordinate units & gave them instrns to continue normal opns
0945	28	Bns neg rpt
1010	29	Neg rpt to G-3
1013	30	Fancy 2 called Fame 2; Fame 2 says there have been no rpts of enemy action for last couple days
1025	31	Red 3 called about trks. Was told they should be there now; will check on them immediately. Called Fancy 4 to notify Mtr pool to send trks out right away
1050	32	Bns rpt neg
1103	33	Neg rpt to G-3

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1235 34 Capt Zeek called to ask about line he is to reconnoiter. Fancy 3 will call back. Your line is for 1 Bn. Fancy 3 wants info about terrain, pill boxes, wire, etc; make recommendations for changes on overlay

1240 35 To Red 3; Fancy 3 sending overlay of rcn line for your Bn; want all available info on that line such as pill boxes, wire, etc, with gen depreciation of line & gen trace of actual ground you would occupy; must have this info by 1750

1250 36 Called Fancy 10 to get msgr to take overlay to 1st Bn

1300 37 Bns rpt neg; relayed to G-3

1400 38 Bns rpt neg; relayed to G-3

1415 39 Cn Co called Fancy 3 Jr: We are going to fire bazooka & small arms this afternoon between 1430 & 1530; have taken all necessary safety precautions

1418 40 Fancy 3 Jr to Capt Cocke: Above msg given him; okayed

1450 41 Bns give neg rpt; relayed to G-3

1525 42 Sgt Townsend called to get map; Harrington will call back

1530 43 Lt Klatt called Fancy 3: Div has given him 27 more bridges to guard & he can't handle them. Fancy 3 says No. them & send in overlay

1532 44 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Having 1st Bn send up bridges so guarding can be divided up; we wish you would send them to us rather than Bns so proper dist can be made. Okay

1535 45 Fancy 3 Jr to Blue 2: Bridge guards will be indefinite length of time; you will get more bridges this afternoon

1540 46 Red alert; all clear at 1555

1559 47 Fall 11 to Fancy 3 Jr: Have Regtl Ln O rpt to FDC immediately, signed Factory 3

1612 48 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Asked if we will be on same alert status tomorrow AM; Maj ~~Sticks~~ Thomas will call Fame 3 back

1623 49 Fancy 3 to Red 3 (Sgt Townsend): What time do they want guards on bridges tonight? By 2359. Bridges occupied by guards are ones we guarded last nite; also have engr guards for blowing bridges only

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1629 50 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: You will remain in your respective areas tomorrow AM until 0800; after that you may work; if you are working how long will it take you to assemble? 1st, 2 hrs; 2d, 1½ hrs; 3d, 2½-3 hrs. Fancy 3 says trks will cut down on time

1650 51 Notified Bns of above. Red & Blue notified that trks will not remain with them all day

1700 52 Fancy 3 to 4: Need 3 trks tonite, 1 for ea bn to run out bridge guards; want trks 1 to ea bn CP at 1900

1703 53 Fancy 3 to Red 3: Bridge 18-20, then 17, 23, 25, 22 are bridges you will guard; do you guard on a bridge just above 24 to left front? It is on my map but not shown on your overlay; on other bridges you are now guarding pick up guards any time after 2000

1705 54 White Bn neg

1723 55 Lt Haynes rptd his rcn of Diffenbach & Hastiquote for possible 3d Bn occupation; Diffenbach occupied by Sv 410; Hastiquote has 15 houses, 9 are okay & have barns; could possibly squeeze a Bn in

1735 56 Fancy 3 to White Opn Sgt: Sending overlay which shows bridges your Bn will guard; trk will rpt to you at 1900 to shuttle guards out; info on guard is written in margin; bridges with a check mark have Engr men there but only for blowing bridges; 3 men ea 24 hrs, 1 to stop vehicles, 1 to cover him & 1 sleeps; when you want to relieve detail get trk fr Fancy 4; you have total of 11 bridges; every man will be on bridges by 2330; you must have an OG; he must check once before midnite, once after, once before noon & once after; give Fancy 3 rpt as soon as your guards are posted

1800 57 Neg rpts fr Bns

1840 58 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Overlay of left sector is on way up; 1st Bn is making up the 1 for rt sector & it will be up by 1900; both are good info

1855 59 White rpts neg

1900 60 Opns for Period: Rt sector of BB-line completely dug in; no tactical wire laid; beginning digging res positions in AM; 2 front line Cos of AA-line 100% complete on wire laying & Res Co has placed 600 yds in front of lt position; lt sector of BB-line completely dug in; working on overhead protection; begin-

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1900 (Cont'd)	60	(Cont'd) ning to dig alternate & supplementary positions for riflemen; wire 70% xxx completed; Rcn was made on new MLR by 2 Bn Comdrs & staffs & results of rcn rptd to G-3. Results of Opn: Preparation of position on AA & BB-lines neared completion
1940	61	Capt Dalcher called Fancy 3: Asked if lt sector can be done by 2 Bns & still leave 1 Co per Bn in Res; Fancy 3 said yes; Fancy 3 told Capt Dalcher that he would come up 1st thing in AM to get more info
1950	62	Bns rpt neg
2030	63	Fancy 6 called Fame 5: Informed him of going to dentist in AM
2035	64	Neg rpt to G-3
2100	65	Bns rpt neg
2110	66	Neg rpt to G-3
2155	67	Bns rpt neg
2210	68	Rpt neg to G-3; says not to rpt any more until 0500 unless something develops

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0100			1				Lt Jeffords brought OI #38 fr Div	
0500			2				Neg rpt to G-3	
0700			3				Neg rpt to G-3	
0845			4				Fancy 6 left to go to rear hosp	
0855			5				White 5 rpts neg; told to submit plans on 1/50,000	
0907			6				Red 3 rpts neg; 410 is also guarding bridges 18-20. Fancy 3 says send overlay of them to Fame 3 so they can determine who is supposed to be guarding them	
0925			6				White 3 to Fancy 3: Do we defend fr E or W on plan recd; it will be fr NE; White is to protect MLR	
0935			7				Fancy 3 to Fancy 10: On new switch position we will have to have a tentative CP; think town of Landroff in 1741 grid square will be good place; there is no need for com system there yet; Fancy 10 says he will reconnoitre place immediately	
0945			8				Fancy 3 to Fame 15: On overlays showing mine fields do you think we should put out all info or just give tps location? Location is all that is necessary	
1000			9				Maj Thomas called Fancy 3: Wants 3 good Hvy Wpns Os; Fancy 3 will have them rpt by 1100; will be used today & possibly tomorrow; 1st Bn furn trpn	

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1004 10 Sgt Adams to Red 3: 1 Hvy Wpns 0 rpt to G-3 by 1100; he will check MLR on front lines; 1st Bn furn trpn

1007 11 Above msg to White & Blue 3

1015 12 Capt Wimberly to Fancy 3: Following are corrections on locations of bridges we are guarding! 2038 grid square & 3352 grid sq

1022 13 Lt Klatt called Fancy 3: He had to send after Hvy Wpn 0 & would probably be late

1024 14 Fancy 3 gave Fame 3 above. Fame 3 says he wants jeeps to stay w/Os

1030 15 Capt Wimberly wants 2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks at 1530; will get them

1055 16 Fancy 3 to Fame 15: We recd barrier plan fr Engr & Div; also recd plans of proposed & completed barriers; is that final plan? Fancy 3 did not get definite answer

100 17 Fancy 5 called White CP: Left msg for 6 that he would be down between 1315 & 1330

1105 18 Lt Klatt called Fancy 3: Was told that new MLR is just a switch position for us, but want him to reconnoiter general ground for positions

1110 19 Maj Thomas to Fancy 3: Effective immediately you are on alert status; be prepared to move in any direction on 2 hours' notice

1115 20 Above relayed to subordinate units

1158 21 White CP neg rpt

1250 22 Fancy 6 retd

1300 23 Fancy 10 rpts on rcn of Landroff; says 1 Bn will go in

1320 24 Fancy 4 to 3: Has been notified to be able to motorize 1 Bn in 1 hr

1330 25 Fancy 3 to Fame Movement Control: Fame MC says we must be ready to motorize 1 Bn in 1 hr; have Fancy 4 check w/Fame 4 to get trpn plan worked out

1340 26 Fancy 3 to 4: Bns are still on 2-hours' notice but trks are on 1-hr notice; Fancy 4 has 19 trks but 5 or 6 are out for

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- 1340 (Cont'd) 26 (Cont'd) supplies; thinks he can have 15 available at all times; 3 says to have those 15 trks used for shuttling tps & transporting bridge guards; check with Fame 4 & give 3 the picture
- 1353 27 Fancy 3 notified Green 6 to have his 3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks ready to move on 1-hr notice
- 1354 28 Fancy 3 notified AT to have 1 trk ready to move on 1 hr notice
- 1356 29 Fancy 3 notified Fancy 10 to have K1 trk ready to move on 1-hr notice
- 1400 30 Fancy 3 called 4; Told him about alerting trks
- 1405 31 Fancy 3 to Fame 3; Rptd ready to move 1 Bn on 1-hr notice; asked about bridge guards being picked up when bridges are blown. Fame 3 said plan would have to be worked out; Fancy 3 decided to have 1 Off fr ea Bn pick up guards
- 1427 32 Red called Fancy 3 & said MP had picked up 3 suspicious characters in Cuslane & was turning them over to Div PW cage; they only carried German passes
- 1445 33 Overlay you just sent up is incomplete; want fire plane; will send it back for completion; Fancy 3 to Blue 3
- 1515 34 Blue 3 called Bancy 3; Said he has his MGs & concentrations on overlay. Was told to send it over
- 1518 35 Lt Dupont called & said it would be about 1530 before he can get his overlay in
- 1530 36 Fancy 3 called Blue 3; Asked him about Res Co positions; BRL runs fr hill 264 to 307 & 315; Gp located on hill 306; CP in vicinity of Berigbitrange
- 1600 37 Bns rpt neg; relayed to G-3
- 1645 38 Directed Cn to go out & relocate rt btry on switch line as it is now in front lines; Capt White will check in in AM
- 1645 39 Bridges 18-20 have 6 men on duty; can we relieve ours? Trk will rpt to 1st Bn tonite 2330 to relieve guard; 2 plats dug in on BB-line by 1st Bn in their lt sector
- 1710 40 327557; 400 mines; 335554; 600 mines E 600 yds; 322535; 150 wired in red triangle; Rpt on mines laid by Engrs today; notice given subordinate units

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1728	41	Guards on bridges 23, 26, & bridge 3000 yds E of 26 may be held by permission of Fame 3; Fatima guarding these bridges
1735	42	Notified Lt Klatt to take his guards off bridges 18-20
1900	43	1st Bn contd preparing positions in rt sector of BB-line; 2d Bn contd to improve positions on AA-line; rcn & defense plans for lt sector of switch positions for new MLR completed; 3d Bn: Bn Comdr & staff made rcn on new MLR; contd to improve positions on lt sector of BB-line; AT & Cn Cos made rcn on new MLR switch positions; sent copy to Div. Results of Opn: Tactical wire approx 80% completed; instrns contained in OI #38 complied with
1915	44	White 3 rpts Engr Officer took demolitions off bridge at 330542; checking w/Div; G-3 says guards are supposed to be on bridge
2100	45	Bns neg rpt; relayed to G-3
2200	46	Bns neg rpt; relayed to G-3
2240	47	G-2 rptd flares, fire & smoke at woods NE of Div CP; asked Blue 2 to check & give rpt immediately
2315	48	White rpts seeing gun flashes & red flare at left OP 350° approx 2245
2345	49	Rt OP of our 2d Bn on AA-line rpts tracer fire at approx 20°- 25° az & arty fire; at such distance difficult to say which way fire is traveling; bridge guard officer rpts flares in N; relayed to G-3
2357	50	Fancy 3 called AT: Told about info recd fr PW on possible CA tonite
2400	51	75 men & 1 tk rptd by unknown no. of Inf

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