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Organization CT 409

From: 0001, 1 Mar 45

To : 2400, 3 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time		Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out						
0900		1				Fancy 3 to Warrior 3: You may use firing range at Obersoultzbach fr 0800 to 1200 Tues, Thur & Sat of next wk	
0935		2				Fancy 3 Jr to White: Get word to assault course officer to make following changes in procedure: have 1 plat in trench; 1 plat firing, 1 plat observing	
1037		3				Capt Cocke says CW will hold class on new type flame thrower tomorrow afternoon 1300 to 1700 in Dettwiller; have 2 EM rpt to CW office. Called for 1 man fr ea Bn.	
<u>2 Mar 45</u>							
0300		1				Neg rpts hourly to 0600 & fr 1900 to 2400	
<u>3 Mar 45</u>							
0840		1				Sgt Townsend said 418 men at flame thrower sch; hydrogen was low	
0950		2				Civil Affairs to Fancy 3: Ground to be used for problem has been plowed & 10% of it has already been planted. Fancy says hold up on whole thing until we contact Fame	
1045		3				Fatal says rocket-firing tk will be demonstrated at 1115 & 1430 just off rd leading fr town where Ratal Red & Blue CPs are up to rd leading to critical pt 55	
1245		4				HE mortar impact area corner of woods vic (800259) at 1530 today	

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1410	5	Capt Cocke told Lt Thompson they were taking Weasel fr us tomorrow & would give us another
1420	6	At 1530 1 km S of 880285 rocket-firing tk will fire on town at 900292
1610	7	Capt Clifford told Fancy 3 that Ord Insp was held as directed

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Organization: CT 409

From: 0001, 4 Mar 45

To : 2400, 5 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0830			1				Co C, 48th Tk Bn, atchd to 409th eff 041200A Mar 45	
0950			2				Blue 6 rptd to Fancy 5 that man in M Co ac- cidentally shot himself in kneecap & calf of his leg with his rifle; witnesses say he just came off guard; no sign of drunkenness; rifle was leaning against table when it was accidentally discharged; accident occurred last night just before tavern's closing time	
1305			3				Fancy 3 notified Bns that they will start turning in w/their periodic rpts principal tng event of following day - where, time & who will attend	
1420			4				New movie schedule given Bns & Sep Cos	
2150			5				2d Bn will fire HE 81-mm mortars fr 0900- 1200, 5 Mar 45; impact area will run fr 78652950 to 79402955; 2d Bn has taken neces- sary safety precautions; rd fr Weinsbourg to Ober- sultzbach will be closed fr 0900 to 1200	
<u>5 Mar 45</u>								
0900			1				Fancy 3 to Mr Motes: Send wire crew out to 806269; at 1000 tks will go off rd there & probably break wire	
1350			2				Fancy 5 notified Bns about appearance of guard; Fancy 6 desires marked improvement of all rd guards immediately	
1415			3				2d Bn firing about 3 new-type fuse mortar rds just N of Obersultzbach; impact area 792295	

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From: 0001, 6 Mar 45

To : 2400, 9 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
2032			1				Fr Red: Co A rptd fire in sch in square	
2055			2				Fancy OP rptd fire in Foudell-Charlife area	
<u>7 Mar 45</u>								
0830			1				2d Bn says people at theatre wouldn't let detail clean up last night	
0832			2				Plat of tks ask permission to break; radio silence for Tk-Inf problem; Fancy 5 gave permission & Mr Motes says he also has permission fr higher auth	
1038			3				Cath mass this PM in Cath Church in town at 1530; confessions before & after mass	
1505			4				Fatima postponed problem they were going to hold tonight until tomorrow night; Bns notified	
1555			5				AT firing Sat at 778302; Lt Edwards notified Fame 3; will send overlay	
<u>8 Mar 45</u>								
0830			1				White Bn will fire mortars today between 1300 & 1600; impact area 790296. Other units notified	
1135			2				Arty heard; preparing to shoot propaganda leaflets; Corps arty; 15-min preparation	
1210			3				Lt Thompson notified Fatal Civil Affairs to warn people away fr gravel pit because of firing in that vic in next 3 days	

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1700 4 Bns & Sep Cos directed to submit rainy day schedule & call ea day to tell whether that or regular schedule is being followed

1705 5 Capt Cocke told Fancy 3 we would have 2 tks for tng purposes at 0830, Mon, 12 Mar

1715 6 Fatima conducting a relief tomorrow nite (9 Mar); shift is Blue & White; after relief set-up will be White on L, Red on R, Blue in Res

9 Mar 45

0700 1 All units, except Blue, following clear weather schedule

1400 2 Meeting tonite of Os regarding Regtl History Assn changed fr S-1 to 3d Bn CP; units concerned notified

1626 3 Capt Zeek called Fancy 3 about tks to be used Monday; 1 tk will go to Obersoultzbach & another to Bouxwiller; guide will meet tk at 0900 at (814246)

2230 4 Fame 3 rptd 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T vehicle we have been looking for past few days has been found; units notified

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From: 0001, 10 Mar 45
To : 2400, 11 Mar 45
Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
1125			1				Capt Wilson canceled request of NCOs for class in M-1. Red Bn notified	
1650			2				Fame 13 told Lt Edwards he wants to meet w/Bn 3s & Regtl 3. Monday at 2000 at Regtl CP designated	
2020			3				Rpt on day's opns to Fame 3: Regt remained in Div Res; formal insp of all tps by COs, Bn Comdrs & Regtl CO & Staff of billets, kitchens, vehicles & wps of regt; recreational activities and movies conducted remainder of day	
2050			4				G-2 rpts German paratps within Army sector; units notified	
<u>11 Mar 45</u>								
0702			1				Fame 6 said we could stop rptng at 0600 instead of 0700	
1007			2				2d Bn firing mortars tomorrow fr 0900-1200; impact area is 790295	
1345			3				1 NCO & 4 EM rpt to Cpl Gosden at theatre 0900, 12 Mar; bring hammer, nails, tacks & building paper	
1420			4				Notfd Bns & Sep Cos of movie tonite	
1755			5				Fame 5 Jr told Col Lloyd about meeting tomorrow AM in Fame War Room at 0900; no Staff officers	

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From: 0001, 12 Mar 45

To : 2400, 12 Mar 45

Place: Bourwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0900			1				Frenchman picked up last nite between 2300-2330 at Blue Bn; Lt Thompson checking on details	
0955			2				There will be a Lutheran communion sv at Prot Church in Bourwiller, Wed at 1600	
1142			3				Fancy 3 informed Lt Schilaty that he would have to evacuate RR Sta quarters	
1145			4				Fancy 3 informed Capt White he would have to move his kitchen	
1147			5				Fancy 3 told Capt Zeek that M Co would have to evacuate mtr shop by tomorrow afternoon	
1155			6				Sgt Adams notfd COs of Bns & Sep Coq at 1900 & also cancellation of S-3 meeting at 2000 until further notice	
1510			7				Meeting at RSO at 1700; bring along shoe sizes, requisitions & leggings	
1628			8				M/C notfd us of location of tk M-24; left of Regtl CP	
1630			9				Fancy 3 notfd Cn, AT & Hq of change of shoes tomorrow	
1905			10				1st Bn will fire 60-mm mortars tomorrow either on or across fr Range #1	

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From: 0001, 13 Mar 45

To : 2400, 13 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
1150			1				Capt Potter notfd Maj Yow of delinquencies noticed at rd blocks	
1255			2				Sgt Adams notfd Bns of meeting at 1900 at Regtl CP of Bn 3s	
1310			3				Blue 6 talked to Fancy 6 about turning in of BAR; Fancy 6 will get 1 for 3d Bn	
1345			4				Capt Moore called Col Strange regarding change in quota to Brussels, allowing trip 14th	
1350			5				Col Strange left word for Maj Portedus to turn in excess ord; also mentioned getting BAR back for 3d Bn	
1715			6				Fancy 3 told 1st Bn to send plat to Fame CP for guard duty; will relieve plat fr 2d Bn at 0900	
2230			7				Blue rptd M-15 jeep missing; rptd to MPs & rd blocks	
2400			8				Blue rptd M-15 jeep found by mtr off in Bouxwiller; no one in it	

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Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0955			1				Div wants I&E news sheet, 14 Mar, destroyed	
1150			2				Col Strange notified Capt Moore of winners in vehicle contest; requested 3 passes	
1325			3				Capt Zeek told Fancy 3 he had recd order no. 68 fr Fame	
1352			4				Capt Donald talked to Fancy 3 about panels; Fancy 3 thinks he should use some w/Col Reynolds gp	
1357			5				Fancy 3 called Bus & Sep Cos to send Off to War Room for FO #9	
1410			6				Blue 6 spoke to Fancy 6 about furnishing LNO to Fame & Fancy both; Fancy 5 will talk to Fancy 6 & call later	
1517			7				Mr Motes notfd Fancy 3 that lines to SSO & Red Cross had been taken out	
2100			8				Weather Forecast fr Fame for 15 Mar '45: Visibility less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile at dawn; $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 miles at 1000; 4-5 miles at 1300; no rain; ceiling unlimited except for local overcasts at 200-300 ft until 1030; winds light & variable; min temp 28°	
2230			9				Capt Cocke rpts fr advance CP; has boom in; vry good especially to R; Robert is in switchboard	

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From: 0001, 15 Mar 45

To : 2400, 15 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0828			1				Fancy 3 notfd following that zero hr is 0845: Cn, AT, 1st, 2d & Fame Movement	
1015			2				AT closed in	
1041			3				Fancy 5 told Fancy 3 that they want critical pt 72 (Uhrwiller) reconnoitred xxxxxx as possible place for movement of Res; Fancy 5 said that it is rptd there is bridge intact at critical pt 38 (Nieffern) - a light one	
1043			4				Fr Fame 3: Critical pts 72 & 38 not cleared yet	
1045			5				Fancy 5 told Capt Potter that PW rpts rd fr Uhrwiller to Reichshoffen cleared of mines & that he used it everyday	
1050			6				Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: 4ll fighting at critical pt 47 (Gundershoffen); casualties: White 8, Red 8 (anti-personnel)	
1058			7				Lt Jeffords to Capt Potter: Rptd fr early PW rpt that some elmts in front of us have been pulled back & that from a later PW rpt they have not been pulled back	
1115			8				Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: Fame 6 ordered Warrior 6 to send 2 Rcn Plats to take Kindwiller	
1125			9				Called Fancy 5 & told him we couldn't get into Nieffern	
1125			10				Lt Jeffords rpts tps moving fr Griesbach to Gundershoffen & then called correction: Tps moving by mtr out of Griesbach NE	

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- 1130 11 S-3 gave Red 3 sit
 - 1135 12 1st Bn closed
 - 1145 13 Fancy 5 to Fancy 3: Further most almts of Fatal halfway between critical pts 40 & 71 on R; on L, back kind of facing mountains in their area; outfit on Fame's L (42d Div) has been moving along w/light opposition; encountering a lot of mines (Riepertswiller)
 - 1147 14 Fancy 5 to Fancy 3: Bridges rptd in at 51 (Kindwiller), 58 (Nieffern) & 70 (Muhlhausen)
 - 1158 15 Fancy 5 to 3: Rpts that dope on above info (bridges) is wrong; there is only footbridge at Nieffern; keep close status on bridges & rds; check on them
 - 1220 16 Fancy 3 gave sit to Capt Zeek
 - 1240 17 Fancy 5 to 3: Thinks that proposed plan is out (proposed plan rptd by Lt Jeffords); position of Fatal is 1 Co at 47 (Gundershoffen), 1 Co at 56 (Uttenhoffen) & 1 Co to L of 56; about through clearing 72 (Uhrwiller) & then will move up in center; Fatal rpts 71 prisoners
 - 1316 18 Fatal 2 to Fancy 3: Nieffern is cleared; ~~Figure bridge will be in at 1700 at earliest; rds not cleared yet of mines~~
~~x you can see the tracks of the mines bad; Kindwiller taken by TDs~~
 - 1338 19 Fatal 3 to Fancy 3: Nieffern is cleared; figure bridge will be in 1700 at earliest; rds not cleared yet of mines; main obstacle is mines
 - 1340 20 Fancy 5 to 3: Bridge at 51 (Kindwiller) would be in about 1400, Nieffern at 1430; nothing reliable at Muhlhausen; rptd to be heavily mined; Warrior went into Kindwiller; saw couple of krauts; working on clearing of rds; 72 still not rptd as cleared; big craters harassing use of rd; Lt Jeffords rptd signal truck was blown up while going into Kindwiller
 - 1345 21 White closed in
 - 1356 22 Lt Jeffords to Fancy 6: Bridge (treadway) rptd in at 51; heavy stuff can go across it
 - 1400 23 Fancy 5 to 3: Uhrwiller is clear; Fame 6 will probably move 1 of our Bns (Red) into Uhrwiller; route would be by way of la Walck; bridge at Muhlhausen should be in at 1430

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1409 24 Fancy 5 to 3: Muhlhausen bridge in; moving stuff across it; rd fr Bischholtz to Muhlhausen is mined

1412 25 Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: Bridge at Muhlhausen should be in in about 30 mins; sit of Fatal: White is now up even w/Red - they are now 2/3 of way to A-line; Blue is following Red; Bischholtz cleaned out

1419 26 Lt Kempler to Capt Potter: Saw about 50 PWs (Fatima)

1420 27 Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: Last elmts of Fatima Blue cleared Muhlhausen at 1400

1430 28 Fancy 3 to 5: Engrs told Fancy 3 rd fr Kindwiller to Uhrwiller is clear; Fancy 5 said Div definitely would like to have Bn in Uhrwiller by dark

1500 29 Capt White called Fancy 3 to get sit; as far as Fancy 3 knows they are still going to Uhrwiller

1510 30 Fancy 5 to 3: Treadway is okay; Fatima organics were observed going across bridge at Muhlhausen

1515 31 Fancy 3 gave White 3 sit

1524 32 Fancy 5 to 3: Fatima left has advanced to line between 37 & 5 (took hill) Fatima rt pretty well pinned down; front of Muhlhausen very heavily mined, Res Bn going up through very heavy mine field; Fatal has not reached 47 yet

1530 33 Lt Schilaty sent Rcn Sgt down to War Room to give results

1534 34 Fancy 3 to 5: Gave rpt of rcn to Fancy 5; Kindwiller pretty badly shot up; believes Bn could probably be moved in; also could get organics in; Fancy 5 mentioned rpt that Fatima Blue was going to launch an atk thru Red Bn

1540 35 Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: Fatima Blue bypassing Red just a little bit E of Critical Pt 40; TDs have priority on bridge at Muhlhausen; Blue going to clear Bischholtz, then go up to Rothbach & then on to Off willer

1543 36 Lt Jeffrds to Fancy 3: Gave him above info

1559 37 Fancy 5 to 3: When bridge at Nieffern is in & mines are cleared Regt minus White & Blue Bns will move into Uhrwiller

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1604	38	Fancy 3 to Lt Schilaty: Notfd him of billeting party to Uhrwiller
1608	39	Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: PW count: Fatal 72 processed, 40 on way; Fatima 95 processed, more on way
1611	40	Capt Potter to Fancy 5: Fancy 6 & 3 have gone to look at bridge at Nieffern
1621	41	Lt Jeffords to Capt Potter: Fancy 5 said Blue Bn is now on 2-hr alert
1626	42	Fancy 3 to Red 3: Told him about 1800 it would be before bridge would be in at Nieffern
1629	43	Fancy 3 to Blue 3: Talked about Blue alert
1630	44	Fancy 3 to 5: Will be about 1800 before bridge will be in at Nieffern; rd fr 51 to 72 is cleared of all mines
1634	45	Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: Rd in Uhrwiller cleared; rd fr 72 to 71 now being swept
1645	46	Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: Bischholtz has been cleared; 41 prisoners taken; elmts moving up to Rothbach
1648	47	Red 6 to Fancy 3: Wants to move reinf plat to Uhrwiller & outpost for tonight; Fancy 3 said go ahead
1649	48	Green rpts they are ready to move anytime
1650	49	Fancy 3 to Lt Henson: Told them they couldn't move before 1800; moving 1st Bn before them
1651	50	Sgt Henry said to send men fr CP who needed gas up to Co CP
1704	51	Lt Jeffords to Fancy 3: Nieffern bridge will not be in before 2100; working on abutments which caved in; this is most optimistic time rptd; Fancy 5 said same order stands. Rptd to Red 6, AT & Cn
1725	52	Movement Control: Light line tonite Ingwiller-Murchhoffen-Obermodern-Pfaffenhoffen exclusive
1805	53	Notfd Red 6 to bed men down until approx 2400; also notfd Cn & AT

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1829 54 Red 3 to Fancy 3: Reinf Plat (A Co) is on way to Uhrwiller; A&P plat is at Uhrwiller

1845 55 Maj Gilman to Fancy 3: Talked to Fatal 5 about using bridge at 38; Fatal does not have much of their own stuff over yet; if it is possible to use the bridge at 38 sooner than that at Nieffern they will inform us

1858 58 Capt Cocke talked to Maj Urban about getting into Uhrwiller tonight

1901 57 Lt McCellhan (MP 410) talked to Maj Urban about sit in Uhrwiller; at present time the town is congested because of debris and crowded vehicles; 410 CP located in southeastern section of Uhrwiller

1943 58 Capt Cocke to Capt Potter: Rothbach & Offwiller cleared; no prisoners

2130 59 Lt Jeffords rpts rd fr la Walck to Engwiller is cleared of mines; also 1 ey tk running around in town of Engwiller

2200 60 Fame 5 called & said it would be okay to have ft tps close in Uhrwiller by 0730; no time limit on AT & Cn Co; will notify them when to move

2201 61 Notfd AT Co, Cn, Red & Fancy forward that we would remain there until tomorrow morning; will notify when to move

2210 62 Fancy 5 to Maj Gilman: Told him we would use bridge at Nieffern fr 0620-0720 for ft tps; he wants us to advise him when town of Uhrwiller is clear enough for our vehicles; also bridge E of Kindwiller will be taken out at 0620 & later replaced by a wooden bridge

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From: 0001, 16 Mar 45

To : 2400, 16 Mar 45

Place: Bouxwiller, France

Time	In	Serial	Time	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0158		1		Lt Eddens (Fame 3) called to give correct time; has no news of Nieffern bridge	
0310		2		Lt Eddens says Nieffern bridge is in	
0710		3		1st Bn ft tps closed into Uhrwiller	
0755		4		Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: Fatima's sit: Red Bn generally along 893350, Blue Bn, which was to bypass them, is just astride at 890357, White Bn E Co 884344, G Co 880348	
0758		5		Fancy 3 to Capt Potter: Said we wouldn't move into Uhrwiller for a while because of the congestion	
0800		6		Capt Potter told AT, Cn & Red to sit tight for a while	
0910		7		Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: Sit of Fatima as of 0850: Lines swung around to left; Red just out in open at 891343; Blue just behind; White E, F, G, right between between 37 & 81 at about 886355; no opposition; Blue will get a mission w/tks. Rpt on yesterday's casualties: 118 wounded, 20 killed	
0955		8		Capt Potter to Fancy 3: Official PW rpt 487; unofficial 512. Fame 6 has ordered Fatima 3 to use 1/25,000 maps & in future to rpt where main elmts are in force & not where patrols are	
1123		9		Lt Arrison to Fancy 3: White Bn got up to B1; pinned down so they started to send	

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1123 9 (Cont'd) F & G around; in meantime E Co knocked out resistance & bypassed 81 on lt, not quite up to A-line; Red Bn just short of A-line; Blue was sent back into woods

1148 10 Lt Jeffords to Lt Edwards: Air rpts say bridge at Woerth still in

1405 11 Col Strange at Fame asked us to check on rpt that 409th had 6 battle casualties yesterday; Coll Co rpts no casualties; Regtl Aid Sta rpts none; that info given to Col Strange; he asked us to check more fully; 2d Bn had 6 non-battle casualties, no BCs; rptd to Col Strange at 1500

2030 12 This Regt will atk axis Gundershoffen-Scherlinhoff-Woerth. (On $\frac{1}{2}$ -hr alert eff 180600A w/3d Bn)/ The Regt atks at daylight, 2 Bns abreast thru middle of 410th zone; Regtl Res of 1 Co fr 2d Bn; 1st Bn on R, 2d on L

2130 13 Fancy 3 alerted 2d Bn as to possible atk of Regt in AM; 1 Co of his as Regtl Res; to atk 1 up & 1 back if possible w/asgd zone

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Place: Engwiller, France, & Gundershoffen, Fr

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0005:			1				Fancy 5 to Capt Cocke: At 2345 closed CP at Uhrwiller and opened CP at Engwiller	
0014:			2				Fancy 5 to Lt Blandford: Check w/Haynes regarding movements of tps at daylight	
0057:			3				Fancy 6 talked to Factory 6 about present sit; everyone resting, awaiting plans	
0106:			4	Fame 5			to Fancy 6: We will follow Cactus at 0800; Fatal Red will be attached to us	
0109:			5				Lt Jeffords gave Lt Edwards same info as above	
0111:			6				Lt Edwards told Capt Clifford & Capt Teitelbaum to have men fed & ready to jump off at 0730; details sent later	
0112:			7				Col Lloyd to Fatal 6: Gave him his plans for atk tomorrow; going to pass their Red Bn which will be atchd to us on L zone & pinch them out & then put them in Res	
0135:			8				Capt White closed in; Lt Edwards gave him sit	
0140:			9				AT closed in at 0110	
0145:			10				Fancy 5 to Fancy 1: Have Capt Grady up at 0800-0830; wants to see Fancy 4 & H tomorrow AM	
0155:			11				Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Atchmts: Co B, 83d Cml Mortar Bn; Co B, TD Bn; 1 plat of Co C, 761 Tk Bn; no Engrs	
0158:			12				Fame 3 gave Lt Edwards correct time	

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0158 13 Fatal 6 to Fancy 6: Gave Fancy 6 sit of Fatal Red Bn; the Fatal Red Bn is to hold the high ground & give us supporting fire

0220 14 Capt Stone, CO, Co B, 83d Cml Bn (Longbow Baker) called & was told to rpt here at 0600 tomorrow AM & to establish ln w/1st & 2d Bns

0251 15 Fatal 3 to Lt Edwards: Fame 3 said to have Cml Mortar Bn & TD Bn rpt to our CP (Engwiller); will send tk plat comdr w/Fatal Red Ln 0

0400 16 Lt Jeffords rptd fr Div w/instrns

0430 17 FO #10 produced & distribution made

0500 18 Fancy 3 & 6 oriented Col Jun, Maj Hennighausen & TD Co Comdr on opns for the day

0525 19 Movement Control notfd of movement of TD Co fr 0630 to about 1000 fr Ingwiller to Uhrwiller, 8 vehicles per plat

0534 20 Fancy 6 oriented Capt Clifford on FO #10

0600 21 Fancy 6 oriented CO, 83d Cml Bn, on FO #16

0615 22 Fancy 6 recd Div order OI 69 (copy 6)

0616 23 At approx 0500 Fame 3 called Fancy 3 and asked what time we figured on jumping off; Fancy 3 told Fame 3 we were leaving present area at 0700 and would pass thru 410 at approx 0800-0815. Fame 3 said okay

0630 24 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Recd your order & moving out at 0700; Fame 3 said okay

0640 25 Sgt Kiefer (Fame 2) says Redwood called ;Last night 4 PWs were picked up in the act of changing clothes in Rothbach; be on the alert for other PWs in civilian clothes

0645 26 Fancy 3 to Red 3: Send someone to pick up tk plat leader

0710 27 Red 3 to Fancy 3: Shall we pull men off the crater in rd? Fancy 3 says no.

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0725 28 Co B, 328th Engrs atchd; will bring up dozer to finish filling in crater

0730 29 Capt Cocke says Fatal White is running into light sniper fire

0734 30 White 6 to Fancy 3: We moved out at 0700; are now located at 928334 just on edge of woods; White will move fwd fr town 2 abreast; Fancy 6 says fight aggressively & keep moving

0745 31 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: We are detaching Co A of tks fr Blue & sending them up in zone on R; they will turn L thru critical pts 50 & 47 (to Gundershoffen); they will then revert to Cactus control

0754 32 Capt White to Fancy 3: Have been up to 71 (Gundershoffen); found some good firing positions & want to move 1 btry up there; Fancy 3 says okay; Capt White says engr told him rd fr Gundershoffen to Gumbrechtshoffen has been cleared of mines

0759 33 Fancy 3 to White 5: White 5 says can't open radio net until fired on; tps have moved across stream & moved fwd; will call when get more definite info

0805 34 Fancy 3 to Fatal 6: What info on bridges? Bridge at 71 will be in in 5 mins

0808 35 Fame 2 says PW cage is located in town just to SW of critical pt 12

0809 36 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Gundershoffen has been cleared of ay; took 15 PWs; bridge across stream $\frac{1}{2}$ km N of town is out

0812 37 Fancy 3 to Red 6: Move your Bn to Gundershoffen; that town is cleared; go down across ft bridge into town; leave ~~vehicles here~~ vehicles here until bridge is in

0815 38 Fatal 3 to Fancy 3: Bridge at 71 has just been put in; have word that your Task Force Cactus will travel thru 42, 36, 80, 56, 47; 2d Bn is crossing stream; we are waiting to guide them

0820 39 Fatal Red 6 to Fancy 6: Everything is going fine here; Fancy 6 says we will pass around in front of you; think everything has pulled out

0825 40 Fame 38 arrived at War Rock

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0834 41 Fancy 6 to White 5: Get up to Gundershoffen; get your CP set up there & find out what's going on there; White 5 says he's getting switchboard put in now

0837 42 Fancy 3 to Red 5: Have tps left yet? Cos left about 15 mins, OP about 5 mins ago; Cos are going up hill now

0845 43 Capt Wimberly to Fancy3; 45 mins ago tps leaving outpost near woods close to footbridge

0848 44 Maj Gilman to Lt Edwards: Estimate on bridge being put in at Gundershoffen (about 4-6 hrs) (a long time)

0857 45 Lt Dupont to Lt Schilaty: Be ready to move Co at moment's notice; sent quartering party up now

0859 46 Lt Edwards checking on vehicle sit; Hq Co has 4 jeeps fwd

0901 47 Lt Thompson asked Fatal if rd SW of Griesbach up to Gundershoffen was swept yet; bridge in between Mietesheim & Griesbach

0903 48 Capt Wimberly to Lt Edwards: Com by phone still out; go Co E on radio; they are in town

0905 49 Lt Jeffords to Lt Edwards; Lt Edwards told him Fancy 3 & 6 have moved fwd

0909 50 Lt Edwards to Lt Hensen: Checking on vehicles to go over bridge; Capt White has gone fwd w/5 vehicles; vehicles in Engwiller: 4 1½-Ts, 3 2½-Ts & 1 ¼-T

0912 51 Fancy 5 to White 5: Tks (Co C, 761st) coming up; going around fr Bitschhoffen-Mietesheim up to Gundershoffen; wants someone to meet them there between 1030-1045

0915 52 Capt Cocke to Lt Edwards: Tks coming up; they are at critical pt 42; it will not take very long to put in 50-span treadway at Gundershoffen but 50-span Bailey will take 4-6 hrs; fame fwd still at Gumbrechtshoffen

0925 53 Lt Edwards to Maj Moffatt: Est of vehicles Red 5 wants to get across bridge when it is ready - 28

0928 54 Mr Polk to Capt Moore: S-1 ready to move; Capt Moore gave okay to move to Zutzendorf

0930 55 Capt White to Lt Edwards: Got a btry across bridge & into Gumbrechtshoffen. Fancy 5 to Capt White: Give him another pro-

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0930 55 (Cont'd) posed route; FA can go as far as 23, others can go a bit further

0938 56 Sgt Hensen to Lt Edwards: All of their tp in Gundershoffen; mtrs are in Engwiller

0940 57 Factory 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ talked w/24-2: They are 1000 yds beyond B-line & moving fwd

0941 58 Radio msg fr White Bn states they are 1000 yds beyond B-line & moving fwd

0943 59 Lt Edwards to Capt Cocke: Got above rpt fr Cn & arty; Capt Cocke said 38 was talking to our White 6 & he saw him leave town w/his plat

0947 60 Fancy 6 to 5: Told him to move up to Gundershoffen CP; Fancy 5 told him about route fr Mietesheim up rd on far side of stream; 6 said would be ablw to use other route sooner

0949 61 Capt Cocke to Lt Edwards: Do not use rd to R; still checking on it; believes it is poorest route; also heard fr Fame that they are planning to use Task Force on R in case of trouble

0950 62 Fancy 5 to Green 6: Gave him sit; told him we were moving to fwd CP (Gundershoffen)

0958 63 Fancy 5 to White 5: Told him rd we were taking rd we are now on N up toward Gundershoffen

1005 64 Lt Edwards told Capt Cocke we were leaving our CP (Engwiller) going up to Gundershoffen

1100 65 1st Bn ordered to slip over into R Bn sector; left Gundershoffen 1110

1130 66 2d some 5000 yds N of Gundershoffen

1145 67 2d rpts fwd elmts at 966365; no contact w/ey

1208 68 1st rpts B Co just N of Hill 253, about 500 yds S of critical pt 35; moving 1 up, 2 back, meeting absolutely nothing

1211 69 Fatal Blue ordered to move to Zeigelberg, about 1 km SE of critical pt 35

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1242	70	1st Bn ft tps entering Eberbach. Rptd to Fame
1247	71	Ordered Fatal Red to Eberbach
1440	72	White 5: Got a gun firing on us fr R rr
1440	73	Lt Henson to Fancy 3: Going to move Co to critical pt 20
1445	74	Maj Gilman to Fancy 3: Corps pulled bridge at 71 (treadway); this cut Task Force in half
1446	75	Going to let Factory use 36th Div sector for transporting btry
1449	76	Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Get bridge at 71 back in half an hour
1456	77	Red Bn is concentrated on Woerth; Red gave Fancy 3 their sit to present; B & C Cos going to atk Woerth
1500	78	Maj Graham to Fancy 5: 100 mules E of Schillersdorf; send 12 men to get them; Fancy 5 will notify 4
1505	79	Fancy 3 to White 5: Try to get Bn by radio
1508	80	Fancy 3 to Capt White: Cn Co across bridge at 71 & also at Gundershoffen
1514	81	Fancy 3 to White 6: Right on town on C-line; encountering trouble in that town
1516	82	Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Gave White Bn sit to Fame 3; also Red Bn sit; 1st Bn just ahead of C-line on high ground; half of Task Force thru; bridge in at 71 again
1520	83	White 6 to Fancy 3: No way of getting vehicles thru
1524	84	Air OP rptd ey tks at Langensultzbach; arty fired on them
1527	85	White 6 to Fancy 3: No shorts fr arty
1529	86	Ey Tiger tks at 24365?
1539	87	Fame 5 to Fancy 5: Half of Task Force across; other half going by now
1547	88	White 5 to Fancy 3: Still fighting in Froeschwiller

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1558	89	Fame 3 to Fancy 3: 2d Bn has slow fight in Froeschwiller; they can hear fighting of Red Bn; bridge out at 987354
1610	90	Fancy 3 checking on fire on White
1611	91	Fame 2 to Fancy 2: Sending a loud speaker set up to use on PWs (Woerth); Lt Little in charge
1625	92	White rpts lot of tps in Woerth; Fancy 5 said they were probably not ours; 2d Bn has taken 1 O & 14 EM (PWs) in Froeschwiller
1630	93	White rpts men in Woerth are wearing GI uniforms; may be 1st or Task Force Cactus; tps sent to Eberbach, not Woerth
1635	94	Fancy 3 rpts they are just clearing Gundershoffen: to Movement Control
1635	95	383d FA rpts that our arty is not firing on our tps in Froeschwiller
1658	96	White called in sit; closing in on Froeschwiller
1658	97	White has Froeschwiller; right Co along C-line
1708	98	Fancy 5 informed Sgt Wagner of mules being brought fwd
1710	99	Capt Wimberly requests some engr; need them on rd outside of town; tps on L are at 970380
1715	100	Lt Blandford in at Eberbach; Fatal Red closed in at 1530
1725	101	Fatima sit: Red 1 km short of 13; Blue approx 2 kms NE of critical pt 18; White in center of 2
1730	102	Red 6 to Fancy 3: Expect to take Woerth soon; both bridges blown up; get high ground beyond that
1740	103	Lt Blandford gave Fancy 3 sit
1750	104	Co A sent 1 plat to take town of Oberdorf Spachbach
1804	105	Fancy 6 gave sit to Fame 5; Fame 5 wants us to establish bridgehead N of Woerth so engr can put in bridge tonight
1827	106	Capt Witham gave Red sit; Red moving into town of Woerth; we have sent up some atchd units: AT, TD & Tk plats

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1834	107	Red 6 to Fancy 6: Red Bn near northern edge of Woerth; Fancy 6 gave this to Fame 5
1835	108	Factory going to put arty on 018401 (Goersdorf-Mitschdorf)
1839	109	Fancy 6 to White 6: Secure bridgehead above Woerth so engr's can build bridge tonight
1842	110	Fancy 3 gave Factory okay on using arty until 1915
1845	111	Light line in Zinswiller, Gumbrechtshoffen & Gundershoffen exclusive
1850	112	Fatal Red 6 rptd motors in
1858	113	Fancy 3 gave White 5 sit
1915	114	Capt Potter told Lt Holbrook he was sending Lt Little w/loud speaker set to use in their advance
1916	115	Going to use more arty on northernmost sector
1925	116	Fancy 3 gave Lt Jeffords sit
1930	117	Fancy 6 gave Factory 6 sit
1945	118	Fancy 3 gave Fame 3 sit
1946	119	Gave Capt Potter new PW location (Gundershoffen)
2030	120	83d Cml Mortar Bn CP closed in in Gundershoffen
2040	121	Capt Stone (CWS) called Fancy 3: Said plat was in now; bridge out beyond village; could go no further
2052	122	Lt Blandford rpts no lines into Task Force Cactus; working on it now
2058	123	Fancy 5 is having Lt Blandford check on 2d Bn
2100	124	Fancy 3 to Warrior 6: Sent plat ldr to see Capt Wimberly to receive orders
2108	125	Lt Little called Capt Potter & informed him Red has moved fwd

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2118	126	White 6 to Fancy 5: Has practically secured bridgehead N of Woerth
2120	127	Fancy 5 rptd above to Fame 5
2129	128	Fancy 5 told Lt Elandford to watch com lines closely; will call war room when lines go out
2130	129	Fancy 3 gave White 3 his sit & obj for tomorrow's opn; the 2 Bns will each send out 2 patrols for purpose of contacting ey & not to exceed 1 km
2147	130	Fancy 3 gave Capt Clifford his sit & obj for tomorrow
2223	131	White 6 to Fancy 3: Bridge is 40-ft span putting out big bridgehead; E & F up, G back w/White 6
2225	132	Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Gave above info to Fame 3
2345	133	Fame 5 to Lt Arrison: Send out patrol to check rd fr critical pt 23 to 76; also fr 23 to 13 & advise

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From: 0000, 18 Mar 45

To : 2400, 18 Mar 45

Place: Gundershoffen, France

Time	In	Serial	Line	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0030	:	1	:	:	2d Bn patrol rpts 3 100-yd stretches of abatis on trail fr 002501 to RM 006392; are going on up rd twi Langensultzbach; rptd to Fame 5	
0055	:	2	:	:	Patrol to Goersdorf back & rpts rd is pass-able up as far as 247, completely clear of all blocks; fired on fr 245 & turned back	
0100	:	3	:	:	Patrol to Langensultzbach back; entered 1st 8 houses in town; rd was clear of blocks	
0105	:	4	:	:	Gave above info to Fame 5	
0125	:	5	:	:	Hq Co msgr rpts rd fr Gundershoffen to Eberbach to Woerth not congested; Cactus is off rd in fields	
0315	:	6	:	:	Lt Eddens to Fancy 3 Jr: Task Force Cactus was ordered to move fr present position up rd fr 995358 to critical pt 23 as soon as rd has been cleared	
0330	:	7	:	:	Fancy White (rear): All White vehicles have started fwd; closing out rr CP	
0335	:	8	:	:	Engrs rpt rd fr Reichshoffen to Froeschwiller is now open; they will probably have rd open into Woerth in about 2 hrs. White S notfd	
0455	:	9	:	:	Sent radio msg to CO 1st Bn "Rpt condition of rd running N fr Woerth" - urgent	
0615	:	10	:	:	Fall 3 says rd fr Froeschwiller to Woerth is open	

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0620 11 Fancy 3 & 6 left for Woerth

0620 12 Lt Edwards gave Fancy 4 latest developments

0640 13 Green 5 to Fancy 5: 1st Bn in Goersdorf; meeting no opposition

0708 14 Factory to Capt Potter; our front lines at 0700: 024392-028389; no ey encountered

0815 15 CP 409 displaced fwd to Woerth

0830 16 2d Bn was passed a pt vic 016400; bridge there is out; trees over rd; mines on shoulder; 1st Bn vic Mitschdorf; gave this info to Fame; no contact w/ey by either Bn

0835 17 1st Bn has reached about 1000 yds NE of Mitschdorf, just entering woods now

0840 18 Fame to Fancy: No bridge will be put in at Woerth for some time; not on MSR

0845 19 2d Bn rpts being 500 yds short of E-line; rd clear of blocks as far as they have gone. Rptd to Fame

0855 20 Ordered Fatal Red ft elmts plus $\frac{1}{2}$ -T & $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T vehicles to Mitschdorf; will have line into town for him to hook onto; we will be in Goersdorf as soon as we have decent comms

0940 21 Fancy 3 retd & said jeep bridges were in & they could pass thru Woerth on up to Goersdorf

0945 22 Engr rpt on 2 bridges N of Woerth on rd to Lampertsloch; 1st Bailey bridge in at noon; 2d will be a treadway bridge in about 1-2 hrs later

1000 23 Fame 6 rpts Bailey bridge will not be in until 3 o'clock

1006 -- Fame 6 dissolves Cactus Task Force in our CP & releases 3d Bn to Regtl control; Fatal Red will be released to Fatal only after our 3d has reached us

1020 25 Cn Co has btry going into position at Mitschdorf now

1025 26 At 0930 1st Bn was within 500 yds of E-line

1100 27 CP opens Goersdorf (010390)

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1120 28 Fancy 3 gave G-3 rpt on location of tps

1210 29 Capt Wimberly rptd capture of German Officer to Fancy 3

1220 30 Fatal Red closed in at Mitschdorf

1225 31 Fancy 3 to Lt Hensen: White at 1020 (045435); Red at 1025 just ahead of E-line

1228 32 Fancy 3 to Capt Dalchern: Fatima's sit: White Bn in 17, followed by Blue Bn, Red moving on 25

1235 33 Fancy 3 gave White 5 Fatima sit

1245 34 Capt Wimberly to Fancy 3: Bridges (Bailey & treadway) are in N of Woerth; will take light traffic; will check on it

1254 35 Fancy 3 notfd Lt Edwards to close CP at Woerth & move up to Goersdorf CP

1258 36 Fancy 3 to Capt Wilson: Bridge in N of Woerth

1300 37 Fancy 3 to Lt Holz: Notify MPs to let our traffic over bridge N of Woerth

1310 38 Fancy 3 to Capt Cocke: Blue Bn moving into Goersdorf

1315 39 Fame 3 told Fancy 3 they will delay traffic because of craters

1323 40 Lt O'Hara gave radio msg to Fancy 3: White Bn head of column at 060452; held up to establish contact w/unit on left

1330 41 Air observed friendly tps at 0743

1332 42 Capt Witham heard fr OP Red Bn on F-line; sent patrol to L to clear town

1335 43 Fancy 3 gave Fame 3 above info

1338 44 Blue 6 to Fancy 3: Blue Bn closed

1340 45 Lt Edwards said TDs, Cml Mortars & other units of ours on way up; leaving old CP

1340 46 Red 6 to Fancy 6: Bn on F-line; Com bad

1345 47 Fancy 5 to Fame 3: Fatal Red released; Fame said Fatima Red on F-line; Fame 2 said vehicles also seen w/our Red tps

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1355 48 Fancy 3 called Fatal 3 & told him they were no longer atchd to us

1405 49 Fancy 4 moving his unit fr Zutzendorf to Froeschwiller

1416 50 Longbow Baker called Fancy 3 & said his fwd observer wants them to be prepared to fire into Climbach

1417 51 M/C rpts 4 PWs at their CP instructed them to bring them MPs

1444 52 Capt Wimberly to Fancy 3: All of vehicles have gone thru but traffic was stopped again

1448 53 Lt Holz gave Fancy 3 reason for delay of hvy traffic over bridge: putting trestle in; some light traffic going over

1450 54 Lt Edwards called Fancy 3 fr White Bn; bridge will be ready for traffic in about 30 mins; will keep Fancy 3 posted

1456 55 Fancy 2 gave Fancy 3 sit

1500 56 Maj Gilman called to check on rd N out of Goersdorf; trying to get alternate rd fr Goersdorf to Lampertsloch

1515 57 White 2 to Fancy 2: Sending down 4 PWs

1520 58 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Wanted to know where Fatal Red is? 48. Continue atk past G-line

1534 59 Red 1 to Fancy 3: Has taken Climbach (1530); Fancy 3 told Red 1 to have Col Therrell continue on & take high ground between 094505-114487 overlooking the Lander River; this will be known as H-line

1543 60 Treadway bridge reopened for hvy traffic

1545 61 Fancy 3 to White 5: H-line until given further notice; Red has taken Climbach; Lt O'Hara gave Fancy 2 following ey info: 10 tks left yesterday for Weining & Hirschstill; also 5 howitzers

1600 62 Fame 3 to Fame 5: 1st Bn after it gets to G-line will be sent up to high ground & take entire zone; that is where he should be about dark; he will send patrols out & will also try to get bridge

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1603 63 Fancy 6 to Red 6: Move to H-line & grab bridge at critical pt 22; at 105496 there is a bridge; take it intact if possible & then put a bridgehead in front of the bridge

1614 64 Capt Clifford checked w/Fancy 3 concerning plans to take high ground & bridges

1618 65 Capt White to Fancy 3: Rd near pts 43-44 clear; Maj Moffatt said all vehicles could go to Climbach; Fancy 3 gave Capt White Red's orders & told him to take off

1630 66 Fame Movement Control to Fancy 3: Light line is just below Lembach

1634 67 White 5 to Fancy 3: Going to move up; Fancy 3 gave him sit

1705 68 Red CP in; everything closed in

1709 69 White 1 gave Fancy 3 route; Fancy 3 intercepted Commo sending msg to White 6

1715 70 Lt Haynes to Fancy 5: 1st Bn line in at Climbach; Lt Blandford following him up

1720 71 Fancy 6 to Fame 38: Gave him sit; 1st Bn to hold G-line; Fancy 6 said he is moving up to Climbach

1745 72 Lt Blandford to Fancy 5: Will be about 2 hrs before com will be in

1748 73 Fancy 5 to Fame 5: Gave him sit; our CP will not be in for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs; Fame 5 wants someone to work on abatis fr Lembach to Climbach

1753 74 Lt Nolan said engrs working on rd block due S of Lembach (clear in about 1 hr)

1805 75 Fancy 5 told Lt Blandford to tell Fancy 6 that 410 has been ordered up to Climbach

1816 76 Capt Witham to Fancy 5: Capt Clifford rpts that bridge Red was supposed to take is blown; stream is about 10 ft wide; it is portable for ft tps

1828 77 Lt Strickland to Fancy 5: Working on rd fr Lembach to Climbach

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1830 78 Fancy 5 told Fame 3 about bridge being blown; also that 410 is moving to Climbach

1831 79 Capt Witham to Lt Edwards; 3d Bn of 142d has captured Cleebourg

1840 80 Fancy 5 to Capt Witham; Fatima is in Bobenthal. Fancy 5 gave 3 the sit

1900 81 OI for tomorrow. Fancy 5 gave 3 following: We are to keep going in same zone; after we get through Siegfried Line be ready for further action on E or N; In the OI Fatal will pass thru Fatima

1915 82 Cn Co closed in Climbach

1917. 83 Fancy 5 to Fame 4 Jr: Fwd CP open at critical pt 67 as of 1905

1934 84 Lt Blandford to Fancy 5: Rd fr Lembach to intersection open

1938 85 White 1 checking out at Fish Hatchery, in at French Barracks

1945 86 Capt Potter gave Fame 2 War Room some info on mines & other PW rpt

2005 87 White 5 to Fancy 5 for info: Atk will proceed in a column of Bns; you will be in Res; you will probably be in town where 1st Bn is now; don't take vehicles up there

2045 88 Lt Jeffords came in w/OI 71

2145 89 Capt Dalcher came in w/orders fr CG to Fancy 6 to send out an officer-led patrol to reconnoitre Siegfried Line & see if it is manned; wants results of patrol by daylight or before

2150 90 PI has photos of fwd areas which we can have tonite

2301 91 Fancy 3 to Blue 6: In tomorrow's movement wpns will be hand-carried; traffic will be held at minimum to prevent congestion; 6 vehicles per Bn

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2325 92 Lt Edwards to Red 3: Get details on bridge that was blown at critical pt 22 & call back

2325 95 Capt Witham to Lt Edwards: Bridge at 22 - 10 ft wide, abutments blown, approaches to it are pretty good, boards across it

2330 94 Red closed at 1615, White at 1530, Blue at 1945

2340 95 Fancy 3 to Longbow Baker: Sending tomorrow's order down right away

2345 96 Lt Edwards to Lt Young: Gave him info on bridge at 22; Fatima sit: Blue at 25, White S of 55, Red about $\frac{1}{2}$ km NE of 25 on high ground; Fatal sit: White & Blue at 69, Red in Lembach; Fury (0152)

2345 97 Fame 6 to Fancy 5: Fancy 5 gave sit; told him we weren't in contact w/ey; recd 3 rds of mortar or arty earlier in evening; pushed patrol across Siegfried line; Fame 6 said to congratulate Fancy 6 on his fine work

2350 98 Direction of traffic on following rds tomorrow: Woerth to Lembach - S to N only; Lembach to Langensultzbach - N to S only

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From: 0001, 19 Mar 45

To : 2400, 19 Mar 45

Place: Climbach, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0130			1				Red 2 to Fancy 3 Jr: Patrol ret'd; went 3/4 mile up rd & met kraut patrol; exchanged fire; killed our officer & remainder of patrol w/d; no rd blocks or mines observed. Rptd to Fame 2 & 3	
0200			2				Rptd Lt Hearst brought a PW back w/him when he ret'd	
0310			3				Rptd day's opns to Fame 3 on request (Was not previously rpt'd): Regt contd movement northward toward Siegfried Line w/o contact; 1st Bn moved fr Woerth to vic of (105496); 2d Bn moved fr critical pt 23 to vic (0948); 3d Bn Task Force Cactus dissolved & Bn re-verted to Regtl control; closed in at critical pt 67; AT moved fr 47 to 39; Cn Co contd close support of 1st Bn	
0415			4				Capt Woods said PW rpts his plat CP was in Rensdorf; he was moving along rd S to St Germansdorf; rd is supposed to be free of mines & rd blocks. Capt Woods rptd info to Fame 2	
0445			5				Lt Arrison gave Red 1 info about PW rpt	
0520			6				Red 6 to Fancy 3: Sit of 1st Bn; wants to use trail to avoid 88 fire; wanted permission to move his mtrs down rd (Climbach) into woods. Okayed	
0615			7				Fancy 3 to Blue 6: Your Bn will leave this town at 0730, go straight down the rd to critical pt 22; your pt will be at 22 & the men off to the R & L & 5 yds between men	
0615			8				Fancy 3 to Blue 5: Bn will assemble in vic G-line, well	

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0619 8 (Cont'd) dispersed & ready to move at 0930

0645 9 Fancy 3 to Red: What type radio is Red 1 taking w/him? 300 set. We will be at bridge site; send msgs back there thru you

0650 10 Called (28) for radio

0700 11 Fancy 3 & 6 left for bridge site

0707 12 Lt Edwards labeled traffic control post at cemetery #1, at bridge #2

0710 13 Factory 6 to Fancy 5: Arty is prepared to support 12,000 yds; can reach PLB; Family is going in at critical pt 67; Fancy is echeloned Red, Blue & White

0715 14 Fame 6 arrived at CP. Talked about sit & officer being missing. Departed 0719

0728 15 Fancy 5 to Fame 5: Fame 6 says bridge has been put in at Petite Wingen; it is damaging the stream & should be corrected

0736 16 Fancy 5 to 1: Get this msg to Fancy 4: Send flame throwers up as soon as possible

0737 17 Fame 38 arrived War Room

0740 18 Capt McClellan to Fancy 5: We plan to hit Erlenbach & Reisdorf if position of tps permits; 36 planes at 0900, 24 at 0930; 4000 ft is safe clearance; Fancy 5 said don't think that should be done; Capt McClellan will call back again at 0830

0805 19 3d Bn ft tps are moving thru TC 1. TC 1 at N edge of Climbach; TC 2 at critical pt 22

0807 20 Fancy 5 to 1: Pass msg to Fancy 4 that Lt McClellan is on his way down as is Fame 38; 3d Bn will be a little late

0809 21 1st Bn a few hundred yds up rd to N on axis of advance recd a little fire but moving on; another bridge out at about (111500), 10-ft span

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0812 22 Gave rpt to Fame 3 on 1st Bn & bridge being out; Engrs on way to work on bridge at 22; told him there was big crater before you can get to bridge

0824 23 Gave Factory permission to register on E-line to not later than 0850

0825 24 Fancy 3: Send engr plat down to work on bridge; crater filled by A&P plat; 1st Bn on PLA at 0815; put 3d Bn 1 plat on 2d blown bridge & 1 on rd to Wieller

0835 25 Told Fame about reaching A-line

0837 26 Fancy 6 called & asked for treadway right away; air mission on Reisdorf no good; span at 22 about 15 ft

0855 27 No air mission wanted on Reisdorf. Msg relayed to Fame 5

0857 28 Told 2d Bn not to move until ordered

0907 29 Fancy 3 to Lt Pedersen: Wants 6 MPs on 2d bridge & a rd patrol to clear the rds; suggests rd should be checked before treadway leaves Climbach to go N as rd not too good

0912 30 Fame checked again on air mission on Reisdorf; we do not want it

0925 31 Still in advance guard formation on C-line; pt is under fire fr draw near C-line on R

0930 32 Relayed above msg to Fame 5

0935 33 White 3 wanted 2 arty jeeps past TC 1; answer is no until they start moving at least

0937 34 Fancy 5 gave Factory 3 rpt of reaching PLC

0945 35 Fame PW is in Petite Wingen now

0950 36 36th still fightin in Rott; having quite a fight; expect trouble taking Wissembourg; gave this info to Sgt Menuey to relay to Blue 6; ordered a 3d Bn plat to high ground 600 yds NE of pt 22, another plat to 400 yds N of pt 22

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1000 37 Gen Pierce asked Col Meloy to check & get treadway up here; he said it is on way

1007 38 Gave Fancy 3 info about 36th's fight at Rott & that we sent msg about plats to 3d Bn; can get jeeps over 1st Bn bridge; 2d Bn ordered to move to 1st bridge & get off rd; 1st Bn is between C- & D-lines; can hear a little firing & can see bldgs. Vehicles: 1st's moving over 1st bridge into field; move 2d's to pt $\frac{1}{2}$ way down, where 1st's was; 2d bridge should be okay for jeeps in 1 hr

1030 39 Fancy 3 Jr to Lt Pedersen: Post MP on rd into town to advise traffic of fwd sit

1037 40 Col Noble to Fancy 3 Jr: Will leave trucks & reconndtre route before

1040 41 Fancy 3 to 5: 1st is 400 yds short of Reisdorf; some SA & mortar fire; sending 3d to B-line w/ fires (?); not using anything more than advanced party & don't believe it will be necessary to do so

1050 42 Fancy 5 gave Fame 3 above info; Fame 3 asked about bridge at critical pt 22; it will take jeeps; we are approaching it as a defile; the next bridge for jeeps will be in about noon; Capt Cooke says R flank is meeting some resistance in small town; have not taken large town; L flank progressing pretty well; 1 elmt was 2-300 yds beyond critical pt 138 between 1000-1030

1058 43 Fancy 3 to Lt Edwards: March order Cn Co & have them wait for orders fr Green Co; send wire plat down to bridge; have 3d Bn mtrs go off rd between bridges as soon as 1st Bn clears 2d bridge; alert Cal mortar outfit for movement

1105 44 Lt Edwards to Green 5: March order your Co & stand by for orders fr Green Co

1108 45 Lt Edwards to Lt O'Neil: Alert your Co for movement

1110 46 Fighting in outskirts of Reisdorf

1135 47 Fancy 5 to Fame 3 (Capt Cooke): Last rpt at 1110 - fighting in outskirts of town at 109; meeting little resistance; treadway material moved up to bridge site about 15 mins ago

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1145 48 Lt Haynes to Fancy 5: Held up by rd block about 500 yds fr Riedsdorf; receiving some 88 fire; 1st moving into town

1155 49 Fancy 3 Jr to bridge guard: Let Cn vehicles thru

1157 50 Fancy 3 Jr to Cn: It's okay to take your guns down; don't let them tie up traffic

1200 51 White 5 to Fancy 5: We have reached the river

1202 52 Col Roberts to Fancy 5: ~~Was in contact with the river~~ About 1500 yds L of where Bn is located - horsedrawn arty

1205 53 Fancy 5 to Maj Gilman: Maj West thinks treadway in 2d bridge can be put in about 2 hrs after material reaches bridge

1211 54 White 11 says msg to White was rogered for at 1130

1245 55 Col is outside Residorf & as soon as 1st Bn takes it he is going to put 3d in front thru 1st; gave him sit on our flanks; told him we had medium & hvy arty which could reach out to our front; plans to go directly N fr Reisdorf between the 2 hills & up to Birkenhardt; gave him rpt on vehicles which are over 1st bridges; if 3d takes Birkenhardt may jump 3d w/2d & go on to objective

1310 56 Gave Col's rpt to Fame 5; told him of plan to employ 2d around 1st after town is taken; asked for air on Birkenhardt before too long; will try; 38th has taken Wissembourg; 411th is about even w/our D-line

1320 57 Treadway went in at #22 at 1300

1321 58 Cn Co is in position across the river

1322 59 Traffic fr Climbach to bridge will only go N; will be operated by us as a 1-way defile for Movement Control; effective at 1400; Lt Edwards informed TC 1 & Lt Pedersen

1340 60 At 1330 1st was ready to jump off on Reisdorf; 2d has crossed both bridges & is off the rd to L & a few hundred yds up

1342 61 Gave Fancy 6 rpt on what has happened here; he wants 4.2s to move up. Lt Edwards gave them word at 1345

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1345 62 Air mission in Birkenhardt is on way; notfd Fancy 6; he does not want any flame throwers up there yet; 1st Bn nearing completion of deployment for atk on Reisdorf

1350 63 Told 3 that 4.2s were on way; he said to move TDs & AT thru Climbach on rd down ~~to~~ bridge; told him about defile to bridge being ordered 1 way N; he wants tks up in Climbach; gave info about TD, AT & tks to Lt Dupont

1400 64 2d bridge will be in as tready in about 30 mins, Lt Thompson rpts; gave him info about 1-way defile

1401 65 Told 83d CW, Co C, 1 plat, now atchd, to move up here to Climbach & check in

1412 66 TC 2 phone is in; explained to MP there not to let anyone come S on rd; start them toward Bobenthal

1420 67 Rcn cpl rptd to Capt White that 36th had recd hvy 88 mortar & arty fire on Rott & were still fighting there; have recd C/A; gave following coords: 2 Cos (123487), CP (117467); 3d Bn moving N front Rott

1440 68 Gave following PW info to 3; Mortar located at 123545; US tk 100 yds S of town is AP mined; Co CP in only house left standing; 1 pill box in town, 2 up on hill to R, 7 men in ea; about 6 pill boxes up on L; 100-150 men in vic of town & in town; youngest man in Co is 37 yrs old

1443 69 Traffic has started across 2d bridge now; Bn vehicles & a couple of rcn vehicles; bridge still a little shaky for hvy vehicles

1506 70 1st Bn jumped off on Reisdorf after short prep fires fr 155 how

1510 71 Family observer rpts moving fwd w/medium resistance

1515 72 Fame 13 says 383 FA will move thru Climbach 1630; Fancy 5 says okay; our MPs will be reld by Div

1520 73 Fancy 2 notfd Fame 2 that rd to Rott has 3 rd blocks in it

1525 74 Fancy 5 fr Green 5: Red isn't meeting any opposition at present

1530 75 Fancy 5 to Fame 14: Set 4 houses on fire; strafed town; no movement in Birkenhardt or approaches to town

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1535	76	Fancy 5 to Fancy 3: Red hasn't jumped off; recd some fire but has quieted down
2135	77	Fam 5 to Fancy 5: Overlay he gave us today was incorrect; correct it so that old bdry is correct bdry on L to critical pt 96; new bdry bdry on L is correct one fr 96 on

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From: 0001, 20 Mar 45

To : 2400, 20 Mar 45

Place: Climbach, France

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0620			1				1st Bn jumped off on time - 0600; meeting no resistance or fire so far; trying to get on high ground & rd & are moving fwd	
0640			2				1st still moving; no fire yet; jumped off from top of 558, C on lt, B on R, A moving up to Res position about 600 yds behind C	
0700			3				I feeling out trenches, minefield to front; K trying to slide around cleared area to lt; L in Res behind others	
0730			4				Arty fire coming very close to 3d Bn on its lt flank on Hill 518; Fancy 6 asked Factory # 3 to check on it; gave him our set-up & progress	
0745			5				Arty firing ceased; will get answer on who was firing; we can see men working up hill fr L, probably 411	
0750			6				Gave picture to Capt Dalcher; asked for 411th positions	
0754			7				Ordered AT Co to send tk plat up here to fwd area w/all possible speed	
0756			8				Factory rpts arty was 8-in stuff fr 411th & has been stopped; 3d Bn notfd	
0810			9				B has recd some fire, C working around box N of hill	
0825			10				Tks are on way	
0845			11				Blue still working patrol toward 518; main	

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0845 11 (Cont'd) body of Bn has not moved today

0908 12 C Co ready to atk box; is going in behind arty & smoke w/ beehive charges; ea Co is in a column of plats; head of B Co is NW on ridge by 512

0935 13 Capt Stevenson & his Exec O have been KIA; White 6 would like Capt Witham fr 1st Bn to comd; Holmes & Scott fr new Lts (Hefner & Kiefer)

0945 14 Fancy 5 notfd 4 to send up 4 above-named Qs directly to 2d Bn

1045 15 Blue 6: Ey entrenched all around # 518, K having resistance, I Still probing; K is moving on 518

1100 16 Fancy 6 says he may use 2d about 1230 thru the center & to so notify him

1100 17 Fancy 5 rptd to Capt Cocke on fwd elmts of Red & Blue; Fatima is not quite abreast of us & has no tps on 518

1107 18 Fancy 5 gave White 6 msg about possible employment of 2d Bn

1110 19 Entire Cn Co with exception of 2 or 3 trucks is now across bridge

1127 20 C Co just took 1 pill box; tk is moving up w/SP right behind it

1130 21 Gave Blue 411th picture; he has a patrol fr 411 in Bn CP now; Ln O fr Fatima Blue gave us details of his Bn's positions; directed our Blue to send an officer to (112538) to contact Staff O fr 411 3d

1135 22 Red has taken 3 boxes, PWs & are cleaning out trenches; will move on fr there

1137 23 Fame 6 to Fancy 6: Gave rpt that Red has taken 3 boxes & PWs & plans for 2d. 3d Army in Kaiserslauten - withdrawal Pirmasens-Landau by ey; if we can bust thru we should be able to sew up a bunch

1145 24 Fancy 4 has Lt Scott & Holmes but other 2 are gone; will send them up right away; ambulances can go either way on defiles

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1150 25 Redwood - 1 plat of 4.2s to be atchd to 36th Div; plat will come fr Co B; CP of 36th is in Wissembourg. Gave latest info to Fame 3 & Corps order to CO, Co B, 83d Cal Bn

1215 26 Notfd 1st that Klangalberg's right nose is occupied by a Bn of 36th; no contact; moving towards Dorrenbach; have Bn in Ober Otterbach & 1 in woods abreast

1230 27 Told Capt White to send detail over to St Germanshof & check town to see if it is clear for our Coll Co to move into

1240 28 Canceled above detail; AT will do it

1300 29 Fame 3 rpts Fatal says all arty is falling in their sector; will check w/Fast also

1310 30 Fame 2 is sending Lt Rippman down as IPW officer

1320 31 Factory 6 called to get sit fr Fancy 5

1335 32 Fame 13 rpts: Rd between Lembach & Woerth will be closed fr 2200 to 0400; removing treadway & replacing w/wood

1335 33 Lt Edwards rpts Red Bn has got lt Co to (122546); has more small boxes and more prisoners; rt Co is working on big PB on L flank; Blue is still probing; we are getting arty & mortar fire now. Rptd to Fame 3

1340 34 Fancy 5 to 4: Check w/S-1 on Offs; send 2 more to 2d Bn

1340 35 Lt Edwards rpts last house in Reisdorf blown down by M-12 & Tk

1355 36 Capt Dalcher rpts he has checked w/Fast; critical pts 121 & 174 will not receive any more fire in Fatal sector

1420 37 Lt Edwards rpts present locations to Fame 3: Co A (127537), Co B (126544), Co C (123545), Co I (117543), Co K (114543)

1427 38 Blue 3 rpts to Fancy 5 that one flame thrower was run over by M-12; has only 1 flame thrower now

1430 39 Lt Thompson rpts MG at (133549) & 132d FA would like to fire on this pt

1435 40 Red 5 rpts arty falling in B & C Co area; told Fancy 5 its our own

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1436 41 Fancy 5 to Factory 3: Told him to check on arty falling on B & C Cos & rpt when he finds out where it is coming from

1440 42 Fancy 5 to Factory 2: Check to see if arty that is falling on B & C Cos is coming fr 132d FA as I didn't give them clearance; will check & call back

1455 43 Fancy 5 gave Fame 38 sit; check on new fuse for 4.2 mortars

1500 44 Factory 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Fancy 5: None of 382d FA firing; would like to fire on 137543; okay to fire as long as guns are E of 14 grid line; checking on unit on right

1505 45 Maj Stillwell to Factory 3: Try to get 132d to fire this (133549); as long as it is E of 14 grid line it's okay

1506 46 Fancy 3 to 5: Get 3 more flame throwers for Blue by morning; Fancy 6 syas Corps & Div Comdrs say get all you want

1510 47 Fancy 5 told 4 & Capt Gerken to get flame throwers at all cost & service kit

1520 48 Lt fr SP rpts his guns now located 200 yds E of 145; contact him thru Fast or Fame; code name Design Charlie

1525 49 Fancy 5 to Fame 2: Do all you can to get Capt Woods back for us

1540 50 Fancy 5 to Sgt Kitchen (3d Bn): Send A&P Plat Sgt back to S-4 to work on flame throwers

1545 51 Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Gave him location of tps & 1 more pill box taken by Co C; rd is clear to (117538) approx & at that time there is an AT ditch unit on L having fight at 174

1615 52 Officer fr Fatima wants mission on Hill 518; Fancy 6 says no. Checked w/Blue 6; he says atk jumped off okay

1625 53 Blue 6 to Fancy 6: Atk jumped off & tps are up to slope leading to Hill 518

1650 54 Lt Edwards gave Lt Young location of front lines

1652 55 Blue 6 to Fancy 3: Tps are up on nose $\frac{1}{2}$ way between C- and D-lines

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1715	56	Red 3 to Fancy 3: Gave him sit of Lt Bn; also told him to plan on taking Hill 472 w/Co after rd has been cleared
1750	57	Blue 6 to Fancy 6: Up to top of ridge across 2 trenches; K Co took 2 pillboxes; we're down to rd running E & W out of town; rt Co is lagging some meeting some resistance; few casualties fr rifle fire, more fr mortar; we didn't take Hill 518; Fancy 6 says face them in a northwesterly direction
1755	58	Fancy 3 gave Fame 3 (Capt Cocke) above info; total 6 pillboxes today
1855	59	Fancy 5 to Fame 2: Told him we had 10 PWs actual count & 40 up front which would probably mean tomorrow before they get back
1930	60	Fancy 3 gave White 6: present set up & location of tps
2020	61	Blue 6 to Fancy 6: Rpts location 600 yds across rd; trying to contact Fatal now for contact pt; also Red
2021	62	Fancy 3 to Red 3: Gave him location of Blue & told him to patrol up to hill in front
2025	63	Fancy 6 to Fame 5 Jr: Gave him location of Blue (400-500 yds across rd in lt sector); Red about same
2100	64	Fancy 6 from Blue 6: Told him he wouldn't want tks brought up tonight. Fancy 6 says no
2110	65	Fame 6 to Fancy 6: Fancy 6 gave sit & Fame 6 says he's sending up tks for jump off early in morning w/White Bn w/it
2130	66	Fancy 3 to Red OP (Capt Brooks): Told him where PW rpts mortars; also Factory 2 to fire it
2140	67	Fame 14 to Fancy 3: Fatima wants to have air mission on (0890-5465) (08605470) & (10605400); Fancy 3 says okay on 1st 2, but not on last
2225	68	Fancy 3 to Design Charlie: Have Plat Ldr & 2 guns rpt here at CP at 210600 Mar
2230	69	Fancy 3 to Fame 15: Want tank dozer early tomorrow AM but Fall Able 6 is on way to our CP; will check w/him

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2245	70	Fancy 2 to Fame 2: Gave Maj West identification for today; they are 2d Co, GAF 52, 36th Fusilier Bn, 4th Co, Fortress Bn, 112th Regt 4th Co. Fortress AT Unit #18, 10th Btry 147 Arty Regt 47th Div
2250	71	Fame 3 to Fancy 3 & 6: Told 6 that Col Bates fr Hardtack would comd this TF; Fancy 6 wants Col Bates & Fame 3 to come to our CP
2320	72	Fancy 3 to Red OP: There are ey between B & C Cos & the E & W rd; also pillboxes across rd
2355	73	Capt McClellan wants Fame, 3 notfd that special controller can not be furnished by Corps tomorrow
2400	74	Fancy 5 notfd Fancy 4 that Red would probably want some mules, probably in morning

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From: 0001, 21 Mar 45

To : 2400, 21 Mar 45

Place: Climbach, France

Time	In	Serial	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0015	1	Col Thomas & Col Bates arrived to go over plan for tomorrow		
0030	2	S-3 to Red 2: Tell Red 6 to jump off at 0600 & take the hill across rd in front of Bn		
0035	3	S-3 to Capt Zeek: Jumped off at 0600 to take hill that you are on		
0215	4	Blue 6 gave his sit to Fancy 3		
0232	5	Fall 2 called & said maps had been delivered to S-4 (Maj Rochman) at Climbach		
0545	6	Fame 3 told Fancy 3 to set off Warrior vehicles he now has on rds & sit tight & wait for Col Bates' orders		
0610	7	Lt Eddens said 2d Bn will be to such a time until they are put on a task force		
0615	8	A Co has to move into fill gap between B & C before they jump off		
0617	9	Lt Eddens to Fancy 3: If we capture the 2 hills we are to keep going; Fame will give Task Force route later		
0810	10	Capt Clifford to Fancy 3: A & B near NE slope, B Co moving against pill boxes receiving SA or mortar fire; Fancy 6 wants C Co to take town & A & B to secure hill to N		
0815	11	Fancy 6 to Blue 6: Gave Blue 6 orders to set up rd block & secure hill		

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0820	12	Capt Clifford to Fancy 3: Cos moving along
0825	13	Sgt Menuey requested buzz saws to clear path for Blue Bn litter bearer; lines out; will notify him as soon as possible
0850	14	Fancy 5 gave Longbow Baker sit
0902	15	Fancy 5 to Capt McClellan; PW rpts Regtl CP (log bunkers) at approx (137575); Capt McClellan is going to get some air bombardment on it; will call us back
0910	16	Lt Thompson told Sgt Dufrene to notify Capt Strickland to send 2 buzz saws up to Blue Bn
0915	17	Capt Cocke to Fancy 5; Fatima Bn has contact w/our Blue Bn which has not crossed the rd yet; wants us to check on Blue
0920	18	Factory 5 to Fancy 5: Blue is moving a little bit; the Bn is about 200 yds N & a little W of critical pt 109; rpts a little opposition
0930	19	Sgt Dufrene said Lt Burton is on his way up to Regt w/1 buzz saw
0935	20	Fame 5 talked to Fame 38 regarding Robert's wanting to change new plan; will check w/Fame 6 & notify parties concerned
0946	21	Factory 6 gave Fast 3 about about ey CP & thought they'd like to drop something in there
0958	22	Fancy 3 gave Fame 38 sit fr up front; hopes to have a breakthrough soon
1028	23	In accordance w/instrns fr Fame 5 orders were given to Col Bates by Fame 38 to follow original instrns; objective Germer-shelm
1030	24	Col Bates talked to Fame 5 & confirmed above
1045	25	Fancy 3 gave Fame 38 sit (no change)
1101	26	Fancy 5 to Capt Cocke: Gave him sit; Blue I&R across rd about 200 yds N & little W of 109; L Co has also moved a little; receiving arty & mortar fire
1109	27	Fatima Blue 6 gave Fancy 5 their plans to come up to L Co's lt

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1126 28 Capt White to Fancy 5: Red hit badly by mortar; now re-organizing S of rd; indications are that ey high trajectory wps are in emplacements

1145 29 Fancy 3 to 5: Red same as this morning; Blue slowly advancing; C Co was shelled by mortar or arty; B Co has 1 ey Off

1148 30 Fancy 5 gave Capt Cocke sit; Fame 5 then discussed sit w/Fancy 5; Red & Blue will atk again shortly

1200 31 Fancy 2 sent loud speaker back to Fame

1203 32 Fame 6 suggested using smoke when Red moves into town again

1205 33 Fancy 5 gave 3 the above to be referred to 6

1224 34 Fancy 5 to Factory 2 concerning use of smoke when Red moves again; will check on it; Factory 2 thinks it's a good thing; Factory 6 will check w/Fame 3 & call back

1245 35 Factory 6 to Fancy 5: Fame 3 will talk over smoke sit w/Red 6 and call back; we just fired a few rounds on ey personnel at (13655487); Fancy 5 says we have found a couple of soft spots on the lt; there may be something cooking there shortly

1325 36 Fancy 5 to Fancy OP: Fancy 3 says 3d is going good; K Co took a pill box & some trenches; think they are near hill 426; I Co is in a fight; not sure about their location

1345 37 Fancy 5 gave Factory 6 above info; Factory 6 says observation might be on hill 472; says can put smoke about 250-300 yds 12.6 across grid line 55 to 12.9; Red 6 will call in case he wants smoke

1352 38 Fancy 5 gave Fatima Blue 6 above info; Fatima Blue 6 says L Co is in draw at 115542; can see Fancy tps on knoll

1400 39 Fancy 5 gave Lt Young present. etc.

1405 40 Fancy 5 gave 6 plan of Fatima Blue; asked Fancy 5 to check on maps; 3d Bn Co Comdrs have different maps it seems - 1 has 1 rd, the other 2 rds; he thinks we are catching some fire from Fatima sector

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1415 41 Rd fr 109 to 94 seems still to be in good condition; trail N fr 109 looks passable fr air; air inspection made this morning; high ground N of WE rd fr (155555) to (170560) seems pretty heavily fortified

1425 42 Col Bates called Fame 3 to see latest developments on his force; no new info; keep standing by

1515 43 Air rpts 200 friendly vehicles in grid square R 1667; presumably fr 3d Army - Factory 5 rptd to Fancy 2

1535 44 Fancy 5 gave Fatima 3 positions of 3d Bn; their I Co is getting fairly close to our L Co; they intend to go W on rd

1550 45 3d Bn running out of water cans; all on fwd positions; carriers out so Fancy 3 gave them 20 men fr AT as carriers; I Co about on top of hill w/K Co abreast; L is across rd against bdry, almost even w/K; Red no change

1555 46 Fancy 5 gave 6 info on maps: Blue map - forest track; Red map - hard surfaced rds; aerial photo - good rd. 1st not getting any place; arty & mortar fire hvy

1610 47 Fame 6 wants to start Task Force; wants leading Inf Co Comdr & Plat Ldr of tks to rpt to our OP; Fancy 5 notfd tks 1612 & White 6 at 1613; Fame 6 also wants Col Bates up there

1620 48 Fancy 5 told Fame 33 about possibly starting TF & gave him our sit

1720 49 Fancy 5 to White 2: Fr PWs - sketch of mines around tk; at (129548) rd is prepared for abatis for 300 m to E; prepared for cratering (151554) W of Bollenborn; tk ditch dug & planked over, prepared for demolition (143553)

1730 50 Tk dozer, Inf & tk plat of TF have started out; gave Capt Potter up fwd rpt recd fr PWs about placement of mines around the tk

1740 51 Told Fame 3 the 1st elmt of TF was moving up rd to work on tk at 1735

1742 52 Light line is Bobenthal - (113500) RJ

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1755 53 Told White 2 info about rd to Bollenborn has been confirmed by 5PWs; a prepared rd block is at each entrance to Bollenborn; high ground N & NW of town is being organized for defense

1757 54 Corps TOT going on rptd CP location; near Birkenhardt at 1810

1805 55 Tk are in the town, moving up rapidly it seems; no fire on them so far

1809 56 Notfd Red & Blue of Corps TOT

1820 57 Fancy 3 to Fame 6: Gave him location of tps

1825 58 Fancy 6 to Fame 6: Fancy 6 told Fame 6 that the TF had moved out & were in Reisdorf & was fighting; Fame 6 says he has a Bn of Fatal ready if you need them

1835 59 Fancy 3 to Blue 6: Gave him location of tps

1850 60 Fame 6 to Fancy 6: Robert has tps in Dorenbach & has elmts headed toward Bergaabern; have TF stop at Bollenborn

1855 61 Fancy 6 to Red 3 & 6: Got location of his tps & wants to know his plans; Red 6 says 1st Tk has track blown off & other tps are 50 yds down rd toward us

1910 62 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Notify Col Bates not to go any further than Bollenborn, no further N than E&W grid line through Landau

1917 63 S-3 to Col Bates: 36th Div is in Dorenbach; go no further than Bollenborn except on Div order; friendly order 9 kms NE of us; reconnoitre for route N of Birkenhardt (140574); do not go N of E & W line N of Landau; feel your way & avoid casualties

1940 64 S-3 to Red 3: Location of tps is C on lt, A center, B on rt

2030 65 Col Bates to Col Thomas: Gave him location of his tks; got to Reisdorf 1st 2 houses; 1 tk both tracks off ~~lying~~ by mines & also 1 track of dozer; think it can be repaired tonight; tks are in position outposted by infantrymen; use your own judgment on jump-off time

2050 66 Fancy 6 to Red 6: Jump off time is 0615; contact Col Bates & watch out for his tps & tk; will get Blue to support you w/fire on hill in front of you if you think he can hit it

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2100 67 Fancy 5 fr Factory 5; The pt that Robert stopped fire is (132542) but we have okay to fire now

2130 68 S-3 to White 6: Gave him our sit & told him about Red's plan for tomorrow

2145 69 S-3 fr Red 3: Co C on rt defending; G Co to atk town w/B Co just above trenches to cover A Co

2300 70 Fame 5 called Fancy 5; Said OI will be down tonight; Task Force of Col Bates until further orders will be placed under comd of Col Lloyd; be prepared to exploit breakthrough in Div zone; asked if it was understood breakthrough meant to the E

2300 71 Lt Edwards gave following msg to Blue 6 thru Lt Kieth (3d Bn Commo): You hold what you have tomorrow; atk jumps off at 0615 for 1st Bn & Task Force; Task Force takes town & turns E; 1st Bn takes hill on your rt (Hill 472); if you see an opportunity to help both or one of them w/fire do so

2310 72 Fancy 5 called Col Bates concerning above change in comd of Task Force

2320 73 Maj Gilman called asking if Patima Blue could have permission to use our rd to supply themselves w/ammo & rations now & in future; Fancy 5 says will try it till tomorrow evening to see how it works out

2330 74 Fancy 2 called White 1 giving following info for White 2; rd fr Reisdorf to (175565) seems to be in good condition; trails N fr Reisdorf also look passable; high ground N of rd is well fortified on ridge line fr (155555) to (170560)

2350 75 Blue 3 called Lt Edwards; checking tomorrow's order that was sent thru Lt Kieth

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To : 2400, 22 Mar 45

Place: Climbach, France

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In	Out						
0115		1				Lt Jeffords arrived with OI	
0708		2				Fame 3 (Lt Eddens) to Fancy 5: 142d Inf has a Co at (134542); rpt they are receiving MG fire fr us; wants a check & rpt made. Relayed to Red 3 & White 5 for Task Force Rhine	
0720		3				Rptd to Fame 3 we have checked on fire on 142d & has stopped all fire in that direction; they insist it is friendly fire; can tell from sound of guns	
0726		4				Capt Wimberly rpts fr TF; it is not TF that is firing	
0727		5				Fancy 5 asked Blue 3 to check on fire; could not be Blue	
0729		6				Fancy 3 to Lt Edwards: Rush overlay out	
0737		7				Red says they are not firing to B st all; only to N	
0739		8				Fancy 5 told Capt Cocke MG fire can't be ours; may be captured guns; gave him picture as we see it now	
0815		9				Green 5 to Fancy 5: Fired mission for 1st Bn; coords (123549) entrenched ey	
0820		10				Fancy 3 to 5: A Co across rd & rpt they are on top of hill; part of B Co is across; Blue is reconnoitering 161	

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0824 11 Fancy 5 gave above to Fame 3; Capt Cooke said that MG fire was fr krauts using American MGs

0830 12 Fancy 5 to Red 5: Rptd that MG fire was fr captured American MGs

0838 13 Fancy 5 to Blue 3: Fatima Blue has a plat on top of hill 409 (105556); rest of Co moving up

0848 14 Fancy 2 to Fame 2; Recd some mortar & arty on lt last nite

0858 15 Blue 6 to Fancy 5: Patrols still pushing

0930 16 Cn Ln 0 w/Red rpts tps on Hill 472

0935 17 Gave rpt that if ey supply is forced to w/d fr Bollenborn & Blankenborn it will go to Silz to Fame 2

0945 18 Lt flank of 42d no opposition; rt flank very little opposition

1005 19 Co of tks & Co of Inf are 1½ miles N o f Reisdorf, held up by big AT ditch; A & B are on top of 472, C is moving down to rd on R; rcn elmts are moving down rd to W; Tks & inf moving up rd to E; Blue unchanged. Rptd to Fame 3

1026 20 Gave 411th our sit

1045 21 Our rt column is at (132549) & stopped by obstacle - Co of tks & Co of inf; notfd Fame 3 & asked them to notify Robert

1100 22 CP ready to move at 1600; axis in direction Birkenhardt; Blue ordered to Hill 454 & rcn rds to N

1110 23 Notfd Roses 3 of our column at (132549); not going E of Bollenborn except on Div order; may go N

1150 24 Capt Delcher: Leading elmt of Robert is at (145536)

1145 25 Patrols fr Blue at 454; left 20 men there & came back for rest; notify arty

1146 26 : Factory notfd of position of Blue Bn

1148 27 Gave Fame position of Blue; visual contact w/Fatima

1200 28 Column about 400 yds N of clearing around Bollenborn clearing

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1200 28 (Cont'd) blocks; fwd column is moving again, having a fight; assault guns up N rd; our Co of Inf & 1 Co of tks going E; rest of force going N; rd W has been given up. Info given Capt Dalcher

1210 29 Gave Roses 3 position of our right column as 141532; changed coord to (141552) at 1219

1221 30 Gave our positions to Factory 2

1225 31 March column at 131572 overlooking Birkenhardt

1335 32 Fancy 5 to Factory 5: Head of N column at ~~131572~~ (135572), right at clearing overlooking the town. Relayed to Fame 3

1345 33 Fancy 2 gave 6 info about rpt that there is AT gun at 14955555

1355 34 Both columns are having fights at the towns; CP moves at about 1500. Rptd to Fame

1404 35 Fame 5 told Fancy 5 to be sure TF turns N when it leaves Bollenborn

1435 36 Fancy 5 told Capt Cocks that TF to Bollenborn was on edge of clearing W of town; North TF is in edge of town of Birkenhardt; 3 tks knocked out at edge of Bollenborn

1600 37 Lt Jeffords rpts 5d Army is in Stein, Sulz & Menchwiller

1710 38 Fame 5 to Fancy 5: We are to reconnoitre rd fr Birkenhardt E & especially to Sulz

1715 39 Fame 6 to Fancy 5: I want rd for ammo fr Reisdorf-Birkenhardt-Silz-Klingenmunster; get Lt Col Bates to reconstitute his force & clear rd for armor; good moonlight night & I think he will make it; I want that rd to Klingenmunster tonight

2020 40 Fame 5 to Fancy 6: Pick route for Bn of Inf to go to Klingenmunster & be there by TF

2215 41 Fatal Red closed in at 2045; phoned to Fame 3

2245 42 Msg: TF Rhine proceeding to Silz

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Organization CT 409

From: 0001, 23 Mar 45

To : 2400, 23 Mar 45

Place: Climbach, France, & Birkenhorst, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0005			1				Call fr Capt Drexel to Fancy 5: Fame 6 is very anxious to get down to town of Klingenmunster & what is chance of doing it tonight? I think we will be able to do it but TF is right out on edge & in a fight at first town; column is 5 miles long which puts them on edge of town; have other Bn started on another route; if Fame 6 can help w/anything let him know as he has to put armor through tomorrow	
0030			2				Resistance met in Silz; town was shot up; moving on to town E; ammo dump exploded causing hold up; many prisoners to get	
0035			3				S-3 to Fame 3 (Capt Drexel): Gave him above rpt & told him that Blue was following TF; also about column cut in 2	
0040			4				Factory Fire Direction rpts TF is thru 2d town; Fancy 5 rptd same to Capt Drexel	
0045			5				Msg to Blue 6: 36th Div is N of Bergzabern moving N (HES)	
0055			6				Blue recd orders to follow TF & will move out in 10 mins	
0105			7				Fancy 5 to Fame 3 (Capt Drexel): Want units on R & L to know location of our tps & get their locations	
0115			8				Red 3 ordered to rpt to CP	
0117			9				Fancy 6 to Capt Dalcher: I want to move Fatal 3 to this town & I'm moving my Red Bn to Silz; to bottle it up	
0119			10				S-3 to Fatal Red 3: Have Col Lynch rpt to CP	
0126			11				Fame 3 to Fancy 6: Okay on Fatal Red; they are yours	

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0130	12	Fancy 6 gave Red 6 orders to be prepared to move by 0430; 1 plat TDs & 1 plat ATs; you will be reld by Fatal Red in this town; move to Silz
0135	13	Fancy 6 gave Fatal Red 6 orders to relieve Red here in this town by 0400
0143	14	Msg: Have run down a large convoy of horse-drawn vehicles; abatis impeding progress; also set ammo dump afire
0145	15	Fancy 6 to Capt Dalcher: Gave him above msg
0200	16	Blue rpts location as critical pt 96
0230	17	Fr TF: The head of our column is at objective; we are receiving fire; can you tell us if friendly occupy the town? we are not firing back at present
0245	18	Fr TF: Can we shell check pt #87?
0255	19	To TF: Shell objective; Blue Bn behind you
0500	20	1st Bn 409 reld by 1st Bn 410 on outpost of Birkenhorst
0330	21	To TF: Is obj secure? Answer immediately
0355	22	Give location of arty ammo dump to Fame 2 at 1115888
0405	23	Msg fr TF: Obj reached; mission accomplished; how soon can we expect Fancy Blue? (Sent 0325)
0410	24	To TF: Fancy Blue mtzd w/your D Co & supply vehicles should arrive very soon
0415	25	Gave above to Fame 3. 14th Armd Div starts at daylight, headed up to Reisdorf now & will hit it at daylight
0438	26	Red 3 to Fancy 5: Blue mtzd moving out fr RJ 123585; Red delayed; will follow
0440	27	Movement Control Maj Gilman: 14th Armd arrives Reisdorf at daylight; will we clear rds in our zone? Yes, we would warn those ahead

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0445 28 In clear fr TF; contact arty of friendly tps to our S; be sure
 they know we are here; several rds fell in our vic (0515)

1815 29 Can Co closed 1800

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From: 0001, 24 Mar 45

To : 2400, 24 Mar 45

Place: Birkenhorst & Klengenmunster, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0200	:	:	1	:	:	:	S-4 instlms will be in Silz today. To	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	Fancy 6 fr Fame 5: All PWs will be held	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	in present place until further notice.	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	Fatima Memo, 18 Mar 45, - Regarding mili-	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	tary govt procedures initial phase will be	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	enforced; civilians will remain indoors for	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	48 hrs after occupation	
0230	:	:	2	:	:	:	Msg delivered to 1st Bn (0215)	
0415	:	:	3	:	:	:	M/C says Fancy 4 is now in Silz	
0800	:	:	4	:	:	:	Lt Edwards to Red 3; Check on moving ve-	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	hicles (gps of 10); form officer patrols	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	to check on non-fraternization	
0826	:	:	5	:	:	:	Fancy 2 to Fame 2 regarding PWs	
1100	:	:	6	:	:	:	1st Bn closed Gleiszellen; 3d Bn closed	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	1000	
1320	:	:	7	:	:	:	Fame 5 wants us to bury the dead horses	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	in town right away; 100 PWs available	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	for digging; collect & tie up the live	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	ones	
2000	:	:	8	:	:	:	Lt Edwards called Bns & Sep Cos regarding	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	what progress was made on clearing of men,	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	wpons, materiel & mortars	
2010	:	:	9	:	:	:	Maj Porteous said Russian PW said SS Off	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	& 8 men who will not give up in nearby	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	hill; Capt Potter will take care of it	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	in morning (vic Stein)	

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Organization CT 409

From: 0001, 25 Mar 45

To : 2400, 25 Mar 45

Place: Klingenmunster, Germany

Time	In	Out	Special	No. of Lines	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0120				1		Jeep fired on as it came in to town fr Silz; Fame wants us to send out patrol to investigate	
0125				2		Told White 3 to send patrol; he will send out couple of squads & rpt to us on results	
0140				3		White rptd a plat (Co E) has been sent out to investigate firing on Jeep	
0200				4		Rptd burp gun firing to Fame 3	
0245				5		White rpts they were unable to locate anyone firing at jeeps. Phoned to G-3	
0845				6		Sgt Adams called Ens & Sep Cos about collection station for ey equipment; corrected coords are 203601	
1655				7		Meeting at CP at 1930	
1715				8		Light line is W of Klingenmunster	
1955				9		Fame 1 called Fancy 1 to send Sprain fr 3d Bn to Fame for 2 days (court reporting work)	
2030				10		Fancy 3 to White 6 regarding defense set-up in town	

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 From: 0001, 26 Mar 45
 To : 2400, 26 Mar 45
 Place: Klingenmunster, Germany

Time	In	Serial	No.	Date	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0230		1			Sent F Co patrol to Div but Lt McPhillip's called it off	
0815		2			Fancy 4 to 5: Could not get PWs (only 6); they had been evacuated	
0817		3			Fancy 5 called Lt Pedersen asking where PWs were? Ans: Fancy 4 has them; will check. No one has come for them yet; PWs still at cage	
0818		4			Fancy 5 to 4: Gave above info concerning PWs	
1010		5			Fall 5 called Fancy 3 & requested some prisoners to work for him	
1043		6			Lt Edwards getting doughnut unit for Cn Co this PM	
1140		7			Fancy called Lt Pedersen on 2 civilians picked up w/o passes; will pick them up & 1 PW will question	
1145		8			Fancy 2 asks what to do w/suspicious civilians. Maj Cramer said send them to PW cage for interrogation	
1355		9			Fancy 6 talked to Capt Cocke regarding hourly rpt; it is a check on coms	
1630		10			Capt Clifford to Lt Edwards: Requested PWs to use to police area. Okay	

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From: 000L, 27 Mar 45

To : 2400, 27 Mar 45

Place: Klingenmunster, Germany

Time	In	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0245		1				Blue rpts MG fire heard in direction W; sounds like just over next hill; Red says it's BAR & is checking now; Red rpts fire is SE of them but has stopped now; will send a patrol out if it happens again	
0825		2				Fancy 5 to Bns: Make sure that all men present at ceremony this AM wear their field jackets	
0828		3				Col Thomas saying for Maj Urban to remain here till 1000; wants to see him	
0859		4				Maj Gilman to Lt Edwards: If we move fr this area Lt Edwards will be in charge of moving 4 serials of 5 march units each	
1110		5				Fame 5 called concerning decorations for today (Col Lloyd, 2d Lt Wahlquist, Pfc Griffin, Pfc Greener); Col Lloyd will be in Staff; will step down & take place on right of General, etc; Fame 5 asked if band & stand were ready; check man w/Silver Star; will get cluster	
1112		6				Col Lloyd called Fame 5 & said he did not want the award. Fame 5 will speak to the general	
1120		7				Fame 6 called Fancy 5 concerning his award; would like Col Lloyd to receive Star in spirit that it is a tribute to Regt as well as himself	
1130		8				Called 3d Bn, Co K (capt Bell) concerning award to Pfc Greener; he will wear his Silver Star to award	
1415		9				Factory 6 told Fancy 5 he was changing ln sgts tomorrow (28 Mar)	
1438		10				Sgt Adams called Military Govt to send rep to Silz to settle civil problems	

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1458 11 Lt Edwards called Bns & Sep Cos & told them all foreign vehicles be kept off the street until they are painted & numbered

1604 12 Fancy 4 to 5 concerning probability of policing up area on our left

1815 13 Lt Jeffords arrives w/probably plan to relieve 71st Div, date unknown

1825 14 Fame 5 calls asking if anyone in unit is pilfering, looting of automobiles; Fancy 5 says our vehicles were German vehicles & 1 recaptured jeep

1838 15 Fancy 5 called 4 telling him to have Capt White rpt to War Room as soon as possible

1841 16 Col Snyder called Fancy 5: Could someone take place of Capt Roth who is not available for meeting of Awards Board, 1400 29 Mar at Fame 1 rear office? Anxious to get awards for past period soon & accurate as possible

1940 17 Fancy 6 called Col Robinson: Said he is sending form for Legion of Merit up to G-1

2000 18 Fancy 5 called Hardtack 5 asking home towns of Sgt B. Smith (Muskogee, Okla) & Col Bates (Boom Town, N.J.), Paul L, 0280450

2137 19 Were all men present for award today? No, Lt was on pass. Fame 1 to Fancy 5

2138 20 Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Will send overlay down of 6-6 positions; pretty definite except for time; probably a day or so; must complete in 24 hours after notice; will take N one? Make rcn

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 From: 0001, 28 Mar 45
 To : 2400, 28 Mar 45

Place: Klingenmunster & Oggersheim, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0850			1				Capt Potter called Bn 2s for meeting at CP at 1900	
1105			2				Fancy 3 called Fancy 6: Said order he & Fancy 3 talked about yesterday would be done & completed by noon tomorrow; movement order will be down in 1 hr	
1110			3				Lt Edwards notfd Red 5 he is on 2-hr alert to move; make sure everything is cleaned up	
1115			4				Lt Edwards called Col Thomas asking permission to send marker party out. Okay, check w/Maj Gilman; have 100 trucks for Div	
1125			5				Lt Edwards wants Fall A to move by 1450; Lt Moore says yes; will alert Co	
1127			6				Fancy 4 wants to know where trucks are (10 in; 4 w/2d Bn)	
1129			7				Lt Edwards got permission fr Maj Gilman to send marker party & atchd units; will get 75 trucks	
1135			8				Maj Gilman to Lt Edwards: We are to send 2 jeeps each w/1 officer to pick up 100 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T trucks fr G-4 of 4th Armd Div at Schweighoffen, which is S of Bergzabern; we take 75 of the trucks & deliver the other 25 to Col Groll at Wollmesheim; upon completion of move turn trucks over to G-4, 71st Inf Div, at Oggersheim	
1145			9				Lt Edwards notfd Lt Schilaty to be ready to move at 1430	
1146			10				Notfd Bns & Sep Cos of postponement of jeep contest till further notice	
1148			11				Lt Edwards notfd Factory 3 to be ready to move at 1500; will send order down later	

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1153	12	Fame 13 notfd Lt Edwards movement would begin at 1500
1158	13	Lt Edwards notfd Green movement would begin after 1500; plan on 1700; will send down order later
1159	14	Lt Edwards notfd AT of change of time; be ready at 1730
2000	15	Opened new CP at Oggersheim
2130	16	Capt Cocke to Fancy 5; Progress of our Regt; trucks will be turned over by Mtr Officers
2135	17	Green closed in & in position; notfd them of 90-grid line no-fire line
2145	18	Blue tps have closed; no fire N of grid line 90
2145	19	AT closed in; in mobile reserve
2230	20	1st closed at 2130; no-fire line is grid line 90
2235	21	2d Bn closed in 2125; no fire line N of grid line 90
2235	22	Med Co closed 2130
2240	23	Rptd Regt closed in at 2235 to Fame 3; relief in progress; we'll be pinched out by noon tomorrow probably; Fatal will probably hold entire Div sector
2305	24	3d Bn completed relief at 2305; gave Blue 6 info on no-fire line; can't shoot at all; recd 2 rds of mortar fire moving in & had 4 casualties
2310	25	Fr Fame 3; We can readjust any way we want to, 1st, 2d or 3d Bn, but must cover entire sector; we will probably adjust to 2 Bns tomorrow
2350	26	1st Bn relief completed; A & B on river, C in Res
2358	27	White not complete on relief yet; 8 Cos on line, R to L, E, F & G; told 3 about 90 no-fire line; is-receiving some fire fr across River

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Organization CT 409

From: 0001, 29 Mar 45

To : 2400, 29 Mar 45

Place: Oggersheim, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0015			1				All trucks checked in to G-4, 1st Div. Rptd by Capt White	
0020			2				Rptd to Fame 3; 1st in, 2d almost in; 75 trucks turned over to 71st	
0030			3				Contacted Fatal 3 & gave our sit to them; will use present contact pt	
0115			4				1st has contact on R w/3d Bn; no contact on left	
0118			5				2d Bn completely in; no fwd contact until morning	
0125			6				Maj Urban assumed comd of sector for Col Lloyd; Bns notfd	
0145			7				Blue had a wire to 1 of Rifle Cos cut	
0215			8				S-3 notfd Capt Cocks that we had taken comd of sector	
0345			9				White rpts arty falling in E Co area; checked w/arty	
0825			10				Capt Potter notfd Bns concerning memo, 18 Mar 45, Mil Govt Procedure	
0916			11				Lt Edwards gave Capt Cocks positions of our Cos at present time	
0948			12				Fr Capt Dalcher: Fame advanced CP upon	
1025			13				White 5 to Lt Edwards: L Co reld	
1130			14				Capt Teitelbaum to Maj Urban: E Co 409 made contact w/E 410	
1142			15				Capt Teitelbaum gave Maj Urban Bn boundaries, Co boundaries & some wpn positions	

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1205	16	3d Bn completely reld & on way to assembly area; notfd Capt Cocke of relief
1246	17	Regtl OP rptd 10-12 American soldiers about 500 yds N of bridge; seen at (520988). Rptd Rptd to Fame 2
1253	18	Regtl OP: Co of our men 300-400 yds L of bridge coming on to little island in approach march. Rptd to Fame 2. Fame 2 said they were our soldiers negotiating a peace for the town
1300	19	Capt Potter notfd Lt Holbrook that there are friendly tps on other side of river
1303	20	Capt Cocke confirmed rpt of our tps on other side of river; civilians said Germans left this AM at 0500; Maj Urban told him about 3 PWs near pill box trying to surrender; will let other unit take care of them
1308	21	Capt Potter notfd Lt O'Hara of friendly tps on other side of river
1310	22	Mil Govt sending rep to Ludwigshafen to settle civilian problems w/Mil Govt there at present time
1350	23	Regtl OP rpts no activity on other side of river; thinks explosions heard are on this side of river
1425	24	A Co rptd that ey boat was going down river; our AA fired on it & sunk it
1429	25	Movement Control: No lights in Div area whatsoever
1451	26	Fame 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Fancy 5: All non-military & kraut vehicles will be turned in to Div Ord Off by 1200, 30 Mar 45
1527	27	Fame 3 & Fame 2 to Fancy 5; Fame 3 says no activity across Rhine tonight
1636	28	Maj Elliott told Capt Potter curfew row Oggersheim, Ludwigshafen & town 409 occupes was 0800-1800
2301	29	Lt Jeffords delivered OI No 74; no change in our sit; 410 & 411 boundaries affected

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Organization CT 409

From: 0001, 30 Mar 45

To : 2400, 30 Mar 45

Place: Oggersheim, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0120			1				Lt Young says engrs are putting in bridge in front of F Co sector 400 ft N of old bridge. Relayed to White	
0740			2				Sgt Messer fr OP rpts several white flags appearing to N & central sec of Mannheim & spreading S	
1040			3				Capt White, Cn Co, to Fancy 2: Finished w/search of Mandach; town has been searched before; nothing found	
1050			4				Div IG, Col Mitchell, in our area w/roving summary court to try & fine persons w/improper uniforms right on spot	
1130			5				Fame 3 to Fancy 3: Rifle Co or its equivalent wanted by Cadet to stand guard over some captured equipment until it can be searched; off is rptd immediately to Col Ponpelli; 56 Luzenburg Strasse in N Mannheim. Informed Col Reynolds	
1153			6				Fancy 3 to Capt Teitelbaum: Concerning bridge across river, White 3 says it's too dangerous for fully equipped man	
1225			7				Lt Jennings rpts that N town in his sector has been searched	
1233			8				Fancy 3 to Fame 3: Co Comdr left to see Col Ponpelli; will call when he comes back; try to get permission to use bridge	
1250			9				Capt Cocks to Lt Edwards: Redwood has given permission for us to use bridge; suggested sending off down to	

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1250	9	(Cont'd) establish liaison & get permission fr engr to start tps across before vehicular traffic is started
1300	10	Capt Cocke to Lt Edwards: Redwood said we have top priority to move our tps across bridge
1302	11	Concerning movement of tps across bridge, will alert Co & await return of Co Comdr
1400	12	Sgt Memuey rpts they have completed search of their area; articles picked up will be turned in shortly
1425	13	Jeep contest postponed until tomorrow at 1000
1520	14	Sgt Messer said bridge completed; jeeps moving across it
1535	15	Fancy 3 to Capt Cocke: Talked to Capt Jinks; couldn't locate Col Ponpelli; send msgr out to Capt Jinks & give him these coordinates (554012), location of Col; code name Crown 12; Capt Cocke says they will probably use Co in Ludwigshafen instead of Mannheim
1600	16	Maj Yow to Fancy 3: Have radio contact w/Capt Jinks; told him to proceed to coordinates & if he could not, notify Col Ponpelli to return to his orgn. Informed Capt Cocke
1621	17	Lt Williams to Fancy 3: Searching party took 2 flashlights fr house No. 12 in Frankenthou Strasse; will check on party concerned
1708	18	Factory 6 to Fancy 3: Rpt on searching of his area; will be completed about 1200 tomorrow
1710	19	All Volkswagons in our unit will be turned in by 1200 tomorrow: Fame 4 to Fancy 5
1718	20	Capt Clifford said emplacement in their searching area contained several hundred lbs of dynamite & blasting caps. Lt Edwards called Fancy 4 & left word for Capt Gerken to pick it up
1850	21	; Lt Jeffords coming down w/new instrns for Regt
1855	22	Capt Cocke does not know whether we can pull our Bns off river line or not; will let us know as soon as he can find out

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1915	23	Gave Capt Cocke story of Capt Jinks' contact w/Col Pompelli; mission to guard I G Farben plant in Ludwigshafen; takes 3 Cos, not 1; now guarded by 3d Bn, 398th Inf
2015	24	We will relieve 3d Bn, 398th, w/no more than 1 Co; Co to have no other mission & not to work E of Rhine. On move N, we will have entire CT to use; can use everybody as Inf; deal will last perhaps minimum of 2 weeks (Capt Cocke)
2025	25	Fame 3 Jr says Fame 6 said we could cover our sector any way we want to; need not outpost river unless we want to
2120	26	Capt Cocke to Lt Edwards: Fame asked that we cooperate w/Redwood in keeping approaches to bridge clear tomorrow
2130	27	Fr Fame: Put 2 Cos on Farben plant & go out & see Col Pompelli & find out what the deal is. Gave msg to Blue Bn

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Organization CT 409From: 0001, 31 Mar 45To : 2400, 31 Mar 45Place: Oggersheim, Germany

Time	In	Out	Serial	No.	Time	Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
0830			1				Meeting held by CO & S-3 on move which will be in next two or three days; it is for police & garrison of area N & S of Worms, Germany	
0850			2				Fame 3 to Fancy 5: New order releases Warrior fr atchmt to CT 409; n/c in overall picture	
0900			3				Fancy 3 Factory 5 to Lt Edwards: Police & search of Oggersheim completed at 0820; small town not yet finished	
0913			4				Maj Gilman to Lt Edwards: We will choose our own route on travel to new location	
1323			5				1st Bn finished search	
1324			6				Factory 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Fancy 3: 382d completed search	
1325			7				Notfd Fame 3 search has been completed	
1440			8				Movement Control: When our route is selected make overlay on 1/100,000 map & have it in by 2000 today	
1705			9				Factory 2: Dead kraut at approx (472992) S of RR, N of little stream; dead GI at approx(483996) N of rd; informed Capt Grady	
1705			10				Col Thomas to Fancy 3: Regarding use of tps to replace tps moving out in Ludwigshafen	
1730			11				Fancy 3 to Col Hoover: Regarding who would supply tps for police duty - Fancy or Fatima	
1805			12				Fancy 3 to Col Hoover: Will supply an extra Co for us in police in Ludwigshafen	

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1938	13	Informed Blue Cp to have Pfc Gerald S Banaszak of L Co rpt to War Room in AM at 0915 to act as witness to German looting
1942	14	Fancy 3 asks Capt Zeek if his CP is to be in location designated on overlay? Ans: Yes, location is okay
1945	15	Mr Notes called Fame 1 telling of 2 changes in CP locations
1947	16	Maj Yow asks if he can do away w/hourly rpt; Fancy 3 says no
1950	17	Arty says we can have 18 short wheel base trucks for movement
2000	18	Maj Urban called 1st Bn asking how often patrols would be; continuous 24 hrs, ea town at least every 2 hrs
2010	19	Fancy 4 told Capt White, Cn, that Ord wants correct rpt on ammo fired for past month by 1200 tomorrow
2045	20	Effective at 0200, 2 Apr 45 will have time zone B instead of A; advance clocks 1 hr
2058	21	To Capt Zeek fr Maj Urban: Towns in which 3d Bn CPs are located must have 24-hr ft patrol; also Worms ft & patrol (I Co)

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