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ORGANIZATION: THIRD BATTALION  
410TH INFANTRY

TIME:

PLACE: DIEBLING, FRANCE.

0020 - 243 to Blue OP-Flashes coming from the vicinity of Forbach. -----

0040 - 243 to OP-requests information concerning #1-nene.

0043 - Oper Sgt observed 35 to 40 rds of AA bursting east of Dieblingen. Hvy arty fire heard northwest.

0050 - Blue 2 to Fatal 3-Mustang attacked about 2 hrs ago. Unit next to Flap Jack getting attack. No rpt fr front line bns. Not general attack on entire regt. No rpt on patrols as yet. Blue 2 wants any information that may come in.

0059 - Blue 2 to Idome 6-the div on left and right are being attacked. No reports on any success. En on left estimated as six co's. Be ready for any move if anything develops. Estimated as 1 co on right flank. (Time of attack 2130 approx).

0115 - Blue 2-Red 2-Nothing reported-all quiet on front. Patrols returned and nothing to report. Request information on road blocks. One Frenchman claiming to be coming back to join French Army reports about 1000 SS troops in woods near Forbach.

0120 - Blue 2 to White 2-All quiet reported on White's front. 30 civilians came thru lines tonight. No info on them because they are being interrogated now. Said to be forced laborers. Claims Germans bring SP guns up to front at night and take them back in the day. Knows the situation. Flares to the right.

0129 - Blue 2 to Fatima 2-One platoon tried to get into right flank. Arty laid down Four EN reported going back to EN lines. EN two engine transports reported flying SW to St Nichols.

0205 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Troops transports reported flying SW (cir 337640) at 500 ft-request keep air guards alert. Fleet and freedom being attacked.

0253 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2-Nothing to report. Has phoned White and Red to man AT &amp; TD guns by order of Fatal 6. Arty has quieted down. Checked on our TD's and AT's to see if they were manned. Reported they were notified of situation. Reported 44 French civilians being interrogated at Regt now. Came thru line &amp; fr caves.

0355 - Observed yellow flare to the SE. Probably in vic of Metzging.

0540 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-PW's captured in Div on right and left flk say there will be 4 Panzer Div's attacking in the morning.

0837 - OP #3 rpts visibility fair, nothing observed.

0845 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Latest rpts show that C/A was stopped with slight gains. Keep Bn on the alert.

0905 - OP #1 to Blue OP-Visibility good-nothing observed.

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0919 - Blue Ln to Red Bn in CP with rpt: 2 PW's willingly surrendered at 0950 to Charley Co. Belonged to 80th Inf R/Pool Bn. 60 to 70 men came to Forbach thru Saarbrucken fr West Wall. Their Co OC is Lt Packoff and Bn OC is Maj Jacob. Came 4 days ago to repdl expected armd attack. In their group of 60 to 70 men they have 12 Panzerfausts (6-60's & 6-30's), 10 to 12 MG's-3 per plt, 6 men squad. 3 to 4 of their men have been wounded by our arty.

0922 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Fatal 5 will go on rcn. Wants Mike 6 and rcn sgt rpt to Fatal CP at 1000 (Mike Co notified by Blue Ln to R<sub>d</sub> Bn).

0947 - Red alert (ME-109 at 800 ft directly overhead and then headed SE) all clear at 1015.

1000 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Nothing to rpt. All CP's alert. 100 civilians picked up. On the left in Mustang over (333-703) picked up a Bn coming in and broke up into woods. Lost some ground. Will probably hit lot more. On the right in Freedom, R Regt has only patrol activity at (55-59) picked up some rubber boats. On extreme R Regt, 20 tanks operating. Further to right to Century outfit, lost ground last night but gained it back this morning. Fatal 4 rpts strafing in Puttelange. PW rpts Hitler gave talk last night & told them they'd have plenty of support & to take off.

1020 - CP #1 rpts ME-109 sighted over at Buschbach. Visibility is excellent. Plane didn't fire.

1108 - CP #1 rpts-at 1025 rifle fire to draw left of Buschbach (42.4-61.1). Are friendly fire.

1108 - CP #3 rpts-visibility to E to town is poor (fog). Visibility to N good. Nothing observed-heard friendly fire 1500 yds E of CP at 0915.

1112 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Fall Baker plt is 1/3 in strength. Men on barriers. Would it be possible for us to supplement a squad of A & P if needed? (Yes).

1116 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Would it be possible for us to supplement a squad fr Rifle Co instead of A & P if needed. A & P needed to lay wire.

1159 - CP #3 rpts nothing observed.

1220 - Msg to Item Co-Include positions of auto-rifle, bazookas, mortars, and range cards for mortars.

1246 - AT 0 can be contacted by phone thru Fatal 36 to his position in Hundling.

1304 - CP #1 rpts nothing observed.

1335 - Wolf 5 in CP-Rpt on the Obs of Arty FO-Blue 2 ordered to investigate and rpt

1413 - CP #1-2 smoke shells (42.7-62.3).

1417 - Wolf 5 in CP-gives info to Blue 2.

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1500 - OP #1 & #3 - all clear.

1506 - Fame 9 left OP for Fatima.

1600 - OP #1 rpts all clear. Additional rounds of smoke and HE landed after 1400.

1622 - Recd aerial photos of area by Ln O - Given to Blue 2.

1623 - Memo, Div, dated 30 Dec 44 - Instructions on Mvt of Trps fr line. Memo, regt, dated 1 Jan 45 - expected Kraut attack. I & E news summary, Div, dated 31 Dec 44.

1640 - K 6 to 6: Get a squad on hill (will arrange to contact AA to have them cover bridge for tonight.)

1645 - OP 3 all clear, pulling out.

1704 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2 - Elements of tanks unofficially are operating along right front. Lost some ground today on R front. Gave rpt observed by Arty OP. 4 men observed 30 Dec at about 1000 hours. Walked through Etzlingen to Kerbach and back. Carried no rifles and wore no helmets; were in black uniform w/overseas type caps. They entered one of the bldgs in Kerbach and after leaving the bldg were seen to walk into the town and out. It was suggested that it was a recon patrol fr vic of Spitchern.

1715 - OP #1 all clear, pulling out.

1720 - Request for overlay of wire entanglements constructed by Love Co.

1755 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6 - Rpt to CP - bring another jeep w/guards.

1800 - Mag w/overlay L - showing wire installed today.

1805 - M 6 in CP-6 informs on result of IG inspection "not satisfactory". Ordered to correct condition at once.

1820 - Ln O in CP-center regt of division on our right has had Kraut infiltrate by using white clothing.

1822 - Recd from MC form, Section for Survey of Welfare conditions (to Blue 5)

1937 - 3 to I-6 - Are sketches coming over (yes) Can you give me the other position? Can give you a sketch, but not dug yet.

1947 - 3 to M-6 - Request info on positions.

2030 - Arty plan of fire: Rear; Dog; (Secret to I, K, L, and M.). Critical points overlay.

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2042 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-Fame 2 gave me the picture as of 1800. 44th has been in contact "Hvy Inf Combat." EN hit them with 600 Inf and 5 or 7 tks in support. Battle all day. EN penetrated woods (60-56). Have not regained ground. Seven Bn's in contact, believe 17 Bn's in area. One PW-this atk of last night and today to make penetration. Tomorrow AM real atk will start off 40 Km front. Air cover on right, dogfight over Humke-15 EN planes downed. 100 Div--Fame got rpt a Tk Olm made penetration vic (7942) vic Munderhouse. No confirmation by Corps. nearley patrol action. Mustang left in contact w/some elements possibly reinf or recd repls; at 1700 a little spurt of atk. Only bad info-they may have to give a little ground on extreme left. Strong attempts to probe our positions on other atks (before atks)- Nothing on relief. All means exhausted to find preparation against us. Could be moved into tonight though. The PW rpt may or may not be true. A previous rpt along same line was correct. And the people "down there" believe the PW. Their mission seems to be to see if we are still here. The thing w/Red is ordered to "go on" by Fame 38. Quite a few civilians today thru M-I-I and all info will be send down to you. Don't think Blue 6 has all this info.

2122-- More dope--Faggot radio picked up an alert against possible use of CN gas. It was a mistake. It was really smoke. Tell Blue 6 to disregard. Fame 2 found (off record) there was very little rcn carried out before those atks. Impression was caused by reading G-2 periodic rpts. Just popped up on front and kept coming. Killed plenty of them.

2135 - K 6 to OP-Mag about CN gas and watch out for American jeep w/Germans.

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0827 - OP #3-visibility to E is poor and to the N fair. Nothing observed.

0835 - Blue 3 to Fatal 2-Blue Bn is released fr Alert.

0850 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Wants all available coverage we can get. Area S of CP 78 and 78 itself.

0853 - Mag releasing Bn fr alert sent by msgr to Love and Mike Co'd.

0910 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Put people out w/Red tonight. Woods E of 79 and town N. Get info. Accompany Red patrols out tonight.

0915 - OP #1-visibility fair-nothing observed.

0920 - Blue 6 to Item 6-Red Bn finished raiding party atk this morning. Get a patrol together to accompany Red Bn tonight.

0922 - Blue 6 to Red 6-Accomplished mission. Knocked out a few MG's. Captured 1 PW. Will have patrol accompany Charley Co patrol tonite. Tomorrow Blue Bn will take over patrols. Will send out 2 men per patrol tonight. Will be over to see you today.

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0923 - Blue 6 to Item 6-in CP-send out 2 to 3 men per patrol to accompany 2 patrols of R'd Bn (Charley Co). Blue 2 orients Blue 6 and Item on previous patrols to CP #79.

0925 - R'd alert (all clear at 1019).

0935 - OP #1-White smoke to the left of Behren at 0930. Visibility very good. Black smoke coming from Forbach for the past 1/2 hour. Probably an oil or gas dump.

0950 - OP #1 rpts-at 0940 dark smoke observed at Kerbach and to the R gray smoke. All smoke rptd this morning at Kerbach was probably burning bldg.

0959 - Blue 2 obserbes 1 single P-47 at 1200 to 1500 ft trailing smoke fr engine and heading South, Southwest. Seems to be in trouble.

1013 - OP #1-rpts 4 or 5 large puffs of White smoke coming fr the left of Behren.

1018 - OP #4-nothing observed.

1040 - Blue 6 to Fatima 3-request to send civilian to area (OK).

1058 - OP #1 rpts visibility poor.

1100 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Check on all bridge guards. One guard covers the other. Rpts a German in area in O's uniform.

1130 - OP #4 rpts nothing observed. CP #3-black smoke coming fr 30° az.

1130 - Civilian pass.

1202 - OP #1 rpts-heavy smoke amakes poor vision. Observed few large puffs of white smoke coming up at Kerbach.

1240 - White 6 to Blue 3-Request a section HMG's. Will have them picked up this noon. (Notified Mike Co by runner.)

1245 - OP #4-visibility poor.

1300 - OP #1-all clear. Smoke came up by Kerbach about 1243. Visibility poor, fog.

1316 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-Are you all coordinated on patrolling. (2 men w/each ptrl-make visual rcn today. Gather all info on previous raids. We are asking for air coverage, etc, obliques to be taken, etc.)

1406 - OP #1 - Rpts all clear. Visibility poor.

1425 - Blue 2 to M/C-1/4 T jeeps to rpt to I Co soon as possible. For handling personnel to "C" Co-to return here and call for some personnel at 0400 tomorrow.

1430 - OP #4-rpt all clear. Hear some arty fire.

1435 - Blue 3 to Fall "B" Sgt-are you still cutting logs? (Yes, sir.) OK, keep cutting.

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- 1445 - Fatal White 6 and 3 in CP-Blue 6 orients on system of sketches for occupying defensive positions.
- 1507 - 6 orders L-6 to go ahead with investigation, but not to search until so ordered.
- 1510 - Rpt on test of 57 AT gun against EN armor.
- 1535 - Lt Curry AT Co 411 in CP-Talks to 3 in re installing guns on RRI.
- 1542 - CP #3 rpts all clear (also CP#4).
- 1600 - CP #1 rpts all clear.
- 1628 - Blue 3 to Mike 5-Mortar positions (want coordinates and range cards).
- 1640 - CP #3 and 4 pulling out.
- 1758 - 6 orders Co Comdrs meeting here at 1830.
- 1805 - Recd by Ln O 2 sets of stereo pans (to S-2). Memo R<sub>gt</sub> dtd 2 Jan 45-Criticizing of guards, uniform, and saluting.
- 1840 - Conduct of Div Bridge guards. Memo-abusing of Tactical vehicles.
- 1845 - Blue 6 to King 6 in CP-guards must be better tomorrow or will relieve co.
- 1846 - Blue 6 to all co's in CP-starting tonight kitchen must be in good shape. Kitchens are unsanitary. Correct them at once. Another thing to correct-men are leaving weapons laying around. Wpns must be w/personnel at all times. I will courtmartial any man who leaves wpn lay around and EN picks it up and kills anyone. Guards must cover each other. Co's must have latrine orderlies.
- 2015 - Msg to Mtr Officer-send a 1 1/2 ton trk (empty) with driver to CO L Cp at once.
- 2020 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-6 of EN wens from 80 Repl Bn; 4 fr 41st Fortress Bn; apparantly nothing very heavy out there. Tank fire fr other side, and Infantry jumped off. Some PW told someone that all Americans would be drunk and they would more right on through. Maybe this is not Infantry country and too hard to get in here. The unidentified units still not located. Air Corps pounded hell out of everything today. Our personnel will work with the co's but not "take over." (Want those pictures.) OK, will let you have them

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- 0807 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-White went through all homes but nothing found. Flapjack didn't even go out. Got a PW fr at Fox Co. Claimed our arty scared the hell out of the Krauts. Will get some gun positions fr him. Claims a co in Lixingen and one in Grubblittersdorf.

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- 0815 - Blue 3 through Fatal 2 to Fatal 6-1 TD plt held in Diebling. (Blue 6 to Fatal 6). Found footprints (hobnails). Trailed them fr our defensive positions to Metzling. Tracks started at Metzling. Met someone at RR but couldn't trace the footsteps. Whoever it was walked through the woods positions and easily evaded our guards. We had patrol out but no luck. (Fatal 6 informs release fr alert.)
- 0825 - Blue 3 to King 6-want additional guards & viaduct (41.7-55.7), RR overpass (40.1-54.6) (42.4-48.7) bridge. Post guards by 1000. Send O to Cp w/info on guard set up.
- 0837 - Blue 3 to Item 6-We are released fr alert. 1 1/2 ton trk will be down.
- 0838 - Blue 3 informs King 6 of above.
- 0840 - CP #1-Visibility smoking to Buschbach.
- 0845 - Msg to Love & Mike Co by motor msgr.
- 0847 - #4 phone to Blue 1-Blue 5 orders Blue 1 to make rcn in Nousewiller for a CP and installations.
- 0915 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Fatal 6 will be down at 1030 to discuss raiding party.
- 0918 - Blue 3 to Blue 1-request no of men, active duty for King Co (6 O's and 131 men)
- 0925 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-forget guards on (42.4-48.7) for the time being (Blue 3 notified King 6).
- 0935 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-coming up to see you in about 20 minutes.
- 0947 - Blue Ln to R d Bn w/Patrol rpts of last nite: Charley Co patrol rpts Kraut outposts still the same on NW corner of Lixingen. Baker Co rpts Kraut outposts same on the S of Lixingen. However on the E, Kraut outposts pulled back toward town one house. Two patrols sent out each by Charley and Baker Co. Rpt fr Red outposts-tracked vehicles in and around Kerbach. This info is very indefinite as rptd.
- 1004 - CP #1 rpts-AW fire started 4 minutes ago in Fatima area. 1 burst of white smoke observed to fall in Berren. AW fire still going.
- 1014 - Fatal 6 in CP-to Blue 6-You will relieve Red Bn. (Blue 6 and Blue 3 will go to Red Bn to discuss relieving of units one by one.
- 1025 - Blue CP to Item Co (Whitman)-Send Item 6 to CP immediately. (Will pick him up out on positions.
- 1037 - Blue 2 to Red 2-All action at Fatima. EN MG fire at CP #93. Seen three men in the draw. Firing has stopped now. Had been firing in Buschbach.

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1050 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6 in CP-gives rpt on hobnail footprints. (Fatal 6-have Item relieve Able at 1400). Fatal 6 left CP at 1055.

1051 - Blue 6 orients Blue 3-Ways to put relieving Bn into defensive position.

1123 - CP #1-nothing observed.

1152 - Blue 6 to Item 6 in CP-Alert co for move at 1400. CO's meeting at Bn CP at 1300.

1159 - Msg sent to Love & Mike Co's-Assemble Co's in Diebling. Co Cmdr rpt to Bn CP at 1300.

1202 - Blue 1-notified of meeting at CP at 1300.

1210 - CP #3 & #4-nothing observed.

1250 - CP #1-all clear.

1310 - Blue 6 in CP-Starts meeting with Co Cmdrs-Item 6 can take off. Will relieve all in daylight except parts of Charley Co. Item will relieve Able. Able will take Item billet. Charley w/King. Baker w/Love. Love and Mike relieve before dark. King 6, Love 6, Mike 6 make rcn for rear company position before companies move up. King 6 makes arrangements with Charley Co positions to relieve at 0830 tomorrow. Two men fr S-2 at Red CP at 1730. Com C, Amm C rpt to Red CP as soon as possible. Kitchen to be brought up to Noussewiller tonight or tomorrow. Have AT plt relieve Red's in Baker area this afternoon.

1340 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Give Blue Ln C to Fatal sketches of defensive positions of RRL.

1345 - Blue Ln w/Msg-Co A 614 TD relieved as of 0800 this morning. Ret getting 1 Plt Co C 614TD which will remain in mobile reserve in Diebling.

1353 - CP #1-all clear.

1408 - Fatal 3 to Blue CP-Fatima George will be test firing soon. Do not be alarmed.

1437 - Blue CP to CIC-request an O to take charge of Civil Affair in Diebling (Will send someone down tomorrow.)

1448 - Overlay showing numbering system of RRL and Rear defense positions of 410th Inf and overlays 1-30 of plt positions of res Bn.

1510 - CP #1-all clear.

1535 - Red 2 to 3-Inquire about how to get K-6.

1552 - Red 6 to 5 -Inquires as to guides (Yes there will be guides).

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1556 - Fatal 4 to 5-msg fr Fame. Any of our vehicles operating in Freedom or Fleet areas will display cerise panel.

1635 - Blue 6 in CP-3 ordered to get K guards back on posts. (Ordered in by error).

1700 - Blue 5 to Blue 1<sub>2</sub>-Notify motor pool to get 2<sub>2</sub> ton trk to Item Co immediately.

1720 - R<sup>td</sup> 3 departs; also 5 and 4-Blue 4 in CP.

1728 - Blue 1 to CP-this msg to Co's "Send own organics back to haul chow tomorrow. Move under company control.

1733 - Blue 2 to CP-Have all stuff for ditto work-send vehicles to pick it up.

1743 - Green 6 to Blue 3-Will see you tomorrow to discuss plans.

1745 - Overlay-Rear Defense Plan.

1745 - Critical Points overlay.

1745 - Overlay-Dog Defense Plans.

1800 - Mike 6 to Blue 3-Will have 3-50's fro King 6.

1801 - Blue 3 to King 6-Will have 3-50's for you and will try to get 4 more. Able Co Red has now relieved guard.

1808 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Did you have guard on (40.1-54.6) (Yes) Red Able Co has now taken over.

1816 - Red 3 to CP-Are AT positions occupied? (6 says yes) Rpts have relieved Red Bn elements already. Plt ldr of Red thinks he knows positions and will occupy them (ours) tonight.

2035 - Blue 1 (1st SGT)-relief completed-AT, 1700; Wire Com, 1500; M/O, Rad, SB, W/Co; Cross IP AT-rptd to Fatal.

1900 - Fatal 2 to 2-Mustang rpte 300 rds of arty at Ludwilder middle of their zone. Also hear vehicular traffic-still us contact. On extreme 44th right was a sizeable penetration. Our front all quiet. You have the other dope. Will see you early tomorrow AM.

1935 - White 3 to 3-Have you pulled your plat of K out of the town they were in. At 1700 there were no guards. (An error but has been ironed out.)

1940 - Memo regt dated 3 Jan 45 in re "Firing wpns behind front lines. "

1957 - 3 to K Co: Is A there? (C will move). If A Co Lt comes in tell him to call me.

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1959 - 3 to A: CP: Sgt Cox tell Lt Madison to drop in to Blue CP.

2100 - 6 orders 3 to get info in #65 to all Co's.

2155 - Fatal 3 to CP-"A" by 1630; "B" by 2000, relief completed.

2200 - Lucien Cliquot, Reins 1906. Ripley Copy.

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0013 - Sgt Piffat to CP-BAR was fired at some En activities upon which activities ceases 2400. NOUSSEVILLER, FRANCE

0045 - King CP to Blue 5-Am pulling out this phone now.

0716 - Blue 1 to Blue CP-am pulling out phone and organizing convoy.

0810 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Patrols for Red observed usual outposts. No En patrols. Easy sent 2 patrols to CP #107. Observed nothing. Nothing new on cave proposition

0830 - Crossed IP. (Blue CP in Diebling closed at 0950) Phoned to Fatal

0949 - Relief of Charley Co by King Co completed (Bn closed in). New CP opened in Nousseviller.

0950 - Blue 2 to Blue 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -We have 2 CP's. CP's must rpt to CP every hour on the hr.

1045 - CP #7 to Blue 2-We have observed arty in field (45.3-62.3) observed first round at 1037. Total 6 rds between 1037 and 1043.

1047 - King 6 to Blue 3-Mortar fire falling in my area. Check with Mike 6 if they are firing.

1049 - Blue 3 to Mike CB-Mike 6 not here.

1052 - Blue 5 to King 6-Couldn't contact Mike 6 but Mike Co checking. Will call you later. King 6 rpts only 2 rds fell in and now has stopped.

1104 - King 6 to Blue 3-Last rd hit 50 yds over. Check on firing. (Am trying to contact Mike 6). King 6 has 2-50 cal MG's now. Blue 3 will try and get more. Civilian rpts 10 Krauts making rcn in Kerbach.

1110 - Blue 3 to Mike 5-Check if our mortars are firing.

1118 - Mike 5 to Blue 3-We fired 6 rds mortar but have now ceased. Mike 6 will call you.

1119 - Blue 3 to King 6-King 6 short 3 phones. (Mike 6 on way to King CP). Blue 3 wants an overlay of King's positions.

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1125 - Blue 3 to Love 3 - Nothing much happening here at Love. FO's are directing our arty fire. Blue 3 wants an overlay of Love's positions. (Co's will always make overlay of positions and guns when in new area.)

1126 - Blue 2 to Love 6 - When picking up civilians send them to OP. Patrols last night heard some coughing and man digging against a building on patrols last night.

1130 - Blue 2 to King 6 - King 6 rpts had one man per patrol accompanying Red patrols last nite. Patrols were scattered and men still coming in. Fatal 2 gives rpt #18. King 6 rpts 1 civilian in this town from his home near creek observed 10 Krauts in Kerbach looking towards this town. (Will have 1 man fr patrol of last nite call you.)

1142 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2 - What about patrols tonight. (Will have to talk to Blue 6) Fatal 2 will be up as soon as possible. (Want all info on past patrols). (Bring aerial photos down.)

1200 - Com lines in - Fatal, Blue 1, 7, Test Sta, Item, King, Love, Mike, Mortars, Item OP, Mike OP, M/Gen, and Radio, Blue 16, Fatal Red, Fagot, Blue 6, Blue 3, Fatima White.

1202 - Blue 3 to Blue 11 - Send vehicles to pick up Lt Marshall at White Bn.

1204 - Blue 3 to Mike 5 - Wants overlay on MG and mortar positions.

1213 - Blue 2 to Patrol Ldr - Only thing to rpt is footprints leading to creek. Observed some firing to the left. Blue 2 checks on routes used by patrols.

1232 - Blue 2 to patrol members - About 2100 received En firing from house. Stepped on "S" mine which didn't explode.

1253 - King CP in Buschbach.

1308 - Com in with arty (Fagot) (243 Line).

1320 - Msg to AT O 3d Bn - want 4 men for S-2 duty.

1325 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2 - Fatima doing same thing as last evening. (Raid).

1335 - Blue 2 to patrol members of last nite fr King Co - 4 shots fired by En. 15 yds in woods, 3 mines failed to explode. Patrols then withdrew.

1342 - Blue 7 to Blue 2 - plenty of Kraut amo at Item Co.

1352 - Blue 1 to Blue 7 - Get 2 men fr A & P for S-2 duty till tomorrow.

1355 - Arty Ln left for OP's to contact FO Able or FO Baker.

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1405 - OP #7 to 2-Whoever relieves tonight bring 5 in 1 patrol and a squad cook-er. Myer-arty falling in town to our right.

1417 - Msg relayed; Guh (42-65) wood W of town beyond field. Hvy AW fire 20 sec. Time 1414. May have been air strafing.

1440 - OP #7-visibility only fair. Can see Lixingen well and rd W of there and woods to the NW. Also can see two houses in Grosbliederstroff.

1452 - Blue 3 to King 6-(42.4-61.8) (42.6-61.5) Coordinates of King's OP's.

1455 - OP #7-mortar fire landing in Behren. Coming fr positions W of there. 15 rds in last five minutes. 4 smoke rds started off. 280° azimuth direction fire coming from. Mortar fire still falling in Behren.

1513 - King 6 to Blue 3-Wants mortars back fr White Bn.

1523 - OP #7 to Blue 3-Fr 1515 to 1530 heard sustained AW fire to left about 1½ mi.

1532 - Blue 3 to King 6-An SOP-Wants Co Comds, Plt leaders to make overlays of positions you are in. Approximate scale w/terrain features, positions of CO's and second in comd. Include positions and directions of fire all MG's, BAR'S and bazookas. OP's and detailed location of each position of each man in squad. Hand in by 1400 tomorrow. Wants routes under En observation. Also info for mortars, range cards and panoramic sketch. (King 6 rpts our arty landing away and out to R flk. Seen Krauts observing our area this morning). Want recommendations on emplacements and positions. From 0800 to 1000 test firing for King Co. All positions will be manned by 1/3 of line strength, during day and ½ at night. All mobile reserve ready to move within 15 minutes. All crew-served wpns to be manned 24 hrs a day.

1538 - Blue 2 to King 6-No patrolling to your front tonight. Item will take over patrols. Have a guide for relief of OP's tonight.

1550 - Blue 3 to Love CP-Gives dope of #47. Also two S-2 men coming down there to man OP #2. By 1200 wants recommendations of any changes. Between 0800 and 1200 you can test fire your weapons. Use minimum amo. Improve positions.

1603 - OP #7 to Blue 3-Since 1500 mortar fire falling in Berhen. Lots of AW fire to E of town.

1605 - Item 6 to Item 1-want a patrol (5 men) BAR's and M-1's (Will see you in 1/2 hr.)

1615 - OP Love #7 to Blue 2-Since 1530 have been hearing sustained AW fire fr at least 3 wpns. About 1½ miles az. approx 300°. Since 1515 have been hearing powerful mortar fire in same vic. Maybe 2 ton trucks or tk. Also have been hearing rifle fire same vic. Believe our arty to be landing there. (Relief on way up.) One rd came in our area.

1620 - FO Baker to 243-Arty beating up Behren.

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1621 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Request to Fatima (between 0800 to 1200 test firing on line) AW and mortar (60's) by King and Love.

1627 - Fagot 3 to 243-Farm doing all arty firing on Behren for Fatima. Behren is blazing.

1630 - Blue 2 to King 6-Fatima will pull back fr raid through your outposts. (will notify my outposts.)

1632 - Blue 5 to King 6-(44.7-62.2). Do not fire there on test firing.

1635 - Blue 3 to Love 6-(44.7-62.2) Do not fire there on test firing.

1637 - Blue 3 to Blue 1-AT will not fire tomorrow.

1645 - Blue 2 1/2 rpts- (45.5-62.8) Believe to be location of 2 En guns.

1659 - FO Baker to 243-Visibility too poor to see believed En gun positions.

1708 - Blue 3 to Item CP-Have counterattack plans fr Red. Have Item 6 check w/them.

1712 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2-King 6 knows about Fatima withdrawal. King 6 didn't receive any overlay. Fatima wasn't very successful over there last night. Will call you on their today's raid.

1715 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Use confidential phone in future so msg is clearly understood.

1717 - AT 0 can be reached by calling Fatal Blue 36. AT 0 will be up to CP soon to give positions.

1733 - Blue 1 to Blue 3-Have posts at rd and two at CP. My men are being used as inner guards of town.

1805 - Love 6 to Blue 2-On their patrols, we can't change our routes too much but will change the time.

1816 - OP #7-nothing to report.

1835 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Did you receive any info that En tanks were assembling at CP #93? (No). (Will check with King Co).

1840 - Blue 2 to King 6-Outposts haven't heard or seen anything about #71 msg.

1845 - Blue 2 to Fatal 3-Fatima claims to have heard tanks. Checked that none of our arty hits where our patrols will be. Fatima has bazooka team and TD's alerted. Definately hear tanks at CP #93. Fatal 6 will alert your TD plt.

1855 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Definately were En tanks-Arty fired TOT on same. Came down fr NW of CP #93. Alert AT plt.

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1900 - Fatal Blue 36 line is now in.

1905 - Blue CP to Fatal Blue 36-Aleft plt-tanks in vic of CP #93.

1919 - CP #7-Arty shelling at 1845 at 290° az., 500 or 600 yds away, 6 rds, Believe it to be En.

1937 - Item 6 to Blue 3-Patrol will be back at King at 2330. Left at 2000.

2000 - Blue 2½ rpts-Listening outposts haven't heard any tks at CP #93.

2000 - White 3 to Blue 2-no further rpts on the tks at CP #39.

2004 - Blue 2½-also rpts 10 Krauts digging in at Kerbach. Our arty will help them tomorrow. Also a pillbox at (43.0-63.8).

2005 - Blue 3 to Love CP-Overlay requested today will be of your positions.

2015 - 243 to FO-check on (44.8-62.2), tomorrow.

2017 - Blue 3 to King 6-Réc'd 1 rd near house at King CP-comes fr right front fr Kerbach. Could be tank fire. Large fire at Behren. Whistles and sirens blowing like hell at Kerbach.

2030 - CP #7-heard sirens about 5 min ago, lasted 1 to 2 minutes about 20° az, quite a distance away bout 1000 yds.

2035 - Fatal 3½ to 3-Anything doing down there? (Nothing except info in #85.) (Understand some of Fatima's TD's playing around over t here this afternoon.) Rpt started at Fatima. Can I get overlay of Fatima right Bn their CPL, MLR, and RRL.

2040 - 3 to Blue 1-Send Sgt Perrone here to short-hand meeting.

2045 - K 6 to 2-White flares about 3 going off, 2 rds into town. 4 near Pat's AT guns. Probably SP vic Kerbach. Tell Joe if he wants to throw a few rounds into.

2050 - Blue 2 to K 6-Flare signals-white for arty falling on our on men; green a call for arty; Red for En arty falling on men; Blue being attached by armor. (These are Kraut signals.

2105 - Fatal 2 in CP; conference with Blue 2.

2114 - CP #7-all quiet.

2127 - M-6 to 3-6 gave me mission of finding spot for a couple of 50's. Where can I get them?

2130 - 3 to Green 6-Can I borrow a couple of 50's. (Sure but only have pedestal mounts.) Never mind.

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2134 - 3 to Red 2-Can we borrow a couple of ground mounts w/pintles for 50's. (Let you know tonight.)

2151 - K 6 to CP-SP fire coming from Kerbach, about 30 rounds so far, and still falling.

2210 - Fagrot 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 243-Has SP stopped? (Yes). B Btry receiving a few rounds.

2213- 3 to Sgt Piffat-do you have three plats on line 50% manned? What order-3R, 2L). Anyone in extreme left position? (Yes). (Have small overlay of your positions.) (Have not contacted patrol as yet. Only received a couple of rds of arty.) (Have info put out already) Never got your range cards. Also coordinates of all prepared positions.

2221 - Lt O'Leary I-Some civilian with soldiers in jeep (4) civilians. Visiting relatives in some town. AA boys new girls. Officers told them they could go for ride in jeep. (All violating curfew, will send for them). At old "A" CP. One 24 yrs old has no papers.

2223 - 2 to F<sup>at</sup>al 1 PW-Sgt Yatco, have 4 civilians are being brought into you.

2236 - Red 2 to 3-When do you want those 50's? (Will send for them 0900). Will give you the complete guns.

2241 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-Arty Ln O said you caught a few shells. (Yes, gives info in #96). We have no further rpt on Fatima situation so you can relax a little for the AT plat. (We have them-AT- manned 24 hrs a day anyways.) Let me know if anything develops.

2300 - 2 to K-6-Hear anything from your OP's? (Two of them went out on account of shelling.) 3 and 5 are in, yours are out, 8 is OK-Item is coming back.

2302 - Willman to 3-Trouble on K Co. Will give approximate position of CP's.

2325 - OP #7 rpts all clear. A booby trap near CP #5 was set off about 2250.

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0010 - Blue 3 to Love 6-have Sgt Durkin/ rpt to this Hq immediately. Blue OP will send vehicle to Love CP.

0015 - OP #7-nothing to report.

0016 - Blue CP to Msg Cen-have Love Co runner report to CP to make motor trip to Love Co.

0024 - Blue 6 to King 6-Gives King the info received by Idome patrol and S-2 observation in daylight of certain house mentioned. Send for 5-man patrol to observe the garrison of same house. It is a recon patrol. Do not get involved in any action.

0113 - Love 6 to Blue 3-Impossible to get Sgt fr Line tonight is on rpt for the reason that that particular post is only on at night and have definite time to go in and out of position.

0117 - Blue 6 to Love 6-Love 6 gives Blue 6 info as in #5. Send man in place of Sgt

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0127 - Blue 2 to Fatal-Patrol moved out along described route and when at point 44263 RJ-blows bridge-Sentry at night-dugout on this side fired on from in back of RJ-then withdrew. Never did reach their objective. Saw only one man-believed only guarded at nite, pulled in at day-Blue 2 believes security strengthened. Another patrol out now. One or two houses rptd tht were never reported before. Booby trap set off not by our men.

0140 - Blue 2 to Fatal-requests strength of enemy occupying Kirbach. Fatal 2 does not know exactly. At last report 60-100 men on PW report.

0153 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Blue 6 wants Lt fr tanker and TD at Blue CP at 0600, 6 January 1945.

0225 - CP 7L to Blue CP-all is quiet now. Booby trap went off about 1/2 hour ago.

0256 - Love Co man arrived in CP with Gilbert.

0315 - CP 7L-everything is normal.

0418 - Red 2 to Blue 6-Pvt and driver were to guide raiding party. Sent to IPW cage to rpt to Lt Rittman by order of Fatal 6. (Fatal is sending people to guide raiding party.) At midnight recd order fr Fatal 6 to have 10 men fr Red for raid and Blue Bn would send guide. Blue 6 says Fatal was to send guide w/info. My man was only to identify hobnails.

0420 - Blue 6 to Item CP-Have wpns plt at CP at noon today to practice w/Paulson's platoon.

0440 - Unidentified plane flew over town. Sounded like Obn plane.

0530 - Notified all Co's that they are alerted til 0630.

0625 - CP #7-nothing to report.

0724 - CP #7-nothing to report.

0822 - Item 5 to King CP-Inquired about King's patrol last night. Patrol got as far as previous Item patrol and was fired on by 2 rifles from long range. Could observe house in open field. (Item 5 will be down later to discuss further.)

0828 - Family FO to Arty Ln\*Tanks at (42.4-63.7) near Behren. In Fatima zone. FO is going to call Family. Can't identify tanks.

0838 - CP 7L-all normal. Visibility improving (Wants sketch of CP, location tie-in with map, route to it and route under En obs, panoramic sketch, when you come in)

0850 - Family FO in CP-Tanks of msg #23 is our Sherman tank.

0950 - CP 7L-2 rounds time fire at 255. Landed on road in fron of CP.

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- 1509 - CP 7L-At 1455 man obed on road (46.9-62.2) walking W-disappeared into brush pile turned right, and ran into woods at point (46.8-62.3). At to brush pile 8<sup>0</sup>.
- 1716 - CP 7L-all clear.
- 1805 - CP 7L-visibility against snow background will probably be 200 yds all nite.
- 1805 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-White's deal called off tonight.
- 1814 - CP7L-visibility down to 100 yds.
- 1818 - Guard to rear of CP observes two flares dropping about 500 yds fr rear of CP.
- 1832 - Blue 2 to CP7L-Haven't observed any flares. All quiet.
- 1838 - Fagot fwd switchboard now in.
- 1900 - Green 6 to Blue 3-we will take over Item's guard for a few days.
- 1906 - CP7L-visibility poor-some places can see for 100yds snow background.
- 1946 - CP7L-not any activity.
- 1950 - Blue 2 to Love 6-Darkness falls at 200 yds (1737) 100 yds (1808). At 1815 fire observed in woods (46.9-62.4). Fifteen minutes before a person observed near fire.
- 2025 - CP7L-flare at 1920, az 85<sup>0</sup> white flare.
- 2115 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-requests plans for raid be prepared by raid leader.
- 2120 - CP7L-no change.
- 2122 - K 6 to 2-Vehicle tracks to NE in edge of woods. (We have the info). Lots of dogs barking at 0800. (Used to have chow trk on that road.)
- 2307 - Fatal 6 ± 2 in CP-Inquire about plan. (Informed of status and arranged to get in here.)

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- 0055 - Line to Blue 2 CP out. Calls will go through Love Co.
- 0155 - King Co reports 8 civilians picked up at CP #5. They came from Kerbach. No other info received. Blue 2 to King Co-hold them until morning. Will pick them up then.
- 0210 - Love CP-Rep Blue 2 OP. All is quiet.

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0230 - King Co to Blue 2-Report on 8 men picked up-women and children being put in caves. Men inducted in German army. Some German patrols out. They have info on positions, etc.

0240 - Blue 2 to Green 6-8 Civilians in King Co. We need them here. Do you have 3/4 ton truck. I can get now to bring them here? Yes, send your driver here and we will pick them up and send them to you.

0300 - CP #7 rpts all is quiet.

0305 - Blue 2 to King 5-vehicles on way down to pick up civilians.

0310 - CP7L-all is quiet.

0425 - Blue 2 to Fatal IPW-8 civilians passed through our lines at Buschbach at 0155. They will be escorted down to you soon. They can give you locations of En troops and wps. Want to know route they took. Want to know if Krauts are in house or around area E of RJ and N of Buschbach.

0434 - Oper to Blue 2-Love outposts heard vehicles or tracked vehicles civilians brought to IPW at 0430 at 0320 at Grosblittersdorf.

0515 - OP7L-all is quiet.

0625 - Notified all Co's they are alerted each morning fr 0530 to 0830 unless notified differently by this Hqs.

0630 - King CP rpts OP7K-quiet all night.

0826 - Blue 2 to King 6-Patrols didn't run into anything. Outposts didn't even see or hear anything. 8 civilians came in dressed in white underwear over clothing. Was hard for outposts to recognize.

0832 - Blue 2 to Love 6-At 0645 heard noises in draw between King and Love. CP7K heard vehicles at Grosblittersdorf at 0445. Patrols didn't run into anything.

0842 - Blue 2 to Fatal IPW-Rec'd emplacements positions in town of Zinzing, 3 days ago. Passed behind villages through the fields. Estimate not more than 100 Krauts in towns passed. (Above is rpt of 8 civilians who passed through our lines) (IPW is still interrogating them and will give complete rpt later.)

0855 - Mag for Blue 2-requests a telescope be brought up after with their relief. Relayed by Love CP. )Line fr Love CP to CP7L is out-wiremen are working on it.)

0901 - Fatal 2 to Blue CP-Blue 3 rpts negative rpt on patrols. 8 civilians picked up. Now at IPW.

0907 - Operations memorandum #1-in re American P-47's being used by Germans.

0936 - Blue 2 to Love CP-wants snow suits back before 1200.

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1105 - A & P Sgt DaRue trying to get vehicle for mission fwd. 6 referred him to Motor officer.

1125 - OP7L-all quiet.

1500 - Blue 6 left OP.

1530 - Lt Kiel Item to Blue 5-Tanks have passed through this town at 1525.

1532 - Fagot to 243-Will fire within an hour.

1537 - 243 to FO Able and FO Baker-above msg #30. Able radio OK. Baker not too good. Visability only 400 yds.

1553 - Relayed fr M/Oen fr OP7K-Visability poor. No activity. (Can contact by calling OP5K) (Direct line is in to OP7L) If OP7L line given one, can contact by calling Love CP.

1555 - FO Baker to 243-Visability zero even on fwd slope. Only can see road.

1710 - Interrupt FO Able to FDC-on conc 317 first round 50 left. Two volleys for eff (50 over). Repeat fire for eff (50 right 50 short) En MG stopped firing. Tks called to come down. Our troops 300 yds fr objective. More are withdrawing.

1715 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Everything going as planned. 5 PW's.

1724 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Conc 317 so far 4 volleys for eff. MG stopped.

1740 - Blue 6 to Fatal 5-Conc on Able being find now. Mission complete. Believe no casualties. Captured 5 PW's. MG wiped out;

1748 - Blje 5 to King 6-Have 5 PW's at my CP now-Item patrol back. No casualties.

1750 - Blue CP to Lt Hughes-No change in wpns rpt.

1800 - Lt Paulson fr King Co to Blue 6-No casualties-5 PW's (Rpt to CP for meeting) Plt now leaving Buschbach. Adv right up to them (En) before discovered. Will see you later.

1817 - Lt Oleary to Blue 2-tanks have come back. Am waiting for Item 6-

1832 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Fatal 6 on way to White CP.

1834 - Blue 2 to fatal IPW-today captured 5 PW's. Will escort them down tonight.

1901 - Item 6 to Blue 6-Lt Paulson will be down soon. One man was hit in back. Do not believe serious. (Blue 6 gives 24 hr relief to Item plt in raid). Will have a critique tomorrow.

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1935 - 5 to Fatal 4 - In view of successful mission accomplished by around 40 men from I Co, can we get them something extra to eat above the ordinary ration? Call me Back (OK).

2150 - Fatal 3 to CP - Call fr Fame - you are directed to instruct your bridge guards before 0730 tomorrow AM that they will not halt mil vehicles in the area So of E-W grid line 53. Except such vehicles as arouse suspicion. No of E-W grid line 53 Bn CO can make his own rules. If he desires to halt suspicious vehicles, make all passengers keep their hands over heads until properly identified. (Fame 5 directive). Other items - fires close to bridges - fires will be 25 or 30 yds away from bridge. One man will cover bridge guard from concealed spot. If no concealed spot available, a fox hole will be dug and used. Men covering bridge guard are not alert.

2145 - Blue 6 to Faggot 6 - Have arty fires to request (has not been able to get 243 hea did not check with War room before leaving. Have some positions to fire on from prisoners. If we had TOT we would have had good change to get some of Co back in woods. We called for it, and thought it had been arranged. Reason they did not fire was visibility, plus white clothes. Am very displeased because we did not get fire. (We try to please you, you just can't be pleased). We would have (rather) TOT (a bunch of fire coming down at once, and gt, it, than have spasmodic fire coming down at a little at a time. (You can't be pleased, May). The FO on phone recommended not to fire it. But we put in fire to please you. We were all set to fire on anything that would impeded your progress. Will put in another patrol to see just what is in there (the woods). (No, don't do that, tell us what fire you want, and we will try to get some fire down for you. Co CP (44.8-62.4). 1st Co 107 Rpl Bn; Co position in logged in dugouts running generally directly E from Co position (CP) through woods for approx 300 yds. Last night they had a hot meal at 2330, by carrying parties from CP. 2330 should be a good time for firing on positions.

2300 - Fatal 4 to 5 - Coordinates not available, may get some German flour. May have some more over there in Kraut land. (May something come through. If find anything will send up.)

2350 - 6 to K 5 - think they are at a bridge. (What are we doing about mines being put in). (What are you doing about it?) (Too close to fire on 150 yds. Will call back.)

2356 - 6 to K - What do you think about it? (Well, don't think it will work, but should like to get someone to fire flare.) Why don't you fire a 60mm flare (never heard of it). Get at patrol and fire (shoot) hell out the area.

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0110 - King CP to Blue CP-Patrol went out as far as crossroad-found nothing. CP 4 called information in to King CP.

0216 - Blue 2 to CP7L-all quiet.

0246 - Fatal 3 to Blue CP-request the present doings-reported all was quiet.

0400 - Blue CP to Fatal War Room-all is quiet.

0748 - 243 to FO Able-visibility zero.

0844 - 243 to FO Baker-visibility zero.

0905 - 243 rpts to Blue 6-fired white phosphorous, delay fuze and quick fuse at locations where PW's rptd En troops.

0919 - Blue 2 to Love CP-Outposts recognized civilian but he took off to King's area.

0928 - Blue 2 to King 6-Caught 3 civilians down here. (4 other men and one woman started out fr Saarbrucken.) Passed through Li/xingen. Were part of German labor Bn. (5 PW's captured last night gave positions of En trps and their mess time.) We shot them some arty at that time. 3 Civilians will be up soon. 1 civilian here at CP now. Being questioned now and under guard of King Co runner. Will send him to IPW. Believe to be Kraut in civilian clothing.

0932 - Blue 2 to Fatal IPW-4 civilians being escorted to you some time today. (5 PW's of last night didn't know anything.) (3 PW's captrued by White last nite.) 1 of 4 civilians being escorted to you. Believe to be Kraut in civilian clothes.

0943 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-White captured 3 PW's on patrols near Sarrguemines.

0950 - Blue 3 to Love 6-One O per Co rpt to CP at 1400 for critique. Need 12 snow suits for patrol.

0958 - Blue 3 to Mike 6-Rpt to CP at 1400 for critique.

1018 - I Co-wants clearance to fire BAR's at 1300-1330.

1025 - Fatal 6 to 6-White patrol under Capt Torrance. Went back this AM. Got 3 men (PW's). Man who tracked down the man the other night. I'd like him at my CP at about noon. Sgt Durkin having critique at 1400 if you can have someone there. If Fame 38 directed to come will have guide at edge of town.

1030 - 6 to L-6--Can you get Sgt Durkin in (Yes). That situation is growing (discusses raid.) You figure on sending out a couple of patrols tonight to see the effects and gt what you can? Will set up an arty "no fire line". Get in as close as you can. Anything you need? Snow suits or anything? (NO) Will give you the time on est firing later.

1035 - 3 to Fatal 3-Want to do some test firing. Will you notify Fatima? (Yes.)  
1430 to 1600. Also notified: Green 5 and White 3 and Red 3.

1112 - CP7L-Just saw 4 men at (46.4-61.7) where trail comes off hill. Heading toward

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1112 - (cont'd) Lixing on the main road. Had long overcoats, not able to tell if they were soldiers or civilians. Were walking single file about 5 yds apart. (info to L Co-who will investigate.)

1130 - K 6 to CP-rpts Krauts roaming around in woods (5 of them seems like they are trying to draw small arms fire at 45.2-62.4)-called 243.

1146 - 243 to arty-asks to fire on #29 (one round smoke to adjust on.) Conc 320.

1220 - CP7L rpts: visibility very poor-also telephone line.

1253 - 5 to Fatal 4-What is the dope on brooms? Have had six issued since coming to France. Will get some to you-also waste may be had fr Mtr Pool.

1310 - Fatal 6 to CP-Will try and be at critique. (Will have guide at door.)

1325 - King 6 to Blue 2-Have captured 2 men of rpt #26. Amesending them to you.

1400 - CP7L-rpts En rounds of arty last 10 minutes landing west side of Grosbliederdorf. Visibility fair-about 1000 yds.

1520 - 243 to King 6-outposts haven't seen anything.

1530 - CP7L to Blue 2-no activity. About 40 min ago arty landed in Fox area. 4 rds. Visibility 1000 yds. Will be some activity tonight to your right.

1610 - Lt Calhoun OP to Blue 3-Saw muzzle blast at (43.8-62.4). Believe to be flat trajectory wpn. Probably an 88mm. 88 fired 4 rds to our lines (SW). I threw some mortar at him and he stopped firing. Believe 88 still in same position. Believe it to be SP.

1617 - Love 6 to Blue 2-none of my patrols-none of my patrols will be N of highway tonight.

1619 - King 6 to Blue 2-none of my patrols will be No of highway tonight.

1620 - 243 to FO Baker-mortar just hit 15 yds left of me. Must be our mortar. FO Baker cannot observe 88 at (43.8-62.4).

1624 - CP7L to CP-no activity. Visibility 1000 yds.

1641 - Blue 2 to King 6-Will send down 12 snow suits before 1930.

1720 - Item CP to Blue 3-En arty falling 400 or 500 yds W of Tenteling. 1st Plt Item in there at Tentling. Arty falling 4 or 5 rds every minute. 15 rds landed so far.

1723 - Blue 5 to CP 7 King-haven't observed or heard any Kraut arty.

1725 - Blue 3 to King 6-Be on the lookout for Kraut arty. Rptd any heard of obs.

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1730 - King 6 to Blue 3 - Few rounds hit on left flank. OP #5 heard a boom hit flash over towards Kerbach.

1734 - 243 to Blue 2 - Allowable time between 2300 and 0100. Can fire at that time. Blue 2 will notify differently if patrols time changes any.

1738 - King 6 to Blue 3 - OP #8 rpts arty coming fr rear and to the left of Kerbach.

1750 - Item Op to Blue 3 - have men checking az where arty is coming fr. They rpt 275. Impossible. Have them check again.

1756 - King 6 to Blue 3 - OP #10 and #5 picked up flashes at (44.4-64.4). #5 gave 25<sup>0</sup> and #10 gave 340<sup>0</sup> az. #10 estimates 2 miles.

1801 - Blue 3 to Love 6 - Have OP's check if Kraut arty is firing around grd square (44-66).

1804 - King 6 to Blue 3 - OP #10 rpts gun at Kerbach and to the rear. There are fw Krauts guns out there. One comes fr well to the rear of Conc 320.

1815 - Fatal 2 Jr to Blue 2 - Fatal 6 wants to know if any arty heard. Gave him what info we have.

1822 - Blue two to Fatal 3 - 15 rds up to 1720 in Tenteling 400 or 500 yds W of town. Have OP's working on az now.

1830 - Fatal 6 to Fatal 2 - red doesn't know anything about White's doings tomorrow. Hop right down there.

1835 - Fatal 2 Jr to Blue 2 - Rec'd rpt fr Fatima. Will fire at 2300 (40.7-62.1). At 2315 at (40.9-63.9). Fatal 6 wants you to check to see if that interfered with any of our plans. Fatima also sees flashes and is trying to tie it down. (42.3-61.2) in coordinates Fatima rpts En arty position. Blue 2 rpts Fatima firing at 2300 and at 2315 at above coordinates will not interfere with us.

1842 - Blue 2 to Fatima 2 - Your coordinates of En arty positions is our King Co area. Fatima arty will not bother our patrols tonight. Am working on az of En arty positions. If I can get them, I'll call you and we can interrupt.

1900 - Item OP to Blue 3 - Az 66<sup>0</sup> Mag fr RJ 3 of Kadenbronn. Timed 2 En shells. One took 23 seconds fr time fired till landed. Another 40 seconds to land. Believe fire to be coming fr Grosblittersdorf. En shells have landed to rear of Kadenbronn. Some West of Tenteling, and some fwd of Mike mortars.

1911 - Blue 3 to 243 in OP - Believe guns are plentiful and moving along whole front. Rpts are too scattered to pinpoint any gun.

1923 - FDC to 243 - (44.4-64.4) (43.8-62.4) Putting Corp TOT at 1935.

1930 - 243 to FDC - Won't fire unless you say OK. Will fire at (4.4-64.4) at 1935. Allowable time between 2300 and 0100.

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1939 - Love 6 to Blue 2-4 civilians up fr draw which leads to Lixingen. Will hold them at Love CP for you.

1945 - Fatal Sugar 8 for Blue 8-81 mm mortar, light is a critical item. None in Regtl dump. To this date more available. Will try to get some more in the morning.

1949 - Blue 2 to King 6-Patrols just left out. Few arty rds (En) fell in Buschbach tonight.

2005 - OP7L-rpts 8 planes to the town E and to my right about 1/2 hr. Grosblittersdorf Only saw reflection.

2048 - Item 5 to Blue 3-CP #9 has spotted blue pale light in Lixingen. CP 900 yds fr there. Says light is steady. Can't tell what part of town. It's snowing.

2050 - Blue 3 to Love 6-Patrols are all back.

2100 - 243 to FDC-fire Battery 1 rd in Lixingen. 2 rds WP and 2 rds HE. 8 rds total On the way at 2108. Time flight 28 seconds. CP #9 rpts to the left 200 yds. Light is out in Lixingen.

2131 - Love 6 to Blue 3-Still have 4 civilians here. Will keep them till in the morning.

2135 - Blue 3 to King 5-No more rpts form OP's. Snowing pretty hard.

2137 - Blue 6 to King 5-Had 3 men 300 yds down road last nite and couldn't hear any digging. Patrol of 6 men listening posts for tonight haven't reported in as yet.

2236 - 243 to FDC-patrols all clear.

2242 - Fatal IPW to Blue 2-Civilians formerly in French army. Btry of 4 pieces of 88's at (42.9-67.9). Shootings at Morsbach for 3 wks. At edge of woods in cemetery. 24 hrs ago. one 88 at (42.1-67.1) last nite. 3 French 75's (39.95-67.40). Next to smokestacks. Still 3 there now. Believe one knocked out. SS police and 300 men quartered at (41.15-66.70) at beer hall. Bunker at (41.9-66.5) top of hill. M/Cen 25 wires leading to Bunker. SS Police are now stirring up women and children to be sent back to Reich. Was in 42 Arty. Civilians knows his stuff. Has papers. French Militaire. War in Metz. Has French soldier book. Taken prisoner in 1940. All papers in perfect order. Real soldier. (Mag sent to Fagot 3<sup>rd</sup> by 243)

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0200 - Fatal to Blue CP-request present situation. Reported all is quiet.

0202 - CP 76-Blue CP-nothing to report.

0220 - Kin 5 to Blue 3-ready to move out.

0225 - Blue CP to Fagot FD-check on firing in King Co. Patrolling area, nothing being fired.

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0710 - CP7L-nothing to report.

0825 - K 5 to 2-9 PW's in, 3 in uniform. Our patrol got back from Kerbach OK. 20 En in woods around Kerbach. No patrol saw a live Kraut last nite.

0920 - 2d Plt M: Ruhling: Skethc of position.

1011 - Love 6 to CP-when will you pick up 4 civilians? (Right away.)

1027 - OP7L-quiet, only firing is our own artillery-checking on base points. visibility pretty good-1000 yards.

1123 - Blue 2 to Blue 3-EN Op moved to old mill at (44.65-63.00). Tonight will change his plts around, 1st and 3d plts into woods left of R of stream. 36 yrs old. Will get everything out of Lixingen, except 4 or 5 men. Still got people in that house. 500 meters SE of old mill will be new position. At Christmas they had 120 men. Now they have 90. 1st Co 107th. Lt Strummier is Co Comdr.

1128 - CP7L to CP\*no activity past hr. Visibility still fair.

1215 - Blue 2 to Blue 3-Has a few En MG positions in Fatima area. Will see you later

1256 - Blue 6 left CP for King Co, then Love Co. Will then be back to CP at 1600 to meet Fatal 6.

1315 - CP7L-nothing to report.

1445 - Fatima White 2 to Blue 2-one O and 2 men coming over to you to get info on terrain. Will go to Buschbach.

1500 - Notes fr Critique of Raid made by Item.

1504 - Blue OP to M/Cen-Get 1 driver warmly dressed and jeep fr motor pool to go to CP immediately for mission with Blue 3.

1514 - CP7L to Blue 2-Firing at Fox Co was test firing of 50 cal. Visiblity poor.

1523 - Blue 6 in CP-order to Item and Love-King Co to be relieved on line by Item. Relief will start no later than 1200, 9 Jan 45 and to be completed by 2400, 9 Jan 45. All non-organic wpns to be left in position. Also extra amc. King Co to occupt village occupied by Item.

1601 - King 5 to 243-Pillboxes behind house that Item raided. Want conc. on them on call tonight. (44.7-62.3) approx position of pillboxes. (243 will contact Blue 6 on exact position. Patrols will operate.)

1616 - King 6 to 243-wants conc 320 on call. Blue 6 sats OK. Patrol ldr wants 1 rd on conc 320 on call.

1620 - 243 to FDC-wants conc 320 on call. 318 conc 150 yds NE of there. Conc 320 not one wanted. 243 gives 44.7-62.3 for exact conc. Approx 100 yds N of house.

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1628 - 243 to King 6-Conc tonight will be Fagot X on call. At coordinates (44.7-62.3). Fagot FDC is informed. King 6 informs will take off at 1730. Fire Conc X on call.

1639 - Blue 6 orders no fire at (44.65-63.00) En OP for tonight. Leave then get settled first.

1640 - Blue 6 to King 6-King Co will go up and near where Item pulled raid within an hr. Only 5 or 6 men in Lixingen. Love Co spotted 2 or 3 there today. Patrols today at edge of Lixingen to building. Heard what they believed sentry and then withdrew. Blue 6 wants to know where Krauts are in Lixingen. What bldgs, etc. Some of En wish to give up but can't. Might give them some terms. If you hear any noises down there, rpt them to OP.

1649 - OP7L rpts visibility poor.

1655 - Blue 2 to Fatal IPW-where they come fr (two civilians.)

1707 - 243 to Fagot-(44.50-62.85) (45.06-62.48) Div TOT-WP and fuze delay, fuze quick. Smoke to keep out of holes. Blue 6 will have listening posts to call above conc.

1711 - Blue 2 to Love 6-2330 will be our one patrol. Will not be N of NE highway.

1715 - Blue 2 to King 6-no patrols N of rd tonight.

1720 - Fatal IPW to Blue 2-200 SS police still at bear hall at (41.15-66.70).

1726 - Fagot 3 to 243-approx 60 Kraut will be at (45.06-62.48). Will fire Div TOT on call.

1726 - 243 to Item OP-no patrols N of rd.

1728 - King 5 to 243-X mission has started. Will call you later.

1730 - Fagot 5 to 243-3 Bns TOT on call fr listening posts. Will harass area all nite at (44.50-62.85)-(45.06-62.48).

1748 - 243 to Fagot 3-King 5 on the other phone alerts for Conc X (44.7-62.3). 243 alerting Btry for 1 rd on Conc X. Patrol of 8 now passing OP #10 on way to objective (1800). Have passed OP about 6 or 7 minutes now. Close to road. Are attacking now, throwing grenades, etc, but no wire comm (don't know where the wire team is, probably got lost.) Still throwing WP grenades. OP #8-you can see the house pretty plain, (Yes). OP 8, did King get there? (Yes). Red flares went up. Jerrys in house, no return fire yet. King is down past OP 8. No activity down there at all.

1817 - No activity, may mean that they are on the way back. (King) can see arty flashes of to the left. OP-have you a compass? (no) Flashes a way off-now an arty shell to our left, close.

1821 - cont'd-Must have been the one I saw-blinded me for a second. Have you obsd

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1821 - cont'd-anything since that flash? (No) Will the ptrl pass you on the way back? Don't think so. I'll tell you when they come in. The man closed on the phone-thinks they are on the way back. K-6 started on way back to CP-1833C-Hello King, what's cooking, anything? Nothing. Down below CP 8 on their wire-did you pass these two trees on the way up? Are you going to move up the tree line? I'll meet you there-1836-You don't want the arty? OK, clear the arty. They have passed CP 8 on the way back. Don't think they got anything. Just went down and shot the hell out of the place. Will let you know when Lt Marshall gets back.

1902 - Red 2 to CP-anything out of the ordinary going on today or tonight? (Just a repetition tonight of our party of the other night-Some PW info is causing us to listen for some activity tonight, and if it occurs will throw some Arty. Nothing else out tonight.

1912 - CP7L-a light off to right front-might be a flare, about 1000yds to right front, about 60 az. Visibility pretty good.

2000 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-Fame had rpt fr Hardpan, arty of Hickory, tracked vehicles around CP #98 around red.

2002 - 3 to Plt Guide Tetling-no vehicles of any kind in here.

2005 - 3 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -No tracked vehicles. We pulled another deal on that same place, do not have complete rpt yet-will let you know.

2008 - CP7L rpts all quiet.

2012 - CP to K-any final dope on raid? (Lt Marshall not in yet, will let you know) (That new bazooka shell is damned good.)

2043 - CP #7 (K6) rpts jeep stuck on top of hill-will have info later.

2110 - Red 3 to CP-Inquires about tracked vehicles in Tetling. (informed him)

2150 - Pvt Lincoln to CP-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton w/winch and chains-be there by 0700 at K CP.

2230 - CP7L-Rpts all quiet. Visibility pretty good.

2359 - CP7L-rpts all quiet. Visibility about 10 feet.

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0003 - Blue 3 to Love CP-Request information of patrols-Love replies patrols not returned as yet.

0109 - Blue 3 to Love CP-Both ptrls returned-nearly impossible to see-made no contact. One went to bridge. Other report-didn't enter orchard. They were about 400 yds fr town. Made no contact. Saw nothing or heard nothing.

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0130 - Blue 5 to Love OP- next patrol going out at 0430. Blue 6 wishes the patrol to get down close.

0150 - Fatal to Blue CP-request latest developments-Blue 3 rpts our patrols have not picked up anything.

0204 - CP 7 to Bleu CP-nothing to rpt-visibility picked up a little.

0300 - Blue OP to Fatal OP-no news, all quiet.

0305 - Love OP to Blue OP-all quiet.

0400 - Love OP to Blue CP-nothing to rpt.

0500 - Blue CP to Fatal-all is quiet.

0600- Blue CP to Fatal-nothing to rpt.

0706 - King CP to Blue CP-Have 7 civilians and 1 German Sol at CP-come fr Kerbach will send vehicles down.

0715 - CP7L-Few star flares in front of Fox area.

0740 - Blue 1 to Blue 2-will send 1 1/2 ton truck to pick up Krauts and civilians at daylight.

0742 - Blue 2 to King CP-17th Arty regt-used to be in Buschbach. Rpt of PW at King CP.

0830 - King CP to Blue CP-17 civilians of which 2 are wounded, 1 French C and 1 German soldier here. (Am sending 1 1/2 ton down there.)

0841 - CP7L rpts-located pillbox at (46,9-61.6). Square emplacements. Lots of footprints around it this morning. Had seensomeone go into brush, believe to be Kraut around Pillbox.

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0850 - Blue/to Love 6-Patrols last night up to buildings in center of Lixingen. No signs of Krauts. Love Co also observed some pillboxes as Rpt #17.

0854 - King 6 to Blue 2-1 1/2 ton just left my CP w/civilians and Krauts.

0859 - Blue 2 to Fatal IPW-have a shipment of civilians, 1 French C and 1 Kraut on way up to you.

0926 - Lt Mihalikas to 5-About pass signed by 5 (OK)

1056 - CP7L-rpt all quiet. Visibility about one km.

1050 - Two French Civilians picked up on way in fr Metzling.

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- 1010 - Lt Jones Green to 3-Can we get the two Thompson SMG clips? (will send back.)
- 1040 - CP7L Rpts-another pillbox observed at (47.6-62.2). Covers rd between Lixingen and Grosblittersdorf. No activity. Wall camouflaged.
- 1145 - CP7L-visibility good. Nothing to rpt.
- 1205 - 2 to CP-send jeep to IPW for some people that 6 wants up there for questioning. Also a guard.
- 1206 - 3 to Journal-recd plans for withdrawal w/overlays.
- 1315 - (45.3-62.4)-small arms fire w/AN coming from this area. One round smoke to adjust. Conc 322. 2 volleys for effect (TOT). Will wait till they show some activity. Fire to left of CP #8 w/ AN-near open space. Fire perfect, ran some men move but don't think any made holes. (King 6 to CP).
- 1340 - CP7L-rpts all clear. Visibility good.
- 1341 - Rpt fr CP7L-Pfc Davis-rpts following obs-(47.3-61.7) concrete emplacements. (46.8-62.3) 8 to 12 feet turret shaped object. (46.8-62.4) saw truck or wooden shacks edge of woods behind above turret shaped object. 4 wire fences, 2 to 4 wire strand close together at (46.0-62.2) running across hill fr the left. 500 or 600 yds long. At (48.2-61.6) a tall chimney "probably CP" at N end of Grosblittersdorf.
- 1436 - CP7L to CP-our Ln plane flying overhead of draw between Lixingen and Grosblittersdorf. En small arms 70° az fr CP flying at plane. Also small arms fire coming fr woods at 20° az firing at arty Ln plane at 1425.
- 1451 - Blue 2 fr Fatima White-Fatima White doing same thing as last night. Will coordinate with your left Co.
- 1507 - Fagot 3 to 243-any objective to firing propoganda over Lixingen? (NO.) Will fire 8 rde. Factory will fire.
- 1525 - Blue 3 rpts he put in a request to Fatal thru Divarty for a no fire on Kerbach unless cleared through Fatal Blue Bn.
- 1537 - FO Able to 243-Leaflets dropped in Lixingen.
- 1540 - Blue 2 to Fatima White CP-rpt #46.
- 1606 - Lt Calhoun to Blue 2-want to test fire at 50 cal. Am at Kadenbronn. (Blue2 will check if it is all right.)
- 1624 - CP7L-visibility fair. Clearly 400 or 500 yds. All is quiet.
- 1637 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-coordinated patrols of Fatima White and Fatal Blue for tonight, around Kerbach.

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1646 - Blue 2 to Love 6-patrols not N of rd tonite. Every morning at 0815 we can hear En arty sound off w/ 12 to 15 rds approx fr Zinning. Rec'd about 12 En arty rds in Roubling today, today. Our patrols tonite will go in and about Lixingen but will not enter buildings till tomorrow nite.

1656 - Blue 2 to Item 6-Patrols tonite not N of rd. Fatima White ptrls will go W of Kerbach.

1658 - Blue 2 to 243-no patrols N of rd tonight.

1705 - 243 to Fagot 3-no firing line for tonight 500 yds N of woods.

1708 - CP7L-all is quiet.

1710 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2- 1 PW, 5 wks old deserter, in Buschbach-17th Arty Regt SS. Goes to Kerbach after Krauts left. Bunch of civilians came fr Kerbach under leadership of French Lt. We have French Lt here who has good dope. Will keep him here to build up some plans. Tomorrow we probably will reduce house that Item raided. Patrols tonight normal. Fatal patrol 1200 yds E of Love patrol tonite. Warn King and Love against 4 or 5 of our boys in their area tomorrow morning or tomorrow night. Want your patrol rpts before early morning.

1727 - Blue 2 to Item 6-warns against Fatal Patrol of Rpt #58.

1905 - CP7L-nothing to report.

1919 - 2 to K 6-Do you have some snow clothes? (Yes, 10 or 12 suits) Will have them picked up.

1920 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Have been talking w/6 to sell him the I & R. He likes the idea, and will use them when they are free.

1935 - Requested Item SB to get a rpt 10 min before each hour fr CP #7L.

1936 - Notes on 2d Bn Raid on Lixingen.

2005 - 2 orders Sgt Stuft to gather together the 3 Frenchman and bring them to the CP at once.

2106 - CP7-auto wpsn fire to left front fr 1 to 2 miles.

2250 - Fire near Hq Co Ki-Sent Samuels and Catron (Under control at 2300.)

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0107 - Fatal War Room to Blue CP-request present activity-rpt--all quiet

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0116 - CP7 to Blue CP-all quiet.

0140 - King Co patrol leader reported into CP-talking with Blue 6 and Blue 2.

0215 - Love Co CP #7 to Blue 2-no activities.

0218 - Item Co-all is quiet.

0250 - Blue 2 to Fatal War Room-gives information on returned patrols.

0330 - CP #7 reports all OK.

0638 - CP7L-at 0630 heard 3 or 4 bursts EN MG fire fr Lixingen.

0634 - Love 6 to Blue 2-Captured 2 Krauts. Say there are 40 Krauts in Lixingen. Set off one of our booby traps. Patrol of 0430 picked them up. Were working outposts. 1 patrol still in Lixingen. Heard EN MG fire fr that vic.

0658 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2-Fatal 6 will hold meeting at Blue CP w/Red, White, and Blue 6 at 0845. Also Red 2, 3 and White 2, 3 and Blue 2, 3.

0703 - Item 6 to Blue 2-Fatima patrol rpts pillboxes not manned west of town. CP 9 rpts friendly MG fire to R at 0200.

0708 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-patrols on R to Lixingen. Kerbach will be known as X fr now on. King patrols rpt trip wires up to edge of town. End bldg believed to be En CP. Request some old civilian shoes for our patrols. Contact Fame 2 for me on that. Hobnails would be all right. GI boots too much identification.

0811 - CP7L rpts-all is quiet. Visibility good.

0817 - Love 6 to Blue 2-2d patrols got to 2 yds of RJ of Lixingen. En threw 2 hand grenades and MG opened up on them. No casualties. Withdrew then. 30 Krauts in one house in Lixingen. PW's showed an outpost to Love 6.

0833 - Fatal 3 rpts that Fagot will test fire small arms 1000 today vic White Bn.

0854 - Blue 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  left on mission to Sarreguemines.

0919 - CP7L-1 En arty piece fired 1 rd fr Behren at 1900 aor 2000. Visibility fair to Kerbach and Behren.

0920 - Fatal 2 calling for Blue 2-Please call back when finished w/meeting.

1005 - 243 left CP for Fagot (can contact at Fagot CP or FDC)

1013 - Blue Ln 0 left CP for IP w/2 PW's picked up by Love Co this morning.

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1016 - OP7L-No En activity-our arty threw 6 rds into Lixingen.

1048 - Blue CP to all Co's-Test firing fr 1430 to 1600 called off.

1057 - Fatal 2 to Blue CP-One P-51 will be flying at a very low altitude fr 1145 to 1215 in our area. Photo ren.

1120 - OP #7L-rpts all quiet.

1305 - Fatal 3 to 6-no fire lines fr AW as requested by Fatima.

1340- Pagot 5 to CP-visibility poor on those positions. Will go into position now. But will probably not be able to do any good-(Blue 6 orders not to go to position but stay in assembly area until able to do some good.)

1410 - Item OP to Blue CP-Fatima receiving no fire at all.

1429 - OP7L-nothing to rpt.

1440 - 243 left for CP in town.

1453 - OP7L-rpts Fatima receiving no fire. Attacking N.

1457 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-warn Love Co Fatal patrol of 8 going down to river tonite.

1530 - Meg fr Fatal 6-Gas consumption must be curtailed immediately. Check on unnecessary use of your vehicles in your unit.

1531 - OP7L-nothing to rpt.

1523 - Fatal 2 to 2-On shoe deal, do you still need? (Tomorrow will be alright) Get 12 pairs.

1550 - M-6 to CP-anything going on? (Gave him the info #44-checked with 2, nothing else)

1603 - CP to I-hasn't been able to pick up anything around Kerbach. Visibility good. But can't see any activity. Base point at Right of Kerbach. 5 arty shells landed near base point. 6 rounds just fell now-1607. Seems to be SA fire on left (high ground) of Kerbach based on sound.

1612 - OP7I-running account: About 5 minutes ago drew AW fire fr pillbox. 1 Plt Fatima about 200 yds fr pillbox. Plt now going into scattered formation. At 1619 some more AW fire fr pillbox. 2 scouts out about 150 yds fr pillbox on top of ridge. None of the plt taking cover. Platoon hitting ground at 1622. Can't see scouts. At 1623 one scout at and investigating pillbox. Pillbox W of Kerbach. En MG firing fr Behred. At 1635 plt still on ground. Haven't moved. Now more troops approaching rd same as plt used. Saw muzzle blast of MG fr house S of Behren. Sustained MG fire.

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1612 - cont'd - Small arms fire started again at 1643. At 1655 visibility fogging in. Will call back if anything further observed.

1636 - Blue 6 informs: Mag fr Factory: Have cleared w/our regt to dynamite a few ach-ach positions S of Metzling.

1740 - Fatal 3 to CP-Blue 3 has arranged a contact point w/White Bn 3 of Fatima. Fatima white is lending a patrol of theirs. F Co to meet our plt at designated pt. F should be at point in approx 2 hrs. (May be a little later). Will remain at pt and wait for our ptrl. 3 to send our contact ptrl to pt approx 2 hrs and await arrival of F patrol. In re their people being in that town-Kerbach-claim not known if they are. A plt is in a fight W of town, and may have sent people around there to flank Krauts. Have been ordered not to go in town. Situation may be that some of their men were taken prisoner and were taken into that town by Krauts.

1800 - 3 to I 6-(Saw F-6 just a little while ago and said he would not do any patroling.) Point is at (43.2-61.8). (They had a plt at the pillbox by Behren-Kerbach. They got pasted by 88's and I don't know what they are going to do, pull back of go ahead.) (They gt orders not to go into town.)

1802 - 2 orders jeep go to Hundling. Fatal White OP to pick up all their white clothes and bring them back here.

1804 - CP7L-rpts all quiet.

1810 - I 6 to CP-Ptrl is arranged for, but cannot contact by phone. Think they pulled back to Behren.

1849 - Item 6 to CP-have com w/Co on left Fox Fatima. Patrol of Item will contact them at 2300.

1917 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Fr L to R, Love on objective, King on objective, Item still in town. Am determined to take it tonight. Shoving Charley to R of Item. George wound up behind Item. Easy out-pasting little town (Behren) cleaning it up. Fox on R on objective. Any force which may have been seen between 2 towns was patrol investigating En fire. Nothing in Kerbach. (Fatal 3 says Blue Bn won't do anything tonite, that's definite.)

1924 - 243 to Fagot 3-no patrols N of rd tonite fr Blue Bn.

1945 - K CP to CP-1st Sgt wants jeep to shuttle men back to their plts. Contacted K who ordered jeep back to Co for shuttle. (notified M/Q to send runner to notify and have driver rpt to CP here after shuttle completed.

1953 - I 6 to CP-heard withdrawing vehicle from in front of that house toward Kerbach. 10 min ago.

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2207 - Fatal 3 to 3-How are things? (OK). Do you know where they (Fatima) are? (Yes). Keep your men's eyes open-may be in precarious position. (Will call their 3 tomorrow in morning and see if we can straighten the thing out.) OK, call me the first thing.

2247 - I 6 to 2-Have PW, may have some info for you. Says 50 in Kerbach. (Will send down and get them) He came out of Kerbach tonight.

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0110 - Civilian prisoner brought to OP to be questioned.

0200 - Blue 2 to Fatal-nothing to rpt.

0215 - OP7L-nothing to rpt.

0315 - OP7L-all is quiet.

0729 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Got 1 P W yesterday. Hid in Kerbach for a yr deserting German army. Keeping him here as he has valuable info incl mortar, MG, positions etc. in Kerbach. No rpt on patrols as yet.

0730 - Love OP to Blue 2-Patrol last nite covered same distance as nite before but no En activity. Heard 5 shots fr left flank at approx 2030. Blue 2 rpts PW Msg #11 escaped fr Kerbach at that time, hit a trip wire and drew some En SA fire.

0742 - Item OP to Blue 2-Nothing to rpt on patrols.

0744 - Blue 2 to Blue Ln at Fatal-Msg for Fatal 2-negative rpt on patrols last nite.

1008 - Fatal 2 to 2-Do you know what you are going to do? (Waiting for orders) Will get shoes for you.

1015 - OP7L-nothing to rpt. Visibility poor.

1030 - Fatal 6 to 6-How are things going down there? Did you get any more info? (Do you see hill in between Kerbach and the other town?) Can't keep town unless we have the hill. Tough for nite operations. Do not need the hill if we have both towns. What will you do with town-it is out of your zone. Can keep it or turn it over to Fatima. How about supply? Could keep in our own zone. Can show you on map or send it back by my 3-3. Will probably have to wait until someone tell us what to do. Don't want to extend front lines any more than we are. We could probably do it easier than Fatima. All plans made, etc. Will come up and see you shortly.

1054 - Fatal 2 to 2-Have a sketch of X, is it yours? if any help needed, can have 8 in guns in support. Will let you know about that.

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- 1714 - Blue 6 to Item 5-936 radio will be on hand in 20 min. Will be needed before that time. Item radios working properly to be used. Item 6 informed of plans of White to withdraw fr Behren and establish MLR on hill behind Kerbach. TNT to be used in digging positions. King raiding party notified to jump off-
- 1745 - Blue 6 to Item 6-no call as yet from raiding party. Plt moved past outposts.
- 1827 - King 6-fire concentration Kawa.
- 1829 - on the way.
- 1829 - Litter squad from Item. 1 casualty-cause unknown.
- 1834 - King 6-party discovered-withdrawing.
- 1838 - FireAble and Baker Conc.
- 1846 - No fire rd-nothing in either house. Man shot accidentally.
- 1848 - Fatima White 3 to Blue 3-begin withdrawal.
- 1858 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-raid completed. request recn.
- 1859 - Blue 6 to Item 6-Have King Co check in CP on return. White moving into Busch-back. Check?
- 1902 - Fatal 3 to Blue 6-no recon planned for Kerbach-go ahead with plans.
- 1836 - OP7L-Our arty barrage at 45° az landing continually since 1830.
- 1838 - 243 to FDC-Cease fire on "Kawa". Fire on Able and Baker. On the way at 1840. At 1841 cease all fire.
- 1850 - Blue 3 to Fatima White 3-They're just pulling out. Had been in houses. We're all through. Notified outposts and will be looking out for you.
- 1917 - OP7L-visibility closing in-nothing to rpt.
- 1921 - 243 to FDC-no fire line for tonight.
- 2000 - Fatal Mtr 0 to 5-about those trucks (3). Will you need them tomorrow. (Don't think so, will let you know about 0900 tomorrow.)

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0010 - King 6 to Blue 6-Fatal Blue 6 found out that Item patrol was sent out by mistake. Don't want patrol to feel bad about not getting Krauts. They followed plans. Critique will be at 1400 tomorrow at beer hall in town of CP. Patrol excused fr all duties until 0800, 13 January 1945.

0101 - Fatal 3 to Blue CP-hourly.rpt-Blue CP had nothing to rpt.

0210 - Blue 6-Item CP-Blue 2<sub>2</sub>-wants them to enter city any way possible even by rear. Talk to civilians-will get back information tomorrow morning. If that isn't possible, hide out and return following morning.

0211 - Item 6-Blue 6-wants to know if it is necessary to take civilians along on ptrl. Ceil speaks to Blue 2<sub>2</sub> and Blue 2<sub>2</sub> decides it best to take only one-Idome 6 thinks useless and in the way.

0214 - Blue 2-Item 6-hold patrol until Blue 6 reaches your CP.

0249 - Fatal War Room-Blue CP-request latest developments-Blue 2 reported all quiet at present but will have patrol report in a few hours.

0308 - Blue 6-Blue 3-arrived at Item CP-patrol ready to move out.

0350 - Blue 3 to Blue 6 at Item CP-Ran into a pillbox. 1 man shot in leg and grenade fragment in head. Not too bad. (Rpt on Love patrol)

0554 - Item 6 to Blue 2-Last patrol Item still staggering in. Rec'd EN MG fire, rifle fire, and hit mine field. One wounded man and Blue 2<sub>2</sub> still missing fr patrols. Believe C still in town. Probably captured. Sending out for wounded man. Will now talk to Blue 6 who is here.

0607 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Patrol just ret'd fr town. 1 man wounded. 10 missing at time of ret. Blue 6 to be notified and measures to be taken at once. Drew fire fr position west of town and encountered unknown minefields. Houses rpt'd to be initially occupied by King patrol now apparently occupied. Love patrol rpts occupied position. 1 man wounded.

0700 - CP7L-heard rifle grenades-believed to be ours.

0713 - FC Baker-243; CP 5 rpts 2 men on outskirts of Kerbach. Believed to be wounded from Item patrol-yelling for help. Item 6 and FC Baker requests harrasing fire of 8 or 9 rds. One rd/min for 15 minutes-1 Btry start. FC Baker went to his CP. Item has patrol out looking for men now.

0730 - Item 5 to 243-2 shells at rear Kerbach and some (believed to be mortar) in center of town. FDC says Conc being fired. 2 rds on the way 0735-CP says rds fell back of town in draw to left. Plan to harass EN while patrol reaches wounded men-on the way 0740. Blue 6 at Item CP says continue conc Charley. At 0744 Btry fired 3 rds. Mortar CP says visibility poor-can't obscure.

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0802 - Blue 6 to CP-contact Fatima White Hq and warn them all men of our patrol are not in yet. Have one wounded man out and trying to reach him.

0851 - 243 to I 5-We got a rpt that you said you wanted arty fire stopped. (Yes). (Have cover, fog, and didn't need it for a while.) Will give you fire all you want.

0913 - Blue 3 to Lt Calhoun-If you see Mike 6, have him rpt to critique at 1400.

0919 - Blue 3 to Fatal CP-will have critique at 1400. Have 1 O rpt down.

0941 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-have 1 civilian here who accompanied patrols last nite.

0942 - Item 6 to Blue 3-Blue 2<sub>1</sub> wounded by mine. 1 other dead and 2 wounded last night's patrols. (Checked w/Medics)

0958 - CP7L-visibility very poor, 200 yds-heard motor vehicle or trucks and dog barking at Grosblittersdorf.

1004 - Love 6 to Blue 2-Patrol got pass woodpile and EN throw grenades, and rifle fire. 1 man wounded. Patrol fired on Krauts but don't know if they got any. Dug-outs along terrace towards town. Couldn't tell where grenades came fr at woodpile. CP #5 rpts lots of vehicles at Grosblittersdorf.

1005 - CP7L-all is quiet.

1008 - CP7L-haven't heard any vehicles at Grosblittersdorf for past 15 min. Rifle grenades rptd this morning were heard by outpost #75.

1017 - Blue 3 to Blue 6 at Item CP-gives rpt on condition of Blue 2<sub>2</sub>.

1020 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Love patrol moved into position and encountered EN rifle fire and grenades (concussion). 1 man wounded. Krauts still there. 1st patrol to Kerbach unsatisfactory. 2d patrol was rdn and 3d patrol led by Blue 2<sub>2</sub> got to house, 1st one on rd this side of RJ. Civilian opened door and Kraut inside alarmed others in callar. Patrol then withdrew. Got to edge of orchard, flares went up. Ran into a mine. Patrol became disorganized. Later sent out rescue patrol. Found 1 dead and 3 wounded. Krauts still there.

1140 - Fatal IPW to Blue 2-What about French C here. (Will talk to Blue 6 about him.) IPW moving back to Fatal. 200 civilians today fr quarry. Came through Fox Co.

1157 - Blue 3 to Item 5-1 O rpt to CP for Critique at 1400. Charley Co put mines in W of Buschbach before snow fell. Want them removed. Between Fatima and 2d Platoon Fatima lost 2 men and 2 wounded today trying to remove anti-personnel mines.

1255 - Div Arty to CP-Clearance given to Div Arty to fire into Lixing.

1315 - CP7L rpts-visibility good up to 1000 yds at 1200 today.

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1526 - CP7L-visibility poor. 500 yds visibility. Nothing to rpt.

1645 - I let Sgt to 2-Engra blow that minefield to the left of the road today, and didn't tell us anything about it. (3 says mines were laid by Red Bn and they were going to blow it.) Just blow a path through it, and took a 2 1/2 T truck through. (Will find out and let you know.)

1500 - CP7L-nothing to rpt.

1530 - Blue 4 to Blue 5-transport civilians to Melbach. 4 suggests contact Mr Yost.

1535 - Blue 5-Civil Affairs-transport civilian dead.

1733 - Blue 1-Blue 5-use of vehicles to transport civilians.

1750 - Mag to all Mess Sgts fr Blue 5.

1758 - Fatal 3 1/2 to 5-Please let us know if you have any change in your "no fire line."

1753 - 3 to all Co's-alert on pending visit of Fame 6.

1847 - CP7L-nothing to rpt.

1958 - Blue 5-Mr Yost to see 5 tomorrow morning.

2155 - L 6 to 2-Heard a motor start and idle. Other patrol rpt pans rattling at about 2100. (This in with previous rpts fr Red Bn that a chow trk used to come up about the same time.) Ptrl went out the new way didn't hear much. Ptrl that went around to the right also heard dogs barking.

2200 - CP7L-Some S/A fire about 0950 from 45° about 1000 yds out. Everything quiet before and after.

2307 - Fatal 3 to Cp: at 0800 at 98 and 97 will be a plt of TD's; in position. Warn your people.

2305 - I 5 to 2-anything going on in Kerbach? Our CP: rpt S/A and MG fire around Kerbach. We cked w/ F Co and they are not doing anything. They got excited and start shooting, perhaps shooting at civilians trying to come through. (Be sure and be on watch for civilians and arrest them; send to us under guard.) OK.

2307 - 2 to Fatal 2-Anything going on in Kerbach? Our CP's rpt S/A and MG fire. Just got a rpt fr Fame 2 1/2-"15 or 20 Km heading toward Saarbrucken saw Mtr Olmn of 100 trks estimated to be capable of carrying at least 2000 trps." May or may not mean some thing. One possiblity fr PW rpts of civilians we sent through, and came back today said the talk was a Co t Grosblittersdorf. "May be 2d Co 107th. These people saw lots of vehicle tracks, did not go into town, but turned into woods and hills. Many foot tracks may indicate a new Bn may have moved in there. Maybe they figure we are going to atk, and that a new identification would confuse us. We know they have 90 men in

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2307 - cont'd. Zinzing. Most of our PW agree on about the same information but mostly things we already had. Up in the N they captured nearly all of our supply dumps. (Anything comes up in the night will let you know) (We have four civilians here we may release tomorrow.)

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0100 - Fatal War Room-blue CP-request present information on situation. Informed Fatal all was quiet.

0955 - OP #7 rpts-2 rds arty fell in behind them but believed to be our falling short.

0300 - Blue CP to Fatal War Room-nothing to report.

0537 - Item 6-8 rds arty fell in town (0525). Seemed to come from behind. Request check with our arty.

0545 - Fagot Fire direction will check.

0600 - Fatal War Room gave 6 and 7.

0610 - OP7L-nothing to report.

0644 - Item 6-arty concentration at (44.5-61.2) approx 0640. Outpost reported seemed to be our arty. 0640.

0645 - Gave Item and Love the following message: "A TD platoon will take up position near Tentelingen and Kadenbroan at 0800. Don't be alarmed at the noise they will cause.

0825 - Item 6-Blue 3-3oord AT guns (42.4-61.3) (42.7-61.2) (43.1-60.9) (44.3-61.0) (44.8-60.6).

0837 - Family requests permission to fire base point 39.5-63.6-granted.

0845 - OP7L-visibility good-nothing to report.

1010 - OP7L-visibility good-nothing to rpt.

1117 - Blue 3-Mike CP (Mike 6) Lt Ford to come to CP at 1315.

1203 - Blue 3-Fatal 3-Status of TD platoon still indefinite.

1207 - Blue 2-Love 6-Strictly rcn contemplated for tonight-2 patrols special shoes red.

1208 - OP7L-visibility good-nothing rpt.

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- 1211 - Red 3-some test firing-3/A and automatic wpsns-to be done at Disbling.
- 1417 - All companies notified of test firing to be done by Red.
- 1500 - Fatal 8 to CP-Heard prolonged fire to our N. What is it? (Red Bn test firing.)
- 1520 - Fatal 6 to OP: Will be there before 1600.
- 1523 - Friendly bombers proceeding NE over OP-in great strength.
- 1539 - OP7L-visibility good. nothing to rpt.
- 1707 - OP7I rpts SP gun moved into position (4.7-64.3).
- 1712 - OP can adjust fire.
- 1721 - On the way-500 short-way over-HE-100L, 100 over-, R 150, Effect Bn 1 rd. Conc No 336-completed at 1735. Fire maseed OK-damage not obsd. (Poor visibility).
- 1736 - No fire line tonight: G3 X grid line our zone. Rpt to Fatal 3.
- 1738 - Lt Keough to 2-complaint about int sec rpting late on OP.
- 1742 - 2 to Fatal 2-Rpt on #30.
- 1822 - OP7L-no rpt. visibility 100 yds.
- 1832 - FDC to 243-can we fire in Lixing? (inquired of L-6-have ptrl out in that town-would be OK after about 2200) Find out about what troops will be in what areas and the times.
- 1840 - 243 to L 6-what time will your boys be out t night.: 1900-2100- and 0430-0630.
- 1843 - 243 to I 6-what time your ptrls going out? (2100 to 2400) FDC notified.
- 1850 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-report on planned on activity-rcn patrols Lixingen Love Co Item Co nothing north of road.
- 1915 - OP7L-4 red-2 green- flares az 350<sup>0</sup>.
- 1920 - OP7I-high level bombing az 10<sup>0</sup>-approx 2 miles-flares-heavy ack-ack.
- 1923 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-Rpt 41-42.
- 1927 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-request Engrs to remove minefields. Fatal to call back.
- 1930 - Blue 3 to Red 3-all minefields placed by Engrs-none by Charley Co.
- 1940 - Overlay numbering positions on RRL and S Defense Line-410th Inf, 3d Bn.

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1945 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-request engrs to bring sketches of fields-incl fields  
laid by AT platoon.

2203 - OP7L-at 2155 az 76°, distance from 700 to 1000 yds, sustained MG or A/W fire.  
Burst of about 25 rds was heard. Nothing else to rpt.

2242 - Fatal 2 to CP-inform Blue 2 that the I and R plat is back.

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0044 - Blue 2-Fatal CP-reported all quiet on our front.

0059 - Fatal CP to Blue 2-request latest developments-all quiet.

0828 - OP7I-visibility good.

0839 - Blue 2 to Item 5-Blue 2 checked on night's activities.

0937 - OP7L-visibility good-MG vic (47.3-61.7) firing tracers 0715.

0945 - Overlay RRL and rear positions sent to regt by motor msgr. (finally 1134 Lt  
Ballus)

1044 - Msg received commo 3d Bn-Eff dates AF Code #2175-170101A-200100A #904-200101A  
230100A #1337-23010A-260100A.

1044 - Msg recd commo-

1115 - OP7L-visibility excellent-nothing to rpt.

1217 - Forbach-Boulay-St Avoild-Sarregumines Maps.

1217 - Lembach-Wisseembourg Map 1/50,000.

1217 - Withdrawal overlays-#1 and B3-03.

1225 - G-2 estimate of enemy situation.

1248 - 3 to Fatal 3<sub>2</sub>-what do we do w/am. (can't you shuttle it?) Yes.

1317 - CP to Blue Ln O-Need charley.

1341 - Blue 2 to Item 6-Item to keep capes.

1346 - OP7L-nothing to report.

1418 - Blue 3-Item, Love, Mike-no of men for personnel carriers.

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2140 - 3 to I6 - Give me set up on your ptrls. (Not going N of road, one out now - will have enough patrols out to spot anything) (Flares about dark, think dropped by planes direction of Saarbrucken.

2150 - White 2 to 3-One 3 man ptrl in front of us on road to wolferding-Grosblittersdorf-don't know how.

2153 - 3 to Fatal 2-Did you get rpt fr White on a little ptrl (No). We have everyone on the alert here, let us know any developments. 3 to L-6: (1830 all ptrls back in-will go out again in AM).

2220 - Fatal 5 to 3-Send a guide to our CP a couple of boys in a jeep; also send those plans up. Some visitors for you advance advance.

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0605 - OP7L-lt MG fire fr vic Lixingen.

0825 - OP7I-1 man left woods line and ran to house at (44.1-62.9).

0853 - OP7L-heard En MG about 800 yds to right fron in fron of position 5.

0907 - Blue 3-Fatal 3-not any definite info on time of relief.

0919 - OP7I-Vehicle fired on yesterday still there (44.7-64.4). Note emplacement believed to be pillbox 100 yds to rear and to right (44.8-64.5).

1005 - Fatal 4-Blue 3-all critica ammo to be taken back to Regimental dump.

1205 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-1st of 275th to arrive 1600 this afternoon.

1245 - 3 to Hq-A & P-AT-Com-I-K-L-M: Have guides sent to OP right away who know the way-Diebling-Tetling-Nousseviller-Cadenbronn-Metzing. Have plt guides ready.

1415 - March order-preliminary.

1417 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Send guides down-relief Bn coming up. Leave reserve Co in. AA 1st Plat, Baker.

1437 - Blue 3 to Love CP-one officer per co 1 NCO per platoon, 1/2 squad left behind. Assemble Diebling.

1441 - Blue 3 to King 6-Relief Bn 1 Co short-King hold until reserve Bn gets here. Assemble Diebling.

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1445 - Blue 3 to Item 6-1 officer per Co, 1 NCO per platoon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  squad left behind. Assemble in Diebling.

1510 - Item 6-Blue 3-phones to be pulled.

1514 - Item 6-Blue 3-troops came up in trucks-to Bushbach.

1515 - Blue 3-Red 3-Red notified of location of trucks (59). Red expects to leave by 2300.

1520 - Blue 3-Item 6-Send trucks back to Metzging.

1531 - Msg Fatal 6-All 57 mm AT guns in your front lines will be relieved by AT Co of new unit which will not arrive until their 4th serial. Keep your res co in position until relieved by 2 Co of their Res Bn.

1537 - CO Mike Co-Blue 3-Turn attached sketches over to the company relieving you. (Range cards).

1549 - Blue 5-Fatal Sugar 4-2 QM trucks to carry kitchens other 3 kitchens to come down later.

1554 - Fatal 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-will arrive your CP in a few minutes to take relief up to K Co.

1650 - Blue 3-Mike 6-50 cal in Item are Mike-Love-King.

1705 - New AT officers have seen positions.

1713 - Blue 3-Love 6-still waiting for trps-to be notified.

1717 - Blue 3-Item 6-New CO doesn't know if he should start wrecker Red 3-Yes!

1820 - CP to Sgt Major-get names of following:  $\frac{1}{2}$  squad of each I and L Co's being left behind; and the officers and NCO's of each plat of all CO's being left behind.

1945 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-What is situation (I and L about complete; rest going OK, what about our trucks?) Have 48 instead of 75-no gas-drivers sleepy-flat tires-will give dope to Baldus at 2045 also order.

1958 - 3 to AT officers-Other plat has moved in, put in only one gun-Regtl AT saw position. Don't think they will be out to take over. Two of my guns still in. OK stay where you are till we let you know.

2022 - Blue 3 to Lt Bedell-MO on Organic vehicles. Assemble here then to Metzging to wait personnel carriers.

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2033 - Blue 3 to Blue 1-relief of our guards to be made before departure.

2040 - Fatal 5 to 6-Going to let the drivers get some food and sleep. Red is OK. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> is taking care of it- (Got 25 more trucks to be at Puttelage @ 2300.) Am worried about drivers. I gave strict orders for SR man to talk to the driver to keep him awake.

2050 - I 6 to CP-are getting arty fire on our position. 6 rounds in town also on our right flank at (44.8-60.3) (Div Arty is not firing. Keep us informed try to get Az to aid counter btry.

2143 - Blue 3 to Item 6-Move out to Diebling, notify us when you leave.

2147 - Blue 3-Love 6-Love move out to Nousseviller.

2204 - Positions completed by Relief Bn at 2037 (less platoon Tentling.)

2019 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Report difficulty with AT relief and platoon in Tentling. Result: AT guns will not be sent up-Tentling platoon will be taken care of 10 l/wb for personnel, 2 for kitchen, 7 cab/engine personnel.

2250 - Col Pierce assumes responsibility for this defense zone.

2341 - CP closed.

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1323 - Bn closed in assy area.

1411 - Fatal 6 in CP-we will take over entire sector.

1423 - Blue 3-King 6-relief complete-no known mines in that sector.

1434 - Item OP-Blue 3-Relief completed.

1439 - Overlays of Defensive works.

1455 - Relief completed: Blue 6 assumes command.

1515 - Overlay defensive plan 1st Bn 276th.

1635 - Fatal 3-Blue 6-6 trucks rpt 0930 tomorrow morning. AT Platoon rpt 0900. 3 to check on Engr and I & R platoon.

1642 - Blue 6-Fatal 3-Do we have any tanks or TD's. 3 will call Fame for tanks.

1713 - 6 to Fatal 2-Request loan of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -(Will take up W) Fatal 6-you get I & R plat) (Msg fr R d-saw 3 man ptrl w/MG 004 447-fired on them, they took off. Our ptrl followed, saw 6 more, fired on them and they took off. Were wearing snow suits.

1715 - Scorpion 3 to Blue 3-asking about relief for Ln and FO.

1717 - CP to Item, King, Love: Report on patrol given King-Item, Love lines out.

1725 - Blue 6 to Blue 10-New wire to be laid to Love and Item.

1730 - Warrior in CP. Going up to relieve TD platoon in position in our sector.

1739 - Faggot 6-Blue 3-Faggot to use OP's of armored unit. 243 to come here when he finishes rcn. We will have three FO's-2 tonight, 1 tomorrow morning coord (009743).

1756 - Green 3-Blue 3-in position to fire tomorrow.

1803 - Blue 3-King 5-FO will contact King tomorrow.

1814 - Blue 3-Fatal 3-Overlay to be sent us on 409 positions.

1816 - King OP-Blue 3-3 our TD's coming our way.

1825 - 3 to Fatal 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Did those people leave any sketches of minefields (Yes) OK I have it.

1840 - 6 to 6-discussing plans.

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1907 - I 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to CP-heard tanks going on road running toward Bn-(We have TD's up there now relieving each other. Don't fire on them.)

1920 - 4 to L-CP-Send your organics here at 0800 for hot food.

1953 - 4 to K-CP-Send your organics here at 0800 for hot food.

2150 - 6 to Fatal 2-request info on maps, previous request for loan of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  and request use of rcn trp members. Is it OK to call Fame 2 in re rcn trp? (Yes.)

2207 - 6 to Fame 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -request use of rcn tr elms-have mission (will see you tomorrow)

2215- Msg to Mtr Officer-furnish one either 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  T trk and jeep. Rpt to L-6 Bn CP at 170845.

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0600 - OP #1-2 bursts MG fire in distance-uncertain direction.

0825 - King 6-Blue 3-Cleaning billets.

0830 - Love 6-Blue 3-Transportation, 1 trk only available.

0845 - C P- Blue 11-I, K, L runners sent back to Co's.

0900 - King 6-Blue 6-No need for runner-not moving.

0904 - Ln 0 and FO's report to CP.

0920 - Blue 1 to Blue 6-Pass for electrician.

0929 - Blue 6 to Blue 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -check on request for 20 m wire. Get 10-15 extra phones and 1 switchboard. Want switchboard in each Co area.

0943 - Fatal 3 to Blue 6-Hour Regal left-2100-Check on platoon tanks.

0950 - Green 6 to Blue 3-Green 6 will be in CP in few minutes.

1054 - Item 5 to Blue 3-Do we have any forces to Item's front-No. Request notification if any our men billeted in town-Windstein.

1210 - OP #1 rpts all quiet.

1300 - OP #1: Friendly and Eny MG fire Az 285<sup>o</sup>-290<sup>o</sup>. Approx 400 yds.

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1306 - Overlay mines, Booby traps, Road blocks, Bridges.

1322 - K 6 rpts lt arty falling on left flank positions alone Dambach-Windstein road-think it is our arty since) (Divarty states not firing that position)-King Co notified.

1402 - 243 to Blue 3-On Co wants registration arty on (96.2-44.3).

1406 - Blue 3-Item Co-No men near ruins.

1413 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Do we have distribution on maps-No-will be up as soon as possible. No tanks will be released by Fame. Will call if any change.

1455 - King-Modine phoned to I Location.

1500 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-Red can pull hvy wpns out. No wpns for that sector out. Rcn is complete. Fatal 6 will try to obtain 7 50 cal.

1609-- Blue CP-OP#1-S-2 men come in.

1750 - King 6-Blue 3-MG fire to left King Co 50 cal.

1754 - Blue 3 to Love 6-Love tied in at (014-445). Love receiving Eny arty regularly-4 to 5 rounds each time.

1840 - CP to Fatal 2-Statement of wireman re Kraut soldiers vic Langensultzbach carrying phone. Lt O'Regan w/o 3 of his men. They were left guarding supplies and will be up tomorrow.

1927 - 243 to Blue 3-Direct line to Love (Faggot)

1956 - Overlay showing defensive positions King Co.

1956 - Overlay Bn defensive position to Regt, Cn, Arty Ln.

2025 - Fatal 3-CP-Do we have any 50 cal MG or ground mounts on MR.

2145 - 6 to Fame 2-Do I get the atchmt? (Fame 6 said No) What is the reason I do not get anything I ask for? (Will come down tomorrow?)

2155 - Fatal 3 to 6-just got msg from Ball B 6 asking about blowing bridge at (955-434) today or tomorrow. (Depends on future opns, it is a div decision about bridge-Do I get engr and tanks and Rcn Tr?) Col says No. (Can we get anything we have not asked for?) (Fatal 6 at phone) Fame 6 said no to whole thing-things are happening tonight, Red is shoving off plus other changes I can't tell over phone, will explain when I see you. (Can we get someone from Engrs VP here tonight?) Will try and gt someone fr Engrs upb you tonight.

2305 - 6 to Fame 10-Do you have an SCR #193, you can spare? Yes, I think that would

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2305 - be a good place for it. Where are you?) 5 Km W of Pt #4. (Ok, will send it down.)

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0005 - 3 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Engrs have not shown up yet, what about it? (6 gave the msg to Fall Ln O and they should be there-probably having hard time finding the way) OK I'll stay up a while and see what happens. I can't order them up unless they are atchd to us.

0200 - Fatal CP-Blue CP-Request latest development-(Nothing to report except representatives fr Engrs has not reported in as yet) Fatal inquired if EN arty in our location-) (Reported had not).

0855 - Blue 6 to Fatal 5-check on Engrs (Engrs rptd in)

1103 - Fatal 6 to 6-Note on way down to you. Were figures correct or not on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Km? (Incorrect) Is right boundary correct? (Don't know until 3 gets back fr Rcn) Am checking on 50's now, think we can get some.

1114 - Blue Ln in CP w/maps and note and 2 overlays from 409.

1152 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Have 9 out of the 10 50 cal MG's we requested.

1157 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-50 cal MG's will be sent up as obtained. 3 today at least. At 1205 Lt Hughes says no ground mounts for 50's from AT Co, will keep trying and let us know.

1305 - Fashion 6 in CP-(directed to new location). OP L can hear our arty but can't hear it land. Can hear Eny MG. Think it is on our left front. Intermittantly at Az 290°, about 100 yards; fired about 12 bursts of 6 shots. Man stopped on way to rear w/57, we told him to stop on way back and pick up another 57 here. Also have 2 more 50's for you.

1510 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to CP-What is going on (Gave OP rpts). Same info on gunn (M 6 will send back for other 2 50's at once. our AT crew will pick up your other 57.) Is your outfit in Langensultzbach? (Yes, sir)

1550 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to CP-soon as possible send info on one sec of HMG's (2) TD's; (3) the other 50 cal. (Yes, sir).

1557 - To L CP-any MG firing rpt vic your pos? (No none).

1558 - To Fancy 3-info in #19 and #14. Msg relayed by Fatal 3.

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1625 - K-6 rpts light mortar fire falling on center plat coming from left front.  
OK will have Kawa try and obsv. About 40 rds so far today.

1630 - 243 to King 5-Any ptrls tonight? No.

1635 - CP-Fatal 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-Arty at 935-442. Jeep and GI's at stream crossing.

2020 - Overlay of Bn positions and guns. Also prelim road rcn to date.

2025 - 3 to L-6-Blue 10 will have wiremen there at 0800. Have a guide to lead them up that road as far fwd as you think safe. About 2 Km N of you. 20 Rcn men are going up, and will hook onto the wire there.

2041 - 3 to K-6-L-6: Will have 4 men fr I & R atchd to you. Want them treated like members of your Co for 48 hr period-make verbal rpt on mission penetration in yds etc-Your recommendation on 12 and 16 man patrols-sketches in by 191800, include mortars and LMG w/range cards for both.

2150 - 243 to Faggot 3-Corps no fire line 190900-From (99;0-46.0) to (02-46).

2159 - Explosions vic CP Believe it is arty vic bridge.

2320 - 6 departs to bring Mr Roth to shelter-returns at 2337, w/Mr Roth (P-minister).

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0010 - Blue Switchboard to CP-Received a call fr Fatal Green line, Able Btry (one of our guards on OP) (was cut off.)

0014 - Oper Sgt Blue CP-Fatal Green; gave them the above information-Operator cut in and gave the following message-the guard shot one of his own men when he failed to halt. Fatal Green checking into it.

0104 - Oper Sgt Blue CP-Fatal CP-gave info of Eny arty that fell in our area 2159-8 rds.

0400 - Fatal 2 to Blue CP-nothing to rpt.

0945 - Green 6 to 5-have fired over entire front-conc-barrages-will use check points from right to left-no fire plan until tomorrow-will wait unit arty fire plan is issued, to avoid any conflict in plans.

1017 - Fall B 6 to 3-Soon as our rcn party gets back, have him call me.

1032 - King 6-Blue 3-Cutting of trees to front-blocking trail?

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1100 - Blue 5-Blue 16-16 will come up as soon as vehicle is available.

1319 - Love 6 to Blue 3-Lt O'Regan requested patrol to (98.2-46.1).

1155 - Fashion 6- Blue 3-spotted 7 Krauts-may call for arty.

1210 - Item 6-OP-Lt O'Regan's patrol left route 525-501-520 - 517-. Arty falling on M company Mortars.

1302 - Blue 3-Item 6-No arty will be fired in sector to be traversed by Item patrol.

1305 - OP #1-3 shots taken at OP-rifles-NE.

1450 - Love 6-Blue 3-Fashion in town-Krauts use town as outpost during day, leave at night.

1456 - OP #1-nothing to report.

1535 - Overlay-position 1st Section 1st plt Co C 614th TD

1544 - L 6 to OP-Fashion 6 and patrol checked back in our lines-no casualties-is leaving by mtr now and will stop to see Blue 6.

1556 - Requested fall B 6 to bring power saw up-said it would be up tomorrow.

1904 - K 5 to 243-rpts sound of woodchopping on hill at (95-44). Asks FO to call FDC direct.

1943 - Faggot 3 to 243-(Corps Msg) All units in fwd and rear be on alert for hvy Eny mtr mvt tonight, info of hvy vehicular activity. Big conc of trks. expecting diversionary activity in our area fr North.

1952 - 3 to Fatal 2-Is anything doing? (No, everything quiet.) We have some info on Eny vehicular conc. (Oh, yes, we have that. It's nothing to get excited about. It's away out of our zone. We don't have that about expected activity in our zone. 3 orients on patrol results.

2025 - 3 to L-6-(a) Any activity? (A little arty came in.) What progress on your sketches? (Working on them now-will send in A-M) Any patrols tomorrow? (Going up center about noon.) Give your FO a chance to shoot before you go. (b) Also same msg to I-6; (Patrol going out to first hill around 1000.) (c) To I-6-same msg, orients on today's patrol activity-(patrol going out to see reverse side of that hill; will check w/you.

2100 - Did your I & R patrol go out? (Yes we had 6 or 7 out-the two you were interested in are negative-no manned positions-just dug in-have more info, but can't talk about it-need advice on it.

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2105 - 6 to K-6-How close can you drive to the other old castle. (Not too close) Have some info will give S-2 and send to you. Need a ptrl to go up there, don't know day or night (can get up in day, ok, good cover.) Need info from you re no of men in mortar positions, foxholes, etc--will have tank duzer up tomorrow, let B know if you need it. How are your men, etc? (OK) Got pneumonia slip on man today--watch for signs and ship men back promptly--will send O'Regan up.

2223 - 3 to Fatal 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-What's the story on TD's? Heard they pulled out our plat and send a sec instead. (Don't know.) Did you get our Rcn ptrl rpt? (Yes, and will get dope on TD's and call back.)

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0810 - K-6 to O'Regan: Asks location patrol mission today. No fire on arty. 243 to FDC-No fire area 2 grids sq (95-43)..

0830 - Fame 2 to Blue 3-Fame 2 wanted rpt on patrols yesterday. Reported no Krauts encountered and gave routes patrols. 2 suggests ambush of Krauts seen by Fashion at 27.

0855 - Blue 3-King 5-Patrol up each nose-secure No fire arty. Send Engr to take care of demolitions.

0941 - Item 5-Blue 3-Wanted to know about patrols (Told him about King.)

1005 - Item 5-Blue 3-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> trk in valley below castle-15 men (King Co raid.)

1015 - Fatal 2 to Blue 3-Deep patrolling by Fashion (beyond 46 grid). Suggestion using (27) as operating base-wire relay station. Lt O'Regan-discussion past patrolling-I & R to be used later for deeper patrolling.

1052 - OP #1-8 shots fired in vic.

1100 - Blue 6 to King 5-What patrols out? (2-approx squad each.) Try to get location MG nest.

1105 - CP-OP #1-Mg approx (94.8-44.5)-sound location.

1106 - King 5-Blue 6-M-1 fire forward slope hill. EN Mg fire rear slope hill.

1124 - Blue 3 to Blue 6-2 Krauts captured by Lt Driver patrol back from castle with civilians.

1127 - Range cards and Sketches Position Co M.

1140 - King 6-Lt O'Regan-captured Krauts were manning OP-their radio was destroyed.

1210 - Blue CP-King 6-Prisoners were just below crest of Wineckorthal.

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1230 - 243-FD: restrict (95-47)-otherwise 46 line.-----

1235 - Blue 6-King Co-5 Krauts in OP. Rest of Co live in Winerkerthal-30 in Co. Lt Marshall already out on patrol for radio.

1255 - Have 2 Krauts an arty Of w/radio too big to carry back-am sending larger ptrl to carry down in pieces if necessary-they have 30 men in Winigerthal. Have OP location-do not have men to raid it-would like to get it done as soon as possible. This is advance info-Send IPW here to question if you wish-(will be down. Try to get someone to help raid.)

1328 - Fatal and Ln 0 to OP-Fatal 6 is at Fame. Wants Blue 6 to rpt regt right away.

1342 - OP #1-at 1350 (8 minutes time difference) still continuing A/W fire and S/A fire from top of hill (95.0-44.0). Heard one man cry out as though wounded.

1345 - Cp to K6-Notified of info in #27-K-6 says it is Lt Marshall's ptrl up there on hill.

1348 - Item 5 to Blue 1-Fire fight ahead front line (hold tight until given orders.)

1355 - OP #1 firing has ceased-continued for 2 min after call. Gave time correction.

1359 - Item 5-can hear GI's shouting to Jerries "Come out of there."

1315 - Blue 1-King 5-No wounded. Ptrl slipped up behing OP. Jerries opened up at 150 yds and took off as though going for help so patrol pulled back.

1420 - Lt Machaelicaus-picked up man in Shoepacks and with cane. Do we know anything about it.

1450 - King 6 in Blue OP-12 men on patrol to (36) saw 9 krauts killed, 2 wounded (?) 2 of the Jerries were just digging in, other already dug in. All were in snow suits.

1523 - OP #1-1515 and 1520 arty North of RJ behind came from between 0°-10° from cast

1532 - OP-all Co's-1 officer and 1 NCO per platoon report to CP. Fatal 4 to Blue 5-kit chen trucks released-priority kitchen. Ammo, Service, Supply. When kitchens are loadd they revert to R<sub>e</sub>gt.

1553 - Sgt of I & R to Lt O'Regan: What is best thing to do in present situation? Send men in? (Yes, we'll bring them in) (Lt calls Co's and instructs all men to come in to CP.

1613 - OP #1-8 rds since last report-none too near castle. Ceased firing 1540.

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1617 - Blue 3-Fatal 3-No room for 1½ ton ammo-(Blow it if you can't get it back.)

1623 - Fatal 36 to Blue 3-Wants to pull AT guns-36 called back- guns will go as planned.

1640 - Love 6-Blue 3-Love 0 to see Lt Barclay.

1735 - Blue 3 to Item, King, Love-Get started withdrawal.

1746 - Item 5 requests guide.

1800 - Blue 3-Love 6-Hg men will meet your column.

1923 - Headg OP-15 civilians in town. Will check up and call back.

1930 - Love 6-Blue 3-Leaving now-receiving arty.

1945 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Outfit of German prisoners 265th Inf. Blue 3 requests additional Hagenau maps.

1947 - Fatal 2-Blue 3-Ln at Fame. Trucks not there. Ln to pick up maps.

2010 - Mike 6-Blue 3-Civilians acting up-Mortar squad to guard them.

2020 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Trucks on the way-be here 1½ to 2 hours.

2055 - Love 6 to Blue 3-Trucks not there-company lined up. Blue 1-Barclay there? Yes. Pick up guns and personnel. Mike 6 to Blue 1-Help with AT personnel? Don't think so. Blue 1 to Blue 35-Instructions picking up guns.

2105 - Item OP to Blue 3-Since Mike 6 left put organics with personnel carriers.

2255 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Trucks seen south of Mertzwiler. Have not reached Fame. Count on 15 trucks. Hold 3 for Halpins outfit; start rest of outfit marching. Load other 12 trucks with Ammo and as many men as possible. Can't make but one trip.

2300 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-Since trucks make only one trip turn them over to S-4 at destination. Call when troops on road.

2338 - 1 to 36 and L-6-Heard anything about trucks? (NO) I want all men and trailers to be transported w/out fail. (will have 21 men) (works out details with L-6).  
Msg fr 3 to L-6: 3 is on way in jeep. Put guide on road.

2400 - Trks arrive.

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0004 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Trks arrived. Be on the way in a few min. Will call when they clear (did other people go by On Co location) No-came thru your town, only about 20 min difference.

0018 - 6 to 36-Has 3 arrived? (Not as of five minutes ago.) All 12 trks turned over to White-none came back-tell 3 to get back as quickly as possible.

0022 - 6 to 3-Just gave 36 info in #2-L all set there? (Yes). Come back quickly.

0025 - 3 to K-6-Are you going to load there and pick up rest here?

0026 - K-6 to Dukes: Did you get note (Yes): O'Leary and Marshall will be over about ~~xxxx~~ 0400.

0030 - O'Leary to K-6-Marshall don't know about TD's. About 0300 sharp.

0044 - 6 to 36-Nothing show up yet? (Not yet) Have 3 call me if you see him.

0042 - 6 orders I to start foot troops.

0100 - 6 to 36-Ft clm going by way of old regtl CP down a designated route-pick up all equipment and as many men as possible.

0130 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-Pulling out right away. Fatal 6 will be at CP until 0300. CP closed.

0515 - CP opened.

1145 - Blue 6-Item CP-haven't heard from covering force.

1220 - Blue CP-Family 3-will check town for our men.

1245 - Fatal 36-Blue Opns Sgt-suggests we contact Lt Patterson-AT plat. He is in this town. Lt Hughes says Chief of Staff rptd column troops in Paffenhoffen.

1248 - Pfc Snickerson with 5 other men of Love covering force in CP-2 trks.

1305 - Blue CP-Fast 3-Have arty officer who wishes safe route to 6th Arty Groups. 3 will call back.

1310 - Blue Ln-Blue 3-want details on covering force. Reported 12 in. Loss 2 trks. No contact Krauts.

1320 - Blue CP-Item CP-have 200 lb TNT.

1331 - Fast 3-Blue CP-Fast CP is 2 km NE Div CP (R)

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1350 - Fatal 3-Blue OP-Are you receiving Arty? -----

1505 - Lt Cox-Blue 3-Thinks Div has our abandoned vehicles; has some supplies belonging to 1st Bn 411; picked up at Erwiller.

1535 - Fatal 6-Blue 3-Push civilians to Paffenhoffen. Fame 6 is conducting investigation of destruction TD vehicles and Guns. Capt Halpin to write rpt.

1545 - Blue OP-Item-3 still missing on covering force. Blue OP-King-6 still missing on covering force.

1546 - Fatal 1-Blue 3-All civilians on move go to Paffenhoffen. Suggest MP report at Shillersdorf. G-2 wants patrolling to start tomorrow night. Shallow-not deep. I & R to be put on same thing-Overlay routes.

1554 - Report: lines between OP and switchboard cut cleanly (artyman.)

1600 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Fatal must have coordinated fire plan overlay by 2100. 1 Plat AT and plat TD atchd.

1602 - Blue 3-Item OP-must have overlay, fire plan as soon as possible. (1930)

1630 - Fatal 3 to 3-928 ordered by Fame 6 to fire conc. Wants to know how many your men still missing (K 6 men; I 3 men; L not known, no phone)

1644 - Meg to L 6-Get overlay of positions in right away.

1755 - White 6 to Blue 3-No physical contact-our MLR positions not manned. OPL has open gap. We are ahead of line-White is behind-nearly 1500 yd gap.

1815 - Blue 3 to King 6-King has 8 per platoon on line-will send White contact ptrl.

1817 - Blue 3-White 5-Notified White at patrol to contact.

1948 - Fatal 10 to OP: Div wants 193 to be returned at once.

2000 - M-6 to OP-have man here from "Y" Btry of 781 Tk Bn-tks armed w/105 rifles (hold until check on unit, may be on of Eny in our uniform.)

2024 - Sgt Drauden-Oper Sgt-request defensive position overlay in duplicate. Request time Bn closed in (0515 21 Jan 45). Time covering party closed in (most of them at 1130). Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to Blue 3-Have right plt ldr meet left platoon ldrs of Fancy to coordinate OPL at Uhrwiller-Meet plt ldrs in front of church in Uhrwiller at 0800. White Bn rpts our troops not in correct position (Blue 3 gives L Co CO's msg to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Blue 3 will go out in morning and straighten it out. Blue 3 will be on limiting pt to meet White Bn rep at 1000-(MLR). Fast wishes to register Corps Arty in our area (900325). (Will check info if I don't call back it is OK.) Blue 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  requests info on covering force (they are not all in) Blue 3 feels Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  we have AT gun. Send Ln O down to Blue OP to pick up overlay.

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2049 - Blue 3-Idome 5-No of men you have on line? (a plats) It is required to have  
1/2 Co on line at nite and 1/3 in day time. Blue 3 tells Idome 5 we are having trouble  
with outfit on our right. Idome 5 says that they had no one at Limeting. Blue 3 will  
be up at 1000 tomorrow and will meet Idome 5 on right boundary.

2058 - Fatal White 6-Blue 3-Checking on coordination-Blue 3 explains he is going up  
in morning 1000 to straighten it out.

2130 - Fatal 3 1/2-Blue 3-Corp arty wishes to register in our area. Coor as follows:  
(930-330)-will send Msgr to Love Co and give you their OK.

2204 - Love Co msgr leaves Blue CP for Love Co with following message: "Have your  
right plat ldr meet left plat ldr of Fancy to coordinate OPL at Ulrwiller at 0800  
22 Jan 45.

2205 - Love Co Msgr leaves Blue CP with following msg for Love Co "Corps Arty would  
like to register at point (90.3-33.0) tomorrow morning. Will this interfere with  
your plans? Reply yes, or no.

2317 - Fatal 3 1/2 to Blue 3-requests info Journal #52-will call as soon as Love Co  
msgr returns.

2331 - Love Co Msgr returned with following msg: "It is alright for to register in  
on (90.3-33.0). Will comply with #51.

2335 - Blue Cp to Fatal 3 1/2-Love msgr returned-Message No 54 "Alright to register in  
arty at (90.3-33.0) will have plat ldr at Uhrwiller at 0800.

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0400 - Fatal War Room-nothing to report.

0820 - White 6-Blue 3-Wants someone to meet him on left boundary to tie in.

0825 - Blue 3-King 6-Send officer to LP to meet White at 0800.

0906 - ~~Mike~~ Mike 6-Blue 6-Checked coord w/White. Heavies in OK, will look for  
positions reserved guns.

0912 - Fatal 3-Blue 6-Is contact on right OK-Yes. Recd 750 lbs TNT.

0950 - Blue CP to Item 5-Missing 3 men covering force.

0955 - Blue CP-King CP-Missing 5 men covering force.

1030 - Fatal 3 to Blue 1-Report covering Force hd 20 missing. 8 in today brought  
in Medics jeep.

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1055 - Blue 6 to Blue 16-Come to CP. Have your vehicle and will send to you in 20-30 min.

1103 - Fashion in CP-Patrol ahead OPL-left flank.

1205 - Blue 3-Love 6-contact incomplete-right gap 1000 yd left Bn behind OPL 1000 yd.

1216 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Will eh1 p with right gap.

1237 - Blue 3-Fall Baker-Have Lt Pearson meet Capt Halpin re report destruction half-tracks and guns.

1240 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Will be explained in White CP town this afternoon.

1245 - Fatal 3-Blue OP-Have jeep recovery patrol go with caution as 200 Krauts reported in Neiderbronn this morning. Fancy White 6 to Blue 6-would like to meet you at road near LP today 1500 MLR.

1400 - Fatal 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 3-Did you see that fellow? (Yes) Was he on limiting point? (Have it straight now.)

1402 - Red G-2 periodic rpt dated 22 Jan 45.

1422 - Fatal 6 to 3-Am vitally interested in that jeep and trailer w/wire equipment. (Capt Shively went after it, followed Rcn trps) Did he take enough men? If not, we can send some men to back him up in getting the equipment if not the jeep. How many men still out? (about 12)

1450 - Blue 1-Fatal 6-Did not get jeep-it's in Reichshoffen.

1502 - Item 5-Blue 1-Guns being dug in by 411 behind my left platoon. Want bridge here booby trapped to blow if used by Jerries.

1520 - Blue CP-Fatal 3-10 men still out. He will check on 411 HMG behind Item Co.

1601 - Faggot 3-Blue CP-Is town of Zinswiller occupied? 243 reported civilian so stated.

1610 - Faggot 3-Blue CP-50 men in snowsuits on arty BP check and call back.

1615 - Cannot contact Love for confirmation either 28 or 29. Line is out.

1625 - Blue Ln 0 w/form for S-3 rpt.

1625 - Faggot 3 to Blue CP-men on BP are Fashion.

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1658 - Fatal 3 1/4 to CP-Have 2 men from I Co here at CP (will send for them.)

1659 - CP to Blue Ln O-Pick up 2 men at Regtl CP and bring here; see Lt Hughes.

1711 - Fatal 3 1/4 to 3-Don't think they've been atchd to you,

1800 - Blue CP to Fatal 3-Phoned S-3 rpt (to be sent later by Jeep)

1815 - Fatal 2-Blue CP-Redwood reports column moving on road past road block (85.4-40.0).

1820 - Love 6-Blue 3-Do we maintain contact with White or will they notify us if they withdraw.

1907 - Fatal 3 to CP-anything happening down there? (all quiet so far.)

1912 - White 2 to 3-our OP contacted 5 Krauts at 1900 on foot-we fired on them and they departed.

1913 - 3 to L-6-Info in #42-have trs alert for ptrls from Eng. Plt ldr Fancy said had 2000 yd gap, would put out pirl to cover-told him that would not do, so he said would put OP's out tomorrow.

1923 - 3 to Fall B-6-Can you get some stones down here (He was down today.) Ok, I found out he saw Co L.

1932 - 243 to Faggot 2 and 3-Just talked to Finnegar, said something was happening so he took his rifle to investigate. (87.5-31.5) is point my FO's can see, will register on it about 0900.

1942 - Fatal 3 1/2 to 3-Did Redwine see you? The old man wants the TD's back (shall we move them tonight?) Will talk to old man and call you back.

2020 - K 5 to 3-Kawa said a whole mess of people (civilians) are going through his town of Muhlhausen to town on his right. Shall he let them through?

2025 - 3 to Fatal 3-Info in #47-(can leave only during day, send all to Bouxwiller.)

2040 - Fatal 6 to 6-You got alert about White? (yes, sir.) Just heard that Krauts are in Ottwiller w/MG's and they are having quite a fight. Hear there is about 1500 yd gap-you are out in front that far. (3 says that was straightened out) How about 50's. If you turned back one more, how would you be fixed? (Can man up to 20-50's) (Will turn back the ones to Fashion.) L-6 into conversation-one man came to limiting point on our left but are about a thousand yds back. I have a dugout about 50 yds fr limiting points. Just picked up three Krauts. Have them in CP now. They say there is about a Bn of 300 men in Zintwiller, 63 Div, 118 Regt. Came from Phillipsburg. (6 wants transportation for TD's) Will check on it and let you know.

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2050 - White 2-Just got orders to withdraw E Co got it pretty bad.

2051 - 6 to Fatal 6-Can I withdraw L-(Yes can you tie in Mulhausen across to Uhrwiller?) Will try it, pretty hard at night.

2053 - 6 to L-Left hit badly enveloped fr left. Want you to pull back to Mulhausen to Uhrwiller, swing back like a door. Occupy that ~~dark~~ road as an OPL. When you are ordered to withdraw come back to my town. I'll send wire crew up to tap you in that town right behind you.

2058 - 6 to K 5-Left has been hit hard. White is withdrawing through your position. Alert everyone to withdraw.

2100 - 6 to I-5-OPL withdrawing near OPL Mulhusen Uhrwiller.

2103 - 6 to Fatal 6-Get answer on Trans for TD's-White had trouble w/civilians in town behind (Rothback). A civilian in FFI uniform just killed a bridge guard. Blue said only one half-track for platoon. Fatal 6-not the picture 3 has. 3 said guns were behind MLR. TD CO did not say that at dark tonight. Exec of TD says guns pulled out dark-overlay in Fatal shows guns are behind MLR. Blue 6 says guns were in position forward of MLR at 1530 today. Fatal 6: can we have someone go out to check? Blue 6: Yes-to Mulhausen. Fatal 6-Did Whipps mention TD's? Blue 6-No, they were behind him. 3 Will check with TD Co. Fatal 6: this business at of trans is new to me. Blue 6-I knew it only at dark tonight. Plt Ldr did not mention it this morning, and I did not ask. Fatal 6-I wouldn't have either. Fatal 3 is positive they are out, but if you can send someone to check it will be a good idea. Blue 6-we will make absolutely sure they are out. MLR is alerted.

2117 - Blue 6-Fatal 3-Out contact with 409 on left flank on OPL is not good. Want Fancy informed of situation on left and want them to fill up that gap immediately.

2120 - Ford to Mike 6-Just called Quinn, shall I go down there? No, stick around here-alert section-call Sock.

2125 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Fancy is sending patrol to LP at OPL immediately and will get troops out at once.

2137 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-2 guns TD definately pulled out. Still have one gun on left. TD's have trans for gun even the prime mover is stuck. They can pull it with maintenance truck. Plat ldr will come by CP.

2140 - Blue 3-Fatal 2-(Request for situation) Everything is on extreme left. En has used some trickery ruses, killed bridge guard by pretending to be FFI. No idea of strength.

2150 - King 6-Blue OP-Inform 6 we are manning MLR. All OK.

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2201 - Fatal 3-Meg from Fancy-patrol is going out immediately. Let 3 know when they get in.

2202 - Blue 3 to Love 6-Fancy patrol coming over (have shifted OPL slightly on right so will send out patrol over to them.) Will call when contact made.

2224 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-Find OP 51-follow road leading north out of town to right angle turn; White will hold right at OPL there. Can you tie in with him there? (I have given orders to fall back to town.) Well just send something out to hold that point; Fame is very concerned about pulling in entire OPL in (I am now worried about observation as long as we have point we saw. I am moving L CP to town 1 km below me. Wire is being laid there now. New OPL is being accomplished immediately. We will push out then. I am sending staff officer up.

2214 - Blue 6 to Love 6-Are you sending prisoners. (Yes, will be at new CP). OK will send jeep there for them as soon as possible. Would like to question them Love 6 is disappointed in TD's. Will submit report and Blue 6 will check into the matter.

2250 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-White 5 rpts 2 columns coming out at woods at (89-34). I think they are, but will check at once.

2252 - Blue 6-Love 6-Column of troops coming out of woods you occupied-are they your men. I have had no rpt from Lynch yet-would like to hear from him before giving clearances to fire. Will call back.

2253 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-we have not had final report from plt leaders- we would like to get it before firing. Will call as soon as possible. Fatal 2-Ask prisoners if any panzer units in Zitsweiler. Will send Rittman to aid in questioning.

2318 - Love 6-Blue 6-all men out of woods.

2319 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-(Men out of woods.) Thanks-will fire.

2330 - Prisoners in CP.

2338 - Blue 6-Fatal 2-1st Co 1 Bn 118 Regt 36 Div-Grenadiers

2351 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-White has wounded man in CP who stated he approached plt he believed dressed in American uniform. As he drew close they fired.

2400 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Will send for prisoners if you are thru with them-OK.

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- 0016 - Lt Calhoun-Mike 6-was at White Bn and got this info--Squad fr Easy Co out on patrol. Saw a group of men in draw looked like GI's. (approx plt). Got up to 15 to 20 feet of them and said this is American patrol and they opened fire on them.. (was a group of Krauts) He would swear they were in A uniforms. Definite on their helmets. He was wounded and returned before his squad-two squads and part of Co Hqs believed knocked out. Pulled back their OPL.
- 0030 - Fatal 2 to Blue CP - Transportation not available to come for PW's. Blue 6 to Fatal 2-will send them to you.
- 0034 - Oper Sgt-Msg Center-have Int Sgt send a guard with jeep to take PW's to Fatal
- 0037 - Two guards and driver left CP with 3 PW's for Fatal CP.
- 0105 - Love 6-Oper Sgt-would like definite information concerning OPL so it would be possible to coordinate with White Bn (will call Fatal).
- 0109 - Oper Sgt Blue CP-Fatal 2: Inquired for point of contact for Love Co and White Bn-Fatal 2 said to contact at town-as planned by Blue 6,
- 0111 - Oper Sgt Blue Bn to Love 6-Tie in with White as Blue 6 planned.
- 0300 - Fatal OP to Blue CP-request of info on our area (rptd all is quiet.)
- 0816 - Love 6-Blue 6-2 Co Krauts on road, 800 yd to front. Arty checking to fire.
- 0824 - King CP-Blue CP-outposts hear tanks to right front.
- 0826 - Barrage on the way.
- 0905 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Reptd enemy column on road.
- 0912 - Fatal 2 to Blue 6-2 Co Germans at (90.2-32.5). (Yes, we had arty on column-don't know results as yet.)
- 0915 - Blue 6-King 6-Have you anything more on tanks? (No, just heard heavy vehicles traffic to right) Want camouflage on fox hole?
- 0920 - Blue 6-Item 6-Gave details on Krauts. Want foxholes comouflaged. Item wants Engrs to block culvert.
- 0924 - Lt Ford-Blue 6-half-track left by TD's w/50 cal and ammo.
- 0925 - Blue 6 to Fatal 2-Capt Fitzgerald will check on half tract, tow it out if possible.

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0945 - Fatal 2 to OP 43-air will lay down conc (90.25-32.25). Blue 6-Love 6-air mission at (90.25-32.25).

0955 - Blue 1-Blue 10-on lost equip-put in thru major White as battle casualty.

1047 - White 2 to 6-will you send that group of 8 of our men back? (will check).

1049 - 6 to K 6-have those 2d Bn men been sent back? (sent 1 wounded back last nite, the rest earlier this AM.

1050 - 6 to White 2-men sent back early this AM.

1124 - Blue 5 to Fatal 7 7/8-Guards pulled from Shillersdorf, Nefern, Zutzendorf; would it be possible to contact mayors Shillersdor, Nefern, Zutzendorf, and have people bedded down in town. Will do, as soon as possible.

1127 - Msg from Fame thru Fatal 2-Air Obsn pickedup est 800 trs moving W at (98;7-30.2).

1135 - Blue OP to Item CP-Civilians will be held in town. Rgt rept've will see Mayor and take care of bedding them there) (Item has another 13 civilians since last report.)

1145 - Blue 3-Blue 6-position doesn't look too good-how about front of Dan's town on across to Tom's. (OK, go right ahead with that.)

1156 - Item CP to Blue 6-sending back civilian with bad leg-driving own car. We will see that he gets medical care. Blue OP to Love 6-Fancy wants to know if you withdrew to town. (No, just a little behind LP to right.) Check entire OPL. Love saw Kraut with large Red Cross come out and pick up three or four wounded. There are 4 dead in sight. Air Mission looked good-8 bombs.

1215 - Blue 6-Fatal 3-we are on LP. We want Fancy to close gap. Report fr Fame: Krauts report they have men in Ia Waulet-unconfirmed.

1227 - Fame 2 to Blue 5-we have a rumor that Love Co captured some SS troops. (No they were infantry, 118th Regt.

1245 - L 6 to 6-Blasting us in here w/arty-throwing a lot of stuff.

1247 - 6 to L-(No officers in OP all out checking on arty fire) Call OP ask if arty has stopped (it has stopped (for time being.)

1256 - Fatal 3 to CP-We got a rpt fom your 3 that your trs are not in limiting pt-check again w/your 3 and find out where they are. Atk plans (PW rpt) says atk coming direction LaWalck. Keep alert.

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1312 - Love OP to Blue 6-receiving arty fire regularly-about 1 per minute. What Heavy stuff do you have to take out (None). Looks as tho there might be attack on our right. Is arty doing any damage? No, hasn't hurt us yet. Mixes fire-88's and HOW's. Seem to be SP's, in woods.

1315 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-We're receiving arty in Love and along line to right. About 1 rd per minute. Think mixture MP and 105-not too accurately on line, just in town TD's are relieved of attachment to Bn-are with Regt as of now. Fatal 6-George pulled c/a and recovered LMG's and MLR section and took prisoner. Report approx Bn in town, 200 to 250 trps, in town to right. Said his Bn was reinforced this morning. Prisoners were of different Division than ones we took. Keep OP on alert. Fatal 3 will contact Fancy ie contact with our flank OPL.

1335 - Fatal 3-Blue 6-Fancy has men on hill 226 and has sent patrol. They pulled back-pressure about 50 krauts but still holding left flank 1000 yd behind us. Will we curve over if situation not corrected. (Yes).

1405 - Fatal 3-Blue 6-Fancy sending officer led ptrl to OP 238 at 1500-have Love send like patrol. In event withdrawal OPL suggest point where road Urtswiler-Kenewiler crosses boundary.

1407 - Blue 6-Love 6-send ptrl to Hill 238 to meet Fancy-88's falling on hill-sent men up and had to bring them down) Suggest alternate point-orchard west of 238 near 07.

1412 - Blue 6-Fatal 3-Not safe on 238. Contact Fancy and suggest meeting in orchard near 07-SE corner.

1430 - Larkin-Blue 3-2nd Bn has located a 300 radio in church steeple. Do we have anything there? (Will check).

1435 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Fancy patrol already out, their alternate point is south on road where crosses 30 line and 89 line.

1437 - Blue 3-Love 6-Gave #48. Blue 6-If you don't fix up matters satisfactorily on right flank you will have to take care of it yourself. It will protect your route of withdrawal. Let me know what you find out.

1455 - Blue 3-Fatal 3-Whippe will meet patrol at alternate position.

1518 - Item 5 to Blue OP-what do we do about civilians? Hold them in your town.

1557 - Lt Mike to Blue 5-contacted Mayors Shillersdorf, Nefern, Obermodern, Uhrwiler. Think situation is straightened out.

1612 - White 3 to Blue 3-Radio in steeple is Corps Obs sound and flash man. Saw Krauts in those two towns. We shot lots of Cn and Arty. Should be lots of dead ones. Also shot 57's HE. OP's rpts good results fr 57's. Things pretty much under control

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1644 - L-6 to 3-Pounding my left flank-so much stuff it's landing between holes. Just can't move. Went personally to the pt where road bends. Got there at 1505 and no one there-at 1530 went down 300 yd until 1540. Did not see a soul. (Abandon tie-in point-protect your Co, Town, people. If you can't do it, will send some of I to tie in w/you.) General situation pretty quiet. Just a little arty in, probably a lot of patrolling tonight.

1603 - Fatal 3 to Blue 6-Did we make contact? (No Whippes waited an hour and they did not show up) Perimeter defense about town (Cannot be done-not enough men-we protect the part we occupy) We're pulling back to protect ourselves and curving line to close gap. Notify Fancy.

1817 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Division tells Fancy must make contact tonight. Patrol gone up-meet them (88.8-29.0)

1818 - Blue 3 to Love 6 - Fancy going to (888-290). Meet them there. (OK, may take time).

1832 - Green 6 to Blue 6-Can you put up Jones and McCabe for night? (Yes send them right down.)

1836 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Got report on tracked vehicles. Corps is expecting renewal attack on left tonight. Wanted to be sure we were on alert. Inform men they have plenty behind them in addition to Fatima. 6 SP guns belonging to people on left are available. Blue 6-I have not been able to pick up any dope on movement tracked vehicles- (I haven't either-none available) I asked for 6000 mines-got 400 later this afternoon and Engrs would not lay them (will look into it-might use mines on ropes over roads.

1855 - Love 6 to Blue 6-Ordoyne went up nearly to town heard track slipping on snow. We just dumped in hvy arty barrage-sounded good. No more dope on talking. Lt Raith back fr Fancy patrol. Went to Kenewiler. There they have only two outposts on roads leading into town with rest of front taken care of by patrols. They stopped five man Kraut patrol-took one prisoner who states Bn about 400 digging in in woods to our left front. Everything pulled in within 400 yds of my town. Will put patrol on road.

1900 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-Just received word on contact with Fancy. Here is what their OPL consists of: 2 outposts in that town (K)-That's all. They're trying to cover front with patrols. Can't be done. I've pulled in my OPL back to road. You can't tie in an OPL that isn't manned. (3: your Engineers will be up tonight to lay mines.)

2031 - Fatal 36 to 3-Have your 36s come up here and I will give him a whitewash mixture to use on his guns. Bring a 5 gal container, not a water or gas can.

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2031 - (cont'd) Red 2 to 3: What's going on? (Not much, a little tangle with them this AM. A couple of Co's came on road in front of our position. We stomped them with arty and cut loose w/MG's. Got 4 or 5. Chased them back into woods, and over the hill with arty.

2050 - Fatal 6 to 6-Fame 5 just called me in re OPL they interpreted your OPL follows road exactly-would like look 30 grid E and W-about halfway between. Can you occupy high ground if Fancy occupies it with you? (Yes, if we could get them up there) (had to protect myself before dark. ) Where can you meet them-you did right by pulling back -(see that bend in road S of there?) Expect you to keep contact on left flank-they pulled back to MLR. (Our people won't just walk back from there) You have OPL tied in on Right w/MLR-(They are coordinated between the two) You have both MLR and OPL going straight across, have you got that protected? It's your baby-captured 2 PW's in Fancy Zone and they said they are going to attack in 409 zone tonight.

2157 - White 2 to 3-Notify your OP vic right X will have a detail operating out there of five men in snow suits. (I'll tell Co Comdr about it.) Won't be in your zone out to right front-White 3 on wire. Just got a call from Fatal 6-what time will you people be at that point? (Four of your people go with four of our people at that point-then go to the other point) The OP will want to know what time yours get there-(After they meet, can go back and explain.)

2205 - 3 to L-5-Got a call from Fancy White 3. They don't know about going up there and digging in, so you tell them--They will have 5 men out to your right front in snowsuits, not in your zone.

2302 - Red 2 to 3-Anything doing? (Well, Krauts got that town where 5 man patrol came before.

2349 - Blue Ln to L 5-How is line? (OK, no report of anything-have 80 to 100 men out there, half of them awake) You have road on right OP'd, don't you? (Yes) The one toward K OP'd? (Yes) Engr came and laid mines in 10 places.

2352 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-did you contact Fancy? (did not get a call yet) Got a call from Fancy saying contact was made-dropped mortar on the Krauts in that town-(the number ~~xxxxxx~~ probably exaggerated) (what are they going to do about that town?) Have FO w/F Co. am going to call and see. Will call back and let you know.

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0050 - Lt Jones to Blue 3-Mines laid as of 0015. Will bring overlay of position in tomorrow.

0758 - Love 6 to Blue 6-left flank collapsed-Co in wood-fighting in Mulhausen.

0801 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-Fighting in Mulhausen-about Co strength in town and in woods-check with 6. I don't want that Uhrwiler bunch cut off.

0810 - King 6-Blue 6-Krauts in Mulhausen.

0811 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-Attack in company strength (leave it up to you if you think you're being cut off. Pull OPL in.

0812 - Blue 6 to Love 6-what is situation? (50 krauts in woods and along roads. My men pulled out of woods and are fighting in Mulhausen) OPL left up to us. You will withdraw to Zutzendert-Do you think you should pull back now? (Will check and let you know) OK. When you do get Co assembled, report to me.

0815 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Will hang on till daylight so we can get some arty.

0817 - Blue 6 to Item 6-you know situation? (Yes) Love will have to pull out after a bit-so get set on MLR.

0830 - King 6 to Blue 6-Begun firing on MLR in woods east of Mulhausen. OK on MLR? (Yes, 100%).

0834 - 6 to White 6-Being atk on left (we on right) OPL driven in. Talked to old man and he gave me permission to draw back (3 tks in were atk on our right) Think we are tied in all right (Yes we are pretty thin) (These are pretty tough) (They yell at each other 100 yds across draw and call each other names)

0856 - White through Perrone- $\frac{1}{2}$  company Krauts coming out of woods at (874-317).

0857 - Blue 6 to Love 6-Rpt  $\frac{1}{2}$  Co men out of woods north of you. OK, we have wire to him. Get arty on Krauts. Will be fired unobserved. I have men on Mulhausen rd.

0903 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Notify me when you pull OPL.

0907 - Blue 3 to King 6P-cover minefields with fire.

0910 - Blue 3 to Fatal 2-Pulling back MLR.

0913 - Blue 3 to Item 5-Love pulling back thru you.

0916 - Item 5 to Blue 3-Want Engr to prepare bridge for demolition.

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0945 - Lt Cox to Blue 3-AT truck left in Mulhausen-driver just talked to Lt Cox.

0955 - Friehage to Blue 1: Truck and gun gone. Lt Barclay went up there. I've waited two hours for him, so called you. I am at Item CP (Keep men on position)

1003 - Lt Quinn-Blue 3-Activity on road down from north to Mulhausen. 2-3 in white coats, and others in jackets-in hedgerow (872-315) Blast-they're Kraut.

1019 - Blue 1-Sgt Friehage-heard nothing from Barclay-tried to go back, but couldn't. Gun located in far side of town. Was gun ever on high ground behind town? No.

1040 - Blue 6-White6-About Co in town-(a few in front of us-4 light tanks. We are getting replacements, equipments in hurry.)

1122 - Blue 3-King 6-seems that all men went out on MLR at 0630 and 20 Krauts came on 8 Love men remaining in town. Didn't see AT gun in town. Want 4 White suits.

1127 - Sgt Friehage-Blue 1-shall I pull guns? (NO) I want vehicles up here. Are guns had in Neferin? (Yes) Get vehicles-I'll be right there.

1214 - Fatal 3 to 6-What's dope on Muhlhausen? Krauts have the town w/approx a Co 120 to 150 men. Same as I gave you earlier. Krauts came in fr NE out of woods w/6 man ptrl, followed by about 50 men. As far as we are concerned, they have the town.

1222 - Red 2 to 6-What is situation? OP1 withdrawn to MLR. 4 lights w/4 or 5 moving in a few min ago. Arty firing on it now.

1231 - 3 to Fatal 3-L got out OK. 1 man wounded. 50% on MLR. Early in AM they went out to man MLR-when they went out to man MLR the Kraut moved in. We followed directive on manning it, etc.

1240 - K 6 to 3-Kraut infiltrating into town. Saw 12 come in tonight. Will let first few through and let Marshall pick them up in res pos. We all got out. McCarthy called me up and asked me why we lost that town. I told him our MLR was behind the town. Saw tracks where a four man ptrl came through. Were back of us fooling around our wire-about 50% are dressed in white and are hard to see.

1417 - Item 5-Blue 2-Engrs put in mines along creek.

1517 - Chaplain says GRO team should be contacted re truck blown up-sweep mines, clean mess.

1519 - Gave Item #45-Item CP reported 5 man Jerry ptrl into Nefrin. Fired on them w/57's and 60's. Killed 3 for sure. Other two were not observed to leave. Will send patrol tonight to obtain any papers on dead ones.

1535 - Fatal 3-Blue 3-Fancy got 12 tanks echeloned up road leading NW-57's caught 2 on road. Knocked out other tanks firing point blank into infantry. We are laying Corps TOT on them now. High casualties in Krauts. Bn in support SW of George.

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1549 - King 6-Blue 3-Need white capes in order to supply men. (OK, will get them)

1605 - Fatal 2-Blue CP-report 2 trks, 2 rcn vehicles, 2 motorcycles, and 1 man on horse mving out of Offwiller north into woods 1600.

1617 - Blue 16 to Blue 1-Need vehicle to take squad up to pick up King wounded.

1637 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-If we want we can get spotlight. Reflection off clouds would light up foreground. Do you want it?

1728 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to CP-over on left those 12 Eny trks vic pt 82-two by our AT guns 57's-at 1400 yds-2 by arty, G Co plat ldr shot Corps TOT-pulled out NE of town. Tks had pulled up and firing point blank into G Co pos. Air OP at 1640 rpts mvt of small groups Eny well dispersed moving to SW from Uhrwiller to Niffern.

1742 - OP to Fancy 3-Do you have any people in Kindwiller? (Yes, having fight now hit by about plat will call E Co and let you know.)

1816 - Blue 2-King 6-forget "A" ptrl and arry out other. Fancy White 5 to Blue 5 - Fire fight Kneweiler-killed 15. Don't expect to have any trouble, but if we pull back will let you know.

1839 - Fancy White 3 to Blue 3-Outpost spotted 20 man Kraut ptrl at 1800 going into Ehrwiler from E. Brought arty and killed 8.

1914 - Blue 6 to King 6-Report Kawa's platoon-1 man wounded, 2 killed. Want to burn town out tonight before I lose half platoon. Will try get tks go up and knock down a few houses.

1915 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-Wonder if I could gt tanks tonight for a little while-if not must burn town.

1919 - Blue 6 to Fatal 5-See town SW. What about Fashion going in there tomorrow? We saw plat ski troops in there-couple patrols tonight. My opinion is they'd get hell knocked out of them-88's. In town to left about 130 men. If they go in use foot patrol backed up with their vehicles. I'll call tomorrow after hearing your report.

1919 - Blue 6 to King 6-I asked for tks-they'd let me know. How close to edge can we work. Right on up. Krauts using our mortars. 88's on Fox fr hills to left. MG's in cemetary-use AT's on them. If we get tanks, send them to King CP. Will guide up. Mine field covered by one MG. Expect attack in the morning.

1949 - Blue 6-Fatal 3-Tank plt ldr on way here. Will send over. But couldn't you use AT gun's? Expecting atk in the morning and would like to have some tanks. Still puttin g men in town. Some on skiis. Well dispersed. Supplies by sled.

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1955 - Blue 6-King 6-Got tanks. Asked for plt to be up there at daylight but not sure of it. This will only take care of edges-rest Arty or Cn.

2004 - I 6 to 3-Are we in Kindwiller? (Yes still have it) Don't think we can take that town. 928 has OP in woods to my right. Says about 150 Krauts in town. Shot up a wagon train.

2030 - 3 to Fancy White 2-about 15 tried to get back in town and we stomped on them-will have a 5 man work detail out there so be careful-we slapped their ears down.

2037 - 3 to K-6-(Moving around-one plat-trying to get rations distributed. Have not eaten all day. Kawa got hit, think it was dum-dum glanced from his helmet. Hit his eyes. Killed man next to him. Think it was carelessness that got the casualties. These Krauts are good. Fire is accurate.

2142 - White 6 to 6-(Quiet now except 2 casualties from snipers from that way. Am going to put some WP and knock some houses down. Had tk action on our left. Knocked down 4-at over 1000 yds. Lost plt leader-Petrie S/A fire. Rpt fr H-6-want you to fire on our side of town instead of front if visibility is good. Don't think we can do it. They're coming down the draw. None of us can see.

2346 - 6 to K-6-Getting cranked up-can we stop it? out of com again. Mortar cut lines.

2353 - 2 to I-5-another ptrl going out? (Yes) We will fire arty on it for your info.

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0019 - Oper Sgt-King Co-Capt Burns came into OP and reported fire coming fr King area-inquired and King claimed it coming fr Fox Co White <sup>dn</sup> area.

0022 - Oper Sgt-White 2-White 2 rpts firing ~~us~~ one of their ptrls that was in fire fight. Blue gave White rpt on ptrl.

0025 - Blue 31 to Blue 3-Have a crew ready to go to town on left and also one ready to go to town on right. Will they be picked up by Mike? (Send them to King OP and will there be picked up by guide from Mike.)

0030 - Blue 3-White 2-Requests present situation-white rptd they are patrolling and ran into many Krauts in one town in front of George. Got into two fire fights.

0037 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-Calling pertaining to use of tanks. Decided not to use them. Intend to throw in arty in morning. Fuse delay-WP fuse. How about direct fire from 57's. Blue 6 said he was saving them for pt blank targets. Fatal 6 says there is an extra 57 in regiment and is available on call-ask our fron situation-Blue 6 rpts fire fight on left-Blue 6 explained why town was given up but intend to keep town in which have Cp located.

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0050 - Idome 5 to Blue 2-Boys up ahead report about a squad hit our line a bit to their left. (King Co) Could have been in White Sector. Heard vehicles. Wanted to know if anything should be thrown in. Blue 6 on line and says it can be fired.  
0100 - Blue 6-Idome 5-Called for fire-observe and then send out patrol not sooner than  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after firing ceases and get into town as close as possible and try to find out effects of firing.

0107 - Faggot 3-Blue 6-Div Arty will fire TOT on road running from main block out. Will fire one volley of smoke and one volley of fuse quick at 0120.

0131 - Idome 5 to Blue 2-It was quite a show but there is still movement of vehicles. Blue 2 tells Idome 5 to carry out orders planned earlier.

0155 - Idome 5 to Blue 6-Men report sound of tanks coming fr same place as before. Blue 6 orders Idome 5 to send out patrol and find out what is going on. Will act on information they obtain.

0200 - Fatal CP-Blue CP-request present situation. Report: Idome reported movement in town to their front of vehicles. Divarty fired volley of smoke and one volley of fuse quick. Idome later rptd still vehicular movement in area. Sent out patrol to find out what is going on.

0238 - Fancy White to Blue CP-troops rptd in Engwiller. Tanks rptd working to our left flank. No of tanks not known.

0358 - Fatal CP-Blue 2-Two tanks reported by White moving in on King Co.

0359 - Blue 2-King CP-6--Report fr Fatal that two tanks were moving in on your area.

0411 - Idome 5 to Blue 2- OP's heard activity in King's area. Sounds like drone-probably tanks.

0435 - King 6-Blue 6-Krauts rptd pouring into our position. Arty going in now. No definite info.

0506 - Blue 6-Green 6-Give us conc 30 to left Mulhausen. Kraut in Schillersdorf now.

0512 - Love 6 to Love CP-on way up-I will go to Schillersdorf from South. Take ammo and wpns only. Lt Ford-let him know.

0515 - Blue 6 to King CP-Whipps on way south road. Have MG fire on town. Plat trks showing up there right now.

0527 - Mike 3 to Blue 6-too hot for mortar plat. Being run right,-out of houses.

0528 - Blue 6-Lt Bedel-Get radio in (net) lt me know.

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0533 - Blue 6-Fatal CP-litting firing to left of town. Quieted down in Schillersdorf.  
0540 - Blue 6-Quinn-Krauts right in town. Number unknown. Krauts boiling thru break. Krauts have 2 MG's and trying to flank town fr left.

0545 - Blue 6-How 6-King came thru Schillersville. Krauts in N side of Schillersdorf.

0602 - Blue 6-Item CP-nothing bothered us in front. (Try to get to Driver get story) Krauts hold N Schillersdorf. Hold tight. Trying to restore MLR.

0621 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-TD's pulling without order. I'll get that stopped. No reason to pull out. Schillersdorf not lost-Love moving on now. Halpin gone back to help Love. Send in A & C from south. Ours going in fr Front, South.

0630 - Lt Ordoyne-Blue 6-King fell back to Obermodern. 1 plat w/mg in Obermodern. Capt Walpole will be there right away.

0635 - Item 6 to Blue 6-Moving in on Nefrin-want all four cover.

0637 - Blue 6-Fatal 5-Atck started on Nefrin. Will keep you informed.

0639 - Blue 6 to Item CP-are you in com with Cn Co-moving in on Nefrin fr all sides.

0652 - Item 6 to Blue 6-Nefrin garrison pulling back to MLR. Fire thickened in front of town. Watch left end of line.

0654 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Nefrin too hot. Pulling back to MLR behind town. Right line OK. Is there gap between Schillersdorf and left of Item? Nothing left to put there. Platoon of "K" going to Schillersdorf. Trying to get com with them up there. Situation under control. Cn going into new position.

0722 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-Atk on Nefrin repulsed.

0745 - Fatal 6-Blue 6-Think I'll send 1st Bn in to restore MLR (OK, Item left flank holding) Whipples making slow progress. Pinned down MG fire. (Part of King holding gap between Item and Schillersdorf but don't think they could hold if attacked.)

0818 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Issued orders for Red to attack from west and restore MLR. Like to have your people push right in behind and hold. Give every help. Won't be feasible for Love to relieve them on restored MLR until night. Red will atk  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

0822 - Blue 6 to Item 6-Red will atk direction Schillersdorf to restore MLR on left-assist all you can. Able leads attack in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

0829 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Everything tied down on left flank. Fame has idea that while A & B atk to have C c/a fr left and follow. I'll put C at your disposal. If it doesn't go well, put C behind F. What happened to Mac at my OP. How much K left? (about 2 platoons-have  $1\frac{1}{2}$  plat myself.) White Fatima on way w/plt tks to town

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0847 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Officer running plt tks between my town and Schillersdorf protected by Inf platoon. He's doing it on his own.

0859 - Fame 6-Blue6-Fatima is not to move. He will not commit his forces without my order. (He was just going to edge of town) That is alright, but no further. Have that CO call me.

0926 - Wire team-L and K have platoon each in town-have contact with each other.

0933 - Blue 6 to Love 6-Pretty rough. Came in from South-got up to open ground & they picked us off one at a time. (We have 1 platoon yours and 1 King into town) Need 10 boxes belted MG and 25 to 30 bandeliers (Send 1000) Will meet trucks in woods. Red Bn will attack. You go in to hold town. Give all assistance by fire that you can.

0939 - Blue 6 to Wire team-Pull back another 500 yds-wait until attack Red finished and move in set up phone in one of the first houses.

0945 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6: (Faggot reports conc of troops around Nifren. Have you anything to back you up?) No, everything committed. (Do you need Charley?) Yes-they could go to Zutzendorf but would just be delay. Needs tanks to hold off hvy attack.

0947 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-First thought it was a co - then a Bn. Visibility not too good. Have 3 Bn arty firing it. Are they attacking? No, concentrating in woods. Will give you Charley to hack up. 1005 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Fired arty on conc in front of Nefrin, driving them back to Uhrwiller. They used two approaches-stream and road. We have Bn laid on each approach.

1026 - Item 6 to Blue 6-c/o about 50 men around Nefrin. Nothing in front of us now.

1032 - Wireman-Blue 6-Red flares in Shillersdorf-tanks up toward I Co-1 MG firing (ours)-none of our troops visible.

1033 - Blue 6-Fatal 6-Tanks thru town-slight fire in town. K and L in contact. Will reorganize King in Shillersdorf as soon as town cleared.

1037 - Blue 6 to White 5-I Co has beaten off atks. Shillersdorf has quieted down. Pick up my wireman and take him along with you. Provide Comm.

1042 - Blue 6to Wirehead-Will be about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  companies come by you.

1045 - Fatal 3 to Blue 6-A having tough time. Red is going to pass Baker thru. Tks will follow Charley. 6: Thorndyke going to clear woods then go in. Fatima moving up to next town north. (Shelling this town 1047).

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1132 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Fame 5 said 3/4 hr ago rpt came in that Krauts were moving N to Berwiler. (Situation on front is quiet-can't observe anything coming in gap) Did Mac get your disposition where there? (Yes) Good observation now. Whipps lost 8 killed.

1147 - Blue 3 to Item 5-Situation quiet except for arty. Item would like to have some direct fire weapons to work on town. One AT gun lost at left.

1203 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Fords plat is on hill above Shillersdorf. Approx 15 men lost in K. Baker is pushing in toward MLR. You take one co and start pushing in toward MLR. K should be pushed around to hold believe right part of MLR.

1210 - Love 6 to Blue 6-Move to assy position. Get with Ford, restore MLR between Item and Hertzmulen. Ford has wire and will run it forward with you. Baker is coming and will restore MLR on left with Hertzmile as left. Tommy trying to pull back to 235. Ford will go up to help. Love has wounded.

1234 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Right Co hit again. They're pulling left flank back. Whipps moving over-Baker having trouble N of Shillersdorf.

1241 - Item 6 to Blue 6-left flank pinned down-bringing arty in to quieten S/S fire. Ford going to reverse slope 235. Whipps will join you there to restore MLR on left. Baker will atk toward us to restore MLR. King will be in reverse SW of 235.

1252 - Fame 38 to Fame 6-Res Co being attk on left flank. Have one plt protecting its left flank. Another co coming up above hill 235. Bn will restore MLR to left of I on left; will swing around and come in. Do you think you can do it? (No, don't think in daylight with black clothes. Fame 6 thinking using Fatima White to restore MLR.

1255 - Blue 6 to Item-Can you get white 6? (Yes)

1314 - Mike 6 to Item CP-Can you get close enough to get the mortars to help (just 60's so far. Have target for 81's-arty is firing now.

1320 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Can't get I left flank out of there. Have given detailed orders to Whipps and I have 3 out there to go over it exactly. Going to try to fire 8 inchers in there.

1327 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-FO is afraid to fire the 8" or 155's. B is not moving fwd-mixed up with F (they'll be ready about time we have at least 1 plt on L flank.)

1332 - Lt Ford-Blue 6-Capt Whipps going right out and tie into Baker. Walpole coming out to join you. Item pinned down. Trying to register arty.

1335 - Blue 6 to Item CP-got some tanks, but don't know how long it will take to get them there. Going to put 8 inchers on town-shot about 2 to 3 minutes apart.

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1444 - Blue 3 to Blue 6-Whipps out to right to get out of mortar fire. Has gone on. King 6: 2nd plat out thru I Co 1st plat, joined A and launched attack. missing 1 MG and 1 squad.

1452 - Fame 6 to Fame 38-Fatima blue 1 co to be turned over to Fatal to be placed as designated-not to be committed without express orders Fame.

1516 - Fame 38 to Fame 6-Just talked with Fatal 6-he asked for another co (wants the rest of outfit where you are go up and restore position. Love moving on down slope)

1512 - Fame 38 to Fatal 6-Do you want a Bn? (A co 40 men. C whittled down. Not goint to get town cleared before dark.

1533 - Fame 38 to Fatima White 6-Put men on road and report to me for orders. Go as far as draw SE of town.

1535 - Fame 38 to Fatal 6-Starting Bn out and up road up Shillersdorf. Fatal afraid of loss of A & B in town. (I & R and 5 tanks committed in town) Get staff officers to meet Fatima-when I get new outfit will attach it to you. Taking hvy casualties in town. 150 still in town.

1543 - Fame 6 to Fame 38-town open on east. Fatima will have to protect himself on left. Fatal tied up in town-150 still there and need more to clear up by dark.

1626 - Blue 16 to Blue 3-Do you know anything west end of town? (Not for sure.)

1632 - King 6 to Blue 6-rounded up shovels-trying to gt overcoats and blankets. Men don't have bedrolls. Have 9 men 3d platoon-24 in 2nd-14 in 4th.

1647 - Fame 6 to Blue 3-Love took up MLR to protect flank Item-recd 75's. (How will Fatima tie in) Not sure-supposed to extend Love to left rather than go down slope. Location Item's flank-left Neiffer; Love curved around 235. Can't see Fatima. Will call Fame 38.

1725 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Charley Co is on MLR. Send 2 men from K to Lampert's CP and also guides for Caspar.

1726 - Blue 6 to Lt Driver: Charley wants guide fr each platoon to walk down road toward my town. Have a jeep to pick them up and take to white. Send Fatima guide to take them to holes.

1748 - Fatal 8 to Blue 6-We sent Love's position on overlay. Love doing OK-took fairly heavy casualties. When companies get in will have fairly good depth.

2004 - Blue 3 to Fatima White 3-Started in position 1930. Shillersdorf burning-few shots fired-no opposition.

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2047 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Any info on Fatima White? Last I heard they were moving into position. Those tks have cut all wires to Caspar. Can you get someone to contact them and have a staff officer contact me.

2112 - Love 6 to Blue 3-Ford went down about 150 yds then tied in with Item-swung left about 200 yds to protect flank. Can't find them-they may have sneaked in at dusk. How have you dug in? Just scooped under snow. Red and some people in Shillersdorf-situation rather confused. Item into conversation-have 1 dead at OP. Would like to get GRO to pick him up tonight.

2127 - Blue 2 to Love 6-6 was worried about infiltration between you and Item (already have a 50 man over that flank and on other side 4 man bazooka team.

2147 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3-How are things? (Not very good-have a little trouble making contact. Don't seem to be able to find them where we thought they were) Has I sent ptrl to find them? (Yes, sending one other ptrl to try again; takes some time to go around the rear; can't walk down M1R.

2202 - 3 to 10-how is wire situation? (Drastic-have 1 mile-2 men missing-can only lay fr vehicle-will check on it tomorrow. Lost one SCR 300 in the deal.) My men on guard going to be tough after beating they took last nite.

2230 - Fatima White 6 to Fame 38-Had trouble finding them. Had guides fr K who took us over, contacted Fox-Baker behind them on hill. Finally contacted and going in now.

2306 - Lt Lamkin to Mike 6-Arrived OK. Holes are not too good-just blown and needs lots of improvement. Sharffel says he killed plenty of Krauts today.

2321 - Blue 2 to Red 2-Any info on Able and Charley? (All in town-took 29 prisoners. A Bn was in there. Hope to get CO tomorrow. Based on PW and Kraut tactics think about 100-150 left. The best we seen) Did you run into any of our men in there? Give us a call if anything develops.

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0040 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Art moonlight to be used between 0300 and 0630. Be sure companies notified so there will be no excitement.

0100 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2-Artificial moonlight called off. We have stuff out there we don't want observed.

0400 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-situation on yesterday's attack. King Co position very poor. I investigating the matter today. Item Co did nice job. Compliment Thompson. Can you send the MG section? We will keep them mobile.

0735 - Item CP-Blue 6-Trucks moving in Ehrwiller. 10 approx and 19 moved from Kinweiller to north.

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0800 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-We have to clean up Shillersdorf-taking it easy. Looks like the Krauts are pulling back from close contact. Fame suggests we put out ptrls to see if Krauts in close contact. Go as far as OPL. Fashion's job from there on out.

0803 - Blue 6 to Item CP-Krauts seem to be pulling back according to Fame. Have they pulled out of Neffern? (Well-just fired mortars on patrol in draw)

0805 - Blue 6 to Fatal 5-Krauts still in Neffern-as soon as it gets light will find out.

0840 - Blue 6 to Love-get warm-up rooms in Zutzendorf and send 1/3 personnel at a time to get warm. 0852 - Blue 8 to Blue 6-got 7 shovels and 4 picks for Love CP-Engrs would not give us any. Got 100 lb TNT.

1010 - Blue 1 to Blue 16-Any more wounded in woods near Shillersdorf? (No, 4 dead.)

1013 - Blue 1 to Love-furnish guide to approx position of dead. (Ok, will be pretty tough getting in there) Send men back to I CP and I'll pick them up there.

1020 - Blue 3 to Item Co: Contact with Fatima White? Have contact with Love in draw W of 235 point. No contact with Fatima White/ .

1035 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-What is contact or lack of it on your front (some in Neffern and Ehrwiller-can hear motors-trks. Redwood thinks Krauts will use ski troops. Cn has two Love men. Love had worst casualties.

1049 - Fatal 6 to Fame 6-Redwood 6 wants me to call attention to ski troops in Mulhausen and Ehrwiller.

1056 - Red 2 to Blue 3-Very quiet. Krauts dug in in town. No est of strength.

1135 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Job in town finished. Have 2 men King Co will send to you. Fatal 6 coming here-be ready to go with me to Fatima White.

1230 - Lt Marshall to Blue 3-Been with 1st Bn-where is K?

1351 - Fatal 2 to Blue 3-Possibly Eny may want to pull out tonight. Want very active patrolling so that we know of any lessening post.

1400 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Alert King to move within an hour-Halpin will come down. Fatal 6 wants offensive action at CP 51.

1405 - Enrg Jones to Blue 6-need any AP mines? (Yes) How much of your front could Item take? Not very much. He wanted me to take a squad of his.

1425 - Blue 6 to Item 5-Krauts still in Neffern. Used SP gun this morning. Was so hazy I couldn't spot it. Was patrol 8 men in stream-fired mortars.

1450 - 9 bombs in Ehrwiller and 2 in Ingwiller looked good to me-strafig town now. Planes carried three bombs each. Love will protect Zutzendorf.

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1507 - Red 2 to Blue CP-Results Shillersdorf--found 6 bodies, took 34 prisoners altogether. Baker Co only Co on line.

1514 - Item 6 to Blue 6-one of these bombs dropped near MLR-dud on a gas tank. Love co will check.

1534 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Charley going by motor to their CP town. Trucks will pick up King and take them to Shillersdorf. Trucks will pick up A and B and take them to Red CP. King to be sent to CP 51 as patrol.

1545 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-how about patrolling? (6: already made arrangements with Fatima. We will handle from right of Uhrwiller-Neffern line. We will try to reach Ehrwiller. 2: looks like Krauts picked up one of our 50's and are using it.

1614 - Fashion 5 to : what about MG's--having heavy wpns Co CO check. WE'd like to have them today.

1724 - Lt Nord to Blue 6-trucks here to take us to Shillersdorf--I've had no orders. (You are attached to Regt-but Col Harding indicated to me that you were to occupy Shillersdorf).

2035 - Blue 2 to Love CP-Item men know location booby traps-they can show patrols. East of woods is road intersection. Fancy is starting a patrol there. Be on the lookout for them. Keep eyes open 700 yds S of objective. Krauts observed in there.

2329 - Casualty rpt for period 242400 to 252400 Jan 45: 11 KIA; 15 MIA; 7 SWA; 17 LWA; Total 50.

2334 - Oper Sgt to Love CP-no Eny activity to report.

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0007 - Lt Raith-Blue 2-Ptrl returned. Saw silhouettes milling around in Neiffein. Could hear only church bell. Saw a ptrl of about 6 men. Could not hear motors of any description in Nieffein or Uhrwiller.

0027 - Blue 2-Item CP-have you any patrols out? (Yes, one) How far have they been ordered to patrol? (As far as possible-Nieffern.) As soon as patrol reports in, report in.

0047 - Blue 2 to Fatal War Room-Patrol got within 300 to 400 yds of Uhrwiller. Did not hear any motors in the town. Neffern--they saw one patrol moving down along creek from Nieffern toward Fancy.

0932 - Fancy White 5 to 3-put AT mines across road there at the boundary-British mines require 200 lbs pressure to detonate. Will keep vehicles from going from this way. Will send overlay.

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0945 - I 6 to 3 - could I get some troop shelters built? Men are getting frozen.

1200 - Blue 2 to Fatima White 3 - Krauts have MG set up where E is in Mulhausen, firing up draw. Arty being called in.

1222 - Blue CP to King CP - Msg to Capt Halpin - Come to blue CP before 1300 - meet with Fatal 6.

1230 - Red 2 to Blue 2 - Anything doing? (411 has been firing at MG, but nothing doing in front of us. Had patrols out last night, no vehicular noises. Saw one Kraut ptrl near Niefern working down creek toward Fancy zone) We are in res, but quiet in our zone too.

1359 - Blue CP to Item CP - think caught mortar fire. Fired out 81's at (888-295).

1534 - Fatal 6 to Fatal 3 - You contacted King? (Yes, they have three already.)

1603 - Fatal 3 to Blue 5 - Want road blocks on roads, and mine fields on either side.

1620 - White 3 to Blue 3 - Do you want plat Sgt (tks). Wait will check. Will send trans to get him.

1700 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  - could we have these Krauts questioned by Lt Rittman re this little deal tonight;

1725 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6 - May have to make change tonight. Fatima White not able to pull Easy. Patrol by K. Plt job at Mulhausen. Still leave some to back up Fatima White. Ln O 928 field here. (we want missions for these ptrls as soon as possible.)

1820 - Fatal 36 to 3 - Did you get AT guns whitewashed? (Don't know)

1919 - Item CP to Blue CP - Kraut concentration at (888-2905). Fired arty conc #266.

1930 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3 - Artificial moonlight in 5 minutes. Duration uncertain.

1937 - Item CP to Blue CP - Krauts screaming from mortar barrage at (882-293). Asked for arty.

1945 - Fancy White 3 to Blue 3 - Heard shouts at location barrage 266. Someone shouted cease firing. We have no people there.

1948 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3 - Moonlight called for by Fox - they thought they had spotted 20 man patrol. They're still looking.

2025 - Blue 3 to King 6 - Just getting started. Don't know when they will leave. How many copies do you need? (Need about 20) Will get them to you.

2030 - Blue 3 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  - Want you w/10 to get up to K and give them help on their com.

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2140 - Item to CP-Hear S/A fire fom Kindwiller-3 or 5 mgs and a 20 mm.

2154 - Blue 10 to Blue 3-Took 3 SCR 300's and K-6 didn't need. Left one for a spare. Have good Ser 536's here at K Co. Could not get any wire. 2 routes of comm--one thru Fatal and thru Blue.

2207 - Fancy White reports smoke on ground fog all along their front. Check your line for conf. (OK)

2210 - Blue 3 to Fatal White 3-Inf on ptrl from our lines. Going to put on show to one side in tks. (We had unfortunate experience-Fatima supposed to contact. Burp guns opened up, scared us. We opened up on 12 men and shot hell out of them-killed Hv Wpns Co Comdr, Rcn Sgt, and wounded R Co Comdr.

2215 - Blue 3 to Blue 5-Need anything? (short on parkas-have 17, need 23 or 24.) Lt Driver got some.

2229 - Blue 3 to Fatal White 2-Was talking to your 6 about our deal, and if they swing a little to the left be sure your boys are on alert for them coming back. About 0320 will start.

2238 - Blue 3 to Item 6-have any more gown or capes? (No had our here "L" brought some then a jeep drove out with some more.)

2306 - Item 6 to Blue 3-S/A fire in Mulhausen--Kindwiller burning but did not notice any arty.

2310 - Blue 3 to Item 6-Fancy White says nothing in Kindwiller burning-have them take az on fire (Aryt shell just landed in font of MG position) (K just passed 2312) (85° from MG's that's it) then OP rptd it too.

2322 - Fancy White 2 to CP-Kindwiller is burning-nothing else happening.

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0050 - King 6 to CP-has Fox Co been notified of our situation? (Yes, was taken care of by 3 earlier in case the route back was not quite followed)

0133 - CP to Fatah White-Be sure to check again with Fox. We thought before that our people might come thru now we're sure.

0142 - Blue 5 to CP-they're in woods-will move out at 0200. Fox closing in a little-light is 400 good. This town burning.

0205 - Lt Driver to Blue 6-nothing to rpt. We went to the town, they opened up on us with a burp gun and machine gun.

0210 - Blue 6 to Blue 5-hat is situation? Raiding party hasn't check in as yet.-arty at 0220. Doggies still laying around here.

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0232 - Item CP-Blue 6-arty, S/A, and MG fire in Mulhausen. (arty ours)

0237 - Blue 5 to Fatima Easy-Check with front line platoons. See if they've picked up anything (OP 2 rpts tanks firing into town. No S/A.)

0259 - Blue 5 to Blue 6-picked up faint call-King rpts Marshall coming out. Don't know whether with Krauts or not.

0300 - Blue 5 to Blue 6- More arty fire. Fashion deal to north highly successful. Faggot now ready to assist us.

0308 - Blue 5 to Blue 6-Marshall just called for 2 litter teams.

0325 - Blue 5 to Blue 6-No live Krauts (what's the matter?) Don't know-have to wait and check. Have wounded on tank, binging them out.

0337 - Fatal White 3 to Blue 5-Any report on your deal tonight (pulled back-tanks on way back) No prisoners-killed plenty Kraut.

0929 - Fatal 2 to Blue 1-Since Driver ran into fire from outside town think probably from entrenched position. Good place to pick up prisoner. Fame insists on picking one up. Be thinking about the situation.

1113 - Fashion 3 to Blue 3-How about our MG's (have 2 at Mike CP, 1 lost in combat) Send to us same town Fatima.

1119 - Blue 3 to Mike 6-send Fashion's 50's here. I'll send them on to Fashion.

1327 - Fancy White CP to Blue 3-OP rpts quite a lot of vehicular movement from Kin-ewiller into our zone. Also 50 cal fire.

1330 - Item CP: checked with Item on #37 confirm as movement out as far out as Ehr-willer. Seems to be one truck.

1332 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Have motor officer at Regt to meet with Engr for instruction on camouflaging vehicles.

1415 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-Tonight at dark Fatima White is withdrawing Easy to town where King is. King comes here and we take over responsibility for this town.

1420 - Item 5 to Blue 3-Found out about lumber? (Fall Baker 2 working on it) All quiet up here. Have some civilians asking to go to Ehrwiller. C<sub>a</sub>n't figure it out.

1424 - Sgt Kaiser to Blue 3-want to bring in boys at Love-change clothes (If you replace them) well, send clothes out.

1445 - Blue 3 to Fatal 2-How did I & R do. (Well they were supposed to rush in, pull out a Kraut under cover of arty-they were discovered and pinned down.)

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1556 - Item to Blue CP-arty still falling-have wounded man-send litter team right away.

1944 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-come up and see me at 1900 if situation normal.

2057 - 3 to 2-K released to Bn control 2155.

2058 - I 5 to 2-claim they just saw a couple of men coming out of draw in front. Those boys down there will fire at anything that moves-check with me before ptrls go out.

2015 - I 6 to 2-lots of activity over vic Uhrwiller. Line was out to fwd and a runner had .

2022 - I 5 to 2-Plane flying over our front lines seems like heavy plane hanging over our lines.

2030 - 2 to I 5-Going to drop some timed fire in Uhrwiller 2053 Divarty will fire TOT on Uhrwiller.

2053 - 2 to Fancy White 2-Had any word fr OP about mvt in your area? (Some around Kindwiller-hold on to your hats. On our left flank there is a little sigging "Good-night Ladies" from Uhrwiller.

2152 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2-Anything new? (ptrl came back from CP 51; rpt double no of Kraut we had last night-were fired on. Lots of activity CP 82. Have fired arty on town. Fired on vehicles moving NE fr Rothback.

2154 - White 2 to 2-Heard you were going to use moonlight (No did not order it) Have ptrl going out, would be detrimental. If you see any funny colors going up over here don't worry.

2302 - 3 to I 5-How is everything? (Quiet, rpt motors moving out of Uhrwiller had them listen for more, but no rpt.. Earlier was a great number.) Want to be on the alert for them pulling out, Redwood thinks they are. (Think they are because civilians want to go there) (Rpt of flares to our right) That is Fancy White, they said to watch for it.

2312 - I 5 and L 6 to 3-Just got rpt of mts around Muhlhausen. Estimated about 6 tks on road Mulhausen, Nifern warming up engines about line from where I am to Niefeln. (Blue 6 says wonder if we could slip a few eggs-mines-on that road to our front? 3 take care of getting mines up there, will you?

2337 - 3 to White 5-Got rpt of rumbling on left and been getting hvy stuff in Easy position. Don't see how they can be moving tks around. Their roads must be better than ours.

2349 - 8 to 3-Called Engrs they are sending British mines-don't know how to handle them. (If you don't know how get someone from Engrs to do it.)

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0007 - Love 6 to CP-nothing more to rpt on tks-hear what sounds like one of our HMG's firing 2000 to 3000 yds to left.

0714 - Fatal 2 to Blue 6-Would like to have any indications that you are or are not in contact.

0838 - Blue CP to Love CP-rpt on ptrl: 1st ptrl went out at 2225, went to a point near the road between Neiffen and Ehrwiller. They were challenged and remained motionless for about 10 minutes then moved on to the road. They heard a tapping as if on rifle butt and moved to the north along the road. They remained there a while and moved back to the south. After moving about 75 yds they were challenged again and decided to pull out. Visibility was too good-about 300 yds. They rpt Neiffren extremely active-mvt and voices the whole time and in Ehrwiller vehicles about 2½ ton moving to the NW. Ptrl returned 0145. Second ptrl left same time-moved out to (8895-2970). They rpt same talking and pounding.

1005 - Fatal 2 to 3-want find out if we are in contact; get started our ptrling. Any entrenchments in front of you? Can we pick up a PW? Do you think there is anything down there? (Yes) Warrior would like to get out on foot and get PW. Want to go tonight. (Don't think will get them by ptrl action except by ambush) What does L 6 think of going same place he was before? (will have to talk it over with you.)

1045 - Fatima White 3 to Blue 3-Is King taking over defense of this town? (Yes) Like them to take over bridge. (How many guard posts do you use?) seven.

1102 - Blue 3 to Item Co-How much barbed wire could you use? (Oh, about 12000 yds) In other words, as much as we can get.

1112 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Think Krauts pulled out everything but coering force. Want you to push out force able to take care of itself. Want it out as soon as possible. Need trans? (would go only as far as Zutzendorf) (Will get them out right away.) Send ptrl to east of Bhrwiler.

1147 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-What do you think of this idea as means of getting information. Give you the tanks, use King and take the town of Neiffren-get some prisoners-could send a small ptrl to top of hill. How soon can you get that started?

1152 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Take over the same time except that we'll have to take up mine field. Not many, but spread out so can't tell how long it will take to get them-frozen in, in deep snow. Engrs not here. (Can you pull them in) They'll have to take up part of minefield they're laying now. We would run into sniper fire. It's a tough job getting out mines under fire. (So tanks are held up by our mines?). We could run around-the drifts might not be too deep for tanks-I think they could make it-do you want to take the chance? (What about using tanks as covering fire for King Co) Until they were almost in, they could, but that's a pretty steep slope. How long would it take to remove mines-about ½ hr properly. (How about hitting without tanks)

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1220 - Fatal 6 to Blue 6-Staff convinced that ptrl would be to no avail-they would not fire on us in daylight. So raid Neiffern-in daylight-without tanks. Put in request for arty if you can't get what you want from there (when can you get tank officer here) right away.

1226 - Blue 6 to Fatal 6-Is tank CO on way? (He's been called for(will report to you). Here is King-any more changes you know of?

1227 - Blue 6 gives order to King 6-go down and make raid on Neiffern-grab as many Krauts as possible-shoot place up and withdraw-use whole company. You'll have whole plt tanks, let them lead in. Arty to prevent anyone coming out of Mulhausen or Uhrwiller.

1232 - Fatal 7 7/8 to Blue 3-did you get rpt on Kraut plan? straffed Menchoffen and was knocked down by S/A fire. It crashed and exploded just S of woods S of Uhrwiller.

1254 - King 6 to King OP-(Do you want mortars to go?) Yes w/1st plat. 1 MG with each 1st and 3d platoon.

1258 - Blue 3 to Blue 10-Get another 300 to go with Lt Quinn-there are 2 with I. (one w/Marshall and one w/King 6.) Get them up right away.

1259 - Blue 6 to Blue 3-Find out about those mines on way to Nieffern. Find out why order was not obeyed. Go up to I yourself and stay there.

1305 - Blue 3 to Blue 8-Get some red and green flares. Do you have anything to fire them with (No). Bring 8 each red and green.

1337 - Blue 3 to Blue 16-Move entire forward aid station to Zutzendorf. Be there within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

1340 - Blue 6 attaches tanks to King Co.

1410 - Fatal 5 to Blue 6-Fame 38 and 5 are not satisfied with shaves and general deportment of men. Want all men shaved and be sure they carry wpns when they go out. (Won't do anything until after raid-want to keep lines open) .

1415 - Tk Co in CP for orientation-Tk resupply gas and one will be at RJ. Hot chow. Lt Cox to be notified to pick up tanks and guide them there.

1420 - Fatal 3 to Blue 2-What time are things coming off? (as soon as elements can be assembled-within next hour) .

1440 - Blue 6 to Blue 3-How are things? (Pretty good). That's all you're waiting for.

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1450 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-what's the score? (Little job this afternoon). I & R  
going out of road out of CP 51.(can't plan till we see result of today's wrk)

1524 - Blue 6 to 243-want Mulhausen road watched particularly close-SP's in there.  
Like to have a little arty on Mulhausen and Uhrwiller as soon as we get in. I'll  
let you know.

1605 - Blue 3-15 Krauts moving up hill at (8805-3160). 1 rd smoke on the way.

1612 - Tanks moved up just short ridge. Arty alerted to fire Mulhausen.

1626 - 1 Kraut MG opened up from basement-tks firing-no mvt Ehrwiller.

1642 - Plt fr Draw entering town. No mvt on roads.

1658 - Quiet in town-no arty of RJ.

1747 - Regt told of progress raid thru other phone.

1755 - Arty right in town Now.

1846 - Got 10 Krauts; think 6 casualties.

1857 - Blue 6 to Fatal: Got 10 Krauts-36 Div 86 Regt 7th Co. Got into town-had 6  
wounded I know of and one is still down there. Still trying to gt him out.

1902 - Fatima White 3 to Blue 1-Am completely out of your town-you're taking care of  
guard of this town? I am manning AT guards-want your K to take care of things after  
tonight.

2007 - Fancy White 3 to Blue 3-How did today come off? (Did nice job-got 10 Krauts)  
Any casualties? (Yes)

2325 - 3 to I 5-will get moonlight at 0300 (OK will pass along)

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0210 - Fatal 3 to Blue OP-we aren't going to use artificial moonlight tonight un-  
less requested by companies.

0230 - Blue OP to Fatal 3- Companies say that about 0330 after moon goes down they  
could use some on the line to a good advantage.

1019 - From 243-air OP rpts tr conc in Muhlhausen.

1054 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-want to try boats to get across creek.

1254 - Blue 2 to Fancy Red 2-What info do have on Kindwiller? (believe 85 in NE  
woods; detail went out last night and spotted it. SW a quite a little S/A and

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1254 - (cont'd) spotted 2 tks. Did not get clear into town.

1302 - Blue 2 to Fatal 2-What time does moon rise tonight? (Will let you know)

1455 - Fatal I & R to Blue 3-was there trouble about ptrl? (You should notify us when you go out-in case we should want to fire) Will take care of it myself from now on. Figure on going thru Love tonight. Use boat to cross creek.

1538 - Item 6 to Blue 3-30 in rt platoon, left plt 30 men, other about 25-more holes now, than we can man. Can look over whole area fr OP's.

1605 - Blue 3 to Item 6-On this tonight, we have one plt w/sec heavies atchd as part of reserve-still under your command. (will be right platoon)

1622 - Blue 2 to Fancy Red 2-we have ptrl about 1830-near you up around (900-305). They'll swing over toward you there and might cross over.

1625 - Blue 6 to Fatal 3-you know plan that us up for shift over from the right. Have you had any word on that. I'd better hold up on my shift tonight then.

1832 - Item 5 to Blue 2-You only need worry about Td's ptrl. Shall I fire into Nieffern? (Better not) :Love says OK to fire. Krauts between Uthwiler and Nief-fern all day. 1 leading 3 cows. Didn't observe them carrying anything.

2010 - Fatal 3 Opn Sgt to CP-tell 3 to forget plans he was discussing w/Fatal 6 this afternoon.

2136 - I 6 to 2-Quite a lot of confusion. The ptrl just came back through my MG positions. The trk hit a mine. Will get an Az about 200 yds from MG's-about 67° from MG position) on road fr Nieffern across our front. L 6 says we planted a couple of mines over there last night. If it was across the creek-that's where the mines were laid. There is a 7 man patrol coming up towards our positions now; we don't know about them

2235 - L 6 to 243-Ford just ame back has about 15 birds spotted the road leading out of Uhrwiller. About 150 yds the road leading to green patch (8995-2990). Uhr-willer rd listend-about 15 Kraut came from Kindwiller, started digging in later halted someone on road. Further on right toward K, heard number of voices and pounding. Going out heard a truck over toward Mulhausen. Heard a big explosion but didn't know what it was.

2332 - 2 to I 6-did you get news of ptrl? Anything doing on your front? (Just got rpt that I & R came in-L CP says that they are there. Sgt of I & R rpts attained objective. Heard nothing except S/A fire away off to right.

2348 - Fatal 3½ to CP-did deal between Red and White completed at 2315-anything doing in your area? (Just what you have except the I & R came back through) Didn't know they were out.

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0157 - Fatal CP to Blue OP-how is situation in your sector? All is quiet.

0924 - Fatima White 3 to Blue 3-Can any of relief be made in daylight? Yes, left co can. Will go over this and give you a call.

1004 - Blue 3 to King 6-501 came in this morning-you'll be on left, their George coming up.

1145 - Fatal 2 to Blue 2-only very close in work tonight. (Seems that's about all we can do under circumstances). Any activity around Niefern? (No)

1241 - Item 6 to Blue 3-Sending out ptrl to check on something down in creek to front-they may get over into Fancy zone. Notify Fancy.

1243 - Blue 3 to Fancy Red 3-will check with Able "have no men off position-no one down in draw"

1328 - L 6 to 3-Made rcn and can get in all right in day. Throwing mortar in now but OK (go ahead and relieve any time agreeable to Comdrs over there, and let us know)

1354 - Love 6 to Blue 2-when I get everyone on line there will be anyone coming into Zutendorf?

1520 - Fatal 3 to Blue 3-409th wondering about ammo exchange. Wants to exchange stuff in position (that's OK-we'll take normal load and leave excess-they can replace it in kind-that is except 81mm-we're taking all of that)

1534 - Fancy Red 2 to Blue 2-Info on Nieffern-is it ours (definitely not ours-belong to Krauts).

1536 - Blue 3 to Mike 6-you all set on mortars? (can't cover sector from there-went to leave section in Zutendorf-can't contact their hvy wpns co) You are going ahead with relief? (Oh yes-this afternoon.)

1601 - Operations instruction rec'd during morning approx 1000.

1658 - Blue 5 to Fatal 3-no change in time Lot of people in that little town. Think we can squeeze them in.

1711 - Green 6 to L-Only interdiction fire tonight is vic Rothbach.

1715 - K 6 to CP-Hq relieved all my guard posts except one by church. Am pulling them out so I can get going.

1725 - Blue 3 to Fatal 3-Easy and Fox are to be attached to us? (Yes) When can we see Co COs? (will phone Fatima White and have them check with you)

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1738 - Blue 3 to Love CP-Relief started 1615-should be finished now.

1902 - Item 5 to Blue 3-like to have some artificial moonlight (want to wait till King is in) Well-let me know before hand.

1905 - Blue 3 to Fat1 3-After relief finished how about some moonlight? (Sure, let me know when your're through) Love finished now.

1908 - Fancy White 2 to Blue 3-have guides ready? (Yes) We're on the way-have guide there for me.

1932 - Blue 3 to Fatima George 5-like to get dope on relief (doing OK-when complete will let you know)

2028 - Blue 2 to Item 5-Fatima has little footwork near boundary-warn MGs to be on the lookout for them.

2215 - Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to CP-moonlight at 2220 (notified letter Cos.)

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