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- 1210 CO of Company "C", 601st TD Battalion visited our CP and informed us that his company had been attached to 6299-G. We have two methods of communicating with them. They have an M-20 Scout Car in our CP that we can contact by calling CRICKET CHARLEY RADIO. We can contact their CP by calling CRICKET CHARLEY.
- 1230 Our S-3 was informed that the 411th Infantry is trying to force our train bivouac out of their area. We called Division and they told us to keep the area until they could decide who it did belong to. We sent our S-5 up to our train bivouac to hold the area until Division decides.
- 1530 The Division Commander visited our CP to check the situation. He informed us that we were to send a patrol down to the TAINTROUX RIVER to check it for width and as to whether the bridge across had been blown or not.
- 1550 CO, 328th Engineer Battalion visited our CP to check on our roads and mine sweeping. Phone is in to his Battalion CP. They will sweep mines for us in the CHALET area tomorrow. Darkness prevents any mine sweeping tonight.
- 1620 S-3 to CO 3d Bn. - Informed CO 3d Bn. that the Engineers will sweep mines in the CHALET area tomorrow. CO 3d Bn., informed us that he was running patrols tonight to contact Co. "E" of the 409th. Co. "E" of the 409th is on his right about 600 yards away. His S-2 is now checking on the track up to his right flank. He is sending his patrols from CHALET into enemy held woods South of CHALET. The patrols will go out not earlier than 1900 and are ordered to return at 0200. He wants arty fire in this enemy held woods and as much as 100 yards into the woods before 0200. At 0400 he would like arty fire on the north edge of the woods and 25 yards into the woods and along the track leading back to CHALET. He would like that fire again at 0500 and 0600, the reason being that PW's have said that the enemy uses the edge of these woods to launch an attack and they use the track as a route of advance. S-3 will call him back about the arty fire.
- 1620 S-3 3d Bn called and said that Captain Whipps with the rest of his "L" Co. will go down to the 600 yard gap between our right flank and the 409th. They will protect the CP that the 3d Bn. now has. He can also prevent any enemy coming up the draw and act as a reserve for the rest of his Co. which is now in CHALET.

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- 1655 Received the situation overlay from 2d Battalion.
- 1700 S-3 to CO 383d on arty fire for our 3d Bn. Arrangements were made to fire this mission at 0400, 0500, and 0600 tomorrow morning. Colonel May has been informed that he will receive the arty fire.
- 1720 S-3 to 2d Bn. - Get information about TAINTROUX RIVER as to width and whether bridge has been blown. Information will be phoned in as soon as possible.
- 1730 We are sending a relief platoon to LA BOLLE to relieve elements of the 30th Infantry. This platoon is composed of a reinforced platoon from "G" Company supported by "H" Company weapons. We reported this to Division G-3 Section. G-3 informed us that the Chief of Staff's decision on whether we, the 411th, or arty would get our train bivouac area was that in case of conflict we would have to move out.
- 1825 CO Cannon Company to S-3 - CO On Co informed S-3 that he would fire interditory fire from 112000 to 112200 and again from 120500 to 120700 at the following points; 400-657 - 387-664 - and 383-642. Permission was granted for this interditory fire.
- 1900 Situation overlay received from 3d Bn.
- Our attachments are as follows: Company "B" of the 3d Chemical Bn., Company "B" of the 328th Engr Bn., Company "C" of the 756 Tank Bn., and Company "C" of the 601st TD Bn.
- 1950 S-6 to S-5 at our train bivouac: It's too late now to send up the water and rations for the 2d Bn. This truck will leave the first thing tomorrow morning with the water and rations and is to have priority on the roads. CO 2d Bn. says he cannot distribute water and rations at night because the truck cannot get into his area at dark. He must have them by 1500 every day.
- 2015 S-2 to Captain Parker: At 1800 this evening an enemy tank of unknown size was seen on the road to St. Die and was knocked out by 383d Arty. There may have been more tanks knocked out at 410-652 at 1910. Bns were notified of the fact that tanks were in this area so they could put out bazookas and AT protection. Earlier this evening we spotted a small patrol about 413-760. There were 5 to 8 men and were spotted by "C" Co. Roads are mined from CHALET To ST. DIE according to PW's.

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2015 Charley says "AMERICAN SOLDIERS LAND IN PANAMA." Phone Code for
Cont'd Units: VI Corps - REDWOOD. 409th - FANCY. 411th - FATIMA. 383d -
FAGGAT. 3d Division - COBRA. 36th Division - ROBERT. 45th Div-
ision - POWER.

2037 S-3 of 383d informs us that they will put fire on three points for
our 3d Bn at 0400, 0500, and 0600. Two rounds per gun. We called
3d Bn. and informed them of this fire and cautioned them that
Germans might come back with lots of fire, S-6 suggests that men
be kept well under cover. Nothing about "K" Company.

2036 1st Bn. to S-2: We are sending a German Document to you that was
found in "B" Company area. We would like to know any results from
it. We will send out patrol and set up OP's if it clears up a
little tomorrow.

2135 Erwin to S-3: Coordinates (378-637). We got information from PW
used to dig in and to form for any movement. Battalion about 150
men.

2145 S-2 to G-2: Information about PW captured. We got 6 PW's in
CHALET. From 1st Co. of 202d Mountain Bn. They had positions in
edge of woods SE of CHALET, 60 men in position, cover 60 yards.
Entire Bn. of about 150 men. They said at "F" Sector was the 201st
Battalion, 90 to 100 men. These two battalions are supplemented by
elements of other Bns. PW captured at LES MOITRONES. 2 men identi-
fied as belonging to the 2d Co., 726th. They said a mountain bn.
was to their left. One was from 7th Co., 726th. They were stragg-
lers. No information about captured men at LA BOLLE. Fronts are
quiet. Entire 225th Regiment wa being reorganized and equipped
about 15 November. No information as to how they got across the
river. People around here gave them the information about the river.

2245 Relief of elements of 30th Infantry by reinforced platoon of "G"
Co. still in progress. Enemy mortar and arty fire falling 2255
(From S-3, 1st Bn.) 1st and 3d Bns report no action on their fronts.

2305 1st Bn. S-3 reports that 4.2 mortars are now firing. All telephone
wires are OK in OP. There should be no change in position.

2310 S-3 to S-4: Major informs us thâ rations are now on their way up.
We called the 1st Bn. and informed them that the rations were on
their wy, ad they should be in Bn. area by 0100.

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2320 G-3 to S-3: We asked if a periodic report would be made tonight and should they be turned in to the 30th Infantry or 3d Division. We were informed that they should be turned into 3d Division as they are still in control. G-3 wants the location of the CP's of our attached on our overlays. Our relief to LA BOLLE should be in progress.

2350 1st Bn. S-3 informs us that no 4.2 mortars have fired as yet.

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0010 Major Thomas, Asst. G-3 was given location of our Bn CP's.

0100 2d Bn. reports that "E" Co has had one man killed and four wounded by enemy mortar fire on house they are using as CP. They are reporting to move CP tonight.

0130 From CG, 6299: "6299 assumes command of its area 0900 12 November. Haffner."

0145 S-4, 3d Bn. arrived with rations for 2d Bn. 2d Bn. notified and rations will be picked up in the morning at Regt. CP.

0220 1st Bn. reports that "B" Company moving to new position became split and one-half of the company arrived at 2d Bn. CP. S-3, 2d Bn. is trying to guide them to their own Company.

0225 2d Bn. reports that reinforced platoon following guide into LA BOLLE was delayed due to the fact that the guide lost his way. Platoon leader is trying to locate his position and proceed on to LA BOLLE.

0600 2d Bn. reports that a guide was sent out to attempt to locate the reinforced platoon from "G" Company but no contact has been made as yet.

0615 30th Infantry reports that our relief of their troops was completed at 2400. No confirmation as yet. 30th Infantry is rechecking. Our 2d Bn. just reported that relief is not complete as our reinforced platoon from "G" Company had not as yet reached LA BOLLE.

0710 G-3 wants to know when our relief of the 30th Infantry is complete.

0730 1st Bn. reports that "B" Company is still uncertain as to whereabouts of their complete company. Will report back as soon as confirmed. They report before end of conversation that "B" Company closed into position at 0500.

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- 0800 CO 383d FA reports that mission was fired for our 3d Bn as called for by his battalion and was assisted by 928th FA Bn. Missions were fired at 0400, 0500, and 0600.
- 0950 TD CO visited our CP and informed our S-3 that he was going to change the position of his guns so as to cover road running in front of 1st Bn.
- 1010 S-3 to G-3: We have no word of our platoon from "G" Company that was to proceed to LA BOLLE and relieve elements of the 30th Infantry. We have just received word that this platoon is on the edge of the woods outside LA BOLLE and has failed to relieve the elements of the 30th Infantry. TD's are now on the road leading South from the spiderweb about a quarter of a mile down the road. These TD's are self-propelled.
- 1030 S-6 called 2d Battalion and instructed him to get his Ex O down to LA BOLLE and see that our relief of the 30th Infantry is completed tonight. 2nd Bn CO wants the GRO at his CP this morning.
- 1115 Our attached Chemical Company reported their CP at (362-671). They have eight operating mortars and a total effective strength of 7 officers and 113 enlisted men.
- 1120 2nd Bn was called in regard to position for 4.2 mortars. Engineers are sending down the necessary personnel to cut the trees. 2nd Bn has selected an area of about 200 yards long which will have to be cleared for 4.2 mortars.
- 1130 30th Inf to S-3: A platoon of tanks which had been attached to the 30th Inf wanted to know if they were relieved. They were informed, through the 30th Infantry, that they had reverted to us at 0900 this morning and were to stay in position. They are in the vicinity of the CP of our 2nd Bn.
- 1155 S-6 to 2nd Bn S-3: Our GRO is at the 1st Bn CP now. 2nd Bn is to send a jeep down to the 1st Bn CP to pick up our GRO. Engineers will send 2nd Bn a squad of men at 1300 today. 2nd Bn liaison will guide the Engineers down from Regt CP at that time.
- 1200 "C" Company reports that they have spotted 15 enemy tanks on the road running North on the ST DIE-LA VOIVRE road at 0800. Artillery observer reported that either arty or mortar fire was placed on them, but this report is unconfirmed.

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- 1310 S-6 to 3rd Bn CO: "Your ammunition truck is now at the spiderweb. Send a guide for it. The 81 MM Mortar and 60 MM Mortar ammunition on this truck is all that our Regiment can get until the 24th of November. You will use accordingly. A few trip flares are available at Regimental DP on request or on request to Captain PEREZ."
- 1330 S-2 to S-3: "15 or 20 tanks have been spotted in the ST DIE area. Corps is very upset about this report. Did anyone except this Field Artillery Observer spot these enemy tanks?" Our S-2 informed G-2 that the name of the Field Artillery observer is unknown to us, but it is reported that he is from the 41st FA Bn and as soon as he reaches his OP we will contact him. G-2 wants to know about this for the information of Corps. G-2 informs us that Division is putting personnel into OP's at dark tonight to cover our entire sector. They will give us coordinates of OP's later. Division will have communications with these OP's. We asked G-2 about 30 round of propaganda artillery that the 41st FA Bn will have to fire today or not at all. The propaganda is addressed to the 16th Div and G-2 informs us that there are no 16th Division troops in this area to his knowledge. G-2 is going to check before we fire this mission and we are to hold up until we hear from him.
- 1400 S-2 to G-2: "We picked up two prisoners this morning. One was from 2nd Co, 201 GEB. One was from 2nd Co, ZBV. They have been separated from their units since 10 November at 0600 and have been milling around in No Man's Land. This morning they decided to desert and came over to our lines. They had been in Meitresses. We picked them up at 0930 this morning at (385-650). Upon questioning they told us there were 10 more Germans that were in houses along the road (386-648) who also wanted to surrender. Both PW's gave the following information about the TAINTRUX RIVER between MOITRESSES and LA BOLLE. The river is about 15½ feet wide and about 4 feet deep at present. Banks are about a 45 degree slope and banks are of clay. Area surrounding the river here is extremely swampy. The current is extremely swift. There is an old ford that is passable at (38.4-64,5).
- 1400 CO of the Chem Mortar Co that is attached to us was in and informed us that his 1st Plat is supporting our 2nd and 3rd Bns and his 2nd Plat is supporting our 1st Bn. His 2nd Plat has a switchboard in. He is sending up Sgt TRIANO as his liaison officer.
- 1500 CO of our attached Tank Co came into our CP and gave us the disposition of his tanks. Three are in HERBAVILLE and one more will go up tonight. Two are in SAUCERAY and two more will go up tonight. Seven are 600 yards in the rear of our CP and two more will come up tonight.

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- 1530 S-4 to S-5: S-4 is in the G-4 tent at Division and wants information on the move of his train bivouac. S-5 has no information on a move as there is room for both 6299-G and 6299-H in their present location. S-5 suggested that S-4 contact S-6 who is now in the Division War Room at a Unit Commanders meeting. S-4 informed S-5 that the phone in his area has gone out. We have Hq Comdt checking on it.
- 1610 2nd Bn S-2 reports that German documents and pictures have been found in a building in the "C" Co area at (38.95-67.5). The 30th Inf was designated by the CIO to search this house. CI C took three Frenchwomen from this house two days ago.
- 1610 CO 1st Bn reports that his ration truck has never come in. We are now checking on this and are to call him back as soon as we have a report.
- 1620 Div PW Interrogator called our S-2 for information on the two PW's we took this morning. We gave him the same information that we have to G-2 earlier in the afternoon.
- 1630 G-3 wants our liaison officer to bring coordinates of Regt & Bn CP's to Div this evening.
- 1650 S-3 to 1st Bn: "Have you men at coordinate 38.35-68.4? It is a road junction." 1st Bn informed us that they might have one squad out there, but didn't know. We informed them that if they have a squad of men there that the TD CO will put in one or two M-10's. They said they would put a squad of men out there. TD CO is to check with S-4 of 1st Bn before he puts his M-10's into position.
- 1710 CO 1st Bn called our S-5 for information about his rations, water, mail, and cigarettes and tobacco for his men. He was informed that these ration trucks were to pull into Regt CP by 3:00 in the afternoon and we haven't seen anything of them. He was also informed that the ration breakdown was started at 1130 this morning. S-5 informed CO 1st Bn that as soon as we had any information of these ration trucks we would let him know.
- 1650 G-3 to S-3: G-3 has information that there are 7 and possibly more enemy tanks in the vicinity of our second and third battalions. We have no information on this. According to G-3 our artillery support is firing on these tanks and has knocked out seven of them. This report is unconfirmed. Tanks were reported in the vicinity of coordinate 40.0-65.8. G-2 wants a report on this immediately as it has to go into Corps.

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- 1800 Capt Parker, 383d FA Bn liaison officer, gives us this information on the tanks that were reported. "Two tanks observed and fired upon at coordinate 41.34-66.18. Forward observer reports that they were neutralized at 1530. Two tanks observed and fired upon at coordinates 40.5-65.6. Observer reports tanks neutralized at 1545. One tank observed and fired upon at coordinates 39.28-66.02. At 1610 forward observer reports visibility so bad he is unable to see results of fire. One gun observed and fired on at coordinates 40.48-65.81. Observer reports gun neutralized at 1610. Enemy mortars in position observed and fired upon at coordinates 40.46-66.58. Observer reports that mortars moved from this position at 1700. The 383d FA Bn fired all of these missions."
- 1750 S-6 directs that 2nd and 3rd Bn S-6's report exact time of arrival at ration truck and to have three guides at Regt Hq CP tomorrow at 0830.
- 1755 S-6 of 2nd Bn reported to our S-6 that our reinforced platoon for relief of elements of the 30th Inf at LA BOLLE went into position at 1740. Elements of the 30th Inf are now on the way back to our position.
- 1810 S-3 of 2nd Bn reported that "E" and "F" Co's had received fire from tanks and mortars at 1700 today. Fire located at coordinate 40.2-65.4. Mortar fire located at coordinate 39.9-66.1. Artillery fire was called for. Tank and mortar fire was silenced. "F" Co has outposts at LA BIHay, total of 19 men. "G" Co is in the process of relieving "L" Co, 30th Inf. Will let you know when the relief has been completed.
- 1830 "D" Co reports that at 1805 they observed French civilians removing possessions from several houses in town of MAIZELAY. They were waving a white flag and placing their household possessions in hand carts and moving away.
- 1828 French civilians found in American jeep on way to ST DIE. They said they were going to ST DIE to observe arty fire, supposedly sent by the 15th Inf.
- 1830 S-3 to G-3: "At 1753 our reinforced platoon of "G" Co relieved the last elements of the 30th Inf."
- 1900 Overlay of plan of fires received from 3rd Bn.
- 1900 Div Arty wants information on tanks fired upon by our arty support and also whether any damage was done to tanks fired upon. Will get this for them as soon as we can contact our forward arty observer and the visibility lifts.
- 1910 CO 2nd Bn reports that relief of the 30th Inf is now completed.

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- 1911 S-6 to G-4, quote "Get my rations issued at 0800 in the morning. Must get rations to Bns at 1400 or 1500 or they can't get them to the troops." G-4 said our rations could be drawn at 0800 in the morning and would notify our S-4 of that fact."
- 1930 S-6, 3d Bn reports to S-3 that patrols are out. 409th won't cooperate. Patrols extend to 372-642. Have communications to all companies except "K" which will be in shortly. We have OP secured again tonight. We have a patrol from Co "K" to Co "L". Patrols from Co "L" going into main draw. Going into mortar positions and also toward 2nd Bn. Our guards out 100 yards. No arty fire tonight. Co "L" reports our arty coming in close. Capt HERSHBERG will refire tomorrow. Many civilians in CHALET. Two houses to be raided tomorrow believed to be occupied by Krauts. We have mortar and arty fire thrown at us for four hours this afternoon. One man killed and one man wounded in Co "I". They threw about 80 rounds of arty at us this afternoon. The OP was no good today, no visibility.
- 1950 S-3 2nd Bn reports that Bn ration truck arrived at 1700. Capt Bailey figured they would have arrived at 1530 if the truck had not got stuck. In order to get rations to co's at proper time they should arrive at OP at 1400. Relief has been affected at 1930. At 1700 arty fire brought on mortars fire. Mortars at 39.9-66.1.
- 2015 S-4 to S-6: "Have made arrangements with 411th and will remain in present position. Am issuing 1 2/3 rations tomorrow which will give all units a reserve. Remainder of sand bags for vehicles to be drawn tomorrow. All troops were issued cigarettes, candy, gum, etc today.
- 2040 S-6 asked Chief of Staff about releasing French civilian and French officer captured today driving American jeep 600 yards north of road bend, 200 yards NE LA MENANTILLE.
- 2100 S-6 1st Bn to S-6: "Will we be able to draw 10 in 1 rations? We have lost contact with Co "O", wires are out. No casualties in Bn today. One man of "B" Co twisted his knee and was evacuated."
- 2112 Div Chem Officer to S-3: "Have liaison officer report to Div Hq at 0830. He will see Col Bishop after meeting."
- 2300 S-3 1st Bn to S-3: "Co A reports 3 white flares being fired in LA VACHERIE (37.0-69.1) in zone of the 15th Inf. Co "O" reports one flare in outskirts of ST DIE followed in five minutes by two other flares. Machine gun fire from across MEURTH RIVER in vicinity of Co "O" at coordinate (39.8-67.0) in addition reported arty fire at approx (39.4-66.5). Arty fire landing in territory to north of our zone.

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- 2305 S-3 to S-3 383d FA Bn: "We have been firing white phosphate at coordinate 40.11-66.09 to knock out tank. We fired 26 rounds of it."
- 2310 S-3 to S-3 1st Bn: S-3 1st Bn informed us that two men were walking in road in front of "C" Co outpost position. Fired on them but no results. Co "C" reported 3 flares to his right at 38.8-69.9. Outfit to our North had ordered flares to be fired at LA VEIN.
- 2315 S-3 to S-3 1st Bn: Unit to our N had ordered flares to be fired at LA VOIVRE.
- 2318 S-3 to G-3: Enemy MG is firing across Mourth River at 107° from Co A.
- 2335 S-2 2nd Bn to S-2: Two tanks at 40.11-66.09. Artillery fire on same. We fired Btry of HE and WP at 2300.
- 2359 S-3 to S-3 1st Bn: Change in degrees reported by Co A. It should be 40° instead of 107°. Position where reading was taken 379-681. At 389-699 three flares landed and MG opened fire.

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- 0020 S-3 to S-3 383d FA: Co A is located at 379-681. Enemy MG azimuth of 40° from that point. Take line from 379-681 and extend line from NE up toward LA LOUVIERE. Somewhere at a greater range at 389-699 point. Estimated spot to fire on 3905-7025.
- 0025 S-3 to CO Co A: Co A OP just got 7 rds of 88. 6 more rds of 88's from MARZELAY. 88's landing at HERBAVILLE.
- 0040 S-3 to S-3 383d FA: 383d reports Div arty can't reach so will get medium gun. Will probably fire in 15 minutes. Co A rptes intradictory fired same time (2015) last night.
- 0045 S-3 to CO Co A: Division will bring medium artillery on position.
- 0053 S-3 to S-3 383d: Artillery will fire 12 rounds at 0105.
- 0059 S-3 to CO Co A: Informed of above.
- 0300 Enemy machine gun fire reported coming into the area of the 2nd plat of Co A and the N plat of "C" Co at about 0015. We had two OP's take an azimuth on the muzzle blast and after getting this our S-3 took a look at our base relief map and checked the most likely place for the gun to be firing from. This gun, according to our calculation, was located at coordinates 39.05-70.25 and we requested arty fire on this position. Corps arty medium bn laid a concentration in of 12 rounds at 0105. Our observer checked the rounds and found that the sixth round was very close. The rest of the rounds were to the right of the target. Our own arty couldn't traverse that far so I called the 15th Inf and they agreed to let us use their arty support bn for this fire. The concentration was fired at 0240. Our observer reported the fire was 200 yards left repeat range. That word was relayed to the arty and they fired five more rounds adjusted fire and put them right on the target.
- 0115 S-3 to CO Co A: CO Co A said his OP said that arty fire to right of MG position. One rd came close, believed to be #6.
- 0300 Our troops are receiving fire from at HERBAVILLE from what is believed self-propelled 88's. They can pick up no muzzle blast but believe the fire is coming from the village of MARZELAY. Division was notified on this and we put OP's there ready to pick up that firing anytime they start again.
- 0330 "K" Co receiving fire in their area at this time.
- 0615 G-3 just called and wanted to know what has happened during the night. We gave them this information. G-2 already has this information.

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- 0720 0720 2nd Bn reported a very quiet night on their sector.
- 0800 3rd Bn reports very little activity during the night on their sector. A little arty fire in this sector, but not very much. Reported that their guides were on the way up to guide the 411th down to their CP.
- 0805 Message sent to all Bns and all Spec Units as follows: "The CG will never be referred to by name in any telephone conversation or where his name may be overheard. He will be referred to as FAME 6. No officer will give his name when halted by a sentry. He will say "Friend with the Countersign." in reply to the challenge of the sentry."
- 0920 S-6 of 411th Inf arrived at our CP with his S-5 to check on the situation and future plans and was then guided down to our 3rd Bn.
- 1020 Asst Div Comdr arrived at our CP to check on the situation and discuss future operations with our S-6. Left at 1115.
- 1130 S-6 1st Bn to S-6: CO reports we are getting only a limited number of 10 in 1 rations. He directed that all available rations be issued 1st Bn.
- 1230 S-3 sent message to CO Co B of 328th Engr to be at our CP as early this afternoon as possible.
- 1330 Co A reported 13 rounds of mortar fire at 37.0-68.4.
- 1349 G-3 called and wants our liaison officer at Division immediately.
- 1355 S-6 left to visit 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 1400 Asst Div Comdr visited our CP.
- 1405 G-3 called and wanted to know if we had any reports of any activity around LA BOLLE today. We have had none and informed them of same.
- 1435 S-3 reported to G-3 that situation remained unchanged in our sector.
- 1440 Co C, 756 Tank Bn is relieved by Co B of same Bn. The change will be made tonight and Co B will be on the line by morning. Their phone exchange is WEAZEL WHITE. Co of Co B wants to know if the road between coordinates 36.0-68.1 and 36.9-68.4 clear of mines. We called our 1st Bn S-2 and he informed us that this road is clear of mines and the shoulder for 4 feet on each side are clear.
- 1530 Asst Div Comdr left for Division.

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- 1625 Arty is firing on two tanks at 39.84-68.97. 383d FA did the firing.
- 1710 S-3 1st Bn reports his sector is quiet with very little arty fire falling.
- 1730 CO of our attached TD Co (601st TD Bn) informed us that his wire is out and he has no wire laying facilities. Our Wire Sergeant is checking this.
- 1740 Our wire chief reported that the wire is now in to our attached TD Co.
- 1750 S-6 returned from our 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 1800 Our Div Ln O brought in Div FO No. 1, Annex No. 1 to FO No. 1 and Incl No. 1 to Annex No. 2 to FO No. 1.
- 1825 1st Bn reports that their OP is receiving Arty fire.
- 1930 CO conferred with Lt Williams about sweeping road between CHALET-LA BOLLE.
- 1805 Co B of 601st TD Bn reports positions as follows: 2 TD's at 38.4-66.0; 1 TD at 37.7-65.3; 2 TD's at 35.9-68.3; 2 TD's at 39.1-66.9; 3 TD's at 34.8-65.8; 1 TD at 37.1-68.9. One TD is in company maintenance.
- 1940 CO 3d Bn to S-3: Arty intredictory fire in big draw fired 3 times tonite. Also fire at 39.1-63.2. Patrol going out CHALET going SE reconnoiter stream, condition of banks and depth. 5 man patrol diamond formation heavily armed. Absolute instructions no prisoners taken. All casualties brought back at all costs.
- 2000 Div called and wanted Ln O report to Div immediately.
- 2100 CO 3d Bn to S-3: Patrol from CHALET moved down TAINTRUX river 100 yards SE of chateau. 30 ft out from bank slope of 60°, drop of 5 ft. Bank is 2 ft from bank to water. Water is 2 to 4 ft deep. Stream is 10 to 15 ft wide. Bottom is hard. Banks are hard-gravel and rock. Foot troops can cross.
- 2210 S-3 2nd Bn to S-3: At about 1000 FOX Co some arty fire fell on OP.
- 2230 G-3 to S-3: "Which Plat of tanks is in your N sector. Also Chem M Plate."
- 2230 Overlay from 15 Inf showing line of fires received.
- 2300 S-3 to S-3 2nd Bn: Our units report no firing in direction of FOX Co.
- 2315 Fame 5 to S-3: Have an officer report to Fame HQ at 0700 to pick FO.
- 2320 Co A reports arty landed at V378687 which seem to be by sound 75° range unknown.

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- 0400 G-3 called S-3 for a report from our sector. We reported all quiet.
- 0430 G-3 to S-3: "A large column of horse-drawn vehicles picked up at (395-6853) (3925-692) moving NW at about 3mph. Corps and Div Arty laid down on these points in good shape. Results are not known. Keep on the lookout for any men from above mentioned column going into the woods.
- 0431 All Bns were notified of the column of horse-drawn vehicles that were fired upon. This column was reported by our OP.
- 0515 G-2 called and gave us the following message: "Redwood reports their radio picked up one plane at 81049. It traveled East to V1545. It then travelled North to V1565. It then travelled East to V4565. The trip ended at 0430. Watch for paratroops."
- 0620 3rd Bn S-3 to S-3: "All quiet here. Some Arty fire on our OP."
- 0750 S-6 3d Bn to S-6: "Nothing happened on my front tonight except two shells, believed to be 88mm, fell in V373646 about 0700. Nobody hurt. If reconnaissance report on TAINTRUX RIVER is not OK let me know and we will do it again tonight." Our S-6 informed S-6 3rd Bn to be prepared to do Hapin's show this PM.
- 0630 Our Liaison Officer just left for Division.
- 0710 2nd Battalion has nothing new to report.
- 0750 Our Liaison Officer returned from Division and brought Administrative Order No. 1 and Overlay to accompany Adm O No. 1, FO No. 1 and Annex No. 2 to FO No. 1.
- 0825 S-3 to S-3 3rd Bn: "At 0515 this morning REDWOOD reported they had picked up on their Radar a plane at 81049. The plane travelled E to 1545, then travelled N to 1565, then E to 4565. This trip ended at 0430. You are to be on the lookout for parachutists. S-6 wants this information message to go to all patrols you are sending out this morning."
- 0830 S-3 3rd Bn called our S-3 on the reported flight of plane this morning and wanted to know if this flight was anywhere in this zone. We informed him that it was along his right flank on grid line 65.
- 0900 Our S-6 informed the 1st Bn S-6 that our order is in and that his Bn would do the protecting job. S-6 3rd Bn is going on reconnaissance this morning but will report to our OP at 1230 to discuss the situation.

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- 0915 Our S-6 discussed the situation with TD Commander and they arranged a plan for the deploying of our TD's.
- 0920 Our S-4 arrived at our OP and was informed by our S-6 that Div had warned us that if we did not keep the Main Supply Route open they would move our train bivouac out of their area. He was informed of the situation and shown Div FC No. 1 and A.M. O. No.1.
- 0920 Our Regt Surgeon discussed our casualties with S-6.
- 0920 Our Cn Co Comdr was in and told us that his fire direction center is now set up, also told us that he is building up a reserve of ammunition.
- 0935 Our I&R Plat Ldr reports that his OP sent in the following message - "68 mm shells passed over our OP in some quantity. Some mortar fire between hill 616 and hill 621.
- 0945 Regimental Arty Ln Officer to Arty Forward Observer: The Regt Arty Ln O was trying to determine the effect of the artillery fire fired by Corps and Division Artillery this morning on horse-drawn vehicles. The Arty Forward Observer reports that his visibility is so limited at the present time that results cannot be determined. He will call back when he has more information. He did say that our 3rd Battalion OP's reported this target at 0430 this morning. They reported it by sound. Corps and Division Artillery fired on road intersection at 395699 at 0517.
- 1000 S-3 to Asst G-3: G-3 wanted to know if it was OK to send our mine-sweepers into these spots as had been planned. Our S-3 thinks it is safe enough, but we will make a reconnaissance again tonight to determine if it is OK.
- 1015 S-3 to 3rd Bn S-3: "There will be a 6 man Engr Party report to your OP at 1530 this afternoon. They will do that work at night and you will guide them down. They are going down to the edge of the woods and at dusk they are going out and sweep the road to CHALET and if they have time they will start on the road from CHALET to LA BOLLE. At dark they will come back to CHALET and remain. Our men at CHALET can tell them what they knew, also the French civilians there. In the morning they are to start out at first light to get in work before daylight and then come into CHALET. They will remain tomorrow at CHALET and finish up at dusk and will come back into that road at night. We have another party of the same size going up to the 2nd Battalion CP."
- 1020 S-3 called S-6 2nd Bn and gave him the same message as above. However, S-6 of 2nd Bn wants the party there by 1400 and we agreed to that.
- 1025 S-3 3d Bn was informed that his Engr Party would arrive at 1400 instead of 1530.

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- 1030 S-3 and S-6 left our OP for a reconnaissance mission.
- 1050 Division Provost Marshal reports that starting at 1100 road from the spiderweb to LE KHACQUES (North) will be one way traffic.
- 0930 3rd Bn S-3 reports that our forces in CHALET observed 5 men in edge of woods to their front. Artillery fire was placed on them but results were not observed. 3rd Bn OP observed heavy black clouds of smoke to the North from their position approximately three miles from OP. This smoke was coming from the same position that the fire was reported 13 November. Visibility is improving.
- 1130 2nd Bn S-3 to S-3: "We captured one German this morning. They are bringing him in to you sometime tonight. It is impossible to bring him in today due to enemy shellfire. Our outpost in LA BOLLE is holding the man. They are in a house there that a French civilian is living in. Both the German prisoner and the French civilian reported that there are from 200 to 250 Germans in the woods NE of the town of LA BOLLE. They hide during the day on this hill in the woods and come out at night and cut our communications lines and tangle the wires. The number of men hiding there appears to be very large. We have fired on either a tank or a self-propelled gun at the coordinate 402654. We also thought we spotted an enemy OP and fired at it but results are not known. The French civilian living in our OP says that the Germans are going to defend and not attack. We are going to put some defensive fire out tonight to keep these Krauts from cutting our communication lines".
- 1145 Our liaison officer returned from Division and reported that Div Comdr is getting very strict on first and second echelon maintenance of vehicles and wearing of the uniform.
- 1205 Periodic report received from 2d Bn. Their front lines are coordinates 381650 and 392664. They have no attached units. Adjacent units are 1st Bn on our right and 3d Bn on our left. Weather - visibility is poor. Operations - Holding present positions. Our arty operated on an enemy 88 position and believe we knocked it out, but have no confirmation. Arty fired concentration 217 at 1430. Arty fired on enemy OP 402654 at 1000. We have suffered no casualties. Results of operations - Arty believed to have knocked an 88 at 406660 but is not confirmed.

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- 1355 S-6 of 328th Engr Bn arrived at our CP and contacted our S-6 on the advisability of sending these Engr parties down to 2d and 3d Bns to sweep the road from Chalet to La Bolle of mines. S-6 of 328th Engrs doesn't want to send them. Our S-6 agrees not to send them. S-6 of 328th Engr Bn talks to S-6 of our 2d Bn about this mine-sweeping detail. S-6 of 2d Bn tells him that they have heard from a French civilian that there are enemy machine guns along the road between La Bolle and Chalet.
- 1400 S-3 called 3d Bn and informed them that their Engr party for the mine-sweeping would not arrive as scheduled as it had been cancelled.
- 1420 S-6 3d Bn called S-3 and informed him that he was leaving for a recon mission, and would not be there if the Regtl S-2 wanted him.
- 1420 S-3 2d Bn called and reported that the situation was still the same in his sector. Reported they had fired two artillery missions, one at 1255 on concentration 227 on a house and the other at 1420 on some mortars at 398655. Nothing further to report.
- 1500 Our S-6 is to report to Div CP at 1300 tomorrow with one staff officer to discuss plans.
- 1500 S-3 3d Bn reports that there is nothing now to report. They are receiving a little arty fire in their area.
- 1500 S-5 called CO of our attached Tank Company but talked to the Executive Officer. S-5 wanted to know when they were going to take their tanks out of Herbaville. The Ex O didn't know, but thought they were coming out before tomorrow morning.
- 1520 S-6 directed the CO AT Co to have the Plat Ldr of 1st Plat AT Co leave at once for the 1st Bn CP to recon position for one AT plat at Herbaville, also to have 1st platoon ready to move at 1630 to be guided to 1st Bn CP by Lt Dygert. 1st platoon to take positions in Herbaville during night 14-15 Nov under control of CO 1st Bn, relieving platoon of Company B 756 Tank Bn which will displace to the rear shortly after dark 14 Nov.
- 1635 S-6 left for the 411th CP.
- 1715 G-3 called and wanted location of our tanks. We gave him 328666. Tomorrow they are going to move to new CP which is in the V307630 Les Rouges Eax. Tanks are as follows: 4 tanks at 383682; 5 tanks at 360679; two tanks at CP.

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- 1725 Our liaison officer left for Division CP.
- 1730 C/S called and changed time of meeting scheduled at 1300 tomorrow to 1000. Inform our S-6.
- 1800 S-5 of our attached Tank Co called and wats to get his tanks relieved from the Herbville area so that he can move them out under cover of darkness and get them into a new position to support another Regiment. Our S-3 didn't know about the relief so we contacted our AT CO and was informed that he is moving a platoon of AT guns into Herbaville tonight. We called the S-6 of our attached Tank Co and told him that it would be OK to move his tanks out tonight.
- 1835 Our S-2 wanted to know if there were any patrols going out from the Bns this evening. Ciled 1st Bn and their S-2 infirmed us thá the only patrols they had going out were the regular contact patrols and our arty wouldn't bother them. 2d Bn informed us that they had no patrols going out. 3d Bn informed us that they had a patrol that was leaving in about one-half hour for Les Moitraisses and on the road leading SE out Les Moitraisses toward the river. They will not cross the river but go only to the river. This patrol is getting information on the bridge crossing the river, and S-6 of 3d Bn informs us that they should not be in any danger of receiving friendly arty fire as our rty is not throwing at Les Moitraisses sector.
- 1900 S-3 called CO of our attached Engr Co informing him thá below our CP this is a stretch of road bout 70 yards long through which only one truck at a time can get through.
- 1905 S-6 ha returned to the CP.
- 1915 S-6 phoned CO Cn Co and ordered him to report to our S-3 at 2000.
- 1915 S-3 called S-3 1st Bn to see if Tank Plt in A Co area had moved out. Don't know.
- 1920 Our liaison officæ returned from Div CP with Annex No 3 to Field Order No 1.
- 1940 S-3 1st Bn reports thá tanks pulled out bout 45 min go for assembly area.
- 1945 S-3 called A Co and asked them if they know where the tanks went. They did tell us that the tanks left bout 45 min ago.

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- 2015 S-3 to AT CO: Your platoon is attached to the 1st Bn just temporarily. They will be fed by the 1st Bn. S-3 will make arrangements for rations.
- 2016 S-3 called 1st Bn S-2 to check on the banks of a river. S-2 1st Bn reports that the tanks cleared the area at 2005.
- 2035 S-6 issued an order to S-1 that S-1 admin transactions would be taken care of by written message as much as possible so as not to tie up the wires for tactical missions.
- 2100 S-6 called 3d Bn S-6 and directed special vigilance on the front line tonight and particularly patrols in rear of front line be pushed with vigor at dawn. Received a report on extent of coordination to date with Bn Comdr of 411th.
- 2130 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and received report tht Bn Comdr of 6299H did not appear at his CP today. S-6 informed him he understood that the Bn Comdr of 6299H would be there tomorrow morning and directed he coordinate directly with him on use of OP's, arrange mutually with him on location of supporting weapons of both units, arrange for recon by 6299H Co Comdrs and for mutual agreement by the company Comdrs of 6299-G and 6299-H in his sector as to route by which 6299H would pass through our front line. Also directed that he lay a telephone line to the three TD's in vicinity of his CP. S-6 asked if 2d Bn had been getting arty fire at specific times and he said yes, at 0900 and 1600 daily, but today they did not get the 0900 shot and yesterday they did not get the 1600 shot.
- 2145 3d Bn S-6 called S-6 and reported that he had just received a message from I Co and that they reported they were undergoing the heaviest arty concentration they have ever received. It is hitting mostly on the front lines but extends back into the woods. S-6 directed that he phone in to us tomorrow morning early the times at which all arty concentrations fired on his front throughout tonight and the approximate distance back from the front line which they extended.
- 2155 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and asked if he had any firing on his front. He replied that he had received a little. S-6 directed that he phone in tomorrow morning as early as possible just what times he received arty fire on his front and as to whether it is all on the front lines or extends back from the front lines into the woods. He was directed to give us this information when he gives us the report on the 0900 stonk. He was directed to give us the time he received any fire at all and how far back into the woods it goes from the front lines.

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- 2145 Included in message of 2145 from 3d Bn S-6, he said that the artillery fire on his front has not gone exactly according to schedule. He usually receives it from 0630 to 0830 and from 1730 to 1830.
- 2210 We made our periodic report to G-3 at 2135. At 2200 message to S-4 regarding rations for AT platoon attached to 1st Bn received by S-4.
- 2330 Our attached TD Co called and gave us the effective strength of their Co as 94 EM and 4 Officers. Their T/O calls for 124 EM and 5 Officers. There are no casualties reported today. Their CP coordinate is 348658.
- 0500 2 guns of 1st Plat of AT Co in place in Herbaville. Other guns stuck in mud being pulled out now. One TD at Herbaville - 2 TD's in C Co Area.
- 0625 S-3 2d Bn reports nothing new on operations.
- 0820 S-3 1st Bn reports that their sector is unusually quiet. Nothing at all is going on.
- 0830 S-3 from S-6 3d Bn: We have patrolled Les Moitraises. We have six houses in the center of town which are unoccupied. Land mines in road. Many German dead around. Have not been touched as they may be booby trapped. Recon'd Taintrux Creek 300 yards to NE of Les Moitraises. Stream is 10 to 15 feet wide and 2 to 4 feet deep. Banks are 4 to 5 feet high. Approach ground is marshy. Banks are muddy. Stream is swift. Bridge does not appear to be mined. Foot troops can cross.
- 0852 2d Bn S-6 to S-6: We have received 88 and mortar fire at 2100 - very light. At 2200 right of F Co little arty. In center of F Co mortar at 2000. This morning they did not fire at 0900. Firing all night has been very light on front line, none in woods. Information from PW - Some snipers still in town of La Bolle. Very few in unoccupied part of La Bolle. A strong constructed position which has only few men in it at North slope at 398658. This PW member of 291st Mountain Bn.
- 0900 S-3 and S-6 left for Div CP for meeting.
- 0910 Information received at 0852 phoned to G-2.
- 0930 Information received at 0852 phoned to G-3.

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- 0950 3d Battalion S-3 to S-3: 3d Battalion S-3 wanted to know when he was going to receive his 50 caliber ammunition. We didn't know anything about it but S-4 was in the War Room and he stated that 50 cal ammo had already gone down to the Bns. S-3 talked to the S-5 3d Bn and explained the situation to him. Arrangements were made to straighten out the ammo and supply problems between Regt and Bns.
- 1000 Field Order No 1 issued to Bns and attached Units.
- 1045 CO of our attached Tank Co called and stated that his tanks were still in Herbaville, and wanted us to contact his CP and find out just what was to be done with them. We contacted his CP and told them to call him through our 1st Bn S-3.
- 1130 1st Bn S-3 reports that the 4.2 mortars have moved out of their area.
- 1145 S-6 to S-5: Leaving Div CP and will go to Service Co.
- 1150 S-5, 411th Inf to our S-5: We have some visitors and would like to know if vehicles can get to your 2d Bn OP today. We informed him that it was impossible to get there by vehicle and he would have to walk two miles.
- 1200 TD's at the following positions: two at V384660, one at 377653, one at 381680, eight at 348658.
- 1215 Div Annex No 4 to Field Order No 1 received.
- 1240 G-3 just called and informed us that Cadet and Redwood 6 will be here within the next hour.
- 1300 S-3 called S-6 3d Bn and told him that Cadet 6 and Redwood 6 would be here at our OP within a hour and it might be that they would visit his CP. We also told him of a party coming down to his CP to go out into one of his CP's and he stated that he could furnish guides to take them out.
- 1455 3d Bn S-6 called S-3 "I would like to talk to our S-6" He was informed that our S-6 was not at the CP at present. He stated that he was going up to his OP very shortly and as it was a very hot spot he was afraid that the line would go out. He asked if we would call him as soon as S-6 returned to the CP.

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- 1400 S-3 called O/S at Div CP and asked if he had any more information on the contemplated visit of Cadet 6 and Redwood 6 to our CP. O/S said that all he knew was that they left the Div CP approx one hour ago and were headed in the direction of our CP.
- 1405 S-6 and Assistant S-3 returned from Div CP and our Sv Co. They brought back an intelligence overlay from Div.
- 1410 S-6 called S-6 3d Bn and asked if he had seen anything of the Bn Comdr on his right. He replied that he hadn't. We asked if he could put weapons on the N part of Hill 623 and he said he could. We asked him if his patrol that reported the bridge SE of Les Moitraiseses had any men trained well enough to know whether it was or not. He replied that he didn't think that they had enough training in demolitions to know whether it was mined or not. We told him that we were going to send an Engr down who was familiar with prepared demolitions and that he would be going out to check the bridge. (The 328th Engr attached Co said they would try to have a man at our CP by 1400). S-6 3d Bn was instructed to place a Combat OP to cover this bridge tomorrow morning so that enemy units could not come down and blow it. He replied that he could and would do this. He was instructed that Fame 6 was very anxious that this bridge be intact when the attack starts tomorrow morning. We told him that the Engr would look the bridge over before dark and the first thing tomorrow morning. 3d Bn S-6 said that he wanted a time set for his second mission as he was afraid that his communications might go out. S-6 replied that at this moment we couldn't do that but he would check and let him know if it was possible.
- 1420 S-6 called our attached Engr Co and asked them if they had a man who was good on prepared demolitions. They said they had and we asked if they could get him to our CP at once. They replied that they would get him here as soon as possible, probably around 1430 or 1500.
- 1430 S-6 to 1st Bn S-6: 1st Bn S-6 was at C Co when we called. We talked to their S-5 and asked him if the Bn Comdr from 411th Inf had arrived at their CP as yet. S-5 replied that he hadn't seen him around there. We asked him when he was going to have his OP's manned and he replied that they were manned twenty-four hours a day now.
- 1440 S-6 to 2d Bn S-6: S-3 answered the phone and we asked if there had been a Bn Comdr from 411th Inf around today and he replied that he didn't know. S-6 came on then and we asked him the same question and he replied that they hadn't but that one of the others had. He

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- 1440 replied that S-6 of 411th Inf had been there himself. We asked if he had coordinated his weapon positions and he replied that he would as soon as he got his 50's. We asked if he was going to use phase lines and then he replied that was one thing he didn't want. When arty fire lifts they are just going right up on the knoll and not use the phase lines because it would confuse the men. We asked if he had any chalk and he said he doubted it very much. We told him that we would have to put some markings on his men's helmets so that we could tell the troops apart. He replied that he could do this. He said he could use white tape, but we told him the chalk idea was the best and he agreed to that. We asked if his Co Omdre were all coordinated and he replied that they were. We asked if he had the wire laid to the TD's and he replied that he did have. We told him that the 411 was going to have to run a line to the TD's too, and he said the 411th could use his line. We told him we could suggest that to the S-6 of 411th Inf. S-6 told 2d Bn S-6 that he was going to try to see him this evening and if he couldn't get down he could call him.
- 1445 S-6 talked to CO of 2d Platoon of C Co 601st TD Bn and wanted him to keep all three TD's located near our 2d Bn CP in position primarily to be able to cover triangle of roads area included in triangle of roads La Bolle and Hellicule Les Tiges. Also directed him to secure all information from S-2 regarding pillboxes in this triangle, endeavor to locate it before dark tonight, and report to S-2 by phone whether or not he can locate it and fire on it.
- 1455 The Div Cmr visited our CP and left at 1505.
- 1510 G-3 called and wants a verification of coordinates on the bridge that was reported as blown in St Die. We reported that the coordinates that we received were arty coordinates. The bridge is in the West end of the town.
- 1525 383d FA Called and said they had not fired on tanks in Herbaville.
- 1530 Capt Gilleo brought the message from S-4 that the corduroy road would have no forward moving traffic on it at all. At daylight tomorrow they may start again.
- 1645 Received the Attack Plan of 409th Inf. Field Order No 1.

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- 1703 S-6 called 1st Bn S-6: We asked if the tanks were still up in his area and he replied that they were and that he wanted them out of there immediately as there were drawing all kinds of fire and milling around. He wants them out of his area and he wants them to stay out of his area. We told him that they 411th was going to use them and would probably pull them back into the woods. He said that he would have to do it himself as yesterday the 411th was suppose to pull them back and he had to do it for them. We told him that we would contact 411th Infantry S-6 and find out if he would pull them back out of his area.
- 1711 S-6 called 411th Infantry S-6: We told the S-6 of 411th Inf that we had just talked to our Red 6 and that he wanted the tanks out of there as they were drawing fire. He reported that he would pull them back into the woods tonight as he might want to use them tomorrow. He said he would give the orders to his comdre.
- 1715 S-6 to 1st Bn S-6: We reported that the 411th S-6 had told us he would pull the tanks out tonight. 1st Bn S-6 didn't like this because he said that if they were pulled out at all he would have to do it so we said we would call 411th S-6 back and find out if he would give us permission to pull them back. We gave him the correct Div time.
- 1725 S-6 called the 411th Inf S-6 and asked if he would give the orders to us or to our 1st Bn S-6 to move the tanks out. He replied that he would.
- 1730 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and asked if he had the correct H hour. He replied that he didn't know exactly so it was given to him. We gave him the correct Div Time. 2d Bn S-6 reported that his outfit was all set and ready to go. We told him that he would not put on his insignia or his vehicle markings until he got word from us.
- 1640 Cn Co reported enemy OP sited by FO at 37826332. Result of arty fire - OP knocked out, enemy dispersed.
- 1735 S-6 called 3d Bn S-6 and gave him the correct Div time. We gave him instructions not to put on patches or vehicle markings until he had further word from us on it. He reported that the Engr had just arrived who was going to look the bridge over in Les Moitresses for prepared demolition. We instructed him to have his outfit get any information back to us just as quickly as possible and that we would do the same.

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- 1740 Message sent through message center to 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns and all Special Units (except Medical Detachment) as follows: "Wearing of identifying insignia, marking of vehicles are not to be complied with until further orders". Reason for this is that Corps G-2 has become convinced that the enemy does not as yet know our true identity.
- 1710 Arty reports one self-propelled gun observed by E Co at 39736517. Enemy personnel was dispersed by arty fire. One self-propelled gun fired on at 39896620. Self-propelled gun moved before final adjusted fire could be brought on it at 1725. E Co observed self-propelled guns moving into position opposite E Co at 1715. Suspected enemy CP at 41796486. Much activity during late afternoon. Was not fired on.
- 1910 S-3 phoned in all available information to G-3.
- 1930 1st Bn recon near La Pecherie report the remains of the German half-track armored and elements of 9 trucks to be the size of 2 1/2 ton and remains of misc things which had been removed.
- 2000 S-3 to TD, Lt Hunterly: TD's at - 1 @ 381680; 2 @ 384660; 1 @ 377653. CO is Lt Richardson.
- 2015 Col Bishop to Lt Young: Please have NCO messenger report with you at Div at 0800 tomorrow morning.
- 2020 Faggat 6 to Fatal 6: Defense fire in front of your Bn. We have taken all they requested by your Bn CO. They haven't left any ground uncovered. As far as Corps fire is concerned we have defensive fires for defense and others for the offensive. They have not included all fires you requested for your Bn. We have thoroughly plastered that area, so I think we have taken care of that. Mortar observer is with your forward observer. We have some ammo to help out.
- 2035 S-3 fr S-3 2d Bn: No changes in operations.
- 2040 S-3 fr S-3 1st Bn: No change in operations.
- 2100 S-6 to Major Gillman: Who ordered Col May to Div tomorrow? The C/S. He asked me to find out how many trucks it will take to motorize him. 23 trucks at 0800 alerted.

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- 2108 S-6 to Fame 5: Just got word from 3d Bn CO that he is to report to your office at 0800. Not May it was Major Brockman. Please straighten it out and have Gillman OK & call me back. Major Gillman called back & said Major Brockman will rpt to Col Mitchell as per instructions.
- 2130 S-6 to Fatima 3: McCarthy tells me of your plan to run AT guns on our road during daylight. My people say that would be murder. SP south of Hill 468. Some N at town called Marzelay. Some at La Pecherie. No TD or guns have been able to move during day. I'll order them in mobile reserve. Will shoot them down S road on right flank.
- 2135 S-6 to CO 1st Bn: Fatima 6 has never called me about armor. They told me it was OK. That TD, would it be smart to move it to C Co area. Yes. That TD has been down there. We have 2 guns were TD was. Their range is limited, I think down there he could do a great deal more. They have one on a little road called La Chenale that is near the road bend. They don't have one there but one on road that runs W of La Chenale. He won't go forward. He is in defilade and can fire. He has been working alone but we could leave the other close enough to support. Have the TD move to old position and have one gun left in for support or move them back a little way to protect him. 1st Bn said he would take care of notifying Plat Ldr.
- 2210 2d Bn S-3 to S-3: We stopped a truck belonging to Fatima going by our CP heading down to pull out a jeep. It was a 1 1/2 ton truck.
- 2220 S-3 to Fatima 3: above information reported.
- 2225 S-3 to S-3 2d Bn: Officer from Fatima will be down to get truck. If you don't think they can find their way hold them all night.
- 2227 1st Bn reports arty landing vic OP #1. Flash of gun observed by azimuth 140° from OP. 12 rounds fired.

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- 0030 1st Bn S-3 to S-2: The French civilians, 2 men and woman have returned to Co C. They gave the following details: Germans are driving 40,000 French civilians into one section of St Die. There are approx 700 Germans on this side of river. Civilians are being fired on and blasted. Civilians haven't eaten for 2 days and children are dying. They have burned as much as possible on far side of river. They are now burning and blasting on this side where civilians are. Also that

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- 0030 700 Gestapo men in city helping troops. Troops are using small arms and moving mortars and artillery pieces. Sprinkling the town with Booby traps.
- 0300 Arty Liaison rpts at 435689 - 2 pieces arty off trail; 423682 - 425689 - SP; 435690 - 3 large pcs of arty; 442683.5 - 1 large pc arty; 43156685 - a pcs arty. 438666 - 2 pcs arty; 439 - 6645 - 2 pcs arty; 438656 - 3 pcs arty; 447 648 - 1 pc arty; 41.13-63.9 - 2 pcs arty; 4215-635 - O's Quarters; 40.3-65.55 - MG in House; 40.5-65.5 - MG in house; 40.7 - 660 - 30 trps in village.
- 0500 Co C to S-3: Three Frenchmen sent to CP from here. They were sent to PW Inclosure.
- 0545 2d Bn S-3 to S-3: Patrol to river rpt stream is 5 yds wide and waist deep. Found consentina wire at 39166519 running NW. Tin cans tied to it, very little wire. Think it to be guarded.
- 0700 1st Bn rpts TD's in position in Co C area.
- 0720 Our Liaison officer left for Fame CP.
- 0726 S-6 left for the 1st Bn and then on to the 2d Bn.
- 0755 Called 2d Bn and informed them they have assembly area which overlay shows as 3d Bn.
- 0852 3d Bn reports bridge still intact.
- 0853 Called Fatima to inform of 0852 entry.
- E Co as of 0915 reports road to their front is mined. Krauts have pulled back into woods. Have a Brit Colonial troop coming back. Has been prisoner of Krauts.
- 0937 Fatal 6 called Fatal 5 instructing him to have trucks with water cans and immersion heaters sent to 2d Bn companies assembly areas so that men will have hot water for foot baths etc.
- 0945 Fatal 2 informed Fatima 2 of 0913 report.
- 0952 Fame 3 informed by Fatal 3 is that Blue Bn has bridge still intact and is being examined by Engrs for mines.

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- 0958 Fatal 3 called Blue 3 - no information on troop movement. Called Red 3 reports due to fog cannot make out troops at present. Instructed to pass on any information as soon as received.
- 1005 C Co reports smoke on hill ineffective. Still being laid sporadically. Enemy has good visibility. This information passed on to Arty with request of possible supplement of smoke.
- 1010 Fatal 3 instructed Red 3 to contact C Co if possible and recommend C Co for change in smoke in case of change of wind, making smoke more effective.
- 1012 Fatal 3 informed Fatal 10 that line to 2d Bn appears to be out.
- 1020 S-2 reports that the Engineer recon that was to go out on the bridge at Les Moitraises failed to reach there because he could not reach our front line elements.
- 1022 Capt Parker spoke to Col Frenzel and advised him that the left sector was receiving insufficient smoke from the chemical mortars for screening effect. Col Frenzel will contact Div Arty.
- 1025 3d Bn S-3 to S-3: Friendly line left advancing to road right to stream. Time 0945. Arty Fire holding up advance - coming from right. Time signed 0958. Our smoke on left of hill only partly effective. Time signed 1006.
- 1015 S-3 called C Co and asked for recommendations for changing mortars so smoke would be more effective. C Co recommends laying smoke 50 yds to the left, same range, and traverse 50 yds left each salvo.
- 1030 Our Ln O returned from Div CP and brought back intelligence information.
- 1033 Information that at 1010 our smoke on hill was more effective.
- 1033 S-4 visited our CP and talked to S-5 about the moving up of our kitchen train and supply problems.
- 1035 S-3 to 2d Bn S-1: 3d Bn reports that the smoke on the hill on left is more effective.

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- 1040 S-3 to Div War Room 3: We received through the arty (Fast 2) the following information: Left sector of 409th Inf moving forward to woods 37016317. Not much resistance. Time signed 0935. Friendly line left advancing to road right to stream. 0945. At left of H unit line is advancing to the road and the right of the line had hit the road at that time. We received another message from our 3d Bn that artillery fire is holding up the advance. Fire is coming from the right. The hill that we are smoking to cut off visibility to help 409th and 411th had to have some corrections. The mortar fire was not too effective.
- 1050 Report that S-6 left 1st Bn CP at 1030 heading for our CP.
- 1055 S-5 of 1st Bn reported to our S-3 the following: Our arty reports that they are ready and ble to fire smoke of any concentration, in fact they are firing now, but didn't know if you knew it or not. The smoke above St Die across the valley is now good. Noth Bn of 409th has crossed the valley into the woods.
- 1100 Div Arty reporth the lines (front) at 1000 - 381639. At 1015 3726-6132.
- 1103 We gave G-3 the information we just received on the front lines.
- 1105 3d Bn S-3 reported to S-2 that the attack is progressing across creek and into woods. The Rightflank Co of the 411th Inf can be observed, but no communications. Left flank Co cannot be observed.
- 1110 We gave the above information to G-3.
- 1110 S-6 returned to our CP.
- 1115 Received FO #1 from our 3d Bn.
- 1140 3d Bn S-6 reports that his fire is masked, on the right sector. We must contact the 2d Bn to find out if their fire has been masked as of 1100.
- 1155 At 1155 the 2d Bn reports as follows: At 1130 4.2 chem mortars in 2d Bn cea ceased firing on orders from 411th S-6. No information yet as whether their fires have been massed. Visibility is very limited.

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- 1205 1st Bn Liaison Officer reports that at 1200 E Co is being pounded heavily by arty. They are trying to locate the artillery firing on them. If they locate them we will put counter-battery fire on them.
- 1210 Message received from 1st Bn S-3 (Time signed 1100): Periodic report as follows: Front line, CP positions same. Night Patrols maintained lateral contact. Negative report on enemy contact. AT platoon leader WIA. Fire on call from supporting and attached units. TD at La Chenale relieved by Regtl guns. 1st Bn AT gun in position at 393665.
- 1210 Periodic report received from 2d Bn (time signed 1100) as follows: No change in front lines. 411th Inf passing through. No attached units. 1st Bn on our left and 3d Bn on our right. Visibility is poor. We are holding our present positions. Machine Guns supporting Division attack. Arty firing on spotted targets. Combat efficiency is excellent. Results of operations are very satisfactory. No direct arty objects confirmed.
- 1220 S-6 of 411th Inf wants arty fire on the road Y junction near La Bolle. We checked with our 2d Bn to see if it was OK and if we had any troops in there. 2d Bn reported that it would be OK as our troops were all W of the RJ, and the Taintrux River. The Y RJ is located at coordinates 393652.
- 1230 White 3 periodic report received.
- 1230 Red 3 and S-3 - Periodic report received from Red 3. S-3 Report 151200-161200 - front line, CP positions same, night patrols maintained lateral contact. Negative report on enemy contact. AT guns. Last Bn AT gun in position 393665.
- 1245 B-3 and S-3 - B-3 Periodic report received.
- 1300 S-3 to Fame 3: The people have moved through us and have advanced to the river. We shall check for exact advance. Some have reached stream, some entered woods in our E Co area, some on right of Fatima Blue. Quite a bit of enemy arty fire. Smoke this morning was overshoot for a while. That was corrected and Fatima 6 called to have it lifted. A request was made for information on Fatima White. Wires were out but we would pass anything we got on to them. S-3 then called White 3 asking for information on Fatima White. They are trying to get in touch latest they have is that Fatima George will be 300 yards out in woods. Heavy machine gun fire along the road running along their front. Heavy

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- 1300 arty preparing to neutralize that fire. Heavy machine gun fire reported from OP 393651 to app 398658. George on right pinned down for sometime. E on left but no report on them. Report passed at 1200 from CO at CP. Not believed to be receiving heavy arty fire. We requested more information as soon as possible. S-3 then called Fame 3 and relayed the information received from White 3. In addition we also informed Fame 3 that our E Co was delivering arty fire at enemy guns and positions. Exact position not known, trying to find out. Report on Fatima George coincides with report of Blue Bn. Also informed Fame 3 that we were sending copy of our plan. Trying to keep posted on Fancy. Some of our people are in the woods. Plan coming down with Liaison officer, can't tell over phone - last part of present mission.
- 1330 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 - We hear E Co is getting arty fire, also calling for a fire mission. I hope that you are maintaining control of that firing and are making sure that the fire is support of the attack. 2d Bn S-6 replied that it was in support of the attack and he was personally taking charge of the fire mission. We asked how the attack was progressing and he said that one Co was held up two hundred yds from the woods (apparently meaning the woods across the valley) and the other Co was held up two or three hundred yds from the edge of our woods. 2d Bn S-6 reported that they knocked out a building that had two or three enemy machine guns firing from it and that they should get started going new.
- 1345 S-6 called 2d Bn and asked them about Capt Bailey and their quartering party. 2d Bn reported that they had returned to 2d Bn CP. They were supposed to have been at our CP.
- 1400 2d Bn S-3 called and reported that E Co on our right flank or someone over in that direction is still drawing heavy arty fire. We asked if they had been able to spot the direction that fire was coming from and they had not as yet spotted it. They said that E Co would be more likely to spot the position the fire was coming from than C Co.
- 1400 S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and 2d Bn S-3 gave us the following message: From our CP at 1400 it is reported that arty is firing at houses that are holding up the attack and the left Co. E Co has started up. That is all I have. We told him that C Co on his N had reported that E Co or the vic of E Co was receiving heavy artillery fire. We told him that E had not reported it, but that we would like to know just who was receiving the fire. He told us that he would contact E Co and let us know. We are trying to ascertain the direction the fire is coming from.

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- 1410 We called G-3 War Room and reported that our 2d Bn and reported that the left Co of 411th Inf which was being held down by machine gun fire from the houses E of town in front of our 2d Bn have had arty fire placed on those houses. The guns in these houses have been neutralized and the Co is moving forward. G-3 says they aren't getting any information up from the attacking units and wonder if we can help them out.
- 1415 We called our 2d Bn and asked them if they could get more information from their OP's on the situation and send it back to us because Div is complaining that they aren't getting the proper information. They replied that they just had a call from the 411th and had received the positions of most of the 411th Units. Here is the information he gave us: At 1400 E Co was moving. The other Co on the right S of La Bolle was within 300 yds of the woods. The left Co was advancing at 1400. They were being held up at the Y RJ, but most of the opposition was flattened and they are advancing. He also reported that the 3d Bn of 411 was in the woods by 1000 this morning. We asked if our 2d Bn was still firing in support and they reported that they were. They said that their 50 cal MG's weren't doing so good and that they needed a little working over.
- 1430 Fame 6 called and reported there was no chance of pulling any elements out today.
- 1435 It is reported that the 409th Inf took Hill 623.
- 1445 S-3 called 2d Bn S-6 - We asked if they could tell us if the 2d attacking companies of the attacking regiment were astride the road or S of it. S-6 reported that he didn't know and that General Pierce was there and he didn't know either.
- 1445 We called Div War Room - F Co of 409 Inf has been rptd by our 2d Bn to have taken Hill 623. The rest of the line runs generally at a 45° angle NE from Hill 623. 2d Bn of 411 Inf is rptd to be just NW of Hill 623. G-3 told us that their right flank is their 3d Bn and that they had not reached the edge of the woods when this report was sent back from our OP, but that they were probably in the edge of the woods by now. G-3 told us that 411 G Co had cut the road that runs generally along the river on the W side of it. They have not been reported as crossing the stream. E Co which was pinned down before is now approaching that road and are moving along. G Co has cut the road and E Co was moving along the road. We received this report at 1440. They also reported that 409 3d Bn's right Co were in the edge of Chevy but they have not as yet cleared all of Chevy.

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- 1457 2d Bn S-2 informed S-2 that at 1445 five Kraut trucks were sighted parked at 411674. Attempted to reach with 81 mm mortar. Observation not so good. Check with arty. Believed to be cargo trucks, not personnel.
- 1514 S-3 passed on information received at 1440 recorded at 1445 to 1st Bn S-3.
- 1520 2d Bn S-3 informed us that due to poor observation the only information they have was that the heavy weapons had not massed and that the targets were limited.
- 1527 Periodical report No 5 taken to Div by Liaison Officer.
- 1529 Upon inquiring Observer was informed by S-3 not to place fire on Krauts firing from houses.
- 1555 2d Bn S-3 informed S-3 that at app 1545 an outpost from F Co which is in the church at the road jct E in Labbihay informed us that an outpost from that Co reports that the left flank of the left flank Co of 6299-H is 75 yds N of that rJ.
- 1558 Report of 1555 was relayed to Div.
- 1602 Report of 1555 was relayed to 1st Bn S-3.
- 1628 S-3 to TD's - People supporting in trouble at right flank. There is one 20 mm AA gun in the basement of a house at the following coordinated 388639. There is another in a house 100 yds to the SW of that first house. These guns are holding things up. Have Corps arty on them but too far back to knock them out. Did crack walls and knock off roof. They were to inform us if they could bring direct fire on these houses.
- 1645 S-3 to TD's - TD's think 2d Bn has lines to those guns that are in position to fire on that house. TD don't have lines to 411. Both we and they were to try to get in touch with those guns. There were 2 TD's at 368639 in direct bead of 2000 meters on target, could lay on them with ease. Contact was to be made so this operation could be carried out before dark.

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- 1647 S-3 to 409 S-3 - People directly on your north who have been held up by 2 enemy 20 mm AA guns, location of those guns is basement of a house at 388639 other in a house 100 yds SW of first house. Causing casualties in company directly to your N. TD at 368639 get them to bring fire on those houses. We were informed that they could not fire there. Also learned that these guns were already knocked out. 4.2's got them. Informed that K Co was on line now as well as E and G Co's.
- 1700 S-3 to 3d Bn CO: 3d Bn just got off one round 8 inch. Fatal has just been informed by Fatima that they have fired 4.2 and arty. Fatima called back and said the company is moving up now. 3d Bn reports enemy guns not knocked out. Tommy says Fatima Idle is digging in. Enemy gun is not knocked out.
- 1705 S-6 to S-5 2d Bn: They have had rations thru dinner tomorrow. Can take care of themselves tomorrow. Our troops have been taking a heavy beating with arty. 3 men casualties. Enemy has been hitting our lines more than 411. Latest reports are that the S part that passed thru are in the woods but the north part is only up to the road that runs thru La Bolle. They appear to give a little supporting fire but range were massed.
- 1713 S-3 2d Bn to S-3: We have message from F OP at 1710. 2 Plats 6299H E atk 1615. These 2 Plats reached stream 3930-6532 at 1700. Your heaters which have come up will be held at Blue OP. 2d Bn only communications is thru OP of F.
- 1715 Msg to CO 6299G: Hold TD fire until requested by Fatima 5 arty and mortar fire considered effective on target. signed CO 6299H at 1623.
- 1742 1st Bn rpt OP observer at 1720 picked up mortar position 4076-6650. Arty fired on progress.
- 1750 S-3 to CO 3d Bn: All fire at 388699 is dead. Gun fire no longer coming from house. Co on right went across Chalet and into woods. The other company, 30 went to stream bed the rest dug in behind my Plat in the woods. (behind our Co I). On 3d Bn mission, nothing today or tonight. On rations you were issued 1 2/3 ration yesterday. We cannot pull out during daylight. They are bringing SP by direct fire on our positions so we can't pull out in daylight. This is true all along the front line.
- 1800 3d Bn wants an overlay of entire front for Blue 6. S-3 reports Fatima White have E & G somewhere in vic of that road E of Taintrux River which leads from St Die to La Bolle. On your S, 409th 2d Bn this afternoon or shortly thereafter took Hill 623. Will give you a clear picture as soon as possible.

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- 1812 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: We pulled one TD out of Herbaville. It's from the Plat atchd to us. The Plat is 2d Plat Co C. TD #23 is sitting in Herbaville according to TD Bn. 1st Bn: It stayed all day before yesterday. Last nite we moved it into la Chenale. They only had one at Herbaville. Capt Neely put it in.
- 1820 TD Co to S-3: One tank at 381680. Tank is still in Herbaville. Each evening before 1900 I will either call on you or phone rpt on Plat that is working with your unit as to firing, location, etc. 2d Plat atchd to you today fired 95 rds NE at houses along rd Vic 393650. The eastern half of La Bolle. It was request mission of your people.
- 1845 1st Bn CP rpt #2: At 1845 vehicles moving at 40.05-67.40 direction of column uncertain either going NE or SE. Co A report motor vehicles V3900-6935. Direction to be NW.
- 1900 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: Upon a thorough search in the city, there is no TD in Herbaville.
- 1920 S-3 to Fame 4: Chem Bn draw direct from Army. They have on hand the present time 1,000 rds smoke, 250 rounds HE. Average day use - 150 rounds of each.
- 1945 CO to Ex O 3d Bn: CO informed them to notify companies to leave all papers on PW's. Two more PW's coming in from 3d Bn.
- 2000 S-3 to G-3: Tried to give approximate positions of units by map characteristics.
- 2020 2d Bn S-3 had nothing to report. S-3 gave him situation thus far - information gathered from facts and interpretations conflicting reports causing this. E and G Co between Taintrux and road to St Die. G on S, west of road. 30 men of K Co dug in W of Taintrux - rest digging in behind I Co. Fancy to the hill 623 at noon. Their S bn in trouble location unknown. PW informed us they had good strength.
- 2055 3d Bn had nothing to report.
- 2058 Upon inquiring, we informed Fancy Green that our guns were registered and had been fired many times. We also have our own fire direction center. We informed them that it would be possible to fire at 380610 but it would bring about quite a shift for our guns. Told them there would be possible to fire at 380610 with plenty of range to spare. Any further discussion was to be between Fancy 3 and S-3. Set up with Fancy - high ground between B And C, have contact with unit on N, then bend back to phase line A. Lot of fire on them as well as N unit.

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- 2135 Fame 3 had no additional data. Thought it advisable to send one of our On Co officers to contact them in morning. Informed us that N and S Bns have contact only by patrol action.
- 2200 S-3 called 3d Bn S-5 and informed him of situation of N boundary. S-5 already aware of this situation but requested overlay on S sector.
- 2200 1st Bn reports SP at 4035-6650. Arty quiet. FO reported one hit. C Co CP reported another mortar silenced after last four rounds.
- 2230 3d Bn CP was to be furnished with a photo map on front of their position. Liaison officer would pick it up in the morning.
- 2310 409 On Co doesn't think he will need our On support and we need not send up an officer.
- 2320 Our Ln O informed S-3 that positions are identical on overlay. Error slight. Liaison O informed of 2310 report. Liaison officer was to pick up party time for tomorrow. He was informed that PW's told of 4 enemy 81 mortars at 388-635 in a stone pit and also 12 cm mortars. S-3 suggested we lay off those positions tonight then plaster them tomorrow morning.
- 2345 Fagat informed that there would be no need for their additional fire tomorrow. Asked for information as to amount of ammo fired today and how much they had on hand. Like to know that by 0630.
- 2355 Upon request, Fame 3 informed us that the plan we sent up this PM was OK and that there was nothing else S-e should know before Ln O gets here. Would also like to know of anything patrols might pick up.

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- 0005 Fame 24 instructed to have our Ln O Call Fatal 3.
- 0010 1st Bn was informed that 411 says that they are getting 88 fire coming from a draw behind 412674. Will have an CP pick up that fire tonight if possible. This was passed down from Fame 2.
- 0020 Fame 2 informed us that Fatima gave him the coordinates in 0010 report and also said it was direct fire. All fire dumped on Blue Bn from SE. They locate 75 mm AT gun on outskirts of that cemetery at 401-656. Visibility poor.

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0040 S-3 to 2d Bn S-2: S-3 asked "Your listening post found out that there are two 88's at approximately 404665." S-2 2d Bn replied "Yes, they picked up those guns on a trail. We saw the muzzle flashes and thought they were 88's, but after checking the rate of fire decided they were long 77 SP guns. We called arty fire on the first gun and believe we knocked it out. S-3 "What time was that?" S-2 2d Bn replied he would check his journal and make sure. He stated that about 20 min after that the same OP reported another had moved in down about 200 yds almost due S of that spot into the point by the river and the road where the road crosses the river at 4025-6635. S-3 "That is another 77 there?" S-2 2d Bn "Yes, firing into the left flank of the 411th Inf." S-3 "Did the 1st one fire?" S-2 2d Bn "Yes, that's the way we spotted it. I checked by the rate of fire that it was a 77 SP. We know we got one hit at about 2210. About 40 min later we fired at the second one." S-3 "One of your OP's picked up that moving in and after it moved in it began to fire on the N flank zone of the 411 Inf. You get a bead with cadence and dumped arty on it and believe the gun was knocked?" S-2 2d Bn "Yes, we checked with our OP and our forward arty observer. Our forward arty observer is the one who is the most certain we got a hit. This gun attempted to pull out but after the last volley was fired there was no sound of motors running. The other came in twenty minutes later. They then took up firing. Our OP picked that up and they were firing into 411 Inf zone. We are getting a little fire up here right now, about 105 mm stuff. I will try to spot the approx concentration here on the map and give it to you. It seems to be a battery of 3 guns as 12 rounds were fired. It seems to be interdiction fire at 357-6735. It is a minor RJ. They are throwing them in around that. Do you want to follow through on the working party?" S-3 "On this last SP that moved right in about twenty minutes after you finished the artillery concentration. Did they fire on the 411th Infantry Zone?" S-2 2d Bn "We believe that was where it was firing. His muzzle blast was pointing in that direction. We fired on him and he stopped firing and we could hear the sound of heavy motors pulling out. Then here a while ago Lt Hughes called and questioned me about the fire hitting the 411 zone from that direction. It seems logical that they did pull back up that trail. Our visibility is very poor. S-3 "Was that the OP from which you observed that stuff?" S-2 2d Bn replied "That is one of them. I have three different ones working on this." S-3 "Have you any others out E or are they all up high?" S-2 2d Bn. "One down in the valley and another up on top of the mountain. I also have one out by the river. S-3 "You have three of them then?" S-2 2d Bn "I have 5 together. One on the floor, one up high, one down by the river, our forward arty observer and Phil has a post out there, a listening post." We told them to get us all information in as quickly as possible and we would get this in to Div.

0100 The above message was phoned in to the Div G-2 Section.

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- 0105 Our Ln O returned from Div and reported and said that the time of attack tomorrow had been left up to the regtl comdre, but would probably be about daylight for the 411 inf. The 409 would probably be about 0730 with a 5 minute arty barrage at 0725. We will play the same part we did in yesterday's attack.
- 0135 S-3 called G-2 and gave him the following information which was just received from S-2 2d Bn. "On these 105 mm or similar cal guns that just 15 rounds. They got a line of flight plotted on them by intersection of S OP's and it seemed to be coming from 415675. Line of flight was 88 degrees. They think from down there it is interdiction fire. I am going to give this to the arty. (G-2 said he would call Div Arty and give it to them).
- 0145 S-3 sent message to S-6 411th Inf "What time will the party start tomorrow?"
- 0150 S-3 called 411th S-5 and told him that the message was on the way.
- 0355 Received message from S-6 411th Inf "Party commences at Zero Seven Three Zero." It was signed at 0315 and filed at 0330.
- 0430 Div G-2 called and wanted to know whether we had patrols out or not. We called our bns and discovered that only the 2d bn had literal patrols out and they submitted a negative report. Our 1st and 3d Bn had only security patrols out. We reported this to G-2.
- 0605 Report from 2d Bn S-2 - "Red OP reports as of 0600 no enemy activity observed, visibility improving, our arty becoming active."
- 0610 S-3 made overlays of the situation and sent them down by Ln O to all the Bns, the AT Co. Cn Co is sending an officer to pick them up.
- 0630 Message from our S-4 - Plenty of C and K Rations for White and Blue in position and in Bn reserve. Am prepared for change in plan. We can feed either B or C on order.
- 0722 S-6 to 2d Bn S-6 - S-6 asked 2d Bn S-6 if he knew when things were due to start. He said he did. 2d Bn was to coordinate with 411 S-6 as to the use of smoke this morning. Visibility poor.

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- 0743 Div S-5 to S-6 - Div S-5 wanted to know if we knew where our boundary between us and 411. We did. Informed them that we had units totaling to about 2 companies not counting heavy weapons in the area between that boundary and our S boundary; one platoon at Les Moitresses; have some at La Bolle bringing total to about 3 rifle companies; north of there we have the equivalent of one full Bn on line; in reserve we have a company and a half of one Bn plus 3 companies of about 2/3 strength; one rifle company at hill 647 W of La Chenale; S into draw, one rifle company less a platoon; SW at hill 621, one rifle company less 1 platoon; back NE at 363-660 there is a hill with a company less one platoon.
- 0755 S-6 called 3d Bn. S-6 and told him we might have to throw a company around to the S and if so he would run it. Either K, L, or B Co. He said he wouldn't be able to get all of K or L and if he took his I Co it might weaken his lines too much. An agreement was reached whereby B Co would be used and 3d Bn heavy weapons. 3d Bn S-6 was leaving for his CP and turning his OP over to his Ex O.
- 0805 S-6 talked to 3d Bn S-6 and explained that we were going to use his B Co. His B Co Comdr. will report to his CP within one hour and they will take him up to 3d Bn CP. 3d Bn will have a 1 1/2 ton truck available to take him back to his company in case all other comm go out.
- 0815 We called 3d Bn and explained they were to have a 1 1/2 ton available for B Co Comdr.
- 0822 On Co CO called and states that he had 2,240 rounds of He, AT 120 rounds, smoke 196 rounds.
- 0830 3d Bn says they have no 1 1/2 ton available.
- 0833 Werewolf Charlie line is in.
- 0835 We called 1st Bn S-3 and they told us their B Co Comdr was on his way to their CP now and they would send him on up to 3d Bn.
- 0920 S-3 to G-3: G-3 confirms atk has not jumped off. Fame 6 told me to tell you to be standing by on those companies coming out to the S. Plan to use them as fast as you can. You plan to go back were Fatima was - draw SW of Spider Web. Move out from the S. How long would it take? 2 to 3 hours. Fame 6 is on his way to Fatima CP, will be there in 15 minutes.
- 0921 S-3 to Blue 3: Leave us know when Blue 3 or 6 return.

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- 0925 1st Bn CO to S-6: I have Baker 6 here now. Do you want him to go to Fatal Blue. Yes. Baker happens to be the one complete outfit. It's the strongest element we have. 1st Bn rpts he can hold A & P Plat and use them in emergency in as reserve, but would rather use my cooks first. A & P are handling ammo. We just had a bombing down here. There were 4 planes and two bombs. I doubt if they could see anything. Planes about 600-800 yds from 1st Bn CP generally N and S both sides. Bomb landed very close to Aid Station.
- 0942 Blue OP reports: Co I - one man KIA, around 20 to 30 litter cases of Fatima. We sent personnel and Blue 16 to aid in evacuation.
- 0943 2d Bn CO to S-3: Have arranged for smoke if Fatima wants it. They are going to run F in place of E. Just now 14 planes went toward Regtl CP off to my left. Came in were 3d Bn was.
- 0947 Fatal 6 to Fame 6: Talked to Fame 5 and he said to have one Bn ready to move but to check with you. CG: I told him to tell you to be ready to do it, but just think about it. I'll order you when to assemble it. For the attacking Regt, can you contact them W of vic La Bolle. If you pulled out S they could pull out N. S-6: I have one company at La Chenale west of Hill 647. It is very difficult to get out of there. I could move it to the W Where it would be more usable. CG: That's OK. I hate to have you mix your Bns. S-6: We couldn't move our 3d Bn during the day, due to the observation. CG: Isn't Fatima well out ahead of you. S-6: Yes but Krauts since have good observation on 3d Bn. CG: Could you take one company out of there and move it to the N. (Line was then cut out).
- 1000 Planes heard over Regtl CP.
- 1003 S-3, 3d Bn to S-6: We have truck ready for Baker 6. S-6: As soon as your 3 ad 6 return have them report to Regtl S-3.
- 1040 CO 2d Bn to S-3: Our friends have got to the town of La Bolle which is F Co of Fatima. Fatal Co F rpts 2 French PW's rpt Germans are pulling out of St Die and going to a town St Marguerite.
- 1050 S-3 to Fame 5: Did you see Fame 6? No. I have just got my Blue CO here and it will take 4 hours to assemble anybody. He had to put his wire crew and litter bearers to help Fatima. To get Co I out in daylight is troubled by 88's. The latest on Fatima, Co F has passed thru Co E. Co E has gone to rear and reverted to reserve. F has pushed on thru La Bolle and continued without opposition. Co S is also moving forward in the entire white sector, the enemy activity has been null. In the blue sector, Co K is in approximately same position as last night. In the S part, Blue was preparing to get Co I into the woods and moved forward to the NE. We have 3 French civilians at 2d Bn CP taken by our F Co. They reported enemy withdrawing out of St Die and moving to St Marguerite. We have just captured 3 more and they confirm the first report.

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- 1210 S-5 to S-3: S-5: Only change in rpt Co K have moved across into woods. Both I & L are now moving E off the Hill. On Fancy, moving off Hill 623 and moving off Hill 623 and moving E took Taintrux and moved E with Blue Bn.
- 1215 1st Bn Periodic Rpt: No change in opns. 1 EM KIA, 2 EM WIA. Co B alerted for attachment to 3d Bn.
- 1230 2d Bn Periodic Rpt: Negative.
- 1250 Fame 5 to Fatal 6: Start thinking of possible moving forward instead of back. That is to assemble at least one Bn vic Chalet moving to the NE to the big city. Might be more than one Bn. No orders, just think about it and make plans.
- 1255 S-6 to Blue CO: Have just received call from Fame 5 to make plans for possible move forward to occupy St Die. Figure how long it will take to assemble by vic Chalet and be ready to go. Phone estimate into S-3. Also how long to get there. Might move up valley if all opposition is stopped or across valley and go upwoods on other side.
- 1300 S-6 to White CO: Same as above, but add: Consider possibility Co E being left initially behind and use them as reserve.
- 1305 3d Bn informs us that it would take 2½ hours to assemble Bn with 15 min notice. Bn could move 1½ mph on road, ¾ mph in woods, and ½ mph with rough terrain - not considering enemy action.
- 1310 Communications officer instructed to report to officer's mess to S-6.
- 1317 Fame 3 to Fatal 3: We informed them of no change in positions of Battalions.
- 1320 S-3 to Blue Cp: We learned from them that they could see nothing but one house; they had no fire on them at present; had much air and artillery activity earlier; blue "I" in woods pushed through blue zone (learned this from Artillery-movement in daylight): "K" moving likewise; no fire; White Bn believed to be on move too.
- 1332 Fagat Jr. 6 instructed to report to Fatal immediately.
- 1337 2d Bn S-5 to S-2: They are prepared. S-2 learned from prisoner that all sorts of units with different types of uniforms around, much confusion. Prisoner said nothing of evacuation of St Die; Panzers have

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- 1337 been seen (4 tanks, coincides with report from French people) in vicinity of La Marguerite.
- 1343 Cook 3 to S-3: Informed them that situation of units on S of us on our front clearing up; believe that enemy has withdrawn from St Die and hill 623 (center coord. 400-630); our troops are going East rapidly, 409 and 411 are too; we crossed Taintrux by bridge. We have not moved Bn supporting.
- 1350 S-4 informed that S-6 wants him immediately because of possible change in plan.
- 1357 2d Bn S-3 to S-3: OP reports advance elements crossed opening into woods.
- 1436 S-3 to Fatima 5: Upon request they told us that their lines were as follows - reading from S to N halfway between St Die and Feucharup at app 1230 Blue Bn right flank at contact point No. 4; Feucharup 400 yards west, draw line thru S generally back to West to head of draw, letter B going south to within 400 yds west, 500 yds west of contact point 4. Reading S to N, I and L Co at gap to W back around La Belle, G Co, that were seen entering woods short of La Belle also back; F Co. is Fame reserve. They have bypassed pimple at about 657-398. They are ready to zero in with artillery.
- 1443 S-6 asked 3d Bn S-6 if he got photos. He did. 3d Bn was to come to see S-6.
- 1457 S-3 to Fancy 5: Their latest location of front lines reading N to S as follows - Grid line 39 come down to our boundary on extreme right on objective. Report timed as 1330. Light opposition, left sector; no opposition on right. White and Blue have contact with each other; don't know about contact with Fatina on right.
- 1500 S-3 to Fall 2: Inform Fall Baker 6 to come see S-3.
- 1505 S-3 to Fall 3: Presence of mines on road from Chalet, La Belle and North. The mines are believed to still be there. Our positions have not changed. Fatina doing well reaching 2nd intermediate objective. Have to move up that valley and need to move vehicles.
- 1510 3d Bn S-6 and S-3 visited our CP to discuss future operations with our S-6.

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- 1525 1st Bn S-3 informed us that leaflets were being dropped on a hill NORTH of ST DIE by enemy shellfire. "A" Company wants to send out a patrol to observe the road junction at 39.3-69.1. This is the same spot where we caught the enemy column the other night. We told him we would check with S-6 and get permission for his patrol.
- 1530 The Division Commander called S-6 and instructed him to start vigorous patrolling at once. We are to determine if the pimple at LA BIHAY is occupied and if not to move in. Div. Comdr. says he has received reports that the enemy is pulling out everywhere. We were instructed to find out what is on our side of the MEURTHE RIVER and patrols out from LA BIHAY, LA BOLLE and LA MENANTILLE. We are to contact the people on our SOUTH. We asked him about the plan for moving into ST DIE and he said he thought it would be changed.
- 1535 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and told him of our message from the Division Commander. 2d Bn S-6 said he would send out a squad with wire to check and see if the pimple was occupied and if not he would send in a platoon to hold it. S-6 told him to get the pimple and hold it and then pull his people out of LA BOLLE.
- 1540 Our communications officer called in and informed us that the 411th was moving into our proposed CP and the only place we could move in was right behind them in our "I" Co. area. He was told to return to our CP.
- 1550 411th Infantry S-3 called and said that one of their companies would occupy the pimple by 1700.
- 1555 S-6 called 2d Bn. S-6 and told him of the above message from the 411th Infantry. He was told to cancel his patrols into this area.
- 1600 S-6 called 1st Bn S-5 and gave him the message from the 411th Infantry. He was instructed to send out a combat patrol to see if it would draw fire and if there was anything between us and the MEURTHE RIVER. They were sending patrols from LA CHENILE to LA MENANTILLE. They were instructed to coordinate with the 411th and for none of their patrols to go WEST of the road junction at 39.6-66.3. They wanted to know if they could send patrols across the river and we told them yes.
- 1615 2d Bn S-6 called S-6 and said he wanted to pull his people back from LA BOLLE as he heard the 411th was moving in there. We told him that we were waiting to hear from Division and would let him know about that.

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- 1615 2d Bn S-6 said he was going to use part of "E" Company to patrol
cont'd around LA BIHAY.
- 1620 S-6 called the Division Commander and told him about the 411th going
to take the pimple by 1700 and the General said he doubted that very
much and for us to keep our people ready to move in.
- 1630 G-3 called and asked if we had received instructions to do vigorous
patrolling and we told him we had. It seems that he told someone about
1300 to start this vigorous patrolling, but the message failed to get
down to us.
- 1643 S-3 called 411th S-2 about the 411th occupying the high ground near cem-
etry. One of the 411th companies wa to occupy that high ground. We
sent a squad with wire to this spot to wait until 1700 and see if the
411th moved in and if not we would send people from LA BIHAY to occupy
it.
- 1652 Informed 2d Bn of the above report and instructed him to keep incontact
with wire squad and pass on any information as to 411th occupying the
ground and their time of arrival.
- 1657 S-6 called C/S and passed on the information we received from the 411th
S-2.
- 1702 We were informed by Artillery that mines were being cleared between CHA-
LET and LA BOLLE - cleared NORTH to CHALET already.
- 1707 411th S-2 called S-3 and asked if we had any information of their company
that was to move into the pimple by 1700. We hadn't any but we told him
of our wire squad that was going up there to contact his company and we
would let him know as soon as we heard anything.
- 1709 We informed 2d Bn S-5 of possible presence of the 411th Company on this
pimple.
- 1748 Reported that the Company "E" squad with wire was leaving and had about
500 yards to go to objective.
- 1740 Our artillery liaison reports that "A" Company of friendly troops is
holding the pimple at 1657. This pimple is in grid square 40-65.

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- 1800 Company "C" patrol in the vicinity of LA CHENILE went to the MEURTHE RIVER. Fired 25 rounds of rifle fire. Patrol crossing ford tonight.
- 1812 Engineers S-3 informed us that the road was cleared of mines from CHALET to LES MOITRESSES. It has been cleared on the WEST side to the point LA BOLLE. Bridge is out.
- 1815 Our TD's are located as follows: - 10 392672. 20 382645. 20 377640. 20 368638. 20 345625. 20 384660. 10 377653. No round expended.
- 1822 S-3 informed G-3 about our 1748 report from Company "E".
- 1825 411th S-5 called and told us his company was well on the way to occupying the pimple. We told him we had a squad going out there with wire and they would let us know when his company arrived.
- 1825 928th FA forward observer reports that friendly company has occupied pimple at 1700.
- 1827 S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and told him to have wire squad check on occupation of pimple by friendly troops.
- 1830 1st Bn S-3 reported that "A" Company daylight patrol fired automatic weapons, rifles, and bazookas WEST of LA PECHERIE and drew no fire. Our S-3 told him that the patrols that found the ford across the river should lead other patrols to reconnoiter road running from LA PECHERIE SOUTH. 1st Bn S-3 informed us this had been done. He then reported that observer had just sighted vehicles on other side of the river with lights on on road that runs to LA PECHERIE.
- 1915 1st Bn S-2 reports that "C" Co night patrol left line at 1900 and will ford river at coordinates 29.50-67.46.
- 1930 S-3 2d Bn reports that Co "E" has not heard a thing from the wire squad.
- 1940 S-3 called G-3 and gave him all the above information from our Battalions.
- 1935 S-3 called 411th S-3 and informed him our wire crew had not contacted his company as yet. We told him we had no patrols operations SOUTH of 40.2-66.3 at bend of road at road junction 40.1-57.1 line between these coordinates. We will have no patrols SOUTH of that line.

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- 2005 S-3 called OO Company "E" and he reported to us that he hadn't heard from his wire squad as yet.
- 2030 S-3 called G-3 and gave him location of ford (39.50-67.46).
- 2045 S-3 called 411th Infantry and their operations sergeant gave us the following information - "F" Co is occupying the pimple. We are on the division objective - our 2d and 3d Bn. G Co is on the Left."
- 2055 Our S-4 called S-6 and told him that 3d Bn had requested a great deal of demolition equipment all of which is Engineer Company attached. He said he was not able to draw this equipment. The Engineers have all kinds of equipment and we have only A&P engineer equipment. The electrical apparatus for electric caps is organic but it is not available for me to draw. 3d Battalion is jumping the gun. They are requesting these things on two hour notice. All we have to do to get rifles for the AT Company is get approval from Division.
- 2110 S-3 called 3d Bn and informed them that time fuzes were not now available for their A&P Plat. We told him that the Engineers would take care of that and that S-4 says we can get all the TNT we want. Plenty of electric caps but we need generator to go with them. If we can have the whole Engineer Company we will put the Engineers with each platoon. We want to use them to sweep the main supply routes. 3d Bn wanted to know if the Engineers would sweep the road from CHALET EAST, and how much steel wire we could get to pull out booby traps, also how much rope.
- 2120 Company "C" patrol moved out to the river and tried to ford it at 39.35-67.50 and found the stream too swift. They went 50 yards downstream and tried again, but found the water waist deep and the men had to swim. This ford was at 39.53-67.45. They went upstream 600 yards and tried again.
- 2130 S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and told him we had to find out if the pimple was held by our people. 2d Bn S-6 replied that the patrol from Co. "E" went to the hill but ran out of wire. They went on up the hill but didn't find the 411th there. They had two squads but had to take it easy because of mines. They sent one squad all the way to the top of the hill and if they don't find anyone they going to dig in there. On the way up houses slowed them up.
- 2200 S-3 called the engineers and told them about our job with the TNT.

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- 2215 409th S-3 called us and gave us the following: "Blue Battalion on the left - K on Left, I on R, L in reserve. I has reached objective. G Co. reached objective at 1530 - E at 1700 - K at 1515 - I at 1445.
- 2325 G-3 called S-3 and asked how much 60 and 81 mm mortar ammunition we had on hand and how much we fired today.
- 2330 2d Bn S-3 called S-3 and reported there were no friendly troops on pimple. Co. "E" is holding it with 4 squads and attached LMG's. French people report Germans about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from LA TIGAS toward ST. DIE.
- 2340 We called G-3 and gave him the above message.

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- 0005 We called 411th Infantry and gave them the above message.
- 0030 3d Bn reports that 300 rounds of 60 mm mortar ammunition was fired today.
- 0040 S-3 called G-3 and reported that we fired 317 rounds of 60mm ammunition today and no 81mm.
- 0200 2d Bn S-2 reports that an artillery concentration was fired a few minutes ago on enemy vehicles and personnel at 39.3-69.2. Patrol from Co. "H" has gone out to see what damage was done.
- 0210 Reported the above message to Division G-2.
- 0240 S-3 411th called and asked if we had patrols out. He was afraid our patrols would fire on his people. We informed him that our people had been warned against that.
- 0435 1st Bn called and gave a negative report on enemy activities. Their reports came from OP's at 0300 and 0400.
- 0520 G-2 called and wanted to know if we had heard anything more about the artillery concentration fired at enemy vehicles and personnel at 39.3-69.2. We hadn't but we called "A" Company and found out that their patrol hadn't been able to find out anything.
- 0715 S-6 called and wanted to know the situation. We gave him all we had, He wants the rubber boat proposition to be called to his attention today.
- 0749 We informed 1st Bn S-3 that the Engineers are here and will be down there before long. They are to have a guide on the road waiting.

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- 0750 We informed someone at Fame to pass on to Fame 1 that our S-6 is anxious to have the investigation on awarding Sgt Clark the Silver Star. We wanted to know when the IG would be down so we could get witnesses.
- 0750 S-2 of 328th Engineers came in to see S-6.
- 0800 2d Bn S-3 called S-2 and said that 20 minutes ago our "E" Co. patrol had not contacted the 411th. They patrolled all around the hill at 2400 last night and saw no one, not even enemy. They drew no fire. Their S-2 was up there and drew some sketches. They are sending them to us. S-2 talked with French civilians.
- 0805 We called G-2 (Sgt Martinez) War Room and gave them the above message (0800)
- 0810 Asst S-2 called 3d Bn S-3 and told him that Division had sent a patrol into St Die last night (composed of French officer and civilians) and they reported St Die has been evacuated by Germans. Div. Comdr wants to send patrols in and take the railroad yards. Also told him of our "E" Co. patrol on the pimple. Told him Engineers were here and were going down to check for a river crossing. They have some good aerial photos. S-6 is checking into the rubber boat situation.
- 0815 Asst S-2 called 2d Bn S-6 and told him S-6 instructs that Sgt Clark and enough witnesses to establish his Silver Star start at once for Regtl CP.
- 0827 Cannon Company CO was in and told us he was all ready to move as soon as he gets orders.
- 0833 2d Bn S-3 called our Asst S-2 and said our "E" Company patrol on the pimple had made contact with "F" Company of the 411th Infantry. We have four squads out there and they will have to remain in position as we have one squad with a LMG set up in a house at a road junction (40.2-60.6) just EAST of LES TIG-US. Due to visibility they will probably remain in position until late this afternoon. "E" Company reports a little artillery fire in their area.
- 0845 Asst S-2 called G-2 Jr and gave him the above information. G-2 Jr told us to keep our eyes on TETE ST. ROCHE for self-propelled guns. He is sure there are some over that way.
- 0859 S-6 called G-3 and asked if we could start assembling our SOUTH Battalion and the SOUTH part of our 2d Bn, also if he could come up to Division CP and talk over a few matters. G-3 said he would call him back in 10 minutes.

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- 0845 Asst S-2 called 2d Bn S-3 and instructed him to have our "Z" patrol keep their eyes on TETE ST. ROCHE for self-propelled guns. 2d Bn S-3 told us that our troops were not right up on the pimple as 411th had taken that over, but were down along the road now.
- 0905 S-6 called 1st Bn S-5 and told him he had heard that 1st Bn patrols had been unable to get across the river. S-6 said he would try to get him two rubber boats and two 100 foot pieces of rope. 1st Bn S-5 said that Spitfires were bombing and strafing Krautland over in the 15th Infantry sector.- the high ground around SAN MICHEL on the road across the river.
- 0908 S-4 came into our CP.
- 0910 S-6 called CO. "E", 328th Engineers and asked them if they could furnish us rubber boats and rope. They replied that they had 6 or 7 hundred feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rope, but no rubber boats.
- 0915 Division Commander wants S-6 to come to the Advanced Division CP. S-6 is preparing to leave.
- 0920 Fatal Red reports that 0910 12 P-47's strafing and bombing N & E of river at ST MICHEL. Result - 2 fires and smoke. Enemy AA very weak.
- 0930 1st Bn S-2 to S-2: Bridge at Duviller half out (Kraut side out). They found two light machine guns. Across the river, trucks parked with few Inf. protecting them. Artillery fired at them and both the half track and other truck believed knocked out. Time of firing 0137. Two civilians passed on to C Co that the place is full of booby traps and mines. They were not to go in until Division gave their permission.
- 0940 S-6 informs us that they intend to pull out at dusk because they can't go across valley in daylight. They have sketches of mines and are located.
- 0947 Informed 2d Bn S-3 that "E" would get further orders from S-6.
- 1007 3d Bn informed S-2 that two French priests informed them that everyone left St. Die.
- 1010 Fame 2, Fame 3, and Fame 3 Advanced informed of 1007 report.
- 1020 3d Bn S-3 informs of ~~no~~ change in situation.
- 1022 S-6 informed S-5 to have 3d Bn begin reassembling in prearranged place and get the rest of the immersion heaters up there.
- 1032 3d Bn S-6 informed of 1025 entry and in addition that they would have hot supper tonight.

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- 1045 TD asked S-5 if they could move their guns off the hill. TD will call later.
- 1047 We found out, upon request, that the road from Spider Web south to La Jacques then left was cleared. Found this out from Fall Baker 3.
- 1105 S-4 Jr to S-5: We informed S-4 Jr that 3d Bn only one received instructions to reassemble. If they were the only Bn to reassemble they could be fed chicken. Have no information on other Bns, but would inform them within a half hour.
- 1120 S-6 to S-5: White can pull out everything South of a line dropped between Labbihay & pimple. N of that line was E Co, a group at Labbihay, and platoon on pimple.
- 1127 S-5 informed 2d Bn S-6 of 1120 entry. He also instructed S-6 that he should replace all of his troops except E Co and section of 30's of H Co with men to be sent him from 1st Bn.
- 1134 S-5 to S-4: Informed S-4 of 1127 entry and mentioned the fact that the part of 2d Bn reassembling should be fed chicken too. S-4 said that chicken was issued to 3d Bn already and he would check with 2d Bn to see if they would have time to prepare the chicken.
- 1140 S-5 to 1st Bn S-6: Instructed S-6 to replace the two groups of 2d Bn men mentioned in 1127 entry. Bn S-6 was to send one platoon with an officer in charge to 1st Bn CP.
- 1145 S-5 to 2d Bn S-6: S-5 informed him of 1140 entry.
- 1200 Flash one - German planes heading this way. Soon after, our planes were headed toward the enemy's.
- 1225 3d Bn called S-3 and said there was a Recon officer from the 411 Inf who would like the position of our AT Co. We gave him 348662.
- 1250 Chem Ln C left to check out. Lt Christiansen now Ln C.
- 1250 Notify S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, Hq Comdt, and Commo C to be at the Colonel's tent at 1330.
- 1332 S-6 to 2d Bn S-6: Checked up on reassembly instructions. S-6 had no information on the attached units. Instructed 2d Bn S-6 to leave his S-5 behind in charge. G Co had started to rear assembly.

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- 1349 S-6 informed Fall 5 to pass on to Fame 3 to get a hold of 2 rubber boats to carry on patrol missions. Also need two 100 foot lengths of rope and 2 men who know how to operate boats. They were to have the two men and equipment report here at 1600.
- 1353 S-5 left for Division.
- 1400 Capt from 534th AA called in person to get details on bombing near 1st Bn Aid station. Conclusion was that the planes were our own and bombs were dropped by mistake.
- 1459 S-3 to S-6: TD's on high ground want to know if they can move. S-3 instructed to call Fame 3 on it. S-6 wanted Ln O to report to his dug out.
- 1502 S-3 called Fame Adv if TD's could move. They were to call back about it.
- 1515 Upon inquiring, S-3 found out from Fall 3 that the road from Chlet to La Bolle was clear of mines.
- 1540 1st Bn rpt Ren Meurthe River foot bridge 393685 apparently partially destroyed. Also steel foot bridge 388694 reported by civilians to be intact.
- 1600 S-3 to S-3 1st Bn: We have two rubber boats you will need. They are on a 2½ ton. Fatal 6 wants you to send two jeeps up here. 1st Bn: Will have to unload a full load of ammo if we use trailer. S-3: Just lash boats on top and they could be brought down to 1st Bn CP and then taken to place you want to use them.
- 1610 S-6 to 1st Bn CO: Div wants aggressive Ren on the other side tonight. We have a couple of rubber boats and they will be sent down to your CP. You see La Pecherie on your map on the high ground which is just SE (ridge). Div tells us there is two MG and installation there. Also on Hill 648, 50 enemy and 2 Arty pieces. They do want some probing on the other side about that same point to the same point. Find out what is along road and also what is beyond there. We are going to set up defenses on other side of ford. It is Ren patrol, the main thing is whether it's Teint Les Moutirs and Marzelay or whether La Pecherie to St Die. Just find out what's there. The boats are on a 2½ ton and its too big so if we use ½ ton trailers they can go right to the spot. We can take 2½ ton up to the spider web or your motor pool. I'll be down to see you.
- 1612 Fame 3 to S-3: In regard to TD's. According to FO #1. They are attached to you. You can move them. We are going to move them 200 yds S of vic Spider Web. They are now in vic 2d Bn.

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- 1615 S-3, 3d Bn to S-3: Troops moving to assembly area.
- 1620 CO left for 1st Bn CP.
- 1628 We instructed TD's to move position - vic Spider Web (3 Tanks).
- 1630 S-3 to EX O 2d Bn: You have certain elements in position. Just 4 squads on pimple. We have out Co E, a Plat from B & Sect from Co H. Plan is to send 7 - 2 1/2 ton trucks by way of Chalet up to La Bolle. Pull 4 squads into pimple, have them entruck there. This movement will be by infiltration than move the remainder of Co E forward to La Bolle and also B and entruck there. You then go by way of Chalet, La Jacques and then to the Spider Web. It will happen sometime this evening. As soon as we find out when it will be done we will call you. If you can figure out a good place to meet them and have somebody control the move. Don't pull the trucks off the road. Shoot them to La Bolle and then have them turn around at La Bolle and come back. Anything we do at night is hard. When do you want them at the spider web. Why not move them to the spider tomorrow morning. You want them to be at the spider by noon? It would be easier to do it during daylight. Situation stands: Div will tell us when to move them. That is when situation is secure. 2d Bn: We have a long and hard truck ride from La Bolle to Web. We have a hard problem getting Co E's Plat assembled into La Bolle. It will take 5 hours. Against that, I can alert them to pulling back to Spider then Plats will be ready to move at dawn. It would be easier to move in day by foot. They may be able to move by truck at daylight tomorrow. Unless it is urgent to move, I would rather move in daylight. It took 5 hours to go 700 or 800 yds last night.
- 1718 Cur Ln O returned from Div and brought back Operations Instruction #2. Ln O said Div wants an overlay of our position, also a Par 8 on our Periodic Report.
- 1725 S-5 2d Bn to S-3: Wanted to know if 2d Bn S-6 was there. We asked the disposition of our 4 squads on the pimple and he didn't know. We told him his attached Chem Mortars would stay with him, but that the 3 TD's were being pulled back.
- 1735 1st Bn S-2 to S-2: I have something for you. It demands a decision right now. It will probably have to go back to Div or Corps for a decision. There is a woman down here, or rather a couple of women, a mixed family, living down in C Co area. She has 3 children. Last night we gave her permission to go into St Die if she would bring us back information. This woman came back and said there was a German agent we

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- 1735 must get quick. Name is Kientzel. He is a father and has a wife and child with him, all of them German agents. He is in direct communication with the Germans who have just evacuated St Die. His mission is to wait until there are enough Americans in his section St Die and call for artillery fire on that section of town. We are getting coordinates of house where he lives. We think it would be better if Div or Corps took her tonight. Do you want her brought out? S-2 said he would call Div and find out. She says she knows where she can get hold of a book that has the names of all Gestapo agents in St Die. She has a friend who had in her house a Gestapo agent and while he was asleep or drunk she pilfered his room and found this book. We can probably get that. It is still in St Die. This woman has 3 children and may want to take them with her. S-2: "OK I'll find out right away."
- 1745 S-3 fr G-3: How many vehicles and what the road space in hours for your CT without attachments. S-3: Look at your T/E. Time length: 1 1/2 hrs. G-3: CT would move in one serial of 5 MU's. What is the # of 2 1/2 ton trucks? S-3: It will take more than one serial. You will have to make a serial of arty alone. They won't allow more than 25 vehicles per MU. G-3: We will need 5 MU's to motorize the CT with 75 vehicles. Do you have all of your kitchen trucks. Yes. Suppose you do not use the Ammo trucks as Ammo vehicles but to store the Ammo with individuals. It will make a difference of 1/2 MU. We will coordinate everything from the spider. The IP will have to be further back then at the spider. We will have to borrow the road and time from Corps. Speed: 10 miles for night and 20 miles for day. Going N it's all good roads. There is a long down hill stretch and two bad curves. (Fame 3 Larry)
- 1750 2d Bn Ex O to S-3: I talked to Co E and he still has Plat reinforced in little town below pimple. He is trying to get reinforced company of 411th to occupy his place. The Plat Ldr Does not want to move until somebody else takes over the town. We have the strong point in the town. 411th has the pimple. We went out last night and took the pimple and this morning the 411th company took over the pimple. The house in the town is the strong point. Open ground on the pimple isn't anything. We were told to bring Plat back to Co E area when they had been relieved.
- 1800 S-2 fr 2d Bn Ex O: We are sending some more French people to you. They went in our lines. Co E said they just came from St Marguerite and they were no Germans in the town. 2 from Bn, 5 more coming from company.

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- 1801 S-3 to AT Co: CO says your Plat atchd to Red can move out of Herbaville and rejoin Co. My Ex O has just taken chow down and have Plat Ldr or Ex bring them back.
- 1803 S-3 to 1st Bn: You won't need AT Plat. CO says they can pull out tonight. Will you contact Co A and inform Ex O to bring Plat. The TD at house near road bend can move back to former position near your CP. He would like you to put one of your AT Guns in Herbaville. Reserve position somewhere S of Sce Mare. He may have had different reserve position. AT Co Plat is relieved from 1st Bn control at 1805. You put AT gun in Herbaville.
- 1812 S-3 fr AT Co: I have prime mover here so I'll take care of moving gun.
- 1840 S-2 to S-2 1st Bn: Just what is status of this woman. Is she willing to go back to Div.
- 1842 S-2 to CIC Off: We have down in one of our company areas a French woman who last night went into St Die with a story that she would give us information from background she is from a well to do French family and she has 3 children so she isn't able to leave the children all night. She rpts a German agent in St Die. His mission is to remain until our troops get in there and then he will direct artillery on them. She has a friend who had Gestapo in her house. Could we get one of your people here at Regt. We could pick them up at Regt. We can take care of her at Broyles. She has a book with list of all Gestpo at St Die. She doesn't have book with her. We will have her at Regtl CP in about 2 or 2½ hours.
- 1850 Have Col Selk call Maj Thorndyke.
- 1855 Asst S-2 to Div PW Cage (CIC O): The woman down at C Co CP claims that each German unit that was in St Die left their Gestapo agent there. They also left their so-called wives who naturally are agents. Our people should be cautious when they go into St Die. This book with the list of Gestapo personnel will be back on Monday. Some of the woman's relatives are bringing it in. This German agent name is Keintzel. (We read him our message received at 1735 from 1st Bn S-2). CIC O: "Can she get a message to St Die tonight?" S-2: "Not unless she goes back herself." CIC: "OK, if I'm not here when you call leave the message as to time she reaches your CP with Sgt Matthews of the MPs.
- 1920 Asst S-2 called CIC and told him the above mentioned woman would be at our CP at 2030. CIC said they would be here.
- 2000 S-6 called 3d Bn S-6 and got the Bn Sgt Major. S-6 instructed him to have 3d Bn CO come down to S-6 dugout.

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- 2007 S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and told him S-6 wanted him to pull that TD out of La Chenale and get it under cover near his CP.
- 2010 1st Bn S-6 called S-6 and wanted to know where to put the TD. We told him the spot where he had the 4.2 mortar platoon the other night would be a good place. S-6 then talked to 1st Bn S-5 and told him he was going over to the second and to be up here at 0800 tomorrow morning.
- 2030 S-3 called Capt Dalcher at G-3 and told him it would take 87 - 2 1/2 ton LWB trucks including our 19 kitchen trucks to move our combat team. We figure 25 men to a truck with all equipment. Capt Dalcher said he had figured on getting 69 vehicles and including our 19 kitchen trucks that would just about make it. S-3 said we would have 5 serials. Capt Dalcher said he would like that cut to 4 due to an order from Redwood. They discussed the situation to some length, and Capt Dalcher said if they call on us he would try to get us 5 serials.
- 2055 OIC called and said they are leaving for our CP at once to interview the woman who is coming up from Co C CP.
- 2056 3d Bn closed into assembly area.
- 2100 S-2 talked to S-2, 1st bn and informed him that OIC would have somebody take her back. They will put her up in town of Broyles.
- 2120 2d Bn to S-3: Co E patrol is pulling back. If they want Co E out no matter by truck or walk, it will take until daylight.
- 2145 S-3 to G-3: I would like to have some one ton trailer also. G-3: OK. We just got something hot from Redwood. You will have some good hot stuff in the morning. Make those LWB trucks.
- 2200 Stephens of Movement Control to S-3: Would it hurt you if I took 8 of your trucks tomorrow. S-3: Yes.
- 2213 TD to S-3: Just got instructions from my TD at 671392. I understand that he is to move to 673371. S-3: I'll have the S-3 call you back.
- 2215 1st Bn S-3: Plat of Co B completed relief at 1700 (La Bihay).

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- 2225 TD to S-3: Location of TD's: 3 at Spider web. 1 between Herbaville and La Chenale. We want you to move one at La Chenale. S-6 told me to call him and hve him move out themselves as we wouldn't get in contact with you. TD can be found at 36 & 67, map 1,50,000. TD: Can I move that one back to the Spider Web for maintenance work? S-3: It will be OK to have him move to the Spider Web tomorrow morning.
- 2345 Fame 3 to S-3: 1) The armor that you have we would like to have assembled under respective Co control by 191200A Nov 44. Platoon sent where Co wants the. 2) They want all troops 3 of La Menantille to be pulled out and assembled - this to be accomplished by 191000A. Be ready to replace rest of your people to N. Doubt if it will be tomorrow on the rest of them. We asked if it will be by Fatima on N. Fame said it would and to coordinate that at that town with with Fatima. We have copy of that order. They should be over there by that time easily. Make sure they are before Fatima leaves the place (1000). We must coordinate with Fatima 3. Fatima ordered to be there by 1000. They will be there before 410 relieved at 191000. We shall call Fatima 3. We want to report that all is quiet on front - no enemy arty - small arms fire in front of C Co.
- 2400 TD were told to assemble to rear & Co Assembly Area as directed by their CO. They moved out during early morning hrs.

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- 0017 Informed Fatima 3 of 2345 entry. Upon inquiring, S-3 was informed that all special action in way of coordination was to be taken care of tonight. S-3 stated he would be available if needed tonight.
- 0023 S-3 informed TD 6 that we had order from Fame to have TD assemble under respective Co control by 191200 A Nov 44 and coordinate under Co Comdr.
- 0028 Informed 1st Bn S-3 of 2345 entry. Effects their Backer only. Will check with S-6 on assembly area.
- 0032 Informed 2d Bn S-3 of 2345 entry. Effects their E Co only. We have no change on 4.2's.
- 0040 Informed Fame 3 of entries since 0017. S-3 told him we would notify him of 1st Bn assembly area in morning. Fame was to call bout 4.2's in morning.
- 0155 Fame informed us that we were now in a Red Alert position.

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- 0445 Report from S-2 1st Bn as follows - Patrol from A Co did not fulfill their mission, bot capsized attempting to cross river. It is undetermined if boat was lost or not. Patrol from C Co made the crossing at a point 50 yds N of the jct of the Taintrux and Meurthe Rivers, moved NE 800 yds then E to hill mass Tete de St Roch. Hill is occupied by Germans. Observed several patrols operating from that hill. CP is located in a house. Saw entrenchments when cigarettes were lighted. Actually saw 21 Germans plus 8 in trenches. Patrol ldr feels that a large combat patrol could easily take this position. Meurthe has swift current. Foot bridge could be put across it at patrol crossing site after current dies down. Patrol reported in at 0430.
- 0659 S-6 called and was given report on patrols taken from 0445 entry.
- 0701 Fame 2 informed of 0445 entry.
- 0709 Fame 3 called for routine information check. Was informed of Patrol rpt which was given Fame 2.
- 0718 Fall 2 called regarding foot bridges. We were to call back.
- 0735 S-2 gave Fame 2 full information about the 0445 entry regarding the patrol.
- 0815 2d Bn S-5 notified of relief order and also remainder of 2345 entry of yesterday.
- 0840 S-3 called Red S-3: S-3: "On these patrols last night. Neely told me that one of his boats capsized and three of his men were soaked but that the rest of the patrol went on. Did all of the A patrol get wet? Red S-3: "I haven't heard yet. C Co got across the river and into Krautland. S-3: Yes, they did a fine job. Red S-3: Does that relief still go at 1000 tomorrow? S-3: Right. Red S-3: What kind of arrangements can we make bout our people at LaBihay? S-3: 411th is sending them right there from the other side. I will call them right now on that. Red S-3: I don't see any reason to leave our people in LaBihay if they hold the pimple. S-3: I don't either. I will call them and let you know.
- 0855 S-3 called 411th S-3: S-3: I called last night around midnight in regard to elements of your outfit relieving our elements at LaBihay and some S of La Menantille. Do you know anything about that? 411th S-3: He said he didn't as he had just returned from the front lines. He explained that 411 S-5 had been handling all of that. He said their L Co had already relieved us at La Menantille and on the pimple sometime yesterday. He wanted to know where our N flank of 1st Bn was. We informed

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- 0855 him it was at Herbaville. He said they were to relieve us there tomorrow with their G Co. S-3: Would you like an overlay showing our 1st Bn positions? 411th S-3: I certainly would. S-3: I will send you one. They discussed at some length the relief of our troops by 411th troops. We informed him that At Labihay we had a B Co platoon. 411th S-3: He said he wanted to contact our people around La Menantile and would send a platoon into LaBihay to relieve us there. We told him to be careful about moving in and occupying these positions as the Germans have good observation from Tete de St Roche. We told him that from La Menantile S we have all of our E Co plus a section of heavies from Co H. He said he would get word up to his L Co to relieve us at LaBihay. He asked if we would notify our 1st Bn that we had informed him of their north flank. We said we would.
- 0905 S-3 to 1st Bn S-3: We informed him that we had just talked to the 411 S-3 and he informed us that he was sending elements of his L Co from the pimple over to LaBihay to relieve us and they should be there by 1000. We told him we were sending the 411th an overlay of our position. We told him that the 411th would probably assemble behind him for their relief.
- 0925 S-3 called 2d Bn S-3: He asked if the 411 S-3 had been around. He said no. We asked if he had a lateral line from 4.2 to 2d Bn. He informed us they did. We asked if he would have that lateral line connected with the 4.2 line and he said he would. We told him we would contact the 411th and get more information and have them contact them on this relief business.
- 0935 G-2 called S-2: He wanted to know about the civilians coming thru our lines, the reported massacre of French civilians in St Die by German troops, how many Germans were still in St Die, and if we needed help to handle the civilians.
- 1000 2d Bn S-3 to S-3: He informed us that Sgt Clark went down to join his Co at 1600 yesterday and hadn't been seen since. The company came in at 1900 or 2000 yesterday evening and Sgt Clark wasn't with them. He has some I & R men out looking for him.
- 1008 2d Bn S-3 called and said Sgt Clark had been found and was on his way to the Spider Web.
- 1020 G-3 called and said they were sending another OI down to us.
- 1045 Div Comdr visited our CP and discussed operations with S-6.

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- 1048 S-3 called 2d Bn S-5 and told him that there was a squad from 411 Co E supposed to relieve his elements at La Menantille. He said his people hadn't contacted them as yet. He also said if we didn't get some action soon he wouldn't be able to move out until tonight.
- 1055 S-3 called 2d Bn S-5 and told him to take a platoon from Co B and relieve his N plat of Co E and move Co E on out. We explained these were the Div Comdrs wishes. He didn't want to do this as he explained his Bn was all split up already but said he would.
- 1110 411 Asst S-3 called S-3 and explained they had sent a patrol to relieve us at LaBihay. We know nothing of it as we have received no word. 411th doesn't know about the La Menantille relief so their Asst S-3 is going up close and see if he can straighten it out.
- 1120 We received OI #3 from Div by our Ln C.
- 1125 Received Periodic report from 2d Bn.
- 1140 S-3 called 2d Bn S-5 and told him that Baker will remain in position until relieved by elements of the 411th Inf. He asked about E Co relief and we told him that the relief would come from L Co of 411 on the pimple and whatever relief they sent was their business.
- 1150 S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and gave him the instructions we had received from Div OI#3.
- 1155 411th Inf S-5 called and said they were sending their relief Co in 10 2½ ton trucks and 4 jeeps up to the Spider Web and we were to have a guide there at 1220 to take them down to the 1st Bn CP. Lt Tanner is in charge of the column.
- 1203 S-3 called 411th Inf S-3 and told him of the above message. We asked them about our 2d Bn relief from LaBihay to La Menantille. 411 S-3 thought the relief on the S had already been made. We had heard nothing of this. 411 S-3 said their elements were moving up toward to the N and relieving our elements as they go. He gave us the position of 411th units so far as he knew them. He is going to try to contact their relieving units and call us as soon as possible.
- 1215 Periodic Report from 1st Bn received.

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- 1240 S-6 called 2d Bn S-5 and told him we have to get E Co and the Section of HMG's from H Co. back to join the Bn before dark tonight.
- 1242 Fatima informs S-3 that they left 2 squads of Co L closed in at La Menantille last night. Co F moved out their 2 squads in there and one at La Menantille. Our people have not seen them out there. They have stayed in position. We will double check with 2d Bn S-5. When G Co gets there he should make contact. Shells fired into Fatima relief - may have run into something. G Co being taken care of by Fatima 5. We have guide waiting to take them down.
- 1245 Upon inquiring, S-3 was informed by 2d Bn S-5 that they had seen nothing on relief - checked by Plat Ldr. Fatima evidently mixed up.
- 1253 S-3 was to call 1st Bn S-6 back and inform him of relief operation.
- 1256 S-3 to 2d Bn S-5: Baker platoon to put in charge of 2d Bn S-5. We will tell S-6 of 1st Bn that S-6 instructed this to be done.
- 1259 Fame 2 asked S-2 if we could see who was shelling troops at La Bolle. To call back.
- 1300 Fame 3 to S-3: They report firing at La Bolle. Also informed us that 4.2 Chem mortar platoon remains attached to us and moves back with us. Time of arty fire 1250.
- 1301 S-2 to 1st Bn S-2: 1st Bn informed of 1259 entry also that it was our belief it was coming from Tete De St Roch. 1st Bn S-2 was to see if he could pick it up.
- 1307 1st Bn S-3 informed S-3 that Fatima troops came in and are dispersed near them. S-3 told them that they didn't need to send out that platoon from B Co. Other Baker plat to remain in charge of White S-5 until relief was completed. The two men to be left behind at LaBihay were to contact Fatima and show them positions. Informed 1st Bn S-3 that chemical mortar platoon was to remain attached to us. It was greed that we would pull out our platoon of B Co out of LaBihay, and leave a couple of men there to contact 411. We told him to bring out his 81 mm Ammo, put a guard over the rest of the ammo, and send us the coordinates of position of ammo. Turn it over to 411 as soon as they relieve. He was instructed to start back here when things were organized.
- 1335 2nd Bn S-5 called and said that elements of the 411th Infantry, probably "L" Co, had reached LaMenantille about 1/2 hour ago. Our "E" Co is starting to pull out, a squad from each platoon at a time. "B" is starting to pull back to the "E" Co area. "E" will be started back to the assembly area within one hour. We told him that the 4.2 mortars are attached to 1st Bn and will move back to the assembly area with them tonight.

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- 1345 1st Bn S-6 called and gave us his plan for relieving his Bn. (1) 4.2 mortars will pull out this afternoon to assemble in areas in the rear. (2) Excess ammunition and supplies will be sent back to the Motor Pool area. (3) "B" Co, less one platoon, will move out in daylight to assembly area at the motor pool. (4) Co "D" minus elements with "B" and "A" Companies will move out during daylight to motor pool. (5) Forward elements of Hq, Bn Hq Communications will move out during daylight to Motor Pool. (6) "A" and "C" companies plus AT Plat plus elements of "D" Company will start at 1730 for the motor pool. (7) S-2 will be left to orient Co Comdr of relieving unit. Plat Sgt of each "A" and "C" companies will remain to orient new CO's and will probably stay in at the position until late tomorrow afternoon at which time they will return.
- 1354 Our Liaison O left for Division.
- 1400 S-2 called G-2 and reported that the 1st Bn OP reports no artillery fire emanating from TETE DE ST ROCH. The only arty fire visible is on azimuth of 10° from OP No. 1.
- 1410 Maj Silver called and told us to have two competent officers ready, who can mark a route at night after they have seen it in the daytime. Get Lt O'Regan if he is back. Maj Silver also said he would be back immediately to orient these officers. Also have S-2 set up the 1/25,000 Rambervillers Sheet and the one to the right of it, and also get out S-6's set of 1/25,000 that was made for him.
- 1440 1st Bn S-3 reports "B" Co has contacted some of the 411th. They are sending up a platoon to occupy part of the pimple. They don't know anything about relieving elements back of the pimple. "B" moving out in daylight.
- 1441 S-3 to Fame 3: On those elements of 411th to relieve us. It is becoming quite a problem. Can you find out anything for us on that. Fame 3: Fame 6 called Fame 38 and 411th and got that straightened out. The entire Chem Plat will be attached to you. Will report prior to 2200 tonight. Back at the spiderweb.
- 1445 S-3 to Red 3: Fame 6 himself called 411th and Fame 38 and those people will be in there shortly. That relief will be affected beginning at dusk. Red 3 says he can relieve them in daylight as there are no enemy opposing them. S-3: If Red 6 desires he can wait until dusk to relieve his Bn. Red 3: The Baker Plat is what I am talking about. 411th will be up there damn soon. S-3: Yes, bring the 4.2 Mortar back with you and hold them in the assembly area.

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- 1450 White 5 to S-3: E is starting back with exception of two squads. 411 Co L have taken over La Menantille. They haven't come into LaBihay. S-3: Will you let us know when they come in? White 5: We are going to leave as soon as Baker relieves us.
- 1535 S-6 to S-3: By the time I get to the OP I want Col Selk and 3d Bn S-1's there ready to go on another recon and McBurley. The mortar platoon by White OP is not to stay in there.
- 1540 Received OI #3 from Div by Message Center.
- 1615 White Bn relieved at LaBihay by 411. Baker is occupying the positions that Co E had been pulled back.
- 1600 1st Bn rpts elements of Fatima are now relieving our elements at La Menantille.
- 1620 2d Bn to S-3: Our Co E is completely relieved and are on the way back to us. Relieved at about 1600.
- 1625 S-6 returned from Div.
- 1645 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: Elements are relieving this plat, also that Co L, 411 was relieving men at LaBihay. They told us they had a MG at La Menantille and that was all they would relieve. Fatima 5 said we could consider ourselves relieved.
- 1647 S-6 to CO 1st Bn: My Co E is out and started marching back. We can pull B Co Plat back to Co B area.
- 1648 Asst G-3 to S-6: Go ahead signal on the plan for tomorrow OK'd by Cobra. One provision, that you do not go N of road that runs NW of LaSalle. Stay out of that town. Your attachments will be as given to you this afternoon for the move. Have they reported to you as yet. S-6: Mortar CO came but not the other two. Will we wait until morning for plan. I think you will move tomorrow not tonight. We have made arrangements for tomorrow. Attachments: Chem Co complete. 756 Tank Bn, Co B less one Plat, 601st TD Bn, Co C, less one Plat.
- 1650 Fame 3 to S-3: We can count on Engr Co and Collecting Co., Arty Bn move independently.
- 1700 Fatal 6 to CO 2d Bn: You can figure on staying tonight. We might get moved out at 0800 tomorrow morning into a new area. A short distance away. Order of March 3d, 2d, 1st. You be ready to roll at 0830. You come down here at 1930 tonight. Your Co E is out and on way back.

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- 1701 Message to SV Co fr S-3: Have Motor Officer report to S-3 between 2000 2100 tonight.
- 1705 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: Co E will take 3 hours to get to old company position. That will give you enough time to close in Div deadline which is 2300. Assembly area for 1st Bn is one-half way between Spider and road that runs to La Jacques. Capt Miller knows where your assembly area is as he was just there.
- 1715 1st Bn: That relief job with 411th was amessed up affair. S-3: We know it was. Sealed envelope (Thru Message Center) for S-2 from G-2 containing sheet which read "Below is stamp showing civil affairs office and allow bearer to pase thru our lines to St Die."
- 1735 S-3 to Blue 5: Gave him what we knew about the move. We told them we might move tonight but it was very remote but we will rol by 0800 tomorrow. Told him to have Blue S-6 here by 1930 tonight. Have Motor Officer & 4 EM at corner of La Haut Jasques at 0600 tomorrow.
- 1745 S-6 to G-3 (Lt Eddens): S-6 gave the following information: "Two of my Rcn parties just returned. The first one went through Bourgonce, then north to St Remy and along that same road to St Odde. There they were stopped as they wouldn't allow ny vehicles to go further. They went back to the west. They heard firing on high ground on our side of the riverat DE RA ON L CApe directly north of St Odde. There they were told by a AA officer that most of the trails were still mined and they were still mopping up there. The other party went from Bourgonce, Nompatelize and around north of there up to Pajaille which is just a little NE of St Odde and here they were stopped and informed that roads ahead were mined and they were mopping up. I think that information should get to Major Thomas. There are all kinds of mines in the wood west of St Remy.
- 1820 2d Bn called and said they were going to put a guard on the 19,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition they are going to leave. We told them they would have to drive blackout to their assembly area.
- 1830 Div Movement Control called and asked where our guides would be to meet the truck tomorrow. We gave them this information. We are getting 70 trucks and they will let us know how many trailers. 18 trucks from Farm will arrive at 0600; 20 from 411th at 0615; 32 from Fabrie at 10630. Our guides are to be there by 0545.

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- 1840 Div Movement Control called. We asked if we could shuttle with any of our attached trucks and he told us to use our own. They told us an MP officer would report to us at 0600 tomorrow to help our traffic control.
- 1850 Div Movement Control called again and wanted our assembly area. We gave it to them.
- 1920 Div Movement Control: There will be 25 trailers from Fabric, none from Fern and 411 will send as many as they can pick up.
- 1950 G-3 (Lt Eddens): Engineers and Medics will go with us.
- 2013 Fame Movement Control asked how far W of the Spider our IP will be. We are to check with S-3 and call him back.
- 2016 S-3 to Div Movement Control: Our IP will be right in front of our CP.
- 2035 G-3 to S-3: Told us to send back a platoon of Chemical Mortars to the 411th. Said they wanted to use them the 1st thing in the morning. Capt Greendale CO of the Mortar Co talked to G-3 and told him he would send his 2d Plat leader back to 411th CP to see them
- 2140 Div Movement Control: Called S-3 and wants guides for trucks from Fern & Fatima at coordinates 360646. Guides from Fabric trucks 342645, Guides will have flashlites and be at their posts 30 minutes ahead of scheduled arrival of trucks, Move Control would like us to supplementary guides to make sure no trucks get by.
- 2230 Red 2 to S-3: Relief was completed 2205.
- 2245 S-3 to G-3 (Lt Eddens): Red Bn closed into assembly area at 2205.
- 2245 Red CO reports: Co D already in new assembly area. Hq Co in new assembly area. Co B less on Plat already in new assembly area. That Plat cannot close probably to 0300. Co C on march up the hill may close by 2300. Co A on march up hill probably will not close before 2400.
- 2308 S-3 called Lt Eddens and informed him that we had misinformed him on report of 2245. We are checking on companies now.
- 2315 S-3 called 1st Bn S-2 and informed him the particulars on Motor Movement tomorrow.

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2325 Message to Capt Perez: "Attached overlay shows location of approximately 125 rds Kraut 81-mm ammunition as reported by our Engr Co Comdr. Understand it can be used in our weapons. Check with ordnance. If it can be used, suggest you pick it up. Be sure not booby-trapped before touching it."

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- 0245 Operations Instructions #4 received from Div by our Liaison Officer.
- 0630 At 0600 Fame 5 informed Fatal 6 that the 3d Div is going across already; no change in movement of Fatal beginning at 0800; Fatal 6 will immediately and personally contact C.O. 7th Infantry to make plans to follow him across. Plans only.
- 0717 S-3 informed 3d Bn to clear trucks off road as much as possible to let 2d Bn through. Passed on to 2d Bn.
- 0751 Fame 3 informed S-3 that the 7th Infantry new CP would be at 358-707.
- 0822 2d Bn S-6 informed S-3 that things were all messed up but would try to cross IP on time.
- 0838 Ln. O. left for Div.
- 0900 Fame 3 informed that we crossed IP at 0804.
- 1020 G-3 informed S-5 of contents of operating instructions No. 5.
- 1240 Infantry Bns closed in the area NW La Bourgonce at 1300. Bns arrived on foot to forward assembly area at Deyfesse.
- 1345 S-6 returned to CP vic LaSalle.
- 1415 3d Bn left on foot for assembly NW of Biarville.
- 1420 S-6 to Fame 3: Can you cross after dark since the last Bn would not close in forward assembly area until 1630? Fame 3 will notify Fame 6. Fatal 6 to Fame 6: Fame 6 denied the request and said all Bns would cross river today. Fatal 6 checked with Fame 6 that Task Force H understood the situation so that forces don't get mixed up
- 1355 Order to Bn and Sv Co and attached units. 4.2 mortars to 1st Bn 1 Plat Engrs to 1st 7 3d Bns.
- 1505 CO had discussion with CG about boundary line between 3d Div and our Regt and he was informed that boundaries was changed to include only the 409 and original zone.

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- 1530 Fatal 6 and staff left for advance CP at Biarville.
- 1800 Operation Instruction #7 received by Lin C from Div at 1800.
- 1805 OG visited CP.
- 1830 2d Bn arrived forward assembly area.
- 1845 1st Bn arrived forward assembly area.
- 2220 Fatal 3 to Fame 3: Proceeding on mission attempting to gain knowledge of progress. Will inform you of progress. (2) Will Fancy need our help with Guides?
- 2226 Fancy foot troops just about ready to start across the bridge.
- 2245 Our 3d Bn cleared bridge at 2030. I got the 1st Bn started from Deyfesse at 1945. Capt Cox says 1st Bns are across. Fatal 3: Let us know when your units are across.
- 2358 The 8-ton Bridge has one end gone.

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- 0020 S-6: Class 3 and 5 available at 321-698. Reopen 211000 water point 800 yds SW La Bourgence notify Special Units of above. Send Lt Goodrich vehicle to Mortage S-4. Officers whiskey ration on call. S-4 2100A
- 0030 7th Div reports Charlie Co. in contact with G Co at Jurbache; B Co - 412722; 409718 Co A; 402709 - 2d Bn less one Co.; G at 385700 tank bridge; 3d Bn Vic 412712 moving on toward Dempaire.
- 0035 Foot bridge went out with one man on it. The other 3 they don't know how long they will be in. Being repaired by 10th Engrs.
- 0015 CO 3d Bn 409th checked in and wanted to use our bridge. Ordered by S-6 to turn his column to Deyfesse. Departed at 0030.
- 0035 CO 1st Bn reports his column moving south on the Deyfesse-Biarville road. Also reports Enge platoon has not joined his Bn or seen nothing of attached mortar platoon.
- 0115 Operations Instructions #7 received from Div by Ln C.

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- 0240 2d Bn cleared bridge.
- 0520 3d Bn S-6 reported his Bn in woods at 353713. S-6 directed White 1 to leave at once for White OP to direct White 5 to carry out mission formerly assigned to 3d Bn.
- 0615 Chemical Ln Officer came into OP and received his instructions.
- 0620 We have no connections by phone with AT & On Co. Want Ln O with a message back.
- 0625 S-2 to S-6: A Co has not gone across. Capt Godfrey will help Lt McSurley all he can.
- 0625 On Co CO reported at our OP and said his positions were all set. I will have to use radio or the observation Tower.
- 0625 S-1 to S-6: Mag was delivered at 0610 to Ln O. Have you sent the Ln O to be here at 0645. They will be sent straight back.
- 0630 S-6 to Fancy 6: Got permission to move 3d Bn to edge of woods near 391718.
- 0635 S-6 to 3d Bn S-1: 3d Bn left from Bn area to start moving troops near foot bridge to cross river north to LaBihay into woods at 391718. CO Blue reported he sent for his Heavy Wpns to be moved from Bn Area and hope that he would be able to hand carry them across the river. S-6 directed that whether or not wpns would arrive on time weapons would remain on road near Biarville and remain there until further orders.
- 0635 Ln O of 1st and 3d Bn came into OP for their instructions.
- 0635 The last foot bridge is out. A Co could not get across.
- 0640 S-6 to Ln O: Take off to LaSalle and find out where our Org Veh are? Head them here in this direction as follows: Comm Veh 1st, Hvy wpns, then Ammo vehicles. Can you find them? If they are stuck then call Sv Co. Give me the area they are in.
- 0712 S-6 to White 5: Carry out your recon.

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- 0719 Eng Co CO Capt Godfrey reports they are not going to replace vehicular bridge. Also is not going to replace foot bridge as material must go to St Michel Bridge.
- 0725 S-2 to S-6: We have the boats but they advise against their use as they will be capsized even if handled by experienced men.
- 0740 G-3 to S-3: Request CP location and installation of troops immediately.
- 0750 River is reported and risen 4 feet. A Co now starting across bridge.
- 0800 Major Lampert reports that he cannot make attack at 0900 as he doesn't have arty support, heavy weapons ammo, and no 60 mm mortars nor light machine guns.
- 0800 S-6 to CO 2d Bn: Reason: Last night they sent back for vehicles but they never arrived. S-6: Tell Major Lampert to shove off at 0900 unless he hears different from me. For the present, leave one platoon as Regtl Reserve right along that N & S unimproved road in which your CP was located vic 379719. Somebody should go forward to find out where you are going into the hill so that Platoon will move where to join your Bn. We will try and get vehicles over to you as soon as we can. We will try and get vehicles across at La Voivre. Have one man able to lead vehicles and other man to lead Platoon to location of 2d Bn.
- 0817 Lt McSurley across river at 380709, have poor contact with 1st and 2d Bns.
- 0825 Asst Div Comdr visited CP and learned situation from S-6.
- 0845 CO Co A 36th Eng reports vehicles bridge will not be in by 1000. There will be no work done on vehicle bridge.
- 0845 On Co in position ready to fire shortly.
- 0855 Lt Col Davidson, Asst G-3, 6th Corps, given situation. Asked if other units of our outfit had got across and we told him 2 Bns of 409th had crossed. He hoped to get 2 vehicles bridges opened across river today and will notify Fame and us direct.
- 0915 Report from across river: Both Bns will push off at 1015. Formation of Red Bn column of Co's., Baker leading. White Bn with Co G leading. Attack will be coordinated.
- 0930 No enemy action as yet in either sector.

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- 1020 White Bn has reached Phase Line #1. No contact with either friendly or enemy troops. Light Arty firing. Proceeding to Phase Line #2.
- 1030 On CO to S-3: Made contact with 1st Bn observer. S-3: Don't fire until you get call from FO.
- 1120 We received report from 1st Bn that they need aid men. Have them report to Red CP.
- 1121 S-3 to White 5: Set up guide system and have them down at 379711 (La Voivre, our Forward CP).
- 1130 Message to G-3 from S-3: 1) MP's refusing to allow our Bn wpns vehicles to proceed from LaSalle frwd. Request immediate correction. 2) Continuing on mission. Red and White Bns approx 1,000 yds past LD at 1030. Wpns, Ammo, Med personnel moving to front line Co's. 3) Request information re: When we can use St Michel bridge for vehicles. Will priority be set up or time schedule. 4) Request approx locations Inf front lines and 409th CP.
- 1200 6th Corps report bridge at St Michel will be open at 1330 or 1400.
- 1202 2d Bn reached phase line #2. 1st Bn had not quite reached Phase Line #2 and had visual contact on right.
- 1300 Div Comdr visited CP and obtained situation from S-5. Also gave us copy of bridge priority list.
- 1301 S-3 to Asst S-3: Ln O #1 reports 1st Bn reached Phase Line #3, meeting no resistance.
- 1315 S-6 talked to ASST S-3 and said he planned on sending following message: Red 6: upon reaching Phase Line 4 held strongly and push combat patrol to Line B.
- 1345 Fatal 6 to S-3: Fame 6 said they are beginning to shoot our vehicles into the 3d Div column and ours would turn S after crossing bridge. Fatal Forward CP - 379711. Get AT and Tanks. TD's alerted to move at an hours notice. CG said not to stop at Line B But go on to Hill Mass S.
- 1405 S-6 to ASST S-3: We get the St Michel bridge at 1430. I am going to send S-3 down. We have to go to Hill Mass S. Order of vehicles to cross bridge 2d Bn, 1st Bn, 3d Bn.

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- 1505 At 1415 2d Bn seized Hill 582 at grid coordinates 70 and 41. They need Engr vehicles over here at once. Not much enemy action.
- 1705 White Bn at approx 408690 to 420698. Red Bn just passed Marzelay. Regtl CP has 8 PW's.
- 1800 OI#7 received by Ln O from Div at 1800.
- 1805 Div Comdr visited our CP.
- 2045 Fame 6 to Asst Fatal 3: What do you think is wrong with your communications. The 409th is 5,000 yds ahead of you on your left. I want to talk to the Colonel.

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- 0530 3d Bn CP opened at Marzelay. Troops moving to assembly area.
- 0800 Regtl CP opened at 395698.
- 0830 AT Platoon attached to 1st Bn relieved and told to stay in La Pecherie.
- 0835 Road Block at 4018-6724.
- 0900 2d Bn reports a platoon in Cullotte - platoon in Pon Des Raids - platoon in Robache.
- 0910 2d Bn CO to S-6 - I'll leave a platoon in Culotte and throw a road block. As soon as we can we will move CP to Robache.

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- 0845 1st Bn S-5 to S-3 - Road Block at 400674 being cleared out. No enemy opposition.
- 0945 1st Bn reports A Co is meeting stiff resistance, especially small arms fire from vic La Vigne Henry 4265. Leading elements of 3d Bn also receiving stiff resistance on SW corner of Hill Mass S. Mines reported between Marzelay and Tete De St Roche. Our engrs know about them. There are seven Germans with LMG's reported in chateau between Marzelay and Tete de St Roche. 1st Bn patrol has been sent to kill or capture them.
- 1030 Ln officer returned from Div with G-2 periodic reports and OI #9.

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- 1030 S-6 called in from his Advance OP and said "At 1026 3d Bn reports that at 1020 the front line of K and L Coe was reported Robache. L Co has 6 prisoners that were part of a group of 43 men armed only with rifles. A few seconds later the 1st platoon Co L pushed into the tip of the woods at 424670 and are moving due E.
- 1050 S-6 called S-2 and wants us to find out what kind of communications we have with Cn Co and how he can contact them if he has a fire mission. We are to contact the communications officer and call S-6 back.
- 1050 Asst. S-2 called and says they have 6 Krauts who came out of a chateau up around our Adv OP. Also said our Interrogation Officer was up there and they had set up a PW cage. S-2 told the ASst S-2 to find out from these prisoners if there was any organized resistance or if these people were merely suicide squads.
- 1115 S-6 called S-5 and wants him to get our attached tanks and their platoon leader here at our OP and hold them here prepared to move to 3d Bn when S-6 orders them. They are now receiving arty fire at Marzelay.
- 1128 G-2 called S-2 and we gave him the following information: 3d Bn on the N and 1st Bn on the S. 3d Bn is about 800 yds into Hill Mass S. G-2 says that they don't believe the resistance at Hill Mass S is organized resistance.
- 1140 Our attached tank platoon leader reported in and is awaiting orders.
- 1140 Asst Div Comdr visited our OP.
- 1145 S-6 called and said tanks were going to be attached to 1st Bn. Plat ldr is to report down to our Adv OP at once. Road must be swept of mines out of Marzelay. Wants engineers to sweep mines and Engr S-6 to report to our OP at Marzelay at once. We are to get our platoon of AT mine sweepers ready and at our OP ready to move out at once to Marzelay to 1st Bn OP. CO of AT Co was instructed to do this.
- 1152 S-6 called S-3 and told him about the tank attachment to 1st Bn. He was instructed to have them report to Marzelay at the OP. Our AT mine platoon was to be sent up at once in a truck and also Lt Williams of the Engr Co.
- 1200 S-6 called S-3 and said that the tanks would probably be used with the 1st Bn left Co. Road is being swept into Robache.

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- 1210 Received report that K and L Cos have passed Phase Line No 2 - K Co on the right. 1st Bn reports that with A Co on the left and B Co on the right had passed town of La Vigne Henry at 1130. 3d Bn launched attack at 0730 and 1st Bn at 0734.
- 1220 Asst Div Comdr visited our OP.
- 1255 At 1000 409th Inf was at coordinate 478685.
- 1259 Cn Co receiving arty fire everytime they man their guns and can't locate it.
- 1305 Asst Div Comdr wants to use 2d Bn to go into St Die. Wants Bn Comdr to make a recon.
- 1312 S-5 of 3d Bn reports that at 1000 they were at coordinate 478685. Class I, III, and V supply points vic La Pecherie. Water point No 1 at Les Rouges 340687. We informed S-5 that munitions orders for demolitions should go through their attached Engrs.
- 1322 3d Bn informed S-3 that their Right and Left companies had both passed Phase Line #2.
- 1330 Asst Div Comdr says they will use 2d Bn to move into St Die and to move them to SE of 409th Inf at 478685.
- 1530 1st Bn S-6 called S-6 and reported they were working in front of Dijon and Gratin. Said they had been seeing nothing of the tankers.
- 1555 S-6 said it was O.K. to move one Battery of 383d FA Battalion to Vic Marzelay and second Battery could follow as soon as first battery is in position.
- 1610 Cannon Company at coordinate 401686. Still being fired on and fire appears to be coming from SE.
- 1640 1st Bn S-6 called S-6 and reported that he was committing "A" Co in the 3d Bn Zone as 3d Battalion hadn't cleaned up as yet. "A" Co was being pinned down by artillery and mortar fire at the time of this report. Reported that they had given Dijon a good blasting. "B" Co had taken Gratin, after a fierce fire fight. Captured an entire Kraut platoon with one officer. This officer said there were 1,200 Krauts between us and our objective. At Gratin they said they ran into a full company of Krauts. We told him his tanks were on their way down and he was sending a guide to meet them.
- 1645 3d Bn S-6 called S-6 and reported they were just short of Phase Line 4 but would not occupy the village tonight. He wanted his men to dig in for the night and S-6 gave him permission. He reported they had encountered

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- 1645 stiff resistance all day, that they had captured a number of prisoners and had received fire from Hill T until about 1 1/2 hours ago. S-6 told him to try to get an OP out at once and spot the position of these guns, but 3d Bn S-6 didn't think he would be able to get enough observation to do so. 3d Bn S-6 said he was moving his OP to La Goutte De Rupt 438677. Reported that his companies went across a large open spot during the attack and received between 40 and 50 rounds of artillery but didn't suffer a casualty. Lt Smith was wounded this afternoon by a tree burst.
- 1700 S-6 called 2d Battalion and they reported everything was quiet there.
- 1725 1st Bn called and wanted permission for their men to dig in for the night. Permission was given.
- 1740 S-6 to Red S-1: On Co at 402-687 at road jct getting much fire. They fired only when we were out firing. Krauts believed to have observer out there at head of woods. Fire coming from 44-70. Patrol working from "F" Co working North along woods; sent patrol between Marzelay and On Co.
- 1815 Part of St Die N of River entered by 409th - no resistance encountered.
- 1828 1st Bn S-1 to S-6: Sending patrol from AT platoon.
- 1835 S-3 to 2d Bn S-3: Informed him of other 2 Bns patrols. His to go up N toward edge of woods. Informed of situation at present.
- 1840 New OP for 3d Bn now 438-677.
- 1845 On Co notified of patrols.
- 1853 1st Bn told to go ahead with patrols.
- 1918 3d Bn to S-5: They have 8 engineers there which they were instructed to take along with them. Road on way to their OP cleared of mines. They are not quite passed phase line 4.
- 1930 S-6 left for Div.
- 1942 Patrol from 2d Bn went E to 445-675 N to 685 W to Pont des Raids on hill 769. They covered that area and found nothing but Kraut ammo.
- 2057 S-6 back from Div.
- 2102 On Co 6 - S-3: Discussed fire on On Co. On Co advised to make recon between 2 hill masses at East Pont des Raids.

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- 2120 S-6 to 1st Bn -5: We are not moving till tomorrow - Blue CP to be reserved for our CP. Negative report on patrol they sent out.
- 2125 S-6 to 1st Bn S-6: They had not made contact with their tank platoon yet. S-6 gave situation as this: Left flank leading company of 3d Bn dug in on edge of woods N & W of Nayemont to Frapelle; kick down to upper part of your front; in your rear on Co of 409 went thru took all of St Die W of river; right back of your "B" Co rejoin Bn N to Marzelay; S of river 411 crossed about on the 60 grid line, rest of them on right; about 8 companies across river. Start out tomorrow heading for Raves; no change in your mission tomorrow. Engineers have taken first road to left at St Die
- 2215 S-6 to Fancy 3: On your right flank our leading outfits are NW of Nayemont (460669) Sending overlay.
- 2230 1st Bn had 2 buildings reserved for us which were formerly 3d Bn CP's.
- 2230 S-6 to 3d Bn S-6: You have Phase line C to get tomorrow; instructed how to get there; informed of 409 on right. No need for time coordination tomorrow.
- 2330 2d Bn informed that they were to be Div reserve tomorrow minus G Co whose CO was to report to S-6 at 0800 in the morning.
- 2330 Message through Ln. C. (to go out at daylight) to CO 409 Inf. "Scheme of Maneuvers" on attached overlay. Following plan to be employed. In 1st Bn zone "C" Co. To take Dijon from rear and continue East in zone. "A" Co then reverts to Bn reserve; "B" Co continues in zone. In 3d Bn zone I Co seizes and occupies high ground at 468665 then continues to East occupying high ground South of Charemont, when relieved by "K" Co at 468665 establishing road block at Frapelle Rd Jct. "L" Co then follows route of dotted line direction Charemont."
- 2330 Message (by Ln O) to CO AT Co "Report to CO 410th Inf at CP Marzelay 0800 23 Nov."

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- 0220 Received "Division Movement Control Plan for 23 Nov 44" and "Situation and Operations overlay CT 409 221830 Nov 44" through M/C.

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- 0615 Fame 3 called and asked about activity for the night and what time we plan to jump off this morning. We informed them that all was quiet last night and we plan to jump off either at 0715 or 0730.
- 0835 S-3 called and said our new CP is ready to move into - Marzelay.

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- 0915 Leading elements of CP arrived at new CP at Marzelay.
- 0930 Called 2d Bn S-3 and they informed us that their CP and their companies were in the same positions they gave us last night. They are Div Reserve and can't be used without CG's consent. "G" Co is Regimental Reserve. They have one platoon in Culetta and one platoon in Marzelay. Left in reserve are "E" Co, Weapons platoon of "F" and Heavy Weapons Co. They are to run wire to their platoon at Culetta.
- 0940 1st Bn S-1 called with message from Red 6 to Fatal 4. "A Co needs the following equipment immediately: 1 cartridge belt, 2 BAR belts, 10 empty bandoliers, and 1 bayonet and Scabbard. A Co had 5 men killed and 5 wounded yesterday. They are on hill 430. "C" is along same line from them 1st Bn S-1 said he didn't know where "B" was. We called S-4 and gave him above message. He said for 1st Bn to try their aid station for this equipment. We called 1st Bn S-1 back and told him what S-4 said. He can't get the equipment from the aid station but is going to send A Co Supply Sgt back to S-4 to get supplies.
- 0955 3d Bn has moved up and they have no communications with us at present.
- 1000 Div movement control officer called and told us that the road running NE out of St Die to St John d'Orment has been cleared of mines by the engineers.
- 1005 2d Bn S-6 wants to cook his turkeys in his train bivouac and bring it up to the men S-6 said OK.
- 1020 Communications officer called and said he had found a good spot at Rebache for a CP. S-6 said he didn't want it there.
- 1030 S-6 called 1st Bn S-6. 1st Bn said he didn't know whether his attack had jumped off or not. He had sent his S-2 down to start them off as soon as he got there. The line is out and S-2 will have to walk several hundred yards each way to phone. 1st Bn S-6 thinks the attack has started but doesn't know. S-6 told 1st Bn S-6 he was moving the reserve very shortly into the tit of woods at about 425670.
- 1035 S-6 sent S-3 to 1st Bn to see if their attack had started.
- 1039 1st Bn S-6 called and said their attack was jumping off right about now.

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- 1045 2d Bn S-2 called and said the "E" Co patrol that went out E of La Chapelle didn't find anything.
- 1050 S-5 called 1st Bn S-6 and told him that his platoon of tanks was in Rebache. He said his Bn jumped off at 1045. "A" Co at hill 430. "B" Co at Gratin, "C" Co NW of Dijon about 1000 yards below the tip of woods that comes out there. "C" Co is the only one attacking Dijon. As soon as they take Dijon there going to continue the attack with B and C. S-5 said he was coming down and get the tanks moving-just have to take their chances on the roads that haven't been swept.
- 1055 Asst Div Comdr visited our CP to discuss the situation.
- 1055 Communications officer called and said he was sending a Jerry prisoner over to S-2 that he picked up about 100 yards out of Marzelay.
- 1123 3d Bn called and said that L Co had contacted two companies of 1st Bn who were moving in to take Dijon. Nothing to report from 3d Bn.
- 1130 Our Comm officer reports that G Co is now moving back to take up the position on hill where we wanted them. They are to contact him by radio when they move into position and he will phone us.
- 1136 3d Bn operations Sgt. Grooms called and said their Radio Section had just interrupted a radio message that our own artillery is falling on our troops at intersection of Phase Line 4 and X. Radio Sect seems to think message was sent by K Co.
- 1200 1st Bn S-6 called and said they had taken Dijon. C and A Co's. They are going forward on the right. Met very little resistance at Dijon. Ran into K Co outside Dijon who thought they were at Nayment when B Co captured Gratin last night they found steel bunkers.
- 1225 Comm officer called and reported that G Co is in position as of 1215. We asked him what was wrong with Bn Comm. He said a bulldozer had torn out a lot of their wire. S-6 wants him to go to 3d Bn CP and find out how they are laying their wire and to call us back.
- 1250 Message to all Bns (by Phone) and Cn Co and AT Co by M/C. "Ammo DP now open. 404678 Marzelay."
- 1320 Fame 38 visited OP.
- 1320 3d Bn jumped off with I Co in lead K behind and S, L behind K.

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Marzelay

- 1345 Nine prisoners taken vic Robache. Prisoner states that there are more in hills. G Co order to prepared to go out and capture or destroy them.
- 1410 Ln C arrived from Div.
- 1420 White 6 and Ln C were to report to Fame Hqs as soon as possible.
- 1430 Engrs informed that it would taken full day to clear road to St Die. We informed him that we were particularly interested in the road to Dijon.
- 1440 Report on 50 men still in woods obtained from prisoner was misunderstood. G Co alert for mission cancelled.
- 1500 Informed that 3d Bn is in Nayemont. I Co is almost at objective.
- 1510 White 6 to S-3: Inquired about their Ln C.
- 1512 Ln C left for Div.
- 1520 Fame 3 to S-3: Seize Frapelle by 2400 tonight (prior to daylight 24 Nov). At that time OT 409 captured Colroy.
- 1550 Fame 38 visited CP. Informed that were at that time just on outskirts of Frapelle.
- 1605 S-6 to Commo Officer: Wanted to know if Engrs had arrived. We were informed that they had not and neither had the AT's. Engr officer was to call here when he got there.
- 1605 Ln C back from Div.
- 1610 We were informed that Phase line E was to be siezed by daybreak. Have message regarding this.
- 1615 Comm Officer was to follow mine platoon to Nayemont.
- 1625 S-6 sent message to CO 3d Bn about mission to be completed by tomorrow daylight.
- 1630 Red 5 informed us they passed thru Deyfosse at 1500.
- 1635 Co G to follow AT Co into Nayemont then to Charmount.

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- 1635 S-6 to Red 3: Informed them that they had to be app 5 kil passed river near Frapelle by daylight tomorrow. 3d Bn ordered to cross river and be at Phase Line E by daylight tomorrow. They have to hold town of Lusse by daylight tomorrow (1st Bn).
- 1720 Div Engrs will continue in support of Fatima and Fatal.
- 1735 Lt Lawler of Co F informed by message to proceed from there to new Regtl CP at Nayemont.
- 1755 White 6 to S-3: Mountain route being marked from Marzelay, Robache, Rupt, to ject N of Dijon, then to Nayemont.
- 1945 S-5, Asst S-3, and Asst S-2 moved forward to Nayemont to established a new CP.
- 1955 Col Frenzel called and told us he was coming up to see S-6. Said he could give us some information about Nayemont as he had been there. We gave him the situation.
- 1945 S-6 left for Division to attend a unit comdre meeting.
- 1955 S-6 returned to CP. Could not get thru to Div CP as the road was blocked.
- 2003 S-6 called Fame and informed them that he couldn't get there due to road block.
- 2010 S-5 called S-6 and said he had reached Nayemont and was on his way to Frapelle. S-6 said for him to wait at Nayemont and S-2 would be up with 2 radio jeeps for him so he would have communications with us. S-5 reported that 3d Bn had 2 companies still in Nayemont. He was told to get the 3d Bn OC and have these troops shoved on forward.
- 2015 Hq Comdt called and said he had Nayemont all set up for our CP.
- 2050 383 FA OC called and said he was going to have to move or he would soon be out of range.
- 2105 Lt Craig 383 FA called and wanted to know how soon they could have the use of the road to move forward. S-3 told him we would call him back and let him know.

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- 2110 Div Comdr called S-2 and gave him instructions to move forward as rapidly as possible. At about that time we received the following message from Div Comdr. "Germans know Strasbourg has fallen; ordered a general retreat for tonight; carry out present orders with utmost speed."
- 2110 S-6 sent CO 1st Bn following message through message center - "Give priority to 3d Bn on roads in your zone. Two companies will pass through within 3 hours."
- 2145 Report opening of new CP at Nayemont to G-3.

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- 0500 S-3 informed G Co to prepare to move as formerly planned. CO Co G to call S-3. Lt McSurley informed Regtl CP had moved to Nayemont.
- 0510 Red 6 to S-6: He wanted to know which road had been cleared of mines. We knew of none and S-6 told him he must move anyhow, despite the possibility of mines.
- 0715 CG Att G-3 sent message informing him of plan to be used.
- 0700 3d Bn K Co pinned down either in Lusse or outskirts by fire. 1st Bn also being fired on - 1st Bn has B Co in Herbaupaire rd on road to Lusse.
- 0800 Blue at Frapelle (fr Ln O).
- 0805 Informed Wjote 6 that G Co would follow them on their way to Frapelle. Inform us when you leave and what road you go by so Fagat can take same route.
- 0810 S-2 Jr. informed us that all troops were now across river but no vehicles.
- 0847 2d Bn reports mountain trail very bad. We will take S road.
- 0850 Foot troops across river. We got MG fire just S of Frapelle - it was from the S and on farther W. He has one MG. The gun is about 400 yards other side of RR from town. This morning 1st Bn was just about on our objective Blue Bn is out in front - receiving some small arms and MG fire. 2d Bn can come into town but the MG will stop them from going out. 1st Bn will the rear guard protect the left flank and back up 3d Bn.
- 0915 From 1st Bn Liaison O we learned that two companies forward but rest held up by MG fire at bridge at Frapelle.

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0930 3d Bn to S-3: To move your CP vehicles go to Colray - the rest of column will go to Ville. Leave Bn CP at Frapelle. No communication with Bn.

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0955 CO and staff left for advanced CP at Frapelle.

1020 CO stopped at 1st Bn at Newvillers.

1052 S-6 sent CG a message informing him that the bridge at 495649 and under pass at 499644 were intact but covered by small enemy force on hill at 515645: am clearing enemy from this hill. Notify 411th.

1130 Fame 6 to S-6: We just got your order. 3d Bn on phase line E, 2d Bn just short of Lusse, tanks attached to 1st Bn.

1130 New CP opened at Frapelle. Operations Instructions #12 received from Ln C at 1120.

1200 Red S-3 informed us that C Co has taken objective (Lusse): A Co on left on hill: B Co in town of Herbaupaire: and 1 platoon on bridge.

1200 2d Bn arrived at Frapelle going into assembly area.

1212 Message to CO 3d Bn: "Div CO orders continuation of attack to capture phase line E. Push forward and seize line, high ground at 585675, hill 806 (584664), Le Peu Prt (571658). 1st Bn will advance and occupy phase line E and protect S flank of Div.

1230 We informed Fame 3 that we have issued orders as follows: Line generally following phase line F in our zone. However we are pushing them forward to gain that high ground and then come S and occupy hill 806 come down and bend back that S flank to le Peu Prt. Red Bn is going to positions now occupied by Blue Bn in vic phase line E. They will send forward troops to entrance to tunnel. Our White Bn has closed here at Frapelle. Platoon of tanks are moving forward and will assist 1st Bn. We are beginning recon to Lubine. Redwood 6 said t at Sheaf 6 is in our area. One element of 409th clearing out town of Lubine, other at 562702 front line elements.

1300 CO to S-3: I am going to use one company of 2d Bn on high ground at Combriment. Lt Pepper of 409 said that his Co F is right at that position. Col Lynch is starting I & R to the town of Combriment, run into Lusse check up on entrance to tunnel and also carry a copy of msg to 3d Bn.

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- 1300 Our Ln C brought back the following messages: (1) Third Div positions at 0515; 7th Inf in Bour G Brouce (5375) - 2d Bn at 506713 in Res, 3d Bn has red block in v Saales; 15th Inf 1st Bn in task force in St Blaise, 2d Bn in Stall, 3d Bn in Fontenille; 30th Inf 1st Bn in Sal Sures, 2d Bn in Santorium. (2) Corps continues attack on St Die - Strasbourg. 103d continues attack in direction of Ville Barr (seize objective) is vicinity of Barr. Assist 36th Inf to clear Anould, Fraize, Ban de Lavaline. Be prepared on Corps order to reconnoiter for crossing over Rhine River between Epstein (V9580) and Strasbourg and to attack in direction Strasbourg. Protect Corps right (S) flank between Vosges Mts and Rhine River. All divisions be prepared for rapid crossing of Rhine. Seize and guard all equipment, bridges etc.
- 1315 A message from Fame 3 to S-6 reads - "1) Move one (1) Bn on Beis D'Urbeis (V630694) via La Hingrie (V612670) without delay. 2) Block pass $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S of Hingrie. 3) Contact 409th Inf at Beis D'Urbeis. 4) 409th Inf has priority on Road Lubine - Irbees - Foucy (V655700). 5) When mission is accomplished Bn wait orders S of Rod vic Beis D'Urbeis.
- 1320 Fame 3 says no with regard to using 2d Bn on new mission, informed him that we have two Bns now on different mission.
- 1325 Div G-3 says we can use one Bn to our front. Your next part of mission is contact Fancy. Fancy 6 knows that our outfit is moving into their area. The big thing is to shake fancy loose.
- 1400 A message from S-6 to 3d Bn CO reads - 1) Move your Bn to delg on Beis DU'rbeis (630694) via La Hingrie (612670). 2) Block pass $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S of Hingrie with 1 reinforced rifle Co. 3) Contact 409th at Beis D'Urbeis. 4) When mission accomplished, assemble your Bn S of road in vicinity Beis D'Urbeis and await orders. 5) Route: see overlay.
- 1420 S-6 sent msg to CO Co G "Alert your Co for possible movement to high ground just S of Lusse (5466).
- 1615 H-25 to Fame 2: At 1600 our 1st Bn took La Pariee. On entering the town what they estimate to 300 enemy withdrew rapidly. These enemy were observed to be Russian. Upon leaving they blew up the entrance to the tunnel at 545655.
- 1750 S-6 went to Div.
- 1805 Fagat 6 to S-3: We informed him that Fatal 6 just left for Div. Fagat's new position to be 518675

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- 1810 Fame 5 wanted 12 trucks to motorize 409th. S-3 informed him that S-6 would be up there soon.
- 1815 Ln O informed us of situation - 409th 1st Bn at 5971, 2d Bn just past Lubine, 3d Bn in rear; 411th 1st Bn no info, 2d Bn at 515642, 3d Bn 501642; 3d Bn of 30th Inf at 582781.
- 1850 Fagat 3 informed us that he had call for fire on an enemy bivouac area at 564660. One company of 3d Bn there.
- 1851 S-6 called and wants 2d Bn alerted and their S-6 to report here immediately.
- 1852 1st Bn told of 1850 entry.
- 1852 2d Bn S-6 informed of 1851 entry.
- 1912 We asked Blue 3 if they had any of their troops at 565660. 300 Cossacks believed to be bivouacked there. Tanks CO believed to have shelled that place. Blue has nobody in there.
- 1925 S-3 informed by S-2 that he has guides ready.
- 2005 S-6 to Blue 6: Follow 2d Bn on original route want 5 guides to direct 2d Bn going over.
- 2045 Called White 6 and informed of guides and discussed mission.
- 2130 Operations instruction No 5 issued to Bns, Spec Units and Atchd units.
- 2210 2d Bn left Frapelle.

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- 0020 Red 6 to S-3: CO Red at Lusse awaiting his transportation and ready to go.
- 0630 I & R Plat Ldr arrived to get last minute instructions before leaving for his mission. I & R to go to 592685 to recon road to 585667 for possible route of supply.

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- 0645 S-6 called War Room 3 duty officer and they gave us the following information: Position of head 409th Inf is unchanged from last night. They are at Climont. Their Red Bn is leading and are at 595715. The White Bn head is at 585698. Also said that 411 B Co has made contact with the Red Bn about 20 minutes ago. We told them our 2d Bn had jumped off last night and we hadn't had contact with them since then.
- 0805 Av OP at La Pariee. 1st Bn moved forward from Lusse.
- 0815 Red 6 to Fatal 6: Red 6 reports the attack jumped off at 0805.
- 0840 1st Bn wants Engrs at road block on the road to Les 3 Maisons.
- 0845 S-3 to Fatal 5: S-6 & party ran into road block and mines at Les 3 Maisons. Send Engrs with Red Liaison O as quickly as possible.
- 0905 Blue 6 to Fatal 5: Waiting at Ordon for orders whether he moves out or 1st Bn.
- 0915 S-3 to Fatal 5: S-3 asked for positions of 409th, 411th and 36th.
- 0915 3d Bn moved forward from l'Ordon.
- 0920 S-5 to Blue 6: Move out and clean out everything after 2d Bn. 1st Bn will follow you.
- 0933 411th, 2d Bn at 589704. 409th 1st Bn just abreast of 411th 1st on S.
- 0925 Blue 6 to S-5: Shoving off from Ordon. Do not have 4.2 Mortars.
- 0930 3d Bn Adv elements passed Les 3 Maisons.
- 0935 Fatal 6 to Fatal 5: Engr on the road. I sent Col May on ahead at 0915. Couldn't get any information about adjacent units. Will give you that as soon as possible. Will take different route and will mark it as we go along.
- 0940 White 5 to Fatal 5: F is at 580668. They started 2d Bn in line. There was small arms fire along the way. The road from Lusse to Ordon is bad but he got thru. I am planning to displace my OP. If you wait awhile the roads of Lusse to Ordon will be cleared.

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- 0950 Red 3 to S-2: We are on the 2d RJ beyond the town. We just passed it. Frenchmen report there 80 Germans in the hills above us. We are investigating.
- 0950 White 5 to S-5: White 6 reports enemy contacted 580660. Rifle and MG fire, will proceed to flank.
- 0955 Tanks stopped at road block and went to the side.
- 0955 White 6 to Fatal 5: White S-6 has his 284. We can contact him with a 284.
- 1000 Another road block encountered at Les 3 Maisons. At same time 3d Bn at 565672.
- 1005 S-2 to Fatima 2: Fatima Red Bn at 589704 as of 0933. Fancy Red Bn is just abreast of Fatima Red on S. They are meeting sporadic small arms fire.
- 1005 Engr vehicles passed through La Pariee to clear road block.
- 1010 S-5 to Asst S-3: the above information handed to Asst S-3.
- 1015 1st Bn 411 at 598704 at 0933. 1st Bn 409 abreast of 1st Bn 411 on S.
- 1015 White S-5 rpts 585665, enemy entrenching.
- 1025 Fame 38 visited CP and was given situation.
- 1030 1st Bn forward elements at 584667.
- 1030 3d Bn at 575667.
- 1037 1st Bn at 575659.
- 1045 3d Bn at 575667 at 1030.
- 1050 1st Bn at 575659 at 1037.
- 1100 Meg fr 1st Bn: Send gas for tank and shells (high explosive) to meet head of column by noon.

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- 1112 1st Bn at Phase line F. White and Blue Bns are ahead of us. Co E in contact with enemy.
- 1155 Red 6 to Fatal 6: Have committed Tank Plat to assist 2d Bn.
- 1210 Road block outside of Lubine. No vehicles going to Colroy, road now blocked. Anyone wishing to go there must call Movement Control.
- 1240 Red 6 to S-5: 1st Bn at Pre Maigrot. 1st Bn right behind 2d Bn, 3d Bn following 1st Bn. Have 2d Bn tanks to use as a point and they are moving on.
- 1245 Engr rpt road block at Les 3 Maisons removed.
- 1315 2d Bn at 588666.
- 1420 CO rpts 1st Bn met heavy resistance at Pre Maigrot.
- 1430 CO to Ex O: Road block at 602678. Now at Pre Maigrot. Moving ahead with 2d Bn. 1st Bn passing thru 2d Bn. Foot troops in order: 1st, 2d, 3d. Organic train are all E of Pre Maigrot. Arty falling at Pre Maigrot.
- 1432 Above phone message phoned to G-3.
- 1515 Asst S-3 to S-5: 1st bn passed thru 2d Bn at La Hingrie. 3d Bn will help take care of road block. 409th at La Neuve Ville. Enemy artillery coming from N - NE. We are leaving 3d Bn. When Engrs come they can help clear road block. Going to move up with 2d Bn.
- 1540 Fast 6 wonders if we are clearing road block.
- 1600 Div En O rpts 409th S of 1st Bn 411th; 1st Bn 411 at 600705.
- 1657 S-6 rpts Red Bn crossed Phase Line G at 1515. S-6 is now at 615675 between Red & White.
- 1700 Above report phoned to Fame 3.
- 1713 S-6 to S-5: Fatal 6 rpts that at Phase Line H arty can just reach less than 2000 yds beyond and this with only one Battery.
- 1720 Learned from Fame Movement Control that light line was S of Colroy on 53 grid line.
- 1727 Msg from White 5: Head of white column at 598672. CP now at 3 Maisons.

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- 1915 CO rpts: Red Bn contacted enemy at Fouchy. Occupied Fouchy by Red Bn. Sending confirmation by some other means than radio. I am trying to get Bn CO's and find out what to do. Tell other people to get shoving. We are not far behind Red Bn a little town 1 Kil SW. Think we will have to push on to high ground S of that place they are in. We may run out of wire. I think Bn AT guns be got up here, would prove great help. If it stays moonlight they can make it. One btry FA at Les 3 Maison. Fancy Blue at Hout.
- 1925 Asst S-3 to S-5: 1st Bn confirms capture of Fouchy at 1745. Still mopping scattered resistance as of 30 minutes ago. All Germans are assembling on a hill nearby. We are going to do something that will beat them tonight. We will dig in. They may have displaced arty this afternoon and will most likely open up in the morning. We are between G and H/Phase Lines.
- 2045 Fame 6 to Fatal 5: Take Ville tomorrow and try and take prisoners. One Bn of Fancy is pushing down road to reinforce us. Will try and get arty out. If $\frac{1}{2}$ track is in your way push it off the road.
- 2055 Fame 6 to Fatal 5: Take Ville and hold one Bn at Fouchy. Button up Fouchy. u

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- 0120 S-6 sent CO 2d Bn the following message: Have one rifle Co report at house where you contacted me at 0600. Will be used to occupy high ground NW of Norcieux and protect Regt Rear. Suggest Co G (less 1 Plat). Two platoons are sleeping in this house. Rear guard of 1 plat. Co E can be attached to it.
- 0745 Message from CO 1st Bn: In objective E exit in main road blocked and mined. Mountain road block cleared for Jeep passage only at last report. Will complete clearing town this morning. Imperative tanks have fuel and ammo immediately. Nine (9) prisoners taken. Blue Bn reported about one (1) mile from here. Will contact. No comm to anyone. Engrs needed. Will hold here and await further orders. Enemy shelling town at present time. Troops need rations.
- 0802 CG sent message to S-6 requesting location of our units and report of nights activities.
- 0855 Telephone Comm established with 1st Bn.

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- 1030 Btry B of 383d fired a counter battery mission at coordinates 711670.
- 1100 S-6 called Div and asked if 409th Bn would take over Fouchy and release our Red Bn.
- 1200 S-5 to Fame 6: 409th is in Fouchy. They are to take town over and we are to take our Bn out and move it to Ville.
- 1205 Above information given to S-6.
- 1210 3d Bn at Barrure at 1245.
- 1235 Platoon of Engrs to go up with 1st Bn in an hour or so.
- 1300 There are 3 pieces of arty in town between church and RR in field at 685715, Ville.
- 1530 Message from Div: "Request location your units information concerning enemy." LUJG 1445
- 1545 Co C entered Ville.

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- 1155 Fame 6 to S-5: Task Force Haynes was going to let us go thru them. He was supposed to get out of there this morning.
- 1206 Met Fame 6 at Fancy CP. He ordered me to infiltrate thru task force H. Returned to Red CP at 1220 and gave him these instructions. At 1200 also at my request Fame 6 detached one platoon of TD from 409 and attached to 410.
- 1330 White 6 to S-6: Have not seen any people of 409th pass thru. How long would it take you to get your Bn assembled to your CP? 30 or 45 min. I gave White orders to bring them. We have comm to Bn CP. All patrols from forward edge are back. Be prepared for prompt movement. Red Bn is going by N Blue by S road. You may go on with one. I will throw you in on the best prospect. You will be in reserve. Held by for an hour. Pull out whether 409th relieved you or not. You will be in the vic of grid square 74. They have task force H driving S to clean out Krauts. AT will probably follow you. Alert your men now.

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- 1340 Fame 6 to Fatal 6: Get Red Bn moving. One Bn is. I am disdving Task Force right now. You will watch your S Flank. 383d can have his FA Btry now. You get going. I am going to attach TF H to Lord. I want those two Bns out today.
- 1350 Fatal 6 to Fancy 3: Did you ever locate that TD Lt? No. Send out for him.
- 1353 Mag from SSgt to CO 410: We are passing through Task Force H.
- 1400 S-6 to CO 3d Bn (msg): Transportation 1st Bn leaving Fouchy now. Understand Triembach reach by Task Force Haynes. Fame 6 orders we push ahead at once, infiltrating thru Haynes Force. 1st Bn is doing so now. Get going promptly. Fame demands objective tonight.
- 1402 Co A reports M Co of Fox regt is in front of them on road Fouchy-Baxinberg. TD's will fall in back of Able Co. We had Co M of 409 in front of my Co. Shove for all you are worth to objective. I don't think we will get much further than Albe. If I get started this morning I would have made it. TD will be in with Tanks. I can't send them up in wood road in dar,. We are getting arty fire just a 4 second trip. We are getting some 88's. Our F08s set it in. It is down in same direction. Down in valley on both sides. Haynes stopped at Ville. We are going to pass thru. I am going pass 3d in behind your tail. If he follows, better stay until I get out of Ville. 3d Bn will stop ahead of column in Bassenburg.
- 1440 White 6 to S-6: Two platoons, one of G and F, starting down to your CP. I can start mine from top of hill. I will have to fight our way thru. Too far to handcarry, I'll have to bring them in column.
- 1505 1st Bn rpts head of column 300 yards from Albe.
- 1515 1st Bn reports they are in Albe clearing houses, no resistance. High ground flanking town being cleared.
- 1520 OI#15 recieved from Div by Liaison Officer.
- 1530 1st Bn reports that their leading elements are cleaning out houses at Albe. They are meeting some resistance, but it is not of a heavy nature. After they clean out the houses they are going to outpost the high ground around Albe.

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- 1550 S-6 called from Ville ad said 1st Bn had quite a fight at Albe, but was cleaning out the town. S-6 met 3d Bn CO on the road and he was being held up by remnants of the Haes Tak Force at road block, but that he was going to look for a trail through the mountains. S-6 said 1st Bn had four prisoners.
- 1610 S-6 issued the following orders - "2d Bn will start assembling and assemble in Ville. They can send their quartering party ahead to select buildings in case they stay overnight. AT Co is to follow them into the city and an officer is to precede them to pick out positions to prevent a tank attack on the town. They are to go into position when they move up." S-6 also wanted S-2 and S-3 to meet him at Ville at once.
- 1625 S-2 and S-3 went to Ville to meet S-6 at the Advance OP.
- 1630 Div Comdr called and wanted to know how far along we were. He informed us that the Third Division was now in Strasbourg and that the armored division was attacking South out of Strasbourg.
- 1630 S-6 called and wanted all Liaison Officers to keep in constant contact with their units.
- 1640 Remnants of CP moved to Ville.

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- 1700 1st Bn reports that their elements are 1000 yards out of Albe on the high ground to the Southeast. Patrols were in the woods on the right and left. A route reconnaissance was made and vehicles cannot go over the mountain road. They march at 0900 tomorrow.
- 1910 1st Bn OP at (V691731) opened at 1715. Position of forward elements (703727) (703719).
- 2110 S-6 phoned 2d Bn CO and told him that the Div Comdr made the statement that any Bn Comdr who did not have his troops on the march by 0800 tomorrow would be relieved. 2d Bn CO said his Bn would be clear of Ville by 0700 tomorrow.

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- 0245 3d Bn CO reports that he has made reconnaissance of the route he

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- 0245 is taking and that no vehicles of any kind could be taken - all weapons must be hand carried. Said he would probably run right into the Germans unless they hve moved out by the time he reaches Triembaux. He could use TD's, but they couldn't reach there soon enough. All wire must be hand laid. Said he might run into the Hanes Task Force zone and if the Germans are still there he will have to cross over in front of our 1st Bn with two of his companies for cover. Hanes Task Force and 1st Bn to be notified of this so they won't fire on 3d Bn.
- 0310 1st Bn S-3 was informed of the above message.
- 0530 2d Bn started to march.
- 0705 2d Bn now Northeast of Ville in the woods.
- 0755 S-6 left with his Advance CP group to go forward.
- 0758 "A" Co of 1st Bn started to march.
- 2140 S-3 called and said they hd picked up aradio message as follows - "3d Bn occupied Hohworth 1913. Lay wire here immediately. (Signed Fatal Blue 6)
- 0610 CO 2d Bn called S-3 - "We can unwind this pretty soon. Our patrols met heavy fire in the form of mortars and nebelwerfers at Reichsfeld. The enemy has more stuff there than we hve ever seen before. We are entering to clean it out. "G" Co is on the high ground N of Bernardville.
- 0612 Above message given to 383d FA CO.
- 0615 Called G-3 and gave them the above message.
- 0730 S-3 to 3d Bn CO thru M/C - "1st Bn held ground shown on overlay and attacks at 0900. Captures Itterswiller. 3d Bn continues advance on Nothalten at earliest possible moment and protects flank of Regiment."
- 0825 1st Bn Ln O was given Div Operating Instructions #16 to give to S-6.
- 1850 S-3 to Page 5: They informed us that they fired nothing on enemy Div CP but did get a direct hit on one piece. Fired on self propelled guns and were right on it. Had no order to fire on CP. C Bty is in 70-72 square, B Bty in 73-72 square, A will move next to them in the morning. Their CP is now here in Ville. We told him that they were still fighting S of Bernardville.

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- 1930 S-5 called 3d Bn Ex C and asked where their Bn was. 3d Bn Ex C knows only what he gets from men who are wounded and evacuated. He thinks they are on the high ground on Hill 390. Ex C said they had a Ln C following the tail end of M Co., and as soon as he returned we would have information.
- 1715 3d Bn S-3 called and said that a wounded man in the aid station said that 3d Bn Ex C was to take the high hill N of Hohwarth and then occupy the town tonight. Lt Murphy was in the aid station and said the man was reliable.
- 1720 2d Bn line is out at this time.
- 1855 S-2 called and said that four medium tanks of Co B 408th Tank Bn was reported by Forrage 6 as having moved S from Barr at 1600. They haven't reported their position and apparently are lost. Div Comdr doesn't want these tanks to interfere with our mission. We are to inform troops of tanks.
- 1950 3d Bn Ex C reports that a runner from L Co came in and reports CO of 3d Bn with L CO at 695714. S-6 instructed 3d Bn Ex to get a patrol to find our 3d Bn.
- 2025 S-3 called S-5 and reports 2d Bn near Itterswiller. 1st Bn by road block in there. C Co extends back down road on N side from 757736 back left down road to N side. B Co is S of C on S side of road from 763737 to 755732. A Co runs from 753730 to 746733. Pulled back to take high ground. 2d Bn reached point at 728740 SW of Reichsfeld SE and pushing out immediately at daylight and continue on mission. 1st Bn takes Itterswiller - 2d Bn takes Reichsfeld SE and N of Bernardville. Numerous road blocks and SP's - resistance quite stiff. C Co on individual mission - ended up at Hill 608 at 743751 at 1630. They captured five prisoners in a house. Mine fields near that house. No vehicles can use roads. Tanks of no use. Have no tanks left and only three TD's. Need heavy maintenance for tanks. Medics hard pressed. Only two drivers and two ambulances. We should send someone to meet these ambulances at Albe. Casualties - 9 Americans and 3 Germans to be evacuated. One way road only. Informed S-6 of Blue Bn being in woods near Hohwarth - no communications.
- 0815 S-6 called and said there is a road block at Triembach.
- 0840 S-3 called 2d Bn and told them that they would follow 1st Bn by 1000 yds, including vehicles.

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- 0930 1st Bn held up at 707726.
- 0940 OI #16 received from Div.
- 1030 Chief of Staff called and wants to know where our front line troops are. We told him our 1st Bn was at 708726 as of 1000. Our 2d Bn is 1000 yards behind our 1st Bn. Chief of Staff wants an hourly report of the progress of our troops.
- 1035 S-6 wants the Tank and TD platoon ldrs at the RJ at Albe immediately.
- 1100 409th S-3 called and said our 3d Bn was now in Triembach, that Haynes Task Force wanted to fire into the town but couldn't because of the presence of our troops. They have cleared out one road block and are working on another one.
- 1105 Our Adv CP called and said leading elements of 1st Bn passed phase line #3 at 1045.
- 1140 Msg from CO 3d Bn - 2 civilians on road into Ville passed Blue CP.
- 1200 2d Bn passing road jct at Albe.
- 1313 2d Bn foot troops cleared Albe.
- 1340 3d Bn got in a big fire fight N of triembach. Germans are in house by the road block. According to a prisoner they are 60 men down there who are to hold to the last man.
- 1357 At 1345 Fast fired at 7520-7415 where we reported having troops. Their observer N of there.
- 1410 S-3 to Fame 3: 3d Bn in vic of 715715 at 1330. Attempting to get into Hohwarth, clearing Drauts out. Head of 1st Bn in Bernardville near Phase Line 4. 2d Bn between Phase Line 3 and 4. Two road blocks knocked out. At 1400 C Co was at 752734. Have arty firing at 752741, observed firing. C Co have 100 prisoners and probably more. G Co at 1325 N of Reichsfeld. 411 3d Bn reached 77.8 near Barr at 1330.
- 1430 We passed on to Fagat the 1410 entry.
- 1440 Red at 755735.

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- 1450 S-3 advised us thru 2d Bn at 758737 of their position. He was going on ahead to contact S-6.
- 1503 We informed S-6 that leading elements of Blue not quite into Hohwarth. He informed us that our leading elements were at RJ 257 at approx 762741.
- 1512 We captured 1 Kraut officer, 1 wounded EM, 1 driver and his vehicle, and a map. This took place behind 3d Bn. The map showed 3d Bty of 1192 armored arty bty station at 687750 and a radio station at 733751. Information given to G-3 and Fagat. Document went to Div at 1510.
- 1515 S-4 to Fame 3: S-4 informed Fame 3 that he observed from a TD 10 Krauts in app 70-70 grid square Kraut ~~car~~ came down road and was stopped by F Co units. Brought them back to PW cage and turned over to Hqs. One villager told one Lt White of F Co that one tank and app 80 men left headed NE on main road. Fame 3 was to pass this information to Fame 38.
- 1520 Fame 5 to Fatal 5: Informed us that our Ln O Lt Young was to go to Div and would be replaced by Capt Jones.
- 1547 Fame 6 was informed of the fighting N of Hohwarth, of the capture of 1 officer and 2 men, that there are 200-300 men down there told to hold to the last man, and that they are to go NW of Ville.
- 1550 2d Bn S-5 was informed of the situation at present.
- 1618 Blue CP informed us that Triembach was occupied by Fancy, nothing on situation at Hohwarth. Blue S-5 said that he learned from I & L Co men and aid crew the his Bn is attempting to take the woods N of Hohwarth on about the 71,8 grid line at trail going to jct. They were just NE of Ville and were going into woods to clear out the snipers who had been giving them some trouble.
- 1635 Received Hqs 7th Army Memo No 4.
- 1635 S-3 to Fame 3: Red Bn at 762741, White still following Red. Blue still trying to overcome enemy resistance in woods at 715715. Fancy is attacking St Maurice now with White Bn. Fatima in Barr headed S across our front. We are to look out for them, they are taking main route out of Barr thru Eichhoffen.

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- 1640 Prisoner of war told us that the 708th Inf Div OP was at Epfig. That information was phoned to G-2 and 383 FA Bn.
- 1658 Fame 3 calling for Fame 6 was informed, upon inquiring, that we could use tanks. It would depend on whether or not we got the road.
- 1704 S-5 informed Fame 3 that Blue Bn was headed into Hohwarth but are still in woods. Fame 6 came to phone and was informed of same and of snipers in woods and of counterattack.

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- 0905 S-5 called S-6 - 3d Bn is at Hohwarth. The enemy is thick around him. Can't use the road at all that he was planning on using. He is getting all set and wants to know what to do. S-6 said if he couldn't move out of Hohwarth he would like to have a Co sent up to him for reserve. S-6 is at 735728.
- 0910 S-6 was connected with 3d Bn Co. 3d Bn Co said he had a rough time of it all day yesterday and most of last night.
- 0955 S-3 reports that at 0930 F Co was entering Reichsfeld and cleaning out any opposition.
- 0957 Called the above information into G-3.
- 1007 S-6 called S-3 and reported that our G Co was on top of Hill 467 in grid square 7573. They have observed a large body of German troops moving E out of Andlau at 0920. This message was a garbled radio message that was intercepted. S-6 wants us to get arty ln plane up and get some fire on these Germans.
- 1009 S-3 called Fast 3 and gave him the above information. Fast 3 did say he hadn't been able to get any liaison planes up as yet this morning, but would keep trying and would give this mission a priority rating.
- 1012 S-3 called G-3 and gave him the information about German troops on road E out of Andlau. He is going to see if he can get some fire on it. We told him our 2d Bn was around Reichsfeld and that G Co was sitting on the hill overlooking Bernardville.
- 1022 S-6 to S-5 Get the AT CO, including their mine platoon and our I&R up here immediately. They will report to me at RJ 732728.

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- 1032 S-3 to G-3 "The town of Reichsfeld was taken by 2d Bn at 0930."
- 1040 S-3 called G-3 and was informed that the 411th occupied Andlau at 0330 this morning. Doesn't know whether they were going to push on E from there or not. They didn't have any orders from Div to push on E but they might have done so.
- 1045 S-6 called S-5 - "We are receiving a counterattack from direction of Nothalten. I had to pull 2d Bn back to check it. Get M-1's for the AT Co. if it is possible. Also try to get tanks and TD's for the 3d Bn.
- 1050 S-6 to S-3 - "Had to pull the 2d Bn. back to help check this counter-attack. B and C are cleaning up. A Co was counterattack from the SE. 1st Bn is taking a beating. I am pulling 2d Bn back to where I am. We are not going to try to take Nothalten. This is no pushover up here. We are getting all kinds of fire from Eichhecken. We informed S-6 that elements of the 14th Armored Div left Barr this morning and were moving down to Eichhoffen. S-6 told us to tell Div that if the 14th could get down and clean out those towns they would find plenty of enemy stuff.
- 1100 S-3 to G-3 - "1st Bn on hill at 765737. They have been receiving the most terrific kind of fire up there. It is so bad that the A Co Comdr is now tied down to a stretcher in the aid station. They are getting a counterattack from the SE from Nothalten. We have pulled our 2d Bn back to aid in stopping this counterattack. They are swinging down to 75-72 grid square Hill 372. Elements of 1st Bn have swung back to grid square 75-73 (SW corner) in that road. Reichsfeld was a communication hub as there were wires and all sorts of German communication equipment there. They are going to have to stop their mopping up there and pull back to help with this counterattack. Up at Bernardville in the woods at Eichelberger there is all kinds of stuff. The 14th Armored Div is shooting stuff down to Nothalten and Eichhoffen. They will find lots of enemy stuff in there. Fame 6 came on the line and said this counterattack we are receiving was to cover the enemy retreat from Arnlow. He told us to get our 3d Bn on the move up to there and to use all the artillery we possibly could. Also said he would get us a platoon of tanks to go along with the 3d Bn.
- 1110 S-3 to Fgat 5: Upon inquiring they informed us that artillery was firing in support of troops. We told them of counterattack from Nothalten.
- 1112 S-3 to Fancy: Informed them that 2d Bn captured Reichsfeld but had to pull them back to throw them against the counterattack. They will get into a position to give flanking fire. 3d Bn is on their way up too. They informed us that their 1st Bn was at 68-72.
- 1116 S-3 to Fame 3: Pass on to Fame 6 that the artillery has been firing

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- 1116 and still is.
- 1120 Fme 6 to S-3: He informed us that both the Tanks and TD's had been committed but shall try to get them. He has Corps artillery firing at Itterswiller. He can't get our Ln planes off the ground. He wants 3d Bn to start moving out.
- 1123 S-3 to 3d Bn 6: It is imperative that you move out as soon as possible. Gave him situation as follows: White (2d) Bn took Reichsfeld (7474); 1st Bn near Itterswiller at 765737 in woods taking appounding, got everything thrown at them, counterattacking from Nothalten, 1st Bn pulling back into positions at 751731; 2d Bn ordered back to go into position at hill 372 & 752727, pulled by S-6; AT just going up to 732728; platoon of Tanks at Dieffenbach to follow you from Hohwarth. They said they thought they had enough Cannon.
- 1139 S-3 to S-6: Informed him that 3d Bn with a platoon of Tanks was on their way up.
- 1142 S-3 to Fme 6: Informed him that our men were going into Itterswiller and that he should have Corps Artillery advised so they don't fire there.
- 1145 Forward S-3 called us and informed us that B Co is at hill 284, C Co a little S of Bernardville, and moving E on ridge, A Co is at 753731 digging in to hold; 2d Bn E Co arrived at road jct at 732728, F Co no sure of, waiting for confirmation. At 752727 hill 372 they captured German with map showing a German position, fired on it and saw Krauts scatter there.
- 1201 S-3 informed 3d Bn that tanks and Engrs were on their way to them. Informed him of 1145 entry. He instructed us to have us patrol wire lines patrol for possible tapping. Fme 38 was here at that time and complimented 3d Bn. 6 on good job done last night.
- 1240 S-2 to 2d Bn S-2: "PW information for you. A road block consisting of fallen trees under which SS mines and Regal mines are located at 740745 and 735747.
- 1246 S-3 called G-3 - "B Co is moving into Itterswiller, C Co in the woods south of the town of Bernardville, A Co & 751731 digging in. G Co is pulling back down to Reichsfeld. Remainder of 2d Bn at 742728. We fired artillery on the German position out there and I think we have the counterattack well in hand. They are counter-attacking from Nothalten. German Infantry was advancing NW out of

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- 1246 Nothaiten. 3d Bn is on the road and they are past grid line 73 on the road. We have a platoon of engineers, platoon of tanks and a platoon of cannon with them. Our AT Co and our I & R platoon is at 732728." G-3 informed us that St Maurice had been taken at noon without trouble. Still working on the town of Dieffenbach.
- 1344 S-3 to Blue 1: Fatimahas 1 Bn at Barr, another at Andlau. Fancy cleared St Maurice with White Bn and striking down to Thanville. Our B Co is in woods out of Itterswiller, C Co in woods S of Bernardsville, G Co in Reichsfeld, A Co at 751731, remainder of 2d Bn at 745727 pulled down to assist in thwarting counterattack from Nothalten.
- 1416 S-3 to Blue 6: Informed him that tanks just passed through Ville. L Co is at first RJ and where they are set I Co will go on to second RJ. They had just knocked out an enemy stillery battery.
- 1424 S-6 informed of Blue 6 situation and Fancy situation. He didn't agree to allow 3d Bn knock out anyone who might be in St Pierre Beis, said that was Fancy's job. Thought if might be suggested to Fancy to relieve remaining elements of 3d Bn left at Hohwarth. The situation of 1st Bn as follows: C Co on high ground on N but can't help B Co, A on SE but can't help B, B Co practically surrounded.
- 1430 S-3 passed on 1424 entry to Fancy.
- 1450 3 Tanks going NW of Epfig, checking to see if they might be ours before firing on them. Fatima to be notified of this.
- 1515 Blue 6 informed of 1st Bn situation and instructed to forget about St Pierre Beis.
- 1525 Received message from Sgt Drauden as follow: The six (6) 2 1/2 ton trucks alerted last night are no longer alerted. Movement.
- 1540 S-3 to S-6: Blue Bn of Fatima at Barr, Red and White at Andlau, have been given mission to take Eichhoffen and St Pierre. Our L and I Co's in their respective positions, both assigned two tanks, Cn Co in position shooting with artillery. Fancy White Bn marching on Thanville. Blue in Dieffenbach. 36th reported to have a combat force (at 1100) at 71064, other elements clearing woods at that hill mass S and SW of Dieffenbach. Neubeis left to them to take. S-6 says white Bn is taking high ground N of Nothalten and Baker Co still in trouble.

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- 1602 Fancy 3 to S-5: We are sending a company cross country from St Maurice to St Pierre Beis. We give him our 3d Bn setup.
- 1610 S-5 to 3d Bn 6: Passed on 1602 entry. He informed us that they ran into a road block at RJ and that next RJ was being advanced on. They have had a little artillery fire.
- 1710 The Fame office informed us that it is entirely possible that German armor may be used against us and everybody should be warned to have AT weapons on the alert at all times.
- 1730 S-6 called S-5 and wants 2 ambulances, 2 doctors, blankets and dressings sent up to 1st Bn aid station at once. If necessary go all the way back to Fame to get them. One platoon of B Co has only 8 men left.
- 1735 Corps wants to run air missions over Epfig and Dieffenthal tomorrow.
- 1755 S-3 to Forward S-3: 409th occupied St Pierre Beis without a fight, also took St Maurice, were going to attack Thanville in the morning. 411th 1st and 2d Bn have moved out of Andlau N toward Eichhoffen but haven't gotten far. Our situation - no change in Blue, C Co went through B, 2d Bn minus G Co started its movement, passed the S flank of the 1st Bn at RJ 746 726 NE of Nethalten. Leading elements arrived at a point about on the 75 grid line at a point just E of that road jct. They are holding where they are. Ran into a lot of artillery there. B Co lost all but 8 men in one platoon. Just got a msg from 2d Bn and they are digging in on the 75 grid square. Corps is planning an air mission on Epfig and Dambach during the morning. They want to make sure that our troops are far enough away.
- 1800 Blankets and supplies, 2 Medical officers, and one ambulance were dispatched to 1st Bn aid station.
- 1832 Informed S-6 of 1800 entry. He said they needed more ambulances. 2d Bn Ln O said there were three ambulances on way there.
- 1846 S-3 to 3dBn 6: 2d Bn's southernmost bdry is at 750721 so it's OK to put fire up to the RJ. We would check with 2d Bn however.

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- 1850 S-3 to 2d Bn 6: 2d Bn was informed that enemy counterattack drove back I and L Co holding FJ's at following coordinates - had I at 744719 and L at 738717. Either 2 tanks or SP's were there. They have pulled back to other side of woods at 728715 and are there now. They estimated their position at about 747722 and said it would be all right anywhere S of the 72 grid line running across for arty fire to be laid.
- 1945 E Co had just been counterattack.
- 2002 Informed S-6 that it would be safe to fire from RJ 357 to Elienschwiller. S-3 suggested that it was almost imperative that 3d Bn reoccupy those two RJ or almost anything could come up the road. S-6 was thinking of moving 3d Bn up near him to be used in morning and help against counterattack. S-3 informed him that 409th had taken Thanville and St Pierre Bois. S-6 gave permission for arty to be fired.
- 2030 Informed 3d Bn 6 tht it was OK to fire below 72 grid and E of 73 grid. Informed him of the counterattack that E Co threw off. Informed him of 2002 entry and he informed us of a counterattack he just had and was expecting another, said they came from direction of St Pierre Bois.
- 2040 Informed S-6 of 2030 entry. He said fire had not started as yet.
- 2100 S-3 called 2d Bn 6 and found out that Corps arty fire was falling in their area. We would call S-6 on it.
- 2105 S-3 to S-3 forward: Informed him of 2100 entry. Forward said he would have 2d Bn 6 check to make sure about it - would check with Company Cndrs. Forward says Krauts have fired on several occasions the same time we did to ^{give} us the impression that we were firing on our own troops.
- 2120 Ln 0 reported road blocks at RJ where 3d Bn was supposed to be. We informed him that 3d Bn was pushed back from there.
- 2128 We informed 3d Bn 6 that there were no Fancy troops in those woods and he said they were going to fire into them.
- 2135 3d Bn 6 informed us that there were what they believed were 6 Mark 4 tanks between the two RJ's they once occupied and 1 on hill N of there. Got this from 3d Bn mortarman.

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- 2137 S-3 to Fame 3: Informed him about situation and of 2135 entry. Fame 3 said we were getting another TD Co but didn't know their disposition.
- 2143 S-3 to S-6: Informed him of 2137 entry and 2135 entry. Fame 3 said we were getting another TD. He said fire would have to be on the first 300 yds of that road span only.
- 2150 3d Bn 6 informed us upon inquiring that the tanks were in that span mentioned in 2143 entry. He said 8" or better needed to do any harm to tanks.
- 2214 3d Bn 6 informed us he was going to fire into Hill N of first RJ.
- 2316 Fame 6 called and informed us that we must take care of our S flank and to get the 3d Bn companies back into position. He said he would try to get us help from the N. He said we would probably get some of them. We said 3d Bn sure could use some of them.

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- 0020 Fame 3 called asked if we were in Bernardville, if there were any Krauts there. S-3 couldn't say whether there was or not. Fame wants it patrolled. Also asked what had been done about these enemy tanks. Answer negative.
- 0050 From Fatal Adv: Two tanks at 758737 which is company C CP. Two of our men have been taken prisoner, rest in basement. Bn S-3 attempting to get TD's and bazookas there to relieve situation.
- 0015 Fame 3 informed of 0050 entry. Also given general situation.
- 0130 Fatal 3 to Red 3: Bazooka team being sent to take care of these two tanks in C Co CP. Captured all our personnel in CP.
- 0335 Fame to S-3: OI coming out to be delivered to Advance CP. They want vehicle to lead them to the Advance CP.
- 0450 OI from Div brought in. Copy made of OI and Liaison officer took it on to Fatal Advance.
- 0505 Fatal Blue notified that in OI they are to maintain present position until relieved by 409th and will be released by Div Order.

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- 0525 Fame 3 to S-3: Given general situation. Asked about C Co OP being captured.
- 0600 Ln O reached Fatal Advance with CI at 0600.
- 0943 3d Bn 1 to S-3: Captured some Krauts in Barrure who say that there are still 70 Krauts and 6 Lts. in the high ground up there. All they have is personal weapons and about 6 hand grenades. Sending prisoners to our Interrogation Officer.
- 0958 Fanny called and wanted to know how many litter bearers we needed. S-5 said we lost about 14 so it was agreed that we would need that many or more. Fanny was to check with Army on it.
- 1008 S-6 informed S-3 of this plan: 2d Bn would take Nothalten, then when Fatima comes to left flank, the 1st Bn will take Itterswiller. Important thing is to make sure that we have an officer with Fancy's left flank when they come up on our right so that he can report to our 6 where left flank is. This officer is to be there physically and follow their left flank at all times and report by 284 radio. S-6 wants knowledge not guess. 2d Bn will take Benschwiller too.
- 1017 Fancy informed of this. (1008 entry). He said it was OK with him.
- 1040 Lt Hughes was taken to Facy as contact officer by S-3. S-3 then going to 3d Bn to orient them.
- 1053 S-6 to S-5: Informed us that they were jumping off at 1100. Also said that a truckload of prisoners (10) was being sent back here when they contacted 3 of our men who were sheltering themselves from enemy MG fire. S-6 would like to have K Co come from Hohwarth to clear woods round there so their supply road will be safe. S-6 wants us to check Fame on that.
- 1057 Informed Fame 3 of 1053 entry. He said we could use K Co but not to move rest of 3d Bn until they had OK'd it.
- 1100 From Fame 3: Ammunition in prior to 1200. Advise as to check on marking front lines with smoke and panels (yellow). S-2 gave this information to S-3 at 1110.
- 1102 Informed 3d Bn 6 of what we planned to do with K Co and that we were going to use Cn Co transportation to pick them up at Hohwarth to take them to Fatal Forward. S-3 informed S-5 that Lt Hughes was all set with the 409th and we should let Forward know.

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- 1112 S-5 informed Forward S-3 of 1102 entry.
- 1132 3d Bn informed us that 409th jumped off at 1100.
- 1143 Fame 2 informed us that Epfig nd Dambach are fire missions today if planes are not grounded. This passed on to S-2 forward.
- 1152 Tanks wanted to verify position of tank needing maintenance. They had 701724 which was correct.
- 1157 S-5 found out from 3d Bn that K Co men were on trucks and coming back.
- 1159 Fatal Forward informed us that they had not received their rations and we should send them immediately.
- 1217 Div 2 to S-2: 14th Armored outfit got counterattack in vic of Mittlebergheim from Eichhof"an approx a Bn unloaded there. 411th 3d Bn closing LD, getting a little small arms fire.
- 1222 S-2 passed on 1217 entry to S-2 forward.
- 1220 G-2 called and wants us to expedite our PW's back to Div just as quickly as possible. Wanted to know about the Kraut raid on "O" Co CP.
- 1240 G-3 called and wanted news on our situation. We had nothing new to give to him.
- 1242 S-5 to Forward S-3: We know 2d Bn must be on the move, 1st is the same place they were, 2d Bn has moved forward. They were to occupy first town, 1st Bn was not to move before that time.
- 1250 Informed G-3 that 2d Bn had moved out but we were out of contact with them and as yet 1st Bn had not moved.
- 1330 S-3 to S-5: S-3 Forward wants us to get thru to 409 and find out where they are. Informed them that we can have 3d Bn now. We were to shuttle companies up to where they were and in the next shuttle heavy weapons were to be taken. They informed us that RJ at 74-72 shelled badly and heavy weapons would have to be hand carry.
- 1332 S-3 to S-2: 409th left flank now at 750711. 2d Bn has taken hill 393. Getting lot of small arms fire.

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- 1340 Ln C reports that 36th leading elements at S end of gap going left along woods; the RJ we are concerned about is still in enemy hands. Gave him our situation.
- 1310 S-2 called our advance CP and was informed that 2d Bn had reached hill 393. Received lots of small arms fire taking the hill. We lost two H Co vehicles at a road junction in the 75-73 grid square as German 88's got direct hits on them. 1st Bn is going to hold off for a while until the 2d Bn takes their objective. Advance CP wants us to get the positions of the flanks of the 409th and the 411th and get them to him as soon as possible.
- 1320 S-3 called G-3 and gave him the above message. G-3 said that the Div Comdr had taken the strings off our 3d Bn and we could move them as we chose. We told him our 1st Bn was not going to move until the 2d Bn had taken Nothalten.
- 1345 S-5 informed On Co CO we were going to use his trucks to shuttle all of 3d Bn and that he give them help to see that all troops are moved.
- 1347 S-5 to Blue 6: You will move all of your unit bak here K Co went. Weapons to go along with the next shuttle if possible.
- 1357 S-3 Forward instructed us to contact Engineers Co Comdr and have him send rations for one day to the 43 men up there. They have rations thru dinner today only. They are working back near Albe and the rations should be taken to the truck there.
- 1412 Gave Fame 3 situation as follows: As of 1300 2d Bn attacking in S zone reached hill 393. Krauts have RJ 392 zeroed in. 409th at 748716 at 1300, we sent back our position to them. Our plan of maneuver given to Fame 3. Shuttling K Co. 1st Bn not going to move till 2d Bn has Nothalten.
- 1420 Informed Fancy (409) that at 1305 we hd hill 393 and are receiving a lot of small arms fire. 409 would hold back till we heard more about 2d Bn.
- 1452 Fame 6 to S-5: Wanted to know why we are holding up 1st Bn. Told him we had moved K Co. He said to move the rest of them cross country and have to move fast. We should get B Co a good CO and keep them moving. Keep 3d Bn together and don't scatter them. Stressed 'get going'.

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- 1457 S-5 to S-3 Forward: Fame 6 wants rest of 3d Bn moved across country on foot. He didn't think the 2d Bn should have gone into Nothalten - should have been 1st Bn. We should move forward and catch up with the other Regiments who are already at phase line A. S-6 told S-5 to have 3d Bn take Blienschwiller.
- 1510 S-2 to Forward: At 1450 Divarty reports air recon shows much civilian and military activity in Nothalten.
- 1511 Fame 3 to S-2: A report from 411 puts them passed phase line A. 46th Armored Bn coming down to Blienschwiller, we can follow them through.
- 1513 S-2 informed forward of 1511 entry.
- 1516 Ln C reports that at 1410 411 at Phaseline A and getting small arms and artillery fire.
- 1528 From Blue 6: We got orders to take Blienschwiller. What about tanks and TD's? We knew nothing about them.
- 1557 409th wants to know if we have any troops at Blienschwiller, they want to fire there. We'll call back.
- 1559 Cn Co CO informed by S-5 that the shuttling was called off and he could have his trucks back.
- 1600 We found out that we have no troops at Blienschwiller. Informed us that 2d Bn was 400 yards from Nothalten but are drawing fire. 1st Bn seen Krauts running out of there. Forward wanted rest of 3d shuttled up.
- 1602 S-3 informed 409 2 we have no troops at Blienschwiller.
- 1612 S-5 informed G-3 of 2d Bn being 400 yards from Nothalten.
- 1615 3d Bn 6 informed of 1600 report on 2d Bn.
- 1635 3d Bn 6 informed us that RJ at Wiederhardt had fire fight going on there between TD's and Krauts. Informed him that the trucks he was to use were back at Cn Co.
- 1642 S-3 informed S-6 of 1635 entry. S-6 says he must have rest of 3d Bn up at his CP tonight. K Co suggests riding trucks to Albe then walk.

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- 1645 Lt Hughes informed us that he was back at Hohwarth but was with 409 till 1515. Informed us that the opposition 409th had met so far was just small arms fire. He was told to stay at 3d Bn CP.
- 1705 S-3 to S-3 Forward: Upon inquiring, S-3 forward informed that the remainder of 3d Bn less I Co was to get to forward CP anyway 3d Bn 6 thought best. Also informed us that Lt Hughes' job was done and could return to the CP.
- 1710 Div Comdr called S-5 and told us to get our 3d Bn out of the 409th area and to get it out tonight. He said we were to use our tanks and infantry together.
- 1710 S-3 talked to the 3d Bn CO and they are planning the movement of his Bn as quickly as possible. 3d Bn CO said it would take his 6 hours if he had to shuttle his troops and close into his new area. I Co is being left to move on Blienschwiller. Cn Co vehicles are going to be used to shuttle 3d Bn troops.
- 1720 S-3 called K Co CO and wants him to pick out an area for the 3d Bn and a CP, also have guides at Albe to guide the troops up to the new area. K Co CO said he would take care of it.
- 1740 S-3 called Adv CP and talked to our S-3 up there. Told him that Cn Co was going to support I Co on their adv on Blienschwiller. Told him that 3d Bn CO wanted K Co CO to pick out a motor park for his organics up there. Adv S-3 said there were no motor parks available for anyone up there.
- 1750 S-3 called 3d Bn CO and told him that the Regt'l Comdr would like to have him and anyone he chose to bring along up to the Adv CP as soon as possible. Told him they were sending an I & R jeep to Albe to meet him, and he could have his S-5 lead the Bn up. We asked him if the road that leads from the Adv CP E and then S to 744719 RJ is clear and if it is clear over W to where the road block was just fixed. 3d Bn CO didn't know but said he would find out. Said he had just received a report that the road was clear for 4 miles from Hohwarth but the report is unconfirmed.
- 1755 S-3 called Adv S-3 and gave him the above message about the road. Adv S-3 did say the I&R jeep had just left for Albe to meet 3d Bn CO.

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- 1805 S-3 called 3d Bn S-3 and told him that the I&R jeep had just left for Albe to meet them and that the sooner S-6 started the better. Also told them to have their S-5 notify us as soon as they were ready to leave with the Bn so we would have guides to meet him at Albe.
- 1810 S-5 of 409th called and said that he had a Bn in Dambach and that they had reported a lot of armor coming from the direction of Nothalten. We know nothing of this armor, but are going to check with our Adv CP and find out for him.
- 1812 S-3 called Adv S-3 and told him of above message. He is going to check and call us back. He said there was no motor park for the 3d Bn in that area and the Regtl Comdr said they should leave their organics at Albe.
- 1845 S-3 called 409th S-5 and told him our people around Nothalten have heard some track vehicles but don't know what they are at all. Also told him that our 2d Bn which was moving on Nothalten was about 300 yds from the town and dug in for the night, that our I Co was moving on Blienschwiller and our 1st Bn was around Itterswiller.
- 1848 S-3 called 3d Bn S-3 and told him that he couldn't get his organic motors into his new area and that S-6 suggested they leave them at Albe. They are going to start moving very shortly.
- 1850 S-3 called On Co CO and told him that as long as he was tied in with the arty it would be OK to stay where he was. He reported that he had just had word that the relay radio team was getting set up to communicate with I Co.
- 1910 Report received that the 1st Bn captured Itterswiller at 1830.
- 1912 S-5 called Div and gave them the above message.
- 1930 S-3 called 3d Bn S-5 and told him that the 411th Inf at 1600 was on the outskirts of Epfig. They had their 3d Bn there. About 900 yds to W and slightly to the N was their 1st Bn. Their 2d Bn is in reserve. Told him our 1st Bn had taken Itterswiller at 1830, that our 2d Bn ran into a lot of fire and were now dug in about 300 yds W of Nothalten, that our I Co hasn't been in contact with us, and that the rest of 3d Bn was heading up in the vicinity of our Adv CP about 4000 yds E of Albe. 409th 1st Bn had taken Dambach, that their 3d Bn was in the same spot it was in Dieffenbach occupying road blocks and outposts protecting our flak, and that their 2d Bn had taken Thanville and St Pierre Bois.

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- 1935 S-3 called 3d Bn S-5 and they reported they would be ready to move in about 10 minutes. We told them we would have someone in Albe to guide them up to their area.
- 1940 S-3 called Adv S-3 and told him that 3d Bn would be on the way in 5 minutes. Adv S-3 said he would get guides down to Albe to meet them. They have seen nothing of the 14th armored outfit up there. 3d Bn s-6 hasn't arrived up there as yet.
- 1955 3d Bn moved from the Vic of Hohwarth.
- 2000 S-2 called Forward S-2 and gave him the situation as we have it now. Forward S-2 told us there was a bridge mined and ready to be blown at 795683. It is out in front of Dambach la Ville.
- 2030 Report that elements of the 14th Armored Div are at 775742 N of Itterswiller. The 411 Inf 3d Bn is in Epfig.
- 2032 S-3 called Forward S-3 and told him of the above message. S-2 requests that we try to contact these elements of the 14th armored and they will also try to contact us. They are going to work with us in the morning.
- 2040 Co Co says they can't get any communication from I Co with their radio relay team.
- 2045 G-3 called S-3 and told him that elements of the 14th Armored Div were at a RJ NW of Itterswiller at 771744. They are sending out a patrol to contact us.
- 2045 S-3 called Adv S-2 and gave them the above message. Told him to try to get a patrol out from 1st Bn to contact these people. Forward S-2 reports that I Co is running into a lot of trouble on their objective in the form of small arms fire, 20 mm fire, and schu-mines.
- 2110 S-3 called G-3 and told him that our I Co ran into a lot of schu-mines and small arms fire in the woods from their objective. Can't give them the location because we don't know ourselves, but we think it is about 1000 yds W of Blienschwiller. They are ordered to hold up tonight and in the morning swing in from another angle.

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- 2125 S-2 called S-2 forward and our Forward S-2 informed us that Patterson, the radio chief for the 2d Bn had been missing since last night and it is feared that he has got captured. He had the map coordinate code and several other codes on his person and we are to call G-2 and inform them of this fact.
- 2130 S-2 called G-2 and gave him the above message about the missing radio chief. Also said that we were very worried about the Hill Mass Foret Dambach to our S and we informed G-2 of this fact. He says that 409 would have that well under control, but we think they have moved in too fast and haven't combed it and that it is still full of Krauts.
- 2155 Cannon Co CO called S-3 and told him he had been firing missions for I Co for the last 1/2 hour and that I Co had report lots of Krauts, wagons, and some 20mm guns running around the town. I Co CO came on the phone at that moment and wanted to know the situation. He was under the impression that his battalion was behing him with TD's and Tanks, but they aren't. He wants the situation straightened out. Says there is a road block 200 yds from the town and that MG's and snipers are holding it. On Co CO reports enemy MG's behing I Co about a mile down the road from Hohwarth. I Co says there are anywhere from 20 to 150 Krauts in the town and a 20 mm gun. We told I Co Omdr we would call S-6 and get the situation straightened out.
- 2220 S-3 called S-6 at the Adv CP and gave him the msg from I Co. S-6 said that Div had given orders that we would take this town by tomorrow but if was OK for I Co to wait until morning to take it. S-6 said 3d Bn CO was going to communicate with I Co CO and tell him what to do. Gave him the message that S-2 just gave us - a PW reports that the 728th Inf Regt and the 658 FA Regt had CP's in Blienschwiller yesterday afternoon, and it is reasonable to assume that they are still in the town. This PW had been on a recon just before he was captured and the Jerries know we have Hill 393.
- 2240 S-3 called 1st Bn and told him where the 14th armored elements were and if we had contacted them as yet. Cpl Smith didn't know, but he is going to check with his Adv CP and will call us back and let us know.
- 2250 3d Bn Operations Sergeant Grooms called and we gave him the situation.

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- 2300 1st Bn (Cpl Smith) called and says we have established contact with elements of the 14th armored (isn't going to move till daylight). Contact was made at 2250 just a little NE of where we thought they were.
- 2302 S-3 called S-6 and gave him the above message. S-6 says Colonel May talked to I Co CO and had made arrangements for I Co to stay where they were tonight and go into the town tomorrow. 3d Bn just closed into their new area in the vic of our dv CP.
- 2306 On Co called and had I Co CO on the wier. I Co said they now had a patrol out to see what damage Cn had done to the road block in front of them. Said they weren't going into the town until the morning. They seem to think they are surrounded by Jerries up there, and have no observation into the town at all. Their patrol returned because they couldn't get through, but discovered another road block closer to the town which was covered by snipers and they drew fire from these snipers. I Co is going to pull back 500 or 600 yds from the town and dig in for the night. On Co is going to cover the movement of some AT guns with interdiction fire on the road block. On Co has already thrown 200 shells into this road block, but they don't have observation on it. On wants to throw some white phosphorous shells into the town and burn it up, but doesn't have observation on it. However they can cover I Co with a curtain of fire in case Jerry counterattacks during the night. We gave I Co CO the information about the two enemy CP's in the town. On Co threw fire at the road block to cover movement back at 2320.