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APPENDIX V - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

UNIT JOURNAL

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc)
0900		1		Sgt Page reports from C Co: M10 damaged by mines on night of Nov 27-28 has not been recovered. Co T2 will remain there and will recover M10 as soon as tactical situation permits.
	0915	2		Password and reply sent to all Co's.
0915		3		Capt. Coady reports to CP: Lt. Oborn has left to contact billeting party of the 60th Inf. Co. will move at 1330 and join convoy of the 60th at the IP (Bourbrodt)
1155		4		CO C Co. reports to CP: C Company on road outside Bn CP. Reports that kitchen truck hit a mine near Aachen - truck is a wreck.
1215		5		C Co less Kitchen truck and T2 closed in bivouac area vis Robertville, Belgium at 1210. The above info sent to G-3 Div., by Liaison Officer.
1315		6		B Co. leaves Bn assembly area to join 60th CI.
1930		7		S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.
2000		8		Unit report sent 1 ea to TD Officer V Corps., S-3, 3rd TD Gp., & G-3 9th Div.
2005		9		B Co. report: M10 of 3rd Plt caught fire due to over heated motor. Fire extinguishers were all used but fire damaged the following property: Blankets, Wool, OD - 20, Shelter Helves, OD - 5, Tarpauline for M10's - 2, Mess Kits - 3 entire sets. 1 Box of 50 cal. ammo. All fire extinguishers empty. 3" Ammo on hand - HVAP - 29, APD/EDF 475, HE W/Pz M48A1 - 504. Location of 1st & 2nd Plt - 913278, Co CP - 909281.
2200		10	1530	TWX msg from TD Officer, V Corps: Reference daily telephone operational report by TD Bn's, substitute the word "Minorscale" for the word "Yugoslavic" in reporting paragraph five, effective 031700A, December, until further notice.
2230		11		C Co. report: Co left Eschweiler at 0900 hrs and returned to Bn control at Robertville. Reld from attachment to 47th Inf. Closed in Robertville at 1210. Kitchen truck hit mine at Aachen (861451) at 1000 hrs. S. Sgt. Harvey WIA, not evacuated.



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0930 1 Password and reply sent to all co's.

0930 2 CO & S-3 leave to inspect A & Ron Co's.

1030 3 CO & S-3 return to CP.

1350 4 S-3 leaves CP to visit B Co.

1900 5 S-3 returns to CP: Reports that 3rd Plt B Co is in all around defensive positions. Good fields of fire in direction of Ingenbroich & Konzen, Germany. All destroyers being connected by wire - 1 line to CP of supported Inf. Bn.

1930 6 B Co. report: Co CP - K909281, 1st & 2nd Plts K913278, 3rd Plt, 1st sec K933208 & 931206, 2nd sec at K928210. 3" Ammo on hand: HVAP 29, APC 475, HE W/Fz M48A1 504.

1945 7 S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.

2200 8 V Corps AT report - 2 copies sent to V Corps AT Officer.

2210 9 Unit report #160 sent 1 ea to TD Officer, V Corps; S-3, 3rd TD Gp; G-3, Div.



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0900 1 After/After Action Report for month of November (five (5) copies) sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.

0930 2 Password and reply sent to all Co's.

1030 3 GO & S-3 leave CP to visit B Co.

1630 4 GO & S-3 return to CP from B Co.

1700 5 B Co. report: 1st & 2nd Plts at K913278, 3rd Plt, 1st sec K933208 and 931206, 2nd sec K928210, 3rd Ammo on hand: HVAF - 29, APC - 475, HE M48A1 - 504.

1900 6 S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.

2000 7 Unit report #161 sent one each to TD Officer, V Corps; S-3, 3rd TD Gp; G-3 Div.



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- 0930 1 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 1100 2 CO "C" Co. reports to GP; S-3 briefs him on Division Counterattack plan.
- 1230 3 A Co. notified by 39th Inf to send liaison party to GP of 39th Inf. A Co is alerted for possible move North tomorrow morning.
- 1245 4 Liaison Officer reports that there are no definite orders for A Co. at present time. C of S, 9th Div will issue instructions later in the day.
- 1730 5 B Co. reports: Co. CP - 909281, 1st & 2nd Plts 913278, 3rd Plt, 1st sec 933208 & 931206, 2nd sec 928210.
Ammo on hand: HVAP - 29, APC - 475, HE W/Fz M48A1 - 467.
- 1930 6 S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.
- 2000 7 Unit Report #162 sent 1 ea to TD Officer, V Corps; S-3, 3rd TD Gp; G-3, Div.
- 2100 8 Phone Mag from Lt. Wade, LO: Regular OP Recon party to leave from Elsenborn at 0730 tomorrow. FO will be down later.
- 2228 9 Phone mag from C of S: Col. Tincher to report to General Craig at 0845 hrs. in his office.



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0730 1 CP Recon party leaves CP to locate new CP via Bergrath.

0750 2 Lt. Wade, LO., reports to CP with 9th Div FO; and attached march table. Bn (less A, B, & C) to move tomorrow at 1120 hrs.

0900 3 Cpl. Commanders of C & Ron briefed on movement and warning order issued

0930 4 Hq Co. Comdr briefed and warning order issued.

0935 5 CO leaves CP to contact Bn. Comdr., 634th TD Bn.

0940 6 A Co. calls and notifies Bn. that they are discontinuing phone.

0945 7 Password and reply sent to all Co's.

1100 8 Mag #30 to CO B Co; Rear echelon moves Dec 6 to vic K956461 (Exact location unknown at present). Bn CP moves Dec 6 to vic K972464.

1340 9 C Co reports; M1G that was under fire in mine field has been withdrawn and is back in service with the Co.

1805 10 B Co. report; No change.

1830 11 A Co. report; Company moved from Robertville at 1005 to Volkenrath (976454), arrived at 1400. 2nd Plt attached to 2nd Bn 39th Inf and reported there at 1630, coord. 022454. Liaison established with 39th CP by Lt. Van Nest. Weather Cold, morale, excellent.

1900 12 S-3 telephone report phoned to S-3, 3rd TD Gp.

2000 13 Unit report sent 1 ea; TD Officer V Corps; S-3, 3rd TD Gp; G-3, Div.



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0900	1	Password and reply sent to all Co's.
1100 1430	2	Bn CP, Recon, Co., & Hq Co. move from Robertville, Belgium, to vic of Eschweiler, Germany.
1330	3	Msg from B Co: CP vicinity of 986467 - 1 Destroyer Broken track, vicinity of Eupen, recovery on way.
1500	4	1215 Msg from G-3, Div: Point of Origin effective 070600 Dec 44: 0547.
1800	5	A Co. report: Plt Ldrs and CO reconnoitered 39th Inf area during day and selected positions within respective sectors. 2nd Plt attached to 2nd Bn 39th Inf and in positions at Jungersdorff (042467). Remainder of Company in same positions as previously reported. No action reported. Morale Excellent. Weather, Rainy and Cold.
1905	6	Baker Co is in to Bn by wire. Will close down radio if permission is granted. Permission granted by S-3.
2000	7	Unit report sent one each to AT Officer, VII Corps, and G-3, 9th Div.
2157	8	Phone Msg from G/S, 9th Div: Request information concerning employment of enemy tanks and our tanks in the 9th Div Sector be made available by tomorrow AM. CO informs G/S that we have 38 rds. of Star Shell on hand.
2200	9	S-2 advises CO that our tanks are roadbound in northern sector but German tanks are not, on information available at present.
2225	10	Lt. Wade calls for time closed in new area and CP location. Info given to him.
2237	11	Ass't G-3, Div calls to inform Bn that no report had been received on time of closing and to say that unit was in another units area.
2240	12	S-3 calls Notorious 3 to explain that Jersey How is in their correct area and CP was directed here by Col. Brill.
2300	13	B Co reports: Dec 5 - Co CP at 909281, 1st & 2nd Plts at 913278, 3rd Plt 1st sec 933208 & 931206, 2nd sec 928210. Dec 6 - Co in assembly area vic of Nothberg, Germany. Co CP at 986467.



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0840	1	Phone Msg from Notorious 6: Jersey 6 is to report to Notorious 6 with information re employment of TD's in this sector before 1030.
0900	2	Password and reply sent to all Co's.
0930	3	CO & S-3 leave OP to report to Notorious.
0940	4	Lt. Wade reports to OP with Div Point of Origin: Effective 070600 Dec 44 Div point of origin is 0146.
1000	5	Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin - 0146.
1100	6	Capt. Coady reports to OP: 1st Bn, 47th Inf is attached to 60th CT complete with all attached units.
1100	7	Msg from G-3 Div: Point of Origin effective 080600 Dec 44: 0146.
1110	8	S-2 reports the following: 1st Bn, 47th Inf attached to 60th CT, to go to Langerwehe. 2 Co's of 1st Bn, 60th to relieve 2 Co's of 36th Armd Inf. W of Langerwehe. Rest, & all of 2nd Bn 60th in reserve via 986457. Only "B" Co. plt will be 3rd Plt in Langerwehe by 1600, 7 Dec 44. 2 Plts in res via 986457, mobile and keeping liaison with Bn's.
1145	9	CO & S-3 return from Notorious OP with information regarding future operations.
1315	10	CO & S-3 go to A Co.
1533	11	Major Riley, Div Ass't G-3 called to remind Jersey 6 that recommendations for employment of C Co. have not been received. Major Riley further stated that Col. Stehl from Div Arty had informed him that Col. Tincher had given him recommendations for employment of one platoon. Major Riley has the understanding that two platoons of C Co. are involved and wants CO's recommendations on the two plts.
1730	12	CO & S-3 return to OP from A Co.
1900	13	B Co. reports: 3rd Plt moved into AT position via 032475. Co OP & 1st & 2nd Plts (in assembly position) in vicinity 986468. 3" Ammo on hand: HVAP - 29, APQ W/BDF - 475, HE W/Fz T105 - 37, HE W/Fz M48 - 467.
1935	14	Msg from C Co - Co. in new location - Will send information later.
1950	15	Msg #331 to all Co's: Point of origin effective 070600 is 0547. Disregard Msg #330, IS 1000.
2015	16	Msg #332 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 080600 is 0146.



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2015 17 Phone Msg from Co Comdr G Co: Co. closed in vic of Nostril. 4 MIO's non-operational. 2C enroute to pos with 1st Bn, 47th Inf.

2130 18 S-2 phones G-2 Div on clarification of Censorship Regulations on sending pictures home. No Mil. installations destroyed. American vehicles or equipment. OK for enemy destroyed material. OK to write location if it is not a recent photo.

2200 19 A Co. reports: CP & 1st Plt in same location. 2nd Plt in Jungersdorf (042467) attached to 2nd Bn 39th Inf. Little action during day. 3rd Plt moved to reserve position at 023458. Recon continued by Plt Lars and Co. Comdr. Drew rations from 39th Inf. Weather Cool, Morale Excellent.

2230 20 Recon Report: 1st Plt attached to Co A. 2nd Plt attached to Co B. 3rd Plt in bivouac with Co. Reconnaissance was made in Regtl. sectors of the 39th & 60th Inf. Co. CP located in Eschweiler, Germany.



- 0900 1 Mag to C Co: Report locations at once.
- 0917 2 S-2 phones S-2, 47th Inf re 20's move to Luchen. S-3 informs S-2 that 20 was in pos there before 072200.
- 0932 3 0925 Mag #1 from C Co: OP at 957460.
- 0935 4 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 0945 5 TD Report #165 sent 1 ea to AT Officer VII Corps, G-3, Div.
- 0945 6 Co Comdr C Co reports to OP: CO informs Company Comdr that one Plt of C is settle in with Notary for indirect fire.
- 1135 7 S-3 phones G-3 Div: Gives them the status of MIO's operational in Bn.
- 1500 8 S-3 calls Div Arty5: Reports that only ammo we have for indirect fire is reduced charge ammo.
- 1800 9  B Co. reports: Co. OP, 1st & 2nd Plts at 986468, 3rd Plt in vic 032475. 3" Ammo on hand HVAP - 29, APC W/BDF - 475 HE W/Fs T105 - 37, HE W/Fs M48 - 467.
- 1830 10 A Co. reports: OP moved to positions of 3rd Plt as previously reported. 2nd Plt in same positions & status. 1st Plt in same positions as previously reported, in reserve. Recon continued by Plt Ldrs. and Co. Recon Section (Checking of flank units). No action during day. Weather Cool, Morale Excellent.
- 1900 11 Recon Report: No change in Plt assignments. Reconnaissance was continued in the Regatl sectors for routes to be used for any forward move for destroyers and other vehicles.
- 1930 12 C Co. reports: 7th Dec - At 1500 hrs Co. moved from rest area at Robertville to vic (957460). 2nd Plt moved out with 1st Bn 47th Inf to vic of Langerwehe. Morale Excellent.
8th Dec - OP vic 957460, 2nd Plt vic Langerwehe. 3rd Plt moved into indirect fire pos vic 002463 in support of 84th FA Bn. CO & S-3 visited OP. 2nd Lt. James Florence, O-1822386 assigned to and joined Co. Morale Excellent. Ammo - 87 Star, 22 HE reduced charge, 446 APC W/BDF, 17 HVAP, 120 HE M54, 393 HE M42A1.

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0915 1 Msg #20 to A, B, C & Ron: 8 tanks reported moving from Fier toward Inden at 0850 (Sent by radio to A & C, phoned to B & Ron Co). Info received from Chico Liaison.

0920 2 TD Report sent to AT Officer, VII Corps & G-3, Div.


0930 3 Password and reply sent to all Co's.

0945 4 Overlay showing additions and corrections to enemy positions and entrenchments sent to A, B, C & Ron Co.

0945 5 Aerial photos sent to A & Co G.

1025 6 Phone Msg from S-2, 692nd TD Bn: 3 enemy tanks of the eight reported at 0850 have been destroyed.

1027 7 Msg #21 to all Co's: 3 enemy tanks reported in msg #20 have been destroyed.

1220 8  Phone msg from S-2, 892nd TD Bn: One tank destroyed at 1000 was Mk VI, one definitely Mk V, another unified. Remainder of tanks withdrew and have not reappeared.

1400 9 Message from 9th Div: Point of origin effective 100600 December is 0444.

1410 10 Msg #22 to all Co's: Point of origin effective 100600 December is 0444.

1415 11 Additional road classification sent to CO Recon Co. Received from CO G Co.

1515 12 Capt. Miller reports that he needs 500 rds of Ammo for tomorrow mornings Artillery preparation for 1st Plt.

1520 13 8 Dec 1745 Msg from CG VII Corps thru 9th Div: Effective immediately and until further notice 3" HE Normal charge will not be expended for indirect firing. Present allocations of 3" HE remain in effect but only reduced charge may be used for indirect firing.

1535 14 Maj. Lorance calls Notary 3 on the ammo needed for G Co. Notary 3 says that 1000 rds will be at the Plt position.

1540 15 Maj. Lorance calls Hq Co and tells them to deliver another 500 rds to the Plt of G Co in order to bring them up to 1000 rds.

16 Capt. Ward Ass't Corps AT Officer Calls: Bn ammo allowance for next four days

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16 (Cont'd) is 1000 rds. Any more will have to be requested from Div Arty and cleared thru channels.

1730 17 C Co. report: Co. atched to 47th Inf Regt. CP vic 957460, 1st Plt continued Maint, 2nd Plt in AT pos vic Luchem, 3rd Plt in indirect fire pos in support of 84th FA Bn., vic 002462. 9 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: HE M48 - 372, APG W/BDF - 445, HVAP -17, HE M54 - 120, Star - 87, HE Reduced Charge - 522, HE M48 - 22.

1800 18 Co B report: Co CP & 1st & 2nd Plts - 986468, 3rd Plt 032475. Ammo: HVAP - 29, APG W/BDF - 475, HE Fz T105 - 37, HE Fz M48 - 467.

1820 19 Msg #335 to A Co: M10 is at Bn Maintenance.

1830 20 Ron Co. report: Recon Plts maintained personal contact with gun companies that they are assigned throughout the day. No other changes occurred.

1900 21 A Co report: CP & 3rd Plt in same pos South of Langerwehe. 2nd Plt atched to 2nd Bn 39th Inf in Jungersdorf (042467). 1st Plt moved to support pos at 030445 behind 1st Bn 39th Inf. Ron and plans for atachment completed. 200 rds surplus ammo on hand. Weather Cool and damp, some snow. Morale Excellent.



- 0900 1 CO & S-3 leave CP to visit Co's.
- 0915 2 TD report sent 1 each to ATO, VII Corps, and G-3, Div.
- 0915 3 Phone Msg from 629th TD Bn: Undetermined number of tanks reported vicinity 085391 (Time 0845). This msg phoned to Div and all Co's.
- 0935 4 Memo from G-3, Div: The following expenditure of ammunition is authorized for the period 0600 hrs 10 December to 0600 hrs 14 Dec. - 3" HE with reduced charge, 1000 rds.
- 0945 5 S-2 calls Lt. Van Nest: Lt. Van Nest reports that Nudge has not moved as yet.
- 1135 6 Capt. Coady reports: TFH of 3rd Armad is on the edge of Abergelch, moving toward Geich. Meeting considerable resistance - Tanks hitting mines, etc. Heavy Artillery falling in sector around Langerwehe.
- 1325 7 Lt. Wade reports on situation: 414th Inf - L Co at 055539, I Co at 054435, K Co at 052532. 3rd Bn 415th Inf on line 051509 to 049502/ 3rd Bn 47th Inf at 053494, 39th Inf - No change, 60th Infantry - No change. OOR 3rd Armad Div ran into trouble.
- 1400 8 Report from G Co: 30 fired 925 rds - 20 rds HE M42A1, 893 rds HE Reduced Charge, & 2 defective rds. HE Reduced Charge. 125 rds on hand, expect to fire them this afternoon. Target this morning was Konzendorff.
- 1415 9 629th TD Bn reports that 83rd Div is on its objectives. The 629th will telephone us their Plt locations by adding 629 to each coordinate. Further reports that one M10 was lost due to enemy bazooka fire - 3 casualties. B Co was committed. Arty got 1 tank - 2 tanks left of the tanks reported at 085391 at 0845 hrs.
- 1430 10 Hq Co status report received.
- 1600 11 Report from G Co: Co attached to 47th Inf Regt. 1st Plt continued Maint. 2nd Plt in AF pos vis of Luchen. 3rd Plt in indirect fire position (002463) in support of 84th FA Bn. They fired 915 rds HE Reduced charge and 20 rds. HE vicinity of Konzendorff (074467). CP - same location. 9 M10's operational. Morale - Excellent. Ammo: Star - 87, HE Reduced Charge - 105, APC - 445, HVAP - 17, HE M54 - 130, HE M42A1 - 372, HE - 2 rds defective.



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1700 12 Following info from Liaison: Nutmeg jumped at 1515 toward objective at R 3.2 O 4.5. Nutmeg Red with TFK, Nudge White at 1520 hrs advanced 400 yds. Nutmeg White passed by R 0.2 O 3.3

1800 13 B Co. report: Co CP at 986468, 1st Plt moving toward Echitz, 2nd Plt moving toward Obergeich, 3rd Plt at 032457.

1800 14 CO & S-3 return to CP.

1820 15 Div Arty notifies S-3 that 500 rds #2 HERO can be drawn. S-3 notifies S-4 who will draw same tonight. C Co. notified to send guide to Hq Co.

1850 16 Msg to all Co's (less B): Point of Origin effective 110600 is 1045.

1900 17 Lt Wade reports followings: Nutmeg Red at R 2.2 O 4.4, Baker of Ozark R 1.1 O 2.0, Nudge White R 1.8 O 2.2, Blackstone E & F & Blackboy R 3.2 S 3.9, L R 3.3 S 4.9, K R 3.9 S 3.6, Blackfish G Co. R 2.8 S 5.2. Volcano jumps at 110730.

1935 18 Lt. Wascher called and reported that he has 105 rds. of reduced charge Ammo on hand, as well as 87 rds Star Shell. This info was phoned by S-3 to Div Arty 3 & 4.

2040 19 Phone Msg from Lt. Wade: 1 enemy gun or SP gun firing from 072503. This report from Nutmeg. 15 Pw's brought in, 1 Officer and 5 EM from 6th Co 8th Para Regt. 5 EM from the 14th Co, 2 EM from the 1st Co of the 3rd AT Bn. 6th Co only has 30 men. PW Officer states that the 14th Co is in the vic of 0549. 1st Plt has only 25 men left. 1st Co of the 3rd AT Bn CP is at Hoven. There is only 1 75mm AT gun left in the Co. The Co is scattered all along the front. There are 130 men left in the 8th Co. PW states that there are no civilians this side of the Roer and very few 10 miles East of the Roer. Report from Div Arty - Observer reports 1 enemy tank at 072433. The info has been sent to Nudge and Nutmeg. Nudge White reports enemy artillery has quieted down.

2050 20 Msg #22 to A,B,C & Rent: 1 enemy tank or SP gun firing from 072503. Observer reports 1 enemy tank at 072433.

2100 21 Jersey Baker 6 phones and reports that White is in Nevada



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2120 22 Lt. Wade reports that strong point at R 1 O 5.6 is now cleared by Nostril Red.

2130 23 A Co. report: CP in same position. 1st Plt in support of 1st Bn at 043450 and 041454 fired direct fire on D'horn, Merode, and Schlich (31 APC & 65 HE) results unknown. 2nd Plt supported 2nd Bn from Jungersdorf with direct fire on D'horn upon call - still waiting. Weather muddy to clear. Morale Excellent. Ammo on hand: APC W/BDF - 535, HVAP - 29, HE - 536

2135 24 Lt. Wade reports: Town at R 3 over 4 has been cleared.

2145 25 Ren Report: One section of Pioneers attached to Co. "A". Recon. continued in reg't. sectors



- 0840 1 Lt. Pawelak reports that Lt. Johnson is MIA, unable to locate him at present, but are still looking for him.
- 0850 2 Intercept from Amber: Unknown number of enemy tanks reported in Piers. This Msg sent to all Co's., 692nd TD Bn, and Div G-2.
- 0940 3 Msg #31 to A & B Co's: Report locations.
- 0945 4 Lt. Johnson KIA, Sgt. Markovitch WIA & evacuated. This reported by 1st Sgt "B" Co. by phone.
- 1128 5 Msg #21 to all Co's: Enemy tanks reported at 058454 at 0900 hrs. firing West. Do you have any information on these tanks?
- 1130 6  Phone Message to A Co: 2 enemy positions, strong points are at the following points - 048443 & 053437, dug in and heavily defended. All prisoners taken yesterday were from 3rd Para Div, 5th & 8th Para Regts.
- 1130 7 CO A Co. reports higher headquarters have reported enemy tanks in vic 058454 this morning. No further information. Reported by Bn radio.
- 1250 8 Capt Coady reports: His jeep was hit by 105mm fire (direct hit) no one hurt. Plt locations - 1st Plt 071483, 2nd Plt 053469, and 3rd Plt vic 055467. 1 M10 blew both tracks at 054467, will be recovered this afternoon. Also plan to move dead Lt. this afternoon.
- 1310 9 Lt. Wade reports continuous stream of enemy Inf going into woods at 063444. Many bazooka teams with them. This info sent to A Co.
- 1410 10 Phone Msg from Vinegar - 1st unit of Charlie at 435764. Had counterattack and 3rd unit of Baker got one tank, type unknown.
- 1415 11 Lt. Van Nest reports 2A in D'Horn, 3A 500 yds SW of D'Horn, 1A 400 yds NW of Merode (1 sec) 1 sec just SW of Merode on road running E to W.
- 1510 12 Msg #333 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 120500 is 1050.
- 1545 13 CO "C" Co reports: 554 rds HERC, 87 Star Shell on hand. 25 rds HERC expended last night on harassing missions. 30 moving to 041-489. CP moving to vic 029474 this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

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1745 14 1st Sgt B Co calls and reports: 1 Destroyer hit. 1 EM killed, 1 WIA, other 3 under Medical care at Bn CP.

1800 15 B Co. report: 1st Plt at 070485, 2nd Plt at 053468, 3rd Plt at 068463, Co CP at 986468. 1 M10 burned up - hit by direct fire. 2 M10's in repair, 1 hit a mine and 1 got a hit on the turret. 1st Lt. Johnson KIA, killed by small arms fire. Sgt. Markovich, LWA, hit by small arms fire. Pvt Hughes LWA, hit by shrapnel thru left wrist. Sgt Newswanger KIA, hit by mortar. Sgt Kieschnick LWA, hit in left thigh. All evacuated. Ammo report: HVAP - 27, APC W/BDF - 435, HE T105 - 34, HE M48 - 428.

1810 16 Ron Report: 1st section of pioneer Plt commanded by S/Sgt Gallagher attached to Co A swept roads in front of destroyers leading East into Merode, Germany (048453) T/5 Ademy (Acting section Sgt of 1st Recon Plt) captured 3 prisoners in vics of 048453 and shot one.

1840 17  C Co report: Co attached to 47th Inf Regt. 2nd Plt remained in Luchem, they fired 26 rds HE and 3 rds APC in support of 1st Bn, ass't them in reaching Bn objective by firing on enemy entrenchment destroying 1 machine gun and 1 strong point. 3rd Plt fired 25 rds HERO on harrasing mission. CP remained in present position. 9 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. 3rd Plt moved to vic Luchem (041489) Ammo report: APC W/BDF - 445, HE M54 - 120, HE M42A1 - 322, Indirect fire 554 HERO, 87 Star Shell.

1855 18 A Co. report: 1st Plt supported 1st Bn 39th Inf in attack on Merode. Captured 4 PW's and KO'd 1 MG emplacement. Now in AT pos in Merode at 049453, 2nd Plt moved with 2nd Bn 39th Inf to D'Horn, fired on probable AT gun results unknown. Now in AT pos at 058464. 3rd Plt attached to 2nd Bn 39th Inf in attack on Schlich, in AT pos at 062245 and 056454. CP in same pos. Weather cool and clear. Morale Excellent. Ammo report: APC W/BDF - 532, HE - 594.

1900 19 Lt. Wade phoned S-2 following info: New identifications; 4th Co 3rd Eng Bn by Nudge, 1st Bn 5th Para "All Companies committed" 9th Para Regt. last seen Lucherburg 5 days ago, heavy losses, present whereabouts unknown. 6 Officers interogated today said they expected to be relieved on 11th or 12th by SS Div., could be the 12th. Nostril saw enemy gun at 099515. Nudge took 140 PW's, knocked out 2 bunkers and 4 MG's at 055444, Nutmeg took

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19 Cont'd 1 PW from 7th Co 5th Regt. Woods West of Schlich mined. PW 3rd Co AT Bn reports all his guns lost. 1 PW 8th Co, 8th Regt and 1 PW 3rd Co Bn Hq, 5th Regt taken in Echts.

2010 20 Msg #22 to all Co's: 6 PW's from 3rd Para Div, expected to be rel'd on 11th or 12th Dec by an SS Pz Div., possibly the 12th. PW's report woods West of Georgia mined.

2015 21 Lt. Wade reports following: Nudge took 187 PW's. Air OP reports 5 AT guns at 09524735, emplaced in houses. Nutmeg. Red is atched to Omaha tomorrow.

2015 22 G Co. calls in to report no ammo expended for the period.

2020 23 S-4, Div Arty called and informed that no ammo was expended for the period.

2215 24 Lt. Wade called that Div FO was out and that there was no change concerning us. 1st Bn 60th Inf atched to OCH of 3rd Armd Div.



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- 0900 1 TD Reports sent to ATO VII Corps, & G-3 Div.
- 0900 2 S-3 phones ATO, Div that 1st Plt C Co now has 2 M10's & CO wants to move them to Langerwehe. ATO says OK if it is approved by Nestril.
- 0915 3 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 0920 4 CO & S-3 leave CP for A, B & C Co's.
- 0935 5 Co C phones in following report: 2nd Plt, no change, 3rd Plt from pos vic Luchem fired 50 rds reduced charge HE during the night, harassing fire at coords 09984886, 10544825, 10884775, 09674722, 09064706. Ammo: 3rd Plt fired 50 rds HERC, on hand 504 HERC, on hand 87 Star Shell. Will fire no more before 1000.
- 1025 6 C Co. reports there is no change in ammo report.
- 1030 7 B Co. reports 1 M10 hit and burned. No casualties.
- 1200 8 CO & S-3 return to CP.
- 1350 9 Col. Pickett, G-4 Div wants status of our vehicles to be submitted to him at 1800 every day.
- 1355 10 Radio intercept from 703rd TD Bn: Concentration of enemy Inf and armor at 089378, observed at 1135.
- 1400 11 This Msg sent to A Co.
- 1400 12 G-3 Div calls S-3 and gives him the following orders: 3rd Plt Co "O" from indirect fire pos vic to move to Ketzzi. Reserve Plt, 1st Plt to replace 3rd Plt in indirect fire pos. The 3rd Plt will be attached to Nutmeg. This information phoned to 3rd Plt "O" Co.
- 1410 13 Lt. Wade reports that Devistate Red & White have Pier. TFE & Nutmeg Red are on N edge of Mariaweller Hoven. Nutmeg White near Mariaweller. 5th Armd Div has bogged down.
- 1420 14 Msg to CO "B" Co: Contact Jersey 3 by phone as soon as possible.
- 1425 15 Div Arty calls for Arty expenditures: No change.
- 1430 16 Capt. Miller calls and he is given the info on movement of 3rd Plt. Capt. Miller to report as soon as move is completed.



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1435 17 S-3 calls Div Arty 5 on the projected change of Plts. Says that he knows all about the move.

1440 18 Phone report from 629th TD Bn: 1B - 0720 3780, 2B - 05783752, 2A - 03084168, 1C - 05603898, 2C - 05404014, 3B reported destroyed.

1445 19 Mag #31 to CO B Co: 3rd Plt C will Join 60th Inf at Eshtz, right away, watch for them.

1450 20 C Co. is in by phone thru Nostril.

1620 21 Phone call from "C" Co: 3rd Plat moved into Eshtz. Above phoned to G-3, G-3 also notified that 1st Plt is now moving into indirect fire positions.

1650 22 CO B Co. called and asked S-3 what info he had for him. S-3 told him to look after platoon of C Co. that was atched to Nutmeg, but administration and supply would come from their own company.

1725 23 Co C Co. reports no ammo expended for period. 10 in indirect fire pos - reld 30. 30 in Eshtz and Konzindorf. 10 expects to fire tonight.

1730 24 S-4, Div Arty notified that there is no change in status of C Co's ammo.

1745 25 Ex. O. Co. A reports change in status report: 1 M10 in Ordnance, 1 M10 from 1st Plt hit a mine and had track blown off - will be fixed tonight and back in position. 3rd Plt is going to try to get into Derichsweller tonight if the roads are in good enough condition.

1800 26 Jersey Able reports they destroyed 1 ME 109 at 1100 hrs. today, confirmed by Nudge.

1800 27 S-2 report: Bridge of the Autoban has been blown. 7 PW's captured by Nudge were left behind in the old MLR when the enemy withdrew. Road 058440 to 059433 is mined with Teller mines. There is an ammo dump in cellar at 09184474.

2000 28 Co C reports no change in ammo status.

2000 29 A Co. reports: CP and 2nd Plt no change from 11 Dec. 10 atched to 1st Bn which attacked a strong point at 062438 SE of Merode, Germany. 2nd Plt in reserve in D'Horn (058463), 3rd Plt atched to 3rd Bn 39th CT at 1200 hrs to attack Derichsweller at 078451. 1st Plt same pos as 12 Dec in Merode, 3rd Plt via 062455 (Schlich) will probably move to Derichsweller. Ammo: HE - 378, APC - 413, HVAP - 29.



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2010 30 B Co. report: Company OP located in Nothberg. 1st Plt 2nd Sec located at 070485, 1 sec in Co. Maint. 2nd Plt located 092472, 3 destroyers operating. 3rd Plt located 068463, 2 Destroyers operating, 1 in Co. Maint. 2nd Plt moved over to Mariweiler Hoven to consolidate Inf positions. 1st Plt remained in AT pos in Rehtz. 3rd Plt maintained road block at Konzendorf. 2nd Plt had an M10 destroyed at 2200 by an Artillery shell that hit under left front, setting it on fire. This is a report from Dec 11th. Co. has 7 M10's operating, 3 in repair at Co. Maintenance, 2 burned out. 1 Jeep destroyed with 610 radio. Pvt. Yates KIA. Ammo report: HVAP - 25, APC W/BDF 395, HE W/T105 Fz - 31, HE M48 Fz - 389.

2015 31 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 130600 is 0749.

2015 32 Recon Report: Recon. continued in the respective Regt'l sectors.

2015 33 Lt. Wade reports: Div Arty Air OP reports large bridge at 089495 is destroyed. PW from 1st Bn 942nd Inf states that town commander will blow up dams by an electric device on signal given on military channel. On line from Zulpich to Cologne there are many pillboxes now being built. The 6th Pz Army is in the area South of Cologne, cannot be committed at present because of transport shortage. All enemy Div Arty has changed positions to other side of the river. All rear echelons have moved across the river. Omaha reports that PW stated that SE of 1047, East bank of river and North and South of bridge is mine field. All bridges in area prepared to be blown. Open ground North of railroad mined thoroughly.

2215 34 Msg #24 to A, B, C & Ron: Enemy minefield reported in open ground via 095455. Bridge and East bank reported mined at 101461. Elements of 47th VG Div. identified near 0949.

2300 35 Phone Msg from Lt. Wade: Blackstone took 115 PW's from 2nd Bn 943rd Inf of 353rd Div. Nutmeg took as small counterattack at 1645, contained. Jibe reports heavy motor traffic in Beich and NW. 1st Bn 5th Para Regt was 3 days ago the 1st Bn 8th Para Regt., but has been transferred.

2345 36 Msg #25 to A, B, C & Ron: Heavy enemy tank, motor, and armored movements at Beich, and NW. Coord. 127360 reported at 1925 hrs. Enemy has a new bridge across river West of this point.



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- 0825 1 C Co. calls in ammo report - 100 rds expended (HERG) on 2 missions.
- 0830 2 S-4 Div Arty, notified of C Co. ammo status.
- 0845 3 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 0900 4 Co C report for 12 Dec: Co's attached to 47th Inf Regt. 3rd Plt fired 51 rds HE indirect at 09984886, 10544825, 10884755, 09674722, and 09064706. 2nd Plt in reserve via Luchem. 3rd Plt attached to 60th Inf in vic of Echtz and 1 M10 vic of Konzendorf. 2 M10's of 1st Plt moved into indirect fire pos of 3rd Plt at Luchem. CP moved to Langerwehe (089474) Morale Excellent.
- 0900 5 C Co. ammo report: 1st Plt fired 101 rds HERG at con. #450 - 09554522, and con #451 - 10104506. Ammo on hand - 403 HERG, 87 Star Shell.
- 1000 6 TD Report #170 sent to ATO, VII Corps, and G-3, Div.
- 1015 7 Ammo report phoned to G-4 Div Arty - No change.
- 1100 8 Ammo report from C Co: 403 HERG and 87 rds Star Shell.
- 1100 9 Lt. Wade reports that Div. Liaison will call for our positions every 2 hours.
- 1110 10 Msg to B Co: Report positions.
- 1140 11 1130 Msg from B Co: Blue coord. 071462, White 090471, rest of info will be sent later.
- 1245 12 Lt Wade brings overlay and PO from Div.
- 1300 13 Point of Origin sent to all Co's - 0747.
- 1330 14 Msg from Lt. Wade: Nutmeg White at R 2.8, S 2.3, meeting isolated resistance. C of Nostril at L O.9, O O.4. Jibe relieved from atch to 9th Div at 1300 today. Volcano attack postponed today.
- 1400 15 Company and Plt positions phoned to 629th TD Bn.
- 1430 16 Phone Msg from C Co: No change in ammo.
- 1435 17 Ammo report phoned to Div Arty S-4: No Change.
- 1605 18 Maj. Huber, 9th Div ATO called and reported that the 3rd Armd Div is withdrawing from this sector effective 1800 hrs today.



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1715	19	No change in C Co's ammo status - Phoned to Noisey A.
1800	20	Major Huber calls: says that the unit from the 83rd Div which was supposed to move into the 39th Inf sector, will not move as was planned.
1805	21	A Co. report: Co CP & 1st Plt in same pos reported 12th Dec. 1 sec 2nd Plt remained in Res in D'Horn (058463), Germany. 2nd sec 2nd Plt remained in Schlich, Germany (071457). 3rd Plt 1 sec in Schlich and one sec in Derichweiler at 073447. 1st Plt with 1st Bn 39th CT - 2nd Plt in res. 3rd Plt atched to 3rd Bn, 39th CT. 1st Plt destroyed one ME 109 the morning of 12 Dec vic Merode (049452), using 50 cal. ack ack on M10's. Little activity today. Weather cloudy, wet and cool. Morale Excellent.
1810	22	B Co. report: 3rd Plt knocked out 2 Pillboxes and killed approx. 20 Germans. Expended 40 rds of HE and 3 rds of APC W/BDF. 1st Plt at 070485, 2nd Plt 1st sec 086470, 1 gun 091471, 3rd Plt 1st sec 077458, 2nd sec 074462, 3rd Plt of C Co 086487.
1815	23	G Co. report: Co atched to 47th Inf. Regt. CP vic of Langerwehe (029474). Two M10's of 1st Plt in indirect pos, supporting 84th FA Bn., vic of Luchem (039489). They fired 101 rds HE at (09554522) and (10104506). 2nd Plt vic Luchem (037489) prepared to move to vic of Echtz (072487). 3rd Plt vic of Hoven to move to the North, the vic of Echtz. 1st Plt vic of Hoven. Lt. Col. Tincher visited CP. 10 M10's operational. Morale Excellent.
1820	24	Ren Co. report: Reconn. continued in the respective Regt'l sectors. 1st section of Pioneer Plt reld from atch to Co. A at 1530.
1830	25	Status of M10's phoned to Div: A, 12 - B, 9 (2 short - 1 Bn Maint) - C, 10 (2 Bn Maint for initial check).
1910	26	Maj Carter calls Lt. Wade: Tells him to take S-3 form into G-4 and verify the arrangements that have been made.
1920	27	G-4 Div calls for ammo report - No change.
2055	28	Jericho phones that they have one replace- ment for us tomorrow. (EM).
2135	29	Phone call from Lt. Wade: Nutmeg reports bridges out at 018458 and 095486. Letter on soldire of 5th Para Regt says that Div will be reld 13 Dec.



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0800	1	Status of C Co. ammo phoned to Div Arty - No change.	
0840	2	S-3 calls S-4, Div Arty, to inform them of ammo allowance - 700 rds for next 4 days, and we will not draw it unless we are going to fire it.	
0910	3	Msg to B Co: Report positions.	
1000	4	Msg from Jersey Baker 6: No change in positions, same as stated last night.	
1000	5	CO instructs Ron CO to recon for an advance OP to be relatively close to the Reg'tl CP which is also to be operated as an OP. If the observation is not satisfactory near the Reg'tl CP to try and locate an OP near the Bn or Co CP's. One half-track and two or three Jeeps will man the OP.	
1015	6	Report to Div ATO - No change in pos.	
1100	1230	7	Maj. Crosby from Corps ATO visits CP.
1210	8	Ex. O. C Co. calls for info on 30 being held from atchmt to 60th Inf. S-2 informs him that so far as we know they are not relieved.	
1350	9	Msg to B Co: Recheck and report HVAP.	
1530	10	Lt. Duncan called and stated that our ammo was not cumulative and that the balance of our allotment is to be drawn tomorrow morning. Div Arty Ex. O. states that ammo is to be split among the 3 Plts.	
1415	11	Ammo report phoned to Div Arty, S-4 - No change for C Co.	
1430	12	Co C phones Ammo report: 18 rds HERC fired at 10585146 and 10395080. 385 HERC on hand, 87 Star Shell on hand.	
1500	13	Msg #331 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 150600 is 0845.	
1540	14	Our pos phoned to 629th TD Bn. 629th informs us of 6 tanks moving towards Birgel from the NE.	
1545	15	Msg to all Co's: 6 tanks moving towards Birgel from the NE.	
1605	16	S-2 orders radio (NCS) to switch to Air OP channel.	
1606	17	S-3 notifies G-2 Div that there are 6 enemy tanks approaching Birgel. Also phoned to S-2, 703rd TD Bn.	



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1610	18	Air CP reports no tanks observed approaching Birgel, but will keep observing in that area. Info sent to Co's and G-2, Div.
1620	19	Msg #32 to CG Div Arty: This table came in this forenoon and is more complete than the one previously mentioned (Firing table 3W 1 and 3 R2 C4)
1700	20	C Co. ammo status phoned to Div Arty - 18 rds expended, 385 rds HERC on hand.
1800	21	M10 status report phoned to G-4 Div: (A - 12, B - 9, C - 11).
1830	22	A Co. report: CP in same pos. No change in pos or dispositions of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Plts. Little action during day and no ammo expended. Weather cloudy and hazy. Morale excellent. Ammo: 574 HE, 515 APC, 29 HVAP.
1835	23	B Co. report: 1st Plt 088487, 2nd Plt 1st sec 093472, 1 gun 091472, 3rd Plt 1st sec 077458, 2nd sec moving to 097467. C Co. 3rd Plt 070483. 3" ammo on hand: HVAP - 25, APC 395, HE T105 - 31, HE - 389. 3 M10's non-operational.
1850	24	Rcn Co. report: Reconnaissance continued in the respective Regtl sectors. Personal contact made with gun companies.
1910	25	Ammo report phoned to Div Arty S-4 - No change.
1917	26	Capt. Grandall, Div Arty, informs us that we will do some firing for Nuptial (60th FA Bn) 150 rds to be expended. More details later. This information phoned to 1st Plt C Co.
1919	27	CO & S-3 leave CP to report to G-3, Div.
1950	28	C Co. report: Co. atched to 47th Inf Regt. 2nd Plt atched to 1st Bn 47th Inf in anti-tank pos vic of 072486. 3rd Plt atched to 60th Inf Regt in reserve vic of 070484. 1 PW captured vic of 069484. 1 M10 of 3rd Plt in AT pos 075462. 1st Plt in indirect fire pos vic 039489 fired 18 rds HERC at 10584620 and 10395080. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo on hand: 385 HERC, 87 Star Shell, 445 APC, 15 HVAP, 120 HE.
2120	29	S-1 calls S-3, Div Arty to get the assigned Arty missions for C Co. Maj. Johnson informed Capt. Adams that the missions would be handled directly through Notary. Maj Johnson asked how this Hq knew about C Co. firing. S-1 told him that the info came from Capt. Grandall.



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2210 30

Maj. Riley calls to find out if Major Carter wants to rewrite his paragraph for this Bn in the new Div FO coming out tonight. S-1 informs Maj. Riley that he will have Maj. Carter call him right back.

2220 31

S-3 calls Maj. Riley and was informed that the TD par. for the new Div FO would have to be rewritten.

2230 32

S-3 leaves GP for Div GP.

2330 33

Maj. Carter returns from Div HQ with the info that the 39th attacks in the morning with all of Company A in support.



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- 0745 1 C Co. reports 150 rds. HERC expended last night. Ammo on hand - 235 HERC & 87 Star Shell.
- 0805 2 The above report phoned to S-4, Div Arty.
- 0900 3 Password and reply sent to all Co's.
- 0910 4 CO leaves CP to visit B Co.
- 0930 5 TD Report sent to ATO VII Corps and G-3, Div.
- 0935 6 S-3 leaves CP to visit A Co. and 39th Inf.
- 0935 7 C Co phones in report on points fired on last night: 11204898, 10884948, 11294770, 11134860, 10564997 and 10774999.
- 1000 8 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty - No change.
- 1040 9 Lt. Wade reports bridges out at 090495 & 086494. Intercept msg says that bridge at 101468 is partly blown. Report that the 47th VG Medic came to Duren to set up delousing station but had to assist in evacuation of casualties. 6th SS Pz Army is reported to have promised Aachen to Hitler by Xmas. Dams are to be blown when we reach the Roer River in that sector.
- 1200 10 CO returns to CP.
- 1320 11 Msg to A Co: Lighting devices for direct sights are being manufactured in France for Army. No date of delivery can now be given.
- 1320 12 Msg to A Co: Basic load 3" for your company must not exceed total of 1000 except when in indirect firing positions. You have drawn ammo in excess of this figure. Request you turn this excess in to Hq Co. as soon as possible.
- 1400 13 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty: No change.
- 1520 14 ATO, VII Corps, informed that 6 missions, interdiction, were fired from 140800 to 150800.
- 1635 15 A Co. report: Co CP, 1st & 2nd Plts in same pos as 14th Dec. 2nd Sec 3rd Plt moved to Derichsweller (078451) to join 1st sec. Co. detached from 39th CT as of 14 Dec and placed in direct support thereof. Weather cloudy and cold. Morale Excellent.
- 1650 16 Msg #331 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 160600 is 0646.



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1700 17 Ammo report phoned to S-4 Div Arty -
No change.

1705 18 B Co. report: Co CP - 027477, 1st Plt -
088487, 2nd Plt - 1st sec 093472, 2nd sec
091472, 3rd Plt - 1st sec 077458, 2nd sec
097467. C Co's 3rd Plt at 070467.
3rd Ammo on hand: HVAP - 25, APC - 395,
HE T105 - 31, HE M48 - 389. Short 3 M10's.
2nd Lt. Burton W. Zanoya, LWA (Shell
fragments in back).

1715 19 Div Liaison reports attack in Nudge sector
called off.

1725 20 S-3, 60th Inf calls to inform us that
counterattack is developing from 101468.
Send Liaison Officer to 60th Inf.

1800 21 Msg to B Co: Counterattack is developing
from 101468. Send LO to 60th Inf.

1800 22 Phone Msg to G-4 Div: M10 status - A - 12,
B - 9 (2 short, 1 in Bn Maint), C - 12.

1805 23 G Co. report: Co. attached to 47th Inf Regt.
CP remained in Langerwehe. 1st Plt remained
in indirect fire pos in support of 84th FA Bn.
They fired 150 rds HERC at 11204898, 1088-
4948, 11294770, 11134860, 10564987, 10774954.
2nd Plt remained in AT pos vic 072486.
3rd Plt relieved from 60th Inf and returned
to Co CP. 1 EM asgd to and joined Co.
1 M10 in AT pos vic 092471. Morale Excellent.
12 M10's operational. 3rd Ammo on hand:
235 - HERC, 87 Star Shell, 445 - APC, 15 - HVAP,
HE M54 - 120, HE M42A1 - 372.

1900 24 S-3 calls ATO Div: States reasons for
not moving Plt of B Co. as previously
planned. (Nudge did not jump off as
scheduled and area in front of Plt still
needed AT protection). Was told by ATO
that the attack will be tomorrow and the
Plt could be left until then.

1905 25 Ron report: No change in CP location.
Plts maintained contact with respective Co's.
Plt at CP of Co.

2235 26 Phone Msg from Lt. Wade: All bridges from
EW grid lines 40 to EW grid line 59 are out.



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0700 1 Ammo report from G Co: 10 fired 30 rds at each of the following coordinates: 11204900, 11104776, 11354737, 1124845, 11304764. Fired one rd Star Shell at coord. 106468. Results unknown. 86 Star Shell on hand, 85 HERC on hand. Total rds expended 151.

0800 2 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty - 150 rds HERC expended and 1 Star Shell.

0840 3 G Co reports that they need 500 rds of HERC.

0855 4 S-3 calls G Co. to find out results of Star Shell fired at 106468.

0905 5 G Co. reports that one rd of Star Shell was all that was needed and the Infantry reports excellent results.

0930 6 TD Report sent one ea to ATO, VII Corps and G-3, Div.

0930 7 Bn Ex O. directs S-4 to try and get 500 rds. 3" ammo HERC for G Co.

1000 8 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty - No change.

1015 9 Lt. Wascher calls - Request info if factory at 083503 is in our hands. S-2 calls Chico, they will check on it.

1037 10 Msg #20 to 692nd TD Bn: Is factory at 083503 in our hands?

1045 11 S-2, 692nd TD Bn reports that to best of their knowledge factory at 083503 is in our hands.

1050 12 G Co. called and told that as far as we can find out the ground at 083503 is in our hands.

1135 13 692nd TD Bn reports that factory at 083503 is definitely in our hands.

1150 14 Capt. Coady reports to GP: He has contacted the 60th FA Bn and picked pos for Plt to go into indirect fire pos and arranged for survey. Will put plts in indirect fire pos as soon as 39th Inf cuts road from Duren to Langerwehe.

1200 15 S-4 reports that all 3" ammo for indirect fire was picked up by G Co. (397 rds HERC)

1400 16 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty - No change.

1530 17 S-4 phones S-3 that additional 700 rds HERC has been authorized us for the period up to the 18th Dec.



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1555 18 S-4, Div Arty notified that for period 140600 to date total HERO expended is 318 rds.

1700 19 C Co. reports that M10 with B Co. in Mariaweller-HOVEN is now back. No ammo expended during day.

1705 20 Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty - 482 HERO on hand.

1730 21 A Co Report: Co CP and all Plts in same pos as on 15 Dec. Lt Evans transferred to Co "C" and 2nd Lt Blumberg transferred to Co "B". No activity in company sector during day. Weather cloudy & cool. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo on hand: 504 HE M42, 504 APC, 29 HVAP.

1730 22 B Co. report: Co CP 027477, 1st Plt 088-487, 2nd Plt 093472 and 1 gun 091472, 3rd Plt 1st sec 077458, 2nd sec 097467. 3" Ammo on hand: HVAP - 25, APC W/BDF - 387, HE t105 - 31, HE M48 - 389. 3 M10's short.

1730 23 C Co. report: CP remained in Langerwehe. No change in platoons. 1st Plt fired 150 rds at 11204900, 11104776, 11354737, 11304767, 30 rds on each point. 1 rd star shell at 106468. Very effective. 2nd Lt. Alfred P. Evans, 01823714 assigned to and joined company. 12 M10's operational. 3" ammo on hand: 85 HERO, 86 Star, 445 APC, 15 APC, 120 HE M54, 372 HE M42A1.

1755 24 Capt. Young calls: states that he will contact Capt. Coady tomorrow morning and take over in that area by noon tomorrow.

1800 25 The above Msg sent to Capt. Coady.

1805 26 M10 status report phoned to G-4, Div: A - 12, B - 9 (2 short, 1 Bn Maint,) C - 12.

1805 27 Lt. Oborn reports that sec of 3B is not at 097467, but is still in Mariaweller-Hoven, in pos of readiness to move there.

1820 28 Msg #333 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 170600 is 0847.

1910 29 Ron Report: No change.

1930 30 S-3 calls A Co. Ex. O: Tells him to send in 1 M10 to have armor plate put on it. One will be sent, if not Lt. V n Nest will notify us.



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- 0520 1 Col Brill Notorious Hq. Commandant calls: He has a report from British Intelligence that there were going to be thirty Ju 88's and fifty Ju 52's carrying paratroopists over our lines in the direction SE of Aachen at 0530 hrs. He wants Security Ren Plt. alerted. Col. Brill estimates such a formation could carry 1600 paratroops.
- 0529 2 Ren Co. Commander notified of above by telephone and Ren Co. will be on a stand by basis.
- 0530 3 Msg #20 to all Co's: Be alert for enemy paratroops that may drop tonight.
- 0630 4 Col Brill called Lt. Rice to inform him that the enemy had dropped paratroops at the following locations: 995480, near Weisweiler, 900370, S of Kornelimunster, 002242, E. of Kesternich, 990250, NW of Kesternich, 950270, S of Rotgen, 920265, SW of Eupen, 880160, NE of Kalterherberg. Also reported landed in Verviers.
- 0645 5 692nd TD Bn reports that 15 enemy paratroops have landed in the 104th Div sector near one of their light Artillery Bns. 692nd is given the info from Col. Brill and the estimate of paratroops dropped.
- 0645 6 Msg #21 to all Companies: Enemy paratroops have landed at 995480 and in many other widespread areas. More are expected. Remain alert.
- 0700 7 Lt. Wade called to verify the coordinates phoned to him at 0630 by S-2. He stated that they have no later information, but would keep checking and keep us informed.
- 0710 8 692nd TD Bn calls and wants us to tell them the location of any new landings that have been made. They also want to know where we got our information as to the number of troops dropped. They have verified everything with the 104th Div, except the number dropped. Lt. Rice informs them that it was an estimate made on the number and types of planes used and the report came from the Hq Commandant, 9th Div.
- 0715 9 C Co. reports 150 rds HERC expended - 15 rds on each of the following points: 10724724, 10644700, 10804692, 11004605, 10624776, 10524812, 10004890, 10954845, 10784630, 10454750. 332 rds HERC on hand, 86 star shell.
- 0800 10 Ammo report to S-4, Div Arty: 469 rds HERC expended for period 140600 to date. 332 rds HERC on hand. This info also phoned to Bn S-4.



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1005	11	Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty: No change.
1010	12	Phone Msg from Lt. Van Nest: Requests that Lt. Turner get in touch with Capt. Young regarding spare parts. 1 sec of 1A will replace 1 sec of 3A which is reported without tracks. Also reports that K Co. of 39th Inf is receiving intense mortar and Artillery Fire.
1100	13	Lt. Van Nest reports 3A at East 1450, S 1750.
1105	14	C Co is put on 3 hour alert to move to vic of Monschau. This info from Div.
1110	15	Msg to B Co: 3A is located at 09454525.
1122	16	Maj. Lorange phones Capt Miller informing him that he is on 3 hr alert to move with Nostril to Monschau.
1125	17	Maj Lorange phones Lt. Oborn, B Co., to inform him of the possibility of C Co moving. B Co then will have to cover that sector.
1230	18	Phone Msg from C Co: We are on three hour alert and want 1 sec of the Pioneer plt to report to C Co.
1235	19	Maj Lorange phones Ron and notifies Capt. Gourley about the Ron Sec that C Co wants. Also calls B Co. and tells them that they should know more about the area that C Co. occupied.
1310	20	Maj Lorange calls Bn Maint and tells them to have everything that belongs to C Co ready to roll.
1315	21	Maj. Carter calls Ex O. A Co: Lt. Van Nest says he will call back on the M10's that they have in action and maint.
1345	22	Lt. Van Nest phones that the tracks on the M10's are fixed and operational.
1350	23	S-4 calls and says he has 700 rds HERO on hand and has notified Div Arty S-4 of the same.
1400	24	Ammo report phoned to Div Arty, S-4: No change.
1600	25	Msg to All Co's: Point of origin effective 180600 is 0949.
1605	26	Lt. Wade reports that the enemy has gained ground, 8 miles, but that is unconfirmed. Enemy is also reported in Butgenbach, moving towards Elsenborn.




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- 1628 27 Col Tincher calls Div G-3 to find out if Company C is moving out. Major Jammison stated they were. Col Tincher requests we be notified when attachments are made and Co's ordered to move. Major Jammison said that Nostril was to have notified us.
- 1630 28 Lt. Wade calls and states that Div G-3 said that C Co will follow Nostril Red. Order was as of 1400 hrs. Nostril white moving to entrucking area, then Notary, Nostril Red, Campus Blue Able and Jersey Charlie.
- 1655 29 Lt. Wade calls, reports that C Co is passing Div CP.
- 1705 30  A Co. report: Co CP, no change from 16 Dec. 1st Plt moved to AT pos at 081457 & 084456 (1 gun in latter pos.) One M10 of 1st Plt returned to Maint. for additional armor and checkup. 2nd Plt at 079453 & 062455, 3rd Plt at 079453 & 2nd sec at 096452 in support of K Co, 39th Inf attack on the west bank of the Roer River opposite Duren, Germany. 2 M10's, 3rd Plt threw tracks and were repaired by A Co. Maint. in Derichsweller. S/Sgts John L. Coughlin and Kenny returned to rear to receive commissions as 2nd Lt. Will return to Co as Plt Ldrs. Weather Cloudy and cool. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 504 HE M42Fz/M48, 475 APC W/BDF, 29 HVAP.
- 1705 31 1620 Mag from C Co: We are moving.
- 1710 32 Ron Co. report: 3rd Plt atched to Co C and departed at 1330 hrs., also one section of Pioneer Plt asgd to same mission. Regular SOP recon continued in the respective Regmtl Sectors. Morale Excellent.
- 1710 33 B Co. report: Co CP 027477, 1st Plt 088487, 2nd Plt 1st sec 093472, 1 gun 091472, 3rd Plt 1st sec 077458, 1 gun 090471. Sgt Cook LWA, shrapnel in leg. 3 M10's short. 3" ammo on hand: HVAP - 25, APC W/BDF - 395, HE Fz T105 - 31, HE FZ/M48 - 389. For indirect fire: HERO - 386, HE -3, Star Shell - 66.
- 1805 34 Lt Wade reports by phone that Butgenbach has been captured by the Germans. One Regiment of 1st Div is now dug in at Elsenborn. A letter of instruction is coming out confirming VO moving 47th CT.
- 1810 35 Status of M10's reported to G-4, Div: A - 11, B - 9, C - 12.
- 1900 36 Ammo report phoned to S-4. Div Artv -