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HEADQUARTERS
899th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230 U. S. ARMY

3 April 1945.

SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
ANNEX I - Supporting Document.

Unit Journal for Month of March 1945.



For the Battalion Commander:

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE NOS, ORDERS, (etc)
	0830	1			TD report sent to III Corps ATO and G-3, 9th Div.
	1000	2			Report that 1 M36 of A Co. hit - 1 Officer KIA and 1 EM KIA.
	1015	3			GP moves to new location via F106346
1150		4			GP arrives at new location.
	1200	5			Msg to A & C Co's: Report positions at once.
1215		6			Msg from A Co: 1st Plt F177356, 2nd Plt moving, 3rd Plt F175343.
1220		7			Msg from B Co: 1st Plt 1 sec vic Berg, 1 sec F150325, 2nd Plt F168330, 3rd Plt F154319.
1230		8			Msg from C Co: GP vic F118343, 1st Plt F142351, 2nd Plt 1 sec F115314, 2nd sec F126307, 3rd Plt F107347.
	1230	9			Msg to all Co's: GP at F106346.
	1610	10			Msg to all Companies: Point of origin effective 020200 March 1945 is 1734.
	1615	11			Msg to all Co's: Disseminate this information to all personnel immediately. All forces will observe German civilian hospital markings. Markings are for protection against air and ground attack and will be a red square on a white circle.
	1755	12			Phone Call from Ex. O to S-4: Regarding the M36 that A Co. lost in combat; replacements look mighty dim. Suggest we transfer an M10 from Co B or C to them for the time being. all M36's (total of 36) are in hands of companies except 1 of C Co's in Bn Maint (leaking lead in final drive). This one will be ready for return to C Co. tonight or tomorrow morning. There are still a total of 7 M10's in B & C Co's to be turned in to Ord. (less 1 if you decide to transfer it to A Co.) Would like to have more information on A Co's 2 damaged M36's. S-4 has reported 1 of these to III Corps as total loss.
	1800	13			Msg from A Co: 1st Plt and 2nd Plt destroyed 3 enemy tanks at 189349 and probably destroyed 2 more. They were the heavy TD type (90mm). This info phoned to G-3, 9th Div.
	1815	14			Reg Co Comdr reports all vehicles closed in vic of Bn CP at 1800 hrs.
	1830	15			A Co report by phone: 1st and 2nd Plts destroyed 3 enemy SP guns via F188347 and 2 more probably destroyed. 1 75mm AT gun destroyed via F173356. 1 M36 lost due to enemy AT fire causing 5 casualties - 2 KIA and 3 MIA. 1 M36 damaged by enemy bazooka fire - no casualties.

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1835 16 B Co report: Company CP via F138323 (Berg). 1st Plt via of F150325 and 1 sec via F141419. Confirmed report: 2 Mk III assault guns destroyed yesterday. 2nd Plt, 1 sec via F169329 and 1 sec via F167328 fired 3 rds 90mm APC at enemy bunker with unknown results at the time due to poor visibility. 3rd Plt, 1 sec via F149315 and 1 sec via F154315 destroyed 1 MG nest via F161315. 4 M10's and 12 M36's operational. 3" ammo on hand: HENG - 168, APC - 148, HVAP - 20. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 346, HENG - 336.

1845 17 C Co report: 1st Plt moved from Rath to Thum. 2nd Plt moved to via F114325, in reserve. 3rd Plt moved to via F155352. Weather rainy and cloudy. Morale excellent. 3 M10's and 11 M36's operational. No change in ammo status.

1800 18 Ron Co report: CP moved from Simonskall, Germany to via Rath (F106347). 1st Plt CP via F106347, CP at F135350. 3rd Plt via F119363. 2nd Plt via F142320. Company closed in new area at 1800 hrs.

1900 19 Hq Co. report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 50, HENG - 30. 90mm ammo on hand: HENG - 186, APC - 260.

1935 20 G-4, 9th Div phones Col Tincher re M36's lost to enemy action on East side of Roer River. Col. Tincher informs him that we lost one and one damaged.

1940 21 CO leaves CP to report to Div CP.

2000 22 S-3 phones III Corps ATO re report on days activities.

2130 23 CO returns from meeting with CG, 9th Div: The CG desires that we be used in AT role with 1 Plt from each Co. in reserve under control of Bn. Assault roles are to be subordinated to AT role. Priority of wire communications with Div will be in order of Regt, Div Arty, and then 899th TD Bn.

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0715	1		Msg by phone to B & C Co's: 1 Plt will be kept in reserve at all times and this Hq notified which Plt it is and where it is. All Plts will be employed in AT role rather than as assault artillery.
0830	2		TD Report sent to ATO, III Corps and G-3, 9th Div.
0835	3		B-3 leaves CP to visit Companies.
0940	4		A Co Comdr calls and gives CO plan of employment: 1st Plt moving to 246385 and 245372 in the center of the Reg'ts objectives. 2nd Plt is moving from previous location to the town in center of the 3 objectives at 247395. 3rd Plt will be put in reserve with one section at F198384 and one section at F225378. This Plt will be in position to cover and defend against any attack from the South East. CP plans to move to new location this afternoon and will notify us when complete. On the two vehicles disabled yesterday, it is thought that they were knocked out from enemy bazooka fire from tops of buildings. The area was being cleared by infantry, and at the time our destroyers were clearing out an enemy MG nest. One was completely destroyed but the other is repairable and is now on its way into Maint. A Co. picked up one M10 from C Co to take its place.
1000	5		CO leaves CP for companies.
1055	6		Radio Intercept: Fighter Bombers report 30 enemy tanks at F240262, Time 1110. This Msg sent to A, B & C Co's and G-2, 9th Div.
1210	7	1130	Radio Msg from B Co: CP at F168328.
1300	8		Msg to all Companies: Point of Origin effective 030200 March 1945 is 2237.
1310	9	1305	Msg #1 from A Co: CP located at F248383, 1st Plt at 274390, 2nd Plt at 248384, 3rd Plt at 224378.
1430	10		Msg #33 to B and C Co's: Report positions of all units.
1510	11		Hq Co reports closing at 1500 hrs. 2 M20's have not reported in the area.
1600	12		CP leaves for new CP area.
1830	13		All vehicles, Ron Co and Bn CP close in new area at Muddersheim via F244397. This Info phoned to 9th Inf Div.
1840	14		C Co report: Co CP moved from F118343 to F183355. Third Plt to F220346. 2nd Plt to F242352, 1st Plt to F235355.

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1840 14 Cont'd Weather cloudy, Morale Excellent.
2 M10's and 12 M36's operational.

1850 15 A Co report: Co CP moved to Disternich, Germany at 247384. Plts last reported at: 1st Plt with 1st Bn 39th CT, Friesheim, Germany (F319400), 2nd Plt with 2nd Bn, 39th Inf CT, F268373 near Disternich, Germany, 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn, 39th Inf at F224378, near Disternich, Germany. 10 M36's operational and 1 M10. 90mm Ammo on hand: APC - 220, HENG - 220.

1900 16 B Co report: Co CP at F168328. 1st Plt 1 sec at F199331, 1 gun at F203329 and 1 gun at 203326. Fired 9 APC and 27 HE (90mm) knocking out house CP and a pillbox. Estimate 20 enemy killed and wounded. Also expended 22 rds HENG 3". 4 M10's and 12 M36's operational. 3" ammo on hand: APC - 148, HENG - 160, HVAP - 20. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 285, HE - 262. 2nd Plt - 1 sec F178324 and 1 sec F183325, 3rd Plt vic of 208343 (still moving). Fired 22 rds HE 3" at machine gun nest (did not eliminate).

1910 17 Msg #1 from C Co: CP located at F184356, 1st Plt at F238354, 2nd Plt at F259351, 3rd Plt at F222347.

1920 18 Ren Co report: CP moved from vic Rath, 15 miles to vic Muddrsheim. The 2nd Plt in support of Co B located vic Muldenan (F169329). The 1st section of 3rd Plt is with Co C. Company closed in new area at 1800 hrs.

1930 19 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 50, HENG - 30. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 260, HENG - 186.

2000 20 S-3 phones III Corps ATO to report on days activities.

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0900 1 TD report #250 sent to ATO, III Corps & Div G-3.

1000 2 Hq Co Comdr reports to Bn Ex O: New location for rear echelon reconnoitered. Hq Co to move this afternoon by infiltration to area vic F248393. Capt Steltzner to notify this Hq as each section arrives.

1005 3  Msg to all Co's: Report locations.

1015 4 Msg from A Co: CP no change. 1A vic F319379 to move south to vic Lommersum. 2A vic F297348, 3A in reserve vic F319379.

1030 5 Msg from C Co: CP moving to vic F240354. 1C vic F264365, 2nd Plt, 1 sec vic F258344, 1 sec vic F260351. 3rd Plt, 1 sec vic F282348, 1 sec F281348. 1C moving.

1110 6 Msg from B Co: CP located at 238337.

1145 7 Co Comdr C Co reports to CP: Gives location of units, situation in 47th Inf Sector, and plan for future operations.

1245 8 Msg from B Co: CP no change. 1st Plt, 1 gun F234326, 1 gun F230325, 1 gun 228323, 1 gun 225324. 2B in reserve vic F221346. 3B, 1 sec vic F242343, 1 sec vic F239347.

1300 9 S-3 leaves CP to visit companies.

1440 10 Msg to all Companies: Point of origin effective 040200, March 1945 is 2838.

1450 11 Msg to all Co's: Company and Plt positions by coordinates.

1615 12 Lt Turner Bn Maint Officer reports that Corps Ord is in process of replacing M36 that A Co lost completely. Other M36 with bazooka hole in front is repairable but may be replaced because of time required to repair. Ord. will let us know as soon as they complete the investigation.

1610 13 Report from Div Arty Air OP: 4 enemy tanks at F292322. This info sent to all Co's, 39th Inf Regt CP and G-2, 9th Div.

1635 14 Phone Msg from C Co: 1C at F297344.

1645 15 Following info received from G-2, 9th Div: Artillery was placed on tanks at above location. Air reports effect was good, although he did not see any tanks knocked out.

1755 16 Capt Steltzner reports all Hq Co except dumps are closed in new area. He expects dumps to be in at 1815 hrs.

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1815 17 CO and S-3 return to CP. S-3 reports A Co. destroyed 1 Mk IV assault gun, not previously reported on March 1st.

1835 18 Capt. Steltzner reports all of Hq Co columns has closed in new area.

1850 19 Msg to all Co's: Rear echelon located at F248393.

1850 20 Phone Msg to G-2, 9th Div: Total of 8 SP guns destroyed by this unit since 28 Feb. 2 were Mk IV assault guns and 5 Mk III Assault guns - 1 tank unidentified; and 2 AT guns destroyed. 1 SP 150mm Howitzer abandoned vic town at F259352 booby trapped.

1900 21 A Co report: Company CP moved to Wichterich, Germany. (F297348) closed at 1530 hrs. 2nd Plt in pos with 2nd Bn, 39th Inf in same town as Company CP. 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn, 39th Inf, in reserve pos vic Borr and Niederberg, Germany, vic F303382 & F318377. 1st Plt with 1st Bn, 39th Inf in pos vic Niederberg, Germany, (F318378). Weather alternately cloudy to clear and very cool. Morale Excellent. 1 M10 and 10 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 280, HENG - 280.

1910 22 B Co report: Company CP vic F239338 (Zulpich). 1st Plt, 1 sec in AT pos vic F236326, 1 sec vic F232336. 2nd Plt in reserve vic F213344. 3rd Plt in AT pos vic F242341. (Changing 2 M10's to M36's.) 1 M1 LWA. 2 M10's and 12 M36's operational. 3" ammo on hand: APC - 74, HENG - 84, HVAP - 10. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 394, HENG - 379.

1920 23 C Co report: CP moved to vic F236355. 1st Plt in AT pos vic F297346, 2nd Plt in reserve pos vic F260351. 3rd Plt in AT pos vic F286347. 2nd March 2nd Plt knocked out enemy tank at F257347, type not identified. An 88mm towed AT gun destroyed at F248348; also killed an estimated enemy Inf Plt along trail from F260348 to F255345. Weather cloudy and cold. Morale Excellent. 2 M10's and 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 348, HENG - 352.

1930 24 Ren Co report: CP located in Muddersheim, Germany. The 2nd Plt remained in support of Co B. One section of 1st Plt in support of Co A, one section of 3rd Plt and 1 sec of pioneer Plt in support of Co C.

1940 25 Hq Co report: Company moved from vic of Berg, Germany to vic Muddersheim, Germany closing at 1835 hrs. 3" ammo on hand: HENG - 50, APC - 50, 90mm ammo APC - 147, HENG - 102.

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Phone Msg from LO: 60th Inf took their objective. 1 sec 3rd Plt B Co with them in pos vic F258328.



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- 0845 1 TD Report sent 1 to ATO III Corps and 1 to G-3, 9th Inf. Div.
- 0900 2 G-3, 9th Div calls Bn CO and notifies him that 60th CP less 1 Plt of B Co is attached to 9th Armd Div effective immediately. B Co less 1 Plt will be attached to the 60th Inf. 60th Inf will be attached to the 9th Armd Div in their drive to take Euskirchen. 9th Armd Div is planning to jump off this afternoon at 1400 hrs. toward Euskirchen and the 60th Inf will pass thru at 0430 5th March. One Platoon B Co. will remain under Bn Control and will be attached to C Co.
- 0915 3 Bn CO phones B Co: Gives them the above information.
- 1130 4 CG, 9th Div Arty calls for firing tables on 3" gun. They plan to have two towed guns attached to Div Arty and want any information we have on it, including Star Shell.
- 1135 5 One copy of Firing Tables, including Star Shell sent by special messenger to CG, 9th Div Arty.
- 1330 6 CO and S-3 leave for C Co.
- 1340 7 1335 Msg #1 from B Co: CP located at F228325
- 1400 8 Msg to all Companies: Point of Origin effective 050200, Mar 45 is 3035.
- 1645 9 CO & S-3 return to CP.
- 1815 10 Lt. Van Nest reports that 2nd Plt is in reserve, 1st Plt will cross creek tonight at Durken. 3rd Plt will go with Blue Bn which will pass thru the 39th and take Muggenhausen. A Co knocked out 3 88mm guns today. Fired 17 HE and 27 APC 90mm ammo.
- 1820 11 Co A report: Company CP no change from 3 March (F297347). 1st Plt moved to vic F349350 across Erft River. 2nd Plt remained in AT posn vic F298357. 3A in reserve vic F318377. 1st Plt before moving thru Lommersum fired 27 rds 90mm APC and 17 rds 90mm HE destroying 3 88mm AT guns (towed) vic F350356. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. One additional M10 in company but not manned as yet. Weather rainy and cool. Morale excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 280, HENG - 280.
- 1825 12 Ren Co report: CP located in Muddersheim, Germany. No change in Plt operational attachments.
- 1830 13 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 50, HENG - 50, 90mm ammo: HENG 90, APC - 147.



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Company B report: Company CP moved to F228325 (SW part of Zulpich). 1st Plt remained in AT posn in Zulpich, 1 sec vic F236326, 1 sec vic F232336. 2nd Plt remains in reserve vic F213344. Company (less 3B) attached to 60th Inf. 3rd Plt attached to Company C in reserve pos vic F239357. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 394, HEHC - 379.

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Company C Report: Forward CP moved to F300328. 1st Plt moved to F297323. 2nd Plt remained in reserve posn vic F258352. 3rd Plt moved to ATpos vic F257327. All plts plan to move. Weather rainy and cloudy. Morale Excellent. 3rd Plt Co B attached to Company C in reserve vic F240358. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 360, HEHC - 360.

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Phone msg from A Co: 2nd Plt no change - in reserve. 1st Plt vic F340349, 3rd Plt vic F330349.

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Lt. Wade phones and reports that Div has an unconfirmed report that CGA of the 9th AD has cleared the town of Euskirchen.

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Lt Wade called and informed S-2 that the 3rd AD had taken Roggendorff, had overrun a tractor-drawn artillery battalion taking many prisoners, and had patrols to the Rhine River.

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0400	1	G Co reports 2 M36's stuck in mud. 10 Ton wrecker sent to help them.
0830	2	TD report #252 sent to ATO III Corps and G-3, 9th Div.
0845	3	Phone call from Co A: Dispositions of 39th Inf reported, and Plt locational. 2nd Plt in reserve via Co CP, 1 and 3A via F349353.
0900	4	Capt. Coady phones following report: Plts will be moving before noon. 60th Inf at 1000 hrs is going to move in 39th Inf sector. Capt. Coady is to meet CO 60th at 1000 hrs at 39th Inf CP. He will call Col Fincher re 3rd Plt B Co at 1000 hrs.
0930	5	G-3, after reporting to G-3, 9th Div, reports 60th Inf back in 9th Div and will relieve 39th Inf. Co. B reverts to support of 60th Inf, 3rd Plt to revert to B Co control.
0945	6	Capt. Hubbard phones following report: 2nd Plt in reserve via F318378. 1st and 3rd Plt moving from via F348385 - maneuvering to fire at tanks and AT guns via F395355.
1000	7	S-3 leaves CP to visit companies.
1040	8	Capt. Coady called stating that 3rd Plt was returning and wanted to know if it would come back under Company control. Jersey 6 notified him that it would. Capt. Coady plans to move down where A Co. is and set up a temporary CP, and plans to set up his CP in town of Wichternich and should close in there about 1500 this afternoon. He plans to leave 3rd Plt where it is until 1st Plt arrives.
1100	9	C/S, 9th Div calls Col Fincher: 47th Inf was attacked by tanks and Inf. The Cub was up and saw it all, he tried to contact G Co but could not get them, C/S requests that this be corrected and he would like to know the reason for the breakdown of radio communications. Col Fincher will investigate and report.
1410	10	Mag to A, B & G Co's: Report positions.
1500	11	CG, 9th Div Arty phones in reference to phone conversation with Bn CO this morning stated that their observer spotted these 5 tanks and put artillery fire on them and turned them around and chased them and saw where they went. They immediately tried to signal the TD's but got no answer but tried for sometime to tell the TD's where they were. When they came down they told what an excellent

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1500 11 Cont'd opportunity it was to place the TD's on their flanks along a road. The observer was pretty disappointed for they have worked on this for quite a long time. Maj. Bolin reported to me and called Col. Westmoreland. 15 minutes after Edmonds called me and said the TD's came on in a big way after that so there was nothing wrong with the radio, but they were just not on the radio.

1615 12 Ln C. reports following: 47th Inf receiving counterattack at 1520 hrs consisting of 15 tanks and 100 inf from Nuggenhausen, and SP fire from vic F376348.

1620 13 CO & S-3 return to CP; S-3 reports that C Co destroyed one 88mm AT gun instead of tank as reported on 2 March. Both 88mm guns were emplaced in concrete. A Co. destroyed 4 20mm guns in addition to 3 88mm dual purpose guns destroyed as stated before on March 4th.

1800 14  A Co report: Company CP moved to Lommersum, Germany, F338342. 1st Plt with 1st Bn 39th Inf in Derkum, Germany (F350351). 2nd Plt remained in reserve - no change in posn, with 2nd Bn 39th Inf. 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn moved to Schneppenheim, Germany. Weather cloudy and rainy and cool. Morale excellent. 2 M10's and 9 M36's operational. 4th March Company destroyed 4 20mm AA Guns vic F347354. 88mm guns destroyed were dual purpose guns. 90mm Ammo on hand: APC - 234, HENG - 260. 3" ammo on hand: APC - 84, HENG - 84.

1810 15 C Co report: Fwd CP moved to F358385 (Vernich). Rear CP vic F300381. 1st Plt moved to F318378 in reserve. 2nd Plt moved to vic F366385, 3rd Plt moved to vic F388359. Weather cold and clear. Morale excellent. 3rd Plt B Co detached from Co C. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HENG - 360, APC - 360.

1820 16 B Co report: Company CP moved to vic F351345 (Derkum). 1st Plt in AT pos protecting Regt's 1 sector vic of Company CP. 2nd Plt in direct support of 2nd Bn 60th Inf moving from vic of Berr to AT posns vic F375347 (Schneppenheim). 3rd Plt in reserve vic of Company CP. Positions have been reconnoit-ered. 12 M36's operational. 90mm Ammo on hand: APC - 398, HENG - 386.

1830 17 Msg from A Co: 2nd Plt enroute to join 3rd Plt vic F374348. 1 Plt will then be in reserve.

1840 18 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 50, HENG - 50. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 266,

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Ren Co report: No change.



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0920 1 A Co phones in Co positions: Co CP - No change, 1st Plt - No change, 2nd Plt F406326, 3rd Plt F388339.


0925 2 C Co phones in Co dispositions: 1st Plt F394553, 2nd Plt F415367, 3rd Plt F418358. 2nd Plt is going into reserve in about 3 or 4 hours. Everybody is going to keep going except the 2nd Plt. They are moving onto their main objective at F475390.

1000 3 60th Inf and B Co, this Bn relieved from attachment to 9th Armd Div as of 0600 this morning.

1415 4 1330 Msg #2 from B Co: CP at F404323, 2nd Plt 1 sec F432337, 1 gun F432337, 1 gun F432335. 1st Plt F435325; 3rd Plt moving to vic of 1st Plt.

1430 5 Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 070200 March 1945 is 5043.

1430 6 CP opens in new location vic Derkum, F351345.

1435 7  Msg to all Companies: Bn CP located at F351345.

1450 8 Msg to all Companies: Report positions.

1500 9 Capt. Gourley reports Ron Co CP group closed in area vic Derkum RX station at 1330 hrs.

1515 10 Msg from A Co: CP at Lommersum. Remainder of posns later.

1700 11 Msg #21 to Bx O A Co: I need following on Red Cross food package taken by your 2nd Plt from a German PW for a written report to SHEAF: 1. Who (name of man from A Co) 2. Where (Box taken) 3. When (Day and approx hour). 4. Disposition of PW, if known, Msg sent by S-2/

1800 12 A Co report: Company CP moved to Ollheim, Germany, at 1700 hrs vic F407325. All TD Plts remain in same locations as reported in previous report. 2 M10's and 9 M36's operational. Weather rainy. Morale Excellent. 3" ammo on hand: HENG - 84, APC - 84. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 207, HENG - 207.

1810 13 B Co report: Company CP moved to vic F404324. 1st Plt moving with 1st Bn 60th Inf now vic F424306. 2nd Plt in AT pos, 1 sec vic F436332, 1 gun vic F434338, 1 gun vic F432337. 3rd Plt in assembly pos vic F406326, in reserve. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 398, HENG - 386.

1825 14 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 45, HENG - 38. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 245, HENG - 374.

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C Co report: Company CP moved to vic F420354 (Hemarsheim). 1st Plt moved to vic F437373. 2nd Plt moved to F42353615, 3rd Plt in reserve at Co CP but will move shortly. 3rd Plt fired 4 rds 90mm APC and 7 rds 90mm HK at suspected tank pos and house containing strong point. House was destroyed. Rds were fired night 5-6 March from posns in vic F386380 at targets vic F389359. Weather rainy and cloudy. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HEHC - 370, APC - 372.

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Rcn Co report: Company CP moved from Muddersheim, Germany, to new location in Derkum (F351346) closing in new area at 1500 hrs. Moved approximately 15 miles.

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S-3 phones report of days activities to ATO, III Corps.

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Div Comm Officer phones that Div CP will move tomorrow to vic Buschoven. Time of move possibly late in the afternoon.

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Phone Msg from C Co: 1st Plt vic F459378, 2nd Plt vic F421360 in reserve, 3rd Plt vic F456374.

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Capt Coady phones Bn CO to report that 2nd Plt, B Co. had refused to go down road from Dunstokeven to Buschoven - Road is still under direct AT fire, information confirmed from I & R Plt and Ex. O. 60th Inf; and town of Buschoven is not yet cleared of enemy infantry. CO agrees that Plt Ldr took correct action.



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0410 1 Capt Coady phones to report that Lt. Macaluse's jeep hit a mine vic F418315. Lt. Macaluse and Cpl Stevens injured.

0415 2 Msg to all Co's: Mine field located at F418315.

1000 3 S-3, 3rd TD Gp visits CP.


1045 4 Msg from Comm. O. Div: Air Corps reports non-compliance Panel Code vic Buskirchen today. Many vehicles without panel and several wrong color; units are reminded that current SOI gives correct panel code. Compliance with panel code is directed.

1100 5 Msg to all Co's: Pick up maps today at my location. Msg from S-2.

1600 6 CP arrives at new location at F459316 vicinity Buchhoven.

1730 7 G-3, 9th Div notified of new CP location.

1800 8 G Co report: No change. Weather cloudy. Morale Excellent.

1815 9  A Co report: Company CP in same location. Plt moving with 39th Inf Regt. Weather rainy and cool. Morale Excellent. 9 M36's operational and 2 M10's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 216, HENC - 207.

1830 10 B Co report: Company CP moved to vic F494318. 1st Plt in vic of Co CP in reserve. 2nd Plt, 1 sec in AT pos vic F495344, 2nd sec in AT posn vic F484332. 3rd Plt moving from F502330 to F530314 to occupy AT posns. 1 Officer and 1 EM WIA by enemy mine vic F418315. 12 M36's operational. 1 jeep destroyed by mine. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 398, HENC - 386.

1845 11 C Co report: No change in pos. 1st Plt in support fired 8 rds 90mm APC and 38 rds 90mm HENC destroying 2 MG nests and 2 strong points located in houses vic F483395. 12 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 322, APC - 352.

1850 12 Ren Co report: CP located in Durkum, Germany. 1st Plt in support of Co A in Ollheim. 2nd Plt in support of Co B in Buschhoven. Morale Excellent.

2035 13 Capt. Hubbard reports that his company and the 47th Inf Regt. are alerted to move tonight to the Singig area to exploit the crossing of the Rhine River made by CGA of the 9th Armd Div today. 2nd Plt C Co is alerted to move soon with the 2nd Bn, 47th Inf to that area and the remainder of the company is to move under

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company control with the remainder of the Reg't. Capt. Hubbard expects that the move will be made tonight. He also reports that in today's fighting via F483395 near the town of Boisdorf the 1st Plt of C Co fired 8 rds 90mm APC and 38 rds HE and knocked out two enemy machine gun nests and also destroyed two occupied houses being used by enemy infantry, inflicting an unknown number of casualties on the enemy. Capt. Hubbard also requests one 2½ ton truck loaded with 800 gallons of gas be standing by to accompany him on the move.

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Msg to Hq Co: Have one 2½ ton truck with 800 gallons of gasoline stand by for emergency for Co C. From Bn Ex. C.

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Msg #56 from A Co: CP. same as last reported. 1st Plt at F513265, 2nd Plt at F550307, 3rd Plt at F550294.

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Phone Msg from Lt. Wade, LO: 47th Inf is on the road now. Verification that elements of CCB, 9th Armd are across the Rhine River over the bridge at Remagen.



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Phone Msg from C Co: 2nd Plt left with 2nd Bn, 47th Inf 15 minutes ago.

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1st Army ATO phones and requests info on the Rhine Crossing, and whether or not we had any units across with the 47th Inf. S-3 informed him that 2nd Bn 47th Inf with 2nd Plt C Co attached was enroute at the present time; and that we had nothing across as yet.

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Msg to A, B & C Co's: Hdqrs Co. at F443319

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- 0100 1 Maj. Heckethorn Ass't Army ATO called and asked to be notified at 1st Army Tac Hq as soon as possible after 20 crosses. He reports that the officer on duty with the 656 TD Bn with the 9th Armd Div reported to him that they had been out of contact with their platoons with GCB; Maj. Heckethorn had no information from the 656, therefore, that would indicate what the TD situation at the bridgehead was.
- 0105 2 S-2 calls "C" Company for Sitrep; Is informed that Co has no new information on 2nd Flt. C Co is told to turn on 506 radio and stay in net, and also to report any information received on 2C. "C" Co reports they are out of contact with 2C.
- 0106 3 S-2 phones S-2 of the 47th Inf to learn if they have any communication with the 47th Inf's 2nd Bn. He is told that they will attempt to contact them by radio, and that if S-2 will call back later he may have their location. The S-2 of 47th also reports that the 84th FA Bn has moved out and that he has no communication with them. S-2 calls S-2 Div Arty who says that he will try to get locations, thru 84th FA Bn.
- 0142 4 S-2 phones Maj. Heckethorn that we have no communication with 20 now, but that arrangements have been made to get that location when the people they are with report in their locations. This is accepted.
- 0152 5 S-2, 47th Inf reports no contact by radio with 2nd Bn yet.
- 0850 6 S-3 receives call from G-3, 9th Inf Div who request dispositions of our companies and wants to know whether they are operating attached or in support. S-3 gives him this information and is informed in turn that 2nd Bn, 47th Inf has crossed the Rhine.
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- 0900 8 S-2 calls Col Reeves of 1st Army Arty and tells him that we have a report that 2nd Bn 47th Inf and 2nd Flt C Co are across the Rhine. That our entire C Co is now on the way.
- 0925 9 Mag to all Co's Point of Origin for today is 4533. P of O for the 9th is 4533.
- 0935 10 Lt. Wade LO to Div reports that there are 5 Bn's across the Rhine at last report. One Med. Tank Bn., 2 Armd Inf Bn's from the 9th Armd Div, 1 Rifle Bn from the 310th Inf., and the 2nd Bn of the 47th Inf Regt, 9th Inf Div. Opposition was reported as slight at 0552 hrs this morning.

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1100 11 0815 Msg from C Co: 47th has 1 Bn across (2nd), 1st and 3rd on the way. Am crossing 3 Flts now. Send maps.

1130 12 Msg #31 to G-3, 9th Div (ATO): Report from "C" Co with the 47th Inf - 3 Flts TD's crossing now - TS 0815

1130 13 Msg from C Co: Our pos is F635204. Awaiting to cross bridge. Send 6x6 with 1000 gallons gasoline, 150 gallons Diesel, 25 gallons No. 30 motor oil. Messenger will guide truck back.

1137 14 Msg #21 to A Co - Report locations.

1145 15 TD report sent to G-3, 9th Div and 1 copy to 8th TD Gp Officer.

1225 16 S-2 phones Maj Heckethorn, Ass't Army ATO: Reports that C Co has crossed and was in the process of crossing the Rhine at 0815. Maj. Heckethorn also reports that 1 Co of the 656th TD Bn is also across.

1230 17 Bn is in radio contact with the 656th TD Bn.

1240 18 S-2 calls 9th Div G-2 and reports that we have all 3 Flts of C Co across the Rhine.

1245 19 Radio reports that they did not contact 656th TD Bn but the 8th TD Gp that was using 656s call signs. There is no contact with the 656th TD Bn.

1335 20 Msg #1 from Ren Co: Our GP at F501329, closed at 1300 hrs.

1440 21 Msg from Hq Co to Bn Ex O: C picked up 1000 gal gas and 150 Diesel on a 2½ ton which is now at C Co. 200 gal on hand with a 2½ ton and a 1½ ton out for more. We expect A to pick up the 200. We expect to have 1200 hal here by tonight. We draw West of Duren and so far the supply has been adequate. B Co picked up 400 gal this noon.

1510 22 Lt. Wade phones with the info that the GP of the 39th Inf is at F498298.

1530 23 Lt Wade phones that there is an enemy counter-attack in the vic of 5134 with tanks.

1545 24 Msg #21 to B Co: Unknown number of enemy tanks reported by higher Hq at 5134 at 1500 hrs.

1600 25 Msg from B Co: Is it possible to send loaded gas truck to accompany us to our destination.

1602 26 Msg to B Co: In answer to above Msg. the answer is yes.

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- 1655 27 Msg to B Co: How much gas and how much diesel.
- 1715 1 28 1710 Msg #4 from B Co: Units location F494317. Need 1000 gasoline, 40 diesel.
- 1730 29 1720 Msg #5 from B Co: Red (with 2nd Flt B Co) cleared IP at 1630
- 1730 30 Maj. Jamison, 9th Div called CO informing him that Div is moving tonight, and we are to take a small group with communications along with them.
- 1735 31 Advance CP group, Half-track with CP personnel and CO and Ex O. to comprise Advance CP.
- 1800 32  A Co report: Co CP moved to Fech, Germany coord F563283. 2nd Flt with 2nd Bn, 39th RCT in posn on the Rhine River in Bad Godesberg, Germany at F599332 and F590323. 3rd Flt in same town at F586302. 1st Flt with 1st Bn 39th RCT will be approx in vic F5233 grid NW of Rottgen, Germany. 9 M36's and 2 M10's operational. Weather Rainy, Morale Excellent.
- 1815 33 B Co report: Co CP no change. Alerted to move with 60th CT. 1st Flt moving to Bodendorf with 1st Bn. 2nd Flt, 1 sec still at F495344 in AT position. 2nd section at F508332 in AT pos. Flt ready to move with 2nd Bn. 3rd Flt in AT pos at F533318, prepared to move with 3rd Bn.
- 1830 34 Ren Co report: CP moved from Durkem to Witterschlick. Company closed in at 1330 hrs. One section of 1st Flt with Co CP and one section with A Co in support of Co. at F562284. The 2nd Flt in support of Co B at F495317. One section 3rd Flt and one section of Pioneer Flt attached to Co C.
- 1945 35 S-3 returns from bridgehead across the Rhine. Reports all CP's have moved across the River. C Co. has fwd CP across river with rear CP on this side of the Rhine in Remagen. Enemy planes bombed bridge, slightly damaging same, but bridge will be repaired in a short time. Heavy small arms is being encountered. Very little enemy arty (possibly 1 btry) has been encountered. One platoon Co C cleared out a town from which heavy small arms was coming. 4 enemy tanks are reported located in hill NE of bridgehead and a counter-attack is expected tonight. C Co's gasoline has arrived, but it was unable to get across the bridge before it was damaged by enemy planes. The gasoline will be taken across tonight after the bridge is repaired.

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- 2000 36 Phone Msg from B Co: Company is not going to move tonight, but does not know just when they are going to move. 1st Plt is still moving, other two Plts are in same pos. They picked up 200 gal. gas there was for them and with the 600 they are going to receive tomorrow it will give them 800 gal. enough to make their contemplated move. They will send a guide back to Hq Co when Hq Co notifies them by radio that the gas is ready to be picked up.
- 2045 37 Msg #6 from B Co: Will send a guide for gas truck at 0700 in the morning.
- 2050 38 Capt Schaeffer, of 9th Div G-3 called saying that move has been delayed 1/2 hour. The new time to move the advance CP is 2145 hrs.
- 2145 39 Lt. Wade phones that Div is moving out now to vic F635205.
- 2150 40 Advance CP leaves for new area in vic of F635205
- 2230 41 Lt. Wade called stating that Lt. Gen Shimpf CO 3rd Para Div was captured today by the 9th Inf Div. Only 6 men were left. He had 2 officers - 1 Aid with him. Bridge at Bonn is still intact and 1st Inf Div is within spitting distance of it.



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0945 1 Major Sothern from 8th TD Gp visits Rear CP. Reports that 300 rds HVAP 90mm ammo is available at ASP 141 at Vettweiss. He also reports that the M36 with the bazooka hole in it was examined by the Ord. and the Ord. Officer stated that it was beyond recovery. He did state that they had a new M36 which they now have billed for us. He does not know however whether this is to replace the M36 with the bazooka hole or the one that burned. He also reported on the Switchboard, stating that he thinks we can be able to get it if we make up a good enough reason for needing it. In reference to the slip sticks for the 90mm gun, he stated that he will pick them up and bring them along the next time he comes up

0950 2 Msg #4 to S-4: 300 rds HVAP 90mm now at ASP 141 at Vettweiss F195392. Go after this as soon as possible and pick up all you can.

1010 3 Adv CP arrives in Erpel, Germany, on East bank of Rhine River vic F647207.

1100 4 TD report given to Maj. Southern, 8th TD gp and 1 copy sent to G-3, 9th Div.

1130 5 Msg to all Co's: CP located at F647207.

1220 6 Msg to Bn Rear CP: Move to F647207 by infiltration.

1445 7 Msg from C Co: If C Co Comdr reports to Bn CP inform him that 3C has lost 1 more destroyer.

1450 8 Capt. Gourley reports to CP: Will move his Co CP to vic of Bn CP.

1500 9 Ren section Sgt operating with Co C reports to CP - Gives C Co's dispositions and info that 3C lost 1 M36 by AT fire.

1545 10 Div ATO phoned Bn CP location.

1550 11 S-3 reports to Adv CP: Reports that B Co is on the way to cross bridge with 60th RCT.

1615 12 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP: Reports 1 TD lost vic F680211, 2nd TD lost vic F688217. Gives dispositions of Flts and front line Inf.

1710 13 Capt. Coady reports to CP: Reports pos of 60th Inf and 1st & 3rd Flts B Co. B Co CP to move to vic of Linz. 1st & 3rd Flts are across Rhine River.

1800 14 B Co report: Co CP moving - will be vic F674198. 1st Plt in support of 1st Bn 60th Inf vic of F687196, 2nd Plt moving with 2nd Bn vic of F645200. 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn

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1800 14 Cont'd via of F674198. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 398, HENG - 386.

1820 15 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 38, HENG - 45; 90mm ammo on hand: HENG - 160, APC - 195.

2045 16 C/S 9th Div phones, request info on the 2 destroyers that C Co lost today. CO gives C/S the information requested and the amount of destroyers available, both M10 and M36's. C/S says that C Co will be reinforced with ele of B Co.

2050 17 Msg to B Co: Alert 3rd Plt for possible movement to area via F678211 to reinforce 3rd Plt Co soon call, this Hq

2100 18 Msg to B Co: Hook up your phone to the line installed, and phone CP immediately.

2130 19  Msg to Bn Comm O: Are you moving now, and is the entire CP with you?

2140 20 Msg from Bn Comm O: No, we are not moving and the entire CP Gp is with me.

2150 21 Msg to Comm O: Entire CP Gp to remain at Charlie until morning.

2200 22 Capt. Coady phones CP: S-3 tells him that C/S 9th Div wants 1 Plt on alert to assist 3rd Plt in case of any attack on the town of Ohlenburg.

2400 23 Bn Fwd CP located in Erpel, Germany, on East bank of Rhine River. CP area rec'd mortar and Arty fire that was aimed for bridge area. Numerous plane attacks on bridge, one 500 lb bomb dropped 100 yds from CP - No casualties to CP Gp.

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1200 1 TD report sent 1 to ATO, G-3, 9th Div and 1 to 8th TD Gp.

1300 2 Msg #51 to CO Hq Co: Hold Charley's area. Plan to move there early 12 March 1945. Send 6x6 to Pepinster for CO and S-4 Hq Co., to arrive there 111000A.

1300 3 Maj Miller calls G Co requesting info on dispositions of company. Was informed there was no change from last night, and that in reference to the two destroyers previously reported knocked out is corrected to read one destroyer knocked out and burned, second destroyer hit by AT fire thru a house and no damage done. G Co CP contemplating moving to Kasbach sometime today. Two men missing and one wounded. The counterattack on the 3rd Bn, 47th Inf was stopped by artillery fire.

1305 4 Maj Miller called Maj Huber Div ATO, reported G Co had one destroyer knocked out yesterday instead of two.

1315 5 Capt. Gourley reports to CP stating that Linz is not cleared of small arms fire yet.

1315 6 Msg #31 to B Co: Report location of Plts.

1345 7 Capt. Goady reports to CP: Reports Plt dispositions and situation in 60th Inf sector. CO orients him on current situation and what the 60th is doing in the bridgehead area.

1400 8 Sgt Goes reports to CP: Reports that when a 78th Div 2 1/2 ton truck was hit by Artillery on bridge killing driver and ass't, Ren Co's Mess Sgt and helper jumped into truck and drove it off bridge, thereby clearing bridge for traffic.

1420 9 Msg from S-4: Unable to draw HVAP ammo yesterday - they have none in the dump. Can you check and find out anything about it from where you are?

1500 10 1435 Msg from B Co: 2nd Plt F675188, 1st Plt and 1sec of 3rd Plt at same as last reported. Will report other section of 3rd Plt later.

1500 11 Msg to A Co: Report location of your units.

1625 12 Capt. Gourley reports Ren Co. closed at 1415 hrs.

1700 13 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP for situation.

1810 14 Capt. Young reports to CP for situation info. Reports that A Co closed at 1830 (This info by phone from the Co CP).

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- 1815 15 A Co report: Company CP moved to Unkel Germany, via F634232, arriving at 1700 hrs. 1st Plt in support of 1st Bn, 39th Inf via F637226. 2nd Plt in support of 2nd Bn 39th Inf via F663206, 3rd Plt in support of 3rd Bn 39th Inf via F663206. Considerable bombing and shelling on Rhine bridge. Weather cloudy to clear. Morale Excellent. 2 M10's and 9 M36's operational - 1 M36 enroute to Bn Maintenance. 3" ammo on hand: HENC - 84, APC 84. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 240, HENC - 230.
- 1830 16 B Co report: Company CP via F676188. 1st Plt in support of 1st Bn 60th Inf via F687196 fired 14 rds 90mm APC and 27 rds 90mm HE, at strongpoints, houses and factory. 2nd Plt in reserve via F675191. 3rd Plt, 1 sec via F676188 and 1 sec via F688188 in support of 3rd Bn 60th Inf.
- 1840 17 Ron Co report: One section of 1st Plt in support of Co A, the 2nd Plt in support and with B Co. The 3rd Plt attached to C Co and 1 sec Pioneer Plt with C Co. The remainder of the Company moved from F599208 to F647207. Company closed at 1445 hrs.
- 1845 18 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 45, HENC - 45. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 242, APC - 195.
- 1915 19 Msg from B Co: Lt. Burton reports the loss of 1 M36 to enemy bazooka fire via F688188, further particulars will be reported later.
- 2000 20 Div ATO phones S-3 that an armored attack is expected from the north via Honnef (F637235) S-3 informs him of dispositions of TD's of other units in that area.
- 2005 21 S-3 phones C Co of armored threat from area F637235. Capt. Hubbard reports 2nd Plt has only 2 M36's operational, 1 broke a track, the other has a short in the motor. 1 & 3C are moving with 47th Inf Regt Bn's of which they are in direct support.
- 2015 22 S-3 phones B Co. of armored threat from the vic of Honnef. Lt. Burton gives change in posns of TD Plts. He also reports that M36 damaged by enemy bazooka was hit via F700188.
- 2025 23 Msg #35 to A Co: Enemy tanks in vic of F640280. Tank attack expected tonight.
- 2030 24 Phone Msg from 9th Div: Col Tincher to report to CG, 9th Div immediately.
- 2032 25 CO & S-3 leave CP to report to CG, 9th Div.



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2110 26 CO & S-3 return from conference with CG, 9th Inf Div: Col Tinsler will coordinate bridgehead AT defense.

2140 27 Msg #36 to A CG: Assemble your second and 3rd Plt's in the area F638233 tonight to meet possible armored attack from the north. Report when movement complete. Coordinate with 39th Inf.

2335 28 Phone Msg from G-2, 9th Div: Both Pz Gr Regts of 11th Pz Div have been identified today. 15 tanks with the 11th Pz Div have been committed, believed at least 5 are Tiger II - 3 identified in Honnef, 2 in Braukhausen. 60th FA fired on tank movement in their area at 2100. Engineers fighting as inf are fighting very well and are causing much trouble - several Regt's involved. 11 Pz Div seems to be badly depleted according to PW's. No new Pz Div's have been identified. Tanks reported moving in Honnef at 2045 hrs.

2400 29 Bn CP located in Erpel, Germany, enemy arty fire both direct and indirect fell in the bridge area and on the water front. Enemy mortars also active. Remainder of CP group arrived at 0900 hrs. No casualties to CP group. Enemy arty and air particularly active throughout the day.



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- 0050 1 Phone msg to S-3, 39th Inf: 2 Plts of A Co are on their way to A Co CP tonight.
- 0720 2 Msg to A, B & C Co's: Enemy tanks reported attacking in north part of Honnef, Corrds #635283.
- 0900 3 Bn positions and positions of TD Plts: 893rd and 1 Co 656 TD Bn's sent to all Co's, less Hq Co.
- 0905 4 Phone msg from S-3 to Co Comdr Ren Co: Investigate report of enemy tanks in Honnef sector with object of determining when and if reserves should be committed in that area.
- 0930 5 S-3 reports that 2 Regt's of 99th Inf Div are across bridge and the other is on the way. Traffic coming towards the bridgehead is routed over by bridge, traffic going the other way is routed over pontoon bridge. The enemy tank attack in vic of Honnef consisted of about 4 or 5 enemy tanks and a Co of Inf.
- 1020 6 Capt. Hubbard phones and give Plt positions.
- 1100 7 Bn CO phones Co Comdr Ren Co and directs that Ren Co establish physical contact with CP's of all TD's and friendly armor in the bridgehead area, and to find out channels of communication to the respective CP's.
- 1110 8 Capt. Coady phones CO to report on M36 damaged by bazooka fire last night. He has recovered it and it is now in vic of Co CP. The M36 sustained two bazooka hits - 1 in the front, the other on the left side, rear, under track. The gun is OK, and the motor is not too bad. The final drive was hit. It will be out at least 3 or 4 days depending on availability of parts. All personnel and organic equipment was destroyed and it will have to be replaced as combat loss. No casualties. Circumstances that caused M36 to be hit: 1 sec was to establish road block on the road, the road was the boundary between 2 Inf Co's, but they did not tie in their flanks to the road; thus permitting enemy Inf to infiltrate. After 1 M36 was hit, the other sprayed 50 cal. MG fire thru the area, killing the bazooka team. Present pos of 3rd Plt is 1 M36 forward and 2 covering from posns directly to the rear. CO informs Capt. Coady that CO is coordinator of all TD's in the bridgehead, and Capt. Coady is to be on the lookout for any TD's of other units in his area and report their locations.
- 1115 9 Lt. Wade, LO to 9th Div reports to CP with Opns Instructions #6, dated 10 March 1945, 9th Inf Div.



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1120 10 Capt Young phones CO to report that 2 Plts are moving with 39th Inf to the North and East. 1 Plt will remain in reserve vic Co CP. CO informs Capt Young that CO is coordinator of all TD's in the bridgehead. Capt Young to report pos of TD's of other units in his area to us and their means of communications.

1130 11 CO phones Capt. Gourley that if it is necessary M8's will be used as means of communication between other units and us. Capt Gourley will alert M8's for move in event of above.

1230 12 1215 Msg #2 from B Co: Request to move damaged destroyer to Hq Co.

1300 13 Msg #51 to B Co: Permission not granted. Hold.

1300 14 CO calls C Co, instructed Lt. Pawelak to have Capt. Hubbard obtain positions of all units similar to ours in his sector and to call back with the information.

1305 15 Bn CO calls Div ATO to find out if the 629th TD has come over yet. Was informed that unit is prepared to cross anytime now and will call as soon as he received any information.

1400 16 Phone Msg from Capt Hubbard: 2 enemy tanks destroyed. Firing pos vic F686217. CO informs him that CO is coordinator of all TD's in bridgehead and Capt Hubbard is to contact all TD's in his sector and report their posns to CO. Capt. Hubbard is to use his Recon Plt for this purpose.

1410 17 CO & S-3 leave CP to visit C and B Co's.

1450 18 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 120200, March 1945, is 7324.

1455 19 Msg from 9th Div: Col Tincher is to report to General Craig, CG, 9th Inf Div immediately.

1457 20 Phone call to C Co: Col Tincher is to report to CG, 9th Inf Div.

1500 21 Div ATO calls that 1 Co of the 656th TD Bn will arrive in the Bridgehead shortly.

1515 22 Capt. Gourley reports that 893rd TD has a liaison officer with each Regt from respective Co's, and phone communication to liaison officers in Regt's Hqtrs thru 9th and then 78th Divs.

1545 23 Div ATO phone report that there are 6 enemy tanks and an estimated Co of Inf in the vic of F695234.

1550 24 The above info sent to all Companies.

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Col Tincher returns from 9th Div CP and issues following orders: An enemy armored thrust is expected in the Bruchhausen - Ohlenberg area. 2 Companies of 656th TD Bn are under our control, 1 Co is here and the other is coming over the bridge. Plan of employment - Co here will go into pos, 2 Plts in Bruchhausen and 1 Plt in Orsberg. 2nd Co is going to be attached to C Co for employment in depth in Olenberg area.

The following instructions were given to Capt. Coady- Plt Comdr 2nd Plt will contact Capt Hubbard in his sector for probable employment there.

Instructions to Lt. Rice, Comm. O. - Lay wire from Co A, 895 rd TD Bn to 39th Inf CP in Schwerhen.

Instructions to Capt. Gourley - Contact CO C Co, 656th TD Bn and bring him to this CP.

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Capt. Tuttle, CO C Co, 656th TD Bn reports to CP. Capt Tuttle informs Col Tincher that he has one Plt with 311th Inf, 1 Plt with 27th Armd Inf, and 3rd Plt with CCB.

CO informs Capt. Tuttle that his company is now attached to 899th TD Bn and gives him the following instructions as to the employment of his company: One Plt is to be in the forward edge of Bruckhausen covering the road to the North and East. One Plt to be on the rear edge of the town covering roads leading to the NW. One Plt will be placed in town of Orsberg covering from the South.

Capt. Tuttle informs CO that A is in process of crossing now. CO informs him that A Co is going to be attached to our C Co. and will occupy positions in C Co's sector. C Co 656 has 10 guns operational at present but should have 11 guns before day is over. They will be in phone communication with us and will make arrangements to make radio contact. SOI is already available for him.

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Capt. McCallum, 99th Div ATO reports to CP. Reports that 629th TD Bn is coming across now. A Co is with 393rd Regt, they are now in the process of receiving the 3rd Bn, 60th Inf, and should be completed by now. B Co is with the 394th Regt, C Co is with 395th Inf Regt. They are to back up 47th Inf. Generally attached to the Regt during an attack. 395th is in the process of crossing now and one Company of TD's is now moving up to the vic of the 47th. 629th has 35 M36's at present there are 32 operational. They also have one Plt of M10's.

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CO leaves for 9th Armd Div CCB to inform CO of 656th TD Bn's attachment to us and to clear up their moving into positions under our control.

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Capt. Young, CO A Co called that A Co is attached to 39th Inf. Wants to know what we know about it.

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- 1705 30 S-2 called G-3, 9th Div in regard to A Co's attachment to 39th Inf. Is informed that A Co was attached to 39th Inf Regt, and Bn CO was informed of this 2 hours ago.
- 1710 31 S-3 phones A Co's CO that his Co is attached to 39th Inf.
- 1715 32 S-3 Phones Div and is given Sitrep that the enemy is smoking the 3rd Bn 310th Inf. In front of 394th, 2nd Bn is getting pressure. At F710165, 1 company of Inf pushing, no tanks - Atry broke up the attack. 60th Inf is fighting for quarry. 47th is receiving small arms and mortar fire 309th is moving along, no recent info.
- 1720 33 Maj Carter calls C Co and informs Sgt Page that B Co of 629th is coming across the bridge soon and will be attached to them, and wants him to have a guide at the bridge to guide him to their immediate vicinity.
- 1719 34 Overlay of gun positions to be occupied sent to CO, C Co, 656th TD Bn.
- 1728 35 Msg #21 to A, B & C Co's: The enemy tanks reported in Msg #33 had not moved at last report. An enemy attack at F710165 was scattered by artillery. 3 enemy Mk V tanks have been knocked out today.
- 1800 36 A Co report: Co CP in Unkel, Germany, same as previously reported. 1st Flt in support of 1st Bn, 39th vic of F640244, 2nd Flt in support of 2nd Bn, 39th Inf vic F652257, 3rd Flt in support of 3rd Bn 39th Inf vic of F637233. Ammo, 90mm basic load - 230 rds HEHC, 240 PACDDF, 2 HVAP, 1 AP. 3" ammo - 84 rds HEHC, 84 rds APC.
- 1810 37 Recon Co report: CP in same location at Erpel, Germany. No change in Recon Flt. Morale Excellent.
- 1810 38 B Co report: Co CP - No change, 1st Flt 1 sec in AT pos at F693199, other sec moving to vic of F700198. Fired 15 rds at factory which was a well armed strongpoint. Fired 500 rds 50. cal. AA. 2nd Flt in reserve at Co CP, Recon in C Co. sector for posns to be taken on call. 3rd Flt, 1 sec at F700183 in AT pan, and 1 gun at F694192. 1 destroyer hit by bazooka 3 times at F707187, 10 Mar/ Crew escaped unhurt. Fired 3 rds at Infantry. Ammo, Basic Load 90mm - 348 APC, 336 HE. Co. reserve 25 APC, 17 HE.
- 1810 39 Maj Huber called to ask for employment of 1 sec, 2nd Flt C Co which is in Div reserve to establish a road block at F691205, requested by 60th Inf. Div ATO says that no 57's or bazookas can do the same job, and the road has been cut from the north by 2 companies of

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- 1810 39 Cont'd 47th Inf and elements of 310th Inf Regt and the decision was to leave the 2nd Plt where it is at present in Div reserve.
- 1815 40 Capt. McCallum, 99th Div ATO phones, states that they had a counter-attack, infantry accompanied by 6 tanks in vic of F716189. They put artillery on them but did not know whether it was broken up or not and will let us know as soon as he finds out. The counter-attack came at approximately 1750 hrs.
- 1817 41 Msg #34 to all Co's: 6 enemy tanks reported at F716189 at 1749 - Report from 99th Div. type of enemy tanks unknown.
- 1822 42 S-3 phones C Co and Lt. Pawelak informed him that a Recon party had been sent to contact the unit of 656 that is to come across bridge. Capt. Hubbard has already gone to the town above, preparing to put the unit into position. It is not known at present whether they have crossed but will let us know as soon as he finds out. Lt. Pawelak also reported that one 37mm AT gun was knocked out in addition to the 3 tanks at F687217.
- 1830 43 S-3 phones Maj Huber, informing him that C Co has knocked out 3 Mk V tanks and 1 37mm AT gun at F687217. He also notified Maj Huber that we still have one section in that vic and will also have the other 2 and a half plts in that sector later and that the two Plts are to go out with their respective unit. (47th Inf)
- 1832 44 S-3 phones B Co: Informs Lt. Burton that the 2nd Plt which the 60th wanted to set up road block will not be moved out and will remain in present position. Div ATO has already informed 60th of the fact. S-3 also informed him of the possibility of a tank threat in the sector where their 3rd Plt had been.
- 1840 45 C Co report: CP moved to F662203. 1st Plt to F678212. 2nd Plt to F688219. 3rd Plt to F685217. 3rd Plt destroyed 3 Mk V tanks at F687217 and 1 37mm AT gun. 32 rds APC and 14 rds HE 90mm direct fire, expended. Co A, 656th TD Bn attached to C Co and placed in positions vic F677213. Weather Cloudy, Morale Excellent. 11 Destroyers operational. Ammo on hand: HE 325, APC 322, all 90mm.
- 1850 46 S-2, 893rd TD Bn and Div ATO, 78th Div report to CP. Communication set up and liaison is arranged.
- 1855 47 S-3 phones Capt. Hubbard - Informs him that the Co of the 656 will arrive in his sector and his positions for them should be in Ohlenberg. Capt. Hubbard informs him that he will put two plts in the town and one plt back in the draw, South of town.

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- 1855 47 Cont'd C Co posns - 10, 1 sec in the town and planning to move out. 1 sec is with the 3rd Plt. 3rd Plt is at F687217, 2nd Plt is at F688219. Capt. Hubbard reported they knocked out the 3 Mk V tanks at a range of 45 to 50 yds. One was hit on the tail, one on the nose and the other believed to be on the nose also. All 3 tanks burned.
- 1900 48 Capt. Coady called stating that 1st Bn 60th Inf was having a counter-attack now and CO 60th Inf is moving up the reserve Plt in the vic of the factory. The reserve Plt is to stop at the factory for instructions. Reserve Plt is the 2nd Plt.
- 1915 49 Maj Huber, 9th Div ATO phones, stating that General Parker feels he does not have enough AT protection in the North. CO explains TD dispositions to him stating that one company of 893rd TD is already there plus our company "A".
- 1920 50 Maj Huber calls in regard to dispositions of 656th TD Bn.
- 1945 51 CO Co A, 656th TD Bn reports to CP. CO informs him of present situation and explains exactly where he will go into position in vic of our C Co. Liaison and communication setup
- 1955 52 S-2 gives following info th ATO, 78th Div; ATO 99th Div, A Co, 893rd TD Bn, C Co & A Co 656th TD Bn & all Co's 899th TD Bn: Higher Hqrs reports boundaries of 11th Pz Div run from F6527 to SE to F6922 with the 11th PGR on the N and the 110th PGR on the South. 20 enemy tanks were moving South at F618397 at 1945 hrs. Attack by 6 tanks at F719190 broken up by artillery and one tank destroyed at 1930 hrs. 20 tanks at F7024 assembling with 3 Co's of Inf. at 1830 hrs. S-2 received this info from G-2, 9th Div. The 20 tanks in the North was reported by III Corps, the 6 tanks by 99th Inf, the 20 tanks and Inf was reported by 78th Div. The ATO of the 78th Div stated that the unit from the 106th Pz Brigade which they had identified was the 106th Pz Bn.
- 2000 53 Maj Huber calls, stating that the 629th TD is now in position. The following dispositions were explained to Maj Huber by Col. Tinker: 1 Plt of 629 will be in town at F640250, 1 Plt of 629th will be in town at F658228, 1 Plt of 656 will be at F640230, 1 Plt of 656 at F658228, and 1 Plt at F660212.
- 2005 54 Capt. Cleary, CO, Co A, 656th TD Bn leaves for C Co to contact Capt. Hubbard. S-3 informs Capt. Hubbard to arrange billets for his CP and to place his unit in positions formally.



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2035 55 S-3 phones C Co, 656th TD Bn and informs them to take the Plt that is on the Eastern edge of town to positions at F625225.

2040 56 Capt. Tuttle, CO Co G, 656th TD reports to CP and S-3 informs him of above move. Capt. Tuttle informs him that the one Plt in the North was ordered to stay there by the Inf Bn Comdr in that sector. CO informs him that it would be satisfactory to let it stay there but will check with 9th Div.

2045 57 CO phones G-3, 9th Div explaining the situation in regard to the 656 positions in the North, in regard to the Plt (3rd) staying in the town at Rheinbrach, and agreed to let the Plt stay there for the time being.

2050 58 CO informs Capt. Tuttle to let the Plt remain in Rheinbrach as he requested.

2055 59 E Co phones in re location of Plts: 3rd Plt was reported at F710187, 2nd Plt inroute to that pos. CP was shelled, Lt Zog wounded and 1 EM KIA. Sgt. Oprea took over command of 2nd Plt.

2245 60 Comm O. reports he has laid a line to A Co. of the 893rd TD Bn and that we also have radio contact with them.




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- 0015 1 S-2 receives call from C Co reporting that A Co of the 656th TD Bn will be held up and unable to cross for 3 or 4 more hours. Capt. Hubbard and CO Co A, 656 are waiting for them at the bridge.
- 0410 2 A Co of 656th started in about 2400 - closed at 0130. Short three(3) M18's, 2 mechanical failure, 1 short. Enroute now to positions.
- 0745 3 S-2 received a call from 99th Inf Div that there were 2 enemy tanks moving North at F720200 at 0725 hrs. This information was relayed in Msg #21 to all Companies.
- 0747 4 S-2 calls Div G-2 who confirmed above report of 2 enemy tanks and stated that E and I Co's of 393rd Inf were receiving direct fire at F6923 at 0745 hrs. Cub was called but this plane was not off the ground due to weather conditions. 9th Div G-2, also believes that there are more tanks in that area.
- 0750 5  Msg to all Co's: It is believed that there are more tanks in the area mentioned in Msg #21.
- 0955 6 In O., 656th TD Bn reports that A Co., 656th occupied positions at 0400 hrs.
- 1015 7 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP with positions and situation report on objectives for the day.
- 1020 8 Officers from 8th TD Gp report to CP. Overlay of all tank destroyers on bridgehead given to him.
- 1205 9 Air intercept: 3 unidentified tanks reported at F720203. The above msg sent to B Co with additional instructions to get in communication with Arty Cub.
- 1225 10 Capt. Coady reports by phone that 2 M36's were hit by tank fire and burned in vic of F717204, 1 man KIA and 3 WIA, none seriously. Destroyers were in support of either L or K Co of the 60th Inf and were moving across country in a NE direction. They were sky-lined and the tanks that were in St Katharmen knocked them out. The Inf had reported that there were no tanks in the town. Capt. Coady will investigate and report anything else he finds out.
- 1230 11 S-3 phones Div ATO and gives him the above info - Maj Huber will report this to the C/S.
- 1335 12 Capt. Coady calls and gives further info on how the 2 M36's were lost. Also requested status of 2nd Plt, is it still in Div reserve. Is informed that 2nd Plt is in Div Reserve.

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- 1405 13 Msg #23 to all Co's, 8th TD Gp, 656th TD Bn, G-2, 9th Inf Div: 1 enemy tank at F682258.
- 1420 14 Capt. Gourley informs S-2 and Bn CO that the 99th Div is expecting an attack from the south of 5 tanks and 500 Inf. S-2 phones G-2, 9th Div, requesting further info on above and learns that at 1345 hrs enemy concentrations had reached F700134 but had not yet been contacted. S-2 informs G-2 of tank report by Capt. Young.
- 1425 15 Msg #24 to all Co's and attached units: 5 tanks and 500 enemy inf at F700134 at 1345 hrs.
- 1440 16 Bn CO leaves CP to visit the 629th TD Bn and Co B this Bn.
- 1610 17 Lt. Wade, LO to 9th Div phones with positions of 47th Inf.
- 1700 18  Phone Msg from Capt. Hubbard: 2nd Plt, 1 sec moved to vic F696231, 2nd sec moving now. No other change in pos.
- 1800 19 A Co report: Co. CP in Unkel, Germany. No change. 1st & 3rd Plts - No change. 2nd Plt attached to 2nd Bn, 39th Inf vic F672252. Weather clear to cloudy. Morale excellent. 1 M10 and 10 M36's operational. 3" ammo on hand: HENC - 84, APC - 84. 90 mm ammo on hand: HENC - 230, APC - 240.
- 1815 20 B Co report: Company CP no change in location. 1st Plt, 1 sec vic F707206 and 1 sec vic F693198 in AT pos, fired 1 rd 90mm HE destroying 1 MG nest. 2nd Plt remained in reserve pos vic F693198. 3rd Plt - 1 remaining gun in AT pos vic F717203, lost two M36's vic F720204 by direct fire from Mk IV tank causing 5 EM casualties. 2 LWA, 1 SWA, 1 MIA, 1 KIA. 9 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 398, HENC - 385.
- 1830 21 G Co report: Co CP vic F662203. 1st Plt vic F678212, 2nd Plt, 1 sec vic F699219, 2nd sec vic F688216. Co B, 656th TD Bn detached from Co C. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 10 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 330, HENC - 330.
- 1845 22 Ren Co report: CP remained in same location. No change in Plt locations. Morale Excellent.
- 1850 23 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 45, HENC - 38. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 212, APC - 165.
- 1850 24 Maj Huber Div ATO phones that F Co, 310th Inf was hit by a counter-attack and forced to withdraw 400 yds. Attack by unknown number of tanks and Inf.

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1853 25 ·Msg #25 to all Co's and atched units:
Unknown No. of tanks and enemy Inf attacking
at F698236.

1930 26 Capt. Young phones S-3: Reports no change
in pos. Has 1 M10 and 10 M36's on line, 1 M10
non-operational due to no crew available to man
it. G Co. to pick it up in the morning.

1940 27 Co C, 656th TD Bn reported that one of their
Recon Plts reached F685242 at 1100 hrs where they
were fired on by an estimated enemy Plt of
Inf and by an estimated 37mm gun.

1945 28 S-2 phones G-2, Div requesting info on
enemy attack in 310th Inf sector. G-2
informs S-2 that the attack had been
stopped by arty and that an estimated Co
of enemy Inf and 4 tanks had been involved.
Also 99th Div had been attacked by 2 tanks
with Inf support at 725182 which took
back the town of Rotekreuz. Tanks are still
there. No new armored units identified, but the
FUSA reports the 301st GHQ Tiger Tank Bn is
available for comittment in this front with
15 tanks within 2 days. As far as it is
known the 2nd Pz Div did not escape the
12th AG pocket in the Eiffel. Also the 17th
SS Pz Gr Div (GVB) is out of contact and
is available at an unknown future date. The
17th SS has 2000 men and 30 assault guns.

2145 29 Phone Msg from Capt Hubbard: Sec of 2nd Plt
moved back to vic of 1 sec vic F688219.
S-3 informs him that 1 M10 of able Co will
be ready to be picked up at A Co CP in the
morning.

2215 30 S-3 phones TD posns changes to Bn LO at 9th Div.

2200 31 LO from Co A, 656th TD Bn reports to CP:
He will stay here at the CP for the night.
LO, who is also Plt Ldr, Ron Co, 565th TD Bn
will start tomorrow morning to make reconnaissance
for routes and posns in Southern sector of bridge-
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- 0920 1 Radio Intercept: 4 enemy tanks reported at F730233. This sent to all Co's and attached units.
- 0925 2 C/S 9th Inf Div calls Col Tincher: Reports that 3rd Bn of the 60th Inf is being attacked by tanks and Inf. He says that the 2 TD's that are at the 60th CP are being moved up to help stop that attack. That 1 enemy tank has already been knocked out by our destroyers. Bn CO reports that we have 6 TD's in the vic of the 60th Inf CP and that to bring them up is the right thing, now that the high ground to the north is in our hands, as that was the reason we lost the two destroyers yesterday. C/S says that Corps has taken over and that Div has asked that the Corps ATO come over here and coordinate the TD defense. That if the Corps ATO cannot get here, we will continue to do the job as the situation is well under control.
- 0935 3 Bn CO phones B Co: CO informs Lt. Burton of counterattack in 60th Inf sector with tanks and Inf. Lt. Burton reports that 1 gun is on the way to 3rd Plt now, 2nd Plt moving with 2nd Bn, 60th Inf to their objective. 1st Plt now in reserve.
- 0950 4 Msg #31 to CO Co A, 656th TD Bn: Alert 1 Plt for movement to F692198 area. Call us by phone.
- 0955 5 CO phones C/S, 9th Inf Div requesting permission to move 1 Plt Co A, 656th TD to reserve AT pans in 60th Inf sector vic F693198. C/S agrees to the plan.
- 1005 6 S-3 phones CO, A Co, 656th TD to move 1 Plt to vic F693198 and report to this Hq with the info when the move is complete. Plt is to cover RJ primarily to the East. Plt Ldr to notify 60th Inf that they are in reserve pos there. S-3 also informs them of enemy tanks in area F720223.
- 1015 7 S-3 phones Ex. O., 60th Inf that 1 Plt of 656th TD Bn is going in reserve posn vic F693198. This Plt is in bridgehead reserve and is not attached to 60th Inf.
- 1020 8 Phone call from Capt. Young: 3A moved to vic F671215. No other changes in posns. He also reports 39th Inf is on their objectives. S-3 informs him of progress in other sectors. Capt. Young reports that C Co. picked up M10.
- 1030 9 CO leaves CP to visit A Co.
- 1035 10 S-2 phones 629th TD Bn that B Co, 899th destroyed 1 tank vic F720205. 629th TD warns us that their TD's will be using road N from F723190 to F722200.

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1130 11 Phone call from Lt. Burton, B Co: 1 gun, 3B destroyed 2 Jagedpanther Tanks. Capt. Coady and Lt. Wren WIA by enemy arty. S-3 informs Lt. Burton to take command of B Co.

1130 12 Maj Johnson, ATO III Corps, and Maj Southern, S-3, 8th TD Gp visit CP: S-3 orients them on current situation of TD's in bridgehead area.

1155 13 CO & S-3 return from 8th TD Gp CP - Co A, 656th TD Bn will be in support of 899th TD Bn.

1230 14 Capt. Cleary CO A Co. 656th TD Bn reports Plt in pos vic F693198, closed at 1220 hrs.

1300 15 Phone Msg from C/S, 9th Inf Div to Bn Ex. O. 60th Inf requests TD's to fire on targets. C/S directs that we contact 60th Inf and find out what is required.

1305 16 S-3 phones B Co for Lt. Burton to get in touch with S-3, 60th Inf.

1315 17 S-3, 629th TD Bn phones Plt changes to Bn S-3.

1330 18 S-3, 60th Inf Regt phones Bn Ex O: Requests TD's to move to hill vic F710206 to shoot at targets in support of Inf. S-3, 60th has a route picked out and a guide to lead TD's to posn. Ex. O. informs S-3, 60th Inf to get in touch with Lt. Burton who is now commanding B Co.

1340 19 S-3, 60th Inf phones Bn Ex. O and reports that he has the location of about 10 enemy tanks and he would like to have a destroyer move along a covered route that he has to attack them. S-3 tells him that Lt. Burton will report to the 60th CP and talk over the plan. S-3, 60th Inf also feels that since all of B Co is now committed, we should bring more TD's into the area. Maj Carter says that we have to wait until Lt. Burton talks over the plans with the S-3 and if he feels that it is necessary, to notify us.

1347 20 Msg to all Units, 629th, 893rd & 656th TD Bns: 2 or 3 enemy tanks behind houses at F731203.

1348 21 Msg to all Units listed above: 6 or 7 enemy tanks in area F719214.

1350 22 S-3 calls Ren Co and gives them mission of finding location and positions of the 60th Inf Regt's 57mm anti-tank guns.

1400 23 S-3 phones Co A, 656th TD Bn: 1 sec of Plt in pos vic F693198 has the mission of supporting 60th Inf with direct fire at prearranged targets from firing posns vic F709206. Upon completion of mission TD's revert to original mission of reserve in vic F693198. S-3 warns Capt. Cleary that enemy tanks are operating in that vic.

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1405 24 Phone Msg from S-3, 629th TD Bn: 1st Plt in posn, 2nd has not yet arrived in pos.

1435 25 Div ATO phones: CG, 9th Inf Div wants a list of TD's knocked out, where and how, since we arrived on this side of the river.

1445 26 CO 8th TD Gp is at 9th Inf Div CP and requests that the Bn Commander come down and see him.

1455 27 Msg to all Co's, atched units and TD Bn's in the Bridgehead: Point of Origin effective 140200, March 1945 is 7125.

1500 28 Ron Co reports sec of A Co, 656th held up on roads. S-3 informs them that B Co is to use the sec now in pos via F693198.

1510 29  LO from Co A, 656th TD reports to CP: Reports sec of 3A held up on roads. S-3 informs him that sec of 3A will go back to posns in Ockenfels as soon as gun of 2nd Plt is operational and goes in pos via F693198. Sec of 2nd Plt after completing present support posn reverts back to Co. control and will return to posn via F693198.

1555 30 Capt. Gourley reports to CP: Reports posns of 629th TD Bn and their code word to be used in telephone communications between Bns.

1625 31 Lt. Wade phones following info: Fighter bomber mission in front of 60th Inf on town via F724214 flushed out tanks in that area causing them to flee to town of Strodt. CG, 60th Inf is pleased with bombing.

1725 32 Phone Msg from LO: Air reports 15 tanks moving south from St. Katherman. Air Force is working them over now.

1730 33 Msg to all Co's; 8th TD Gp, 893 & 656: 15 enemy tanks moving south from StKatherman via F7221.

1734 34 Msg to all units listed above: 2 enemy tanks reported at F723197. They are under fire from friendly units.

1825 35 Lt. Burton, B Co phoned reporting the plans for 60th attack tonight, report of destroyer that was in arty barrage this morning will have to come back for repair and is unserviceable at present, also reported the following locations for his company: 1 gun 3B at F717202, 1 sec 1B at F715203, 2nd Plt at F713208, 2nd sec of 1B at F713206, 1 sec 2B, Co A, 656th TD Bn at F709207 - They will probably be relieved tonight. No further reports of firing today.

1830 36 A Co report: Co CP in Unkel, Germany - No change. 1st Plt attached to 1st Bn, 39th

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1830 37 Inf in pos via F683257, 2nd Plt atched to 2nd Bn 39th Inf in pos via F685258. 3rd Plt atched to 3rd Bn, 39th Inf in pos via F684256. Weather clear. Morale Excellent. 1 M10 and 10 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 230, APC - 240. 3" ammo on hand: HENC - 42, APC - 42.

1835 38 B Co report: Company CP - No change. 1st Plt, 1st sec via F714207, 2nd sec via 715203. 2nd Plt via F714208. 3rd Plt has one remaining gun at F718203, knocked out two Jaegdpanther tanks expending 7 rds 90mm APC, 3 EM WIA, Capt. Coady also WIA. 9 M36's operational. 19 rds 90mm expended. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 379, HENC - 386. 1st Plt fired at and probably destroyed 1 Mk V tank.

1840 39 C Co report: Co CP via F662203, 1st Plt in reserve pos via F678212. 2nd Plt, 1 sec via F688219, 2nd sec via F699238. 3rd Plt via F687217. Weather clear. Morale Excellent. 1 M10 & 10 M36's operational. 3" ammo on hand: HENC - 42, APC - 42. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 330, APC - 330.

1845 40 Ren Co report: CP in same location. No change in Plt locations. Morale Excellent.

1850 41 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 38, HENC - 45. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 180, HENC - 300.

1930 42 Msg from CO 8th TD Gp: (Thru channels from Gen Hedges): 1. TD's will be placed in primary firing posns at alltimes. 2. TD's will not be held in assembly posns in villages while in reserve.

1940 43 Lt. Burton phones S-3 re sec of A Co, 656: S-3 informs him that the sec is in support of bridgehead and would be released from our control very soon. Lt Burton agrees to relieve them tonight with a section from his 1B.

2015 44 S-3 phones ATO III Corps to report on days activities.

2020 45 Sgt Goes, Ren Co., reports to CP: Reports location of 57mm AT guns in 60th Inf sector, and reports situation and locations of units in 60th Inf sector. CO directs Sgt Goes to be sure and tell Lt. Burton of the 2 hills commanding RJ and area of 2nd Bn 60th Inf objective. Recommends that fire be placed from high ground that we hold on those hills.

2115 46 CG, 9th Inf Div phones CO for recommendations for employment of TD's in bridgehead sector, and in particular in 60th Inf sector. CO recommends 1 Co of SP TD's in each Div sector as reserve in addition to the bn operating in each sector.

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2125 47 CO phones results of above talk to CO, 8th TD Gp.

2130 48 ATO 78th Div phones CO to inform him of formal request of CG, 78th Div for more TD's (1 Co., 656th TD Bn) in support of 78th Div attack tomorrow.

2145 49 Div ATO phones requesting we contact CO 8th TD Gp & request 1 towed TD Bn here tomorrow to take over static AT defense in depth.

2150 50 CO calls CO 8th TD Gp and makes above request.

2155 51 CO, 8th TD Gp calls CO and notifies him that G-3, III Corps has agreed upon movement from Reserve of TD unit to this area and they will be here as soon as possible tomorrow.

2200 52 CO calls Div ATO and notifies him of above. S-3 to contact Div ATO for the employment of the towed TD's in the Div sector.

2215 53 G-3, III Corps calls CO informing him that TD's cannot move as planned. CO refers him to CO 8th TD Gp.

2230 54 CO calls CO 8th TD Gp re plan for employment of TD's and AT defense means. CO also informs him that 78th Div requested 1 Co of TD's for their push tomorrow.

2240 55 LO, Co A, 656th TD Bn requests permission to stay at Co CP. tonight. Permission granted. LO also reports that sec of 3A is now back in pos in Ockenfels and that sec of 3A is in reserve posn vic F693198. No action reported.

2245 56 Co Comdr Co C phones S-3 reporting plan for operation of his Co tomorrow.

2255 57 G-4 phones that traffic in the bridgehead area and on the bridges will be held to the absolute minimum.

2300 58 CO & S-3 leave CP to report to CO, 8th TD Gp.

2310 59 Lt. Burton reports that the 1st Flt of B Co today destroyed one Mk V tank and 1 SP gun, range of 1200 yds and fired at 2 others at 1600 yds which escaped at high speed. He cannot yet confirm the Jagdpanthers but knows that two armored vehicles were destroyed by the 3rd Flt. He also reports that two Bn's of the 60th Inf are on their objectives.

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- 0001 1 CO phones Lt. Burton recommends that 1 gun, 3B be moved to covering pos on hill vic F707204. Also recommends that Lt. Burton be aware of the high ground in front of the 60th Inf.
- 0945 2 Msg from C Co: 1st Plt F696233, 2nd Plt F689207, 3rd Plt in reserve vic F688217. 1st & 2nd Plts moving.
- 0945 3 Capt. Cleary, Co Comdr Co A, 656th TD Bn reports to CP: CO orients him on the situation in bridgehead area. Also notifies him that 8th TD Gp would assume command of TD reserve with 1 Co of 656th in reserve in each Div sector.
- 0947 4 Msg to all Co's and Atohed units: TD's will be placed in primary firing posns at all time.
- 1000 5  Msg to all Co's and atched units: Traffic on roads and bridges in the bridgehead area will be kept to the absolute minimum at all times.
- 1000 6 Msg from B Co: 1st Plt vic F705206, & F710204. 2nd Plt F712213 & F713212. 3rd Plt F704214 moving to F700206.
- 1000 7 S-2 phones G-2, 9th Div and learns that the 60th Inf is receiving direct fire in the St Kathermen area. Pz Lehr Div is reported concentrated in the Wuppertal area.
- 1100 8 Phone call from Capt. Young: 1A vic F682257, 2A vic F693258, 3A vic F690247. Also reports front line locations of 39th Inf.
- 1110 9 Lt. Col Cole, CO 629th TD Bn visits CP: gives locations of his units.
- 1205 10 CG, 9th Div called Bn CO and informs CO that in the area F7427 the TAC/R reports a large amount of enemy vehicles which indicates a possibility of a tank attack tonight. The town at F730218 is expected to be taken tonight. Just to the NE there is a ridge running SE in front of the town, which looks like very good tank country and thinks it is wise to place some guns up there in rear of the 60th Inf. He wanted to know about placed towed guns in that pos, but Col. Fincher advised him that it was unlikely that towed guns would be across today, the bridge has too many previous priority, but stated that we had a Co of 656th available to come and occupy those positions and were now ready to move on order from us, and that he had already assigned areas of reconnaissance. Col. Fincher agrees that it would be adviseable to dig in the guns if time permitted. CG, 9th Div said he wanted Col. Fincher to keep this in mind and make plans to move the guns into a good

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