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1940	37	CO B Co calls Bn CO to inform him that the 60th Inf wanted him to fire at tanks across the river from exposed positions - this Capt. Coady refused to do. Bn CO concurs and asks if there is a better firing pos. Is informed that there are none. CO then advises Capt Coady to bring direct, indirect fire on the tanks.
2010	38	Radio intercept message: Enemy paratroops have been reported landing in Brandenburg. This info phoned G-2, and S-2, 692nd TD Bn.
2015	39	Lt. Wade reports: PW, Para group says they belong to heavy weapons Co. of GT Vanderheyde, CO 6th Para Regt. in Normandy. Mission was to assemble at RJ 8016 and hold for at least 2 days until the resulting breakthru had been effected. Elements to make the breakthru were the 1st SS, 2nd SS, 3rd SS, 12th SS. Enemy believed this RJ connected the roads Eupen, Malmedy and Verviers and would prevent 3 US Div's. from effecting relief of their front line units. The CO jumped with the Paratroopers. PW captured by Volcano reported a large scale attack scheduled today at 5 PM or within 2 days at the latest. Victor reports elements of the 116th Pz Div at LO072, 12th SS Pz Div at FO404, 2nd SS Div at FO30095. 104th Div captured 6 paratroopers - one a casualty.
2030	40	S-2 calls G-2, Div: Msg on enemy paratroops came from 817th TD Bn operating with 8th Div. 692nd also called and given the above info.
2100	41	Phone Msg from 692nd TD Bn: Enemy Paratroops have been reported to have landed in vic 990480. S-2 alerts Rcn Co. and gives them the above info. B Co. also phoned and given the above info. G-2, Div also notified.
2100	42	Enemy paratrooper seen dropping NE of Bn CP.
2125	43	Lt. Wade reports enemy is reported in Faymonville (8702) and Waines (8503).
2140	44	Phone Msg from 692nd TD Bn: More paratroops landed at 992490. Be on alert for counter-attack between the hours of 0500 and 0800 tomorrow. This msg relayed to G-2, Div and Rcn Co.
2200	45	S-2, calls Vinegar and tells them of the paratroops situation.
2220	46	S-2 phones 703rd TD Bn - 703rd has pulled out. Information on paratroops given to the Bn Trains Commander. He reports that 10 have landed at 9745.



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Lt. Wade reports that 10 paratroops have landed at Hasternath. He would like to have the coord of the road block that the Bn has set up.

2230 48

Lt. Rice calls Lt. Wade and gives him the location of our road block.

2310 49

Lt. Coulston calls Lt. Wade to learn if the 3rd Armd is still in our sector. Lt. Wade informs him that COH is in the vic of 9640, and OGB vic 9744.

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S-2, calls 692nd TD Bn and tells them we have nobody in position to shoot Star Shell, but that they will shoot for us with a gun from their A Company in our sector if 9th Div Arty will call 104th Div Arty, code name Cradle, and clear the request with them.

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Msg to A & B Co's: Enemy paratroops are landing. Be ready for counterattack especially before dawn.



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0220	1	Phone Msg from Maj Hedges of 746th Tank Bn: There is a directive from 9th Div. We are to cooperate with the 15th Eng. Bn on this screening movement. The mission is to screen the area given so as to pick up any undesirable people that may have come inside the area during the night. An overlay & Letter of Instruction will come in the morning. Boundaries are from L 13 S O, follow RR tracks to Div Rear Boundary and from there to a point 500 yds S to L 14.6 S 3, to 2500 yds NE and then NW to starting point.
0800	2	CO B Co. calls to inform us that section of 3rd Plt has moved to position previously planned 3 or 4 days ago.
0810	3	Ammo report phoned to Div Arty - No change.
0930	4	TD Report sent 1 ea to ATO, VII Corps and G-3, Div.
1000	5	CO, 746th Tank Bn calls for info regarding directive issued on Patatroops and undesirable whw may be in our sector. He is informed by S-2 that two Recon Plts are combing the area.
1015	6	Memo from G-4, 9th Div: The following ammo is allocated for the period 180600 to 220600, Dec 44. 500 HERC for indirect fire.
1030	7	1st & 12th SS Pz Div's. have been identified by the 3rd Armd Div E of Malmedy.
1150	8	Phone Msg from Maj. Jamieson, 9th Div: Personnel not connected with work that puts them in the open would stay under cover while enemy planes are overhead. Also unauthorized persons have been firing at aircraft. Persons who are not a member of AAA units will fire only when directly attacked by enemy aircraft. Plan for the screening of the area will reach this HQ sometimes during the afternoon.
1220	9	Msg #30 to all Co's: The above info by radio.
1245	10	Maj Riley, G-3, Div. calls S-3: Informs him re Col Tinchers call to G-3 about not being informed of C Co's move with Nostril. Maj Riley says that Maj Lorange was informed about C Co's move, in that he was told that all further orders for C Co would come from the 47th Inf.
1335	11	692nd TD Bn calls and reports that the attack in the South has been stopped. Air Corps caught a 5 mile column of tanks and Armd vehicles on the road bumper to bumper and bombed and strafed them for 3 hours.



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Line is now reported generally South of Monchau and half of the penetration has been restored. This news came from the 104th Div.

1342 12

Lt. Wade reports info from VII Corps as of 0915 hrs. In the VIII Corps sector pressure continues, in the area L0385. Considerable gains in the St. Vith area. Enemy now 2,000 yds from the town. Enemy infiltration at 9733 and enemy buildup continues.

1415 13

Col Pepperal, G-1, Div calls: Gas masks will be issued and carried by all personnel. Small arms and belts will be worn or carried at all times by all individuals except in billets. This info phoned to all Co's.

1530 14

Div G-2 Calls: Password has been compromised. Alternate #1 will be used until noon of 20th. Alternate #2 will be used until the 22nd.

1540 15

Capt. Hancock of Div request info on our local security around the CP. Is informed that we have.

1600 16

S-2 orients B Co CO on the situation in the V Corps sector.

1605 17

S-2 calls Lt. Van Nest and orients him on the situation in the V Corps sector. Lt. Van Nest reports that A Co has a warning order to move out. Does not expect to move until tomorrow. Nudge may move today or tonight.

1640 18

Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 190600 is 1048.

1715 19

Capt. Coady will move his road block tonight. 2B is now in Carnegie Tech, will be ready to shoot indirect in the morning. Would like to have 200 rds. HERC, 86 or what ever we have of star shell. We will call back on it.

1730 20

A Co. report: Co CP moved to 681455. 1st Plt - 1 gun at 084456, 1 sec at 086455, captured two PW's and fired 1 rd HE and 22 APC at enemy OP. Results unknown. 3rd Plt, 1 sec at 060454, 1 sec at 078453. 2nd Plt in reserve. All Plts in AT pos in place. 2nd Plt. No change. Ammo: HE M42/F M48 - 503 rds, APC W/BDF - 453, HVAP - 29.

1745 21

B Co. report: 1st Plt 088487, 2nd Plt 1 gun at 092471, 1 gun 091471, 1 gun 097467. 3rd Plt - 1 gun at 097467, 1 sec at 071458. 3rd Plt fired 8 rds of HE and 16 rds APC W/BDF at a flak tower. 3 M10's short.

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Ammorep: HVAP - 25, APC w/BDF - 395.
HE T105 - 31, HE M48 - 389.

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M10 status phoned to G-4, Div: A - 11,
(1 Maint) B - 9, (1 Maint, 2 Short) C - 12.

1835 23

Recon Co. report: 1st & 2nd Recon Plts with
one sec of pioneers attached to each Plt
made a clean up search of Sternfurth and
asgd area just west of the town, looking
for Paratroopers and suspicious civilians.
1st Plt established and manned road blocks
at 925444, 928443 and 933442.

1925 24

Report that the enemy is on three sides
of Malmady and ten miles from Spa.
This from 692nd TD Bn.

1930 25

Mag from Maj. Huber, Div ATO: Troops
other than AA Arty may engage aircraft
only when the following conditions hold:
a. When the defended area is being attacked
by the aircraft by bombing and strafing.
b. The aircraft is within range less than
2,000 yds of defended positions.
c. The attacking aircraft are definitely
recognized by markings as hostile.
d. No weapons of less than 50 Cal. will
be fired.
This info sent to all Co's.



1945 26

Maj. Huber Div ATO calls: A Co is
attached to Nudge.

2010 27

CO B Co calls, requests 600 rds HERC for
indirect fire, 50 rds Star Shell, 1 box
Fz M54., 300 gals of Deisel. Notifies
that he is now attached to Nutmeg for
Rations.
This info phoned to S-4.

2236 28

692nd TD Calls and requests if Recon Co.
will remain on their right. Told that as
far as we know now they won't be.

2300 29

Lt. Wade calls from Div: 30 enemy
tanks reported at 672000 to 680014;
enemy road blocks at 6900, 7202, 7704,
8004, and 805050 in Belgium. Long column
of enemy vehicles was reported at 570000
at 2100 hrs. 100 plus enemy tanks at
Faymonville, at 2030 hrs. There will
be a field order coming out late tonight.
Elements of the 9th Inf Regt. at Spa.
395th Inf has 1st & 2nd Bns on line
from 9816 to 9804.

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0035	1	Col Brill, Div Hq. calls and states that the Recon for new CP locations will leave at 0800. He only wants one jeep. Any other vehicles we wish to send to new area before the CP moves will report to Lt. Shaw at 9th Div Motor Pool at 1000 hrs. All CP's will move at 1300 hrs.
0100	2	Capt. Halbit, G-3 Div calls and wants Maj. Carter to report there at once.
0800	3	Advance party leaves CP to Recon for new CP location in V Corps.
0900	4	Details of move given to Capt. Gourley.
1000	5	TD report sent to ATO, VII Corps & G-3, Div.
1000	6	S-3 calls G-3 office about details of CP move and if Hdqrs Co. moves and details pertaining to it.
1000	7	Clean up detail to stay in present area for 45 minutes. IG will inspect area.
1015	8	S-3 gives following order to Hq Co CO: Lt. Rind and Lt. Dorr to reconnoiter for area for Hq. Co.
1925	9	Msg #20 sent to all Co's: CP location 848089.
2030	10	A Co. report: Company moved with 39th Inf CT in support of the CT in the V Corps sector. Left area at 0730, passed IP at Gressenich (988427) at 1018. Co closed at 1800. CP at 889118. 1st Plt in AT pos 908096 and 895097 protecting right flank of Regimental area. 2nd Plt in reserve vic of CP; 3rd Plt in AT pos at 925095 and 927121. 1st & 3rd Plts fired on enemy aircraft. 1st Plt strafed & bombed - two bombs landing on either side of one M10. No damage. Weather: Cool, cloudy & damp. Morale excellent. Ammo: APC W/BDF - 454, HE - 503, HVAP - 29.
2050	11	Msg #31 to G Co: Point of Origin is 0949 - What are your positions.
2115	12	Phone Msg from G/S: TD Co, "A" Co., reserve Plt is to be in direct support of 39th Inf.
2145	13	2120 Msg from G Co: CP & 2nd Plt - 921194, 1st Plt, 1 sec 925142, 1 gun 935155, 1 gun 933163, 3rd Plt, 1 sec 934145, 2nd sec 931135.
2150	14	Msg to CO A Co: You are to be in direct support. 2 plts supporting 39th Inf, one Plt supporting 26th FA Bn.



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2152	15	Msg #1 from Lt. Wade: Hq Co located at 849106..
2200	16	Ren Co. report: Company moved out from Eschweiler, Germany at 1330 hrs and moved 32 miles to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of Ovifat, Belgium. Company closed in new area at 1830 hrs.
2215	17	Msg from Lt. Wade: Div Radio not on. They are working on the wire now. They know our location.



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0230 1 19 Dec 2205 Msg #14 from G-3, Div: Point of Origin effective 200600 dec 1944 - 9011.

0300 2 19 Dec 2130 Msg from G-4, 9th Div: No restriction on artillery ammunition. One unit of fire in excess of basic load may be drawn of Infantry ammo. Medical Clearing Co.- Konzin Hotel, Eupen, 9th QM - Membach. This Msg given to S-4.

0545 3 G-3, Div calls requesting the status of our vehicles and equipment.

0845 4 Phone Msg from Maj. Huber Div ATO: Noise that sounds like tanks heard at 972167 and 973177 by 99th Div.

0845 5  Msg #21 to Co C for confirmation of above information.

0900 6 Msg #330 to all Companies: Point of Origin effective 200600 - 9011.

0922 7 0900 Msg #1 from C Co - Areas in last message shelled - No further noise heard - will keep you informed to further definite info received. This phoned to Maj Huber.

1125 8 Phone Msg from Lt. Van Nest: No change in dispositions, still on recon. for AT Plan.

1135 9 Co C reports: 17th Dec - About 1800 hrs Company placed on alert. Platoons remained in same positions. Lt. Col. Fincher visited Co CP. About 1630 hrs Company departed from Langerwehe to an assembly area SE of Eupen. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent.
18 Dec - Co arrived in assembly area vic 863221 about 2400 hrs. about 1000 hrs Platoons moved out to AT positions. 1st Plt 1st sec 925142, 1 gun 935155, 1 gun 933163. 2nd Plt vic 925193 and 3rd Plt 929188. CP vic 863193. Co in support of 47th Inf Regt CT. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent.
19 Dec - About 0730 hrs., 3rd Plt moved to AT pos vic of Kalterherberg, 1st sec 925142, 1 M10 935155, 1 M10 933163. 2nd Plt in res vic Mutzenich (922194). CP moved to vic Mutzenich (922194). Rear CP at 863221. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent.
Ammo: HE M54 - 110, HVAP - 19, APC W/BDF - 485, HE M42A1 - 394.

1155 10 S-2 calls A Co. to give them the location of C Co.

1200 11 Msg Center phones that we are in comm with 746th Tank Bn by phone.

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1300	12		Maj Huber Div ATO phones and gives following info: 20 enemy tanks and Inf reported attacking at 9606, at 1155. This msg sent to all Co's., and 39th Inf.
1315	13		Intercept Msg: Enemy column moving North from Rohren. Sent to All Co's, Div and 3rd TD Gp.
1320	14		Bn CO gives Rcn Co. mission of contacting the 644th and 801st TD Bns in this sector.
1325	15		S-2 calls 3rd TD Gp and tells them that the Div AT Officer would like the dispositions of Vicar. Either through LO or TD Code.
1348	16		Msg #32 to G Co: Have you any information on convoy moving from Rohren?
1351	17		Msg from G Co: Will call back later on Msg #32.
1415	18		Unit report #177 sent to ATO V Corps. S-3, 3rd TD Gp and G-3, Div.
1425	19		Reserve Plt of A Co. to be in direct support of 39th Inf. Info from Div.
1430	20		Msg from G Co: Re Msg #32 - No further information.
1435	21	1420	Msg #1 from Hq Co: Is A Co. to pick up 150 rds of HE normal or Reduced charge.
1430	22		Msg to Hq Co: Re Msg #1 - Answer is no.
1435	23		G-2, Div reports attack at 9606 repulsed.
1455	24		Msg #24 to all Co's: 20 tanks and 200 Inf at 9606 reported in Msg #20 repulsed. No info on convoy North of Rohren yet.
1440	25		Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 210600 is 9316.
1507	26		Msg #25 to all Co's: Two tanks at 952096 being brought under artillery fire. This report from Air OP.
1635	27	1630	Msg #1 from G Co: Need 100 Star Shells tomorrow morning. Let me know if this can be acted upon.
1650	28		Msg #31 to S-4: G Co needs 100 rds Star Shell tomorrow forenoon. Can you draw enough to fill this tomorrow morning.
1715	29		Intercept Msg - Enemy tanks at 838909.
1720	30		S-4 reports to OP: Can get Star Shell for G Co. by tomorrow night, not before then.



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1830 31 Msg #32 to C Co: You can get 36 rds Star Shell at Jersey How tomorrow morning, balance being hauled to your CP tomorrow PM.

1832 32 Phone Msg from Maj Huber Div ATO: Enemy tanks reported at 940065.

1835 33 Msg #33 to Co's A & C: Enemy tanks reported at 940065.

1940 34 S-1 calls Lt. Dorr and tells him to take pion sec and 1 Motorcycle to new CP area to construct a bridge into the area. He is to leave as soon as possible in the morning. As soon as the bridge is completed he is to send the Motorcycle back to this headquarters and notify us of the same.

1945 35 S-2 checks with C Co by phone concerning the 3 enemy tanks reported at 940065. C Co C given info on star ammo.

1945 36  A Co. report: Co CP and all Plts. in same pos reported 19th Dec. North of Eisenborn, Belgium. No activity. Recon carried out in 39th RCT sector by Plt Ldrs. 2nd Plt attached to 26th FA for indirect fire and reattached to 39th CT. No rds fired. Weather Cloudy & Cool. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 504 HE M42 Fz M48, 475 APC W/BDF, 29 HVAP.

1945 37 Ron Report: CP located in Ovifat, Belgium. 1st Recon Plt attached to Co A performed reconnaissance throught the 39th Regmtl sector and to the flanks. 2nd Plt did liaison with adjoining TD units. 3rd Plt attached to Co C. Lt. Dorr with one section made reconnaissance for new bivouac area. One M20 was hit by a 2 1/2 ton gas truck. One man evacuated to hospital. M20 was from Pioneer Plt, no damage to the vehicle.

1945 38 Msg #33 to C Co: Report positions.

2000 39 Msg from C Co: In reply to Msg #33 - No change.

2010 40 Lt. Wade reports following: Report from V Corps at 1550 - Eng. fighting paratroops at 8719. From Div Arty at 1515 - 34th FA engaged with paratroops at 864215. 1st Div at 1725 reports that they are still in close contact with 11th Co. 8th Para Regt. and 4 or 5 tanks. 99th Div attacked by Inf and tanks as per report of 1730. The Inf surrendered by 1900 by the tanks have not been located. V Corps at 1900 reports that 066190 is the exact location of 400 or 500 paratroops, trying to get to their own lines. A small advance was made by these men on Stavelot. Situation uncertain.

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2020 41

703rd TD Bn reports that 2 enemy tanks are in the town of Elsenborn and were lost in the fog. Also reports 8th Co of 4th Para Regt made small penetration at 1400 which was restored. They have one Plt in this sector (Div Flank).

2040 42

Msg #35 to Hq Co - We move at 0930A - details later.

2045 43

Msg #26 to all Co's: Friendly tanks marked with letter Zebra are being used by the enemy and will be fired upon. Enemy may be using armored cars with same markings.

2045 44

Msg #34 to S-4: Coordinates of C Co CP.

2200 45



S-2 of 801st TD Bn reports that they intercepted a msg saying that there were tanks at 964157. S-2 called 9th Div, G-3, who stated that the Div Arty was laying down heavy interdiction fire in that area and area north of it, but there were no definite reports of tanks. This info was given to the 801st TD Bn.

2330 46

2300 Msg from V Corps relayed by 9th Div: Pick up 48 rds 3" T4, HVAP at ASP 129. This will authorize you to pick it up.

2342 47

9th Div, G-2 calls to tell S-3 that Army wanted all units notified that the enemy in this area is capable of a major attack. Either in continuation of his westward drive, or in a swing to the North. Col. Huston adds that his evaluation is that the enemy is capable of attack, and the areas around Hofen and Alzen are where he seems to be concentrating. Therefore if he attacks, he may attack in that sector.

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Radio reports intercepted from A Co. to Plts stating that enemy paratroops have been reported dropped in their area at 1700 today.

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0600	1		Msg to Ron & Hq Co: March to new area: Time - 210930A, 1st vehicle pass IP. IP - RJ 849099. Rate of march - 15 MPH. Order of march: Ron, - Bn CP, - Hq Co. Route - Present area - Eupen - Destination.
0930	2		CP, Ron Co (less 2 Ron Plts) moved to new location via 2 miles W of Eupen.
1100	3	1045	Msg #1 from Hq Co: Closed at 1030, oord 796270.
1100	4		CP and Ron CP close in new area.
1220	5	1215	Msg #1 from G Co: Send 1 sec Pion Plt.
1410	6		Msg to all Co's (less B) CP at 833240, Hq Co at 796270, Recon at 833240.
1410	7		Msg #20 to Hq Co from S-2: Will you please send up the other CP tent - understand you're not using it and I need it.
1415	8		CO & S-3 leave CP to visit G Co.
1530	9	1445	Msg #1 from Relay station: 801st TD changed position - moving now.
1615	10		Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 220600 is 9222.
1620	11		A Co. report: Co. in same pos as reported 20 Dec. No change in pos of Plts. Weather Cloudy and cool. Morale Excellent.
1625	12		G Co. report for 20 Dec - Co remained in the same pos with 1st & 3rd Plts in support of 47th Inf. 2nd Plt remained in reserve. Ron Plt patrolled area to Eupen and guarded Regt. CP. Morale Excellent. Lt. Florence WIA.
1640	13		G Co. report: 1st & 3rd Plts remained in same AT positions. 2nd Plt moved into in- direct fire pos in support of 84th FA. to fire illuminating missions. (893200) Morale Excellent. 12 M10's operational. Ron Plt patrolled roads. Pioneer Plt demolitions via 914168. 1 M10 of 3rd Plt that was in reserve moved to 913168.
1700	14		Ron Report: 3rd Plt attached to Co G is operating with 47th I & R Plt. 1st & 2nd Plt continued their Reconnaissance of their respective sectors. CP moved from Ovifat to 3 1/2 miles East of Eupen. Company left at 0930 and closed in area at 1100 hrs. Morale Excellent.
1825	15		Status of M10's phoned to G-4: A-11, B-9, C-12.

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1845	16	S-3 telephone report phoned to V Corps ATO.
2100	17	Phone msg from Col. Huston, Div G-2: Between 1830 and 2030 there were 20 transports overhead. 6 paratroops were dropped. The above msg sent to all Co's.
2145	18	Maj Huber, Div ATO calls and says that the CO & S-3 will attend a meeting that will be held at G-3 at 220900 to make recommendations for AT defense in Nostril sector.
2155	19	Lt. Wade reports to GP: B Co. is arriving in Eupen tonight at 220100. Billeting party to leave this area and pick out the area and notify Div Provost Marshall.
2210	20	Lt. Rice leaves GP to secure Billet area for B Co.
2230	21	Maj Huber calls to notify us that B Co. will not be in until 0800 23 Dec.



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0900	1		Msg #1 from G Co: 8 rds star shell fired last night.
0900	2		S-3 attends meeting at G-3, Div.
0930	3		Unit report #179 sent one each to TD Officer V Corps; S-3, 3rd TD Gp; G-3, 9th Inf Div.
0945	4		Sketch of defensive setup of Bn CP area sent to Maj Hedges, 746th Tank Bn.
1000	5		Msg to Co G from S-4: Your status report 136 rds Star Shell on hand. You drew only 100 rds from Bn supply and previously reported none on hand. Report of explanation will be submitted at once to Bn S-4 on above.
1100	6		Msg from A Co. that they requested 25 rds Star Shell be furnished them. Msg relayed to S-4 by Sgt Major.
1105	7		Lt. Wascher calls stating they fired 8 rds Star Shell at 946187 - They only received 100 rds. yesterday instead of 136 as he expected - Nothing happening as yet - Will call if anything comes up. 92 Star Shell on hand now.
1115	8	1100	Msg from A Co: Have our supply pick up 25 rds. star.
1125	9		S-3 returns from Div: Was asked for recommendations on AT defense of Div. 90mm will be relocated. 8 guns will be used for AT purposes, the others in their primary mission. Corps ATO requested that the Co. of the 612th TD that is in Hofen be pulled out because there is not enough protection for them there. CG, Div says they will remain.
1130	10		V Corps ATO calls: 3" available at ASP 126. No reduction on ammo drawn. Guides are in place to direct trucks to area.
1200	11		Maj. McKesson says he has 3800 rds star shell available.
1240	12		Msg to G Co from S-4: Your company recd 2 SCR 620 radio sets in M20's by mistake. These two radio sets will be turned in to radio maint (Bn) not later than 1400.
1450	13		Lt. Coulston calls that 39th Inf was being attacked - telephone line is out - No definite info on tanks.
1453	14		S-3 calls Div ATO concerning attack on the 39th Inf: Maj Huber reports that

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The 39th was attacked but they are holding. No tanks have been reported but SP guns are operating. There is a heavy enemy attack in the 1st Div sector. 19 enemy tanks have been reported knocked out.

1500 15

Lt Coulston reports that the 101st A/B division knocked out 55 tanks.

1515 16

Msg to A Co: Enemy attack reported your vicinity. Have you any information?

1528 17

LO reports that an artillery TOT in the 1st Div sector on those tanks that had started the attack there has broken it up. Air OP reports that its a slaughter. No report on the attack in the 39th sector.

1539 18

A Co. reports on Msg #20 - No info.

1555 19

Maj Huber DivATO calls that he received a msg from Corps ATO that Turkey will be drawn on 23 Dec at class I truckheads. Maj Huber would also like to know if the guns at Kalterherberg are dug in. Reports that Nostril had a small attack which was contained. Above info on turkey phoned to S-4.



1745 20

G Co. report: Co. in support of 47th Inf. 1st & 2nd Plts in AT pos same as yesterday, in support of 1st & 2nd Bns. 2nd Plt in indirect fire pos in support of 84th FA Bn fired 8 rds Star vic 946187. Ron Plt continued road patrol. 12 M10's operations. Morale Excellent. 3" ammo on hand: 92 Star, 110 HE M54, 19 HVAP, 485 APC, 394 HEM42A1. 200 rds HERC ordered but hasn't arrived as yet. Expect it later this evening.

1750 21

Ran Co. report: 1st sec Pion Plt remained attached to Co G. The Pioneer Plt continued to build bridges and roads into the Bn CP area. 1st & 2nd Plts continued the Recon. & liaison work in the division area.

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A Co. report: Co CP & all Plts in same pos as 12 Dec. 1 M10, 2nd Plt in pos as reported, returned to Bn Maint & 1 M10 1st Plt returned to Co. 1 M10, 2nd Plt in pos at 89021182 to fire star shell, in front of 1st & 3rd Bn's, 39th Inf Sector. FDC at Nudge CP. Weather cloudy & cool with snow. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo: 504 HE M42A1, 475 APC, 29 HVAP.

1900 23

M10 status report phoned to G-4, Div.

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0700	1	C Co. phones ammo report: 212 rds HERC expended on 3 missions.
0900	2	C Co. reports that they want 500 rds HERC sent to them today. Above request phoned S-4.
1000	3	TD Report sent 2 Copies to TD Officer V Corps; 1 copy G-3, Div.
1200	4	C Co reports that no ammo was expended.
1300	5	S-3 visits A Co.
1330	6	Phone call from V Corps ATO: AOP reports enemy movement vicinity Monschau at 1255. This info sent to all Co's.
1545	7	Msg to B Co: CP location 833240.
1547	8	Msg to B Co: Hq Co located at 796270.
1628	9	Capt Tatroe reports that now that Baker is back with us, V Corps will supply them with their two missing M10's, and are expecting two tomorrow. CO & EX O. notified of same. S-4 & Recon Co. Comdr are notified that B Co. is now W of Eupen.
1700	10	C Co. reports: Co in support of 47th Inf GT. No change in Plt positions. 2nd Plt in support of 84th FA Bn fired 212 rds HERC at 95802050, 96301950, and 96381758. 12 M10's operational. Recon Plt continued road patrol, and checked houses for German Paratroops. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 185 APC W/BDF, 19 HVAP, 110 HE M54, 394 HE M42A1, Indirect ammo 92 Star Shell, 500 HERC. Received 212 HERC late last night.
1745	11	Msg to All Co's: Point of Origin effective 240600 is 9217.
1830	12	Recon Report: No change in Recon Plt missions. Pioneer Plt continued bridge and road building in the Bn & Co area. Co CP remained in same location. Morale Excellent.
1900	13	S-3 returns to CP.
2100	14	Jersey Baker closed at 2000, via Eupen. Phoned to G-3, 9th Div.



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0700	1	Msg from C Co - 200 rds HERC expended last night. 12 M10's operational.
0900	2	Msg #1 from A Co: No ammo expended. 11 M10's operational.
0910	3	Ammo report phoned to S-4, Div Arty.
1230	4	Ltr. from V Corps, dated 23 Dec., Subject, Maintenance and Evacuation over Routes N27 & N28. (Copy of letter given to Capt. Tatroe)
1230	5	Ltr. Hq FUSA, dated 21 Dec 44, Subject, Troop Assignment No 150. Copy given to S-1.
1400	6	Msg from C Co: CP at 908172.
1430	7	B Co. reports that they have 25 rds HERC on hand.
1530	8	Opns Memo #13 rec'd from 9th Div on the use of weapons and signals to prevent or contain an enemy breakthru.
1620	9	Ltr. "Plan of Operation - Rear Area Defense" (2 copies sent) to 746th Tank Bn.
1730	10	Phone Msg from Capt. Maxwell of Div G-2: 500 enemy planes are expected to attack tonight. If you are attacked you will fire your 50's. The above Msg sent to all Co's.
1745	11	C Co. report: Co in support of 47th Inf. 1st & 2nd Plts remained in same AT pos. 2nd Plt remained in support of 84th FA Bn. Fired 200 rds HERC, vic 95802050, 96381758. Co CP moved to vic of 908171. 12 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 92 Star Shell, 300 HERC, 110 HEM54, 19 HVAP, 485 APC W/BDF, 394 HEM42A1.
1745	12	A Co. report: 23 Dec - Co CP and all Plts in same pos reported 22nd Dec. No activity by Co. during the period. One M10 returned to Bn Maint. for maint and additional armor. Weather Clear and Cool. Morale Excellent. 24 Dec - Co CP and all Plts in pos reported 23 Dec. No activity during the day. Weather clear and cool, snow on the ground. Morale Excellent. Ammo: 504 HE M42A1, 475 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 50 Star Shell.
1830	13	B Co. report: Co CP 921192, 1st Plt 923196, 2nd Plt 925169, 3rd Plt 922195. 4 M10's short. Ammo: HVAP 25, APC W/BDF 395, HE W/Fz T105 31, HE W/Fz M48 389. The following ammo was turned over to Lt. Willborne, A Co, 692nd TD Bn on



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Dec 22nd, 1944: HERC - 580, HERC W/Fz
M54 - 20, HERC Ill - 50.

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3-4 phones that Jersey Baker has 2 M10's
at Hq Co. They can be picked up tomorrow
morning. Jersey Baker called and told to
send in two crews to pick up the M10's at
Hq Co. tomorrow morning.



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0600	1	C Co. reports that on Con. #4 - 100, #6- 12. Wants additional rds HERC.
0605	2	A Co. report: #4 - 0, #6 - 11, No ammo needed.
0630	3	Msg to B Co: Request amount ammo you need today.
0635	4	Phone call to B Co. on the ammo they need: Sgt. Rickett says that they need 400 rds.
0635	5	B-4 called and notified of the above reports. B-4 says they will send to the Ammo dump for the amount needed and should have it this morning or early this afternoon.
0800	6	C Co. reports they expended 100 rds at same targets from 0600 - 0700.
0850	7	TD Reports sent e ea to TD Officer, V Corps & 1 copy to G-3, Div.
0910	8	Lt Wascher calls that he does not want the 400 rds of ammo.
1000	9	Lt. Wascher calls again and says that he wants the ammo.
1415	10	S-3 calls all Co's less Hq Co. and familiarizes them on plans and future operations.
1530	11	Situation overlay received from Corps. Copies made and sent to all Co's.
1730	12	Ren Co. report: No change.
1800	13	C Co. report: Co in support of the 47th Inf Regt. CP vic of 908171. 1st & 3rd Plts remained in AT pos in support of 1st & 2nd Bn's. 2nd Plt in indirect fire pos in support of 84th FA Bn. Fired 200 rds HERC at 95802050, 96301850 and 96381758. 12 M10's operational. Lt. Col. Tinscher visited CP. Morale Excellent.
1815	14	B Co. report: Co CP 917194, 1st Plt 923195, 2nd & 3rd Plt at 899202. NVAP - 25, APC W/BDF - 395, HE W/Fz T105 - 31, HE W/Fz M48 - 389, HERC W/Fz M48 - 240. 4 M10's short.
1820	15	Msg to Comm O. from Signal Officer 9th Inf Div: Green star parachute pyrotechnic M19A1 authorized for use by 78th Inf Div from 24 Dec to 7th Jan inclusive. To mean fire demolitions.
1830	16	A Co. report: Co CP & 1st Plt in same pos as 24 Dec. 2nd Plt replaced 3rd Plt in same pos. 3rd Plt in reserve at Co CP. 1 gun in indirect fire firing star shell for 39th Inf. No activity reported. Weather clear and cold.



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0700	1	C Co. reports 150 rds HERC expended last night.
0715	2	A Co. reports no ammo expended.
0955	3	TD report sent e to TD Officer, V Corps; one to G-3, Div.
1015	4	S-3 calls C Co to determine change if any, and present status of platoon in indirect fire pos. Lt. Wascher says that Plt is still in indirect fire pos and will call back on any change.
1020	5	S-3 calls B Co. on status of Plt in indirect fire pos and if the Co wants the balance of their indirect fire ammo at the Plt pos. Capt. Coady states that he did not fire indirect. C Co. still has half of ammo and that the 1st Plt will not move to Div right flank until tomorrow morning. Pending shift of 893rd MLO's and relief by C Co when that happens his 1st Plt will move to Nudge sector. C Co. will not move until tonight. He will call back on any new details.
1100	6	Phone call to A Co: Notified them of delay of 1st Plt B Co. Lt. Severin reports no change in A Co's positions.
1225	7	Capt. Coady calls stating he has following ammo on hand: 44 Star Shell, 322 HERC. Does not know how much C Co has on hand.
1245	8	Msg #330 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 270600 Dec is 9318.
1540	9	GO Hq Co. called stating that they were bombed at 1525 hrs - 1 bomb lit in the center of the Maintenance area. No damage, no casualties to Hq Co. One EM from A Co. was evacuated. One unexploded bomb is in the area.
1700	10	B Co. report: 1st Plt 923196, 2nd & 3rd Plt 899201. 3" Ammo: HVAP - 25, APC W/BDF - 395, HE W/T105 - 31, HE W/ M48 - 389, HERC - 322, Star Shell - 44. 4 MLO's short.
1800	11	Ren Report: The Plon Plt continued their work in improving the bivouac area. The 1st Plt maintained liaison with the TD Bn's. in Div Sector and in adjacent sectors.
1800	12	C Co. report: Co in support of 47th Inf. 2nd Plt fired 150 rds HERC at 95802050, 96301850, and 96381758. 2nd Plt made Ren for pos vic Monschau. Will move into pos after dark. 1st & 3rd Plts remained in same AT pos vic Kalterherberg. 11 MLO's operational. Morale Excellent. Ren Plt continued same



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mission. Pioneer section continued to guard demolitions.

Ammo: 48 Star Shells turned over to B Co. 110 HE M54, 485 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 394 HE M42A1.

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A Co. report: Co CP & all Plts in same pos reported 25th Dec. Pfc Rice, Sgt Kroll & Pvt Faria strafed by P47. Pfc Rice SWA, hit in the shoulder. 1 1/2 Ton truck damaged and being repaired by Co. maint. No other activity reported. Weather Clear & Cool. Morale Excellent. Ammo: HE M42A1 - 400, APC W/BDF 456, HVAP 48, Star Shell 5.

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ATO DIV calls Bn CO to inform him that G-3, V Corps, says that M10 replacements are plentiful. S-3 calls ATO back to report that our S-4 reports there are no M10 replacements available. CG 9th Div gives CO permission to call V Corps G-3 direct & find out what the M10 situation is.



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B Co. phones following report: 100 rds will be fired at following coordinates: 96622180, 96262152, 96802178, 97282172, 97302040, 96862012, 97142082. Firing to be completed by 0600. Fired 4 rds this afternoon for registration - incomplete.

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Phone Msg from C Co. Plts located as follows: 10 at 931135, 932133, 932143; 20 at 937187, 937193, 933177, 933176; 30 at 913168, 833144, 933155; 20 moving now.

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0930	1	CO B Co. calls that replacement M10 had to be sent back to Ordnance - No oil pressure in one motor. 1st Plt moving to vicinity 1st Bn 60th this morning.
0930	2	S-3 gives Ron Co Comdr mission of Recon of North flank of Div sector for likely avenues of tank approach, and to get dispositions of TD units on both flanks.
0945	3	S-3 directs LO to get overlay of friendly dispositions in Div sector to include pos of 57 mm AT Guns.
1000	4	Maj Huber Div ATO calls Bn CO to inform him that The Bn CO and Maj Huber are to report to the CG, 9th Div.
1010	5	S-3 notifies B Co. Comdr to hold 1st Plt until further notice from this Hq.
1100	6	S-3 phones B Co: 1B will remain in present Pos. CO will be at Nutmeg CP in approx 20 min Co Comdr B Co to meet him there.
1105	7	S-3 phones A Co. to inform them that 1B will not be moved to their sector as planned.
1110	8	CO & S-3 visit Co's.
1140	9	CG, 9th Div phones: Requests the following information and issues orders to S-2 to be relayed to Bn CO immediately. 1. No of M10's operational in each Co. 2. If we were taking care of maintenance for 893rd TD Bn, those that are operating in our sector. 3. Ordered that we would do that maint. They have reported that 2 M10's are non-operational and we will either restore them or repair them. We will use the means that are available to us. CG also asks for the whereabouts of our "5". This info phoned to B Co. for transmission to Bn CO.
1215	10	Msg #20 to all Co's: New Stripes. A captured enemy document stated that all fighter planes would be marked by three foot stripes around the fuselage after 21 December.
1320	11	Phone Msg from Div Arty 3: Wants to know what ammo at B Co's gun Pos is available for firing for Div Arty and if we are able to replace ammo fired and whether our ammo is limited. He is informed that ammo is unlimited and that we will replace all ammo fired. Maj Garland stated that reason for call was to give an idea of our firing capabilities and restrictions
1600	12	Sgt Walman of Div AT Office calls to inform



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us that B Co of the 413th AAA has moved out.

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S-2, 9th Div Arty calls stating that under no conditions are personnel to fire on planes of American manufacture. If Allied aircraft appear in force, personnel are to take cover.

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The above info phoned to all Co's.

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Recon Report: One sec of 2nd Plt made reconnaissance of fire breaks on our left flank. No change in other plt assignments. Pion Plt worked with Co B in preparing gun pos for indirect fire.

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A Co. report: Co CP and all Plts in same pos as 26 Dec. Cpl Jacobson wounded by bomb in Eupen on 26th Dec. No other activity reported. Weather Sunny & Cool. Morale Excellent. Ammo: HEM42A1 - 504 APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP -48, Star Shell -50



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B Co. report: 1st Plt 922196, 2nd & 3rd Plt at 899201. 3" Ammo: HVAP - 25, APC W/BDF 345, HE W Fz T105 - 31, HE M48 - 389. HERC - 205, HERC - W Fz M54 - 10. M54 Fuzes-7. 2nd & 3rd Plts fired 100 rds interdiction or harassing fire between 2100 hrs 26, & 27 Dec. Drew 7 rds of OB.

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C Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf. CP in 908171, 1st Plt in Regt. Reserve vic of - 1 gun 913168, 2 guns in assembly area 907179. 2nd Plt in direct support of 1st Bn 74th Inf vic of - 1 gun 937187, 1 gun 937193, 1 gun 933176. 3rd Plt in direct support 2nd Bn 47th Inf. 1 gun 933144, 1 gun 932143, 1 gun 931133. 10 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Positions to be occupied tonight. Ammo: 110 HE M54, 48 HVAP, 456 APCW/BDF, 394 HE M42A1.

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B Co calls that they will fire on the following points: 96102120, 96202020, 96502090, 96602180, 96862012, 96302060, 96052115. 150 rds to be expended by 0700 tomorrow. 3 rds were fired this afternoon for incomplete registration on base point.

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S-3 phones CO B Co to make TD plan for employment of his Co in Nutmeg sector. CO & S-3 will check his plan sometime tomorrow. CO B reports that one gun is at Co. CP.

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B Co. phones pos of 1B - 1sec 922200, 1 sec 927199.

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S-3 gives location of Plts to Div ATO by P of O.

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2200 23 Div Supply Officer calls that Capt. Tatroe is to call at Engineer Supply and pick up supplies.

2215 24 Lt. Wade phones report that the report of a German glider landing vic Stavelot is false.

2215 25 Maj. Fuller of 3rd TD Gp calls and says that Lt. Coulston has been selected as Ass't AT Officer 18th A/B Corps. Wants verification of CO's approval. S-3, verifies the orders that were to be cut making Maj. Lorange ATO 18th Corps and Lt. Coulston Asst ATO 18th A/B Corps. Verified by Major Fuller.

2245 26 Phone Mag from G-2: Master 6 states that there is a likelihood of an attack tomorrow by 3 Divisions preceded by considerable air activity in sector between Kesternich and Elsenborn. Keep on the alert and notify S-2 of any significant happenings. This Mag phoned to all Co's.



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0710	1	B Co reports 150 rds HERC expended.
0715	2	A Co. reports no ammo expended.
0915	3	TD report sent 2 ea to TD Officer, V Corps, 1 to G-3, Div.
0930	4	S-3, 3rd TD Gp, calls S-3 for info on 893rd TD's: S-3 informs him, that as far as we know the 893rd TD's got out without trouble. In reply to whether we could handle an armored attack in this sector "Yes, and if we can't stop them we sure could make them hesitate".
0945	5	Phone Msg to Capt. Tatroe: B Co expended 153 rds HERC. B Co to pick up 200 rds HERC additional. OK'd by CO.
1000	6	B Co. phoned to pick up 200 rds HERC at Jersey How.
1030	7	Phone call to S-4: A Co will pick up 200 rds HERC today, estimated expenditure for A & B is approx 300 rds per day. S-4 states that he will issue 200 rds to ea A & B from what he has on hand. He will then draw from ASF only when this is expended and will not keep any on hand.
1305	8	Phone Msg from A Co to S-3: Have Sgt Krall pick up 200 rds HERC and 15 Fuze M54. Relayed to Jersey How at 1330.
1330	9	LO reports to GP - There was a counter-attack in front of 39th Inf sector this morning. Objective of attack was the high ground around Monschau & Elsenborn. Attack was repulsed by our arty, both Div & Corps. No ground lost except one outpost of 2nd Div which withdrew to allow our arty fire to land in that area. It is believed that this was a diversional attack & the real effort was to be made vic of Duren where the enemy has been building bridges across the Roer River. The river level has been lowered by his manipulation of the dams. However we are ready for him, and we are blowing up his bridges as fast as he builds them. The 101st A/B Div has been relieved. Bastogne is in our hands.
1330	10	Ren Co Comdr reports to GP - S-3 briefs him on Bn plan of operation under new system.
1340	11	S-3 phones B Co. for amount of star shell on hand. Lt.Oborn reports reports 44 star on hand.
1345	12	S-4 phones that he issued 247 HERC to B Co plus enough HVAP to bring their total to 48 HVAP.




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1400	13	S-3 phones S-4 to draw 400 rds of HERC each day until further notice.
1420	14	S-3 phones S-3, 26th FA Bn to advise him that Jersey Able has 200 HERC on hand & 50 star shell. S-3, 26th FA Bn estimates that 200 rds HERC will be sufficient.
1645	15	Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 290600 is 9216.
1645	16	CO returns to CP from Companies.
1700	17	 <p>A Co. report: Co CP and all Plts in same positions as 27th Dec. 3rd Plt to go into indirect fire position in vic of Co CP, along RR track for night harassing missions, firing reduced charge HE ammo. No other activity reported. Weather foggy and cold. Morale Excellent. 3" ammo on hand - 504 HE M42A1, 456 APC, 48 HVAP, 50 Star Shell. 12 M10's operational.</p>
1715	18	LO reports Point of Origin compromised. Point of Origin effective 290600 is 9413. This msg sent to all companies.
1745	19	Msg to all Co's: Army has discontinued the use of all signals for pyrotechnic pistols and hand projectors. Companies will turn in to Bn supply all such signals on hand. Co C will turn in the projector hand M9. This does not apply to signals for use with rifle grenade launchers.
1750	20	Phone Msg from S-4: A Co. picked up 17 rds T4 ammo plus 200 rds HERC. S-4 requests that the T4 fuzes be returned.
1755	21	<p>G Co. report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf. CP via 908171. 1st Plt in Regtl reserve, 1 gun 912166 and 2 guns in an assembly area via 907179. 2nd Plt in direct support of 1st Bn, 47th Inf. 1 gun 937187, 1 gun 937193, and 1 gun 933176. 3rd Plt in direct support of 2nd Bn, 47th Inf, 1 gun 933144, 1 gun 932143, 1 gun 931134 and 1 gun 932133. Pioneer section via 913143, covering road block demolitions. Ren section made Ren to setup OP on hill 520 (937187). 10 M10's operational. CO & Capt. Adams visited CP. Morale excellent. Ammo: 110 HEM54, 48 HVAP, 456 APC W/BDF, 394 HE M42A1.</p>
1759	22	B Co reports following fire missions: 96262153, 96012022, 96822012, 95982187, 95642058, 95632200. 160 rds to be fired by 0600 hrs 29th Dec.

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1800	23	1625	Mag from S-3, 47th Inf to S-3: Co A, 612 TD Bn is in Hefen - strength 11 guns. This Company will be replaced by Co A, 801st TD Bn on 290800. Guns will be left in place, only personnel will change.
1810	24		Overlay fo 612th TD's in 47th Inf sector rec'd from S-3, 47th Inf.
1840	25		Notorious G phones Bn CO in regard to the way everything is going. Was informed that everything was OK - Asked for any moves that had been made - was informed that one Plt of C Co. was in reserve in rear of bridge. Asked about the status of MLO's - was informed that 5 were in Bn Maint. of which 2 had just come in from Ord., and that 4 would be back in operation tomorrow.
1900	26		Ren Co Report: The 2nd Plt made route and position recon. for Co B, 899th TD Bn. The 1st Plt maintained liaison with respective units in assigned sector. One section of Pioneer Plt repaired required routes for TD positions for Co. A.
1910	27		B Co. report: 1st Plt, 1st sec 922200, 2nd sec 927199; 2nd & 3rd Plts at 899201. 3" ammo on hand: HVAP - 48, APC - 395, HE W/FxT105 - 31, HEM48 - 389, HERC - 303, HERC W/FxM54 - 10, Star Shell - 92.



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0545	1	A Co reports by phone that 10 M10's are operational.
0546	2	A Co. reports that no ammo was expended. 12 M10's operational.
0600	3	B Co. reports 160 rds HERC expended. M10's operational - 9.
1045	4	TD repts sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps; and one copy to G-3, Div.
1310	5	Phone msg from C Co: Jersey 6 is at C Co CP. Is there any information for him? C Co. told that there is nothing for 6.
1330	6	S-4 phoned to issue B Co 100 rds HERC. Man from B Co is at Hq Co now and will pick up the ammo as soon as it comes in.
1550	7	C Co. reports: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. 1st Plt remained in Regtl reserve, and 2nd & 3rd Plts remained in AT pos in direct support of 1st & 2nd Bns 47th. pioneer section continued guarding road block demolitions. Ron Plt set up OP vic 937193. Lt. Col Tinscher and Capt. Adams visited company. 10 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. 3" Ammo on hand - 110 HEM54, 48 HVAP, 456 APC, 394 HEM42A1.
1555	8	B Co. phones the following report: 4 rds HERC expended on registration on BP at 95702052, 2 of which were time fuze.
1650	9	S-4 phones CP that they went to all ASP's for HERC with the exception of the ASP in the vic of Robertville - There is no 3" HERC available at the dumps. They are now checking the ASP at Robertville and if successful they will send 100 rds to B Co on the truck that is waiting at Hq Co. B Co phoned the above info at 1655.
1700	10	CO A Co phones: Requests 25 - M54 fuzes (time). Request is relayed to S-4 who has only 22 on hand. A Co is notified and will pick up same tonight.
1705	11	A Co. reports: Co CP, 1st & 2nd Plts in same pos. 3rd Plt in indirect fire, reserve pos at K893123, south of Kalterherberg, Germany. Plt wired in with 26th FA Bn. Co FDC personnel sent to 26th FA FDC. No rounds fired as yet. Weather clear and cold. Morale Excellent. 3" ammo on hand - 504 HEM42A1, 217 HERC, 456 APC, 48 HVAP, 50 Star Shell.
1710	12	B Co. report: 1st Plt 1st sec 922200, 2nd sec 927199, 2nd & 3rd Plts 899201. 2nd & 3rd Plts fired 160 rds on 6 points.



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interdiction & harassing fire from 2100
28 Dec until 0600 29th Dec.
Ammo: HVAP - 48, APC - 395, HE W/T105 - 31,
HE M48 - 389, HERC - 141, HERC W/Fz M54 - 8,
Star Shell - 92.

1715 13

Lt. Burton, LO reports AT changes in 78th
Div sector. Sgt Wallman, Div AT section
called for confirmation of changes.
He will send overlay of 893rd dispositions
tomorrow.

1800 14

Rcn Status report: There are three
Rcn Plts in support of the three gun
Co's. Established and are manning OP's
as a warning system in the Regimental
sectors.



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Phone Mag to A Co: Co asked if they
are going to or have expended any ammo.
Lt. Van Nest reports they expended 51
rds HERC, 11 of which were time fuze
for registration - incomplete. Lt.
Van Nest estimates they will need 200
additional rounds tomorrow.

1900 16

M10 status report phoned G-4, Div:
A - 12, B - 10 (1 to be back by tonight)
C - 10. In the future this report will
be phoned in before 1800 hrs.

1920 17

B Co phones following report: 150 rds
HERC will be fired from 292100 to 300600
on the following points - 95602060,
96662040, 95982186, 96042110, 96272213,
96542192, 96522082.

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S-3 telephone report phoned to Capt Walsh,
Ass't S-3, 3rd TD Gp.

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Maj Carter, Bn Ex O. phones S-4 to issue
B Co 200 rds HERC tonight, and to issue
200 rds HERC to A Co. tomorrow. S-4 is to
draw 400 rds additional rounds tomorrow.

2000 20

CG, 9th Div calls Bn CO requesting the
status of M10's and how the men in the
destroyers were being fed: CO informs him
that 32 M10's are operational tonight.
Men are being fed 3 hot meals per day
from the Company kitchens, utilizing
hot food containers.

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Phone Mag from Capt. Young: Request
200 HERC Tomorrow. Says that we may
be able to help other companies to
register by applying K/217, L 11.

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0800	1	A Co report: 155 rds HERC expended, 20 of which were time fuze on 3 missions. 12 M10's operational.
0830	2	B Co reports 150 rds expended on 7 missions.
0900	3	Bn Ex. O. calls C Co for M10's operational: Reply that they have 11 but one has engine trouble - Are working on it now.
0910	4	Password and reply sent to all Co's.
1015	5	TD reports sent 2 to TD Officer, V Corps, one to G-3, Div.
1030	6	Intercept Msg from radio: 5 tanks moving south from 142279. This msg sent to all Co's and phoned to G-2, Div.
1130	7	Phone Msg from B Co: Just finished firing on base point (95692052). 20 rds HERC expended, 5 were time fuze.
1130	8	Intercept Msg rec'd from Ren Co: Enemy personnel crossing bridge at 973657 at 1011 hrs this morning.
1134	9	Bn Ex O. called Sgt Wear concerning destroyer that was to come back from Ordnance this morning. Sgt Wear reports that destroyer came back from Ordnance but it apparently has an oil leak. They are checking now and will have more definite information at about 3 this afternoon.
1140	10	Lt. Oborn notified of A Co's registering with a K of 217 and deflection shift of L 11. Lt Oborn stated that he had registered with a minus 8 yds with a deflection of R 66. 8 yds per thousand.
1710	11	C Co report: Co in direct support of 47th Inf CT. 1st Plt remained in Regtl reserve. 2nd & 3rd Plt remained in AT pos in direct support of 1st & 2nd Bn's 47th Inf. Pion Plt and Ren Plt continued same mission. 11 M10's operational. Morale excellent. Ammo: 456 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 384 HE M42A1, 110 HE M54.
1730	12	A Co report: Co GP and all Plts no change in positions. 3rd Plt fired 183 rds HERC during night on registration and harassing fire. No other activity reported. Weather cloudy and cold. Morale excellent. Ammo: 504 HEM42A1, 217 HERC, 500 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 50 Star Shell.
1740	13	Ren report: One sec of each of the 3 ren Plts are manning OP's that they established on the 29th of Dec. No other changes. Morale Excellent.



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B Co report: Company CP located vic Mutzenich, Germany. 1st sec of the 1st Plt located at 935200, 934198, 2nd sec at 922200 in AT positions. 2nd & 3rd Plts in indirect fir pos at 898202. (3 destroyers of the 3rd Plt and 2 destroyers of the 2nd Plt) 1 M10 in Bn Maint, and 2 in Co Maint. 2nd & 3rd Plts fired 150 rds HE at enemy targets located in the vic of Imgenbroich, Germany. Unobserved, fired from 2000 and ended at 0800. Received some shelling. Enemy aircraft over during the night. No casualties. Weather cloudy and foggy. Ammo: 10 time fuzes, 92 Star Shell, 188 HERC, 48 HVAP, 395 APC, 31 HE T105, 389 HE M48.

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B Co phones that they will fire on the following 6 points: 95732061, 95622200, 96642180, 96932012, 96792094, 95772152. 150 rds between 1730 and 0715 tomorrow,

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M10 status report phoned to G-4, Div.

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A Co reports 197 HERC and 20 HERC time fuzes on hand. They will expend between 2100 and 2400 tonight 90 rds on 3 concentration points. (30 rds per gun, 3 guns) From 0300 to 0600 they will fire 105 rds on 3 concentrations (35 rds per gun) At 0600 tomorrow they will have a balance of 2 rds HERC and 20 HERC time. Co will pick up 200 rds tomorrow from Bn Supply.

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B Co. reports 166 HERC on hand instead of 188 as reported in status report

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S-4 reports they are picking up 400 rds HERC at ASP.



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0700	1	A Co reports 223 rds HERC expended.
0730	2	B Co reports 150 rds HERC expended.
0800	3	S-4 phoned above info on A & B's firing.
1000	4	TD report sent two to TD Officer V Corps and one to G-3, Div.
1730	5	Co A report: No change of positions. 3rd Plt fired 195 rds HERC - unobserved. Weather Snowy and cold. Morale excellent. Ammo: 504 HE M42A1, 225 HE M42A1 RG, 546 APC W/BDF, 48 HVAP, 50 Star Shell.
1800	6	Bcn report: The second section of the 2nd Plt rel'd the first section on the OP at 931209. No other changes.
1830	7	Co C report: Co in direct support of the 47th Inf Ctr. 2nd Plt in AT pos in direct support of 2nd Bn 47th Inf. 1st Plt in Regtl reserve. Pion section continued mission. Bcn Plt established new OP in vic 929191. 11 M10's operational. Morale Excellent. Ammo: APC W/BDF - 456, HVAP - 48, HEM42A1 - 394, HEM54 - 110.
1845	8	B Co report: Co OP located in vic of Mutzenich, Germany. 1st Plt 2nd sec moved to 931208, 1st sec remains at 935200 & 934198 in AT pos. 2nd & 3rd Plts have a total of 6 M10's in indirect firing positions, fired 150 rds HERC interdiction & harassing fire at enemy targets located in the vic of Konzen & Imgenbroich, Germany. All unobserved. During the 24 hr period the enemy fired several rds of CB fire. No casualties. Weather Cloudy and cold. Co has 11 M10's operational. One M10 on the way out to indirect fire positions tonight. Arty ammo on hand: 10 Time fuzes, 92 Star Shell, 216 rds HERC; combat load less 1 M10 in Bn Maint - HE M48A1 - 463, HE T105 - 18, AP - 3, APC - 391, HVAP - 42.
1850	9	B Co reports they will fire 150 rds HERC from 1855 to 0712 on the following points: 95342194, 95482136, 96062186, 96272152, 95872025, 96402068.
1900	10	Maj Huber Div ATO called and stated that bulldozer requested by Col. Tinscher is digging in the guns of the 413th AAA, and will not be available for a while. Suggests that Capt. Coady contact 413th AAA and 15th Eng. Bn. to make arrangements to get the bulldozer when the 413th is through with it.

