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BINDER No. 1 OF 5 BINDERS

BLACK STONE - 83rd
BLACK JACK - 329th
BLACK FISH - 330th
BLACK BOY - 331st
BLACK BERRY - 322 FA
BLACK BLOOD - 323rd FA
BLACK BUNK - 324 FA
BLACK DOG - 908 FA
BLUMP - 358 ENG
BLUE COAT - 83rd RECON SQ
BLUE BERRY - 308 MED

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BLACKSMITH - 783 ORD
BLUE BEARD - 83 QM
BLUE SAGE - 83 SIG CORP
BLACK JOE - 802 TD BN ①
MAY FAIR - 453 RA

2355	283	Call fr Lt Col Witzgibbons to Maj Hanneman. Col F: Look on your map and find the bridge at (364872). You are relieved of responsibility of guarding it.
		4 July
0025	284	032330 Msg fr 330 Inf: Negative report submitted for this period.
0030	285	SITREP No 49, 90 Inf Div, fr 030001 to 0031200 July 1944.
2115	286	<p>Tp Msg fr Maj Smith to G-3</p> <p>Maj S: We had a time check from Jamboree then from Blackstone, and it varies about 52 Sec. In order for us to get supporting fire we have to use Corps Arty time, and to shoot we have to use Blackstone time when the Inf jumps off. 52 Sec is too much difference.</p> <p>G-3: I will try to coordinate them if our time is wrong.</p>
0115	287	<p>A July 44</p> <p>G-2 Periodic report, No 6 83 Inf Div, fr 022400 to 032400</p>
0115	288	Notes on today's fighting sent to the Inf Regts.
2355	289	Jayhawk lines out, reported when DO called to give SITREP and TANKREP.
0150	290	Sitrep and Tank report to VII Corps thru Mag Cen.
0235	291	Msg Cen reported delivery of item 288 above completed.
0235	292	TG to Blackjack is out.
0330	293	<p>Tp Msg fr Col Long, Jayhawk to Duty O</p> <p>Col L: Your new bomb line has been approved effective at 0800. The three missions you have requested will be flown. They have been approved but they are now inside the new bomb line. We told Arty and the airforce we could guarantee them 1000 yards bomb line. The first mission, FSQ-13, will be flown at 0915 against target</p> <p>-44-</p>

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	293	con'd	at (340781) the strong point; the second mission, FSQ -14, will be flown at 1000 against the target at (343775) the town and road junction; the third mission has been given the No FSQ-15, which you did not have before, and will be flown at 1015 against the target at the Arty location, the coordinates of which which I do not have before me. Remember the bomb line of 1000 yds and keep your people out of there at those times, or else give us plenty of warning, at least a couple of hours. If you cant give the warning, keep them out. Duty O: I would to give you some G-3 Sitreps which were due at 2400, 0200 and will be due at 0400. I have been unable to get thru because the lines are out. The reports are all negative. Also have tank report as follows: A 34-0-0 and B 20-0-0.
	0400	294	Col Shaver left for 331st CP.
	0410	295	Maj Hikel left for 330 CP
0415		296	Tp Msg fr Maj Smith to Duty O Maj S: Ther has been no change in the hour, has there? Duty O: None that I know of.
0425		297	Tp Msg fr Col Long , Jayhawk, To Duty O Col L: The armed recce that was requested for tomorrow, FSQ-4, requested south of bomb line, is now inside the bomb line, but we told the airforce we would consider a local bomb line of 1000 yds. Target at (318754) is within the bomb line. They are going to fire that armed recce three times, at 8, 10 and 12 out side the bomb line. Inside the bomb line is cancelled except the Arty position which they are going to fly as a special target either on the 8 or 10 o'clock flights, but not both. They will not fly it on the 12 o'clock flight. The local bomb line is 1000 Yds.
0443		298	Adm O #3 To accompany FO #3 83 Inf Div.
0445		299	0330 Msg fr 330 Inf: Negative report submitted for this period.
0540)		300	Col Shaver reported in.

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0510	301	<p>Tp Msg fr C/S To Blackfish 3</p> <p>C/S: Did you get your Atk off on time?</p> <p>Bf3: One Bn got off on time, we are waiting on report from the other one, but the tanks have messed up our wires.</p> <p>C/S: Which one have you the report on?</p> <p>Bf 3: The one on the left.</p>
0515	302	<p>Tp Msg fr Blackfish to C/S</p> <p>Bf 3: Both outfits jumped off on time.</p> <p>C/S: All right.</p>
0512	303	<p>Tp Msg fr Col Shaver at Blackboy to C/S</p> <p>Col S: Everything went off as planned. Do you want me to come right in?</p> <p>C/S: Yes</p>
0513	304	<p>Tp Msg fr C/S to Jayhawk 3, Maj Dickie</p> <p>C/S: Our Atk jumped off at 0445 following a 10 Min preparation.</p> <p>Maj D: Noresults yet?</p> <p>C/S: No.</p> <p>Maj D : O.K. Hope you have good results.</p>
0600	305	<p>Maj Hikel returned to CP.</p>
0605	306	<p>Tp Msg fr Jayhawk to G-3, asking for G-2</p> <p>Periodic report at 0600. Was advised it was given to them at 0600 by Tp.</p>
0545	307	<p>Tp Msg fr Gen Ferenbaugh To Col Peeble Blackfish 5</p> <p>Gen F: How are things?</p> <p>Col P: Looks fine, 1st Bn seems to be moving ahead as should be expected, cant give you any location of front line.</p> <p>Gen F: Keep those boys working, get all the support they can out of the Arty.</p>
0550	308	<p>Tp Msg fr Gen Ferenbaugh to Blackboy 5</p> <p>Gen F: What is your situation. Are you making progress or are you being held up.</p> <p>Bl 5: Making a little progress. We dont appear to be held up. Moving slowing.</p> <p>Gen F: Be sure to ask for everything that you need back here. We are standing by to deliver.</p>
0600	309	<p>Tp Msg fr General Ferenbaugh to Blackjack, Capt Bunch</p> <p>Gen F: Have you had any word from Bowen?</p> <p>Capt B: No sir.</p>

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IN	OUT				
		309	con'd	4 July Gen F: I would like to have that information as soon as Holt or Craybill comes in. We have no line to them.	
0635		310		Two lines in to Blackboy Fwd.	
0640		311		Tp Msg from Capt Powers, Custom 3, to Col Shaver. Capt P: How was everything last night? Col S: All right. Capt P: It was quiet over here too. Col S: Everything is going as expected over here.	
0615		312		Tp Msg fr Blackboy 2 to Col Deshotels Bl 2: Our front lines are: 2Bn from (340809) to (349809); 3d Bn (350810) to (360810)	
0630		313		Tp Msg fr Blackbird 2 to G-2 Blckb 2: Baker Co, Blackfish, approximately 100 yds in front of Arty observer Located at coordinated (375803).	
0700		314		Maj Hikel relieves Col Fitzgibbons as Duty O.	
0710		315		Front line position at 0630 2nd Bn 330 Inf	
	0710	316		Msg to CG 83d Div Arty: Weather report.	
0620		317		Maj Jessie VII Corps G-2 to Col Deshotels: Maj J: I have some identification material fr FUSA: 1058 Regt (91 Div) 922 Regt (243 Div) 942 Regt (353 Div) and 894 Regt (265 Div) Inf Regts are all on the front line of VIII Corps. Col D: Alright. We are getting along fine this morning but no identifications reported yet. Started off on time. One unit has advanced 400 yards. Maj J: How is the opposition? Col D: No report back here yet on that.	
0705		318		Weather report to G-2 fr VII Corps. Scattered showers this afternoon and evening. Vixibility 5 miles. Wind fr west-northwest 8 to 12 miles per hour. Max temp 68, min 53.	
0710		319		Tp Msg to Maj Alexander (deleted first part of it) Left unit has a little tough going. They ran into a pill box which they are trying to eliminate now 357815 is location of pillbox.	

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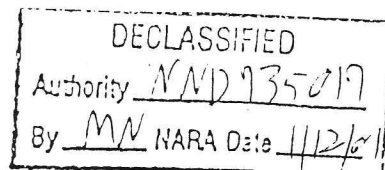
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IN	OUT				
				4 July 1944	
0720		320		<p>Col Paul VII Corps to Col Hering: Col P: We have no report of any advance of your elements since the jump off. Col H: Here it is: Right most elements have gotten over the bad ground and are now on the good territory. The right elements center is at 334809. Our next elements leading units of it is at 341804. Next Bn in the line its center is at 354807. Next Bn have no report on it. My extreme left flank is at 375801. Col P: How about opposition? Col H: Strong in the center. Col PL Small arms fir? Col H: Yes, and mortars. Col P: How about arty? Col H: Just a little.</p>	
0750		321		<p>Capt Glass to Col Deshotels: Capt G: This is a msg fr 308th Med Bn S-2 signed at 0735: Front lines at 332811 - 333810 - 334809. Col D: Pretty good.</p>	
0810		322		<p>Positions Overlay of Front Lines as of 0800.</p>	
	0745	323		<p>Col Hering to Maj Cook (330) Col H: I have'nt got a Ln 0 in this morning and I will need some information. Maj C: You want our front line? Col H: Yes. Maj C: 1st Bn on the left, 2 cos from line 371 to 381. Col H: How far down are they. What coordinates? Maj C: 371801 to 381802. Col H: How about the center one? Maj C: The other bn on the right. Coordinates 361809 to 369809, you can see the picture there. On the above they are tied up by machine guns. They moved so that they can push up tanks. 1st Bn being directed to bring up reserves. The reserves element being brought fwd on the left even with unit on the right. Makes reserve Bn on the left even with one on the right.</p>	
	0805	324		<p>Col Krauthoff to Capt Burleson: Col K: What communications do you have with Skinner?(Con't)</p>	

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				4 July 1944	
	0805	324	(Con'd)	Capt B: We have a simplex with him sir, we have had a couple of broken lines. The only com is by simplex phone. Col K: Will you get a msg to him. Here it is: Have him get ahold of Bn that he is in direct support of and notify Col Whitcomb, to report to Barndollars CP. Capt B: Alright sir I will. Col K: Will you get me a receipt on it fr the Bn? Capt B: Yes sir, I will.	
0724		325		S-2 Div Arty to Col Deshotels: Div Arty: Msg fr 324 FA S-2, time signed 0715: Central Bn held up at 3781. Col D: You had better give me the exact location on that. Dir Arty: I will check and call you back. Roger.	
0745		326		S-2 Div Arty to G-2: This information was fr FO 324th FA and was his observation.	
0830		327	0640	Msg fr 329 Inf: Atk XK advancing satisfactorily no Rad or wir com to Div.	G-3
0830		328	0700	TG Msg fr 331 Inf: Right at 339805 342805 345806 354812. Co F No contact. Co E on left. S 3d Bn on left at 354812. Co L at 357815. Pillbox at 353815.	
0830		329	0727	Tp Msg fr 329 Inf: 2nd Bn meet Hvy MG fire vicinity 366809 Arty fire has fallen vicinity of Regt and 2d Bn CP.	G-2
0850		330	0507	Tp Msg fr CO/331 Inf: 331 closed LD at 0445.	G-3
0757		331		Col Long to Col Krauthoff: Col L: The CO is a casualty. Col K: How bad. Col L: Pretty bad.	CG notified
0850		332		Overlay of Front Lines Positions as of 0800.	Barndollars?
	0728	333		Maj Boucher to VII Corps (Col Long) Maj B: On that smoke you wanted on that strong point, FSQ 13. Col L: Yes, we wanted them to contact you and you could tell them, OK drop the smoke, through a walkie-talkie. (Con'd)	

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				4 July 1944	
	0728	333	(Con'd)	<p>Maj B: Yes, I'll have to go out and get a VHF. How do you want it done now?</p> <p>Col L: Do you have red smoke and can the arty reach that?</p> <p>Maj B: Yes.</p> <p>Col L: Then it can be marked. I think if you took your jeep or whatever you are going to use and go over near the arty that would be best. You have to be some place where you can contact the arty. It's better if you are near their fire control center. Then as the plane comes in he will check in with you. What is your code call?</p> <p>Maj B: I don't know. It's in the SOI. Can't you call the 399th and get it fr their SOI?</p> <p>Col L: OK, Anyway, we have them check in with you before they get to the target, usually five min before the time over target and then they come in and you say, "Do you want the target marked" and if they do, you tell the arty and they mark it. Then they say, "OK, we see it", but then they may want you to put another smoke down, especially if it's windy. The main thing is to establish contact and you will have to be some place where you can talk both to the planes and the arty.</p> <p>Maj B: I was just wondering about those other 2 missions.</p> <p>Col L: Well, one is a town so they won't need it on that.</p> <p>Maj B: The other is a gun position just a few hundred yards fr the town.</p> <p>Col L: Did you hear that? Your call is Jennie.</p> <p>Maj B: Roger.</p> <p>Col L: Very well, I'll have them check in with Jenny.</p> <p>Maj B: What is their name?</p> <p>Col L: They are supposed to use the mission No FSQ13, however, sometimes they come in and use their name. You can't miss them, they will be the only flight that will check in with you. It should be exactly 0915.</p> <p>Maj B: OK, I'll be out at the fir control and when they come over and check in all you want me to do is ask them if they are ready to have the target marked by red smoke. If they answer "Yes", I will tell the arty and they will fire the red smoke and mark the target.</p> <p>Col L: Well I hope it comes out good.</p> <p>Maj B: How about the other two, are they going to run those? (Con'd)</p>	<p>←</p> <p>Dont know how to coordinate Air strikes obviously didn't think ahead</p>

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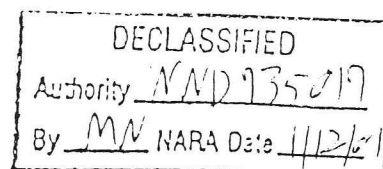
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IN	OUT				
				4 July 1944	
	0728	333		(Con'd) Col L: Yes, they've all been accepted. Now on that Armd rickey, you asked for an arty position to be hooked into and then you moved your bombling and that automatically put them inside the bomblime. I told them that the local bomblime would be ten o'clock and I talked to your G-3 and told him to be sure and keep troops out of there or else give them two hours notice if he wants to cancel it.	
0650		334		Col Long VII Corps to Maj Pack: Col L: On your mission No 13, arty position, at T340781. Air force called up and would like to know if you can mark that target with some smoke just at that time. Either red, green or white smoke, in that priority. Also I would like to know the name of your air support party.	
	0655	335		Maj Alexander to Maj Smith: Maj A: Do you have any red smoke in shell? Maj S: Yes, in 105 would be glad to shoot it. Col Hering: We have a bombardment mission close to SAINTENY and air corps wants it marked by red smoke. It will be bombed at 0915 at T340781. I'll call the Air and find out how much and at what time they want the smoke.	
	0803	336		Col Deshotels to Maj Sellers: Col D: Have you any enemy information or reports coming in. What kind of resistance are you meeting. Maj S: The only thing that I have is a couple of pillboxes. Small arms is just scattered. Col D: What is the I & R Plat doing? We have got to get identifications of the enemy. Your are killing somebody over there and these dead people's pockets should be searched for identifications. Are you getting much arty? Maj S: Not a whole lot. Col D: What about mortars? Maj S: That is the most. Col D: All I got is 3 information but very little information for 2. Get busy and check on it and let me know.	
	0807	337		Col Deshotels to Maj Foster. Col D: What kind of information about the enemy do you have? (Con'd)	

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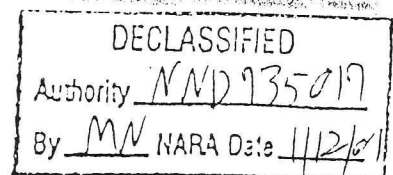


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				4 July 1944	
	0807	337	(Con'd)	<p>Maj F: The 2d Bn left flank is held up by Arty and mortar fire, at 366808.</p> <p>Col D: What type of information you can't give over the phone.</p> <p>Maj F: I am writing a msg on it now.</p> <p>Col D: Is it information which you can give in the clear. Are you killing anyone. Have you any PW. Let's check on that and let me know.</p> <p>Maj F: No PW.</p> <p>Col D: Let's get a check on it. Let's get some identifications. How about arty fire.</p> <p>Maj F: Not very much. You got that in the 0730 report.</p> <p>Col D: What do you estimate is your opposition.</p> <p>Maj F: Can't make any estimate on that.</p> <p>Col D: Let's make a check on it and let me know.</p>	
	0810	338		<p>Col Deshotel's to Capt Callahan:</p> <p>Col D: That unit you have up at the front did you send an interrogator with them?</p> <p>Capt C: I sent one of yours and one of ours.</p> <p>Col D: I just heard that you got a PW up there.</p> <p>Capt C: Yes</p> <p>Col D: Do you have phone com with them?</p> <p>Capt C: No com sir. McGill is the Ln 6 down there.</p> <p>Col D: Do you have any com with him?</p> <p>Capt C: Yes</p> <p>Col D: Try to get the prisoner and bring him to us.</p> <p>Capt C: I was waiting for him to come in but I can try to get in touch with him.</p>	
0815		339		<p>Maj Roberts 331 to Col Hering:</p> <p>Maj R: Report on the right - no change fr the last report. Have no com with them by phone and have had nothing by rad. The veh bridge the Engrs are trying to put across down there, they are being hampered by mortar and MG fire. The house down there at 344807 was burned down.</p> <p>Col H: That is behind the Bn fwd of that house. How about the left Bn?</p> <p>Maj R: Have nothing on that. Unconfirmed report is that they are beginning to move up. On that left they met with some trouble with pillboxes and we employed WP and HE.</p>	

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				4 July 1944	
	0820	340		<p>Col Deshotel to Maj Jassy VII Corps</p> <p>Col D: We have got one PW but no identification. Are checking on that now. Arty fire has not been hvy. Are receiving quite a bit of mortar fire. And have not yet been able to get an estimate on the opposition.</p> <p>Maj J: I can see that. How about small arms fire. Is it intense?</p> <p>Col D: No.</p> <p>Maj J: How far have you advanced.</p> <p>Col D: We have crossed the swamp.</p> <p>Maj J: OK, I have nothing to give you.</p> <p>Col D: We crossed the swamp in the 3381 sq Do you give the information in the clear or by slider?</p> <p>Maj J: Either one but what you just gave me won't hurt you use your judgement.</p>	
0830		341		<p>Maj Cook to Col Hering:</p> <p>The latest dop on that line on the right flank 372807, there is an orchard there, and there is slags down to 375805 then it goes straight across to 380805. That gives you a better picture. This is just the left sector.</p>	
0845	0845	342		<p>Div Arty S-3 to Col Hering.</p> <p>Col H: Has the Ln O gotten in touch with you on that fire mission.</p> <p>Maj S: Yes, he is here waiting for the plane.</p> <p>Col H: Have you any information on the 2d Bn.</p> <p>Maj S: The latest is at 0715: at 330812 and fr that line over to 337815.</p> <p>Col H: The next unit over.</p> <p>Maj S: The last on that was 0615. We are checking on that now. Our Ln O is down there.</p>	
0835		343		<p>Col Whitcomb and Col Krauthoff:</p> <p>Col W: Do you know where I can get Gen F or Gen M</p> <p>Col K: Did you get the msg to report to Barndollar's CP?</p> <p>Col W: I am there now.</p> <p>Col K: Well just sit tight.</p> <p>Col W: Did you get the information on Barndollar?</p> <p>Col K: Yes how badly was he hit?</p> <p>Col W: He is dead.</p> <p>Col K: What got him.</p> <p>Col W: a Bullet below the heart.</p>	

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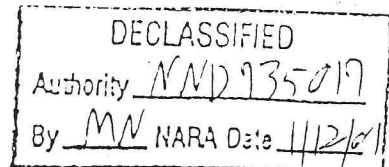
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0955		344		Disposition of Front Lines as of 0630 fr 331	G-3
0850		345		<p>Maj Sellers to Col Deshotels:</p> <p>Maj S: Got a report here on the right Bn: receiving arty and mortar fire which is estimated to be coming fr 334801.</p> <p>Col D: You want us to notify arty on this?</p> <p>Maj S: They have been notified. Fr the left Bn they are receiving MG and automatic fire. Practically all of our casualties have been small holes, just like buckshot. Lines are beginning to straighten out and will be able to get some identification soon.</p>	
	0900	346		<p>Col Hering to Maj Smith:</p> <p>Col H: Here is what I have. The weather closed in on the mission we were going to smoke.</p> <p>Maj S: Alright</p> <p>Col H: Is Capt Glass there?</p> <p>Col Deshotels said for you to use your own judgment on using coordinates in the clear.</p> <p>Capt G: Here is what I am doing. I am sending enemy information in the clear but our stuff I am sending in slidex.</p> <p>Col H: OK. Have you got any new stuff on the front line?</p> <p>Capt G: No sir, I will send it over when we get it here.</p>	
	0900	347		<p>Col Long to Col Hering:</p> <p>Col L: I just got a call fr Army and they say that outfit is ground on account of weather, so it won't be flying that 0915 mission which you wanted.</p> <p>Col H: Right now it looks as though it might be OK to wait several hours on it. How quick could they fly it if we notified them.</p> <p>Col L: If we cancel this one, they will consider it a new request and it will probably take at least 2 hours. That is the min. The other 2: that town that is scheduled for demolition that is still on. Is there any limit on in case we can't do it at 10?</p> <p>Col H: It can probably wait until 11. It is the crossroads in the town.</p> <p>Col L: Yes, that's right. OK, those two are still on but the one for 0915 is off.</p>	
	0920	348		<p>Msg fr CG: CG at CP 331 0850 Col Barndollar dead</p> <p>Col Whitcomb in command.</p>	

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0920		349		Overlay of Front Line Positions as of 0900	
0920		350		VII Corps Opns Memo 26	G-3
0925		351		TWX fr 90 Div: SITREP 50 fr 031200 to 032400	G-3
0925		352		Sitrep 55 fr VII Corps fr 031200 to 032400	G-3
0925		353		FO 8 fr 90 Div	G-3
0925		354		G-2 situation overlay as of 032400 July 44	
0925		355		330 Inf Overlay as of 0747.	G-3
0925		356		G-3 Periodic Report 7	
0925		357		Adm O 7 fr VII Corps.	G-3
0925		358		Sitrep 13 fr 031000 to 032200 July 44.	
0925	1015	359		Msg to CG VII Corps: Atten G-2. First identification Two PWs 6Co 6 Para vicinity 338813 at 041000.	
0910		360		Maj Holt to Col Crabill: Maj H: We can get through down there by rad. A msgr just came in fr down there and he says that I Co is still where they were and the Engrs are bogged down by enemy minefields and then they are being picked off by snipers. Do you want me to go down there and get that outfit across? Col C: Isn't there someone else there that can go down there. I guess Bowen will be able to do it. Maj H: That msgr says that shrapnel hit the rad and they are getting it back in now. Col C: See if you can find out where those snipers are coming fr and wipe them out. Maj H: Should I go down there and get them across. Casualties are around 20 and they just called for 6 more ambulances to evacuate them. Bowen's outfit just hit some dug-in emplacements. Col C: On this hvy machine gun fire, where is it coming fr? Maj H: That is over in the 331 area. There was an emplacement holding them up. Bowen hit some emplacements. Col C: Keep me informed of everything. Maj H: As soon as it comes in, I will let you know.	

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				4 July 1944	
1000		361		Overlay of Front Line Positions as of 1000	
1010		362		FO 1 fr 331 Inf	
1035		363		Msg fr 330 Inf to CG: First Bn reports very light resistance so far no prisoners or other possible identifications.	EXX G-2
1035		364		Msg fr 330 Inf: Our tanks on right on Co G being surrounded by enemy infantry.	G-3
1035	0920	365		Col Hering to Maj Cook: Col H: Got any new stuff? Maj C: It is on the way. Col H: Is there an O with it? Maj C: Lt Noe. Col H: How long has he been gone? Maj C: 7 minutes. Here is what the situation is now, Lines about the same it was but since I sent the overlay both units have started to move fwd. The 2d Bn held up on the right flank, lost contact between inf and tanks. At 855 on the left the unit started an attack again, both units starting fwd again. Gen Ferenbaugh is here and he wants to know the dope on the 331. Col H: They are about the same as you, they are on the right of you. At the bridge they were having trouble.	
0930		366		Gen Montague to Col Hering: Gen M: With the air mission off do you want me to hit that place with 3 bn of hvy stuff? Col H: How hvy a stuff are you using sir. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Gen M: 8 inch guns and 155 hows. Col H: What do you recommend sir. Gen M: What have you got in there. Col H: Col Deshotels reports 3 gun positions. Gen M: In the coordinates that the air corps give you? Give me the coordinates and I will hit them with 5 serenades fr each battalion. Col H: at 340781 they have set up road blocks entrenchments and gun positions. Gen M: They aren't particular about the time that they are hit? Col H: No sir. Gen M: I will give them about 20 min.	

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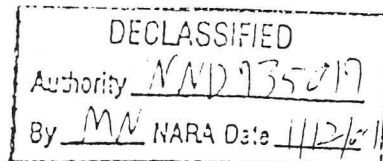
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				4 July 1944	
	1010	367		Maj Nikel to Col Paul VII Corps SITREP: Unit on the right 334813 to 336806. Center 339805 to 346806. Also in the center to the left 349807 to 348808. On the left 360808 to 370807. and 371801 to 380803. You notice the gap between the last 2 xxx sets. On the other matter we can give you no report. It has to do with Polarbear. Make a note that nothing is available on them yet. VII Corps takes this 15 minutes before each hour.	
1015		368		Maj Holt to Col Crabill: Maj H: I just got back fr down at the front and it is plety rough down there. Capt Starks outfit is not across yet. Did you know Randall and Stahley was hit. Rumor is the Stahley was killed. Lt Jacobson was killed. A lot of arty and mortar fire. Bowen was hit in the face, don't know how bad. He said he was going to commit G Co. Have not any arty support and no com. I just wanted to keep you advised. Col C: I will try to get arty for you. Maj H: They are in the orchard now but dug in positions are holding them up. Col C: Tell them to push with the Cos they have in, I can see now use of committing G Co.	
1020		369		To Col Hering: 351812 Ln O 331 reports that the bridge at 325812 is in our possession and usable. He reports that E Co of that Regt was slightly scattered and that they are committing G Co thru E Co to continue atk.	
1030		370		To Col Hering: Lt Carr S-3 2d Bn 329 reports Co E & F along woods, Eastern Edge of the peninsula, Co G still in reserve on this side at 340814. Casualties are heavy in this Bn 5 Os being left in the 2 Cos. Rad com with arty spotty. No wire com. Also no chance of committing G Co at present.	
1035		371		Capt Glass to Col Deshotels. Capt Glass: 1000 fr 323 FA: Front lines 3671800 to 37488028.	
	0943	372		Col Deshotels to Capt Callahan: Col D: Where were the PWs captured, what point? Capt C: 338813.	

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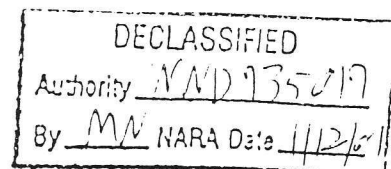
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0940		373		<p>Capt Callahan to Col Deshotels:</p> <p>Capt C: Those PW is the 6th Co para regt.</p> <p>Col D: The PW is fr the 6th Co, pararegt.</p> <p>Capt C: The PI team took the PW back to se Lt Hammelman.</p> <p>Col D: Tell them they should not have done that.</p> <p>Capt C: That area that the PW was captured in was under shelling and they laid in a ditch for 4 hours and they found out quite a bit.</p> <p>Col D: If they captured some more PWs they would be short handed if they weren't there to catch them.</p> <p>Capt C: I will inform them of it sir.</p>	
	0945	374		<p>Col Krouthoff to Gen Ferenbaugh:</p> <p>Col K: Gen Collins called on Fredendall's outfit. We have it going.</p> <p>Gen F: They are down to 80.1 now E and W line.</p> <p>At 0955 they tried to blast OP with Arty. I had a scheme later to move in No 3 ahead of No 2. that is not final yet though.</p>	
0947		375		<p>Col Troxell to Col Hering:</p> <p>Col T: How are things going out in front?</p> <p>Col H: They are getting going again. I have an O over here that is preparing a report for you I would like to have him give it to you.</p> <p>Col T: Alright. What are you running into out in front?</p> <p>Col H: Implaced pillboxes.</p> <p>Col T: Are they concrete?</p> <p>Col H: No sir. We got the tanks around the unit and they are going again. I will give you the front line report in 10 or 15 min.</p>	
0949		376		<p>Maj Sellers Div Arty to Col Deshotels:</p> <p>Maj S: The general is over here now and wants you to send a plat of rcn to our CP.</p> <p>Col D: OK.</p> <p>Gen Macon & G-2</p> <p>Gen M: We have a few snipers reported behind the front of this outfit and I thought it would be well to have that plat down here and clean them up.</p> <p>3 vehs could round up the left overs.</p> <p>Col D: 3 vehs is a plat sir.</p> <p>Gen M: is There anything up there?</p> <p>Col D: No sir.</p> <p>Gen M: is G-3 there?</p> <p>Gen Macon and Col Hering.</p> <p>Gen M: I wish to try to coordinate fire down in front</p>	

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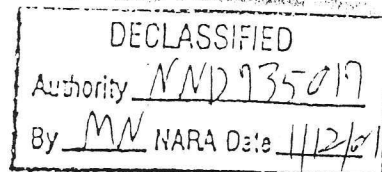
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0949		376 (Con'd)		of the fellow on right point and I wanted to find out if I could get arty to pick some targets to fire on and I want them to do the same in front of 331.	
	0950	378		Col Hering to Gen Montague: Col H: Gen Macon just called and wanted us to see if we can get some fires in front of Bowens outfit. Also with the 331 inf. Get a Ln O down there to get the coordinates. Gen M: My Ex O is down there now. Col H: At the 331? Gen M: My Ex O is down there now trying to do the same thing.	
0955		379		Gen Collins to Col Krauthoff: Gen C: I have just been checking on your locations and our G-3 reports your left Bn is going along quite well and is getting ahead of the others and is waiting now for the other Bns to get up with them. That is exactly what I don't want. Col K: Yes, I know that. Gen C: Does the CG approve of that. Col K: No. Gen C: Don't ever let me hear of that again and get that down to the regtl and bn comdrs and tell Macon about it. If you are having trouble in the middle it will probably be along the highway Carentan-Periers. Have this Bn which is ahead cut in back of them and then they will pull out. Col K: OK Gen C: I will probably be down today to see you.	
1040		380		Lt Gen Hodges arrives WR departs 1055.	
1100		381		Request for Air Rcn. by Tp	
1100		382		Sitrep 14 fr 032201 to 041030 July 44.	
	1110	383		Maj Hikel to Lt Hafman 308 Med Bn Maj H: Has the unit which is supposed to be attached to you arrived yet? Lt H: Yes, they have. Maj H: When? Lt H: About an hour ago.	

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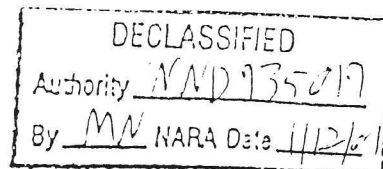
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				4 July 1944	
	1100	384		<p>Maj Boucher to Maj Carter VII Corps</p> <p>Maj B: I have an armed rcn if we can get it flown before tonight I will appreciate it.</p> <p>Maj C: This is a little late.</p> <p>Maj B: Yes. Fr K271821 to T255605 turn E there along road to T355690 to T400674 to T387618 to T266656. TOT: any time before tonight. This is all below the bomb line in our area. Request results on it. Will you let us know what time it is flown?</p> <p>Maj C: Yes.</p>	L-162
	1100	385		<p>Maj Hikel to 30 Div G-3:</p> <p>Maj H: Can you tell us where the mounted boys were to make contact with you.</p> <p>G-3: You mean the boys on our right?</p> <p>Maj H: 83d Rcn Tr.</p> <p>G-3: Call <u>Custer</u> - that's our right outfit - they can give you this information.</p> <p>Maj H: If you have the information, call us back.</p>	I think Custer is 120th infantry Regiment?
	1105	386		<p>Maj Hikel to Custer 2:</p> <p>Maj H: We have an outfit called bluecoat (Rcn Tr) where were they to contact you?</p> <p>Custer: Do you have a copy of our SOI.</p> <p>Maj H: No, we do not. How about the Div field code - or the army code.</p> <p>Custer: We don't have this.</p> <p>Maj H: Well, then you'll have to send it down either by coded msg or TWX.</p>	
	1125	387		<p>Col Deshotels to G-2 VII Corps:</p> <p>Col D: Like to report an identification. Have 2 PWs fr 6 Co of the 6th prcht regt captured at 338813. Our advance is still progressing and we're receiving lots of Arty fire.</p>	
1030		388		<p>Maj Carter to Maj Boucher:</p> <p>Maj C: Have the results of FSQ4: Time over target 0800. 15 times 500 at 315754. 4 times 500 at 402678. Also strafed enemy convoy on the road. At least one enemy veh was left burning. Don't know coordinates.</p> <p>Maj B: Do you know the direction</p> <p>Maj C: No.</p> <p>Maj B: Where do you get this information.</p> <p>Maj C: Fr the Air. Haven't anything on 14 and 15.</p>	

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1140		389		Gen Ferenbaugh to Col Krauthoff: Gen F: What's the situation in front of our neighbor outfit? Col K: Still holds true as before. Gen F: Still haven't moved yet? Col K: No. Gen F: We're still getting some MG fire down here. There's alot of Mach Pistol firing out here also. The situation as I have it here doesn't show any advance. I think it is squared around here a little. The 2d Bn still isn't doing much. Col K: Any trouble getting Arty support. Gen F: No.	
1145		390		Gen Barber 4th Div arrived at GP. Departed at 1205.	
1130		391		Msg fr 330 Inf: 2d Bn left sector held up by mortar and Arty fire at 366808 no report fr right co hvy MG fire one hedge holding up. Tanks having them blown.	
1205		392		Msg Gen reports that we have tp com with 2d Bn 329 Inf.	
	1015	393		Col Krauthoff and Gen Macon: Col K: Over on the left the situation got moving again. Fredendalls outfit got bogged down. Gen Callins called on it. Gen M: Where is he? Col K: Up at his own CP. Gen M: How did he get a report on it. Col K: It was reported by a Ln O. Gen M: Well our 3 should keep posted on it. Col K: Sir we are on it. We had already started on it. Gen M: Then it is going along alright? Col K: Yes sir, I talked to Gen Ferehbaugh and he had some kind of plan. Gen M: Well we want to catch it before it gets to far. Are the tanks in there? Col K: We got a report of tank losses. That Bn is being held up along the canal and pinned to the ground by fire. It had not reached the first phase line. Gen M: Why not ask the arty to coordinate in frontof the bns. Col K: Yes sir. Bowen is receiving hvy arty fire. Gen M: Can't you get a counter-battery fire? (Con'd)	
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				4 July 1944	
	1015	393	(Con'd)	<p>Col K: We are doing that sir.</p> <p>Gen M: I can give you one or 2 points here.</p> <p>331 is left of Easy.</p> <p>Col K: I don't think that should be given over the phone, do you sir? Is Easy still reorganizing?</p> <p>Gen M: Yes but George co is going through.</p> <p>Col K: How far below the line are they?</p> <p>Gen M: I don't know.</p> <p>Col K: Ferenbaugh is holding fast and they are being held up.</p> <p>Gen M: I can't answer I don't know. What they are trying to do is get love pushed down with E. They want it abreast of Easy now.</p> <p>Col K: Alright sir.</p> <p>Gen M: I am not sure that you know where the left of easy is?</p> <p>Col K: What are you using, 1 over 50,000.</p> <p>Gen M: No 1 over 25,000. The coordinates are 349805. The points are in the orchard above the road.</p> <p>Col K: They run along the edge of the orchard?</p> <p>Gen M: Yes.</p>	
1150		394		<p>Gen Macon to Col Krauthoff:</p> <p>Gen M: Have you heard anything fr Brown?</p> <p>Col K: No change in his situation.</p> <p>Gen M: Is his S-3 down there now?</p> <p>Col K: His S-3?</p> <p>Gen M: At Bowen.</p> <p>Col K: Crabill is talking to him now.</p> <p>Gen M: What do you hear fr Buddy?</p> <p>Col K: Got Fredendall started again - he went down to that road at the edge of the swamp - just to the left of his sector. He got very hvy MG fire and that stopped him. Gen Ferenbaugh is going down there to get hold of McLendon to get that to going again.</p> <p>Col K: Something else. Ferenbaugh talked about using the 3d Bn to relieve Norris, and pull Norris back into reserve.</p> <p>Gen M: Get word to him to go more in depth rather than on such a wide front. Do what you can to stimulate the fires.</p> <p>Col K: Gen Hodges was here - seemed to be interested in knowing whether we could move fwd or not. I don't think we can do much about it right now. I have Lewis down there now seeing about it. We might move the fwd as soon as possible. (Con'd)</p>	<p>Battalion Commander?</p>

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				4 July 1944	
1150		394	(Con'd)	Gen M: You might tell him we're standing up pretty well. Col K: Our com is at a peak now, and I rather hate to move out. However, we do have com in down there already. However, there's still a lot of small arms fire down there. Gen M: How about sending a plat down there and cleaning it out.	L-162
1110		395		G-4 Col Hughes to Col Shaver Duty 0 G-4: Is Col Krauthoff there? Col S: No he isn't. Something I can do for you? G-4: I was just calling to tell him that I checked on the evacuation and it is working alright?	
1155		395		Gen Macon to Col Crabill: 329 Gen M: Whats the word down there? Col C: E and F Cos are pinned down and can't move. They did get across, but are still pinned down. Gen M: by what? Col C: Mortars and about 26 MGs Gen M: Are you getting fire back on them? Col C: Yes, but they still haven't been able to advance. Do you authorize the use of smoke? Gen M: Yes. Where are they - in that orchard? Col D: Yes. Gen M: Are you too close to use Arty? Col C: I can use Arty. Gen M: Then, use Arty first and then smoke. Col C: They have tried this. Gen M: You might go into the area of the 331 in order to get across. Col C: That's that back swamp - the water is too deep.	
1205		396		Col Paul to Col Krauthoff: Col P: There is one question here. On your right flank what Bn is there. It's one of Bns fr the other regt but is it two or one. They say it is two up here. Col K: It is two. Col P: What about the others? Col K: The unit on the right has run into heavy MG opposition. Col P: What about the other two.	

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Col Krauthoff to Gen Macon:
Col K: Seem to have a little difficulty as to where Shuster is.
Gen M: He's hurt.
Col K: I mean his outfit. Have a report in here showing him on line with Norris. Also got one fr Staples showing him well back. The back end of Norris is getting shot up. This is at point 35758104. Heavy MG fire coming fr his right flank.
Gen M: I'll call you back on this.

Capt Glass to Col Deshotels:
Capt Glass: I have a msg fr 322 FA S-2:
2d Bn attacks again at 1230 committing reserve Col

Col Hering to Gen Montague
Col H: I just have a report on the right that they are not in com with the Bn.
Gen M: I just sent a Ln 0 down there.
Col H: Does he have com?
Gen M: Yes. The other Ln 0 was a casualty.
Col H: They have that Bn tied down.

Maj Foster to Col Shaver: G2
Will you give this msg to Col Deshotels: Still meeting stiff resistance on the right flank.

Maj Hikel to VII Corps G-3.
Maj H: This is Blackstone 3.
338805 to 349805.
351812 to 355812
357810
361810 to 370808
370801 to 380802.

Maj Hikel relieved by Col Shaver.

G-4 Periodic Report.

G-4 Journal.

Commit Co G through Co E put Co E in Res push attack call for arty on likely targets.
(Intercepted by Rad going to 331 Inf)
TT fr CG VII Corps: Submit sitrep every 2 hours on even hours by TT marked Information CG FUSA.

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				4 July	
1047		407		<p>Maj Foster called G-3. Maj F: Our right flank pinned down, it is coming fr adjacent unit. G-3: Our own unit? Maj F: It is coming fr the unit in front of the adjacent unit. G-3: Have you given the information to our artillery? Maj F: Yes, it is being taken care of by them.</p>	
	1103	408		<p>G-3 called Gen Montague. G-3: I just received a report fr the 330 Inf and they are getting artillery fire on them fr way back. Can you get the sound and flash people on that. Gen M: I will take care of that.</p>	
1108		409		<p>Capt Glass called G-3: I just received a report fr the Adjacent unit 90 Inf Div. Their front line of 1010 was 241857 to 249856. 1 Regt is 250849 to 225841. Another 248856. The 1st set of coordinates were regt and the other 2 Bns. It doesn't give the extent of their line. It was sent by a Ln O.</p>	
1200		410		<p>Maj Brody to G-3: Maj B: Got word on your missions 14 and 15. They got off before 1100. I will give you a report when they come in.</p>	
	1215	411		<p>C of S called Asst to Div Comdr. C of S: I have just had a call fr Macon and he said for me to give you the msg that your advances were to be made on a narrow front. Gen F: All right.. Is the 331 Inf moving now? C of S: No. A Ln O was in and said that location of Schusters outfit was all wet. It had moved about 200 yds fr its original starting place.</p>	
	1130	412		<p>G-3 to Maj Cook; also C of S and Col Peebles. G-3: Have you got that thing moving yet? Maj C: No. G-3: How about Fredenalls unit? Maj C: He is holding back for a while so that gap won't get too big. G-3: Higher hq and CG doesn't want that done.</p>	

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				4 July	
	1130	413		<p>C of S to Col Peebles What is Fredendall doing? (C of S) Col P: He has had easy going, reached the road and ran into a MG at 371801 and he is working on that now. He has pulled back so he could lay mortars down on it on a time schedule. C of S: Can you get that unit moving now? Col P: I am trying.</p>	
	1145	414		<p>G-3 to Maj Staples. G-3: Have you anything new that you can tell me about your front? Maj S: Yes, K Co on the left, right boundary.... G-3: Just give me the coordinates. Maj S: It is an inverted "V" shape. Bridge at 352813. Next position 356813. G-3: That is back on the OPLR. Maj S: That is where they reported it. G-3: The center hasn't moved. Maj S: Very little. The left of that unit is 358812. G-3: Where is the other unit? Maj S: The unit on the left of the right Bn is completely disorganized. G Co is coming into the gap. F Co has the line 341804. Can you give me the position on the left unit on the left? G-3: A straight left. Maj S: What about the one on the right? G-3: It is pinned down.</p>	
	1211			<p>C61 K, C of S, to Div Arty Maj Smith. C of S: What is the situation down there? Maj S: The battle is picking up. In Bowman's sector we put in 2 medium Bns and one light Bn. We are governing one side with a Btry and maintaining this for 15 min- dropping a Btry for 15 min. In front of Barndollar, we are firing 2 medium Bns and one light Bn. C of S: 330 Inf C6 has 2 Co's pinned down. Get in touch with the outfit behind Mc Lendon and find out what his situation is. Any movement out of Schuster yet? Maj S: That is where we have been firing our latest fire, so he has not gone any moving yet. We fire 1200 meters in front of this this morning-about 15 min ago.</p>	

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IN	OUT				
				4 July	
1400		416		G-3 Periodic Report, 30 Inf Div fr 030001 to 032400 July 1944.	L-162
1400		417		Recinding of FO # 4, 301000 Jun 44, 30 Inf Div, and issuance of FO #4, 30 Inf Div, 040900 July 44.	
	1400	418	041400	SITREP No 15 sent out by TWX to Corps and Army.	
1400		419		Overlay showing dispositions 331 Inf as of 1200 4 July 1944.	
1400		420		Overlay showing dispositions of 330 Inf	
1400		421		Overlay of Front lines as of 1300, 4 July 44	
1250		422		CG to G-2 and G-3: CG: In regard to 330 Inf. that Bn was going in. G-2: I didn't get that. FR 330 Inf I have a msg they are sending in their reserve Co of that Bn. CG: Is the Cof S there. Give me G-3. G-2: No the PW's we have checked did say that there Regt was reinforced by men fr a parachute outfit fr Italy. Otheres state that SS troops are in the vicinity. CG: Do these people seem to tell the same story on the flank and on the other. Tell that to Sellers. G-3, what was it that 330 Inf used on their right? Did they use their reserve Bn. That was in the 2d Bn area. Maj Sellers and G-2. G-2: Information I have fr those PW's: 6th Co extends to 315795, 5th Co fr 327791 all the way to the highway but that is too far. Ceck that. 7th Co is on their left. That Regt is up to full strength now. It received reinforcements in the last few days. One of the PW's mentioned SS Troops. 330 Inf reports MG fr 357810.	
1215		423		CG to C of S. CG: That spot you gave me is pretty close to the front lines of the people across fr us. We are going to put some mortar onlit. The situation has changed now. That will give them a lot of trouble. C of S: I have one thing, I got some information fr a PW and it indicates that some reinforcements (Cont)	

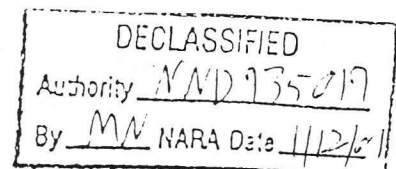
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				4 July 1944	
		423		Cont- were brought up on our front. CG: I thought all they had was two Co's. C of S: It was a great deal of automatic weapons. CG: They couldn't have. C of S: Are you going to stay there for a while? CG: Until things get settled. C of S: I don't think I should do any moving here until I hear fr you.	
	1230	424		G-3 to Maj Holt. G-3: Pull that Co out of CARENTAN and put it in reserve. That gives you a full Bn.	
1240		425		Asst to Div Comdr to C of S/. Gen F: Is CG still out with the 331 Inf? C of S: Yes, he is with Barndollar. Gen F: Is he going to stay there? C of S: Yes until things settle down. Gen F: I am going to put this thing on down here but want to coordinate it with him first.	
1310		426		CG to G-3. CG: I have a report of some track laying vehicle at 335810. They are in front of Bowen. Maybe the small swamp buggy. Get in touch with Bowen and see if he has anything there. Call back.	
	1312	427		G-3 to Capt McCleary. G-3: Did you have some swamp buggies thru this morning? Capt M: Yes, we had three. G-3: Did you cross them over? Capt M: I don't know. I report that they are not committing I Co yet. G-3: Are you getting artillery support? Capt M: Yes, Those swamp buggies are still back in the motor park. G-3: Have Col Brown check on these track laying vehicles at 335810, and find out if its tanks. Capt M: They were putting some around there. G-3: Who? Capt M: The tks were attacking w/G and I Co's G-3: Check on it.	

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1445		428		4 July LT Gen Hodges arrived at CP, departed 1455.	L-162 First Army Deputy CG
1314		429		C of S to CG Div Arty. C of S: Ask Smith the status of the TD Bn at the present time. Gen Mon: We are using one Co to reinforce the 322. C of S: The other 4 guns came in on the beach Gen Mon: I haven't gotten them. C of S: I will send their Ln O to bring them down.	
	1255	430		G-3 called CG. G-3: We have the reserve in attack on the left of you. Gen F is coming up with a plan. CG: Are they going to use it pretty quick? G-3: Yes. CG: Tell him when he comes up here to use the NA.	
1147		431		329 Inf to AastG-2. Maj H: I was in touch with white, and they are committing Co G on left. I would like permission to use smoke on the vicinity of 334809. Col Crabill (came to phone) Maj H: I have been in touch with 329 white and want permission to use smoke. I was talking with Maj Staples and there seemed to be a gap in there. I need smoke by 1230. Col C: Have you been getting support fr cml mortars? Maj H: No. We just got a PW and he said the enemy just got reinforcements fr Italy. He said we were going to hit heavy Cos after we get thru the line, and they had 26 MG's ahead of us. Col C: Go ahead and use smoke.	
1240		432		Col Paul called Duty O. Col P: I received a call fr our chief and I told him of the 2 regts on the left being pinned down, and he said they hadn't moved. He wants more information. Maj H: Do you want everything? Col P: Yes, I have to let him know where we are. I understand the right Bn is pinned down, but he will have to have the other four.	

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IN	OUT				
				4 July 1944	
1315		433		Capt Glass to G-2: Arty is firing covering withdrawl of 2d Bn at 33528115.	
1320		434		Capt McCurrie to G-3: If there are any track laying vehicles out there they aren't ours.	
1320		435		CG to G-3. CGL I gave you the wrong coordinates on those track laying vehicles. It should be 355810. G-3: That is a more logical place for them. They are down there supporting that unit.	
	1320	436		Asst to Div Comdr to Col McLendon. Gen F: I talked to the CG and everything is OK. Can you give me the time? COL M: I got a new picture of the situation.	
1300		437		Maj Foster called Asst G-2: Maj F. I have been informed that we have three p prisoners. The officer tells me that they have the SS insignia on their collars. G-2: Do you have your IPW man handy? Maj F: Yes, and as soon as I get any inform- ation I will send it down.	
	1400	438		Coll Shaver to 329 Blue 6. #29 6 wants you to meet him at his CP right away.	
1405		439		VII Corps to Maj Boucher. VII C: Your Armed Rcn were accepted at 1330 for 12 P 47's. Want anything else along that line this afternoon? Maj B: I'll have to call back. VII C: How about any observation on the previous one? Maj B: No report yet.	
1530		440		Tp lines to 331 Inf are out.	
	1410	441		Asst to Div Comdr to 330 Inf, Col Peebles. Gen F: On that attack, see if you can pick out some air targets. Col P: It looks like its hopeless to pick out definite targets. Gen F: How about there next to that point along the line? (CONT)	

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				4 July	
1430		441		Cont-Col P: We could pick out a 1000 yd sq in there, but we couldn't get it before this thing jumps off. We could in about 45 min, one just to the left of here. Gen F: Never mind. Call back when you're set up, call back and add 6 hrs to your time. How long till you are set up? Col P: We are now. The unit on our right is doing better.	
1535		442		Lines to 331 Inf 2d Bn, is out.	
1420		443		Msg Gen to Col Shaver. Msg C: on this SITREP #15 going to Corps, what classification do you want. Col S: Secret.	
1400		444		Overlay of positions fr 330 Inf.	
1347		445		Capt Glass called Maj Alexander. 2 enemy tks in the house at coordinates 33458095 and arty is firing on them now. Observed by 322 FA.	
1350		446		Capt Callhan to Asst G-2. Capt C: Officer fr 329 Inf 2d Bn said they were expecting a counter attack. Do you have any info on tks? G-2: 2 enemy tks located in house at 33458095 and arty is firing on them. Capt C: The prisoner we had said one tk was all that was left and it was atchd to paratroops.	
1400	1400	447		G-3 to Maj Smith. G-3: I have a report that you were firing on the 329 Inf area. This side of the lake. Maj S: Our medium btrys were trying to demolish that house where the tks are hidden.	
	1409	448		C of S to VII Corps 5. VII C: Where is your fwd CP. Would that be the central place for Gen Collins to meet. C of S: The CG is now at one of the regts, remainder of CP is still here. I think a central place to meet would be here. CONT.	

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				4 July	
		448		Cont- Co S. The CG is at 329 Inf CP now and I will call him and tell him Gen Collins will meet him there.	← MASON at 329th CP
	1410	449		G-2 to Maj Sellers. G-2: Have you any identification on the three prisoners? Maj S: They are young men and indicate 17th SS Div 10th Co, 3d Bn, 37th SS Panzer Grenadier Regt. G-2: Where were they captured? Maj S: In front of our right unit I can't give you the coordinates or square as I don't have my map here. I will let you know when I can. They apparently gave up. I saw them walking with their hands overhead. G-2: Find out how strong a force, where located, if entire Div or just Regt.	
	1410	450		C of S to CG. C of S: Gen Collins will meet you at 329 CP. I'll send G-2 over with the last dope. CG: Have G-3 there too and Gen F. C of S: They are coming. Is there anything there for me to keep going? CG: The Col is going out to try to coordinate the attack with that 330 was putting on. C of S: We haven't got the time on the 330, but it would be in the neighborhood of 1500. CG: See that plans are made and see that they get both going with preparation in front.	
1415		451		CG to C of S. CG: Gen F has organized something over on his side and I want to do the same thing with a preparation. C of S: I know about it. He is now checking on the time. I believe it will be about 2:30.	
1422		452		Asst G-2 to NO Marquart, VII Corps. G-2: We have 3 PW's fr 10 Com3d Bn, 37 SS Panzer Regt, 17th SS Div. Captured this afternoon near edge of zone approximately 1300. We observed 2 enemy tks near house- coordinates 33458095 at 1347. Taken under fire by our arty.	

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				4 July	
1430		453		Maj Smith to Asst G-2. Maj S: One of the Bns just requested a smoke mission. The Regtl Comdr wants to withdraw fr the left. That is the left Bn of 330 Inf. G-2: (After checking) OK.	
1430		454		Col Bowen to C of S. Col B: Our E and F Cos pulled back. They have just gone way back. I still have G Co on my left and right. C of S: What took them back? Col B: Mortar and tks.	
1445		455		Capt Glass called Asst G-2. Fwd observer of 322 FA said the 2d Bn was going back to line of departure.	
	1445	456		Maj Alexander called Maj Sellers. Maj S: MG's located at 35188105, 35608130, and 35908107. Well dug in and logs and sand bags are being used and they are hard to get out. Maj A: Does the LN O fr arty know it? Yes. The only thing we are hit with is automatic fire and mortars.	
1450		457		G-3 to C of S: The CG would like CG Div Arty here.	
1453		458		330 Inf to C of S. ##330: Our CP is under fire by hvy cal artillery falling 500 yds in front. C of S: Can you give that to your Ln O? 330: He knows about it. I would like to know if you could get air to locate and knock it out. C of S: I will see what I can do.	
	1455	459		C of S to 329 Inf 2. Tell the CG that CG Div Arty is on way down, also Gen Collins and Gen Hodges.	!! Assr First Army CG
1525		460		Col Paul, Corps, to Maj Hikel. Any change? Maj H: No significant change.	
1530		461		329 Inf to Maj Hikel: We have been forced to withdraw all troops fr the peninsula. Little equipment left. Reserve Co now committed and are on OP now in our zone. What are we to do? Have no reserve. Maj H: I shall notify the C of S. (C of S notified).	

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				4 July	
1630		462		Lt Col Fitzgibbons reld Lt Col Shaver as Duty O.	
1535		463		Asst S-2, Div Arty, to Asst G-2. Msg fr 324 FA Bn: 18 men fr G Co entered C btry area stating that they are the only ones left fr that Co and the same with E.	
1545		464		S-2 330 Inf to Asst G-2. Do you want me to give you the coordinates of the position of the capture of the prisoners? Approximately 365817.	
1545		465		Asst G-2 to S-2, 324 FA Bn. I have a report that your Btry C picked up 18 men. The C of S has directed that you are to hold them	
	1530	466		SITREP No 16, 83 Inf Div, 041400 July 44.	To VII Corps by TWX.
1710		467	1556	Msg fr 331 Inf - enemy arty falling at 34708105.	G-2
1710		468	1605	Msg fr 329 Inf- Prisoner captured 334810. Unable to be evacuated. Identified by Co to be fr 13th Co, 914th Regt.	G-2
1730		469		Lines are in to 331 Inf.	
1735		470	1616	Msg fr 83d Rcn Tr to G-2: No Germans North of OPLR West of 335822.	
	1800	471		SITREP No 17, 83 Inf Div, fr 041600 to 041800 July 1944.	To Corps by TWX
1800		472		Msg fr 330 Inf - Atchd is overlay requested- Enemy lines are general and not definite.	
	1700	473		Col Fitzgibbons to Maj Cook. Col F: How much dope can you give us? Maj C: Tell him what we had planned is about ready to go off. Col F: How about locations? Maj C: No change. Col F: Since when? Maj C: Around noon. Col F: Wait until I check with G-3 to see if it is sufficient. It is	
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1515		474		<p>4 July</p> <p>Col McKee, VII Corps, to C of S.</p> <p>Col M: I just saw a report on the 2d Bn, 329 withdrawl of about 1000 meters. Where are they now?</p> <p>C of S: It is back about on its original LD.</p> <p>Col M: How was the 2d Bn, 329 operating?</p> <p>C of S: It was operating directly under Div.</p> <p>Col M: The report I have here doesn't say much.</p> <p>C of S: It was badly cut up and was withdrawn. It succeeded in crossing 2 rifle Cos this morning and made a small advance when it was stopped. It was unable to get its weapons across, so the Bn Comdr ordered a withdrawl.</p> <p>Col M: Did the Div Comdr order a withdrawl?</p> <p>C of S: No.</p> <p>Col M: What are they doing now?</p> <p>C of S: Holding where they are.</p> <p>C of S and Gen Collins.</p> <p>Gen C: Tell the CG that I want the withdrawl investigated. That man had 2 Cos across the stream and now that he has withdrawn them, that will take more men. It is asinine for any man to withdraw and then lose more men taking them back across. Who is that man?</p> <p>C of S: Lt Col Bowen</p> <p>Gen C: I want the CG to look into it, and that fellow ought to be made to recross the stream with the remainder of his men. What is the situation in the other parts of the Div? They were going to start an attack at 1500 and it is now 1700 and I haven't heard a shot fired.</p> <p>C of S: I don't know about the attack.</p> <p>Gen C: I thought they were going to have a coordinated attack this evening.</p> <p>C of S: Yes, sir.</p> <p>Gen C: What time is that attack?</p> <p>C of S: Just amoment sir I will lit you talk to G-3 he know about it.</p> <p>G-3 to the Gen.</p> <p>G-3: Sir the plan of atk on the left was to go off at 5 o'clock.</p> <p>Gen C: Didnt they jump off at 3 o'clock?</p> <p>G-3: Sir they held that up while you were here, didnt they?</p> <p>Gen C: When is the division going to make the coordinated atk?</p>	<p>L-162</p> <p>Biff, wasnt this Sergeant John Alver's unit?</p> <p>Collins talked about 2/329 retreat</p>

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				4 July	
		474	con'd	G-3: The reserve R egt is going to make the atk at 7 o'clock. They are coming down by the right of the road. Gen C: E or W side of the road? G-3: NW side of the road and seize objective B and A. The A atk is going on now. Gen C: How about the Arty. G-3: We will have $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Bn of tanks behind one Regt and $\frac{1}{2}$ behind the other. The Gen wanted me to have all the Arty. I can to help them. Gen C: I wish you would check and see what the plan of the Arty support is? If the atk is coming off I havent heard a shot fired off so far. G-3: Sir I will check and call you back on that.	
1610		475		Tp Msg fr Capt Callahan to Asst G-2 Capt C: Blackjack Whit reported that they captured a prisoner at 334810 and were unable to evacuate him because they are cut off. They intrrogated them overthere and found out that he was from 13th So. 914th Regt. I got this frim Smith by radio.	
1615		476		Tp Msg fr Col Huston to G-2- Col Huston G-2, Jayhawk Col H: I have a report on Rcn mission. The fligh fr La Hay de Puis to Les Say to Periers to coordinate T3883 flown at 1430 no movement along that route. G-2: Thank you.	
1750		477	Gen F	Tp Msg fr Gen Fernenbaugh to Maj Hqlt 329 Gen F: Move your nearest Bn to Points 355824. Be prepared to move your other Bn to point 359823. Maj H: 1st Bn move there and the other be prepared to move. Gen F: Yes. Select your CP and report to Div. Put a guide at RJ 30.	
1835		478		TpMsg fr Col Whitcomb to G-3 Col W: The triangle formed by the following Coordinated First RJ at Valley Forde ve Chenau 363- 824, Then SE to main road at 373- 318, SW to Le Vernes Vele. Have our mines in there been cleared out? Col H: Only mines cleared are the lanes and they have been marked.	
1800		479		Tp Msg fr Gen Fernenbaugh to C/S: Gen F: Have we a stragler line set up. C/S: Yes, sir.	

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1735		479	con'd	4 July Gen F: Keep it in action and get those people back to their outfits. C/S: Will do.	
		480		Tp Msg fr Gen Ferenbaugh to C/S Gen F: Look on your map. You remember where Bowen crossed this morning between 32.7 and 31. That orchard there. They are establishing a defense there with the rest of his outfit. Further to the NW directly opposite Les Belaries about 3281 there is a patrol over there and send a Rcn patrol over there and contact Craybill. C/S: Do you want to give that to Drum. He is here now Gen F: Over to the NW in the 3281 square people coming back were fired on from that area. Take a Rcn patrol there and see what is in there. Capt D: I just came from that area and the only people there were mine and an Inf unit. Gen F: Check that area and see if there is anything in it. And report your findings to Div. Maintain a patrol between 329 and Botney. C/S: Hering just left for Div Arty to call Gen Macon he wants to call him badly. Gen Collins is on him again. Here is what he wants: (1) Why Bowen pulled back. Gen Macon: Who wants to know this? C/S Gen Collins, and he wants it investigated. The other thing is why the 330th didn't get their atk off sooner. Gen M: Tell him that 330 was delayed to coordinated an atk along exact lines he mentioned and will get that atk off within every few minutes with all the Arty we have. The tanks will be in position in a short time. C/S: Have you a definite time on it. Gen M: It will be before 1800. C/S: Will Craybill be going off at that time? Gen M: I am going to use them. I am going to punch with those two first. C/S: What time? Gen M: Between 1800 and 1900.	
1757		481		Tp Msg fr Gen Montague to G-3 Gen M: Col Skinner wants to know if he is going to be used in this tonight. G-3: He may be. We may have to use the 329 in the center.	

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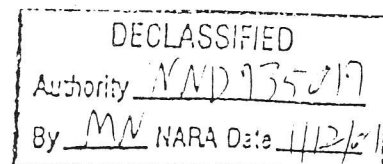
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				4 July	
		481	con'd	Gen M: I had better be in on this so I can lay wire out to the Ln Os. G-3: The Gen sent me in to make up the plan is all sir. Gen M: Thank you.	2-162
1705		482		Tp Msg fr Col Paul VII CGorps 3 to G-3 Col P: Do you have anything new? G-3: What was the last report that you got? Col P: 1325, no change. G-3: We are launching an atk in the left outfit right now, There is no actual change in the front lines. The unit on the extreme right pulled back, they come back off the right flank. Col P: What is your line now? G-3: The outfit came back along the stream line. That out fit is pretty badly out up. Col P: Could I have the coordinates? G-3: They are to organize and hold at the stream junction, coordinates 337813, S along the stream line to meet the other people. You have the position of the other unit which is not changed. The left unit of the right large unit is generally back at 352812. The Sitrep turned in at 1400 will give this. The extreme right coordinate is 357811. Col P: Does that effect 2 of your left units? G-3: They are launching the atk now. They are to atk and sieze 355790.	
	1720	483		Tp Msg fr G-3 to Gen Montague G-3: Gen Collins called and wants to know the Arty plan for the Atks. Gen M: I have all 8 Bns that can move ready to fire a serenade of 5 volleys on it and plan to do the same thing on the other. G-3: On the right? Gen M: On the left. They havent announced the time yet and that is what I am waiting for. G-3: Then the 5 PM atk hasnt jumped off yet. Gen M: No. G-3: Call Gen Collins and let him know your plans.	
	1740	484		Tp Msg to Col Troxell, Col McKee & Gen Collins VII Corps. G-3: Is the Gen there. Col T: No, How are you going down there?	

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		484	cont'd	<p>4 July</p> <p>G-3: Haven't started anything yet. Had to get the Arty set. It is to go off at 1800.</p> <p>Col T: have you been receiving any Arty fire?</p> <p>G-3: Haven't received any report of it.</p> <p>Col T: Just a minute and I'll have your call transferred to the Gen.</p> <p>G-3: to Col McKee: The atk was supposed to jump off at 1500. 1700 was some other business and it was held up to coordinate Arty along the line Ben Collins wanted. The one on the left, The entire Div, will atk at 1800. Arty is coordinating with the unit on the left. Following that with the other front line Regt on the right will shift the Arty in front of them.</p> <p>Gen Collins: Keep me informed of the progress of this atk.</p> <p>G-3 I will do it.</p>	
1755		485		<p>Col Troxel to G-3</p> <p>Col T: Did you get your call thru?</p> <p>G-3: Yes, sir.</p> <p>Col T: Is this two separate atks you are running?</p> <p>G-3: No, I was working on one plan and the Gen was working on the other one. I got the whole picture now. We are jumping off with the left unit approximately 1800, and the Inf will coordinate with the Arty and one Regt will atk and another front line REgt goes off and as soon as the Arty finishes firing the other will take off.</p> <p>Col T: How long will it take you to get to your objective?</p> <p>G-3: About 4 hrs of daylight left, if it goes off well we ought to reach our objective by 2130.</p> <p>Col T: Is it the objective that we gave you?</p> <p>G-3: No sir, Gen Collins indicated it when he was down here.</p> <p>Col T: How do things seem to be going.</p> <p>G-3: Slow, we are held up by heavy fire.</p> <p>Col T: How are casualties:</p> <p>G-3: Not too high.</p> <p>Col T: You are all set to take off?</p> <p>G-3: Around 1800, sir.</p>	
1805		486		<p>Tp Msg Gen Ferenbaugh to G-3</p> <p>Gen F: We are firing a concentration to cover the movement of the in cans., and things are getting ready to jump off</p> <p>G-3: Gen Collins called and he wants to be kept informed of the progress of this atk.</p> <p>Gen F: We will do the best we can.</p>	

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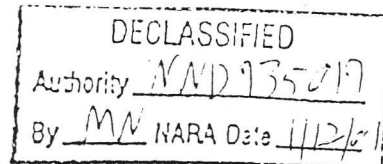
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IN	OUT				
1915		487		4 July Col Cheal, Ln O, returned fr VII Corps. De- parted for Corps at 2020	
1807		488		Col CrayBill to G-3 Col C: There hasn't been any change in plan as yet? G-3: No, but we may be moving on Bn down there and so far we are not comitting you yet. Maj Holt is on his way down with the overlay and you are to be prepared to atk on Div order.	
	1830	489		G-3 to Gen Ferenbaugh G-3: What is happening Gen? Gen F: The tanks are moving into position now. They need a little more Coordination down there. G-3: Are they about read y? Gen F: Should be any time now. G-3: Gen Collins is listening for the Arty to Start Gen F: It is taking more time than expected.	2d BIG ATTACK
1935		490		Maj Brodie, Jayhawk, to Col Fitzgibbons Maj B: On your mission to KGD 5, it will be flown at 2000.	
1938		491		Maj Brodie to Col Fitzgibbons Maj B: Yor mission No KGD 1 was flown. No movement was seen but weather was poor for good observation.	
2000		492		Maj Jessie, Jayhawk, to Col Deshotels. Maj J: I understand that you are unable to verify or identify this story of the 13th Co of the 914th Regt. Col D: There is no way of indetifying it. Maj J: How did this story come out? Col D: There were three prisoners captured in that neck of the peninsula in the square 3381. There were supposed to have been interrogators there We dont know who it was though. The report by the Co Comdr was that they belonged to this Regt. The PWs and interrogators have not as yet been evacuated. The prisoners and interrogators are missing- this is why we are not able to verify it.	
2030		493		Lt Noe, Ln O, 330 reported with position overlay.	
	2003	494		Sitrep No 18 83 Inf Div to VII Corps fr 041800 to 042000	

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				4 July	
2050		495		Msg fr 330 Inf re to Arty fire in vicinity of Regt CP.	
1925		496		Blackbird 2 to G-2 BB 2: Slidex and authenticator for today believed compromised G-2: Div or Arty slidex? BB 2: Arty slidex. It was lost this morning when one of our observers was shot up.	
2050		497		Maj Cook ,330 to Asst G-2. Maj JO: Our CP is being Atk; G-2: We know it. Maj C: Do what you can for us. G-2: Have notified Drum to get you assistance.	
	1930	498		Maj Hikel to Blackfish 3. Maj H: Blackstone is interested in the picture. Col Peebles: It has just begun. We are making slight progress. Have already advanced thru our sec hedge line.	
1930		499		Gen Macon to C/S Gen M: I am back at Blackboy. Got things started, finally and now we are working on this over here. Have you heard anything from upstairs? C/S: No, sir, I have not. Gen M: It took a little time. This one got off well coordinated. They have taken two hedge rows. I hope they continue calling for Arty. I just called Buddy and told him to keep calling for it. C/S: What is the situation in your place, are they getting under way? Gen M: Not yet, I am getting it organized, but haven't had time to check up. C/S: If I can answer those questions right fast it saves developing into something else. Gen M: Get G-3 working on the future. C/S: He is playing with that now. How heavy has German Arty fire been on our Inf? Cant say it has been very heavy. Some concentrations of course, but not very heavy.	
2110		500		One line to Blackboy is out	
2130		501		Tp to Blackjack is out	

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	1957	502		4 July Col Krauthoff to Blackfish 5 (330) Col K: How is your show on the left? BF: We are making progress. Being shelled by enemy Arty of heavy Cal. The troops met hv MG fire. Tanks are handicapped by arty fire. Col K: About how far down have you advanced? BF: The farthest id at 365805. Col K: The time of this? BF: 1945. Col Shaver Reld Col Fitzgibbons as duty O	L-162
2200		503		C/S to Gen Montague C/S: Just had a call from Ferenbaugh. There is two Btrys firing heavily on this atk downthere. Can you keep after them. Gen M: I am firing 6 counter mission/ btrys now, that is all I have. I just had a call from Irvine. He needs some flank protection. C/S: I'll take a look and see what I can do for him.	
	2005	504			
2200		505		Sitrep No 51 Hq 90th Inf Div fr 040001 to 041200 July 44	
2205		506		Sitrep No 19 Hq 83 Inf Div fr 042000 to 042200 to VII Corps.	
2030		507		Capt Glass, Div Arty, to Asst G-2 Capt G: Just received the following msg from the 908th. It came thru the Ln O #3. It says the F Co of Blackboy is in a position in which the enemy is between our troops and them. At these coordinates. 34428084- 34508060- 34168040- 34008060. They gave the slidex "Dog Item" which is the code word for the enemy.	
2055		508		Capt Glass to Maj Alexander Capt G: Here is the sec of series of coordinates that I sent you while ago. 36008140-35108140- 34808150-34608140-34658100. The last one of these five connects up with the first of the other four. Plot these 4, which form a rectangle. These last point of these above connects up with this coordinate 33808090. This is the front line as reported by Ln O #2 of that outfit as of 1815.	
1941		509		Col Craybill to G-3 Col C: I am at the forward CP now. Have you got any- thing for xxxx me? -82-	

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		509	con'd	4 July G-3: No, not yet. Col C: I think we'll be ready when you give it. Call me at the Fwd CP.	
	1937	510		G-3 to Col Peebles G-3: Have anything yet? Col P: We are being held up by MG and Mortar fire. Also being heavily shelled by enemy Arty.	
	2005	511		G-3 to Blackbird G-3: Got any information on advance of front lines on this Atk? Sgt Shuman: None at this time.	
1955		512		Gen Macon to C/S Gen M: The 330 has some sniper around it, or some- thing. I would like to get Rcn Tr down there right away. C/S: Have a report from 330 saying they were being atk and overrun. Gen M: Tell them to organize people around there and take care of themselves. C/S: Gen Collins is coming down to Blackboy to see you. Gen M: He is here now. Ask Bob to keep concentration coming down in front, particularly along that road.	Macon is out of CP and down on frontlines
2015		513		Gen Ferenbaugh to C/S Gen F: We'd better not take any chances. The 329 should move in behind the MLR in case something xx should happen. Have Craybill be ready to move in and be chose. to the line. C/S: He has already moved one Bn in there. Gen F: Well, have him move the other Bn in also. Have him get in close behind the MLR so that he can go quickly into position. Wilkinson is making progress. C/S: How much? Gen F: About 200 yds farther than the last reported position. Wilkinson is making progress. On this other I am just playing safe safe just in case. C/S: Can you get in touch with that other fellow? right there next to you? Gen F: I have already talked to him, and he agrees to this situation. I don't know about Fredendall, but he should be moving in behind Wilkinson. Tell Bob to get that enemy btry that is firing into us down here.	

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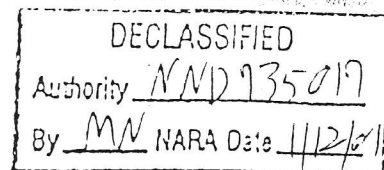
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	2020	513	con'd	4 July Col K: Corps will have to do this. Gen F: Get in touch with Corps and have them do this.	
		514		Gen Montague to Col Krauthoff: Gen M: I just talked to the CG. Alert Crabill to move in to either continue the attack or take over later in the evening. Col K: Will do. How about this enemy arty btry? Gen M: I have Air Ln up now looking for him.	
	2030	515		Col Krauthoff to Col Brown, Blackjack 5. Col K: Is Blackjack 6 there? Col B: No, he is at the advance CP. Col K: Do you have com with him? Col B: Yes. Col K: Have him move his Regt, not Bn, but regt, down back of MLR. Prepare to go in MLR and hold in case of a counterattack or prepare to go in back of attack now going on and continue the attack. Keep us informed of attack. Col K: You know where that gap is? Col B: Yes sir.	
	2035	516		Major Cook to Col Krauthoff: Maj C: This CP of ours is about to be attacked I believe. The enemy has driven in C Co and is coming up road here. They pushed through remnants of E Co and we've got all our local stuff employed in front of it. A couple tanks came up and we are about to be fired on. Col K: I am moving Crabill up as fast as I can. Maj C: They are firing on us now. Better make it fast.	— 3307h
	2040	517		Major Hobt, 329th Inf to Chief of Staff: Maj H: Have message here which was relayed from Blackjack 5. Says "Move outfit in behind MLR and be ready to attack or repel counter attack." Col K: Move your entire regt up there to occupy that position. Move up there fast and do everything you can to speed up this movement. Cook just phoned in that their CP was being attack. Have you sent someone after Crabill. Maj H: Yes I have. Col K: Hering shown up yet? Maj H: No.	

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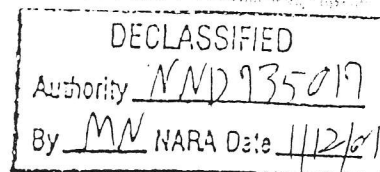
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	2043	518		<p>4 July</p> <p>Chief of Staff to Col Brown, Blackjack 5:</p> <p>Col K: Did you get hold of Brabill?</p> <p>Col B: He just left the CP. I gave the message to S-3.</p> <p>Col K: Speed is important and get there as fast as you can.</p> <p>Col B: All right sir.</p>	
	2100	519		<p>Chief of Staff to General Montague:</p> <p>Col K: Just talked to Gen.</p> <p>Gen M: 330 just called in here that CP is being heavily attacked.</p> <p>Col K: I don't know if they have got a few snipers or what is happening. Gen said he wants you to keep concentrations going on that road. Collins is with him. 329th is being moved up to occupy MLR or to resume attack if opportunity should present itself.</p>	
2105		520		<p>Com O, 330th Inf to C/S.</p> <p>Com O: Maj Cook told me to call and tell you CP was in imminent danger of attack.</p> <p>Col K: Tell Cook I am sending Rcn Tr down. Have you organized your people there?</p> <p>Com O: We have done that already.</p> <p>Col K: Well, hang onto it.</p>	<p>←</p> <p>VII Corps Commsider</p>
2113		521		<p>Col Crabill, 329th to C/S:</p> <p>Col C: Just talked to Gen Macon who is now talking to Gen Collins and may change our plans somewhat. Should we move down there anyway?</p> <p>Col K: Holt is moving them down now.</p> <p>Col C: I am at 331.</p> <p>Col K: Do you want to know where Holt is moving your Regt; coordinates?</p> <p>Col C: I know where they are. Do you want me to do anything else about that?</p>	
2105:		522		<p>Col K: Not unless the Gen changes it.</p> <p>Major Dickey (Jayhawk) to Col Fitzgibbons:</p> <p>Maj D: Have a message from Col Troxell for one of our Tank Unit Comdrs to come down to your Hq to discuss the relieving of one of your attached Tank Bns tomorrow. This tank bn is to relieve a previously attached Tank Bn.</p>	
	2105	523		<p>C of S to G-3:</p> <p>Col K: Cook called in and reported that his CP is being attacked.</p> <p>Col H: I have a Bn moving in behind this right now. I have a Bn in here at 346815. This is on the</p>	

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IN	OUT				
				4 July	
	2105	523	con'd	right flank. The left flank is going over to 359818 - along this line. Have one Bn in there and am holding another one off at 359824. Col K: All right - give Cook a hand all you can - move in there right now. Col H: They're ready to move in anytime now.	
2115		524		Gen Macon to Chief of Staff Gen M: Can you get in touch with Asst Div Comdr? Col K: I don't know. Gen M: See what information you can get in regard to the progress of that Bn on the other side. Col K: Wilkinson's attack is still going. They have no communication with the Bn on the left. Have not been able to use radio. Gen M: McLendon is with this Bn. Col K: Gen Ferenbaugh has no information on this. Gen M: Get a messenger down to Fredendall and tell him what that Bn is doing and for him to connect up with them right away.	
2120		525		CG to C/S: Gen M: Get the Sig O to check on the Regt Com Os. What did the Rcn find over there on the left. Renew it - send more people out there. Keep sentinels on those roads.	
2125		526		Capt Glass (Div Arty) to Maj Alexander: Capt G: F Co pulled back. They have pulled back to the edge of the swamp. For coordinates. I'll call you back just a little later.	
2125		527		S-1, 330 Inf to C/S: Capt A: Cook wants to know how that help is coming down. Col K: That outfit I told you about is on its way. How are you doing down there? Capt A: Just a few more shells falling around. Can't tell too much. It's only a small break thru. Col K: What Com do you have with Fredendall? Capt A: None. Col K: What progress has the attack made? Capt A: They were pinned down by fire. Col K: How much progress had they made? Capt A: 1st Bn driven back. Col K: Tell them to hold.	

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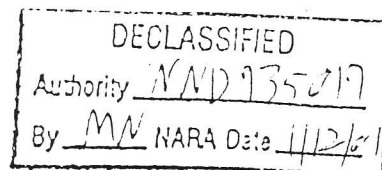
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IN	OUT				
	2130	528		<p>4 July</p> <p>C of S to G-1</p> <p>C/S: What's the story on replacements?</p> <p>G-1: Requisition is in to Army now.</p> <p>C/S: When can we expect them.</p> <p>G-1: Tomorrow maybe. About 600 of Inf and I requested 17 Os.</p> <p>C/S: Get Ogilvie to find out what the straggler situation is?</p>	
	2145	529		<p>Asst Div Comdr to S-3, 330 Inf.</p> <p>Gen F: What's the situation?</p> <p>Maj C: The Bn is reported to be falling back. E Co is all gone and the 2d Bn is under heavy pressure. There's no enemy around here right now. One shell fell just awhile ago.</p> <p>Gen F: We are getting the 329th in behind you so as to have something on the MLR.</p> <p>Maj C: When we sighted the enemy awhile ago, we destroyed some of our overlays and our concentration charts. Would like to get another one of these from the Arty. We also need better communication to the FA. Have heard nothing from G Co - G and F partly left.</p> <p>Gen F: Tell them to hold to the last ditch.</p> <p>Maj C: We're ahead of the MLR.</p> <p>Gen F: How much?</p> <p>Maj C: On the old OPL.</p> <p>Gen F: OK, I'll be out there soon.</p>	
2143		530		<p>Capt Allen, S-1 to G-3:</p> <p>Capt A: We just wanted to inform you that Capt Drum has arrived with us.</p> <p>Col H: How are you getting along?</p> <p>Capt A: We'll fight on. We don't know what size this stuff coming up our road is.</p> <p>Col H: How close to you is it?</p> <p>Capt A: The only thing we know is that they have broken through E Co and we have been hearing their stuff.</p> <p>Col H: Is the CP proper being attacked?</p> <p>Capt A: Not under aimed small arms fire. There is a lot of stuff falling in our back yard.</p> <p>Col H: You think E Co has been pushed back?</p> <p>Capt A: They are through. 15 or 20 men.</p> <p>Col H: You mean dropped through E Co.</p> <p>Capt A: Yes.</p>	

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IN	OUT				
2145		531		4 July 44 Major Sellers, 331st to Asst G-2: Maj S: Just got a report on tanks - don't know how many, tho. They were along the road running SE from coordinates 344897. G-2: Does the arty know this? Maj S: Yes, they are on them now.	
2146		532		Col Longl 331st to C/S: Col L: I am unable to contact Bowen. C/S: Better watch your right flank then. Better send patrols over and get contact with Bowen. Col L: How about some help from the Rcn. C/S: I can't give it to you.	
2148:		533		Capt Glass (Div Arty) to G-2. Capt G: Ln O from the 322d reported a break thru on the 331st right flank. This is all I know. G-2: Try to get more details on this as soon as possible.	
	2148	534		G-3 to Maj Holt. G-3: That Bn of Wishart's coming down. Don't want them to go as far as we had planned. Keep them coming to E and put in with flanks on these coors. 355815 - 367818. Have Col Sanders move his Bn in to 367818 and 377814. Occupy that line I have given you. Wishart's Bn will come down road and go to east a little. Sanders Bn will straddle that road there. Maj H: How about our CP? G-3: CP will be just about center of it. Maj H: Leave it where it is then. G-3: Yes.	
	2150	535		G-3 to S-3 329 Inf G-3: Lt Morrison came to give me same information you gave me. S-3: No question in mind where to go is there. G-3: No sir.	
	2155	536		C of S to CG: C of S: Here's the situation. Fredendall is stopped and being pushed back. McLendon is going to stabilize that line. Wilkinson is pushing fwd. The 329 moved into position to block the road. CG: Have them stop - connect up and dig in. Hold what they have. Will continue the attack tomorrow. I am going to attack along the same line that I had for today. Also have that peninsula reconnoitered. We can use a Co of 1st Tks if we can get hold of them.	

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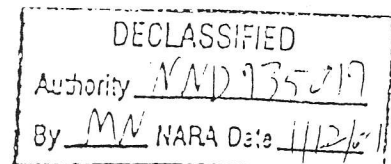
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4 July 1944					
2205		537		S-2 Div Arty to G-2: S-2: First Bn 330 along road runs through San Quentin, then angles east and W, N of swamp. C Co astride improved road marked with No 3. Time 2200. Came from Blood 5.	
	2205	538		C of S to Capt Allen: C of S: Following instructions: 1 - have Bns dig in and hold what they have. 2 - Macon wants to see McLendon at WR at 2245. Get these down to the 3 Bns.	
	2208	539		G-2 to VII Corps (Lt Clark) G-2: I want to report determined German counter-attack on E flank. Pushed our E Bn back to line running generally fr San Quentin, W to main hwy marked with a 3. The 2d Bn on right has advanced and is continuing to advance. That atk supported by quite a bit of Arty. Lt C: What time did this take place? G-2: Started about 2100. Coordinates 372 - 806 We are trying to stabilize situation and hold what we have. As soon as the situation clarifies, we will give another report.	
2210		540		S-2 Div Arty to Col Shaver: S-2: Received following msg fr the S-2 of the 323. The rd fr SW of Carentan is cut off by MG fire in the vicinity of the old 330 CP. This is at the intersection known at Desk Corner 374818. Also there is a Truce on both sides to pick up the dead and wounded on the right sector. This is the 2d Bn, 329 who is having the truce arranged.	truce?
	2250	541		G-2 to S-2 331 Inf: G-2: What's this about that breakthru on your right flank. S-2: They do have a slight counter attack.	
2255		542		S-2 Div Arty to Asst G-2: S-2: Just check about that breakthru on the right flank of the 331. It's not a breakthru - just infiltration going thru.	
2210		543		S-2 2d Bn 329 Inf to C of S: S-3: Has the 331 been given any orders to pull out? C of S: No they haven't. (Con'd)	

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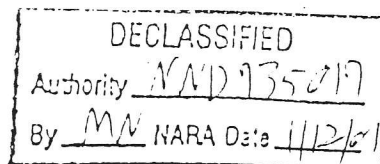


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2210		543 (Con'd)		S-3: We were outposted on a line down as far as 33.9 - 81.1. We had a plat of Engrs on right flank of 331 and had contact with them. 331 has pulled out of there and Engrs have pulled plat leaving our flank exposed. C of S: I'll tell 331 to make contact with you again.	
	2215	544		C of S to Col Long 331: C of S: Your outfit has broken contact with Bn on right. Can you get patrols out there and re-establish contact? Col L: Will get hold of them right away. We'll get over there and notify you. C of S: Has Whitcomb left fr here yet? Col L: No, he hasn't left fr here yet. C of S: Is Gen Macon there. The Arty 2 just reported that Bowen's outfit is arranging a truce to pick up dead and wounded. Gen M: What kind of truce? C of S: I don't know. It just came in while I was talking. Gen M: I am not authorizing it. I want to have all regtl comdrs and Arty up there at 1045 and want the location of the units as they are now. How many stragglers have been reported? C of S: I have MP's sweeping before Arty. Gen M: Tell Hering that plan we had for this morning. The one Gen made out. Generate that plan and tell him what troops to use.	← Von Der Heydte gives back medics?
2218		545		CG to C of S: CG: Corps wants report on our disposition and situation tonight of course. C of S: we put in Sitreps every 2 hours.	
	2230	546		C of S to Gen Montague: C of S: The units have been directed to dig in and hold what they have got tonight. There is a meeting of regtl comdrs at 1045 in the WR.	
2240		547		S-2 Div Arty to Asst G-2: S-2: Do you have good front lines on left? Here is what I have through Arty channels: That secondary road S of San Quentin in 38 - 80 grid sq. Road runs E and W above San Quentin and runs down there just N of thw swamp. The line follows the road over to main road marked with a 3, then diagonals NW along secondary road to Mesno up to another main road with (Con')	

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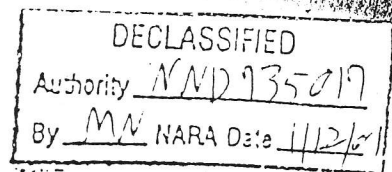
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2240		547 (Con'd)		a 3. West of there I have got a line unconfirmed that continues same direction just S of Meautis and then angles almost due west. Pretty good in sector of left Regt. Center Regt I do not know;	
2258		548		Col Bowen to C of S: Col B: 2d Bn of 331 has pulled out. C of S: How about you sending a patrol over there. They said the same about you. I have talked to Long and told him to send over a patrol. Col B: The Germans are in rear of my outfit already. C of S: Dig in and hold.	
2300		549		TT fr CG VII Corps: 12 Inf Closed Vic Appeville CP 324866 at 2015.	
2305		550		Maj Thomas to C of S: Maj T: I am calling about contact at a particular place with one of our units. They have been down there twice but none was there. C of S: Our unit was down there a couple times and the same applies. We have had a pretty busy day. Maj T: We'll have to do something about it. C of S: Let's work on it the first thing in the morning or I can send a Ln off over tonight. Maj T: Let me know what you think about it and we'll work it out fr there.	
2317		551		S-3 2d Bn 329 to G-3: S-3: The 331 has just pulled out and left our left flank exposed. An enemy force is moving in on left flank and cutting off our position. Have just one rifle Co left on the OP. Also patrols infiltrating thru us. have no reserve. What is your advice. G-3: All round defense and hold it.	
2300		552		CG and Asst to Div Dmdir return to CP. and issued verbal order for tomorrow's atk (Transcript of which is in Journal file)	
2322		553		Col Long 331 to C of S: Col L: Have gained contact with 329. C of S: Your first Bn has pulled out and had left no contact and enemy patrols are infiltrating.	
2330		554		Maj Henry (G-3 Sec VII Corps) to Col Shaver & C of S: Maj H: Have you got the story on tin cans? Col S: Status unknow. (Con'd)	

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4 July 1944					
2330		554	(Con'd)	Maj H: He must know a good many were missing today. Won't he have occasion to find out the status of these things? Col S: There will be another O here in approx 30 min and he should know. Maj H: I was trying to get the situation there, if they have dug in for the night. Col K: Trs have dug in and settled for night Maj H: Can you give me anything for tomorrow's plans? Col K: That's being answered by the Div Comdr now. To attack employing two Regts, each Regt in col of Bns. Time of atk 0900. Maj H: Same units will be used? Col K: One res unit employed tomorrow and one other units returned to res.	
2337	233	555		S-3 329 to C of S: S-3: I have an unconfirmed rumor here to the effect that Bowen had orders to pull back. C of S: Bowen has had no orders to pull back. They are to stay, dig in and hold.	
	2340	556		C of S to VII Corps Arty Hq: C of S: I am calling for CG Div Arty. What is th his am allowance? Arty Hq: It is $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of fire for all cal except in case of emergency.	
2343		557		TG to 331 is out.	
2345		558		Tp and TWX out to Corps	
2345		559		Lt Clark (VII Corps, G-2 Sec) to C of S: Lt C: I have msg here fr Army. It is reported that SS Trs probably either the 2d Panzer Div or the 17th SS Panzer Div is in every village along the hwy fr Perieres to St Jamain at 2680. Also Tanks on both sides of the road fr Perieres to Laquet at 265748. Also S Trs fr Lahaytoplay to within 3 kilometers of the coast. Corps CP on chateau at 288663.	
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0052		560		Tp in to VII Corps. La Haye du Puits	
0100		561		TWX is in to Corps.	
	0110	561 $\frac{1}{2}$		FO #4 83 Inf Div 2400 4 July 44	S T
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				5 July 1944	
0100		562		Col Long VII Corps to G-3: Col L: The Gen just cooked up two targets that ought to be bombed tomorrow morning. I thought I would check with you and make sure of the times. 3 bridges at 389754 - 372754 - 363756. G-3: They are safe all morning. Col L: We'll put a limit on them at noon. G-3: OK.	
	0110	563		G-3 to S-2 329 Inf: G-3: The Col is on his way down there now with the order for tomorrow. It was given orally, and at the time it was given, we attached C Co of the 87th Cml Col. The Cml Cos were not attached today as they were supposed to be. We took the wrong Co away fr the other unit. You will get A Co instead of C Col. Tell Col Crabill this.	
	0118	564		G-3 to Capt Roberts 331 Inf: G-3: Do you know what Cml Co you had today? It wasn't the one that was asgd was it? Capt R: I don't know sir. G-3: When you Col comes in with a different assignment, hang on to the one you have. Be sure and tell him that. Capt R: He's right here now, I'll tell him.	
0127		565		Maj Dickey VII Corps to G-3: Maj D: I understand TWX went out on you about mddnight, is that right? G-3: I think it is. Maj D: There is not much change on the 2200? G-3: No not much. Maj D: Are you getting out a field order? G-3: Yes, I am getting out a brief FO, sort of an overlay order. Maj D: Send us a copy so we get it by morning.	
	0128	566		Col Shaver to Maj Dickey VII Corps: Col S: I am calling in regard to a tin can report. I couldn't get them and I talked to their CO. He sent a report in to here and here is what it is: A - 22 - 0 - 11 and B - 18 - 0 - 2 Fr this report I can't tell you whether the 11 and 2 should be in place of the 0 or not. What they have done is shown a number there are supposed to be and crossed them out and put numbers in their place. Maj D: I thin that should be D as in Dog instead of B. Col S: Should be D? Maj D: Yes. Col S: am sending a late TWX on report of 2400	- 93-

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				5 July 1944	
0245		567		Overlay of 331 positions as of 2200 4 Jul 44.	
0245		568		TWX to CG VII Corps: Sitrep No 20 fr 042200 to 042400 July.	
0245		569		TWX to CG VII Corps: Sitrep No 21 fr 042400 to 050200 July 44.	
0245		570		Veh report fr 1stBn 66 Armored Regiment.	
0245		571		Msg fr CG 30 Div: D-Day for 30 Inf Div indefinitely postponed.	
0230		572		Capt Roberts 331 Inf to Col. Shaver. Capt R: We have down here Maj Hannaman fr the Engrs. Can you give me some information whether Engrs will be released for duty to him or whether they will be used with Inf. Col S: They will be atchd to Inf for Engr Work.	
0231		573		Lt Dreary 90th Div to Maj Alexander: Lt D: Just wanted to find out how things were going over there. Maj A: Since about 10 o'clock they have quieted down. Did have strong enemy push and some infiltration and counterattack. We have stopped infiltration and counterattack. Since then it has been very quiet. Very little Arty fire. Was heavy during the day. Lt D: Where are you lines generally now? Maj A: You mean our front lines? Lt D: Where you think the enemy are. Maj A: We are publishing an overlay to our periodic report which will give you our enemy lines. Lt D: Did you get any PW's? Maj A: We had 6 today. Identified fr the 6th Parachute and fr 10th Co, 37th SS Panzer Grenadier Regt. Lt D: Is that part of the 17 th Div? Maj A: Yes, but we have only identified that part of the 17th. We also have unverified, two prisoners of 13th Co, 914th Wpns Co of 52d Div. What is your status? Lt D: We met pretty strong resistance. Plenty of Arty and mortar fire during the day. It is quiet tonight. Maj A: What about prisoners? Lt D: Got better than 100. When we put out the periodic we didn't have over 86 but one of the units reported that they had gotten about 85 alone, so we have around 115. Just got a report of two officer PW's fr the 3d Co, of 942d. What we have in front fr W to E is elements of (Con't)	

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5 July 1944					
0231		573 (Con'd)		2d Bn 895th and elements of 2d Bn 894th; 1st Bn 1050th and elements of 1049th, 1st Bn 1049 and 1050th are part of 77th. 1st Co of 177th Engr Bn of 77th Div. Our reaction here has been that we have been up against reserves the last few days. Maj A: That's the general story here too. Lt D: Some of these people have just come up and were thrown into the attack. Got information fr PW's. One located a few class I dumps and another gave us a very nice look at some targets which are going to be taken care of. Maj A: Armored rekeys? Lt D: Yes, Sir, they will be armored rekeys.	
0300	0400	574		TWX to CG VII Corps: Sitrep No 22 fr 050400 to 050600 July 44.	
0400		575		TWX fr CG 90 Div: Sitrep 52 fr 041200 to 042400.	
0400		576		G-2 Periodic Report 7 fr 030001 to 042400.	
0430		577		Lt Wells Rcn Tr reported that patrols on W flank and to the E are in operation as planned.	
0435		578		Lt Mater to Col Shaver: Lt M: I just got a call fr Blackberry in regard to Maj Howard of 2d Bn 329 Inf that he is out of contact with his Regt and would like to have Col Hering call him and give him some information on the setup. He can reach him by calling thru Blackberry 4, one of our outfits, and they'll route the call through to 2d Bn 329 Inf.	
0436		579		Lt Clark VII Corps to Col Shaver: Lt C: Any change in the situation? Col S: None. Lt C: How are they coming on the left? Col S: Just about the same. Lt C: Are working that out then? Col S: Yes Lt C: How is the Arty? Col S: You mean their? We have had no reports on that whether it has been very active or not.	

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				5 July 1944	
0510		580		TWX fr CG VII Corps: Sitrep 57 fr 041201 to 042400 July 1944.	
	0445	581		Col Shaver to S-2 329 Inf: Col S: I just got a call fr Blackberry. Maj Howard fr 2d Bn is out of touch with you and I was to call him through Blackberry 4. S-2: I know we have that outfit out there, but under this setup it is not a part of our outfit. They are working under Blackstone. Col S: Don't you have any com with him? S-2: We only reach them through Blackstone board. Col S: I'll call him then.	
0455		582		Maj Cook to Col Shaver: Maj C: I have a wire down to Red and want to know when your people are going to take over. I talked to Rhyne and wonder when he is going to go to work. What I want to know is when Red is passing to you. Col S: I can't give you that answer now. Maj C: Is Rhyne working down this way to do this? Col S: I'll check on it. Maj C: Tell him I have got him on the end of a wire, he'll understand.	
	0445	583		Col Shaver to Maj Howard: Col S: I just got a call of your position there. What was it you wanted to know? Maj H: We are trying to get some information. Col S: As far as I know you are to stay where you are. Maj H: Is Col Hering there? Col S: No, he is not, I just got that information fr the C of S.	
0510		584		Maj Dickey VII Corps to Maj Hikel Our Ln O just came in with the stuff I was looking for, so all set.	
0500		585		Maj Hikel relieves Col Shaver as Duty O.	
	0600	586		TWX to CG VII Corps: Sitrep 23 fr 050400 to 050600 July 1944	
0743		587		Capt Callahan called Maj Hikel, Duty O. Capt C: G-2 asked me about the MG firing here. I can't find what is going on over there. It is in front of our Bns and there are some other troops CONT.	

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				5 July	
		587		Cont- out in front. They say as far as they can see there are MG's firing and the others are putting in mortar fire. Maj H: Do you know the direction that thing is firing in? Capt C: No. They are probably just spraying foxholes over there to keep heads down and our side is putting mortars on them.	L-162
0747		588		Call fr 83 Div PM to Duty O, Maj Hikel. PM: Report fr Lt Clark: Straggler report 5 PM picked up early this morning fr Co E 329 Inf. They were turned over to Bn Coll Pt. Does C of S wish this patrol out again? Maj H: I will find out and call you again.	
	0800	589		Lt Col Shaver departed fr CP for 331 Inf.	
	0800	590		SITREP #24, 83 Inf Div, fr 050600 to 050800 July 44. To Corps by TWX.	
	0759	591		G-2 called 329 Inf 2. G-2: What is all that MG fire going on? 329: Just harrassing fire. G-2: Harrassing fire fr the Germans? They are not going thru your positions, are they? 329: No, it is not that strong. It doesn't amount to anything.	
0803		592		90 Inf Div called G-2: 90 Div: I'm trying to check on a call here this morning between 0400 and 0500. G-2: What was the call? 90 Div: The situation is that I assumed the call came fr VIII Corps but it didn't, and I wondered if you called. G-2: No, we didn't call you at that time.. 90 Div: Do you have any confirmation on that identification on 252? G-2: No, that was a Co identification and the man in the Co who made it is missing and I don't think he knew what he was doing.	
0810		593		Call fr 329 to Col Fitzgibbons. 329: Report to G-3: Enemy small arms automatic fire on the front this morning very active, but no damage reported. Otherwise no activity.	

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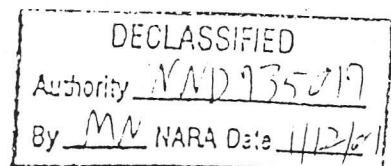
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	0812	594		C of S called PM to instruct him to keep one patrol up behind the two Regts today.	
0815		595		Call fr Col Peebles to C of S. Col P: When does our first bat pass to your control C of S: At the time they hop off.	
0824		596		Maj Foster reported to Asst G-2 that the S-2 of 3d Bn has indicated an enemy strong point along the general line fr (27057981) to (360803).	
0835				Maj Cook to G-3. Maj C: I presume some of Crabill's people should be coming in to see Wilkinsone and some other people. They haven't shown up yet and he is wondering where they are. G-3: Are they going through him? If so have him sit tight until they go by. Stay there in a defensive position. Maj C: Wilkinson rather hoped they would come in and talk with him. I think they should get someone down there before they jump off. Fredendall is yours after the time.	
0857		597		Call fr Maj Cook to Maj Boucher. Cease firing all our Div Arty. They are shooting right into and slaughtering our 3d Bn.	
0848		598		Div Arty to Asst G-2. Here are your front lines. fr Exec O of 322 FA as of 0745.36708098-36708058-37228014, then it follows the road East to RJ 37748025, the road that runs to SAN QUENTIN. on the right sector-36308082-then West to -35988115-then it takes a 200 yd loop to SW, then NW to 35568130, 35248138.	
0903		599		C of S to G-3. After being notified of our Arty firing into 330 Inf, 3d Bn, told G-3 to notify Corps we have estab fwd ech CP. And come up yourself right away. Be certain someone at the gate can direct people up.	
	0910	600		We have closed our CP where it was, and opened at 371828.(Call fr G-3 to VII Corps).	

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				5 July	
	0912	601		G-3 to 83 Div main switchboard: We have moved fwd and est a CP. Put all important calls to fwd.	
0859		602		Asst to Div Comdr called G-3. Gen F: I am up front with Crabill's outfit. He has moved to the other place, so will go over there. Now when I was there (War Room Adv) they were not prepared. Be careful about pulling out until they have communications. G-3: I will stay here until they are set there.	
	0902	603		G-3 to Div Arty. G-3: You are shooting into 330 Inf. Div A: We have been given cease fire orders. Shall we wait? G-3: Wait until you get orders. You are shooting up their 3d Bn. Div Arty: The 3d Bn is not on line. G-3: They are assembling in position until further orders. They were reported last night to be in vicinity of 368808. Div Arty: We will check on that.	
0906				Maj Cook to G-3: Maj C: Some of that fire came right down on our 3d Bn. G-3: I don't know why unless they showed the wrong position on the map. Maj C: I don't know what you have on your map. We sent an overlay showing positions of the 1st and 3d Bns fr this place. If you have things timestamped, it came in around 0230. G-3: That was too late too do any good. This was all plotted and positions given to the Arty last night. We couldn't have got that to Arty in time. Maj: I am not arguing. This is our present position. Now the enemy has opened on us with terrific small arms fire.	
				(Col Beebles on phone). The 329 Inf is apparently launching this thing and no one fr their Hq has been in touch with us and the Arty apparently been prepared without contacting us. That isn't right and I want it brought to someone's attention. G-3: Yes, sir, I'll make a note of it.	

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Maj Cook to G-3

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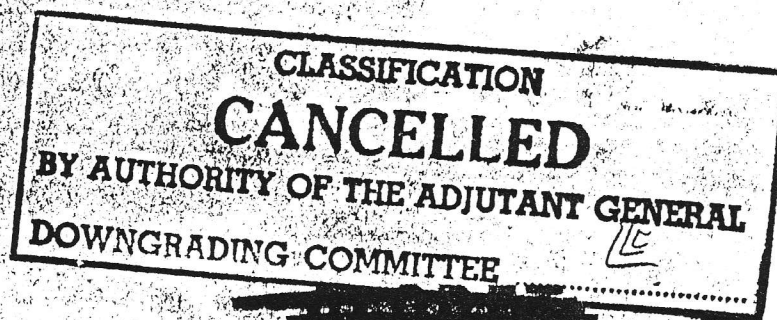
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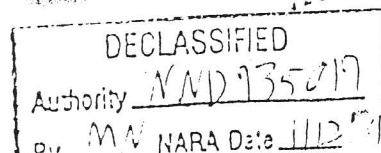
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				5 July	
1300		605		Closed CP at CARENTAN opened at T 372829 SW CARENTAN	
1304		606		Col Peebles to C/S Col P: I wish to report that the left flank of the 329th has just reached about the middle of our Co K, which is on the right of the 3d Bn front. That leaves a frontage of 2½ Cos of the 3d Bn still on the line and engaged. Now, our 1st Bn is re- ceiving very hv enemy Arty fire, also, our 3rd Bn. The Ln planes apparently cannot pick them up. Request that high performance air attempt to locate enemy Arty. C/S: All right, we'll do it.	
	1330	607		CG to S-3, 1st Bn, 330 Inf CG: Is Fredendall there? S-3: No, sir, he is up at the OP, the line is out temporarily. CG: Si that Bn advancing? S-3: Yes. CG: You tell him that he must take that objective and go right on down regardless of his flank. That is my direct order. Pay attention to nothing, not even Com. Call for his Arty by radio. Tell him the other people are going along all right and he must hurry up.	
	1318	608		Lt Keppel to Blackjack White 3 Lt K: The CG wants Col Bowen to get some white phosphorous across the way on these orchards. Do you know the ones I mean? BJ 3: Near the house? Lt K: Yes, you see that little tip of land right across from YOU? There are two orchards gathered together there and there is one near the house. Put it on the house on the near edge and across the shores from there. BJ 3: Our Fwd Obs is back there about 400-500 yds. I will have to go and get him out. Lt K: Do it as soon as you can. BJ 3: Will you please tell the G-2 that that road runs across the canal, the E-W canal, well the spoil of that canal was thrown up on the S side of the canal. The best information I can get is that with just a little Engr work they can make passable to get on the island. I cant get a	

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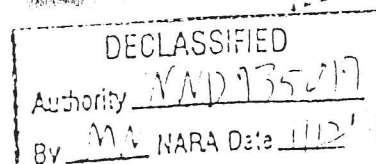
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		608	con'd	5 July definite answer as to what is there. They say that there is some sort of a bank on the side just as you get across the peninsula.	
1311		609		Tp Msg fr Capt Neff to G-2, Interrogation report.	
	1324	610		Tp Msg fr C/S to Col Paul, Jayhawk 3 C/S: About those 2 causeways, the one that shows clearly on the photo runs E-W. The far end of that one is very strongly held by the Germans, you know. you cant put anything over it now until you get a beach head on the other end. But it can be crossed. It will take some Engr work to do it. On the other end it is going to take a good deal of Engr work to put the veh up on the other end. You will probably have to put down a mat. The one from N-S shows very faintly in our air photo. The patrols aren't even able to find that one. It is probably under water and may turn up as the level of the water goes down. Your Engrs opened those locks.	
	1352	611		G-3 to Col Peebles G-3: I just talked to "M" and he says, "For God's sake clean up the little situation in front of you there as the other outfit has already pushed on down ahead of you." And he doesn't want (?) to come in here as it will take too long.	
1355		612		Capt Allen to G-3 Capt Allen: 1st Bn has advanced 200 yds from LD, 100 yd gap exists between 1st Bn and 329. Receiving some Arty and small arms fire.	
	1410	613		G-3 to Blackboy 3 G-3: Want to verify a report that your leading Bn is down past those houses on the right of the road. Are they definitely ahead of them? Bl 3: We have had a report that they are ahead of them, and they have given us coordinates on front of a phase line.	
	1415	614		Msg to all units re Camouflage.	
1420		615		Msg fr CO 330, re to location of next CP.	
	1416	616		C/S to Maj Cook C/S: Macon is sending some tanks down to help Fredneda- 11. Can you send us a Ln O to guide them down? One that has been coming up here, that knows -101-	

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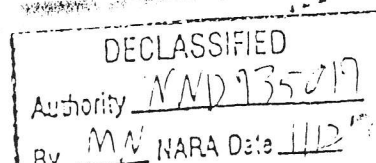
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		616	con'd	where we are. Maj C: No, I haven't one that has been to your new place. C/S: Well, you had better start moving a couple of them around, then. We are on the move and I can't give you the coordinates over the phone. Maj C: I have the coordinates on the overlay and will send him right away.	
1402		617		Tp Msg fr Maj Sellers to G-2, IPW report.	G-2
1430		618		Lines to Blackjack & Blackjack White are in.	
1450		619		Gen Collins, CG of VII Corps visited CP.	
1433		620		Blackjack 3 to G-3 BJ 3: I am going to send you an overlay showing our positions. We have two Cox on line. G-3: Maj Hikel just came in with your positions. But send the overlay anyway and put a time date on it. BJ 3: We are continuing to push fwd slowly. That 88 fire is terrific in there. We need counter Btry on it. I don't think the casualties are too heavy. Can you tell me a little bit about the situation on my right and left? G-3: On your right they are a little ahead of you. on your left they are a little behind you.	
	1515	621		Gen Collins, VII Corps departed	
	1418	622		G-3 to Blackfish Red 3 G-3: What can you give me on your advance down there? BFR 3: We have just started. This is a resumption with Art in front. G-3: Give me the coordinates of your unit. BFR 3: Right flank (370800), Left flank (37258050) Maj Gen Hobbs, 30th Inf Div visited CP & departed at 1530	
1520		623			
1435		624		Blackstone Operator reports two lines to Blackfish and one to Blackfish White.	
1443		625		Col Paul to G-3: G-3: Here are some front lines for you: The left single unit, their left flank (374800): their right flank (368801). The next larger unit:	

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				5 July	
		625	con'd	(366800) is their left; their right is (360804). The left of the large unit, front of the leading Bn (358802; their left (355895). On those two other units of that outfit I haven't got a late report on them. Nothing later than what I gave you this morning. Those are the front lines of the atkng units that I just gave you. I am going to call those others now and I'll call you back. Col P: Did you prepare and submit to us a formal G-3 Periodic report as of midnight last? G-3: Yes, sir. Col P: WE cant find it. G-3: My Adm Sec hasn't moved up yet but I'll check wwith them. Col P: If you have prapared it and sent it ,OK	
	1425	626		Gen Macon to Col Long 331st Inf. Gen M: What Bn have you got behind the first? Col L: The 3d. Gen M: Are they right in behind them now? Col L: I dont know. Gen M; I want to know, you must know. I cant go down there to find out. Col L: They are being relieved by the 2nd Bn at this time. There is nothing in front of them. A gap of about 1000 yds exists. They are moving in to assembly area (358818)prescribed by the Col. Gen M: Never mind about the gap. Get down there and keep that leading Bn going. Get them to fan out behind and put one Co along the front they are holding and just outpost it. The Germans cannot make a counter atk they only have a few MEs in there. Col L; We have only about 400 men left in that Bn. Gen M: That is just what I need, 400 men. Leave a few for observation. Call for your Arty support, keep your com lines in with the front. Get a report and call me. Get the 3d around in there , keep driving.	
	1435	627		CG to Gen Montague CG: Do you know where the front lines are? I'll go over them for you. Gen Mont: All right on a 1/25,000 CG: 1st Bn 331 at La Marcentary, just beyond the swamp. From there to orchard over to west side of the road. 3d Bn of 329 is practically practically abreast running SE. I think It would be a good idea to lay some Arty on that building at the cross road.	

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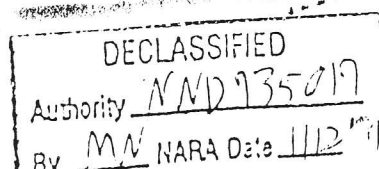
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		627	cont'd	<p>There might be something in there, and in that orchard that flanks NE. Then in the rear part of the orchard. Are you getting Corps Arty advanced forward.</p> <p>Gen Mont: No, their range is suitable or even too long right now.</p> <p>CG: All right get all the use out of them you can. I think you will find it will help a lot.</p>	
1450		628		<p>From Col Craybill, 329, to Gen Ferenbaugh.</p> <p>Col C: I just got back from the front. We are moving very slowly and country is very thick and we have to fight thru each hedge as we come thru. Each one has to have a way blown thru with dynamite. We are not coming in contact with so many Germans. But they are putting up fire and Arty.</p> <p>Gen F: Is your arty coming along all right?</p> <p>Col C: Yes, but we had a lot of trouble with the tank people.</p> <p>Gen F: You are getting a different setup and I think you will have better luck. How about moving your other outfit and putting them on the left? Start driving them about moving your other outfit</p> <p>Col C: If we do we will have to be without support. We have two Cos abreast now. I think we will take the objective by 1700. We won't have any arty support, if we put the other outfit over there. The 30th is about abreast of us, and the 331 and I don't know about rooming there for another outfit.</p> <p>Gen F: All right but get them up there where you can use them quickly, just in the rear of the 3d. Get around them and get as far as you can.</p> <p>Col C: I think we have a system now and I look for more speed.</p> <p>Gen F: You will have a new tank outfit and they may have a bulldozer to help you.</p> <p>Col C: One thing I like they are abandoning their weapons when they pull out.</p>	
	1515	629		<p>Maj Boucher to Maj Smith, Div Arty</p> <p>Maj B: They are trying to fly the mission against the strong point at 1630. I will probably be down there long enough before that to get set.</p> <p>Maj S: All right we will be ready.</p>	
	1530	630		<p>Gen Ferenbaugh to Col Whitcomb, 331st</p> <p>Gen F: I understand things are going along all right and you are waiting to fill No 1 to</p>	

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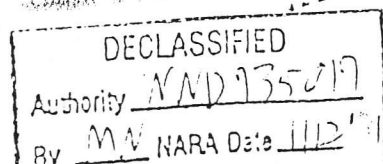
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		630	con'd	<p>5 July</p> <p>push him on down, and No 3 is moving on behind him. Col W: That is right. Gen F: I am going to send an overlay down to you with a plan for moving No 2. So alert 2 for movement. Let Bowen outpost that whole line you formerly had. We intend to get down there and get B and F and the point that extends NW from there. Bowen has a small detachment down there this is smoking them. A little deception slur off your 2nd outfit and go to the right. Move that small outfit out to clear up the point. What time do you expect to have B? Col W: I'll have to call you back. Craybill figured he would get his fire about 1700. Gen F: I will send the O down there with the whole scheme and lets see if we cant cut off some of these people and get them out of there. Gen Macon to Col Bowen: Gen M: You know the unit on your left, 3d Bn 331? I want to take over the protection of the front he is on. Put your GP where the 331 is that will save laying a wire. Have a good Co there and put those people to relieve the 2d Bn of the 331. They are being ordered on an atk position. You dont have to have to have people down there. There is no atk coming across your front there. Just keep them under observation, throw some smoke over there and worry him once in a while. Work in as quickly as you can now. Run wires to your Cos and then you will have the situation under control. Get established as soon as possible and let me know when you get there.</p>	
1538		631		<p>CG to Lt Thomas 2d Bn, 331, CG: Please locate Col Bowen and have him call me as soon as possible. Are you getting any smoke on that point? Lt T: Yes. CG: All right, keep throwing it down there.</p>	
1539		632		<p>CG to Lt Thomas 2d Bn, 331, CG: Please locate Col Bowen and have him call me as soon as possible. Are you getting any smoke on that point? Lt T: Yes. CG: All right, keep throwing it down there.</p>	
1541		633		<p>Maj Carter, VII Corps, to G-3 Maj C: On your request for that bombing of the enemy stronghold, they cant do it until 1730. G-3: I'm afraid of it. It wont be more than 1000 meters away, we hope. Maj C: If it is going to be that close, you can mark it with smoke. G-3: It is going to be too late. We are going to be right down close on it.</p>	

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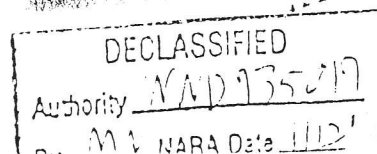
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1540		634		<p>From Capt Callaghan to G-2</p> <p>Capt C: Have little to report. No complete information from the front. No estimate of the number of enemy troops except very lightly defended. Just groups of men on each fence corner with sub- MG machine pistols or MGs. And they open up firing in any direction just to pin our men down. They are throwing away a lot of weapons, rifles, MG, etc.</p> <p>G-2: Good, If we get them on the run we keep them running. Are you getting any PWs?</p> <p>Capt C: No sir, No identifications either. Haven't seen any enemy dead or wounded today.</p>	
1545		635		<p>Maj Sellers to G-2</p> <p>Maj S: Have located some MG on the point (349809) to (350811) reported to be about 8 yds apart. at that point. We are putting everything down on them.</p> <p>G-2: The 330 is pushing on pretty much. The enemy are abandoning a lot of equipment. Pass that on to your Bns and try to encourage them.</p> <p>Maj S: The 1st Bn got a wounded man. His pay book identifies him as fr the 9th Co of 37th Regt. We have 5 PWs here now, just starting to work on them. First one is fr the 9th Co. One is a non-com so we get something fr him.</p> <p>G-2: Try to get some arty positions fr him and pass the information on down to Blackjack.</p> <p>Where were they taken?</p> <p>Maj S: In front of 1st Bn in vicinity of (358805)</p> <p>G-2: If you have photos, use them to get arty positions.</p> <p>Maj S: We have 8 PW so far today. They are evacuating the wounded men back.</p>	
1553		636		<p>Col Boyle to CG Div Arty</p> <p>Col B: I just had word here that there is a counter atk forming against Fredendall's outfit. Roughly it is forming at about (369798). I don't know what size area. Get some one to observe in there.</p> <p>Gen Ferenbaugh states that the other two Bns of the 331 are being committed very shortly and he wants to be sure that the com between observers is set up.</p> <p>Gen M: I'll call him right away.</p>	
	1605	637		<p>General Ferenbaugh to Exec O 330 Inf</p> <p>Gen F: You understood that message to run that situation over there and keep you eyes on Fredendall. We don't want to commit that 3d unless we have to as</p>	

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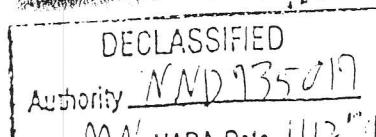
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		637	con'd	we have other plans for it. The situation in front of the 329 is deteriorating a bit, also in front of the 331. That may be the direction of the counter atk. Altho I dont think so because of the swamp. You run that situation over there and give him all the help you can. Before you use that 3d Bn call us because we have other plans for it if this counter atk doesnt materialize. You have some tanks going over there to them dont you? Col P: Those tanks havent arrived in that area yet. Gen F: Well, they are coming over there. Col P: The CO of the Tk Co is in this area now and is making his Rcn. Gen F: I'm not worried about you. They cant mount much of anything for a counter atk over there it is too swampy.	
	1613	638		Gen Ferenbaugh to Capt Bagley 329 Inf Gen F: What is the situation up fron with Sanders and Wishert? Capt B: Sanders was going rather slowly but they picked up speed around 1400. I have not heard recently where th eir front lines are. I'm back at the CP. The line is out to the 3d Bn. Every time we get a line in there the arty knocks it out. Gen F: Inother words , you are still making progress Capt B: Yes, sir.	
	1615	639		Maj Hikel left for CP w/orders for 331 Inf.	
1550		640		Blackfish 5 to Gen Fernebaugh Bl 5: Havent progressed very far. Looks as tho a counter atk is developing. Gen F: Where is it coming from? Bl 5: The swamp back of 375802. Groups of about 10 men were observed moving in the swamp. Exact location is not known. 1st Sgt of Co B came in here and said his position was over run and ha has made his way here to report. Gen F: Push a Co of 2nd Bn on down that road as fast as you can and stop them.	
1600		641		Sitrep No 53 90th Inf Div fr 050001 to 051200 July 44	G-3
1715		642		Jayhawk 2 to G-2 Jayhawk 2: Subordinate units of Armor reports	

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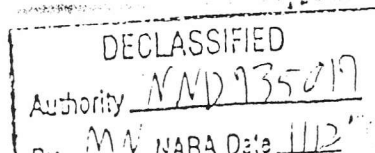
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		642	con'd	fr OP Inf troops moving NW at (388758) with distance of three yds between men. At 1600 assembling SE Le Port in buildings.	
1730		643		G-3 Periodic report No 21 Hq 30th Inf Div. fr 040001 to 042400 July 44	
	1620	644		General Eerenbaugh departed to assist the 331st Inf in a Regt Maneuver.	
1640		645		Col Paul, Jayhawk 3 to Maj Pack: Col P: Have you anything to report? Maj P: About the same. Our center regt has its right at 362807 and swings in at 364800 and straight across 80 to the left boundary. About true, too, for the left Bn. The right is about the same. Time about 3 o'clock as of 230. Left of right Bn at 362807 and extends northeast. 2nd Bn of that group is moving into an assembly area in vicinity of 357818. The 3d is between 1 and 2. On 3 I have sent out to verify the position I will call you back if any change. Col P: How about 2 of the one on the right. Are they in the same place? Maj P: Yes..	
	1630	646		Maj Alexander to Maj Houston VII Corps: Maj A: We want to get two photo missions, urgently; we believe there is a lot of arty They are area squares. Maj H: I will take them but I feel sure they won't be flown. They are waiting for a PR sq to come over. Maj A: The only way we can get through is to wipe out that arty. The location is 3479-3679-3477-3677 and 3280-3480-3278-3478. We want vertical mediums, one set in a hurry and if possible another set. Maj H: I will let you know. Maj A: This is holding us up and we must study it. It is hindering us in the accomplishment of our mission. They are useless after July 8. Maj H: I will see Col Carter. Maj A: Maj Boucher wants to talk to Maj Carter. Maj B: We would like to have some armed recce tomorrow. Maj C: It will be taken care of. We are planning for everything south of the BL intensively, beginning at first light and continuous throughout the day. It is being incorporated into larger plan	-108-

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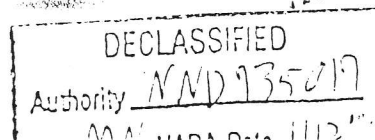
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1624		647		<p>C/S to G-1:</p> <p>C of S: What copy did you get on the nu missing?</p> <p>G-1: I have not been able to get anything except that on later reports the no has diminished, naturally. One unit only reported 43. That was 331.</p> <p>C of S: How about the others?</p> <p>G-1: No report at all out of 330 and 329's initial report was 150. Have not been able to get anything but a total out of 330. It is 585 now. It is 585 now.</p> <p>C of S: Missing?</p> <p>G-1: No. They have not given me a figure on that.</p> <p>C of S: You gave Corps a figure on that last night.</p> <p>G-1: We estimated that. 585 is an overall figure on killed, wounded and missing. With 330 I gave them 329 missing last night.</p> <p>C of S: We turned in over 500 for the Div last night. and that's a hell of a lot fr a Div.</p> <p>G-1: Yes, I personally turned it in and I told them that I thought those figures were excessive and would probably come down on closer check.</p> <p>C of S: Well just what is the story now?</p> <p>G-1: I showed 47 killed, 815 wounded, 530 missing.</p> <p>C of S: Now that missing included what, - just people you couldn't find for one reason another?</p> <p>G-1: Yes, Those figures were furnished by the units, with the exception of 330, which gave me a total 867.</p> <p>C of S: Get a check on 330 and, if necessary, send Woolums down to get it. Let me know when you get the story.</p> <p>G-1: I'll get as much of it as I can before I come down.</p>	
1630		648		<p>Gen Ferenbaugh to Col Whitcomb:</p> <p>Gen F: I just wanted to be sure that Maj Hikel got there alright.</p> <p>Col W: He just came in now, sir. Apparently this plan is on a misunderstanding of conditions. Now this area the 2d Bn is to go right on through is an area we have never taken yet.</p> <p>Gen F: Is that across the swamp?</p> <p>Col W: No sir, it is not. It's on this side of the water course. It has never been reduced. Now, we have heard nothing fr the 329 nor anyone else about taking over this front. We have one Co that is left in there on a front of about 2400 yds. They are fr 2d Bn.</p> <p>Gen Macon took phone:</p> <p>Gen M: What is in front of the 2d Bn? (Con'd)</p>	

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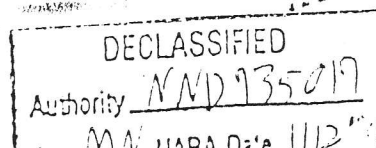


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1630		648 (Con'd)		<p>Col W: Quite a bit.</p> <p>Gen M: There can't be. Whit.</p> <p>Col W: They infiltrated through.</p> <p>Gen M: That won't hurt you any.</p> <p>Col W: They shoot us.</p> <p>Gen M: That won't hurt. We have to take a few shots on the side.</p> <p>Col W: Well, on your instructions we put K Co and half of I Co fr the 3d Bn with Nielson's Bn.</p> <p>Gen M: If Bowen takes over you can relieve the 2d Bn 331 can't you?</p> <p>Col W: Yes sir.</p> <p>Gen M: Then bring it around to your rear.</p> <p>Col W: On the mission for the 3d Bn atks one plat of tanks. The 3d Bn has no res. It now consists of 1½ rifle Cos and a hvy wpns Co, a total of about 390 men.</p> <p>Gen M: The you must have an awful lot of stragglers somewhere. You can do it with tanks.</p> <p>Col W: That would take time.</p> <p>Gen M: How about having the 2d Bn follow the 3d Bn and let the 2d Bn clean up, then go around, following the 3d again, and into the area up N. Then the 2d Bn can go ahead and do what it is supposed to do.</p> <p>Col W: I don't think we can do it before dard tonight.</p> <p>Gen M: Well, we have got to. You are going to have a good tank outfit and those hedgerows are further apart. I want you to take "B" first. That is your primary mission. Go down and take "B" and put those tanks with the Bn that is going down. You ought to peel off the 3d Bn with the 2d Bn and let it clear up that area in that little peninsula. It is only 300-400 yds. Then we can clean up this area in here and I can give you more tanks there then. You have got to push is fellow. Get to it as fast as you can.</p>	
1645		649		<p>C of S to Maj Cook:</p> <p>C of S: Are you familiar with the phone conversation that Gen Ferenbaugh had with Peebles about Fredendall? He told him to do certain things. One thing was that he told him to reinforce with F Co. Get tanks down to him. And that the regt is to take the Bn.</p> <p>Maj C: I am afraid that Peebles missed that last one.</p> <p>C of S: Get that Bn. You have got to go through to its objective. I don't know where a counterattack could come fr in that swamp. The people next door to you are abandoning equip. The other Bn is still in res.</p>	

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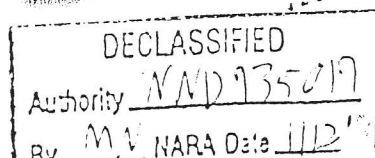


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X	1655	650		<p>Gen Mocaon to CO, 1st Bn 330 Col Fredendall:</p> <p>Gen M: Where is your front line now.</p> <p>Col F: It is just the other side the paved hwy</p> <p>We are under what looks like a counter-attack.</p> <p>Gen M: Do not pay any attention to it. You must go on down.</p> <p>Col F: We have no res left, we are using the CP Personnel.</p> <p>Gen M: You go on down there and they will have to get out of your way.</p> <p>Col F: We are shot up pretty badly and have no tanks. Also facing pillboxes.</p> <p>Gen M: Are you calling for arty fire on pillboxes?</p> <p>Col F: Yes.</p> <p>Gen M: Call for more arty. The tanks will be there very shortly. Your infantry must move fwd with the tanks. If they don't I have got to do something about it. Your reputation depends on that. You must do it. The tanks will take out the pillboxes. Have you tried the tank destroyers?</p> <p>Col F: We have no tank destroyers.</p> <p>Gen M: They are available to you behind.</p>	
	1706	651		<p>Gen Macon to Co 330 Inf Col McLendon</p> <p>Gen M: Fredendall's Bn is not doing a thing. He is afraid of counter-attacks, afraid of pillboxes, and he isn't doing a thing. Who's second in command of that Bn?</p> <p>Col M: Maj Campbell. He left with a representative of the Tk Co to get the tanks down there. Col Norris is going down there, too, to get the 2d Bn.</p> <p>Gen M: What are you doing with the 2d Bn?</p> <p>Col M: I had orders fr Div to help Fredendall down there.</p> <p>Gen M: You are not touching the 3d Bn?</p> <p>Col M: No sir.</p> <p>Gen M: Can you go down there and influence that position? I think you had better give Fredenhall another job. Can you do that and give Campbell command? Isn't he the better?</p> <p>Col M: Well, I wouldn't want to say about that sir. He only recently joined us and I hardly know him. Maj Campbell left here an hour ago to get the tanks and move them fwd. Perhaps the tank people are holding things up.</p> <p>Gen M: Well they don't have to wait for the tanks. If you get enough arty fire down there and get a little maneuver and Fredenhall will get up and push some they would take that place down there.</p> <p>(Con'd)</p>	

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1706		651 (Con'd)		Col M: He has been receiving some pretty hvy fire all day. Gen M: You have got to expect that, But the best way to get out of it is to push fwd. Col M: Yes, sir. I am pushing fwd. I just got orders fr Div to go down and take over that show down ther. Gen M: Do that and I think if you can't get Fredenhall to push his men, relieve him and put somebody in comd who can and get down and take that area E. We have got to do it.	
1718		652		Gen Macon to Ex O 329 Inf Col Brown. Gen M: Where is your leading Bn now? Col B: Our lines are out, sir and we sent Ln O fwd to locate them. Gen M: I must know where your Bns are and you must get it for me. Let me know just as quickly as possible. To hell with the fire, to hell with what's on the flank, get down there and take area A. Do you know where Col Crabill is? Col B: Yes he is down at the front lines. Gen M: Well you are supposed to keep this Hq informed as to where your Bns are so that I can keep higher Hq informed.	
1730		653		Gen Macon to CG Div Arty: Gen Macon: Are you able to do anything about that arey counter-btry? Gen Montague: No because I do't have anything to do xxxx with it. I send our planes up and when they spot a btry we shoot at it. Other missions are up to Corps. Gen Macon: Well is Corps doing anything about it? Gen Montague: Yes. They have high performance air on it now and they took one of their Bns away fr me to fire with them. We fired about twice as much am today as we did yesterday. They seem to be going pretty well in Crabill's outfit. Gen Macon: Yes and the 331 is moving also. They are ahead of Crabill now! His right is just about 500 yds fr 354804.	
1720		654		Maj Pack to VII Corps Col Paul: Maj P: The Bn I said I would check on and call you Their left 357807, their right 354804 as of 1700. No change in other positions.	

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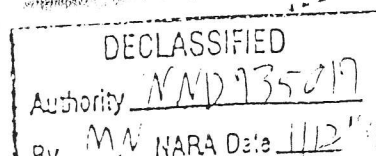
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	1730	655		Col Deshotels to VII Corps Capt Wilson: Col D: On the report we have just received that some enemy troops are moving north and assembling at La Porte 388758, could we get some air rcn on it? Capt W: We will try. Our arty section knows about it.	
	1733	656		Col Deshotels to S-2 Div Arty: Col D: We have a report fr an OP on east flank, said they saw inf assembling moving NE in vicinity of La Porte 388758 among those houses. Can you get your cubs up there? It is definitely reinforcements coming up. You might circle around the swamp.	
	1715	657		Maj Pack to Col Peebles: Maj P: Can you give me any dope on the latest position of your front line? Col P: 1st Bn very slight advance over its early line. That is all we have committed in action right at the present time. Maj P: Can you give me any distance on that? Col P: 200 yds max, and will probably be more nearly 100 yds. Max for the day. We have just gotten into this thing a little while ago.	
45		658		S-3 329 Inf to G-3: S-3: 3d Bn are on their objective, Reported by Blackjack Blue 5. G-3: Where is the other Bn? S-3: They are moving right up close behind. G-3: Alright, get it closed up right quickly. Have the Bn establish contact with the boy on his left. They are behind. On the right they are about half way down.	
0		659		Capt Wilson VII Corps to Maj Alexander: Capt W: The request the Col called in is alright. Air will be over there. Anythin else to report? Maj A: No.	
	1805	660		Maj Pack to G-3 VII Corps. Please tell Col Paul that our center regt is on its objective, line generally running fr 358791 to 352794 as of 1800.	
	1740	661		Gen Ferenbaugh to Gen Macon: Gen F: Do you know about Nielson being wounded. Shrapnel in the leg. (Con'd)	

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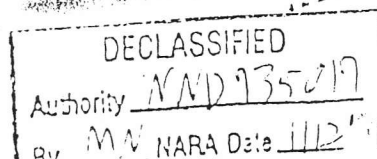
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1740		661	(Con'd)	<p>Gen F: I am sending Faber down there.</p> <p>Gen M: Faber? I don't thin he's the man.</p> <p>Gen F: He's the only one we've got. Whitcomb's all tired out. He is going to take over the 1st Bn and coordinate the other two with him.</p> <p>Gen M: Now how about giving him Hikel? He can help him, can't he?</p> <p>Gen F: I was just talking to Hikel and that is all set up. That Bn is down where it was. That sunken road isn't sunk all the way across, is it? The report says. XXXXXX I sent a Capt out to redonnoiter it.</p> <p>Gen M: I have a report fr the Arty that Crabill is getting on his objective, but I don't XXXX think it is correct. If it is, I don't see why the 331 can't take theirs.</p>	
1759		662		<p>Gen Macon to CO 1st Bn 330 Col Fredendall</p> <p>Gen M: Have you pushed off yet?</p> <p>Col F: We just got the tanks and just got the 2d Bn to push off the atk with.</p> <p>Gen M: Well get it going.</p> <p>Col F: Well it will take time. We have to make our rcn.</p> <p>Gen M: You don't need any rcn. You have got to go ahead</p> <p>Col F: Yes sir with an hour.</p> <p>Gen M: That's too long. You've got to jump off in 30 min. You know the 329 is way ahead of you, nearly on it's objective or is on it. You have got to get down there.</p> <p>Col F: We will try to get through those pillboxes. That's why we need tanks.</p> <p>Gen M: You can't have everything just right, you have to do it. I can't give you much more time.</p>	
1801		663		<p>Gen Macon to CO 330 Inf Col McLendon:</p> <p>Gen M: That Bn has not jumped off yet. (1st Bn)</p> <p>Col M: I'm taking off myself and twenty minutes ago half of those wagons passed by here.</p> <p>Gen M: Well, go ahead. Can I do anything if I come down there?</p> <p>Col M: No sir.</p> <p>Gen M: You have got to take that objective if you have to go all night.</p> <p>Col M: Those wagons won't stay in there if we do.</p> <p>Gen M: Then you will have to go on with it then. You have got to do it Mac.</p>	

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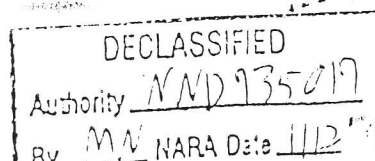
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	1803	664		<p>Gen Macon to Ex O 329 Col Btown:</p> <p>Gen M: Where are your Bns?</p> <p>Col B: The 3d Bn reached their objective and the 1st is close by, on it's way.</p> <p>Gen M: You don't know anything about Fredendall's Bn?</p> <p>Col B: No</p> <p>Gen M: He is not very far down fr where he was. Have you got the new tanks?</p> <p>Col B: They are down with the 3d Bn.</p> <p>Gen M: If you can get this Bn that is down there on its objective, organize unit's objective and support the 331st now with fire there. Use that cml mortar. Can you get word to them?</p> <p>Col B: Yes.</p>	
	1810	665		<p>Gen Macon to CG Div Arty:</p> <p>Gen Macon: The 1st Bn of the 331 has lost all of it's fwd observers. Now, we are sending the fwd observers of the 3d Bn down there. Will you send as many as you can spare to the regtl CP?</p> <p>Gen Montague: Alright. Do you know how many they need?</p> <p>Gen Macon: They ought to have four.</p> <p>Gen Montague: That's a lot fr a direct support Bn.</p> <p>Gen Macon: ive them all you can, Now the 3d Bn 329 is on it's objective. Will you see that it gets all the fire support you can as he is going to hold until I can get these other fellows down there. Protect that business because it is out there by itself.</p>	
	1814	666		<p>Gen Macon to Gen Ferenbaugh:</p> <p>Gen M: How about starting that 3d Bn in on its obj?</p> <p>Gen F: There isn't room there yet, if this report is true.</p> <p>Gen M: What report?</p> <p>Gen F: Well, I won't tell you until I can check it.</p> <p>Gen M: Tell me. I had better be forewarned.</p> <p>Gen F: Well the 1st Bn has been driven back a little bit to at least the sunken road.</p> <p>Gen M: All the way back to the sunken road?</p> <p>Gen F: Well wait till I check the reppt. I'll call you as soon as I check it.</p> <p>Gen M: You had better get that 3d Bn down behind the 1st Bn of the 329th. They are down on their obj.?</p>	
1817		667		<p>Capt Glass to Maj Alexander:</p> <p>Capt G: I suppose you got the information about the 329 on the obj. The 908 Air Observer picked up some information much of it the 329. At 364799 six men moving SE.</p>	

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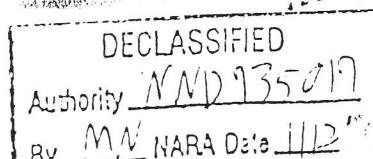
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1817		667	(Con'd)	<p>Maj A: Are these our men. Capt G: I don't know. At 359797 -362799 total of 16 men moving SE. Following road blocks observed at 34998100, 35088113, 33907790 town of Forges. 5 tanks at 353793, 4 tanks at 354794, 2 tanks observed burning and 3 good ones at 368808. Maj A: These are fr the 908 FA Observer? Capt G: As of 1700 NOTE: Tks are friendly tks(Fr CO Tk Bn).</p>	
1840		668		<p>Capt Monmouth VII Corps to Maj Pack: Capt M: I want to know if the other two units had moved any. You reported that the one had gained quiet a bit. Maj P: No. Looks like on the right we have lost a little. Capt M: Which way? Maj P: Its back. Capt M: How far. Maj P: Don't know. The report just came in. Capt M: Will you call me when you find out? Maj P: Yes.</p>	
1855		669		<p>Maj Alexander to 329th S-2: Road running N and S at 367808 between two main hwy's there is a mine field reported by engs at 1810. They are clearing it.</p>	
1857		670		<p>Capt Glass, Div Arty to Maj Alexander: Capt G: A msg fr air observer says it is believed to be enemy tanks observed moving S at 355795. Would like to know if these might be our tanks. They are in that orchard. Maj A: Moving S? They are probably ours. Capt G: The tank O says they are ours.</p>	
1830		671		<p>Gen Ferehbaugh to Gen Macon: Gen M: You say this is true. Gen F: Yes. Gen M: How did they get back there? Gen F: By counterattack and apparently K & L Co left. Nothing but the 1st Bn is down there. where they jumped off from, the sunken road. Gen M: Do you want the other Bn down there? Gen F: Yes! Gen M: Turn them in and have them attack.</p>	

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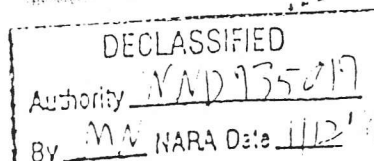
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1830	671	(Con'd)		<p>Gen F: I gave Crabill the mission to be sure to protect Sanders on the right.</p> <p>Gen M: Be sure to have the 1st Bn, 329 Inf get down there to join Sanders. Is Crabill down there now?</p> <p>Gen F: If you can't get him I'll call him.</p> <p>Gen M: We will give him the 3d Bn of the 330. When the tanks come in have them attack with the 1st Bn 331 and have them get back that obj. There can't be very much in there.</p> <p>Gen F: It was a counterattack and I don't know how strong.</p> <p>Gen M: What you do is to let the 3d Bn go down there with the tanks.</p>	
1825	672			<p>Gen Macon to CO 329 Inf Col Crabill.</p> <p>Gen M: Have you got the TDs down there with the Bns? Is the Cn Co down there?</p> <p>Col C: There is one plat attached to each Bn. Just a minute I will check on it.</p> <p>Gen M: Get some TDs with the 1st Bn. Is the 1st close up behind the 3d.</p> <p>Col C: This morning they were supposed to have followed the 3d.</p> <p>Gen M: Find out and call me back.</p>	
1830	673			<p>G-3 to Capt Hoppy VII Corps:</p> <p>G-3: I would like to get permission to close our old CP and operate at fwd CP.</p> <p>Capt H: Are you moving everything?</p> <p>G-3: Yes. I notified you when we moved.</p> <p>Capt H: Can you give me the location of the new one?</p> <p>G-3: At town of La Mare Des Perres 372828.</p> <p>Capt H: Thank you.</p> <p>G-3: As reported to you this morning. Can we close the other one?</p> <p>Capt H: Yes.</p>	
1900	674			<p>C of S to CO 330 Inf Col McLendon:</p> <p>C of S: Gen Macon has gotten in touch with Col Peebles. You are to turn turn over the 3d Bn to Crabill. Give him orders to report to Crabill's CP. How about Fredendalls Bn, has he gotten started.</p> <p>Col M: Yes. I was up there. The big wagons have not arrived as yet but they should be here in about 10 min.</p> <p>C of S: You mean that he hasn't begun yet.</p> <p>Col M: No he is waiting on the tanks.</p> <p>C of S: Can't he start without them.</p> <p>Col M: He doesn't want to do that. The tk O is out here now reconnoitering and has set up a plan</p>	

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				5 July 1944	
1910		375		<p>Col Paul VII Corps to Maj Pack:</p> <p>Col P: I want to check on the units on the right and left of your center. Any reports on them?</p> <p>Maj P: I got one. Remember the 1700 report on the right Bn. It has been pushed back to second road, vicinity 373808 and extends up to 360811.</p> <p>Col P: At what hours.</p> <p>Maj P: At 1830. I gave the 1800 report to the Capt.</p> <p>Col P: One Bn lost about 800 yds and the other one gains about 1000, that doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Maj P: That is what the report stated. They are out trying to reestablish the line on the right.</p> <p>Col P: Got any way to talk to them down there.</p> <p>Maj P: Asst CG and G-3 are working on it now.</p> <p>Col P: How about your left regt.</p> <p>Maj P: Gained just about 100 yds.</p> <p>Col P: How about the 2 Bns of the Center regt.</p> <p>Maj P: The 3 Bn 330 is being used to reestablish that line.</p> <p>Col P: What sort of counterattack was it?</p> <p>Maj P: I don't know.</p> <p>Col P: Keep us informed.</p>	
1935		376		<p>Gen Macon to Gen Ferenbaugh:</p> <p>Gen M: What can you tell me.</p> <p>Gen F: I got Staples over coordinating with 329 and Hering.</p> <p>Gen M: Let's not coordinate with 329 and go on down there and get that obj.</p> <p>Gen F: Long is down there now. As soon as I call him I will call you back.</p>	
1940		377		<p>Lt Keppel to Maj Foster:</p> <p>Lt K: Will you run a check with your FO as to the location of the 1st Bn 331.</p> <p>Maj F: If we can get in contact with him. His lines were shot out this morning.</p> <p>Lt K: How about your rad.</p> <p>Maj F: Maybe I can by that if he is using his.</p>	
1915		378		<p>G-2 to Maj Sellers 331:</p> <p>G-2: I have reports from our air of road blocks at 3581. RJ there. and the other one is at 358811. Do you know if these are ours or not.</p> <p>Maj S: Just a min. 3581 I am not sure of. The other one either. I will check on it and call you back.</p> <p>Col D: PW reports "S" mines along hedges at 362812.</p>	

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	2000	379		Gen Macon to Gen Ferenbaugh: Gen M: How is everything? Gen F: We are just about ready to go without the 1st Bn 329 Inf. Gen M: The 1st Bn 329 is just about down to "A" now. Gen F: OK, then we will keep our fire on our side of the road. Gen M: There isn't very much there. Just arty fire that is all. Crabill just came back fr there in a jeep.	
	2005	380		Gen Macon to Col Peebles: Gen M: What do you hear fr the 1st Bn? Col P: Have you been told the hour that things are to begin. Gen M: NO. Col P: We have an O up there now. I don't like to discuss it over the phone. Gen M: You had better tell me. Col P: They are getting the arty set now and it is planned very carefully. It is coordinated with the other regt. Gen M: I don't want it coordinated with the other regt. Crabill has just come up fr "A" in a jeep. There is nothing in ther. Have you someone there who can go down there and tell them to atk. Col P: The time is 2030. Gen M: I don't want them to wait until 2030. I want them to attack promptly. Col P: I will get someone down there to tell them to atk at once.	
2015		381		Gen Ferenbaugh to Gen Macon: Gen F: I am getting set to set this thing off in a very few minutes. He has 4 co's on the line. I think that will be enough. Gen M: He doesn't need 4 co's in the line. Gen F: I mean he has them under control. Gen M: Do all you can to push it.	
2020		382		To CG VII Corps: Sitrep 25 fr 050800 to 052000	
1815		383		Maj Foster to G-2: I would like to report 2 tanks that were putting fire out are being fired on. Also we are receiving counter-btry fire.	
	1841	384		Gen Macon to Col Boyle: Gen Ma The 3d Bn of 331 is back up to thw swamp (Con'd)	

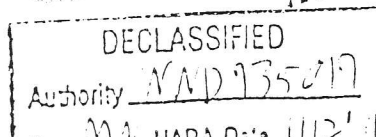
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1841		384 (Con'd)		no farther than they jumped this morning. Col B: Near the LD? Gen M: Yes the LD was near La Da Cenal. We are renewing the atk with the 3d Bn of the 331 through to the obj. I left Sanders on A. I wish you can do all you can to protect him to the fwd area of New Vallee. Try to stem any movement down to 3d Bn 329. Col B: I suggest the orchard and roads. Gen M: Down to Forges. Col B: Yes. Gen M: Have you heard anything fr your fwd observers? Col B: No. XXXXXXXX	
1842		385		Gen Macon to Col Brown: Gen M: I am about to get the 1st Bn to go through the 3d Bn. They are to move fwd and we want you to send a Ln O and have him locate the TD outfit. Col B: Yes. Gen M: Is crabill there? Col B: Yes. XXXXXXXXXX	
1842		386		Gen Macon to Col Crabill: Gen M: How are you felling? Col C: I don't know I just back fr the front. Gen M: You are down to your obj A aren't you? Col C: Yes. Gen M: Fine, the 3d Bn of the 331 pulled back, where is your 3d Bn. Col C: In the assembly area where the 331 was. We are getting a lot of sniper fire over there. Gen M: Get the 1st Bn over there and take the 3d Bn 30 th and move it. Col C: 3d Bn 331? Gen M: Yes I am giving it to you. We have the tanks now and one plat to Sanders and one with Wishert and they are combing out those areas. Col C: Yes. I moved my CP fwd and I will leave a tp here so that you can get in touch with me. They have been playing hell with our com. Gen M: Do you want a M8 to ride in. Col C: No. Arty is what is bothering us and we will get two Bns down as soon as we can. Gen M: I may have you take obj B with 3d Bn 330th. Col C: Where are they now? Gen M: They are doing anything, so take the 3d Bn of 330th. Col C: I will get it. I will send you a report & Ln 6 to your CP.	

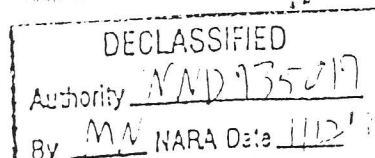
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	1847	687		<p>Gen Macon to Col McLendon:</p> <p>Gen M: I give your 3d Bn to the 329 and I want a Ln O up to Crabill's CP. Also send a staff O to find out what that 1st Bn is doing.</p> <p>Col M: Yes.</p> <p>Gen M: I want you to send you 3d Bn to Crabill at his CP. Get the CO of the 3d Bn up there and Ln O to find out what he is doing and see what the 1st Bn is doing. The 1st Bn is to continue down to road junction about 355800 and then follow the 3d Bn.</p> <p>Col M: Yes..</p> <p>Gen M: Get them down there fast. They may pin in one of our Bn's.</p>	
	1853	688		Tp Msg fr Col Pearl Deputy C/S VII Corps to Maj Boucher;	
	1930	689		<p>Gen Macon to Col Peebles:</p> <p>Gen M: Have you heard fr McLendon lately, has he got Brown going yet?</p> <p>Col P: The clinkers just passed the CP.</p> <p>Gen M: If Brown doesn't relieve Fredendall, we have got to have someone to keep it going.</p> <p>Col P: Haven't you told him?</p> <p>Gen M: I thought I did.</p> <p>Col P: The help has just arrived in both men and vehs</p> <p>Gen M: Keep in touch with me and there is nothing down there but arty and men and they are to take the arty and go on in there.</p>	
2050		690		<p>Maj Holt to Maj Pack:</p> <p>Maj H: The 3 units occupied their obj and are receiving a counterattack and they are repelling it. The enemy tried to outflank them and they can hold them though. We got some men started fwd to them. They really are being shelled.</p> <p>Maj P: Do you know how they were armed?</p> <p>Maj H: Not armored.</p> <p>Maj P: Are they trying to outflank them?</p> <p>Maj H: Some of them got in behind but they are being taken care of. How about the unit on our right?</p> <p>Maj P: They are just starting to go.</p> <p>Maj H: How about unit on our left.</p> <p>Maj P: They are still back there. Just a minute ago though they got started.</p>	
	1945	691		<p>Maj Pack to Gen Ferenbaugh:</p> <p>Maj P: Sir have you got any dope on the frontlines?</p> <p>Gen F: It is first dirt road NW of Baresmill, that is where they are taking off fr. They take off in next 10 or 15 min.</p>	

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Gen M: I will take your figure and work out from yours if you will give me one.
 What is the direction of attack?
 Col B: Take it for the church in Seinteny. Push it in 3 in the rear to the 2d.
 Take the orchard at 358781. That is the one that runs N and S. Shoot
 for the church in Seinteny.
 Gen M: What is the front in how many yards?
 Col B: If you will take a new point 3585 right on the 7800 grid line, from that to
 the church in Seinteny.
 Gen M: Is that right or left?
 Col B: In the center.
 Gen M: What is the fronts.
 Col B: 400 yards.
 Gen M: I will go ahead and set it up and you get the front for me. I will make
 it 400 yards in front which is first phase line and I will have two short
 of that.
 Col B: You can call that line 2 and 3.
 Gen M: I will start and call it phase line 1 and raise it every one hundred yards.
 Col B: On call?
 Gen M: Change on call.
 Captain Burleson and Col Boyle.
 Capt B: About that Photo team from blackberry captain Herford has pulled them back.
 Col B: Back with the Bn?
 Capt B: I don't know how far back he didn't say.
 Col B: I wonder if we could get some of them back. Let me speak to the General.
 Capt B: He is busy on the other phone.
 Col B: I will hold on.
 Colonel Boyle to General Montague:
 Col B: Can we get 2 or 3 observers from the 322d to go down to your CP.
 Gen M: I will get them up.
 Col B: Have them go to your CP and Lt Morrison will guide them down in.
 Gen M: All right I will do it.

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1820 - 8 July 44 - Lt Col Boyle called Gen Montague:

Col B - The Gen wants to push this attack to the 331st and I think the plan is going to resolve itself into leaving the 330th where it is tonight, temporarily at least.

Gen M - Into what objective?

Col B - Into SAINTENY.

Gen M - Isn't it there now?

Col B - Not that I know of. Can you put all the arty over on that side?

Gen M - I can except for the 330th, they are so darn jittery they keep calling for arty down in front of them. First of all somebody has to give me some definite information as to where the front lines are. We can't get a fire plan without that information.

Col B - Maybe we can sort of lateral the in like Daniels did the other day

Gen M - That is the only way we could do it. The only trouble is getting word to all the forward observers and so forth. It is one of those things you can't set up in a couple hours. They have to know where those phase lines are and etc.

Col B - Can we get some more forward observers down in there.

Gen M - We can if we can pick them up from some of these other Bns. I don't have an inexhaustible supply. Now, if they have been sitting there since eleven o'clock it looks to me like the infantry has worked out some plan or other, but it is my guess that they have not. I don't think you can put on one of those barrages tonight now and get any effect out of it. How are they lined up by Bns?

Col B - The 2d Bn is in the lead. They are in a column of Bns right now. The left flank, as far as I can tell right now, sits on a hedgerow at (358782). The right flank appears to be generally along those hedgelines about (361780).

Gen M - Then I had better start the barrage line 400 yds in front of them.

Col B - Let's set it up at 400 yds and advance 1C at a time on call.

Gen M - I'll try it but I hate to think of trying to get word out to all those forward observers. I'll just give everybody a line out in front of the and be prepared to shoot it on call.

Col B - Can we set up a schedule then, adding 1C to the mediums?

Gen M - Yes. I will shoot them out in front of them. At present I have one light I could put in front and two mediums.

Col B - All right, I'll go down there and see if I can take a reading on these front lines. The communication lines from here to them are apparently out. I'll go down there, though, and get after Rhyne to get some communications back in to Div.

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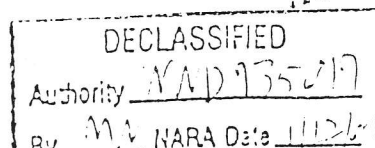
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				5 July 1944	
2007		692		Gen Ferenbaugh to Maj Pack: Gen F: They are about to leap off in a minute. Is the Gen there? Maj P: No sir he isn't? Gen F: We are trying to keep on our side of the road and I want Div Arty to put all the fire they can with us.	
	2045	693		Gen Ferenbaugh to Gen Macon: Gen M: What do you say? Gen F: Starting firing now. They are giving the firing missions over the phone. Gen M: Should I get off and leave the line open Gen F: It would be better to do that sir. Gen M: Let me know how it comes out.	
	2055	694		Maj Alexander to Lt Clark VII Corps: Maj A: We got a call about Inf marching NW in vicinity of La Porte. The Div on our left has observation on it and has asked our arty comdr for permission to fire on it and he has given this permission. I would like to have you notify that Div of this. Lt C: Yes. Maj A: Do you identify it. Lt C: Yes. Maj A: Will you coordinate it with your Arty. Lt C: Yes.	
2130		695		Gen Collins to Gen Macon: Gen C: How are you coming? Gen M: We are on obj "A". We have been counter-atk but are holding. I am not worried about it. The attack towards B has been very slow, but it has been going along. I am going to take B and F tonight. Gen C: Have you turned the 2d Bn towards F yet? Gen M: When I last heard about it they hadn't had room enough to move it over there. I am getting some information on it now. Gen C: What about the Bn of 330th. Gen M: They have started. Com to them is by runner. They are progressing. It has been unreasonably slow. Gen C: They haven't moved an inch. What has been the trouble?	

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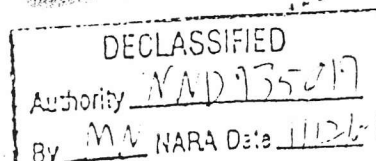


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2130		695	(Con'd)	<p>Gen M: They have two pillboxes in front of them and just stayed there. The Regtl Comdr is down there now and got them moving. There is something wrong in that bn.</p> <p>Gen C: It might not be the Bn Comdr but might be the Regtl CP. I would look into it personally.</p> <p>Gen M: My inspector is now looking into it. There is no reason for it.</p> <p>Gen C: Gen Bradley just dropped by and he had offered to give me several hundred planes to atk in front of you. We have to know where you will be by darkness, tonight not later than 1030 where you will be at 1100.</p> <p>Gen M: Bobby was just over here to talk it over in regard to the relief and he is sending his Regtl Comdr over to talk it over with our Regtl Comdr.</p> <p>Gen C: I will call you about 1030. you have to get behind Whitcomb to get him moving.</p>	
2110		696		<p>Maj Cook to Lt Kepp :</p> <p>Maj C: Have you seen the overlay showing strong points in front of the 1st Bn. G-3 or G-2 probably has it. They have started moving and have moved 400 yds. Arty is putting down a rolling barrage.</p> <p>Lt K: That is fr Arty, not fr the troops.</p> <p>Maj C: Yes. The strong points on the 80 line, see Hwy 3, just below the 80 line to the right of the road in those 4 trees, look down S there is a house on the right and on the left, these are pillboxes, dug in revetments. Lt Now is up there with this dope We are planning to advance the barrage a 100 yds every clip. It has been lifted three times already making 400 yds.</p> <p>Lt K: The Gen would like to speak with you.</p> <p>Gen M: Can you get in contact with them,</p> <p>Maj C: With their GP.</p> <p>Gen M: Tell them to go around those pill boxes and get on their objective. They can go off that boundary to get into E.</p>	
2015		697		<p>Maj Boucher and Maj Carter VII Corps.</p> <p>Maj C: On these 2 targets no G it had time of 2110 no can do that. Plane not available. No H we can do We have to have a BL of 1000 yds fr center of target.</p> <p>Maj B: We are about 400 to 500 yds fr the targets.</p> <p>Maj C: We have the center of the target which is 336802.</p> <p>Maj B: Had it 335809.</p> <p>Maj C: This figure is on the center of impact.</p>	

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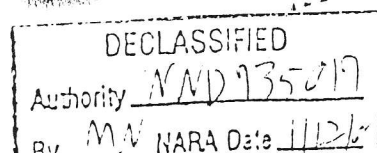
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	2015	697	(Con'd)	<p>Maj B: Just a minute I will locate it on the map. Maj C: We had 3 missions. Maj BB: Well we only selected two. Maj CC: Well the Gen had them plotted on the map as a circle around the area. We got the impact center as close to the center as possible. 333810 is the one that we are going to do. Maj B: 333801? Maj C: Yes, that is the one farthest NW one that we can do up to 2210. Maj B: No that one was 343810. It is the one that you can do till 2210. Maj C: That is located to be an island and the troops are on the other side? Maj B: Along the edge. Maj C: Will we cancel it, you know that a 500 pound bomb causes quite a good bit of concussion. Do you want to take the chance? Maj B: I don't want to take a chance, I don't know what to do. Maj C: Couldn't you get the troops back about 500 yards just for a few minutes? Maj B: Just a minute I'll find out. Maj B: I guess that we will have to cancel it Maj. Maj C: OK, Those bombs that we have been dropping have jarred the hell out of the men, they really take a beating.</p>	
	2050	698		<p>Gen Macon to Col Peebles: Gen M: Can you tell me anything about the atk. Col P: That Arty you hear now is it. Gen M: Keep them pushing on down there. Col P: Yes sir. The Ln O is on his way to you. Gen M: Keep me advised.</p>	
2100		699		<p>Gen Ferenbaugh to Gen Macon: Gen M: What have you got? Gen F: Nothing, I just wanted to tell the Chief that this line is being held open for information. Gen M: Anything you do to hurry this along will help. Crabill is being counterattacked. You aren't meeting very much are you? Which Bn is leading? Gen F: 2 co's of the 3d Bn. Gen M: The 1st Bn will follow F. Crabill is in a tight spot. They are trying to outflank him.</p>	(Con'd)

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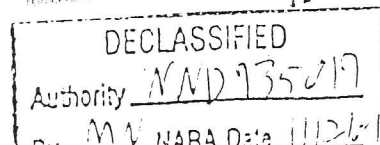


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2100		699	(Con'd)	Gen F: Which Bn 3 or 1. Gen M: 1. The one on the obj. There is nothing in front of them. Gen F: Which side is the counterattack on. Gen M: Don't know. Don't let them break contact and get down there and get "B".	
2110		700		Lt Clark of VII Corps to Maj Alexander. Lt C: We have the arty that you wanted. Maj A: Thank you. Lt C: Here is some more information for you At 2010 at 388758 there were some half tracks and motor cycles and 18 men. At 2030 at 388758 50 men on foot and one mule. They are proceeding NW. At 2055 at 388758 10 men on foot. It was estimated about one bn going through they got some fire on them and they dispersed.	
	2120	701		Maj Alexander to Capt Glass: Maj A: VII Corps called 3 different times. Here is the enemy information that he gave me. Enemy Inf and half tracks with vehs and one mules moving NW and are proceeding toward the town of La Porte. I wonder if you could observed them with your planes? Capt G: Thank you, I will see what I can do.	
2145		702		Col Peebles to Gen Macon: Col P: Fredendall is on his obj. Gen M: Tell him to hold fast and prepare to meet a counterattack. I would like to have some of his tanks if he isn't using them. Col P: Yes sir: Gen M: This is the best news I have had all day. What about the 3d Bn? Col P: Going S.	
2145		703		Capt Callaghan to Maj Alexander. Capt C: Counterattack moving in on us. fr direction of Hotot in sq 36 078 NW. Cut in behind Col Sanders unit N of Culot(35 - 78) Maj A: Where is it now? Capt C: The second arm hit C Co up along 360 - 798 and drove them back about 359 - 802. There are two splits in it. One between 3d bn and part of 1st Bn and other between part of 1st Bn and C Co.	

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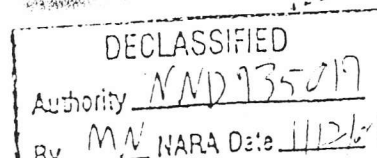
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				5 July 1944	
2200		704		<p>Capt Glass to G-2:</p> <p>Capt G: Just received a msg fr 323FA Bn that 329 had reached their obj. When they moved down they opened up avenues of approach on each side of the obj. The msg said they left corridor which runs NE SW to the town of Sadona. That was to Obj A.</p> <p>Col D: We have just received word of a counter attack between the 2 Obj and press off to W and come in between the two Bns of ours.</p> <p>Capt G: Going by B?</p> <p>Col D: The one W of 330 Obj.</p> <p>Capt G: Did you get any report on B?</p> <p>Col D: No Nox report.</p> <p>Capt G: that is in the area of 331?</p> <p>Col D: Yes.</p>	
XXXX	2210	705		<p>Maj Pack to Maj H. lt:</p> <p>You were wondering about 330. They were on their objective at approx 2230.</p>	
	2220	706		<p>Col Shaver to Maj Hanaman, Asst Div Engr.</p> <p>The CG wants to know if the 2 Engr Cos atchd to the Inf, where they are.</p> <p>Maj H: 329 Inf and 331 Inf. 1 sqd and 1 plat ldr are with the Inf and the rest of that is in the Co bivouac area.</p>	
2215		707		<p>Maj Faxon to Asst G-2.</p> <p>Maj F: on the clm of 4 half-tracks, we made an adjustment on them and fired a concentration. They ducked on into the woods but we think we got them.</p>	
	2215	708		<p>CG to Col Grabill.</p> <p>CG: Did that Bn get down with your instructions?</p> <p>Col C: Just now left, they were order ed to go with 331 Inf.</p> <p>CG: No. We are receiving a counter attack between A and E.</p> <p>Col C: They must have had orders to go to 331 Inf.</p> <p>CG: Yes. We will send a man over there and see that they continue on the missions that you gave them for the counter attack.</p>	
2225		709		<p>Col Dodge, 308 Engr, ordered to alert his Bn for movement into assembly area at 37381⁴ as Div Cont.</p>	

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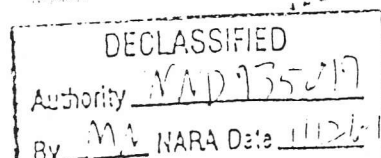
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				5 July	
		709		Cont-Reserve to make necessary rcn and be prepared to move on Div order by foot.	
	2225	710		CG to Asst to Div Comdr. CG: The CO of the 12th Inf is over here to arrange for the relief. I have to report to Gen Collins by 1030 tonight what progress we are making. I am or was, afraid we weren't going to get down there. What I want to ask is this, is Whitcomb in condition to arrange with this officer for relief? Gen F: I think so. CG: Send him up. Will you take over? Gen F: I have taken over some time ago. CG: Can you add any push to the attack? Gen F: Am sending them up by the trk load as they come in. CG: I got the Engrs assembling at this location 369809. Gen F: Better get someone down here get contact with Bowen just to be sure everything is OK down there. CG: Yes. I am planning to use the Engrs toward B. I have got to take B.	
2240		711		Asst to Div Comdr to CG: Gen F: The tk man is here and says they have gotten down 500 yds and the Inf had infiltrated thru them and have gone about 200 yds beyond. CG: How far is the Inf now? Gen F: Several hundred yds ahead of the tks.	
2240	2240	712		C of S to 331 Inf. C of S: What can you give me on your exact positions? 331: We made 500 yds C of S: Fr the sunken road. That puts you about 358807.	
2315		712		FO #8, 4th Inf Div, 052200 July 44.	G-3
2340		713		Lt Col Fitzgibbons returned to CP.	
2230		714		Maj Dickey to G-3. Maj D: It looks pretty good today. G-3: Yes. How about 331 Inf? (Maj D) Cont.	

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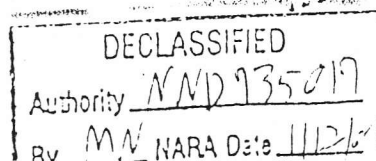
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				5 July	
		714		<p>Cont-G-3: They are still having some difficulty.</p> <p>Maj D: What are they held up with? Artillery?</p> <p>G-3: I don't know.</p> <p>Maj D: 329 Inf? Are they bedding down?</p> <p>G-3: They are dug in.</p> <p>Maj D: How about the other one?</p> <p>G-3: They are on the objective.</p> <p>Maj D: The other one is the only one on the move.</p> <p>Something is breaking tomorrow.</p> <p>G-3: Yes, we are making plans to move.</p> <p>Maj D: You know the outfit Cactus?</p> <p>G-3: We know what is brewing and they have an officer here now.</p>	
2225		715		<p>Col Boyle to Col Shaver.</p> <p>Col B: Fr the 322 FA observer. South bdry of 3d Bn 329 Inf runs coordinate 342791 along creek to 349987 SE to 356786.</p> <p>Col Shaver: Did you just get the report?</p> <p>Col B: Yes, it just came in.</p>	
	2225	716		<p>CG to Asst to Div Comdr.</p> <p>CG: How is it going?</p> <p>Gen F: We are down to phase line 4.</p> <p>CG: Can you give me the coordinates?</p> <p>Gen F: We haven't got them for a long time. We have been using the lines for artillery firing missions. They are down to Vera Mesa and continuing down there about 400 yds, the last report we had. I sent an officer down to get the exact dope.</p> <p>CG: I hope they get to B.</p> <p>Gen F: We will continue right along to darkness, and I hope to make B.</p> <p>CG: Haven't you got tks?</p> <p>Gen F: Yes.</p> <p>CG: Well it looks like they could go on down with tks. What I wanted to tell you was that a heavy concentration of guns of corps on the target at 342801. I am telling you so, so your people won't get scared. Who do they have down there?</p> <p>Gen F: Cols Long, Faber, and the Exec Os of the 2 Bns.</p> <p>CG: Who is commanding it?</p> <p>Gen F: Col fr the OP.</p> <p>CG: I think we ought to have someone there to push Long.</p> <p>Gen F: I will go if necessary.</p>	

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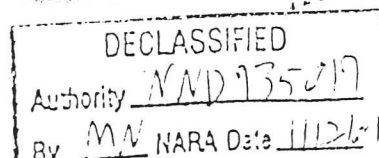
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				5 July	
2245		717		<p>Col Troxell to Col Shaver.</p> <p>Col T: How is everything?</p> <p>Col S: They are on their objectives. A and E occupied by units. On the left flank our 1st 2d of 330 Inf. In the middle got 1 & 3 on the objective ending in A. The other is proceeding to push down. Gen F is with them. Their line extends fr 356801 right on the road. Then NW to 354305 just below La Mosientries. I heard about this information one hour ago.</p> <p>Col T: That is the 1st and 3d Bns.</p> <p>Col S: What we have of them is about 800 men. That is the 1st and 3d of the No 1.</p>	
	2310	718		<p>CG to Asst to Div Comdr.</p> <p>CG: What I want to do now is to link up the 329 and 331 Inf by something between that gap. The unit available is the 1st Bn 329. Can you get there and find out where it is and link it up. See if you can find out where the 3d Bn 330 is. I am going to call McLendon about this other thing.</p> <p>Gen F: In that connection, I think they should be fr Obj B across main road.</p> <p>CG: No. Look, 331 left is at 356800, 329 in on obj at Celot. It is those that I want linked.</p> <p>Gen F: Yes, sir, I will get there and see what I can do.</p> <p>CG: I want that done before it gets dark.</p>	
	2325	719		<p>CG to Col McLendon.</p> <p>CG: You got a gap between E and A. You must have some kind of reserve there at the Bn which is on E.</p> <p>Col M: I gave instructions to make contact with the one on the right.</p> <p>CG: I want to take enough to connect that gap.</p>	
	2303	720		<p>CG called Col Crabill.</p> <p>CG: How is the situation?</p> <p>Col C: Going better. We are in front of 1st Bn.</p> <p>CG: Where is it in area A?</p> <p>Col C: No, about half way down.</p> <p>CG: Can you give me the coordinates?</p> <p>Col C: I can't.</p> <p>CG: Send someone down to find what they are. I can't do anything, until I know. Cont.</p>	

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		720		<p>5 July</p> <p>Cont. Col C: There is a battle going on there and I have a man now checking on it.</p> <p>CG: The enemy got in between A and B and the best thing to do is, where is the 3d Bn of 330 Inf.</p> <p>Col C: They have jumped off, I don't know where they are.</p> <p>CG: Get a man to them, I want to know where they are.</p> <p>Col C: I have a LN O there now, and as soon as he returns I will call you.</p> <p>CG: Will he come back?</p> <p>Col C: I don't know.</p> <p>CG: Start someone there and call me when the information comes in.</p>	
2335		721		<p>Asst to Div Comdr to CG.</p> <p>Gen F: What was the decision on the tks.</p> <p>CG: The Tk Comdr says unless it is absolutely essential that tks stay there they must be protected by Inf.</p> <p>Gen F: That unit is still advancing.</p> <p>CG: Stop them.</p> <p>Gen F: You didn't tell me to stop them. I will bring the tks to the CP and put guards on them.</p> <p>CG: You will have to find who those people are and stop them.</p> <p>Gen F: I will stop them.</p> <p>CG: What I want you to do is to get the 329 Inf and the 331 Inf tied in and protect those tks.</p>	
2350		722		Verbal orders fr CG VII Corps to CG 83 Div by tp.	
2400		723		Maj Hikel returned to War Room fr 331 Inf where he had been sent on mission under Col Long, who was put in command of 331 Inf, returned.	
2400		724		Lt Col Fitzgibbons reld Lt Col Shaver as Duty O.	
2245		725		90 Inf Div Overlay as of 052000 July 44.	G-3.
0031		726		<p>Capt Glass to Sgt Koop G-3.</p> <p>The counterattack temporarily stopped, after which cease firing was given to our Arty.</p>	
	0145	727	0105	Msg to CG 329 Inf fr CG.	
0105		728		Overlay showing position areas and CP's Div Arty	

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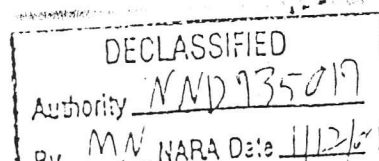
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				5 July	
	2400	729		Tank Status Report of 1st Bn, 66 Armd Regt sent to VII Corps.	
	0117	730		CG to Maj Cook and Col Peebles. CG: What you gave me isn't correct. Maj Cook: They said it was. CG: I have got to have you go over there and take one of those Bns and attack towards A area and attack just off the flank and rear of the counter attack. Maj Cook: That Bn says they have communication with the A area group. We can call them and find out what their situation is and save time. CG: It is time to get some men over there and assist in the counter attack. You can do this in the moonlight. Are you in contact with them? Col P: They radioed they were in bad shape.	
	0055	731		C of S to CO 329 Inf. Col Crabill. C of S: Are you in com with Saunders outfit? Col C: The line is out now. C of S: Here is a msg his Bn gave us thru Arty: Need help badly. Badly chewed by counter attack. Need litter bearers, water, and ambulances. Received within last 5 min. Also another reads msg fr 329, 3d Bn: "Hit by counter attack. In very bad shape. Need reinforcements, ammunition, and water, litter bearers, and plenty of men. Can't hold out much longer." What is the location of the other 2 Bns you have down there. Col C: I am trying to find out where the 1st is now. Have told them to send down and get in contact with them. C of S: Can you handle that down there or can we give some help. We can get the ambulances started fr here. Col C: There is no way we can get to him. He is the farther west down. If the 1st is not too pinned down, I may be able to get them to help him. C of S: You may get some info fr 330 Inf. Col C: I don't think they are in contact. C of S: They were supposed to have pushed a patrol across. Col C: I don't see there is a thing we can do but hold what they have. I sent him ammunition, but don't know if he got it. C of S: You can get thru by radio Col C: I'll try. -131-	

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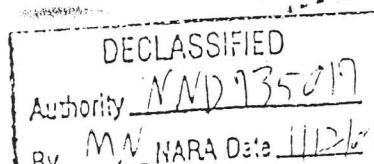
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				5 July	
0100	2400	732		SITREP #26, Hq 83 Inf Div, fr 052000 to 052400 July 44.	
				6 July	
	0055	733		CG to Maj Cook, 330 Inf. CG: Have you contact with 3d Bn, 329 Inf? With your people in E area? Maj C: I have sent Lt Nee over there with some dope. I have contact with 329 CP and they have contact wth that Bn by radio. CG: They are having trouble there. You have got troops that are free that can get over there to help out. Can you get to your first Bn? Maj C: We have a line to them. CG: Here is what I want. Someone has got to get help to 329. Can you get there and take over 2d Bn and attack over there to help 329th. Maj C: We can get them there, I presume. That 3d Bn with 329th, they know where it is and they say it is about in that gap. CG: Nobody knows where it is. Maj C: Col Crabill has radio contact with Col Wilkinson. CG: I'll call Crabill and come back to you. Stimulate action now to get contact over to them. Maj C: Contact fr our E area to our A area? CG: Right.	
0105		734		Lt Clark, G-2 VII Corps to G-2. Lt C: How many prisoners did you capture in the last 24 hrs? G-2: We have 17. Lt C: Was there been any report of tk activity. G-2: No. Lt C: We didn't see any in reports and want to make sure.	
0030		735		Notes on CG's meeting - filed in journal file. Following attended: CG 4th Inf Div, CG 4th Div Arty, CG 83 Div Arty, C of S, G-2, G-3, 83 Inf Div, CO 331 Inf.	
	0135	736		CG to CO 329 Inf, Col Crabill. CG: Have you got any tks there with that Bn? Col C: Yes, 5 with each. Tks won't work at night. CG: They can with moonlight. The Tk Comdr says so. Col C: I wonder if he can contact them? (Cont)	

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		736		<p>6 July</p> <p>Cont-CG: Are they down with the 3d Bn now. Have you communications with them.</p> <p>Col C: Some thru Arty Ln C radio.</p> <p>CG: Those tks are useable whenever necessary and are useable in moonlight.</p> <p>Col C: I think they are using them for interior protection.</p> <p>CG: Are you getting supplies down to them.</p> <p>Col C: That is the main problem.</p> <p>CG: You have a pioneer plat to get supplies to them.</p> <p>Col C: No, they are out with the 2d Bn.</p> <p>CG: Get what men you can and send them up along the tks.</p> <p>Col C: We have C Co loaded with ammunition and have been trying to get it thru. They are badly in need of it, but they can possibly hold out till daylight if we can't get it to them.</p> <p>CG: I'll give a Co of Engrs and take those tks with them.</p> <p>Col C: Can you get someone to give them a direct order to do it.</p> <p>CG: I will.</p> <p>Col C: Those tks are light and they belong to the 1st Bn.</p> <p>CG: He will agree to send them under Inf Protection. You still haven't located the 3d Bn, 330 Inf.</p>	
0145		737		<p>CG called Maj Cook, 330 Inf.</p> <p>CG: Did you get that msg thru?</p> <p>Maj C: Yes. The 1st Bn is in contact with K Co and are sending people over there to help them. The 3d Bn, 330 Inf is 330 yds in back of A Co 329 Inf. They have dropped back to get reorganized and has been hit badly by German Arty.</p> <p>CG: Where is that?</p> <p>This officer has only a land mark. (Maj C).</p>	
0330		738		<p>SITREP #27, 83 Inf Div, fr 060001 to 060200 July 44.</p>	To Corps by TWX
0200		739		<p>CG to S-3. 329 Inf.</p> <p>CG: Do you know where your 1st Bn is?</p> <p>S-3: Yes, just about where they started from. Coordinates 365810.</p>	

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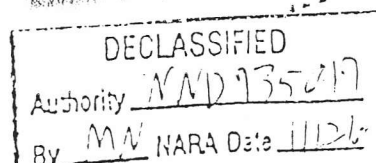
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				6 July	
	0100	740		C of S to Capt Glass. C of S: Will you see what more you can get on the situation at the front? Capt G: Yes, I will keep you informed. C of S: What kind of communication with them do you have? Capt Glass: By tp. 322 gets them by radio and they tp the msg to us. C of S: Radio is probably the only means of communication Crabill has with that Bn.	
	0104	741		C of S to G-4. Sanders outfit is having much trouble. He needs water, and ammunition. Will you see that he gets those supplies at the front?	
	0105	742		C of S to Div Arty, Capt Glass. C of S: We are trying to locate 3d Bn, 330 Inf and 1st Bn 329 Inf. You should have a LNO with those units and try to find out if there is radio to them.	
	0106	743		C of S to Col Crabill. C of S: You know this Bn your're looking for. You can probably get a msg thru to the CO by direct support's radio. Col C: They can't contact him either. I just got a msg fr him, they are in bad circumstances. C of S: Is it all they can do to hold on? Col C: Yes. C of S: What about Wilkinson's outfit? Col C: The last I heard they were headed for this town but apparently they aren't doing anything or they would be in on the flank on this counter attack.	
	0110	744		C of S to Div Arty. C of S: What outfit is in direct support of 330 Div Arty: 323.	
0023		745		Capt Glass to G-2: Capt G: The 322d S-2 reports a counterattack in the 3d Bn area of the 329 Inf. G-2: Where are you placing your fire? Capt Glass: Col Boyle preparing them now. G-2: Give me the coordinates when you get them.	
	0027	746		C of S to Capt Glass. Cont. -134-	

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		746		<p>6 July</p> <p>Cont-Capt Class: The coordinates of firing on are 35747804, 35767817. That should be well in advance of 329 Inf.</p> <p>C of S: What is going on?</p> <p>Capt G: We just received a report fr the 322 S-2 of the counterattack is all.</p> <p>Later to Sgt Koop</p> <p>Capt G: We are now firing on these coordinates: 35597804, 35427808, 35267808. We are laying them in on a line.</p>	
0033		747		<p>Col O'Malley, Corps, to Col Fitzgibbons.</p> <p>Col C: I just got report fr FUSA on a possible breakthru at 370820, fr an AA unit. Have you anything on it.</p> <p>Col F: I think it is unfounded. I will let you know if there is anything on it later.</p>	
	0120	748		<p>CG to Col Crabill.</p> <p>CG: Is that 3d Bn of 330 Inf getting there?</p> <p>Col C: Haven't been able to contact them.</p> <p>CG: You have got to get someone to them. Got a msg that 1st Bn is committing to contact made by them. Get 3d Bn 330 down.</p> <p>Col C: We have tried by radio and will try by Arty radio.</p> <p>CG: I am going to get 330 to work on that now.</p>	
	0125	749		<p>C of S to 331.</p> <p>C of S: Have you got com with the 3d Bn 330?</p> <p>331: No direct or no radio.</p> <p>Gen F to phone: What is the dope?</p> <p>C of S: Checked up radio msg by Saunders. I gave it to Crabill to get 1st Bn and he didn't know where they were.</p> <p>Gen F: We are across road with Faber and what's left of Bns combined and gave Faber instructions to tie in with Engrs. We are facing SE. One on other side fairly close. There are gaps in between but the best we can do tonight is hold. Did they let the Engrs in yet?</p> <p>C of S: They will be in at 0220.</p> <p>Gen F: They are in a location which would be covered by Fredendall to SE and 1st to W. No one can get in touch with Wilkinson. I'm at 331 Inf now. Must be faced with something strong.</p>	

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				6 July	
0130		750		G-4 to C of S. G-4: Talked to 329 Inf and Kohler was not there CO and 3 was there and tried to work something up. Nothing could get thru except by air. I don't think we could get it there by night. C of S: Have it on hand and get it in the first thing in the morning. They might put it on Tks, G-4: They had it on tks and the tks caught fire too hot to get thru.	
0153		751		Maj Cook to C of S. Maj C: Our 3d Bn has been hit by Arty fire and is now trying to get reorganized. It is 300 yds back of Co A, 329. An O came in fr there just now. I want to tell Crabill where he can locate their Bn. I can't get ahold of him. They are 300 yds in back of Co A, 329. C of S: What shot them? Maj C: German arty fire.	
	0200	752		C of S to Maj Holt. C of S: Wilkinson is 300 yds back of Co A, 329 Tell A Co to go 300 yds behind and in there he will find them. Fredendall has contact with your Co. Have him send a detail to send over to help.	
	0430	752		SITREP No 28 83 Inf Div fr 060200 to 060400 July 4th.	To Corps by TWX
0200		753		Lines to 331 Inf out but have Tg to 331 329, and Div Arty.	
0205		754		Msg fr S-2 322 FA. Temporarily out of contact with 3d Bn 329. Liaison O's radio batteries are weak. Has shut down to save batteries. 323 FA will listen for any further messages.	
0230		755		Tp msg fr VII Corps 3 to Duty O. In journal file.	
	0245	756	0103	Msg to CO 330 Inf taken by LHO, fr CG	
	0310	757		Col Fitzgibbons to 330. Col F: Have you had any firing to your right or right rear? 330: No Col F: We had a strong counterattack reported about 2400. Did you get any of it? Did you know Cont. -136-	

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				6 July	
		757		Cont- how it came out? 330: No. We have a contact patrol out now, but no answer fr them yet.	
0320		758		Msg for CO, 1st Bn 331 Inf fr CO 331 Inf brought in by LnO.	C of S
0330		759		SITREP # 54, 90 Inf Div. fr 051200 to 052400 July 44.	G-3
	0300	760		C of S to Maj Holt. C of S: What time did you get that Bn out to help Sanders, and did you get a report of a counterattack? Maj H: About 5 o'clock, and we got the report at the time he said he wanted help. C of S: What time did you get the 1st Bn moving after CG talked to you this morning? Maj H: Just a minute. I talked to the Gen, we are in touch with rear of the 1st Bn but not in touch with the front line Cos, and they have moved. C of S: How can you tell they moved? Maj H: By the sound of the fire. My last report was about 5 min ago. C of S: Get them pushing on that Bn and keep pressure on til they get in touch with the people that reported that counterattack.	
	0315	761		CG to Maj Holt. CG: Is that Bn moving? Maj H: Yes. They are going to the 3d Bn. CG: We must get them there.	
0340		762		Col Peebles to CG: That O I sent over has just returned. According to rumors, that was practically wiped out. Not true. Go N fr Area A, you will see fig. 4, our 3d Bn is astride the road N of that fork. The 1st Bn 329 is about 400 yds to rear of that. We believe our 3d Bn is connected with K of 329 on its left. Elements of the 3d Bn are on the right. Our 3d Bn is connected with the unit on its left, but we dont know what unit. 3d Bn is out of ammunition. They are ^{not} under attack at this time. I have a Sgt fr AT who is going to Direct 3 2 1/2T trks with amm there. This is mortar, small arms, and hand grenades.	

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				6 July	
0357		763		Col Peebles to Lt Keppel. Col P: Will you move the points I gave the CG about 500 yds to the front. You got the fig 4 on the map. To the right thru the crossroads at this point is K Co 329. We are sending up enough amm to take care of this little gp. We sent in 2 ambulances for the wounded and to evacuate the seriously injured but the 329th isn't doing anything with its wounded. You had better get the Div Surg on the job and get those wounded evacuated.	
0345		764		329 7 to Duty O, Col Fitzgibbons. Col F: What do you hear fr the outfit that is moving. 329: Nothing. Col F: What have you done about finding out? 329: We are not in contact with the rear. We are doing everything we can. Col F: Has the rear element sent someone up to find out about it? 329: Yes. Col F: I called the unit on the left and they heard shooting awhile ago. I can call them on 329 Red, and can call you back. (329) Col F: I have to get the SITREP into Corps by 0400. If I don't give them an answer on the counterattack, they are going to start asking.	
0600		765		Overlay of 330 Inf positions as of 060445 July 44.	
0615		766		SITREP #4//59, VII Corps, fr 051201 to 052400 July 44.	
0350		767		Capt Price to Col Fitzgibbons. Capt B: I called the unit we spoke of and they haven't any report on that unit that is moving forward. Col F: Then send someone for us to find out. Capt B: I got a call fr the CG and he said for them to keep moving fwd. They are having to fire fight. The rear element has lost contact with their Cos up front. I will send a man on foot to contact them. What I want to do is know where everything is by morning. *	

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				6 July	
	0420	768		Col Fitzgibbons to Col Hughes. Col F: Having a counterattack in the 329. Need amm. Peebebles made a second call to Kepple about evacuation and said that the other unit wasn't doing anything about evacuation and thinks the Div Surgeon better get on the job and have it done. Peebles is still asking for amm. Col H: It will be daylight before the trks get to the ASP. Col F: That is what I thought. How about Div Fr? Col H: No, the units have all that. Col F: I am going to call V Crabill and see first if he can send some of his trks. Col F: OK. Call me back.	
	0425	769		Col Fitzgibbons to 329 2 and Col Peebles. Col F: I called the 4 and he says it is impossible to get to the ASP before daylight and have that amm delivered. I understand you have a guide there to lead these trks up to the units. Col P: 3 trk loads are on the way with the guide. Col F: Send 2 O's so one can come back to take the trks as guide up to 330 to get the location of these units and where to deliver them. Col P: I think we are going to send some more up ther.	
0435		770		Lt Col Peebles to Col Fitzgibbons. Col P: I want you to know we got a full basic load plus 7 tons into the 1st Bn. Col F: I got 4 and sent some ambulances to you. Col P: Fine. We are getting another load to 3d Bn. They are in a hot spot and it is going to be the basic load. Col F: Can you give me your front line and adjacent units by coordinates. Col P: You look in the circle and the 3 units in there are prepared for all around defense. I gave Lt Kepple all the information on the map I sent a man personally down to the area and he wasn't fired on or molested.	
0500		771		Same parties; Col Peebles: I thought you might like to know that we dumped 10 tons of amm and trks returning. It will last all day. Col F: Could you give me an idea on Norris' outfit. Col P: It is not quite 50%.	

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0455		772	6 July	<p>Maj Smith called Col Fitzgibbons. Maj S: Our Light Bn are reinforcing 329 and we now have no communication with them. We want to know if you have any info on them Col F: I got the msg th t they were being attacked. 329 is moving with another outfit reinforcing 330 is helping. Maj S: Is it their intent to withdraw? Col F: No.</p>	
0435		773		<p>Lt Drury of 90 Inf Div called Asst G-2. Lt D: How are things there? Maj A: At the moment quiet. Lt D: Any new identifications? Maj A No, it is still the 37th and 6th, How are things in your sector. Lt D: Quiet. some resistance. An attack about 2000, 7 Mark IV against us. On new identifications there is the 158 cons Bn, 2d Co. We found quite a few mines-S mines.</p>	
	0510	774		<p>Col Fitzgibbons to G-4. Col F: They have dumped 10 tons on the position. G-4: I got the Surgeon and told him to send all the ambulances he could there.</p>	
	0527	775		<p>Col Fitzgibbons to 329, 2. Col F: Have any communication to your fwd units? 329: No we have been trying to get it up there but is always being cut by arty and tks. The arty fired a 4 hr defensive fire so that may be a meeting a counterattack there. Col F: Have you any dope on the outfit that is moving? 329: Only that they are split in 2 gps. They are about 1/2 way between here and the 3d Bn. Col F: What route are they following? 329: On the main road towards the E. Using tks as a holding force. Col F: That's the road they were passing amn on? 329: It is completely blocked by logs about 20 ft apart. Can you give me the situation. Col F: Not very much. 329: The 1st is about adjacent to the left flank of that outfit. They are holding against the unit moving in on the E. As far as we know 1 and 3 are still in positions.</p>	

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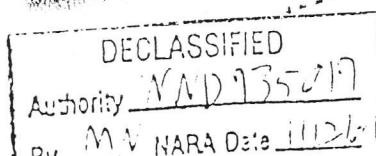
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IN	OUT				
				6 July	
0530		775		<p>Lt Keppel to Duty O</p> <p>Lt K: Are you checking to see that we are getting some medical attention down there.</p> <p>Duty O: I called G-4 and he said that the Surg was tol to dispatch all he could.</p> <p>Lt K: How about ammunition?</p> <p>Duty O: Col Craybill says that 10 T of it had been dumped down here.</p> <p>Lt K: Are they receiving arty fire?</p> <p>Duty O: The arty asys they are pulling out and were asking for defensive fires.</p>	
0600		776		<p>Maj Dickey to Duty O</p> <p>Maj D: Anything happen during the night?</p> <p>DO: That counter atk seemed strong but no withdrawal. It is difficult to keep up com to the outfit.</p> <p>Maj D: No change in the dispositions?</p> <p>DO: No major ones.</p> <p>Maj D: I have the periodic Overlay for your disposition of your units are they changed?</p> <p>DO: I will have to check a that.</p> <p>Maj D: It shows the situation as of 2400.</p>	
0550		777		<p>Maj Holt to Duty O</p> <p>Maj H: Our 1st Bn is now intact and are about 1000 yds from the front lines.</p>	
0610		778		<p>Col Boyle to Duty O</p> <p>Col B: What action was taken on that message?</p> <p>DO: I sent it straight to the Gen and called the regt and reminded them that they had one of the items and should start using it, they ask for rest of items.</p> <p>Col B: Let me know what action is taken.</p> <p>DO: Will do that.</p>	
0610		779		<p>Maj Holt to Duty O</p> <p>Maj H: I want to request some air support on these tanks against the 331, 3d Bn.</p> <p>DO: Will do all I can.</p> <p>Maj H: Will you call me back?</p>	
0615		780		<p>Gen Ferenbaugh to Duty O</p> <p>Gen F: The 3d Bn, 329, is running out of Am. I was wondering if we could get some to them by plane.</p> <p>DO: Feeble just told me they had just dumped 10 T up there.</p> <p>Gen F: At the 329?</p>	

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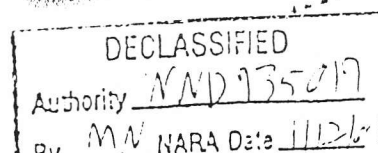
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				6 July	
		780	con't	DO: Yes, sir. Gen F: How long ago? DO: About an hour ago. Gen F: Are you sure it was the 329? DO: Yes. Gen F: Can you contact them by radio? DO: We got msg fr them thru radio Arty that they were being atk by tanks.	
0600		781		Capt Glass to Duty O Capt G: A msg fr Blackberry 3 fr Blackjack Blue "We need men and supplies. We are being atk by tanks. We need tank destroyers and friendly tanks."	
0605		782		Duty O to Blackjack 3 DO: How about using those tanks you have up there? Maj H: They pulled back to the 1st Bn. I just told them to move out at daylight and are about a half mile up the road. I dont know where the TDs are. DO: If the Gen wants TDs up there, they will be there. This msg has gone to the CG already.	
0625		783		Custom 3 to Duty O Cus 3: How are you doing? DO: Having a bit of excitement. Cus 3: Everything was quiet up here. DO: Will give you more dope later. Cus 3: We are quite interested.	
0623		784		Col Boyle to Col F Col B: I am moving TDs to RJ in front of us, that will get them that far forward. Col F: You mean both of us. Col B: Yes, I can give you the coordinates. They are 373881.8. I am moving them down and they will be that far forward. How about the air O? Col F: I have been trying to locate him. Col B: Get him up and see what he can do. we may get some bombs on those people. Col F: Right away.	
	0630	785		Duty O to Col Boyle DO: I havent been able to locate the Air O. The Chief is up and is interested in the type of tanks. Col B: I dont know. DO: How about the No and the kind of tanks? Can you ask the Ln O up there?	

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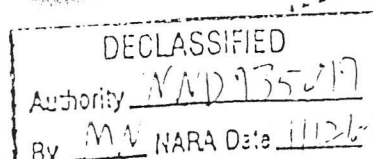
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				6 July	
		785	con'd	Col B: We will ask him about it. How about the Tks? DO: The tank Comdr was in here when you called the first time and they are pulling back forward now. Col B: Thank you.	
0700		786		Col Shaver reld Col Fitzgibbons as Duty O.	
	0635	787		Col Fitzgibbons to Jayhawk, Lt Clark Col F: Do you have our overlay from yesterday showing our objective goose eggs. Vertical 35 - 36 and horizontal 79 make an oval. We have been out of com with them. Had a msg relayed to us that they were being atk by tanks. Trying to find out No, kind, and direction of tanks.	
0640		788		Col Craybill to Col Fitzgibbons Col C: I want to get permission to pull back the 3d Bn. Col F: No, get you tanks down there. The Gen says so. Col C: I think the situation is pretty bad up there, and they will probably get cut off. Col F: What do you mean get cut off. Col C: The tanks are between 1st and 3d and in front of the 3d Bn Gen M: There is no use about talking of moving any one back. What you want to do is get those tanks down there. Col C: It is impossible to get them there quickly they are up at the 1st Bn. I am going up there myself. Gen ML Take them up there with you. Col C: They dont take orders they are atchd. Gen M: Tell them they must follow orders and make them go.	
0642		789		Maj Dickey, Corps, to Col Fitzgibbons Maj D: Are you having any action down there? I hear rumors of tanks. Col F: Yes, we can't tell from where. The original msg came fr the arty. Our tanks are on the way up there. Maj D: Who is that, Blackboy. Col F: Blackjack.	
0650		790		Col Boyle to C/S Col B: Montgomery is over here and talked to him about routes and he says that he has Rcn down there so better get those tanks to to talk to him before they go down.	

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				6 July	
		790	con'd	C/S: They are down there. How much dope have you got? Col B: We havent been able to find out from which direction and how many. C/S: It seems to me the tanks are coming from the SW Col B: Or from the SE fr La Forte. Have two planes up there trying to spot them. C/S: Keep us informed.	
0700		791		Lt Drury, Corps, to C/S Lt D: The Gen wants to know how the counter atk came out last night. C/S: They are holding, and the latest they are being atk by tanks, fr what direction, we dont know. Lt D: They didnt move or pull back. C/S: They are holding fast. Lt D: The Gen is opening a CP over at Custom	
0645		792		G-4 to C/S G-4: I just got a call fr Fitzgibbons that they had unloaded 10 T of ammo in a position. I just got a call fr Blackjack 3 stating that tanks were atkn. Cant you get in touch with Boucher, the the Air Ln O maybe he can help out. C/S: We cant find him. G-4: Do you think it would help for me to run down to that air field and see what I could get on it. C/S: Yes the main thing is get it up forward. G-4: I can go any plce the trucks can go. C/S: Check with Blackfish I think that trucks can go up there.	
0700		793		Maj Staples to C/S Maj S: I just recd info fr Blackbird that the Bn atch to us is on Sander's right. He has enough supplies for both of them. C/S: Alright, the important thing now is the number of tanks and the direction of atk. Get that info right away. Maj S: You know the TD Bn that is atchd to us. We had order to atch them to the 1st Bn. I did that. I know they were not down there because of com. He said that Gen Macon changed the orders. C/S: Get them down there. Maj S: I have done that.	
	0657	794		Gen Macon to CD 331 GEn M: What can you do about - Have you got tank -144-	

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		794	con'd	there to area E Col M: They pulled back last night. Gen M: You want to get them down there. You haven't got anybody in reserve have you? Col M: No sir. Gen Macon to Gen Montague Gen M: Do you know about the tanks being on the front? What we should do is be sure that AT wons are behind A and E, and in depth. Gen Mont: Col Craybill never did move his At Guns up, So they are moving his to the RJ at 365815. Gen M: Have you heard anything more about the tank push, on Craybill? Gen Mont: Nothing definite. Gen M: Com with Blackboy is out. I am going over to Blackboy soon to 330 area E I still have the 2d Bn trying to get the tanks down there. The tanks are a little slow. How about call for fire is it continuing alright. You might get Corps on the crossroads again. Gen Mont: I am trying to get them again. Are those units A & E connected? Gen M: So reported to me. Gen Mont: How about A to Gen Ferenbaugh? Gen M: No they are not connected up. Gen Mont: Havent they established connection by patrolling? Gen M: No, fr Ferenbaugh to A Gen Mont: All right.	
0720		796		Maj Foster to CG Maj F: Our arty observer #3 saw a tank in front of our outfit. CG: Where was that? Maj F: 3d Bn of 330th. CG: How is the situation down there. Maj F: Seems to be improving.	
	0720	797		CG to Gen Ferenbaugh CG: How are things there? Gen F: OK on our side, Bn of 329 is badly plastered. CG: Can you tell me exactly where the 331 is. Gen F: Yes, following hedge road out of Moisentrrie it was pushed back to that hedge line. 2nd Bn extended right flank S of Le Cheney CG: 2nd Bn of what? Gen F: 331, It never got in the atk.	

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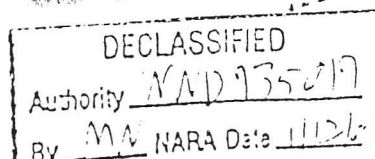
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		797	con'd	CG: Who? Gen F: Faber's Bn. Engrs are right in rear of road running Baresmill to Meadus. CG: The Engrs tell me that they are N of LeChecy. I got a Bn, 2d Bn 331, out want them to be used with some tanks. Gen F: The strength of Fabers Bn is 649.	
0755		798		Maj Peterson, Jayhawk, to C/S Maj P: I was trying to get hold of our Ln O to find out your situation. What has happened? C/S: Are you familiar with our situation? Maj P: Yes/ C/S: The unit on the right had stiff counter atk starting after midnight. The counter atk kept up most of the hours of darkness. The counter atk was resumed around daylight. The arty observer reported the counter atk supported by tanks. I have not determined the No of tanks in the picture. Maj P: Did they lose any ground? C/S: No, they still have their position. The unit on the left is still in their position that they had last night and it has not been hit by any counter atk. What is down in front? Maj P: We show one Bn, 3d Bn. C/S: The 1st Bn is also there in behind it. On the left is the 1st and 2d of the other Regt. The 3d Bn of this regt is down there behind the other unit. Otherwise no change.	
	0800	799		Lt Keppel to Col Bowen Blackjack White Lt K: The Gen wants you to leave your Bn in command of your Exec O and come up here to the War Room at the CP; Col B: I'll be up.	
0810		800		Col McLendon to Capt Watson Col Mc: CG wanted me to advise him when my tanks were in area E. They are in there now and are being properly disposed.	
0845		801		Msg fr TD Bn, re to tanks in area of Collit	S, T
0900		802		G-4 Journal, fr 060001 to 062400	
	0915	803		Maj Hikel sent by C/S to Contact Hq 4th Div re Ln & progress of atk by 4th Div, 12th Inf, & Etc.	

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IN	OUT				
				6 July	
	0845	804		Gen Macon to Gen Montague Gen Ma: Anything new Gen Mont: Heard nothing new. Am putting fire in front of the 329 by request of them and Corps. I'll be over my Amo allowance soon now, but am going ahead firing. Gen Ma: How about Boyle? Gen Mont: When do you want him? Gen Ma: I would like to have him now on a temporary basis. Gen Mont: Very well, sir, he'll be up soon.	
0855		805		Maj Cook S3, 330 Inf, to Maj Pack Maj C: Have you got an idea of our overlay? It was sent up at 0600 and given to Col Fitzgibbons. Our 1st Bn does have contact with that bunch and has contact with K Co with that other Bn. Maj P: Down in first and sec units; are they in front and in back of each other? Maj C: One is in front end of it. Other one is to flanks and to rear.	
	0837	806		CG to Col Long, Exec O 331 Inf CG: I'm taking Bowe away from you. Who do you want in his place? Col L: His Exec- Howard. CG: It is going to be a combat mission. You had better check everyone for a combat leader. Do you think Howard is alright? Col L: Yes. Gen M: Get him an Exec O.	
0828		807		Maj Holt, S-3, 329, to G-3 Maj H: You know where 3d Bn got tank atk? I requested air support. What came of it. G-3: There is only two or three tanks there and they are not atk. ArtyLn O called down and he identified them.	
	0818	808		C/S to Maj Smith, Div Arty C/S: What is the status of this tank atk? Maj S: It was sent out as a warning, but they have not been identified. There are enemy tanks in that vicinity. C/S: What is the No of tanks? Maj S: We dont know. We are not firing on them	

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IN	OUT				
		808	con'd	6 July until we have received more information. C/S: Do you have any other information? Maj S: Lt Hereford, S-3 of Blueberry just received a fire mission. He says they cant pin any of them down. Last night they were established very well along the front along the dree in front of Ku COLLOT Lock-(sp-?) which is along our lines. We are having difficulty with com.	
	0830	809		CG to Gen Montague, Div Arty CG: We have just received an alert msg on the tanks. I want to be sure that that highway is well protected and that these RJ are well protected. The one around area E should be protected in depth. There are good positions along this highway that comes up fr Forges and goes by area A. Gen Mont: We cant get very far down that road. CG: Are they very well disposed? Gen Mont: We cant tell. CG: I want those TDs to get into position in depth along this road.	
0916		810		Tp Msg fr Maj Carter VII Corps, to Maj Boucher, Div Air Support Party re Air Missions.	
0915		811		Col Paul, VII Corps to C/S Col P: We are having trouble keeping track of your units. Your right regt, by an overlay, leading Bn shown at certain place and this morning a check up shows no change at 0620 and at 0855 we got a msg that moves them back a kilometer. That is two mornings in a row we have got info like that. C/S: What apparently happened was this: Gen Ferenbaugh has been with that regt and for some reason we have not been able to determine. After they made progress last night they pulled back to face SE. At that time a severe threat to that unit. XXXX Col P: That leaves a gap there. C/S: Rcn Tr is closing that gap. Engr Bn has been assembled to be pushed on line now. I think that out fit down there is in good shape. Col P: It will be all right if unit on your right comes up and pushes in on center. What about this tank atk reported? C/S: First report came thru Arty channels. We notified Corps. Info I have now is this: Tanks in limited Nos have been employed. Sec:	

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IN	OUT				
				6 July	
		811	con'd	Alert warnings issued by tank Bn atchd that tanks are deployed in area of Culot. Our Rcn as yet has been unable to determine the Strength. All G-2 info is that there are tanks in that area. Col P: The 4th was concerned about whether or not you are having a tank atk.	
	1000	812		C/S to G-1 C/S: What is the dope on replacements? G-1: Maj Powell is here fr VII Corps, but as yet I have heard nothing. Corps is satisfied. Army is coming down this morning. C/S: Find out fr Army when we can expect these replacements. G-1: Thye told me they would have them here either last night or this morning. The first batch is supposed to be 300. C/S: Tell Ogilvie to get his MPs back of the 381st. G-1: Ogilvie said he would get on this the first thing this morning. C/S: Tell him to get his patrols to that area. Are you getting any reports in from the units? G-1 Yes. C/S: Look them over and be sure to check them with the S-1s of the upits.	
	0950	813		Call fr Col Shaver to Blackboy, Col Bowen Col S: Will you get a Ln O from your unit over to the CP of Cactus on your right. Their coordinates are (340830). They are not very far from you.	
1030		814		Maj Hikel to C/S Maj H: I am at 12th Inf. CG, 4th Inf Div is here. The plan started with 1st Bn of the 12th Inf. It went off ok. It will be followed similar to the way we have done it. CABBAGE just closed in here where I am. Do you want the location. C/S: No, not as long as you have it. I am more interested in the progress of the atk. MajH: They got just as much info as we did. It is progressing. C/S: Let me know in an hour how they are doing.	
1048		815		Maj Smith to Col Shaver Maj S: How long does Col Boyle want me to keep that interdiction fire up on roads SW and SE fr Blackjack objective? I have Corps Arty firing on it and want to take them off from it.	

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	1025	816		<p>6 July</p> <p>Asst G-2 to S-2, Div Arty</p> <p>G-2: There is an enemy CP that we have generally located by Pws down E of Sainteny and have had PI study it and believe it is at these coordinates; 34652-77530.</p> <p>S-2: We have located it by PI's at approx 345-732. There is a group of house there.</p> <p>G-2: This is info from PW as a result of search</p> <p>S-2: If you find anything on that let us have a target and we can shoot.</p> <p>G-2: That is as definite as we can get.</p> <p>S-2: We have fired propaganda shells as per instructions this morning from G-2, 5 on each location at about 1020.</p>	
	1050	817		<p>Col Shaver to Maj Smith, Div Arty</p> <p>Col S: Here is the answer. Keep up that harassing fire all day long. Mix it up all along those those roads. Let Corps decide on the amount of ammo to use.</p>	
1045		818		<p>Maj Holt to Maj Pack</p> <p>Maj H: Ammo and supplies have reached 3d Bn still out of touch with 1st Bn. I think they will be able to hold now.</p>	
	1000	819		<p>C/S: to Capt Roberts, Div Arty 3</p> <p>C/S: Has that other outfit passed you yet?</p> <p>Capt R: No, they must be held up someplace along the line. The leading Elms are just getting up. Have reported they have been halted along the road.</p> <p>C/S: Keep in touch with them and keep us informed.</p>	
1130		820		<p>S-3, 331 to Col Shaver</p> <p>S-3: We got a report fr Col Long that some tanks were MG gunning their area. It was a self propelled AA gun but I think it has gone back.</p>	
1145		821		<p>Maj Hikel returned fr 4th Div, 12th Inf CP with reports on progress of that Orgn.</p>	
	1200	822		<p>Maj Hikel left for 4th Inf Div.</p>	
1130		823		<p>Tactical Interrogation Report, Hq 83d Inf Div, G-2, 6 July 44</p>	S, T
1120		824		<p>G-3 Periodic Report, Hq 39 Inf Div fr 050001 to 052400 July 44 (No 22)</p> <p>-150-</p>	G-3

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IN	OUT				
				6 July	
1120		825		G-2 Periodic Report No 8, Hq 83 Inf Div fr 050001 to 052400 July	
1215	1215	826		Sitrep No 29 Hq 83 Inf Div to CG VII Corps fr 060800 to 061200 July.	
1215		827		G-3 Periodic Report No 8, Hq 83 Inf Div, fr 04001 to 042400 July	
1220		828		G-3 Periodic Report No 16, 453d AAA Auto Wpns Bn fr 050001 to 052400 July	
1230		829		Sitrep No 58, Hq VII Corps fr 050001 to 051200 July. G-3	
1115		830		Maj Staples, 371 to Maj Pack Maj S: Col Long just phoned in and says that our own tanks are machine gunning this area. Can you do something about this. This must be where long is. Maj P: We will check into this right away.	
1140		831		Maj Foster to G-2: Maj F: I have a couple items to report. One is that the enemy captured 4 of our litter bearers and a soldier and Maj White. All escaped and came back. The litter bearers were carrying a patient at the time and they lost him. G-2: We just got a report that there are mines across every gate on roads and trails leading off the main road. Be particularly careful about that. They are losing more vehicles by trying to drive off the road than they would if they left the veh on the road and jumped in a ditch themselves. Be sure you pass the information down. Maj F: We have another prisoner sent in by our 1st Bn. He speaks English and seems to be some sort of orderly fr the 3d Bn of the same unit we identified yesterday. We are not getting too much out of him so far. G-2: Is there any attack by Germans going on? Maj F: Nothing right now. I have very little information about last night.	
1218		832		Maj Staples to Col Shaver: Maj S: Our situation is unchanged as of that overlay we sent in this morning. Col S: What time was that? (Con'd)	

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				6 July 1944	
1218		832	(Con'd)	Maj S: It left here at 0920. We have no information as to where those other Bns are. One Bn was seen generally in front of the 2d Bn. It was one of Cargo's Bns. They passed along in front, the other one we didn't see.	
X	1305	833		Gen Macon and Col Boyle departed for 331 CP.	
1309		834		Fr G-3 90th Div: Sitrep No 55 fr 060001 to 061200 July 44.	
1220		835		Maj Holt to G-2: Maj H: I just want to let you know that 330 1st Bn says they are being attacked on the left flank by 5 tanks. Our 3d Bn has passed through the 1st Bn This is unconfirmed. G-2: Do you want to tell this to the Cps? Maj H: Yes (repeated above msg) Col D: If they have their AT guns in there they should be able to stop them. You were ordered to move your TD's down there. Maj H: They are down there.	
1220		836		Col Peebles to G-2: Col P: Things are very quiet up here right at the moment. I wonder if you have any reports fr higher people on possible movement of reserves in rear area of this sector. G-2: Yes, we do. Col P: Have we requested any missions? G-2: Yes, an aerial rcn in entire Corps area. Also armed rcn over entire area. Col P: Any reports in yet? G-2: None yet. Col P: Even a negative report would be encouraging. What reports fr the ground rcn. G-2: Everything is quiet. Haven't located any particular strong points except along road fr 367814 SW under hvy arty fire and there are some mines across that road. We have by-passed a couple of machine guns that are still active that road . active. Col P: Anybody in there to clean them out? G-2: The information just came in to the C of S.	

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	1225	837		G-2 to Capt Callaghan: G-2: Someone says that there are mines across every gate and entrance fr that road SW of Carentan. Contact you Bns and have them give you definite pin point targets for dive-bombing as we can get all this we want. Capt C: Having a lot of trouble. The picture down here is very confusing. G-2: Those people have got to get reorganized. Has the Arty been notified of the tanks. Capt C: How long will it take to get these missions? G-2: The sooner you get the targets, the quicker they bomb.	
1235		838		Col Seel to Col McKee: Col S: I talked to Gen Keene and he said that the decision on these replacements - not to send them, was made by Gen Bradley personally. He said he realized that we needed some replacements and he will try to keep you posted. That refusal at the moment is positive. Gen will be the one to change it. Carter tells me that they have set aside three groups of planes for our use this afternoon and he wants to know whether we want to use a squadron of them to take out that third bridge. Col M: That's all right. Go ahead.	
	1245	839		Col D to Maj Foster: Col D: We got to get some definite target for dive-bombing. This is, you contact your units in the front lines and get some pin point targets. Maj F: I just received some information about an enemy AA gun reported in the vicinity of 375782. Also have some information on an enemy patrol along the N-S road just N of 3780.	
	1350	840		Col D to 331 S-2: Col D: Do you have any pin point targets that we can give to the air for dive-bombing. The main road Carentan-Periers is under hvy arty fire.	
	1250	841		Lt Keppel to 329: Lt K: Will you be at your neighboring CP 330 at 1315? 329: Yes, I can be there.	

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